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Twin explosions kill nine in southern Afghanistan

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Twin bomb explosions have killed at least nine people and injured dozens in the troubled southern Afghanistan, security sources say.

Afghan security officials said the explosions rocked Afghanistan's southern city of Kandahar within a short interval of time on Friday.

The strong explosions targeted a convoy of vehicles carrying Afghan security personnel in the city.

Local officials said most of the victims were Afghan civilians.

Medical sources predicted that the death toll would rise as some of the 70 injured are reportedly in critical condition.

The blast comes a day after over a dozen people were killed in the capital Kabul where a car bomb ripped through a US military convoy. Six Americans including two soldiers and four contractors were killed in the attack.

Violence in Afghanistan has seen an upsurge over the past few months, with civilians being the main victims.

Meanwhile, a great number of Afghan civilians are killed in US-led drone strikes. Washington claims that its airstrikes target militants, but local sources say civilians have been the main victims of the attacks.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in October 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity continues to rise across the country, despite the presence of thousands of US-led troops.

The US-led war in Afghanistan, which has caused record-high civilian and military casualties, has become the longest military conflict in the American history.