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Gunmen kill 29 prostitutes at Baghdad brothels

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USPA News - Gunmen stormed two brothels in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on Saturday evening, killing at least 31 people, most of them prostitutes, and injuring several others, government sources said on Sunday. It follows a similar attack on a brothel last year.

The latest attack took place on late Saturday when a group of gunmen burst into two apartment buildings used as brothels in the Zayouna neighborhood in eastern Baghdad. The men first entered one building and opened fire with pistols fitted with silencers before carrying out a similar attack at a brothel next door. A police source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said at least 31 people, including 29 women and two men, were killed in the attack. "There was blood everywhere. Bodies of women were strewn all throughout the rooms. Some of the women tried to flee or hide from the gunmen but were shot to death," he said. Around a dozen people, most of them women, were also injured in the attack, an interior ministry official said. It was not immediately clear who was behind Saturday's deadly attack, but the police source said a message was left at the scene that condemned prostitution. It comes just over a year after gunmen burst into another brothel in Zayouna, killing at least 10 women and four men.

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