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## Bomb Kills Afghan District Governor

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A roadside bomb killed an anti-Taliban district governor and two of his bodyguards Wednesday in southern Afghanistan's volatile Helmand province, an official said. The governor of Khan Neshin district, Massoud Khan, was a fierce opponent of drug smugglers and the Taliban, who issued him with death threats, provincial spokesman Daud Ahmadi told AFP. The governor, aged in his early 30s, was driving to work when his vehicle hit the device, Ahmadi said.

"The district governor Massoud Khan along with two bodyguards were martyred in the blast," Ahmadi said. adding that two other bodyguards were also wounded.

The Taliban were not immediately reachable for comment but roadside bombs are the weapon of choice for the militants in their decade-long insurgency against international forces and the Kabul government.