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Gunman wearing Afghan army uniform kills 2 U.S. soldiers

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USPA News - A gunman wearing a military uniform on Monday killed two American soldiers in eastern Afghanistan, officials said. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) confirmed that two U.S. service members were among the fatal victims when an individual wearing an Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) uniform turned a weapon against service members.

Meanwhile, media reports said that two Afghan soldiers were also killed in the attack, although some said up to three were killed. The incident occurred in the district of Jalrez, located in Afghanistan's Wardak Province. Several others, including a number of American soldiers, were also injured before the gunman was shot and killed. Emergency teams airlifted the wounded to medical facilities. The victims' identities were not immediately known. On Friday, three gunmen also wearing ANSF uniforms and driving an ANSF vehicle forced their way onto Forward Operating Base Tagab in Kapisa province and opened fire at coalition service members and civilian contractors. Security forces killed the gunmen, but a civilian contractor was killed in the attack, although his or her nationality was not immediately disclosed. On January 7, a British soldier was killed and six others were injured when a member of the Afghan National Army turned his weapon against foreign troops at a patrol base in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand Province, located in southern Afghanistan. Last year, more than 60 soldiers were killed in similar insider attacks, also known as 'green-on-blue' attacks.

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