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## Security Forces Effective Operations Against Increasing Extortion Cases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Khawarij main source of income is to collect haram wealth through extortion and target killing under the guise of religion and provide funds for luxurious life of their notorious and traitorous leaders hiding in Afghanistan along with their families.

According to confirmed reports, all TTP-affiliated groups are running organized extortion networks, with Aleem Khan Khushali and Hafiz Gul Bahadur groups at the top. Terrorist groups are involved in extortion from businessmen, companies and contractors working on important projects in various areas.

## Reasons behind increase in extortion cases are:

- ▲ TTP's dependence on extortion is increasing due to Afghanistan's deteriorating economic conditions and dwindling foreign funding.
- Contractors working on important development projects are being extorted and sent to Afghanistan.
- Public, businessmen and contractors working on projects are afraid of extortion threats and avoid reporting them.

After recent meeting of the KP Integrated Security Architecture (KPISA), effective operations against extortionists have been initiated and several arrests have been made in the last two days, including arrest of two major TTP extortionist terrorists from Mardan and Peshawar.

Public cooperation against extortion is of utmost importance as public who are encouraging extortionists by paying money are actually involved in financing terrorists and action has been initiated against them.

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