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## Islamabad Under Fire To Tackle Terrorism After University Attack

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**The U.S Department of State has said that the attack on the American University in Afghanistan indicates that more work needs to be done to defeat terrorism.**

This statement comes two days after a group of insurgents stormed the university in Kabul, killing at least 16 people and wounding more than 50.

Just hours after the attack, the Afghan government announced that it had tracked credible evidence that points towards the attack having been organized in Pakistan.

As speculation increases over the attack having been conducted by Pakistan-based militants, the U.S has made new attempts to press Pakistan to target militants that operate on its soil.

Afghanistan National Security Council (NSC) has also said that it has gathered credible evidence which shows that the attack on the university in Kabul was planned and organized from Pakistan.

"We have consistently raised our concerns to the highest level of government of Pakistan on the need to deny safe havens to extremists, we pressed the government of Pakistan to follow up on their expressed commitments not to discriminate amongst terrorist groups," said U.S State Department spokesperson Elizabeth.

Pakistan has come under fire in the past by the Afghan government for its controversial role in the fight against terrorism and extremism.

The Afghan Ministry of Defense (MoD) has also said that regional intelligence has a role in many of the battles in the country.

"Some regional countries or intelligence agencies are involved in the terrorist attacks in Afghanistan. They continue funding and supplying the terrorists," said MoD spokesman Mohammad Radmanish.

In addition, some Afghan political commentators have also pushed the Afghan government not to underestimate the attack on the campus.

"Afghan government must use all channels to put pressure on Pakistan and ask the international community to slap sanctions on Pakistan," said military expert Saleh Mohammad Registani.

Analysts have constantly said that Pakistan misleads the world in its campaign against terrorism despite Islamabad having pledged to the world that it will tackle on its soil.