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Militants kill 2 Afghan policemen

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At least two police officers have been killed and five others abducted in a militant attack on a police checkpoint in Afghanistan's southwest province of Nimroz.

The assault occurred after two suspected policemen that were allegedly linked to Taliban alerted the group to attack the checkpoint. The two suspects have disappeared since the attack.

"Armed insurgents attacked a police post in Khash Rod district at 11:00 p.m. killing two policemen, wounding one, and kidnapping five others," AFP quoted provincial police chief General Abdul Jabar Purdeli as saying on Monday.

Following the attack, Taliban militants took away all weapons and ammunition from the checkpoint.

The security situation continues to deteriorate in Afghanistan with foreign and Afghan forces falling prey to Taliban militants on a near-daily basis.

The militants have stepped up their violent campaign against foreign and Afghan forces in various parts of the war-torn country.

The Taliban attacks have gained momentum in the war-rayaged country after they vowed to intensify their assaults in supposed retaliation for the alleged killing of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden by invading US forces near Islamabad in early May.