

PRESS RELEASE

HRCP condoles the death of Benazir Bhutto

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The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan is shocked and deeply grieved at the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, Chairperson, Pakistan People's Party.

HRCP strongly condemns the barbaric act and demands an inquiry by an international team of investigators. The Commission holds the Government of Pakistan and all the law enforcing authorities under it, responsible for this tragedy. It notes that in spite of the suicide attack on the former prime minister's convoy in Karachi in October and her frequent concerns of safety communicated to the authorities, adequate protection was not provided.

HRCP salutes the courage of Benazir Bhutto who, in spite of threats to her life, continued to address public rallies and be close to the people. She demonstrated in life and in death her commitment to the revival of a democratic process in Pakistan.

Issued on behalf of the HRCP Council (governing body).

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