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## 16 ANA troops killed & wounded in rebel attacks

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**Eight Afghan National Army (ANA) troops have reportedly been killed and as many others injured during two separate insurgent attacks in central Parwan and western Farah provinces, officials said on Tuesday.**

Six ANA soldiers were killed when the vehicle they were travelling in struck a roadside bomb in Shivan area of Bala Balok district of Farah on Monday, two senior security officials told Pajhwok Afghan News, but declined to be named.

However, Brig. Gen. Mir Asadullah Kohistani, a 207th Zafar Military Corps commander, confirmed the death of only two ANA soldiers in the blast.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said the fighters were behind the bomb attack that left six ANA troops dead.

Another two ANA soldiers were killed and eight others were injured when a mortar shell hit their base in Kohna Qala area of Seyah Gard district in central Parwan province on Monday night, the district chief said.

Mohammad Saeed Siddique told Pajhwok Afghan News the mortar was fired by armed rebels.

In Farah, three men were detained before they could kidnap Abdul Ghafoor Logari, a construction company owner, the provincial intelligence department head, Gen. Abdul Samad Shams, said.

He identified the detainees as Ajmal, Abdul Sattar and Mohammad Naeem, all residents of Pusht Rod district.