

Dutch soldiers in Afghanistan suspended

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In Afghanistan, a Dutch Task Force Uruzgan platoon has been temporarily suspended from active service for collectively refusing to carry out an order. The 24 scouts refused to provide support and defence to a less-well trained and experienced unit. They wanted their commander to reverse the roles, but he refused and suspended the unit.

The incident may lead to a criminal investigation. In this case the scouts will be sent back to the Netherlands. According to defence experts this is the first time an entire Dutch platoon has been suspended from active service.