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5 civilians killed, 9 others injured in Helmand explosion

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At least 14 Civilians were killed or injured following an explosion in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan on Friday.

The incident took place around 12:30 pm local time in a market place in Marjah district.

Provincial governor spokesman, Omar Zwak, confirming the report, said at least five civilians were killed and nine others were injured following the explosion.

Mr. Zwak further added a motorcycle-borne improvised explosive device (IED) went off in Mila Bazar area, while people were busy with shopping.

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

Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where Taliban militants are actively operating in its various districts and often carry out insurgency attacks.

Taliban militants frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces, however civilians are frequently targeted in such attacks.