

## **27 Afghan militants killed, 19 captured in 24 hours**

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**Kabul:** Afghan security forces have killed more than two dozen armed militants and captured 19 others during a series of operations over the past 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday.

"Units of police backed by the army and National Directorate for Security have conducted several anti-terrorist operations in Nangarhar, Faryab, Sar-e-Pul, Ghazni, Khost and Herat provinces over the past 24 hours which have left 27 armed insurgents dead," Xinhua quoted a statement of the Interior Ministry.

According to the statement, three more militants have been wounded and 10 others made captive.

Meanwhile, an army spokesman in northern Faryab province, Reza Rezai, told Xinhua that eight Taliban fighters had been killed and 14 others injured in the Qaisar district of the province since on Monday.

"Backed by combat aircraft, the ground forces have killed eight Taliban rebels and injured 14 others in Qaisar district since launching the cleanup operations on Monday," Rezai said.

Mullah Abdul Samad, the shadowy deputy governor of Taliban for Faryab province, is also among those killed in the operations, he said, adding that two security personnel have been injured.

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