

# *Huge Blast Hits Near Russian Embassy in Kabul*

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Kabul, October 6 (RHC)-- Taliban militants have carried out a car bomb attack near the Russian embassy and Afghan parliament in the capital, Kabul, Press TV reports. The explosion on Monday was followed by gunfire between the militants and Afghan security forces.

Several gunmen reportedly stormed the house of Naeem Baloch, the anti-Taliban former governor of Helmand Province, which is located near the Russian embassy. Taliban militants have claimed responsibility for the bombing, saying Baloch was their main target.

Baloch, however, has reportedly escaped unhurt from the attack on his home. He had left his house 30 minutes before the attack.

Afghan media reports quoted local residents as saying that they heard two blasts. Four people were reportedly injured while nearby properties were damaged. Families are also said to have been evacuated and security forces have cordoned off the roads leading to the scene of the explosions.

Afghanistan is gripped by insecurity nearly 14 years after the United States and its allies attacked the country in 2001 as part of Washington's so-called war on terror. Although the attack overthrew the Taliban, many areas across Afghanistan still face violence and insecurity.

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