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Senior police officials killed following an explosion in Faryab

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Two senior police officials were killed following an explosion in northern Faryab province of Afghanistan late on Thursday afternoon.

According to local government officials, the incident took place around 5:30 pm local time in Almar district.

The district administrative chief, Mohammad Saleh Saleh, said police chief of Almar along with the Criminal Investigation Department (CIED) chief were killed following the blast.

Saleh further added the incident took place after the vehicle of the two senior police officials struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

He said another policeman was also injured following the blast who was taken to hospital for treatment.

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

Faryab is among the relatively volatile provinces in northern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militants are actively operating in a number of its remote districts and often carry out insurgency activities.