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QALAT - Insurgents gunned down a prominent tribal elder in Shajoy district of southern Zabul province on Monday.

A source said Taliban’s spokesman, Gul Islam Sayal, told Pajhwok Afghan News Taliban insurgents shot dead the elder, Matullah Khan, on Monday morning.

He said Khan had no connection with the government and had been involved in resolving people’s problems and disputes in local jirgas.

He said the assailants fled the area after the incident, however, security forces had launched a manhunt for them.

Shajoy is one of Zabul’s insecure districts where many areas are under Taliban’s control. (Pajhwok)

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SHIROK AGH - Taliban and Daesh rebels have been killed and 15 others wounded since a series of clashes between the rival groups in Jawzjan province, Local officials said on Monday.

Governor’s spokesman, Mohammad Reza Ghafor, told Pajhwok Afghan News the two groups clashed in Sahar and Jandal areas of Qush Tepa district on Sunday night.

The two sides crossed into the morning but they were preparing for another battle, he said. He said six Taliban and five Daesh fighters had been killed and seven Taliban and eight Daesh fighters wounded during the clashes.

When asked why the Afghan forces are not using the opportunity to launch an operation against the two groups, he said, “Security per- sonnel in Qush Tepa (More on P4) (Pajhwok)

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KABUL – The Afghan flag was hoisted for the first time in Kandahar’s Ghork district.

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(Pajhwok)