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## Numerous insurgents killed

Kabul, Afghanistan (August 22) – Afghan National Security Forces and coalition forces conducted a combined operation in the BAGHLAN province Saturday resulting in 12 dead insurgents.

Two Taliban commanders were the target of the operation. They are both known to lead insurgent attacks on ANSF and coalition forces.

On arrival in the target area, numerous armed insurgents moved to target ANSF and ISAF Forces. The combined forces immediately engaged the insurgents. The operation continued with loud speaker callouts for building occupants to exit their dwellings. Further insurgent activity throughout the operation resulted in several more engagements with ANSF and ISAF Forces.

"This operation will have a significant disruptive effect on the command and coordination of Taliban elements throughout the Baghlan province. The goal of partnered operations will be to continue to actively hunt down these criminals whose main goal is to cause misery to the local Afghans and target coalition forces," said U.S. Army Col. Rafael Torres, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Combined Joint Operations Center director.