



## Organized Crime Watch-30

### Pakistan's Organized Crime Weekly Review

*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.

The nationwide confirmed COVID-19 cases in Pakistan were 335,093 as of November 01, 2020, and 315,016 of them have recovered so far. The death toll reached 6,835. The detail on regional distribution of the total detected cases across Pakistan as well as consequent deaths is given in the table below: <sup>1</sup>

Area	Confirmed Cases	Number of Deaths	Deaths (% of Cases)
AJK	4,237	95	2.24
Balochistan	15,954	151	0.94

<sup>1</sup> <https://covid.gov.pk/>

Gilgit Baltistan	4,279	92	2.15
Islamabad	20,089	222	1.10
KP	39,649	1,279	3.22
Punjab	104,554	2,365	2.26
Sindh	146,331	2,631	1.79

## 1. General Trends

### 1.1. Street Crime

There was no significant development on or a change in street crime trends reported from Pakistan during the week under review. However, the incidents of robberies, stealing have reportedly increased in Islamabad Industrial Area. For one, the traders took to streets to protest against a reported robbery of PKR 3.6 million in the market. A delegation of traders also met police officials and demanded improved security.<sup>2</sup>

### 1.2. Terrorism Watch

As many as four terrorist attacks happened in Pakistan during the week under review including a major attack that targeted a madrassa in Peshawar. At least eight people were killed including children and over 90 were injured when a powerful bomb ripped through Jamia Zubairiya in Dir Colony locality near the Ring Road, Peshawar. The bomb was reportedly placed in a bag and detonated by a remote control when a senior teacher Rahimullah Haqqani was delivering his lecture, which was also being shown live on social media. Reportedly, the Islamic State (IS) group was believed to be involved in the attack.<sup>3</sup>

In Quetta, three people were killed and ten others injured in a bomb blast in the Hazarganji area on the outskirts of the provincial capital. A car and several motorcycles caught fire after the blast. A nearby shop was also damaged. The blast happened a few kilometers away from a venue where the opposition parties held a rally.<sup>4</sup> Baloch insurgent group BLA claimed the attack.

The other two attacks took place in North Waziristan killing in all one policeman and injuring two army soldiers. The TTP was reportedly involved.

<sup>2</sup> Daily *Dunya* (Urdu), November 1, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-02&edition=ISL&id=5384257\\_51589299](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-02&edition=ISL&id=5384257_51589299)

<sup>3</sup> *The News*, October 28, 2020, <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/735892-terror-hits-peshawar-again-eight-martyred-90-injured-as-bomb-rips-through-seminary>

<sup>4</sup> Daily *Dunya* (Urdu), October 26, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=ISL&id=5377364\\_59400345](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=ISL&id=5377364_59400345)

Separately, the counter-terrorism department (CTD) personnel raided an area on Jaffarabad road in Sukkur on intelligence about presence of militants there. Two suspected terrorists on a motorcycle opened fire on the CTD officials, but were killed in retaliatory fire by the police. Those killed were identified as Mohibullah Khan and Muhamamd Anwar; both belonged to the TTP Tariq Geedar group and were allegedly involved in several terrorist attacks including on security forces.<sup>5</sup>

## 2. Terror Financing

After Pakistan was given four more months to implement the pending FATF recommendations, Federal Minister for Industries and Production Hammad Azhar stated Pakistan was already working on those points. He also remarked that the legislations Pakistan has made for countering terrorist financing will significantly help Pakistan in next year's evaluation by the global financial watchdog.<sup>6</sup> He however noted that one of the two actions plans given to Pakistan by the FATF was the "most challenging" and "comprehensive ever given to any country".

Earlier on October 23rd, FATF had announced that Pakistan has successfully complied with 21 out of 27 points of action and that it had decided to keep the country on its 'grey list' until February 2021. The FATF president however noted that the "six outstanding items were "very serious" and risks were not over until the authorities in Islamabad repaired all those strategic deficiencies." These items mostly pertain to the prosecution side as laws and systems have largely been put in place. Experts assert that Pakistan will have to continuously work on implementing its action plan to address strategic deficiencies by demonstrating that law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are identifying and investigating the widest range of terror financing (TF) activity and that TF investigations and prosecutions target designated persons and entities, and those acting on behalf or at the direction of the designated persons or entities.<sup>7</sup>

## 3. Drug Trafficking

The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) seized drugs worth \$79 million during 16 operations.<sup>8</sup> In a separate operation, the ANF seized 45 kilograms of opium worth 800 million at the Islamabad toll plaza.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Daily *Dunya* (Urdu), October 26, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=ISL&id=5377371\\_69950039](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=ISL&id=5377371_69950039)

<sup>6</sup> Daily *Express* (Urdu), October 26, 2020,

[https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1107840549&Issue=NP\\_LHE&Date=20201026](https://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1107840549&Issue=NP_LHE&Date=20201026)

<sup>7</sup> Khaleeq Kiani, "FATF says good, but not good enough," *Dawn*, October 26, 2020,

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1586968/fatf-says-good-but-not-good-enough>

<sup>8</sup> *The Express Tribune*, October 30, 2020, <https://tribune.com.pk/epaper/news/Karachi/2020-10-30/ZDIxODYzYmEwMTQ0NThiY2Q5NjY4OGU4OTQ4ZjYxMGluanBIZw%3D%3D>

<sup>9</sup> Daily *Dunya*, November 01, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-01&edition=ISL&id=5383670\\_58962145](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-01&edition=ISL&id=5383670_58962145)

Meanwhile, the police in KP, Islamabad, Balochistan, Punjab, and Sindh also conducted anti-drug trafficking operations as mentioned below:

- The Islamabad police arrested seven drug peddlers and recovered over 6 kilograms of hashish, and 600 grams of heroin from their possession.<sup>10</sup>
- The Sargodha police similarly recovered 2.1 kilograms of hashish and arrested four drug peddlers.<sup>11</sup> In another operation, the Sargodha police arrested six alleged drug peddlers and recovered 2.11 kilograms of hashish and 1.15 kg of heroin from their possession.<sup>12</sup>
- In Sindh, the Karachi police arrested six drug peddlers and recovered 2 kilo of hashish and heroin.<sup>13</sup>
- The police in Mian Channu arrested two drug peddlers and recovered 2.2 kilogram of hashish.<sup>14</sup>
- In Dera Ismail Khan, the police arrested a drug peddler and recovered 80 kilograms of hashish from his possession.<sup>15</sup> In a separate case in DI Khan, two drug peddlers were arrested and 16 kilograms of hashish were recovered.<sup>16</sup>
- Two kilograms of hashish were seized in Swabi during snap checking.<sup>17</sup>
- The Faisalabad police arrested five alleged drug peddlers and recovered 4.3 kilograms of hashish, and 320 grams of opium from their possession.<sup>18</sup>
- The Swat police seized 8.5 kilograms of hashish, 513 grams of heroin, and 110 grams of ice during an operation.<sup>19</sup>
- The Swabi police seized 4 kilograms and 2 kilograms of hashish separately from different drug peddlers during search operations.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> *Daily 92*, October 26, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-10-26&n=n20](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-10-26&n=n20)

<sup>11</sup> *The Express Tribune*, October 26, 2020, <https://tribune.com.pk/epaper/news/Karachi/2020-10-26/MzIxZjliNGM5OWQ4NjZiNzk2M2RkNDIxNmRhZDI1OGQuanBIZw%3D%3D>

<sup>12</sup> *The Express Tribune*, October 28, 2020, <https://tribune.com.pk/epaper/news/Karachi/2020-10-28/YTk0YjEzYTczMzMwNmFiYzZm0ZDNkYml0YjI1MmExMTAuanBIZw%3D%3D>

<sup>13</sup> *Daily Jang*, October 26, 2020, <https://jang.com.pk/news/836472>

<sup>14</sup> *Daily Dunya*, October 26, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=MUL&id=5377619\\_90287796](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-10-26&edition=MUL&id=5377619_90287796)

<sup>15</sup> *Daily 92*, October 29, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=5&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-10-29&n=n50](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=5&is_common=&xdate=2020-10-29&n=n50)

<sup>16</sup> *Daily 92*, November 01, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=5&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-11-1](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=5&is_common=&xdate=2020-11-1)

<sup>17</sup> *The Express Tribune*, October 30, 2020, <https://tribune.com.pk/epaper/news/Karachi/2020-10-30/YWMYnJE5ZWl2ZWNiNDMyM2U3ZThhNjQzYzZwOTExNjcuanBIZw%3D%3D>

<sup>18</sup> *The Express Tribune*, October 30, 2020, <https://tribune.com.pk/epaper/news/Karachi/2020-10-30/MjAxZjA1N2Q1YWY0ZDEzM2E0YjRhNjUyZWNiNDZDQuanBIZw%3D%3D>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.roznama92news.com/backend/web/uploads/epaper/4/2020/10/30102020/P2-PEW-013.jpg>

<sup>20</sup> *Daily 92*, October 30, 2020,

[https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=4&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-11-1](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=4&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-11-1)

- In Balochistan, the Hub police arrested one drug peddler and recovered 2 kilogram hashish from him.<sup>21</sup>
- The Sahuka police arrested one drug peddler and recovered 2.9 kilograms hashish from him.<sup>22</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 in November 2019 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>21</sup> *Daily 92*, November 01, 2020, [https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station\\_id=7&page\\_id=1&is\\_common=&xdate=2020-11-01&n=n16](https://www.roznama92news.com/efrontend/web/index.php/?station_id=7&page_id=1&is_common=&xdate=2020-11-01&n=n16)

<sup>22</sup> *Daily Dunya*, November 01, 2020, [https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-01&edition=MUL&id=5383260\\_83052987](https://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2020-11-01&edition=MUL&id=5383260_83052987)