

## TERRORISM IN KARACHI WAS A WELL PLANNED CONSPIRACY TO DISTURB CITY'S PEACE – ALTAF HUSSAIN

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The MQM Founder & Leader Mr Altaf Hussain has stated that the terrorism in Karachi yesterday was a well planned conspiracy to disturb the peace of the city. He appealed to the MQM worker and the public to remain peaceful and defeat the conspiracy to disturb the peace of the city. He was speaking to the Members of MQM Coordination Committee and other Wings at the MQM Head Office Nine Zero in Karachi today. He said that for some time the conspiring elements were planning to disturb the peace of Karachi but the MQM with the support of enlightened public had defeated all their conspiracies. Now once again through a well planned conspiracy they targeted the peaceful MQM Rally and murdered innocent citizens. He said that in the past he and the ANP Leader Khan Abdul Wali Khan got united and defeated all the conspiracies of instigating Pakhtoon Mohajir riots. He advised the leader of ANP Asfandyar Wali Khan that following the footsteps of his father Khan Wali Khan and Bacha Khan he must play a positive role so those who are involved in committing terrorist activities and shedding the blood of innocent Urdu and Pashto speaking citizens and to defeat the conspiracy of instigating linguistic riots. He said that the MQM believes in the philosophy of non violence of Baba Rahman and Bacha Khan and believes that murder of anyone is deplorable act, the murdered person regardless of the language he speaks is also a human being therefore we must respect human beings.

He appealed to the Coordination Committee, members of all the MQM Wings and all the MQM workers, supporters and the public at large whether they speak Urdu, Pashto or any regional language, to remain peaceful despite the agitation, control their emotions, observe patience and tolerance to defeat all the conspiracies to start riots. He appealed to workers and the public to remain in their homes on Monday to defeat the conspiracy to disturb the peace in the name of strike. He also appealed to the Haq Parast Nazims not to open their offices on Monday.

He said that the MQM has been through so many testing times that no other political party of Pakistan has experience and now once again the MQM is faced with an ordeal and its only crime is that its struggle is for the rights of deprived and oppressed people of Pakistan and for the abolishment of medieval system of the country. He appealed to the workers and supporters to demonstrate the same courage, resolve and determination as they have in the past. In the end he expressed his heartfelt sorrow and grief over the martyrdom of MQM workers and supporters by the armed terrorists yesterday. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the family members.