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Explosion and gun battle rocks Jalalabad city in eastern Afghanistan

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A group of suicide bombers attacked a police headquarter in the first district of Jalalabad city in eastern Nangarhar province.

The incident took place early Thursday morning and several explosions were heard near the police station, while the insurgents exchanged fire with the Afghan security forces for several hours.

Nangarhar police chief has said that at least 7 militants have been killed during the clashes with the Afghan security forces.

This comes as deputy Afghan interior minister Ayoub Salangi said the number of insurgents were reported six and five of them have been shot dead by Afghan security forces.

In the meantime a local security official in Jalalabad city said at least 11 people including 10 policemen and a student were killed during the clashes and several others were injured.

Officials in the provincial hospital said at least 22 people, mostly policemen were also injured during the attack and were taken to the hospital for treatment.

Taliban militants group in Afghanistan claimed responsibility behind the incident and said several policemen including the first district police chief was killed during the attack.