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Level 2

Taliban leader killed in Pakistan

4th November, 2013

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THE READING

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The leader of Pakistan's Taliban died in a drone attack on Friday in a remote region of the country. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most wanted man in Pakistan. Three other people also died. The U.S. government said it would pay \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one of its military bases in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. Pakistan told America that it "strongly condemns the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] leader was [killed] in a drone attack."

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of Pakistan's Taliban in 2009, after the death of the previous leader. Mehsud soon showed how much damage he could create. He planned five terror attacks in one day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were three more attacks in the city of Lahore. Intelligence officials say he was also behind a planned attack in New York's Times Square. Security sources say his death is very bad for the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad for peace talks between Pakistan's government and the Taliban. They had been talking for months.

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

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131104-taliban-2.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The leader of Pakistan's Taliban | a. region of the country |
| 2. a remote | b. the U.S. drone strike |
| 3. most | c. leader was killed |
| 4. a deadly | d. wanted man |
| 5. military | e. died in a drone attack |
| 6. it strongly condemns | f. sadness |
| 7. great | g. attack |
| 8. our great | h. bases |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. after the death of | a. in one day |
| 2. how much damage | b. talks |
| 3. five terror attacks | c. the previous leader |
| 4. he was also behind a planned | d. talking for months |
| 5. security | e. attack in New York's Times Square |
| 6. his death is very bad | f. sources |
| 7. peace | g. he could create |
| 8. They had been | h. for the Taliban |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The leader of Pakistan's Taliban died (1) _____ on Friday in a (2) _____ the country. Hakimullah Mehsud was the most wanted man in Pakistan. Three other people also died. The U.S. government (3) _____ \$5 million for information about where Mr Mehsud lived. The U.S. wanted him for a deadly attack on one (4) _____ in 2009. Seven Americans and a Jordanian died in that attack. Pakistan told America that (5) _____ the U.S. drone strike". The Taliban said: "We confirm with great [sadness] that our [great] (6) _____ in a drone attack."

Hakimullah Mehsud became leader of Pakistan's Taliban in 2009, after the death (7) _____ leader. Mehsud soon showed how much damage (8) _____. He planned five terror attacks in one day in three different Pakistani cities. Five days later, there were (9) _____ in the city of Lahore. Intelligence officials say (10) _____ a planned attack in New York's Times Square. Security sources say his (11) _____ for the Taliban in Pakistan. It might also be bad for (12) _____ Pakistan's government and the Taliban. They had been talking for 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)
