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Two explosions rock western Afghanistan

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Two bomb explosions have rocked western Afghanistan, injuring at least five civilians in the war-torn country, Press TV reports.

One of the blasts took place on Thursday morning near the provincial governor's compound in the city of Herat.

"An explosives-packed motorcycle remotely detonated in Herat city close to the governor's office when the governor was in a meeting," said Abdul Raouf Ahmadi, a police spokesman.

A second similar bomb explosion occurred on the road from Herat city to the Gozara district.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bombings, but such attacks are often blamed on the Taliban militant group.

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

On February 27, a bomb attack on a bus transporting Afghan military personnel in the capital, Kabul, injured seven people, including the attacker.

On February 28, at least 10 people including eight policemen and two civilians lost their lives in a roadside bomb attack targeting a vehicle packed with police officers in the northeastern province of Kunar.

The UN said in its annual report on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict on February 19 that over 2,750 civilians had been killed in Afghanistan in 2012, taking the toll to nearly 14,730 since 2007.