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## Bomb blast kills governor in eastern Afghanistan

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An Afghan governor and his three guards have been killed in a roadside bomb explosion in Afghanistan's eastern province of Laghman, Press TV reports.

The incident occurred on Sunday when Faridullah Niazi, the governor of Ali Shing district in Laghman Province, was heading to a meeting.

Laghman provincial government spokesman Sarhadi Zewak said the Afghan governor was going from Ali Shing district to the provincial capital Mehter Lam city when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle killing him and three others on the spot.

Zewak said authorities believe Niazi was being directly targeted by Taliban militants.

*According to a report, attacks such as roadside bombings and gunfire attacks from militants have increased by 11 percent in all three months of the second quarter compared with the same months in 2011.*

The US-led war in Afghanistan, which has caused record-high civilian and military casualties, has become the longest military conflict in the American history.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of thousands of US-led forces in the country.

Washington invaded Afghanistan in 2001 under the pretext of combating terrorism.