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17 February 2017 – The United Nations today condemned the deadly terrorist attack in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, for which the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh) has claimed responsibility.

"We condemn the terrorist attack in the south of Baghdad […] This week has seen a series of such atrocious crimes in the Iraqi capital," said the statement issued by the spokesperson for UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

"The United Nations will continue to stand by the Government and people of Iraq in their efforts to fight terrorism and violent extremism, notably by building trust and mutual understanding through peaceful and inclusive," the statement added.

Meanwhile, the UN envoy in Iraq also strongly condemned yesterday's car bomb attack in the Bayaa district of Baghdad, which, according to news reports, left more than 50 people dead.

"Yet again, the terrorists are continuing with their carnage against innocent civilians. This is totally unacceptable," said the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Iraq, Ján Kubiš.

"The Iraqi people have shown their courage and determination in the fight against terrorism, and these desperate tactics by the terrorists will only increase the resolve of Iraqis, who want to live in peace and tranquility to terminate the so-called ISIL throughout the country," Mr. Kubiš added.