KUNDUZ CITY - Commando forces killed a dozen Taliban and wounded six others during an ongoing operation in Ghorra district of northern Kunduz province, according to local officials. But the Taliban rejected the claim made in a statement issued by the 20th Panjshir Division. The statement said commando forces conducted operations in Hacim Abad and Haji Nawaz areas in the past two days.

Besides killing four Taliban, the forces confiscated two vehicles, one Humvee tank, one pick up vehicle and weapons and explosives in the offensive.

A local, a resident of Ghorra district, said heavy clashes between Taliban militants and security forces were underway over the past two days.

He said both the sides might have suffered casualties because they used heavy weapons against each other.

Taliban spokesman Zakhaibullah Majdil confirmed the deaths in Ghorra district and claimed the fighters escaped unharmed but some civilians suffered casualties in the ongoing firefight. (Pajhwok)

12 Taliban Rebels Killed in Kunduz Operation

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He said told Pajhwok - (More on P4-3D)

Afghan Talibain Deny Former Hostage’s Claims of Murder, Rape

PESHAWAR - A Taliban spokesman denied on Sunday accusations by a Canadian man that one of his children had been murdered and his wife raped while they were being held captive by militants who kidnapped them in Afghanistan in 2012.

Joshua Boyle and his American wife, Caitlan Coleman, were held - (More on P4-2D)

Taliban Member, Car-Lifter Held in Samangan

AIBAK - A Taliban member and an alleged car-lifter have been arrested by Afghan forces in northern Samangan province, an official said on Sunday.

The suspected Taliban member, Shafiullah, was detained from a house in Aibak, the provincial capital, on Sunday, said police officer spokesman Abdul Mostor Rahim.

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Pakistan Has Blocked Transit Routes: Afghan Pine Nut Traders

PUL-E-ALAM - Afghan traders were blocked by the Afghan authorities from entering into Pakistan to make their annual transit trade with Afghanistan. The traders from the Afghan province of Kunar are going to use the transit trade facility to enter into Pakistan to sell their goods at higher prices.

The Afghan traders are planning to enter into Pakistan to sell their goods at a higher price due to the increase in demand for pine nut.

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