

US condemns terror attack in Quetta, says 'will continue to work to eliminate terrorism in Pakistan'

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Washington: The United States has condemned the terror attack on a police training centre in Pakistan's Quetta in which over 60 cadets have been killed.

Rescue work underway in Quetta after terror attack

State Department Spokesman John Kirby today said that Washington stands with the people and government of Pakistan and will continue to work to eliminate terrorism.

"We extend our condolences to the victims and their families, including the police cadets who are embarking on careers of public service. We stand with the people of Pakistan and government of Pakistan at this difficult hour, and we will continue to work with our partners in Pakistan and across the region to combat the threat of terrorism," he said.

The overnight attack by three terrorists on the Police Training College on Saryab Road in the Balochistan provincial capital Quetta has left over 60 cadets besides three militants dead, with 118 injured, making it one of the deadliest strikes in the country this year.

At least 59 police recruits were killed and 116 injured as militants attacked a police academy in the province of Balochistan in Pakistan.

Balochistan Home Minister Sarfraz Bugti informed that the operation against the terrorists has been completed by security forces who fought valiantly against the terrorists.

Bugti said that nearly 700 police recruits were present at the time of the attack.

The attack began around 9.30 pm on Monday, as two attackers reportedly entered the complex through the front gate after shooting the guard, while others climbed the rear wall of the training centre. Three loud explosions were also heard, which occurred inside the training centre.

The training centre is situated on Sariab Road, which is one of the most sensitive areas of Quetta. Militants have been targeting security forces in the area for almost a decade.

The training college has come under attack in the past in 2008 and 2006, with attackers firing rockets into the college playground.

In August, a suicide bombing at a Quetta hospital killed 73 persons. The attack was later claimed by the Islamic State group and the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar.

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