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## Islamist group Mahaz Fedayi claims it killed Afghan governor

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An Islamic militant group – Mahaz Fedayi Tehrik-e-Islami Afghanistan has claimed responsibility behind the assassination of provincial governor for eastern Logar province of Afghanistan.

The group following a statement to media agencies has said that the explosives were planted under the stage inside the mosque where Logar governor Arsala Jamal was delivering speech.

The statement was released by one of the member Mahaz Fedayi Tehrik-e-Islami Afghanistan, Qari Hamza from an undisclosed location.

Observers believe that Mahaz Fedayi Tehrik-e-Islami Afghanistan is operating under the Taliban group, and is against the peace talks between the Taliban group and Afghan government.

This comes as the national directorate of security (NDS) on Wednesday announced the explosives which killed Logar governor Arsala Jamal, was planted inside the holy Quran.

Arsala Jamal was killed on the first day of Eid following an explosion in Pul-e-Alam district while as he was delivering a speech to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

Governor Arsallah Jamal of eastern Logar province died instantly in the blast at the main mosque in the provincial capital of Pul-i-Alam.

He had survived multiple attacks from militants including suicide bombings while he was serving as provincial governor for eastern Khost province.