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## Senior Pakistani politician Zahra Shahid Hussain shot dead

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A senior female Pakistani politician Zahra Shahid Hussain, was gunned down here on Saturday night.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Sindh senior vice president, Zahra Shahid Hussain's murder came on the eve of a closely-fought partial reelection in NA-250 Karachi, a constituency which PTI is very confident to lay claim to be given the re-polls are conducted freely, fairly, and transparently.

She was killed by gunmen on a motorcycle outside her home in the city's upmarket Defense neighborhood.

Iran Khan, the celebrated former cricket player and the chairman of the PTI, blamed Hussain's death on Altaf Hussain, the leader of the rival MQM party.

However Pakistan's Dawn News reported that Zahra Shahid Hussain was shot in the head during "an attempted robbery incident."

But a local PTI leader, Firdous Shamim quoted by AFP said, Hussain "was leaving her home for some work when three gunmen attacked her. She thought they wanted to snatch her purse and handed it over to them but they killed her."

Police said all three gunmen escaped after the attack late Saturday.

"They shot her with one bullet near her chin and she could not survive," senior police official Nasir Aftab told AFP.