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13 including civilians killed in Helmand unrest

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Thirteen people, including three civilians, were killed during separate incidents of violence in southern Helmand province on Thursday, police said.

The civilians were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in the Deh Adam Khan village of Greshk district around 7am, police spokesman Col. Abdul Ahad Chopan told Pajhwok Afghan News.

The victims, hailing from Greshk, were on their way to the provincial capital, Lashkargah, when the improvised explosive device (IED), the Taliban's weapon of choice, tore through their vehicle, he added.

Elsewhere in the province, a group of armed rebels stormed a police check post in Baba Faqir area of Sangin district early in the morning, Chopan said.

At least 10 attackers were killed in the ensuing gun battle, he said, adding a rebel commander, Mullah Wali Jan, was among those dead.

Taliban have not yet commented on the incident.