

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING INCIDENTS OF
TARGET KILLING OF MEMBERS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES
IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA IN GENERAL AND INCIDENT OF
KILLING OF MR. DYAL SINGH, MEMBER OF SIKH COMMUNITY
IN PESHAWAR IN PARTICULAR.

MATTER RAISED BY SENATOR DANESH KUMAR
ON 3RD APRIL, 2023

PRESENTED BY

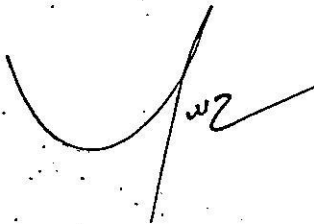
SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR

SENATE SECRETARIAT

I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honor to present report of the Committee on a point of public importance regarding incidents of target killing of members of minority communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in general and incident of killing of Mr. Dyal Singh, member of Sikh community in Peshawar in particular. The matter was raised by Senator Danesh Kumar in the Senate sitting held on 3rd April, 2023 and was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
<u>Minister for Interior</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>



3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 17th July, 2023.

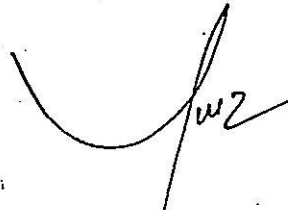
The meeting was attended by the following:

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2. Senator Azam Nazir Tarar	Member
3. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
4. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
5. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
6. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
7. Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
8. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
9. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad Khan	Mover
10. Senator Danesh Kumar	Mover

Special Secretary (Home Department), Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, DIG (CTD), Peshawar and SSP (CTD) Peshawar also attended the meeting.

4. The Mover narrated the matter before the Committee in detail. He was of the view that the members of minority communities are being targeted and the incidents of extortion from the business community belonging to minorities are also increasing. The mover expressed his serious concerns over the situation.

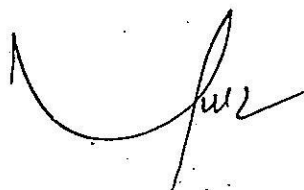
5. The Committee was informed that on 31st March, 2023 the police received the information of the incident of attack on Dyal Singh and reached the place of occurrence where brother of the deceased reported the incident. Dyal Singh (deceased) was running a grocery shop (pensari) situated at Dir Colony. Unknown terrorist shot Dyal Singh at his shop with the purpose of terrorist activity. The deceased died at the spot while unknown armed men managed to flee from the place of occurrence. After registration of FIR, police carried out routine investigation tasks like preparation of site plan, recovery of article, empties and other crime scene evidence and sent the same to forensic laboratory for reports. CCTV footages of the area were also collected through Digital Forensic Unit CTD HQ Peshawar.



The recovered empty shells of 30 bore pistol from the crime scene were sent to FSL Peshawar for comparison/cross matching with the recovered shells in case of incident of target killing of one Kashif Masih which occurred on next day. The report of FSL revealed that same weapon had been used in both the incidents. JIT was constituted under the supervision of SP Peshawar Region-I to dig out the real facts behind this incident and hectic efforts were made to arrest the culprits. During the course of investigation geo fencing of the crime scene and three other routes used by the suspect target killers before and after the occurrence was also carried out. From CCTV footages, pictures of suspected target killers were taken from nine different places in Peshawar which are under probe. The conclusion narrated before the Committee was that the investigation of the case points towards the involvement of ISKP in the occurrence of this event that has been operating in Pakistan at the behest of foreign destabilizing forces. The CTD and local police are committed for the early detection of the case and to ensure that responsible be brought before the justice. The Mover expressed his satisfaction over the mode of investigation being carried out by CTD and Police to resolve the case.

6. DIG (CTD), Peshawar and SSP (CTD), Peshawar gave power point presentation to the Committee explaining the modes of modern investigation adopted by CTD to trace the terrorist organizations working in Peshawar and involved in recent incidents of target killing of various segments of the society including the minorities and religious scholars of various sects in the province in general and Peshawar in particular.

7. The Committee also discussed the issue of use of Afghan SIMs in Pakistan for terrorist and criminal activities, use of counterfeited biometrics for registration of SIM cards at different franchises, inclusion of names of Afghan citizens in the family trees of Pakistani nationals through fake entries, use of open WiFis by terrorists and criminal elements for making internet calls (whatsapp, telegram etc.) and other related issues. The representatives



of NADRA, PTA, FIA and CTD submitted their stances and points of view on the issue before the Committee.

8. After extensive discussion, the Committee unanimously decided that FIA (Cyber Crime Wing), PTA, NADRA, CTD (KPK), IB, IGP, Islamabad and any other concerned allied Intelligence/investigating Agency shall have an internal discussion on this issue and shall submit their recommendations to the Committee to deal with this menace which will be discussed in the next meeting of the Committee to be held In-camera. The Committee decided to hold in-camera meeting for discussion of this sole issue of great national and public importance which needs immediate and prompt action from all the relevant departments so that logical and workable solutions can be arrived at with strong endorsement from the Committee.

9. The Committee members appreciated the efforts of CTD Peshawar and the mode of investigation adopted by them to trace out the culprits. The Members were of the view that all the LEAs working in the country should take the investigation style of CTD Peshawar as a model and should investigate the cases by adopting all the modern techniques.

10. The Committee unanimously recommended that an appreciation letter from the Committee should be issued to the officers of CTD Peshawar and their teams for their hard work and dedication towards their duties and acknowledged their dedication, professionalism and commitment to their work. The Committee acknowledged that the CTD team has made their best efforts through use of modern as well as conventional modes of investigation to trace out the culprits.

11. The Committee disposed of the matter referred to it and also gave approval for presentation of report to the House.



(MUHAMMAD AZAM)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee