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Senior intelligence official shot dead in western Afghanistan

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According to reports, a senior intelligence official has been shot dead by unknown gunmen in western Herat province of Afghanistan.

A local security official speaking on the condition of anonymity said the incident took place late Tuesday in Herat city.

The official further added that the intelligence official was a member of the counter-terrorism department in the national directorate of security for Herat province.

He said a suspected militant has been arrested in connection to the assassination of the intelligence official.

The deceased intelligence official was recognized as gen. Mustafa, the official said.

Herat is among the relatively peaceful provinces in western Afghanistan; however the antigovernment armed militant groups have recently increased to their insurgency activities in this province.