

Afghans to hold candlelight vigil for slain Japanese doctor

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Men light candles in front of the portrait of Japanese doctor Tetsu Nakamura, who was killed in yesterday's attack in Jalalabad, Afghanistan. (REUTERS/Parwiz)

Kabul: Afghans across the country are shocked at the killing of Japanese physician Tetsu Nakamura, who was gunned down with five Afghans in a roadside shooting the previous day in eastern Nangarhar province.

A candlelight vigil is planned in Kabul for later on Thursday.

Hundreds of social media posts have expressed sorrow and outrage over the attack.

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The words beneath the drawing read: "Sorry we couldn't save you Nakamura."

The Taliban issued a statement soon after the shooting denying responsibility for the attack. Police say their investigation is still looking for those behind the attack.

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