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Deadly blast kills 25, including a lawmaker, in northern Afghanistan

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At least 25 Afghans, including a lawmaker, have been killed and 60 others injured in a blast in Afghanistan's northern Samangan province.

The incident occurred on Saturday when a militant targeted the wedding ceremony of the daughter of Afghan lawmaker Ahmad Khan Samangani, who was also killed in the bomb attack.

A number of government officials who attended the party also lost their lives.

The offensive is regarded as one of the deadliest attacks on civilians in the country for months.

This is while Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied responsibility for the assault.

Washington invaded Afghanistan in 2001 under the pretext of combating terrorism. However, insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan, despite the presence of about 130,000 US-led forces in the country.

The US-led war in Afghanistan, with civilian and military casualties at record highs, has become the longest military conflict in the American history.