

Suicide bomber targets voter registration centre in Afghan capital, 52 killed

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An Afghan man walks outside a voter registration centre, which was attacked by a suicide bomber in Kabul, Sunday

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Earlier, Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health revised the death toll to 48 people, including 22 men, 21 women and 5 children. The number of wounded was put at 112,Â Afghanistan's TOLO News said.

Gen Daud Amin, the Kabul police chief, said the suicide bomber targeted civilians who had gathered to receive national identification cards. All roads to the blast site were blocked by the police, with only ambulances allowed in.

The Taliban and a local Islamic State affiliate both view Afghanistan's government and democratic elections as illegitimate. Afghanistan will hold parliamentary elections in October.

Last week, three police officers responsible for guarding voter registration centers in two Afghan provinces were killed by militants, according to authorities.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a district police chief in the northern Balkh province died of his wounds after being shot Saturday during a gunbattle with insurgents, according to Sher Jan Durrani, spokesman for the provincial police chief in Balkh. He said around a dozen insurgents were also killed in the battle, which is still underway.

Durrani identified the slain commander as Halim Khanjar, police chief for the Char Bolak district. The Taliban hadÂ claimed responsibility for the killing.

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