

Gunmen kill 4 security troops guarding mosque in Pakistan

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Islamabad: Gunmen on motorcycles opened fire in Pakistan's largest city of Karachi on Friday, killing four members of the security forces who were deployed outside a mosque.

Three of the paramilitary rangers were killed on the spot, said Maj. Gen. Bilal Akbar, the director-general of paramilitary Rangers in southern Pakistan. Munir Ahmed, a police officer investigating the incident, said a fourth wounded in the attack later died in hospital.

Akbar said the rangers were inside a vehicle that was parked near the mosque when the assailants opened fire. In comments to local media, he said the attackers likely sought to target the mosque or a nearby seminary.

Karachi is the capital of Pakistan's southern Sindh province and has been the site of frequent militant attacks in the past.

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