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Press Statement

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UNAMA CONDEMNS KILLING OF ELECTORAL CANDIDATE AND CAMPAIGN WORKERS

Kabul, 29 August 2010 - The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) condemns the killing of a fourth parliamentary election candidate, in Herat on Saturday, and of five men supporting the electoral campaign of a female candidate, also in Herat province. At this stage it is not clear who is responsible for the separate killings.

UNAMA offers its condolences to the families of those who lost their lives. Those responsible for the killings must be brought to justice.

These killings constitute violent intimidation of all electoral candidates and their supporters. This is unacceptable. UNAMA calls upon the Afghan security forces to be on heightened vigilance over the coming weeks leading to the parliamentary elections.

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