



CONSOLIDATED REPORT

JOINT CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR JUDGES ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS & SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy (KPJA), in collaboration with UNODC Pakistan, successfully conducted a Joint Capacity-Building Training Program for Judges on Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) from April 25 to May 3, 2025, across three two-day sessions. A total of 72 judicial officers, including Judges of Special Courts, Additional District & Sessions Judges, and Magistrates 1st Class, participated in the training program designed to enhance their legal expertise and practical skills in adjudicating TIP and SOM cases. The training focused on strengthening judicial understanding of national and international legal frameworks, including Pakistan's Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018, and the Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018, alongside global instruments such as the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its supplementary protocols. Key areas addressed included evidentiary challenges in handling digital and financial evidence, legislative gaps, victim protection mechanisms, and the application of a rights-based, victim-centered approach in judicial proceedings. Interactive sessions incorporated case studies, mock trials, group exercises, and analysis of recent judgments to deepen participants' comprehension of procedural complexities and investigative errors. The program also emphasized the judiciary's role in fostering inter-agency collaboration with law enforcement and international bodies to combat transnational crime networks effectively. By the conclusion of the training, participants demonstrated improved competence in interpreting legal frameworks, addressing investigative shortcomings, and ensuring fair trials that uphold victims' rights. The initiative underscored KPJA and UNODC's shared commitment to advancing judicial capacity in Pakistan, ensuring alignment with global standards and contributing to a more robust, equitable, and efficient justice delivery system for TIP and SOM cases.

This report provides a consolidated overview of the training, detailing its objectives, daily proceedings, and outcomes. It concludes with reflections on the program's impact and recommendations for future initiatives.

INTRODUCTION

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in collaboration with the KP Judicial Academy (KPJA), proposed to conduct three specialized training sessions for judges to enhance their capacity in adjudicating cases under Trafficking in Persons (TIP) and Smuggling of Migrants (SOM) laws, rules, and recent amendments.

Pakistan has taken significant legal and policy measures to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, including the enactment of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018 and the Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018. However, the effective enforcement of these laws requires a well-trained judiciary that can interpret and apply these laws in accordance with national legislation, international legal frameworks, and human rights standards.

This training initiative aimed to provide judges with specialized legal knowledge, practical skills, and case analysis techniques to ensure fair trials, protection of victims, and deterrence of trafficking networks.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen judicial understanding of TIP and SOM legal frameworks at the national and international levels.
- Enhance the capacity of judges to adjudicate TIP and SOM cases, ensuring due process and fair trials.
- Improve knowledge of recent legislative amendments and their implications for judicial proceedings.
- Address evidentiary challenges in TIP and SOM cases, including the use of financial and digital evidence.
- Promote a victim-centered, rights-based approach in judicial decision-making.
- Provide case law analysis and best practices to improve the consistency and effectiveness of judicial rulings.

TRAINING FORMAT & STRUCTURE

- Three separate training sessions, each lasting two days.
- Each session had a batch of 25 judicial officers (15 Judges of Special Courts & 10 Magistrates 1st Class).
- Training was conducted at the KP Judicial Academy on the following dates:
 - April 25–26, 2025
 - April 29–30, 2025
 - May 02–03, 2025
- Sessions included expert-led presentations, group discussions, case studies, and practical exercises.

KEY TRAINING TOPICS

DAY ONE: LEGAL FRAMEWORK & PRE-TRIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **International Legal Frameworks on TIP&SOM**
 - United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)
 - Supplementary Protocols on Trafficking in Persons & Smuggling of Migrants
 - UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the irrelevance to TIP and SOM
 - Role of international agencies such as UNODC, INTERPOL, Europol, IOM, FBI, and others
- **Pakistan's Legal Framework for TIP& SOM**
 - Overview of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018 and its rules
 - Overview of the Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018 and its rules
 - Other relevant laws:
 - The Constitution of Pakistan, 1973

- Pakistan Penal Code, 1860
- Mutual Legal Assistance(Criminal Matters) Act,2020
- Anti-Money Laundering Act
- **Nature & Scale of TIP and SOM in Pakistan**
 - Key trafficking and smuggling routes
 - Trends, methods, and networks used in trafficking and smuggling
 - Economic and social impact of these crimes
 - Challenges in detecting and prosecuting offenders
- **Challenges in Evidence Collection & Admissibility**
 - Use of digital and financial evidence in TIP and SOM cases
 - Coordination with law enforcement agencies and international bodies
 - Victim protection in pre-trial stages

DAY TWO: TRIAL PROCEEDINGS & CASE ANALYSIS

- **Role of Judges in Victim Protection and Assistance**
 - Responsibilities of judges
 - Victim & Witness Protection
- **Case Studies, Mock Trial & Group Exercise**
 - Evidentiary issues in trafficking and migrant smuggling cases
 - Legislative gaps and judicial discretion
 - Victim and witness protection mechanisms
 - Investigative errors and case file deficiencies

IMPORTANCE OF JUDICIAL CAPACITY-BUILDING ON TIP& SOM

- Pakistan's growing vulnerability to trafficking and smuggling necessitates an informed and well-equipped judiciary.
- Judges play a crucial role in deterrence by delivering effective rulings, holding offenders accountable, and ensuring victims' rights are protected.

- A rights-based and victim-centered approach is essential for fair trials, protection of vulnerable groups, and strengthening public trust in the judicial system.
- Judicial expertise in financial crime investigations, digital evidence, and transnational cooperation is necessary to combat evolving TIP & SOM networks.
- Capacity-building will contribute to better legal interpretations, more consistent verdicts, and improved enforcement of Pakistan's TIP & SOM laws.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Enhanced judicial competence in adjudicating TIP and SOM cases.
- Improved application of national and international legal frameworks in court rulings.
- Strengthened collaboration between the judiciary, law enforcement, and international agencies.
- Greater awareness of challenges in investigation, evidence collection, and case prosecution.
- More effective victim-centered approaches in judicial proceedings.

PROCEEDINGS

The one day activity is briefly encapsulated below:

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

DAY 1

Inaugural Session:

- Chair: Director General KPJA, Mr. Jehanzeb Shinwari (Batch1), Dean Faculty KPJA, Mr. Zia Ur Rehman (Batch 2), and Director Instructions Ms. Hina Khan (Batch 3).
- Welcome Address: Emphasis on the judiciary's role in combating TIP/SOM through fair adjudication and victim protection.

- Group Photo & Registration: Participants registered, followed by a pre-training test to assess baseline knowledge.

Academic Sessions:

1. International Legal Frameworks

- Resource Person: Mr. Waqar Haider Awan(CEO,CHRS)
- Focus: UNTOC Protocols, SDGs, UN Human Rights Declarations, and Pakistan's alignment with global standards (e.g., Mutual Legal Assistance Act, Anti-Money Laundering laws).

2. Pakistan's Legal Framework

- Resource Person: Mr. Taimoor Ali Khan
- Focus: Overview of TIP/SOMA Acts 2018, legislative developments, and case law analysis (e.g., Greece boat incident).

3. Evidentiary Challenges

- Resource Person: Ms. Sania Imtiaz
- Focus: Digital evidence, financial tracking, and gaps in investigation protocols.

Group Exercise:

- Participant's analyzed mock case files to identify legislative gaps and evidentiary issues.

DAY 2

Academic Sessions:

1. Victim Protection Mechanisms

- Resource Person: Mr. Waqar Haider Awan
- Focus: Judicial responsibilities in safeguarding victims, witness protection, and trauma-informed adjudication.

2. Case Studies & Mock Trials

- Activity: Participants presented solutions to hypothetical TIP/SOM cases, addressing challenges like transnational evidence and victim anonymity.

Concluding Session:

- Post-Training Test: Assessed knowledge retention.
- Certificate Distribution: Led by KPJA leadership and UNODC representatives.
- Closing Remarks: Highlighted the program's success in fostering judicial collaboration and expertise.

CONCLUSION

The three training sessions marked a significant milestone in strengthening Pakistan's judicial response to TIP and SOM. By equipping 72 judges with advanced legal knowledge, practical skills, and victim-centered strategies, the program addressed critical gaps in adjudicating these complex crimes. Key outcomes included:

- Enhanced understanding of international protocols and domestic legislation.
- Improved capacity to handle digital evidence, cross-border collaboration, and victim protection.
- Strengthened inter-agency coordination between the judiciary, law enforcement, and international bodies.

The KPJA and UNODC extend gratitude to all participants, resource persons, and stakeholders for their commitment. This initiative underscores the judiciary's pivotal role in upholding human rights and combating organized crime, paving the way for future collaborations to address emerging challenges in transnational justice.

ANNEXURES

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ANNEX-A:LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF BATCH**Dated: 25th - 26th April, 2025**

S.NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATION
1.	Mr. RahatUllah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Bannu
2.	Mr. Muhammad Zaib Khan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Lakki Marwat
3.	Mr. Aziz Muhammad	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Swabi
4.	Mr. Arbab Muhammad Kashif	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Mardan (Takht Bhai)
5.	Mr. MuhammadJamil	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Peshawar
6.	Mr. Muhammad Asim	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Dir Lower (Chakdara)
7.	Mr. Ahmad Ihsanullah Qureshi	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Swabi (Topi)
8.	Mr. Shah Wali Khan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Bannu
9.	Mr. Khalid Hussain	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Kohat
10.	Mr. Muhammad Sajid	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Dir Lower (Timergara)
11.	Mr. Mohib Jan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Abbottabad
12.	Mr. Shah Nofal	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Dir Lower

13.	Mr. Muhammad Adil Misal	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mardan
14.	Mr. HafeezUllah	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Dir Lower
15.	Mr. Muhammad Shoaib	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mansehra
16.	Mr. Salman Reayat Khan Khattak	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Abbottabad (Havelian)
17.	Mr. Shoaib Ahmad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Karak (Takht-e-Nusrati)
18.	Mr. Muhammad Tayyab	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Peshawar
19.	Mr. Shahzad Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Haripur
20.	Mr. Sartaj Muhammad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Khyber (Barra)
21.	Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mardan (Katlang)
22.	Mr. Sohrab Ahmad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mansehra (Balakot)
23.	Ms. Sumia Kazmi	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Peshawar

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS OF BATCH-II

29- 30 APRIL

S.NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATION
1.	Mr. Alamgir Shah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Peshawar
2.	Mr. Nisar Muhammad Khan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Mansehra

3.	Syed Shaukatullah Shah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Mardan
4.	Mr. Fida Muhammad	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Bahrain(Swat)
5.	Mr. Muhammad Tayyib Jan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Kurram
6.	Mr. Afzal Ahmad	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Dir Upper
7.	Mr. Attaullah Jan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Peshawar
8.	Mr. Muhammad Faisal	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Abbottabad
9.	Mr. ZafarUllah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Ghazi (Haripur)
10.	Mr. ImtiazAli	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Peshawar
11.	Ms. AqsaBibi	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Karak
12.	Mr. Sajjad Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Khyber
13.	Mr. Farqaleet Hassan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Lakki Marwat
14.	Mr. Ziaullah Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Malakand
15.	Mr. Ihsan Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Tangi (Charsadda)
16.	Mr. Ahmad Rasheed	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Chakaiser (Shangla)
17.	Mr. Fahim Ahmad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Kohat

18.	Mr. Asim Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Swat
19.	Mr. Muhammad Ijaz	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Katlang (Mardan)
20.	Mr. Fasihur Rehman	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	North Waziristan at Bannu
21.	Mr. Umer Farooq	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Totalai (Buner)
22.	Mr. Arshad Ali Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	North Waziristan
23.	Mr. Arsalanuddin Ahmad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Dir Upper

Dated: 2nd-3rd May, 2025

S.NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	STATION
1.	Mr. Muhammad Umer Al-Farooq	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Bannu
2.	Mr. Ikramullah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Wari (UpperDir)
3.	Mr. Tariq Abbas	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Dargai (Malakand)
4.	Mr. Muhammad Iqbal	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Chitral Lower
5.	Mr. AssadUllah	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Abbottabad
6.	Mr. Shahid Mehmood	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Mardan

7.	Mr. Ejazur Rehman Qazi	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Lakki
8.	Mr. Nasrullah Khan	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Mardan
9.	Mr. Muhammad Zahoor	Additional District & Sessions Judge	North Waziristan
10.	Mr. IrshadAli	Additional District & Sessions Judge	Haripur
11.	Ms. Sanam Khalid	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mardan
12.	Mr. Khuram Shahzad	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Matta (Swat)
13.	Mr. Hassan Mahboob	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	D.I Khan
14.	Mr. Muhammad Tariq Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Abbottabad
15.	Mr. Mohsin Tariq Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mohmand
16.	Mr. ShahidUllah Khan Wazir	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Charsadda
17.	Ms. Maryam Atta	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mansehra
18.	Mr. Safdar Khan	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Swat
19.	Mr. Saifullslam	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Matta (Swat)
20.	Ms. Hira khurshid	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Mardan
21.	Mr. Shafqat Qadeer	Civil Judge-cum-Judicial Magistrate	Lakki Marwat

ANNEX-B: AGENDA

D a y O n e		
Time	Sessions	Responsibility
0800– 0830	Registration Of Participants	Waqar Haider Awan
0830– 0900	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recitation From The Holy Quran • Opening Remarks • Welcome By DG Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Judicial Academy • Group Photo 	<p>Director Ahs-FIA (Mr. Iftikhar Abbasi)</p> <p>Chief Guest DG Academy</p>
0900– 0930	Pre-Training Test	Sania Imtiaz
0930– 1030	<p>International Legal Frameworks</p> <p>United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime(Cat)</p> <p>Supplementing Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Protocols Against Trafficking In Persons • The Protocols Against Smuggling Of Migrants <p>UN Global Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p>UN Declaration Of Human Rights</p> <p>Pakistan Framework</p>	Waqar Haider Awan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Laundering • Mutual Legal Assistance <p>International Agencies (UNODC, Interpol, Europol, National Crime Agency, FBI, Australian Federal International Organization For Migration)</p>	
1030–1050	Break	
1050–1300	<p>Scale And Nature Of Trafficking In Persons I- Global And National</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routes • Examples • Costs Of Trafficking • Scale Of Migrant Smuggling • Pakistan And Migrant Smuggling <p>Legislative Developments In Pakistan On Tip And Som</p> <p>Overview Of The Prevention Of Trafficking In Persons Act, 2018 And Rules</p>	Taimoor Ali Khan
1300–1400	Prayer & Lunch Break	
1400–1430	<p>Overview Of The Prevention Of Smuggling Of Migrants Act, 2018 And Rules</p> <p>Other Relevant Laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Constitution Of Pakistan, 1973 • The Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 • The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Act, 2020 • Anti-Money Laundering Act 	Taimoor Ali Khan
1430-1530	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidentiary Challenges In Tip & Som Cases • Selected Courts Decisions On Trafficking And Smuggling Cases (Including Recent Judgements Of Greece Boat Incident) 	Sania Imtiaz
1530–	Break	

Day-II		
0830– 0900	Summary OfDay1& Clarification	Waqar Haider Awan
0900- 10.30	Introducing The “Victim – Centric Approach”–Role Of Judges In Victim Protection And Assistance	Waqar Haider Awan
1030– 1100	Tea break	
1100– 1300	Group Exercises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidentiary Issues InTrafficking And Migrant Smuggling Cases • Legislative Gaps In The Current Laws And Rules • Victim And Witness Protection Mechanism • Investigation Errors And Evidence Collection Challenges • Case Construction And Case File Deficits 	Sania Imtiaz
1300– 1340	Prayer &Lunch Break	
1340– 1440	Group Presentations	Waqar Haider Awan
1440– 1500	Post Training Test	Sania Imtiaz
1500– 1530	Concluding Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks By UNODC Representative • Concluding Remarks By DG KPJA • Certificate Conferment 	
1530–	Tea Break	

ANNEX-C: WORKSHOP IN PICTURES











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