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Roadside bomb kills 2 Afghan children

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At least two children have been killed and another injured after a roadside bomb exploded in eastern Afghanistan amid a surge in violence in the war-torn country.

The attack took place on Friday in the Behsood district of Nangarhar province in the volatile eastern Afghanistan, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, spokesman for the provincial governor told a Press TV correspondent.

The explosives were hidden in garbage near a main road frequently travelled by Afghan and foreign troops, said the spokesman, adding that the arrest warrant for perpetrators of the bloody attack has been issued by the provincial governor.

No group has so far claimed responsibility for the bombing, but the attack had all hallmarks of Taliban militants.

The Afghan interior ministry recently said that last year saw an increase in the number of civilians' deaths since the US-led invasion in 2001.

The ministry stated that more than 2,000 civilians lost their lives in violence across Afghanistan, making 2010 the deadliest year ever for civilian casualties in the war-hit country.

Last year was also the deadliest of the nearly decade-long war for international troops, with more than 700 killed, compared to just more than 500 in 2009. In January, 31 American and other NATO troops were killed.

The increase in the number of deaths among US-led foreign troops in tandem with the heavy civilian casualties have given rise to a marked intensification of global opposition to the US-led mission in Afghanistan.