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6 Afghan soldiers killed, 3 wounded in Nimroz attack

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Six Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers have been killed in an insurgent attack in Nimroz province, an official said on Sunday.

At least three other soldiers were wounded during the militant assault on their check-post in the Deh Mazang village of Khashrod district late Saturday night.

Mohammad Hashim Noorzai, the district chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News the attackers riding an ANA pick-up and a tank, which the Taliban seized in Helmand province, entered the military base.

He said the Taliban also took away an ANA tank and ammunition as a result of the tactical assault on the Zaranj-Dilaram road. Security forces have reached the site to control the situation.

Noorzai complained: "Many senior security officers have been transferred for different reasons. Those currently manning the posts are mostly young and inexperienced."

He demanded the immediate deployment of experienced security personnel to important posts to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, claimed responsibility for the brazen attack in Nimroz, where three ANA personnel were killed in a bombing in Dilaram district three months ago.

Khashrod and Dilaram districts, according to local authorities, are under threat from the Taliban based in Helmand and Farah provinces.