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Police commander killed with son in Herat explosion

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A commander of Afghan Local Police (ALP) was killed along with his son in a landmine explosion in western Herat province on Saturday.

The incident took place in Boor Ya Baff area of Pashtoon Zarghon District where vehicle of the police commander ran over a landmine.

Niamatullah, Police Chief of Pashtoon Zarghoon District says that Aqa Halim, commander of ALP and his son were killed on the spot and two persons sustained injuries in the explosion.

No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the blast but Niamtullah blamed Taliban for it.

Due to the deteriorating security situation in Herat province, President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani after a face-to-face meeting with the residents of Herat sacked most of the security and civilian officials in this province.

He assigned new officials as replacement but the security situation has not improved in this western province.

Last evening an Afghan National Army officer was killed anonymously in the main city of Herat province.

Officials say, unknown gunmen have escaped the scene after spraying bullets on Mohayoudin in Firqa area of the city late yesterday afternoon.

Also, yesterday a knife battle between some young boys in Herat city left one killed and two others injured.

The cause behind the fight which happened in Bagh Azadi square of Herat city is still unknown.