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Senior Intelligence official killed in Eastern Afghanistan

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Deputy provincial intelligence — national directorate of security (NDS) chief for eastern Nuristan province was killed following an explosion on Saturday.

Provincial NDS chief Gen. Zakeria Khan confirming the report said, Eng. Sharif was killed on Saturday morning while he was on his way towards his work place.

Mr. Khan further added, the incident took place after Taliban militants detonated a roadside bomb explosion while the vehicle of Eng. Shrif was crossing the ara.

Nuristan is among the most volatile province in eastern Afghanistan where militants are openly operating in its various districts.

District governor for Barg-e-Matal earlier warned that hundreds of local and foreign militants are preparing to launch a major attack in this district.

No group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

The Taliban group insurgency has been rampant since the group announced its summer offensive last month, vowing to target Afghan and coalition security forces along with the Afghan government officials and other diplomatic institutions across the country.