

## **Respond to Query**

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### **(Rudare Operation)**

Yesterday night, shortly after 2300 hrs, KFOR successfully seized the roadblock south of Rudare without any incidents in a calm atmosphere.

At midnight more protestors gathered supported by 3 trucks and advanced towards the KFOR-troops. The demonstrators used force including the throwing of stones and pushing back KFOR-troops by attacking them with trucks loaded with gravel.

KFOR troops were forced to fire warning shots into the air, in addition KFOR also used tear gas and batons for self-protection against the protestors following the truck

In order to prevent the possibility of further escalating the confrontation and not to risk serious casualties on both sides KFOR took the responsible decision to stop the operation.

KFOR can confirm that 21 soldiers suffered injuries One KFOR-soldier injured by the truck, five KFOR soldiers suffered minor injuries, the remainder superficially.

This operation is fully in line with the framework of KFOR's mission.

KFOR's mission is to maintain a safe and secure environment as well as to ensure Freedom of Movement.