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Secretary-General Statement

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General – on the Suicide Bomb Attacks in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

The Secretary-General strongly condemns the suicide bombings at Hangu mosque in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and at a religious procession in Mastung, Balochistan, Pakistan. The attacks reportedly killed at least 57 people, including children, and injured around 70 others. It is particularly abhorrent that the attacks occurred at a place of worship and during the celebration of Prophet Muhammad's birthday.

He extends his deepest condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a prompt recovery to those injured.

The Secretary-General reiterates the solidarity of the United Nations with the Government and people of Pakistan in their efforts to address terrorism and violent extremism.

Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General
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Security Council Press Statement

Terrorist Attacks in Mastung, Balochistan and Hangu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the heinous and cowardly suicide terrorist attacks in Pakistan today that targeted a religious procession in Mastung, Balochistan province to commemorate 12th Rabi-ul-Awaal, the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, and a mosque in Hangu district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The attacks have resulted in the deaths of at least 58 innocent Pakistanis with over 80 injured.

The members of the Security Council expressed their deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of Pakistan, and they wished a speedy and full recovery to those who were injured.

The members of the Security Council reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security.

The members of the Security Council underlined the need to hold perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these reprehensible acts of terrorism accountable and bring them to justice. They urged all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and relevant Security Council resolutions, to cooperate actively with the Government of Pakistan, as well as all other relevant authorities in this regard.

The members of the Security Council reiterated that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed. They reaffirmed the need for all States to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and other obligations under international law, including international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts.

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