

Pakistan Taliban threaten election attacks

More than 100 people have been killed in attacks in the run up to the nation's general election, with three secular parties especially singled out. Over 4,600 candidates are running for the 342-seat National Assembly



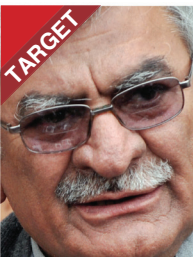
Pakistan People's Party (PPP)
Leader: President **Asif Ali Zardari**
PPP candidate

Ali Haider Gilani kidnapped at rally in Multan. Powerbase: **Sindh**



Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM)
Leader: **Altaf Hussain**
Strongly opposed

to Al Qaeda following 9/11 attacks. Powerbase: **Karachi, Hyderabad**



Awami National Party (ANP)
Leader: **Asfandiyar Wali Khan**
Some 750 ANP party workers killed by Taliban since 2008. Powerbase: **Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa**



Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
Leader: Former Prime Minister **Nawaz Sharif**
Pledged to end involvement in U.S.-led war on terror. Powerbase: **Punjab**



Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q)
Leader: **Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain**
Backed General Musharraf's 1999 coup. Powerbase: **Punjab, Balochistan**



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)
Leader: **Imran Khan**
Cricketer-turned-politician has gathered huge amounts of support for "anti-status quo" stance