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## 70 Afghans injured in NATO base blast

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Afghan policemen work at the site of a car bomb attack in the capital Kabul.

At least seventy civilians have been injured and one, the attacker, has been killed after a truck bomb exploded near the entrance to a NATO military base in Afghanistan's eastern province of Logar

Spokesman for provincial administration Deen Mohammad Darwish told Press TV that the incident took place at 07:45 a.m. local time (0315 GMT) on Friday in the Mohamad Agha

district of the province, around 30 kilometers (19 miles) south of the capital Kabul.

Darwish noted that three government buildings were destroyed as the explosion was huge and could be heard three kilometers (1.8 miles) away.

Local health officials said that 70 civilians injured in the incident were shifted to hospital to receive medical treatment.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid announced that the militants were responsible for the attack, claiming that dozens of foreign soldiers were killed in the incident.

He added that the attacker wanted to ram his explosive-laden vehicle into the NATO base but was stopped at the gate. He then detonated the truck outside the base.

Insecurity continues to rise across Afghanistan despite the presence of nearly 150,000 US-led forces in the Asian country.

A United Nations report on Afghanistan issued on September 28 said that the monthly average number of security incidents recorded for the year through the end of August has risen nearly 40 percent.

The report also said civilian casualties, already at record levels in the first six months of the year, rose 5 percent between June and August 2011 compared with the same three-month period in 2010.

Around 130,000 people were displaced by the conflict in the first seven months of the year, up nearly two-thirds from the same period a year earlier.