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## 16 Taliban killed in Ghazni clash

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Sixteen Taliban fighters were killed and 21 others wounded during a clash with police in the Gilan district of southern Ghazni province on Saturday, an official said.

The early morning clash erupted when a group of insurgents attacked local police posts in the Eshankhel Qala area, the town's administrative head, Mahbobullah, said.

In the ensuing fire exchange, 16 attackers were killed, 21 others were wounded who left behind their weapons at the scene, the official said.

A local police commander Sakhi Dad was injured and one of his guards was killed.

But resident Mohammad Khalid said Sakhi Dad was killed along with two other policemen in the gun battle.

A Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said six local policemen were killed and three others were wounded. He confirmed the death of three fighters and injuries to as many during the clash that he said was still ongoing.

In northern Kunduz province, a *former jihadi* commander was shot dead by two motorcyclists in front of his house on Friday in the 2nd police district of Kunduz City, police spokesman, Syed Sarwar Husaini, said.