Nepalese security forces kill 11 Maoists in separate clashes

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Eleven Maoists were killed in clashes with security forces in different parts of Nepal on the eve of the ninth anniversary of the rebel insurgency, state media reported on Friday.

Four rebels, including the vice chairman of the so-called District People's Governing Council of the Maoists, were killed by security forces near Parsa Wildlife Reserve in Parsa district yesterday, Radio Nepal reported.

In other incidents, three rebels were killed in Sarlahi and one in Dhading district in encounters with government troops, the report said.

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The Maoists today exploded a bomb in Jhapa district of eastern Nepal, police said, adding there were no casualties.

In another incident, an eight-year-old child was killed while playing with a bomb left by the Maoists in Palpa district, police here said. Three children were injured by the blast.

According to a state media report, the rebels have abducted four teenaged girls from Kailali village in Dhangadi Municipality in western Nepal.

Meanwhile, the government has beefed up security arrangements in and around the Kathmandu valley in view of the increasing Maoist threats as the rebels observe the anniversary of their insurgency today, a Home Ministry statement said.

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