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**TERRORISTS attacked Kabul airport, killing as many as 100 people, including 12 US soldiers, and injuring 140 more.**  
Two blasts, one of them a suicide bomber, went off 250 metres apart at 6pm local time. Evacuation forces are now in a race against time to get people out before further attacks. PM Boris Johnson condemned the "barbaric" bombings by the ISIS-K terrorists. FULL STORY: PAGES 4-5

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## Scores killed in Kabul at

At least 60 civilians and 12 US forces die in suicide bombings • Pressure mounts on Biden after Isis

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At least 12 US troops were killed along with an unknown number of Afghans when two suicide bombers attacked crowds of people trying to board flights at Kabul airport. Videos from the scene showed dozens of bodies and wounded civilians, many of whom were lying in the dirty water of a sewage ditch alongside the airport walkway. A suicide bomber was followed by another.

The Pentagon blamed the blasts on the ISIS-K, Afghanistan Islamic State in Pakistan, Britain and other allies warned of an imminent threat of an attack and urged their citizens to stay away from the airport area. The group claimed responsibility last night for the attack in a video posted by its Aring news agency.

It represents the biggest loss of US service lives since a military helicopter was shot down in eastern Afghanistan, a killing of special operation troops, a decade ago. The bombings will raise further pressure on President Biden, who was already facing international criticism for refusing to extend his self-imposed deadline of August 31 to complete the US withdrawal from Afghanistan after two decades of war.

It was this deadline — chosen to ensure that the US was out before the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks — that drew crowds to the airport despite the risks that Biden himself said on Tuesday were "acute and growing".

The president was in discussions with his security advisers at the White House as he planned to send a national address. He has been strongly condemned by Republicans and some members of his own party for his handling of the withdrawal.

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I know: Strategy is everything. Without weighing all the consequences, without planning a long range game, we end up in Kabul as it is today, on 8/26/21. And yet: ISIS-K is also fighting with the Taliban. I say: Get 'em both. This cannot stand. They have just killed the bravest of our soldiers who

were engaged in a humanitarian rescue mission.

Do not believe the Taliban promises about being a kinder, gentler organization. They have been terrorizing people all across the country and beating and whipping people as they tried to escape.

It's Biden's war now. He has shamed and dishonored our country in a breathtaking way. He brought it on himself, on our NATO allies, and on all the Afghans who came to believe in Western post-Enlightenment values. Biden shut the airports down and left military equipment behind before the very last soldier, the very last Afghan ally, dissident, gay, feminist were safely—very safely out.

Biden (his character, his flaws, his stubbornness), his administration, and whoever is pulling their strings are to blame.

This cannot stand.