

Islamic State claims blast at Afghan intelligence agency in Kabul

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In a statement issued through the group's Amaq news agency, Islamic State said it was also behind Monday's attack.

Afghan security forces remove a destroyed vehicle after the suicide attack. Credit: AP

Kabul: A Suicide bomb attack near Afghanistan's intelligence agency in Kabul claimed eight lives on Monday, officials said.

The terrorist organisation Islamic State (IS) claimed responsibility in a statement on the "Amaq" news website, reports Xinhua news agency.

The attacker, who was on foot, triggered the bomb around 8 am, near an office of the National Directorate of Security (NDS) in the capital city's Shashdarken neighbourhood, Nasrat Rahimi, spokesperson of the Ministry of Interior Affairs, told Efe news.

The victims included five civilians and the attacker who was a teenager, Rahimi said.

Monday's attack came a week after three militants attacked the NDS's training centre in Kabul, injuring two soldiers.

The IS claimed responsibility for the attack that went on for five hours.

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