Baghdad (Iraq) - A civilian car hit a suspected landmine on the road to the U.S. base at Baghdad International Airport on Sunday, leaving its Iraqi driver badly injured by the explosion, American troops at the scene told Reuters.

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Asked whether the explosive device had been intended for the U.S. convoys that use the road regularly, Sergeant Brent Williams of the 1st Armored Division said: "That's a possibility."

U.S. troops blocked off the road, causing long traffic jams, and prevented journalists from reaching the site as dozens of children gathered to shout their support for toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and to throw rocks at soldiers.

"Our flesh and blood, we sacrifice for you Saddam," the children chanted as the car smouldered.

On Thursday, a U.S. soldier was killed and three were wounded when their vehicle hit a landmine on the airport road.

Guerrilla attacks on U.S. forces have killed 53 American soldiers since Washington declared major combat over on May 1.

Iraqi civilians have also been killed and wounded in such attacks and by fire from U.S. troops. The U.S. military says it does not keep a tally of Iraqi casualties.

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