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Blast hits US-led military convey in Afghan capital, Kabul

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Casualties are feared after a powerful bomb blast rocked a US-led military convoy in an administrative district of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Reports coming out of the country suggest that the bomb explosion targeted a US-led foreign military group near Pul-e-Charkhi prison in eastern Kabul.

A thick cloud of smoke has been seen rising over the scene of the explosion.

Gunfire erupted after the bomb attacks on the district where a number of militants are said to be holed up.

Frequent bomb attacks have disrupted normal life and business activities in Afghanistan where civilian casualties are expected to rise after Washington announced plans to set up permanent bases in the country.

Foreign embassies and US-led military bases have come under several major attacks across the war-ravaged country over the past few months

The Taliban militant group has recently said it would use "every possible tactic" to inflict casualties on Afghan and US-led forces. They specifically mentioned insider attacks and bomb attacks.

There has been a surge in the number of militants' assaults against Afghan forces, foreign troops and civilians in the war-torn country in recent months. US-led troops and Afghan forces are also falling prey to Taliban attacks on an almost daily basis.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but the foreign troops have not been able to establish security in the country.