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Militants storm foreign guesthouse in Kabul

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A group of militants stormed a foreign guesthouse in the Kart-i-Seh locality of Kabul on Saturday, two days after a deadly assault on a British Embassy vehicle in the city.

Police said the blast took place at around 4:00 pm in front of the Mustaghni High School, but it could not be immediately ascertained whether the explosion caused any casualties.

Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanikzai told Pajhwok Afghan News that the rebels targetted a guesthouse of foreigners in the neighbourhood.

Security forces arrived at the site soon after the explosion that was followed by intermittent gunshots. He offered no further details of the incident.

Eyewitness Mahmood three gunmen in military uniforms fired at the guesthouse from an under-construction building. Gunfire erupted after three explosions rocked the area, he added.

Another resident, Hikmatullah, claimed the assailants had entered the facility, where gunshots were still ringing out. The incident happened 200 metres from the parliament building.

A number of security personnel and civilians have died in recent suicide attacks and bombings in Kabul, including those on a parliamentarian and a British Embassy convoy.