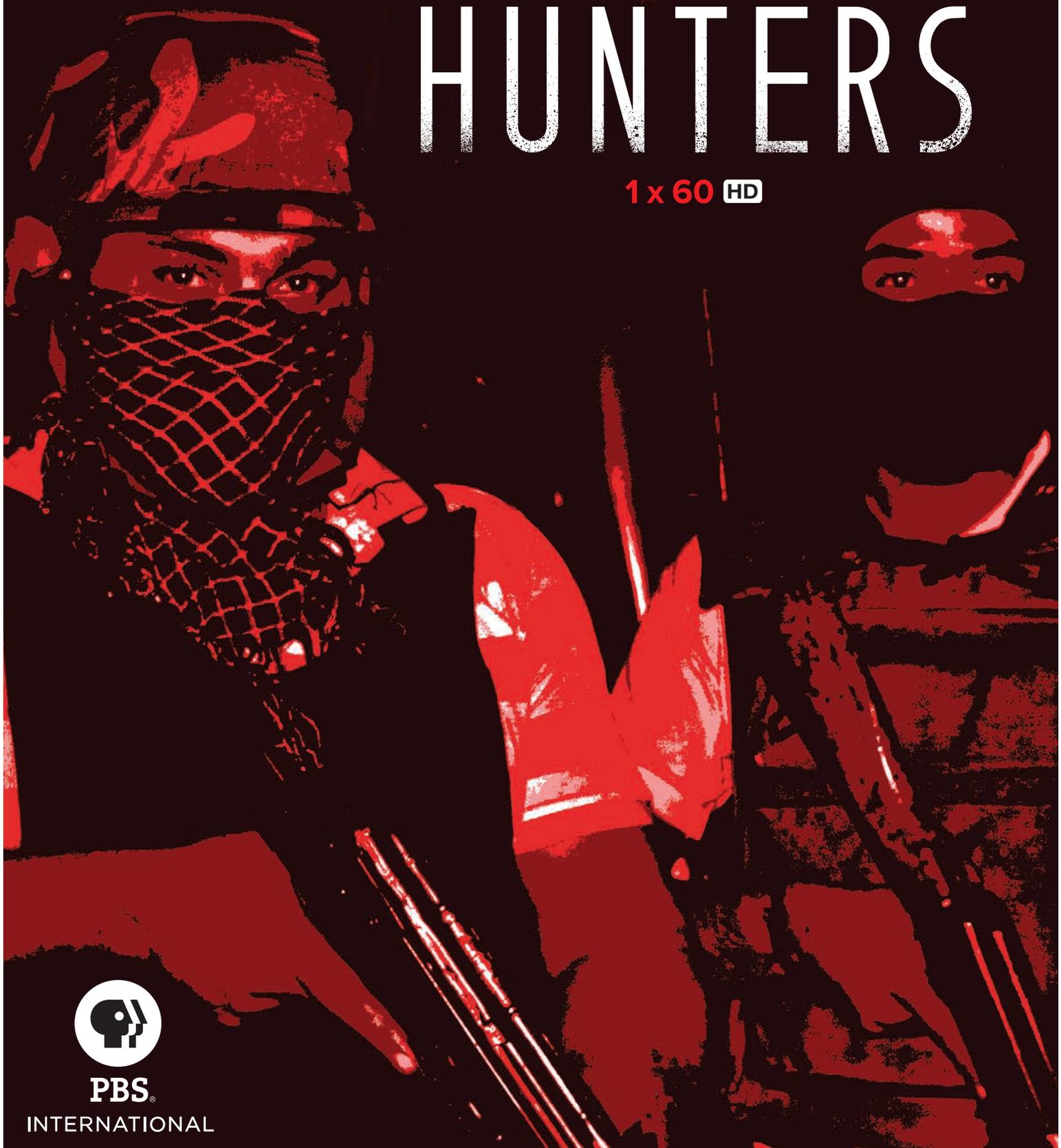


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The December 2014 attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar when the Taliban killed 145 people, 132 of them children, was the most public moment in a war that has been growing in intensity for the last five years. Taliban fighters have moved into Pakistan's cities in strength and now threaten to bring chaos to the streets.

The greatest prize in this war is Karachi, Pakistan's commercial center, where the terrorists now control entire districts. Bombings are a regular occurrence, financed through kidnappings, assassinations, drugs, gambling and even prostitution.

Ijaz leads a group of around 100 dedicated cops who take the fight to the Taliban. In the dead of night, these men carry out lightning raids on Taliban strongholds in the city—it's simply too dangerous to operate at any other time of the day: *"We conduct the raids between 1am and 4am, to catch them unawares. It's a case of hit-and-run. Capture or kill and get out as quickly as possible. The risk to my officers is just too great."*

His team has become known as "The Taliban Hunters," the frontline commandos against a ruthless enemy. Meet Mansour, a senior Talib captured by Ijaz' men and currently on Death Row: *"We get teenagers, 13 or 17 years old. We give them passion for jihad and tell them they should sacrifice themselves for their religion. I've planted bombs in this city. I've killed maybe 25 people...I've shot four or five policemen too."* He is clear about his motivation. *"The police, the army, they are all partners of America."*

On average, a cop is killed every 36 hours in Karachi. Ijaz believes in answering fire with fire, and his team has faced frequent allegations of torturing suspects for information. Ijaz denies this, but says: *"If they point a gun at me or my officers, do you expect me to offer them a Snickers bar?"*

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