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## 3 US soldiers injured in insider assault

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Three NATO-led troops were wounded in the latest green-on-blue assault in southern Afghanistan on Tuesday, officials from both sides said.

An Afghan National Army (ANA) soldier fired at American troops at the Kandahar Airfield this morning, wounding three of them, a commander of the 20th Atal Corps said.

Gen. Abdur Raziq Sherzai told Pajhwok Afghan News the attacker had been arrested and was being investigated. Belonging to eastern Laghman province, the rogue soldier joined the corps two years ago.

Javed Faisal, the gubernatorial spokesman, verified the insider attack. The shooting was triggered by a verbal clash, he said, giving no further details.

Approached for comments, ISAF said: "We can confirm there was an attack in southern Afghanistan today. Currently, Afghan forces are in the lead in securing the scene time. ISAF forces are ready to support, if requested."

Despite tight security arrangements, ISAF has lost scores of soldiers to insider attacks in Afghanistan, creating mistrust between the two sides. In 2012, 46 foreign troops were killed and 62 others wounded in green-on-blue attacks.

Elsewhere in the restive south, two NATO-led service members were wounded during a clash with the insurgents in Ghazni province, local authorities said. Four fighters were killed in the firefight.

But Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid, meanwhile, claimed 19 international and Afghan security personnel were killed in the overnight gunbattle.