

## Five killed in Pindi car race

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RAWALPINDI: The drag race festivity turned into a fatal tragedy in Rawalpindi as one of the competitors, crushed five spectators when he lost control of the vehicle near the finish line Sunday evening.

A car RX-7 Sports Car driven by Majid Naeem (senior auditor PTCL) cartwheeled into the crowd after hitting a pole. The driver lost control, smashing his vehicle into the crowd of spectators, nearly ten feet away from the racing track.

Those who lost their lives in the accident include

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Baber Ali (Askari Bank), Asfandyar Ali (15-year son of Baber), Sohail Khan and his son Danayal Khan and Mohsin Javed (son of Col Javed), Majid Naeem (senior auditor PTCL) survived unhurt from the tragedy.

Ironically, the Rawalpindi police, right from top to lower ranking officials, expressed their ignorance of the horrifying incident despite lapse of over six hours of the occurrence. However, a sub inspector of Rawat police station promised to gather the information about the incident within two hours to share with this correspondent.

Some sources told The News that son of one of the closest aides of former President Gen (R) Musharraf managed the car race after getting permission from Rawalpindi administration.

SP (Sadar) Raja Javed when contacted, told this correspondent that he and sub divisional police officer (SDPO) rejected

the application submitted by the race administration. "I am sure, the district administration rejected the application too and didn't allow the car race," the SP concluded.

**APP adds:** According to police sources, a car race "EVO Nitro Speed Quest 2010" was organized in Rawalpindi. During the race, the driver of a car lost control during the race as a result it ran over four people while another person sustained serious injuries.

**Online adds:** Organizing Committee of car race expressed deep grief and sorrow over casualties in the mishap during the race, adding that complete security measures had been taken for the race.

There were ten thousand people present during at the car race and sufficient measures were taken to control them.

The people were repeatedly requested to distant themselves from the racetrack and not try to come near, but the people continued coming near the race track.