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Embassy Kabul confirmed three U.S. Citizens were killed in the attack. The U.S. Citizens were employees of the Morning Star Medical Group at the CURE hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan. The shooter is currently in custody.

Three Americans Slain at Hospital in Kabul, Afghan Cop Says

24 April 2014

KABUL, Afghanistan (NBC) - A cop shot and killed at least three Americans at a children's hospital in the Afghan capital on Thursday, a police officer told NBC News.

District police chief Colonel Hafiz Aliza said that at least one of the American nationals was a doctor.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul said it was aware of the reports and looking into them.
The rogue police officer gunned down five people before being shot and injured, officials said.

The hospital in western Kabul is operated by Pennsylvania-based charity CURE and specializes in children's and maternal medicine.

The organization treats 37,000 patients annually at the facility, according to its website.

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WHSR has reached out to IC and State colleagues requesting any additional information regarding the below press reporting, including the nationalities of the three foreigners reportedly killed.

Afghan Guard Shoots Dead 3 Foreigners in Hospital

Apr 24, 3:03 AM EDT

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) -- An Afghan security guard opened fire on the medical staff at a Kabul hospital on Thursday morning and killed three foreigners, including at least one doctor, police said.

The attack at the Cure Hospital in western Kabul was the latest incident in which Afghan security forces have targeted foreigners.

District Police Chief Hafiz Khan said the guard suddenly turned his weapon on the staff he was supposed to be protecting and started shooting. One other person was also wounded in the spray of bullets.

At least one of the three foreigners killed was a doctor at the hospital, Khan said. Their nationalities were not immediately known.

The attacker was a member of the Afghan Police Protection Force assigned to guard the hospital, Khan said. His motive was not yet clear.

The shooting was the latest to target foreign civilians in Afghanistan, where in the past the Taliban had mostly confined their attacks to foreign military personnel and Afghan security forces.

In January, an attack on a popular Kabul restaurant with suicide bombers and gunmen killed more than a dozen people, while in March gunmen slipped past security at an upscale hotel in the Afghan capital and killed several diners in its restaurant.

The hospital shooting is also the second "insider attack" to target foreign civilians this month.

On April 4, an Afghan police officer shot two Associated Press staff working in the eastern province of Khost, killing photographer Anja Niedringhaus and wounding veteran correspondent Kathy Gannon.