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Taliban and Afghan police suffer heavy casualties in Nuristan

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At least 20 militants and around 21 Afghan police forces were killed or injured during clashes that lasted for almost 48 hours in eastern Nuristan province of Afghanistan.

Local officials in Nuristan province said clashes between Afghan police and Taliban militants erupted after militants carried out attacks on security forces check posts in this province.

Head of the border protection police forces for the 7th battalion Shams-ur-Rahman said at least 8 Afghan police officers were killed and 13 others were injured during the clashes.

Mr. Rahman further added Taliban militants took control of five police check posts but Afghan police forces managed to regain the control of the check posts from the militants.

In the meantime Taliban group said heavy casualties were incurred to Afghan security forces and only 3 Taliban militants were killed, however local officials denied the claims of the Taliban.

This comes as local officials earlier in June warned that Taliban militants are preparing to launch a major attack on two main districts in eastern Nuristan province of Afghanistan.

The officials said that over 1000 militants have gathered in Kamdish and Bar-g-Matal districts are waiting to receive instructions from Pakistani militants to start their offensive.

