

## **8 killed as blast targets security personnel convoy in Pakistan**

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**Karachi:** At least eight people, including two security personnel, were killed and 25 others injured Saturday when a powerful blast targeted a Frontier Corps convoy in Quetta, the capital of Pakistan's restive Balochistan province.

The attack was carried out in civil lines area near district courts of the city.

At least eight people were killed, including six civilians and two security personnel, a police official said.

The official said apparently it was a suicide attack but there was no confirmation as the investigation was ongoing. Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, local media reports said.

The security forces surrounded the nearby areas and started a search operation.

Initial reports said 25 people have also been injured in the blast, the Express Tribune reported.

The blast targeted a Frontier Corps convoy, sources were quoted as saying.

In January, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a polio vaccination centre in Quetta, killing at least 15 people, mainly police personnel.

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