

Pakistan depot attack blamed on Taliban

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PESHAWAR, Pakistan -- Nine NATO vehicles were destroyed in a depot near the Pakistani city of Peshawar in an attack by suspected Taliban forces, officials said Friday.

Police official Anwar Khan said the suspected militants attacked the Port World Logistic terminal using gas bombs and rockets before being repelled by police forces, Pakistan's English-language newspaper Dawn said.

"We are also in the process of assessing the damage (from) the fire that broke out after militants threw hand grenades and fired rockets on the terminal," Khan said.

U.S. officials said such attacks in Pakistan are the result of an influx of Taliban and al-Qaida militants who fled Afghanistan after U.S. forces arrived in 2001.

The BBC said the attack outside Peshawar didn't result in any reported injuries but at least five fire-fighting trucks were among the vehicles destroyed.

The Port World depot had once been a major NATO supply depot but has housed fewer supplies since suffering multiple attacks, the British broadcaster said.

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