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2 troops, 5 ANA soldiers dead in explosion 2 guards injured in attack on district chief's house

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A roadside bomb killed two foreign troops and five soldiers of Afghan National Army (ANA) yesterday in Zurmat district of Paktia province, ANA said Saturday. A combined team of ANA and foreign forces was defusing a mine in Mamozai area late yesterday when it exploded, leaving two foreign troops, five Afghan soldiers and an interpreter of foreign forces dead, Saad Gul Hotak, spokesman of 203rd Thunder Corps in Paktia province, told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP). He said two foreign and as many Afghan troops were also wounded in the explosion. The ANA spokesman did not give further details but a local resident told AIP that a clash also took place between Taliban and the combined force in the same area. ISAF yesterday announced that they had two soldiers in an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan. ISAF did not disclose exact location of the incident. Meanwhile, gunmen attacked the house of a district chief in western Herat province yesterday, injuring two guards, security sources said Saturday. The attackers riding in a motorcar opened fire on the house of Haji Naseer Ahmad Muhammdi, head of Ghoryan district, in the district headquarters, yesterday's afternoon, a security official told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) on condition of anonymity. He said two guards were injured in attack while assailants fled the scene. There was no claim of responsibility. It was the second such attack in this western province yesterday as gunmen also attacked the house of a member of provincial council in Herat City, injuring two people including the brother of the provincial council member.