Rangers arrest three MQM-H activists

* Seize cache of arms

Staff Report

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers on Wednesday foiled possible terrorist attacks by recovering huge quantities of arms from secret hideouts in the Landhi area.

Director General (DG) Sindh Rangers Maj Gen Javed Zia said that the crackdown was carried out following reports that terrorist’s had stockpiled weapons in Karachi and were planning to carry out attacks. During interrogation, a suspect named Raza divulged his contacts with suspected terrorists Nazimuddin alias Nazim Kala and Aftab Hussain alias Affu who, according to him, were hiding in Lahore.

A special team of Rangers arrested the terrorists from Lahore. All three were associated with Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Haqiqi (MQM), the DG claimed. On their information, a shop behind the defunct Baitul Hamza in Landhi was raided and arms were seized, including 19 SMGs, 11 M-16 rifles, 3 MP-5s, 15 7mm rifles, one repeater, three machine guns, 19 hand grenades, one 222 rifle, 6 range finders, four telescopes, two 12-bore shotguns, two flare guns, two 32-bore revolver, two 32-bore pistols, three 22-bore pistols, 10 M-16 magazines and 90 SMG magazines, and thousands of rounds of bullets.

The DG Rangers disclosed that the weapons were brought to Karachi at intervals. He said that it has not yet been established whether these terrorists were linked with the recent terrorism in the city.