



PACT

Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism

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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.

Cover Story – PACT Success Stories Compendium Launched in Brussels

The PACT (Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism) Project was launched in 2017 with the financial support of the European Union. It is jointly implemented by the UNODC Country Office Pakistan and the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) of Pakistan, its objectives are primarily centred on policy improvement, increased capacity of the law enforcement agencies (LEAs), and improved provincial and inter-provincial coordination on Counter-Terrorism (CT). The continuous achievements and impact made under PACT have made a remarkable difference in enhancing the skills of the LEAs, and

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have further improved the prevailing systems in the country. In connection with recognizing the results achieved and challenges faced, PACT's Success Stories were launched with the support of the Embassy of Pakistan in Brussels; and was made possible with the support of the UNODC Brussels Liaison Office, and the Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI) team of the EU.

NACTA has collaborated in the design and implementation of the PACT Project's objectives, to ensure that all efforts fall in line with the aims outlined under the initiative. The Project also contributes directly towards SDG 16 through its interventions aimed at enhancing the capacities of police, prosecution, and judiciary; while promoting information sharing between Federal and Provincial authorities to effectively overcome the challenges posed by terrorism. The delegation from Pakistan was led by Mr Mubarak Zeb, Director General (Coordination) NACTA, and included the participation of Ms Humaira Mufti, Joint Secretary Ministry of Interior; Mr Noman Bhatti, Counsellor Embassy of Pakistan; and Mr Ikram Ullah, Home Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). The event was also attended by Ms Hilde Hardeman, Director and Head of Service FPI; and Mr. Danillo Campisi, Officer-in-Charge UNODC Pakistan.

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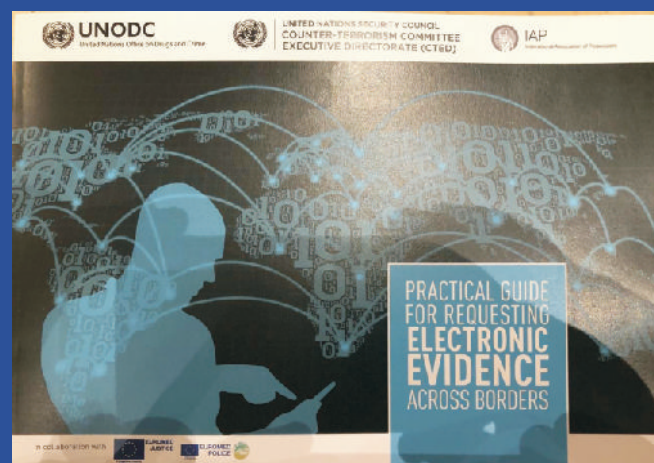
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Workshop on Obtaining e-Evidence from Communication Service Providers (CSPs)



UNODC's Country Office Pakistan (COPAK) and Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) Vienna conducted a National Workshop on obtaining electronic evidence from private communications service providers (CSPs) in counter-terrorism and related organized crime cross-border investigations, held under the EU-funded PACT

project in Islamabad from 25 to 27 June 2019. The workshop was the first national-level event of its kind and brought together law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and representatives of national central authorities, introducing them to the use of the Practical Guide in making requests for preservation, voluntary disclosure, emergency disclosure, and mutual legal assistance (MLA) in terrorism and organized crime cases involving electronic evidence. The Guide, developed under a joint global initiative of UNODC, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism



Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), and the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP), contains information to help identify steps at the national level to gather, preserve, and share electronic evidence with the overall aim of ensuring efficiency in MLA practice; and includes a compilation of country-specific focal points, legal frameworks, and practical requirements for police-to-police cooperation, direct contact with CSPs, and formal MLA cooperation. Throughout the workshop participants were split into small groups to undertake practical scenario-based international cooperation exercises, led by a UNODC expert, focusing on enhancing their capabilities in the preservation, request, and receipt of electronic evidence from private CSPs.

Mr Syed Arslan, Officer-in-Charge COPAK, thanked the EU and Government of Pakistan for extending commitment under the PACT project. The Head, Political Section EU, Mr Franck-Olivier Roux; Mr Asif Saifullah Paracha, Member Policy, NACTA; Mr Ahmad Farooq, Director General (CT) Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Mr Mian Waheed-ud-Din, Special Secretary MOI, likewise shared their views on the collective collaboration of the stakeholders in this initiative.

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Train- the -Trainer Sessions for KP Police



UNODC, in collaboration, with the European Union, organized and conducted the Training of Trainers (ToT) Mentoring Sessions for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Police, Islamabad (fifth & sixth sessions) and Training of Trainers on Planning and Organization of Terrorism Investigation Courses (seventh session) for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police under the PACT project. The aim of these sessions is to improve the technical knowledge of the trainees, and capacitate them to further train their respective teams so that a multiplier effect is achieved. The lectures and presentations in each session were designed on modules relating to terrorism, advanced investigation, and heinous crimes. The three, week-long ToT sessions were held: in Islamabad from 22 to 26 April, Lahore from 29 April to 3 May, and Swat from 17 to 25 June, wherein 11 to 16 master trainees attended.

Each TOT session had a formal opening session addressed by Col Ghulam Abbas (Retd), Senior Training and Programme Coordinator UNODC, in which he presented the objectives of the session along with the agenda for the week, following which the master trainers were to make their presentations on the assigned training modules. Subsequently Mr Amanullah, Programme Officer UNODC, explained the roll-out strategy planned for the second half of the year. The presenting groups were assessed by the evaluation panel comprising the experts from UNODC and the Police: including Col Ghulam Abbas (Retd); Col Shahrukh Khan (Retd), Expert Trainer; Major Aftab Shuaib (Retd), Expert Trainer; and Mr Tahir Naveed, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Police (Retd). Each session proved fruitful in enhancing the skills and capacities of the master trainers, to enable the latest and advanced training methodologies being inculcated in the field.

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Workshop on Use of Digital Evidence in CT Cases for KP Prosecutors



Under the framework of the PACT Project, UNODC organized a five-day training at the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA), Lahore on the 'Use of Digital Forensics in Counter Terrorism Cases' from 29 April to 3 May 2019, for the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with the support of the EU. The aim of this training was to impart familiarity on the collection, preservation, and use of digital forensic data for effective conclusion of cases in line with the latest tools and technology. The training was attended by twenty officers from specialized technical units of the CTD KP, including the Research and Analysis (R&A) Wings and Cyber Forensic Units (CFU), from CTD Headquarters Peshawar and different regions of KP.

The content of the training sessions primarily focused on the introduction and scope of Digital Forensics: specifically its identification, collection, preservation, and transportation. The trainees were given case studies to comprehend the concepts, using state-of-the-art mock crime scenes and other facilities at the PFSA. The course was delivered by the Agency's experts who provided hands-on training to the CTD KP officials on the tools and techniques used in scientific examination, and the analysis of digital and cellular devices. The trainers guided the technical teams on performing forensic investigation on digital evidence, while maintaining the documented chain of custody, for presentation as evidence in a court of law. In addition to this, Dr Naveed Ahmad, Assistant Professor University of Peshawar, led a special session on the 'Use of Cryptocurrencies and the Dark Web in Terrorism', presenting the basic concepts of Blockchain technology layered under cryptocurrencies and the dark web. Dr Tahir Ashraf, Director General PFSA gave the closing remarks, lauding the sacrifices of the KP Police in battling the menace of terrorism, and welcoming the expansion of the CTD KP's advanced training into the field of digital forensics. The DG also registered his appreciation of UNODC and EU support in initiating a major change in the country's criminal justice system.

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Two Multi-Agency Workshops on CFT (Islamabad and Karachi)



On 29 and 30 April 2019, a Workshop on the Terrorist Financing Framework was held in Islamabad with the support of the European Union and in partnership with NACTA, to increase the participants' knowledge of how terrorists finance their activities regarding both organizational support and operational activities. The workshop was attended by participants from provincial Counter Terrorism Departments, the intelligence agencies, and the regulators. Ms Jessica Marin, UNODC Consultant, presented the methodology of the terrorist financing framework analysis used to explore terrorist financing: which outlined methods terrorists use to raise, use, move, store, manage, and obscure their funds. The aim of this workshop was to achieve the participants' clarification, precision, and enhancement in the understanding of terrorist financing. The content shared during this workshop allowed the participants to identify methods of terrorist financing, determine how the terrorist organization or operational cell use a particular method, and identify ways to advance investigations or counter terrorist financing within their organization's mandate.

In continuation of these efforts to emphasize the importance of understanding terrorist financing, a similar Workshop was held on 2 and 3 May 2019 in Karachi to explore the terrorist financing framework. The exercise used one case study to explore the relevant aspects of the framework for studying terrorist organization financing, using the example of the Islamic State. The workshop in Karachi was also attended by participants from the private banks. Mr Kamran Taj, Director (CT) MOFA, presented the Guidelines for implementation of the UNSC Resolutions concerning targeted financial sanctions, travel ban, and arms embargo. The last session was presented by Mr Waqas Hamid, Additional Director Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU), on GoAML and information sharing mechanisms with the LEAs and banks. Throughout both workshops the participants remained engaged in short, group-based quizzes and discussions to explore the framework, demonstrate knowledge, share experiences in investigating terrorist financing (from the perspectives of law enforcement agencies, the private



sector, and the regulators); and shared their knowledge with other participants through presentations and summary exercises. At the end of both workshops, the participants were awarded certificates.

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/workshops-on-counteracting-the-financing-of-terrorism-cft-for-leas-and-private-banks.html>

Workshop on Use of Forensic Evidence in Terrorism Trials



UNODC conducted a training on 'The Use of Forensic Evidence in Terrorism Trials' in Lahore from 22 to 26 April 2019, with the objective of building the prosecutorial and investigative capacities of members of the KP Prosecution Department (KPPD) dealing with the prosecution of anti-terrorism cases, along with the expertise of investigation officers from the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in KP regarding the identification, collection, preservation, and utilization of forensic evidence to secure convictions in terrorism trials. For effective implementation of this initiative, UNODC Pakistan in collaboration with RSIL (Research Society of International Law) has developed a training module on 'Using Forensic Evidence in Terrorism Trials', which served as the base curriculum of the training. The first three days of the training included lectures, plenary discussions, syndicate sessions, activities, and interactive learning sessions on the concepts of forensic evidence; whereas the final two days comprised lectures, crime scene simulations, and interactive discussions led by the RSIL experts.

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PACT in Sindh



Due to the successful results achieved under the Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) project of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the Government of Pakistan in collaboration with the European Union (EU) and UNODC Pakistan are exploring the possibilities to undertake a similar initiative in the province of Sindh.

Presently the stakeholders are evaluating the areas of possible collaboration so that an effective roadmap to PACT project in Sindh can be developed.

On 9 June 2019, a delegation comprising Mr Cedric Pierard and Mr Paolo Zingale, EU; Mr Shahzada Sultan, Director General, National Counter Terrorism Authority Pakistan (NACTA); and Mr Syed Arslan, Senior Programme Officer and Mr Arsalan Malik Programme Coordinator, UNODC, held various meetings with the pertinent stakeholder for needs assessment and areas of assistance required in Sindh

The first meeting was held with Mr Syed Kaleem Imam, Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police, where inputs related to the requirements for Sindh CTD were deliberated. The delegation attended a second meeting with multiple stakeholders: including the Prosecutor



General of Sindh, DG Sindh Judicial Academy, and Additional IG (CTD). This meeting was chaired by the Home Secretary Sindh. During the meeting a presentation was made by the UNODC representatives, who were then requested by the Home Secretary to develop a concept note for sharing with Project stakeholders. Presently this preparatory document for PACT extension to Sindh is being developed by the concerned UNODC team.

2nd Mock Trial for Investigators, Prosecutors, and Judges on CFT



In the context of strengthening Pakistan's countering the financing of terrorism (CFT) framework, the UNODC Country Office with the financial support of the EU, organized a three-day workshop from 12 to 14 June 2019. The workshop was attended by twenty-five participants from the provincial Counter-Terrorism and Prosecution Departments of Punjab, KP, and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) in addition to a number of anti-terrorism judges. The objective of the exercise was to bring all stakeholders together by conducting a mock trial on a terrorism financing case study, to enhance their knowledge and skills relating to their respective organizational mandates. The mock trial was facilitated through interactive, scenario-based sessions with the input of two international trainers: Mr Philip Divett, Programme Officer UNODC; and Mr Keith Verralls, formerly of the UK Police; and of Mr Faisal Mehmood, legal expert.

The content of the workshop allowed the attendees to identify methods of terrorist financing, and appreciate national and international legal frameworks, before deliberating upon approaches which investigators and prosecutors can adopt based on international best practices, for effectively countering the financing of terrorism. Furthermore, the workshop focused on the difference between circumstantial and physical evidence, to ensure better understanding on the part of prosecutors whilst pursuing TF cases. Another aim was to enhance the existing capacities of the judiciary on admissibility and technicalities in the presentation of evidence related to TF cases in court. The first day of the workshop remained focussed on presentations, where content was delivered to the participants; and in the remaining days the participants were organized into groups for conducting a mock trial on a scenario-based exercise. On conclusion of the workshop Mr Muhammad Iqbal, DG (CTF) NACTA, gave the closing

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remarks wherein he appreciated the efforts of UNODC, and thanked the EU for extending support and stressed upon the significance of such workshops in improving the counter terrorism dynamics in the country. The event ended with certificate distribution to the participants.

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<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/countering-the-financing-of-terrorism-12-14-june-2019-islamabad.html>

VISIBILITY



Upcoming Activities

Threat Assessment and Use of Criminal Analysis Tools for Group Profiling

Advance Investigation Course

Training Rollout on Advance Terrorism Course for KP Police

Workshop on Counter Terrorism Financing for Prosecutors

Counter Terrorism Financing & Police Prosecution Cooperation Validation Workshop

Investigating Cases of Terrorism Financing

Workshop on Identification of Special Measures for Witness Protection in Terrorism Cases

3rd Mock Trial for Investigators, Prosecutors and Judges



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