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Waziristan Clash Kills Soldiers, Militants

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A deadly clash erupted on August 3, 2025, in South Waziristan's Dezha Ghundai area between local tribesmen and suspected Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants, resulting in at least two reported deaths. The violence marks a continued deterioration of security in the volatile region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P).

According to local media reports, the confrontation involved members of a tribe led by elder Allah Noor, who were attacked by armed militants. Two tribesmen, identified as Zahid and Noor Islam, were killed in the exchange of fire. While the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) has not yet issued a statement on the incident, regional security officials have acknowledged an uptick in militant activity in the area.

The incident follows a broader pattern of increased violence in K-P. Recent military operations in the province have targeted TTP hideouts near the Afghan border. In July

2025, several militants were killed during counterterrorism operations in South Waziristan, according to credible reports. A security official cited by *The Khorasan Diary* stated that six TTP affiliates were neutralised in separate engagements throughout July.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's government, led by Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur, has launched local peace initiatives, including tribal jirgas, to stabilise conflict-prone districts. However, the continued threat of cross-border militancy—exacerbated since the Taliban's 2021 resurgence in Afghanistan—has placed persistent pressure on both tribal communities and state security forces.

Pakistan's military has constructed over 1,000 border forts and installed advanced surveillance systems to counter infiltration, but the rugged terrain continues to pose challenges. The repeated clashes highlight the ongoing need for coordinated counterterrorism strategies and stronger provincial-federal cooperation.