

## **AHMADI DIES IN GRENADE EXPLOSION**

**Mirza Ijaz Baig, 39, of Garhi Shuar, Pakistan, was one of the worshipers killed at Darul Zikr mosque. Ijaz along with his two sons aged 8 and 10 were in the hall at the time of the attack. The Imam asked worshipers to remain calm and pray as the sound of gunfire could be heard getting louder and louder. Ijaz prayed with fellow worshipers in the hall when three gunmen barged through the front doors. They began firing repeatedly at all the worshipers, the first to fall were the elders of mosque and the elderly frail at the front of the hall. Two gunmen hurled hand grenades as the third gunman followed behind giving covering fire killing anyone that ran forward trying to stop the attackers. Ijaz's sons fled the scene and hid in the basement. Ijaz managed to dodge the gunshots; however, he could not hide from the hand grenade explosions. Eventually a hand grenade landed close to Ijaz and he was hit by deadly shrapnel to the head and fell unconscious to the ground. Ijaz was later taken to Mayo Hospital where he died from severe head injuries.**

**Ijaz was a businessman and law-abiding citizen in Lahore and a well respected member of the community. Ijaz was among the first to be buried in Rabwah, Pakistan on Friday. He leaves behind a widow and two young sons. His family remain in shock and are speechless. His two young sons in particular are in a state of shock as they witnessed fellow worshippers dying and later found their own father dead.**

