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Explosion kill six Afghan civilians in Helmand province

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According to local authorities in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, at least six Afghan civilians were killed following a roadside improvised explosive device blast in Nad-e-Ali district.

Nad-e-Ali district security chief Omer Jan Haqmal said at least two women were also among those killed following the blast.

He said the incident took place on Friday night after the vehicle of the civilians struck with a roadside bomb.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Local officials blame Taliban group for the incident as Taliban fighters frequently use improvised explosive device to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally leads to civilians casualties.

In a separate incident at least one Afghan border protection police officer was killed and three others were injured following a blast in Gulran district of Herat province.

A local security official said the incident took place after the vehicle of border protection police forces struck with a roadside bomb.

In the meantime at least two Taliban militants were killed following armed clashes with the Afghan security forces in western Badghis province of Afghanistan.

