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PAKISTAN: BOMB BLAST IN PESHAWAR

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In Brief

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The Situation

A bomb blast in the Pakistan city of Peshawar in North West Frontier Province on 15 May 2007 killed 25 people and injured over 30, according to local police.

The blast occurred at lunchtime in a restaurant in the Marhaba hotel in the central part of the city. The hotel was crowded with diners at the time of the incident. The explosion was so powerful it damaged nearby buildings as well.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society's (PRCS) Peshawar branch secretary said that this was the 16th bomb blast to have occurred in the North West Frontier Province this year. The Marhaba blast has been the deadliest in the province since the 27 January bomb explosion in Peshawar, which killed 15 people.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Staff at the PRCS's Peshawar branch contacted police immediately after hearing the blast, which occurred four kilometers away from the branch office.

Three PRCS ambulances were dispatched, staffed by three doctors, a paramedic and three drivers. The ambulances reached the scene of the blast in 15 minutes. The injured were already being treated by medical personnel from the nearby Lady Reading Hospital. Coordinating with the police, the PRCS staff assisted with the removal of bodies. The ambulances transported 15 bodies to the Lady Reading Hospital and Khyber Medical College hospital. Following formal identification, and in coordination with the police and hospital administration, the bodies were then transported by the PRCS ambulances to the homes of relatives.

Prior to 2005, the Peshawar branch had just one ambulance, but this was scaled up to seven ambulances as part of the national society's plan to increase its health and disaster response capacity.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The Federation's Global Agenda

The International Federation undertakes activities that are aligned with its Global Agenda, which sets out **four broad goals** to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

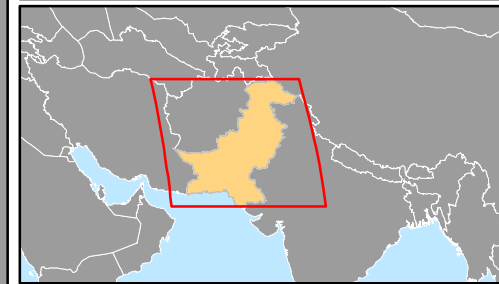
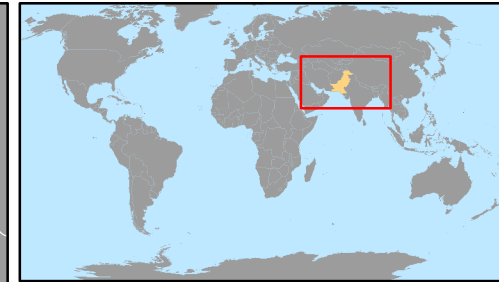
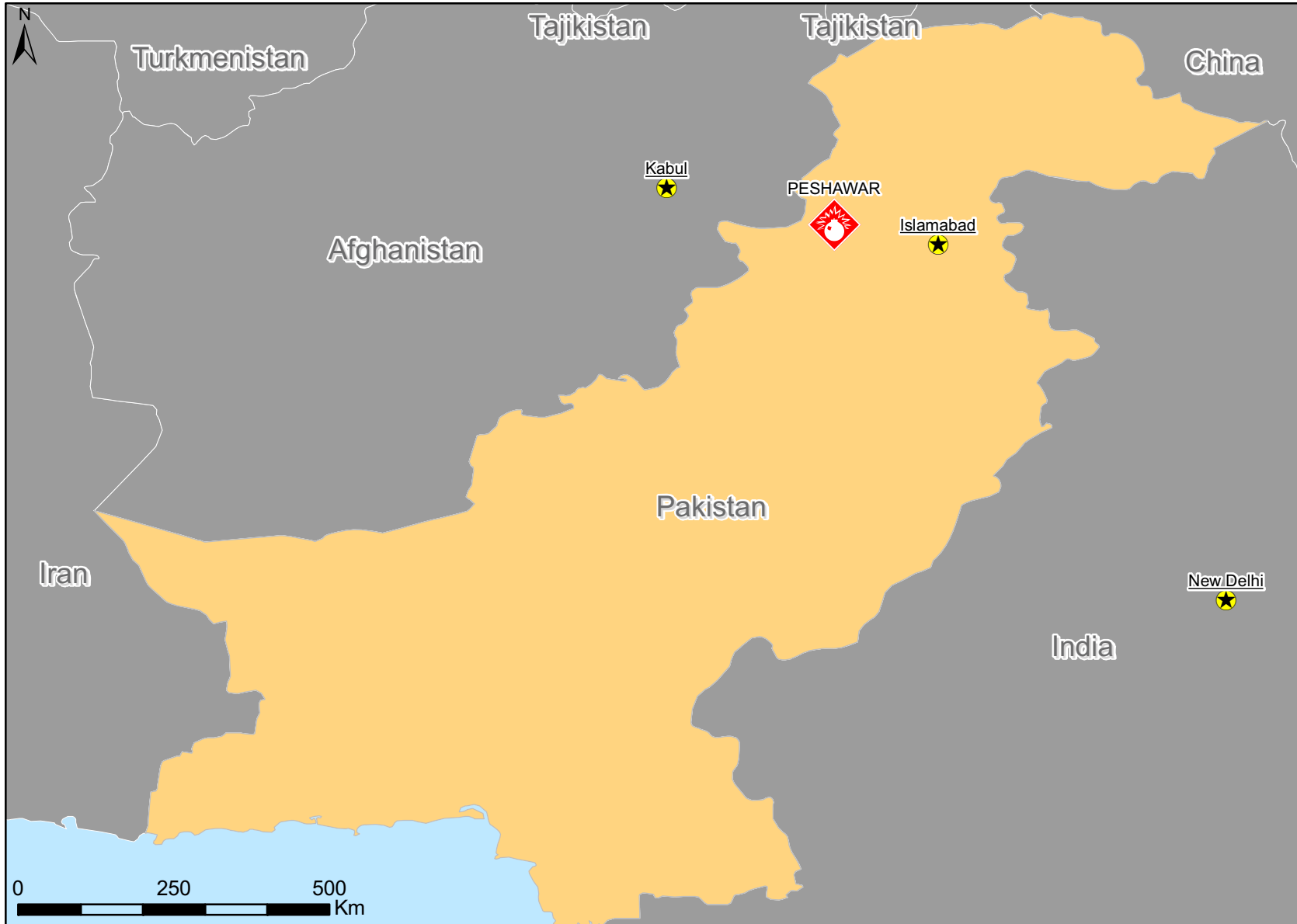
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