

3.2.10. Sipah-e Sahaba Pakistan (SSP)

Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP) is a Sunni Deobandi[431] anti-Shia sectarian group[432] founded in Punjab's Jhang district in 1985.[433] Following its official ban by the Pakistani government in 2002, SSP continued to act overtly under the name of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ),[434] its political party,[435] while claiming militant acts using the name SSP and that of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi,[436] its purportedly separate armed wing.[437] According to an author specialising in counterterrorism interviewed by Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) in November 2024, SSP/ASWJ had a 'clear organization[al] structure with central leadership, with assigned people who are responsible [for] media and finances'.[438] The group had between 3 000 and 6 000 members mainly operating in Punjab, Karachi, and the former FATA, according to a late 2023 estimate presented by the CRS.[439]

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