

Suicide Church Bombings in Three Indonesian Churches in Surabaya



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Three different churches in Surabaya, Santa Maria Catholic Church in Ngagel Madya Street, Pentecostal Church (GPPS) in Arjuno Street, and GKI (Indonesian Protestant Church) in Diponegoro have been suffered from suicide bombings. They took place on Sunday morning (on 13 May) respectively at 07:30, 07:40, and 07:50 a.m. (local time).

The attacks, which were suspected to be carried out by the Islamic state [ISIS]-inspired group Jemaah Ansharut Daulah, killed (the latest report) 10 people and injured more than 41 people including police officers.

It was reported that the suicide bombers were women [the so-called Black widows]. The police had arrested several of them, including a woman with her two children before managing to explode their bombs. Further investigation is still going on, including their relation with the recent riot in Marko Brimob West Java.

[In the meantime the National Police spokesperson Inspector General Setyo Wasisto has just reported on TV Metro Jakarta, saying that they just arrested four alleged terrorists in West Java. They have planned to attack police before the month of Ramadhan.]

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