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However, he added that surrounding areas were in the hands of the insurgents. Helmand has long been one of the Taliban’s heartlands and the group has put increasing pressure on security forces since the withdrawal of international troops from combat last year.

The fighting has been going on around Marjah for more than a month and the main road linking the district to Lashkar Gah, some 35 kilometers away, has been cut, around 12 kilometers of the route under Taliban control.

"They plan to launch an operation to clear this area from the Taliban, but they have planted hundreds of bombs, which is making it very difficult," said Sarjang. (Reuters)

Afghan police said women and children were among those killed in the attack.

On November 26, the Taliban have launched an attack on a police station in a district of Herat province, killing a police officer and wounding two other officers.

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