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Afghan policeman shoots dead 7 comrades in Uruzgan province

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An Afghan policeman shot dead seven of his fellow unit members in central Uruzgan province of Afghanistan, local officials said.

A local security official, said the incident took place early Wednesday in a check point in Tarinkot city, leaving seven policemen dead and another policeman injured.

The official speaking on the condition of anonymity said preliminary reports suggest that the assailant policeman had initially poisoned his comrades and then opened fire on them.

He said the assailant policeman had links with the militant groups and managed to flee the area following the attack.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

Uruzgan is among the volatile provinces in central Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its districts and frequently carry out insurgency activities.