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Roadside bomb blast kills five in southern Afghanistan

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A roadside bomb explosion has killed at least five people and left a dozen others wounded in the southern Afghan province of Helmand, Press TV reports.

The bomb exploded at around noon on Friday in Helmand's Nawa district, local officials said. The blast targeted a civilian vehicle heading for the provincial capital of Lashkar Gah.

Medical sources said there were women and children among those killed and injured in the incident.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack, but such incidents in the past have been blamed on the Taliban.

On Thursday, at least five civilians were killed in a similar attack in the Deh Rawood district of the southern Uruzgan Province.

Roadside bombs and improvised explosive devices (IEDs) are by far the most lethal weapon Taliban militants use against Afghan forces and foreign troops.

Violence in Afghanistan has been on the rise in recent months despite the presence of thousands of US-led foreign forces in there.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power but insecurity continues to rage across the country.