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14 Afghan soldiers killed following IED and militants attack

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At least 14 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and a number of others were injured in various incidents across the country, Afghan defense ministry officials announced.

According to a statement released by defense ministry media office the national army soldiers were killed or injured in militants attack and roadside improvised explosive device (IED) attacks during the past 48 hours.

Defense ministry in its statement further added at least 7 Afghan National Army soldiers were killed in IED and militant attacks in Maidan Wardak, Kabul, Logar, Helmand and Kandahar provinces of Afghanistan.

The statement also added 7 Afghan National Army soldiers were killed and three others were injured in Mosa Qala district of Helmand province, Maiwand district in Kandahar province, Paktika and Kunar and Surobi district of Kabul province.

Defense officials also said that Afghan soldiers incurred heavy casualties to militants and seized large amounts of weapons and explosives during the operations.

According to reports at least 927 Afghan national security forces killed so far this year, which shows an increase after the Afghan security forces took over full combat lead from the coalition security forces.