Sept 2 (AFP) - Fourteen Afghan civilians were still being treated Monday at this coalition airbase for injuries sustained when an anti-tank mine exploded, a US military spokesman said Monday. Four Afghans were killed on Sunday by two mines on a track on the outskirts of this sprawling airbase.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger King told reporters here that one Afghan working for a Danish demining agency was killed when he triggered an anti-personnel mine.

Three others were then killed when an ambulance sent to the scene hit an anti-tank mine. Those injured included civilian onlookers. “There are currently 11 Afghans who are in the US hospital and three who are in the Spanish hospital,” said King. The spokesman would not speculate about whether the mines had been freshly laid, but added: “from what I understand that is the first time that this mine clearing group had been that far down the road.”

“We have so many mines around here and we have not had any evidence so far that anyone has laid new mines,” King said.