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Taliban leader killed in Pakistan

4th November, 2013

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THE READING

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Hakimullah Mehsud, the leader of Pakistan's Taliban, died in a drone attack on Friday. He was the most wanted man in Pakistan. Three others also died. The U.S. offered \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for attacking one of its bases in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died. Pakistan told America that it "strongly condemns" the drone strike. The Taliban said it was sad that Mehsud was killed in the drone attack.

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of Pakistan's Taliban in 2009. He soon planned many terror attacks. In 2010, he was behind five attacks in one day in three Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three attacks in Lahore. The U.S. says he was also behind a planned attack in New York. It also says Mehsud's death is very bad for the Taliban. It might also be bad for peace talks in Pakistan. The government and the Taliban were in talks for many months.

Sources: <http://edition.cnn.com/2013/11/01/world/asia/pakistan-violence/>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the leader of | a. also died |
| 2. the most | b. a Jordanian died |
| 3. Three others | c. it was sad |
| 4. The U.S. offered | d. bases |
| 5. attacking one of its | e. Pakistan's Taliban |
| 6. Seven Americans and | f. drone attack |
| 7. The Taliban said | g. wanted man |
| 8. killed in the | h. \$5 million |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. terror | a. attack in New York |
| 2. he was behind five | b. for the Taliban |
| 3. Five days | c. were three attacks |
| 4. there | d. many months |
| 5. behind a planned | e. later |
| 6. very bad | f. talks |
| 7. peace | g. attacks |
| 8. in talks for | h. attacks in one day |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Hakimullah Mehsud, (1) _____ Pakistan's Taliban, died in (2) _____ on Friday. He was the most wanted man in Pakistan. Three others also died. The U.S. offered (3) _____ information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him (4) _____ of its bases in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died. Pakistan told America that (5) _____ the drone strike. The Taliban (6) _____ Mehsud was killed in the drone attack.

Hakimullah Mehsud (7) _____ Pakistan's Taliban in 2009. He (8) _____ terror attacks. In 2010, he was behind five attacks (9) _____ three Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three attacks in Lahore. The U.S. says he was also (10) _____ attack in New York. It also says Mehsud's death (11) _____ the Taliban. It might also be bad for peace talks in Pakistan. The government and the Taliban (12) _____ many months.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
