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12 Killed in Attack on NATO Supplier in Kabul

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The logistics center of a major NATO supplier in the Afghan capital city of Kabul was attacked today, when a suicide truck bomber breached the external gate and Taliban gunmen entered, sparking a major gunbattle.

At least 12 people were confirmed killed, including five attacks, five security guards and two truck drivers who were waiting to be let into the compound when the attack happened.

The attack is the latest major strike of the Taliban's summer offensive, and part of what locals are calling "Taliban Tuesday," as this is the fourth straight week of Tuesday attacks in the capital city.

The Taliban's ability to launch regular, high-profile attacks against Kabul is seen by Afghan officials as an attempt to strengthen their position ahead of peace talks, and while they downplay the threat such attacks pose the fact that they can happen so often suggests that security in the capital will remain a concern in the long run.