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Information on police corruption and inefficiency

A report released in February 2014 by the *United States Department of State* commenting on events of the preceding year points out that:

“Police effectiveness varied greatly by district, ranging from reasonably good to ineffective. Some police committed human rights abuses or were responsive to political interests” (United States Department of State (27 February 2014) *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2013, Pakistan*, Section 1d Arbitrary Arrest or Detention /Role of the Police and Security Apparatus).

This report also states:

“Police and prison officials frequently used the threat of abuse to extort money from prisoners and their families” (ibid).

It is also noted in this report that:

“Corruption within the lower levels of police was common” (ibid, Section 4. Corruption and Lack of Transparency in Government/Corruption).

A report issued in January 2014 by the *International Crisis Group* includes the following comment on the police, stating:

“...the basic policing structure remains more or less the same in all provincial capitals, with an inadequately-resourced force and poorly integrated and supervised stations serving as the public face of law enforcement” (International Crisis Group (23 January 2014) *Policing Urban Violence in Pakistan*).

This document also states:

“Poor pay and working conditions can make police vulnerable to recruitment by gangs and extremist groups” (ibid, p.41).

In April 2014 an article in *The Guardian* includes the following description of:

“...underpaid and ill-trained police...” (The Guardian (8 April 2014) *Pakistani baby charged with attempted murder goes into hiding*).

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