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Explosion kills 8 Afghan civilians in Zabul province

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At least eight Afghan civilians were killed following a roadside bomb explosion in southern Zabul province of Afghanistan on Friday.

Provincial police chief, Ghulam Sakhi Rogh Lewanai confirming the report said the victims of the incident include four women, two children and an old man.

He said the incident took place near Qalar city after the vehicle of the civilians struck with a roadside bomb.

Deputy provincial governor, Mohammad Jan Rasulyar said the victims belong to the same family and were on their way to Qalat city when the incident took place.

No group including the Taliban militants has so far claimed responsibility behind the incident. Mr. Rasulyar blamed Taliban militants for the incident.

Zabul is among the restive provinces in southern Afghanistan where Taliban militants are operating in a number of its districts.

Taliban fighters frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally lead to civilian casualties.