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Man wearing Afghan uniform kills British soldier, injures 6

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USPA News - An unidentified gunman wearing an Afghan National Army uniform opened fire at coalition troops in southern Afghanistan on Monday, killing a British soldier and injuring at least six others, the British Ministry of Defense confirmed on Tuesday. The incident occurred at Patrol Base Hazrat in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand Province when a suspected member of the Afghan National Army turned his weapon against a number of foreign troops, including British soldiers from 28 Engineer Regiment, attached to 21 Engineer Regiment.

"It is my painful duty to report the death of a soldier from 28 Engineer Regiment, who was shot and killed by a suspected member of the Afghan National Army at a patrol base in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand Province," Task Force Helmand spokesman Major Laurence Roche said, confirming the incident. Roche added that it "is an extremely sad day for the Corps of Royal Engineers and everyone serving with Task Force Helmand. Our thoughts are with the soldier's family and friends at this time." The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) also confirmed the attack, although it gave no other details. It is believed the Afghan soldier opened fire on both foreign and national soldiers, as six other British soldiers were also injured. They were airlifted from the area but did not suffer from life-threatening injuries. The attacker was shot and killed immediately after opening fire at the scene. The attack comes as U.S. President Barack Obama is set to receive Afghan President Hamid Karzai during his official visit to Washington, D.C. this week, where they are expected to hold security talks. According to NATO, over 60 soldiers were killed in 2012 in similar incidents in Afghanistan, which have been dubbed as 'insider attacks' or 'green on blue' attacks.

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