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Deadly blast leaves 15 civilians dead in Kandahar province

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At least 15 civilians were killed following an improvised explosive device (IED) explosion in southern Kandahar province of Afghanistan on Monday.

The incident took place on Monday afternoon in Maiwand district of Kandahar province after a civilian vehicle struck with an improvised explosive device (IED), a local official said.

In the meantime, deputy interior minister Gen. Ayub Salangi said at least 13 civilians were killed following the explosion.

Provincial governor spokesman, Dawa Khan Minapal confirmed that 15 civilians were killed and four others were injured after two civilian vehicles struck with the improvised explosive device.

Mr. Minapal further added that the incident took place on Kandahar-Herat highway in Gilan Kachi area.

The anti-government armed militant groups frequently use improvised explosive device (IED) as the weapon of their choice to target Afghan and coalition security forces which normally leads to civilian casualties.