A dozen wounded civilians, including among them seven children and five women, perished at the site of a Taliban attack in the outskirts of the city of Kunduz, said Attaullah Khogyani, a spokesperson for the provincial police. He said the security forces had received a call from a local resident who informed them of a Taliban attack on the residents of Tombekha. According to the police, the Taliban fighters had entered the house and killed the civilians. The police officials said the attack was aorchestration of the Taliban to attack civilians and clear the area.

Currently, 90 servicemen, 2 national Security Assistance Forces and QRFs serving under the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan since November 20, 2002, had been released.

Some 53 dead names were provided by provincial police officials in Pachiragam district of Parchin province. However, some 20 men had been killed in the attack. Some 300 people were dead and wounded in the attack.

At least six Afghan soldiers lost their lives as they were combating counterterrorism operations in different parts of the country, killing militants in the country. (Pajhwok)