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Motorcycle bomb kills 3, wounds 9 in Helmand province

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According to local authorities in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, at least 3 people were killed and 9 others were injured following a roadside bomb explosion.

Provincial governor spokesman Omar Zwak confirming the report said the incident took place in a market place in Sangin district on Wednesday.

Mr. Zwak further added, a motorcycle packed with explosives went off the area killing 3 people and injuring nine others.

He said two Afghan civilians and an Afghan national army officer were killed, and 9 civilians were injured following the explosion.

No group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

Local officials blame Taliban group for the incident as the Taliban fighters frequently use roadside bombs as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally lead to civilian casualties.

This comes as UN special envoy for Afghanistan, Jan Kubis on Tuesday said at least 3,092 civilians were killed or injured due to the armed conflict between 1 January and 6 June this year.

The statistics by UN shows an increase of 24 percent in the number of civilians killed and wounded compared to the same period of 2012.

