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Fierce clashes, bombing in Baghram Three cops, doctor killed, in separate incidents

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Three local police personnel were killed and as many more sustained injuries in separate incidents in Paktika province, officials said Thursday.

The Paktika governor's spokesman, Mokhlis Afghan told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) a local police van struck an improvised explosive device in Chanjo area in Argun district of Paktika province, leaving a cop dead and two more injured. No one has claimed responsibility for the blast so far.

In a separate incident, he said a local police vehicle struck an IED in Sapedar Naray area in Sarubi district last night, leaving two cops dead and one more injured.

He said after the blast the Taliban attacked the police, leaving four Taliban fighters dead.

Meanwhile, the Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, told the AIP their fighters captured a checkpoint of police in Sarubi district last night.

He claimed several soldiers suffered casualties in the attack. He said three police were held alive. Meanwhile, a local doctor was killed in a clash between the foreign forces and armed opponents in Baghram district in Helmand province.

A health ministry press release, available with the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP), stated a clash erupted between the NATO troops and armed opponents Baghram district in Helmand province. It added a local clinic doctor, Faizullah, was killed in the crossfire.

An official of Burk organization in Helmand, Dr Ahmad Jan, told the AIP the foreign forces conducted operation on clinic and home of a local doctor, Faizullah, in Garg Baghran area in Baghran district last night. The doctor was killed in the attack, he added.

"Fierce clashes and bombardment took place in the Baghran district. The district is located in a remote area and getting information from there is quite difficult. I only have information about the death of Dr Faizullah. But several people have suffered casualties in the area," he added.

He said the clinic the deceased Faizullah was running provided health facilities to 70 to 80 patients per day, adding the clinic is being run by a Bangladeshi organization, Burk.

The AIP has asked the ISAF press office for comments on the incident. But the ISAF press office has not commented on the matter till filling of this report.

It's pertinent to mention here that the Taliban have also claimed heavy fighting in Baghran district today. The Taliban also claimed shooting down an ISAF helicopter. The ISAF media office, however, rejected the Taliban claims as false.