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22 dead as tribesmen, rebels clash Three ANA soldiers killed

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Twenty Taliban fighters and two local commanders of a public uprising group were killed during a gun-battle in Afghanistan's southern province of Ghazni, members of the anti-rebel movement said on Sunday.

The clash erupted around 3 am following a group of heavily armed insurgents attacked checkpoints established by the tribesmen in the Andar district, killing two commanders --- Mastana and Qahraman --- of the uprising group, and injuring three others tribesmen, a commander of the group, Haibat Khan, told Afghan media.

A Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said two commanders of the uprising group and eight militiamen were killed and four others were injured when the fighters attacked five checkpoints of the tribal militia.

The rebels captured three checkpoints, he added.

Meanwhile, three Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and two more injured in a roadside bombing in Farah province yesterday, an official said Sunday.

An ANA vehicle struck an IED in the limits of Farah, leaving three soldiers dead and two more injured, the Farah police chief Aqa Noor Kaintus told the AIP.

Meanwhile, the Taliban spokesman Qari Muhammad Yousaf Ahmadi told the AIP their fighters blew up a vehicle of police in Khak-i-Safaid district in Farah province yesterday.

He claimed four soldiers were killed and one was injured in the blast.