

# *Taleban's Top Afghan Foe Reported Dead of Wounds*

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ISLAMABAD — The chief military opponent of the Taleban in Afghanistan, Ahmed Shah Massoud, died Friday of wounds suffered in a suicide bomb attack last Sunday, the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press said.

The agency, which has good contacts on both sides of the Afghan civil war, said the guerrilla leader had died inside Afghanistan. His whereabouts had not been known since the attack. "Ahmed Shah Massoud, after a few days of struggling between life and death, finally died today," the agency said, quoting "reliable sources" in the anti-Taleban opposition. It said he had been hit by shrapnel from a bomb detonated by two Arabs posing as journalists.