

Q. Discuss the role of FIA in controlling organized crimes in Pakistan?

Ans:

## Introduction:

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) is a border control, counter-intelligence, criminal investigation and security agency under the control of Ministry of Interior Pakistan, tasked with investigative jurisdiction on undertaking operations against terrorism, espionage, federal crimes, smuggling, Fascism as well as infringement and other specific crimes. It is codified under the Constitution of Pakistan in 1974, the institution functions under the Ministry of Interior. Its headquarter is in Islamabad with various branches and field offices located in all major cities throughout Pakistan.

## Objective:

FIA's main goal is to protect the nation's interests and defend Pakistan, to uphold and enforce criminal law, and law enforcement in the country.

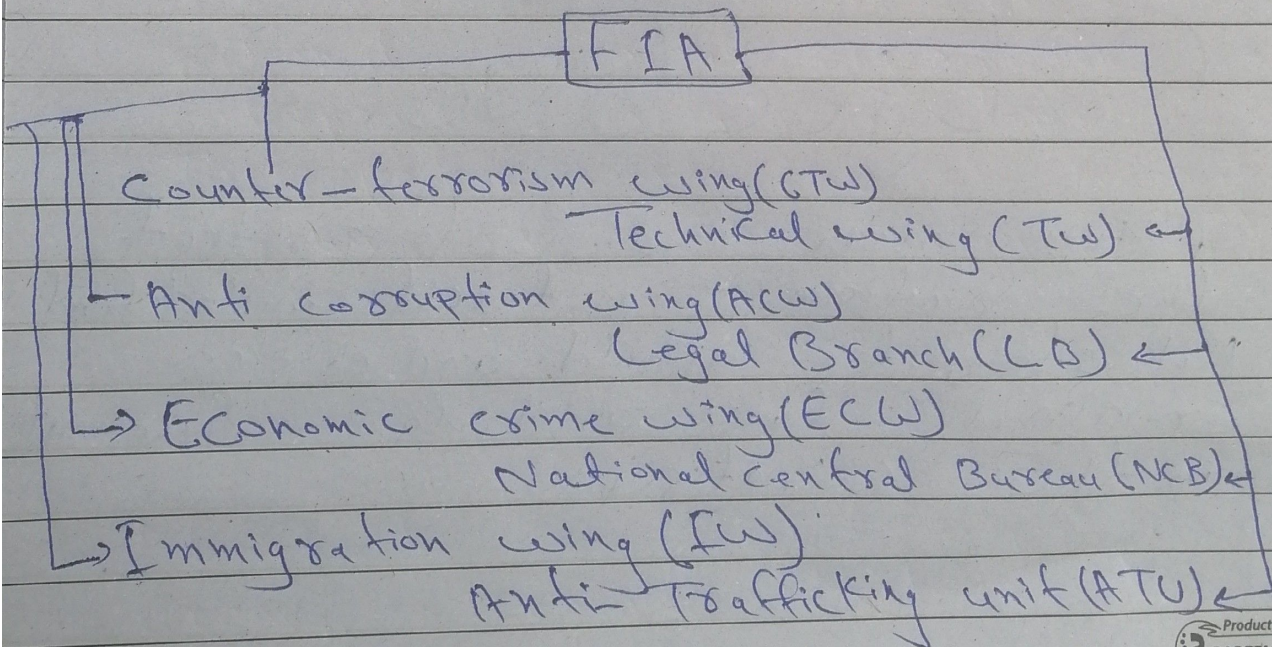
# Mission:

FIA's mission is to achieve excellence by promoting culture of merit, providing continuous professional training, ensuring effective internal accountability, encouraging use of technology and having a meaningful feedback mechanism.

# Vission:

A law enforcement agency which not only enjoys the respect of the society, for its integrity, professional competence and impartiality but also serves as a role model for provincial police.

# Departments of FIA:



# 1) Counter-Terrorism Wing (CTW):

Tasked to protect Pakistan from all kinds of terrorists attacks, including cyber, chemical, bio terrorism, electronic and nuclear terrorism.

# 2) Anti-Corruption Wing (ACW):

Tasked with undertaking investigations and combat all public corruption at all levels of command.

# 3) Economic Crime Wing (ECW):

Mandate to protect Pakistan from economic terrorism and protection of all intellectual property rights of the people.

# 4) Immigration Wing (IW):

Combat human trafficking activities and restrict illegal immigration in Pakistan.

## 5) Technical Wing (TW):

Tasked to make efforts to protect Pakistan against foreign intelligence operations and espionage as well as using scientific assistance to resolve high technology crimes like prevent hacking and solving crimes that district police cannot do.

## 6) Legal Branch (LB):

Responsible to provide legal guidance in all administrative and operational matters as well as protect civil rights.

## 7) National Central Bureau (NCB):

It is tasked to combat transnational/national criminal organizations and enterprises with assistance from Interpol and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

## 8) Anti-Trafficking Unit (ATU):

It tasks to combat major violent crimes, to ensure country-wide

Coverage of human trafficking, as well as to prevent and protect the victims of trafficking

## FIA Director Generals:

The FIA is headed by a Director General (DG), appointed by the federal government, generally a very senior police officer of BPs 21/22. The first DG of FIA was M.Y. Orakazi.

The incumbent DG of FIA is:

\* FIA Act, (1974 (VIII of 1975)  
17<sup>th</sup> January, 1975

\* FIA Act, 2017  
Introduced on 22 January 2018.

## How does the FIA work:

The DG FIA reports to the Interior secretary of Pakistan. The DG of FIA is assisted by three Additional DGs and Ten Directors. Its headquarters is in Islamabad and maintain a separate training FIA Academy.

In 2022, FIA formed a specialized wing for investigating Information and communication Technology (ICT)

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related crimes. This wing is commonly known as the National Response Center for cyber crimes (NR3c). and (This wing is excluded from FIA in 2024). This wing has state-of-the-art Digital Forensic Laboratories managed by highly qualified forensic experts and is specialized in Computer and Cell Phone Forensic, cyber/electronic Crime investigation, Information System Audits and Research and Development.

## Conclusion: