

Pakistan bomber targets children in truck

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -- Five children and two adults were injured Monday by a suicide bomber targeting a military truck carrying schoolchildren in northwestern Pakistan. Military spokesman Lt. Col. Baseer Haider said an unidentified person rammed a car laden with explosives into a military truck carrying schoolchildren at 7:30 a.m. outside the Pakistani air force base in Kamra about 40 miles northwest of Islamabad, a New York Times correspondent reported. Children who attend schools on military bases are routinely transported in army vehicles, the report said. The blast came a day after a similar attack on a police checkpoint killed six civilians and a police officer in the same area, the report said. Military officials said the attacks could be retaliation for an ongoing offensive aimed at routing militants who have terrorized the Swat Valley tourist region for the past several months, the report said.

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