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Roadside bombs kill NATO soldier, two Afghan policemen

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Two Afghan policemen were killed Monday when a roadside bomb hit their vehicle in southern Afghanistan as a NATO soldier died in a similar attack in the east, officials said.

Two policemen were injured in the attack in Zherai district of Kandahar province, according to the provincial governor's office.

Police were destroying poppy fields in the district when the attack happened, it said, adding that they repelled a follow-up attack by insurgents.

Afghanistan produces more than 90 per cent of world opium. Two-thirds of lands cultivated with poppy, the crop from which the heroin is derived, are in Kandahar and neighbouring Helmand province.

A soldier with NATO-led International Security Assistance Force was killed by a roadside bomb Monday in the eastern region, the military said.

It did not reveal the nationality, but most of the troops in the eastern region are from the United States.

More than 120 foreign troops have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year, according to iCasualties.org, an independent website that tracks NATO fatalities in Afghanistan.