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11 civilians killed in Helmand blasts

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Women and children were among 11 civilians killed during two separate explosions in Musa Qala district of southern Helmand province on Wednesday.

The Ministry of Interior in a statement said the blast took place at around 9 am in Dizar area of district, when a Corolla car struck a roadside bomb, killing eight civilians and injuring two others.

According to the statement, those killed included seven women and a man, while a woman and another man was injured in the incident.

But deputy district police chief Amir Jan told Pajhwok Afghan News that the civilian casualties in Musa Qala were due to two separate explosions.

He said the first blast took place in Dizar area, killing 10 civilians, including four children and three women.

In the second explosion in Kunjak area, a motorcycle struck a roadside bomb, killing a child and injuring a woman, two children and a man.

The ministry blamed armed insurgents for the explosions and denounced them as inhuman acts.