

Pakistan copter crashes, killing wife of M'sian envoy

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A Pakistan military helicopter carrying diplomats to the launch of projects in northern Pakistan crashed today killing six people, including the ambassadors of Norway and the Philippines and the wives of the ambassadors of Malaysia and Indonesia, the army said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was travelling to the mountainous northern region of Gilgit on a separate aircraft to launch two projects when the accident happened. He returned to Islamabad, his office said.

Military spokesperson Asim Bajwa said in a Twitter post that as well as the four foreigners, the two pilots were killed.

He said the ambassadors of Poland and the Netherlands were among the injured.

Media said 11 foreigners and six Pakistanis were on board the MI-17, which crashed into a school Gilgit and caught fire.

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