





Annual Report

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Director's Foreword



The year 2021 was quite an eventful one for the National Initiative against Organized Crime (NIOC). The NI got its own platform to work from, replacing the support provided since November 2019 by Pak Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS). The Centre for Governance Research (CGR) was registered as an independent CSO on 1 June 2021 with the Security and Exchange Commission (SECP) Pakistan.

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- CounterTerrorism and Counter Extremism (CT and CE).

Meanwhile, the National Initiative against Organized Crime (NIOC) continued to attract the attention of international donors and carried out the following important studies during 2021:

- 1) Strengthening Pakistan's Anti-extremism Laws: Policy and Practice
- 2) Connectivity and Criminality: Relationship between Trafficking and Trade Infrastructure
- 3) Fostering an Effective Society and State Response to Serious and Organized Crime in Pakistan

Tariq Khosa April 2022

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Organizational Developments

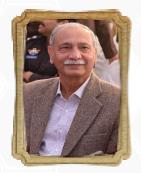
Staff, Management and Advisory Board

The number of CGR staff members stood at ten team members at the end of 2021 including the director, deputy director, Admin & Finance manager, three support staff and four consultants.

CGR has eight experts in his network including Mr Shaukat Javed, Chaudhry Yaqoob, Khawaja Khalid Farooq, Mr Parvez Rahim Rajput, Syed Tahsin Anwar Ali Shah, Mr Mushtaq Ahmed Sukhera, Mr Jameel Yusuf and Iftikhar Ahmad Rao who are working on voluntary basis.

Profiles of CGR network of experts can be seen at: https://cgr.com.pk/network-of-experts

In addition to those regular staff members, CGR hired many researchers and consultants in different regions of the country as per project requirements to carry out research and FGDs.



Tariq Khosa

Director



Syed Ejaz Hussain
Deputy Director







Hassan Sardar
Manager Admin & Finance





NIOCAdvisory Board

NIOC has a very vibrant advisory board; consists of Tariq Parvez-Former Director General FIA, Zahid Hussain-Eminent journalist particularly specializing in terrorism, Samina Ahmed-Senior Advisor Asia and Project Director South Asia for the International Crisis Group, Zubair Habib-Chairman CPLC Karachi, Jawaid Akhtar QPM-Former Deputy Chief Constable of West Yorkshire Police UK and Dr Manzoor Ahmad-Expert on International Trade and Economic Crimes. The advisory board meeting is held once in a month and board members provide strategic guidance in all the matters related to NIOC mandate areas and policy orientation.



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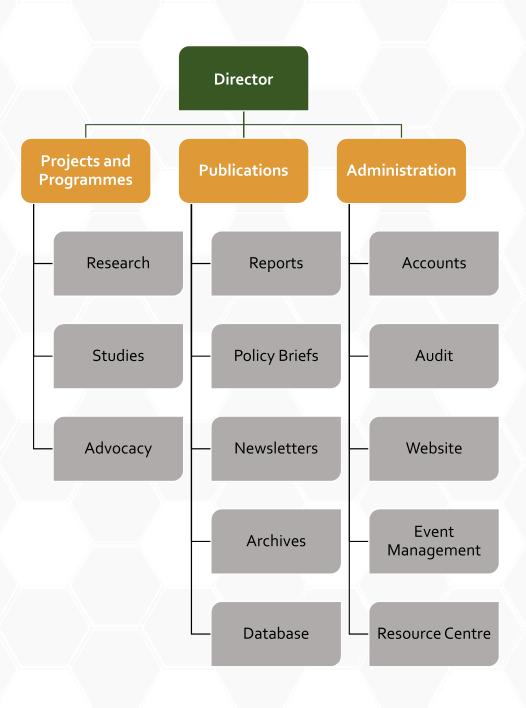
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Member
Former Deputy Chief
Constable of West
Yorkshire Police UK



Dr Manzo or Ahmad Member Former Ambassador WTO International Trade Expert



Centre for Governance Research (CGR) Organogram





Impact of activities in the Community

The impact of the activities can be ascertained by the wide appreciation of NIOC's work, in the policy community in Pakistan. Thekey law enforcement institutions dealing with Organized Crime; Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) and Ministry of Narcotics Control, not only collaborated with NIOC but also provided inputs, adding value to the NIOC studies.

Secondly, the impact of the national strategy on Serious and Organized Crimes has relevance within the context of Pakistan's National Security Policy (NSP-2022-26) and National Internal Security Policy (2018-23). NIOC / CGR has come up with the first ever National Strategy against Organized Crime in Pakistan, thanks to the support provided by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GITOC).

NIOC-CGR work entails interaction with state stakeholders as well as engagement with communities affected by organised crime. NIOC work involves intense interaction with police and investigation agencies. NIOCalso actively pleads the case of victims with concerned state agencies.

NIOC-CGR keeps the relevant stakeholders informed through reports and newsletters about the challenges in the context of organised crimes, especially threats faced by the community. Series of webinars informed the concerned communities about the challenges being faced.NIOC-CGR project gave priority to the victims of organised crime, especially women and children. CGR / NIOC has tried to build a coalition of disadvantaged sections of society against the threats of Organised Criminal Groups (OCGs) and tried to create awareness among the state institutions to develop empathy for the women and children who often become victims of OC.

NIOC-CGR activities are projected through website. NIOC share Its work and initiatives with CSOs, and NGOs concerned through monthly newsletter and other NIOC publications.







Research Studies

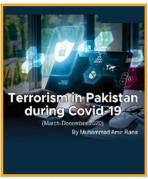
After a decline in research and programmatic engagements in 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, NIOC was able to expand its research programmes in the mandated areas.

January 2021

The 15th advisory board meeting was held on Januaryo1, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit



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NIOC released a research paper on "Terrorism in Pakistan during Covid-19 (March-December 2020) in the first week of January on the NIOC website.this report focuses the key challenges related to terrorism in Pakistan and its interface with the Covid-19 pandemic situation. The first part consists of a review of the terrorist groups' activities since March 2020 aimed at studying changes in their operational targets, strategies, and tactics, as well as how they are using the coronavirus pandemic for propaganda purposes. The second part focuses on the Afghan Taliban's nexus with foreign terrorist groups and its implications for Pakistan. The last part investigates state responses to all emerging threats and offers an analysis of the responses in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Right after the paper, NIOC released its annual report for 2020 on the website and shared with relevant stakeholders electronically. The purpose was to showcase the work and share the NIOC progress with relevant stakeholders.







NIOC arranged a webinar on Countering Extremism on social media: The Way Forward on o8 January 2021. NIOC Consultant Ammar Jafri moderated the discussion. Tariq Khosa, Syed Tahsin Shah, Shahzada Sultan, Rafi Us Shan, Qamar ulArafeen, and Mohammad Munaf contributed as panellists in the roundtable conference. Detail post event report of CE webinar on social media in Pakistan including panellist's discussion recommendations and take away released on the website for the readers.

Post Event Report on "Countering extremism on Social media in Pakistan" is available on following link

https://cgr.com.pk/article/1171

NIOC team interviewed Mr Raza Rumi on January 18, 2021 through Zoom video to identify the legal gaps of Pakistan's existing Counter Extremism laws and the way forward.



February 2021

The 16th advisory board meeting was held on February 05, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit



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NIOC arranged a webinar on Countering Violent Extremism through Improved Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on 12 February 2021. NIOC Consultant Ammar Jafri moderated the discussion. Tariq Khosa, Syed Tahsin Shah, Qamar ulArafeen, Tariq Rasul and Mohammad Munaf contributed as panellists in the roundtable conference.







March 2021

Focus Group Discussion with provincial IG's on "CVE Policing Strategy" was held on March 04, 2021, through zoom video link. Mr. Mushtaq Mahar, IGP Sindh, Mr. Sanaullah Abbasi, IGP KP, Mr. Rai Tahir, IGP Balochistan, Mr. Shahzad Sultan, Additional IGP Operations Punjab and Mr. Bilal, SSP CTD Punjab participated in the FGD. Mr. Tariq Parvez give his opening remarks in the start of the discussion. Mr. Tariq Khosa act as moderator in the discussion and give his concluding remarks in the end. To watch the full video please click on the following link below



https://cgr.com.pk/article/1232

The 17th advisory board meeting was held on March 05, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit



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NIOC organized a virtual Interview with Ms. Sarah Khan of CE Commission UK on March 10, 2021, in order to obtain a deeper understanding of the counter extremism approaches. Ms. Khan highlighted the importance of the potential threat that extremism poses to governments and societies. On definition of extremism, she admitted that it was challenging to legally define extremism.

To watch the full video please click on the following link below



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Mr. Tariq Khosa addressed through video link at the 14th United Nations Crime Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held from 7-12 March 2021 at Kyoto, Japan as member board of directors of alliance of NGOs on crime prevention and criminal justice. He emphasized to emulate the UNODC five-year country programme, which was initiated in 2010 in Pakistan and became a flagship initiative in the context of crime prevention and criminal justice within the country.

NIOC released a research paper on "Poor governance in state owned Enterprises: A case study of Pakistan Railways written by

Mohammad Faroog Aziz on the NIOC website.

To read the full paper please click on the following link below https://cgr.com.pk/article/1254



Virtual group discussion on "Measures to improve Investigation of Organized Crime" was held on March 26, 2021, through zoom video link. Mr. Ammar Jaffri-Founder Cyber

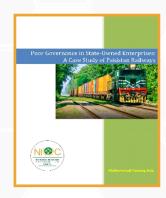
Security, Mr. Ehsan Sadiq-Additional DG FIA, Mr. Mirza Sultan-DG National Accountability Bureau, Mr. Jawaid Akhtar-Former Deputy Chief Constable West Yorkshire Police UK, Mr. Kamran Adil-Deputy Inspector General Islamabad Police participated as guest speakers in the discussion. Mirza Sultan give presentation on "Measures to Improve Investigation for organized crimes" during the discussion.

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April 2021

The 18th advisory board meeting was held on April 02, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit





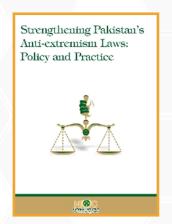




Near East and South Asia (NESA) Center at NDU Washington DC held a virtualmeeting on South Asia Security Challenges: US and Pakistan Perspectives on April 07, 2021, through zoom link. Tariq Parvez, Tariq Khosa, Zahid Hussain, Samina Ahmed and Amir Rana represented NIOC in the meeting. Terry A. Wolf, Roger Kangas, Ali Jalali and Hassan Abbas represented NESA Center. Both organizations' heads agreed to increase further institutional collaboration in the future. Mr. Tariq



Khosa acted as moderator for the meeting and gave his concluding remarks.



NIOC released a research study on "Strengthening Pakistan's Anti-Extremism Laws: Policy and Practice. This research study has attempted to unravel the gaps in the laws against extremism across multiple dimensions.

The research study was first of its kind and very much appreciated in the policy circle of Pakistan.

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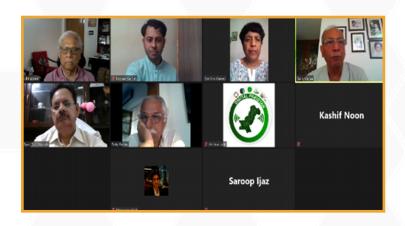
NIOC Virtual discussion on "Need for a National Strategy against Organized Crimes" was held on April 29, 2021, through

zoom link. Mr. Tariq Parvez, Jawaid Akhtar, Syed Ejaz Hussain, Ammar Jafri, Ali Nekokara and Kashif Noon participated in the discussion. Mr. Tariq Khosa moderated the whole discussion.



May 2021

The 19th advisory board meeting was held on May 07, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit





June 2021

Director Khosa welcomed new AB Member Dr Manzoor Ahmad and requested President AB Tariq Parvez for his welcome remarks who introduced Dr Manzoor as a distinguished former civil servant belonging to the Customs Service. He also served as ambassador to the WTO. Dr Manzoor also expressed his sentiments and conveyed his pleasure to be the part of the National Initiative against Organized Crime in Pakistan.



The 20th advisory board meeting was held on June 04, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit



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Director Khosa informed all the participants that he had got the Centre for Governance Research registered as a private limited company with the SECP. The registration process of Centre for Governance Research (CGR) had been completed with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan. From JulyNIOC continued as a flagship project from the platform of the Centre for Governance Research (CGR).



July 2021

The 21st advisory board meeting was held on July 02, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit







A Studyon Serious and Organized Crime in Pakistanwaslaunched from 1 Julytill 31 December 2021.

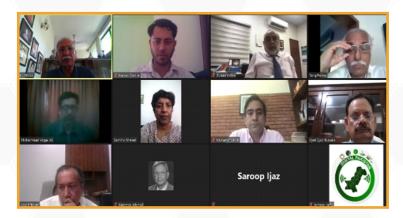
Interview with Mr. Ehsan Sadiq, National Expert on Organized Crime was held on July 27, 2021, through zoom link. Questions about major types of OC, need to have a national strategy, major areas of concern to OC and suggestions were asked during the interview. To watch the full video please click on the following link below



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August 2021

The 22nd advisory board meeting was held on August 09, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit https://cgr.com.pk/article/1709



Director NIOC informed about the UNTOC Review of Pakistan Will be carried out by two member States Djibouti and Tonga. He had taken up with the Ministry of Interior to appoint the Focal Person for UNTOC Review. NIOC would be willing to build a coalition of CSOs and NGOs for the review process and input of the civil society.

NIOC completed a Study on Connectivity and Criminality, especially in the



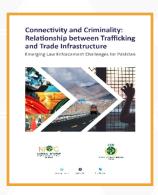


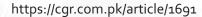


context of CPEC and was released on the CGR website. The study was carried out for three months (May-July 2021). It was appreciated by both national and international stakeholders.

To read the full report please click on the following link below https://cgr.com.pk/article/1669

Interview with ADG FIA Mr. Ashraf Siddiqui was held on August 17, 2021, through zoom link. Questions about Human Smuggling and Trafficking were asked during the interview. To watch the full video please click on the following link below







September 2021

The 23rd advisory board meeting was held on September 03, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visithttps://cgr.com.pk/article/1756

Director Tarig Khosa attended a meeting with UNODC Civil Society Unit, UNODC Organized Crime Branch







and GI-TOC representatives on 16 September to agree on a way forward. Later, Mr. Khosa shared the meeting notes with NIOC advisory board members and informed that NIOC-CGR will develop a Coalition of CSO and NGOs to contribute to the UNTOC Review process.



CGR Roundtable on "Society and State Responses to Organized Crime" was held on September 29, 2021, through zoom link. Barrister Ahmad Pansota-Chairman COC, Barrister Sarah Belal-Executive director Justice Project Pakistan, Mansoor Azam Qazi-Senior Anchor Capital TV, Amir Nazir-Add Director FIA, Safi Peer Zada-Former Programme Manager Police UNODC and Ammar Jaffri-Former Addl DG FIA participated as speakers in the roundtable. Dr. Ejaz Hussain deputy director NIOC moderated the roundtable.

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October 2021

The 24th advisory board meeting was held on October 04, 2021.For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit

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Director Tariq Khosa attended a thematic intersessional meeting of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) on October 04, 2021, as the civil society panelist on 19 October 2021 on the Links between Drug





Trafficking, Corruption and other forms of organized Crime. He urged that concerted and sustained action at the national, regional and international levels is required to combat transnational organized crime with active collaboration of civil society. We all have a common and shared responsibility.

Conversation with Dr. Ali Cheema, Associate Professor at LUMS was held on October 04, 2021, through zoom link on Society and State responses to organized crime.







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November 2021

The 25th advisory board meeting was held on November 15, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visit

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Director Tariq Khosa attended a meeting on November 11, 2021, with Dr. Sanaullah Abbasi, Director



General FIA on organized crime and MLA processes at FIA headquarter. Mr Sikander Hayat-Director FIA Interpol, Azam Khan-MLA Expert, Mr NawazulHaq Nadeem-MLA Expert and Mr Hassan Sardar-Manager Administration were also present in the meeting.

December 2021





The 26th advisory board meeting was held on December 03, 2021. For minutes of complete advisory board meeting; please visithttps://cgr.com.pk/article/1860



CGR Blog

NIOC directorate is publishing blogs

regularly related to organized crime developments on the NIOC website. Some articles about Pandemic have stirred extremism, IbnAbdur Rehman (1930-2021) and Pakistan secures membership to three key united nations committees, SocialMedia and Policing, SocialMedia and Modern Policing, Impact of Social Media and Mode of Policing, EU launches drive to promote justice, Senate passes bill 'criminalising' torture, custodial deaths and Expeditiousjustice and ADR, FIA told to stop misuse of cybercrimes law, Joe Biden appoints Pakistani-born lawyer Khizr Khan to US commission on religious freedom, Extremism and Radicalism: Unidentical Twins, Minorities' rights, places of worship to be protected: CJP, The Fall and Rise of the Taliban, On sad demise of Mr. Muhammad Zia-u-Din, an outstanding journalistwere published on the CGR website.

Pakistan's monthly Extremism Watch

Pakistan's monthly extremism watch is new initiative in Pakistan initiated by the National Initiative against Organized Crime (NIOC). Extremism Watch is a first of its kind effort to build coalition of CSOs against the menace of violent extremism. The monthly watch is a result of information collected from open sources mainly from the mainstream media. The purpose of this initiative is to watch the trends of extremism in the Pakistan that how deep extremism is entrenched in the countryon monthly basis.NIOC-CGR released Extremism Watch on monthly basis during 2021. The full reports are available on the following link

https://cgr.com.pk/article/category/pakistans-monthly-extremism-watch







Pakistan Organized Crime Review

First, Pakistan's organized crime review January 2021 was released on February 10, 2021 with Covid-19 situation in Pakistan, Terrorism watch, Terrorism Financing, Drug Trafficking, and Cybercrime & Cyber security. NIOC is undertaking this important initiative after issuing 36 weekly OC Reviews during 2020.

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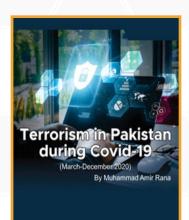
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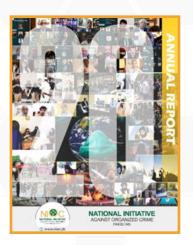


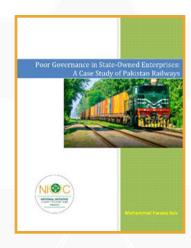


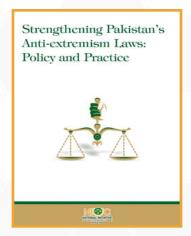
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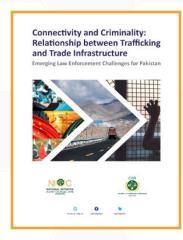


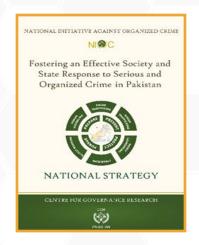
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Since inception, NIOC has produced nine major research studies and policy briefs on the critical topics of terror financing, drug trafficking, terrorism in Pakistan during COVID-19, migrant smuggling and human trafficking, cybercrimes and countering extremism etc.



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