
THREE PEOPLE KILLED, INJURED IN BOMB BLAST NEAR BAGHDAD MARKET

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Three people were killed and injured in a bomb blast north of Baghdad on Wednesday, a security source told Alghad Press.

An explosive charge went off near a popular market at al-Falahat tribe in al- Tarmiyah town, north of Baghdad, killing one person and injuring two others, the source said.

A security force cordoned off the blast site, while ambulances carried the injured to a nearby hospital, the source added.

On Monday, a police source said a tribal fighter was killed, while two others were wounded in a bomb blast south of Baghdad.

A bomb placed on the side of the road at Arab Jabbour region in al-Doura region, south of Baghdad, went off targeting a patrol for Tribal Mobilization Forces, which left one personnel killed and two others wounded, the source said.

Violence in the country has surged further with the emergence of Islamic State extremist militants who proclaimed an Islamic Caliphate in Iraq and Syria in 2014.

A total of 117 Iraqi civilians were killed and another 264 injured, excluding police, in acts of terrorism, violence and armed conflict in Iraq in November, according to casualty figures recorded by the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

Baghdad was the worst affected Governorate, with 201 civilian casualties (51 killed, 150 injured). Salahaddin Governorate followed, with 24 killed and 60 injured, and Kirkuk had 12 killed and 28 injured.

Iraqi forces, backed by a U.S.-led coalition and paramilitary troops, have been fighting since October 2016 to retake territories Islamic State occupied in 2014.

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