

Intelligence official killed, two injured in Farah blast (Afghanistan)

A remote-controlled bomb blast in the western Farah province killed an intelligence operative and injured two others, officials said on Monday.

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The explosion took place in the Shiwan area of the Fara Rod district when vehicle of slain intelligence officials flipped over the device on Sunday.

Provincial police chief Gen Said Aqa Saqib told Pajhwok Afghan News one man was killed and two injured. He said the vehicle was bitterly damaged; however, the officer would not say who carried out the attack.

About any arrest, Aqa said a search had been launched in the area but no arrest had been made hitherto.

Meanwhile, Taliban claimed responsibility for the killing. The militia's purported spokesman Qari Yousaf Ahmadi told Pajhwok Afghan News four provincial intelligence personnel were killed in the attack.

"It was a remote-controlled mine planted in the Shiwan area to target the intelligence officials," claimed the spokesman. Two intelligence operatives were abducted and later killed by unidentified people in the same province about a fortnight back.

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