

《新疆暴恐案至31人死亡》

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乌鲁木齐，5月22日（新华）——新疆发生暴力恐怖袭击事件，至少31人死亡，94人受伤。上午7：50，两辆没有牌照的车子冲开路边栅栏，撞向人群。

URUMQI, May 22 (Xinhua) -- A market attack in Urumqi that left at least 31 dead and 94 injured Thursday morning was terrorist violence, according to authorities.

Two vehicles, without license plates, broke through roadside fences and plowed into people at an open air market at Park North Street near Renmin Park at 7:50 a.m. and explosive devices were set off, said a statement issued by the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region's publicity department.

In response to the attack, Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged to severely punish terrorists and spare no efforts in maintaining stability.

Xi asked local authorities to solve the case quickly, put the injured under proper care and offer condolences to families of the victims.

A work panel led by Public Security Minister Guo Shengkun has headed for Xinjiang to join the investigation.

All the injured were rushed to hospitals. The regional government has launched an emergency response system and organized medical efforts for treatment of the injured, said the statement.

Witnesses said two off-road vehicles driving from north to south plowed into people in the market. Explosives were thrown before the vehicles exploded.

Many of the injured were elderly people who frequently visited the morning market, according to witnesses.

A business owner in the market told Xinhua he heard a dozen big bangs.