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US military adviser, 11 Taliban militants killed in Kunar

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According to local authorities in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan, at least 12 people including a US military adviser and 11 Taliban militants were killed during joint military operation in this province.

Provincial governor spokesman Wasifullah Wasifi said Afghan and coalition security forces conducted a joint military operation in Shegal district to target militants hideouts.

Mr. Wasifi further added that clashes between Afghan and coalition security forces with the Taliban militants started after the joint forces got closer to the militants hideout and the gunbattle continued until 5 pm on Saturday evening.

He said at least 10 Taliban militants, 6 women and 7 police forces were injured following the clashes.

The joint coordination unit for Afghan and coalition security forces also confirmed that Maulavi Dost Mohammad, head of the intelligence and operation unit of the Taliban militants was killed during the operation.

In the meantime provincial police chief spokesman Sher Wali Samim also said that Ali Khan and Gul Rauf, local Taliban commanders were also killed during the operation.

On the other a local tribal elder said at least 10 children and 6 women were injured during the clashes however local officials denied the claims of the local tribal elder.

But head of the provincial hospital Dr. Asadullah Fazli said at least 7 people injured during the clashes were taken to the hospital.

Taliban militants group yet to comment regarding the reports.