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Taliban storm Chora district centre in Uruzgan

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Taliban militants have surrounded the Chora district centre in central Uruzgan province and a fierce clash is ongoing, officials said on Saturday.

Dost Mohammad Nayab, the governor's spokesman, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked the district's building from several directions at round 10:30am this morning and a fierce clash was ongoing.

He said the Taliban attempted to enter the district's bazaar but faced with stiff resistance from security forces.

Some other sources said a number of security posts near the district centre had been captured by Taliban militants.

The district police chief, Aka, also confirmed the clashes but did not provide more information.

Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, a Taliban spokesman, did not comment about the clashes in Chora district but claimed the fighters had captured an Afghan National Army (ANA) base in Sajawal area of the district.