Iraq: Suicide bombing kills 14 in Baghdad, IS claims responsibility

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In an attack by a suicide bomber at a security check point in northern Baghdad today, at least 14 people lost their lives, Iraqi officials said.

Attack site

The dead includes at least 10 civilians and four policemen, said a police officer, adding, "The bomber was on foot and detonated his device at one of the busy entrances of the Shiite district of Kadhimiyah.â€•

At least 31 other people were wounded in the attack.

Three more civilians were killed and 11 wounded in a bomb explosion in an outdoor market in Baghdad's western suburb of Abu Ghraib, another police officer said.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

In an online statement, IS group claimed responsibility for the Kadhimiyah attack, saying it targeted a gathering of security forces and Shiite militia members. The Associated Press could not verify the authenticity of the statements, but they were posted on a militant website commonly used by the extremists. Security forces and public areas, mainly in Shiite neighborhoods, are one of the most frequent targets for the Islamic State group, which controls key areas in mainly northern and western Iraq.

Since late last year, the group has suffered a string of territorial losses, most recently last month in Fallujah, where it was driven out by Iraqi forces after occupying the city for more than two years. But the extremists have continued to carry out near-daily bombings in and around Baghdad, as well as complex attacks in other countries.

- (With AP inputs)