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22 civilians killed or injured in Herat province

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According to local authorities in western Herat province of Afghanistan, at least 22 Afghan civilians were killed or injured following an improvised explosive device explosion in this province.

The incident took place on Tuesday evening in Obe district of Herat province, killing at least 17 people and injuring 5 others.

Obe district chief Ismatullah Danishyar confirming the report said all the victims are members of the same family.

Mr. Danisyar further added the incident took place after the vehicle of the civilians struck with a roadside bomb.

In the meantime a spokesman for the provincial police department said at least 10 people were killed and 5 others were injured following the blast.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident.

Local authorities blame Taliban for the incident as Taliban fighters frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally lead to civilian casualties.