

Blast at wedding leaves four Taliban dead, six injured

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Four Taliban rebels were killed and six others injured in an explosion in the troubled southern province of Zabul, a senior police officer said on Saturday.

Provincial police head Muhammad Yaqub told that the militants perished in a blast at a wedding party in Sewri district on Friday. The blast took place in a room where the special guests were staying.

The fighters suffered the casualties as their own land mine went off during the marriage ceremony, according to the police chief, who claimed the explosive device was meant for use against Afghan and foreign forces.

Yaqub explained all the dead and wounded were guerillas. The wedding guests escaped unhurt, he continued, saying the dead bodies were handed over to their families through tribal elders.

Our reporter in Gardez said earlier in the day three Taliban were killed in an explosion while smuggling arms and ammunitions in the southeastern Paktia. The militants perished in a blast as they were placing weapons in a car in Saraka area of the Zurmat district.