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Kunduz suicide attack: 8 suspects held

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As victims of a Wednesday's suicide attack were laid to rest in northern Kunduz province, police on Thursday said eight suspects had been detained in connection with the blast that also killed family members of the *Wolesi Jirga* speaker.

Kunduz Police Chief. Brig. Gen Abdul Andrabi told participants of the burial ceremony in the Imam Sahib district said that the bomber's identity had not been determined as yet, but police investigation continued.

The suicide bomber targeted a crowd after a match of *buzkashi*, killing the district police chief, Abdul Qayoum Ibrahim, his son, his father and seven other people. Qayoum was the brother of the speaker of the Parliament, Abdul Rauf Ibrahim, and of Abdul Latif Ibrahim, a presidential adviser. They were not present, but their father was also among the dead.

Abdul Rauf Ibrahim said the government's policy of reconciliation with the Taliban needed to be changed.

Kunduz governor said suicide attacks were being planned outside the country's borders and preventing such introducers required serious action.