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3 dead, ISAF troops among dozens hurt in suicide hit

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At least three persons including a woman were killed and ISAF troops among dozens more wounded in a suicide attack in Maidan Shahar, capital of Kunduz province this morning, an official said Friday.

A suicide bomber targeting combined force's coordination office detonated his explosive laden vehicle in an area surrounding by the coordination centre, police headquarters, provincial guest house, High Peace Council office and several other government offices in the provincial capital, Shahidullah Shahid, spokesman for Kunduz governor, told Afghan Islamic Press (AIP). He said two government employees and a civilian woman were killed and 94 civilians wounded in the suicide bomb explosion.

"Among the injured are four children, 13 women, 33 detainees and 44 civilians," he said, adding some of the injured were shifted to Kabul while the rest were being treated in Maidan Shahar hospital.
ISAF, meanwhile, said several ISAF troops were also wounded in the explosion near the governor's compound.

"ISAF can confirm that this morning in Maidan Shar district, Wardak province, an unidentified explosion near the Wardak provincial governor's compound caused minor injuries to several ISAF service members and possibly more serious injuries to an unidentified number oflocal civilians," ISAF press office told AIP.

It said there were no ISAF fatalities.

Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack as their spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told AIP that the attack was aimed to avenge the execution of several Taliban in Kabul.

He claimed that tens of foreign troops and their Afghan partners were killed and wounded in the suicide attack.