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Gunmen kill two in western Afghanistan

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General Delavar Shah, the provincial police chief, said that the attack occurred in a village near the city of Chaghcharan on Tuesday.

According to the official, a woman and two children were wounded in the attack.

Although no group has claimed the responsibility for the incident, such instances of violence are often carried out by Taliban militants.

In late April, the Taliban militants announced the start of their annual "offensive" against US-led and Afghan forces, vowing a new wave of attacks across Afghanistan.

The militant group said it would use "every possible tactic" to inflict casualties on Afghan and US-led forces. They specifically mentioned insider attacks and bomb attacks.

The announcement prompted the Afghan authorities to beef up security in major cities across the country.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but the country is still gripped by insecurity.