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Statement

UNICEF condemns today's attack on children in school bus in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 13 September 2011 – Today's reports of the deliberate attack by gunmen on a school bus in Peshawar, killing and injuring children, have shocked UNICEF.

"This outrageous attack carried out on young children at their most vulnerable -- on a school bus -- is deeply distressing," said Dan Rohrmann, UNICEF Pakistan Representative in Islamabad.

"Such an attack strikes at the most fundamental values of families in Pakistan and everywhere to have a safe and protective environment for their children. It is a violation of children's right to education and their right to develop to their full potential," said Mr Rohrmann.

"Children must be protected from violence at all times," said Mr Rohrmann.

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