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Taliban militants execute at least 12 hostages in Ghazni province

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The Taliban insurgents have executed at least 12 people the group abducted from Ghazni-Paktika highway recently, local officials said Wednesday.

A security official in Ghazni confirmed that the dead bodies of 12 people shot dead by the Taliban insurgents have been found in Andar district.

The official further added that the identities of the deceased individuals have not ascertained so far.

This comes as reports suggest that some of the hostages were members of the security institutions and were shot dead by the Taliban insurgents on Tuesday night.

In the meantime, provincial governor's spokesman for Paktika, Pir Khel, said at least five policemen went missing from the highway on Tuesday and it is yet not clear if they are among those executed by the Taliban insurgents.

The Taliban militants group has not commented regarding the incident so far which comes as the group has increased hostage takings in various parts of the country during the recent weeks.

The group kidnapped at least 47 passengers from an highway in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan earlier today which is the second kidnapping from the same highway within almost one week.