Suicide Bomber Kills 10 People, Mainly Germans, in Istanbul

ISTANBUL - A suicide bomber thought to be from Syria killed at least 10 people, most of them German tourists, in Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet tourist district on Tuesday which killed 19 people and was a Syrian national born in 1988 whose links were being investigated.

Sources in Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu's office said three to five more Germans and he had spoken by phone with Chancellor Angela Merkel to express concern.

Merkel earlier said she was very sorry. German tourists might be among the victims.

Several bodies were on the ground in the square, also known as the Hippodrome of Constantinople. (More on P4)

Syrian Suicide Bomber Thought behind Istanbul Blast

ANKARA - A Syrian suicide bomber is thought to have been responsible for an explosion in the heart of Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet tourist district on Tuesday which killed 10 people including Turks and foreigners. President Tayyip Erdogan said.

"I condemn the terror incident in Istanbul as an attack by a suicide bomber with Syrian origin. Unfortunately we have 10 dead including foreigners and Turkish nationals. There are also 15 wounded," Erdogan told reporters in Ankara, in a speech broadcast live on television. (Reuters)

AFghanistan

KARUL - Nearly one in five children growing up in conflict zones is out of school, with Afghanistan among the four worst-affected countries, according to a UNICEF report released on Thursday.

An estimated 24 million children of school age are not in school in 22 countries affected by conflict, the agency said, with South Sudan having the largest proportion of children out of school, 51 percent, followed by Nigeria with 47 percent in Sudan, and 48 percent in Afghanistan.

"When children are not in school, they are at an increased danger of abuse, exploitation, and recruitment into armed groups," said Jo Bourne, UNICEF's head of education.

“School equips children with the knowledge and skills they need to start conversations once the conflict is over, and in the short-term provides them with stability and structure required to cope with the chaos they have experienced.”

Bourne.

Education is one of the least funded sectors by humanitarian agencies. In 2014, it received 2 percent of humanitarian aid. The UN said 10 times as much is needed for education in conflict zones. (Reuters)

Tajikistan, Pakistan Reviewing Cooperation, Including Details of CASA 1000 Project

BISHKEK - President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmon and Federal Minister for Water and Power of Pakistan Khawaja Muhammad Afsar discussed cooperation prospects between two countries, including implementation of CASA 1000 project, at the meeting in Dushanbe on January 12, reports the press service.

The meeting was attended in Dushanbe to discuss the details of energy cooperation and power flows from Tajikistan and Pakistan through the territory of Afghanistan.

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"If the project is implemented, it will create a favorable environment for the development of Tajikistan and Tajikistan to Afghanistan. However, the current economic situation, not only for Tajikistan but also for Pakistan, makes it difficult for this project to be implemented. However, Pakistan is interested in this project and is ready to support it."

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"We are interested in strengthening our bilateral relations with Tajikistan and we are ready to support the development of the country."

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"We will provide all necessary assistance to Pakistan in order to implement the CASA-1000 project."

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