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Azizi Bank employees among 4 killed in Helmand explosion

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At least four people were killed following an explosion in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan this evening.

A local security official said the incident took place around 5:00 pm local time in Lashkargah, the capital city of Helmand province.

The official further added that the bank's branch manager was killed along with two other bank employees and a police officer.

Eyewitnesses in the area are saying that the blast took place due to a magnetic improvised explosive device explosion which was planted in the vehicle of the bank employees.

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

Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where anti-government armed militant groups are actively operating and frequently carry out insurgency activities.