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Explosion rocks Takhar province, 16 killed or injured

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At least 16 people were killed or injured following an explosion in north-eastern Takhar province of Afghanistan on Wednesday afternoon.

According to local government officials, the incident took place in Khwajah Bahauddin district and targeted a convoy of the Afghan national police vehicles.

Provincial governor spokesman, Sulaiman Muradi confirming the report said that the explosion took place around 2pm local time after an improvised explosive device went off in Derqad port.

Mr. Muradi further added, it is yet not clear if the victims of the incident are all Afghan police forces or civilians, but he confirmed that the explosion targeted a police Ranger vehicle.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.