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Militant siege of Peshawar school ends, 141 killed

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Pakistani officials say the siege at an army-run school on Warsak road school is over, while authorities continued a sweep of the area.

At least 141 people, most of them children (132), died when Taliban gunmen attacked the school in the morning. The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the school, which has children and teenagers in grades 1-10.

Condemnations poured in from across the globe including all major political leaders and notables in the country. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Army Chief General Raheel Sharif also condemned the assault and rushed to Peshawar to show their support for the victims and the troops partaking in the operation to clear the school of terrorists.

Three-day mourning was also announced by the federal government.

As darkness fell on the area, officials said they had cleared the school of militants. "The operation is completed," said Bilal Ahmad Faizi, the head of the state-run rescue organisation, speaking to reporters after leaving the school area.