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Policemen among 26 killed in fresh violence

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Twenty insurgents and six policemen were killed in violence related incidents across the country over the past 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday.

The latest fatalities occurred on Monday, when 15 insurgents, including three Pakistani nationals, were killed during a clash with security forces in southern Helmand province.

Another 18 insurgents were injured during the clash that took place in the Safar area of Garamser district, the governor's spokesman, Omar Zhwak, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The Khanshin district police chief, Abdul Rauf, and another policeman were also wounded in the battle, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousuf Ahmadi, confirmed the death of only two fighters, but claimed 19 Afghan soldiers were killed and 22 others wounded in the clash.

In a separate clash, five militants were killed and three others wounded in central Uruzgan province.

The clash between police and the rebels occurred in the Gorgin area of Charchino district, the district police chief, 2nd Lt. Wali Dad, said.

A policeman was also injured during the two-hour clash, he added.

Three members of the Afghan Local Police (ALP) force were killed on Monday evening when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in the Arwa area of Khakrez district, the governor's spokesman, Javed Faisal, said. A local police commander, Asadullah, was also wounded in the blast, he said.

A highway police deputy commander, Maj. Abdul Qayum, was among three policemen killed and seven others wounded as a result of an insurgent attack in northern Jawzjan province on Tuesday.

Jawzjan deputy police chief, Col. Syed Mohammad Husaini, said the incident took place in the Seh Shanba village on the outskirts of Shiberghan, the provincial capital.

A group of insurgents attacked a joint convoy of police, ANA and National Directorate of Security (NDS) agents, he said.