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Afghan police injure 16 comrades in Kandahar

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An Afghan police officer opened fire on his comrades in the latest wave of insider attack in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan on Wednesday morning.

Local security officials confirming the report said, at least 16 Afghan public protection forces were injured following the attack which took place in Daman district.

A senior security official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the incident took place around 7 am local time, after the assailant police officer opened fire on his comrades.

The official further added that the assailant officer is a resident of southern Helmand province who was serving in the public order police forces of southern Kandahar province.

He said the main motive behind the incident is not clear and Afghan security forces have launched an investigation in this regard.

Insider attacks or green on blue attacks have been one of the major concerns both for the Afghan and coalition security forces which have left dozens of Afghan and NATO troops dead during the recent years.

Taliban group frequently claim responsibility behind such attacks, and the group earlier this year announced that several Taliban fighters have infiltrated among the Afghan security forces to carry out insider attacks.