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**Statement by the Press Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan,
on the Terrorist Attack in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

1. Japan is shocked and saddened by the suicide attack which caused numerous deaths and injuries on February 16, at a shrine in Sehwan, Sindh, of Pakistan. Japan expresses its condolences to the victims and the bereaved families. Japan also prays those injured for their earliest recovery.
2. No act of terrorism can be justified for whatever reason or purpose. Japan strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.
3. Japan expresses solidarity to the Government of Pakistan and their people and supports efforts by the Government of Pakistan to combat terrorism.

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