The dead and injured hailed from the district of southern Helmand province, District Chief Haji Bal Khan said the mine struck a passenger vehicle in the incident happened early in the morning.

He said the under investigation cases of violence against journalists involved different media groups and the cases had been forwarded to the attorneys and the Ministry of Interior. Rashid said the Ministry of Information and Culture was working on a policy which would help reduce violence against journalists and journalists' unions. Rashid said the Ministry of Defense and security issues which were sent to judicial organs and of capacity in some government departments and security organs which he said prevent laws from being implemented.

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