

List of abbreviations and glossary

Term	Definition
AJK	Azad Jammu and Kashmir
AQIS	Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent
ANP	Awami National Party
ASWJ	Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat
ATA	Anti-Terrorism Act
BHUs	Basic Health Units
BLA	Balochistan Liberation Army
BLA-A	Balochistan Liberation Army Azad
BLF	Balochistan Liberation Front
BNA	Baloch National Army
BNP	Balochistan National Party
BRAS	Baloch Raji Aajoi Sangar
CDF	Chief of Defence Forces
CEAS	Common European Asylum System
COI	Country of origin information
CPEC	China–Pakistan Economic Corridor
CSOs	Civil society organisations

Term	Definition
CTD	Counter Terrorism Departments
EUAA	European Union Agency for Asylum
EU	European Union
EU+ countries	Member States of the European Union and associated countries
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
Fatwa	Non-binding religious opinion issued by an Islamic scholar
FC	Frontier Corps
FIA	The Federal Investigative Agency
GB	Gilgit-Baltistan
Hadd (plural: hudud)	A category of crime under Islamic Law. Punishment for crimes against God prescribed in the Quran, sometimes punishable by death
Haram	Anything prohibited by the Islamic law, referring to actions, behaviours, or other matters that are forbidden and considered sinful. Such prohibitions are based on the Quran and the Sunnah (the teachings and practices of the Prophet Muhammad)
Hazaragi	A dialect of Afghan Dari language spoken mainly by the Hazara people of Afghanistan and Pakistan
HGB	Hafiz Gul Bahadur
Hindko	An Indo-Aryan language group spoken in Pakistan, mainly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (especially Hazara and Peshawar divisions) and parts of northern Punjab
HuM	Harakat ul-Mujahideen
ICT	Islamabad Capital Territory
IED	Improvised explosive device
ISI	Inter-Services Intelligence

Term	Definition
ISKP	Islamic State Khorasan Province
ISPP	Islamic State Pakistan Province
JeM	Jaish-e Mohammed
Jirga	Tribal assembly
Katchi abadis	Informal settlements
KP	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
LeJ	Lashkar-e Jhangvi
LeT	Lashkar-e- Taiba
Madrassa	Islamic religious school
Member States	Member States of the European Union
MQM-L	Muttahida Qaumi Movement - London
MQM-P	Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan
PECA	Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act
PML-N	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz)
PPC	Pakistan Penal Code
PPP	Pakistan People’s Party
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf
PTM	Pashtun Tahafuz Movement

Term	Definition
QR	Qualification Regulation - Regulation (EU) 2024/1347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 May 2024 on standards for the qualification of third-country nationals or stateless persons as beneficiaries of international protection, for a uniform status for refugees or for persons eligible for subsidiary protection and for the content of the protection granted, amending Council Directive 2003/109/EC and repealing Directive 2011/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council
Refugee Convention	The 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and its 1967 Protocol (referred to in EU asylum legislation and by the CJEU as 'the Geneva Convention')
Riots	Violent demonstrations, often involving a spontaneous action by unorganised, unaffiliated members of society
Sharia	The religious law of Islam; Islamic canonical law
SOGIESC	Sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, or sex characteristics
SRA	Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army
SSP	Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan
TLP	Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan
TTP	Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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