

Five injured in Kashmir blast

Five people, including two schoolgirls and a paramilitary trooper, were injured in a grenade explosion in Jammu and Kashmir Friday, police said.

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Separatist guerrillas lobbed a grenade at a Border Security Force (BSF) post outside the State Bank of India at Sopore town in Baramulla district, 54 km from here, Friday afternoon.

"One BSF guard, two schoolgirls and two other passers-by were injured in the explosion. They were taken to the local hospital," a police officer told IANS on phone from Sopore.

Reports said intermittent retaliatory firing by BSF troopers from inside the bank was still continuing. The area was cordoned off by additional troops that were rushed there after the blast.

On Thursday, the driver of a van of the State Bank of India was killed in a landmine explosion in Anantnag district. The blast injured two guards who were in the van that was carrying cash from one bank branch to another.

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