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12 ANA troops killed, 19 wounded in attacks

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A dozen soldiers of Afghan National Army (ANA) were killed and 19 more wounded in separate bomb and direct attacks, defence ministry said Saturday.

A roadside bomb killed five Afghan troops and wounded three others in Panjwayi district of Kandahar province, the defence ministry said in a statement.

It said two more ANA troops were killed and four wounded in another explosion in Zehri district of Kandahar province.

In a separate press release, the defence ministry said five ANA troops were killed and 12 wounded in direct and bomb attacks in Paktia, Kunar, Ghazni, Logar and Helmand provinces. It said security forces also killed three gunmen and wounded three others during different operations in Paktia, Zabul, Helmand and Paktia province.

The defence ministry disclose date and exact locations of the operations. Meanwhile, three local police personnel were killed in an explosion in Zharay district in Kandahar province Saturday .

An explosive device planted under a flour bag went off when the police personnel took up the sac, leaving three local policemen dead, the Kandahar governor's spokesman Javed Faisal told the Afghan Islamic Press. He said they did not include any police officer.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast and their spokesman, Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi told the AIP six police, including their commander Fazlul Haq were killed and four more injured in the explosion.

