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ISAF Condemns Insurgent Murders Of Government Leaders

KABUL, Afghanistan / Dec. 10, 2012 – The International Security Assistance Force condemns in the strongest of terms two assassinations that occurred today in Afghanistan. Col. Haji Mohammad Musa Rasul, Nimroz Province's Chief of Police, was killed in an explosion in Herat province, and the acting Director of Provincial Women's Affairs, Ms. Najia Siddiqi, was slain by drive-by gunfire in Laghman Province.

"The brutal murder of public officials has grown typical of this criminal insurgency," said Gen. John R. Allen, ISAF Commander. "This violence against government figures is an affront to peace and makes a mockery of any pretense of the insurgency being part of the future of Afghanistan. ISAF stands with the brave leaders of Afghan society who will not be deterred by these violent acts. I condemn these killings and offer condolences to the family and loved ones of both of these servants of this country."

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