MPs Elect Rahmani as Wolesi Jirga Speaker

Rahmani is an MP from Parwan and is a former military general who has completed his studies in Russia.

On Saturday in which Rahmani got 123 votes and his close competitor Kamal Naser Osuli got 75 votes. (Tolo news)

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According to informed military sources, at least 3 of the militants were killed in Tarin Kot city of Uruzgan where they were in control of the provincial capital of Uruzgan province which killed 7 Taliban fighters.

The sources further added that a similar airstrike was carried out in Tarin Kot district of the two provinces which killed 5 Taliban fighters.

The anti-government armed militants including Taliban have not commented regarding the airstrikes so far.

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