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## Two soldiers killed and eight injured in Herat blast

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Two Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers were killed and eight others wounded when an explosives-rigged rickshaw was detonated in the 5th police district of western Herat City Saturday morning, an officials said.

The explosion struck an ANA vehicle at around 6:20am on a road that has been opened as an alternative route to the road lined with minarets, which has been closed to preserve the structures. The vehicle was carrying Zafar Military Corps' personnel, Col. Najibullah Najibi, a spokesman for the Zafar Military Corps, told Pajhwok Afghan News.

Two ANA soldiers were killed and eight others hurt in the blast, said Najibi, who added that three of the injured were discharged from the Herat Regional Hospital after receiving first aid while five others, whose injuries were critical, were still hospitalized there.