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Presidential candidate Dr. Abdullah survives Taliban attack

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Presidential candidate Dr. Abdullah Abdullah escaped unhurt from an attack carried out by Taliban militants in Kabul-Jalalabad highway.

The incident took place late Wednesday while Dr. Abdullah was returning to Kabul city from an election in Jalalabad city.

Taliban militants group in Afghanistan immediately claimed responsibility behind the attack.

Zabiullah Mujahid, Taliban group spokesman, said Taliban fighters ambushed the convoy of Dr. Abdullah Abdullah in Sorobi district.

Mujahid claimed that three security guards of Dr. Abdullah were killed and several others were injured following the attack.

He said two vehicles were also damaged following the attack which took place around 3 pm local time.

This comes as unknown gunmen have carried out at least two attacks against the campaigners of Dr. Abdullah Abdullah in western Herat and northern Sar-e-Pul province of Afghanistan.

Unknown gunmen killed two members of Dr. Abdullah's campaign team in western Herat province of Afghanistan earlier this month.

Another tribal elder who was also believed to campaign for Dr. Abdullah Abdullah was shot dead by unknown gunmen a week after his two campaigners were killed.