

3.2.12. Sipah-e Mohammed Pakistan (SMP)

Sipah-e Muhammad Pakistan (SMP) is a Shia militant group backed by Iran[449] that was involved in tit-for-tat killings with SSP in the 1980s and 1990s.[450] Its main objective is to protect the Shia community from Sunni militant outfits.[451] In an interview with the EUAA in March 2026, Abdullah Khan, Managing Director of PICSS, stated that SMP primarily operates in central Punjab and Karachi, although its activities have decreased over the years. Khan indicated that while the group 'still exists, its influence is much smaller than in the 1990s'. Currently, more prominent Shia groups are operating in Pakistan, including the (Iran-backed) Zainabiyoun Brigade.[452]

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