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Airstrike leaves 4 Afghan police dead in Nangarhar province

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At least six Afghan national police officers were killed or injured following an airstrike by Afghan special forces in eastern Nangarhar province of Afghanistan.

Provincial governor spokesman Ahmad Zia Abdulzai confirming the report said the incident took place late Wednesday night in Bati Kot district.

Mr. Abdulzai further added that a number of militants attacked a security check post around 10:00pm, and Afghan special forces carried out an airstrike to support the Afghan police.

He said four Afghan police officers were killed and two others were injured after Afghan special forces mistaken the police officers as insurgents and targeted them in airstrike.

According to provincial governor spokesman, the militants had also suffered heavy casualties during the operation however he said the exact details of the militants casualties yet to be confirmed.

The clashes reported continued until 1:00am, and a number of Afghan civilians were also injured during the clashes and airstrike.