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Afghan governor, his family members slain in Jowzjan

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Armed men in Afghanistan have slain the northern Jowzjan Province's governor, his wife and daughter, police officials say.

A provincial police commander said the attack took place late on Thursday.

The assailants managed to flee the scene after killings of the governor and his family members at his home.

Police have arrested one of the governor's bodyguards in connection with the killings but no groups have claimed responsibility for the attack.

The incident occurred a week after Taliban militants killed an Afghan local police man and four members of his family in an attack on their house in the northern Faryab Province.

Last Friday, militants broke into Mohammad Saleem Mirab's house in the village of Dong Qala, which is located in the Almar district of Faryab Province, and killed him, his wife, his daughter, his 25-year old son, and his daughter-in-law. Tribal elder Nour Mohammad Sayedi said the Taliban beheaded the members of the family after shooting them dead.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of about 130,000 US-led forces in the war-torn country.