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11 militants killed in operations in Afghanistan

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Up to 11 militants have been killed and 40 others detained in the latest military operations in different Afghan provinces, authorities said Saturday.

"Afghan police supporting by army and the NATO-led coalition forces carried out eight cleanup operations in Kapisa, Kunduz, Sar- e-Pul, Ghazni, Paktia, Farah and Helmand provinces, killing five armed Taliban militants and detaining 23 other armed Taliban within the past 24 hours," the Afghan Interior Ministry said in a statement issued here.

Three militants were also wounded in the above raids, it said, adding the police also found and seized weapons besides defusing four anti-vehicle mines.

In addition, six Taliban militants were killed, three wounded and 17 others were captured during a special operation launched by police in Mullah Khil village in Baghlan district, Baghlan province on Friday afternoon, an official with the interior ministry, Gen. Ghayor Andarabi, told Xinhua on Saturday morning.

"A police officer named Mohammad Mujib with the special operation police force was also killed in the gunfight in the operation in the province some 160 km north of Kabul," Andarabi said, adding the militants were responsible for several attacks against security forces throughout the province.

Taliban insurgents, who have been waging an insurgency of more than one decade, have yet to make comments.

