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HIGHLIGHTS

- U.S. drone attacks on Taliban compounds in NWFP, mainly in North and South Waziristan, continue. According to security forces, 140 militants have been killed during the past few days, and 11 Taliban training camps have been reportedly destroyed. Pakistani Officials criticize these attacks, saying they would fuel support for the militants.
- Hundreds of families were fleeing NWFP's Kyber Agency after clashes broke out between militants and military on 07 September. Security officials reportedly killed 87 militants and more than 100 have been arrested. Approx 3,000 families who fled the fighting have registered in camps in Peshawar.
- All UN offices in Balochistan province remain closed and operations are still partly suspended until further notice, after a threat was received by a separatist movement on 03 August. International staff has been relocated to Islamabad and National staff is working from home.
- The overall security situation in country has not changed and remains volatile and unpredictable.
- Revised data provided by the GoP indicates an additional registered IDP caseload of 53,400 families, which increases the overall number to 383,190 families, out of which approx 230,000 families have returned to their homes in southern Swat, Buner and Lower Dir districts, since the return process officially started on 13 July.
- Four additional humanitarian hubs have been established in Swat District, in Amankot, Matta, Shamozai and Kabal Bazar. These hubs are operational.
- The overall number of operational hubs is now 26: eight in host communities and 18 in the area of returns.
- On 07 September, the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, Anne Patterson, went to Mardan together with the Deputy Secretary of State, Mr Jacob Lew, to visit a Government Girls Middle School and IDPs still residing in host communities. The mission also talked to partners currently working in Swat and Buner District.

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