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## Explosion kills 4 Afghan kids in Kandahar province

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According to local authorities in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan, at least 5 Afghan kids were killed or injured following an improvised explosive device explosion in this province.

Provincial government media office following a statement said the incident took place in Maruf district, killing four children and injuring another kid.

The source further added, the deceased kids were all less than years old and belonged to the single family.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident but local officials blame Taliban group for the incidents as Taliban fighters frequently use improvised explosive device as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally leads to civilian casualties.

This comes as United Nations on Tuesday announced civilian casualties in Afghanistan has risen by almost 30 percent during the first three months of the year.

According to UN at least 475 civilians were killed and around 872 others were injured from January to March this year.