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## 5 Afghan army soldiers martyred in IED attack in the past 24 hours

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At last 5 Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were martyred following roadside bomb explosion, defense officials said Wednesday.

Defense Ministry spokesman, Gen. Zahir Azimi, said the Afghan soldiers were martyred following improvised explosive device (IED) attack in the past 24 hours.

Gen. Azimi did not disclose further information regarding the exact location of the incident.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the attack.

Taliban militants and other insurgent groups frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces.

According to security officials, the Afghan army deaths stands at 4 service members daily on average which is mainly caused due to improvised explosive device (IED) attacks.

In the meantime, he said at least 20 militants were killed and several others were injured during military operations by Afghan national army soldiers.

Gen. Azimi said the operations were conducted in five different provinces and Afghan army soldiers also confiscated 53 rounds of improvised explosive device (IED) during the operations.

