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## Afghan Vice President Mohammad Qasim Fahim dies

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The Afghan vice president Mohammad Qasim Fahim passed away on Sunday at the age of 57.

The presidential palace media office following a statement announced Sunday that Vice President Marshal Mohammad Qasim Fahim died due to the illness he was suffering from.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Marshall Mohammad Qasim Fahim's death was a major loss since he was a patriotic and a great Mujahid leader.

The Afghan government also announced three days of national mourning over Marshal Fahim's death and the flag of Afghanistan will be half hoisted.

Aimal Faizi, spokesman for president Hamid Karzai in an on-line statement, said, “With deep sadness, the 1st Vice President, Marshal M.Q. Fahim has passed away. The government has declared a 3-day mourning from tomorrow.”

Fahim was born in northern Panjshir province of Afghanistan in 1957. He had survived several assassination attempts, the most recent in 2009.

He had served as a commander for Ahmad Shah Massoud during the fight against Soviet occupation.