



PRESS STATEMENT

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UNAMA STATEMENT ON AN AIRSTRIKE ON A MEDICAL FACILITY IN KABUL

On 16 March at around 9pm in Kabul, an airstrike carried out by Pakistan military forces impacted the Omid Addiction Treatment Hospital, a healthcare facility for the treatment of drug-addicted individuals, dozens of whom were reportedly killed and injured.

UNAMA expresses its deepest condolences to the families of those killed and wishes a speedy recovery to the injured.

Under international law, all parties to a conflict must respect and protect the sick and wounded, medical personnel, hospitals and ambulances and attacks on hospitals and civilian facilities are strictly prohibited.

Across Afghanistan, civilians continue to pay the price for the ongoing conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan. In line with its Security Council mandate, since 26 February, and prior to the incident on 16 March, UNAMA documented at least 76 civilian deaths and 213 injuries in Afghanistan due to the hostilities.

UNAMA reiterates its call for de-escalation and an immediate ceasefire, and for parties to comply with their obligations under international law to ensure the protection of civilians.

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