

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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