

Media Update

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Statement

Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the Secretary-General on terrorist attacks in Pakistan

We condemn the terrorist attack on worshippers at a Sufi shrine in Sehwan, in Sindh, Pakistan, today. The Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), also known as Da'esh, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

This attack, claimed by ISIL/Da'esh, follows a suicide bombing at a rally in Lahore on Monday, and a suicide bombing on a Government compound in the Mohmand tribal area and an attack on a Government van carrying judges in Peshawar on Wednesday.

We extend our condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government and people of Pakistan, and wish a speedy recovery to the injured. We call for the perpetrators of this attack to be brought to justice swiftly.

The United Nations supports the Government of Pakistan in its fight against terrorism in full respect of international and human rights norms.

Farhan Haq, Deputy Spokesman for the Secretary-General

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United Nations in Pakistan strongly condemns the attack on Lal Shahbaz Qalandar shrine in Sindh

ISLAMABAD, 17th February 2017: The United Nations family in Pakistan stands together with all in Pakistan in shock and grief after the heinous attack yesterday on hundreds of children, women and men at the Lal Shahbaz Qalandar shrine in Sehwan Sharif, Sindh. We are appalled by this attack on hundreds of people while they were praying. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights says 'Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion'.

We express our profound condolences and sympathy to the families of all those who lost their lives or were injured in this heartless attack. Our thoughts today are with the victims and their families.
