

Pakistan security forces kill 30 militants

Pakistani security forces killed 30 militants in an overnight operation in Swat valley in North-West Frontier Province, the army said Sunday.

'Security forces have successfully cleared the area up to Imam Dheri and secured prominent mountain heights overlooking Bara Bande, Kuza Bande and Imam Dheri,' the army's Inter-Services Public Relations said in a statement.

One soldier was killed and two injured in the operation, the army said.

Security forces are in complete control of all entry and exit points to these places, thereby denying all access to the militants, the statement said.

Hundreds of armed supporters of cleric Maulana Fazlullah, who demand Islamic law in force in the area, are fighting the security forces in Swat valley.

Meanwhile, security forces continue targeting militants' positions with helicopter gunship and artillery.

A curfew has been imposed in Swat area till Monday afternoon.

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