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Although the last decade has seen upturns and downturns in terms of street related crime in Pakistan the overall trend (over a course) has been upward despite the ever-expanding network of police surveillance. In Karachi, thieves wander parts of DHA and CBC on motorcycles strategically targeting citizens and depriving them of their valuables on almost a daily basis. Over a dozen such incidents have been reported in the past month leading to residents questioning the effectiveness of the security forces' multiple operations and crackdowns. Apart from mugging, counts of extortion, murder and theft have also been rising. In Karachi alone, the total count of various crimes according to The Citizen's Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) is as

follows: 21700 Motorcycles stolen while 1853 snatched 15599 Mobile phones stolen while 11620 snatched 58 registered complaints of extortion 347 incidents of people getting killed 1294 people losing their cars (theft or at gunpoint) Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has been instrumental in ordering these crackdowns and constituting a committee under Law Minister with AG Sindh and Home Secretary to call on Chief Justice Sindh High Court to dedicate certain courts for speedy trial of street criminals.

The Safe Cities Index 2017 is a report from The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) sponsored by NEC. This report ranks cities according to internet security, health security, infrastructure security and personal security. Karachi, has finally been included in the list of safe cities. However, Karachi was called as "Least Safe City in the past. EIU called Karachi as the worst city to live in the world and security remained the biggest source of problem.

A german group also ranked Karachi as the worst city to own a car due to high probability of being snatched.