

Suicide bombing kills two in Kabul

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KABUL, Afghanistan -- A suicide bomber and a second person died in an attack on U.S. contractor SUVs Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan. Kabul police told CNN four others were wounded in the attack but there were no American casualties. The CNN report said Afghanistan's notorious war lord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's anti-government group Hezb-i-Islami claimed responsibility for the attack. The early morning blast occurred near the U.S. embassy in Kabul's upscale Wazir Akhbar Khan neighborhood, the report said. In July, Hekmatyar, who helped end the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in the 1980s, reportedly called on all Islamic fighters, including the Taliban, to stop bomb attacks against civilians and religious leaders. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the war lord has turned against both Pakistan and the United States. The report said Hekmatyar is among those being sought to join the government to ensure peace in the country. However, he may not have completely abandoned his warlord ways, issuing statements like "Long live the mujahedin and death to the enemies of Islam."

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