



## CoronaCrimeWatch Pakistan

### Weekly Review of Organised Crime and Pandemic

*Compiled by National Initiative against Organised Crime (NIOC)*

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The COVID-19 pandemic is not only affecting the economies and societies across the world but also changing the trends of the organized crime and illicit markets. Pakistan is already facing critical economic challenges as well as issues related to governance and internal security. While the coronavirus pandemic has complicated these challenges, it can also bring to fore new challenges related to organized crime and non-state actors in the country. There is a need for institutional vigilance to monitor the changing trends for better understanding and preparedness to cope with future challenges. The National Initiative against Organized Crime (NIOC) is initiating a weekly monitor on Organized Crime as a civil society initiative to support the institutional and community responses. The weekly brief is a result of information collected from open sources, mainly the mainstream media reports, both Urdu and English as well as information collected from various experts associated with the Project.

#### ***Corona cases in Pakistan:***

According to the National Command and Operation Centre statistics, a total of 171,666 cases of COVID-19 have been detected in Pakistan, out of which 63,504 people have recovered so far across the country.

The NCOC said that a total of 549 patients are on ventilators, while there are none in Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Total confirmed cases: 171,666

- Sindh: 65,163

- Punjab: 64,216
- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: 20,790
- Balochistan: 9162
- Islamabad Capital Territory: 10,279
- Gilgit-Baltistan: 1,253
- AJK: 803

***LEAs against Corona Pandemic:***

- Coronavirus claimed another life of a senior inspector of Rawalpindi police during last week. The deceased had recently been promoted to the rank of inspector and was waiting for posting.<sup>1</sup>

## **1. General Trends**

### ***1.1. Terrorism watch***

On June 19th, four people including two Rangers personnel and two civilians lost their lives and several others were injured in string of explosions across Sindh including in Karachi, Ghotki and Larkana. The banned Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army (SRA) claimed the attacks.<sup>2</sup> Details are listed as below:

- In Karachi, a civilian Kashif was martyred when he fell victim to a grenade attack hurled by two motorcyclists near a paramilitary Rangers mobile deployed at Ehsaas Centre, near Anjuman-e-Islamia School, Liquatabad. Eight others including a Rangers official Munawwar were left injured in the attack.
- In Ghotki, three including a civilian and two Rangers officials were martyred in another attack near their mobile at a market in Ghotki.
- Simultaneously in Larakna, one Rangers official was injured when unknown suspects riding a motorcycle hurled a cracker at a security checkpoint of Rangers Public School on VIP Road.

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<sup>1</sup> Dawn, June 17, 2020 [https://www.dawn.com/news/amp/1563983?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.dawn.com/news/amp/1563983?__twitter_impression=true)

<sup>2</sup> “Two Rangers among four martyred in three Sindh bomb attacks,” *The News*, June 20, 2020, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/675156-two-rangers-among-four-martyred-in-three-sindh-bomb-attacks>

## 2. Terror Financing

An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Lahore sentenced the top Jamaatud Daawa (JUD) leadership including its head Hafiz Saeed and sent them to jail. Announcing the verdict, the ATC sentenced at least four JUD operatives and senior leaders to jail, after being found guilty of money-laundering and terror-financing charges. As per the orders of the court, Abdul Rehman Makki, brother in law of Hafiz Saeed and senior leader of JUD, along with Hafiz Abdul Salam were to serve the sentence to at least one year imprisonment, while Professor Zafar Iqbal and Yahya Mujahid were sentenced to at least five years imprisonment. The court also imposed a fine of at least Rs.20,000 on the one year imprisonment and Rs 50,000 for at least five year imprisonment respectively.<sup>3</sup> These sentences to JUD top leadership will strengthen Pakistan's resolve to fight against the terror financing. During the week under review, Pakistan also has submitted another compliance report to FATF.<sup>4</sup> According to a media report, the government is also going to introduce amendment in Customs Act 1969 through a financial bill to increase the punishment of smuggling goods five time more under the instruction of FATF. The Punjab government has also taken the control of the religious seminaries, or madrassahs, of the banned militant organizations and allocated 1.3 billion rupees for their administration in upcoming provincial budget.<sup>5</sup>

An anti-terrorism court acquitted former ambassador of the country to Afghanistan Rustam Shah Mohmand and five others charged by the counter terrorism department with financing the banned Al Qaeda terror outfit through bank accounts of an international non-governmental organisation (INGO) for three decades. Judge pronounced the acquittal of the accused before the conclusion of trial by accepting their application filed under Section 265-K of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC). The provision empowers the trial court to acquit an accused at any stage of the trial if there is no probability of his/her conviction on the basis of available evidence.<sup>6</sup>

Meanwhile, the Anti Narcotics Force (ANF) arrested a man involved in money laundering and recovered Rs 66,750,000 from him at M-1 Motorway. The ANF recovered the money from his car.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *The Nation*, June 19, 2020 <https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2020-06-19/page-12/detail-6>

<sup>4</sup> *The Express Tribune*, June 17, 2020, [https://epaper.tribune.com.pk/DisplayDetails.aspx?ENI\\_ID=11202006170436&EN\\_ID=11202006170136&EMID=11202006170049](https://epaper.tribune.com.pk/DisplayDetails.aspx?ENI_ID=11202006170436&EN_ID=11202006170136&EMID=11202006170049)

<sup>5</sup> *Daily Dunya*, June 19, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-19&edition=LHR&id=5226863\\_30445907](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-19&edition=LHR&id=5226863_30445907)

<sup>6</sup> *Dawn*, June 16, 2020, <https://www.dawn.com/news/1563788>

<sup>7</sup> *The Nation*, June 15, 2020 <https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2020-06-15/page-14/detail-1>

### 3. Drug Trafficking

During the week under review, law enforcement agencies made further successes in dismantling the drugs trafficking rackets. The Customs Department in Dera Ismail Khan in KP province foiled a major bid to smuggle 200KG hashish into Punjab province<sup>8</sup>, while Dera Ghazi Khan police in Punjab province in a similar action recovered 550KG hashish and arrested a drug smuggler.<sup>9</sup> In Balochistan, Levies Force recovered 40 KG hashish from a vehicle and arrested two drug traffickers<sup>10</sup>. District Peshawar police recovered 8KG hashish and one KG heroin,<sup>11</sup> and Swabi police in KP also recovered 2KG hashish.<sup>12</sup> A couple and a young boy were arrested while smuggling drugs and weapons from Khyber and Dara Adamkhel to Waziristan and southern parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. An anti-smuggling squad constituted by district police officer Mansoor Aman foiled the attempts.<sup>13</sup> Peshawar police has also launched a special drive against the drug suppliers and arrested several drug peddlers and recovered variety of drugs from their possessions.<sup>14</sup>

District Sargodha police in a major operation against drug traffickers arrested a drug smuggler and recovered 15 KG hashish<sup>15</sup> and in another operation recovered 4 KG heroin. Police in Attock arrested 7 drug peddlers and recovered 24 KG hashish and 4 KG opium and foiled a bid to smuggle it to Punjab<sup>16</sup>. Islamabad and Rawalpindi police arrested a total of 31 drug peddlers in their drive against the drugs in the capital and adjoining district.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Daily 92, June 19, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=6&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n33](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=6&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n33)

<sup>9</sup> Daily 92, June 14, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=5&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-6-14&n=n42](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=5&is_common=&xdate=2020-6-14&n=n42)

<sup>10</sup> Daily 92, June 19, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-19&edition=ISL&id=5226219\\_52610667](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-19&edition=ISL&id=5226219_52610667)

<sup>11</sup> Daily 92, June 18, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=5&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-06-18&n=n37](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=5&is_common=&xdate=2020-06-18&n=n37)

<sup>12</sup> Daily 92, 19, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=3&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n31](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=3&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n31)

<sup>13</sup> *Dawn*, June 19, 2020, <https://www.dawn.com/news/1564404/couple-boy-held-for-smuggling-drugs-arms>

<sup>14</sup> *The Nation*, June 116, 2020, <https://nation.com.pk/E-Paper/islamabad/2020-06-16/page-13/detail-5>

<sup>15</sup> Daily 92, June 19, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=6&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n33](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=6&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n33)

<sup>16</sup> Daily 92, June 19, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=3&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n31](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=3&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-06-19&n=n31)

<sup>17</sup> Daily *Dunya*, June 16, 2020 [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-16&edition=ISL&id=5221878\\_40232591](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-06-16&edition=ISL&id=5221878_40232591)

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## 4. Cyber Crime

In an exclusive report on increasing incidents of cyber bullying during COVID-19 pandemic in Pakistan, the *News on Sunday* has reported that the official capacity does not match with the challenge country is facing.<sup>18</sup>

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### **About NIOC:**

National Initiative against Organized Crime (NIOC), in collaboration with the Global Initiative Resilience Fund is the first-ever initiative in Pakistan launched by a group of committed professionals and experts with law enforcement, media and other public service backgrounds. NIOC aims to build community resilience and influence public policy to combat organized crime.

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<sup>18</sup> *The News on Sunday*, June 14, 2020, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/tns/detail/671918-cyber-bullying-doubles-during-pandemic>