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## **DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO BOKOVA DENOUNCES BALUCHISTAN TERRORIST ATTACK**

### **KILLING CIVILIANS AND 2 JOURNALISTS**

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**USPA NEWS** - The Director-General of UNESCO today denounced the terrorist attack that killed at least 70 people in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province, including journalists Shehzad Ahmed and Mehmood Khan on 8 August.

Director-General denounces Baluchistan terrorist attack that claimed many civilian lives including journalists Mehmood Khan and Shehzad Ahmed-----

The Director-General of UNESCO today on August 10th, denounced the terrorist attack that killed at least 70 people in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province, including journalists Shehzad Ahmed and Mehmood Khan on 8 August. "I condemn the killing of Mehmood Khan and Shehzad Ahmed," the Director-General said. "There can be no justification for violence targeting civilians. The loss of these media professionals in the brutal terrorist attack in Quetta undermines citizens' ability to sustain informed debate that is the bedrock of good governance and dialogue," Ms Bokova added. Mehmood Khan, a cameraman for Dawn News, and Shehzad Ahmed, a cameraman for Aaj TV, were reporting at the time of the bomb blast on a gathering of mourners following the murder of the president of the Baluchistan Bar Association earlier in the day. The Director-General of UNESCO issues statements on the killing of media workers in line with Resolution 29 adopted by UNESCO Member States at the Organization's General Conference of 1997, entitled "Condemnation of Violence against Journalists." These statements are posted on a dedicated webpage, UNESCO condemns the killing of journalists.

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