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Afghan governor talking to Taliban

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The governor of Uruzgan has told Radio Netherlands Worldwide that probably less than 50 percent at most of the violence in the Afghan province can be attributed to the Taliban. Governor Asadullah Hamdam says the rest of the fighting is started by warlords, drug barons or is due to tribal conflicts.

He revealed that intensive talks are being held with local members of the Taliban. The governor has also sought contact via intermediaries with Taliban leaders living in Pakistan.

About 1,400 Dutch International Security Assistance Force troops are stationed in Uruzgan. The governor talked to RNW about the recent rocket attacks on Camp Holland, the Dutch base in Uruzgan, in which one soldier was killed. He fears there will be more such attacks as he thinks rebels are trying to hit the camp's fuel supplies.

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