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Internal clashes leave 40 fighters of Taliban, Daesh killed in Zabul

By Khaama Press
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Heavy clashes have been erupting between two dissident Taliban groups in Arghandab District of southern Zabul province.

Governor of Arghandab District says one group belongs to Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Masnsour and another belongs to Mullah Mansour Dadullah.

Haji Mohmand Nasratyar said 40 fighters from both sides have been killed and 10 wounded since Saturday morning when clashes started.

Nasratyar added that Mullah Mansour Dadullah's group is supported by Daesh (IS-Khorasan) and those killed include members of Daesh group.

According to the district governor, Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour's group has captured 30 fighters of Daesh alive.

Eight civilians who were kidnapped by Daesh group awhile back have also lost their lives in clashes, Nasratyar added.

He said that resident of the area have been leaving their homes because of the tense situation.

Taliban split into two groups following the appointment of the new Supreme Leader to replace Mullah Mohammad Omar.

One group pledged allegiance to Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour while the other one recently announced Mullah Mohammad Rasoul as their leader.

Mullah Mansour Dadullah whose fighters are fighting with Mullah Akhtar Mohammad Mansour's men in Zabul province was appointed as the deputy to Mullah Mohammad Rasoul.