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## Suicide bombers attack US consulate in Herat province

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According to reports, a number of suicide bombers have attacked the US consulate in western Herat province of Afghanistan early Friday morning.

Heavy gun battle between the consulate security guards and the assailant militants triggered following the attack, and clashes are still going on in the area.

There are no reports regarding the casualties as a result of the incident.

Provincial security department spokesman, Abdul Rauf Ahmadi confirmed the report and said a heavy explosion initially took place near the consulate the compound.

He said there are no reports regarding the casualties, and clashes are still going on between security forces and the assailant militants.

Initial reports suggest that two security guards of the US consulate were killed and 10 others including three Afghan police officers were injured following the incident.

A spokesman for the provincial hospital, Mohammad Rafiq Sherzai confirmed two people were killed and 19 others including security forces were injured in the attack.

Mr. Sherzai further added that two US consulate security personnel were killed, and 7 women and children, 2 police and 2 US consulate security personnel were injured.

Taliban group claimed responsibility behind the incident and said the Taliban fighters had entered the consulate compound after carrying out suicide car bomb attack.