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KABUL, April 2 (Reuters) - The top U.N. diplomat in Kabul said on Saturday the United Nations would stay in Afghanistan despite the death of seven staffers in the worst attack against the world body in the country.

U.N. envoy Staffan de Mistura said Friday's attack on the mission in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif "should not deter the U.N. presence, activities in this country in this delicate and particularly crucial period".

De Mistura flew to Mazar-i-Sharif to handle the aftermath of the attack, when protesters enraged by the burning of a Koran by a radical fundamentalist Christian in the U.S. overran the mission and murdered seven foreign staff.

He told a small group of journalists in the Afghan capital on Saturday that international staff would be temporarily deployed to Kabul until office was rebuilt.

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