

13 injured in Pakistan's Balochistan blast

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The Daily Morning Voice Online Desk: At least 13 people were injured in a blast near the Umar Farooq Chowk in Balochistan's Khuzdar district in Pakistan last night, police officials said. Khuzdar Station House Officer (SHO) Muhammad Jan Sasoli, while confirming the blast, told Dawn.com that the explosive was attached to a motorcycle in the area. He said that the wounded have been moved to the District Headquarters Hospital, Khuzdar. "The police have reached the area and cordoned it off," Sasoli added.

Earlier, the head constable of Khuzdar police station, Ali Khan, told Dawn.com that two injured persons were in critical condition. He also said that checkpoints have been set up in the city to arrest the suspects. Meanwhile, Balochistan Chief Minister Abdul Quddus Bizenjo condemned the attack and imposed an emergency in hospitals across the city. "Terrorists who target innocent people are enemies of the nation. No religion or society gives permission for this bloodshed," he said in a statement.

The minister further instructed the law enforcement agencies and administration to immediately arrest the perpetrators and increase security at the Khuzdar highway. Bizenjo also directed the provision of the best treatment to the injured people and prayed for their speedy recovery. Separately, Adviser to the Chief Minister for Home Mir Zia Langove summoned a report of the attack from the police and prayed for the speedy recovery of the wounded. "Police and law enforcement agencies are assessing the situation," he said, vowing that the government was determined to eliminate all "anti-peace elements".