**38 Taliban Eliminated in Helmand Operations: Military**

LASHKARGAH - At least 38 militiamen have been killed and 23 others wounded in military operations in parts of southern Helmand province, provincial officials said in a statement on Thursday. Most of the insurgents have been killed in Kajaki and Musa Qala districts of the province, it said. Six insurgents were killed in Kajaki showdow battles and two others injured while 32 rebels were killed.

**6 Passengers Die, 23 Injured in Zabul Collision**

QALAT - Six passengers were killed and 23 others wounded on Thursday when their vehicle crashed into an oil tanker on the Khalil-Kandahar highway in southern Zabul province, provincial officials said.

The collision took place near Qurny Qala area of the Shah Joyn district, about 678 miles district chief, Wazir Jewal, told Pajhwok Afghan News. His name was Mohammadullah, the district police chief, said police immediately rushed to the scene to evacuate the wounded to a local hospital.

He said 17 of the injured were women and 6 of them are critical in the hospital. The passengers were heading to Kandahar from Kabul. He said a Nissan patrol car was involved in the accident. Jewal, and women and women were among the fatalities.

**8 Insurgents Dead in Nangarhar Airstrike**

NALA SQAB: Eight Taliban were killed in an airstrike in Monteeldar district in eastern Nangarhar province on Friday, a statement released by provincial police said. Some medical sources told local TV channels that the attack was near the site of a recent clash between the Taliban and Afghan forces.

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