

Ten killed in attack on British security company in Kabul



Kabul, November 29 (RHC)-- At least 10 people have been killed and nearly 20 others wounded in a bomb attack on a British security company's compound in the Afghan capital Kabul. The British company and police both said the blast was a car bomb targeting the compound, which houses G4S, a private British security company, in east Kabul. G4S provides security for the UK Foreign Office in Kabul.

"We can confirm that there has been an incident at one of our locations in Kabul. The situation is ongoing and we are coordinating with the Afghan authorities to bring it to a conclusion," G4S tweeted from its official account.

An Afghan Interior Ministry official said an unknown number of gunmen had entered the compound after the bomb exploded near the facility and were battling security forces. Earlier, sources said the blast was followed by gunfire.

Wednesday's assault on G4S is the second high-profile attack claimed by the Taliban on U.S.-led forces in as many days. On Tuesday, three U.S. soldiers were killed in a blast near Ghazni city in central Afghanistan that was claimed by the militant group.

Last week, more than 50 people were killed and over 80 wounded after a huge explosion ripped through a building in Afghanistan's capital, in which a large crowd of people, including religious scholars, were

marking the birthday anniversary of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

The Kabul attack came just hours after Afghan President Ashraf Ghani announced the formation of a team for prospective peace talks with the Taliban. At an international conference on Afghanistan in Geneva, Ghani said the 12-person negotiating team includes both men and women and will be led by his chief of staff Abdul Salam Rahimi.

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