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IED attack kills six Afghan army soldiers in Kapisa

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At least six Afghan national army soldiers were killed following an explosion in northeastern Kapisa province of Afghanistan.

Officials in the ministry of defense of Afghanistan said Tuesday that the incident took place late Monday in Alasay district.

Deputy spokesman for the defense ministry of Afghanistan, Gen. Dawlat Waziri, said an Afghan national army vehicle struck with an improvised explosive device (IED) while they were returning to their base.

Waziri confirmed that six Afghan national army soldiers were martyred following the explosion.

He said at least five militants including their commander were also killed during the clashes with the Afghan national army soldiers.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the attack.

Taliban militants frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) to target Afghan and coalition security forces.

Improvised explosive device (IED) attacks are also the major contributor to civilian casualties in Afghanistan, as civilians are mostly targeted in roadside bombings.

