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## Afghan forces clear Dand-e-Shahabuddin of Taliban insurgents

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The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) have retaken full control of Dand-e-Shahabuddin from Taliban militants in northern Baghlan province of Afghanistan.

According to the local security officials, the area has been fully cleared as a result of the counter-terrorism operations launched late in the month of January.

The area was under the control of the Taliban militants for a period of one and half month, with local officials saying the Taliban militants suffered casualties during the operations retake the control of the area.

This comes as the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) took full control of Dand-e-Ghori district from the Taliban militants last week.

Baghlan is located near the restive Kunduz province in the north and has increasingly become a restive province during the recent months.

The operations were launched amid concerns that the group was creating safe havens and preparing for the summer offensive by continuing to the procurement and training of insurgents.

Several power lines were also damaged as the operations kicked off, cutting the power supply to capital Kabul for several weeks before the technical staff managed to reconnect the lines.