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Suicide bombing targets Kandahar police

Attacker on motorcycle kills at least five people and injures 16 others in southern Afghanistan city.

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A suicide bomber on a motorcycle has killed at least five people and injured 16 others in the Afghan city of Kandahar, according to the country's interior ministry.

The target of the attack, which took place on Tuesday morning, was a police checkpoint in Kandahar's first district, police officials said.

Those killed include four children and one police officer, the interior ministry's spokesman told Al Jazeera.

The bomber was recognised and apprehended by police in southern Kandahar City, the spiritual home of the Taliban, but was able to detonate his explosives before reaching his target, local police told the AFP news agency.

General Abul Razaq, the provincial police chief for Kandahar, said that three police officers and six children were among those wounded by the blast.

"The attacker was on a motorbike in a crowded bazaar in Kandahar city near the border police mobile checkpoint. When police stopped him he detonated his explosives, killing five, including four children and one police," he said.