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Afghan spy kills two Americans, four Afghans in 'insider attack'

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An Afghan intelligence agent carried out the Saturday bomb attack in southern Kandahar province, leaving two Americans and four Afghans dead, Afghan officials say.

The sources made the announcement on Tuesday, saying the weekend attack was the latest in a series of "insider" attacks.

On Saturday, Afghan forces and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said a US-led soldier and a civilian employee along with four members of the Afghan intelligence service were killed in a bomb attack in Kandahar province.

"It was a suicide bomb attack that was carried out by one of our own staff," AFP quoted a senior member of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) as saying.

"He set himself off as he met the Afghan and coalition delegation getting off from a helicopter. He knew a delegation was visiting that day," the official said.

Meanwhile ISAF confirmed the bombing was by an Afghan agent.

"I can confirm that one of the members of the NDS detonated a suicide vest that day in Maruf, Kandahar," Major Adam Wojack, an ISAF spokesman, said.

In recent months, there has been a hike in 'green-on-blue' violence, in which Afghan soldiers turn their weapons against foreign forces.

According to an ISAF count, over 50 US-led foreign soldiers have been killed this year in the so-called insider attacks.