



3.1.8. Pro-government armed militias

Sources noted that pro-government militia groups known as 'peace militia' were operating in KP, [279](#) while security forces collaborated with unidentified local militias in Balochistan (sometimes referred to as 'death squads') that were directly involved in instances of government repression against local civilians.[280](#) These militias are known to have detained,[281](#) abducted[282](#) and killed civilians,[283](#) including by means of targeted assault[284](#) and planting landmines, and for attempting to forcibly occupy lands in Balochistan. In one instance, the Frontier Corps (FC) was alleged to have backed a 'death squad' by providing it with significant funding, heavy weapons and drones to reinforce FC operations in conflict-affected areas.[285](#) The reference period further saw activities of allegedly state-backed Kashmiri[286](#) armed groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammad.[287](#) For more information on these Kashmiri groups, see sections [3.2.2. Lashkar-e Taiba \(LeT\)](#) and [3.2.14. Other local/small militia groups below](#).

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