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Bomb blast kills five Afghan soldiers

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Five Afghan National Army soldiers have been killed after a bomb blast targeted their military vehicle in the troubled eastern province of Khost, Press TV reports.

The explosion took place late on Wednesday when an Afghan army patrol vehicle struck the bomb in Nadir Shah Kot district situated in the western part of Khost Province.

The blast killed all the five soldiers on board, and destroyed their vehicle, local official told Press TV on Thursday.

The Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for the deadly attack.

Roadside bombs or improvised explosive devices (IEDs) are by far the most lethal weapon used by Taliban militants against foreign and Afghan troops as well as innocent civilians.

Under-trained and ill-equipped Afghan army soldiers have largely fallen victim to the increasing Taliban attacks in both urban and rural parts of the country.

The security situation continues to deteriorate in Afghanistan with foreign and Afghan forces falling prey to Taliban militants on a near-daily basis.

The developments come as fighting between militants and foreign forces has recently intensified in southern and eastern provinces of Afghanistan.

Taliban militants have recently stepped up attacks after announcing the beginning of the spring offensive. They carry out more attacks in spring and summer.

Insecurity is on the rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces there.