

# Mysterious commando operation

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DERA GHAZI KHAN, June 17: The Tuesday morning's commando operation carried out to pick up a "tribesman" from a local hotel remains a mystery as the administration and officials of intelligence agencies are ignorant of the action.

A dozen armed men, who arrived at the airport by a helicopter and a plane, took part in the operation.

According to Civil Aviation sources, a helicopter and a four-seater plane landed here at 4.15 am. A dozen armed men stepped down and boarded five Pajero jeeps which were waiting in the parking lot. Some 20 gunmen were already in the vehicles, sources said.

The motorcade drove straight to the Hotel Shalimar in Farid Bazaar.

The gunmen surrounded the hotel, while a few of them went inside and demanded the entry register from a room service receptionist.

Later, they rushed towards room number 213 and picked up a bearded man. By 5 in the morning, they had taken off to an unknown destination along with the 'abducted' man. He was named in the hotel register as Hafeezur Rehman of the Waziristan Agency.

It was learnt that the armed men who arrived here were military commandos while those who joined them at the airport were special security guards of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. The vehicles used in the operation also belonged to the PAEC.