

URGENT ACTION

END ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE OF ACTIVISTS

Hanif Pashteen and Noor Ullah Tareen, activists and members of Pashtun Tahafuz Movement, a civil rights movement, were forcibly disappeared as they left a convening organized by the provincial government on November 12, 2025, in Peshawar, north-eastern Pakistan. They were forcibly disappeared alongside five others who were released two months later. The continued disappearance of Hanif Pashteen and Noor Ullah Tareen raises serious concerns regarding their safety and well-being. The Pakistani authorities must make their whereabouts known and ensure their immediate release.

TAKE ACTION:

- Write a letter to the government official(s) listed. Use the sample letter below as a guide or use your own words.
- [Click here](#) to report your action(s) on **UA 44.26**. We share this number with the officials we are trying to persuade.

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Send a copy of your letter to the address below

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Hon. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Sohail Afridi,

I am concerned about the enforced disappearance of PTM activists **Hanif Pashteen** and **Noor Ullah Tareen**, taken into police custody on November 12, 2025 after attending a provincial government-convened assembly as community representatives. Their delegation was not allowed to present its views, boycotted the session, and left the premises.

Outside the assembly, police intercepted the delegation; witnesses report the Peshawar Capital City Police Officer ordered seven members, including Pashteen and Tareen, into police vehicles. The five others were released from Attock Jail (Punjab) on January 18, 2026, but Pashteen and Tareen remain disappeared, with their whereabouts undisclosed and no known charges communicated to their families.

Enforced disappearance violates the rights to liberty and a fair trial and raises grave concerns for their safety. Secret detention also heightens the risk of torture or other ill-treatment. Their disappearance appears to form part of a wider crackdown on PTM members, including arbitrary detention and enforced disappearances.

I urge you to ensure their whereabouts are immediately disclosed to their families, that they are protected from torture and other ill-treatment, and that they are unconditionally released.

Yours sincerely,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hanif Pashteen and **Noor Ullah Tareen** are human rights defenders and active members of the PTM, a peaceful civil rights movement advocating for the protection of fundamental rights, accountability for enforced disappearances, and an end to extrajudicial practices affecting the Pashtun population in Pakistan. Hanif is 28 years old and a PTM Provincial Central Committee Member and Noor Ullah is 50 years old and the Sindh PTM Coordinator.

Their enforced disappearance is not an isolated incident but part of a broader pattern of repression against PTM activists. There have been repeated instances of arbitrary and unlawful detention, harassment, intimidation, and enforced disappearances targeting PTM members. According to the government's Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances, as of November 2025, the Commission had investigated 10,718 cases nationwide, and a majority of these cases, 3,674, originated from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Since its inception, the PTM has faced an intense crackdown from Pakistani authorities, as many members have been unlawfully detained and subjected to enforced disappearances. In October 2024, the Pakistani authorities placed a [ban](#) on PTM by placing it under the First Schedule for 'List of Proscribed Organizations' of the Anti-Terrorism Act. In March 2026, the Peshawar High Court dismissed a petition challenging the ban on PTM, urging the group to approach federal government's review committee for de-proscription. An application for de-proscription is currently under review, and no final decision had been issued at the time of publication of this urgent action.

PREFERRED LANGUAGE TO ADDRESS TARGET: English, Urdu, or your own language.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNTIL: October 30, 2026

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