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Kunduz election commission chief shot dead by gunmen

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Unknown gunmen assassinated independent election commission (IEC) chief for northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan, local officials confirmed.

Provincial security chief Gen. Ibadullah Talwar said the incident took place early Wednesday morning in northern Kunduz city after unknown gunmen riding motorcycle opened fire on Eng. Amanullah Aman.

Mr. Talwar further added that Kunduz IEC cheif died of his wounds after he was taken to hospital.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. The assailant gunmen managed to flee the area, and Afghan security forces have launched in investigation in this regard.

The assassination of Kunduz IEC chief takes place amid growing concerns regarding deteriorating security situation in the country, as Afghanistan is getting closer to presidential elections.

Senior Afghan security officials including defense minister, acting interior minister and acting Afghan intelligence chief on Tuesday expressed concerns regarding the security situation of the country.

The officials briefed Afghan lawmakers and said that security remains a major challenge for the upcoming presidential elections.

Head of the parliamentary commission for defense affairs Daud Asas also expressed concerns regarding growing instability across the country, and said that a free and fair election will not be possible if security situation does not improve.