

Update: Scores killed and injured in bomb explosions at churches and five-star hotels in Sri Lanka capital Colombo

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Apr 21, Colombo: Simultaneous bomb explosions at several churches and five-star hotels in Sri Lankan capital Colombo on Easter Sunday have reportedly killed scores and injured many more, reports from Colombo say.



Bomb blasts occurred in five places including St. Anthony's Church in Kochchikade, St. Anthony's Church in Negombo and at St. Sebastian's Church (*picture left*) in Katuwapitiya, Katana, the Police Media Unit said.

Bomb explosions have also been reported from Kingsbury, Shangri-La and Cinnamon Grand Hotels in Colombo.

The bombs have gone off at the same time in all the churches at around 8:45 am local time, according to reports.

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Minister Harsha de Silva said there were many casualties

including foreigners. The injured are being rushed to the Colombo National Hospital. More than 80 people have been hospitalized, the reports say. Another explosion have been reported from the Zion Church in Batticaloa.

The police reminded the public that spreading rumors and inaccurate news is legally punishable crime asked the people to refrain from stirring communal violence.

Suicide bombing had also been a tactic of the Tamil Tigers terror group. However the warning given last week by the Chief of Police was about intelligence of another group. From the [OneIndia](#) that the target was clearly the Catholics.

With the blasts today, the intelligence in Sri Lanka has warned that there could be more attacks. The country has been placed under very high alert and security has been tightened all over.

The bombings ... bear the signature of the Islamic State. The nation has been under the radar of the Islamic State for nearly three years now.