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## **Afghanistan - Researched and compiled by the Refugee Documentation Centre of Ireland on Wednesday 22 February 2017**

### **Information on the security situation in Kabul**

In February 2017 the *Guardian* states:

“At least 20 people have been killed and 41 injured in a suicide bomb attack on the supreme court in the Afghan capital, according to officials” (*Guardian* (7 February 2017) *Dozens killed in suicide blast at Afghanistan's supreme court*).

This report also states:

“In the past 12 months, Kabul in particular has become more dangerous...” (ibid).

A report issued by the *Guardian* in January 2017 states:

“Taliban militants have killed at least 30 people in a twin bombing near the Afghan parliament in Kabul, injuring more than 70 others, according to the ministry of public health” (*Guardian* (10 January 2017) *Taliban bombings kill at least 30 people near Afghan parliament*).

This document also points out that:

“The latest attack was the bloodiest in the Afghan capital since November, when an alleged Islamic State suicide bomber killed more than 30 worshippers at a mosque” (ibid).

A report issued in February 2017 commenting on events of 2016 by the *United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* notes that:

“...70 per cent of all civilian casualties arising from suicide and complex attacks occurred in Kabul city...” (*United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan* (6 February 2017) *Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict*, p.60).

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