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Top Afghan army general Abdul Basir Sharwand martyred in Kandahar explosion

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A top Afghan army general Abdul Basir Sharwan was martyred in an explosion southern Kandahar province, the third senior Afghan general martyred in a span of almost 4 months.

According to the provincial government media office, Gen. Sharwand, the commander of the 1st Brigade of 205th Atal Corps of Afghan National Army, was martyred while he was on his way following a visit of the Afghan army check posts in Shahwali Kot district.

Gen. Sharwan was one of the prominent army generals in the south and was actively involved in training and leadership of the Afghan armed forces.

The Taliban militants group claimed responsibility behind the attack on Gen. Sharwand.

Earlier, a senior Afghan army general lost his life in an attack by the anti-government armed militants in Dand district of Kandahar.

General Khan Aga was the deputy commander of the 205th Corps of the Afghan National Army and was killed in attack late in the month of March.

Meanwhile, another top Afghan army general lost his life in an improvised explosive device attack in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan.

General Ata Mir was serving with the 215th Maiwand Corps of the Afghan National Army and was killed in an attack in Greshk district earlier in February this year.