Another Attack in Barchi

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ester
day, on April 22, a suicide bomber attacked a voter registra
tion center in Dasht-e Barchi neighborhood. The attack resulted in
37 people dead, including two women, and 84 others injured. The
attack was claimed by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL),
avOIDING any claims of responsibility. Another incident,
which took place on April 17, in which 30 people were killed in
Zari district of Balkh province, is also linked to ISIL.

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind

By Mohammad Zahir Akbari

Due to the recent attacks, there has been extensive wave of criticisms and concerns over low participation of people
in voter registration. In view of these developments, electoral officials have been attempting to get the people to register
their votes. On Saturday, the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC) head, Abdul Hadi Wardak, addressed a
civil society assembly at the National Assembly (Wolesi Jirga) to urge the upcoming elections, ID cards distribution, voter
registration and other civic affairs. Some of the concerns expressed concerned over slow voter registration and ID cards distribu-
tion processes but others such as Fatima Nazari, criticized that there is only one center in the entire country to fill an ID card
distribution implying as a kind of delay tactic applied on certain parts of society to deprive them from registering process.

The next day, the same solitary and overreached center was attacked and 8 people were killed, a hundred civilians were
injured and in total 14 others were injured.

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