**Pak minister killed in terror attack**

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Pakistan's Punjab Home Minister Colonel (retd) Shuja Khanzada, along with several others, was killed in a suicide attack on his political office in Shadi Khan village on Sunday.

Dr Syed Elahi, advisor to the chief minister of Punjab confirmed his death.

The impact of the explosion caused the roof of the building to collapse.

Around 100 people were estimated to have been in attendance at the Jirga being held at Khanzada’s political office. Many of them were buried underneath the debris as the entire structure had been razed to the ground by the explosion.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Hazro Syed Shoukat Shah was among the dead recovered from the site. Ten other policemen who are yet to be rescued were present at the scene when the blast occurred.

Khanzada's body was shifted to District Headquarters Hospital Attock.

Sources in the Interior Ministry claim that banned outfit Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) has taken responsibility of the suicide attack on Khanzada. They alleged Khanzada was under threat following the killing of LeJ chief Malik Ishaq in July.

The Rawalpindi regional police officer confirmed the attack was a suicide blast.

Read more at http://www.thestatesman.com/news/world/pak-minister-killed-in-terror-attack/82988.html#yvB7i7ji2iwGf3UF.99