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Gunmen kill governor in eastern Afghanistan

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"The Governor of Chak district, Mohammad Ismael Wafa, was on his way to office this morning when unidentified armed men opened fire on his vehicle killing him on the spot and injuring his son," provincial administration spokesman Shahidullah Shahid said.

The Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for the deadly attack west of Kabul.

Meanwhile, some reports indicate that 17 militants were also killed in violence across the country over the past 24 hours. Afghanistan's interior ministry also said that a large amount of weapons were seized.

According to a recent report, attacks such as roadside bombings and gunfire attacks from militants have increased by 11 percent in all three months of the second quarter compared with the same months in 2011.

The US-led war in Afghanistan, which has caused record-high civilian and military casualties, has become the longest military conflict in the American history.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of thousands of US-led forces in the country.

Washington invaded Afghanistan in 2001 under the pretext of combating terrorism.