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Provincial police chief Abdul Qahar Salim told reporters that four militants were killed in different areas of Nawa in the past 48 hours.

He said at least 62 insurgents have been killed during the operations so far, including some of their improvised explosive devices and around 40 more have been wounded. – Dawn on Pg-19

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