
DOZENS KILLED IN PAKISTAN-AFGHANISTAN CLASHES; BORDER CLOSED

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Dozens of fighters were killed in overnight border clashes between Pakistan and Afghanistan, both sides said on Oct 12, in the most serious fighting between the neighbours since the Taliban came to power in Kabul.

The Pakistani military said 23 of its soldiers were killed in the clashes. The Taliban said nine on its side were killed.

Tensions have risen after Islamabad demanded that the Taliban take action against militants who have stepped up attacks in Pakistan, saying they operate from havens in Afghanistan. The Taliban, which came to power in 2021, denies that Pakistani militants are present on its soil.

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