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## Suicide bombers storm Zabol PRT office

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A group of suicide bombers attacked the provincial reconstruction team (PRT) office in southern Zabol province on Sunday, wounding at least three civilians, including a woman, a senior official said.

The first attacker detonated his explosives-laden truck at the southern wall of the Americans-led PRT compound, said deputy governor, Mohammad Jan Rasoulyar. Three people, including a woman and two government servants, were wounded in the blast, he said. The blast caused no damages to the PRT office, but shattered window glasses of nearby buildings.

After the blast, another two attackers, wearing suicide belts, tried to enter the governor's compound, but they detonated their explosives next to the office, the official said.

Earlier, Rasoulyar said a man was detained with a rocket launcher and an AK-47 by security officials in front of the governor's house.

A third bomber was gunned down by police forces before he could detonate his vest, Rasoulyar said.

Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack. Rebel spokesman, Qari Yousaf Ahmadi, claimed 13 foreign and six local soldiers were killed in the attack.

In a statement, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said they were aware of today's explosions and small arms fire near an ISAF forward operating base in Zabul. "ISAF forces are responding to the incident at this time and no ISAF forces have been killed, according to initial reports," the force said in a statement.

This particular base was a joint military and civilian initiative of the United States and NATO, which works on development and reconstruction work, helping to build the capacity of the federal government in the provinces.