Dozens killed in attack on beach hotel by al-Qaeda terrorists

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An attack on a beach hotel in Somalia has killed 32 people and injured more than 60 others.

⌐ 32 people have been confirmed dead so far (Picture: @AdityaRajKaul/Reuters)

The attack happened at a hotel on Lido Beach in Mogadishu, the African nation's capital, on Friday.

One soldier was killed in the attack, with the rest of the victims being civilians, while another soldier was wounded.

Witness Mohamud Moalim described an attacker wearing an explosive vest moments before he 'blew himself up next to the beach-view hotel'.

The explosion was then followed by gunfire, witnesses say.

al-Shabab, an East Africa affiliate of the al-Qaeda terror group, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Somali police say one attacker blew himself up while three others were killed by security forces and one was captured alive.

In a separate attack on Saturday, local media reported seven people died after a passenger vehicle hit a roadside bomb some 25 miles from the capital.

Following the Lido Beach attack, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud shared a statement which read: 'The government is determined to eliminate the terrorists. The terrorists want to terrify the civilians. Let the civilians report the terrorists hiding among them.'