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Pakistani militants among 15 killed in Ghazni clashes

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At least 15 insurgents including Pakistani nationals were killed following heavy clashes in eastern Ghazni province of Afghanitan on Sunday.

According to local government officials, the incident took place in Aab Band district of Ghazni province, after a group of militants attacked a security check post.

District chief for Aab Band, Allah Dad Halimi confirming the report said, a key Taliban commander, Mullah Alam was also among those killed during the clashes.

Mr. Halimi further added that the militants attacked the security check post in Jangul area of Aab Band district late Saturday night, and clashes between Afghan forces and Taliban militants continued until Sunday morning.

In the meantime, Taliban group spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility behind the incident and said at least six police officers were killed during the clashes.

Mr. Mujahid also said that two Taliban fighters were killed during the clashes, however local officials reject Mujahid's claims and said 15 militants including five Pakistani nationals were killed.

Ghazni is among the volatile provinces in eastern Afghanistan, where Taliban militants are openly operating in its various districts and frequently carry out attacks against the Afghan security forces.

The leader of the public uprising forces in Ghazni province was also killed following an explosion on Saturday.