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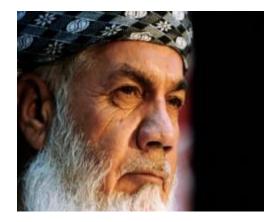
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Ismail Khan escapes a suicide attack in Herat province

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The former Afghan water and energy minister Ismail Khan escaped a suicide attack unhurt on Friday afternoon.

The explosion took place inside a mosque in western Herat city of Afghanistan while Ismail Khan was coming out of the mosque.

Mohammad Ismail Khan is expecting to run for the upcoming presidential election, as first vice president of Ustad Abdul Rab Rasool Sayyaf.

Provincial governor spokesman, Abdul Rauf Ahmadi said the attack was carried out by an old man.

Mr. Ahmadi further added that the suicide bomber who appeared to be a 70-year-old man, detonated his explosives while Ismail Khan was coming out of the mosque.

Ahmadi confirmed that only the suicide bomber was killed following the explosion, and no one else killed or injured in the incident.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the attack.