

FIA NEWS LETTER



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Minister for Interior Exhorts Transparency and Professionalism during his visit to FIA

Interior

Minister Choudhry Nisar Ali



Minister Choudhry Nisar Ali was pleased and expressed his satisfaction on performance of officers and staff of FIA. In a meeting held in FIA Headquarters, many important issues were brought into his notice and certain decisions were taken. He said that FIA's performance should be appropriately visible on media.

The Minister directed that the performance of all FIA circles be evaluated on uniform pattern, monthly and quarterly meetings/inspections should be held regularly on the basis of set targets. He desired that system of incentives & reward may be devised to suitably appreciate good performers.



MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- * Government and Supreme Court of Pakistan repose trust in FIA.
- * Good work of FIA acknowledged by the Standing Committees of Senate and National Assembly.
- * During last six months, many high profile cases were entrusted / transferred to FIA by Supreme Court from other organizations like OGRA, EOBI, EPTB, and new BBI Airport, Islamabad.
- * Federal Government also assigned several important cases and enquiries to FIA like purchase of Boeing- 777, CAA, PSO, TDAP etc.

FIA and State Bank sign Memorandum of Understanding

MOU signed between FIA and State Bank of Pakistan on information sharing and anti money laundering.

NR3C captures Thirty-seven illegal Voice over IP (VoIP) gateway exchanges during 2013. NR3C conducted 53 raids, seized equipment worth Rs. 3,400 Million and loss averted per month is Rs.15,000 Million, and arrested 56 individuals.

Recovery in Mega Corruption Cases
FIA recovers 4,684 Millions, in 71 mega corruption cases , 52 persons arrested including several high ranking retired and serving government officials.



FIA arrests 7 accused in 12 cases, recovers Rs 4.6 Billion in Rs 35.6 Billion EOBI Scam

FIA registers 61 cases in Rs.3.2 Billion TDAP Scam and arrests 37 accused including ex-COEs

Rs 2794.5 Million theft unearthed by Electricity Gas & Oil Antitheft-Unit of FIA

Highlights

- Interior Minister visits FIA HQ
- Major Achievements
- EGO & Antitheft Unit operations
- Establishment of new Units in FIA
- Monitoring Mechanism within department
- High profile Cases
- Introductions of wings

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Federal Interior Minister attends comprehensive briefing at FIA Headquarters

Interior Minister directed Secretary Interior to review the notification to include and authorize FIA to obtain requisite data from cell Phone



Federal Minister approves capacity building and amendments in rules to make FIA more effective.

companies. The Minister directed that Secretary Interior may hold a meeting with Secretary IT Ministry and Senator Mushahid Hussain to expedite enactment of law on Cyber Crimes. He directed FIA to negotiate in light of PTA terms & conditions with E-Mail Providers i.e. Google, Face book, hotmail etc to promptly obtain information



FIA immigration adopting passenger friendly environment for nationals and foreign visitors.

News Flash

- Unprecedented arrest of 34 Most Wanted Human Traffickers in 2013.
- Publishing of 2014 Red Book for most wanted terrorists.
- Two Inter Agency Task Force Meetings held during 2013.
- Formulation of New Reward Rules.
- Rightsizing of FIA: Proposed amalgamation of unnecessary / unproductive circles.
- Initiated action against currency smuggling in collaboration with FBR/Customs at major Airports.

required during investigation. The Minister further directed FIA to forward a summary to MOI for purchase of cell phone locaters to enhance effectiveness of related wings and units of the agency. He expressed his dissatisfaction about actions taken against human traffickers and directed that Most Wanted Human Traffickers be arrested and compliance report be forwarded soon. He agreed with the proposal that on request of FIA immigration department the Interior Ministry will notify suitable rewards for arrest of Most Wanted Human Traffick-

ers. The Minister directed to constitute a Task Force of officers of MOI and FIA to take stringent action against illegal Gateways/Grey Traffic Termination operating in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The Minister appreciated FIA's concept of establishing Internal Accountability Unit, Immigration Vigilance Units and Assets & Money Laundering Trafficking Units.



Scam - EOBI Investigations

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registered FIRs under section of PPC and PCA 1974 in Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad, Sukkur, Faisalabad and Chakwal against 18 properties purchased for Rs 35,647 million (approx). Allegations against Zafar Iqbal Gondal Ex-Chairman EOBI and others include corruption/ kick-backs, misuse of authority, violation of PPRA rules and causing loss to the pensioners funds to the tune of billion of Rupees in illegal procurement of land / plots in different cities of Pakistan at highly inflated rates. EOBI personnel made different investments by violating the PPRA Rules and without prior approval of Board of Trustees on purchasing properties at exorbitant prices to accommodate their blue eyed corrupt friends and persons/parties.

Rs 2794.4558 Million theft unearthed by Electricity Gas & Oil Antitheft Unit during the operations

EGOA

Unit of FIA has registered 685 cases, and 665 accused arrested during country wide operations. Economic value of theft is more than 2794.4558 Million. Among total number of cases about 267 are from Punjab, 99 from Sindh, 202 from KPK, and 25 in Balochistan 118 from Islamabad. 690 persons arrested from all over the country. Economic value involved in these cases 2389.32 Million from Punjab which is very high as compare to other provinces. Where as from Sindh it was Rs 97 million, 216.7 million from KPK, and from Balochistan it was 1.7 million.

News in Brief

Impression of Interior Minister's Visit to FIA HQ

"It was a wonderful experience interacting with the officers /staff of the FIA" Minister for interior Ch. Nisar Ali Khan expressed his views on the occasion of his visit to FIA headquarters .



Meeting of WPC

A meeting of FIA Women Police Council was held on 09-10 July at Islamabad Airport presided by Chairperson of FIA WPC Miss Sarwat Butt. Chairperson WPC gave the briefing about the role and importance of WPC in empowerment of working women in their respective department and strengthening them at their positions.

Revision of PC-I of IBMS

Revised PC-1 of Rs.825.114 million has been approved by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Interior. Out of this total budget allocation cost of Rs. 817.489 million has already been released, and an amount of Rs. 7.625 million. is remaining.

IBMS and DGIP will be interconnected soon.

A data exchange agreement between **FIA IBMS** and **Directorate General Immigration & Passport** is at final stage, both organizations will be interconnected soon, and will share data online. Data about passports will be available at all sites of IBMS in "read only" form.

85 Million Travelers record amassed by IBMS



There are more than 85 million travelers records and are still

increasing at an average of 25-30 thousand records a day. IBMS has more than 300,000 ECL, Blacklist and Interpol records that have produced more than 11 thousand Hit Cases all over Pakistan. IBMS has captured more than 70 High Profile persons, trying to escape from Pakistan.

Visit of Foreign Ambassadors to FIA HQs

It's a matter of great pride that in year 2013 several foreign ambassadors and foreign envoys/dignitaries visited FIA Headquarters. Their visits amply showed their desire to forge closer relationship and cooperation with FIA.



Internal Accountability Unit takes action against corrupt Employees

FIA registered eight criminal cases against its own officers. FIA arrested its own officials and removed an assistant director for their alleged involvement in human trafficking The DG FIA after holding an inquiry held responsible Abbas Baloch Assistant Director; Afzal Niazi, Inspector; Aman Ullah, ASI and Sajid Munir, constable for alleged involvement in this case. Complete Challan have been submitted to the court. The accused officials has submitted a writ petition against the case. However High Court has not given instant relief to the petitioners at this stage of the case.

FIA finally gets the status of authorized agency to obtain Call Data Records from Mobile Companies due to intervention of Interior Minister.



FIA detects illegal disbursement by TDAP to fake 54 companies

FIA Karachi conducted an enquiry on a source report, against the officers of TDAP, so far 4547 freight subsidy claims amounting to Rs 1240 million of 54 companies been established as fake /bogus.

Official Arrested from HQ

An FIA official was suspended, after his arrest on charges of extortion of money for recruitment.

Investigation against officials at Multan Airport

Internal Accountability Unit referred a case against 2 officials for investigation against involvement in escape of a person on ECL from Multan Airport.

FIA's new challenges are Hacking, Internet Frauds, Social Networking Crimes, Online stalking / blackmailing, Grey Traffic, Credit card skimming, illegal data transmission, frequency jamming, transmission interception

FIA's Internal Accountability Unit is a good example for other government organizations to follow.

UNODC developed different Assistance programmes to strengthen and support FIA in different areas such as:

- ⇒ Training need assessment on forensic Financial Audit and detection of money trails.
- ⇒ Curriculum Development and Training on Anti-Money Laundering and Stolen Asset recovery mechanisms.
- ⇒ Need assessment of training facility and center of excellence including research components.
- ⇒ Seminar-based training sessions on investigations and inter-agency cooperation.
- ⇒ Support inter-agency group on corruption reporting.
- ⇒ Support on matters related to International Cooperation and Mutual Legal Assistance.

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INL-P pledges to support on renovation of FIA Headquarter Building

International Nar-cotics &

Law enforcement Pakistan (INL-P) embassy of United States of America Islamabad has pledged to renovate FIA and Academy premises with amount of \$ 398,104.27. The package also provides \$675,36 for CCTV camera System, \$250,000 for bullet proof land cruiser Jeep, \$794,500 for construction of anti blast re-inforced cement concrete T-walls for FIA Headquarters, KPK zone and Lahore Zone. It also apportions \$300,000 for construction of Lahore zonal office.



Electricity Theft is a national crime Help us to curb this

165 STRs finalized by FIA out of 333 received from State Bank Monitoring Unit (FMU).

Immigration Vigilance Unit FIA repatriates 34 officers to parent departments

In order to ensure efficiency of immigration staff, IVU has been established at FIA Headquarters, which will be supervised by Additional Director General Immigration and headed by Director Immigration. IVU will take action against corrupt and inefficient elements and will also disseminate actionable intelligence to field units. It will carry out monitoring of immigration staff regarding deportees, inadmissible passengers and DFDs.

FIA in its bid to revamp the department has repatriated 34 officer to their parent departments in pursuance of Islamabad High Court Orders. FIA has decided to repatriate officers belonging to other departments on deputations and having substitute with-in organization.



Don't be fool with illegal activities. It could be dangerous

Trainings and Courses

FIA Academy imparts training on recruitment and conduct in-service courses for capacity building of officers in the field of Human Trafficking, FIA Academy regularly conducts Cyber Crime, Money Laundering, Anti Corruption, Spurious Drugs etc, including courses in collaboration with foreign embassies and international organizations.



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Weeding out of ill reputed officers:
 Punitive actions against ill reputed officers in immigration.
 20 Major 23 Minor punishments were awarded to FIA employees





Integrated Border Management System

In 2002 FIA launched computerized immigration system for the international Travelers, by the name of PISCES with support of US government. On expiry of PISCES, an indigenous developed border management system "IBMS" launched on 15th Feb 2011 with local funding. IBMS has been successfully deployed at 14 major sites. 12 remaining sites will be deployed with IBMS till 30th June 2014. IBMS Maintains ECL and provide travel records to police, ANF and ministries/ departments. It tracks overstay cases and documents authentication.



FIA Training Academy conducted several courses and specialized trainings in a professional way. FIA Academy organized 16 trainings in which 228 FIA's officers/officials participated. Moreover officers of ANF, PAF, NAB, Air Headquarters, Corps of Military Police School DI Khan and ASPs from National Police Academy visited FIA academy during year 2013 .



National Response Center for Cyber Crime (NR3C)

To deal with "Cyber Crimes" such as Hacking, Internet Frauds, Social Networking Crimes, Online Harassment / blackmailing, Grey Traffic, Credit card skimming, illegal data transmission, frequency jamming, transmission interception NR3C unit was established with in FIA. In 2007 NR3C started as a PSDP funded project to be very first effort of its kind by the Government of Pakistan that could tackle and investigate crimes involving ICT. NR3C project has reduced the gap between the capabilities of criminals to commit crimes using latest technologies and FIA as a federal law enforcement. agency to investigate and prosecute such criminals.



Revamping of FIA

The Federal Investigation Agency which aims to be the premier professional organization as a federal investigative arm of the Government of Pakistan, has undertaken an organizational revamping process under the leadership of its Director General.

The overall objective of the revamping process is to deliver professionally with high integrity to secure maximum convictions, to refocus on money laundering and assets recovery, to intelligence-led monitoring of corruption and malpractices within the organization, and above all enhancing capacity of the Agency by utilizing and mobilizing the available resources.



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nical Wing was set up in early 1975, since than the wing is providing scientific assistance to various units of FIA, NAB, Islamabad Police, Azad Kashmir Police, Railway Police, Federal Ministries & Departments, Banks, Financial Institutions and provincial police departments. Three functioning sections of the wing are questioned documents section, finger print section and chemical analysis section.



Director General acknowledged the honesty and competence of Additional Director General Azam Khan at his farewell.



FIA's contribution has not only been acknowledged by the Standing Committees but also by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and Media.

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IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIA IN 2013

- * Manifold increase in raids against grey traffic, 53 raids were conducted during 2013 whereas only 52 raids were conducted during 2009-12 by **NR3C**. Loss averted to national exchequer was 1500 Million during 2013 as compared to 763 Million during 2009-12.
- * Federal Government reposed its trust in FIA by assigning special tasks such as operations against Electricity, Gas and Oil theft. Despite, shortage of resources, **FIA EGOA Section** showed marvelous performance from July to December, 2013. During this short period EGOA conducted hundred of raids all over the country, registered **711** Cases, arrested **692** accused and recovered **5564 Million**.
- * FIA revived its sophisticated CMS System. Now all cases of all zones and circles can be monitored on web.
- * New APT Rules framed and submitted to MOI for approval.
- * Minister for Interior approves FIA Liaison Office in Istanbul to help in curbing of illegal human trafficking.
- * FIA Training Academy organizes several trainings and workshop for FIA and other organizations with collaboration of Australian and British High Commissions.

UNODC Signs MoU with FIA

- Pledges new IT equipment for AHTC Centers.
- Plans to construct a Victim Facilitation Centre at Taftan.
- Creation of Research Centre in FIA Academy on illegal immigration .
- Renovation of Facilitation Centers at all major airports.
- Awareness workshops and seminars.
- Publication, Launch of research titles "Recent Trends of Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling to and from Pakistan" on 3rd January 2014.
- Establishing E-learning Centers at all major Airports.



AUSTRALIAN COOPERATION

Australian have pledged to provide sophisticated equipment to enhance the capability in detection of criminals. In this connection they have already organized training workshops on Asset Tracing and Investigation, Advanced Document Examination Equipment Workshop. Australian high commission has also gifted document examination equipment to FIA Academy

FIA-UK Collaboration

UK has come up in a big way to assist in establishing the Immigration Vigilance Unit. Requisite training and equipment will also be provided by them. A software namely **i2** has already been provided to FIA immigration wing while ICMPD is organizing Training programs for FIA officials on illegal migration with collaboration of British high commission.



Toll free help line in SAARC members states

SAARC is establishing Women and Child Victims' Centre in Pakistan to protect rights of women and children in south Asian countries, FIA contributes as an executing agency in Pakistan.

Establishment of Internal Accountability and Assets Tracing & Money Laundering Units

Federal Investigation Agency has established two more units namely Internal Accountability Unit and Assets Tracing & Money Laundering Units. The IAU unit is based at FIA HQ and they will primarily carry out intra-organization accountability and take cognizance of the FIA employees involved in misconduct, corruption, illegal enrichment and abuse of powers while asset tracing and money laundering unit will essentially focus in tracing the assets of the accused involved in mega corruption cases in country and abroad. This unit will also take up STRs received from FMU to trace out attempts of any money laundering in the country.

FIA finds proofs of money transfer to foreign accounts, In a major breakthrough, the Federal Investigation Agency traced misappropriation of Rs. 1.8 billion in freight subsidies in Export Development Fund (EDF) during 2009-12, and TDAP officers embezzled huge amounts through fake firms, auditors, bankers etc. and fake claims on basis of fake documents. 15 arrested in TDAP-I case. Where as in TDAP-II case, Embezzlement /corruption of Rs 1.27 b into the incentives schemes entailing grants of different subsidies to the exporters have been found.

Major Recoveries by FIA in EOBI Cases

An amount of **Rs 941 million** has been recovered due to efforts of FIA. The owners of the properties have submitted cheques / pay orders of **Rs. 2964 million** to Honorable Supreme Court of Pakistan and some of them have given undertakings regarding payment of the rest of the amounts to the court, if **EOBI** decides to return their property.

JICA-FIA Cooperation

JICA sponsoring a project for FIA. The Japanese Government will construct a Bomb Proof Data Centre and Forensic Investigation Labs. JICA has included it in its priority projects after the clearance of the concept paper by P&D.

