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Explosion in Kandahar kills 8 Afghan police officers

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¹According to local authorities in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan at least 8 Afghan security forces and two militants were killed following a roadside improvised explosive device blast.

Provincial security chief Gen. Abdul Razaq confirming the report said the incident took place after a convoy of the Afghan security forces struck with the roadside bomb.

Gen. Razaq further added Afghan security forces had arrested two suspected militants after they defused a roadside bomb and were on their way towards their military base.

He said at least 8 Afghan police officers and two militants were killed following the blast.

Kandahar province is among the volatile region in southern Afghanistan where Taliban militants and other insurgents groups are openly operating however the latest incident was one of the deadliest attack in Kandahar province during the recent months.

In the meantime provincial security chief Gen. Abdul Razaq said Afghan security forces have launched an investigation into the incident.

Gen. Razaq said the incident took place in fifth district of southern Kandahar city in Piru Oalacha area.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident however militants in Afghanistan frequently use improvised explosive device as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces.