

# *Two Car Bombs Kill 26 in Iraq's Baghdad*

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Baghdad, July 23 (RHC)-- Iraqi security and medical officials say at least 26 people have lost their lives and 58 others sustained injuries when two separate car bomb explosions rocked north and west of the capital Baghdad.

The first bomb explosion ripped through a crowded market in Baghdad's western neighborhood of Bayaa, largely populated by Shia Muslims, an unnamed police officer told AP on Wednesday. The blast claimed the lives of at least 18 people and wounded 36 others, the officer added.

According to police forces, the second car bomb went off later on the day in the capital's northern neighborhood of Sha'ab, killing at least eight people and injuring 22 others. Hospital officials in Baghdad, speaking on condition of anonymity, also confirmed the casualty figures.

No group or individual has yet claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the Takfiri ISIL terrorist group has on several occasions claimed such terrorist operations across Iraq over the past few months.

Late on Tuesday night, ISIL terrorists detonated a pair of car bombs in south and east of Baghdad, and killed at least 24 people and wounded dozens more.

Iraq has been witness to a series of deadly bomb attacks in the past week, the most tragic of all occurred on Friday when a car bomb explosion killed at least 115 people, including women and children, at a market in the center of Khan Bani Sa'ad, a city located about 30 kilometers (12 miles) north of Baghdad in the eastern province of Diyala.

The attack was carried out as people were celebrating Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the fasting holy month of Ramadan.

The Takfiri group began its acts of terrorism through the Iraqi territory in June 2014. The Iraqi army, joined by volunteer fighters, has been fighting to flush the terrorists out of the areas they have under control.

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