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41 militants killed, 24 detained in Afghanistan: official

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About 41 Taliban militants have been killed and 24 others detained as the Afghan security forces carried out cleanup operations in different provinces within the last 24 hours, said the country's Interior Ministry on Monday.

"The raids were conducted by the Afghan police, army and the National Directorate of Security or intelligence agency personnel in Helmand, Zabul, Kandahar, Laghman, Uruzgan, Ghazni, Logar, Nangarhar, Takhar and Paktika provinces. Six militants were also wounded in the above operations. Several Taliban local leaders were among the killed," the ministry said in a statement providing daily operational updates.

The security forces also recovered and defused two landmines recently planted by the militants in Helmand and Nangarhar provinces, according to the statement.

The statement did not disclose if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

Furthermore, four Taliban fighters, including a Pakistani militant, were killed while one militant was wounded in two separate U.S. drone attacks in eastern Nangarhar and neighboring Kunar province overnight, sources confirmed earlier on the day.

The Taliban-led violence continues in Afghanistan. Security forces have press on to clear the militants in restive provinces.

The Taliban responds by bombing and armed attacks.

Earlier on Monday morning, two policemen got wounded after a sticky bomb attached to their vehicle went off in Kunduz city, the provincial capital of northern Kunduz province.

The Taliban, which has been waging an insurgency since its regime was toppled by a U.S-led invasion in late 2001, has yet to make comments.