

3. Main armed actors

3.1. State Actors

Pakistan’s military and security forces are comprised of the Pakistan Armed Forces, which operate largely independently with little oversight by civilian authorities, and the forces affiliated with the Ministry of Interior (MoI), including the police.172 Several paramilitary forces engage in security work as part of the Pakistan Army173 or under the MoI.174 The Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is the country’s main intelligence agency.175

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