

Somalia: Toll rises to 53 from bomb blasts in Mogadishu

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Paramedics at Kalkaal speciality hospital and relatives assist a man injured during a suicide bomb attack near the Sahafi hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia November 10, 2018. (Source: Reuters)

Nairobi: Somali hospital and police sources say the death toll from Friday's bombings outside a hotel in Mogadishu has risen to 53 with over 100 injured.

Capt. Mohamed Hussein, a senior Somali police officer, said many of the injured suffered horrific wounds, raising fears that death toll could rise further. The figure given by Hussein is consistent with submissions from hospitals.

Ahmed Yusuf, a nurse at Madina hospital, said that Mogadishu's hospitals are coping to treat the influx of wounded victims who continued to come in Saturday.

Security forces stand near bodies and the wreckage of vehicles at the scene of a bomb blast near the Sahafi hotel in the capital Mogadishu, Somalia Friday, November 9, 2018 (Source: AP Photo)

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Somalia's Islamic extremist rebels, al-Shabab, claimed responsibility for the bombs.

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