

Wave of attacks kills 68 Iraqis

AFP, Hilla

Twin car bombs against factory workers and an apparently coordinated series of attacks targeting security forces killed 68 people in Iraq yesterday in the bloodiest day to hit the country this year.

In the deadliest attack, two explosives-packed vehicles detonated minutes apart in the car park of a textiles factory in the central city of Hilla, 95 kilometres (60 miles) south of Baghdad.

Shortly afterwards, a massive blast, which an interior ministry official said was a suicide bomber wearing an explosives-filled belt, engulfed the area as emergency service workers rushed to the scene to treat victims.

The official said the explosions, which struck the State Company for Textile Industries at around 1:30 pm (1030 GMT) as workers were leaving, killed 36 people and wounded 140 others.

"We received intelligence of car bombs targeting sites in Hilla, so we searched different parts of the city, and then we heard the explosions," said a police officer speaking on condition of anonymity.

"We went to the scene and we saw all the damage, the blood and the dead bodies."

A hospital official in Hilla had earlier put the toll at 20 dead.

The capital Baghdad was hit by a spate of shootings with automatic weapons against six police or army checkpoints in the east and west of the city, accounting for seven of the dead, the interior ministry official said.

Two other policemen died in three bombings in south and west Baghdad.

"The attacks started at 6:30 am (0330 GMT) and ended around 8:00 am (0500 GMT)," the official said, noting that nearly all of the wounded were security personnel.

A double bomb attack near the mosque in Suwayrah, 60 kilometres (40 miles) southeast of the capital, killed 11 people and wounded 70, a police lieutenant told AFP.

There were also four bomb attacks on houses in and around the former Sunni insurgent bastion of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, three of which were owned by security officials. Police and a doctor at Fallujah hospital confirmed a total of four people had been killed and 11 injured in the attacks.



PHOTO: AFP

Emma (L) and a medical student "examine" a stuffed animal on Monday at the so-called "Teddy Bear Hospital" of the Virchow Clinical Centre (Charite) in Berlin, aiming to alleviate children's fear of doctors and hospitals.

Israel to continue Jerusalem settlement

AFP, Jerusalem

The newly launched Middle East peace process hit a snag yesterday as Israel insisted settlement building will continue in east Jerusalem and the Palestinians called on Washington to respond.

"It is evident we will continue to build over the next two years in Gilo, Pisgat Ze'ev, French Hill," Information Minister Yuli Edelstein told public radio in reference to Jewish settlements in annexed Arab east Jerusalem.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas, however, stressed that Washington had promised to halt Jewish settlement in the West Bank, including east Jerusalem.

"The American administration must respond to those Israeli acts," Abbas told AFP, one day after the announcement that Israel and the Palestinians had started indirect talks initially scheduled to get under way in March.

The US State Department said on Sunday both sides were taking measures "conducive to successful talks," and that Israel had explained there would be no construction at east Jerusalem's Ramat Shlomo settlement for two years.

Red Shirts under pressure to answer Thai PM's call

AFP, Bangkok

Pressure mounted on anti-government "Red Shirt" protesters yesterday to respond to an offer by the Thai prime minister to hold polls in November if they end two months of crippling rallies in Bangkok.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva demanded over the weekend that the opposition demonstrators give a "clear answer" by Monday on whether they will fully accept his peace roadmap, which envisages elections on November 14.

Thailand's deputy premier will meet with investigators to hear anti-government protesters' complaints that he should be charged for a deadly April 10 crackdown, a government spokesman said Monday.

Deputy Prime Minister Suthep Thaugsuban was in charge of security when troops launched the unsuccessful operation to clear an area of the capital, leaving 25 people dead and hundreds wounded in violent street clashes.

The mainly poor and working class Reds, who broadly support fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra, said they were still discussing their response to Abhisit's offer and would come up with their own proposals to end the crisis.



Nick Clegg's team meets Labour squad

BBC ONLINE

The Lib Dem team negotiating with the Tories over forming a new government also met Labour figures in secret at the weekend, the BBC has learned.

As well as holding talks with senior Tories, they met Lord Mandelson, Ed Miliband, Ed Balls and Lord Adonis, BBC Political Editor Nick Robinson said.

Meanwhile the Tory and Lib Dem teams say they have made "progress" in a third day of negotiations.

The Tories won most seats but were short of a majority in the UK election.

The BBC has learned that the Lib Dem team involved in intensive negotiations with the Conservatives - Chris Huhne, Andrew Stunell, David Laws and chief of staff Danny Alexander - met the Labour team at the weekend.

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Nick Robinson said he could not get any official comment from the Lib Dems or Labour about what was discussed.

But he said it showed Labour had not

given up on the idea of doing a deal to stay in power with the Lib Dems - even though the Lib Dems did not want Gordon Brown to remain prime minister.

He said senior Cabinet figures had suggested Brown could remain as PM for a transitional period, but announce his intention to stand down by a specified future date.

Clegg and Conservative leader David Cameron had a 30-minute telephone conversation on Monday morning, following face-to-face talks on Sunday.

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Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Procurement of Hand Tools, Watering Cans, Fruit Tree Saplings and Chemicals for Composting

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF /BGD/ 040 /BGD, Bid Package No.1G9.C

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Hand Tools, Watering Cans, Fruit Tree Saplings and Chemicals for Composting. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 8008 Nos. of Hand Tools, 8008 Nos. of Watering cans, 8008 sets of Fruit Tree Saplings and 8008 packages of Chemicals for Composting under Lot 1, Lot 2, and Lot 3 respectively of Package No. 1G9.C to be received by FAO Representation, House No. 37, Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bidders having a minimum of 5 (five) years of experience in the supply of the tendered items are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 3 (three) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents from the office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 to 16:30 hours. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Tk.500.00 (Taka five hundred) only. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount described below:

Package No.	Lot No.	Item	Bid Security Amount
1G9.C	Lot No.1	Hand Tools & Watering cans	Tk. 75,000.00
	Lot No.2	Fruit Tree Saplings	Tk. 65,000.00
	Lot No.3	Chemicals for Composting	Tk. 30,000.00

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 12:30 Hrs. on 03 June 2010. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

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