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**REPORT ON OPERATIONS IN WAZIRISTAN, 16TH SEPTEMBER 1937 TO THE 15TH DECEMBER 1937.**

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**THE SITUATION IN SEPTEMBER 1937.**

1. In the preceding report, covering the period of operations from the 16th January to the 15th September 1937, the combined land and air operations, which forced the recalcitrant Tori Khel Wazirs to make peace with Government, were described, as were the visits of troops to important centres in Mahsud country and the punishment meted out to certain tribesmen who were well known to have been actively involved in hostile action against Government. The construction of new roads had been commenced and was making steady progress. In this report operations subsequent to the 15th September 1937 are reviewed.

**CONTINUED HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF THE FAQIR OF IPI.**

2. In September 1937 the general tribal situation was showing signs of steady improvement and it was becoming possible gradually to reinstitute the khassadar (tribal police) system in certain areas on the lines of communication. The autumn migration of the tribes from their summer grazing grounds on the highlands of Waziristan to their winter loca-

tions in British territory began to take its normal course.

In spite of these favourable signs, although no hostile tribal gatherings remained in the field, a number of small gangs under irreconcilable leaders were active and attacks on piquets and khassadar posts and offences on roads began to increase. The Faqir of Ipi, who had made no submission to Government, had moved his headquarters to caves in the Shawal area, between Razmak and the Indo-Afghan frontier. Increasing numbers of tribesmen, Mahsuds and Wazirs, visited him and owing to his virulent anti-government propaganda a certain number of khassadars were persuaded to desert their posts.

The tribes in the Shawal area had previously been warned by Government not to harbour the Faqir. As this prior warning was unheeded, a further warning and notices were issued, on the 24th September, proscribing locality in which he was situated and directing all peacefully disposed persons to evacuate the area. Subsequent air action had the effect of driving the Faqir into greater seclusion and the number of his visitors diminished.

**LAND AND AIR OPERATIONS IN THE UPPER BADDAR AND KHAISORA VALLEYS.**

3. Early in September, Mullah Sher Ali, a well-known supporter of the Faqir of Ipi, raised a gang of some 300 Mahsuds, and