



Update on PEB Schools

On December 16, 2014 nine gunmen conducted a terrorist attack on the Army Public School in the city of Peshawar. Fire was opened on school staff and children, killing 145 people (132 were school children). This was the deadliest terrorist attack that had ever occurred in Pakistan.

The attack sparked widespread reaction in Pakistan, receiving condemnation from public, government, political and religious entities, journalists, and members of Pakistani society. The event led to early winter holidays from December 19, 2014 to January 2, 2015, particularly in Punjab, to ensure maximum security measures at schools.

Schools were asked by the government to increase their security. The security upgrades include metal detectors, security cameras, required ID badges, raising the schools' boundary walls to a height of 10 ft. with razor wire on top. The government also instructed that all the schools should have security guards with weapons, and walk-through gates have to be installed at the entrance of each school.



Most of our schools have large campuses; therefore, a lot of expense was needed to increase the height of boundary walls and to add razor wire. As soon as security requirements were met, the schools could re-open. The government was very vigilant in ensuring that all the schools fulfilled the security needs.

Students, faculty and parents are very watchful of their surroundings at school and pay closer attention to unusual behavior. Schools are performing emergency crisis drills. These plans involve classroom windows, locking the doors, and having students sit in silence under their desks with their heads covered.

By the grace of God Almighty, all our schools had opened by January 15, 2015. All the scheduled academic activities are being carried on in its true letter and spirit. The attendance is good; people are coming for admission for the new academic year. Absolutely normal activities are taking place. The academic team is making regular visits to all the schools to monitor the revision practices. The team interacted with the children and was happy to find how enthusiastic and motivated they were. The schools are now in the process of having final examinations for the promotion to next class.



The security work in some schools is still going on, but the process of education is also at its peak.

In Christ's service,

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