

3.1.4. Frontier Corps (FC)

The Frontier Corps (FC) is a MoI-affiliated[227] group of four paramilitary forces[228] overseen by army officers[229] and constitutes one of the Pakistan Army's reserve forces.[230] It mainly operates in KP and Balochistan. Its two primary components are the KP Frontier Corps (composed of the FC KP North (headquartered in Peshawar) and the FC KP South (Dera Ismail Khan)) and the Balochistan Frontier Corps (comprising the FC Balochistan North[231] (Quetta)[232] and the FC Balochistan South (Turbat)).[233] FC units conduct border patrols and surveillance to counter smuggling, illegal border crossings, and infiltration by militant groups. They administer and secure checkpoints, crossing points, and trade routes. Having some limited law enforcement powers, FC personnel also provide assistance to civilian authorities in internal security operations.[234] The reference period witnessed several deadly militant attacks on FC personnel in their areas of operation.[235] Meanwhile, the FC was reported to have been involved in dozens of enforced disappearances[236] and extrajudicial killings in Balochistan.[237]

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