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Sherzai warns Pakistan of reprisal attacks

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Nangarhar Governor Gul Agha Sherzai on Sunday warned Pakistan of retaliation if cross-border missile strikes into border districts of the eastern province continued.

Addressing a high-level meeting on the issue at his office in Jalalabad, Sherzai said Afghan security forces would launch reprisal attacks if any part of Nangarhar was shelled from Pakistan's soil.

According to a statement from his office, the governor said more Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers and police forces had been deployed to Lalpura and Goshta districts, which are often shelled from across the frontier.

The statement said the governor had shared the issue with interior and defence ministries, the National Security Council (NSC) and the Pakistan consulate in Jalalabad.

Sherzai asked the Pakistan government to share any problems it had with the joint coordination centre in Kunar province instead of threatening tribal elders and defenceless civilians.

The gubernatorial warning came after the Mohmand tribe accused central government and the provincial administration of remaining silent on cross-border attacks.

Mohmand Tribal Council head Malik Jahanzeb told Pajhwok Afghan News Afghan and Pakistani governments should resolve border issues through negotiations. He also asked the provincial administration to send well-equipped security personnel to disputed areas.