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Militants launch coordinated attack on Kabul Bank in Gardez

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A group of heavily armed insurgents launched a coordinated attack on Kabul Bank branch in Gardez city, the provincial capital of Paktia province this afternoon.

The provincial public health officials said at least two people were killed and nearly 20 others have been wounded so far as clashes are still underway in the area.

Officials in Paktia police commandment confirmed the incident and said preliminary reports suggest at least five militants are involved in the attack.

However, the Ministry of Interior (MoI) spokesman Najib Danish said the attack was carried out by a group of 3 insurgents who were all killed by the security forces.

He said at least 31 people including 3 security personnel and 28 civilians were wounded and the attack was over with the killing of three assailants.

This is the second coordinated attack launched by the militants in less than a week.

A group of insurgents entered the State Radio Television compound in Jalalabad city of Nangarhar province on Wednesday, leaving at least six people dead and more than 20 others wounded.

The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) terrorist group offshoot in Afghanistan, ISIS Khurasan, claimed responsibility behind the attack.

Provincial governor Gulab Mangal told reporters that the attack ended after all four suicide bombers were shot dead by the security forces.

He said clashes between the security forces and the insurgents continued for almost three hours before they were eliminated.

Mangal further added that four people, all workers of the television, and two security personnel were killed during the attack and at least 24 others were wounded.