



Pakistan's Monthly Organized Crime Review

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- A total of 14 incidents of serious and organized crimes were reported during the month of September. These crimes are categorised in this review into three main categories:
 - Terrorism and Violent Extremism
 - Drug Trafficking
 - Crimes against Women and Children

One major incidence of suicide attack was taken place on FC check post in Mastung road, Quetta in which four people were martyred and twenty injured and second incident was taken place in Balochistan's Kech distric; two soldiers of FC martyred in this attack. In response of these attack security forces kill IS commander in Balochistan's Mastung area.

Two operations were conducted by security forces in South Waziristan and North Waziristan.

In South Waziristan operation seven soldiers were martyred and five terrorists were killed. In Second operation; Mir Ali area of North Waziristan TTP commander Safiullah was killed by security forces. He was involved in the killings of four female representatives of an NGO and engineers belonging to Frontier Works Organisation.

➤ Terrorism and Violent Extremism

4 martyred, 20 injured in suicide attack targeting FC checkpoint on Quetta's Mastung Road



Four people were martyred and 20 injured on Sunday in a suicide attack near a Frontier Corps (FC) checkpoint on Mastung Road in Quetta.

18 of the injured were security officials while two were bystanders, adding that the number of casualties could rise.

A suicide bomber on a motorcycle packed with six kilogrammes of explosives rammed one of the vehicles in an FC convoy.

The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack.

Prime Minister Imran Khan condemned the attack, saying in a tweet: "My condolences go to the families of the martyrs & prayers for the recovery of the injured. Salute our security forces & their sacrifices to keep us safe by thwarting foreign-backed terrorists' designs."



Imran Khan 
@ImranKhanPTI

Condemn the TTP suicide attack on FC checkpost, Mastung road, Quetta. My condolences go to the families of the martyrs & prayers for the recovery of the injured. Salute our security forces & their sacrifices to keep us safe by thwarting foreign-backed terrorists' designs.

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Opposition leader and PML-N President Shehbaz Sharif said he was "grieved to learn about the martyrdom of 3 FC personnel" in the attack.

"I pay my homage to our armed forces for their sacrifices in defending the motherland. My heartfelt condolences go to bereaved families & prayers for early recovery of the injured," he tweeted.



Shehbaz Sharif 
@CMShehbaz

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Condemning the attack and offering condolences to the families of those martyred, Minister for Human Rights Shireen Mazari said the "brave security forces continue to thwart the designs of terrorists [especially] the RAW- (Indian intelligence agency) funded TTP."



Balochistan Home Minister Mir Ziaullah Langove too strongly condemned the attack and asked authorities to submit a report in this regard.

"Security forces have given countless sacrifices in the war against terrorism," he said, adding that the war would continue until total peace was achieved.

"The whole nation is indebted to the martyrs. We are fighting the terrorists with our full strength and will continue to do so. These violent attacks will not lower the morale of the forces," he stressed.

The attack comes less than two weeks after three Levies personnel were martyred and as many injured when their vehicle hit a landmine in the province's Ziarat district.

Earlier that week, a Pakistan Army captain was martyred and two soldiers injured when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device (IED) planted by terrorists in the Gichik area.

There has been an uptick in violence in the province, with several incidents of terrorism reported this year, targeting both civilians as well as security forces.

Source: Dawn, September 05, 2021

Two soldiers martyred in IED attack in North Waziristan: ISPR



Two Pakistan Army soldiers were martyred in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack in North Waziristan.

In a statement, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said that security forces were conducting a clearance operation in the district's Dosalli area when the IED exploded. As a result, 25-year-old Sepoy Zia Akram and 20-year-old Sepoy Musawwar Khan were martyred, it said.

Akram hailed from Muzaffarabad while Khan was a resident of Bajaur, according to the ISPR.

Pakistan Army troops immediately cordoned off the area to apprehend the terrorists who had planted the IED, the statement said.

During intense exchange of fire, one of the terrorists, who were trying to flee, was killed, it added.

The clearance operation was still ongoing to find and eliminate any other terrorists in the area, the ISPR said.

There has been an uptick in attacks on security forces in recent months. Last week, four Frontier Corps officials were martyred and 18 others injured in a suicide attack near a checkpost on Quetta's Mastung Road.

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Source: Dawn, September 07, 2021

2 FC soldiers martyred in attack on convoy in Balochistan's Kech district



Two soldiers of Frontier Corps South were martyred and another was injured when armed men attacked their convoy in the Buleda area of Kech district.

The martyred soldiers were identified as Lance Naik Saboor and Sepoy Abdul Hakim.

The injured soldier was identified as Abdul Sattar.

Official sources said that members of security forces immediately returned fire, but the attackers managed to escape.

The injured soldier and bodies were taken to a nearby healthcare facility.

In another act of terrorism near Kalat, some motorcyclists hurled a hand-grenade on a police vehicle patrolling the highway.

The grenade exploded close to the vehicle, leaving two policemen and two other people injured. DSP of Kalat Ghulam Hussain Bajoi survived the grenade attack. He was sitting in the police vehicle.

The injured police personnel and two civilians were taken to Kalat district hospital.

Provincial Home Minister Ziaullah Langove condemned the incidents and said that the elements involved in the two attacks would be brought to justice.

Source: Dawn, September 11th, 2021

7 soldiers martyred; 5 terrorists killed in South Waziristan operation: ISPR

Seven soldiers of the Pakistan Army embraced martyrdom and five terrorists were killed during an intelligence-based operation in the Asman Manza area of South Waziristan.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), in a statement, said the operation was launched on intelligence about the presence of terrorists in the area.

"During intense exchange of fire, 5 terrorists were killed and 7 soldiers embraced shahadat," said the ISPR.

The security forces cordoned off the area and began a search operation "to eliminate any other terrorists" found in the area, the statement added.

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Source: Dawn, September 15, 2021

Policeman guarding polio team martyred in attack in Kohat



A policeman guarding a polio vaccination team was martyred after some assailants fired at him in the Thall Behzadi area of Kohat city on the third day of a five-day polio campaign in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The police official, Syed Sajid Hussain, sustained gunshot wounds and was rushed to the KDA teaching hospital, where he died.

Polio vaccinators escaped unhurt.

Shortly after the attack, the area was cordoned off and an operation was launched to trace the culprits, said Kohat District Police Officer Sohail Khalid. Police sources said the attackers could be seen fleeing after opening fire in CCTV footage obtained by the investigators. The operational and investigation teams along with the DPO arrived at the crime scene soon after the incident.

Hussain was accompanying the team of vaccinators who were administering polio drops to children by the roadside in the area when the attackers opened fire at him and fled. They said the official suffered gunshot wounds and was taken to a nearby hospital.

The DPO said he had directed the investigation teams present at the crime-scene along with him to collect all evidence and clues. He explained eyewitness accounts were also being recorded, as inquiry had been launched to examine all aspects related to the case.

The police officer expressed the hope that the attackers would be arrested soon.

In the meantime, security of polio teams had been further tightened after the incident. In every drive against polio, around 30,000 policemen are deployed to guard the vaccinators.

Since 2012, 40 health workers and 16 policemen have laid their lives in the line of duty during polio vaccination campaigns in the country. Half of such attacks have been carried out in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as 18 polio workers and eight policemen have lost their lives in targeted attacks.

Funeral, case registered

Later, the funeral of the martyr, followed by a salute of honour, was held at the police lines. Kohat division DIG Zafar Ali, DPO Sohail Khalid, SP operations Ziaullah and other officers and personnel attended the funeral. The martyred police official was laid to rest at his ancestral graveyard in Sheikhan.

A case was registered by the Counter-Terrorism Department of police under the Terrorism Act.

In recent months, two policemen were assassinated in Mardan, one was targeted in Peshawar, another in Dera Ismail Khan and at least one official was martyred in a deadly attack in Karak. Last year, two lady health workers were murdered in Swabi.

So far, no militant group has claimed responsibility for the attacks on the polio vaccinators and escorting officials.

Source: Dawn, September 20, 2021

Security forces kill TTP commander involved in murders of NGO workers, FWO engineers: ISPR



A terrorist commander affiliated with the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) was killed during an operation conducted by security forces in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan.

According to the Inter Services Public Relations, the TTP commander — identified as Safiullah — was involved in the killings of four female representatives of an NGO and engineers belonging to the Frontier Works Organisation.

The slain terrorist was also involved in the planning and execution of improvised explosive device attacks targeting security forces, besides cases of extortion and kidnapping for ransom, the ISPR said. During the operation, the security forces also recovered a huge cache of weapons and ammunition.

In June this year, a Pakistan Army soldier had embraced martyrdom and two TTP terrorists were killed in a gunfight during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Spinwam area of North Waziristan. The ISPR had said the terrorists killed in the operation were involved in terror plots against the security forces.

Similarly in May, the Counter Terrorism Department had killed a TTP commander during an operation in Quetta. The terrorist was involved in attacks on security forces and an attack on Civil Hospital Quetta in 2016 in which a large number of lawyers and other people were killed.

Source: Dawn, September 20, 2021

Security forces kill IS commander in Balochistan's Mastung



Security forces claimed to have killed a commander of the militant Islamic State (IS) group in a raid in Balochistan's Mastung district.

The CTD spokesperson said security forces conducted a raid after receiving information about the terrorist's presence. During an operation in a vineyard in the district's Killi Mehrab area, the IS commander — identified as Mumtaz Ahmed aka Pehelwan — was killed, he added.

The provincial government had announced a bounty of Rs200,000 for Ahmed.

According to Anadolu Agency, Ahmed was suspected to be the mastermind of the deadly suicide blast on an election rally in the district in 2018 in which 128 people were killed and more than 200 injured.

IS had claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Soldier martyred; 2 others injured

In a separate incident, a Frontier Corps (FC) soldier was martyred and two others injured after terrorists attacked a check post in the province's Mach area.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement that terrorists had targeted the check post, adding that FC troops responded promptly.

During the exchange of fire, a soldier — Sepoy Irfan — was martyred while two others were injured, according to the statement.

"Pakistan Army remains committed to defeat such cowardly acts by externally sponsored terrorist elements. Terrorists will not be allowed to sabotage the hard-earned peace in the country," the ISPR emphasised in the statement.

Source: Dawn, September 26, 2021

6 terrorists including 2 commanders killed in Kharan operation: ISPR



Six alleged terrorists including two commanders were killed in an intelligence-based operation in Balochistan's Kharan district.

The operation was launched by the paramilitary Balochistan Frontier Corps on "confirmed intelligence about the presence of terrorists in a hideout near Kharan", the Inter-Services Public Relations statement said.

"As soon as [the] troops cordoned the area, the terrorists opened fire to flee from the hideout," it added.

During an intense exchange of fire that ensued, six terrorists including commanders Gul Mir alias Pullen and Kaleemullah Bolani were killed.

A large cache of arms and ammunition was also recovered from the area, according to the ISPR.

There has been an uptick in violence in Balochistan, with several incidents of terrorism reported this year, targeting both civilians as well as security forces.

Earlier this month, two soldiers of FC South were martyred and another injured when armed men attacked their convoy in the Buleda area of Kech district.

On Sept 5, four FC personnel were martyred and 21 others injured in a suicide bombing targeting a convoy on Quetta-Mastung road. The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) had claimed responsibility for the suicide attack.

In late August, three Levies personnel were martyred and as many injured when their vehicle hit a landmine in the province's Ziarat district.

Source: Dawn, September 24, 2021

Security forces kill 10 terrorists in South Waziristan IBO: ISPR



Security forces killed 10 terrorists in an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in the South Waziristan tribal district.

In a statement, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said security forces conducted the operation after receiving information that terrorists were present in a hideout in the area.

During intense exchange of fire, 10 terrorists, including four commanders, were killed, it said. Moreover, weapons and a large quantity of ammunition were recovered, it added.

"All the killed terrorists remained actively involved in planting IEDs (improvised explosive devices), conducting fire raids, and target killing of innocent civilians. These terrorists were planning to conduct more acts of terrorism inside the South Waziristan district," the statement said.

"Pakistan Army is determined to root out the menace of terrorism from the country at all costs," it reiterated.

Source: Dawn, September 28, 2021

FC soldier martyred in Balochistan's Chukab area in firing by terrorists

Terrorists targeted a Frontier Corps border post from Iranian territory with small arms fire in Chukab area of Balochistan.

Sepoy Maqbool Shah of the Frontier Corps embraced martyrdom while another soldier was injured in the firing, the press release said.

The Iranian authorities had been informed of the incident; the press release added.

Pakistan and Iran share a 959-km-long border. Officials of the two countries had met in August to discuss border issues during a meeting of the Permanent Border Committee which was held in the Iranian border town of Mir Javeh, adjacent to Taftan in Chagai district. They had held a similar meeting in June, during which it was decided that security would be increased along the Pak-Iran border between Taftan and Mir Javeh ahead of the Iranian presidential election.

Source: Dawn, September 29, 2021

Pakistan Army captain martyred, TTP commander killed in Tank IBO: ISPR



A Pakistan Army captain was martyred during an intelligence-based operation (IBO) in Tank, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa against Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) terrorists.

In a statement, the military's media affairs wing said that security forces conducted an operation after receiving information about the presence of terrorists in the area.

During the exchange of fire, Captain Sikander — who was 27-years-old and hailed from Pakpattan — was martyred, the statement said.

"TTP terrorist commander Khawaza din alias Sher Khan was killed. Weapons and ammunition [were] recovered from the hideout," the statement added.

On Tuesday, security forces killed 10 terrorists in a similar operation in the South Waziristan tribal district.

The ISPR said security forces conducted the operation after receiving information that terrorists were present at a hideout in the area.

During intense exchange of fire, 10 terrorists, including four commanders, were killed, it said, adding that weapons and a large quantity of ammunition were also recovered.

"All the killed terrorists remained actively involved in planting IEDs (improvised explosive devices), conducting fire raids, and target killing of innocent civilians. These terrorists were planning to conduct more acts of terrorism inside the South Waziristan district," the statement had said.

In a separate incident that occurred the same day, a Frontier Corps (FC) soldier was martyred and another injured after terrorists targeted a check post from across the Iran border.

In a statement, the ISPR had said that terrorists had targeted the FC check post in the Chukab area of Balochistan from across the Pakistan-Iran border using small arms. As a result, Sepoy Maqbool Shah was martyred while another soldier was injured, it added.

The statement further said that Iranian authorities had been informed of the incident.

Source: Dawn, September 30, 2021

➤ Drug Trafficking

‘International level’ drug dealer among four held, narcotics worth Rs80m seized

South Zone police claimed to have detained a drug dealer of “international level” among four suspects and seized a huge quantity of ice and hashish, worth millions of rupees, from their custody. The narcotics were being supplied to youths of posh areas.

“South Zone police (Keamari district) have arrested four members of an interprovincial drug trafficking gang involved in supplying synthetic drugs/ice,” said South DIG Javed Akbar Riaz.

The senior officer added that the police had seized 11 kilograms of ice and 9kg of hashish from them.

“The gang members disclosed during interrogation that they were supplying drugs to dealers operating throughout the city, especially in Clifton and Defence.”

The drugs seized by the police have an estimated value of Rs80 million in the international market.

The suspects were identified as Haji Mohsin, Nisar Ahmed, Imran and Naseer.

The South Zone police chief said Haji Mohsin was a drug dealer of “international level” from whose custody 10kg ice was seized. He was trying to bring ice from Balochistan to the city by a rickshaw.

The police were trying that the Anti-Narcotics Force should jointly work with them on this case, it was stated.

This whole network has been providing ice and other drugs to the youths of Defence and Clifton. The forensic examination of their mobile phones would be carried out and if any element of money laundering was detected, the police would approach the Federal Investigation Agency to proceed further in the case.

Source: Dawn, September 5, 2021

➤ Crimes against Women and Children

Police arrest factory owner, launch search for suspects in connection with gang rape of 2 girls in Lahore



Police arrested a factory owner on Wednesday and are continuing the search for other suspects allegedly involved in the gang rape of two girls in Lahore, police officials told Dawn.com.

Lahore Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Ghulam Mehmood Dogar took notice of the incident which occurred in the limits of Gujjarpura police station. "The other suspects involved in the incident will be arrested soon," said the CCPO, adding that the girls will be provided protection.

A first information report was registered by a woman on September 1 (today) under Sections 375-A (rape) and 337-J (causing hurt by means of poison) of the Pakistan Penal Code.

According to the FIR, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, the woman said her daughter, 18, had gone to pick up clothes with her cousin, 16, from Fazal Park on August 31 but did not return. The FIR said she and other family members got worried and started searching for the two girls but they were not found.

The FIR said her daughter had called a close family friend and informed that unidentified men had forcefully abducted her and her cousin at 8pm from Chowk Begum Kot and taken them to an unknown place at Karol Ghatti where they drugged the two and raped them throughout the night.

The woman went to Karol Ghatti where she found the two girls at the gate of a factory, according to the FIR. It identified the factory owner, another two individuals and four unknown individuals as suspects who had allegedly drugged and raped the girls.

"A rape case should be registered against them and justice should be done with us after a medical analysis of my daughter and niece," the woman said in the FIR.

Meanwhile, Lahore Deputy Inspector General of Police (Operations) Suhail Chaudhry too said the suspects were being traced and would be arrested soon. He said senior police officials were involved in the investigation and that a factory owner had been arrested upon being identified by the girls who were in police custody.

"Other aspects of the matter are being investigated with the help of CDR (call data record). Protection of women has been made a priority [and] we will ensure every possible measure," he said.

CM Buzdar takes notice

Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar also took notice of the incident and sought a report from the CCPO. He also ordered the immediate arrest of the suspects involved in the alleged incident.

"Justice should be provided to the girls who were a target of injustice at any cost. It is the responsibility of the government to bring justice to the affected girls," he said.

CM Buzdar said suspects involved in such incidents did not "deserve" any concession.

Harassment incidents

The case is the latest in a string of incidents involving violence on or harassment of women in Lahore and other cities in recent weeks.

Last month, Lahore Police registered a first information report (FIR) against hundreds of men for harassing and assaulting a female TikToker and her companions in the city's Greater Iqbal Park on Independence Day.

Police moved into action and arrested dozens of suspects after videos of the episode went viral and sparked an outrage on social media.

In a second incident that took place on Independence Day, a woman travelling in a rickshaw in Lahore was harassed by a man amidst the rush of cars.

At least three key suspects were arrested in connection with the incident after being identified through social media video clips and Safe City Authority cameras.

Source: Dawn, September 01, 2021

Girl dies after 'gang rape' in Gujrat



An 18-year-old girl died at the Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Teaching Hospital after alleged gang rape in Gujrat.

The girl's family bemoaned that she had been murdered as she was administered tranquiliser by the main suspect. Police, however, claimed the girl had committed suicide after failing to convince a person she was alleged to have an affair with to marry her.

Police said they had already arrested the main suspect and added charges of murder to the gang-rape case against three people.

The mother of the girl, a resident of Ghazi Chak village, lodged a complaint with the Gujrat Saddar police on Sept 3 that a youngster along with his accomplices abducted her daughter outside the house. She said the suspects administered some tranquilizer and raped her after which they dropped her daughter in a nearby housing colony along GT Road near Kathala.

The girl was shifted to the Aziz Bhatti Shaheed Teaching Hospital where she breathed her last.

Asad Gujjar, a spokesman for the Gujrat police, told Dawn that police had lodged a case under sections 365B, 375A and 337J of Pakistan Penal Code against one nominated and two

unidentified suspects and arrested the main suspect. As the girl had died in the hospital, section 302 of PPC had also been added to the case as per the statement of the complainant.

He said doctors had conducted an initial medical examination to ascertain whether she was gang-raped and later on autopsy of the deceased girl had also been conducted at the ABSTH. The swabs had been sent to the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA), Lahore, for forensic report.

He said initial investigation had revealed that the girl had consumed poisonous pills after which she was shifted to the hospital where she died.

He said the family of the main suspect had also submitted an application with Gujrat DPO Umar Salamat wherein they alleged that their son had wrongly been implicated in the case through a fabricated story. Police, he said, were investigating the case from all aspects but forensic evidence was awaited to reach any conclusion.

Source: Dawn, September 6, 2021

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