افغانستان آزاد – آزاد افغانستان
AA-AA

چو کشور نباشد تن من مبـــــاد   بدین بوم وبر زنده یک تن مـــباد
همه سر به سر تن به کشتن دهیم   از آن به که کشور به دشمن دهیم

www.afgazad.com   **afgazad@gmail.com**

European Languages	زبان های اروپائی

Al Jazeera

Afghan soldier kills Nato troops

7/13/2010

At least three foreign soldiers have been killed by an Afghan soldier in the south of the country, according to sources.

Two other soldiers with the Nato-led force in Helmand province were wounded in the incident on Tuesday.

"We confirm that an Afghan army solider has opened fire and killed three British soldiers," Mohammad Zahir Azimi, the Afghan defence ministry spokesman, said.

The Nato military alliance confirmed the deaths but gave no details about the circumstances of the incident or the nationality of the troops.

A investigation into the incident is under way, officials said.

"This is a combined, joint mission, Afghan and Alliance troopers fighting shoulder-to-shoulder against the Taliban and other extremists," General David Petraeus, US and Nato commander in Afghanistan, said in a statement.

"We have sacrificed greatly together, and we must ensure that the trust between our forces remains solid in order to defeat our common enemies. On behalf of all the troopers of Isaf [International Security Assistance Force], I offer sincere condolences to the families and the fellow service members of our fallen comrades."

'Unfortunate attack'

Hamid Karzai, the Afghan president, sent a letter of condolence to Nato and Britain and offered his apologies over the incident.

Waheed Omar, a spokesman for the president, said that Karzai had asked the defence ministry to find out more about the incident.

"If it is confirmed, it's a very unfortunate attack and the government of Afghanistan will do everything to make sure the proper traitors are brought to justice," he said.

A police official in Helmand told the AFP news agency that the Afghan soldier had escaped after the attack.

Tuesday's deaths bring to 356 the number of foreign troops to have died in the Afghan war so far this year, according to an AFP news agency tally based on a count kept by **icasualties.org.**

The total number for the whole of last year was 520 people.

In November, an Afghan police officer killed five British troops at a checkpoint in Helmand, where the UK has more than 9,000 soldiers.