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Information on available police resources to investigate bombings and killings by the Taliban, particularly in Paktia/Paktya province

In January 2015 the European Asylum Support Office states in a report that:

“The province of Paktya is among the volatile provinces in Afghanistan, where anti-government armed insurgent groups, including the Taliban insurgents and insurgents from the Haqqani network, are operating in a number of its districts...” (European Asylum Support Office (January 2015) *EASO Country of Origin Information Report: Afghanistan - Security Situation*, p.87).

In April 2015 *Reuters* states that:

“Insurgent fighters also attacked multiple police checkpoints in the eastern provinces of Logar and Paktia. However, police chiefs of both provinces said by telephone that their forces repelled the attacks and suffered no casualties” (Reuters (24 April 2015) *Taliban launch spring offensive with rocket attack on U.S. base*).

A report issued in May 2015 by *Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty* notes that:

“Afghan Taliban militants blocked roads in eastern Paktia Province and kidnapped at least 30 occupants at gunpoint before most of the captives were later freed in a police action” (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (17 May 2015) *Taliban claims mass abductions in eastern Afghanistan*).

In July 2015 a document published by the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* states:

“Nine attackers were killed during a clash with police in the Zurmat district of southeastern Paktya province on Wednesday, an official said. The clash followed a car suicide bombing targeting the police residential post on the Zurmat-Gardez highway, the provincial police chief said” (United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (9 July 2015) *9 attackers, 3 civilians killed in Paktya group attack (English)*).

No further information on this issue could be found among sources available to the RDC.

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