

Militants had vowed attacks on Bhutto

Benazir Bhutto's triumphant return to Pakistan ended in horrific scenes of carnage as two bombs aimed at the former prime minister killed scores. Al Qaeda and Taliban groups had threatened to meet her with attacks



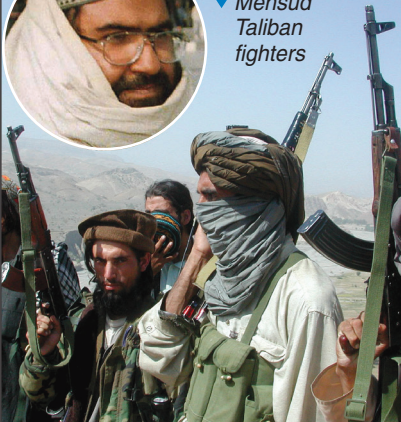
■ **Benazir Bhutto:** Her criticism of Islamic militants and her support for U.S.-backed Pakistani President **Pervez Musharraf** made enemies in Taliban-controlled tribal areas

Thursday, midnight: Bomb attack kills at least 130, wounds 250



◀ **Masood Azhar**

▼ **Mehsud Taliban fighters**



■ **Terror warnings:** Intelligence reports warned three groups sympathetic to **Osama bin Laden's** terror movement and hard-line **Taliban** religious militia were plotting to assassinate Bhutto

■ **Baitullah Mehsud:** Pakistani Taliban commander threatened that his suicide bombers from south Waziristan-based **Mehsud tribe** would kill Bhutto

■ **Masood Azhar:** Leader of Al Qaeda-linked **Jaish-e-Mohammed**. Azhar is strong supporter of Afghan Taliban leader **Mullah Mohammed Omar**

■ **Laskar-e-Tayyaba:** Al Qaeda-linked group trains suicide bombers in tribal areas for attacks on U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan