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5 NATO troops killed in 1 day in Afghanistan

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NATO says that five international troops have been killed in one day in separate incidents in Afghanistan.

The alliance says three members of its force were killed Sunday in a vehicle accident in southern Afghanistan.

Another service member died the same day when a makeshift bomb exploded in southern Afghanistan.

And a fifth NATO service member was killed Sunday in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan.

U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph T. Breasseale said the three troops who died in the vehicle accident were American, as was the one killed in an attack in the east. The nationality of the fifth death was not immediately available.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP's earlier story is below.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Afghan president's office says Hamid Karzai has replaced his interior minister and intelligence chief over a militant attack on last week's national peace conference.

A statement Sunday said the explanation given by Interior Minister Hanif Atmar and National Directorate of Security chief Amrullah Saleh for last Wednesday's attack in Kabul was "not satisfactory," and Karzai accepted their resignations.

At least two Taliban militants fired rockets at the conference where delegates discussed how to resolve Afghanistan's nearly 9-year war. None of the 1,500 delegates were hurt. The militants were killed after a gunbattle with Afghan security forces.

The statement said Karzai had appointed Deputy Interior Minister Munir Mangal as acting interior minister and Engineer Ibrahim Spinzada as acting intelligence chief.