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## **US reaffirms commitment to support Pakistan in Combatting Terrorism**

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The United States has reaffirmed its commitment to standing “shoulder to shoulder” with Pakistan in the ongoing fight against terrorism, following a series of devastating attacks in Balochistan last month that targeted both security personnel and civilians.

During a meeting on Tuesday, US Ambassador Donald Blome engaged with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar to discuss Pakistan's economic and security challenges. Pakistan has formally sought assistance from the United States in addressing these pressing issues.

The meeting follows the tragic loss of over 70 lives in Balochistan, where separate terrorist incidents occurred last month. In one particularly harrowing event in Musakhail, armed assailants forcibly removed passengers from trucks and buses, ruthlessly shooting them after verifying their identities.

Addressing Pakistan's requests for support at the State Department's daily briefing, Spokesperson Matthew Miller emphasized the shared interest of both nations in addressing regional security threats. "The United States and Pakistan have a shared interest in combatting threats to regional security, and we will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with Pakistan in its fight against terrorism," Miller stated.

He further expressed deep condolences, noting, "The Pakistani people have suffered greatly at the hands of violent extremist terrorists, and our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those killed."