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**From:** OpsAlert  
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**Subject:** Update 2: Suspect Sought in U.S. Military Deaths (SBU)

(SBU) A Ministry of Interior (MOI) employee responsible for security arrangements is the main suspect in the deaths of two U.S. military officers, identified as a lieutenant colonel and major, media report. Embassy Kabul reports the 25-year old suspect, Saboor Salangi, is still missing. Contacts indicate he worked in the MOI intelligence department and had been seen in the room where the officers were killed.

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov  
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**Subject:** Update 1: Investigation into U.S. Military Deaths Underway (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Kabul reports ISAF withdrew all embedded personnel from all Afghan ministries following the killings. Post comments the ongoing military investigation will clarify whether the assailant was Afghan or Western. Press report the Taliban claimed responsibility for the killings, although post notes that Taliban claims of responsibility are often not factual. An anonymous Afghan security source said the killing occurred inside a secure room not normally accessible to Afghan Ministry of Interior personnel.

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**From:** OpsAlert@state.gov  
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**Subject:** Two U.S. Military Officers Killed at Afghan Ministry of Interior (SBU)

(SBU) Embassy Kabul confirms the embedded military officers received gunshot wounds to the head and the perpetrator remains unknown. Next of kin notification is not yet complete. The International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) is contacting other embedded military officers. Department of State officials embedded in Afghan government offices were pulled back February 24 and were not at Afghan government offices February 25, a decision post re-affirmed in an EAC meeting held February 25. Press reports that the Interior Ministry has been locked down.

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