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INGO security forum meeting: 01 February 2011

Below are the key highlights of the discussion held in the security forum meeting in which more than 30 INGOs were represented by their respective security focal points.

- UNDSS representative shared that the overall trend of MRI(militant related incidents) in the country has increased significantly in comparison with the same time period during 2010, and is likely to increase further in terms of abduction, IED attacks .
- Contracted trucks carrying 60M.tons of food items were hijacked and stolen in Dadu district of Sindh province. The trucks were contracted by INGO 'HANDS' and were carrying WHO supplied food items. Law enforcement agencies denied prior information on their movement. It is advised to inform LEA of any such movement so that required protective measures can be emplaced beforehand.
- In Muzaffargarh (South Punjab), a demonstration was staged against a local NGO (SCD) Society for community development; People chanted slogans accusing the NGO of corruption. An armed break-in at one of HANDS establishment was also reported
- In Peshawar INGO staff received threatening call and email; case is being investigated by the Police
- More demonstrations are expected against proposed changes in blasphemy laws and killing of three persons by US citizen in Lahore.

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- Humanitarian access portal has been introduced and all INGO and NGO staff are encouraged to use it for information sharing. <http://pakresponse.org/access/>
- Food distribution with WFP are sensitive issues and therefore WFP Security should be contacted for food distribution trainings

Updates from Emergency Response Areas

- In Khairpur and RYK staffs of a local NGO were detained until late and were forced to distribute food items on locally prepared distribution list.
- Swat and Buner are being handed over to the local law enforcing agencies and hence there may be some rise in MR incidents

In case you have any questions regarding these highlights, please feel free to email me.

Regards
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