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Suicide blast target volleyball game in Paktika, at least 45 killed

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At least 45 people were killed and over 60 others were injured following a suicide attack in Paktika province.

According to local government officials, the suicide bomber targeted a volleyball game in Yahya Khel district around 4:30 pm local time.

Provincial governor spokesman Mukhlis Afghan said the suicide bomber detonated his explosives in gathering of hundreds of spectators who were watching the game.

The Minister of Interior Mohammad Umar Daudzai confirmed that 45 people were killed and 56 others were injured following the blast.

In an online statement, Daudzai condemned the barbaric attack and said the victims included elders, youths and children were among those killed or injured.

This was the second deadly blast targeting eastern Paktika province within the past five months.

At least 42 people were killed and scores were injured following a Vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED) attack in Orgun district earlier in July this year.

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