

Nuclear-armed Pakistan a very, very vital problem: Donald Trump

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Los Angeles: Republican presidential front- runner Donald Trump has said that a nuclear-armed Pakistan is a "very very vital problem" and the country needs to "get a hold of" its situation.

"Pakistan is a very, very vital problem and really vital country for us because they have a thing called nuclear weapons. They have to get a hold of their situation," Trump said during a town hall in Wisconsin, where the Republican presidential primary is scheduled for April 5.

"When I see that and when I see it put in a park because it was mostly Christians, although many others were killed other than Christians, I think it's just absolutely a horrible story," he said referring to the terrorist attack in Lahore on Easter Sunday that claimed 74 lives and injured over 300 others.

"I'm talking about radical Islamic terrorism. I will solve it far better than anybody else running," Trump said in response to a question.

A large number of people, mostly women and children, were present at the crowded Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park of Allama Iqbal Town in Lahore when a powerful blast took place on Sunday during Easter celebration.

The brutal attack by a suicide bomber, believed to be in his 20s, was claimed by the Jamaatul Ahrar, a splinter group of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan.

Earlier this month, Trump had said that the "US needs to stay in Afghanistan because its immediate neighbour Pakistan has nuclear weapons which have to be protected".

Last year, Trump had called Pakistan "probably the most dangerous" country in the world, adding that the only country that can "check" Pakistan is India. "Pakistan is a serious problem because they have nuclear weapons that work and a lot of them, just like North Korea and its mad man," he had explained in a radio interview.

"You have to get India involved ... They have their own nukes and have a very powerful army. They seem to be the real check ... I think we have to deal very closely with India to deal with Pakistan," Trump added

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