

NATO Troops Raid Home Of Afghan Reporter, Arrest Four

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KABUL(PAN): International troops detained a Pajhwok reporter along with his three brothers during a raid in southeastern province of Khost, journalists said on Saturday.

The arrests took place Friday night when International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) soldiers raided the house of Pajhwok reporter Mali Khan in the Yabubi area of Sabari district.

Resident Muhammad Saleem told Pajhwok Afghan News the foreign troops detained the reporter along with his three brothers — one of them an employee of the transport department and another recently returned from Dubai.

Meanwhile, Khost Journalists Association president Nishanuddin Ahingar condemned the detention of Mali Khan, alleging the victimisation of journalists by foreign troops had recently increased.

Last year, foreign forces detained another reporter, Noorajan Baheer. They also raided the house of Al-Jazeera reporter, Majeed Arif, and arrested his four brothers, Ahingar added.

The Bagram media office of NATO confirmed the arrests, saying the reporter was being investigated.

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