



LAWASIA CONDEMNS ATTACK ON ISLAMABAD COURTHOUSE

LAWASIA, the Law Association for Asia and the Pacific, deplores the March 3 attack on a courthouse in Islamabad resulting in 11 deaths, including those of Judge Razaqat Awan and a lawyer, with numerous others wounded in the action.

It notes with considerable concern reports that the attack was targeted against the judge, related to a decision he had made in court, where he refused a petition to bring murder charges against Pervez Musharraf in connection with action in 2007 where government military forces took the besieged Red Mosque by force.

The safety of all those involved in the judicial system is a paramount consideration for authorities in maintaining the rule of law, and especially in Pakistan which faces ongoing terrorist action, affecting all aspects of its society.

In addition to maintaining the highest degree of security in its courts under these circumstances, the Pakistan government is encouraged in its efforts to bring the perpetrators of this deplorable act to justice.

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