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India: Amnesty International condemns bombings in Varanasi

Amnesty International utterly condemns the multiple bombings that took place on Monday 7 March in the north Indian city of Varanasi, claiming 21 lives and injuring more than 60 others.

Reports suggest this is a coordinated and systematic action deliberately targeting civilians. Such explosions would seem to be part of a worrying global pattern of indiscriminate attacks.

These senseless and horrific attacks have taken place in places of worship and busy public spaces frequented by locals and tourists. Targeting people going about their daily business shows complete contempt for the most fundamental principles of humanity.

Amnesty International urges that human rights must be the framework for the protection of civilians and must shape the response of the authorities in India in their pursuit and prosecution of those responsible.