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## **IRAN CONDEMNS TERRORIST ATTACKS IN AFGHANISTAN**

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"Undoubtedly, the terrorism orchestrated by certain centers, which seek to spread fear and instability in the region by targeting innocent citizens, will fail to achieve its vicious goals," Qassemi said on Monday.

The Iranian spokesman extended his condolences to the Afghan government and nation over the "inhuman crime and the deadly and bitter incident".

"The stability of the region, including Afghanistan, hinges on the international community's utmost efforts to strictly fight the problem of terrorism," Qassemi said.

At least 25 people, including six journalists, were confirmed dead and 49 others injured in two back-to-back bomb blasts that hit near government buildings in Kabul on Monday morning.

The first bomb attack was carried out by an assailant on a motorcycle, who blew himself up in the Shashdarak area close to the buildings of Afghanistans National Directorate of Security in the heart of Kabul, officials said.

Shortly afterwards, a second explosion tore through a group of reporters who had gathered at the site of the first incident outside the headquarters of the Ministry of Urban Development.

The ISIL claimed responsibility for the blasts, which came only a week after the terrorist group killed some 60 people in a bomb attack targeting a voter registration center in the west of Kabul.

The April 22 explosion occurred at the doorway of an identity card distribution and voter registration center in Kabuls Dasht-e-Barchi area and left at least 57 people dead and 119 others wounded.

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