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Gunmen kill American engineer in Afghanistan

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Gunmen have killed an American civilian and two of his Afghan co-workers in an attack near Afghanistan's northeastern Parwan Province.

The incident occurred near Ghorband valley, where the victim, an electrical engineer, and his colleagues were reportedly heading for a survey project late Monday, Afghan officials said.

"He along with two Afghans were driving in a mini-van. Along the road they were chased by two or three insurgents for about half an hour. When they got to a certain area... they were shot at from the (chasing) car," An Afghan official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The US Embassy in Kabul confirmed the deadly incident.

"We can confirm that a US citizen was killed in Parwan Province on Monday," an embassy official said, but declined to give further information about the victims.

The American was reportedly dressed in Afghan clothes while he was shot dead, the local police chief, Shirin Agha said on Tuesday.

Taliban official, Zabiullah Mujahid claimed responsibility for the attack.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of thousands of US-led forces in the country ten years after the beginning of the US-led war in 2001
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The US-led war in Afghanistan, with civilian and military casualties at record highs, has become the longest military conflict in the American history.