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## Landmine Blast in Dera Bugti Kills Two, Injures One

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A landmine explosion in Dera Bugti, Balochistan, claimed two lives and left one person critically injured, highlighting ongoing safety risks from unexploded ordnance in the region.

A tragic landmine explosion in the Dera Bugti district of Balochistan province killed two local residents, Zahid Chakarani and Wishu Chakarani, and critically injured Sada Chakarani on August 3, 2025, as reported by The Express Tribune. The incident occurred when villagers inadvertently triggered a buried explosive device while attempting to remove it, according to local sources cited by Dawn. The injured Sada Chakarani was rushed to a

nearby medical facility for treatment. The blast underscores the persistent threat of landmines in Dera Bugti, a region plagued by unrest and remnants of past conflicts, per The Express Tribune.

Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti condemned the incident, describing it as a “cowardly act” aimed at destabilizing the province, and vowed to bring those responsible to justice, as stated in a press release reported by The News International. No group has claimed responsibility for the explosion, but the region has long been a hotspot for insurgent activities, with landmines often planted to target security forces, according to Geo.tv. The Balochistan Home Department reported 501 terror-related incidents in the province over the past six months, highlighting the ongoing security challenges, per Pakistan Today.

Local communities have repeatedly raised concerns about landmines near homes, schools, and public pathways, which pose significant risks to civilians, especially children, as noted by The Express Tribune. A Levies official, speaking to Geo.tv, emphasized that investigations are underway to determine the origin of the explosive device, with security forces cordoning off the area to ensure safety. The incident follows a pattern of landmine blasts in Dera Bugti, with a similar explosion in 2022 claiming four lives, per Dawn. Authorities are intensifying efforts to address these threats and restore safety in the region.