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Kandahar suicide attack leaves 5 dead, 17 injured

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According to reports, an explosion took place in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan on Saturday morning.

Provincial governor spokesman, Jawid Faisal confirmed that an explosion has taken place in Chawk-e-Shahidan area of Kandahar province after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near a branch of the Kabul Bank.

Mr. Faisal further added that the incident took place around 11 am local time, while a large group of people had gathered near the Kabul Bank branch to collect their salaries.

He said at least 5 people were killed and nearly 17 others were injured following the explosion. The majority of the victims includes Afghan civilians, and a number of Afghan security forces have also been killed or injured.

Provincial public health officials earlier said the dead bodies of at least four people who were killed following the explosion were taken to the hospital so far.

The officials further added that 17 injured individuals including security forces were also taken to the hospital for treatment purposes.

No group has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

