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Tribal elder among two killed in Kot, Nangarhar

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Unknown gunmen have killed a tribal elder along with his brother in Kot District of eastern Nangarhar province.

Ahmadzia Abdulzai, spokesman for Nangarhar province says the incident took place in Kala Joy area of Kot District around 09:00 AM this morning.

He said Malik Amin and his brother were sitting to a wall in their village when unidentified gunmen arrived and sprayed bullets on them.

He added that both Malik Amin and his brother breathed last at the crime scene.

The attackers escaped but efforts have been made for their arrest, he said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Kot District in Nangarhar province has a joint border with Bati Kot District where this month an Afghan journalist was also killed in unidentified gunmen attack.

Aqil Mohammad Wiqar, an Afghan journalist was attending a wedding party in Hajian village on the night of Jan 16 when unknown gunmen covering their faces went to the wedding and killed him.

Shir Bahadur Himat, Director of local Speen Ghar Radio with whom Aqil Mohammad Wiqar was working said that his slain colleague did not have personal enmity with anyone.

No group including Taliban claimed responsibility for Wiqar's killing.

Taliban after the attack issued a statement rejecting hands in Wiqar's killing.

Wiqar was 1st journalist being killed anonymously in Afghanistan so far this year.

Eight journalists were being killed in Afghanistan in 2014.