



3.2.5. Jamaat-ul Ansar Al-Sharia

Jamaat-ul Ansar al-Shariah Pakistan was an AQIS-linked group³⁷⁵ that emerged in June 2017.³⁷⁶ It was comprised of a small number of fighters³⁷⁷ who had returned from fighting for jihadist groups in the Syrian conflict. The group's apparent objective was to achieve a revival of AQIS in Pakistan by luring ISKP and other IS members back to AQIS.³⁷⁸ However, by September 2017, the Dawn newspaper referred to sources confirming that the group had been dismantled and nearly all its members detained.³⁷⁹ Abdullah Khan, Managing Director of PICSS, told the EUAA that the group was 'largely dysfunctional' as of September 2024,³⁸⁰ and that no activity of the group had been reported ever since, which suggests that the group has become dormant.³⁸¹

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