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690 attacks recorded during elections day in Afghanistan

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The anti-government armed militants carried out 690 attacks across the country during the presidential and provincial council elections on Saturday.

Defense ministry spokesman, Gen. Zahir Azimi said Saturday that the attacks by militants included direct fire, rocket attacks, improvised explosive device (IED) attacks and suicide attacks.

Gen. Azimi further added that 162 insurgents movements were recorded in 201 Silab Corps zone, 241 movements were recorded in Shaheen Corps zone, 20 in Thunder Corps zone, 39 movements in Atal Corps zone, 39 movements in Zafar Corps zone, 76 insurgents movements were recorded with Shaheen Corpse, 50 movements were recorded with Maiwand Corps and 82 attacks were recorded with 111 Corps zone.

Azimi also added that 164 militants were killed and 82 others were injured during the attacks while Afghan army soldiers seized various types of weapons belonging to the assailant militants.

He said at least 7 Afghan national army soldiers were martyred and 45 others were injured during these attacks.

Despite the security threats, the participation of the voters was higher and over 7 million voters participated in presidential and provincial council elections.

The IEC officials in a press conference said Saturday that the turnout of the elections surpassed most expectations despite security threats.

65 percent male and 35 female voters participated in Saturday's elections, which is twice higher as compared to voters' participation in 2009 presidential election.

Only 211 polling stations remained close due to security threats while 6,212 polling stations were open across the country.