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Sar-e-Pul's Kohistanat District falls to Taliban

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Taliban militants have captured Kohistanat District of northern Sar-e-Pul province after heavy clashes with security forces.

Abdul Jabar Haqbin, the province's acting governor said that Taliban occupied Kohistanat district on Saturday.

Yesterday, while members of the provincial council of Sar-e-Pul were reporting the attack they expressed concern that the district could fall to Taliban if urgent air support does not arrive.

Asadullah Khuram, member of the council said about 600 Taliban took part in the attack.

According to Khuram, 200 security men were surrounded by Taliban in this district.

By the time this report was filed, there had not been any information regarding the fate of those security men.

Taliban have begun a new wave of attacks in northern Afghanistan and try to capture large areas from government.

They have been able to occupy districts briefly but lose them back to security forces with heavy casualties.

They recently attacked the key northern city of Kunduz and had several areas under control for about two days.

According to the Ministry of Defense, security forces have pushed back insurgents from Kunduz city but clearance operation is still going on.