

Bombs Kill 16 in Iraqi Capital



Baghdad, July 10 (RHC)-- Iraqi security and medical officials say at least 16 people have lost their lives and more than three dozen others sustained injuries when a series of bomb explosions ripped through residential neighborhoods in and around the capital, Baghdad.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday's deadliest attack took place in Baghdad's southeastern neighborhood of Zafaraniyah, where seven people were killed and 18 others wounded in a car bomb explosion. The force of the explosion damaged a number of cafés and restaurants in the area.

Separately, a bomb targeted a pickup truck carrying pro-government volunteer forces in the same district, killing two fighters. Earlier on Thursday, a bombing struck a commercial street in the capital's western neighborhood of Baiyaa, killing three people and wounding nine others. A bomb near an outdoor market in Baghdad's western al-Furat neighborhood also killed two people.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks. However, Iraqi officials usually blame such assaults on the ISIL Takfiri terrorists.

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