**Four Indians killed by Taliban in Kabul terror attack**

Four Indians, two Pakistanis and an American were among 14 people killed in a Taliban attack on a guest house in Kabul on Wednesday.

A top Afghan official said the Indian Ambassador could have been the target of the militants, who stormed the complex popular among expats.

The four Indians killed included two private auditors and an NGO worker, who were at the Park Palace Guest house, located in the Kolola Pushta area of the Kabul, when the Taliban militants stormed the building at about 9pm on Thursday.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's special envoy for good governance Ahmad Zia Massoud said the militants attacked the guest house thinking Indian Ambassador Amar Sinha was present in the compound. However, he did not elaborate further.

When asked whether he was scheduled to go there, Sinha said: “I was invited for an event at the guest house, which is full of expats, but I had not confirmed my attendance.”

Confirming that four Indians were among the victims, Sinha said he has been informed by the Afghan authorities that the total number of casualties was 14.

Two Pakistanis, an American, one Italian and a Kazak national were the other foreigners killed in the attack, officials said, noting that rest were all Afghans.

“Terrorists do not recognise borders! Condolences to families of all killed including two nationals of Pakistan in #Kabul attack,” Ambassador Sinha tweeted.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is currently on a visit to China, spoke to President Ghani and offered condolences.

"We are one when it comes to fighting terror," Modi tweeted.

Three gunmen had stormed the guest house and started firing following which Afghan national security forces, including Special Forces, rushed to the spot and began striking back.

All the attackers were killed in the siege that lasted for about seven hours, ending in the wee hours of Friday.

The Taliban and the Haqqani network have claimed the responsibility for the attack. The attack was planned to target the party which was being attended by important people and Americans, the militants said in a statement.

When the attack took place, the musical event was due to begin. Kabul police chief Abdul Rahman Rahimi said security forces rescued 54 people from inside the guest house.