

'No Bahrainis hurt'

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No Bahrainis were hurt in the suicide bombing occurred near Islam's holiest site in Makkah, an official confirmed.

"No Bahrainis were injured or killed in the terrorist attack," MP Jamal Dawood, who was in Makkah performing Umrah at the time of the incident, told *DT News*.

"The explosion happened shortly after Taraweeh prayers during which most of the pilgrims were at the Mosque and we could barely hear the blast noise," said Dawood.

The attack occurred on Ayyad Road around 800 metres away from the Mosque.

"Some of the Bahraini pilgrims stay there, but luckily they were all at the Mosque.

"Security forces cordoned off the area for about half-an-hour. But they reopened it soon, as pilgrims and worshippers were exiting the Mosque at that time," Dawood added.

He also confirmed that he communicated with the heads of Bahraini pilgrims' groups and said, "All of them are safe."

The MP, however, said that it is difficult to give the exact number of Bahraini pilgrims there at the Holy Land.

He also strongly condemned the attack saying, "This is a coward move targeting innocent worshippers who came from all over the world to perform religious rites. These evil powers should be eradicated."

Jamal Dawood also expressed his support for Saudi Arabia in ensuring the safety and security of pilgrims.

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