



## \*\*\*Live Updates\*\*\* Suicide Bombing Outside Kabul Airport

### Description

AFGHANISTAN: Twin suicide bombings outside Hamid Karzai International Airport and the Baron Hotel in Kabul, Afghanistan, killed at least 90 people, including 13 U.S. service members, and wounded another 150 people on Thursday, according to reports. Warning: Graphic photos and video below.

**\*\*Follow all of the events on the Breitbart News Live Wire below. All times in eastern.\*\***

**10:30 P.M.** — [Reuters](#) reports: “The evacuation of civilians from Kabul has been accelerated after attacks near the airport, a Western security official stationed at the airport.”

**10:01 P.M.** — Vice President Kamala Harris issues statement on Kabul terror attacks:

VP Kamala Harris just put out a statement on the Kabul attacks this AM: “Today, we honor those who gave their lives in service to their nation. We will never forget.”

[pic.twitter.com/wEwzPxgeL2](https://pic.twitter.com/wEwzPxgeL2)

— Andrew Solender (@AndrewSolender) [August 27, 2021](#)

**9:53 P.M.** — Journalists were blocked from Vice President Kamala Harris’ remarks to U.S. service members at Pearl Harbor following the ISIS-claimed terror attack outside Kabul airport, which killed 13 U.S. service members, according to a report.

Per the [Washington Examiner](#):

Media access to Vice President Kamala Harris’s address to U.S. troops at Pearl Harbor was suddenly pulled on Thursday.

No explanation was given, according to the White House press pool, but the move comes hours after two explosions outside of the airport in Kabul [killed 13 U.S. service members](#)

and 60 Afghans during evacuations.

“The VP’s staff informed the pool during the flight that her event with troops at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam would now be closed press. No explanation given by the VP’s team for why it has been changed to closed press when asked by a member of the pool,” the dispatch said.

**9:28 P.M.** — In new video, former President Donald Trump offers condolences to the families of U.S. service member who died in the Kabul terror attack.

[pic.twitter.com/NsQkG5q7Do](https://pic.twitter.com/NsQkG5q7Do)

— Dan Scavino?? (@DanScavino) [August 27, 2021](#)

**8:37 P.M.** — Obama Defense Secretary Leon Panetta tells CNN that “We’re probably going to have to go back in” to Afghanistan to get ISIS.

“We’re probably going to have to go back in” to Afghanistan to get ISIS, former defense secretary and CIA director Leon Panetta tells CNN

— Lucas Tomlinson (@LucasFoxNews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**8:36 P.M.** — Rep. Madison Cawthorn (R-NC) says he formally requested Biden’s Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment.

BREAKING: I just formally requested the U.S. Cabinet invoke the 25th Amendment.

Joe Biden does not simply have a pattern of poor decision-making, his mental decline is on full display.

We must not allow this mentally unstable individual to direct our country one second longer.

— Rep. Madison Cawthorn (@RepCawthorn) [August 27, 2021](#)

**7:35 P.M.** —

Obama Ambassador to Afghanistan Ryan Crocker: Biden’s botched withdrawal a “morale boost for Islamic radicals everywhere.” [pic.twitter.com/r2hT5dvLcj](https://pic.twitter.com/r2hT5dvLcj)

— RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [August 26, 2021](#)

**7:25 P.M.** — 105,700 people have been evacuated from Afghanistan since the end of July, according to the White House.

**6:56 P.M.** — Biden has ordered flags to half-staff after 13 U.S. service members are killed in terror attack outside Kabul airport.

Pres. Biden has ordered flags to half-staff “as a mark of respect for the U.S. service members and other victims killed in the terrorist attack” outside Kabul airport.

<https://t.co/H0dGwFDv6Z> [pic.twitter.com/BPoZcnBbO6](https://t.co/BPoZcnBbO6)

— ABC News (@ABC) [August 26, 2021](#)

**6:42 P.M.** — CBS News reports that the death toll of U.S. service members in the Kabul airport attack has risen to 13.

BREAKING: CBS News has learned an additional U.S. service member has died, bringing the total to 13 after the attack near Kabul airport. [pic.twitter.com/WFT0a0juJH](https://t.co/WFT0a0juJH)

— CBS Evening News (@CBSEveningNews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**6:41 P.M.** —

Psaki: After U.S. troops depart on August 31, U.S. will need “continued coordination” with the Taliban to evacuate Afghans and potentially American citizens

— Lucas Tomlinson (@LucasFoxNews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**6:35 P.M.** — Psaki responds to question regarding calls from Republicans for Biden to resign:

[@PressSec](#) on GOP calls for Biden to resign: “This is a day where US service members, 12 of them, lost their lives at the hands of terrorists. It’s not a day for politics. And we would expect that any American, whether they’re elected or not, would stand with us.”

— Oma Seddiq (@omaseddiq) [August 26, 2021](#)

**6:25 P.M.** — “We have evacuated 7,000 people in the last 12 to 13 hours,” according to Psaki.

**6:17 P.M.** — Psaki says Biden did not consider extending troops on the ground beyond August 31. “He relies on the advice of his mil commanders and they continue to believe it is essential to get out by the 31st,” she says.

**6:16 P.M.** — Psaki says the U.S. possesses “an enormous amount of leverage over the Taliban” economically.

**6:12 P.M.** — White House press secretary Jen Psaki clarifies Biden’s statement on evacuations:

[@PressSec](#) clarifies POTUS’ statements about Afghan evacuations, saying that at a time

when the taliban is taking over the country, it's going to be very difficult to evacuate all Afghans who want to be evacuated. But they are committed to getting all US citizens & US partners out <https://t.co/GCba6wZE50>

— Vivian Salama (@vmsalama) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:58 P.M.** — Rep. Jim Jordan calls on Biden to resign.

Resign.

— Rep. Jim Jordan (@Jim\_Jordan) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:56 P.M.** — Biden admits he bears “responsibility” for the Afghanistan withdrawal disaster in a tense exchange with Fox News White House correspondent Peter Doocey. The president is seen hunching over and clutching his leather folder as Doocey presses him on recent events.

Biden: “I bear responsibility for fundamentally all that’s happened of late.”  
[pic.twitter.com/LfyVckPWAw](https://pic.twitter.com/LfyVckPWAw)

— Axios (@axios) [August 26, 2021](#)

President Joe Biden pauses as he listens to a question as he speaks about the attack at Kabul airport that killed at least 12 U.S. service members [pic.twitter.com/iKDAdcXwQy](https://pic.twitter.com/iKDAdcXwQy)

— Evan Vucci (@evanvucci) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:41 P.M.** — Biden says of working with the Taliban: “No one trusts them. It’s not a matter of trust, it’s a matter of mutual self-interest.”

**5:40 P.M.** — Biden says there is no sign of “collusion” between Taliban and ISIS in Kabul attack.

**5:39 P.M.** —

Biden says he’s calling on reporters he was “instructed” to call on for questions [#news](#)  
[#politics](#) [#WhiteHouse](#) [#Afghanistan](#)

— Nicholas A Ballasy (@NicholasBallasy) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:38 P.M.** —

Biden says it wasn’t a mistake to rely on the Taliban for security surrounding airport

“It is in the interest of the Taliban that we are able to leave on time, on target”

— Greta Wall (@GretaLWall) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:34 P.M.** — Biden holds a moment of silence.

Biden is now holding a moment of silence

— Kaitlin Pearson (@pearson\_kaitlin) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:33 P.M.** — Biden: “We will not be deterred by terrorists. We will respond with force and precision at our time, at the place we choose and the moment of our choosing. These terrorists will not win. Our mission will go on. America will not be intimidated.”

**5:31 P.M.** — Biden says the U.S. will make Kabul bombers “pay.”

“We will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay.” – Pres. Biden [@CBSNewYork](#)

— Aundrea Cline-Thomas (@AClineThomas) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:20 P.M.** —

Pres. Biden: “We have some sense...what the families of these brave heroes are feeling today. You get this feeling like you’re being sucked into a black hole in the middle of your chest. There’s no way out. My heart aches for you.” <https://t.co/zkMPxZsfPn>  
[pic.twitter.com/6RdZmCnigg](https://t.co/zkMPxZsfPn)

— ABC News (@ABC) [August 26, 2021](#)

**5:14 P.M.** — At least 90 people were killed and 150 injured in the Kabul terror attacks, a senior health official says of latest death toll, according to the *Wall Street Journal*.

The Afghan death toll from today’s attack in Kabul increased to 90, with 150 injured, a senior health official told us. [#KabulAirportBlast](#)

— Sune Engel Rasmussen (@SuneEngel) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:52 P.M.** — Former President Donald Trump and former Friday Lady Melania Trump shares their deepest condolences for the 12 U.S. service members killed in the attacks in Kabul.

“Melania and I send our deepest condolences to the families of our brilliant and brave Service Members whose duty to the U.S.A. meant so much to them. Our thoughts are also with the families of the innocent civilians who died today in the savage Kabul attack,” Trump said in a statement. “This tragedy should never have been allowed to happen, which makes our grief even deeper and more difficult to understand.”

Statement by Donald J. Trump. [pic.twitter.com/XTuXz40KDj](https://pic.twitter.com/XTuXz40KDj)

— Buck Sexton (@BuckSexton) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:42 P.M.** — Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) says: “President Biden must face the American people and address questions on how we will respond to this massacre or he should resign immediately.”

Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS) this afternoon: “President Biden must face the American people and address questions on how we will respond to this massacre or he should resign immediately.”

— Zach C. Cohen (@Zachary\_Cohen) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:41 P.M.** — More House Republicans call on Biden to resign.

It's time for Joe Biden to resign.

— Lauren Boebert (@laurenboebert) [August 26, 2021](#)

Biden must resign, be removed by his cabinet, or be impeached.

His incompetence caused the death and injury of brave Marines.

He can longer be tolerated. Full statement below ?? [pic.twitter.com/6RCIkOS2jy](https://pic.twitter.com/6RCIkOS2jy)

— Brian Babin (@RepBrianBabin) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:40 P.M.** — A grim stat highlighted by The Federalist's co-founder Sean Davis:

Today is the deadliest day for American forces in Afghanistan since August 6, 2011 — the deadliest day in Navy SEAL history — when terrorist forces shot down a Chinook full of American servicemen, killing everyone on board. <https://t.co/Nw2lu1uG3X>

— Sean Davis (@seanmdav) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:30 P.M.** — Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) calls for Biden to resign.

To say that today's loss of American lives in Kabul is sickening does not begin to do justice to what has happened. It is enraging. And Joe Biden is responsible. It is now clear beyond all doubt that he has neither the capacity nor the will to lead. He must resign

— Josh Hawley (@HawleyMO) [August 26, 2021](#)

**4:05 P.M.** — Two El Cajon families that were stranded in Afghanistan have returned, while four others

remain stuck in the country, [KTLA](#) reports:

Two families from a San Diego suburb have made it home from Afghanistan after they went to the country earlier this summer to visit relatives and got stuck there amid the chaos following the Taliban's takeover, officials said Thursday.

Four other families from El Cajon were still trying to get out, and U.S. government officials along with California Republican Rep. Darrell Issa were working on their safe return. The suburb, east of San Diego, has a large refugee population. Many of the families had gone to Afghanistan in May and early June, weeks before the crisis unfolded, so their children could see their grandparents and other relatives.

**4:01 P.M.** — Taliban spokesman issues statement on latest blast: "Explosions were heard inside Kabul airport after dinner today. These explosions were carried out by American forces to destroy their equipment, so that the citizens of Kabul do not worry."

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— Zabihullah (..???????????? ????? ? ) (@Zabehulah\_M33) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:42 P.M.** — Los Angeles Times journalist reports he just felt a shockwave from a "very large blast" in Kabul.

L.A. Times journalist reporting another large explosion in Kabul. <https://t.co/b8LtvUhbxW>

— Bill Melugin (@BillFOXLA) [August 26, 2021](#)

AFP staff report another "huge blast heard in Kabul."

[#BREAKING](#) Another huge blast heard in Kabul: AFP staff

— AFP News Agency (@AFP) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:41 P.M.** — President Joe Biden will speak at 5:00 P.M. EST.

NEW: Joe Biden will address the nation at 5 p.m. EST on Afghanistan.

— Natasha Korecki (@natashakorecki) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:40 P.M.** — The Biden administration supplied the Taliban with a list of names of U.S. citizens and Afghan allies as part of an effort to grant them entry to the outer perimeter of Kabul's airport, [Politico](#) reports:

The move, detailed to POLITICO by three U.S. and congressional officials, was designed to expedite the evacuation of tens of thousands of people from Afghanistan as chaos erupted in Afghanistan's capital city last week after the Taliban seized control of the country. It also came as the Biden administration has been relying on the Taliban for security outside the airport.

But the decision to provide specific names to the Taliban, which has a history of brutally murdering Afghans who collaborated with the U.S. and other coalition forces during the conflict, has angered lawmakers and military officials.

"Basically, they just put all those Afghans on a kill list," said one defense official, who like others spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive topic. "It's just appalling and shocking and makes you feel unclean."

**3:37 P.M.** — NBC News terrorism analyst reports that ISIS has claimed responsibility for the Kabul airport attack and has shared the purported terrorist's photo.

Image: ISIS suicide bomber "Abdul Rahman al-Lowgari who carried out the martyrdom operation near Kabul Airport." [pic.twitter.com/Z9sv8K711S](https://pic.twitter.com/Z9sv8K711S)

— Evan Kohlmann (@IntelTweet) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:23 P.M.** —

Gen. McKenzie says "I don't think there's anything to convince me" that the Taliban let the Kabul attacks happen.

"As for whether or not I trust them — that's a word I use very carefully. You've heard me say before: It's not what they say, it's what they do." [pic.twitter.com/C28c46vDfs](https://pic.twitter.com/C28c46vDfs)

— CBS News (@CBSNews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:20 P.M.** —

McKenzie: We thought this would happen sooner or later. Its tragic it's happened today. It's



tragic to have this much loss of life.

— Chris Jansing (@ChrisJansing) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:18 P.M.** — Gen. McKenzie is warning that the threat of suicide vehicle in Kabul is “high right now” and says the U.S. military has asked Taliban to conduct security in the streets.

“We asses the threat of a suicide vehicle threat is high right now” McKenzie says. Worried ISIS could get a truck bomb through the gates and onto the base. Have asked Taliban to close off streets further away from HKIA.

— Aaron Mehta (@AaronMehta) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:12 P.M.** — Gen. McKenzie says the threat from ISIS is “extremely real” and believe it is their desire to continue attacks and expect attacks to continue.

GENERAL MCKENZIE: “The threat from ISIS is extremely real...We believe it is their desire to continue those attacks, and we expect those attacks to continue, and we’re doing everything we can to prepare for those attacks. That includes reaching out to the Taliban.”  
[pic.twitter.com/I57TSs2egt](https://pic.twitter.com/I57TSs2egt)

— Townhall.com (@townhallcom) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:13 P.M.** —

No indication at this point that more troops will be sent to Afghanistan for additional security.

Gen. McKenzie says he believes “we have the forces we need.”

— Haley Britzky (@halbritz) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:10 P.M.** —

In Pentagon press briefing, CENTCOM commander Gen. McKenzie just said the Taliban is conducting some of the searches of people who are trying to make it to the gate at Hamid Karzai International Airport. He says sometimes the searches are good, sometimes they’re not good.

— Mallory Shelbourne (@MalShelbourne) [August 26, 2021](#)

**3:03 P.M.** — The Pentagon has confirmed 12 U.S. service members were killed and 15 wounded in the Kabul attacks. U.S. official say the attacks were conducted by ISIS fighters.

12 US troops killed, 15 wounded, in the terror blasts at Kabul airport, Gen. McKenzie said.

— Aaron Katersky (@AaronKatersky) [August 26, 2021](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — US general says 12 US service members killed in Kabul attacks, which he says were carried out by 'ISIS fighters.'

— Rob Gillies (@rgilliescanada) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:45 P.M. —**

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Antony Blinken, Lloyd Austin and General Milley should all resign or face impeachment and removal from office.

— Sen. Marsha Blackburn (@MarshaBlackburn) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:24 P.M. —** 11 U.S. Marines and a Navy medic were killed in the Kabul attacks, according to the latest death toll count, per AP.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two US officials say 11 Marines and a Navy medic were killed in the Afghanistan attacks.

— Jonathan Lemire (@JonLemire) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:23 P.M. —** At least 60 people were killed and 150 injured in explosions at Kabul airport, according to health officials, per the *Wall Street Journal*.

UPDATE — More than 60 Afghan civilians were killed and 150 others were wounded in Kabul Airport explosions, a health official told us. [#Kabul](#) [#KabulAirport](#)

— Ehsanullah Amiri (@euamiri) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:18 P.M. —** The Death toll of U.S. service members in Kabul likely to rise, according to U.S. officials, reports Fox News.

At least 10 US Service members killed, dozens of Americans wounded in suicide bomb attack at Abbey Gate in Kabul this morning. Death toll of US service members likely to rise: US officials.

— Jennifer Griffin (@JenGriffinFNC) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:16 P.M. —** A grim milestone:

Absolutely staggering U.S. loss in [#Kabul](#) — the biggest in [#Afghanistan](#) since a helicopter crash in... March 2012. [@LucasFoxNews](#) reporting that “dozens” more U.S. personnel were wounded.

— Charles Lister (@Charles\_Lister) [August 26, 2021](#)

**2:02 P.M.** — The death toll of U.S. service members has risen from 4 to 10 in Kabul, Fox News reports.

Our [@JenGriffinFNC](#) brings us more tragic news this hour. The death toll among U.S. servicemembers is now at least 10

— John Roberts (@johnrobertsFox) [August 26, 2021](#)

**1:42 P.M.** — The State Department will not hold a briefing today.

Update from [@StateDept](#):  
No press briefing today [pic.twitter.com/hGmuvVmQVi](https://pic.twitter.com/hGmuvVmQVi)

— Weijia Jiang (@weijia) [August 26, 2021](#)

**1:41 P.M.** —

\*\*\* URGENT \*\*\* — New threat of VBIED at North Gate of Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) in Kabul, US official inside the airport complex tells [@ABC](#) following complex IED attack at Abbey gate earlier today.

— James Gordon Meek (@meekwire) [August 26, 2021](#)

**1:16 P.M.** — More House Republicans condemn Biden over the deadly attacks in Kabul, with Rep. Roger Williams (TX) calling for the president to “resign or be legally removed.”

[pic.twitter.com/1fk5nHBBRK](https://pic.twitter.com/1fk5nHBBRK)

— Rep. Roger Williams (@RepRWilliams) [August 26, 2021](#)

My biggest fear is these attacks today are just the beginning of what we will continue to see as the Administration fails to get Americans and our Afghan allies out and to safety. We don't need statements from the Administration right now – we need immediate resignations.

— Rep. Tony Gonzales (@RepTonyGonzales) [August 26, 2021](#)

**1:13 P.M.** — Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby confirms “a number” of U.S. service members were killed due to the blast outside the Kabul airport in Kabul, but does not state how many.

Statement on this morning’s attack at [#HKIA](#): [pic.twitter.com/Qb1DIAJQJU](https://pic.twitter.com/Qb1DIAJQJU)

— John Kirby (@PentagonPresSec) [August 26, 2021](#)

**1:02 P.M.** — The [Wall Street Journal](#) reports four U.S. Marines were killed and three others wounded in Kabul attack:

The U.S. ambassador in Kabul has told staff there that four U.S. Marines were killed in an explosion at the city’s airport and three wounded, a U.S. official with knowledge of the briefing said. Two explosions ripped through crowds of Afghans trying to enter the airport on Thursday.

**12:56 P.M.** — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson condemns the twin attacks in Kabul, says U.K. will continue with evacuations.

The UK’s evacuation effort in Afghanistan will continue despite the “barbaric” terrorism attack at Kabul Airport, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said

via [@Geri\\_E\\_L\\_Scott](#)

— Sam Blewett (@BlewettSam) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:40 P.M.** — Taliban spokesman issues a statement on the twin Kabul bombings: “The Islamic Emirate strongly condemns the bombing of civilians at Kabul airport, which took place in an area where US forces are responsible for security. The Islamic Emirate is paying close attention to the security and protection of its people, and evil circles will be strictly stopped.”

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— Suhail Shaheen. ???? ???? ???? (@suhailshaheen1) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:39 P.M.** —

An Afghan interpreter who witnessed the Kabul airport blast tells his story to CBSN: “I saw a baby girl and I looked at her and I picked her up...I took her to the hospital, but she died

on my hands. What's going on right now is heartbreaking. This whole country is falling apart" [pic.twitter.com/EC1XMIYm6m](https://pic.twitter.com/EC1XMIYm6m)

— CBS News (@CBSNews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:27 P.M.** —U.S. Marine and reporter Julio Rosas and others are blasting frequent MSNBC guest Malcolm Nance over his commentary of the deadly Kabul blasts in which U.S. troops were reportedly wounded.

U.S. Marines are among the wounded you despicable sack of shit. <https://t.co/8C13Ss526K>

— Julio Rosas (@Julio\_Rosas11) [August 26, 2021](#)

Sociopathic and narcissistic MSNBC commentator with the coldest of cold takes. <https://t.co/AVgTkyvN9G>

— Adam Korzeniewski ?? (@RealAdamK) [August 26, 2021](#)

This is what failed experts say when they hear of US casualties "deal with it."

Americans are dead due the ruling class's hubris & inability to take action when needed.

Nance & his ilk are a disgrace. <https://t.co/cZw7op3VSI>

— Joe Kent for WA-3 (@joekent16jan19) [August 26, 2021](#)

What a sick and demented spin.

Americans are being attacked and this is how the left responds... <https://t.co/uw2UPoxFab>

— Alex Bruesewitz (@alexbruesewitz) [August 26, 2021](#)

When your ideology supplants your humanity, you get this.

"#DealWithIt" <https://t.co/JPR84qw1ky>

— Tony Katz (@tonykatz) [August 26, 2021](#)

the "deal with it" hashtag is shitbag perfection. <https://t.co/g2o57tRpjd>

— tsar becket adams (@BecketAdams) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:17 P.M.** — The *New York Times* reports at least 40 dead bodies and 120 injured have been taken to hospitals across Kabul.

At least 40 dead bodies and 120 wounded transferred to Kabul hospitals, with 60% of wounded in the critical condition. All those killed and wounded are in critical condition.

— Fahim Abed (@fahimabed) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:16 P.M.** — 60 Irish nationals have been behind in Afghanistan as the Irish military departs, according to [Independent.ie](#).

**12:15 P.M.** — The Canadian government has ended its evacuation mission in Afghanistan, leaving multiple Canadians stranded, [BBC](#) reports.

**12:04 P.M.** — Afghanistan news channel TOLONews shares graphic footage following the blast outside Kabul's airport.

Video: Aftermath of attack close to Kabul airport. US Pentagon confirms at least two blasts. Taliban spokesperson Zabiullah Mujahid told TOLONews at least 52 people are wounded. [#Afghanistan pic.twitter.com/pBztAtS7oB](#)

— TOLONews (@TOLONews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**12:01 P.M.** — The White House briefing with press secretary Jen Psaki scheduled for noon is now delayed.

Press briefing w [@PressSec](#) at noon is being delayed, as is the [@POTUS](#) meeting w Israeli PM.

Sounds like the virtual meeting w governors is now off. Covid-19 briefing already canceled.

— Eli Stokols (@EliStokols) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:50 A.M.** — NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg [says](#) evacuations from Kabul should continue after “horrific terrorist attack.”

**11:49 A.M.** —

Ministry of Defence says no reported UK military or UK Government casualties following the explosions in Kabul.

— kathryn samson (@STVKathryn) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:48 A.M.** — An emergency hospital in Kabul tells Reuters that roughly 60 wounded people have arrived following the city's twin explosions.

Emergency hospital in Kabul says around 60 wounded people have arrived so far from

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airport explosions <https://t.co/Ji2qTfjKsg> [pic.twitter.com/alMELJwuat](https://pic.twitter.com/alMELJwuat)

— Reuters (@Reuters) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:45 A.M. —**

THERE IS NO INDICATION FROM THE [#WHITEHOUSE](#) THAT [#BIDEN](#) PLANS TO CHANGE THE AUG. 31 WITHDRAWAL TIMELINE -SOURCE FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION

— Reuters

— Susan Li (@SusanLiTV) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:35 A.M. —** As many as five U.S. troops may have been injured, according to Reuters.

US OFFICIAL, CITING INITIAL INFORMATION, SAYS AS MANY AS 5 AMERICAN TROOPS MAY HAVE BEEN INJURED in explosions at [#Kabul\\_Airport](#) via [@idreesali114](#) [@Reuters](#)

— Mary Milliken (@mhmilliken) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:30 A.M. —** Afghanistan news channel TOLONews reports: “Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed that 52 people had been wounded in two explosions near Kabul airport. He added that the blast also caused casualties, but exact figures are not available.”

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— TOLONews (@TOLONews) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:26 A.M. —** A source tells Fox News that “hundreds of ISIS-K in the vicinity, attacks likely to continue” following twin blasts in Kabul.

NEW: Source briefed on the situation in Kabul tells me “hundreds of ISIS-K in the vicinity, attacks likely to continue”

— Jacqui Heinrich (@JacquiHeinrich) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:22 A.M. —** A pair of House Republican lawmakers call on President Biden to resign.

Earlier this week, I too called on the President of the United States to resign immediately following his haphazard withdrawal from Afghanistan. He has abdicated his responsibility

and duties entrusted to him as POTUS, and he must RESIGN IMMEDIATELY. [#BidenResign](#)  
[#BidenResign](#) <https://t.co/mPHThWqL3Y>

— Byron Donalds (@ByronDonalds) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:21 A.M.** — ISIS is “definitely believed to be” the culprit behind the attack outside Kabul’s airport, a U.S. official tells the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON (AP) — US official says attack outside Kabul airport is ‘definitely believed to be’ carried out by the Islamic State group.

— Rob Gillies (@rgilliescanada) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:15 A.M.** — The White House has postponed President Joe Biden’s scheduled meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, according to Axios reporter Barak Ravid.

[#Breaking](#) White House postpones meeting between [#POTUS](#) and [@naftalibennett](#) due to situation in [#Afghanistan](#) via [@BarakRavid](#)

— Richard C. Schneider (@rc\_schneider) [August 26, 2021](#)

**11:03 A.M.** — The *Wall Street Journal*’s Afghanistan correspondent reports 30 wounded people have arrived at a hospital for treatment. Six are dead on arrival.

Emergency Hospital in Kabul says 30 wounded people have arrived in the hospital, 6 dead on arrival. [#Kabul](#) [#KabulAirport](#)

— Ehsanullah Amiri (@euamiri) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:57 A.M.** — Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby confirms a “complex attack” has resulted in U.S. and civilian casualties. “We can also confirm at least one other explosion at or near the Baron Hotel, a short distance from Abbey Gate,” the official adds.

We can confirm that the explosion at the Abbey Gate was the result of a complex attack that resulted in a number of US & civilian casualties. We can also confirm at least one other explosion at or near the Baron Hotel, a short distance from Abbey Gate. We will continue to update.

— John Kirby (@PentagonPresSec) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:52 A.M.** —

An ISIS suicide bomber was responsible for the blast out Kabul’s airport, an unnamed U.S. official told [Politico](#).



**10:39 A.M. —**

NEW: The U.S. Embassy issues an alert telling U.S. citizens to “avoid traveling to the airport and avoid airport gates,” following an explosion outside Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul. <https://t.co/oPL12dX38o> [pic.twitter.com/njUsUob9Ys](https://pic.twitter.com/njUsUob9Ys)

— ABC News (@ABC) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:34 A.M. —**

We can confirm that the explosion near the Abbey Gate of the Kabul airport has resulted in an unknown number of casualties. We will continue to update.

— John Kirby (@PentagonPresSec) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:33 A.M. —** President Joe Biden is in the White House Situation Room as he receives updates on the blast in Kabul.

President Biden is in the White House Situation Room, I’m told, getting updates on the situation in Afghanistan, including the explosion near the Kabul airport that has caused many casualties.

— Jennifer Jacobs (@JenniferJJacobs) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:30 A.M. —** Reuters White House correspondent Steve Holland, citing a Taliban official, reports at least 13 people, including children, were killed in the blast outside Kabul’s main airport.

AT LEAST 13 KILLED, INCLUDING CHILDREN, MANY TALIBAN GUARDS WOUNDED IN  
A BLAST OUTSIDE KABUL AIRPORT – TALIBAN OFFICIAL

— Steve Holland (@steveholland1) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:12 A.M. —**

Our [@LucasFoxNews](#) reports that at least 3 U.S. troops have been wounded in the suicide bombing at the Kabul airport

— John Roberts (@johnrobertsFox) [August 26, 2021](#)

**10:05 A.M. —**

In Pictures: People injured in explosion near Kabul airport [pic.twitter.com/WQ8sdjvODG](https://pic.twitter.com/WQ8sdjvODG)

— 1TVNewsAF (@1TVNewsAF) [August 26, 2021](#)

9:44 A.M. —

We can confirm an explosion outside Kabul airport. Casualties are unclear at this time. We will provide additional details when we can.

— John Kirby (@PentagonPresSec) [August 26, 2021](#)

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