

Bhutto 'killers' shown in photos

A Pakistani television channel has shown what it says appears to be pictures of Benazir Bhutto's killers, adding to the controversy over how the 54-year-old former prime minister died. The blurred images of a two men in the crowd at the rally on December 27 during which Bhutto was killed were aired on Saturday night by DawnNews TV. The pictures, shot by an amateur photographer, appear to show a young, clean-shaven man, wearing a waistcoat and dark glasses, move towards the bullet-proof vehicle in which Bhutto was standing through the sunroof as she acknowledged the cheers of jubilant party activists. Standing closely behind the young man is a man who is either in Arab dress or has a piece of white cloth draped around his face. DawnNews suggests that this man may be the suicide bomber. The first image shows the two men looking straight into the camera. Another image appears to show the young man with an outstretched arm pointing a gun at Bhutto. He is just a couple of metres away from the politician's vehicle. One of the party activists clinging to the vehicle seems to have spotted the man, Dawn suggests. The third image shows activists around the vehicle ducking their heads in reflex to perhaps a shot or an explosion. Unfazed, the young man is still in their midst. Pakistan's interior ministry says that Bhutto died after fracturing her skull by hitting the sunroof of her armoured car, as she was thrown into the car by the bomb blast. The Pakistan People's Party (PPP) insists that its former leader was killed when an assassin fired three shots at close range and then blew himself up.

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