

# Indonesia: Entire Family of Suicide Bombers Blow Up Three Christian Churches

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Indonesia: ISIS claimed responsibility for members of a family, including pre-teen girls, blowing up three Christian churches, killing at least 10 people. The father was reported to be the leader of a local terrorist cell who blew up a Pentecostal church, two male teenagers blew themselves up at Saint Mary Immaculate Catholic Church and, in the third bombing, the mother and two daughters, ages 9 and 12, detonated suicide vests at another Christian church. -GEG

An entire family of suicide bombers, including pre-teen girls, attacked three churches in Indonesia on Sunday, killing at least 10 people and wounding dozens more, national police said.

The clan of terrorists is believed to have ties to Jamaah Anshar Daulah (JAD), an extremist group that is affiliated with the Islamic State network in Indonesia. The attackers came from a single family whose head was the leader of a terrorist cell in Surabaya, the port city where the bombings occurred, according to National Police chief Gen. Tito Karnavian.

"We have identified the bombers," he said Sunday at a press conference, [according to the Jakarta Post](#). "It is highly likely that they shared a familial background."

The attack struck three separate churches in Surabaya, the capital of Indonesia's East Java province and the island nation's second largest city. ISIS claimed responsibility for the bombings through its propaganda agency, Amaq, describing them as a "martyrdom" operation against Christian "crusaders" and security personnel.

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