



Police issue suicide bomber guide

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Police in Pakistan's Sindh province have issued guidelines on how to spot suicide bombers.

Mosque committees have been asked to paste the notices on the main gates.

The guidelines point to anyone wearing thick clothes, mumbling or being freshly shaved and perfumed in preparation for burial.

The notices follow the suicide bombing of a mosque in the city of Sialkot last Friday that killed 31 people, amongst them the suspected attacker.

Deputy inspector general of operations for Karachi police, Fayyaz Leghari, told the BBC that the directions were issued to ensure people were aware of the threat of terrorism.

Closed circuit TV

A written police directive to mosques and seminaries said worshippers and students of madrassas (religious schools) should be vigilant for possible suicide bombers.

The notice highlighted those wearing thick clothes, acting in a strange manner such as repeatedly touching their clothes, trying to mingle with other people, sweating profusely, mumbling to themselves or being freshly shaved and perfumed.

The authorities say these traits have been carefully observed by authorities during investigations into suicide attacks on mosques and hotels.

The police have also requested mosque authorities to station armed volunteers or private guards on premises.

The authorities have been asked to ensure the installation of closed circuit TV.

Sindh police chief, Syed Kamal Shah, has also written to the government asking it to launch a campaign in the media to raise public awareness about Koranic verses prohibiting the killing of innocent people.

Pakistan has a history of sectarian violence, particularly between majority Sunni and minority Shia Muslims.

About 100 Shias have been killed in the country this year alone.

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