

A FORENSIC team inspects the site after a suicide attack on a census team on Bedian Road on Wednesday.—M. Ahsan

LAHORE: At least seven people — four army soldiers, an employee of the air force and two other passers-by — lost their lives and 18 others were injured in a suicide bomb attack on a population census team on Bedian Road on Wednesday morning.

Giving details about the latest in a series of terrorist incidents in the Punjab capital, witnesses and police said that a man blew himself up next to a van carrying the security personnel who were going to join a census team. The explosion occurred at around 7.50am when the van reached the Mananwala Chowk.

Investigations showed that it was a hired van which had been bringing the team to the highly sensitive area in the cantonment division for the past several days.

According to sources, the van driver, who suffered minor injuries, was taken into custody for questioning by the law enforcement agencies.
