

Press Release

Inter Agency Task Force on Combating Human Smuggling and Trafficking Annual meeting 2022

Inter Agency Task Force (IATF) meeting was held on 18.05.2022 at FIA HQs under chairmanship of the Director General FIA Muhammad Tahir Rai Hilal-i-Shujaat. The conference was attended by representatives of more than 25 agencies/ departments including Capital & Provincial Police, FC, Rangers, IB, MoFA, MoHR, PMSA, IMPASS, BE & OE , social and welfare departments. Agenda of the meeting was “Combating Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling more effectively with Mutual Cooperation” .

The Director General FIA emphasized on efforts for crackdown on agents and human smugglers, digitization of IATF with use of technology for developing central database, and initiatives for capacity building as the menace of human trafficking and smuggling damages social fabric of the country and detrimental to the international image of Pakistan. All members participated in a healthy open discussion on the subject matter in detail.

The Director General also raised the importance of coordination specially considering the issues of internal trafficking and Migrant Smuggling in the light of the ongoing efforts of the Federal government to fight the scourge of internal trafficking, bonded Labour, sex trafficking etc.

At the end, it was agreed to take mutual steps for inter-agency cooperation and data sharing to streamline the efforts of all departments to curb human trafficking and smuggling on inter-national as well as inter-provincial level.