Suicide Bomber Targets Afghan Military Convoy

KARUL - A suicide bomber attacked Saturday killing at least seven people and wounding many others near a military convoy in Kandahar, an Afghan official said.

The Kandahar insurgency took responsibility for the bombing, according to a spokesman for the group, who claimed two other people were among the casualties.

The attack near the provincial capital of Kandahar was aimed at Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers who were escorting a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) convoy between Kandahar and Urozgan.

Seven Afghan civilians, four of them women, were killed and 17 people were wounded.

The victims were restaurant owners in Kandahar, he added.

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They said the Kandahar-Uruzgan highway has been closed for about five days.

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Kandahar-Uruzgan Highway Motorists Forced to Use Alternate Routes

KARUL - Motorists traveling between Kandahar and Uruzgan have come across the lack of safe routes between the two provinces.

The Kandahar-Uruzgan highway was closed by five days, said a Kandahar local official.

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Taliban Claim Responsibility for Deadly Afghan Blast

KARUL - The Taliban has claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack on a minibus Saturday that killed the eight people and wounded another five people.

The explosion happened in Kandahar, capital of Helmand province.

“The attack targeted a minibus carrying people going to Kandahar provincial capital, and injured 13 people, according to the Taliban spokesman,” he added.

Taliban’s IED Expert Arrested in Farah Province

Taliban’s IED expert was arrested in Farah province, the Ministry of Interior. (MoI) said the Taliban IED expert was arrested from Bala Boluk district of Farah province.

The ministry said IED expert was arrested with large quantities of explosives.

“We arrested an IED expert of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) today who was traveling in a road to Bala Boluk district. He was traveling with large quantities of explosives in his possession,” the ministry said.

“Taliban militants have not commented regarding the arrest so far. Taliban militants and insurgents belonging to other militant groups frequently use Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) as the main weapon for attacked,” the ministry said.

Gas Cylinder Explodes Near MoD Car Parking

KARUL - A gas cylinder exploded near the parking area at the ministry of Defense (MoD) on Saturday, according to a provincial official.


Two Afghan National Police (ALP) officers were among those killed and wounded, said Omar Zawal.

The victims were killed in the explosion when the ALP officers were traveling to the Kandahar province, he added.

The incident took place at the protest area near the army headquarters.

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