

DG FIA Dr.Sanaullah Abbasi directs FIA INTERPOL to further improve the international cooperation and liaison with Provincial Police

Director General FIA reviewed the performance of the Interpol Pakistan in terms of international cooperation on incoming and outgoing requests on criminal history sharing through Interpol 24/7 communication system. Director Interpol briefed the DG FIA that under the direction and guidance of the DG FIA, the response time has improved and that the requests are being processed and responses shared with Interpol much more efficiently by FIA than before reducing the response time by about 25 days. The DG appreciated the improvement in last 03 months in processing time by FIA and directed the Director Interpol to make it even more efficient. Considering the delays in responses at the districts police level, the DG directed the team to collaborate with the provincial police organizations to improve efficiency in responses to Interpol through improved monitoring and performance management at federal and provincial level.

The DG also observed that the outgoing requests facility seeking information on criminal history from abroad is grossly underutilized at the district police level. It was thus decided to create greater awareness about the Interpol function of criminal history sharing in the provincial police organizations so that the information about criminal record of the people can be sought from abroad and utilized by our federal and provincial investigation agencies.

The DG further decided to revise SOPs, including timelines and standardization of the process for requesting information on criminal history sharing; institute a mechanism for monthly reporting of performance at the FIA level and weekly check-in with provincial focal persons; design and circulation of standardized template for outgoing requests to all provinces; sharing of relevant information with provincial focal person in police to improve awareness of systems and tools available at FIA to track criminal record through international cooperation.