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## Women killed in single day as violence against women soars

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At least six women were killed in single day in western Afghanistan as violence as against women soars.

Local officials in Herat province have said at least five of women were killed in this province by relatives and unknown gunmen.

Provincial police spokesman, Abdul Rauf Ahmadi, said the women were murdered in the past 24 hours.

Ahmadi further added that two women aged around 30-year-old were murdered by their husbands, two others were killed by unknown gunmen while another was killed by a close relative.

He said a number of suspects were arrested in connection to the murder of the women and are in police custody for further questioning.

In the meantime, officials in western Farah province of Afghanistan said a woman was killed by a close relative in Khak-e-Safid district.

The officials further added that the woman was killed by her husband's brother who managed to flee the area.

Khak-e-Safid district is among the volatile provinces in Farah province where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating.

According to local officials, another woman was killed earlier in a similar incident in western Farah province of Afghanistan.