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## Karachi Counter Terrorism Department Eliminates Three Terrorists, Including High-Value Target

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In a decisive operation, Karachi’s Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) neutralized three terrorists, including a high-value target, in a raid targeting a banned militant group. This article explores the operation’s significance and the need for robust local security measures.

On July 28, 2025, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), alongside an intelligence agency, conducted a raid in Karachi's Manghopir area, killing three members of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), also referred to as Fitna al-Khawarij by the government. Acting on precise intelligence, the operation targeted a hideout where the terrorists, including a suicide bomber, were planning attacks. A fierce gunfight erupted when the suspects opened fire, leading to their elimination. Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Raja Umar Khattab, as reported by ARY News, identified two of the deceased as Zafran, a high-value target with a Rs20 million bounty, and Qudratullah, while the third's identity is under investigation. The group was linked to a 2024 attack on Chinese nationals in Karachi, which killed three and injured 17, per the bomb disposal squad's findings.

The raid yielded explosives, grenades, submachine guns (SMGs), and a diary listing potential targets, underscoring the ongoing threat of terrorism in Karachi. DSP Khattab emphasized the operation's role in disrupting TTP's plans, noting Zafran's notoriety for orchestrating high-profile attacks. Posts on X, like those from @SadiqRizvi, praised the CTD's swift action, reflecting public support for decisive measures against militancy. The operation highlights the effectiveness of intelligence-driven policing, a contrast to federal policies often criticized for their disconnect from local realities.

Karachi's security challenges demand sustained local efforts over centralized mandates. The city, a hub for economic activity, cannot afford lapses that embolden groups like TTP. Strengthening the CTD's resources and fostering community vigilance are critical to preventing future attacks. This operation, while a victory, underscores the persistent threat of terrorism and the need for provincial authorities to prioritize actionable, localized strategies to ensure safety and stability for Karachi's residents.