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## 7 civilians dead in Shindand blast

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Seven civilians were killed and three others sustained injuries on Wednesday when a roadside bomb tore through a truck carrying a *Kuchi* family to the Shindad district of western Herat province, officials said.

The incident occurred around 8am when the truck hit a roadside bomb on its way to the district centre, the town's administrative head, Abdul Hameed, said.

Resident Gul Noor said the dead included two children and a woman. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital, he said.

Provincial council member Noor Mohammad Zarifi, however, said five boys and two girls were killed in the explosion.

The blast comes a day after the *Wolesi Jirga* commission on women's affairs said 80 civilians were killed in the conflict over the past three months, indicating a surge in civilian casualties.