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15 police mysteriously killed in Uruzgan

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Fifteen Afghan Local Police (ALP) personnel have been killed mysteriously in the Gizab district of central Uruzgan province, a tribal elder said on Saturday.

Haji Jilani told Pajhwok Afghan News the policemen were taken by a former official to a Taliban-controlled area on the pretext that an insurgent group was willing to join the peace process.

The Taliban attacked the policemen as they reached the area, the elder said, adding 10 of the security personnel were killed and three others manage to flee.

But a worker at the Gizab District Hospital, Dr. Ahmad Wali, said they had received 15 bodies of ALP men. A police commander, the governor's nephew, was among the dead, he claimed.

Governor Amanullah Timuri confirmed his nephew was among the ALP personnel killed in Gizab. But he put the number of dead at 10. The policemen were killed mysteriously and an investigation was ongoing, he continued.

Some months ago, dozens of policemen had deserted their checkpoints in the district, taking away weapons and ammunition.

Separately, a policeman was killed in bomb blast in the provincial capital, Tirinkot. The explosion happened at 5am, police officer Gul