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Gunmen Kill 14 Shi'ites in Quetta, Pakistan

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At least [14 people were killed](#) today and several others wounded in the Pakistani Balochistan capital of Quetta, when gunmen halted a busload of Shi'ites from Akhtarabad headed to work in a vegetable market.

The gunmen halted the bus, [forced the passengers out and then opened fire](#) into the crowd. Witnesses say they allowed all the non-Shi'ites to leave before they started shooting, suggesting it was another sectarian attack.

It is the second such attack in the past few weeks, as another group of gunmen attacked a busload of Shi'ite pilgrims [just outside of Quetta in late September, killing 29 of them](#).

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousef Raza Gilani [condemned the killings and vowed that the killers](#) would be brought to justice. The pledges would likely have meant more if such killings had not repeatedly happened unpunished.