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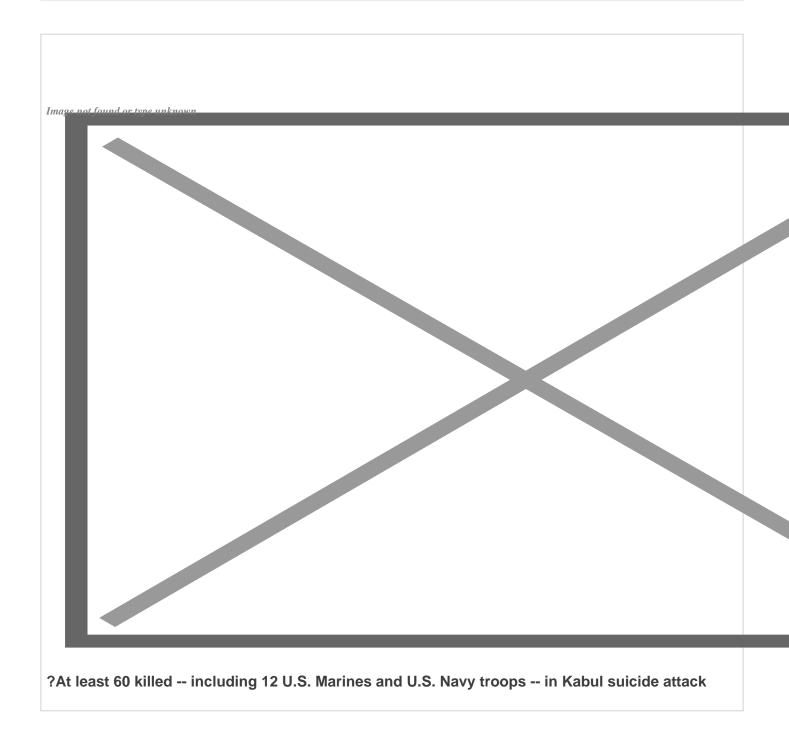
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Kabul, August 26 (RHC)-- Dozens of civilians and at least 12 members of the U.S. military have been killed and many more injured in Kabul suicide bombing attacks claimed by the Daesh terrorist group. Two explosions rocked the area outside the airport in the Afghan capital on Thursday amid the precarious security situation following the Taliban's takeover of the country.

Following the attack, Daesh's Amaq News Agency said on its Telegram channel that the terror group was behind the attack. A suicide bomber from Daesh "managed to reach a large gathering of translators and collaborators with the American army at 'Baran Camp' near Kabul Airport and detonated his explosive belt among them, killing about 60 people and wounding more than 100 others, including Taliban fighters," it said.

The attack killed 11 U.S. Marines and one Navy medic, U.S. officials confirmed, noting 15 other U.S. service members were injured. "We can confirm that a number of U.S. service members were killed in today's complex attack at Kabul airport," Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said in a statement. "A number of others are being treated for wounds. We also know that a number of Afghans fell victim to this heinous attack."

An official with Afghanistan's Ministry of Public Health also told CNN that more than 60 people were dead and 140 wounded.

Meanwhile, General Kenneth McKenzie, the leader of US Central Command, said that the United States would retaliate against the perpetrators of the attack. "We believe it is their desire to continue these attacks and we expect those attacks to continue and we're doing everything we can to be prepared for those attacks," McKenzie said, noting: "We will go after them."

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