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6 U.S. Soldiers Die in Afghanistan

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Six American soldiers have been killed in a single operation in eastern [Afghanistan](#) over the past two days, a spokesman for the international coalition said on Friday.

“I can confirm that six coalition soldiers have been identified as U.S. soldiers, and were all killed as part of the same operation, but in three separate incidents,” said Maj. Tim James. The deaths took place from late Wednesday through Thursday.

The operation, a helicopter-borne assault into a remote part of Kunar Province close to the Pakistani border, was continuing. The area is frequently used to infiltrate fighters from Pakistan. The purpose of the operation, Major James said, was to “disrupt insurgent operations.”