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Sources said that two militants could be hiding in the area where the cordon was laid by army, police and paramilitary forces today evening.

“The forces have fired several gun shots but there has been no retaliation from other side as of now,” a police official said.

He said that due to darkness the operation has been suspended till morning.

“We have made arrangements of lights and tightened the cordon to ensure that militants don’t flee,” the police official said.

Meanwhile, clashes erupted in the area with youth taking to streets to apparently help the militants to escape from the area. “People pelted stones on the forces who in turn lobbed tear gas shells,” eye-witnesses said.

Earlier, in the morning cordon and search operation was launched by forces in Anzwala village – barely four kilometers from district headquarters. The cordon was later lifted.

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