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Attack on major water dam foiled in Herat province of Afghanistan

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According to local authorities in western Herat province of Afghanistan Afghan security forces prevented a major explosion plot on Salma water dam.

Provincial governor spokesman for western Herat province, Mohiuddin Noori confirming the report said Afghan intelligence — National Directorate of Security (NDS) forces along with the Afghan national army soldiers seized around 1300kgs of explosives from Chesht and pashtun Zarghoon districts.

Mr. Noori further added that the explosives were imported from outside the country in a bid to destroy Salma water dam.

Without elaborating further, Mohiuddin Noori added that the explosives seized by Afghan security forces were among the most dangerous and destructive in its kind and investigations have been started in this regard.

This comes as the Afghan national security council has repeatedly expressed concerns regarding the interference of neighboring countries of Afghanistan to stop the construction of Salma water dam.

Herat provincial governor following a press conference earlier also said that the neighboring countries of Afghanistan are struggling to stop the work of Salma dam project.

Salma dam is located in Chesht district, 180 kilometers away from western Herat city.

The construction work of Salma dam was due to be completed within the three years by an Indian construction however the construction work has been delayed due to growing instability in this province.