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100 teachers and education officials killed in Afghanistan: MOE

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The ministry of education of Afghanistan expressed concerns regarding the casualties of education employees and administrators in Afghanistan and said around 100 of them have been killed since the beginning of the year.

This comes as three local education administrators were killed in northern Parwan province, southern Uruzgan and western Herat province of Afghanistan by unknown gunmen.

A spokesman for the ministry of education of Afghanistan, Amanullah Aiman said that attacks on education officials started earlier in March, which is equivalent to the beginning of the Afghan year and has been doubled recently.

Mr. Aiman further added that the education officials are mostly targeted in cross fire, roadside bombings and target killings. Around 100 education officials have been killed in so far.

He said that militants are looking to create fears and terror among the students, teachers and education officials and administrators through new tactic, which is the assassination of education officials across the country.

The education ministry spokesman also added that the enemies of education in Afghanistan have taken new approach after they failed to achieve a satisfactory result by burning schools and poisoning students.

No group has so far claimed responsibility behind the killing of education officials, however local and government officials blame Taliban group for such incidents, since Taliban prevented girls to attend schools during their regime.