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## Bomb blast kills two policemen in Afghanistan

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Two policemen have been killed in a bomb attack carried out in southwestern Afghanistan, local sources say.

A roadside bomb struck a police van in the southwestern province of Nimruz, about 790 kilometers southwest of the capital, Kabul, on Thursday.

“A mine planted by militants on a road in Mahajirabad area outside Nimruz provincial capital Zaranj, struck a police vehicle at 01:30 p.m. local time today killing two policemen aboard the vehicle and injuring two passersby, both women,” said a local official.

Militants use improvised explosive devices, including roadside bombs, against Afghan forces, foreign troops and civilians.

In the first six months of 2012, over 1,140 Afghan civilians were killed and around 2,000 were wounded, mostly by roadside bombs, according to statistics released by the United Nations. Thirty percent of the casualties were women and children.