



## **Pakistan's Monthly Organized Crime Review**

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### **October 2021**

- Total five terrorism incidents were reported during the month of October in which 18 security personnel, 2 civilians, 1 media person were killed and four security personnel were injured in these five terrorist attacks. Details are as below
  - 5 security personnel martyred in the Spinwam area of North Waziristan
  - TV reporter killed in bomb attack near car in Balochistan's Hub area
  - 5 security personnel martyred in two incidents in parts of Khyber Pakh-tunkhwa
  - 8 security personnel martyred and one injured in cross-border attack, ambush and bomb explosions in different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
  - 2 passers were killed, and three security personnel injured in a bomb blast in Panjgur
- CTD killed nine militants belonging to various proscribed organisations and recovered arms and ammunition from them. The spokesperson said that CTD officials had raided a camp and killed militants belonging to the Balochistan Liberation Army, Baloch Liberation Front and United Baloch Army while conducting an operation in Mastung's mountainous area of Roshi.
- The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Islamabad police has arrested three persons allegedly associated with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The suspects used to write letters to businessmen and owners of educational institutions demanding extortion money. One of the arrested suspects is a former TTP commander from Swat, he said, adding that they were supported by their accomplices in Afghanistan. The SSP said it was claimed in one of the letters that they had kidnapped son of former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gillani.

## ➤ Terrorism and Violent Extremism

### Five security personnel martyred in terrorist attack



The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said a clearance operation is in progress to eliminate any terrorist found in the area.

**Four Frontier Corps soldiers and a sub-inspector of Levies Force were martyred when terrorists targeted their vehicle in the Spinwam area of North Waziristan tribal district.**

According to the Inter-Services Public Relations, the military's media affairs wing, clearance operation is in progress to eliminate any terrorist found in the area.

The ISPR identified the martyred personnel as Havaldar Zahid, 35, who belonged to Charsadda; Havaldar Ishaq, 37, a resident of Kurram; Lance Naik Wali, 28, who belonged to Khyber; Lance Naik Abdul Majeed, 28, who was a resident of Kurram; and Sub-Inspector Javed, a 38-year-old resident of Spinwam.

The incident took place in the area a day after Shura Mujahideen of North Waziristan headed by Taliban 'commander' Hafiz Gul Bahadur announced a ceasefire for 20 days.

The group announced cessation of hostilities following a statement by Prime Minister Imran Khan that his government had initiated a reconciliation process with different groups of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan to end violence.

The premier had stated that Afghan Taliban were playing a reconciliatory role in talks with the banned outfits.

Meanwhile, TTP spokesman Mohammad Khurassani has denied reports about ceasefire and asked its affiliated militants to continue their activities.

“The group’s stance is very clear and it has never declared ceasefire,” said a statement attributed to Khurassani.

Source: Dawn, October 3rd, 2021

## **TV reporter killed in bomb attack near car in Balochistan's Hub**



A view of the aftermath of the explosion near the car in which Shahid Zehri was travelling.

A television reporter was killed in an explosion near his car in Balochistan's Hub area, bordering Karachi.

Shahid Zehri, 35, who was associated with Metro 1 News, was travelling in a car in Hub when he was attacked reportedly with a homemade grenade, Eidgah Station House Officer Nadeem Haider said.

Zehri, who suffered critical injuries, and another injured companion were initially taken to Hub Civil Hospital and subsequently brought to the Dr Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi, where Zehri was pronounced dead.

CCTV footage of the incident seen by Dawn.com showed an explosion took place on the roadside near Zehri's moving car as soon as it made a U-turn on a busy road. The nature of the bomb could not be confirmed immediately.

The banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement. In February, the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors' (CPNE) Media Freedom Report 2020 had revealed that at least 10 journalists were murdered and several others threatened, kidnapped, tortured and arrested in Pakistan on trumped-up charges while discharging their professional responsibilities in 2020 alone. No action has so far been taken against those responsible for torturing and killing journalists and it seems that such persons enjoy impunity. "It is a matter of grave concern that the legal system of the country has become useless in protecting and providing justice to journalists," said the report.

Source: Dawn, October 10, 2021

## **Five security personnel martyred in two KP attacks**



A Frontier Corps machine gunner stands guard in a pillbox.



**Five security personnel were martyred in two incidents in parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

Bajaur DPO Abdul Samad Khan told Dawn that a roadside bomb went off in the hilly area of Mamund tehsil near Pak-Afghan border.

He said the blast occurred in Teer Banda locality when a joint team of security forces and police were conducting a search operation in the area following an earlier explosion that had targeted a vehicle of a contractor, wounding two persons.

He said four personnel — FC's Jamshed and Mudassir and police constables Noor Rahman and Samad Khan were martyred in the second blast.

He said it was an IED device that had been planted along the way before the first explosion. Soon after the incident, a team of FC and police reached the site and shifted the martyred security men to the district headquarters hospital in Khar for formalities.

After the incident, security forces and police cordoned off the blast site and launched a search operation to trace those involved in the blast.

However, no arrest was reported till late into night.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing. The tribal elders and political figures condemned the incident and asked the authorities to take serious action against the attackers.

Earlier in the morning, an army soldier was martyred in a terrorist attack on the Chapri Waziran check post adjacent to North Waziristan tribal district in the Hangu area.

Officials said a sepoy of the Thall Scouts — identified as Waqas, 28, a resident of Mansehra — embraced shahadat during the exchange of fire that lasted several hours.

The Inter-Services Public Relations said in a statement that troops initiated a prompt response and effectively engaged the terrorists. Area clearance was being carried out to eliminate any terrorists found in the locality.

Source: Dawn, October 21st, 2021

## Nine militants killed in Balochistan's Mastung: CTD



CTD officials acting on intelligence killed militants.

**Police killed nine militants belonging to various proscribed organisations in Balochistan's Mastung area and recovered arms and ammunition from them, a spokesperson for the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) said.**

The spokesperson said that CTD officials, acting on an intelligence report, had raided a camp and killed militants belonging to the Balochistan Liberation Army, Baloch Liberation Front and United Baloch Army while conducting an operation in Mastung's mountainous area of Roshi.

The spokesperson added that nine submachine guns with 350 rounds, 20 kilogrammes of explosive material, detonators, a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) and two shells were recovered during the operation.

Terrorist activities were planned from the camp and terrorists were trained and sent from the location to Quetta and other parts of the province, the spokesperson said, adding that the camp was successfully destroyed by security forces.

Those in the camp also fired back during the operation, according to the CTD official. They said a case was registered in the CTD police station against the accomplices of the slain militants and an investigation had begun for which operations would be conducted in other parts of the province.

On September 26, security forces claimed to have killed a commander of the militant Islamic State (IS) group in a raid in Mastung district.

Before that, at least 11 suspected IS militants were killed in a gun battle with CTD personnel in Mastung on August 30.

Source: Dawn, October 23, 2021

## Three 'TTP terrorists' arrested in Islamabad



A police official says the suspects wrote letters to businessmen and owners of educational institutions demanding extortion money.

**The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Islamabad police has arrested three persons allegedly associated with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).**

Speaking at a press conference, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jamil Zafar Malik said the suspects used to write letters to businessmen and owners of educational institutions demanding extortion money.

The terrorists demanded Rs300 million through 10 letters sent to different people, he said, adding that they also wrote to the CTD threatening its officials with dire consequences.

One of the arrested suspects is a former TTP commander from Swat, he said, adding that they were supported by their accomplices in Afghanistan.

The SSP said it was claimed in one of the letters that they had kidnapped son of former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gillani. Following directions of Inspector General of Police (IGP) Qazi Jameel ur Rehman, he constituted teams to ensure arrest of the suspects.

The police teams while using scientific methods of investigation and modern technology in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies traced the suspects.

Meanwhile, in a news release, Islamabad police spokesman said letters had been sent to the people in Peshawar General Post Office (GPO), Urdu Bazaar Rawalpindi, Pirwadhai Rawalpindi, Saidu Sharif Swat, Mingora GPO and Raja Bazaar Rawalpindi. They also sent a letter to a private school in Pirwadhai asking to vacate the building within five days, he added.

Likewise, another letter was sent to a private school in H-8, he said, adding that the owner of the school was threatened and asked to vacate the building.

Source: Dawn, October 27th, 2021

## **Eight embrace martyrdoms as terrorist attacks rise in KP**



LANCE Naik Asad Ali (left) and Sepoy Asif



**Eight security personnel including four soldiers were martyred and another wounded in cross-border attack, ambush and bomb explosions in different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in two days.**

Terrorists from inside Afghanistan attempted to cross the fence along the Pak-Afghan border in Kurram tribal district between the night of Tuesday and Wednesday when troops in a prompt response engaged them and thwarted their attempt, according to the military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

During intense exchange of fire, however, Lance Naik Asad Ali, 24, resident of Kurram, and Sepoy Asif, 21, resident of Lakki Marwat, embraced martyrdom, the ISPR added.

From Lakki Marwat, our correspondent adds: Four police constables were martyred when terrorists ambushed a patrolling party on a busy road linking Lakki Marwat with Mianwali on Tuesday night.

An official said a police party headed by ASI Yaqoob Khan came under attack at a distance of six kilometres from Lakki city. The official said armed men riding motorcycles fired at the police van and sped away.

He said the deceased included ASI Yaqoob Khan and Constables Mustaqeem Shah, Inamullah and Rahimullah.

A large contingent of police, led by Bannu RPO Sajid Ali Khan and Lakki Marwat DPO Shezada Umar, reached the scene as personnel started combing the area in search of the assailants, the official maintained.

Also, two soldiers were martyred and another one suffered injuries in bomb attacks in three different areas of the North Waziristan tribal district on Wednesday.

Officials said Sepoy Shaukat was martyred in a roadside explosion in Degan area near the Afghan border, whereas another soldier, Rohail, embraced martyrdom in another explosion that occurred in the Garyum area of Razmak tehsil. In yet another blast, a soldier Naik Qamar sustained injuries in the Tapesi Adda near Mirali. The wounded soldier was rushed to hospital in Mirali town.

Source: Dawn, October 28th, 2021

## Two killed in blast targeting FC troops in Panjgur



Frontier Corps soldiers patrol near the site of an attack by gunmen on policemen in Quetta.

### **Two passers-by were killed and three security personnel injured in a bomb blast in Panjgur town of Makran division.**

Police said unidentified people parked an explosive-laden motorbike in the Cheetkan Bazaar area which was detonated by remote control when a Frontier Corps vehicle reached there. Two people were killed and three FC soldiers travelling in the vehicle suffered injuries.

Security personnel rushed to the area and cordoned it off. They shifted bodies and the injured to the district hospital.

“We have received two bodies and three injured FC personnel,” hospital officials told Dawn, adding they had received splinters and parts of the exploded motorbike.

Police identified the deceased as Abdul Quyyam and Noorullah.

A police officer said around 3kg of explosives were used in the blast.

Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Abdul Qudoos Bizenjo condemned the blast and termed it a cowardly act. He said the purpose of the terrorist act was to fulfil the agenda of anti-national elements by creating unrest and instability.

The people of Balochistan, he said, stand with their security forces in the fight against terrorism and restoration of lasting peace in the province and protection of life and property of people would be the top priority of the government of Balochistan.

In a statement, he said the provincial government would formulate a comprehensive policy to eradicate terrorism in which all stakeholders would be taken into confidence.

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