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27 killed in Iraq suicide bombings

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BAGHDAD: Three suicide bombers in different parts of Iraq killed at least 27 people and wounded nearly 60 on Monday, police and politicians said.

One of the attacks occurred near the northern city of Mosul at 1540 GMT when a suicide attacker detonated his car in front of an office of the Kurdistan Democratic Party of Massoud Barzani, leader of the autonomous Kurdish region in Iraq, an official with the group said. At least 10 people were killed and 20 wounded in the attack in Tal Uskuf, 15 kilometres north of Mosul, said Abdul-Ghani Ali, a KDP official.

A suicide car bomber also struck a police station in Baqouba, 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, at about 1600 GMT, killing at least 10 people and wounding 23, police said.

In central Baghdad, a bomber wearing an explosives belt blew himself up in an Iraqi restaurant in the neighbourhood of Karradah Mariam, killing at least seven people and wounding 16, police said.

The attack occurred at about 1600 GMT less than 100 meters outside the heavily fortified Green Zone, home to the US and British embassies and the Iraqi government's headquarters. At the time, Ryan Crocker, who became the new US ambassador in Iraq about a month ago, was giving a news conference in the Green Zone.

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