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## **PRESS RELEASE**

15 civilians have been killed and 40 other wounded in a suicide attack in Ghani Khil capital of Shinwari district of Nangarhar Province.

**Kabul, Afghanistan** – The attack left 15 killed and 40 wounded including two children in Ghani Khil city of Shinwari district. This attack happened at the time when the delegates of both Taliban and Afghan Government were holding peace talks and struggling for political reconciliation to put an end to the never-ending long conflict and violence in the country.

No insurgent groups claimed the responsibility for this bombing suicide attack but the presidency and Ministry of Interior of Afghanistan claimed that the attack was carried out by the Taliban. The governor speaker of Nangarhar province termed it inhumane and heinous crime that occurred on Saturday, October 3, 2020.

WHMO strongly condemns this bombing suicide attack in Ghani Khil capital of Shinwari district of Nangarhar province which left a huge human and materials causalities.

WHMO calls upon Anti-Government Elements to respect International Humanitarian and Human Rights Laws, stopping killing of innocent children, women and men across the country.

WHMO calls this attack a war crime and crime against humanity which targets civilians and innocent Afghans.

WHMO extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured.

WHMO urges on both sides of conflict to settle ongoing conflict through peace talks and political ways to bring lasting security and peace to the people.