

Disengagement of Young Terrorists through Entrepreneurship Programs in Federal Administered Tribal Areas of Pakistan

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Pakistan is considered to be the most dangerous place in the world because of terrorism. It is contemplated that top Al-Qaeda leadership responsible for attacks on World Trade Center in USA and other countries are hiding and operating in the areas bordering Pakistan and Afghanistan. This area known as "Federal Administered Tribal Area (FATA) is governed by Federal Government of Pakistan. Al-Qaeda leadership is instrumental in hiring and training young recruits from FATA and adjoining areas of Pakistan. These young recruits are uneducated, unemployed, marginalized and deprived of opportunities are enticed to a handsome salary, trained in warfare and later used in acts of terrorism in Pakistan and fighting against US and NATO forces in Afghanistan. To curb terrorism and bring peace and stability in the region and world, these young terrorists have to be disengaged and exposed to programs which can give them an opportunity to earn a decent earning. This paper explores the possibility of disengaging these potential terrorists through entrepreneurship programs wherein they are provided skills, training and mentoring to start small businesses of their own.

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