



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.

Launch of Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) in Sindh

Based on the successful implementation of project Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Country Office Pakistan, on the request of Government of Sindh and National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) and with the financial support of the European Union, launched an 18 months long project, titled "Pakistan's Action to Counter Terrorism (PACT) in Sindh", for improving the criminal justice response in preventing and countering terrorism in Sindh.

Honorable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah graced the event as Chief Guest. Member Policy NACTA, Mr. Asif Saifullah Paracha; Home Secretary Sindh, Dr. Usman Chachar;

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Ambassador of EU to Pakistan, Her Excellency Androulla Kaminara and officer-in-charge of UNODC, Mr. Danilo Campisi were significant dignitaries at the launch. The launch ceremony for this new project was attended by senior federal and provincial government officials and law enforcement personnel in Karachi. Representatives of the international community, media personnel, members of research institutions, academia, and students from educational institutes were also present at the occasion. At the launch ceremony an innovation and knowledge corner was set up by PACT's team, which showcased major achievements of PACT project from KP such as a 3D virtual reality simulator, and the various training modules and policy guidelines developed.

Read More:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/launch-of-pakistans-action-to-counter-terrorism-pact-with-special-reference-to-sindh.html>

Series of Training Sessions held under Terrorism Investigation Course



As a continuum of specialized training delivery on terrorism investigation course, UNODC organized the 5th and 6th training sessions on "Basic Terrorism Investigation



Course" and "Advanced Terrorism Investigation Course", during January 2020 in Hangu and Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP).

The purpose of these training sessions was to enhance the knowledge and skills of participants on procedures required to undertake investigations related to heinous crimes, standard operating procedures regarding management of crime scene, and to sensitize them on the guidelines developed for dealing with proclaimed offenders. Through these training sessions, sixty three participants from Islamabad Police and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police were trained on thematic areas of Physical Evidence Collection, Preservation, and Analysis; Trace Evidence and its Evidentiary Value; Investigation of Heinous Crimes; Investigation in Gender and Child Related Cases; and Basic Explosives Orientations.

Each training session, under the respective courses, was based on one module and commenced with a pre-knowledge test of the participants. Trainers used presentations, case studies, self-assessment questions, and group exercises as tools of imparting knowledge to participants, and they elaborated on mechanics of homemade explosives via practical demonstration of a post blast scenario under the advanced terrorism investigation course. The training sessions were productive in equipping the participants with knowledge on national legislations regarding terrorism investigations and evidence collection.

Read more:

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/training-on-investigation-of-heinous-crimes-under-advanced-terrorism-investigation-course.html>

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/training-on-trace-evidence-and-its-evidentiary-value-under-terrorism-investigation-course.html>

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/training-session-on-basic-explosives-orientation-under-advanced-terrorism-investigation-course.html>

<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/training-on-investigation-into-gender-and-child-related-crimes-under-advanced-terrorism-investigation-course.html>

Case Analysis Exercise held in February



During the inception phase of the project 'Pakistan Action to Counter Terrorism in Sindh', a Case Analysis Exercise was facilitated by UNODC in partnership with NACTA and the Home Department of Sindh. For this purpose, a committee was constituted by the Home Department Sindh, which included investigators from Counter Terrorism Department Sindh, judges from Sindh Judicial Academy, and prosecutors from Sindh Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal Prosecution Department.

The committee conducted the first session of the Case Analysis Exercise, from 09th to 14th February 2020 in Karachi during which 15 cases of terrorism were reviewed and critically critiqued. The case analysis exercise was a comprehensive, multi-stakeholder study through which court cases related to terrorism were reviewed amongst relevant stakeholders in order to understand the challenges faced by Sindh's criminal justice system and make evidence-based recommendations. Its objective was to build a customized scope, policy, and activity design that would then be implemented during the PACT Sindh project.



Series of Workshops on Prosecuting and Investigating Cases of Terrorism Financing



A series of workshops on "Prosecuting and Investigating Cases of Terrorism Financing" were organized by UNODC in partnership with NACTA, from 12-13 and 19-20 February 2020 in Karachi. These workshops were attended by officials from provincial Prosecution and Counter Terrorism Departments, along with representatives of Intelligence Agencies of Punjab, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Sindh. The workshops provided participants with an opportunity to discuss their experience amongst each other to enhance informal coordination and cooperation.

The workshops were designed and delivered with the aim to enhance each participants' knowledge on mechanisms and guidelines on how to effectively investigate and prosecute cases of terrorism financing (TF) and on legislative frameworks regulating TF. The trainers at the workshops discussed several key topics including the emerging threats and challenges in TF cases, basic tax laws in relevance to money laundering and terrorism financing, provisions of the anti-money laundering Act, etc. Each workshop in the series concluded with a comprehensive group exercise which required

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the participants to analyze a scenario-based case study on financial investigations of TF and consequently present their findings. The second workshop in the series, also featured a special additional lecture on role of financial monitoring units (FMUs) in investigation of terrorism financing cases.



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<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/workshop-on-prosecuting-and-investigating-cases-of-terrorism-financing.html>

Workshop on SHERLOC and Mutual Legal Assistance in Terrorism Cases



A workshop on “SHERLOC and Mutual Legal Assistance in Terrorism Cases” was organized in Islamabad from 20th to 21st February 2020 by lead trainers from UNODC Head Quarters, Ms. Riikka Puttonen, Mr. Colin Craig, and Mr. Dmitry Orlov. The objective of the workshop was to introduce participants to SHERLOC (Sharing Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime) and equip them with fundamental knowledge of SHERLOC knowledge management portal and its databases of legislations, case laws, treaties and bibliographic information concerning organized crime and terrorism.



SHERLOC knowledge management portal was developed by the UNODC in 2015 to facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols. It hosts a case law database containing jurisprudence on several key areas including corruption, counterfeiting, cybercrime, drug offences, money laundering, and obstruction of justice.

Altogether twenty-six participants attended the workshop and were successfully trained on theoretical framework of the crime-terror continuum used for analysis of scenarios of interplay between organized crime and terrorism. Presenters discussed several case studies to highlight the point of convergence between criminal and terrorist activities, to explore illicit dark web market places and the relationship between the dark web and terrorism, and to identify the necessary requirements in adjudicating a terrorism case via discussing two anti-terrorism cases, from the district courts of Pakistan. The workshop concluded with a group exercise on writing mutual legal assistance requests to foreign jurisdictions and one on reviewing national and legislative strategies of Pakistan.



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<https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/workshop-on-sherloc-sharing-electronic-resources-and-laws-on-crime-and-mutual-legal-assistance-in-terrorism-cases.html>

7th Project Steering Committee meeting held in Karachi



Following the launch ceremony of PACT Sindh, the 7th Project Steering Committee meeting of PACT project took place on 26th February 2020 in Karachi. It was chaired by Mr. Asif Saifullah Paracha, Member Policy NACTA, and attended by all esteemed stakeholders of the project including Mr. Francois Zablou, Counter Terrorism (CT) Expert from EU delegation to Pakistan, and Ms. Silvia Orru from EU's regional team. The primary objective of the meeting was to update the stakeholders on project activities of PACT KP undertaken since the last meeting and to present the work plan for PACT Sindh in detail to the committee for its formal approval.

During the meeting Mr. Danilo Campisi, Officer-in-Charge for UNODC, expressed his satisfaction with efforts of all stakeholders in producing a coherent response to counter terrorism till date. He also identified the activities completed under PACT KP. Participants of the meeting discussed and reflected on the work plan for the new project introducing significant recommendations to each outcome of the project. Mr. Asim Khan, Director General Ministry of Foreign Affairs, provided valuable suggestions which were incorporated by the project team into the workplan. The meeting concluded on a positive note as participants agreed on PACT Sindh's project workplan. Participants unanimously took concrete decisions regarding customization of already developed modules and the armoring of vehicles as it was decided that UNODC will further continue the process of armoring remaining 14 vehicles.

Study Visits to Police School of Explosives Handling and Punjab Forensic Science Agency



A crucial component of the training sessions under advanced terrorism investigation course was the organisation of study visits to national forensic and explosive facilities. As part of the 6th training session, participants of the course were taken to Police School of Explosives Handling in Nowshera on 25th January and to Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) from 30 to 31st January 2020. The purpose of these study visits was to introduce the participants to practical dimensions of both, investigations in cases of heinous crimes and standard operating procedures (SOPs) of managing a crime scene after occurrence of an explosion.

The visit to specialized Police School of Explosives Handling featured a practical demonstration of a bomb blast in real-time. Secondly, participants were given demonstration of post blast crime scene through developed SOPs. Experts present at the facility delivered lectures on guidelines to be followed during collection, preservation, and management of explosive residue as they set up a mock crime scene to facilitate the practical demonstrations. Thereafter, during the visit to PFSA, participants were given a practical demonstration of data extraction in cases of heinous crimes. The experts showed the participants how to identify any scene disguises/alterations introduced by offenders on crime scene, after occurrence of a heinous crime. The experts also delivered presentations on the significance of

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location of offenders and victims in investigating cases of homicide investigation. Participants were given a tour of the DNA and serology laboratories, and later shown different firearms and ballistic tools displayed at the PFSA facilities.

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https://www.unodc.org/pakistan/en/study-visit-to-punjab-forensic-science-agency-under-advanced-investigation-course_-heinous-crimes-and-forensic-evidence.html



Upcomming Activities

COVID-19 related support to LEAs

Armoring of Vehicles

Customized Digital Evidence Guidelines for Pakistan

Printing of 24 Training Manuals

Case Analysis Exercise for Sindh

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