

HAMID KARZAI'S BROTHER KILLED BY GUARD

This is going to make it more difficult for us to declare victory and withdraw from Afghanistan.

Ahmed Wali Karzai, the Kandahar provincial council chief, was killed during a gathering, said provincial governor Tooryalai Wesa. He did not know a motive.

While the governor initially said a friend killed Karzai, his spokesman later clarified that the death was at the hands of a guard.

The Taliban claimed responsibility for the shooting, saying that the guard accused of shooting him was working for them.

There are reports saying the guard had a grudge, and was not working for the Taliban; whether or not that's spin, though, it highlights the lack of security in the country. In any case, for all AWK's corruption, he was a key figure in Hamid Karzai's exercise of power. (Not to mention the CIA's past monetary support of AWK.)