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Taliban abduct and kill 16 Afghan soldiers in Badakhshan

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According to reports Taliban militants group handed over the dead bodies of 16 Afghan national army soldiers to local officials in northeastern Badakhshan province.

The soldiers were reportedly shot dead by Taliban militants following a fire gun battle in Wardaj district on Monday.

Taliban militants group following a statement confirmed, "A deadly fighting was reported in northern Badakhshan province on Monday. Mujahideen officials said the fight flared up in Wardaj district of the province at about 1:00 p.m. local time and went on till the evening hours of the day, killing more than 15 puppets and wounding a number of the enemy troops.

Mujahideen captured some 12 puppet soldiers as well as seizing 37 heavy and light machine guns and rockets and 2 ranger vehicles from the possession of the enemy amid fighting, whereas 2 Mujahids became martyr and one more hurt during the fighting.

About 8 enemy's vehicle are said to have been destroyed in Monday's fighting"

In the meantime local officials in Badakhshan province said Taliban militants released seven Afghan police officers who were captured during the gun battle in Wardaj district.

The officials confirmed that Afghan security forces suffered heavy casualties during the gun battle and several others were captured by the Taliban militants.