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Cross-border shelling from Pakistan kills 4 children in Kunar

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According to local authorities in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan, at least four children were killed following cross-border shelling from Pakistani soil in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan.

A spokesman for the 201 Silab Military Corps for eastern Afghanistan, Haroon Yousufi, confirming the report, said the children were killed after a rocket fired from Pakistan's soil hit a residential house in Marwa district.

Mr. Yousufi further added that a service member of the Afghan border protection police forces was also killed following the cross-border incursion.

He said it is not clear if the rockets were fired by militants or Pakistani military, but he added that the Pakistani military has been shelling eastern Kunar and Nuristan provinces during the recent years, and most probably the Pakistani military was behind the shelling.

According to Yousufi, at least three others were also injured in the shelling.

Kunar is among the volatile provinces in eastern Afghanistan where Taliban militants both from Afghanistan and Pakistan are actively operating in its various districts.

The Pakistani military has been shelling eastern provinces of Afghanistan including Kunar and Nuristan during the recent years.

According to the local residents in Kunar and Nuristan province, dozens of people have been killed or injured following the cross-border shelling.

Tensions heightened between the two nations on several occasions over cross-border shelling, which also resulted into clashes between the Afghan and Pakistani forces last year.