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## Taliban kill 6 abducted government employees in Herat province

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According to reports, Taliban militants have killed six government employees who were abducted in western Herat province of Afghanistan a while ago.

Local government officials said the employees belonged to the ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development and their dead bodies were found early Tuesday morning in Gulran district.

Head of the criminal investigation department, Israeel Khan confirming the report said the employees were working on in a reconstruction project funded by National Solidarity Program in Gulran district when they were abducted by Taliban militants.

Mr. Khan further added that the kidnapped employees included two staff members of the Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, and four engineers.

Herat is among the relatively peaceful provinces in western Afghanistan, however, Taliban militants have recently increased their insurgency activities in it's various districts.

Recently Taliban militants killed 10 construction workers of the ministry of public works following an attack on a security check post in Karkh district. The construction workers were also involved in a National Solidarity Program, and were involved in bridge and culvert construction works.