## Outrage and 'revulsion' voiced by UN mission in Afghanistan over latest suicide attack

A suicide attack on a voter-registration centre in the Afghan capital Kabul which left at least 30 dead on Sunday, has been condemned by the UN mission in the country, <u>UNAMA</u>.

"The UN family in Afghanistan feels a deep sense of revulsion at today's outrage," <u>said the head of the mission</u>, Tadamichi Yamamoto, adding that "the killing appears to be part of a wholly unacceptable effort by extremists to deter Afghan citizens from carrying out their constitutional right to take part in elections."

Sunday's attack took place when a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt, blew themselves up near the election facility in the west of Kabul — an area mostly populated by Shi'ite Muslims, according to UNAMA.

Special Representative Mr. Yamamoto expressed his deep condolences to the family and victims, and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

News reports said that the ISIL extremist group had claimed responsibility for the bombing, and many women and children are believed to be among the victims.

Voter-registration began last week for parliamentary and district elections scheduled to take place on 20 October.

UNAMA said that since then, "there have been a number of violent incidents around the country against the centres where citizens are required to sign up for the upcoming ballot."

Two police officers were shot and killed by armed assailants at a registration place in the city of Jalalabad on Thursday, and gunmen also torched a centre in Ghor; abducting electoral and security officials.

They were released the following day.