3.2.7. Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) and Islamic State Pakistan Province (ISPP)

Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP), formed in 2015, is a regional affiliate of the Islamic State (IS) group.392 ISKP follows a Salafist-jihadist ideology393 and in recent years has evolved towards adopting a more global posture.394 The group maintains a presence in Pakistan.395 Estimates of the size of the group during the reference period ranged from around 2 000396 to 4 000–6 000 fighters.397 The group, which has a history of attacking military and civilian targets in Pakistan,398 maintains a decentralised network of cells in the country.399 Despite experiencing a number of setbacks due to security operations in 2024 and 2025,400 it continues to present an 'unpredictable' security challenge to the state due to its resilience and 'difficult-to-trace and rapidly evolving operational tactics', according to an Islamabad-based security analyst.401 Meanwhile, its operational footprint during the reference period was more limited compared to that of other militant groups like TTP, HGB/IMP402 and major Balochi militant groups.403

Islamic State Pakistan Province (ISPP) is a separate regional Islamic State affiliate that split from ISKP in 2019 and focuses on Pakistan. It primarily operates in Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and AJK while being less present in KP. While the group was generally known for conducting smaller-scale attacks (including acts of sectarian violence),404 it claimed several major deadly attacks in Balochistan in 2024405 and 2025406 and Islamabad in February 2026. Abdul Sayed, a conflict analyst based in Sweden, was quoted by Al Jazeera as saying that since 2019, ISPP carried out about 100 attacks, most of them in Balochistan.407

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> **Map 3: ISPP and ISKP activities in Pakistan between 1 November 2024 and 21 April 2026**408

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