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## 3 school children killed as rocket lands in a school in Paktika

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At least three school children were killed after a rocket landed in a school in southeastern Paktika province of Afghanistan amid fierce clash between the Taliban militants and Afghan security forces.

According to local government officials, the incident took place on Thursday afternoon in Sar-e-Rawza district.

The provincial education department spokesman Mohammadullah Hemat said a rocket landed in Hayat Baba High School during gun battle between the security forces and Taliban militants.

Hemat further added that the victims of the incident were all children aged below 12 years and another school child was also wounded in the incident.

It is yet not clear who fired the rocket but the local residents are blaming the Taliban militants saying that the militants fired a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) rocket which landed inside the school.

The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the incident so far.

Paktika is among the relatively volatile provinces in southeastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban militants and insurgents from the Haqqani terrorist network are actively operating in a number of its districts.