

Suicide bombing in Yemen kills 37 police recruits, IS claims responsibility on Twitter

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Aden: A suicide bomber on today detonated his explosives among policemen standing in line outside a police base in the southern Yemeni city of Mukalla, killing 37 recruits.

The bomb attack occurred near the gate of a police recruitment centre. Another 70 people were injured, Xinhua news agency quoted a source as saying.

The Yemen-based affiliate of the Islamic State (IS) group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Â Â Â **"About 40 people were killed when an IS fighter detonated his explosive belt inside a military base in Mukalla," an IS statement said on Twitter.**

The toll is expected to rise further.

Yemen has been gripped by one of the most active regional Al Qaeda militancy in the Middle East.

The Yemen-based Al Qaeda offshoot, also known as Ansar al-Sharia, emerged in January 2009. It has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks on Yemen's army and government institutions.

The fragile security situation in Yemen has deteriorated since March 2015 when a war broke out between the Shia Houthi group, supported by former President Ali Abdullash Saleh, and the government backed by a Saudi-led coalition.

More than 6,000 people have been killed in ground battles and airstrikes since then, half of them civilians.

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