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Three killed, 9 others injured in blasts in eastern Afghanistan

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Three civilians, including two children, have been killed and nine others wounded in twin explosions in the eastern Afghan province of Wardak.

Local Afghan officials said the explosions happened in Tatro area of Nirkh district Wednesday evening

"The enemies of Afghanistan initiated a roadside bombing in Tatro area of Nirkh district at

around 7:00 pm local time. Several people gathered following the blast. But another explosion went off causing the casualties," the provincial authorities said in a statement.

No group has yet claimed responsibility, but the Afghan government often blames the Taliban militants for such attacks in the war-torn country.

A recent United Nations report said there had been a sharp increase in civilian casualties in Afghanistan in the first half of the current year.

Roadside bombs and improvised explosive devices are by far the most lethal weapons Taliban militants use against Afghan forces, foreign troops, and civilians.

A series of US airstrikes have claimed the lives of more than 100 people in different regions of war-ravaged Afghanistan over the past week.

The raids are a source of friction between Kabul and Washington as they often result in civilian deaths. The Afghan government has on numerous occasions warned Washington to stop attacks on innocent civilians.

The United States and its allies invaded Afghanistan in 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. The offensive removed the Taliban from power, but insecurity remains high in the country.