
AJK President, Prime Minister, AJKLA Speaker condole sad demise of 25 victims of Pattan – Kahota Road mishap :

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Condolence:

MIRPUR (AJK): Aug. 25: Azad Jammu Kashmir President Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry, Prime Minister Chaudhry Anwar-ul-Haq and Speaker State Legislative Assembly Ch. Latif Akbar have expressed deep sense of shock and grief over the tregic death of 25 people in a coaster van mishap that plunged into a ditch on Poonch-Rawalpindi near Azad Pattan-Kahota junction in adjoining Punjab province territory early Sunday morning.

In their seperate messages of condolence, addressed to the bereaved families, issued on Sunday, the AJK leaders prayed for the rest of the departed souls in eternal peace and grant of fortitude to

the bereaved families to bear the big loss of precious lives with courage.

A Rawalpindi-bound coaster with at least 26 passengers on board coaster travelling from Rawalakot m, AJK, plunged into a deep ravine near Pana Pul, Azaad Pattan, resulting in the deaths of 25 of the commuters on board besides serious injuring of a lonely passenger of the ill fated van, Palandri (Poonch division) officials told APP over telephone on Sunday.

Most of the ill-fated deceased including children, women and men belonged to Sadhanoti district of the Poonch of AJK.

Rescue teams were immediately sent from to the location of the mishap to join work to retrieve bodies besides to assist the injured, who remain trapped in the wreckage. Of injured only one survived till last reports came in, officials said

The accident occurred near Pana Pul, between Azaad Pattan and Kahuta following reported failure of the brakes.

Further investigations are in progress by the concerned area police, official sources said.