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Ordinance, besides analyzing the existing legal framework and laws in Pakistan to deal with terrorism and similar phenomenon.

The next paper carries out research about the family background, education and the present working conditions of the mullah of Punjab and finally the role of these elements in determining his Lebenswelt and Worldview in a particular way.

Highlighting the need for an academic inquiry to understand the relationship between globalization, urban conflict, changing territorialities and the nature of different territorial entities in relation to each other is the main theme of the subsequent paper in line.

And finally the last one presents the historical perspective of Swat state with its historical background, emergence of the state, its merger with Pakistan and biographical sketches of its founders and the successive rulers.

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