



Press Release

**Security Council Press Statement on Terrorist Attack in Bajaur,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan**

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The following Security Council press statement was issued today by Council President Dame Barbara Woodward (United Kingdom):

The members of the Security Council condemned in the strongest terms the heinous and cowardly suicide terrorist attack at a political meeting in Bajaur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan on 30 July 2023. The attack resulted in the deaths of at least 44 Pakistanis with more than 100 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.