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Roadside blast kills 12 civilians in Helmand

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According to local authorities in southern Helmand province of Afghanistan, at least 12 civilians were killed following a roadside improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in this province.

Provincial governor spokesman, Omar Zwak confirming the report said the incident took place on Saturday evening in Sangin district after a civilian vehicle struck with the roadside bomb.

Mr. Zwak further added that the incident took place while the vehicle carrying innocent civilians was on its way towards the Sangin district.

He said at least 12 people including a woman were killed following the blast, and the vehicle was completely destroyed.

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

However, local officials blame Taliban group for the incident 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.