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## 4 Afghan army soldiers martyred in IED attack

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At least 4 Afghan national army soldiers were martyred following improvised explosive device (IED) attack, defense officials said Monday.

Gen. Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Ministry of Defense (MoD), confirmed that the four Afghan army soldiers were martyred during the past 24 hours.

Gen. Azimi did not disclose further information regarding the exact location where the 4 Afghan soldiers were killed.

In the meantime, Gen. Azimi, said at least 38 Taliban militants were killed during operations by Afghan national army soldiers.

He said the militants were killed during separate operations in six different provinces of Afghanistan in the past 24 hours.

Gen. Azimi also added that 3 militants were arrested and 25 rounds of improvised explosive device (IED) were confiscated during the operations.

The anti-government armed militant groups have not commented regarding the reports so far.

Taliban militants and other insurgent groups frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) to target Afghan and coalition forces. However, in majority of the attacks the ordinary civilians are targeted.

At least 3 members of a single family were killed in Helmand province after their vehicle struck with an improvised explosive device in Greshk district on Sunday.