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3 civilians killed in Taliban-police clash Five of a family dead, injured in blast

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KANDAHAR: Three Afghan civilians were killed and four more injured during crossfire between the Taliban and police in the provincial metropolis of Uruzgan on Saturday. Taliban fighters opened fire on uncles of police commander of a security checkpost early in the morning, the Uruzgan police headquarters anti-crime branch in-charge Gulab Khan told the AIP. It left an uncle of the police commander dead and another injured. An Afghan civilian was killed and three more sustained injuries when the police returned the fire, he said. Meanwhile, the Uruzgan public health chairman Dr Sher Agha Miankhel told the AIP that a body and four injured of the incident were brought to the hospital. He maintained one injured succumbed to his injuries at the hospital. Meanwhile, a roadside bomb killed two members of a family and wounded three others yesterday in western Farah province, police said Saturday. A motorcycle struck a mine in the limits of Pusht-e-Rod district, killing an adult man and a child and wounding a woman and two children, said Muhammad Munir, a police officer of Farah province. He told Afghan Islamic Press that all the victims were members of a same family and riding the motorcycle. The police office held Taliban responsible for the incident. However, there was no claim of responsibility by Taliban till the filing of this report. United Nations reported 2,777 conflict-related civilian deaths in 2010, an increase of 15 per cent compared to 2009. Meanwhile, two border policemen were gunned down in separate incidents in Herat province, officials said Saturday. The Herat fourth security zone commander Major General Sher Ali Shah told the Afghan Islamic Press (AIP) that two unidentified armed motorcyclists shot dead a border police in Zinda Jan district of Herat province yesterday.