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Iraq: Amnesty International condemns killings of civilians and calls for investigation

A wave of bomb attacks and shootings on Monday in Baghdad and other cities across Iraq have reportedly killed at least 100 people, and left many more wounded.

The apparently coordinated attacks appear to have targeted both Iraqi civilians and members of the security forces.

“Deliberate attacks on civilians can never be justified. Such attacks show a total disregard for basic principles of humanity and we condemn them,” said Philip Luther, Amnesty International’s Director for the Middle East and North Africa.

“There must be now prompt, thorough and impartial investigations. Those suspected of being behind these attacks must be brought to justice in proceedings that meet international standards of fairness, and without the imposition of the death penalty.”

Violence dipped in Iraq since 2007, but bombings and other attacks on civilians have increased since the end of 2011 amid the deepening political tensions in the country.

No one has so far claimed responsibility for these attacks.

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