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Taliban militants execute 10 civilians in Paktia province

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At least ten civilians were executed by Taliban militants in southeastern Paktia province late on Wednesday night, local officials said Thursday. (File photo of similar execution in Ghor)

The incident took place in Zurmat district, provincial police chief Zalmai Orya Khel said, adding that their dead bodies were found on Thursday morning from Mamozai area.

Provincial governor spokesman, Rohulalh Samon also confirmed the incident and said five of the victims belonged to Khost province, while four others were from Paktia and another one from Logar province.

Samon further added that the victims were all men and their dead bodies have been shifted to the hospital.

Taliban militants claimed responsibility behind the murder of the men and said eight policemen and an intelligence operative were killed by the group's fighters.

Paktia is among the volatile provinces in southeastern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups, including Taliban militants and insurgents from the Haqqani terrorist network are actively operating.