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Taliban key commander killed in S. Afghanistan

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Security forces have killed a Taliban key commander named Zaid in the southern province of Helmand, a former Taliban stronghold, a local official named Juma Gul said Wednesday.

"Acting upon intelligence report, the security forces raided Zaid's hideout in Mashan area of Panjwai district and killed him," Juma Gul told Xinhua. However, he didn't say when the operation took place, adding his body had been sent to his villagers for burial.

He also said Zaid, whose real name was Noor Mohammad, commanded more than 100 local and foreign fighters over the past five years against government and NATO-led troops in Kandahar province and his death is a major setback to the Taliban militants fighting in Kandahar and adjoining provinces.

Taliban militants fighting the government have yet to make comment.