



3.2.11. Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ)

Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ) is a Sunni Deobandi sectarian armed group established in 1996⁴⁴⁰ as a separate militant wing of SSP.⁴⁴¹ While in the past LeJ was a vigorous group conducting high-profile attacks targeting the Shia community,⁴⁴² it was severely weakened in more recent years⁴⁴³ following internal rifts, defections and security operations.⁴⁴⁴ According to Zia Ur Rehman, a Pakistan-based journalist who was interviewed by Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) in early December 2024, most of the LeJ's leaders have been killed.⁴⁴⁵ The group shifted its focus to smaller-scale targeted killings. In 2025, the LeJ's structure remained fragmented, and the group continued to show limited operational capabilities, claiming sporadic attacks in Punjab, Sindh, and KP.⁴⁴⁶ A 2023 estimate presented in the former CIA World Factbook put the group's strength at a few hundred members.⁴⁴⁷ According to Rehman, as of late 2024, LeJ operated in Quetta (Balochistan), Karachi, parts of Punjab (including Lahore), and in KP's Kurram and Peshawar districts.⁴⁴⁸ For further information, see section 3.2.10. Lashkar-e Jhangvi (LeJ) of the EUAA COI report Pakistan - Country Focus (December 2024).

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