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Afghan Special Forces seize Taliban's large cache of weapons, ammunition

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The Afghan Special Forces have seized a large cache of weapons and ammunition belonging to the Taliban insurgents in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan.

According to the local government officials, the cache was discovered during a night operation conducted by the Special Forces late on Monday night.

The provincial government media office in a statement said the cache included 9 pistols, 14 different types of rifles, 3 Russian-made PKM machine guns with 5 of its ammunition boxes, 11 thousand rounds of M4 weapon ammunition, 100 rounds of M240 weapon ammunition, and dozens of spares of weapons.

The statement further added that the operation was conducted in Greshk district which lasted for almost eight hours.

The operation also led to the clearance of the area from presence of the Taliban insurgents, the provincial government added.

The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far.

Helmand remains one of the most volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban regime in 2001 where terrorist related incidents are frequently reported from its various districts.

The Taliban insurgents have launched numerous large scale attacks in this province during the recent months with an aim to turn the province into its regional leadership council hub.