Three UN members, two assistants killed in Iraqi car bombing

Tripoli, August 11 (RHC)-- Three United Nations staff members and two other mission personnel were killed in a car bomb explosion Saturday in Benghazi, Libya. The explosion happened in front of a shopping mall and bank. At least one burned-out U.N. car could be seen at the scene.

The U.N. refrained from releasing details, but said some of the casualties were from its team working on a mission in eastern Libya. Libyan National Army (LNA) spokesman Ahmed Mismari told reporters two of those killed were guards with the U.N. Libya mission (UNSMIL). He added that 10 people had been wounded, including children.

The attack came as the United Nations is brokering a truce in the capital Tripoli, where the eastern-based LNA, under Khalifa Haftar, has been trying to incite a revolt in the capital amid signs of popular agitation against the Tripoli-based National Accord Government (GNA), headed by Prime Minister Fayez Al-Serraj, backed by the United Nations.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Saturday condemned the bombing, a spokesman said in a statement. "The U.N. does not intend to evacuate from Libya," the assistant secretary-general for peace

operations, Bintou Keita, later told the Security Council, which also condemned the attack.

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