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KABUL (AP) - NATO said coalition forces accidentally killed three Afghan civilians and wounded four others in Kunar province in eastern Afghanistan. NATO said in a statement issued the incident occurred after coalition troops came under fire near the village of Tantil in Pech district. When coalition forces returned fire, three or four rounds landed short of the target area, near a village, killing and wounding the civilians November 19. NATO spokesman U.S. Army Col. Rafael Torres said the coalition does everything within its power to prevent civilian casualties in the course of operations, but in this case it failed. The coalition expressed condolences to the families.