

Pakistani suicide bombing kills 9 soldiers

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -- A suicide bombing attack Monday in Pakistan, the latest in the continuing violence against security forces, killed nine army recruits. Xinhua news agency reported the incident occurred in Kohat in the North West Frontier Province, where pro-Taliban and other Islamic militants have killed hundreds, mostly Pakistani military and paramilitary forces, in recent weeks. The report said a suicide bomber blew himself up near the town's Army Public School and College. At least 12 other army recruits were injured. No group claimed responsibility for the attack but the Xinhua report said local authorities blamed the militants. Three days ago, five people, including two soldiers, died in a similar suicide attack in the garrison city of Naushera in the same province. The Kohat attack comes two days after the lifting of his emergency rule by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who pointed to progress in the fight against militants and improved security in the region for his decision. In recent days, the Pakistani military has claimed regaining control of the scenic Swat valley in the province from pro-Taliban militants.

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