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Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif assassinated, military takes charge

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Pakistan's Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, has been assassinated. Mr. Sharif is believed to be coming out of an interview when he was shot thrice, fatally wounding him on the spot. Mr. Sharif was answering to American mass media news channel CNN, following which the late Prime Minister was to address his cabinet on daily proceedings. On his way to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, the leader of the Pakistan Muslim League was shot by assailants who are believed to be on the run. President Mamnoon Hussain has expressed his grief following the assassination of the 67 year old political stalwart. Mr. Hussain has also promised swift justice in punishing the 'kafirs' responsible for the killing of the late Prime Minister of Pakistan. The President has ordered a probe into the assassination of Mr. Sharif, meanwhile the military has unusually moved in to exercise independence from the centre stage in Islamabad, with Military

"The Quran too says, 'whoever kills a believer intentionally, his punishment is hell; he shall abide in it and Allah will send his wrath on him and curse him and prepare for him a painful chastisement'. We will leave no stone unturned in finding these 'kafirs'."

-Mr. Mamnoon Hussain

Commander in Chief, Mr. Raheel Sharif ordering curfew timings in highly populated areas to avoid riots and violence from breaking out.

While many see this as the military consolidating dictatorial power, members of the PML have assured the press that these are purely security measures. Condolences have reeled in from the international community, with US President Donald Trump tweeting among many other international leaders grieving the demise of Pakistan's Prime Minister.

No information is yet available on who could be the possible assassins of Mr. Sharif. While many political leaders and thinkers are pointing towards India, with whom Pakistan has had long standing issues, the neighbouring country itself expressed its shock at the assassination of the Pakistani Prime Minister.

The political future of Pakistan remains unclear. But before what follows, the country will take a week's leave mourning the passing of the national leader, marking the end of an era of statesmanship and leadership.

This special edition of *The Nation* is dedicated to the life of Nawaz Sharif, may Allah(PBUH) give him peace.

“Our thoughts are with the people and souls of Pakistan in this time of need”.

-NARENDRA MODI



“No state should suffer the loss of their leader. Pakistan has seen such a loss for the second time in the decade. We however want to come out more unified as a country after this. May Allah(PBUH) give Nawaz peace in his after life. But as the tide passes, Pakistan must unfurl its sails to the storm the awaits. Under the army the nation can emerge as a strong country again, Inshallah.”

-Mr. Raheel Sharif