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COI QUERY RESPONSE

PAKISTAN – SECURITY

A publication issued in 2025 by the *Centre for Research & Security Studies* states that: “With at least 685 fatalities and 444 terror attacks suffered, 2024 turned out to be the deadliest year for Pakistan’s civil and military security forces in a decade.”¹

A report released in January 2025 by the *Pak Institute for Conflict and Security Studies* states that: “Pakistan experienced a marked increase in overall violence in 2024 compared to 2023, with significant rises in incidents, fatalities, and injuries.”²

In January 2025 the *Pak Institute of Peace Studies* points out that: “Marking a 70% increase from the previous year, Pakistan experienced a total of 521 terrorist attacks in 2024.”³

A report issued in the *Financial Times* in January 2025 states that: “More than 2,500 civilians, security personnel and militants were killed by terror attacks in Pakistan in 2024, a 66 per cent increase from 2023...”⁴

In March 2025 the *Institute for Economics and Peace* notes that: “Pakistan has experienced a significant rise in terrorism since the Taliban’s rise to power in Afghanistan. Militant groups operating from Afghanistan have intensified their attacks, particularly along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border. The provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa remain the most heavily affected regions...”⁵

¹ Centre for Research & Security Studies (2025) CRSS Annual Security Report 2024, p.1

² Pak Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (January 2025) Pakistan’s Comprehensive National Security Profile 2024, p.3

³ Pak Institute of Peace Studies (January 2025) Pakistan Security Report 2024, p.4

⁴ Financial Times (17 January 2025) Pakistan’s bet on Taliban backfires as violence surges

⁵ Institute for Economics and Peace (5 March 2025) *Global Terrorism Index 2025* [1 Results - Pakistan excerpt], p.4

In March 2025 the *Pak Institute of Peace Studies* states that: “Terrorism-related deaths in Pakistan surged by 73 percent in February 2025 compared to the previous month, with 62 percent of total fatalities occurring in Balochistan, highlighting the growing insurgency in the province.”⁶

In March 2025 *Al Jazeera* states that: “Over the past few years, the country has seen increasing attacks...”⁷

In March 2025 the *Economist Intelligence Unit* includes commentary on: “...a broader wave of militancy that escalated over 2023-24 and has been straining Pakistan’s security apparatus.”⁸

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in March 2025 states that: “Since the Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan, violence by both the Baluch separatist rebels and Islamist TTP has been on the rise.”⁹

Agence France Presse in March 2025 states that: “Last year was the deadliest year in almost a decade in Pakistan, with more than 1,600 people killed in attacks -- nearly half of them security forces personnel...The violence is largely limited to Pakistan's border regions with Afghanistan.”¹⁰

The *Associated Press* in April 2025 states that: “Pakistan has witnessed a surge in militant attacks, most claimed by TTP.”¹¹

The *Pak Institute for Conflict and Security Studies* points out in April 2025 that: “The security situation in Pakistan worsened significantly in March 2025, witnessing the deadliest month in a decade with 105 militant attacks—the highest since November 2014.”¹²

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