

Suicide bombing in market in northwest Pakistan kills 20, including security officials

The Associated Press

KHAR, Pakistan

A teenager blew himself up near a Pakistani market close to the Afghan border Friday, killing 20 people, officials said. The suicide bombing came a day after the U.S. released letters seized from Osama bin Laden's compound that criticized Pakistani militants for killing too many civilians.

Five of the dead in the blast in the northwestern Bajur tribal area were local members of the security forces, including one who had received an award for bravery in fighting Islamist militants, government administrator Abdul Haseeb said. The others were passers-by, including a woman and several schoolchildren.

The suicide bomber, who was believed to be 15 to 16 years old, detonated his explosives as he approached a security checkpoint near the market in the town of Khar, said Haseeb. The attack took place as locals were headed to work or taking their children to school. More than 40 people were wounded, most civilians.

The explosion damaged more than a dozen shops, and rescue officials searched through the debris for anyone trapped inside. The ground outside the

market was covered in blood and littered with the shoes of those hit by the attack.

Pakistani Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan claimed responsibility for the bombing in a telephone call to The Associated Press.

"This is revenge for killing our people," said Ahsan.

Pakistan's branch of the Taliban, which is battling for control of the region, has killed and wounded thousands of people since 2009, many of them civilians in markets or mosques.

On Thursday, the U.S. released 17 letters seized from Osama bin Laden's compound by American commandos after they had killed the al-Qaida leader a year ago. Many of them addressed bombings in which civilians were killed.

Two senior al-Qaida leaders wrote a letter to Pakistani Taliban chief Hakimullah Mehsud in December 2010 criticizing the group for carrying out attacks in markets, mosques and other places that kill innocent Muslims. It accused the group of making "clear legal and religious mistakes that might result in a negative deviation from the set path of the jihadists' movement in Pakistan."

The group's actions also "are contrary to the objectives of jihad (holy war) and to the

efforts exerted by us," said the letter, which was written by Abu Yahya al-Libi and a militant leader identified as Atiyatullah.

A bin Laden spokesman, the American Adam Gadahn, wrote a letter to an unknown recipient in January 2011 in which he listed a series of attacks on mosques and other sites in Pakistan that killed hundreds of civilians.

The Pakistani Taliban either claimed responsibility for the attacks or were suspected of carrying them out.

Gadahn said these kinds of attacks "distort the picture of the pious and loyal mujahedeen."

"Now many regular people are looking at the mujahedeen as a group that does not hesitate to take people's money by falsehood, blowing up mosques, spilling the blood of dozens of people in the way to kill one or two who were labeled as enemies," said Gadahn.

One of the incidents highlighted by Gadahn was a 2010 suicide bombing of a mosque in the northwest town of Darra Adam Khel targeting anti-Taliban tribal elders that killed nearly 70 people. He expressed skepticism at attempts by the Pakistani Taliban to blame the attack on the private U.S. security firm formerly known as Blackwater.

Sandusky defence court filing suggests 8 more accusers may have surfaced

The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa.

New documents filed by the lawyers for former Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky suggest there are at least 17 accusers in the child sexual abuse case, a much higher number than described in criminal charges.

The requests, dated April 16 and April 23, were attached to a motion filed Thursday in which Sandusky defence lawyer Joe Amendola asked the supervising judge to mandate more disclosure of investigative materials.

The criminal charges against the former Penn State assistant football coach only pertain to boys named as Victims 1 through 10 in court records.

The April 16 discovery request asked for information on "uncharged conduct evidence," while the one filed a week later pertained to employment records.

The court filing did not name the people, explain what might make them accusers or indicate what role, if any, they play in the criminal case in which Sandusky has denied all allegations.

"This in all likelihood means that there are other people who have come forward who have accused him of improper sexual conduct," said Wes Oliver, a

Widener Law School professor who specializes in criminal law.

Asked about the eight supposed accusers, Sandusky defence lawyer Karl Rominger indicated the basis for the requests grew from previous material disclosed to the defence by the attorney general's office.

The April 23 request referred to "all individuals identified as Accusers 11 through 17 as well as 18 through an unknown number."

"The requests we made are based on what we believe should be provided, based on information we've received to date,"

Rominger said. A spokesman for the attorney general's office declined to comment, citing a gag order issued by the presiding judge.

Lawyers for potential civil litigants have said there are accusers beyond the 10 alleged victims for which Sandusky, 68, faces 52 criminal charges. One alleged victim has filed a lawsuit in Philadelphia that is on hold while the criminal case proceeds.

There are many possible reasons why prosecutors might not file charges based on the claims of a purported victim, from problems with the statute of limitations and questions about credibility to a strategic analysis about how much evidence to put before jurors.



Jerry Sandusky



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 ** After Hours Special Services
 403-526-2828

FIRE HYDRANT & WATER MAIN FLUSHING

The Environmental Utilities Department will test and flush fire hydrants plus water mains until October 2012. This is an annual maintenance activity that maintains water quality and system infrastructure. Residents may notice some discoloring of water, which is not harmful and will disappear when flushing is complete. Fluctuating pressure may also be noticed. Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, you may wish to flush the water from your home for a few minutes by watering your lawn or running your tap. Please note that the flushing in your home will not correct private plumbing/corrosion problems. Thank you for your understanding.

The City of Medicine Hat and you partners in safe drinking water

GAS, ELECTRIC, WIND ENERGY RATES SET FOR MAY

The City of Medicine Hat has set its May energy commodity rates.

Natural Gas

The May natural gas commodity rate of \$1.30 per gigajoule (GJ), down from \$1.49 in April, for all customers is based on the average of the monthly gas charges set by Alberta gas distribution (pipes) owners and Gas Alberta Inc. as established and posted on the Alberta Consumers Advocate and the Gas Alberta Inc. websites.

(per gigajoule)	May 2012
AltaGas Utilities	\$1.107
Direct Energy Regulated Services North	\$1.448
Direct Energy Regulated Services South	\$1.331
Gas Alberta Inc.	\$1.30
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$1.30

Electricity

The May electricity rate of \$0.0638 per kilowatt hour, down from \$0.0721 per kilowatt hour in April, for Residential, Farm, Small and Medium Commercial, Unmetered Services and Rental Lighting is based on the average of the monthly electric energy charges set by Alberta electric distribution (wires) owners as established in accordance with the provisions of the Regulated Rate Option (RRO) Regulation (AR 262/2005) and published on the Alberta Consumers Advocate website with the following exceptions:

- RRO electric energy charges set by Rural Electrification Associations (REAs) that own electric distribution systems in rural Alberta; and
- RRO electric energy charges set for customer classes described as anything other than "Residential" or "Commercial"

May 2012 (per kilowatt hour)	Residential	Commercial (Small / Medium)
Direct Energy Regulated - Atco Electric Area	\$0.06304	\$0.06356
Enmax - Calgary	\$0.063504	\$0.063504
Enmax - Red Deer	\$0.06122	\$0.06122
Enmax - Cardston	\$0.06344	\$0.06344
Enmax - Fort MacLeod	\$0.06344	\$0.06344
Enmax - Crowsnest Pass	\$0.06344	\$0.06344
Enmax - Ponoka	\$0.06437	\$0.06437
Epcor - Edmonton	\$0.06356	\$0.06356
Epcor - FortisAlberta	\$0.06207	\$0.06293
City of Lethbridge	\$0.06906	\$0.06906
City of Medicine Hat Rate (based on the average)	\$0.0638	

The May electricity rate for Large Commercial, Industrial and Street Lighting customers is based on the monthly average Alberta Power Pool price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO). The rate for April was \$0.0417 per kilowatt hour.

Wind Energy - Going Green

Customers also have a "Going Green" surcharge on their bill. This surcharge is for the annual purchase of 15,000,000 kilowatt hours of wind energy which represents three per cent of the annual kilowatts consumption for residential, farm, small and medium commercial customers.

The Going Green surcharge is calculated from the difference between the average monthly Alberta Pool Price as established and published by the Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO) and the contracted wind energy price of \$0.095 per kilowatt hour.

The Going Green surcharge for May is \$0.0035 per kilowatt hour.

Media inquiries:
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REQUEST FOR SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENTS/ PERFORMANCE, EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATIONS (ARTS AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD)

The City of Medicine Hat Arts & Heritage Advisory Board is now accepting applications for Special Cultural Events, Performance, Exhibition, Competition Assistance Grants.

The City may grant support to a group proposing a program or project which fills a cultural need in the community. This event must demonstrate a major contribution to the community in terms of citizen involvement, tourism generation, economic benefit, positive recognition and celebrating the joy of living in Medicine Hat.

The City may grant support to groups, organizations or individuals who have achieved representative status or recognition at provincial, national or international competitions, exhibitions, performances or events related to arts and culture. This category also applies to those who are hosting such an event.

Next Application Deadline: May 15, 2012

Applications are available at the Esplanade Security Desk, Cultural Centre, or on line at www.medicinehat.ca/city_government/departments/cultural_development/cultural_development_grants. For further information contact Kathy at 403-502-8795.

WANT TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

Do you have an interest in land use planning & development? You can make a difference in our City. . . .

The City of Medicine Hat invites you to apply to serve on the **Municipal Planning Commission**. The Core Function of this Commission is to act as the principal advisory body to Council in matters relating to land use planning. Your participation will provide valuable community involvement in the decision-making process.

More information about this Commission, and the required application form, may be obtained from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall, 580 First Street SE, Medicine Hat, or on our website at:

www.medicinehat.ca

Please submit your application to the City Clerk Department office by Thursday, May 17, 2012.

For further information please contact the City Clerk at 403-529-8234 or the Assistant City Clerk at 403-529-8220.



The Solid Waste Utility currently has bags of finished yard waste compost (SureGrow) for sale, while quantities last.

SureGrow is a class A compost that greatly enhances overall soil structure and improves movement of air and water within the soil - essential to healthy plant growth. Plants grown in soil amended with compost tend to be healthier, require less watering and are more disease and pest resistant.

Bagged compost can be purchased at the Landfill Scalehouse. The summer hours are:

8 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday
8 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday

For more information call
403.529.8176 or visit
www.medicinehat.ca

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED APRIL 26 TO MAY 2, 2012, PLANNING, BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL

- 51 Southlands Blvd SE (Lot 45, Block 7, Plan 0911264) Permit No. DP9140. With Conditions. Setback Waiver.
- 53 Southlands Blvd SE (Lot 44, Block 7, Plan 0911264) Permit No. DP9141. With Conditions. Setback Waiver.
- 158 Chartwell Row SE (Lot 5, Block 1 Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9572. With Conditions. New Community Center.
- 60 Sunset Cres SW (Lot 20, Block 27, Plan 0312828) Permit No. DP9686. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 383 Ranchlands Blvd. NE (Lot 13, Block 19, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP9769. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling & Attached Garage.
- 23 Ranchview Way NE (Lot 48, Block 13, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP9773. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 73 Chartwell PI SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9777. With Conditions. Garden Home.
- 23 Hamptons Way SE (Lot 16, Block 4, Plan 111036) Permit No. DP9779. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 4 Rosland Green SE (Lot 12, Block 10, Plan 771248) Permit No. DP9789. With Conditions. Enlarge/Replace Existing Deck & Convert to Sunroom.
- 137 1 Street NW (Lot 5, Block 6, 3287E) Permit No. DP9790. With Conditions. Addition of Family Room, Sunroom and Uncovered Deck.
- 163 Seven Persons Dr SW (Lot 10, Block 8, Plan 771294) Permit No. DP9805. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 774 Hargrave Way NW (Lot 8, Block 6, Plan 7989HD) Permit No. DP9808. With Conditions. Patio Roof.
- 252 Stratton Road SE (Lot 40, Block 13, Plan 111043) Permit No. DP9809. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 21 Chartwell PI SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9811. With Conditions. New Garden Home.
- 382 Sterling Cres SE (Lot 51, Block 5, Plan 111043) Permit No. DP9815. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling & Attached Garage.
- 4 Schneider Cres SE (Lot 59, Block 29, Plan 9512027) Permit No. DP9817. With Conditions. Setback Waiver For Detached Garage.
- 66 Chartwell PI SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9823. With Conditions. New Garden Home.
- 68 Chartwell PI SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9824. With Conditions. New Garden Home.
- 551 Vista Dr SE (Lot 8, Block 6, Plan 111036) Permit No. DP9830. With Conditions. Sideyard Waiver.
- 28 Perry Cres NE (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 771607) Permit No. DP9803. With Conditions. Detached Garage.
- 155 Stone Cres SE (Lot 72, Block 5, Plan 8010981) Permit No. DP9835. With Conditions. Covered Rear Deck.
- 151 Chartwell Row SE (Lot 5, Block 1, Plan 0612238) Permit No. DP9838. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 339 Ranchlands Blvd. NE (Lot 2, Block 19, Plan 0910426) Permit No. DP9839. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 116 Hamptons Way SE (Lot 43, Block 2, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP9844. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 184 Hamptons Way SE (Lot 33, Block 2, Plan 0710821) Permit No. DP9845. With Conditions. Single Detached Dwelling.
- 701 7 Ave SW (Lot 1, Block 6, Plan 4349GS) Permit No. DP9847. With Conditions. Setback Waiver for Gazebo.

COMMERCIAL

- 106 - 1201 Kingsway Ave SE (Lot 10, 8, 9, Block 16, Plan 483M) Permit No. DP9661. With Conditions. Change of Use to Retail (Custom Draperies)
- 4 - 40 Strachan Cr SE (Lot, Block, Plan 0313463) Permit No. DP9745. With Conditions. Change of Use to Office Space for ARC Resources.
- 1268 Brier Park Dr NW (Lot 6, Block E, Plan 7410784) Permit No. DP9748. With Conditions. New Industrial Development.
- A 526 3 St SE (Lot 34, Block 15, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP9749. With Conditions. Change of Use to Personal Service Establishment.
- 638 2 St SE (Lot 27, Block 6, Plan 1491) Permit No. DP9788. With Conditions. 5 Awnings (1 Sign)
- 638 14 St SW (Lot 4, Block 42, Plan 0710970) Permit No. DP9793. With Conditions. 4 Fascia Signs.
- 3001 Dunmore Rd SE (Lot 3, Block 2, Plan 771607) Permit No. DP9803. With Conditions. Moving Signage & Changing Graphics for Dunmore Road Shell.
- A205 - 64 Corbitt Way SE (Lot, Block, Plan.) Permit No. DP9784. Office Use Only. Home Care
- 12 Ross Haven Cres SE (Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 7810742) Permit No. DP9848. Office Use Only. Diving for Golf Balls - 3 Year Renewal.
- 370 12 Street SW (Lot 23, 24, Block 27, Plan 2177M) Permit No. DP9850. Office Use Only. Yard Maintenance.
- 946 Holt Cres NE (Lot 15, Block 5, Plan 7510086) Permit No. DP9852. Office Use Only. Computer Sales and Services. 3 Year Renewal.
- 44 Milne PI SE (Lot 36, Block 2, Plan 7410139) Permit No. DP9854. Office Use Only. Outdoor Safety Training. 3 Year Renewal.
- 68 East Glen PI SE (Lot 9, Block 5, Plan 7910917) Permit No. DP9859. Office Use Only. Small Business Accounting. 3 Year Renewal.
- 43 Vista Close SE (Lot 65, Block 7, Plan 0513854) Permit No. DP9861. Office Use Only. Fencing. 3 Year Renewal.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within fourteen (14) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Second Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca

Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning, Building & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 529-8374).