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UNAMA CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF PROFESSOR RABBANI

KABUL, 20 SEPTEMBER 2011: The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) is shocked and saddened by the death of Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, former President of Afghanistan and Chairman of the High Peace Council, along with a number of his colleagues.

Many have been injured, including Minister Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, Head of the Joint Secretariat of Afghanistan's Peace and Reintegration Programme. UNAMA hopes for their swift recovery.

UNAMA condemns in the strongest possible terms this attack on people who were working to bring peace in Afghanistan and extends its deepest condolences to the families of those affected.

"The search for peace must continue. We know that the efforts led by Professor Rabbani to bring peace to Afghanistan will not end and UNAMA will continue to assist in these efforts," said Staffan de Mistura, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

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