

## BFBS report on Governor Mangal's Arboretum visit

Posted by Lucy Aldridge - 2010/11/05 14:04

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He met the mother of one of them - Rifleman William Aldridge - who was the youngest member of the British Armed Forces to be killed in Afghanistan. He died aged 18 as the result of a roadside bomb in Sangin, which exploded while he was trying to help injured colleagues.

The Governor's visit came a day after he said that security in Sangin was better since US Marines took over from British Forces, because they were better resourced and financed.

Asked by BFBS to respond to those comments, he admitted that things were better now than when Rifleman Aldridge was killed.

Victoria Smith reports

To view the BFBS broadcast please follow the link below:

<http://www.bfbs.com/news/afghanistan/provincial-governor-helmand-province-visits-alrewas-40856.html>

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## Re: BFBS report on Governor Mangal's Arboretum visit

Posted by Tim Wade - 2010/11/05 15:59

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Thanks Lucy. That one worked OK. Why ITN ban it for all but UK people I don't know?

We'll have to get you one of Laura's hats for news interviews - stop your hair blowing about in the wind.

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## Re: BFBS report on Governor Mangal's Arboretum visit

Posted by Lucy Aldridge - 2010/11/05 16:12

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It certainly was a very blustery day - but the sun came out also illustrating to the Governor how the memorial is designed to have the sun shine a shaft of light on the central sculpture on the 11th day of the 11th month - The National Memorial Arboretum guide explained how this was a significant date in history for UK Forces and how we as a nation paid our respects to the fallen.

Lord only knows why ITN don't stream their news reports worldwide??

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