

3.2.4. Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS)

As of 2025, al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) remained active,369 with estimates of the group's overall size ranging from 200370 to 400 members (not limited to Pakistan).371 While AQIS has reportedly 'blended itself' with TTP and increasingly shifted its focus towards Pakistan,372 it did not claim any large-scale attacks in the country in 2025, with no fatalities attributed to the group. According to the think tank Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS), its operational capabilities have been disrupted by arrests of alleged members (e.g., in Punjab and Karachi), losses within its leadership ranks, and competition from rivalling groups such as ISKP.373 Nonetheless, member states of the UN Security Council voiced concerns that AQIS's ambitions and confidence were growing.374

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