

Paramilitary Forces

Paramilitary forces are various uniformed organisations largely equipped with light infantry weapons and charged with a range of internal and external duties.

- **Special Security Division (SSD)**

This force is lead by Pakistan Army and was raised in September 2016 as a response to major concerns over how to protect the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and its workforce from serious internal and external threats.

15,000 personnel

Commander: Major-General Ahsan Gulrez (A 2 star General)

- **Pakistan Rangers**

Pakistan Rangers a paramilitary law enforcement organization in Pakistan under the control of the Interior Secretary of Pakistan, and have a primary mission of securing important sites such as Pakistan's International Border with India as well as employed in internal security operations, and providing assistance to the police in maintaining law and order.

Strength: 25,000

Sindh Rangers: Sindh, headquartered in Karachi, defending Sindh Province's more than 900 km long International Border with India, Rangers are also deployed in Karachi city of Pakistan to control the Law and Order situation under the special orders. Rangers in Karachi assist the local police to control crime and conducts operations against most wanted criminals.

DG Sindh: Major-General Omer Ahmed Bokhari

Punjab Rangers: Headquartered in Lahore, responsible for guarding Punjab Province's 1,300 km long International Border (IB) with India,

DG Punjab: Major-General Muhammad Aamir Majeed Mughal

- **Frontier Corps**

It is commonly known as FC, it is a Paramilitary force of Pakistan that is currently stationed in the Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to maintain the law and order while overseeing the border control of the country's frontiers with the Afghanistan and Iran

With a total manpower of approximately 80,000 (to some sources it is 110000), the task of the Frontier Corps is to help local law enforcement in the maintenance of law and order, and to carry out border patrol and anti-smuggling operations.

FC NWFP now FC KPK (Head Quarter in Bala Hasar Fort Peshawar) headed by Major General of Pakistan Army

FC Balochistan (Head Quarter in Quetta) headed by 2 star General of Pakistan Army

- **Frontier Constabulary (FC)**

The Frontier Constabulary (FC) is a federal paramilitary force of Pakistan under the control of the Interior ministry of Pakistan, which is largely drawn from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. It is responsible for maintaining law and order, and dealing with situations beyond the capabilities of the civilian Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police. It also guards against tribal incursions, cross-border criminal gangs, and smuggling. In a national emergency, the Constabulary can be called on to support the operations of the Pakistan Armed Forces.

The Frontier Constabulary is headed by the Commandant, the equivalent of Inspector General of Police (BPS-22 grade) current commandant Moazam Ansari

- **Gilgit Baltistan Scouts**

The Gilgit Baltistan Scouts (Known as GB Scouts) are part of the Paramilitary forces of Pakistan, under the direct control of the Ministry of the Interior of the Pakistan Government. The Scouts are an internal security force with the prime objective to protect northern borders of Pakistan and support Civil Administration in ensuring maintenance of law and order anywhere in Pakistan.

The force was formerly known as the Northern Areas Scouts (1949) but was renamed to the Gilgit Baltistan Scouts in 2011, strength almost 2500

Head: Brigadier Zia ur Rehman of Pakistan Army

- **Pakistan Coast Guards**

Pakistan Coast Guards (Known as PCG) is a military branch within the Pakistan Armed Forces that is dedicated for the riverine operations by taking responsibility for conducting the anti-narcotics missions, mounting efforts for the anti-human

trafficking, illegal immigration through the coastal areas, and taking initiatives in the anti-smuggling.

Head: Brigadier Saqib Qammar

Functions

- Prevention of smuggling
- Prevention of illegal immigration to and migration from the Country.
- Stopping enemy agents or saboteurs from infiltrating into the Country along the Coastal Areas.
- Supplementing defence during war.

- **National Guard of Pakistan**

The National Guard of Pakistan is a paramilitary force and one of four reserve components of the Pakistan Army, designed to act as a "second line of defence", together with the Pakistan Army Reserve, the Frontier Corps and the Pakistan Rangers.

Strength: 185,000

Commander: COAS

Sub Division:

- Mujahid Force
- Janbaz Force
- National Cadet Corps
- Women's Guard

- **Pakistan Maritime Security Agency**

(Known as: PMSA) It is the Navy-managed and Navy-controlled law enforcement agency whose mission is to provide protection to the Pakistan's maritime interests and enforcement of maritime law with jurisdiction over the domestic and international waters of Pakistan

Created on 1 January 1987 in compliance to the UN Convention on Law of the Sea of 1982, the PMSA functions as a federal regulatory agency under the Ministry of Defence (MoD) whose command level leadership and personnel comes directly from the Pakistan Navy

- 2,500 active duty personnel
- 22 vessels
- 3 aircrafts

Head: CONS

Functions:

- Enforce National and International laws, agreements and conventions in the Maritime Zones.
- Prevent unauthorized exploitation of economic resources within the Maritime Zones.
- Protect Pakistani fishing vessels and crew against any threat within the Maritime Zones.
- Assist and co-ordinate Search & Rescue of the vessels, property and lives in distress at sea.
- Assist and coordinate with national and international agencies to prevent and control the effects of marine disasters including pollution.
- Assist and co-ordinate with national and International agencies in hydrographic and oceanographic research and other scientific activities.
- Assist other departments and agencies in safeguarding and protecting offshore installations/structures in the EEZ.
- Provide assistance for petroleum and other mineral exploration in our Maritime zones.
- Co-operate with and provide help to other departments and agencies at sea in the discharge of their duties and functions.
- Perform such other functions as may be assigned by Govt to protect maritime interests of Pakistan.