



LAWASIA STATEMENT

LAWASIA CONDEMNS BOMB ATTACK ON PAKISTANI JUDGE

LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific expresses its sorrow and deep concern at the recent bomb attack in Karachi which, it is reported, killed a number of people and critically injured Justice Maqbool Baqir, at whom the attack was aimed.

Justice Maqbool Baqir serves as a senior judge in an anti-terrorism court in the High Court of the Pakistan province of Sindh. According to news reports, a spokesperson of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan has claimed responsibility for the attack. Those killed include police officers and members of the judge's security detachment.

It notes the crucial importance of Pakistan's judicial system in seeking to maintain the rule of law where terrorist acts continue to provide ongoing threats to the security of all Pakistani people. It especially deplores and condemns wholeheartedly this direct attack on a judicial officer and those whose role it is to provide security for him.

LAWASIA hopes that Pakistan's authorities will be swift and exacting in identifying those responsible and ensuring that they are tried and appropriately sentenced.

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