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Pakistan fires 118 rockets in Kunar province

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The Pakistani military fired at least 118 rockets in eastern Kunar province of Afghanistan, local officials said.

The officials further added that the shelling started on Wednesday night from the other side of the Durand line.

Provincial security chief, Gen. Abdul Habib Syed Khel, said the rockets landed in Shegal, Dangam and Marwara districts.

Gen. Syed Khel confirmed that no casualties were incurred to the local residents, but some houses and other properties were damaged following the shelling.

Cross-border attacks have been the main source of diplomatic tensions between the two countries, with Islamabad and Kabul regularly complaining to each other about the incursions.

The Pakistani officials claim that many Pakistani Taliban including their chief Mullah Fazlullah are based in the Kunar and Nuristan provinces of Afghanistan and regularly carry out attacks on Pakistani check posts.

Pakistan on Wednesday lodged a strong protest with Afghanistan regarding an alleged crossborder attack by terrorists from the Afghan soil and summoned Afghanistan's charge d'affaires.

However, the Afghan officials rejected Pakistani claims that the attack on Pakistani check posts were carried out militants who crossed the border from the Afghan soil.