



Pakistan Army Chief General Kayani, while inspecting the rescue operation on the site, said that efforts are underway to acquire latest technical equipment for the rescue.

An eight-member rescue team from the United States has reportedly arrived in Islamabad on Sunday evening to provide technical assistance in the rescue operation. Some other neighboring countries have also offered help to Pakistan, said local media.

The avalanche that hit the Pakistani army camp in Siachen is said to be the worst of its kind over the last 20 years since its existence there.

Located in the eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas, just east of the Line of Control that divides Pakistan and India in the disputed Kashmir region, the 70-kilometer-long Siachen Glacier is the world's second longest glacier in the non-polar areas.

It is also the world's highest battlefield. Both Pakistan and India have fought wars over the area. Currently each side has deployed thousands of troops in the disputed region.

Local media said that severe weather, coupled with avalanches and other natural disasters, in the Siachen Glacier area has claimed more lives of soldiers from both sides than the wars between them.

The lowest temperature in the area is said to be minus 50 degrees Celsius in deep winter.

The chance for the survival of the buried people looks very slim, lamented a retired Pakistani army general.