

Information bulletin



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Pakistan: Lahore bomb explosions

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This bulletin is being issued for information only. A total of 24 people have died and over 150 injured in bomb explosions at two sites in the eastern Pakistan city of Lahore. The Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has assisted in the response dispatching ambulances to the sites and transporting 25 injured people and four bodies.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society, with the support of the Federation, has determined that external assistance is not required, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors at this time.

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The Situation

Government officials have confirmed 24 people have been killed and more than 150 injured by bomb explosions at two sites in Lahore.

A suspected suicide bomb explosion at the city-centre Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) at approximately 0920 local time, killed 20 people and badly damaged the multi-storey office and nearby buildings.

A second explosion at approximately the same time in a residential area about 10 kilometers has killed four people.

These are the second and third bomb blasts in Lahore in the past eight days. On 4 March six people died after suicide bombers detonated devices near a naval academy.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society's Punjab provincial branch headquarters in Lahore dispatched 16 ambulances to the sites – 10 to the FIA building site and six to the residential area.

A total of 25 injured people and four bodies were removed by the PRCS ambulance personnel at the FIA site. The dead and injured were taken to the Combined Military Hospital. Other emergency facilities had already dealt with the dead and injured at the residential site. The FIA site is approximately 8 kilometers from the provincial headquarters.

It's the second time in eight days the PRCS Punjab branch has been called into action to respond to bomb explosions. Responding to the 4 March incident, the PRCS dispatched six ambulances, transporting two injured people and one body to the Combined Military Hospital.

How we work

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The International Federation's activities 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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