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Pakistan: Amnesty International to launch report exposing human rights violations by security forces and militants in Tribal Areas

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On 13 December, Amnesty International will launch a new report documenting countless human rights violations by both security forces and militant groups like the Taleban in Pakistan's Tribal Areas.

These include illegal killings and disappearances, torture and arbitrary detentions that have affected thousands. Abuses have continued despite the army wresting control of the region over the past three years.

The report calls on the Pakistani government to reform the legal system in the Tribal Areas, which is fuelling the human rights crisis. Human rights safeguards in the Pakistani constitution do not extend to the region, allowing security forces to commit violations with impunity.

Spokespeople will be available in London.

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