

95 killed, over 150 injured in suicide car bomb attack near Indian embassy in Afghanistan capital K

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An injured man is moved on a stretcher outside a hospital following suicide attack in Kabul

Kabul: At least 95 people have been killed and 163 injured in a car bomb attack in the city center of Afghanistan's capital Kabul, according to TOLO news.

The blast took place near Indian embassy in the Afghan capital.

Thick, dark smoke could be seen rising from the site of the Saturday explosion near the old Interior Ministry building.

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An ambulance is driven as security forces inspect at the site of a deadly suicide attack in the center of Kabul on Saturday

The blast occurred at roughly 12.50 p.m. in front of Jamhoriyat Hospital, where several government offices are located, eyewitness Mohammad Mustafa told Xinhua.

"We heard a huge blast in the area which is a few metres away from Sidarat Square. The whole place has now been sealed off," he said.

Security forces have cordoned off the area as a precautionary measure.

A wounded man is assisted at the site of deadly suicide attack in the center of Kabul, Afghanistan

Wounded civilians are shifted to a hospital by a police vehicle after deadly suicide attack in Kabul

Expressing solidarity with Afghanistan, India's Ministry of External Affairs condemned the "barbaric" terrorist attack in Kabul.

"India stands in solidarity with Government & people of Afghanistan at this difficult time of mindless violence & terror imposed on them. We convey our heartfelt condolences to next of kins of victims of these terror attacks & pray for speedy recovery to those injured," MEA said in a statement.

India called for bringing the perpetrators to justice, while offering all possible assistance, including treatment of those

injured in the attack.

Taking to Twitter, President Ram Nath Kovind too offered his condolences, reiterating India's resolve of standing "shoulder-to-shoulder with the people and Govt of Afghanistan in the fight against forces of terror".

Kabul has been the site of numerous bombing attacks claimed by the Islamic State group and the Taliban over the last year.

This comes after a deadly attack on the Intercontinental Hotel in the city that killed 22 people, including 4 Americans.

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