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Pakistan: Treatment of Pakistan Muslim League (PML) supporters by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP)
Research Directorate, Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, Ottawa

Information on the treatment of Pakistan Muslim League (PML) supporters by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate. However, *Dawn* reports that a clash between PML and PPP supporters occurred in 2004, which resulted in members of the PML being injured and one PML activist being killed (17 Sept. 2004). Pakistan Press International (PPI) also reports that a clash between the groups took place in 2006 (1 July 2006). According to *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2005*, one PML activist was killed in a Karachi park on 20 March 2005 by unknown assailants (US 8 Mar. 2006, Sec. 1a).

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of additional sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

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Additional Sources Consulted

Oral sources: Two representatives of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and two academics did not provide information within the time constraints of this Response.

An independent researcher and political and defense consultant did not provide information on the subject.

Attempts to contact a professor at the University of Peshawar were unsuccessful.

Internet sites, including: Amnesty International, *Asia Times Online*, Cable News Network, *Daily Times* [Lahore], European Country of Origin Information Network, Factiva, Freedom House, *Herald* [Karachi], Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Human Rights Watch, International Crisis Group, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of Pakistan, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Pakistan Muslim League, *PakTribune* [Islamabad], Southasianews.com, South Asia Analysis Group, United Nations Integrated Regional Information Networks.

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