The Joint Electoral Management Body strongly condemns the attack on an election convoy on Tuesday, June 21 in which the husband of a female election worker was killed.

Mr Khaliq was accompanying his wife, who was employed as a District Field Coordinator, in a convoy of three vehicles in Maiwand district in Kandahar province at around 2.00 pm when an unidentified vehicle appeared, carrying around four men. One of the men opened fire on the convoy with a single burst of machine-gun fire before his vehicle sped away to the north.

Mr Khaliq was fatally shot. The driver of the front vehicle, Daoud Shah, suffered gunshot wounds to his forearm and hip. They were taken to Maiwand Medical Clinic and later to Kandahar Hospital.

The JEMB offers its deepest condolences to Mr Khaliq’s family and wishes Mr Shah a speedy recovery.

“We are shocked and deeply saddened by the killing of Mr Khaliq, who was accompanying and supporting his wife while she was working to help bring democracy, peace and stability to our country through the upcoming elections,” said JEMB chairman Bismillah Bismill.

The female election worker’s two daughters, another election worker who was in the convoy and the two other drivers were not injured.

The team were transporting electoral materials to neighbouring Helmand province for the September 18 Provincial Council and Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of National Assembly) elections.

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