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Balochistan's Deepening Crisis of Trust

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A recent fact-finding mission by Pakistan's Human Rights Commission (HRCP) has uncovered alarming patterns of enforced disappearances and civic oppression fueling unrest in Balochistan. The four-day investigation, conducted from July 9-12, reveals how systemic rights violations and eroding provincial autonomy are creating dangerous instability in Pakistan's largest province.

The HRCP report documents a toxic climate of fear, where security forces allegedly operate with impunity while civilians face shrinking freedoms. Researchers found evidence of continued disappearances, suppressed dissent, and weakening governance structures – conditions that have pushed Balochistan toward a breaking point. These findings contradict Islamabad's claims of progress in the resource-rich but restive region.

Analysts note the crisis stems from decades of central government overreach and heavy-handed security policies. While authorities cite separatist threats to justify tough measures, the HRCP warns such approaches backfire by deepening public alienation. The report particularly highlights how military-dominated counterinsurgency tactics have compromised civilian institutions and due process.



As Balochistan's trust deficit grows, Pakistan faces mounting international scrutiny over its human rights record. The HRCP findings present Islamabad with difficult choices – continue current policies and risk further destabilization, or pursue meaningful reforms to address legitimate grievances. With the province's strategic importance and mineral wealth at stake, resolving this crisis requires more than security solutions – it demands political courage and constitutional fidelity. The time for half-measures has passed.