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**Coalition precision strike kills Taliban facilitator**

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Several militants were killed during a Coalition forces operation targeting Taliban weapons facilitators Dec. 9 in the Helmand Province area.

Coalition forces conducted a precision strike targeting a Taliban weapons smuggler known to equip extremist forces with various types of weapons and explosives including anti-aircraft weaponry. Reports also indicate the individual is linked with attacks on Coalition forces' aircraft.

Coalition forces targeted a building on a compound in the Musa Qaleh district containing several militants - including the weapons smuggler during the course of operations. Coalition forces employed a combination of precision-guided and accurate, conventional munitions, destroying the building and killing several militants.

"Coalition Forces' tireless efforts to degrade the Taliban's ability to fight are a vital part of making Afghanistan safer for the Afghan people," said Maj. Chris Belcher, Combined Joint Task Force 82 spokesperson.

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