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Explosion leaves six civilians dead in Helmand province

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At least six civilians were killed following an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan.

According to local government officials, the incident took place on Thursday in Mosa Qala district of Helmand province.

Mosa Qala district chief, Mohammad Sharif, said the incident took place after a civilian vehicle struck with the improvised explosive device (IED), leaving six civilians dead.

Mr. Sharif further added that two women, two men and two children were among those killed following the explosion.

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

Local officials blame Taliban group for such incidents as Taliban fighters frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally lead to civilian casualties.

Helmand is among the volatile provinces in southern Afghanistan where Taliban militants are active in a number of districts and frequently carry out insurgency attacks.