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Foreign forces kill three civilians in Kunar

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Three civilians have been killed during foreign forces' operations and a clash between Taliban and police in eastern Kunar province, sources said Thursday. Foreign forces conducted operation against Taliban late yesterday in Shali area of Khas Kunar district, Kunar province, in which a boy and a minor girl were killed, a local official told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to speak on the issue. Informed source, however, put the civilian death toll at four. Colonel Sher Muhammad, a commander of Afghan National Army (ANA), confirmed operation in Khas Kunar district but said they had no information about casualties suffered by Taliban and civilians. He said the combined force did not suffer any damage. When contacted, ISAF press office said Afghan and foreign forces were conducting operations against Taliban in the district. Meanwhile, Taliban attacked a security check post in Wattapur district of Kaunar province today's morning, a local resident said. He said an Afghan civilian, Muhammad Naeem, caught and killed in the crossfire. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed clash in wattapur district and claimed causing casualties to Afghan forces. Yesterday, foreign forces reported they had killed 17 Taliban during operation in Sahband area of Dangam district of Kunar province. Besides 17 fighters including an Arab and a Pakistani, a child was also killed and two women wounded during the operation conducted by foreign forces. Taliban, however, conceded that they last 10 fighters in the operation. Local residents, meanwhile, told