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Insider attack claims lives of 7 policemen in Kandahar province

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At least 7 policemen serving with the Afghan Local Police (ALP) forces were shot dead by their comrades in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan.

According to the local government officials, the incident took place in the early hours of Thursday morning, involving three ALP forces who were apparently having links with the militants.

Provincial governor spokesman Samim Khpolwak confirmed the incident and said a investigation team has been sent to the area to probe the killing the policemen.

He did not disclose further information regarding the incident which took place in Arghandab district but a security official said 7 ALP men were killed in the attack.

The official further added that an ex-commander of the ALP forces were also among the assailants who managed to flee the area following the attack.

The Taliban militants group claimed responsibility behind the incident which takes place nearly a month after 4 policemen were martyred in a similar attack.

The last attack involving members of the policemen took place earlier this month on a highway between southern Uruzgan and Kandahar provinces.

Kandahar province has been witnessing relative peace during the recent months, however the anti-government armed militants have recently stepped up insurgency activities in parts of this province.