Afghan Spy Agency Says It Kills Mastermind of Deadly Attack

KABUL - Afghanistan’s main spy agency said on Wednesday it had killed the Taliban commander behind a deadly attack on one of its bases this week, and vowed to hunt down and kill all the rest of those involved.

The National Directorate of Security (NDS) said the Taliban commander, identified only as Noman, was killed in an air strike on Tuesday night.

The agency said Noman was the mastermind of a Monday attack on an NDS base in Maidan Wardak province, west of Kabul, in which eight NDS agents were killed and 38 wounded.

Other officials said the casualty toll was higher.

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E-ID Unveils Final Results of Parliamentary Elections for Three Provinces

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Taliban officials indicated they would continue to discuss the terms of a peace deal.

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