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## Taliban intoxicate, kill 7 cops in Helmand

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LASHKARGAH (AIP): Taliban killed seven police after intoxicated them in Gereshk district of Helmand province last night, sources said Friday.

A security official in Lashkargah, capital of Helmand, told Afghan Islamic Press on condition of anonymity that seven police manning a post in Sarband area of Gereshk district fell unconscious after eating contaminated food.

He said all the seven were later killed by gunmen, adding a team has been sent to the area to probe the incident. Local officials said someone in the police must had link with the Taliban.

They said the killers also took with them arms of the slain policemen.

Taliban spokesman Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi claimed responsibility for the incident saying "A police infiltrator killed eight police at a post in Sarband area of Gereshk district and joined Taliban along with four arms and wireless."

Meanwhile, a clash took place between police and Taliban in Zamboli area of Gereshk district last night in which three Taliban were killed, said Farid Ahmad Farhang, spokesman of Helmand police.