

# *Bomb Attacks Claim Eight Lives Across Iraq*

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Baghdad, July 24 (RHC)-- At least eight people have lost their lives and several others sustained injuries when two separate bomb attacks targeted security personnel and residential neighborhoods in Iraq's eastern province of Diyala as well as the embattled western province of Anbar.

A security source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said three policemen were killed when a car bomb exploded in the city of Fallujah, located roughly 69 kilometers west of the capital Baghdad. The Arabic-language al-Mayadeen news network reported that a captain was among the slain policemen.

Separately, five civilians were killed and nine others wounded when an improvised explosive device went off northwest of Baqubah city, located some 50 kilometers northeast of Baghdad.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for Sunday's deadly attacks, but such assaults bear the hallmarks of those carried out by Takfiri Daesh terrorists.

According to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI), a total of 415 Iraqi civilians lost their lives, and 300 others were injured as a result of acts of terrorism and violence across Iraq in June. The UN mission, however, did not mention the number of Iraqi police forces, who were killed or sustained injuries in the violence.

A large number of the fatalities were recorded in the troubled northern province of Nineveh, where 289 civilians were killed and 93 others wounded. The central province of Salahuddin had 31 people killed and 34 injured. Another 24 people lost their lives and 26 suffered injuries in Babil Province. And the capital province of Baghdad saw 22 people killed and another 88 injured.

Violence has plagued the northern and western parts of Iraq ever since Daesh terrorists mounted an offensive there more than two years ago, and took control of portions of Iraqi territory.

Iraqi army soldiers and pro-government fighters from Popular Mobilization Units, commonly known by the Arabic word Hashd al-Sha'abi, are engaged in joint operations to win back militant-held area.

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