

62 worshipers die in bomb blasts at mosque in eastern Afghanistan



Kabul, October 19 (RHC)-- At least 62 worshipers have been killed and more than 100 injured in bomb explosions at a mosque in eastern Afghanistan during Friday prayers. The spokesman for Nangarhar's provincial governor, Attaullah Khogyani, said there were multiple blasts from explosives placed inside the mosque in the Jawdara area of Haska Mena district, around 50 kilometers from the provincial capital Jalalabad. He added that the roof of the mosque had completely caved in.

"The number of casualties may rise as the rescue team and people are working to bring out the bodies from the rubble," said Sohrab Qaderi, a member of the provincial council in Nangarhar. Malik Mohammadi Gul Shinwari, a tribal elder from the area, also said the mosque had completely collapsed. "It was a heartbreaking scene I witnessed with my eyes."

Tezab Khan, a member of the local police who was on duty in the area, said: "When I arrived on the scene, people were trying to bring out the bodies and injured who were stuck under the fallen roof."

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the terrorist attack. Jalalabad is the scene of frequent acts of terror by the Taliban and the Daesh Takfiri terrorist group, which has carried out a string of bombings targeting government offices, schools, and aid groups over the past few months.

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