

Taliban 'Governor' among 17 killed in Afghanistan

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Kabul: A total of 17 militants, including shadow district Governor Mawlawi Abdul Khaleq, were killed when security forces stormed their hideout in Afghanistan's Balkh province on Friday, police said.

"Acting on a tip-off, the security forces stormed the hideout of Taliban insurgents in Islam village of Shortepa district early on Friday killing 17 rebels including shadow district governor Mawlawi Abdul Khaleq on the spot," a police spokesman in the northern region Sayed Sarwar Hussaini told Xinhua.

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Taliban militants have not commented on the report.

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