

## Taliban suspected in two Afghan bombings

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KABUL, Afghanistan -- Security officials in Afghanistan blamed Taliban insurgents Monday for two roadside bombings that killed seven people in the country's south. In Tirinkot, the capital of the country's southern Uruzgan province, police said a bomb fastened to a bicycle standing beside a road exploded Sunday, killing five members of a family, including three children, Kuwait's KUNA news agency reported. Witnesses said the family was riding in a car when the bomb exploded beside them. In southeastern Afghanistan, police said a second blast Sunday killed two civilians in Khost province, bordering Pakistan's troubled Waziristan province. The report said Taliban insurgents usually post news of attacks on Internet sites but none had been posted by Monday. However, a Taliban message was posted about the kidnapping of a tribal chief and his bodyguards the northern Baghlan province was kidnapped along with his bodyguards, KUNA said. Local officials confirmed the unidentified chief was missing, authorities said.

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