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At least 100 killed in series of bomb attacks in Pakistan

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USPA News - At least 100 people were killed after twin blasts rocked southwestern Pakistan, local authorities said Thursday. The first of the two blasts in Rehmattullah Chowk on Alamdar Road in Quetta, the largest city and provincial capital of Balochistan, came from a suicide bomber who detonated the explosives inside a crowded pool bar.

As security forces, emergency teams and media outlets reached the site, a car bomb detonated outside, only a few minutes after the initial one. According to Quetta's Capital City Police Officer Mir Zubair Mehmood, the two blasts killed at least 81 people, while at least 120 others were also injured. However, the death toll is feared to further rise. The attack took place in one of Quetta's area heavily populated with Hazara Shittes, who are not uncommon targets for extremist Sunni groups. The blasts marked one of the worst sectarian attacks in recent history, but among the victims were also police officers, rescue workers and media workers as well. An earlier blast killed another dozen people when a bomb attack targeted a security check post in Quetta. And in Mingora, a northwestern city located in the Swat District of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, a Sunni mosque was struck by a bomb that killed at least 22 people and injured dozens more.

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