Balakot:

**Balakot** is a town in [Mansehra District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mansehra_District" \o "Mansehra District) in the [Khyber Pakhtunkhwa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khyber_Pakhtunkhwa) province of [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan). The town was destroyed during the [2005 Kashmir earthquake](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005_Kashmir_earthquake), but was later rebuilt with the assistance of the Government of [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan) and Saudi Public Assistance for Pakistan Earthquake Victims (SPAPEV), a Saudi relief organisation. Balakot also serves as a hub for tourists visiting [Northern Areas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Areas,_Pakistan)

Balakot is located on the right bank of the [Kunhar River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kunhar_River" \o "Kunhar River). It is almost at two-thirds of the length of river from it its origin at Lake Dharam Sar deep in the [Kaghan Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaghan_Valley" \o "Kaghan Valley), before it confluence with Jehlum River.

The lower area below Balakot, sometimes referred to as Nainsukh Valley, is temperate while [Kaghan Valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaghan_Valley" \o "Kaghan Valley) above Balakot City is cold enough to turn the whole area to freezing in the winter. [Kaghan valley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaghan_Valley" \o "Kaghan Valley) is a pleasant summer destination. Its upper part from [Naran](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Naran_(town)" \o "Naran (town)) upstream lacks the [monsoon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monsoon_of_South_Asia) but the lower part get it well and so is forested.

Balakot is now expanding city and centre among distant northern parts of [Pakistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pakistan). Smaller hamlets are located in the terraced mountains around it.