



3.1.6. Pakistan Rangers

The Pakistan Rangers are a paramilitary²⁴² federal law enforcement organisation²⁴³ that operate under the MoI while constituting one of the Pakistan Army's reserve forces.²⁴⁴ It is composed of two entities - the Punjab Rangers and the Sindh Rangers.²⁴⁵ The Rangers' duties include providing security in border areas²⁴⁶ (mainly along the Afghan and Indian borders),²⁴⁷ but also in parts of Balochistan,²⁴⁸ and maintaining law and order in urban zones,²⁴⁹ with Rangers deployed under the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, in Karachi²⁵⁰ and the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.²⁵¹ The Rangers are also tasked with providing security during major events²⁵² (e.g., protests²⁵³ and religious²⁵⁴ and sports gatherings²⁵⁵) and take part in counter-terrorism operations alongside units of the armed forces²⁵⁶ and police Counter-Terrorism Departments (CTDs).²⁵⁷

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