

Five People Killed, 23 Wounded in Baghdad Bombings



Baghdad, May 13 (RHC)-- At least five people have been killed and 23 others wounded in two bomb attacks in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Local officials say one of the attacks took place in the Bab al-Sharqi neighborhood in central Baghdad, killing three people and injuring 15 others.

The second blast occurred in the capital's northwest when a group of people were on their way to the town of Kadhimiya. Two people were killed in the attack and eight others were wounded. Those injured were taken to a nearby hospital to receive treatment.

Kadhimiya is home to the shrines of the seventh Shia Imam, Imam Musa ibn Jafar al-Kazim (PBUH) as well as Imam Muhammad al-Taqi (PBUH), the ninth Shia Imam. In a similar incident on May 9, seven pilgrims were also killed when a car bomb exploded in Baghdad. No group has claimed responsibility for the Tuesday attack.

Iraq is witnessing a wave of violence. The Takfiri ISIL group launched an offensive in the country in June last year and took control of Mosul, the country's second-largest city, before sweeping through parts of the country's heartland.

The UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) says a total of 812 Iraqis were killed and another 1,726 were injured in acts of terrorism, violence and armed conflict last month. A great portion of the fatalities was recorded in Baghdad, where 319 civilians were killed. Terrorist attacks also left another 846 injured.

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