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District mayor shot dead by gunmen in Logar province

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Unknown gunmen shot dead district mayor for Mohammad Agha in eastern Logar province of Afghanistan, local officials said.

Provincial governor spokesman, Din Mohammad Darwish, said the incident took place late Thursday night after a group of gunmen attacked the residence of Mohammad Agha district mayor Saifullah.

Darwish further added that three family members of Saifullah including his wife were also injured in the attack.

He said Saifullah did not have any personal enmity with anyone and an investigation has been launched in connection to the incident.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

Logar is among the volatile provinces in central Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating in a number of its districts and frequently carry out insurgency activities.

The district mayor for Mohammad Agha had escaped gunmen attack around three months ago.

