An infantry fighting vehicle of the federal forces was blown up on a land mine near the village of Alkhan-Yurt in Urus-Martanovskiy District yesterday.

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"The infantry fighting vehicle was blown up near our village yesterday. The military fired in various directions immediately after the explosion and we all had to hide inside houses or shelters," resident of Alkhan-Yurt Usman, 32, has told the Caucasus Times.

According to him, some military might have been wounded. "The explosion was quite strong and I think that if not killed, then some soldiers might have been wounded or contused," he said. The military virtually sealed off the scene immediately after the explosion and evacuated the blown-up armoured vehicle.

The military commandant’s office in Chechnya has declined to comment on this accident.

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