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Six cops dead as Taliban storm governor's compound

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At least six police were killed and 16 others were wounded after Taliban bombers stormed governor's compound in Farah City, capital of Farah province on Thursday, police said.

"Four attackers, three of them dressed in police uniform, forced their entry into the governor's compound and opened small arms fire and explosions, killing six police and wounding three police and 13 civilians," Muhammad Ghaus Malyar, security chief of Farah province, told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

He said the governor escaped unhurt in the attack mounted at approximately 10:30 a.m. (local time) but his secretary was wounded.

The security chief said one bomber detonated himself while three others were shot dead by security forces, adding the fighting had ended while the governor's compound suffered damage. Taliban asserted responsibility for the attack and said the attack was part of Taliban's Al-Farooq Operation.

"Six Taliban suicide bombers took part in the attack, killing 17 government troops and officials and wounding a large number more. Four Mujahideen were also martyred while two successfully escaped from the site of the clash," Taliban spokesman Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

Taliban launched spring operation code name "Al-Farooq" on 3rd May. Since then, Taliban attacks reported increase.

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Meanwhile, several armed opponents were killed and several more held in separate operations in various parts of the country, the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said Thursday.

An ISAF press release, available with the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP), stated the Afghan and ISAF combined force conducted operation against a Haqqani network commander in Zazi Aryub district in Paktia province on Thursday.

The armed opponents opened fire on the combined force, the press release said, adding the combined force returned the fire, leaving multiple armed opponents dead. Some armed opponents were arrested in the operation, it added.

Meanwhile, the district chief of Zazi Aryub, Izat Khan told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) the foreign forces conducted operation against the armed opponent in Tooqyan area of the district. He said three armed opponents, including a commander of the Haqqani network, were killed and four more held in the offensive.

The ISAF press release said multiple armed opponents were arrested during operations in Dand district of Kandahar, Zurmat district of Paktia and Nadali district of Helmand province.