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IED blast kill 4 Afghan civilians in Helmand province

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According to local authorities in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, at least ten Afghan civilians were killed or injured following a roadside improvised explosive device blast in Marjah district on Monday.

District chief Fahim Mosazai confirming the report said the incident took place on Monday morning at Shor Shorak area, killing at least four civilians and injuring six others.

He said the incident took place after a civilian vehicle hit an IED device planted by militants.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Local authorities 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 two Afghan police officers were killed and three others were injured following an explosion in Tarinkowt city on Monday.

Provincial security commandment spokesman Farid Ayel said the incident took place after a police Ford Ranger vehicle struck with a roadside bomb.

Taliban group claimed responsibility behind the incident and said four police officers were killed following the blast.