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COVER STORY

# BIDEN: 'WE WILL HUNT YOU DOWN AND MAKE YOU PAY'



Wakil Kohsar/AFP via Getty Images/TNS

Medical and hospital staff bring an injured man on a stretcher for treatment after two blasts outside the airport in Kabul on Thursday.

## President pledges retaliation for Islamic State affiliate attack that killed 13 US forces

**BY CHRIS MEGERIAN, TRACY WILKINSON AND ELI STOKOLS**  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden, confronted with a wave of bloodshed days before U.S. forces were expected to finish withdrawing from Afghanistan,

pledged that he would retaliate against the terrorists who killed 13 American service members in Thursday's attack on the evacuation operation at Kabul's airport. "We will not forgive. We will not forget," he said from the White House. "We will hunt you down and make you pay."

Biden said the Americans who died were "heroes who had been engaged in a dangerous, selfless mission to save the lives of others." He said the attack would not halt the evacuation, and an additional 7,000 people were flown out in subsequent hours — a slower pace than previous days,

but a sign of U.S. determination to continue the operation despite the danger. The Pentagon said the attack by an Islamic State affiliate involved two bombings, one at an airport gate and another at a nearby hotel that has been a staging ground for people trying to

leave the country, followed by an assault by gunmen. An additional 18 U.S. service members were wounded, and dozens of Afghans were believed to be killed. The attack was one of the deadliest on U.S. forces since the

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### ANNISTON

## Army Depot releasing 300 contract, term workers

**BY BEN NUNNALLY**  
Anniston Star Staff Writer

The Anniston Army Depot will release more than 300 contract and term personnel from employment in the next two months, the facility announced Thursday. A decrease in workload projec-

tions for the 2022 fiscal year led to the decision, which will affect 196 term and 108 contract workers provided by staffing company Amentum. No permanent employees are affected, according to a news release from the depot.

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### HEALTH

## RMC urges viral testing elsewhere

Hospital is for ailing COVID patients, officials say

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Unused Anniston school to serve as COVID treatment center  
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**BY LISA DAVIS AND BEN NUNNALLY**  
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The emergency room at Regional Medical Center in Anniston is "overrun" with people wanting to be tested for COVID-19, according to

Michele Ford, director of education and infection prevention at RMC. RMC officials are urging people instead to use primary care physicians as a first resort for COVID-19 testing and non-emergencies. As of Thursday afternoon, there

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