

Uzbek Militant Killed

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A senior commander of the al Qaida-linked Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, or IMU, has been killed in northwestern Afghanistan, NATO said Tuesday.

Makhdum Nusrat, the "highest-ranking IMU insurgent operating in the country," was killed on Monday in Faryab province in northwestern Afghanistan along with several other fighters, NATO said in a statement.

Makhdum was wanted for attacks against coalition forces and for plotting to kill an Afghan member of parliament, the statement said.

The group is believed to be active in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Afghanistan.

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