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Suicide Attackers Target Afghan Provincial Council

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Provincial officials say at least 18 people were injured in a suicide attack in Afghanistan's southern Zabul Province.

Zabul's deputy police chief, Ghulam Gailani Farahi, said a car bomb exploded outside the provincial council headquarters on June 10.

Six attackers arrived in a separate car and attempted to enter the building.

Farahi told RFE/RL that security forces reacted quickly to the second assault, killing all the attackers.

Zabul Deputy Governor Mohammad Jan Rasulyar said several council members were among the injured.

He said no civilians or government troops were killed.

In a phone call to RFE/RL, a man claiming to be a Taliban spokesman, Qari Yusuf Ahmadi, said the militant group was behind the attack.