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## Six Pakistani Scouts died while doing their Scouting duties

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Six Rover Scouts died on the spot and over 25 other Scouts of the Pakistan Boy Scouts Association were injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up during a religious gathering in Karachi, Pakistan on 28th December 2009.

The six Scouts who were in their Scout uniform, died in the midst of doing their Scouting duties by helping out in Moharram procession.

Immediately after the incident, PBSA Chief Commissioner Lt Gen Syed Parwez Shahid visited the bereaved families and announced that the PBSA will be presenting the Gallantry Award for their act of bravery.

To extend their condolences to the families of the victims, the Regional Scout Committee on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Region conveyed its sorrow and sympathy to the families for their loss and offered a minute of silence during the gathering of Scout leaders and young people attending the 26th APR Scout Jamboree in Laguna, Philippines, where Scouts from other regions also joined.

The Chief Commissioner expressed his gratitude on the support of the region and conveyed his appreciation to all of those who shared their grief in this difficult time. He reiterated that Scouting holds the key to take Pakistan out of its present situation. He appealed to the international community to step forward and express support to the PBSA. He expressed that PBSA will not be discouraged on the recent incident but will continue to serve the community through Scouting.

This is not the first time that a PBSA lost a Scout in a terrorist attack. Late November last year, Mr Naseer Muhammad, right after attending the 7th SAF Scout Friendship Camp in India, also died in a terrorist attack when the suicide bomber blew himself up nearby the bus stop in Peshawar where Naseer was standing.