

FRC Weekly Report

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Bajaur Agency

No terrorism related incidents were reported in the week

Mohmand Agency

No terrorism related incidents were reported in the week

Khyber Agency

On 24th February, around twelve to fourteen persons were killed and 16 others injured in a bomb explosion triggered by a remote-control device in Bara.

On 24th February, military planes pounded bases and hideouts of militants in Tirah valley of Khyber Agency and, according to official sources, killed at least 30 fighters of banned organizations.

On 25th February, a blast occurred near a vehicle of security forces in Jamrud, town of Khyber Agency, injuring a security man.

On 27th February, officials told that the terrorism affected people of Bara subdivision in Khyber Agency would have to appear before a special committee for verification before getting any financial assistance.

On 27th February, two men sustained injuries in separate blasts outside the houses of security personnel in Bannu and Khyber Agency.

On 28th February, three militants including the one key-commander were killed and three sustained injuries in a shootout with the security forces in Tehsil Bara.

On 28th February, health workers went from door to door in parts of Bara tehsil of Khyber Agency to vaccinate children against polio.

Orakzai Agency

No terrorism related incidents were reported in the week

Kurram Agency

No terrorism related incidents were reported in the week

North Waziristan Agency

On 24th February, the federal government allowed exports to Afghanistan from the Ghulam Khan border crossing in North Waziristan Agency.

On 24th February, the political administration has imposed curfew in most parts of North Waziristan Agency including Tehsil Mir Ali, Miranshah, Datta Khel, Rizmik and Dosali for indefinite period of time while security forces were given shoot-on-sight orders against violators.

On 25th February, Asmat Ullah Shaheen Bhattani, a senior commander of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and supporter of peace talks with the government, was killed along with his three colleagues in Darga Mandi village near Miranshah, North Waziristan Agency (NWA).

On 25th February, three rockets were fired on the security forces' camp in Miranshah area of North Waziristan Agency, however, no loss of life was reported.

On 26th February, sources told that as gradual displacement of people is under way from North Waziristan Agency amid sporadic air strikes, the government is yet to declare the area as a 'conflict zone', thus putting relief and disaster management agencies in a quandary.

On 26th February, the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan rejected the government's call for an unconditional ceasefire.

On 26th February, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) blamed the country's intelligence agencies for the assassination of one of its top commanders, Asmatullah Shaheen Bhattani, and pledged to avenge his death.

On 26th February, in aerial strikes by security forces on forested Shawal Valley 12 terrorists were killed.

On 27th February, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) spokesman Shahidullah Shahid said that Taliban would not accept any unilateral ceasefire condition and were ready to face the consequences of a military operation in North Waziristan.

On 27th February 2014, explosion occurred outside a school at Sarai Darpakhel in North Waziristan, hand grenades were used in the attack that injured one person and damaged the main gate of the school.

On 28th February, sources told that the Sindh government will set up special camps for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) coming from the Fata following any military operation in North Waziristan Agency.

On 28th February, the federal government decided to establish 10 tent housing habitation centres for the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in five districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) in the wake of expected operation North Waziristan.

South Waziristan Agency

On 28th February, several suspected militants were feared dead when helicopter gunships attacked their hideouts in the mountainous area of FR Sherani bordering South Waziristan Agency and Dera Ismail Khan.

On 26th February, Fifteen militants were killed in the South Waziristan side of the boundary near Shawal Valley.

KPK

On 24th February, it was learnt that Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan will hold a joint session with the members of the two committees for talks with the Taliban, in a day or two to deliberate upon how to resume the suspended dialogue process.

On 24th February, demand of the Taliban committee to meet Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif was rejected.

On 24th February, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf said that it will support the army operation if Taliban refuse to announce an unconditional ceasefire.

On 24th February, Jamaat-i-Islami chief Syed Munawar Hasan asked Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to seek help from Afghan Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammad Omar for restoration of peace.

On 24th February, the 15-year-old held responsible for the attack on Shama Cinema was handed over to police by an anti-terrorism court (ATC) till they complete the investigation.

On 24th February, two new polio cases surfaced, one each from Peshawar and North Waziristan Agency (NWA), taking the country's total to 21 this year.

On 24th February, Peshawar High Court (PHC) put on notice ministries of defence and interior, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) IGP, secretary home and tribal affairs and additional chief secretary of Federally Administered Tribal Areas while hearing 52 petitions of enforced disappearances.

On 24th February, unidentified gunmen shot dead four people including ANP Local Head Ali Khan and a renowned lawyer Jan Ali Bacha Advocate in the Chatu Chowk area of Mardan.

On 25th February, opposition protested in the National Assembly (NA) against not being taken on board vis-à-vis formation of a policy against terrorism and foreign relations.

On 25th February, three Frontier Constabulary (FC) soldiers were killed and nine others wounded in a suicide attack on their post outside the Iranian Consulate in the posh University Town Peshawar.

On 25th February, Afghan officials claimed that a deadly attack on an Afghan army outpost that left 21 soldiers dead was planned "outside Afghanistan", a term used by Afghan officials to refer neighboring Pakistan.

On 25th February, members of the protesting Mehsud tribe gathered at D-Chowk, giving a 14-day ultimatum to the government to meet their demands.

On 25th February, A teenager confessed to bombing Peshawar's Shama Cinema before a local judicial magistrate and said he and his accomplice had hid hand grenades used in the terrorist activity under shalwar to deceive guards on the premises.

On 26th February, the federal cabinet unanimously asserted that the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) will have to announce an unconditional ceasefire.

On 26th February, US intelligence officials revealed, Pakistan is making extensive and precise use of its own indigenous drones in the current surgical strikes against the Taliban.

On 26th February, Sindh Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution demanding social boycott of the parties backing the Taliban and expressed complete solidarity with the armed forces, Rangers, police, and other law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) for taking military action to save Pakistan from the terrorists.

On 26th February, the country's first national security policy approved by the cabinet is aimed at rectifying mono-faceted approach to deal with the problems of terrorism and extremism.

On 26th February, Inspector General of Police Nasir Khan Durran said that the government should devise a line of action about the presence and operations of police in the frontier regions and adjacent tribal areas.

On 27th February, Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif maintained that there was no confusion in the government on the National Security Policy and it was moving forward with a clear thought.

On 27th February, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), General Raheel Sharif, said that with the backing of the nation, the Pakistan Army will accomplish the mission of defeating every threat to the motherland in accordance with the expectations of the people of Pakistan.

On 27th February, opposition Leader Syed Khursheed Shah said the opposition parties stood shoulder to shoulder with the government on its decision if there should be talks with the Taliban or war against them.

On 27th February, an all-parties conference of various religious parties of the Barelvi school of thought demanded the government to officially declare the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and those political and religious groups supporting them as enemies of the state and traitors.

On 27th February, sources revealed that the recent surgical strikes on strategic facilities of the Taliban in the tribal areas have marginalized their capacity to act to a great extent inside Pakistan.

On 27th February, Police claimed to have detained some suspected persons, who wanted to target the cavalcade of inspector general of police at Swabi interchange on motorway.

On 27th February, Maulana Yousaf Shah said Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan is expected to respond positively to the suggestions, including announcement of ceasefire, put forward by the negotiation committee as political shura of the outlawed organization has started the process of consultation.

On 27th February, local singer Wazir Khan Afridi was killed as a result of firing by unidentified persons in Peshawar's Faqir Killay area.

On 27th February, federal finance minister said that an early completion of development projects in FATA and other deprived areas of the country is the prime task of the government.

On 28th February, Pakistan emphasized that if there was a military action on the ground in the tribal areas, it expected Afghanistan to honor its international obligations and bilateral understandings and not to allow any terrorists to take refuge inside Afghanistan.

On 28th February, Prime Minister's Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said that surgical strikes on the sanctuaries of terrorists in North Waziristan and other tribal areas were giving positive results.

On 28th February, the core committee of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf on Thursday decided to end the blockade of Nato supplies, following the Peshawar High Court (PHC) ruling that declared the act illegal and unconstitutional and asked the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government to ensure the rule of law.