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The Joint Electoral Management Body is deeply saddened by the killing Sunday of cleric Mohammad Nabi Mesbah, who was a member of the Provincial Election Commission in Kandahar.

While the motive for the attack on Mullah Mesbah is not clear, the JEMB condemns the attack as a senseless act of violence aimed at halting progress in Afghanistan.

“We condemn any violence against people working to rebuild Afghanistan and set it on the path to peace and stability,” said Bissmullah Bissmil, the Chairman of the JEMB.

“The killing of Mullah Mohammad Nabi Musbah is an act against all Afghans’ hopes for peace.”

Mullah Mesbah is the third Afghan working in support of the elections to have been killed in the past month.

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