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Taliban key commander, member killed in N.Afghanistan

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Two Taliban militants, including key commander Qari Zubair, were killed Thursday night in air strikes against insurgents' hideouts in Borka district of the northern Baghlan province, police spokesman Ahmad Jawed Basharat said Friday.

"Acting upon intelligence report, the airpower targeted Taliban hideouts in Tangi Murch area of Borka district, Baghlan province Thursday night, killing Taliban key commander Qari Zubair and his comrade Qari Mohammad Hassan on the spot," Basharat told Xinhua.

Qari Zabair had served as Taliban's shadowy governor of Borka district, Basharat said, adding his killing by security forces could be a major blow to Taliban militants in Baghlan province and adjoin areas.

Taliban militants fighting the government are yet to make comment.