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This morning security forces of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan supported by ISAF troops conducted an operation in PD15, KABUL province. This operation was aimed at improving security in KABUL and BAGLHAN provinces and remove insurgents from the area, so that you and your families are able to live in a peaceful environment.

The man known as QARI MIRAJ is accused of insurgent activities in BAGHLAN province and has been arrested by Government forces to answer questions about this.

The role of the Afghanistan National Security Forces is to protect the innocent people of Afghanistan using professional methods and minimal force to fight the threat of those that seek to bring damage to the country.

During this Operation, the security forces searched houses of those suspected of involvement in alleged insurgent activities. The Afghanistan National Security Forces carried out these searches in a professional manner, taking care to cause minimum disruption to the innocent inhabitants. The women and children were kept safe throughout the operation and were under the protection of women from the Afghanistan National Security Forces.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan wish to thank you for your support in the fight against insurgency in your area and if we have caused you or your family any distress or disturbance during our efforts to bring peace to your area, we sincerely apologise.