



PACT

Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism

NEWSLETTER

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Enhance investigation processes and the use of forensic evidence by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) for the preparation of terrorism cases.
- ◆ Strengthen the capacity of the KP Prosecution Directorate and Judiciary to effectively prosecute and adjudicate terrorism cases.
- ◆ Improve provincial and inter-provincial coordination on counter-terrorism, to strengthen capacity on counter-terrorism related strategic analysis and to promote greater judicial integrity and human rights compliant judicial processes in terrorism cases.

4th Project Steering Committee Meeting on PACT

The National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) chaired the 4th Project Steering Committee meeting on Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) on 20th March 2019 in Islamabad. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Economic Affairs Division (EAD), Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police, Ministry of Interior (MOI), Home Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Prosecution KP, European Union (EU) and United Nations Offices on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The participating members appraised the progress made under the project, as well as

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acknowledged and appreciated the active role played by the UNODC in building the capacity of the LEAs under the PACT initiative, especially in Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF). The annual work plan of PACT was approved for the year 2019, while the expansion of the project to Sindh was also agreed upon. The participants recognized UNODC's efforts in bringing experts of the field together at one platform to conduct training of trainers (ToT) and the contributions made towards specialized development of training manuals.

Three Provincial Trainings Organized for the Prosecutors on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF)



Capacity Building of the prosecutors is deemed as an essential component for the justified conclusion of cases relating to Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF). UNODC and National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) collaborated to organize a series of trainings for the Prosecution Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province to sharpen their skills on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF) in the cities of Peshawar, Swat, and Abbottabad. These sessions were held on the 11th and 12th February 2019, in Peshawar; 19th and 20th February 2019, in Abbottabad and 5th and 6th March 2019 in Swat, where the trainings were designed, delivered and moderated by the UNODC team of experts. The aim of these sessions was to enhance the performance through the measures taken by the national institutions in strengthening mechanisms to counter terrorism. The sessions included presentations on the legislative measures adopted by Pakistan, as well as the rules and regulations introduced by the State Bank and other institutions pertinent to terrorism financing.

Read More: <https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/provincial-training-of-prosecutors-on-countering-terrorism-financing-ctf-khyber-pakhtunkhwa-kp.html>

Two Training of Trainers (ToT) for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Police were Organized by UNODC



UNODC organized two sessions of Training of Trainers (ToT) from 11th till 15th March and 18th till 22nd March in Islamabad, where twenty-five potential trainers attended the session; the participants were serving, and retired police officers, forensic experts, and officials



previously trained in explosive handling, nominated by the Training Directorate of KP Police. Five trainers from Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police also joined the session to further improve their technical knowledge. The aim of these sessions was to enhance the capacity and resourcefulness of the professional trainers of the KP Police.

The first two days of the ToT session remained focused on refreshing the basic concepts of the training delivery, including a systematic approach to training, methodologies and different models, adult learning principle and consideration, lesson plans, trainer's plans, developing skill matrix and effective training delivery techniques. For the remaining sessions, each provisional trainer was assigned two to three modules each from the Investigation training modules for presentation using new methodologies, tools and principles of adult learning.

Three Workshops Organized on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF) for Investigators



Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF) is one of the most pertinent challenges confronted by the Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) of Pakistan. Being one of the core mandates of UNODC and the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), a series of trainings were organized on 11th and 12th February 2019 in Peshawar; 19th and 20th February 2019 in Abbottabad, and 5th and 6th March 2019 in Swat, for the Investigators of Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Police on Countering Terrorism Financing (CTF). These sessions were designed and



delivered by the UNODC team which led to the successful training of 75 officials from the CTD which included low to mid rank officials who were subject specialists designated to operate in the field. The sessions included presentations on pertinent concepts, challenges, and emerging trends along with scenario-based exercises on the background of terrorism, Counter Terrorism Financing (CTF), approaches adopted by terrorists for transfer of finances as well as interrogation and case management. The pre and post assessment of participants after the third session projected significant knowledge gains from 62.27% to 81.60%. While a majority indicated that these sessions are fruitful towards their professional capacity building.

Read More: <https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/provincial-training-of-law-enforcement-agencies-leas-on-countering-terrorism-financing-kp-peshawar--abbottabad--swat.html>

1st and 2nd Training Module Review Committee Meetings



A review committee was established to evaluate the content and to provide feedback for improvement of the training modules. The Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) nominated Mr. Fasihuddin-Deputy Inspector General, Training as the Chair of the session, Mr. Iftikharuddin- Assistant Inspector General Training, Mr. Rasheed Iqbal- Deputy Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department, Mr. Tariq Iqbal- Director of Police School of Investigation and Mr. Niaz Muhammad- Director of Police School of Explosives as the review committee members who carried a diverse experience in counter terrorism investigation and capacity building. This meeting was held from 28th till 30th January 2019.



After the discussions held during the review committee meeting, the drafted modules included information on the Background to Terrorism and Legal Framework; Guide to Conducting Interview, Interrogation, Arrest and Intelligence; Case File Management; Crime Scene Management; Evidence, Collection, Preservation & Analysis; Trace Evidence & its Evidentiary Value; Investigation Processes and Court Trial; and Investigation in Gender and Child-Related Cases. The committee members termed this effort as a way forward towards the inculcation of latest learning aspects in the training manual.

A second review meeting was organized on the 7th and 8th of February 2019, in Islamabad to review the

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progress. The previously nominated committee appraised the training modules developed by the International Consultant of UNODC, Mr. Alexander Graham, who joined through a videoconference. A comprehensive review process was adopted, and the committee members deliberated on the modules of 'Investigation of Heinous Crimes and 'The Proclaimed Offender'. After thorough evaluation, feedback was shared with the consultant. The proposed amendments were incorporated into the training module afterwards.

VISIBILITY



Upcoming Activities

Use of Forensic Evidence in Terrorism Cases Workshop

Obtaining Electronic Evidence from Private Communications Service Providers (CSPs) in Counter-Terrorism Investigations

Two Multi-Agency workshops on Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Three Training of the Trainers (ToTs) on Countering Terrorism through Advance Investigation Skills

4th Provincial Workshop for KP Prosecutors on Countering the Financing of Terrorism

Mock-trial Investigation for Investigators, Prosecutors & Judges



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