



## Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief & Development

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Kabul, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**Subject: Condemnation of the bomb blast in Kabul on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017, killing 90 and injuring over 400 civilians**

The Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development (ACBAR), representing 142 Afghan and International NGOs, is deeply shocked by the bomb blast that occurred on the 31<sup>st</sup> May near the diplomatic area in Kabul which killed 90 and wounded 400 people, as far as we know. The majority of these were civilians going about their daily business in the busy streets of Kabul and working in offices nearby. We believe that civilians should never be targeted in any conflict and that indiscriminate bombing in heavily populated areas is morally indefensible. As UNAMA noted in their statement of yesterday, “this is a serious violation of humanitarian law. There can be no exceptions: the use of explosive weapons in civilian-populated areas must stop.”

Our deepest condolences and prayers go to the injured and to the families of those who were killed yesterday.

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