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250 Afghan police officers poisoned in northern Balkh province

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According to reports at least 250 Afghan police officers were poisoned in northern Balkh province of Afghanistan on Tuesday night.

A local official speaking on the condition of anonymity confirmed the report and said the police officers were poisoned in Marmal district at a military compound.

The main reason behind the poisoning of the Afghan police officers is not know yet and it is not clear if any officer died following the incident.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

In a similar incident around 200 Afghan army officers were poisoned after having lunch at a training facility in capital Kabul earlier last year.

Enemy infiltration among the Afghan security forces have been a major concern but it is yet not clear if it was an attempt by any sleeping agent to poison Afghan police officers in northern Balkh province of Afghanistan.