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Commander among 4 Taliban killed in Laghman blast

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A commander was among four Taliban militants killed in a blast caused by their own bomb along a river in eastern Laghman province, the governor's house said on Friday.

The militants were planting a roadside bomb in Hakim Abad area on the eastern edge of the Alingar River last night when the device went off accidentally, killing four, the governor's house said in a statement.

The blast killed a notorious Taliban commander Ejazul Haq aka Omari along with his three friends, the statement said, adding the slain rebels were aiming to target security forces.

The remaining dead insurgents were identified as Imran, Nadim and Manaf. Another two insurgents were wounded in the explosion. The statement said Omari was a bomb making expert.

Separately, a civilian was injured on Friday morning in a roadside blast in Omarzai Qasaban area of Mehtarlam, the provincial capital.