

Over 60 killed in triple Baghdad bombings, more than 100 injured

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The blasts affected areas in the north and south of the Iraqi capital, as well as the Sadr City district.

The three blasts were not connected and struck different areas of Baghdad. The most deadly explosion hit a district in the north of Baghdad, killing 38 people and injuring at least 70 others.

A spokesman for Baghdad Operations Command told state television that the attacker in the Al-Shaab district in the north of the Baghdad had detonated a suicide vest in coordination with a bomb which had been planted.

The blasts hit a predominantly Shiite area, while initial investigations claim the attacker was a woman. Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS/ISIL) said it was responsible for the deadly attacks.

This was followed by a car bomb in the southern neighborhood of Al-Rasheed which left six people dead, while another 21 received injuries.

A few hours later, Iraqi officials cited by Reuters said a suicide car bomb struck a crowded market in the mainly Shiite Sadr City, killing 19 and injuring 17, and bringing the total death toll in the capital up to at least 63, while over 100 people have suffered injuries.

The IS terror group was also responsible for bombings which killed around 100 people in Baghdad last week.

The three latest attacks come just two days after IS launched assaults on a state cooking gas factory in the north of Baghdad, which killed 14 people and injured a further 27.

The attack was carried out using a car explosive at the factory entrance early on Sunday morning. Read more <u>At least 88 killed</u>, dozens more injured in triple ISIS car bombings across Baghdad



A further group of at least six terrorists arrived at the scene wearing explosive vests and became embroiled in a gun battle with police. Members of the government's security forces were amongst those killed.

On May 11, Baghdad was rocked by three successive bombings which killed at least 88 people.

Police said an SUV rigged with explosives parked near a beauty salon in a busy market in Sadr City caused the



most serious blast, which left at least 63 people dead.

Subsequent explosions occurred in the Kadhimiya district of northern Baghdad – an area of the city considered a center of Shiite Islam – where 18 civilians were killed, and the Sunni district of Jamiya, where seven people lost their lives. IS claimed responsibility for all of the attacks.