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137 Afghan nationals arrested by police in Pakistan

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At least 137 Afghan nationals have been arrested by Pakistani police in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan, police officials said Tuesday.

The officials further added that the Afghan nationals were arrested in separate operations conducted in Peshawar and other districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

At least 78 unregistered Afghans were arrested in Peshawar during the raid, the officials said, adding that 59 others were arrested from the other districts.

According to the officials, the arrests were made by police on Monday as part of the crackdown on illegal groups and individuals.

This comes as political administration of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) said Sunday that the Afghan nationals in Lower Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were ordered to leave Pakistan within three days.

The decision to expel Afghan refugees was taken following a deadly attack on an army-run school in Peshawar city of Pakistan.

Over 130 school children were massacred following an attack at the Army Public School on 16th December on Warsak Road in Peshawar.

The federal government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa set a deadline for the expulsion of Afghan refugees on 20th December last year.