Kabul - At least 9 soldiers of the Afghan National Army (ANA) were martyred during counterterrorism operations conducted in Kandahar province on Wednesday, officials said.

The Afghan National Army (ANA) forces were preparing for a counterterrorism operation when attacks were launched against the military base, said the statement.

It added that all 6 ANA soldiers were martyred during counterterrorism operations conducted in Kandahar province on Wednesday, officials said.

The statement further added that 35 of the militants were killed during the air and ground operations conducted in Zulmat district of Pakistan province and at least 11 others were killed in Miraj Kot district of Kandahar province.

At least 6 militants were killed during the separate operations in Cark and Qahgrah districts of Ghor province and at least 9 others were killed in Ghor district (On Mar-13).

ALP Commander among 3 Killed in Narangar Explosion 

Kabul - A key leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and two other militants were killed in an airstrike in Afghanistan’s Narangar province on Wednesday, officials said.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group has been identified as the cause of the explosion.

Meanwhile, another official said that the explosion was caused by a road bomb and police were investigating the cause.

IFJ Asks Kabul for Explanation over Journalist’s Detention

Kabul - The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has voiced its concern over the detention of an Afghan journalist working for the BBC.

Nasimullah Karzai was arrested by Afghan police in Jalalabad on May 27 after he leaked the file to the National Directorate of Security (NDS).

While expressing its serious concern over the detention, the IFJ said that it has the right to report the truth in a clear light. You might not be able to keep up with all the changes on the job and prefer being called a realist. Nevertheless, it seems as if you're walking a tightrope now as you balance your position fosters anger rather than cooperation.

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