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Lady doctor among four dead in foreign troops' fire: One civilian killed, two women wounded

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A lady doctor among four people of a family were shot and killed by foreign forces in Saidabad district of Wardak province, doctors and local residents said Saturday. The foreign forces opened fire on a civilian vehicle in Saidabad section of Kabul-Kandahar on Thursday, killing three women and a male, said Ismail Ibrahimzai, head of Ghazni civil hospital. "Among the dead is a lady doctor of Ghazni Hospital, Miss Aaqila Hekmat, her daughter, son and another female member of her family," he told Afghan Islamic Press. He said the husband of the deceased doctor was also wounded in the fire. A local resident told Afghan Islamic Press that the lady doctor and her family members were killed as the foreign troops opened fire after a mine explosion on their vehicle. Besides the occupants of the civilian vehicle, two Kochi (nomad) shepherds were also killed by the fire, he added. There was no official confirmation of the death of two nomads in the foreign forces' fire.

AIP contacted ISAF press office via email but did not receive any response despite lapse of several hours. Meanwhile, Afghan and foreign forces killed a civilian and wounded two women during a search operation on July 21 in Musa Qala district of Helmand province, ISAF said Saturday. The operation targeting a senior Taliban operative "responsible for coordinating roadside bomb attacks and providing military guidance for attack planning, to Taliban in Sangin district, also led to the arrest of several suspects, ISAF said in a press release. "While conducting the search, the security force was approached by an individual displaying hostile intent.

The individual was carrying what was believed to be a grenade, prompting the force to fire at him after they identified an imminent threat. He died as a result. After conducting an initial

assessment, the security force discovered the individual was an unarmed local national, it added. ISAF said two local females received minor leg wounds during the operation.