

**A
Bill**

*to provide for the maintenance of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Levies Force and to enable its transition
to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police.*

WHEREAS after Constitution (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Act, 2018 (Act No. XXXVII of 2018), the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas have been merged in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Federal Levies Force, established under the Federal Levies Force Regulation, 2012, working in the said areas, has lost its legal status for working in the merged districts and sub-divisions;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best public interest to allow the Federal Levies Force to continue its functions in the merged districts and sub-divisions and to regulate and maintain it under the administrative control of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;

AND WHEREAS to achieve the objectives it is expedient to give legal status to the Federal Levies Force in the merged districts and sub-divisions and to re-visit its institutional structure and functional assignment for effective discipline, better performance and optimal utility;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. Short title, application, extent and commencement.---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Force Act, 2019.

(2) It shall apply to all the members of Levies Force.

(3) It shall extend to the districts and sub-divisions of the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as provided in the Schedule.

(4) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.---In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

- (a) "Code" means the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (Act of V of 1898);
- (b) "Commandant" means the Commandant of the Levies Force;
- (c) "Department" means the Home and Tribal Affairs Department of the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (d) "Deputy Director General" means the Deputy Director General of the Levies Force;
- (e) "Director General" means the Director General of the Levies Force;
- (f) "Government" means the Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;

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- (g) "Levies Force" means the Federal Levies Force, established under the repealed regulation and re-constituted, regulated and maintained under this Act;
- (h) "Police" means the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police;
- (i) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules;
- (j) "Provincial Police Officer" means the Provincial Police Officer of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police;
- (k) "public agency" means any department of Government, attached department, public authority, commission or autonomous body, setup under any statutory instrument, or public sector company or body corporate, owned, controlled or financed by Government;
- (l) "repealed regulation" means the Federal Levies Force Regulation, 2012, repealed under section 15 of this Act;
- (m) "rules" mean rules made under this Act; and
- (n) "Schedule" means the Schedule appended to this Act.

3. Reconstitution and maintenance of Levies Force.---(1) On commencement of this Act, the Levies Force shall be re-constituted and maintained by Government in accordance with the provisions of this Act and shall be known as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Force, consisting of-

- (a) the Director General;
- (b) the Deputy Director General;
- (c) the Commandant; and
- (d) all existing strength of members of the Levies Force working in the merged districts and sub-divisions, as specified in the Schedule.

(2) The Director General, Deputy Director General and the Commandant shall be the officers of the Police.

(3) The District Police Officer shall be assigned the additional charge of the Commandant in the same district.

(4) The Regional Police Officer shall be assigned the additional charge of the Deputy Director General in their Police Region.

(5) The Deputy Director General, who shall be appointed by Government, in consultation with the Provincial Police Officer, in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

Explanation: For the purpose of this section, Regional Police Officer and District Police Officer shall have the same meanings as are given to them, respectively, in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Act, 2017 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. II of 2017).

4. Superintendence, administration and control of the Levies Force.---(1) The overall power of superintendence of the Levies Force shall vest in Government.

(2) The general administration and operational control of the Levies Force shall vest with the Director General to be exercised by him either directly or through the Commandant in the district.

5. Powers and duties of the Levies Force.---(1) Notwithstanding anything contained, in any other law for the time being in force, the Levies Force shall have the parallel policing powers as are assigned to the Police under the Code.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing policing powers under sub-section (1), the Levies Force shall perform such institutional or organizational functions and duties as provided under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Act, 2017 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No. II of 2017).

6. Liabilities of officers and members of the Levies Force.---(1) It shall be the duty of every member of the Levies Force to obey and execute all lawful orders and instructions, issued to him by the Commandant or any other officer authorized by him in this behalf to issue such orders and instructions.

(2) The Levies Force shall be an essential service and every member thereof shall be liable to serve whenever he is required to serve by the Director General.

7. Constitution of Selection and Promotion Committees.---Government shall notify the Selection and Promotion Committees for recruitment and promotion of employees of the Levies Force.

8. Postings, transfers and distribution of the Levies Force.---(1) The Commandant shall be competent to post and transfer members of the Levies Force within the district.

(2) The Director General shall be competent to post and transfer members of the Levies Force from one district to another.

(3) Subject to the decision of the Department, a sufficient number of members of the Levies Force shall be placed at the disposal of the District Administration in performing its legally mandated functions.

9. Absorption.---(1) Notwithstanding anything, contained in any other law for the time being in force, the members of the Levies Force may be absorbed in the Police, subject to the procedure as may be determined by Government.

(2) Until their absorption in the Police, the members of the Levies Force shall be governed by their existing terms and conditions of service under the Federal Levies Force (Amended) Service Rules, 2013.

10. Assistance and support to Government functionaries.---On the requisition of the District Administration, the Commandant shall provide assistance and support to the District Administration and Heads of all public agencies in the District, required for performing their official duties.

11. Power to make rules.---Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

12. Act to override other laws.---The provisions of this Act shall be in force notwithstanding anything repugnant or contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force.

13. Indemnity.---Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, no suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against any member of the Levies Force, Government or any other authority for anything which is done in good faith or intended to be done under this Act or the rules.

Explanation: The phrase "good faith" shall have the same meaning as given to it in section 52 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 (Act No. XLV of 1860).

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14. **Removal of difficulties.**---If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Department may notify a committee to take a decision not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as may appear to it to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty.

15. **Repeal and savings.**---(1) The Federal Levies Force Regulation, 2012 and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Force Ordinance, 2019 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ordinance No. III of 2019) are hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal of the Federal Levies Force Regulation, 2012, under sub-section(1), the Federal Levies Force (Amended) Service Rules, 2013 shall continue to remain in force and the terms and conditions of service of all the members of the Levies Force shall be governed thereunder until new rules are made under this Act.

(3) Anything done, action taken, rule made or notification or orders issued under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Force Ordinance, 2019 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ord. No. III of 2019), and the Federal Levies Force Regulation, 2012, shall be deemed valid and the same shall not be called in question in any Court of law.

SCHEDULE
[see section-1(3)]

Part-A

S.No.	District.
1.	Bajaur.
2.	Mohmand.
3.	Khyber.
4.	Orakzai.
5.	Kurram.
6.	South-Waziristan.
7.	North-Waziristan.

Part-B

S.No.	Sub-Division.
1.	Hasan Khel in district Peshawar.
2.	Darra Adam Khel in district Kohat.
3.	Bettani in district Lakki Marwat.
4.	Wazir in district Bannu.
5.	Jandola in district Tank.
6.	Darazinda in district Dera Ismail Khan.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is desirable to provide for the maintenance of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Force and to enable its transition to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police. Hence, this Bill.

Peshawar,
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MINISTER-IN-CHARGE.