



CRISIS RESPONSE BULLETIN

April 20, 2015 - Volume: 1, Issue: 14

IN THIS BULLETIN

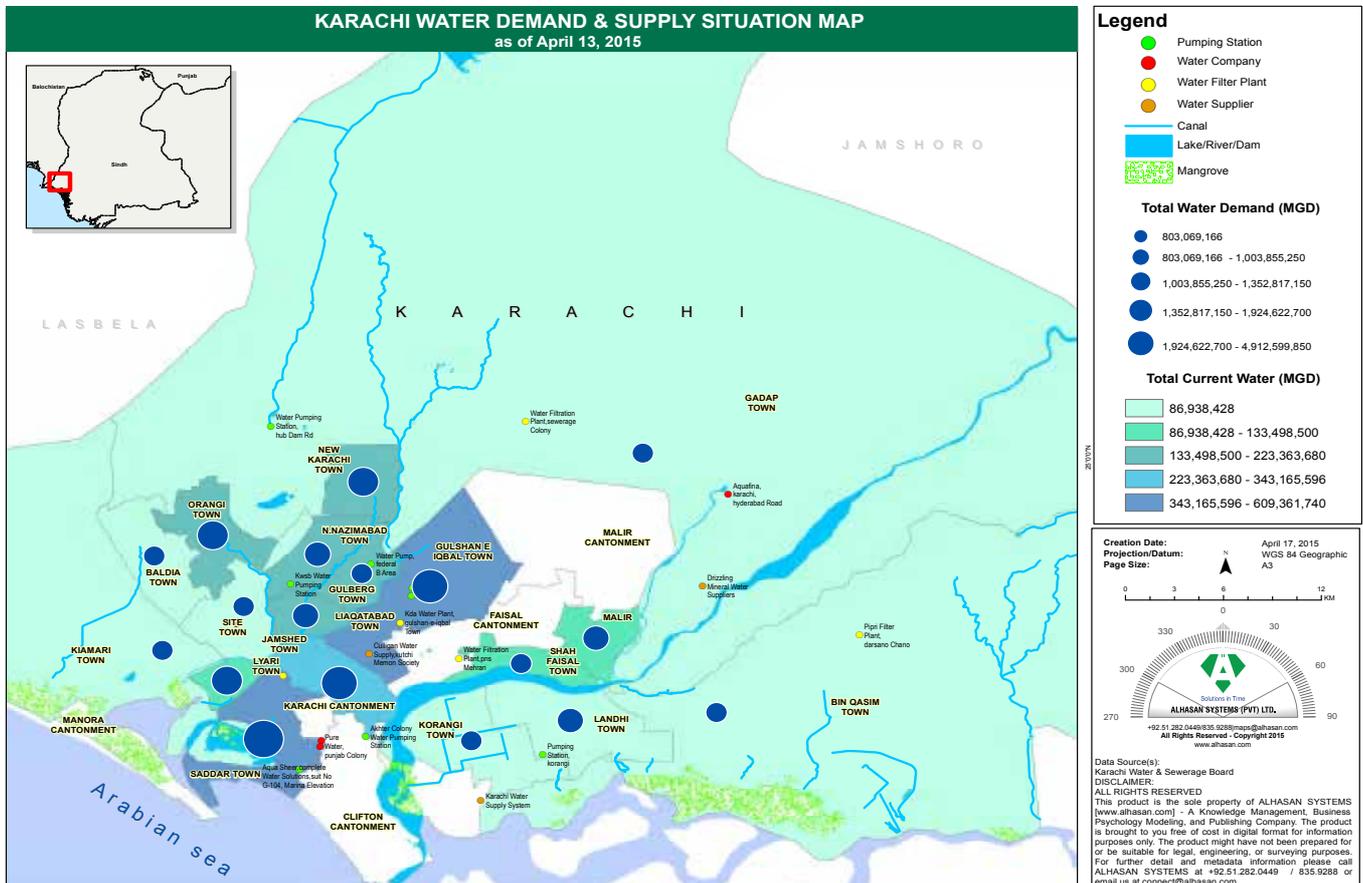
English News	3-34
Natural Calamities Section	3-9
Safety and Security Section	10-14
Public Services Section	15-34
Maps	35-42
Urdu News	64-43
Natural Calamities Section	64-62
Safety and Security section	61-56
Public Service Section	55-43

HIGHLIGHTS:

Confronting Climate Change	03
Monsoon pattern to become clear by May & June: Chairman NDMA	03
WFP hands over Humanitarian Response Facility (HRF) in Sindh	05
Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction	06
Catalyzing Cooperation: Disaster Diplomacy and its potential to short-circuit the Climate-Conflict link	07
Muslim Aid completes two more water wells in Tharparkar	08
Steps in Karachi: 'Restoring peace is PM's main goal'	10
Special cells to be set up to counter terror attacks: Minister	10
COAS warns foreign powers to keep off Balochistan	11
Restoration of death penalty will deter terrorism: Mamnoon	13
Chinese investment to help eliminate energy crisis: Shahbaz	15
First phase of economic corridor to bring \$35bn investment in energy	16
25 million children out of school in Pakistan	17
NA committee approves controversial Cyber Crime Bill	18
KE to provide free electricity to FESF	19
Mysterious disease hits camels in Badin district	20

MAPS

- PAKISTAN WEATHER MAP
- WIND SPEED MAP OF PAKISTAN
- MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE MAP OF PAKISTAN
- VEGETATION ANALYSIS MAP OF PAKISTAN
- CNG SECTOR GAS LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN-SINDH
- THREE-DAY POLIO DRIVER
- WORKERS REGISTERED FOR OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT BY DISTRICT
- CNG SECTOR GAS LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN-SINDH



©Copyright 2015 ISSN 2410-5538(D) ISSN 2410-4027(P)

ALHASAN SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

205-C 2nd Floor, Evacuee Trust Complex, Sector F-5/1, Islamabad, 44000 Pakistan
195-1st Floor, Deans Trade Center, Peshawar Cantt; Peshawar, 25000 Pakistan

For information:

Landline: +92.51.282.0449, +92.91.525.3347

Email: bulletins@alhasan.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alhasan.com>

Twitter: [@alhasansystems](https://twitter.com/alhasansystems)

Website: www.alhasan.com

ALHASAN SYSTEMS is registered with the Security & Exchange Commission of Pakistan under section 32 of the Companies Ordinance 1984 (XL VII of 1984). ALHASAN SYSTEMS is issuing this Crisis Response [CR] Bulletin free of cost for general public benefit and informational purposes only. Should you have any feedback or require further details and Metadata information please call us at Landline: +92.51.282.0449, Fax: +92.51.835.9287 or email at bulletins@alhasan.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

The information presented in this publication, including text, images, and links, are provided "AS IS" by ALHASAN SYSTEMS solely as a convenience to its clients and general public without any warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement. ALHASAN SYSTEMS assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in this publication or other documents which are referenced by or linked to this publication. This publication could include technical or other inaccuracies, and not all information/ services referenced herein are available in all areas. Changes are periodically added to the publication, and ALHASAN SYSTEMS may change the information or services described in this publication at any time.

Should you choose to respond directly to ALHASAN SYSTEMS with comments, questions, suggestions, ideas or the like relating to this publication and ALHASAN SYSTEMS other services and products, you agree that such information shall be deemed as non-confidential and ALHASAN SYSTEMS shall have no obligation to respond and be free to reproduce, use, disclose and distribute the information to others without limitation, including but not limited to developing, manufacturing, and marketing products incorporating such information. For further explanation of these legal notices please contact legal@alhasan.com.

NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Confronting Climate Change

Business Recorder, April 19, 2015

Monsoon Pattern To Become Clear By May & June: Chairman NDMA

Pakistan Observer, April 18, 2015

Brainstorming Ideas: 'Develop Agriculture To Combat Food Insecurity'

Express Tribune, April 18, 2015

DETAILS

The World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) has released a report on "Climate Change Adaptation in the Indus Eco-region: A Micro Econometric Study of the Determinants, Impact, and Cost Effectiveness of Adaptation Strategies." Prepared in collaboration with the London School of Economics and the Lahore University of Management Sciences, the report highlights the impact of climate change on this country's agriculture and food security. It reckons by 2040, assuming a 0.5 degree Celsius increase in average nationwide temperature, 8-10 percent loss is expected across all crops, corresponding to Rs 30,000 per acre, which is worrisome but unsurprising. As a matter of fact, Pakistan is known to be one of the top ten countries most vulnerable to effects of global warming. Environmental scientists have been warning of melting of the Himalayan glaciers, leading to alternating periods of floods and droughts, and ultimately a long-term water scarcity, which would have a devastating impact on this country's agrarian economy.

What is important about the WWF report are its recommendations for an optimal public policy response to climate change. Its authors suggest specific methods that can help improve crop resilience to temperature and rainfall variations, and also five on-farm adaptation measures for raising productivity of cotton and wheat crops (not rice) by up to 49.52 percent. Almost half of the farmers in Punjab and Sindh are not applying these measures due to lack of awareness, says the report, while asking the government to introduce low-cost climate field schools to equip participants with the knowledge of climate resilient methods within tillage, agri-chemical input use, crop husbandry and irrigation. These recommendations should form part of the sustainable development goals. They are an important reminder of the clear and present threat of changing weather patterns. Unfortunately, however, the issue continues to be assigned low priority by the government. It is worthwhile to note that back in 2012 the national disaster management ministry was renamed climate change ministry. But soon after it came to power, the PML-N government downgraded it to a division, until last January, when the ministry status was restored and a party leader, Mushahid Ullah Khan, appointed as minister. The change though seems to have come more out of a desire to reward Khan with a coveted position than a serious interest in confronting the challenge of climate change. Similarly, the provinces remain unenthusiastic about fulfilling their responsibilities. After the 18th Amendment, almost all the related subjects like environment, agriculture, and food production have been devolved to the provinces. These departments need to come together in an integrated policy response to environmental change. Equally important, the federal government must get serious about the issue and make substantial allocations to the climate change ministry so it can undertake a well-defined goal-oriented programme, in cooperation with provincial governments, for addressing the impending threat in an effective and meaningful manner.

ISLAMABAD: Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Major General Asghar Nawaz, Friday, said that pattern of upcoming monsoon would become clear by the May and June. Presently, our meteorological department is incapacitate to issue long range or short range forecast, therefore, it is quite impossible to forecast about the tenure, quantity, potential and velocity of the upcoming monsoon" he said while talking to Pakistan Observer after the conclusion of ceremony of three day training of facilitators on Disaster Management in coordination with World Food Program (WFP). He said that our meteorological department could only issue a forecast of seven days, whereas in developed countries, meteorological department were able to issue two month or three months forecasts. Therefore, to it was need of the hour to develop our own forecast system. However, we are quite prepared to handle in kind of disaster and training of facilitators was also a part of preparedness" he said adding that natural disasters were quite imminent therefore NDMA in collaboration with provincial disaster management authorities (PDMAs), irrigation departments and others was making all out efforts to grid the lions to tackle any untoward situation in the upcoming rainy season.

After getting the true picture of pattern of monsoon, the necessary steps with adequate resources will be made in the possible affected areas. To a question, he observed that participants of the training were selected from those organizations which supposed to handle the disastrous situation on the ground and their preparedness was pivotal to tackle the situation. Moreover, he said that process of analyzing the situation of any disaster started soon after the happening of disaster as both the federal and provincial departments joined heads to assess the volume of losses and damages to the infrastructure, crops and others and on the basis of assessment precautionary and safeguard measures were taken to avert such situation in future. The participants of the training included responsible for planning, designing and delivering the simulation exercises. Simulation participants included NDM, PDMAs, Rescue 1122, WFP, UNDP and other agencies.. Similar simulation exercise was also carried out in June 2014. The training was imparted by WFP Readiness Initiative Team and the purpose was to familiarize officials on how to design, build and implement an emergency management simulation exercise as well as to test disaster response plans, procedures, contingency plans and SOPs. Training session was inaugurated by Anthony Craig Senior Preparedness Advisor WFP, Geneva, Switzerland.

FAISALABAD: Food insecurity in the country has been aggravated by natural disasters, land degradation, water scarcity and climate change, speakers at an International Centre for Development and Decent Work (ICDD) PhD workshop being held at University of Agriculture Faisalabad said.

The workshop is being funded by German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Researchers

Apache *Ofbiz*™ Service Provider

Provider of highly cost effective and highly customizable Business Automation Solutions developed on open source Apache OFBiz™ ERP platform. Automate your for small and medium size businesses and humanitarian organizations - Boost your productivity with our ERP Business Solutions.

Develops customized ERP - solutions using Apache OFBiz in

- Human Resource Management
- Accounting
- Asset Management
- Project Management
- Portal Development



ALHASAN SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED www.alhasan.com

Solutions in Time A Hi-Tech Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company

205-C 2nd Floor, Evacuee Trust Complex, F-5/1 Islamabad. 195-1st Floor, Deans Trade Center, Peshawar Cantt; Peshawar
Landline: +92.51.282.0449 +92.91.525.3347 E-mail: skim@alhasan.com
Website: www.alhasan.com

WFP Hands Over Humanitarian Response Facility (HRF) In Sindh

Business Recorder , April 17, 2015

and scientists from eight countries are participating in the three-day event. Speakers said poor crop production and poor public health had also worsened food insecurity. Dr Andreas Burkert from University of Kassel, Germany, said consolidated efforts were needed to combat food insecurity. "There are many organisations willing to work with the government on this issue." He said often good policies enacted by governments failed to filter down to the ground. "The government has made many commitments to combat food insecurity but numbers keep deteriorating." He said researchers should come up with innovative ideas to address the issue. He said the ICDD was focusing on five core research subjects, including decent work along agricultural value chains, organising the informal economy, rural welfare, rural-urban linkages, livestock and social protection and rethinking development cooperation. Dr Christoph Scherrer from University of Kassel, Germany, said the rural-urban linkages were vital for success of development projects. "Poverty cannot be reduced unless the quality of life in rural populations is improved," he said. The ICDD is a network of universities from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. He said its researchers were working on increasing income opportunities for rural and urban populations of developing countries. Dr Asif Ali said there were 570 million people living below the poverty line in Asia. He said in Pakistan, agriculture was the backbone of the economy. "Developing agriculture is linked to poverty alleviation," he said. "There needs to be a greater focus on farming communities and their needs. They are the ones directly contributing to availability of food in the country."

KARACHI: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has officially handed over the Humanitarian Response Facility (HRF) to the Sindh Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) so as to enhance its emergency response capacity. WFP official talking to APP Friday said the HRF network, established in the aftermath of the 2010 monsoon floods, is a joint project between WFP and the Government of Pakistan with the primary objective to increase the emergency and disaster response capacity of both the government and the humanitarian community in Pakistan.

It was mentioned that the project in Sindh was initiated in July 2014 and has been completed in record time of 8 months at a cost of Rs 250 million. The HRF was said to cover 9.1 acres and has one 20 by 50 meter warehouse, two 15 by 32 meter warehouses and one 10 by 20 meter climate-controlled warehouse to store temperature sensitive items such as ready-to-use food and medicines. The total covered storage capacity of the facility was cited to be 3000 metric tons and an open space of up to 10,000 metric tons. Four pre-fabricated offices and a reinforced paved area to facilitate truck movement have also been constructed. The facility has been designed to cater to basic needs of the warehouse staff and is equipped with alternate power solutions (generators). The structure is also earthquake-resistant and other environmental hazards have also been factored into its construction. WFP officials said that the Government of Pakistan has provided land to WFP to construct 8 strategically located HRFs in each of the most disaster-prone districts to enhance the country's emergency response capacity.

The project is being implemented in close coordination with the NDMA and PDMA of Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and Gilgit-Baltistan with the generous funding provided by the government and the people of Japan, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, Denmark, and the United States of America. WFP is also providing training on how to run and maintain the HRFs effectively as well as targeted training on emergency response. It may be pertinent to mention that in the past decade, the people of Sindh have suffered considerable losses due to natural disasters affecting the province including the flooding in 2010, heavy rains in 2011 and drought in 2014. Experts confirm that continuous shocks have left the inhabitants of Sindh, especially those residing in rural areas depending on agriculture and livestock, vulnerable to hunger and malnutrition. Since, victims of human induced or natural disasters can lose everything they own as well as their sources of livelihood in minutes hence being prepared for such emergencies and being able to immediately respond is a top priority for the Government and WFP, said the official.

Hailstorm Victims Seek Support

The News, April 17, 2015

SWABI: The farmers, whose crops were affected by the recent hailstorm, on Thursday asked the provincial government to declare the district as calamity-hit. Talking to reporters, the representatives of the farmers said the hailstorm damaged the crops, especially tobacco crop and wheat in the district. They said that it was the responsibility of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to support the affected growers. Liaqat Yousufzai, general secretary of Kashtkar Coordination Council, said that they had planned to meet the elected representatives and brief them about the plight of the poverty-stricken farmers after the hailstorms. "We expect that the government will extend us financial help," he remarked. Alam Sher Gohati, district president of Anjuman-i-Kashtkaran Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said there was dire need of a survey by the provincial government about the damage caused by the hailstorm. "The elected representatives should extend financial help to the growers," he said. Khalid Khan, district president of Kisan Board, said that farmers needed financial help. "The elected representatives must play a role to facilitate the affected farmers," he said.

Climate Shifts Threaten Pakistan's Food And Water Security - Rights Commission

Thomson Reuters Foundation , April 17, 2015

LAHORE: Pakistan (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - Food and water security in Pakistan, already fragile in many parts of the South Asian nation, face an additional threat from climate change impacts, an independent human rights watchdog said on Friday April 17. "(The) pattern of (the) monsoon is shifting. For the third year running, a pre-monsoon spell of heavy rain and hail in March has damaged crops," the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan noted in its annual report. "The farming community is vulnerable to these changes and there are not enough safety nets to bolster them and help them ensure food security," it added. Pakistan's Federal Committee on Agriculture has fixed a wheat production target of 26.3 million tonnes for the October 2014 to March 2015 season, against 25.3 million tonnes harvested in the same period a year ago. The wheat harvest in southern areas such as Sindh province is about to start. In eastern Punjab, northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and southwestern Balochistan provinces, it is due to begin in

May.

Ghulam Rasul, the chief meteorologist at the Pakistan Meteorological Department, has warned that March's abnormal early rains and predictions of uncertain weather in the wheat harvesting and threshing season may cause losses to farmers. Strong winds, as experienced in recent weeks, can also knock mangoes off trees and hail storms could affect the quality of the fruit in southern parts of Punjab, Rasul was quoted as saying in the national media. Other Rabi crops - which are sown in winter and harvested in the summer - such as mustard, gram, lentil, potato and other vegetables are also under threat this year, he added.

COSTS TO FARMERS: Researchers warned in a new study this week of the rising costs of climate change to Pakistan's farming households. "We could lose as much as 8 to 10 percent of agricultural productivity - corresponding to 30,000 rupees (\$295) per acre - if we don't introduce adaptive farming techniques," said Ahmad Rafay Alam, an independent climate change expert and environmental lawyer. Ali Dehlavi, one of the report's authors and an economist with WWF-Pakistan, said productivity of cotton and wheat crops could be increased by up to around 50 per cent if adaptation measures were put into practice. The Human Rights Commission report recommended making adaptation plans to grow different crops or introduce varieties that could cope better with changing weather patterns. The commission's chairperson, Zohra Yusuf, said the prognosis is grim, due to population pressures, diminishing natural resources and rising poverty. The report also noted a "gap in governance", which "belies the impression of government knowledge, or concern about the threats from a degraded environment". The federal government has largely devolved issues including the environment, ecology, health, food production and agriculture to the provinces. Lawyer Alam said provincial authorities, especially in Sindh and Punjab, have made little effort to draw up climate adaptation policies. "The provinces are just as responsible for ensuring water and food security as the federal government, but there appears no sense of the urgency to respond to the magnitude of the challenge," he said.

TENSIONS OVER WATER: The report noted that the availability of water for agriculture, industry, urban use and environmental flows "is still contentious", especially given the prospect of glacial retreat amid rising temperatures. Disagreements over how to share water resources have created tensions with neighbouring India, as well as among Pakistan's provinces. Human Rights Commission head Yusuf said climate extremes and pressure on limited resources like water could also spur internal migration. "Movement of population from one area to another due to environmental reasons - floods, drought - causes problems both for displaced people and host communities," she added. Alam said the Indus Waters Treaty, which regulates the rights of India and Pakistan over the tributary rivers of the Indus except the Kabul River, had been able to resolve disputes so far. But that had not stopped accusations in Pakistan that India is violating the treaty, he added. "We probably waste and pollute more water than Indian is supposedly 'stealing'," he said.

In Pakistan, the Indus River System Authority regulates the flow of water between Punjab and Sindh. But Alam said "shaky official platforms" had not been able to find compromises between provinces on how the waters of the Indus Basin should be allocated and used. "Depleting water resources are going to severely affect food security, which is already a cause for concern because of the high population growth rate," the commission's report noted.

Met Office predicted scattered rains-thundershowers in upper parts of the country during next 2-3 days. Met Office informed that a westerly weather system is likely to enter upper parts of the country on Saturday (Evening) and expected to persist in upper parts till Monday. Under the influence of this weather system rain-thundershowers associated with few hailstorm is predicted in Islamabad, upper & central Punjab (Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Gujranwala and Lahore divisions), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Peshawar, Kohat, Malakand, Mardan, Hazara, divisions), Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir during Sunday-Monday. Dust-thundershowers are also expected at isolated places in Sahiwal, Multan, D.G Khan, D.I. Khan, Bannu and Zhob divisions on Saturday (night)/Sunday. The farmers of Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and FATA are advised to take necessary precautionary measures for harvesting wheat crop during the period.

On 18 March, the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) culminated in the official adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030). UNDP was actively engaged in this process, both in the months of development leading up to it and at the WCDRR itself. UNDP welcomed the new framework and congratulated Member States and UNISDR on managing this process. Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator who led UNDP's delegation, also expressed UNDP's appreciation to Japan and to Prime Minister Abe in particular for hosting the Conference and for remaining such an important global leader on DRR.

A big part of UNDP's advocacy campaign over the last year has been to emphasize that disasters are the result of poor, risk-blind development choices, and to encourage partners to adopt a risk-informed approach to sustainable development. Substantially, the Framework consists of four priority areas relevant to the business of disaster risk reduction at the country level: (1) understanding disaster risk; (2) strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (3) investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience; and (4) enhancing disaster preparedness for an effective response and with a view to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction. UNDP's support to the process has led to the inclusion of risk governance and recovery as two of the four dedicated priority areas. UNDP announced at Sendai the development of a new 10-year global programme called '5-10-50'. This programme, which is still under development and targeting an early 2016 release, will see UNDP support 50 countries with comprehensive risk-informed development. Further information on this programme will be made available in the months ahead as we continue the development phase.

Across Pakistan, communities struggle with the threats posed by the environment in which they live. Many areas of the country are prone to natural disaster, from drought to flood, to devastating

More Rain-Thundershowers Predicted In Coming 2-3 Days

PMD, April 17, 2015

Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction

UNDP, April 16, 2015

Catalyzing Cooperation: Disaster Diplomacy And Its Potential To Short- Circuit The Climate- Conflict Link

UNDP, April 15, 2015

earthquakes, and as the world's climate shifts, Pakistan is expected to be severely affected. We support Government and communities in preparing for these threats. In 2014 we piloted Community-Based Disaster Risk Management in 30 communities in KP, Balochistan and Sindh provinces. Through this, vulnerable communities learned to identify hazards and risks, and analyse their own vulnerabilities. We helped them develop risk maps and plan preparedness and response, and supported the adaptation and response measures they identified. Community groups were trained in First Aid and Search & Rescue and equipped to develop into an emergency response force at the frontlines of disaster. As a result, local women and men became active leaders in protecting their communities instead of relying solely on outside support for emergency relief.

The mountainous areas of Gilgit and Chitral districts are increasingly vulnerable to devastating glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF). We work with the Government of Pakistan and the Adaptation Fund to reduce this environmental risk. In 2014, we strengthened district disaster emergency response cells and government departments, helped prepare risk reduction plans in the worst affected valleys (Bagrot and Bindo Gol), and improved the GLOF monitoring system. Meteorological observatories were established in these valleys, and trained community volunteers now regularly record and analyse data. UNDP's Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy is closely aligned with national policy and the National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP). In 2014, we helped the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) establish the NDMP Implementation Unit to monitor implementation, improve coordination, and mobilize resources from international development partners. With the NDMA we ran the National Institute for Disaster Management, which trains officials working in disaster management. Effective response to disaster is dependent on timely information. In 2014, we helped the Pakistan Meteorological Department to develop and field-test an early warning system using FM radio to broadcast messages even to remote and inaccessible regions during the 2014 monsoon season.

There is a growing chorus of voices claiming climate change will foster more conflict and violence. Books have been released on the impending age of climate wars, while media outlets dutifully report on research that purports to show how global warming will increase violence of every form, from the number of times pitchers bean batters in baseball to the rate of sexual assault. Concern has become so widespread the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change devoted a chapter of its Fifth Assessment Report to the topic. In it, the authors write, "there is justifiable common concern that climate change or changes in climate variability increase the risk of armed conflict in certain circumstances, even if the strength of the effect is uncertain." But is this relationship between climate change and conflict set in stone? Could we leverage changes to the environment to promote peace instead? According to one group of researchers, the answer may be yes.

Disasters on the Upswing: In the near future, it seems likely most people will encounter climate change through disasters and extreme events. Evidence suggests the number and scope of natural disasters has increased significantly in the last few decades. According to data from the Emergency Events Database, the world averaged 58 natural disasters a year during the 1960s. From 2000 to 2010, this number increased nearly eightfold to 449 per year. While some of this spike stems from the combined effects of economic growth and demographic changes putting more people and property at risk, a recent study has also linked the trend to climate change. Accordingly, it may seem we are likely to see a more violent planet in the wake of climate-driven droughts, floods, and heat waves. The concept of disaster diplomacy, however, asserts otherwise: that disaster response can be an opportunity to create positive change in societies and between countries. Introduced by Ilan Kelman and Theo Koukis in a special edition of the Cambridge Review of International Affairs in 2000, disaster diplomacy recognizes that while natural disasters may reinforce inequalities and trigger conflicts, they can also provide a mechanism to break down existing social cleavages and foster goodwill among the affected, even among nominal adversaries. Humans are naturally inclined to cooperate when catastrophes strike

Disaster diplomacy theory builds upon earlier research, particularly the work of sociologist Charles E. Fritz, who argued in 1961 that disasters can contribute to the emergence of a "community of sufferers." Because serious disasters can affect large numbers of people living in the same communities, they may engender a sense of solidarity and unity of purpose among survivors. At least in the immediate aftermath, all survivors share a common goal – rebuilding their lives. This shared experience can alter social relations and help bridge existing divides. There is considerable evidence that humans are naturally inclined to cooperate with one another when catastrophes strike. One can find evidence of this around the globe, from survivors of the Haiti earthquake moving rubble with their bare hands to rescue strangers, to the thousands of doctors, nurses, and health workers who volunteered to endure grueling conditions during the worst Ebola epidemic in history. According to Jack Hirshleifer, the late, renowned economist from UCLA, humans have evolved to cooperate and share our limited resources during such periods of scarcity. This learned response has been essential to our survival as a species.

Not Just a Theory: So where has disaster diplomacy worked? Kelman, now a professor at University College London's Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, maintains a near encyclopedic list of case studies (full disclosure: this list includes a study I wrote on Cyclone Nargis, which struck Burma in 2008). One of the first and best known cases involves Greece and Turkey, two countries which share a long history of conflict and discord. In August 1999, a severe earthquake struck Izmit, Turkey. Within hours, Greece became the first country to offer its support. In addition to financial assistance, Greece rapidly deployed its emergency response team to provide search and rescue support. Less than a month later, a category 5.8 earthquake occurred near Athens. Turkey quickly reached out to the Greek government and dispatched its own search and rescue team. These mutual shows of support dramatically improved relations between the rival states. That December, Greece dropped its opposition and formally supported Turkey's candidacy for the European Union. Another prominent case is that of Aceh, an Indonesian province located on the island of Sumatra. Aceh was the center of a separatist conflict

led by Gerakan Aceh Merdeka – the Free Aceh Movement. This group waged a 30-year-long guerrilla war against the Jakarta government in an effort to establish an independent Acehnese state. But Aceh also found itself at the epicenter of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which heavily damaged the restive region, killing more than 220,000 people. In the aftermath of the disaster, there was a rapid influx of relief and reconstruction assistance from around the world. The flood of attention helped internationalize the Aceh conflict, which had largely stayed below the radar, fostering the necessary space for peace negotiations. Just one month after the tsunami, the Indonesian government and Free Aceh Movement leaders met in Sweden to negotiate an end to the conflict.

But Not a Silver Bullet: That said, disaster diplomacy is far from a silver bullet. Consider Sri Lanka. Like Aceh, it was home to a long-running separatist movement, and, like Aceh, it suffered severe damage from the tsunami. But, whereas insurgent leaders in Aceh saw the tsunami as a reason to put down their weapons and return to the negotiating table, the leaders of the Tamil Tigers viewed Sri Lanka's response to the disaster as further evidence the government was discriminating against the Tamil minority. Both sides resumed hostilities, and the war only ended in 2009 after a violent campaign by the Sri Lankan government, which likely included crimes against humanity. Other instances which would seem ripe for disaster diplomacy have fallen short. Disasters have continually failed to help bring peace between India and Pakistan, for instance. In May 1965, a major cyclone hit southern Pakistan in the midst of its second war with India over Kashmir. The storm killed 48,000 Pakistanis and the two sides reached a ceasefire shortly thereafter, but the arrangement was short-lived and full-scale hostilities resumed by September. India and Pakistan also squandered similar opportunities to reach détente over Kashmir following the October 2005 earthquake and last fall's devastating floods.

How to Make It Work: What separates the Acehs from the Sri Lankas? According to a 2006 study from Kelman in the *Journal of International Affairs*, effective disaster diplomacy requires four things: the talks must be disaster-related; they must be new; there must be legitimate efforts by both sides to end hostilities; and the actions must last beyond the short term. If these elements are not present, diplomacy may fail. Failing this, disasters may simply create an "accelerated status quo". Other researchers disagree somewhat with Kelman's assertion that diplomatic overtures should be new. In a 2010 paper, Marco Pelling and Katherine Dill outline the ways in which disasters can become tipping points for altering the social contract between citizens and the state. They argue that while disasters may provide momentum for diplomacy, they are not catalysts in and of themselves. Instead, the push for political change must have been in the works before the catastrophe. Failing this, disasters may simply create an "accelerated status quo" that reinforces the existing political structures. Here, it's important to note that in Aceh, the rebels had actually begun backdoor discussions with the Indonesian government before the tsunami hit. The opposite was true in Sri Lanka, where the Tamil Tigers had pulled out of peace talks just months before the disaster. Clearly, disaster diplomacy is a useful concept and could provide a framework to turn a negative – the upswing in disasters brought by climate change – into something positive. At the same time, it may not be wise to place faith in the concept without pre-existing political frameworks. And certainly we don't want to be wishing for disasters in conflict-affected countries. "As with all disaster diplomacy case studies, those associated with climate change always have underlying, longer-term, more poignant causes, even where climate change influences or spurs on the outcome," Ilan Kelman told me in response to my questions about the future of disaster diplomacy. "The research and policy challenge, is determining the circumstances under which climate change does catalyze peace and conflict."

Muslim Aid is building fifty houses for the unfortunate people of Nankana, a remote village of District Jhang, who were hit by devastated flash flood in September 2014. If not permanent, suffering is still prolonged for the people of Nankana, who right after the flood, a well anticipated consequence of blowing up of a railway track near their peaceful community, are bound to live under the naked sky, with their children, women and elderly, many ailing from diseases caused to flood water.

Muslim Aid not only reached out to help and rescue people stranded in flood water with their belongings and animals, it strived to provide shelter to people who were still living in camps provided by Muslim Aid and could not afford to rebuild their destroyed dwellings. After identifying underserved families and a need assessment, Muslim Aid started work of building 50 houses in Nankana in February 2015. Twenty houses have been completed by March 19, 2015, when Head of Humanitarian Mr. Rizwan Baig visited Jhang to inspect the progress of work on site. He interacted with beneficiaries and inquired about the quality of work and their concerns and feedback. People expressed their satisfied over the quality and pace of work and thanked Muslim Aid team for their reaching out to them in the time of crisis.

Responding to the dire need of clean drinking water of the vulnerable people of famine hit district Tharparkar, Muslim Aid completed establishment of two surface wells in district Tharparkar, providing clean drinking water access to about ten thousand people in two villages of Phaango and Bhakou in Tehsil Islamkot. Both the wells are completed with the generous support of Shakir family, a family with great history of philanthropy and social work. Provincial Coordinator Sindh Mr. Bilal Siddiqui monitored the completion of both the projects. The main objective of Dig A Well project is to provide clean drinking water access to draught affected people, reduce water born disease, provide supply of water for crops and also meet the needs of drinking water for domestic animals.

Tharparkar is one of the most neglected regions of Sindh. Famine claimed dozens of precious lives in this region. It also killed hundreds of birds and animals, domestic as well as wild. Assessing critical situation, Provincial Disaster Management Authority declared emergency in this area in April 2014. A number of local and international NGOs then responded to the call. Muslim Aid Pakistan was one of the pioneer organizations which started its interventions through

Muslim Aid Building Homes For Flood Hit Community

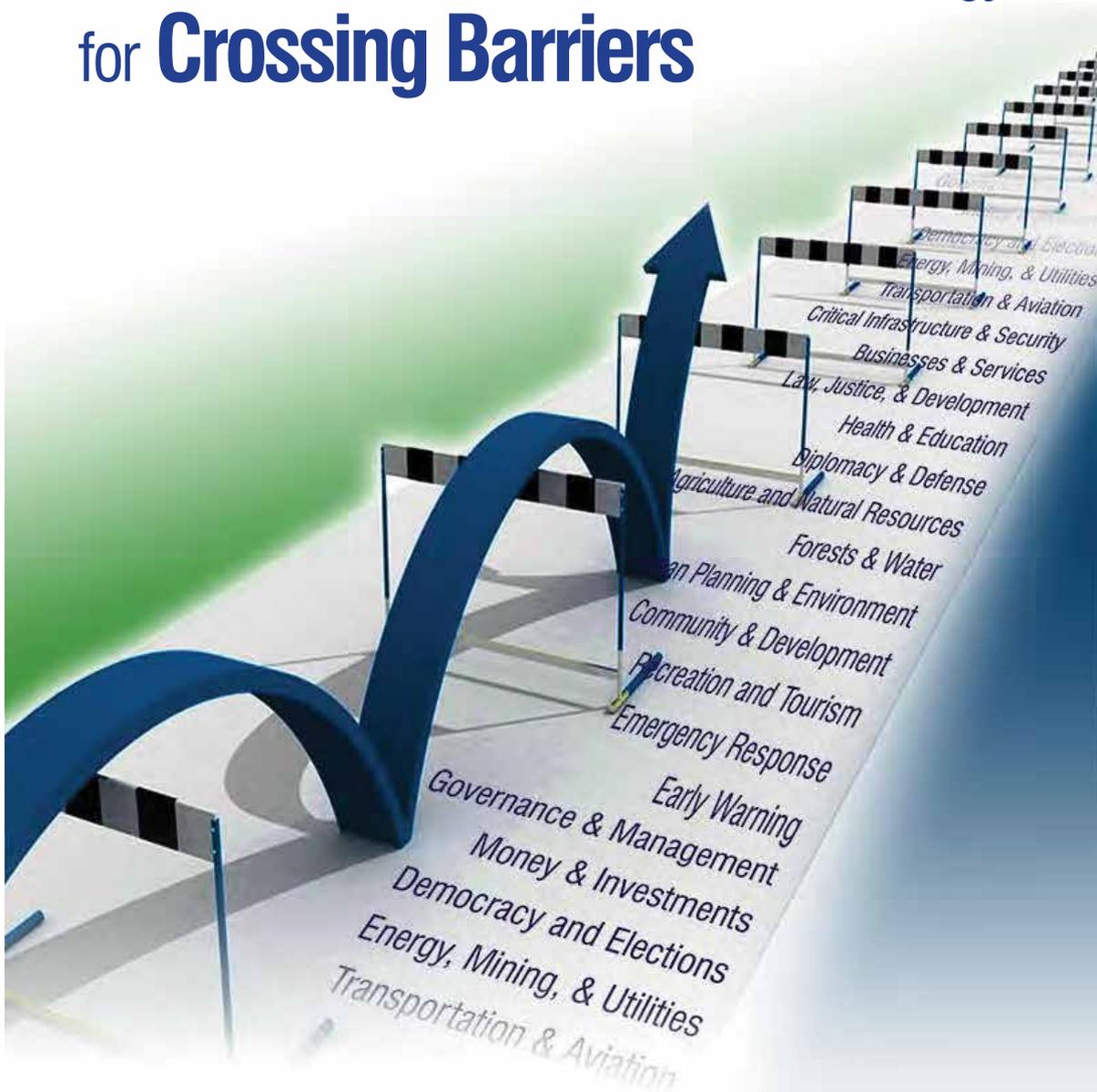
Muslim Aid, April 15, 2015

Muslim Aid completes two more water wells in Tharparkar

Muslim Aid, April 15, 2015

establishment of Primary health Care Unit to provide free healthcare assistance, free medicines and mobile health care services to vulnerable communities of Tehsil Islamkot. Moreover Muslim Aid after proper need assessment surveys worked to come up with long term solutions in the area. With completion of these two water wells, Muslim Aid, with the support of overseas Pakistani philanthropists, has so far completed nine water well projects for deprived communities in Tehsil Islamkot of District Tharparkar.

Information & Communication Technology for **Crossing Barriers**



ALHASAN SYSTEMS PVT. LTD.

Landline: +92.51.282.0449/ +92.51.835.9288

Fax: +92.51.835.9287

Email: connect@alhasan.com Website: www.alhasan.com

<http://www.facebook.com/alhasan.com>

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

**Steps in Karachi:
'Restoring peace is PM's
main goal'**

The Express Tribune, April 19, 2015

**5 suspected militants
killed in Tirah Valley**

The Express Tribune, April 19, 2015

**Pakistan, Iran sign border
security deal**

Daily Times, April 18, 2015

**Pakistan, Afghanistan face
threats by non-state
actors: Afghan army chief**

The Express Tribune, April 18, 2015

**Special cells to be set up
to counter terror attacks:
minister**

Daily Dawn, April 17, 2015

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Bringing peace to Karachi is the main target of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Information and Broadcasting Minister Senator Pervaiz Rashid said on Saturday, while PTI chief Imran Khan's efforts in the same city were directed at gaining a seat there. In a statement, the minister said that Imran Khan's free movement and activities in Karachi had become possible only after the government succeeded in taking culprits to task. "Had the prime minister not initiated the process to once again turn Karachi into the city of lights, it would not have been possible for Imran to organise a gathering there without the MQM's NOC," the minister added.

About the Karachi bye-election, he said that the PML-N did not field its candidate in NA-246 as it could have given a political colour to the ongoing operation in Karachi. He said that the PML-N does not believe in doing politics of securing National Assembly constituencies in Karachi, rather it was doing politics of service and doing its best to make Karachi a peaceful city.

KHYBER AGENCY: At least five suspected militants were killed while three security officials were injured in clashes between security forces and militants in Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency. The injured were immediately shifted to Combine Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar, Radio Pakistan reported. On April 16, militant group Islamic State's commander-designate for Pakista, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed was killed along with two others in an explosion in the Toor Dara area of the valley. Khyber Agency officials said the militants were planting or manufacturing an improvised explosive device (IED) when it went off, killing the three men on the spot.

TEHRAN: After three days of intensive talks between Iran and Pakistan, and at the end of the eighth Iran-Pakistan Border Security Conference in Islamabad, the two sides inked an agreement on security cooperation, it was announced on Saturday. According to Iranian news agency, the two sides discussed various issues such as fight against terrorism, upgrading current level of security cooperation on joint borders, fight against organised crimes, kidnapping and human trafficking, expansion of border cooperation, border markets and extradition of prisoners.

KAKUL: Afghan Chief of General Staff General Sher Muhammad Karimi warned Pakistan Army cadets on Saturday that Afghanistan and Pakistan face threats by non-state actors. "We see around us, almost every day that the world and our region, especially Afghanistan and Pakistan, face the greatest threats and dangers from individuals and groups that are not affiliated directly with any state. That is precisely why these people are called non-state actors," the Afghan army chief said at the Kakul passing out parade. General Karimi is the first Afghan army chief to speak as chief guest at the Pakistan Military Academy Kakul in Abbotabad where a group of six Afghan army cadets are also receiving training. "This new enemy, which is the common enemy for all of us and of the system in our region, does not recognise boundaries and is not bound by any religious and moral principles," General Karimi said.

"Their naked, nefarious designs undermine states and [they] grab power through terror and fear," the Afghan Army chief said. "Countering and ultimately defeating this menace and threats effective therefore require sincere and close result-oriented cooperation and coordination between states especially between next door neighbours." General Karimi also called for non-interference in each other's affairs and mutual respect and shared interests among sovereign states. The Afghan army chief arrived in Pakistan on a two-day visit for talks on bilateral security issues. It is his second visit to Pakistan in nearly four months. He last visited Pakistan in December days after the Taliban attacked an army-run school in Peshawar killing 150 people, including 132 children.

General Karimi met his Pakistani counterpart General Raheel Sharif on Friday and discussed border management and defence cooperation amid growing military-to-military contacts, the military said. "During the meeting, matters related to peace and stability in the region especially in Afghanistan, Pak-Afghan border management and measures to further enhance defence and training cooperation between both the armies were discussed," a military statement said. At the passing out parade the Afghan army chief who served as chief guest on the occasion, handed over trophies and sword of honor amongst the outstanding cadets.

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti said on Thursday that the provincial government had decided to establish special cells of security forces, including Frontier Corps, police, Levies and intelligence agencies, at the divisional level to ensure they worked in close coordination in countering terrorist attacks. Addressing a press conference after a meeting on the law and order situation, the minister said that the group called the 'fusion cells' had already been working at the provincial level successfully in 40 per cent of areas of Balochistan where the law and order situation had improved. The cells would be set up at the district level later, he added. Mr Bugti said the meeting, presided over by Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch, took a number of decisions for improving law and order in the province and establishing the writ of the government.

Commander Southern Command Lt Gen Naseer Khan Janjua, the General Officer Commanding of 33 and 42 Divisions, Chief Secretary Saifullah Chattah, Home Secretary Akbar Hussain Durrani, Inspector General of the Frontier Corps Maj Gen Sher Afgan, Inspector General of Police Amlish Khan and other senior officials concerned attended the meeting. Mr Bugti admitted that the Turbat incident had taken place because of lack of coordination among law-enforcement agencies, but said steps would be taken to prevent such incidents in future. Answering a question, he said the government was not planning to launch a military operation like Zarb-i-Azb in Balochistan. There was no need for that because Frontier Corps, police, Levies and other security agencies had already carried out successful search operations against militants and anti-social elements in the

SC stays execution of six terror convicts sentenced by military courts

The Express Tribune, April 16, 2015

HRCP report: Nearly 33.5% decline in Karachi killings

The Express Tribune, April 16, 2015

COAS warns foreign powers to keep off Balochistan

province, he said.

The minister said the search operations would continue across Balochistan. "We have formulated a new policy in consultation with our coalition partners and civil and military leadership." He said under the new plan, elected representatives of local government would help law-enforcement agencies in their efforts to restore peace and order in the province. Mr Bugti said Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif had taken notice of the killing of 20 labourers in Turbat and assured all help to the provincial government in crushing terrorists.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed execution of six militants on terror charges awarded by military courts. On Wednesday, the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) had requested the top court to pass an interim order staying execution of the condemned prisoners. Noor Saeed, Haider Ali, Murad Khan, Inayatullah, Israruddin and Qari Zahir were condemned to death on April 2 by the military courts which have been established through a constitutional amendment under the National Action Plan. The military said this month its courts had sentenced six "hard core terrorists" to death and a seventh to life imprisonment. A 17-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Nasirul Mulk heard the case in the apex court today (April 16). According to the court's short order, the death warrants of terror convicts awarded by the military courts in the future will also be suspended.

Attorney General for Pakistan (AGP) Salman Aslam Butt expressed reservation over the apex court's decision and said the trial of the convicts in the military courts was not a secret crime and a complete procedure was adopted. "Prisoners have the right to appeal against the black warrants under the Pakistan Army Act 1952," he added. The convicts were reportedly involved in several serious crimes. Chief Justice of Pakistan Nasirul Mulk said the trial of the convicts was not public, while it were just death sentences that were public. Counsel for SCBA Asma Jahangir stated that she can produce the affidavits of the family members of the convicts, proving that they were aware about the black warrants through media. While Justice Saqib Nisar said that there is a procedure to confirm death warrants of convicts. The court adjourned the hearing of the case until next week.

The SCBA had filed an application through Asma Jahangir, requesting the apex court pass an interim order staying execution of the men convicted by the military courts till the final disposal of the constitutional petition. It also prayed that as the guardian of the Constitution the apex court has to ensure the fundamental rights. "The recent trials of military courts are neither public nor transparent and military courts do not ordinarily observe principle of due process thus the apprehensions of the petitioner are genuine and have merit," read the plea. Critics have raised questions about how fair and accountable the military courts are. Nine military courts were established in January, after militants attacked a school in Peshawar, killing 134 pupils and 19 adults. Amid popular pressure to crack down on militants after the school attack in December, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif championed the new courts in parliament and lifted a moratorium on the death penalty.

KARACHI: Killings in Karachi, in the last three months, have witnessed a 33.5 per cent decline as compared to last year. This was stated in a report compiled by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP). According to the HRCP report, from January to March 2015, around 532 people were killed or died in incidents of violence in the city. This includes men, women and children who were killed in sectarian attacks, personal enmities, robberies, police encounters and karo-kari. Last year, between January and March, nearly 800 people had been killed. Around 120 died in encounters with law enforcement agencies while 44 were killed in robberies and due to personal enmities. The report claims that around 102 bodies were also found. Around 157 men were killed by law enforcers in the first three months of 2015. In comparison with last year, this figure has gone up. Approximately 120 men were killed by law enforcers in the first three months of 2014.

Talking to The Express Tribune, HRCP's vice-chairperson in Sindh Asad Iqbal Butt said that there was a decline in killings as compared to 2014 as law enforcement agencies had become more active. "Political activists who were involved in criminal activities are being arrested by law enforcers," he said. "This has brought down the total number of killings and murders in the city." He added that while numbers for targeted attacks and killings had gone down in Karachi, street crimes such as robberies had increased. Research done by the HRCP claimed that from January to March of this year, 68 people were killed in targeted attacks while 43 bodies were recovered. Since the beginning of 2015, around 33 policemen have been killed. Last year, the number was as high as 46. Twenty men died because of their sectarian affiliations. Another 20 were killed because of their political affiliations, 17 people were kidnapped and killed by their abductors while 14 men were killed due to gang-based violence in Lyari.

In the last three months, around 25 women were gunned down — 13 of these women were killed by unidentified men. Nine children were also killed — two of these children were killed in bomb blasts, one died because of a stray bullet and another due to personal enmity. Around four children died due to negligence while one was raped and killed. Last year, 30 children were killed in bomb blasts, aerial firing incidents and personal enmity. Around 55 women were killed in 2014, two of the highest figures — 14 and 23 — showed that the women had been killed by relatives and unidentified men. The report also showed that last year, around 10 women had died in bomb blasts. The HRCP report also showed that around 34 men died in other incidents. Roughly 14 men died on the railway tracks, 12 died due to a drug overdose or consumption of poisonous liquor and seven were killed by stray bullets. In comparison with last year, this figure has increased. In 2014, around 17 men were killed by stray bullets, six men were killed on railway tracks, four died due to a drug overdose and one man died in prison.

ISLAMABAD: Vowing to support the Balochistan government in eliminating terrorists, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Wednesday sternly warned foreign states and international agencies to refrain from destabilising the province. "We will unearth terrorists, their abettors, sympathisers and financiers. None of them will find any place in the country to hide," General

The Nation, April 16, 2015

Raheel Sharif said during his visit to Quetta. Commander Southern Command Lt-Gen Nasir Khan Janjua received the army chief upon arrival. According to the ISPR, the army chief also held meetings with the governor, the chief minister and the Commander Southern Command and reassured them that the Pakistan Army will go to any length for full restoration of the writ of the state. Credible sources in the Balochistan government told The Nation that plans were afoot to expand military operation Zarb-e-Azb to Balochistan to tackle the challenge relating to terrorism.

The COAS also visited Frontier Corps Headquarters and reviewed security situation in the province. He reviewed the progress of FC operation against terrorists. Senior military officials, FC personnel and other high-ups attended the meeting. The army chief commended law enforcement agencies and the Frontier Corps for noticeable law and order improvement. He vowed to stand by the people of Balochistan to bring peace and prosperity. He said that Frontier Works Organisation will continue development projects. He emphasised the need to adopt an integrated approach by civil and military leadership and law enforcers for a peaceful Balochistan. FC Inspector General Major General Sher Afghan briefed the COAS about law and order situation in the province and search operations being carried out in Turbat and outskirts. General Raheel Sharif expressed grief over the recent brutal killing of innocent labourers by terrorists in Turbat. He said: "We will defeat terrorism comprehensively."

Twenty construction workers were killed and three others were injured on Saturday when unidentified gunmen opened fire on them in a pre-dawn attack on a labourers' camp near Turbat. The victims belonged to Sindh and Punjab, Balochistan Home Minister Sarfaraz Bugti had said at the time, adding that they were working for a private construction company and building a bridge over a stream in Gogdan. The banned Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) claimed responsibility for the attack. Following the massacre, security was beefed up in and around Turbat. Patrolling by FC, Levies and police was increased in the town to keep a vigilant eye on the movement of suspects. On Monday, at least 13 suspected militants belonging to the BLF were killed in a raid by security forces near Turbat. The dead militants were allegedly involved in Saturday's gun attack on labourers. Turbat is considered one of the most sensitive districts in Balochistan. It is also the hometown of Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch.

Upon his return to Islamabad, General Raheel Sharif called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and discussed the law and order situation in Balochistan. Their meeting, following the daylong visit of the army chief to Balochistan, gained more significance as it was probably the first time the military chief issued a public warning to foreign actors involved in destabilising the restive province. Sources aware of the deliberations of the meeting informed The Nation that various options to contain the growing unrest and activities of insurgents came under discussion in the meeting and it was decided to work out a strategy to contain the insurgency and to bring peace and tranquillity to the restive province. The COAS informed the prime minister about the evidence of foreign hand behind the killing of innocent labourers in Turbat and it was decided in the meeting that all state organs should be used to crush all those working on the nefarious plan to destabilise Balochistan.

Proven militants: 22 detainees placed in black category

The Express Tribune, April 15, 2015

PESHAWAR: The Lakki Marwat internment centre oversight board has placed 22 detainees in the black category of proven militants and listed five in the grey category of suspected militants. A report of the investigation was presented before the Peshawar High Court by the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Home and Tribal Affairs department on Wednesday. A two-member bench comprising Chief Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhel and Justice Muhammad Daud Khan was hearing a petition filed by Muhammad Ayub. The detainees had been whisked away from different parts of the province on different occasions between 2009 and 2012. Of these, six individuals were previously missing and later found incarcerated at the centre and placed in the black category. They were identified as Akbar Ali, Mian Anwer, Abdullah, Mulazim Hussain, Muhammad Asif and Imdad Hussain. Those placed in the category of suspected militants include the petitioner's brother Asghar Khan, Inamullah, Muhammad Hayat, Zamir Gul and Abdul Khaliq.

Care of the missing persons

During the course of the hearing, the court was informed a hospital has been established at the internment centre. Two male nurses and one medical officer are on duty there. Specialist physicians are called in when detainees require advanced medical assistance. The court also sought reports of missing persons Khalil Khan, Muhammad Yousaf and Danishmand. The petition of Mohajara Bibi was disposed of after the court learnt the previously missing person, Nafees, has returned home safely. Section 14 of the Action (in Aid of Civil Power) Regulation 2011 says, "The governor shall notify an oversight board for each internment centre comprising two civilians and two military officers to review the case of each person interned within a period of 120 days from the issuance of order of internment."

Zarb-e-Azb may extend to Balochistan to fight insurgents: sources

The Express Tribune, April 15, 2015

QUETTA: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif met Army chief General Raheel Sharif on Wednesday to discuss national security and the law and order situation of Quetta, Express News reported. Sources privy to the development told The Express Tribune that Operation Zarb-e-Azb might be expanded to Balochistan to fight against Baloch insurgents as well. The army launched Operation Zarb-e-Azb against militants in North Waziristan in June 2014. "COAS and PM apart from this issue also discussed visiting top level delegation led by Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif in Saudi Arabia," the sources further added. During his visit, the army chief presided over a law and order meeting at the Frontier Crops Balochistan Headquarters office. The meeting came days after a sickening orgy of bloodshed played out in a remote town of southern Balochistan on April 11 when 20 construction workers were methodically massacred in a predawn attack on their camp near Turbat city in Kech district of Balochistan.

Inspector General Frontier Crops (IGFC) Sher Afghan, Balochistan home secretary, IG Police and other high officials are present during the meeting. Further, briefing on the army chief's visit DG ISPR Asim Bajwa tweeted: Major-General Sher Afghan briefed the army chief regarding the law and order situation in the province and search operations being carried out in Turbat and its

Restoration of death penalty will deter terrorism: Mamnoon

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

outskirts. Upon arrival, the army chief was received by Commander of Southern Command Lt General Nasir Khan Janjua. Acting on a tip-off, the Frontier Corps on April 13 shot dead at least 13 suspected militants, including assailants accused of killing 20 labourers in Turbat. "Security forces with the help of secret agencies have launched the massive search operation in and around Turbat," spokesperson for FC Balochistan told The Express Tribune.

ISLAMABAD: President Mamnoon Hussain has said that Pakistan's decision to lift moratorium on death penalty will act as a deterrent against terrorism. "Lifting the moratorium is a deterrent to financiers and handlers of terrorism," he said during a meeting with a delegation of the German-South Asian Parliamentary Group of the German Parliament on Wednesday. Niels Annen, the group's chairman, led the delegation during the meeting held at the presidency. The decision to lift the moratorium was based on the desire of people who had been demanding stern action against terrorists, he said. Mr Hussain said that the country's policy on death penalty had been made in the light of its constitution and international laws. The government lifted the six-year moratorium in December 2014 and it is expected that the decision will lead to execution of about 8,000 death-row prisoners. The process has started and over 60 convicts have been hanged since the lifting of the moratorium. Some western countries and human rights organisations have criticised the government for executing convicts of crimes other than terrorism. "Terrorists have no religion and the need of the hour is to promote inter-faith harmony for world peace," the president said.

He said the Constitution guaranteed fundamental rights of all citizens irrespective of religion, race, caste, colour, creed or gender. He told the delegation that the government was taking steps to prevent misuse of blasphemy law. "The law is non-discriminatory as it applies to both Muslims and non-Muslims alike." On the country's role in war on terrorism, he said Pakistan had been the worst victim of terrorism as more than 60,000 innocent Pakistanis had lost their lives and the country had suffered the economic loss amounting to more than \$100 billion. Reiterating Pakistan's commitment to fighting terrorism and extremism, he said a National Action Plan had been formulated to effectively deal with the menace. He said Operation Zarb-i-Azb against terrorists would continue until terrorism was eliminated and expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved so far. The government, he said, had set up a National Commission on Human Rights to ensure an independent judiciary, free media and a vibrant civil society to protect human rights.

President Hussain said Pakistan held its relations with Germany in high esteem. "Pakistan seeks enhanced bilateral contacts, parliamentary exchanges, trade and cooperation in defence, counter-terrorism, energy and other fields," he said. He said the government was keenly anticipating the visit of Chancellor Angela Merkel to Pakistan this year on the invitation of the prime minister. Later, addressing a meeting at the National Defence University, the president said that challenges to national security needed to be tackled through a comprehensive and unified approach. "Pakistan is going through difficult circumstances and facing multi-dimensional challenges, including terrorism, but the army is bravely fighting against militancy in tribal areas to restore peace in the country," he added.

Pakistan successfully test fires Ghauri Missile

The Express Tribune, April 15, 2015

Web Desk: Pakistan successfully conducted a training launch of Ghauri Missile system on Wednesday, according to Inter Services Public Relations. Ghauri Ballistic Missile can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads upto a distance of 1,300 kilometres. The launch was conducted by a strategic missile group of the Army Strategic Forces Command that was aimed at testing the operational and technical readiness of the command. The launch was witnessed by senior officers from Strategic Plans Division, strategic forces, scientists and engineers of strategic organisations.

While congratulating the scientists, engineers and all ranks of Strategic Forces, Director General Strategic Plans Division Lieutenant General Zubair Mahmood Hayat expressed his full satisfaction over the excellent standard achieved by the Strategic Forces. President Mamnoon Hussain and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif congratulated the Strategic Forces, scientists and engineers on the achievement.

Mission Impossible: UNHCR says no to forced repatriation of refugees

The Express Tribune, April 14, 2015

PESHAWAR: United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) officials said on Monday they would not agree to the forced return of Afghan refugees living in Pakistan. UNHCR Peshawar sub office head Jacques Franquin said his organisation would stand firm on the issue. Briefing the media at a local hotel in the provincial capital, he cast doubts over the ability to meet the repatriation deadline of December 31, 2015. "It would be difficult to send around 1.5 million people back to their native land." Franquin said UNHCR was negotiating with Pakistani authorities to ensure that refugees return safely and with their dignity intact. To a question about extending the deadline, he said his organisation has been pleading with Pakistan officials for years to show flexibility and compassion.

Host of problems

He said there were three solutions to the problem of refugees: Repatriation, integration in host countries and finally resettlement to a third country. Franquin said Pakistani authorities were not ready to consider integration process and want Afghans to return to their country. The UNHCR head believed that the matter of unregistered Afghans in Pakistan could be resolved through visas. He admitted there was also donor fatigue for Afghan refugees, saying funding was shrinking year by year.

Post APS attack

According to the UN refugee agency, at least 10,777 Afghan refugees have returned to their country during the first three months of the current year, adding the attack on the Army Public School (APS) has expedited the repatriation process. UNHCR Protection Officer Bashir Ahmed, also present at the briefing, said since the APS massacre, about 700 registered Afghans were rounded up by police. However, all of them were later released without being charged, he added. Ahmed said Pakistan lacked legislation related to refugees despite hosting millions of them over

**Turbat massacre
'perpetrators' killed in raid**
The Express Tribune, April 14, 2015

the course of 35 years. He added the whole affair was being run through ad hoc arrangements. He said UNHCR and the Pakistan government completed the registration process of Afghan refugees back in 2006 under which they were issued machine-readable proof of registration cards. "Registered refugees are of concern to us and they are about 1.6 million in number," he said.

Ahmed added the Solution Strategy for Afghan Refugees was launched in 2012 and aims to make voluntary repatriation sustainable by providing economic opportunities and ensuring development of refugee-hosting areas. However, he said there were political and economic considerations that compelled people to continue living in Pakistan. UN refugee agency figures shared with the media showed that about 6,394 people returned to Afghanistan all of last year, but the number was already up to 10,777 by March 31, 2015. The document also showed reasons for the return of these refugees. Around 41% returned due to the fear of arrest or deportation, while 30% went back due to camp/settlement closures or relocation campaigns. UNHCR figures show there are about 965,301 Afghan refugees in K-P and Fata. Of the total, 53% live in Peshawar, while Nowshera is home to 9%.

QUETTA: Hardly two days after gunmen massacred 20 construction workers in an attack that reeked of ethnic hatred, paramilitary troops claimed that they have killed 13 insurgents from the Baloch separatist group responsible for the bloodbath. A proscribed separatist group, Baloch Liberation Front (BLF), had claimed credit for the mass killings at a labourers' camp in the Gogdan area, a few kilometres away from Turbat city in Kech district shortly before dawn on Saturday. Subsequently, a manhunt was launched in the barren mountains of Turbat for the killers, but it did not yield anything. On Monday, the paramilitary Frontier Corps conducted raids in different parts of Turbat after the force was tipped off about the presence of militants in the region. One of the raids conducted in Gogdan, the area where the labourers' camp was stormed, sparked a gunfight that left 13 militants, including their commander, dead, FC spokesman Khan Wasey told The Express Tribune. Some militants were also wounded in the firefight. "The raid was carried out by a special wing of the FC and Mekran Scouts with the help of an intelligence agency on the directives of the provincial government," he added.

The FC spokesperson claimed that the dead militants included perpetrators of the Turbat massacre. He added that BLF commander Zareef was also arrested in the raid that yielded a cache of automatic weapons, including rocket launchers. Provincial home secretary Akbar Hussain Durrani confirmed the militant death toll. IGFC Maj Gen Sher Afgan hailed the operation and vowed that his force would not rest until the last militant was eliminated from the province where Baloch militants have been fighting a low-profile insurgency since 2004. He added that the militants involved in the grisly massacre of 20 labourers would have to pay a heavy price for their dastardly crime. Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch is in his hometown of Turbat and personally supervising the operation, a source said.

PUBLIC SERVICES

NEWS HEADLINES

UNHCR to provide medical gadgets to Munshi Hospital

Daily Dawn, April 19, 2015

Chinese investment to help eliminate energy crisis: Shahbaz

Daily Dawn, April 19, 2015

Only 8% youth have access to higher education

Pakistan Today, April 18, 2015

20 suspected polio cases under scrutiny at NIH

Daily Dawn, April 18, 2015

CHK vascular, isolation wards

Daily Dawn, April 18, 2015

Energy deal: Moscow to lend \$2b for LNG pipeline

The Express Tribune, April 18, 2015

DETAIL

LAHORE: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will provide necessary medical gadgets worth Rs22.7 million to Government Mian Munshi Hospital. Afghan Refugees Commissioner Chaudhry Riaz and Lahore Health Executive District Officer (EDO) Dr Zulfiqar Ali signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard on Saturday. According to a handout, Adviser on Health Khwaja Salman Rafique said earlier the UNHCR had also provided Rs30m for the renovation of maxillofacial ward at Mayo Hospital. He said the cooperation of philanthropists and donors was of great importance in the development of the health sector. Chaudhry Riaz assured that his institution would continue financial cooperation for improving performance of hospitals. He said an amount of Rs30m would also be provided by the UNHCR for a trauma centre at Munshi Hospital. He said there was a vast catchment area of Government Mian Munshi Hospital and a large number of Afghan Refugees were residing on Bund Road and other areas. Earlier, Munshi Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Mohammad Amir said there was a shortage of doctors and nurses at his hospital. It also needed increase in its budget for medicines. He said the medical equipment and other machines of the hospital were old. The funds would help replace these gadgets primarily, including an ultrasound machine, colour developer, digital X-ray, ECG machine, refrigerator, microscope, sucker machine, auto chemistry analyser, traction table with machine, dental unit, autoclave and other equipment.

LAHORE: A Chinese delegation headed by Chengdu Mayor Tang Lianghzi called on Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and discussed matters related to the energy sector. Shahbaz said the Chinese president's visit to Pakistan would be very important. "Agreements on investment of billions of dollars will be signed, including a \$20 billion project in the energy sector," he said. The chief minister said these agreements were historic vis-à-vis Pakistan-China friendship. Owing to the visit of the Chinese president, economic and trade cooperation would further be strengthened between the two countries. "We consider Chinese investment as cooperation and assistance for the development of various sectors and it will help rid us of the energy crisis," he said.

Shahbaz said China was extending great economic cooperation to Pakistan and that the government was making serious efforts for resolving the energy crisis and a number of projects with Chinese cooperation would start producing electricity by 2017. He further said an agreement for declaring Lahore and the Chinese city of Chengdu 'twin city' would be signed during the Chinese president's visit. He said due to this agreement, cooperation in tourism, trade, economy and other sectors would be promoted between the two cities. Tang Lianghzi said China and Pakistan were tied with relations of brotherhood and everlasting friendship. He said mutual cooperation would further strengthen with the agreement of declaring Chengdu and Lahore 'twin city'. He said he had come to Pakistan for the first time and was highly impressed with the beauty and development of Lahore. Chinese Consul General in Lahore Yu Boren was also present in the meeting.

The Senate was informed Friday that only eight per cent of the people between the age of 17 and 23 years have access to higher education compared to 26 per cent in South Asia and 43 per cent in Germany. Minister of State for Education Baleegur Rehman said the top priority of the government is provision of higher education and for this purpose the budget of HEC has been increased to Rs 70 billion. He said during the last five years 698 students from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were sent abroad on scholarship. He said there is a fixed criterion based on which students are selected for scholarships abroad. He said students from Balochistan could not fulfil the criteria and as a result it was relaxed for them. He said 23 girls were among those who were sent abroad for education from Balochistan. He said in view of the priority being given to higher education, the present government increased the scholarships and enhanced the allocations to Rs 6 billion while allocations for Research and Development have been raised to Rs 20 billion. To another question, the Minister of State for education said the number of PhDs has crossed 10,000. He said the National Vocational and Training Commission has launched a number of activities and registered 500,000 people for giving them training.

ISLAMABAD: With 21 polio cases already confirmed in the country during the current year, the National Institute of Health (NIH) is analysing 20 suspected cases. In the year 2014, as many as 306 polio cases were reported from different parts of the country. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif formed a cabinet committee to take steps to eradicate the crippling disease. Moreover, on May 5, 2014, the World Health Organisation made it mandatory for all Pakistanis travelling abroad to have at least one dose of the anti-polio vaccine. The government was also suggested to issue vaccination certificates to the travelers. The decision was made to avoid the risk of transfer of the poliovirus to other countries.

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Friday asked medical superintendent (MS) of the Civil Hospital Karachi to make vascular and isolation wards at the hospital operational. The MS assured the division bench headed by Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi who heard a petition against the wards' closure that they would be made functional as soon as the hospital found a suitable doctor to look after them. The petitioner submitted that the wards were closed due to doctors' shortage and after the head of the ward Prof Dr Sohail Ahmed Khan went on long leave about two years ago.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Russia have finalised an agreement under which Moscow will lend Islamabad \$2 billion to lay a pipeline that will transport liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Karachi to Lahore, Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi says, adding that in return Russian

First phase of economic corridor to bring \$35bn investment in energy

Daily Times, April 18, 2015

5th round of anti polio drive concludes in KP

The Statesman, April 18, 2015

ADB to provide \$43m to Pakistan for completion of

companies will be awarded the contract to build the pipeline. The formal agreement between the two sides is expected to be signed next month, following which Pakistan will also sign a commercial agreement with a Russian firm that Moscow will identify as its preferred contractor to build the 1,100-kilometre pipeline. According to the agreement, the contract will be awarded without any formal bidding process. The financing for the LNG pipeline comes as a prelude to Russia's offer to sell LNG to Pakistan. Russia is the second-largest producer of natural gas in the world, and is seeking to diversify its export markets after a spat last year with the European Union, its main buyer, over Ukraine. "Pakistan and Russia have finalised an LNG pipeline deal in a recent meeting in Moscow and the two countries will sign a government-to-government basis deal next month," Petroleum Minister Abbasi told The Express Tribune. "Russia will start its first LNG exports in 2016 and has also offered to sell gas to Pakistan."

This is not Islamabad's first major cooperation agreement with Moscow over infrastructure. The former Soviet Union had financed the construction of the state-owned Pakistan Steel Mills under a similar arrangement. The Soviets had also helped supply some of the oil drilling equipment for the state-owned Oil and Gas Development Company. Some of that equipment is in use till date. Currently, Pakistan is working on two pipelines to transport re-gassified LNG from Karachi to the northern parts of the country. The first is a pipeline that will connect the Gwadar Port to the main natural gas pipeline hub in Nawabshah. The second will lay a direct pipeline from Karachi to Lahore. The government has signed an initial deal with China to award a \$3 billion LNG terminal and pipeline project to a Chinese contractor in a similar financing-for-guaranteed-contract arrangement. Islamabad had initially offered Moscow and Beijing a similar arrangement for the Iran-Pakistan pipeline, but American and European sanctions against Tehran scuttled that project – at least for now.

An LNG import terminal, owned and operated by the Engro Corporation, an industrial conglomerate, is already up and running, though there is, as yet, no agreement to import natural gas from Qatar, the third-largest natural gas producer in the world and closest to Pakistan. There is also no infrastructure yet that would allow that natural gas to be transported upcountry. "We are negotiating an LNG supply deal with Qatar which will be finalised soon," Abbasi said. Pakistan's existing pipeline network has the capacity to transport 320 million cubic feet of gas per day (mmcf) in re-gassified LNG. Consumption in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, as well as upper Sindh, however, exceeds 3,000 mmcf, which is why the new pipelines are badly needed. In order to finance the payback of the loans needed to construct the pipelines, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has allowed the state-owned gas utilities, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGP) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), to start charging consumers more for their gas bills every month. SNGP and SSGC are expected to invest \$750 million and \$300 million respectively to finance the LNG pipeline.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal on Friday said the first phase of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would bring in \$35 billion to \$37 billion investment in energy projects, which would produce 16500 MW of electricity. This would be a commercial transaction as Chinese firms would give loans to Pakistani partners and government would ink agreements with the latter to acquire electricity, he told editors and senior journalists along with Federal Minister for Information Pervez Rashid and Prime Minister's Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi at a briefing.

Ahsan Iqbal said with CPEC, the missing link of bringing Pak- China economic ties at par with their geo-political ties would be restored. Seeing the massive Chinese investment in Pakistan, the investors across the globe were also likely to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan, he added. The minister said coal projects would be completed within three years while solar and wind projects would be accomplished in six to 12 months. Giving details, he said four provinces would benefit from these projects, which would generate 10,400 MW power under early harvest projects by tapping coal, hydel, solar and wind potential for Pakistan. The government would ensure the upgradation of transmission and distribution lines because current transmission lines were unable to carry that load. At least 10 coal-fired projects would be set under the economic corridor, he added.

Ahsan Iqbal said that Chinese firms would give concessional loans for infrastructure projects spreading over 15 to 20 years period. The loan would be on far less mark-up than available anywhere in the world and the difference in mark-up will be paid to them by the Chinese government. The minister said the only challenge for Pakistan was to ensure it kept pace with investment vision of the Chinese leadership by turning itself into an economic nation by ensuring success of the CPEC. During question-answer session, the minister told a questioner that given diligence, transparency and tough negotiations, all the projects envisaged under the economic corridor would be able to stand any scrutiny by the court.

PESHAWAR: The fifth round of anti polio drive concluded in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Friday wherein more than 1.370 million children under the age of five years were administered anti-polio drops across the province. This figure makes more than 90 per cent of the total target set for the round, said an official release of the Polio Emergency Operation Centre of KP Health Department. According to a report of Polio Emergency Operation Centre, 14511 children have been immunized in district Abbottabad, 68479 in Bannu, 8816 in Battagram, 120003 in Charsadda, 108585 in D.I.Khan, 17615 in Dir Lower, 35614 in Dir Upper, 33029 in Hangu, 33048 in Haripur, 20745 in Karak, 36893 in Kohat, 3836 in Kohistan, 7246 in Malakand, 222705 in Mardan, 61101 in Nowshera, 469130 in Peshawar, 35861 in Shangla and 73178 in Tank. The three day drive was put off in district Buner, Lakki Marwat, Swabi and Swat for some unavoidable circumstances, it concluded. - APP

Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide forty three million dollars to Pakistan for completion of water related projects in FATA. An agreement to this effect was signed by the

water projects

Radio Pakistan, April 17, 2015

School teacher brutally beats student over asking reason for low marks

Dunya News, April 17, 2015

25 million children out of school in Pakistan

The News, April 17, 2015

Faisalabad: Warehouse catches fire, goods worth millions burnt

Dunya News, April 17, 2015

Nandipur power plant to be fully functional by May

Business Recorder, April 17, 2015

Secretary Economic Affairs Division Muhammad Saleem Sethi and the Country Director of Asian Development Bank in Islamabad on Friday. It will benefit 1.4 million people besides promotion of agriculture in FATA. The amount will be utilized for the construction of nine small dams in the tribal areas.

LAHORE: Nine-year old student of Class- 3 faced brutal violence from her teacher in Government Girls High School on Thokar Niaz Baig, Dunya News reported on Friday. According to details, the student named Saher asked the reason of getting low marks in test from her teacher Zahida on which she became furious and beat her savagely with stick. The student got severe bruises on her body reacting to which her father Malik Ishtiaq lodged a complaint against the teacher in Hanjarwal police station. Police officials carried out medical checkup of Saher and confirmed the violence. Saher's father has also appealed the higher authorities to take notice of the incident.

ISLAMABAD: Children in Pakistan had to live with a dilapidated health sector, a dismal public education system, retributive and violent juvenile justice system, lack of positive alternatives to child labour and a tacit cultural acceptance of various forms of violence against them during the year 2014. The overall situation of Pakistani children was summarised well in one sentence in annual 'State of Pakistan's Children Report' by Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC) launched on Thursday. The report provided an annual overview of the state of various sectors that affect children in the country, including child rights, health, education, child labour, juvenile justice and violence against children. The report termed deadly terror attack on Army Public School, Peshawar, as testimony to the fact that the state of Pakistan has comprehensively failed in meeting its obligations to the children of the country.

The title page of the report also carries a picture from the same incident. The report quoted various national and international sources to reveal that 25 million children are out of school in Pakistan. The situation is further compounded by the lack of infrastructure and teaching staff along with poor teaching standards in public schools which can force more children to drop out of schools altogether. Moreover, in 2014, 296 cases of polio were reported from different parts of the country and 546 children died of acute malnutrition in Tharparkar district of Sindh. These cases were presented as testimony to the systematic failure of the government health sector which has failed to take proactive measures to address the various health crises afflicting the country.

The report also revealed that provincial governments have failed to come up with updated or revamped legislation on important child rights issues in the post 18th Amendment scenario. For instance, child and bonded labour legislation is still in various stages of completion; furthermore, information on underage employment in the country has not been updated since 1996. The report says that Pakistan is ranked number 3 in the world with the highest prevalence of child and forced labour, 69,604 cases of violence against children were reported between 2000 and 2013, 1,381 cases of 'vani' happened between 2000 to 2013 and 1,786 cases of Child Sexual Abuse were reported between January and June 2014. The report also identified the increasing prevalence of violence against children in the country and highlighted that incidents of violence are much higher than what is stated by the media and research organisations as majority of cases are never reported to the authorities. The report called for concerted government and civil society engagement to address the issues faced by children and for bringing child rights and child protection in mainstream public discourse. The report revealed that in 2014 no significant breakthroughs were achieved to reach the health and education targets of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). With the current rate of progress, Pakistan is most likely to miss its 2015 targets.

The event was attended by state functionaries, human and child right activists, mediapersons and officials from national and international NGOs and donor agencies. The keynote speakers included former federal minister for health Dr Sania Nishtar, Zoe Leffler from European Commission, Hassan Mangi from Law and Human Rights Ministry and Anees Jillani of SPARC. SPARC's research department representatives Zohair Waheed, Hamza Hasan and Mariam Soomro presented the findings of the 2014 report and highlighted that Pakistan has remained far from achieving its national and international commitments, including the Millennium Development Goals, with regards to protecting and promoting the rights of children in the country. Speaking on the occasion, former federal minister for health Dr Sania Nishtar pointed out that there is no dearth of laws. "All we need is efficient intersectoral collaboration and creation of demand among public for effective implementation of these laws and policies." Director Law and Human Rights Ministry Hassan Mangi highlighted the challenges of capacity and resources at provincial level that lead to delay in service delivery. He pointed out lack of data as another problem which contributes in poor implementation of laws.

FAISALABAD – A grain warehouse in Ghalla Mandi area of Faisalabad caught fire on Saturday. Grain stock worth millions of rupees was burnt in the fire. The fire also engulfed nearby shops. Rescue 1122 teams reached the site of the fire and were able to control the fire after battling it for 1 and a half hour. Nearby shops engulfed by the flames also suffered damages. Peanuts and spices stored in nearby shops were destroyed by the flames. Wedding of daughter of the warehouse owner Mohammad Khalid was being held today.

ISLAMABAD: Managing Director Nandipur Power Project Muhammad Mehmood on Friday said that 425 MW Nandipur Power Project would be fully operationalized by May. Talking to APP here he said that three units of the project have already been commissioned while fourth unit combine circles was being tested. Currently, the plants was generating 300 MW, he added. The MD said that with the operationalization of fourth unit of combine circle, the plant would supply 425 MW electricity to the national grid system. He said that cost of the project was estimated at Rs. 85 billion, however, it would cost Rs.59 billion. He said that the Nandipur power plant was 2nd most

Plea against shop timing dismissed

Dawn, April 17, 2015

MSF team visits Dir hospital

The Statesman, April 17, 2015

NA committee approves controversial Cyber Crime Bill

The Statesman, April 17, 2015

efficient thermal power plant after Guddu 747 MW.

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court said on Thursday the decision of shutting down shops and business places at 8pm was a policy matter of the government and the court had no jurisdiction to interfere in it. With this observation, Justice Ijazul Ahsan dismissed a petition filed by All Pakistan Anjuman-i-Tajiran central secretary general Naeem Mir, assailing the decision for being discriminatory and unconstitutional. As the court resumed hearing, petitioner's counsel CM Afzal argued that the government's decision was arbitrary, capricious and was taken without building any consensus and taking into confidence any of the traders body. He said it was the worst example of discrimination as the government was not inclined to shutting down any business premises in Cantonment areas of the province and only small traders were likely to suffer.

The counsel argued the government awfully failed to fulfill its responsibilities with respect to required energy production. He said the government should be directed to take effective steps for production of the required electricity and to withdraw the announcement regarding closure of shops by 8pm in Punjab and Islamabad. He said the government be also directed to upgrade modes of domestic and commercial electricity appliances instead of obsolete technologies being used in Pakistan. The judge dismissed the petition for being not maintainable. Naeem Mir announced that he would challenge the order before a division bench by filing an intra-court appeal.

UPPER DIR: Médecins Sans Frontiers (MSF) country director Ruza Auat and field coordinator Prue Coakley visited the district headquarters hospital, Dir, to have firsthand knowledge of the facilities and problems being faced by patients and people of remote areas, especially women. MNA Sahibzada Tariqullah, deputy commissioner Imran Hameed and MPA Mohammad Ali were also present on the occasion. The MSF delegation visited various wards of the hospital. Briefing the delegation, the deputy commissioner said that the DHQ hospital had 250 beds and it was catering to over one million population. He said that patients, especially women, had been facing difficulties due to lack of facilities, female doctors and gynaecologists. Mr Tariqullah said on the occasion that MSF was an organisation that provided facilities like doctors, free medicines, paramedical staff and others to the patients. He said that it had also established its special wards in various hospitals in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He demanded establishment of MSF centre in the DHQ hospital for the sake of poor patients.

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly's Standing Committee on Information Technology approved on Thursday a 'controversial legislation' on cyber terrorism and has referred it to Parliament for final approval. The parliamentary panel adopted the Cyber Crimes Bill 2015 without considering objections as serious or merited. A majority of members failed to turn up at the meeting, paving way for Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) legislators to surpass those critical of the legislation, including the media, internet service providers, NGOs and members of civil society. State Minister for Information Technology Anusha Rehman told The Express News it was incorrect to say that the legislation is non-transparent and non-consultative. Safeguards have been ensured against any expected misuse, and there is no substance in the criticism on the legislation, she assured. She further argued that once the legislation is passed, Pakistan would succeed to convince Google to launch YouTube.com.pk — a local version of the YouTube. Bolo Bhi, Director Farieha Aziz said the draft bill in its current form will seriously impact internet users, the ICT industry, print and electronic media, academicians, researchers, the legal community and the educated youth as well as ordinary citizens of Pakistan. MNA Talal Chaudhry said we should trust that our institutions will not misuse this new legislation, while Major (retd) Tahir Iqbal termed the bill a perfect legislation, saying one out of 100 officers may misuse the law. The only legislator not part of the PML-N at the committee meeting was Syed Raza Abedi of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement. Abedi also supported the legislation, saying such a mechanism for social media would help contain the 'online brigade' of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.

What the Bill entails- In Sections 17 and 18, political criticism and political expression in the form of analysis, commentary, blogs and cartoons, caricatures, memes, has been criminalised.- As per Section 19, any person who tests system security will be an offender- As per section 20, 'obscene' or 'immoral' messages on Facebook, Twitter, and other social platforms, have been made offenses without defining obscenity or immorality; thus, giving sweeping powers to investigating agencies to implicate anyone on these charges.- Section 20 also states posting of photographs of any person on Facebook or Instagram, without their permission is an offence.- Under Section 21, sending an email or message without the recipient's permission will become an offence.- In Section 26, the definition of ISPs and telcos has been expanded to now include any place that offers the public access to internet, i.e. restaurants, malls, hotels, offices, airports, stations.- Section 31 gives the government/PTA unfettered powers to block access or remove speech not only on the internet but transmitted through any device, limiting the media's freedom and citizens' right to expression. Stepping on fundamental rights?

Fundamental principles of law, such as requiring intent, especially malicious intent, to be established for conviction, have not been followed; in fact, the requirement has been omitted from the modified version of this bill. This is true even for offences such as Cyber Terrorism, which carries a penalty of 14 years imprisonment. There is grave danger of white-hat hackers, hobbyists, people who hack for academic purposes to identify security flaws in systems, or teenagers who for recreation (albeit wrongly) deface websites, could end up getting convicted as cyber terrorists. Meanwhile, checks and balances on investigation agencies and its officers have been removed. For instance, requiring an investigation officer to obtain a warrant from court for search, seizure or arrest on the basis of a list of qualifications he/she was required to present before court, making clear reasons why the warrant should be issued, no longer exists. Similarly, other safeguards that were previously built in, such as protection against self-incrimination and an accused's right to know the charges against him/her, have also been omitted.

NEPRA to hear petition of power producers

The News , April 17, 2015

LAHORE: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has agreed to hear petition of two power producers next week for tariff revision and activation of plants, sources said on Thursday. Notification in this regard has been issued by the power regulator in which all the stakeholders have been asked to submit their objections, if any, within the stipulated period regarding the revision of tariff and resumption of power production by the Japan Power Generation Ltd and Southern Electric Power Company Ltd, the sources said.

As per the stance of owners of both the power plants, NEPRA had already accepted the point of view of two other power houses, including Reshma Power and Gulf Power and allowed electricity generation agreement with the power purchasers and other entities. Therefore, on the same pattern, the management of the Japan Power and Southern Electric submitted applications, showing their readiness for initiating plant operation. The sources said a legal team of NEPRA has accepted the application and issued notification in this regard. Both the plants are ready to start operations after striking their revised agreements, officials said. They welcomed the decision of Nepra for accepting the hearing applications. Amjad Awan, CEO of Japan Power with 110MW capacity said these plants can effectively contribute in meeting the power demands of Lahore and nearby cities. Tahir Sattar of Southern Electric Power Company Ltd with 118MW capacity said his company has paid the fees of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan and now there is no outstanding amount against his power plant.

KE to provide free electricity to FESF

Business Recorder, April 17, 2015

K-Electric (KE) has always focused on its Social Investment Programme (SIP) through its corporate social responsibility and the Power Utility has added another partner to which the company would be providing 100 percent free electricity to Family Educational Services Foundation schools and technical training centre specialised for the deaf niche of the society. As per KE's press statement an MoU was signed at the KE House between the FESF and KE where KE's CEO Tayyab Tareen and FESF's Director Daniel Marc were present. CEO K-Electric appreciated the efforts that FESF is rendering to serve this part of the society that was not being given proper focus. He also expressed interest for the top brass of KE in investing time and efforts with FESF with their skill set that can help FESF grow. On this occasion Director FESF Daniel Marc said, "Family Educational Services Foundation (FESF) is an educational organisation working in Pakistan since 1984. They invest in educational development and provide innovative training programmes and services to enable recipients to gain competency and self-sufficiency, empowering them to reach their full potential. The Deaf Reach School currently has 219 students enrolled where they train deaf teens and adults."

Paramedics boycott duties, demand service structure

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

PESHAWAR: The paramedical employees of various government hospitals in Peshawar division on Wednesday observed a complete boycott of duties and held a rally outside the Peshawar Press Club to protest against the delay in implementation of service structure for them. Holding banners and placards inscribed with their demands, the protesters marched from the Lady Reading Hospital in a procession on Sher Shah Suri Road and shouted slogans against the secretary of finance department. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Paramedical Association president Jauhar Ali, secretary general Roidar Shah, chairman Sirajuddin Barki and other office-bearers were leading the procession. Speaking on the occasion, the association leaders blamed the secretary finance of the provincial government for what they called delaying tactics to materialise the announcement of Chief Minister Pervez Khattak regarding promotion of the health workers.

They said that the chief minister had promised in the presence of ministers for health and finance on Sept 13, 2014 at the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House, Islamabad, to solve the issues of health workers, including elevation of their scales, within one month and also issued directives to the relevant officials in this regard, but to no avail. They said that major demands of paramedics included timescale formula for promotion and provision of professional allowance. "We held another meeting with the provincial minister for finance on Feb 26, 2015 and after lengthy discussion he also agreed to accept our demands," they said and alleged that secretary finance was delaying the implementation phase. Besides, the association office-bearers expressed concern over raids at different laboratories and described it as an injustice with the paramedics. They said that they had time and again presented their demands to the relevant officers, but no one was paying attention. "Now, we have no other option, but to observe a complete strike in all the hospitals of the province from April 22," they warned. They said that the government had forced them to take such an extreme step for acceptance of their demands. They warned that if the government did not pay attention the workers would also stop emergency cover and duties in the anti-polio campaigns.

New cybercrime bill to criminalise spam mail, text messages?

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

ISLAMABAD: Uploading photos on Instagram and Facebook or sending emails or text messages to a recipient without their consent may be considered harmless online behaviour, but under the new Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill (PECB) 2015, these actions and many more could land unsuspecting Internet users in jail. "The bill criminalises all such activities. Nowhere in the world is spam a criminal offence, but it is about to become one in Pakistan," said Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan (ISPAK) Convener Wahajus Siraj.

Polio vaccination refusal: CDGL seeks case against school admin

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

LAHORE: The City District Government of Lahore (CDGL) sought on Wednesday a case against the administration of the Convent Jesus and Mary High School, Durand Road, for allegedly refusing to get their students administered polio drops by the teams. According to officials, Gulberg Town Deputy District Officer (DDO) of Health Dr Faisal Malik submitted an application to the Racecourse police station for a case against the school principal and the administrator for not getting 60 students of the Urdu medium section vaccinated despite several visits by a CDGL polio team there from April 13 to 15. School secretary Jafar was not available for comment. The Gulberg Health DDO said school officials' behaviour with polio team members was very strange. He said though the school got vaccinated students of English medium section but refused to entertain Urdu medium children. He said the school seemed annoyed with the repeated visits of polio teams to the school. He said that for the last one year, the CDGL had been holding two polio

Teenager set on fire dies in hospital

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

CNG stations closure notified

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

Mysterious disease hits camels in Badin district

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

rounds (one in 150 union councils and two in sensitive union councils,” he added. The CDGL says it has achieved the polio vaccination target as 1.57 million children were vaccinated in the three-day active drive from April 13 to 15. Those who refused or were not available at home at the time team visit will be vaccinated during a catch-up day on Thursday (today).

SEALED: A CDGL monitoring team sealed on Wednesday a fake doctor’s clinic at Jorray Pul. The team also got a case registered against the clinic owner and seized medicines. Also, several price control magistrates on Wednesday got arrested 32 shopkeepers for overcharging. They also imposed a Rs88,000 fine on several others. The CDGL has also set up facilitation centres (Sahoolat centres) in 33 markets of the city where people can complain about overcharging, unavailability of ghee, cooking oil and other commodities, according to a spokesman.

LAHORE: A teenage boy, who was set ablaze allegedly by two unidentified men in Gulshan Ravi a few days ago, died in hospital on Wednesday. Nauman Masih, 13, of Nawan Kot was admitted to Mayo Hospital where after four days of treatment he could not survive. Meanwhile, some media reports gave the incident a religious angle claiming the boy, a Christian, was set ablaze by two Muslims for his faith. Rejecting all such reports, senior police officials claimed the real motive behind the incident had not been ascertained yet. Police also denied recording the boy’s ‘dying declaration’ at the hospital, saying the contradictory statements of three persons -- Nauman’s paternal uncle Nadeem Masih, his tailor Muneer and maternal grandfather Heera Masih -- had made the investigation complicated. “No dying declaration/statement was recorded by police due to the life-threatening condition of the boy,” Acting Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Rana Ayaz Saleem, head of the investigations wing, told Dawn. He added that police officials visited the hospital several times to record Nauman’s statement but were unable to do so due to the severity of burn injuries, which were said to be above 40pc. He claimed police had lodged a first information report (FIR) on the complaint of Nadeem who had alleged in his application that two unidentified men had set Nauman ablaze by pouring kerosene oil over him. The DIG said the applicant did not mention the assailants were Muslims.

Inquires took a turn when Heera in a written application alleged that Nauman was set on fire by Nadeem. The DIG said Heera had also filed an application with police for an FIR nominating Nadeem and his wife for setting the boy on fire to grab his property. He further said Nauman’s parents had separated after which his mother Shazia remarried and left her children. Later, his father passed away. He said Nauman’s father Rafaqat Masih had transferred his only house in the name of Nauman. After Rafaqat’s death, Nauman started living with his paternal uncle Nadeem. His grandfather Heera had filed the application in the context of this property dispute, he added. The DIG said police experts were analysing the statements of Nadeem, Heera and tailor Muneer to reach a conclusion. “Nauman told me three days before the incident that he had a feeling he might be set ablaze. When I asked him who will do that he said it was just his sixth sense,” the DIG quoted Muneer as telling police in his statement. Nauman was a worker at Muneer’s shop. The DIG said Nadeem had also recorded the same statement with police. Statements of the two men showed the boy was not religiously victimised, he added. He official further said during investigations so far no witness to the incident had been found.

To a question, DIG Saleem said neither the boy was a cleric nor member of any non-governmental organisation and it was out of question to call his death religiously motivated. He added there were no reports suggesting the boy was an activist or involved in any provocative or sensitive issue that could have become the motive behind his killing. He dispelled the impression being created by some media reports that the boy was killed for his faith. “Hundreds of thousands of Christians are working at houses or offices of Muslims across the country,” the DIG said, adding that with so many Christians earning their livelihood by working for Muslims, the likelihood of Nauman being killed for his faith was little. Heera confirmed to Dawn that he had filed an application with police in which he held Nadeem and his wife responsible for killing Nauman over a property dispute. “But I am facing pressure from my family and other relatives to withdraw the application,” he claimed. When asked about the reason he was being asked to withdraw the application, Heera said he could not pursue the case due to financial constraints. To a question about Nauman’s murder on religious basis, he said he did not know as he was not present at the crime scene. “We have decided to withdraw the application on Thursday (today)”, Heera added.

KARACHI: All compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in Sindh will remain closed on Thursday. According to a Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) notification issued late on Wednesday, the SSGC is facing a shortfall in gas supply due to a sudden reduction in supply from gas fields. The closure is for 24 hours only and gas stations will reopen at 8am on Friday.

BADIN: A mysterious disease has killed around 60 camels in Kario Ghanwar, Tarai and Khorwah and parts of Shaheed Fazil Rahu taluka over the past three weeks. People engaged in the livelihood of breeding priced camel species told Dawn on Wednesday that the animal was hit by a sudden outbreak in this specific region of Badin district that was considered to be an ideal location for camel breeding. Mohammad Yousaf Mehri, a resident of Haji Chakar Mehri village, said camels would die soon after contracting the mysterious disease, believed to be a virus. He said the disease was yet to be determined by local experts or officials of the livestock department. Fotto Jat, a villager who lives near Khorwah, verified the claims, saying that his camels fell ill all of sudden and died before one could do anything for their survival. Usually, he said, an animal disease gave time to practice some traditional methods for the cure. Many other villagers had similar stories to tell, saying that as many as 80 priced camel species had died in this region over the past four weeks. The affected camel breeders have been approaching the authorities concerned for immediate attention to the mysterious disease. They have appealed to them to constitute special teams of veterinary doctors to the region to diagnose the disease and prescribe treatment. District veterinary officer Dr Dodo Chandio said that several hundred camels were suffering from a viral infection, Surra, in parts of Badin, Tando Bago and Shaheed Fazil Rahu talukas. He said the infection was caused by the stings of tsetse flies and ticks. Although he

SC rejects govt's plea against gas cess verdict

Daily Dawn, April 16, 2015

Health situation under control in Tharparkar'

The Statesman, April 16, 2015

Provincial divide: Energy for Punjab, resentment for others

The Express Tribune, April 16, 2015

K-Electric to supply 40MW of electricity to new DG Khan cement plant, Pakistan

Cemnet, April 16, 2015

WAPDA employees protest government's privatisation plan

Black Sea Business Recorder, April 16, 2015

could not identify the prevailing mysterious disease, he said 2,100 of a total population of some 8,000 camels in Badin district had been vaccinated against identified diseases on an emergency basis.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court rejected on Wednesday a federal government's petition seeking review of its Aug 22, 2014, judgment declaring the gas infrastructure development cess (GIDC) a fee, and not a tax. The government had argued that collection of over Rs100 billion under the GIDC Act was not liable to be refunded to the industrial consumers from whom it had been recovered. A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Nasir-ul-Mulk dismissed the review petition on the grounds that the Sept 24, 2014 ordinance promulgated by the government soon after the Aug 22 verdict had been challenged in the Peshawar High Court and the matter would eventually come before the apex court in the form of an appeal. The ordinance had legalised the recovery of GIDC from non-domestic consumers, mainly industries. Referring to the issue of refund of over Rs100bn to the industrial consumers, the court said it would consider the matter on a case-to-case basis whenever it came before it. The review petition was filed on behalf of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. The apex court in its judgment had explained that such a cess should not have been introduced through a money bill in the National Assembly under Article 73 of the Constitution. But soon after the judgment was announced, the government promulgated the ordinance.

The GIDC Act was approved by the National Assembly in December 2011, imposing a cess on gas consumers, other than the domestic sector, to develop infrastructure for a number of projects, including the Iran-Pakistan pipeline, Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India pipeline and the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project, and for price equalisation of imported alternative fuels, including liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). Later, a number of industrial concerns as well as the owners of CNG stations filed petitions against GIDC in the Peshawar High Court. The PHC allowed the petitions in Dec 2013 by declaring the levy, imposition and recovery of cess unconstitutional with a direction to refund the money collected so far within a reasonable time, either in lump sum or by adjusting in monthly bills. The federal government had challenged the decision in the Supreme Court which dismissed the appeal and upheld the PHC verdict, but did not deal with the high court direction to refund the amount collected as GIDC.

MITHI: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Tharparkar Muhammad Asif Jameel has said that the health situation within the district is under control and children were being provided better health care facilities. The overall health situation of Thari children was improving and the administration is taking every possible step for further improvement, he added. A press release issued by Information Department here Wednesday said that in previous 72 hours no death of any child occurred due to under-nutrition. He said that the hospital was providing all available health facilities to the ailing children including Incubator, oxygen and medicines. - APP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is making efforts to address its power woes but seems like most projects are catering to Punjab, which would spark controversy and resentment among the other provinces. According to sources, electricity import from China and liquefied natural gas shipments from Qatar are catering to northern areas of Punjab. The federal government, led by PML-N, had decided to transport LNG to Punjab's power plants in a bid to generate 3,600MW electricity. Now, in a recent move, the government is also looking to allocate 4,000MW power import from China to upper Punjab, which would trigger controversy.

The cabinet committee on energy, in its meeting held on March 12, was informed that officials of state grid/CET visited Pakistan on January 22, to explore the possibility of providing electricity to Pakistan out of their national grid. The electricity will be transmitted through Kashgar on the Chinese side and into the northern areas of Pakistan. The projects have been tipped to be crucial for Pakistan. They include an inter-connection project for power import from China, Matiari to Lahore transmission line plus 660 HVDC project and Matiari to Faisalabad transmission line plus 660 HVDC project. The committee was further informed that the Pakistan government had approved the transmission line policy for private sector projects. The National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) had formalised proposals for upfront tariff and submitted them to the power regulator, Nepra, for approval.

The committee was apprised that the Chinese side had shown interest in China-Pakistan transmission line and sought northern transmission lines. A state grid delegation visited Pakistan and held meetings with NTDC on March 4-5, and the ministry of water and power on March 7-8. Both sides discussed priority projects including two domestic HVDC lines from south to north and one HVDC line from China to Pakistan. The committee was also briefed that the converter station site will be located near the load centres — Faisalabad, Lahore and Gujranwala for the terminal and of China-Pakistan HVDC transmission line. A potential site was visited by both parties on March 6.

K-Electric (KE) and DG Cement Ltd have signed an agreement through which the power utility will provide 40MW of electricity to the cement producer's upcoming plant in Hub, Balochistan, Pakistan. The agreement was signed at the KE House in the presence of KE and DG Khan management. According to KE's press statement, electricity will be provided from its Hub grid station and DG Cement Ltd is to construct a Line Bay and a 12km long 132kV transmission line. The new cement plant will have a capacity of 8500tpd and is due to be commissioned by the end of 2017.

A large number of workers belonging to Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union (CBA) held a demonstration in Multan against a proposed government plan to privatise distribution companies (Discos) including Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO). MEPCO Multan distribution company's labour leaders rejected the IMF's conditions and vowed to resist implementation. The leaders who addressed the workers included Ghulam Rasul Regional Chairman, Chaudhry Muhammad Khalid Zonal President, Chaudhry Younas, Sajjad Baloch, Shakeel Baloch, Mehr

China's Silk Road Fund to finance USD 1.4 bn hydro dam in Pak

Business Standard, April 16, 2015

NEPRA hiked the price of electricity for K-Electric by 81 paisas/Unit

Dunya News, April 15, 2015

Electricity shortfall maintains at 4,500 MW

Dunya News, April 15, 2015

NAB to probe Pervez Ashraf for illegally awarding RPP contract

Dawn, April 15, 2015

Govt to allot health dept land to NGO for hospital

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

Altaf and Abdul Samad (Joint Secretary)Multan Electric Power Company (MEPCO).

At the call of Pakistan Workers Federation, hundreds of workers observed sit-in in front of Mepco headquarters. Senior officials of the Union Ghulam Rasul Gujjar, Sajjad Baloch, Malik Saeed, Mehr Altaf, Ikram Alvi, Rana Zahid Javed, Chaudhry Khushi Muhammad, Izhar Khan Mukhtar Bukhari, Saleem Gilani, Sheikh Shahid Hussain, Ghulam Dastgir Maitla and Naveed Baloch warned against privatisation of the Wapda and dissolution of MEPCO and threatened to cut power supply for indefinite period.

Besides Multan, protests were held in Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Khanewal, Lodhran, Vehari etc. They warned that electricity supply would be halted if their demands were not met immediately. The labour leaders claimed that privatisation of electricity has proved a failure and one of clear examples is K-Electric Company. The union leaders anticipated that after privatisation, the new management would start massive downsizing. The labour union leaders said that Wapda employees know very well how to safeguard their interests and do not fear about any harsh steps like mass arrests.

A USD 1.4 billion hydro power dam in Pakistan will be the first project to be financed by China's multi-billion Silk Road Fund to alleviate the power crisis faced by the country, state-run media reported today. The Karot Hydro Power Project, located in country's North with an installed capacity of 720 megawatt, will be the first project to receive support the USD 40 billion Silk Road Fund, state-run Global Times quoted Mushahid Sayed, President of the Think Tank Pakistan-China Institute, as saying. The project is proposed to be built on the Jhelum River near village Karot in Kahuta tehsil in Rawalpindi district. The project, with its main sponsor being an investment arm of China Three Gorges Corporation, is expected to alleviate the energy shortage of Pakistan, the report said. 93 per cent of the project's funding will be done by China, according to some Pakistani media reports.

The "One Belt, One Road" initiative, which refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, were launched by President Xi Jinping in 2013, under which China aims to support partner countries along the routes in infrastructure construction. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, connecting China's Xinjiang with Pakistan's Gwadar Port, is part of the Silk Road projects. The success of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor will boost confidence of countries and regions along the route Sayed said. "Pakistan has traditionally been a long-standing all-weather friend to China, and Pakistan is both a part of the Central Asian economic belt through the economic corridor and a part of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road through the port of Gwadar.

"Building ports, pipelines, roads, rail links, infrastructure and IT through the corridor will enhance connectivity between China, Pakistan and South and Central Asia, and the corridor would be a game changer and a win-win development for both countries," Sayed said. The framework of the Silk Road Economic Belt will be a number of economic corridors, including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, along key transportation arteries supported by key cities, trade zones and industrial parks, Fan Hengshan, deputy secretary-general with the National Development and Reform Commission, said. The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road will be supported by key ports along the route to ensure smooth, and safe passage of transport and trade, Fan said. The Silk Road Fund Co Ltd was established in December last year in Beijing, after President Xi Jinping announced the creation of the USD 40 billion fund in November.

KARACHI: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has hiked the price of electricity by 81 Paisas/Unit for K-Electric on Wednesday. The price is increased to do fuel adjustment for the month of January. Notification of the order has been released. Additional recovery will be made from the users of K-Electric in electricity bills of the month of May. According to NEPRA, K-Electric users consumed 1 billion, 10 million and 8 lac units of electricity in January while the production cost of the electricity was also increased in January. NEPRA showed concern on unscheduled load shedding in Karachi and asked K-Electric to produce electricity using all the production units.

LAHORE : The electricity shortfall maintains at 4,500 Megawatt (MW) as the weather turns hot and humid. According to the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) sources, the hot weather has caused escalation in the electricity demand while the electricity production limps. At least 9,800 MW electricity is being added to the national source. However, the increased imbalance between the demand and production is causing longer outages both in urban and rural areas.

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has decided to initiate fresh investigations against former prime minister Raja Pervez Ashraf and five former senior bureaucrats for illegally awarding a contract of rental power project (RPP) in Gujranwala. The RPP contract was illegally assigned to Gulf Rental Power, Gujranwala, for the production of 62 megawatts of electricity, the watchdog said. A NAB spokesperson said, "This illegal act caused the national exchequer a huge loss of Rs. 493.85 million." The decision to open the investigation was made during the NAB executive board meeting held at its headquarters in Islamabad on Tuesday. The NAB spokesman said an inquiry has been ordered against the former premier and five former senior bureaucrats.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government will allot 80-kanal piece of land to a Karachi-based NGO free of cost for construction of a hospital, according to sources. They alleged that the land was being allotted to the NGO, Indus, on political grounds. The agreement is being inked between the provincial government and Indus, which also runs a free hospital in Karachi, under which the latter will provide free facilities to people like other public sector hospitals. Sources said that a local leader of the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf was the moving spirit behind the hospital, which would be built on the land originally acquired for Benazir Bhutto

Hospital (BBH) in 1988. The PTI leader also met with the party chief Imran Khan to expedite work on the plan. The allotment of the precious plot, which was being given to the NGO on a 99-year lease, was the first instance of donating government's land to a less reputed organization, sources said. They added that chief minister was likely to approve a summary in that regard. However, Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani, the spokesperson for the provincial government, rejected the impression that the PTI leader was playing any role in the project. He said that the only motive of the project was to improve patients' care in the province. The government would have complete check on it, he said.

The previous Awami National Party-led provincial government had allocated 50-kanal land for construction of second Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital (SKMCH) in Peshawar and 64 kanals for Nawaz Sharif Kidney Hospital in Swat. The piece of land was allotted to SKMCH in Hayatabad Township in 2012 because 40 per cent patients, who visited Lahore for cancer treatment, belonged to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Fata. Sources said that both the hospitals were specialised and would become operational by the end of year. Now Indus will build, equip and operate a free hospital. Sources said that SKMCH was a time-tested and globally recognised institute of cancer treatment and research that would also promote medical education. Likewise, the Nawaz Sharif hospital will be run by provincial government with financial support of Punjab government that will finance the hospital, according to sources. They said that construction of a new general hospital in Peshawar was not feasible as the 1,700-bed Lady Reading Hospital was a few kilometres away from the proposed site.

An official, who wished not to be named, told Dawn that BBH had been sanctioned 27 years ago but remained in limbo. The health department owned the land and couldn't sell it, he said, adding that the department could only utilise the land. The official said that government would regulate the hospital for which modalities were being hammered out. "Still there is litigation on the land due to payment and ownership issues but NAB has already cleared the project," he said. Waqar Ayub, a senior member of FBR, told Dawn that chief minister in his capacity as chief executive of the province was authorised to modify rules in exceptional situations and allot land to charity organisations. "The chief minister can terminate the agreement anytime," he added. The official said that the agreement also dealt a serious blow to the proposed ZA Bhutto Medical College on the adjacent 30-kanal plot. Under the plan, the government would build a medical college and a teaching hospital, he said. Sources said that it was unprecedented in the history of health department to allot land to an NGO. Mushtaq Ahmed Ghani said that government would regulate the hospital, which would provide 100 per cent free facilities to people. "It will be Category-A hospital with state-of-the-art facilities and will work on the pattern of the existing hospitals," he added.

Faisalabad's allied hospital specialists to work at general hospital

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

FAISALABAD: Under a stopgap arrangement, doctors of different specialties, attached with Allied and DHQ hospitals, will render their services at the outpatient department (OPD) of General Hospital, Ghulam Muhammadabad. This was decided in a meeting chaired by Punjab Medical College (PMC) Principal Prof Muhammad Ali Tirmazi at the General Hospital on Monday. Dr Tirmazi, who is also the chief executive officer of the PMC, Allied, DHQ hospitals, said Dr Aamir Shaukat had been appointed as the chief coordinator for specialist services at the General Hospital to keep a liaison between the PMC CEO and the medical superintendent of the General Hospital. Under the arrangement, doctors of hepatology and pulmonology will be available at the hospital every Wednesday, cardiology on Tuesday and Friday, paediatrics on Monday and Wednesday, neurology on Friday, dermatology on Thursday, nephrology on Monday and specialists of radiology and diabetic clinic on Saturday.

Talking to the participants in the maiden meeting of specialists, Dr Tirmazi said that following the direction of the Punjab government, doctors of the Allied and the DHQ hospitals would visit the general hospital regularly. He said administration of the liver centre, set up at the DHQ hospital, had promised to attach the general hospital with the centre through a video link for immediate treatment of the patients. Prof Hina Ayesha said workshops would be arranged for the general hospital staff to equip them with the latest knowledge and techniques of the children's treatment. Briefing the participants, Dr Asim Shaukat said the Colour Doppler machine, meant to check the blood circulation of the patients, was available at the hospital. The machine would be made operative soon and it would help provide better treatment to the patients, he said, adding that a CT scan machine would also be installed. Dr Muhammad Irfan said patients of the general hospital who required liver-related treatment would be shifted to the DHQ hospital's liver centre without delay. Dr Umer Usman, Prof Naeem Aslam and Prof Mirza Akmal Sharif were among the participants.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Tuesday was informed by the State Minister of the Capital Administration and Development Division Usman Ibrahim that stocks of most medicines are available at the hospital in the federal capital. Moreover, the ban on the purchase of equipment has been lifted to ensure adequate facilities for patients. During the question hour session, the minister informed the house that the government has allocated Rs530 million for the provision of free medicines to the patients and Rs32 million have been allocated for the purchase of equipment. The minister said fresh recruitment for staff, including doctors, nurses, and paramedics, is being carried out. The Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital is also being renovated and an additional 2.54 acres has been allocated for the expansion.

The land has been acquired from the Argentina Park, adjacent to the hospital. The extension was delayed when the health ministry realised permission must be sought from the embassy of Argentina before the park land can be used. The Foreign Office was requested to take up the issue with the Argentinean mission which had been looking after the maintenance of the park. Polyclinic is the second largest hospital of the federal capital which caters to 6,000 patients in the Outpatient Department, each day. There are 545 beds at the hospital which are not enough to serve the residents of the capital. The minister said CADD would be revising the Medical

Minister claims most medicines available in hospitals

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

Lack of resources leaves drug control wing 'dysfunctional'
Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

Attendance Rules 1990 to make the treatment at the hospital easier for government employees entitled to free treatment at the hospital. He said most medicines are available at the hospital and if any medicine is unavailable, patients can purchase it from outside the hospital and be reimbursed for the cost.

The minister said 6,000 to 7,000 patients visit the Polyclinic OPD each day and around 2,600 to 2,700 patients visit the OPD at Pims. Each day, around 400 patients visit the OPD at the National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM). He said new departments and modern facilities had been added to enhance the capacity at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims). Moreover, the minister informed the house that every consultant doctor attends to 30 to 35 patients at the Outpatient Department on his/her OPD day. The house was further informed that important projects such as the improvement of critical care facilities at Pims, the establishment of Bone Marrow Transplant Centre at Pims, the Federal Breast Cancer Screening Programme, establishment of Unit of Shredding Sterilisation and Disposal of Medical Waste have been approved. Moreover, the project for the establishment of a cancer hospital worth Rs200 million is yet to be approved.

LAHORE: The Drug Control Wing of the Health Department, which was established with a sole objective of ensuring "safe, effective and quality medicines" to patients, has been 'practically dysfunctional since its introduction in 2013. The wing is critically short of budget, human resource, logistic support and designated office. Instead of empowering the wing according to the given rules and policy, its affairs are being run by other sections of the state. The powers to transfer and post pharmacists and drug inspectors are still in the hands of the health additional secretary (admin) while drug testing labs are also being managed by the director general health. A senior official told Dawn that the new department had suffered a major setback when a PSO to the health secretary was appointed as an additional secretary of the Drug Control Wing in a sheer violation of rules which say this position shall be filled only by a pharmacist of BPS 19. He said this appointment showed that the bureaucracy wanted its monopoly in the department at all costs through the people from a particular school of thought. He said the step had disappointed senior pharmacists who were preparing to contest for the top slot. The official said the Drug Control Wing had been established in 2013 in the wake of the drug reaction scam of the Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) in addition to other wings of the provincial health department like establishment wing, administration, technical and legal wing.

A drug tribunal constituted to probe the PIC scam had recommended complete restructuring of the section dealing officials and drug related matters. Consequently, the provincial health department had sent a summary to the chief minister for establishing a full-fledged separate wing giving a major share in the top management to pharmacists and drug inspectors. The Punjab government finally created four key positions -- additional secretary, a deputy secretary and two section officers -- under this wing, the official said. "Since the creation of this crucial wing, the authorities concerned are continuously making a mockery of the policy, laid down rules for appointments, delegation of powers, making it a 'worst section' of the provincial health secretariat," he said. According to the laid down rules, he said, the additional secretary (BPS 19 post) of the Drug Control Wing was to be appointed from among the senior pharmacists. Currently, 43 pharmacists were available in Punjab in the BPS 19. Of them 35 got promotions through the department while the rest from the Public Service Commission, he said. All of them had completed 20-year service in their respective fields and were also eligible for grade 20. According to the rules and regulations, senior pharmacists are eligible to be considered for the post of additional secretary of the Drug Control Wing. It was quite unfortunate that the PSO to Punjab Health Secretary Anwar Ghafoor was heading the new section as additional secretary of the Drug Control Wing in violation of rules. The other departments/wings had been provided full-fledged offices and designated staff to run the affairs.

Similarly, the Establishment Wing has three deputy secretaries and 11 section officers and the development wing is housing an additional secretary, two deputy secretaries, two section officers, chief planning officer, three senior planning officers and five planning officers. Almost the same strength of officials had also been provided to other wings of the provincial health department. However, the Drug Control Wing has only a deputy secretary and a section officer to run the affairs of the largest province. This wing has not been designated complete powers vested in the rules and regulations framed by the Punjab government. It has no designated office, clerical and the helping staff while few available officials are working in makeshift arrangements. The wing was to man 450 pharmacists all over the province and 36 secretaries of the district quality control board and 152 drug inspectors. These officials are discharging the duties in a very odd environment. The transport is provided to some drug inspectors and other officials in the provincial capital while their colleagues in districts are discharging official assignments on private vehicles and motorbikes. Established under the Drugs Act 1976, the provincial quality control board (PQCB) was a critical component of the Drug Control Wing to ensure availability of quality drugs to the general public and effectively interdict its violations through prosecution of defaulters in courts. The main functions of the PQCB was to scrutinize and take appropriate action on reports and cases of inspectors and government analysts, recommend cancellation and suspension of licenses, advise the government and the field staff regarding ways and means to ensure quality of drugs.

The main office of the PQCB is also facing serious issues for lack of resources. It is housing in government flats at Iqbal Town. The premises, where the high profile PQCB exists, is also being shared by the nursing staff and other employees. Health Secretary Jawad Rafique Malik said the post of the additional secretary of the wing was filled after interviewing many candidates. He said that pharmacists belonged to a very small-scale cadre and none of them could qualify for the top position which required managerial skills, dedication and experience. "The job description of an official of the additional secretary level is very tough due to heavy workload and assignments which requires extraordinary skills, especially while coordinating with relevant departments," Mr

Failure to report presence of swine flu patient, PHC moved to take action against private hospital

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

Malik said. He said the appointment of the PSO was not made on a permanent basis as the health department was considering a proposal to make next appointment from the general doctors' cadre as additional secretary of the drug control wing. He said the provision of infrastructure, budget, human resource, logistic support and designated office to the drug control wing was necessary for its smooth functioning and to get required result. "We are also addressing these issues on a propriety basis," the health secretary said.

LAHORE: The government has moved the Punjab Healthcare Commission to seek action against a known private hospital in Lahore for violating the Standard Operating Procedures in attending a swine flu patient. The step has been taken because the hospital management did not inform the health authorities about the presence of the swine flu patient. Syed Altaf Husain Sherazi of Sargodha who was getting treatment at Doctors Hospital, Lahore, had died of the swine flu on Monday. The department later officially notified the first death by swine flu in Punjab in 2015 on the basis of the reports which tested the patient positive for the H1N1 virus. Quoting preliminary inquiries, health director general Dr Zahid Pervaiz told Dawn the patient might have contracted the virus from the wild birds as he was fond of hunting. According to the brief history of the patient, he did not visit any country during the last some months. Mr Husain's family members told the health experts that hunting was his favourite hobby. Deceased was fond of bird hunting. Dr Zahid said the experts had sent blood samples of nine people, including his four family members who remained in contact with him during his treatment period.

He fell sick on March 31 and was taken to a local general practitioner in Bhalwal, Sargodha district. Later, he was shifted to a private hospital in his hometown when the disease continued to spread. The family of Mr Altaf took him to Doctors Hospital on April 5 where he was provided treatment for pneumonia. "We were alarmed when a specialist doctor of Doctors Hospital who was attending the patient contacted the health department for the provision of temiflu tablets which were used in prevention of the disease," Dr Zahid said adding a team of experts was dispatched to the hospital immediately. The experts later reported to the health department about the presence of suspected swine flu patient at the hospital. The WHO experts were called who later sent blood samples of the patient to the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, which confirmed the virus. He said the patient, however, succumbed to the virus on Monday. He said the health department had referred the case to the PHC against the hospital management for violating the SOP and WHO guidelines.

Polio drive in eight 'high-risk' UCs begins

Daily Dawn, April 15, 2015

KARACHI: A five-day polio drive was launched on Tuesday in eight 'high-risk' union councils of Malir, east and west districts, targeting some 240,000 children, officials said. They added that 1,285 teams started vaccinating the children against polio in Muzaffarabad Colony, Gujro, Songal, Manghopir, Ittehad Town, Chishti Nagar and Islamia Colony. These union councils were among the 11 high-risk neighbourhoods identified by the authorities as the ones that produced all the 23 polio cases in Karachi last year. Three of the 11 union councils — encompassing Rerhi Goth of Bin Qasim Town, Firdous Colony of Liaquatnagar Town and Chakra Goth of Korangi Town — were excluded from the category of high-risk localities by the Sindh health authorities and the World Health Organisation (WHO) after no poliovirus had been found in some environmental tests. The authorities decided to concentrate on the remaining eight neighbourhoods. A meeting held at Karachi commissioner's office with Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui in the chair decided to take the local communities in confidence to ensure that every child in the areas had been vaccinated. They also decided to put up health camps for general immunization of children.

Rangers demand biometric system for polling stations

The Statesman, April 15, 2015

KARACHI: In a rare move, Rangers have demanded the provision of biometric system for the upcoming by-elections in the NA-246 constituency. In a letter addressed to the interior ministry and Director General NADRA, the law enforcement agency contended that in order to ensure effective monitoring Close-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and biometric machines should be installed in the 213 polling stations and 770 polling booths in NA-246 constituency. This, they maintained, will enable smooth polling. Rangers further contended that if the provision of biometric machines for all polling booths is not possible, then at least 372 booths designated for female voters should be equipped with the machines in order to curb rigging and ensure transparent polls. Rangers pointed out 55 buildings as sensitive and called for installing sensitive cameras on these. According to the ECP, this is the first time in the history of the country that an LEA has demanded installation of biometric system for the aforementioned elections. Authorities have already directed deployment of Rangers personnel in and outside the polling stations to curb rigging during the all-important elections. Earlier, various concerned quarters of the country and political parties demanded deployment of security personnel, including Pakistan Army troops to deal with any untoward incident on polling day.

Issue of CNICs blockage in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa raised in Senate

The Statesman, April 15, 2015

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control Balighur Rehman on Tuesday informed the Senate that no discrimination was being carried out with any citizen of the country irrespective of their ethnic or regional background in renewal of computerized national identity cards (CNICs). Replying to a calling attention notice moved by Sitara Ayaz regarding blockage of CNICs of the people belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by NADRA, the minister said that no CNIC was blocked on ethnic background adding that NADRA has blocked even CNICs in Punjab, Balochistan and others areas of the country for verification. The minister said that manual CNICs having no biometric verifications were issued on basis of B-form and attestation during 2000-2005. However, he said after the expiry of such CNICs, data was being scrutinized and re-verified.

He said that both NADRA and UNHCR have also data of Afghan refugees and if the data crossed with the refugees then such CNICs were sent to a Joint Verification Cell (JVC) for verification and scrutiny. The JVC comprising personnel of MI, ISI, IB and other government administrative agencies to re-verify the data, he said. He said that the re-verification process needed 45 days and efforts were being made to reduce the time period. The minister said maximum cases of

Petrol shortage: Ministry questions PNSC's work, wants ECC review
The Express Tribune, April 15, 2015

cross data were reported in KP and Balochistan where mainly most Afghan refugees were residing. Regarding connection of any person with terrorist organizations, the minister said that there were separate laws to deal with the terrorists and such culprits were tried under Pakistan Protection Ordinance and anti terrorism laws. Earlier Sitara Ayaz while moving her Calling Attention Notice said that Pakhtuns were maltreated in other provinces and they were being dubbed terrorists and their CNICs were also being blocked. She said no doubt that security situation in the country was ideal but the CNICs of Pakhtuns should not be blocked without any justification. She urged the government to resolve the blocked CNICs matter immediately. - APP

ISLAMABAD: Holding the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) responsible for the petrol shortage that engulfed Punjab and other parts of the country earlier this year, the petroleum ministry has alleged that the entity was utilising carriers of other shipping companies to carry oil for Pakistan State Oil (PSO) – a clear violation of the federal government orders. The petroleum ministry has now decided to seek the assistance of the economic decision-making body to issue directions to PNSC and get it to abandon the practice, allowing PSO to import oil through a bidding process and ensure a smooth supply of oil. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), in its meeting held on November 22, 2012, had allowed the PNSC to transport oil for PSO subject to the condition that whenever the company has no carrier of its own, it shall issue a no-objection certificate to the prospective importer of cargo. Accordingly, a contract was signed between PSO and PNSC in 2012 followed by an addendum dated January 8, 2013 for transportation of premier motor gasoline (PMG) and furnace oil.

However, the petroleum ministry has informed the ECC that the state-owned oil company has had issues with PNSC. Due to its inadequate fleet and fewer self-owned vessels, PNSC charters vessels from other shipping companies for transportation of products, which is a clear violation of the guidelines given by the ECC. Consequently, the petroleum ministry has stated this practice leads to frequent disturbances and operational issues in the supply-chain, due in part to the delayed reporting of PNSC vessels at the respective ports. "It may be observed that a major reason for the fuel crisis in the country was the late arrival of two PNSC tankers despite timely establishment of Letters of Credits by PSO," petroleum ministry said. The ministry added that one particular vessel was loaded on January 12, while its original arrival window in Karachi was January 6-8. It arrived on January 15. Another vessel was supposed to reach the loading port in Singapore during January 3-5, 2015 that was also delayed and reached on January 15. It subsequently reached Karachi on January 28 instead of January 16. Looking for a solution - PSO has warned that amid these conditions a similar situation might arise leading to fuel shortages. Therefore, PSO has proposed that the matter should be raised at the ECC level to provide the company the provision to switch to importing petrol and oil on a cost and freight (C&F) basis. Additionally, the PNSC is involved in a litigation case against PSO on the issue of delayed vessels and demurrage already. The senate standing committee on petroleum, during its meeting held on November 6, 2014, had recommended that the petroleum ministry should revive the policy of oil import on a C&F basis. Despite repeated attempts, the PNSC did not respond to queries.

Impure bottled water
Dawn, April 14, 2015

The perils of contaminated water are well known. So is the unfortunate fact that unscrupulous vendors will try to capitalise on high demand for a product to make a quick buck. It is, therefore, reassuring that the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources undertakes regular testing of mineral and bottled water brands available in the country. Its report for the period of January to March 2015, based on the results of testing 71 brands of mineral and bottled water collected from across the country, declares eight as being "completely unsafe" for human consumption on various grounds.

Several of them contain levels of arsenic, sodium and potassium either moderately or far higher than the permissible limits set by the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority. These chemicals can cause various ailments, including diabetes, kidney problems, hypertension and even cancer. Three brands were found to be unsafe due to "microbiological contamination which may cause cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis and typhoid etc". The quarterly exercise by the PCRWR is certainly helpful for consumers and may even be having a deterrent effect. In the first quarter of last year for instance, 21 brands of mineral and bottled water were found to be contaminated compared to eight this time. In November 2014, the PSQCA in a press release went further and declared it was illegal to buy or sell eight brands of water found unfit for human consumption during that monitoring cycle. Violating the ban, it said, would attract a fine of at least Rs50,000 and one year behind bars. However, without stringent implementation of the law, repeat offenders — as well as new, fly-by-night concerns — may resume the lucrative business of selling contaminated water masquerading as 'pure' and 'safe' to lure consumers. Under its mandate to check deceptive marketing and oversee consumer protection issues, the Competition Commission of Pakistan can also play a role here. Consumers themselves cannot be expected to stay abreast of periodic reports that inform them which brands of bottled water are safe.

Power distribution companies directed to improve load-management system
Radio Pakistan, April 14, 2015

Ministry of Water and Power has directed electricity distribution companies to improve load-management system to facilitate masses. According to a spokesperson of the ministry, hydel power generation of Tarbela and Mangla Dams has increased from 800 megawatt to 1200 megawatt, which helped overcome the situation. He said reduction in hydel generation resulted in increase in one hour additional load-shedding. The spokesperson said seven-hour load-shedding is being carried out in urban areas and nine hours in rural areas. He said uninterrupted electricity had been supplied to industrial units for the last four months. He said according to summer schedule, industrial feeders will face only eight hours' load-shedding. He said electricity load-shedding duration in urban areas will decrease to six hours and eight hours in rural areas as soon as water situation in rivers improves.

High cost: Electricity from

LAHORE - Electricity produced from LNG would add to problems of the power sector, as cost of such electricity would be higher than that from furnace oil. This was stated in a Fact Sheet issued

LNG to worsen power sector woes

The Express Tribune, April 14, 2015

on Monday by the Institute for Policy Reforms. IPR has advised the government to learn lessons from past mistakes. So far, little is known about the import price of LNG. However, based on the estimated price paid for recent import of 147,000 cubic feet, cost of power from LNG would be higher than that produced from furnace oil. Nepra recently determined upfront tariff based on imported LNG. Nepra's assumed cost of \$12 per mmbtu for imported LNG is higher than the present cost of power from furnace oil. IPR also questions the need for government to seek upfront tariff from Nepra. Upfront tariff guarantees return to investor, but do not require them to meet any efficiency or productivity criteria. The parameters for the power plant remain open. "All costs are passed through to the consumers while the power producer receives an assured return," says the Fact Sheet. Upfront tariff also does not require the investor to come through a competitive process.

Relying on imported LNG is no different from what took place under the 1994 power policy. That policy brought about change in fuel mix from hydropower to thermal power and gave extensive comfort to the investor. Upfront tariff was part of the 1994 policy. The core problem with the present power sector is its high cost of production because of high reliance on furnace oil. To overcome this, government must seek lower cost solution not one that increases the cost. Imported LNG, whose input cost is higher than furnace oil, cannot help the power sector, the IPR report said. Government must also set right the many governance issues that hobble power supply. IPR estimates that about 30pc of the sector's revenue is lost at the distribution stage. There are inefficiencies also with transmission and distribution of power. Tariff policy is skewed and circular debt uncontrollable. Almost every unit of power generated carries a subsidy. New generation also would face all of these issues and the sector would resultantly continue to under-perform. The Fact Sheet opines that reducing the suffering of the people and stimulating economy must be at the heart of any new initiative by the government. It counsels government to set the power sector house in order. For immediate relief to the people, it must increase allocation of domestic gas for power production. This will reduce cost and increase generation by bringing in capacity that cannot operate presently for want of gas. Government must take administrative measures to reduce Disco losses. At the same time, it is necessary to look holistically at the power sector and reform the flawed policy, the crumbling structure, and broken governance. Increased power at high cost from imported LNG should not be its priority, the IPR report concluded.

PEW points towards inconsistency in LNG deal.

INP from Islamabad: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said kickbacks to the tune of billions have been feared in the LNG import deal which can jeopardise the energy future of the country. Authorities have been violating the LNG Policy in a bid to benefit a mafia comprising a banker, a stockbroker and others, it said. Pakistan is paying almost two dollars extra to buy one mmbtu of LNG hiking cost of first shipment of LNG comprising 140,000 tonnes or 72, 80,000 mmbtu by almost Rs. 1.5 billion, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President PEW. He said that if three million tonnes of LNG was imported annually as per the plan it will translate into losses of almost Rs 31 billion which will damage economy but benefit the influential individuals. Mughal said that international suppliers are delivering LNG at the port of buyer country at the cost of \$7 per mmbtu while Pakistan is buying the commodity at Qatar at the rate of \$8 which costs it \$9 at Karachi port. He said according to experts adding the charges of terminal, regasification, transportation, losses and theft will jack up the price of LNG to \$12 per mmbtu. Majority of Pakistan population depends on agriculture but the fertilizer sector has been forced to buy LNG from PSO at exorbitant cost which is exploitation of masses, he noted. Some of the insiders are of the opinion that Indian companies were aware of the cost of LNG for Pakistan therefore they offer cheaper rates despite the fact that distance of Karachi port from Qatar is 933 nautical miles while its distance with Indian port of Gujrat is 1484 nautical miles.

ISLAMABAD: In a major breakthrough, Pakistan is set to sign a power purchase agreement with Tajikistan in Istanbul, Turkey on April 24, which will bring surplus electricity from Central Asia to South Asia. Under the project, known as Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade (Casa-1000), Pakistan will be provided 1,000 megawatts of clean energy at 9.35 cents per unit including all charges. Initial agreement on hydroelectric power supply was signed by Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan in Turkey in December last year.

"We have finalised all aspects of the power purchase agreement, which will be signed in Istanbul on April 24," a senior government official said. Tajikistan appears to be a strategic partner of Pakistan, especially in energy supplies, which will connect Pakistan with the Central Asian region. The two countries are working on different projects including power supply, transit trade and a transit route for oil supply through Pakistan. Although the proposal was coined long ago, the current government of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), which had promised to voters in its election campaign that it would overcome power shortages swiftly, stepped up work to push ahead with the project.

Casa-1000 is scheduled for completion by 2018 under the umbrella of the World Bank. Tajikistan's share in electricity export will be 70% while Kyrgyzstan will contribute 30% of supplies. Afghanistan will consume 300MW of exported electricity while Pakistan will get 1,000MW. The project is expected to give a boost to energy trade in the region, leading to sustainable development. In addition to Casa-1000, Pakistan and Tajikistan are set to study prospects of supplying another 1,000MW by laying a transmission line to Chitral in northern areas in an effort to put to use surplus energy and help Islamabad mitigate its energy crisis.

"We have the capacity to export an additional 1,000MW through the Chitral route that will help our brotherly country overcome the energy crisis," a Tajik embassy official said. Tajikistan is the world's third largest producer of hydroelectric power after the US and Russia. Hydroelectric power generation accounts for 76% of the total energy production in the country. A proposal for oil transport to Tajikistan via Pakistan is also under consideration. The government has

Power purchase: Pakistan to sign accord with Tajikistan this month

The Express Tribune, April 14, 2015

Power managers ‘ignore’ PM’s order

Dawn, April 14, 2015

welcomed Tajikistan’s plan for crude oil import from Kuwait and its processing in Pakistan into refined products. Tajikistan is a landlocked country and is interested in importing crude oil from Kuwait via the Karachi Port. First, the imported oil will be processed in Pakistan and then refined products will be sent to Tajikistan. The Central Asian state has sought help from the Pakistan government to press on with this plan.

LAHORE: With electricity shortfall rising to 33 per cent because of forced closure of a number of plants, power sector managers are left with no choice but to violate the prime minister’s directive of restricting loadshedding in urban areas to six hours. According to sources in the National Transmission and Dispatch Company, power generation stood at 9,000MW against a demand of 13,500MW on Monday. With around 1,500MW going to the ‘exempted feeders’, the managers had to increase loadshedding hours in urban centres; otherwise rural areas would have literally gone without power. According to the sources, two units of HUNCO (600MW) are undergoing scheduled maintenance. Normally, they are allowed routine maintenance during high water months, like July. The company’s third unit of 300MW developed a technical fault, adding to woes of the power sector as it lost 900MW from HUBCO alone on Monday. Two units at the Muzaffargarh power plant went off line because of leakage in boiler tube, causing another deficit of 500MW. AES Pak-Gen, which has been on forced closure for one month, is not expected to return to the system over the next four weeks, causing another shortage of 340MW on a daily basis. Cities facing over 7 and rural areas 13 hours of loadshedding. The power sector managers have kept Uch-II closed for one month because of fears of national breakdown. The plant had faltered twice, taking the entire system down in the beginning of this year. Uch-I, though available, has no transmission line to evacuate 525MW from the plant. Besides, three plants near Lahore — Japan Power (110MW), Sepcol (120MW) and Saba Power (120MW) — have been closed for the past several months because of financial disputes with the government.

“With around 2,610MW out of the system, either because of technical faults, untimely permission of maintenance or disputes with the government, and all this happening in low water months, the woes of the power sector are not hard to imagine,” said a former managing director of the Pakistan Electric Power Company (PEPCO). The company has so far been maintaining a scheduled six-hour loadshedding in cities on the orders of the prime minister and the entire brunt was transferred to rural areas. As the crisis deepened over the past few days, the power managers started putting industry off line to save city dwellers. But when the situation got out of control, they were left with no choice but to increase the duration of loadshedding in cities to seven hours officially and unofficially much more. The rural areas are facing over 13 hours of loadshedding. Since there was no mechanism to gauge the forced loadshedding, the managers used to escape the wrath of the Prime Minister Secretariat and balance the system, the ex-PEPCO chief said. “One must not forget that it is only the start of summer and only fans are switched on. Wait for a week when the mercury is expected to touch 40 degree Celsius and the situation will start deteriorating,” he warned. “The industry is now taking a hit of eight hours,” said Seth Mohammad Akber, Chairman of the Punjab chapter of All Pakistan Textile Mills Association. Over the past one month, yarn export has declined by about 20,000 tons because of the persistent energy crisis. When the prime minister issued the orders for restricting urban loadshedding to six hours, the textile sector, which consumes around 1,500MW, became a happy hunting ground. It was switched off for eight hours a day, when general industry was closed for six hours. On Monday, the entire industry was sent off line for eight hours. “One can only hope that this duration does not expand to 10 or 12 hours, as happened in the past,” Seth Akber said.

Three-day anti-polio drive starts in Bajaur

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

KHAR: A three-day anti-polio drive began in Bajaur Agency on Monday amid tight security to vaccinate over 224,000 children against the crippling disease. In this connection, a ceremony was held at the agency headquarters hospital here which was attended by officials of health department, local administration, WHO, religious leaders and social activists. The participants stressed the need of joint efforts for eradication of polio virus from the agency as the disease had become serious threat to the lives of children across the country. The tribal elders, religious leaders and social activists pledged to continue their cooperation with the health department in eliminating the disease in the region. They vowed to create awareness among people of remote areas about the fatality of the polio disease. Agency Surgeon Dr Zakir Hussain, later, told journalists that 642 mobile, fixed and transit teams comprising more than 1,400 health workers, schoolteachers, volunteers and officials of health department and WHO were taking part in the campaign. He said foolproof security arrangements had been made by the administration to thwart any untoward incident during the drive.

LNG-fuelled power costlier than furnace oil: IPR

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

LAHORE: Electricity produced from LNG will add to problems of the power sector, as cost of such electricity will be higher than that produced by furnace oil, maintains a Fact Sheet issued by the Institute for Policy Reforms here on Monday. IPR has advised the government to learn lessons from past mistakes. So far, little is known about the import price of LNG. However, based on the estimated price paid for recent import of 147,000 cubic feet, cost of power from LNG would be higher than that produced from furnace oil. Nepra has recently determined upfront tariff based on imported LNG. Nepra’s assumed cost of \$12 per mmBTU for imported LNG is higher than the present cost of power from furnace oil. IPR also questions the need for the government to seek upfront tariff from Nepra. Upfront tariff guarantees return to investor, but does not require them to meet any efficiency or productivity criteria. The parameters for the power plant remain open. “All costs are passed onto the consumer while the power producer receives an assured return,” says the Fact Sheet. Upfront tariff also does not require the investor to come through a competitive process. Relying on imported LNG is no different from what took place under the 1994 power policy. That policy brought about a change in fuel mix from hydel to thermal power and gave extensive comfort to the investor. Upfront tariff was part of the 1994 policy. The core problem with the present power sector is its high cost of production because of high reliance on furnace oil. To overcome this, the government must seek low-cost solution, not one that increases the cost. The imported LNG, which costs higher than furnace oil, cannot help the power sector. The IPR

Paramedics protest delay in service structure

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

estimates that about 30 per cent of the sector's revenue is lost at the distribution stage. There are inefficiencies also with transmission and distribution of power. Tariff policy is skewed and circular debt uncontrollable. Almost every unit of power generated carries a subsidy. New generation also would face all of these issues and the sector would resultantly continue to underperform. The Fact Sheet opines that reducing the suffering of the people and stimulating economy must be at the heart of any new initiative by the government. It counsels the government to set the power sector house in order. For immediate relief to the people, it must increase allocation of domestic gas for power production. Power generation at high cost from imported LNG should not be its priority, it said.

LAHORE: Scores of paramedics from all teaching hospitals of the provincial capital staged a sit-in on Monday outside the Punjab Assembly against delay in provision of service structure as per the "promises" made by the chief minister. They continued their agitation on The Mall for over three hours causing inconvenience to motorists on one of the busiest arteries of the city and other adjoining roads. The protesters after recording their agitation dispersed peacefully pledging to hold a province-wide sit-in on April 20. The paramedics had gathered on the call of the Punjab Paramedics Alliance (PPA) and health support staff. They said the government was not issuing a notification of the service structure that had been finalised for employees of the health department from BPS 5 to 17. Similarly, no move was being made to draft a service structure for employees of BPS 1 to 4 despite promises, they said.

Several paramedics first marched from Jinnah Hospital to Shaikh Zayed Hospital. They were joined by fellows from the Punjab Institute of Cardiology and the Services Hospital and reached outside the Punjab Assembly. Before joining the protesters on The Mall, paramedics of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital surrounded office of their medical superintendent and the Fatima Jinnah Medical College where they lodged a protest against the management for victimising employees. Addressing the protesters, PPA Chairman Malik Munir said the government had turned a deaf ear to the legitimate demands of health department employees. He said the service structure was a fundamental right of the paramedics and health support staff, but the government was delaying it for several years. He said the PPA and other associations would continue their agitation until the acceptance of their demands.

Another round of anti-polio drive

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

LAHORE: City District Government of Lahore's health wing on Monday launched another round of a three-day polio drive in 150 union councils of the metropolis. District Coordination Officer retired Capt Muhammad Usman inaugurated the drive by administering anti-polio drops to students (less than five years of age) of the Divisional Public School in Model Town. Speaking on the occasion, he said some 1.57 million children would be administered anti-polio drops during the drive.

Hospital upgraded in name only

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

FAISALABAD: The upgraded 250-bed General Hospital, Ghulam Muhammadabad, which was inaugurated on March 16, 2013, still lacks major specialties and the patients are mostly referred to the Allied or DHQ hospitals while only a few are treated at its 10-bed emergency and medical ward. A gastroenteritis outbreak in the D-Block of Ghulam Muhammadabad in 2006 had panicked the then chief minister Pervaiz Elahi who had announced hospital's upgrade from 50 to 250 beds at a cost of Rs700 million. Aslam Ghafoor, waiting in the hospital ground for checkup of his 12-year-old daughter suffering from ear pain, said when he contacted the people at the reception the staff asked him to wait for the doctor concerned. "After three hours wait, I contacted a nurse who was kind enough to tell me that the hospital had no facility of the ENT ward," Ghafoor said. MS Dr Masood Bukhari has claimed, through a steamer outside the emergency, that facilities of the ENT and eye treatment were available at the hospital. However, the reality is altogether different. During a visit to the hospital, it was observed that the hospital administration had earmarked rooms for male and female ENT and eye wards, setting up beds, however, both were locked as the government had not yet appointed doctors. A major portion of the hospital was also found locked.

General Hospital lacks all major specialties; patients are referred to other facilities. Presently, the patients are being received at the small emergency of the hospital and only minor surgeries are being conducted while the hospital has no anesthesia department or any professional anesthetist. Hamid Ali of Rashidabad said the emergency services were not available in the evening and at night when the ward wore a deserted look. People visit the hospital's emergency, however, a majority of them are referred to the Allied Hospital as it lacked machinery and the latest equipment to treat patients. "I visited the general hospital with pain in my main artery but instead of giving me even first aid, the staff sent me to the Allied Hospital," Ali shared his experience.

A doctor, requesting anonymity, told Dawn that even after two years of its upgrade, the hospital lacked major specialties like orthopedic, pulmonology, gastroenterology, cardiology, neurosurgery, eye, dermatology, psychiatry, paediatrics, nephrology, ICU and neurology. He said the hospital's emergency was not enough as compared to the population of the area. He said appointments of doctors and availability of the latest machinery would resolve many health issues of residents of Ghulam Muhammadabad and adjoining localities while making the hospital fully functional would also reduce the burden on the Allied and the DHQ hospitals. A couple of years ago, the Punjab governor had given the administrative control of the hospital to the Punjab Medical College (PMC), however, the majority of the hospital affairs, including transfer posting of staff and their salaries, remained with the district government, sources said. On Mar 11 last, they said, the hospital had been given autonomy by the Punjab government but no facility were announced for it. Now the administrative and financial control of the hospital had been given to the PMC administration. Dawn contacted the MS for his version through calls and SMS, however, he did not reply.

25m unverified SIMs

LAHORE: More than 25 million unverified and unclaimed mobile phone subscriber identity

blocked

Daily Dawn, April 14, 2015

Quack ‘massagers’, a threat to public health

The Statesman, April 14, 2015

3.5m kids to be vaccinated in Balochistan’s anti-measles drive

The Statesman, April 14, 2015

Three-day polio drive cancelled across 4 districts

The Statesman, April 14, 2015

modules (SIMs) have been blocked after a three-month deadline for biometric verification of 103m prepaid connections expired on Sunday. Sources in the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) told Dawn on Monday that 25m SIMs which could not be verified had been blocked. They said the PTA and the ministry of information technology would begin an audit of the verified and unverified SIMs in a few days to ascertain the claim of the telecommunication services operators.

MULTAN: Quack massagers who operate widely after promising relief and relaxation continue to pose threats to public health in the cities and towns as there is no check on such ill-practices. Physiotherapists--Dr Jasarat and Dr Talha of Nishtar hospital while talking to APP informed that experts of their field have sound understanding of injuries, trauma, and subsequent treatment. However, wrong practices by quacks play havoc with public lives as they did not know which part of body should be massaged under certain circumstances and conditions. They said wrongly done exercises harm the patients and also transmit diseases as quacks do not follow hygiene cautions. Wrong healing of muscles due to untrained massage therapy is a common ailment, they noted. When contacted with District Health Officer (DHO), Dr Shahid Maggasi, informed that he inspected things lying in his jurisdiction. He said that such massagers do not fall under his jurisdiction and added that he was responsible for things falling within the area of drug act. He, however, conceded that there was need to discourage uneducated and unskilled massagers commonly known as 'maalishiay'. Rasheed Ahmed, a massager, who practiced his skills on people at General Bus Stand informed that he was engaged in the 'practice' since 2000. He informed that he learnt the physiotherapy skill from his elder brother and explained that he visited different locations in the city to approach his customers. - APP

QUETTA: About 3.5 million children would be vaccinated during the 12 days anti-measles drive launched on Monday across the province of Balochistan. Chief Minister Dr. Malik Baloch has provided a fund of Rs. 137 million for the anti-measles drive to be launched in districts of Balochistan. Provincial Secretary Health Balochistan, Noor-ul-Haq Baloch said while talking to media here. Seven to ten children died of measles during the span of year 2015, while as many as 25 others fell victim to the deadly disease in the previous year. "About 3.5 million children between the ages of six months to 10 years would be vaccinated during the 12-day campaign," Secretary Health said. He noted that the Health Department had formed a total of 94 mobile teams, 2149 outreach teams and 493 other teams to participate in anti-measles drive. Replying to a question, he said that seven to ten children had died of measles so far in Balochistan this year. - APP

PESHAWAR: The three-day anti-polio drive which commenced Monday under Sehat Ka Ittehad programme has been cancelled in four districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) due to poor performance in the previous campaign on Monday. According to a source in an Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) for Polio of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department, the ongoing three-day anti-polio campaign was stopped in Buner, Swat, Lakki Marwat and Swabi districts. The source said polio teams had not reached the targeted number of children in the four districts despite having complete facilities and arrangements. The source added that the concerned authorities of the said districts have been called for explanation. It will be decided after the meeting when the drives will be launched in the districts. Meanwhile, the three-day anti-polio drive kicked off on Monday in 20 districts of the province. During the three days of the campaign, a total of 1.4 million children under the age of five will be administered anti-polio drops in 20 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. According to a report of the polio EOC, a total of 4,240 mobile and 395 fixed teams have been deputed while 141 transit points have also been set up across the province for the campaign. Polio vaccines have been delivered to the districts and full logistic support has also been provided to ensure the mobility and access of polio teams to the targeted areas, said the report. Pakistan is one of only three countries in the world where polio remains endemic, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria. Efforts to eradicate it have been seriously hampered by the deadly targeting of vaccination teams in recent years.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared that Pakistan is responsible for nearly 80 per cent of polio cases reported globally and had imposed strict travel restrictions on Pakistan last year to prevent the possible spread of the polio virus to other countries. On recommendations of the National Advisory Group, a paradigm shift is seen in the Polio Eradication Initiative as chronically missed children are being tracked for vaccination through all possible interventions. The goal of polio eradication relies on reaching out to the 5-6 percent missed children that remain unapproachable in each campaign, says a press release. The National Emergency Operation Centre is exploring all means to track these missed children including vaccination at permanent transit points, installations of health camps in high risk areas and inclusion of female community volunteers in the programme. In order to have reliable information regarding missed children in the high risk Union Councils of Pakistan, need of a mechanism was felt to collect information, therefore National Emergency Operations Centre has taken an initiative to track all missed children in high risk Union Councils of the country through specialized Data Support Centre to facilitate the collection, collation and data entry across the high risk districts. The data collection has been initiated during the recent National Polio Campaign of March 16-18, 2015.

To have the verifiable information regarding missed children in the High Risk Union Councils of Pakistan (HRUCs), the mechanism for collecting information directly from the vaccinator tally sheets has been put in place," said Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq while reviewing the impact of the initiative. During the National Polio Campaign of March, the establishment and operationalization of 11 Data Support Centres across the country to collect the tally sheets from the 554 HRUCs in 39 districts is formalized. High Risk UCs identified in Balochistan were from district Quetta, Mastung, Nasirabad, Zhob, Killa Abdullah and Pishin. High Risk UCs of Punjab were identified from districts of Lahore, Faisalabad, Pakpattan, Rawalpindi, Rajanpur, Multan and Attock. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA, high risk UCs were identified in Peshawar, Charsadda,

Inconsistency in LNG deal decried

The Statesman, April 14, 2015

Special anti-polio drive begins in KP today

Daily Dawn, April 13, 2015

'No polio case in Punjab'

Daily Dawn, April 13, 2015

'New polio virus' found in Multan Road drain

Daily Dawn, April 13, 2015

Bannu, North Waziristan, Lakki Marwat, Hangu, Dera Ismail Khan, South Waziristan, Tank, Mardan, Buner, Swabi and Nowshera while data is being sent to Data Support Centre from entire Sindh.

PESHAWAR: The Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) on Monday said kickbacks to the tune of billions have been feared in the LNG import deal which can jeopardise the energy future of the country. Authorities have been violating the LNG Policy in a bid to benefit a mafia comprising a banker, a stockbroker and others, it said. Pakistan is paying almost two dollars extra to buy one mmbtu of LNG hiking cost of first shipment of LNG comprising 140,000 tonnes or 72, 80,000 mmbtu by almost Rs. 1.5 billion rupees, said Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President PEW. He said that if three million tonnes of LNG was imported annually as per the plan it will translate into losses of almost Rs 31 billion rupees which will damage economy but benefit the influential individuals.

Dr. Murtaza Mughal said that international suppliers are delivering LNG at the port of buyer country at the cost of \$7 per mmbtu while Pakistan is buying the commodity at Qatar at the rate of \$8 dollars which costs it 9 USD at Karachi port. Dr. Murtaza Mughal said according to experts adding the charges of terminal, regasification, transportation, losses and theft will jack up the price of LNG to \$12 per mmbtu. Majority of Pakistan population depends on agriculture but the fertilizer sector has been forced to buy LNG from PSO at exorbitant cost which is exploitation of masses, he noted. Some of the insiders are of the opinion that Indian companies were aware of the cost of LNG for Pakistan therefore they offer cheaper rates despite the fact that distance of Karachi port from Qatar is 933 nautical miles while its distance with Indian port of Gujrat is 1484 nautical miles. This indicates that Indians pay more fare for the commodity but can offer competitive rates which are evidence enough of the variability in the deal. - NNI

PESHAWAR: A special anti-polio campaign under the Sehat Ka Ittehad programme will kick off in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa today (Monday). During the three-day campaign a total of 1.463 million children under the age five years will be administered anti-polio drops in 24 districts of the province. According to a report of polio emergency operation centre of the health department, the campaign will be carried out in 230 selected union councils which are considered to be high risk areas in terms of polio virus. A total of 4,240 mobile and 395 fixed teams have been deputed while 141 transit points have also been set up across the province, says the report. According to the report, among the 230 selected union councils, seven have been targeted in Abbottabad district, 13 in Bannu, two in Battagram, 19 in Charsadda, 17 in DI Khan, two in Lower Dir, five each in Upper Dir and Hangu, seven in Haripur, three in Karak, four in Kohat, two each in Kohistan and Malakand, four in Mansehra, 44 in Mardan, nine in Nowshera, 51 in Peshawar, five in Shangla, 16 in Tank and 13 in Torghar district. Polio vaccines have been delivered to the districts and full logistic support has also been provided to ensure the mobility and access of polio teams to the targeted areas, says the report.

LAHORE: The health department has denied any polio case in Shahpur tehsil of Sargodha. A spokesman of health department said that a team comprising experts of WHO and district health officer examined the twins and found them suffering from cerebral palsy, a congenital defect. The spokesman clarified that no polio case had so far been reported in Punjab during 2015.

LAHORE: A 'new polio virus' has been detected from the environmental sample drawn from Multan Road drain of Lahore, putting a good number of children of the provincial capital at risk of contracting the crippling disease. The health officials were shocked to learn that the lab investigations of the sewage sample could not trace genetic sequencing of the new polio virus which was a rare happening. The report has declared the fresh Lahore sample positive for the polio virus, an official who is close to the information, told Dawn. He said all the environmental samples of Lahore which were declared positive in 2014 had established the genetic links of the polio virus with either Khyber Pakhtunkhwa or Fata. He said the recent report, however, made it clear that the polio virus was not related to these areas. Lab analysis could not trace genetic sequencing of virus. Meanwhile, the official further said, the health authorities were already investigating a case in Faisalabad where a 60-month-old baby was suspected to be infected with polio disease. He said though the investigations were under process, if the reports were declared positive, it would be the first polio case of 2015 in Punjab. "The lab report shows a new polio virus has been circulating in Lahore for the last six months or so and it may infect children particularly those residing in Pakhtun colonies," Punjab Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) Director Munir Ahmad told this reporter. He said it never happened in the past as the lab reports had been detecting the genetic sequencing of the polio virus whenever the sewage samples were sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH), Islamabad.

"Though the report is yet to be released, this time the relevant official who analysed the Multan Road Lahore sample has conveyed to us that the sample is infected with polio virus but the lab could not detect its origin," Mr Munir said. He said the genetic sequencing of a polio virus played a decisive role for the health experts to stop its further spread by reaching the target population. "If the genetic links of this virus are established with the local virus, it will be unfortunate for us," he said. According to the laid down guidelines, sewage samples are being drawn every month from major districts of the province particularly Lahore. The 'unusual result' of the fresh sampling showed that a large number of children was not getting vaccination during the last many anti-polio drives, he said. "We have conducted so far 10 campaigns during the last some months," the EPI director said, adding that in the perspective of the new report more efforts were required to reach the missing children in order to prevent them from the virus. About the Faisalabad case, he said the matter had also disturbed the health authorities. He said the age of the suspected kid was also focus of discussions/investigations as normally the polio wild virus targeted under three-year-old babies. "According to the information so far, the chances of child's paralysing by the disease were 50 per cent," Munir Ahmad said.

This particular case was also different in nature due to the age of the suspected child, he said

Six die after inhaling toxic gas in pickle factory
Daily Dawn, April 13, 2015

adding that the health department was awaiting completion of its investigation. To a question, Dr Munir said the health department was starting anti-polio drive in Lahore soon in the perspective of the fresh sewage sample reports. He declared Pakhtun colonies in Lahore as one of the major concerns of the health department where a majority of the inhabitants was of migrants from KP, Fata and such other areas which had been the hub of the transmission of polio virus to rest of the country. "Can you imagine one Pakhtun colony located at Walton Road is housing 1,000 families and according to the health department's information they all are migrants," he said adding such people were posing a threat to local healthy population of children. Quoting latest reports, he said Lahore and Rawalpindi were the first priority districts of the health department in Punjab in terms of polio disease.

KARACHI: Six people died after inhaling toxic gases emitting from an underground tank containing a chemical substance being used in making pickle in a food factory set up in a residential area of Korangi on Sunday, police and hospital officials said. The owner of the factory was among the dead and the remaining five were workers, two of them father and son, the police added. The incident occurred when one of the labourers while drawing some 'water' from the underground tank passed out after inhaling the substance in it and fell into the tank, said Korangi Industrial Area SHO Mohammed Ashiq. "It is an 'accident', but if anyone approaches the police to lodge an FIR, the police will look into it" The five others went after him to save him but they all fell unconscious and slipped into the tank and died after consuming the poisonous chemical. The factory was located in the residential area of Dar-ul-Salam Society and the initial investigation suggested that it was an 'accident', but if anyone approached the police to lodge an FIR about it, the police would look into it, the SHO added. The bodies were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) for medico-legal formalities.

One of the volunteers who helped recover the bodies told Dawn outside the JPMC mortuary that they faced immense difficulties in recovering the bodies as the pungent smell emitting from the tank was overpowering and unbearable. He added that it was a single-storey building spread over around 600 square yards in which the underground tank was built about 20 to 30 feet deep and at the time of the incident it was filled up to six feet with the substance. "The water was so filthy that no one could stand there," said a volunteer. They had to use a ladder and ropes to retrieve the bodies, he said. "All the bodies and the clothes were completely soaked and smelt strongly of chemical," said police surgeon Dr Jalil Qadir. He added that dirty white frothing was present at their nostrils. "The deaths occurred due to inhalation of poisonous gaseous material," said the police surgeon. Blood samples and clothes of all the dead have been taken and preserved for chemical examinations. The dead were identified as 52-year-old Mehtab, stated to be the owner of the factory; 26-year-old Sohail; 50-year-old Saleem; 28-year-old Imran; 26-year-old Adnan; and 30-year-old Nawaz.

Speaking to Dawn, Karachi-East DIG Munir Ahmed Shaikh said he had instituted an inquiry committee led by the SSP of investigation, which would submit its report within seven days. "There are two aspects of the incident," said the DIG East. "First, there are reports that it is an unauthorised factory. Secondly, chemicals were being used in pickle manufacturing and it needs to be ascertained that what type of 'precautions' had been taken in this regard and why such chemicals were being used in a food factory." Mr Shaikh said no government institution ever notified to the police that it was an 'illegal' factory and action be taken against it. Meanwhile, several residents told media persons at the spot that Achar Karkhana (the pickle factory) had been working there for the past 10 years and it was known to the police and local administration as well. Residents claimed that the police used to receive 'protection money' from the factory and a police mobile daily arrived there at 6pm and one of the policemen were seen entering it and coming out of the factory. Korangi district deputy commissioner Asif Jan Siddiqi told the media that it was an 'illegal' factory established in a home. Landhi SP Afnan Amin contended that it was the responsibility of the institutions concerned to take action against the factory set up in a home.

Families not availing free child cancer treatment for lack of hostel facility
Daily Dawn, April 13, 2015

KARACHI: The absence of a hostel facility in the city to provide temporary residence to poor patients' attendants is a major reason that forces a large number of families not to avail free life-saving treatment for their children suffering from cancer, it emerged on Sunday. Health experts working at health units offering free cancer treatment told Dawn that the rate of treatment abandonment in cancer patients was very high and it was estimated that about 30 per cent to 40pc children reporting with cancer at hospitals failed to receive treatment. The situation, they said, not only endangers a life but had serious financial implications, especially on a health facility being run on donations. "Treatment abandonment is defined as the failure either to start or complete medically indicated curative therapy. About 20 to 25pc families reporting at hospitals don't initiate cancer treatment for their children that could be cured in most cases while another 10 to 15pc leave in the middle of the treatment," said Dr Shamvil Ashraf, the medical director (paediatrics) at the Indus Hospital. Around 500 new cases of cancer are reported at the unit.

About half of the families that come to the health facility, he said, were from outside Karachi that included parts of interior of Sindh and Balochistan. "Giving their serious financial constraints and a long sustained treatment required for intensive cancer therapy, they have a genuine concern over the lack of a residence. Efforts are being made on our part to develop a hostel facility for such families," Dr Ashraf said. Pointing out other reasons for patients leaving against medical advice, he said that there were some families that would not believe that cancer could be cured while others opted for alternative therapies and turned to homeopaths, hakeem and even spiritual healers. "It's surprising as well as shocking when educated people choose to go for an exclusive spiritual healing. They are not convinced by our logic that they can opt for spiritual healing along with medical treatment," he elaborated further. According to Dr Ashraf, there is also a large group of families who are afraid of surgery, chemotherapy and amputation, which is required in some cases and is life-saving to contain the spread of the disease.

"For instance, if retinoblastoma [a rare rapidly developing cancer that develops from the immature

Citizens express displeasure over heavy fees of doctors

The Statesman, April 13, 2015

3-day polio campaign to vaccinate 1.463m kids starts today

The Statesman, April 13, 2015

cells of a retina] is at an advanced stage, it requires removal of the eyeball. However, acceptance of amputation is rare. Some families take their child away as soon as he or she gets a little better. They say that they don't want to see their child suffer more [due to the side effects of medicines]. There is no difference between Karachi and non-Karachi when it comes to myths and misconceptions about cancer," he said. Childhood cancer was curable in majority of the patients provided that the patient was early diagnosed and properly treated. There was a dire need for changing people's mindset and create awareness on cancer, he added. Dr Ashraf, earlier the head of the Cancer Children Hospital now made a unit of the Indus Hospital, has been able to reduce treatment abandonment from 40pc to 22pc in recent years at the health facility. That happened after the hospital intensive patient counselling, inducted social workers and a psycho-oncologist. Part of the health facility's responsibility is now to arrange meetings of recovered patients and their families with parents whose children have recently been diagnosed with cancer.

ISLAMABAD: Residents of the federal capital have demanded the authorities concerned to prepare a mechanism for fixing a fee of medical practitioners, who are looting the patients in the name of treatment in their private clinics. According to them, due to absence of fee structure at official level, there is an exploitation in this regard and every doctor is charging unjustifiable from patients. They said that due to this situation, patients have to bear heavy expenses during their treatment as mostly doctors not only get heavy fees but also prescribe them medicines of their sponsored pharmaceutical companies. Farooq Sajjad Ali, a patient said "It has become a routine practice that doctors particularly medical specialists of different field collect heavy fees from patients without considering their financial condition." He said it is astonishing that senior government doctors operate their private clinics during their duty timings, which is against professional ethics and norms, while in their absence trainee doctors examine the patients at OPDs.

"Private practice of doctors who are working in public hospitals should be banned and there should be monitoring system to check whether they are observing duty hours in their respective hospitals," another patient, Faseeh Abbas said. He asked the quarters concerned to take notice of absence of senior doctors at the OPD and different wards during duty hours. He suggested that these doctors should be allowed to run their clinics in same hospitals in evening time to facilitate patients by charging low fees. He added with this such patients can get services, who come from far-flung areas of the country and fail to get consultation from the doctors due to heavy load at the OPD in daytime and limited hospital timings. He said that despite getting heavy fees, unlike medical practices in abroad where one doctor examines five to seven patients in a day, here each doctor examines several patients daily in their private clinics which is against professional ethics. When contacted, an official of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) said that the hospital management was trying its level best to ensure best medical care to the patients. He added a sufficient number of doctors perform duties at OPDs, including medical officers, professors, assistant professors and post-graduates, he added. He said the hospital was established with an aim to provide special healthcare services to the patients with critical diseases. However, the hospital has now become a major medical facility, which is visited by patients suffering from different diseases from all over the country. - APP

PESHAWAR: Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will launch a three-day anti-polio campaign under "Sihat Ka Ittehad" (Alliance for Health) program from today in 24 districts of province. According to Polio Emergency Operation Center of Health Department on Sunday, as many as 1.463 million children of below five years would be administered anti-polio drops in 230 selected Union Councils. A total of 4240 mobile and 395 fixed teams have been deputed while 141 transit points have also been established across the province for the purpose. Among the 230 selected union councils, seven were in Abbottabad, 13 in Bannu, two in Battagram, 19 in Charsadda, 17 in D.I.khan, two in Lower Dir, five each in Upper Dir and Hangu, seven in Haripur, three in Karak, four in Kohat, two each in Kohistan and Malakand, four in Mansehra, 44 in Mardan, nine in Nowshera, 51 in Peshawar, five in Shangla, 16 in Tank and 13 in Torghar district. Polio vaccines have been delivered to the districts with full logistic support to ensure mobility and access of polio teams to the targeted areas. Last month, philanthropist and chairman of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Bill Gates, called Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and appreciated his efforts in trying to eliminate polio virus from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Gates congratulated Imran on conducting a successful anti-polio campaign, 'Sehat Ka Ittehad' (Alliance for Health), in the province. He also expressed grief and sorrow over the killing of 131 students during a Taliban attack on school in Peshawar. The philanthropist assured his support to the KP government in carrying out further efforts to eliminate the crippling disease from the province. PTI leader Jahangir Tareen said that "Bill Gates appreciated #Sehat ka ittehad anti polio initiative led by Imran Khan and said that the initiative offers the only hope." Imran Khan reiterated his resolve of making KP a polio-free province and said that all out efforts are being carried out by the provincial government to successfully run the anti-polio campaign. A KP health official associated with the polio eradication programme told that 'Sehat Ka Ittehad' was a brainchild of PTI chief Imran Khan. Even though there are tensions with the federal government over electoral rigging, but health was a separate subject, he said.

An official of Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) — the nerve centre for all polio-related activities in the country — told that it was strange that even though the new 'Sehat Ka Ittehad' campaign was a joint venture between the federal and KP governments, the EOC and the PM's Polio Cell were completely unaware of it. Official data shows that an overwhelming 96 per cent of polio cases so far reported are among the Pashto-speaking population of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Fata. The epidemiological statistics of the so far reported cases shows that 82pc cases are among children below 2 years of age, which indicates that either the parents are not willing to vaccinate their children or the teams had no access to those children who were with their mothers

Load shedding duration increases as weekend ends
Daily Dunya, April 13, 2015

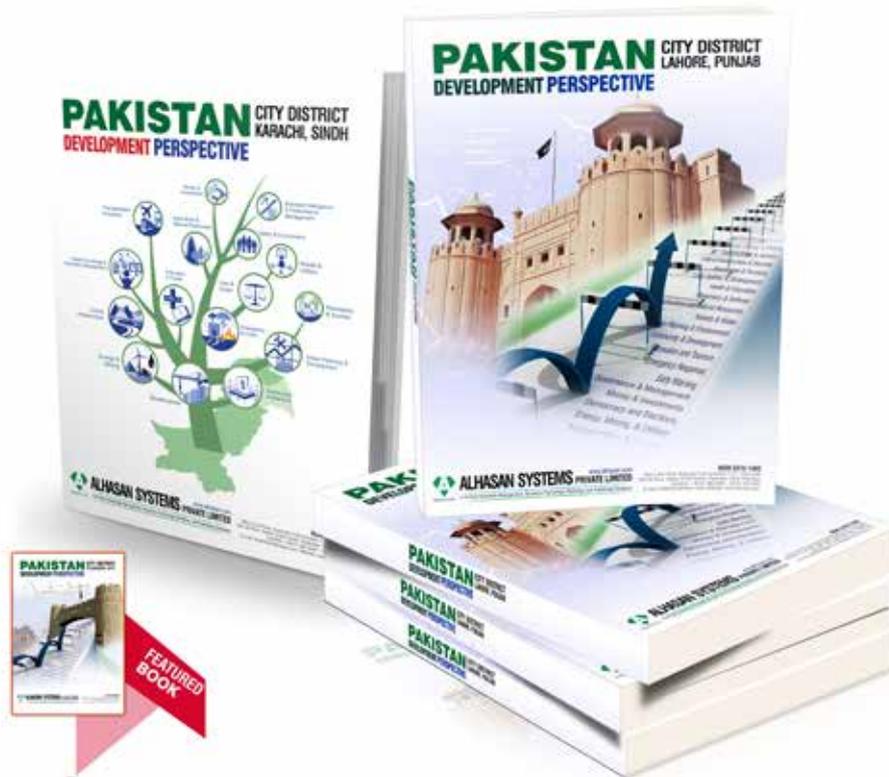
We are upgrading grid stations on emergency basis: Abid Sher Ali
Daily Dunya, April 13, 2015

and could not be vaccinated outside homes. Officials say the reason for this factor is that the health authorities are lacking female vaccinators who are more welcome to enter houses to administer polio drops. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that Pakistan is responsible for nearly 80 per cent of polio cases reported globally. "The situation is primarily due to a lack of access to children for vaccination, largely owing to a continuing ban on immunisation imposed by militants in the North and South Waziristan, and insecurity and killing of polio workers in the field," said a progress report.

LAHORE: Duration of load shedding increased on Monday as the business activities started. Citizens faced trouble due to the increased load shedding. Many complaints about the shortage of water supply due to load shedding were also received. According to Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), the duration of load shedding was 8 hours for urban areas while 10 hours for rural areas as the summer heat approached and the demand of electricity increased. According to the National Transmission and Dispatch Company, the demand of electricity was 13 thousand and 400 megawatts while the production was 10 thousand and 100 megawatts on Monday.

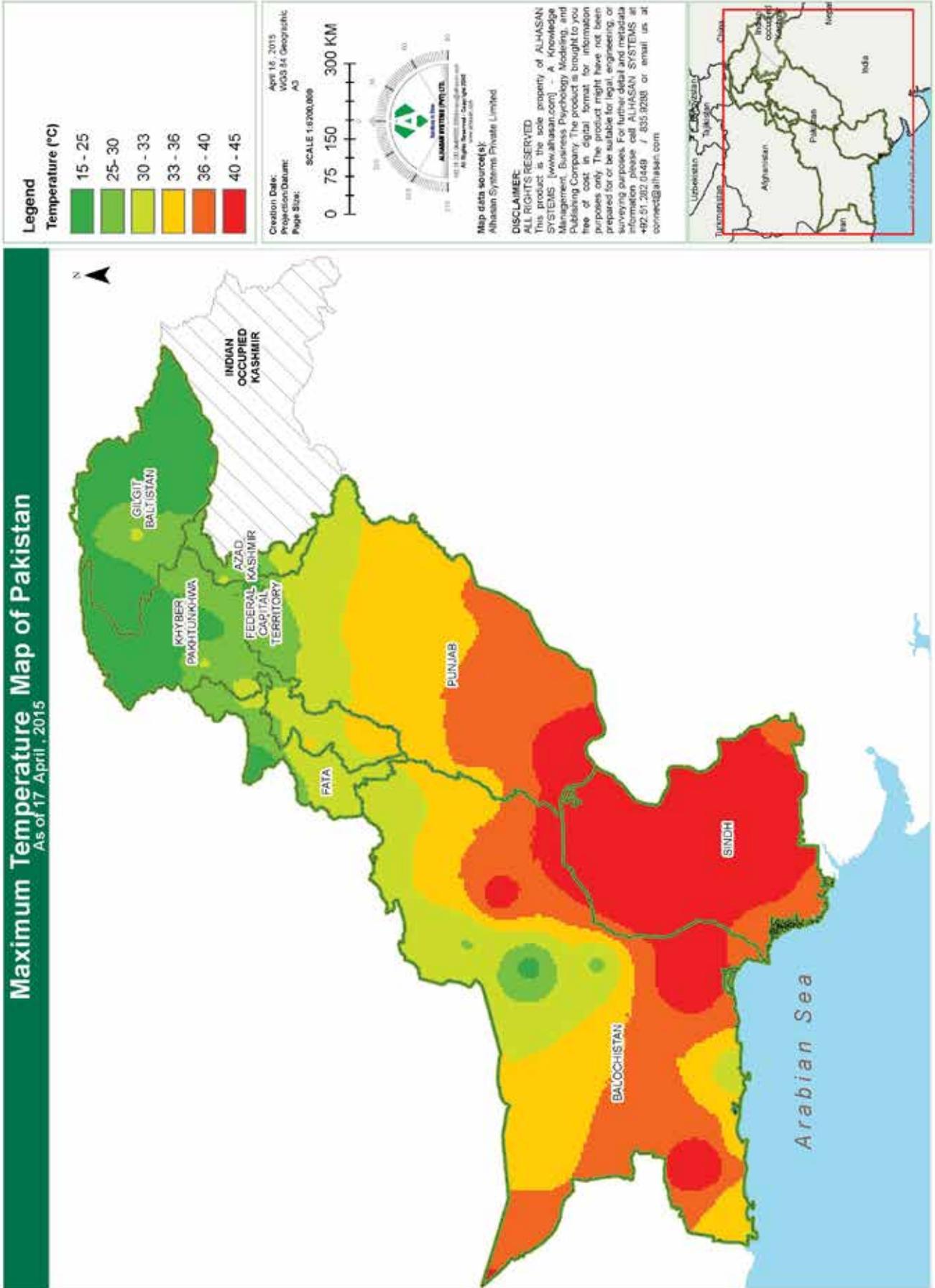
FAISALABAD – Minister of State for Power and Water Abid Sher Ali has said that the government is upgrading the grid stations on emergency basis; he was addressing a meeting at Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)'s head office on Monday. He said that the government has allocated billions of rupees to upgrade the grid stations. After that, FESCO will be able to produce 1700 to 1800 megawatt of electricity, said Abid Sher Ali. He said that new hirings are also in process in FESCO. Abid said that they are doing their best to reduce the cases of electricity theft and they are providing new connections on merit. He also ordered FESCO to make special plans for summer and Ramazan month to reduce the duration of load shedding.

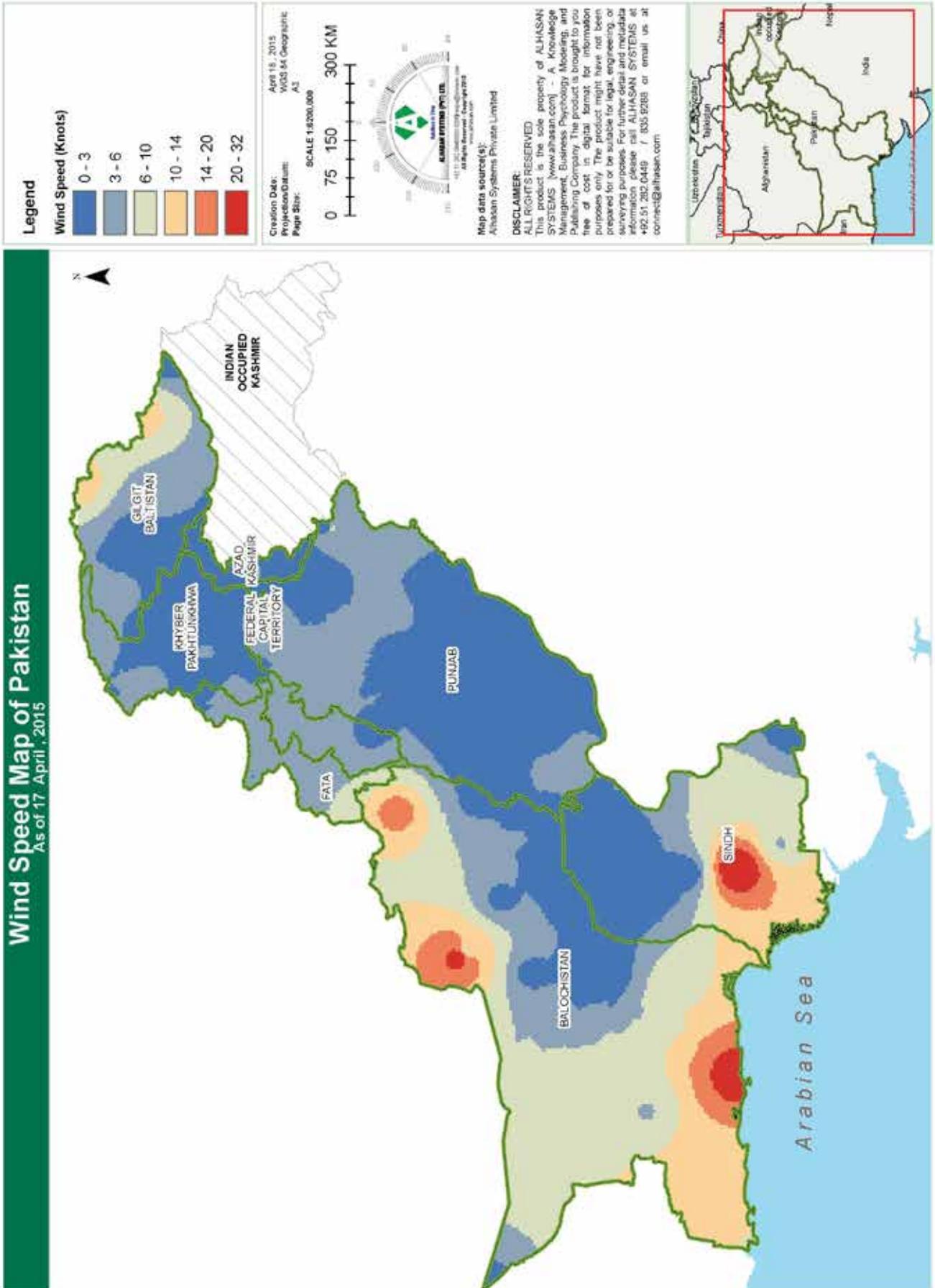
PAKISTAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE



ALHASAN SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED www.alhasan.com
Solutions in Time | A Hi-Tech Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company

205-C 2nd Floor, Evacuee Trust Complex, F-5/1 Islamabad. 195-1st Floor, Deans Trade Center, Peshawar Cantt; Peshawar Landline: +92.51.282.0449 +92.91.525.3347 E-mail: bulletins@alhasan.com, Website: www.alhasan.com





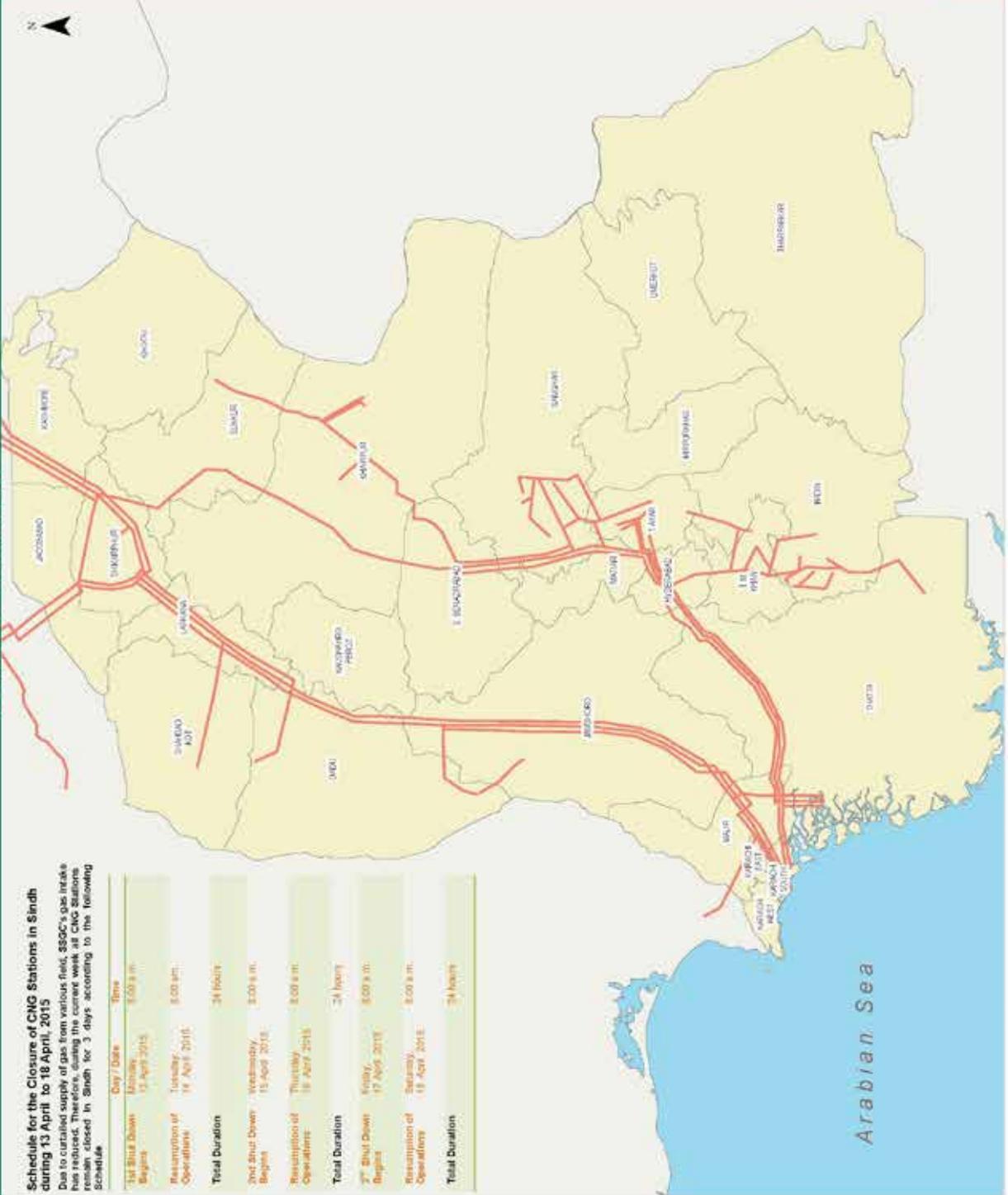
CNG Sector Gas Load Management Plan-Sindh

As of April 13 to April 18, 2015

Schedule for the Closure of CNG Stations in Sindh during 13 April to 18 April, 2015

Due to curtailed supply of gas from various fields, SSGC's gas intake is reduced and the gas pressure in the CNG stations is low. CNG stations remain closed in Sindh for 3 days according to the following Schedule:

	Day / Date	Time
1st Shut Down Begins	Monday, 13 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Resumption of Operators	Tuesday, 14 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Total Duration		24 hours
2nd Shut Down Begins	Wednesday, 15 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Resumption of Operators	Thursday, 16 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Total Duration		24 hours
3rd Shut Down Begins	Friday, 17 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Resumption of Operators	Saturday, 18 April 2015	5:00 a.m.
Total Duration		24 hours



Legend

- SSGC Gas Pipeline
- District Boundary
- Provincial Boundary

Creation Date: April 11, 2015
 Projection/Datum: WGS 84 Geographic
 Page Size: A3

SCALE 1:350,000

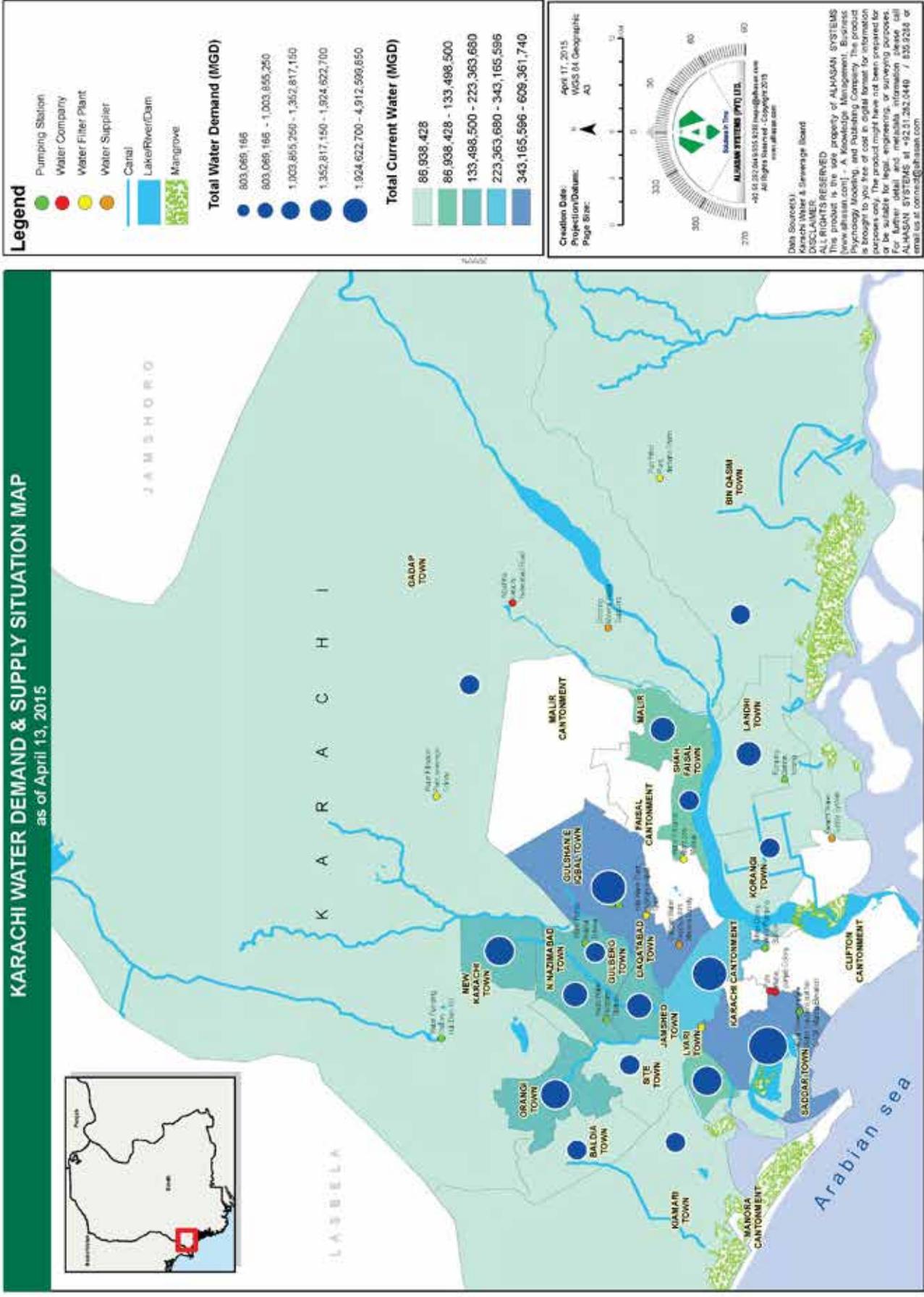


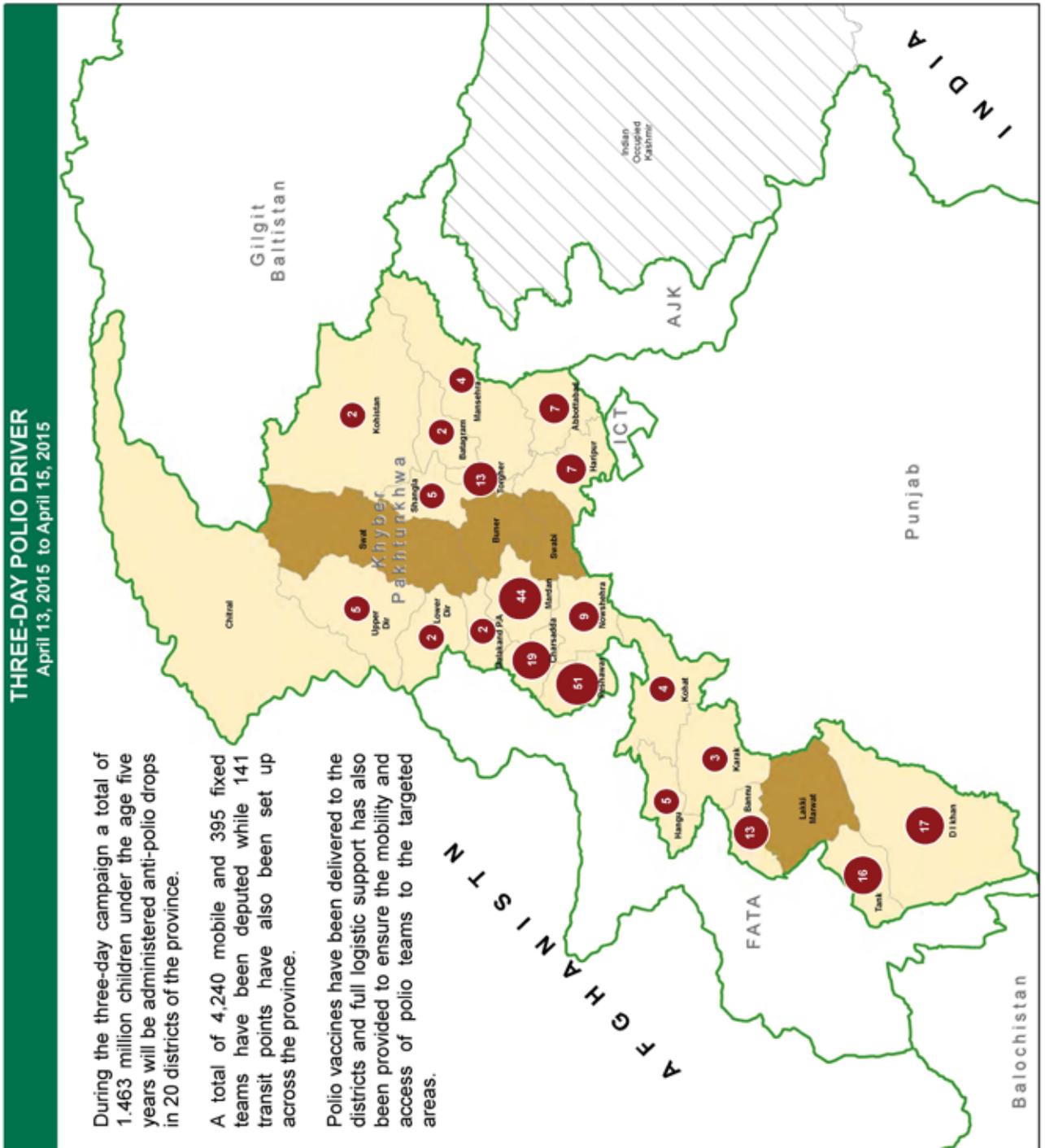
Map data source(s):
 Alhasan Systems Private Limited

DISCLAIMER:
 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
 This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS (www.alhasan.com) - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information, please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92 51 282 0440 / 835 9288 or email us at connect@alhasan.com



KARACHI WATER DEMAND & SUPPLY SITUATION MAP
as of April 13, 2015



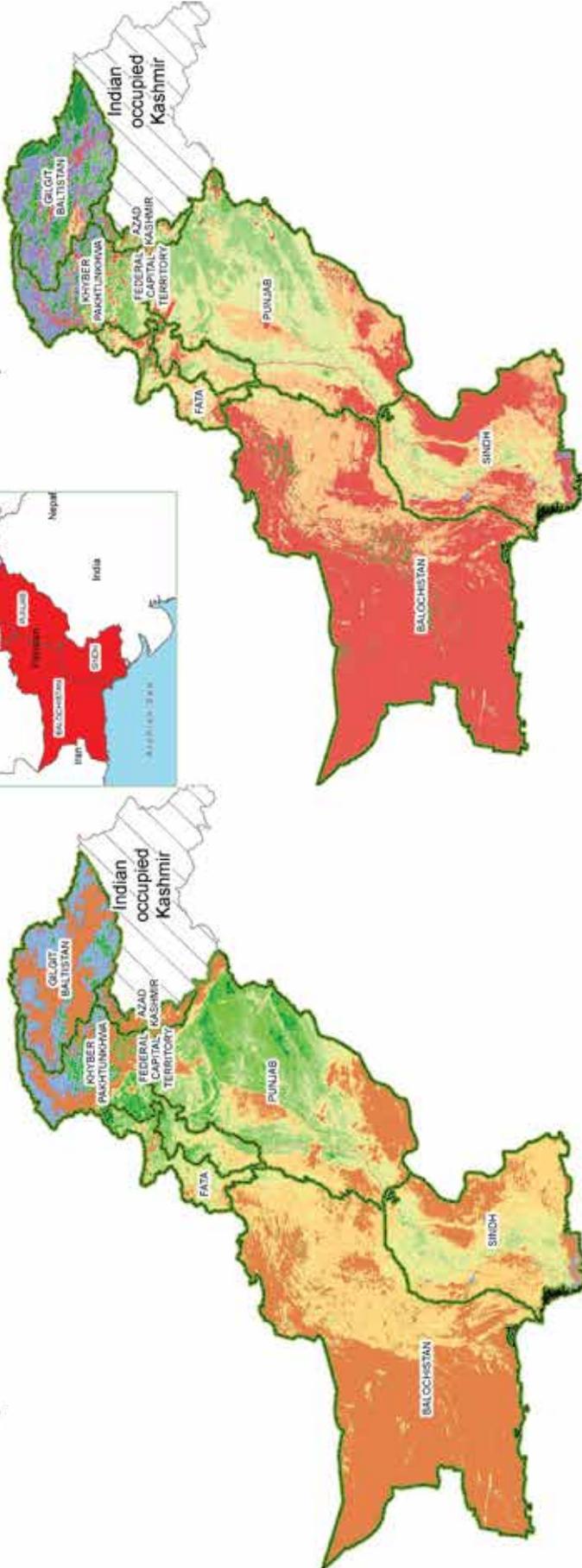


Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

16 April 2015

Date:
16 April 2014

Date:
16 April 2015



Legend
NDVI Index

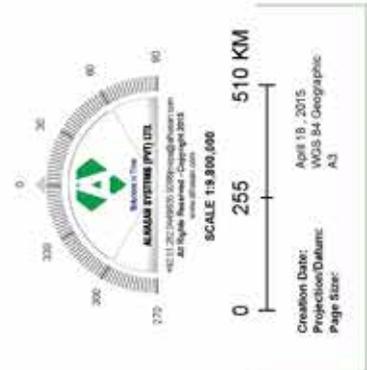
- Active Vegetation
- Moderate Active Vegetation
- Slightly Active Vegetation
- Snow/Water
- Little to no Vegetation Activity
- No Vegetation Activity
- Provincial Boundary
- International Boundary

Legend
NDVI Index

- Active Vegetation
- Moderate Active Vegetation
- Slightly Active Vegetation
- Snow/Water
- Little to no Vegetation Activity
- No Vegetation Activity
- Provincial Boundary
- International Boundary

Map data source(s):
Ahasan Systems Private Limited, MODIS NASA

DISCLAIMER:
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED
This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS [www.ahasan.com] - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92-51-282-0449 / 835-9288 or email us at connect@ahasan.com



اسلام آباد چیئرمین آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری نے فائونڈر گروپ کے چیئرمین اور چیئرمین کے سابق صدر عبدالرئوف عالم کی قیادت میں حکومت کی طرف سے اسلام آباد میں رات 8 بجے سے دکانیں اور مارکیٹیں بند کرنے کے حکم نامہ کے خلاف اسلام آباد پریس کلب میں ایک پریس کانفرنس منعقد کی۔ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے فائونڈر گروپ کے چیئرمین عبدالرئوف عالم نے کہا کہ گذشتہ دنوں حکومت نے تاجروں سے مشورہ کئے بغیر یکطرفہ طور پر بجلی کی بجٹ کی آڑ میں اسلام آباد اور پنجاب میں رات 8 بجے سے دکانیں اور مارکیٹیں بند کرنے کے احکامات جاری کئے جس پر ضلعی انتظامیہ نے اسلام آباد میں فوری طور پر عمل درآمد کرنے کی کوشش شروع کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں اسلام آباد کے تاجروں میں سخت اضطراب اور غم و غصہ کی لہر پیدا ہو گئی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سلسلے میں چیف کمیشنر آئی سی ٹی اور ڈپٹی کمیشنر اسلام آباد سے ملاقات کی گئی اور حکومتی فیصلے پر تحفظات کا اظہار کیا گیا لیکن افسوس کہ مذکورہ افسران کا رویہ مثبت نہیں پایا گیا

موبائل فون سموں کی بائیومیٹرک تصدیق کی مدت ختم ہو گئی غیر تصدیق شدہ سمیں فوری بلاک کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا گیا پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی کے مطابق ملک بھر میں ملک میں موبائل فون صارفین کی تعداد 10 کروڑ 30 لاکھ ہے جن کی بائیومیٹرک تصدیق کا پہلا مرحلہ گزشتہ ماہ مکمل ہو گیا تھا دوسرے اور آخری مرحلہ بارہ اپریل کو ختم ہو گیا پہلے مرحلے کی تکمیل پر بائیومیٹرک تصدیق نہ ہونے پر 77 لاکھ سموں کو بلاک کر دیا گیا ہے دیگر سموں کی بندش کا سلسلہ بھی مہلت ختم ہونے پر فوراً شروع ہو جائے گا چیئرمین پی ٹی اے اسماعیل شاہ نے بتایا کہ تصدیق کرانے کی تاریخ میں اضافہ نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تمام غیر ملکیوں کے لئے دو سے زیادہ سمر کھنے پر پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے

حکومتی شیڈول مسترد، اسلام آباد کے تاجروں کی شٹر ڈاؤن کی دھمکی

روزنامہ اساس

13 اپریل 2015

بائیومیٹرک ڈیڈ لائن ختم، غیر تصدیق سمیں بلاک کرنے کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ اساس

13 اپریل 2015

تعییناتوں کا سلسلہ جاری رکھا وہاں صوبہ کے چاروں بڑے ہسپتالوں میں چیف ایگزیکٹوز اور میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ (ایم ایس) کو بھی عارضی بنیادوں پر تعینات کئے رکھا۔ بعد میں یہ اعلان کیا گیا کہ چاروں بڑے ہسپتالوں میں میڈیکل ڈائریکٹر اور ہاسپٹل ڈائریکٹر کے عہدوں پر پروفیشنل ڈاکٹروں سے ہٹ کر اعلیٰ تعلیم یافتہ پرائیویٹ لوگوں کو بنیادی پے سکیل 20 میں تعینات کیا جائے جن کا ہسپتال میں پہلے سے ملازمت کوئی عمل دخل نہیں ہو گا مگر موجودہ حکومت نے جہاں اپنے اعلانات سے ہٹ کر تعیناتیاں کیں وہاں مذکورہ اعلیٰ عہدوں پر تعیناتی میرٹ سے ہٹ کر کی گئی ہے۔ مصدقہ ذرائع کے مطابق خیبر پختونخوا ہسپتال پشاور میں ڈی ایم سٹور کے عہدے پر گریڈ 18 میں تعینات ڈاکٹر فرمان کو گریڈ 20 کے عہدے پر ہاسپٹل ڈائریکٹر بنا دیا گیا۔ اس طرح گریڈ 20 کی سینارٹی لسٹ میں چھٹے نمبر پر ہونے کے باوجود ڈاکٹر ندیم خاور کو خیبر پختونخوا ہسپتال میں میڈیکل ڈائریکٹر کے عہدے پر تعینات کیا گیا ہے، لیڈی ریڈنگ ہسپتال میں پہلے سے گریڈ 18 میں تعینات ڈی ایم ایس کبجوٹی ڈاکٹر ندیم تاج کو بھی گریڈ 20 کے عہدے پر ہاسپٹل ڈائریکٹر بنا دیا گیا۔

وزارت داخلہ نے پی ٹی اے کو موبائل فون سمر کی بائیو میٹرک تصدیق کے لئے بارہ اپریل رات بارہ بجے تک کی ڈیڈ لائن دی تھی جو اب گزری گئی ہے، سموں کی تصدیق کیلئے مزید مہلت نہیں دی جائیگی۔ اب کال کرنے کے لئے سم دوبارہ ایکٹیویٹ کرانا ہوگی۔ پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی کے مطابق بیرون ملک مقیم افراد کی ایک کروڑ 17 لاکھ 57 ہزار سموں کو بلاک نہیں کیا جائیگا۔ بیرون ملک مقیم پاکستانیوں کیلئے 6 ماہ کی توسیع کی گئی ہے

فیروزوالہ (نامہ نگار) اسسٹنٹ کمشنر فیروز والہ فضل الرحمن کی ہدایت پر پی ٹی ایم اے فیروز والا احسن عنایت سندھو کی سربراہی میں خصوصی ٹیم نے کوٹ عبدالملک میں پلاسٹک کی فیکٹری میں چھاپہ مار کر ڈینگھی لاروا پایا جانے پر فیکٹری مالک کیخلاف مقدمہ درج کر لیا ہے فیکٹری میں گندگی اور کباڑ خانہ میں ڈینگھی لاروا پایا گیا علاوہ ازیں ٹائز شاپ میں صفائی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے متعدد دکانیں سیل کر دی۔

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) الحد مت ٹرسٹ کے زیر اہتمام رواں ماہ کے دوران لاہور کی نواحی آبادیوں میں چار فری میڈیکل کیپ لگائے جائیں گے اس امر کا اظہار الحد مت خواتین ٹرسٹ کی ناظمہ صائمہ شبیر نے گوالا کالونی ٹاؤن شپ میں لگائے گئے فری میڈیکل کیپ کے موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ فری میڈیکل کیپ میں خاتون ڈاکٹر سمیت تین ڈاکٹروں نے مریضوں کا معائنہ کیا جبکہ چار سوسے زائد مریضوں نے فری کیپ سے استفادہ کیا۔

لاہور (لیڈی رپورٹر) خواتین ارکان پنجاب اسمبلی نے کہا ہے کہ ڈینگھی کے خاتمے میں خواتین کا کردار اہم ہے جبکہ این جی اوز نے بھی گھر گھر جاکر لوگوں میں ڈینگھی سے بچاؤ کا شعور بیدار کیا ہے، اب بھی ضروری ہے کہ ناصرف گھروں بلکہ دفاتر اور اداروں میں صفائی کے خصوصی اقدامات کئے جائیں۔ محکمہ سوشل ویلفیئر پنجاب کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ تقریب میں ارکان اسمبلی سلمی بٹ، فرزانہ بٹ، میاں وحید گل نے کہا کہ نہ کہا کہ اگر کسی جگہ لاروا پایا گیا تو متعلقہ افراد کے خلاف سخت قانونی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔ سینیٹار میں چوہدری عبدالغفور مشیر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کے علاوہ ڈسٹرکٹ آفیسر سوشل ویلفیئر فیض نعیم، وی آئی پی فاؤنڈیشن کے عہدیداروں و دیگر نے شرکت کی۔

کراچی سندھ اسمبلی نے پنجاب کی فیکٹریوں سے زہریلا پانی گھونکی میں چھوڑنے کے خلاف قرارداد منظور کر لی۔ اسپیکر آغا سراج درانی کی سربراہی میں سندھ اسمبلی کے اجلاس کے دوران پیپلز پارٹی کی خیر النساء مغل نے پنجاب کی فیکٹریوں سے زہریلا پانی گھونکی میں چھوڑنے کے خلاف قرارداد پیش کی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پنجاب کی فیکٹریوں کا زہریلا پانی سندھ کی جانب چھوڑا جا رہا ہے جس سے بالائی سندھ خصوصاً گھونکی میں ہزاروں ایکڑ پر فصلیں تباہ ہو رہی ہیں۔ ایوان نے پنجاب سے زہریلا پانی چھوڑنے کے خلاف قرارداد متفقہ طور پر منظور کر لی۔ اس سے قبل ایم ایو ایم کے اراکین نے تحریک انصاف کے ارکان کی ایوان میں موجودگی پر اعتراض کرتے ہوئے انہیں مسافر قرار دیا۔ اسپیکر نے ایم کیو ایم کے اعتراض مسترد کر دیئے۔ اس موقع پر شرجیل میمن کا کہنا تھا کہ ارباب غلام رحیم کی عدم موجودگی پر اعتراض کیوں نہیں کیا جاتا۔ بعد ازاں حکومت نے مکان اور جائیداد کرائے پر دینے سے متعلق بل پیش کیا جس میں ایم کیو ایم اور مسلم لیگ فکشنل کے ارکان نے تزامم کی تجاویز پیش کیں تاہم ایوان نے انہیں مسترد کرتے ہوئے بل کثرت رائے سے منظور کر لیا۔ بل کے مطابق ہوٹل اور گیسٹ ہاؤس مالکان مہمانوں اور کرائے داروں کی اطلاع 3 گھنٹے میں پولیس کو فراہم کریں گے۔ اطلاع نہ دینے والے مالک کو 6 ماہ قید اور 45 ہزار روپے تک جرمانہ ہو سکتا ہے۔

سموں کی تصدیق کیلئے دی گئی مہلت ختم ہو گئی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

صفائی کی ناقص صورتحال، ڈینگھی لاروا برآمدگی

پر فیکٹری اور متعدد دکانیں سیل

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

الحد مت ٹرسٹ کے زیر اہتمام لاہور کے نواح

میں 4 فری میڈیکل کیپ لگائیں گے: صائمہ شبیر

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

ڈینگھی کے تدارک کیلئے عورتوں کا کردار اہم

ہے: ارکان پنجاب اسمبلی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

سندھ اسمبلی میں پنجاب سے زہریلا پانی گھونکی

میں چھوڑنے کے خلاف قرارداد منظور

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

13 اپریل 2015

سی این جی سیکٹر کا مستقبل روشن ہو گیا ہے۔

ہنگو (صبح نیوز) ضلع بھر میں گزشتہ روز شروع ہونے والی چار روزہ پولیو مہم کے دوران دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی گئی۔ موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری اور اسلحہ کے نمائش پر مکمل پابندی ہوگی جبکہ اس دوران تمام اسلحہ لائسنس منسوخ تصور ہوں گے۔

ہنگو: پولیو مہم کے دوران ضلع بھر میں دفعہ 144 نافذ، 16 اپریل تک موٹر سائیکل ڈبل

سواری اور اسلحہ پر پابندی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 اپریل 2015

واسانے شہر میں ایک سو مزید واٹر فلٹریشن پلانٹ لگانے کیلئے لائحہ عمل طے کر لیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 اپریل 2015

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) صوبائی دارالحکومت میں شہریوں کو پینے کے صاف پانی کی فراہمی کے لئے واسا ساڑھے 4 ارب روپے سے زائد مالیت کے نکاسی آب اور پینے کے صاف پانی کی فراہمی کے 4 مختلف منصوبوں اور گیسٹو بیجنگ ٹیو پروگرام کے تحت 8 سو ملین روپے لاگت سے منصوبے پر رواں مالی سال ختم ہونے سے قبل مکمل کر لے گا جبکہ شہر میں مزید ایک سو فلٹریشن پلانٹس کی تنصیب کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے لائحہ عمل طے کر لیا گیا ہے۔ واسا دارالخروج کے مطابق شہر کے گیسٹو بیجنگ 2 کے تحت 8 سو ملین روپے کی لاگت سے ترقیاتی کام جاری ہے، جس کے تحت شہر میں نصب پرائی، بوسیدہ اور زیر زمین گہری پائپ لائنوں کو ختم کر کے نئی پائپ لائنز بچھائی جائیں گی۔ ٹیوب ویلز کی تعداد بھی بڑھائی جائے گی واسا دارالخروج کے مطابق شہر میں اس وقت 489 ٹیوب ویل نصب ہیں۔ نکاسی آب کا پہلا منصوبہ ٹھوکر چوک سے ہیڈ ہاؤس ڈرین تک براستہ رائے ونڈ روڈ کے لئے سیوریج لائن بچھانے کا ہے جس پر کام شروع ہو چکا ہے اس پر ڈھائی ارب روپے لاگت آئے گی۔ واسانے ورلڈ بینک کے تعاون سے شہر کے 11 بڑے گندے نالوں کی مرمت اور اس کی بہتری کے لئے 131 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت سے منصوبے کو رواں برس جون میں مکمل کرنے کے لئے حکمت عملی بنا رکھی ہے جس کے تحت برڈوڈ روڈ ڈرین، ستون قلعہ ڈرین، کینٹ ڈرین، سنٹرل ڈرین، چھوٹا راوی روڈ ڈرین، صدیق پورہ ڈرین، ریلوے ڈرین سمیت دیگر نالوں پر تعمیر و مرمت کی جائے گی۔

بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ پر احتجاج جاری

کاروبار شدید متاثر پانی بھی غائب

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 اپریل 2015

لاہور (نامہ نگار) صوبائی دارالحکومت سمیت کئی شہروں میں گزشتہ روز بھی بجلی کی طویل اور غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری رہا جس کے باعث کاروبار شدید متاثر ہوئے اور احتجاج کا سلسلہ بھی جاری رہا، کئی علاقوں میں پانی کی بھی شدید قلت رہی اور لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ تقصیلات کے مطابق شہروں میں 10 سے 12 اور دیہات میں 16 سے 18 گھنٹے تک بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری رہی جس پر لوگ بلبلا اٹھے۔ چک امر ویس 18 سے 20 گھنٹوں کی لوڈ شیڈنگ پر عوام بلک اٹھے اور سر اپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ تانہ لیا نوالہ میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 18 گھنٹے تک پہنچ چکا ہے، شہریوں نے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف شدید احتجاج کیا۔ منڈی احمد آباد میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نے شہریوں کو عذاب میں مبتلا کر دیا۔ شور کوٹ شہر اور گردونواح میں لوڈ شیڈنگ 20 گھنٹے سے تجاوز کر گئی۔ سلاوالی میں بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ سے معمولات زندگی معطل ہو کر رہ گئے اور اس کا دورانیہ 18 گھنٹے سے تجاوز کر گیا۔ پھول نگر سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق 16 سے 18 گھنٹے کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے کاروباری زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی۔ تاجروں نے رائیونڈ محلات کے سامنے کیپ لگا کر احتجاج کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا۔ فیکٹریوں کی ایک شفٹ بند ہونے سے سینکڑوں مزدوروں کے بے روزگار ہونے سے ان کے گھروں کے چولہے ٹھنڈے پڑ گئے۔ مانگا منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر میں مسلسل 6، 6 گھنٹے غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے جس سے کاروباری زندگی ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گئی۔ قلعہ دیدار سنگھ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق قلعہ دیدار سنگھ، نوکھر اور گردونواح میں گرمی کی آمد کے ساتھ ہی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 18 سے 20 گھنٹے تک پہنچ گیا جس کی وجہ سے کاروباری زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 15 جبکہ دیہات میں 18 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر جانے کے باعث کاروبار زندگی بری طرح مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی ہے بمشکل ایک گھنٹہ بجلی آنے کے بعد مسلسل تین، تین، چار، چار گھنٹے بجلی بند رہنا معمول بن چکا ہے جس کے باعث گھروں میں پینے کا پانی تک بھی میسر نہیں ہوتا، شدید گرمی اور جس میں بجلی کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث طلباء و طالبات کی پڑھائی میں بھی شدید حرج ہو رہا ہے۔ اس صورتحال پر شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔

خیبر پی کے بڑے ہسپتالوں میں اعلیٰ عہدوں پر

تعیناتیوں میں بے قاعدگیوں کا انکشاف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

پشاور (رضا پرنس) صوبہ خیبر پی کے کے چاروں بڑے ہسپتالوں میں اعلیٰ عہدوں پر تعیناتیوں میں بڑے پیمانے پر بے قاعدگیوں اور میرٹ کی خلاف ورزیوں کا انکشاف ہوا ہے اور چاروں ہسپتالوں میں عہدوں کے نام تبدیل کر کے نئے ناموں سے پرانے طریقہ کار پر ہی انکشاف کے تعیناتیوں کے احکامات جاری کئے گئے ہیں جو کہ تحریک انصاف حکومت کے اعلانات اور نعروں کی صریحاً خلاف ورزی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ پی ٹی آئی حکومت میں گذشتہ 22 مہینوں سے محکمہ صحت خیبر پی کے میں جتنی بھی تعیناتیاں ہوئی ہیں وہ عارضی طور پر کی جاتی رہی ہیں جس کی وجہ سے محکمہ صحت اپنے اہداف حاصل کرنے میں کامیاب نہ ہو سکا۔ موجودہ حکومت نے محکمہ صحت کے دوسرے اعلیٰ عہدوں پر تبادلوں اور

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے سینئر وزیر برائے تعلیم اور خواندگی نثار احمد کھوڑونے کہا ہے کہ اسکولز کے لیے مخصوص 4 ارب روپے کے بجٹ میں سے 2 ارب روپے جاری ہو چکے ہیں۔ اس بجٹ سے اسکولز کو اسٹیٹسٹری، کھیلوں کا سامان، لائبریری کے لیے کتاہیں اور لیبارٹریز کے لیے آلات و دیگر سامان مہیا کیا جائے گا۔ سامان کی خریداری کے لیے ٹینڈرز بھی جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ وہ پیر کو سندھ اسمبلی میں متحدہ قومی موومنٹ (ایم کیو ایم) کی خاتون رکن ہیر اسماعیل سوہو کے توجہ دلاؤ نوٹس پر جواب دے رہے تھے۔ سینئر وزیر تعلیم نے کہا کہ 4 ارب روپے میں سے 3.2 ارب روپے پرائمری اسکولز اور 0.8 ارب روپے سیکنڈری اسکولز کے لیے مختص ہیں۔ ایک کمیٹی تشکیل دی گئی ہے، جو سامان خریدے گی۔ یہ سامان بعد ازاں اسکولز میں تقسیم کیا جائے گا۔ 37 ہزار اسکولز میں سے 23096 اسکولز کی ریکورڈیشن بھی ہمیں مل چکی ہے۔

صادق آباد کے علاقوں میں بجلی کی لگتی تاریں واپڈا احکام کی غفلت لا پرواہی اور ڈنگ ٹاپاؤ پالیسی کا واضح ثبوت ہیں۔ لیکن بے حس انتظامیہ نے آج تک اس طرف کوئی توجہ نہیں دی لگتی تاروں کے باعث کوئی بڑا حادثہ رونما ہو سکتا ہے۔ ان نیلاات کا اظہار صادق آباد کے تاجروں اور شہریوں نے اساس سروے میں کیا شہریوں کا کہنا ہے۔ کہ واپڈا احکام کو کئی بار درخواستیں دیں لیکن آج تک ہماری کوئی شنوائی نہیں ہوئی بڑے بڑے ہزاروں میں لگتی ہوئی تاریں کسی بڑے حادثے کا باعث بن سکتی ہیں۔ واپڈا احکام بے حس ہو چکے ہیں ہمارا کوئی پراسان حال نہیں ہے۔ شہریوں نے اعلیٰ حکام سے فوری طور پر نوٹس لینے کا مطالبہ کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ فوری طور پر لگتی ہوئی تاروں کا مسئلہ حل کیا جائے گا تاکہ شہری اور تاجر سکھ کا سانس لے سکیں۔ کیونکہ موت کا سایہ 24 گھنٹے ہمارے گھروں پر لٹک رہا ہے اور اس سے کوئی بڑا حادثہ بھی رونما ہو سکتا ہے۔ عوامی نمائندوں کو بھی چاہئے کہ وہ بھی اس طرف توجہ دیں۔ اور بجلی کی لگتی ہوئی تاروں کے حوالے سے اصلاح احوال کی جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ عوامی نمائندے مسائل حل نہیں کرتے آخر ہم جائیں تو کہاں جائیں۔ اگر واپڈا اہلکاروں نے لگتی تاروں کے حوالے سے مسائل حل نہ کئے تو مری روڈ بلاک کر کے احتجاج کریں گے جس کی تمام ترمذمہ داری منتخب نمائندوں اور واپڈا احکام پر عائد ہوگی۔

وزارت کیڈ نے اسلام آباد کے تمام تعلیمی اداروں میں ہفتے کی چھٹی بحال کر دی ہے جس کا باقاعدہ نوٹیفکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ وزارت کیڈ ترجمان کے مطابق وفاقی دارالحکومت کے تمام تعلیمی اداروں میں ہفتے کی چھٹی بحال کر دی گئی ہے جس کا باقاعدہ نوٹیفکیشن وزارت کیڈ کی جانب سے جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ہفتے کی چھٹی بجلی کو بچانے کے لئے بحال کر دی گئی ہے۔

پڑھیں (نامہ نگار) پڑھیں سیکو سب ڈویژن میں نادہندگان اور بجلی چوروں کے خلاف آپریشن، 300 سے زائد بجلی کنکشن منقطع کر دیئے گئے تفصیلات کے مطابق پڑھیں میں سیکو ٹیم نے ایس ڈی اوندیم جو کھیو، لائن سپرٹنڈنٹ طالب حسین منگریو، شاہد علی آرائیں، محمد یونس راجپر، غلام شہیر سو لنگی اور ذوالفقار سو لنگی کی قیادت میں پڑھیں اسٹیشن، پڑھیں ناؤن، ریشم گلی، شامی بازار، مین بازار، بلوچ چوک، اسٹیشن چوک، حسینی چوک، ایم سی بی چوک اور دیگر علاقوں میں نادہندگان اور بجلی چوروں کے خلاف آپریشن کر کے 300 سے زائد بجلی کنکشن منقطع کر دیئے ہیں۔ سیکو سب ڈویژن کے ایس ڈی اوندیم جو کھیو نے نادہندگان اور بجلی چوروں کو متنبہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بجلی کے بل بروقت ادا کئے جائیں بصورت دیگر ان کو بجلی فراہمی معطل کر دیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پڑھیں سیکو سب ڈویژن میں کسی بھی بجلی چور کو برداشت نہیں کریں گے بجلی چوری میں ملوث افراد کے خلاف سخت کارروائی عمل لائی جائیگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نادہندگان کے خلاف آپریشن جاری رہے گا۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) پاکستان سٹیٹ آئل (پی ایس او) اور سی این جی ماکان کے کمپنی یونائیٹڈ گیس ڈسٹری بیوشن کمپنی (یو جی ڈی سی) کے مابین پنجاب کے سی این جی سٹیشنز کو ایل این جی فراہم کرنے کا معاہدہ طے پا گیا۔ معاہدے پر پی ایس او کے ایم ڈی شاہد اسلام اور یو جی ڈی سی کے ای او غیاث پراچہ نے دستخط کئے۔ اس موقع پر پی ایس او کے اعلیٰ حکام اور کمپنیشن (ر) شجاع انور بھی موجود تھے۔ فیصلے سے پانچ ماہ کے بند پنجاب کے سی این جی سٹیشنز کو ایل این جی ملنا شروع ہو جائے گی۔ ابتدائی طور پر ایس این جی پی ایل اور ایس ایس جی کے نیٹ ورک ذریعے گیس ان سی این جی سٹیشنز کو فراہم کی جائے گی۔ ایل این جی پر کوئی پی آئی ڈی سی لاگو نہیں ہو گا جبکہ سبز ٹیکس صرف پانچ فیصد ہو گا۔ پی ایس او پٹرول پمپ جن پر سی این جی سٹیشن بھی بنے ہوئے ہیں بھی اس معاہدے سے فائدہ اٹھا سکتے ہیں جبکہ سی این جی سٹیشنز کو گیس کی سپلائی میں بتدریج اضافہ کیا جائے گا تاکہ وہ ہفتے میں سات دن چل سکیں۔ اس موقع پر پی ایس او کے ایم ڈی نے کہا کہ انکا ادارہ حکومت کی پالیسی کے مطابق ایل این جی درآمد اور روشناس کروانے کیلئے مخلصانہ کوششیں کر رہا ہے تاکہ ملکی ترقی کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔ غیاث پراچہ نے کہا کہ سی این جی کا شعبہ کوئی سبڈی نہیں لے رہا۔ ایل این جی سے چلنے والے سی این جی سٹیشنز پر گیس پٹرول سے سستی ملے گی۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور وزیر پٹرولیم شاہد خاتون عباسی کو زبردست الفاظ میں خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ انکی مخلصانہ کوششوں سے پنجاب میں

اسکولز کے لیے مخصوص 4 میں سے 2 ارب روپے جاری ہو چکے، نثار کھوڑو روزنامہ جنگ 14 اپریل 2015

صادق آباد، بجلی کی لگتی تاریں، واپڈا احکام بے حس ہو گئے، فوری طور پر اصلاح احوال کا مطالبہ روزنامہ اساس 14 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد کے تمام تعلیمی اداروں میں ہفتے کی چھٹی بحال، نوٹیفکیشن جاری روزنامہ اساس 14 اپریل 2015

پڑھیں، سیکو کا بجلی چوروں کے خلاف آپریشن، 300 سے زائد کنکشن منقطع روزنامہ جنگ 14 اپریل 2015

پنجاب کے سی این جی سٹیشنز کو ایل این جی فراہم کرے گا معاہدہ، قیمت پٹرول سے کم ہوگی روزنامہ نوائے وقت 14 اپریل 2015

بھی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر لوگوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔

پشاور: صحت کا اتحاد پروگرام کے تحت خمیر پختونخوا میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم کے پہلے روز 6 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو قطرے پلائے گئے۔ صحت کا اتحاد پروگرام کے تحت خمیر پختونخوا میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم پیر کے روز شروع ہوئی۔ آج تین روزہ مہم کا آخری دن ہے، مہم کے دوران پانچ سال تک کی عمر کے 14 لاکھ 63 ہزار 386 بچوں کو پولیو سے بچانے کے قطرے پلانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا تھا۔ یہ خصوصی مہم صوبے کے 24 اضلاع کے ان 230 منتخب یونینوں میں چلائی جا رہی ہے جو پولیو وائرس کے حوالے سے ہائی ریسک سمجھے جاتے ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت کی رپورٹ کے مطابق مہم کے پہلے روز 6 لاکھ سے زیادہ بچوں کو قطرے پلائے گئے۔

وزیر خزانہ سینیٹر اسحاق ڈار نے وزارت خزانہ، منصوبہ بندی و ترقیت، پانی و بجلی اور محکمہ توانائی پنجاب کے حکام کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ قصور، جھنگ اور شیخوپورہ میں 3600 میگا واٹ کے حامل پاور پلانٹس کو ایل این جی کی فراہمی کیلئے لائحہ عمل ایک ہفتہ میں تیار کریں۔ وزیر خزانہ کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں توانائی اور خزانہ سے متعلقہ وفاقی اور پنجاب حکومتوں کے اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں قصور، شیخوپورہ اور جھنگ میں 1200، 1200 (3600) میگا واٹ کے 3 مجوزہ پاور پلانٹس کو ایل این جی کی بلا تعطل سپلائی کیلئے اقدامات کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ سیکریٹری وزارت پانی بجلی نے کہا کہ ان پلانٹس کیلئے ایل این جی کے ساتھ فیول کے دوسری سہولت کے آپشن کو بھی مد نظر رکھا جائے تاکہ ایل این جی کی عدم دستیابی پر یہ پلانٹس متبادل ذرائع سے فیول سے چلتے رہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر): سندھ اسمبلی میں پیر کو جناح سندھ میڈیکل یونیورسٹی (تریمی) بل متعارف کرادیا گیا۔ یہ بل منظوری کے لیے جمعہ کو اسمبلی میں پیش کیا جائے گا۔ اس بل کے تحت جناح پوسٹ گریجویٹ میڈیکل سینٹر اور نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف چائلڈ ہیلتھ دونوں ادارے یونیورسٹی کے ماتحت ہو جائیں گے اور یونیورسٹی کے معاون (Costituent) اسپتال قرار دے دیئے جائیں گے۔ دونوں اداروں کے تمام اثاثہ جات اور اسٹاف کی خدمات بھی جناح سندھ میڈیکل یونیورسٹی کو منتقل ہو جائیں گے۔ سندھ اسمبلی نے پیپلز یونیورسٹی آف میڈیکل اینڈ ہیلتھ سائنسز فار ویمن شہید بے نظیر آباد (تریمی) بل بھی اتفاق رائے سے منظور کر لیا، جس کے تحت پیپلز میڈیکل اسپتال، شہید بے نظیر آباد اور رورل ہیلتھ سینٹر پنہل خان چانڈیو کو بھی مذکورہ یونیورسٹی کے ماتحت کر دیا گیا ہے اور انہیں یونیورسٹی کا معاون اسپتال اور مرکز قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ ان دونوں اداروں کے اثاثہ جات اور ملازمین کی خدمات بھی یونیورسٹی کو منتقل کر دی گئی ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر): ایڈمنسٹریٹر کے ایم سی ثاقب احمد سومرونے کہا ہے کہ محکمہ تعلیم میں گھوسٹ ملازمین کے خلاف انکوائری پر کام ہو رہا ہے، توقع ہے کہ جلد ہی اس میں بڑی کامیابی ہوگی۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی میں مالی بحران کے باوجود ملازمین کی تنخواہوں اور پیشینگی کی ادائیگی اور پیٹروول، ڈیزل اور زولو جیکل گاڑوں کے جانوروں کی خوراک کے بلوں کی ادائیگی کو ترجیح دی جا رہی ہے۔ انتظامی امور کو بہتر کرنے سے ملازمین کو وقت پر تنخواہ ملنا شروع ہو چکیں دیگر مسائل بھی مرحلہ وار حل کرنے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پیپلز پارٹی کراچی ڈویژن کے نائب صدر فرید انصاری اور یونائیٹڈ لیبر یونین کے صدر قمر الظفر خان سے ملاقات کے موقع پر کیا، انہوں نے کہا کہ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی میں وسائل کی کمی اور مالی بحران ہے تاہم ریکوری کی صورت حال بہتر بنانے کی کوششیں جاری ہیں، ہماری کوششوں سے اب ملازمین کو تنخواہیں وقت پر ملنا شروع ہو چکی ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر): کورنگی کے علاقے میں قائم اچار فیکٹری میں ٹینک کے اندر گرنے سے جاں بحق ہونے والے تین افراد کی نماز جنازہ ادا کر دی گئی جبکہ 3 افراد کی لاشیں ایدھی سرد خانے میں موجود ہیں۔ پولیس نے واقعے کا مقدمہ درج کر کے تفتیش شروع کر دی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق کورنگی میں اچار فیکٹری میں کے ٹینک میں گر کر جاں بحق ہونے والے تین جاں بحق ہونے والے متہاب کی نماز جنازہ دہلی کالونی میں واقع شمیم مسجد میں ادا کی گئی بعد ازاں سے مقامی قبرستان میں سپرد خاک کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جبکہ باپ بیٹا سلیم اور عدنان کی نماز جنازہ اورنگی ناؤن کے علاقے میں ادا کی گئی جبکہ دونوں کو مقامی قبرستان میں سپرد خاک کر دیا گیا ہے۔ کورنگی صنعتی ایریا پولیس کے مطابق فیکٹری میں جاں بحق ہونے والے 6 افراد کی پوسٹ مارٹم رپورٹ پولیس کو موصول ہو گئی ہے پوسٹ مارٹم رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ فیکٹری میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد دم گھٹنے کے باعث ہلاک ہوئے ہیں مرنے والوں کے جسموں پر تشدد کے نشانات نہیں ہیں جبکہ پولیس نے ٹینک کے اندر موجود کیمیکل کے نمونے لیبارٹری بھیج دیئے ہیں جس سے کی رپورٹ پولیس کو ایک ہفتے میں موصول ہو جائے گی کہ ٹینک میں کون سا کیمیکل تھا ہے۔ کورنگی صنعتی ایریا پولیس نے واقعے کا مقدمہ نمبر 15/249 زیر دفعات 288، 34، 322، 6/3، 2، 1909 اور 1909 شامل کی گئی ہے۔

بیر پختونخوا: انسداد پولیو مہم، 6 لاکھ بچوں کو قطرے پلائے گئے
روزنامہ جنگ
15 اپریل 2015

تین بجلی گھروں کو ایل این جی سپلائی کا پلان ایک ہفتے میں بنایا جائے، اسحق ڈار
روزنامہ اساس
14 اپریل 2015

جناح اور ادارہ صحت اطفال سندھ جناح میڈیکل یونیورسٹی کے ماتحت ہوں گے
روزنامہ جنگ
14 اپریل 2015

محکمہ تعلیم کے گھوسٹ ملازمین کی خلاف تحقیقات جاری ہے، ایڈمنسٹریٹر
روزنامہ جنگ
14 اپریل 2015

کورنگی کی فیکٹری میں دم گھٹنے سے جاں بحق ہونے والے 3 افراد سپردخاک، مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا
روزنامہ جنگ
14 اپریل 2015

چینل کے ساتھ غیر روایتی طریقے بھی اختیار کیے۔

کوٹری + شہدادپور + ٹنڈو محمد خان (نامہ نگاران) مختلف شہروں میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈشیڈنگ کے باعث کاروبار زندگی بری طرح متاثر ہو رہا ہے امتحانات دینے والے طلبہ و طالبات کا برا حال ہے لوڈشیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاجی ریلیاں بھی نکالی گئی ہیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق کوٹری میں حبسکو کی جانب سے بجلی کی طویل بندش اور بار بار بجلی منقطع ہونے کے سلسلے نے شہریوں کی زندگی اجیرن بنا رکھی ہے موجودہ قیمت خیز گرمی میں کوٹری شہر میں ہر ایک گھنٹے بعد بجلی کی ایک گھنٹے کی لوڈشیڈنگ نے کاروبار زندگی کو متاثر کر رکھا ہے اس وقت شہر میں 12 گھنٹے اور دیہی علاقوں میں 14 گھنٹے کی طویل غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے طویل بجلی غائب ہونے کے باعث نوے اور دسویں جماعت کے جاری سالانہ امتحانات میں امتحانی مراکز پر شدید گرمی کے باعث طلباء و طالبات کا برا حال ہے جبکہ بلدیہ کوٹری کی وائرسپلائے کے اوقات کار بھی شدید متاثر ہو رہے ہیں اور شہر میں پانی کا بحران برقرار ہے۔ شہدادپور: محکمہ واہڈ اسب ڈویژن 1 اور 2 میں رات اور دن میں غیر اعلانیہ 12 سے 14 گھنٹے لوڈشیڈنگ کر کے سپلائی بند کی جا رہی ہے جس سے ہزاروں صارفین کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے جس کی وجہ سے تمام کاروبار متاثر ہو رہا ہے جبکہ تعلقہ شہدادپور کے تقریباً 200 سے زائد دیہات میں 18 گھنٹے سپلائی بند کی جا رہی ہے تاجر اور سماجی تنظیموں نے حبسکو کی جانب رات کے اوقات میں 6 گھنٹے اور دن میں 8 گھنٹے بجلی بند کرنے پر سخت احتجاج کیا ہے۔ ٹنڈو محمد خان: طویل لوڈشیڈنگ کے خلاف پیپلز پارٹی کے ضلعی صدر حاجی امین لاکھو، گلزار بھٹی، اکبر خان صحنیلی، حکیم دستی، ڈاکٹر نور حسن ملاح اور دیگر کی قیادت میں ریلی نکالی گئی جو شہر کے مختلف راستوں سے ہوتی ہوئی حیدرآباد بدین روڈ گریڈ اسٹیشن چوک پر پہنچی اور دھرنا دیکر روڈ بلاک کر دیا دوسری جانب ایک فلاحی تنظیم کی جانب سے افتتاح چوک سے احتجاجی ریلی پو بلوچ، شہزاد بوزدار، ڈاکٹر لطف ٹاپو راور دیگر کی قیادت میں نکالی گئی اور گریڈ اسٹیشن چوک پر دھرنا دیا، مظاہرین کی جانب سے حبسکو انتظامیہ کے خلاف سخت نعرے بازی بھی کی۔ اس موقع پر حبسکو ڈویژن ٹنڈو محمد خان کے ایگزیکٹو انجینئر فاروق رشید نے لگنے والے الگ الگ دھرنوں کو شرکاء کو یقین دہانی کرائی کہ زائد لوڈشیڈنگ کو کم کرنے کے لئے اپنے اعلیٰ حکام سے رابطہ کر کے اسے بھی کم کیا جائے گا جس کے بعد مظاہرین کی جانب سے دھرنا ختم کیے گئے۔ محراب پور میں بجلی کے لائنوں میں اضافے کیساتھ سپیکو کی لوڈشیڈنگ کا دورانیہ بھی بڑھ گیا مختلف بہانوں سے سپیکو دادو سرکل میں سب سے زیادہ ریکوری دینے والے محراب پور سٹی ون فیڈر میں 18 گھنٹے اعلانیہ اور غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ کر رہا ہے جس سے تجارتی مراکز فرنیچر، کلاتھ، ٹیلر، الیکٹرونکس مارکیٹ میں ہر قسم کا کاروبار تباہ ہو گیا ہے، کئی گھنٹے طویل بریک ڈاؤن اور آنکھ چھوٹی سے الیکٹرونکس اشیاء جل رہی ہیں۔

اندرون سندھ بجلی کی طویل لوڈشیڈنگ کا روبر

زندگی متاثر، عوام

روزنامہ جنگ

15 اپریل 2015

شارٹ فال 4500 میگا واٹ ہو گیا، بدترین

لوڈشیڈنگ کیخلاف کئی شہروں میں مظاہرے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 اپریل 2015

لاہور (نامہ نگاران + نوائے وقت نیوز + ایجنسیاں) لاہور سمیت ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں بجلی کی لوڈشیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری ہے جبکہ شارٹ فال 4500 میگا واٹ تک پہنچ گیا جس کے باعث لوڈشیڈنگ میں مزید اضافہ ہو گیا ہے جبکہ طویل اور بدترین لوڈشیڈنگ کیخلاف گزشتہ روز بھی کئی شہروں احتجاجی مظاہرے بھی کئے گئے جس کے دوران حکومت کیخلاف شدید نعرے بازی کی گئی۔ واضح رہے وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے شہروں میں لوڈشیڈنگ کو 6 گھنٹے تک محدود کرنے کی ہدایت جاری کی تھیں۔ گرمی کے دوران بجلی کی بندش سے لوگ بے حال ہو گئے اور کئی علاقوں میں بجلی بند ہونے پر رات کو چھروں نے شہریوں کی نیند چھین لی۔ این ٹی ڈی سی ذرائع کے مطابق بجلی کی طلب 14 ہزار 100 اور پیداوار 9 ہزار 600 میگا واٹ ہے۔ جس سے بجلی کا شارٹ فال 4500 میگا واٹ تک ہو گیا ہے۔ شہری علاقوں میں 12 جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں 18 گھنٹے تک لوڈشیڈنگ کی جا رہی ہے جبکہ کئی شہروں میں پانی کی بھی قلت رہی۔ حکام کے مطابق بڑے ڈیموں سے پانی کا اخراج نہ بڑھانے جانے کے باعث پین بجلی کی پیداوار انتہائی کم ہے۔ تربیلا اور منگلا ڈیم سے بجلی پیداوار بڑھے گی بجلی کی مجموعی پیداوار میں بھی اضافہ ہو جائے گا۔ دریں اثناء ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ لوڈشیڈنگ میں 33 فیصد تک اضافہ ہو گیا جس کی وجہ مختلف پاور پلانٹس کی بندش ہے۔ دوسری جانب مظفر آباد میں موجود دو پاور پلانٹ پوانلر میں لیکج کے باعث بند کرنا پڑے جن سے مزید 500 میگا واٹ بجلی کی فراہمی متاثر ہوئی۔ سرائے مغل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گردونواح میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ سے عوام بلبلما اٹھے اور سرایا احتجاج بن گئے۔ ٹیوب ویل بند ہونے سے فصلیں تباہ ہو گئیں جبکہ گھر میں بھی پانی نایاب ہو گیا۔ شرقپور شریف سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ میں غیر معمولی اضافہ ہو گیا، دیہی علاقوں میں لوڈشیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 18 گھنٹے جبکہ شہری علاقوں میں 16 گھنٹے کی لوڈشیڈنگ کی جا رہی ہے جس پر لوگ سرایا احتجاج بن گئے، لوڈشیڈنگ سے تنگ شہری سڑکوں پر نکل آئے اور حکومت کے خلاف احتجاج کیا۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت لوڈشیڈنگ پر قابو پائے۔ منڈی فیض آباد سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق طویل لوڈشیڈنگ پر لوگ سرایا احتجاج بن گئے جبکہ جالوڈشیڈنگ اور بار بار ٹرپنگ سے گھریلو صارفین کی الیکٹرونکس کی اشیاء جل گئیں۔ علاوہ ازیں پاکپتن، نارووال، چنیوٹ، ڈسکہ، ماموں کا ٹنجن اور دیگر شہروں میں

موقوف اختیار کیا گیا تھا کہ رات 8 بجے دکانیں اور مارکیٹیں بند ہونے سے ملکی معیشت کو نقصان پہنچے گا۔ جسٹس اعجاز الاحسن نے درخواست کیلی سماعت پر ہی مسترد کرتے ہوئے ریمارکس دیے کہ عدالت پالیسی معاملات میں مداخلت نہیں کر سکتی۔

اسلام آباد (کن لائن) پاکستانی معیشت کو بدستور کمزوریوں کا سامنا ہے، عالمی مالیاتی فنڈ کا کہنا ہے تو انائی بحران، زائد اخراجات اور برآمدات میں کمی نمایاں خامیاں ہیں۔ پاکستان میں آئی ایم ایف کے نمائندے میر زوف نے کہا ہے کہ بہت سی بنیادی کمزوریوں کے باعث ملکی معیشت غیر مستحکم ہو گئی، معیشت کی غیر متوازن ہونے کی اہم وجہ پاکستان کو تو انائی بحران کا سامنا ہے، خطے کے دیگر ملکوں کے مقابلے میں پاکستانی برآمدات بہت کم ہیں جبکہ اخراجات بہت زیادہ ہیں، پاکستان میں کاروباری ماحول بھی ناسازگار ہے۔ معاشی استحکام کے لئے ان چیلنجز کا حل بے حد ضروری ہے۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) نیشنل پاور ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (نیرا) نے نندی پور پاور منصوبے کے ٹیرف کی منظوری دیدی، فی پونٹ ٹیرف 11 روپے 30 پیسے مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ مجموعی لاگت بھی 45 ارب 30 کروڑ کر دی گئی۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق نیرا نے 425 میگا واٹ نندی پور پاور منصوبے کی مجموعی لاگت 69 ارب روپے کی بجائے 45 ارب 30 کروڑ روپے منظور کی ہے جبکہ ڈاکیومنٹری اور وزیراعظم کی تشہیر کی مد میں 8 کروڑ روپے کی درخواست مسترد کر دی ہے۔ نیرا نے 3 سال تاخیر کی لاگت صارفین پر ڈالنے کی درخواست بھی مسترد کر دی۔

اسلام آباد (طاہر غلیل) نیب نے ریٹیل پاور کیس میں سابق وزیراعظم راجہ پرویز اشرف اور دیگر افسروں کے خلاف بدعنوانیوں کی دوبارہ تحقیقات کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے راولپنڈی اسلام آباد میٹروپولیٹن ٹھیکے میں کرپشن نیرا اہلکاروں اور فریڈیوم پالیسی سمیت بدعنوانیوں کے 7 کیسز کی تحقیقات کا حکم دے دیا گیا ہے قومی احتساب بیورو (نیب) کے چیئرمین قمر زمان چوہدری نے کہا ہے کہ نیب پورے ملک سے بدعنوانی کے خاتمے کیلئے پرعزم ہے۔ نیب نے شفاف اور منصفانہ تحقیقات اور عدالتوں میں بھرپور استغاثہ کے ذریعے بدعنوانی کے خاتمے کا تہیہ کر رکھا ہے نیب افسران شکایات کی اچھی طرح تصدیق اور بدعنوان عناصر کے خلاف قانون کے مطابق تحقیقات کریں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے منگل کو نیب کے ایگزیکٹو بورڈ کے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا ایگزیکٹو بورڈ کا اجلاس نیب ہیڈ کوارٹر میں چیئرمین قمر زمان چوہدری کی زیر صدارت منعقد ہوا جس میں کئی اہم فیصلے کئے گئے ترجمان کے مطابق شہریوں سے 707.51 ملین روپے لوٹنے کے الزام میں ایم ایس نیو رلیز اینڈری فنانس لمیٹڈ کے چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر ندیم احمد شیخ اور ایم ایس اورین انٹرنیشنل (پرائیویٹ) لمیٹڈ (این آئی پی ایل) کے سی ای او اور چیئرمین راشد ندیم شیخ کے خلاف کرپشن ریفرنسز دائر کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے ملزمان نے دھوکہ دہی سے عوام سے 707.51 ملین روپے کی رقم لوٹی۔ اسی طرح ایگزیکٹو بورڈ اجلاس نے دو تازہ تحقیقات کرنے کی اجازت دینے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ ابتدائی تحقیقات کے بعد گل ف ریٹیل پاور گوجرانوالہ کو غیر قانونی کنٹریکٹ ایوارڈ کے حوالے سے سابق وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی راجہ پرویز اشرف سابق سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی شاہد رفیع سابق ایم ڈی، پی پی آئی بی فیاض الہی، سابق ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر ”پی پی آئی بی (موجودہ ایم ایس پی پی آئی بی) این اے زبیری، سابق ایم ڈی پی پی کو فضل احمد اور سابق سی ای او جینکو غلام مصطفیٰ توہیو کے خلاف کرپشن اور بدعنوانیوں کے تحت تازہ تحقیقات کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے ملزمان نے ایم ایس 62 میگا واٹ ریٹیل پاور پراجیکٹ (ریٹیل پاور) کے کنٹریکٹ ایوارڈ میں اختیارات کا غلط استعمال کیا تھا اور گل ف ریٹیل پاور ایمین آباد گوجرانوالہ قومی خزانے کو 493.85 ملین روپے کا نقصان اٹھانا پڑا تھا جبکہ دوسری تفتیش پشاور یونیورسٹی کے افسران اور دیگر حکام کے خلاف تھی جنہوں نے کیمیکل سائنسز انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف پشاور کے فنڈز میں کرپشن اور اختیارات کا ناجائز استعمال کر کے بارہ کروڑ روپے غبن کئے تھے ملزمان امداد اللہ عارف اسماعیل میاں عبد الصمد اور محمد علی نے کیمیکل سائنسز کے انسٹی ٹیوٹ (آئی سی ایس) کے مختلف بینک اکاؤنٹس سے بارہ کروڑ غبن کئے تھے ایگزیکٹو بورڈ کے اجلاس میں سات اٹکویاں کرنے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا جس میں راولپنڈی اسلام آباد میٹروپولیٹن اور بجلیٹ کی برقی سیز جیوں اور پیٹ فارم سلائیڈنگ ڈور (پی ایس ڈی) کا قواعد و ضوابط سے ہٹ کر ٹھیکہ دینے کے حوالے سے راولپنڈی ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی (آر ڈی اے) کے حکام کے خلاف اٹکویاں شامل ہے دوسری اٹکویاں نیشنل بینک آف پاکستان بگلہ دیش برانچ کے افسروں اور دیگر افراد کے خلاف ہے جس میں افسران اور سٹاف این بی پی بگلہ دیش کی چار شاخیں پرو سینک اور کریڈٹ حدود کی منظوری دینے میں صوابدیدی اختیارات کے ناجائز استعمال میں ملوث ہونے پر پے بینک سے قرض لینے والے کی طرف سے دی گئی سیکورٹی کی مناسب تشخیص کے عمل سے گریز سے قومی خزانے کو 170 ملین ڈالر کا نقصان ہوا تیسری اٹکویاں بی او آر سی بی سی کے افسروں کے خلاف جس میں 16 ایکڑ اراضی کی غیر قانونی الاٹمنٹ کے لئے قانون کا غلط استعمال کیا گیا تھا اور ملزمان کی جعلی الاٹمنٹ کیلئے الزام تھا کہ اس سروے میں نمبر 476 جاری کیا تھا اسی طرح جو تھی اٹکویاں صوبہ کے پی کے لوکل گورنمنٹ اینڈ رورل ڈیولپمنٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹ RDDLG کے افسران / اہلکاروں کے خلاف ہے اس مقدمہ میں ملزمان کرپشن اور کھلیکی تشخیص کے ڈھونگ کے عمل میں اہل ٹھیکیداروں کو مسترد کرنے اور من پسند ٹھیکیداروں کو ٹھیکہ

روزنامہ جنگ

16 اپریل 2015

تو انائی بحران، زائد اخراجات، برآمدات میں کمی پاکستانی معیشت کی خامیاں ہیں: آئی ایم ایف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2015

نیرا نے نندی پور پاور منصوبے کے ٹیرف کی منظوری دیدی، فی پونٹ 11.30 روپے مقرر

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2015

ریٹیل پاور کیس، نیب کا پرویز اشرف و دیگر کیخلاف دوبارہ تحقیقات کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ جنگ

16 اپریل 2015

کیا درست ہے کیا غلط، سرکاری اسکولوں میں مفت کتابیں فراہم کرنا حکومت کا ایک احسن اقدام ہے لیکن حکومت بھی تعلیم کے شعبے کی بہتری کیلئے صرف دعوے ہی کرتی دکھائی دیتی ہے عملی طور پر کوئی اقدامات نظر نہیں آتے سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی اتنی بڑی غلطی کا ذمہ دار کون ہے کیونکہ کتاب کو مرتب کرنے کیلئے کئی لوگوں کی ٹیمیں اس میں شامل ہوتی ہیں لیکن اس غلطی سے محسوس ہوتا ہے کہ مذکورہ ادارہ سب ٹھیک ہے کی بنیاد پر چلایا جا رہا ہے، سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے ہر سال کتابوں کی اسکولوں یا مارکیٹوں میں تاخیر سے آمد کے باعث لوگ خاص طور پر اسکولوں میں زیر تعلیم طلباء و طالبات اور ان کے والدین پریشان ہوتے ہیں اور اکثر و بیشتر کتابوں میں باسٹرننگ کی غلطیاں بھی سامنے آتی ہیں لیکن حالیہ جو اتنی بڑی غلطی سامنے آئی ہے کیا اسکے ذمہ داران کا حکومت تعین کر سکے گی یا ان کے خلاف کوئی کارروائی ہو سکے گی یا بس غلطی کو غلطی سمجھ کر نظر انداز کر دیا جائے گا، حکومت سندھ خاص طور پر سینئر صوبائی وزیر تعلیم کی جانب سے واضح طور پر یہ اعلانات کئے جاتے ہیں کہ سرکاری اداروں میں تعلیمی نظام کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے ہر ممکن اقدامات کئے جا رہے ہیں، سرکاری اسکولوں میں زیر تعلیم بچوں کو وضائف کے ساتھ ساتھ مفت کتابیں تقسیم کی جا رہی ہیں تاکہ سندھ کے کسی بھی علاقے میں کوئی بچہ تعلیم سے محروم نہ رہ سکے لیکن حکومت سندھ کے پاس نظام تعلیم کی بہتری خاص طور پر سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی کارکردگی کو بہتر بنانے، سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے کتابوں کی بروقت اسکولوں اور مارکیٹوں میں موجودگی کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے حکومت کو عملی قدم اٹھانے ہوئے ٹھوس بنیادوں پر اقدامات کرنے ہوں گے، خاص طور پر سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے شائع کردہ کتابوں میں غلطیوں کی روک تھام کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے ایک ماہرین کی خصوصی ٹیم تشکیل دینا ہوگی جو کتابوں کی اشاعت سے پہلے اس کی مکمل جانچ پڑتال کرے جس کے بعد وہ کتاب پر ننگ کے شعبے کے حوالے کی جائے، حکومت کو کتاب میں موجود غلطیوں سمیت پر ننگ اور باسٹرننگ کی غلطیوں پر بھی نظر رکھنی ہوگی اس حوالے سے سیاسی اور سماجی حلقوں نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ مذکورہ غلطیوں کا سخت نوٹس لے کر اس کا ازالہ کیا جائے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ بورڈ آف ٹیکنیکل ایجوکیشن کے تحت شروع ہونے والے ٹیکنیکل اسکول سرٹیفکیٹ ٹی ایس سی میٹرک کے سالانہ امتحانات پہلے روز ہی میں بد انتظامی کا شکار ہو گئے ہیں، امتحانی مراکز میں کھلے عام نقل ہوتی رہی جب کہ بورڈ کی جانب سے امتحانی مراکز کی اچا تک تبدیلی سے لاعلم طلبہ پر انے شیڈول کے مطابق امتحانی مراکز پہنچ گئے جہاں سے امتحانی مرکز دور منتقل کیا جا چکا تھا طلبہ دھکے کھاتے رہے اور ان کی مدد کرنے والا کوئی نہیں تھا جبکہ سندھ ٹیکنیکل بورڈ کی انتظامیہ امتحانی کاموں کے بجائے گورنر ہاؤس میں منعقدہ تقریب کی کامیابی پر اجلاس منعقد کرنے میں مصروف رہی اور اس دوران گورنمنٹ بوائز سینڈری اسکول ناظم آباد نمبر 4 سے امتحانی مراکز کی منتقلی سے لاعلم طلبہ شدید گرمی میں مذکورہ اسکول پہنچ گئے جہاں انہیں معلوم ہوا کہ اب ان کا امتحانی مرکز گورنمنٹ بوائز سینڈری اسکول سیکٹر 8 اورنگی ٹاؤن منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جسکے بعد طلبہ ناظم آباد سے اورنگی ٹاؤن کے علاقے میں قائم اس امتحانی مراکز میں امتحان دینے پہنچے واضح رہے کہ بورڈ کے تحت ٹیکنیکل اسکول سرٹیفکیٹ میٹرک کے سالانہ امتحانات کے پہلے روز بدھ کو سال اول نویں جماعت کا پچھڑا تھا ٹیکنیکل بورڈ کی ناقص کارکردگی کے باعث میٹرک کرنے والے طلبہ کی تعداد انتہائی کم ہو چکی مگر کم تعداد کے باوجود بورڈ طلبہ کو نقل سے نہیں روکا جا سکا اور پہلے روز کوئی بھی امیدوار بھی نقل کرتے ہوئے نہیں پکڑا گیا۔

سندھ ٹیکنیکل بورڈ کے امتحانات کے پہلے دن بد نظمی

روزنامہ جنگ

16 اپریل 2015

گھارو، اسکیم مکمل ہونے کے باوجود 3 گوٹھ تاحال بجلی سے محروم

روزنامہ جنگ

16 اپریل 2015

حارو (نامہ نگار) گھارو شہر سے ملحقہ 3 قدیم گوٹھوں کیلئے 3 سال قبل ڈیزل کروڑ روپے سے بجلی کی فراہمی کی اسکیم مکمل ہو جانے کے باوجود بجلی فراہم نہیں کی جاسکی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق گھارو شہر سے ملحقہ 3 قدیم گوٹھ حاجی عظیم محمد جو کھیو، کرمی جو کھیو اور غلام محمد جو کھیو میں 3 سال قبل ڈیزل کروڑ روپے کی لاگت سے بجلی کی فراہمی کی اسکیم کا کام مکمل کیا گیا تھا۔ اسکیم کے تحت 100 بڑے اور 300 چھوٹے الیکٹرک پولوں کے علاوہ 7 پی ایم ٹیز لگانے کے ساتھ ساتھ ہر گھر میں میٹر بھی نصب کر دیے گئے تھے مگر 3 سال گزر جانے کے باوجود بجلی کا کنکشن نہ ملنے کے باعث گوٹھوں کے مکین بجلی سے محروم ہیں۔ مذکورہ گوٹھوں کے کے ایک نمائندہ وفد نے مقصود جو کھیو، میاں خان جو کھیو اور یوسف جو کھیو کی قیادت میں صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ ہمارے تینوں گوٹھ کے الیکٹرک کی حدود میں آتے ہیں اور بجلی فراہمی کی اسکیم واپڈا کی جانب سے مکمل کی گئی ہے اور اب کے الیکٹرک حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ تمام سامان واپڈا کا لگا ہوا ہے اس لیے وہ 7 پی ایم ٹیز کے 13 لاکھ روپے کے الیکٹرک میں جمع کرائیں تو کنکشن لگا دیا جائے گا۔ انھوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ اور متعلقہ حکام سے مطالبہ کیا کہ اس معاملے کا نوٹس لیا جائے اور کے الیکٹرک حکام کو احکامات جاری کیے جائیں کہ مذکورہ گوٹھوں کو بجلی کا کنکشن فوری لگا کر دیا جائے تاکہ اس ترقی یافتہ دور میں مذکورہ گوٹھوں کے مکین بھی بجلی کی بنیادی سہولت سے مستفید ہو سکیں۔

لاہور لاہور ہائیڈرو پاور نے رات 8 بجے دکانیں اور بازار بند کرنے کے حکومتی فیصلے کے خلاف دائر درخواست مسترد کر دی۔ دکانیں اور بازار رات 8 بجے بند کرنے کے حکومتی فیصلے کے خلاف پی ٹی آئی کے تاجر رہنما نعیم میر نے لاہور ہائیڈرو پاور میں درخواست دائر کی تھی جس میں

دکانیں اور بازار رات 8 بجے بند کرنے کے فیصلے کیخلاف درخواست مسترد

روبینہ جمل صدر، اکبر علی خان، چودھری انور صدر ریلوے ورکرز یونین، حسن رانا جزل سیکرٹری پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن ایسوسی ایشن، اسامہ طارق، خوشی کھوکھر، رانا عبدالشکور، مظفر متین، حاجی یونس، ساجد کاظمی، رانا اکرم، چودھری مقصود، چودھری جاوید اور دیگر نمائندگان یونین شامل تھے۔ آئی اے رحمان جزل سیکرٹری انسانی حقوق کمیشن نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مہتمم کٹھن کی جدوجہد کی بھرپور حمایت کی اور حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا بجلی کی مجوزہ نج کاری کو پارلیمنٹ و سینٹ کے سامنے زیر بحث لائے۔ خورشید احمد نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعظم پاکستان کو یاد دلایا بجلی عوام کی بنیادی ضرورت ہے جسے مہیا کرنا ریاست کی بنیادی ذمہ داری ہے اسی لیے قائد اعظم نے فرمایا تھا قومی ادارے بمعہ محکمہ بجلی کو سرکاری شعبے میں رکھا جائے گا۔ حکومت اسے نج کاری کرنے کی بجائے ملک میں جنگی بنیادوں پر سرکاری شعبے سے سستی بجلی پیدا کرنے کے لئے ہائیڈرو پاور گیس و کولڈ کے پاور سٹیشن تعمیر کرائے۔ حکومت ورلڈ بینک کے دباؤ قبول کر کے بجلی کی نج کاری کرنے کی بجائے ملک کے جاگیرداروں، سرمایہ داروں اور بعض سیاستدانوں کے سونے بینکوں میں جمع شدہ 200 ارب ڈالر واپس لائے۔ اس طبقہ پر ٹیکس عائد کر کے بجلی کی پیداوار میں اضافہ کرے۔ انہوں نے وزیر اعظم کو واضح کیا بجلی کی مجوزہ نج کاری سے پائی تقسیم کی طرح بین الاقاصوبائی تنازعات پیدا ہوں۔ احتجاجی مظاہرے کے باوجود حکومت با مقصد مذاکرات منعقد نہیں کر رہی۔ ملک بھر کے کارکن کیم مٹی کی نج کاری کے خلاف اور کارکنوں کے کام پر المناک حادثات اور کارکنوں کے قوانین کا عدم اطلاق کے خلاف یوم احتجاجی منائیں گے۔ گوجرانوالہ سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق واپڈا کی نجکاری کے خلاف پاکستان واپڈا ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک لیسر یونین نے گینیکو آفس کی تالہ بندی کر کے حکومت کے خلاف شدید نعرے بازی کی۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ واپڈا کی نجکاری ملازمین کے ساتھ زیادتی ہے۔ ملازمین کے گھروں کے چھوٹے چھوٹے پڑ جائیں گے۔ اقبال ڈار، خان ولی الرحمن خان، اخلاق، میاں عطاء الرحمن و دیگر نے خطاب کیا۔ پنڈی بھٹیاں سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق پاکستان ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک ورکرز یونین ڈویژن جلالپور بھٹیاں کے صدر رائے محمد جہانگیر کھل نے یہاں اخباری نمائندوں کو بتایا پاکستان واپڈا ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک کی جانب سے آج ملک بھر میں واپڈا کی نجکاری کیخلاف مکمل ہڑتال کی ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں گوجرانوالہ، پنڈی بھٹیاں، ڈسکہ، سرگودھا، چکوال، سندھری چنیوٹ، جھنگ، اسلام آباد اور ملتان میں بھی احتجاج کیا گیا۔ ملازمین نے دفاتر کی تالہ بندی کی۔

لاہور + اسلام آباد (نامہ نگاران + آن لائن) گرمی میں بجلی کی طویل اور بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا جس کے باعث کئی شہروں میں کاروبار ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گئے۔ شہروں اور دیہات میں 12 سے 18 گھنٹے بجلی کی بندش سے لوگ بلبلاتھے اور سرپا احتجاج بنے رہے جبکہ کئی علاقوں میں پانی کی بھی شدید قلت رہی جس کے باعث لوگوں کو پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ شہریوں نے حکومت سے غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خاتمے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ عیسائی خیل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ نے تحصیل عیسائی خیل کے عوام کا جینا دو بھر کر دیا جبکہ پانی کی شدید قلت کے باعث لوگ پانی کی بوند بوند کو ترس گئے۔ شہریوں نے اپیل کی ہے کہ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کم اور پانی کی سپلائی کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ گجرات سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق 12 سے 14 گھنٹے بجلی غائب رہنے لگی۔ شہریوں نے اس صورتحال پر شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ اٹھارہ ہزاری سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 14 سے 18 گھنٹے تک پہنچ گیا۔ وزیر مملکت پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی نے کہا ہے کہ سعودی عرب ہمارا قریبی دوست ملک ہے وہاں پر مذہبی مقامات کے تحفظ کیلئے ہم ہر وقت تیار ہیں۔ بدھ کے روز پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس کے باہر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان یمن کے مسئلے پر ثالثی کا کردار ادا کر رہا ہے۔ مسلم ممالک یمن کے پر امن حل کیلئے اپنا کردار ادا کریں اور یمن جنگ کی آگ پھیلتی جا رہی ہے جس کے اثرات دوسرے اسلامی ممالک تک بھی جائینگے۔ ایک سوال کا جواب دیتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ شہری علاقوں میں 6 سے 7 گھنٹے جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں 8 سے 9 گھنٹے لوڈ شیڈنگ ہوگی۔ شیٹوپورہ سے نامہ نگار خصوصی کے شیٹوپورہ اور گردونواح کے علاقوں میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ گرمی کی شدت کے ساتھ ہی طویل ہو گیا جس سے بجلی کے صارفین تاجر اور گھریلو خواتین سخت پریشان ہیں، بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف پریس کلب کے سامنے اور ہاؤسنگ کالونی پر اتنا شہر میں احتجاجی مظاہرے بھی کئے گئے جہاں لوگوں نے حکومت اور واپڈا کے خلاف سخت نعرے بازی بھی کی۔

سکھر (ہیور پورٹ) سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے سرکاری اسکولوں اور مارکیٹوں میں کتابوں کا تاخیر سے آنا یا کتابوں میں غلطیوں کا ہونا کوئی نئی بات نہیں تاہم سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے سرکاری اسکولوں میں سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی اشاعت کردہ جو تدریسی کتب مفت تقسیم کی گئی ہیں ان میں جو تھی جماعت سندھی میڈیم کی سائنس کی کتاب میں انسانی دماغ کا وزن اڑھائی من سے زائد تحریر کیا گیا ہے، دیگر کتب میں بھی ہائڈروجن کی غلطیاں اور کئی کئی باب غائب ہیں، لیکن حیرت انگیز طور پر سائنس کی کتاب میں انسانی دماغ کا وزن 104 کلو گرام جو کہ اڑھائی من سے زائد ہے وہ شائع کیا گیا ہے، سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے اتنی بڑی غلطی سے یہ بات ثابت ہوتی ہے کہ یا تو سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جانب سے کتابوں کی اشاعت کے حوالے سے مانیٹرنگ کا کوئی شعبہ یا ماہرین موجود نہیں ہیں جو کتاب کی اشاعت سے پہلے اسے اچھی طرح پڑھ لیں تاکہ کوئی غلطی بچوں تک نہ پہنچ پائے یا پھر چیکنگ کے لئے کوئی ماہرین کی ٹیم موجود ہے تو پھر وہ یہ رحمت ہی نہیں کرتی کہ

گرمی میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری، کاروبار ٹھپ، پانی بھی غائب
روزنامہ نوائے وقت
16 اپریل 2015

ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کا کارنامہ، جو تھی کی سائنس کی کتاب میں انسانی دماغ کا وزن 104 کلو گرام
روزنامہ جنگ
16 اپریل 2015

علاقائی دفتر شعبہ امتحانات، 346 رضابلاک، علامہ اقبال ٹاؤن لاہور میں رابطہ کر سکتے ہیں، یہ بات کنٹرولر امتحانات سہیل نذیر رانا نے کہی۔

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 اپریل 2015

بجلی بندش جاری، شہری پریشان، گرمیوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہوگی: ترجمان وزارت

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 اپریل 2015

لاہور (نامہ نگار + آن لائن) لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں بجلی کی بدترین بندش جاری، کاروبار تباہ، عوام پریشان ہو گئے جبکہ ترجمان وزارت پانی و بجلی نے کہا ہے کہ گرمیوں میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہوگی۔ ساہیوال شہر میں 14 گھنٹے سے زائد اور جب قریبی دیہاتوں میں 18 گھنٹے سے زائد کی غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جارہی ہے کاروبار زندگی بری طرح مفلوج ہو کر رہ گیا ہے جب زرعی شعبہ سے منسلک کاشتکار اور گھریلو صارفین بھی شدید مشکلات سے دوچار ہیں۔ شاہ جیونہ اور اس کے گرد و نواح علاقہ جات میں مسلسل پانچ پانچ گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ دورانہ 20 گھنٹے تک پہنچ گیا سب ڈویژن فیکو آکزیٹو اور سب ڈویژن فیکو شاہ جیونہ عوام کے مسائل حل کرنے میں ناکام شہری پریشان ہو گئے منڈی شاہ جیونہ، شاہ جیونہ، اکڑیا ٹاؤن اور اس کے گرد و نواح علاقہ جات میں مسلسل پانچ پانچ گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جارہی ہے۔ لوگوں کے کاروبار مکمل طور پر ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گئے مچھروں کی بہتات سے شہری ملیں یا میں مبتلا ہو گئے ہیں۔ طلباء و طالبات کو بھی سخت پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ اسلام آباد سے آن لائن کے مطابق وزارت پانی و بجلی نے کہا ہے آنے والی گرمیوں کے لئے تیار ہیں، عوام بے فکر ہو جائیں، بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہوگی، بجلی چوری والے علاقوں کو بجلی نہیں دیں گے۔ جمہوریت کو وزارت کے ترجمان نے آن لائن کو بتایا آنے والی گرمیوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کر دیں گے، اس وقت بجلی کی جزیشن 11 ہزار میگا واٹ سے اوپر چلی گئی ہے جبکہ 1400 ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ سے بجلی پیدا کر رہے ہیں۔ بجلی کا شارٹ فال 5000 میگا واٹ سے زیادہ ہو گیا ہے گرمیوں کے آغاز میں ہی لوڈ شیڈنگ میں 33 فیصد اضافہ ہو گیا ہے وزارت پانی و بجلی کے ترجمان ظفر یاب نے آن لائن کو بتایا آنے والی گرمیوں کیلئے تیار ہیں عوام بے فکر ہو جائیں گرمیوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہوگی تاہم بجلی چوروں کے ساتھ سختی سے نمٹا جائے گا اور بجلی چوری والے علاقوں کو بجلی نہیں دیں گے وہاں مکمل لوڈ شیڈنگ ہوگی۔

گیس چوری کی مد میں صارفین کو 65 ارب کارلیف

دیا، اوگرا

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد اور گرانے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ پانچ سال میں گیس چوری اور نقصانات کی مد میں مقررہ حد سے زائد کا بوجھ صارفین پر نہیں ڈالا گیا بلکہ صارفین کو 65 ارب روپے کارلیف دیا گیا۔ اوگرا کی رپورٹ کے مطابق گیس کمپنیوں کوئی نادران اور سوئی سدرن میں چوری اور نقصانات کی مد میں ضائع ہونے والی گیس کے اہداف مقرر کیے گئے اور اس حد سے زیادہ گیس چوری اور نقصانات کا بوجھ صارفین پر منتقل نہ کر کے 2010-11 میں دونوں گیس کمپنیوں کے صارفین کو 9 ارب 64 کروڑ روپے کارلیف دیا گیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق 2011-12 میں گیس صارفین کو 10 ارب 73 کروڑ روپے کارلیف دیا گیا، 2012-13 میں 16 ارب 58 کروڑ روپے، 2013-14 میں 14 ارب 53 کروڑ روپے اور رواں مالی سال کے دوران 13 ارب 77 کروڑ روپے کارلیف شامل ہے۔

پنجاب اور سندھ میں سی این جی، 16 بلوچستان اور خیبر پٹی کے میں 17 روپے تک سستی کرنے کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) اوگرا نے سی این جی کی قیمتوں میں کمی کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ خیبر پٹی کے، بلوچستان میں 17 روپے 63 پیسے فی کلو کی کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ خیبر پٹی کے، بلوچستان میں سی این جی کی نئی قیمت 58 روپے 72 پیسے فی کلو ہوگی۔ پنجاب اور سندھ میں گیس 16 روپے 11 پیسے فی کلو سستی کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ نئی قیمت 55 روپے 39 پیسے فی کلو ہوگی۔ وزارت پٹرولیم کی منظوری کے بعد نوٹیفکیشن جاری کیا جائیگا۔

گیس انفراسٹرکچر چارج غیر قانونی قرار دینے کا فیصلہ برقرار، سپریم کورٹ نے نظر ثانی کی حکومتی درخواست خارج کر دی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت میوز) سپریم کورٹ نے گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ سرچارج سے متعلق وفاقی حکومت کی نظر ثانی درخواست خارج کر دی۔ چیف جسٹس ناصر الملک پر مشتمل 3 رکنی بنچ نے سماعت کی۔ سپریم کورٹ نے گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ سرچارج کو غیر قانونی قرار دیا تھا۔ سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کے خلاف وفاقی حکومت نے نظر ثانی درخواست دائر کی تھی۔

واپڈا کی مجوزہ بجکاری یکطرفہ لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں ملازمین کا احتجاج، ریلیاں نکالیں

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2015

لاہور (اپنے نامہ نگار سے + نمائندگان) واپڈا کی مجوزہ بجکاری کے خلاف لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں مظاہرے، ریلیاں نکالیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق محکمہ بجلی کے کارکنوں نے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ، ورلڈ بینک کے دباؤ پر محکمہ بجلی کو سیکھوں کے حوالے کرنے کیخلاف آل پاکستان واپڈا ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک ورکرز یونین کے زیر اہتمام ملک کے تمام اہم شہروں میں احتجاجی جلسے، جلوس نکال کر "یوم احتجاج" منایا۔ لاہور میں ہزاروں کارکنوں نے لاہور پریس کلب کے باہر احتجاجی ریلی نکالی۔ دیگر مزدور تنظیموں کے نمائندگان جمعہ ریلوے، بنکس، ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن، انجینئرنگ، ٹرانسپورٹ شامل تھے بعد ازاں ریلی کے وزیر اعلیٰ نے بزرگ مزدور رہنما خورشید احمد کی قیادت میں وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے سامنے احتجاجی جلوس نکالا۔ اروں کارکنوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے باہر کئی گھنٹے دھرنا دیا۔ کارکنوں نے بجلی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا جلد خاتمہ اور بجلی سستی کرنے اور اس کی سچ کاری نہ کرنے، محکمہ بجلی کی کمپنیوں کا کنٹرول نجی ارکان بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز کے اختیار میں رکھنے کی بجائے اس میں انتظامی اصلاحات کر کے اس کی کارکردگی میں اضافہ کے لیے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا۔ احتجاجی جلوس میں نمائندگان آل پاکستان ورکرز کنفیڈریشن

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) محکمہ صحت پنجاب اور بیگ ڈاکٹرز ایسوسی ایشن کے درمیان ڈاکٹروں کی پروموشن، پی جی ٹرینی کی جاب پیڈ کرنے، اگلے گریڈوں میں پروموشن کے روڈ میپ سمیت سروس سٹرکچر کے معاملات بارے شارٹ ٹرم، میڈیم ٹرم اور لانگ ٹرم اقدامات کے حوالے سے تمام معاملات افہام و تفہیم سے طے پا گئے ہیں۔ اس بات کا اعلان مشیر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب خواجہ سلمان رفیق کے ہمراہ بیگ ڈاکٹرز ایسوسی ایشن کے عہدیداروں کی مشترکہ پریس کانفرنس میں کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر پارلیمانی سیکرٹری صحت خواجہ عمران نذیر، سیکرٹری صحت جوادر رفیق ملک، ڈائریکٹر جنرل ہیلتھ پنجاب ڈاکٹر زاہد پرویز اور بیگ ڈاکٹرز کی بڑی تعداد موجود تھی۔ خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے کہا کہ بیگ ڈاکٹرز کے ساتھ تمام معاملات خوش اسلوبی سے طے پائے جانے کا کریڈٹ وزیر اعلیٰ محمد شہباز شریف اور چیف سیکرٹری کو جاتا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے 10202 نئی پوسٹوں کی منظوری دی اور پوسٹ گریجویٹ ٹرینی ڈاکٹروں کا مسئلہ حل کرنے کے لیے 800 نئی آسامیاں پیدا کی گئیں۔ محکمہ صحت نے گریڈ 17 سے 20 تک ڈاکٹروں کی پروموشن کے لیے ٹائم لائن کے ساتھ ایک فریم ورک بنا دیا ہے اور اب آئندہ 10-15 سال تک ڈاکٹروں کی ترقی میں کوئی رکاوٹ نہیں آئے گی۔ سیکرٹری ہیلتھ جوادر رفیق ملک نے کہا کہ گریڈ 17 سے 18 میں ترقی کے منتظر ڈاکٹروں کے کیس مئی، گریڈ 19 سے 20 کے جون تک نمٹانے کی تاریخ دی گئی ہے۔ تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹرز ہسپتالوں میں تعینات ہونے والے سپیشلسٹ کو تنخواہ کے علاوہ تقریباً ڈیڑھ لاکھ جبکہ DHQ ہسپتالوں میں ایک لاکھ روپے اضافی الاؤنس ملے گا۔ خواجہ عمران نذیر نے کہا کہ YDA کی موجود قیادت نے مثبت کردار ادا کیا اور غیر حقیقی مطالبات منوانے پر اصرار نہیں کیا۔ مشیر صحت خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے کہا کہ تمام اقدامات کا مقصد حکومت اور ڈاکٹرز کیونٹی کے سامنے صرف اور صرف مریضوں کی فلاح اور انہیں بہتر طبی سہولیات کی فراہمی ہے۔ اس موقع پر YDA کے ترجمان ڈاکٹر عامر بندیشہ نے کہا کہ آج سے 4 سال پہلے اور آج کے حالات میں نمایاں تبدیلی آچکی ہے۔ اپنے حقوق کے لیے احتجاج ہمارا حق ہے تاہم کوشش ہوتی ہے کہ ہسپتالوں کی ورکنگ متاثر نہ ہو۔

لاہور لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے رات 8 بجے دکانیں اور بازار بند کرنے کے حکم متی فیصلے کے خلاف دائر درخواست مسترد کر دی۔ دکانیں اور بازار رات 8 بجے بند کرنے کے حکم متی فیصلے کے خلاف پی ٹی آئی کے تاجر رہنما نعیم میر نے لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں درخواست دائر کی تھی جس میں مؤقف اختیار کیا گیا تھا کہ رات 8 بجے دکانیں اور مارکیٹیں بند ہونے سے ملکی معیشت کو نقصان پہنچے گا۔ جسٹس اعجاز الحسن نے درخواست پہلی ساعت پر ہی مسترد کرتے ہوئے ریمارکس دیے کہ عدالت پالیسی معاملات میں مداخلت نہیں کر سکتی۔

کوئٹہ کوئٹہ کے سول اسپتال میں مبینہ طور پر خسرے کی ویکسین لگنے سے آج بھی دو بچے انتقال کر گئے، دم توڑنے والے بچوں کی تعداد پانچ ہو گئی، ڈی جی ہیلتھ کا کہنا ہے کہ بچوں کی اموات پیٹ کے امراض کے باعث ہوئیں۔ خون کے نمونے ٹیسٹ کیلیے بھیج دیے ہیں۔ رپورٹ آنے پر اصل حقائق کا پتہ چلے گا۔ والدین کا الزام ہے کہ بچوں کا انتقال خسرے کی ویکسین لگنے سے ہوا۔

کوئٹہ قلعہ سیف اللہ کے ایک ہی خاندان کے پیٹ کی بیماری میں مبتلا زیر علاج مزید 2 بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ فوت ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 5 ہو گئی ہے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق قلعہ سیف اللہ سے ایک ہی خاندان کے چھ بچوں کو دو روز قبل سول اسپتال کوئٹہ لایا گیا تھا، جن میں سے دو بچے کل اور دو بچے گذشتہ رات انتقال کر گئے جبکہ ایک بچہ قلعہ سیف اللہ میں ہی چل بسا تھا، بظاہر تمام بچے دست اور قے کی بیماری میں مبتلا تھے، تاہم اس حوالے سے متاثرہ بچے کو لوائفین کا الزام ہے کہ بچوں کو خسرہ سے بچاؤ کے انجکشن لگائے تھے جس سے بچے متاثر ہوئے تھے۔ ڈی جی صحت ڈاکٹر فاروق اعظم کے مطابق متاثرہ بچے فوڈ پوائزن کا شکار ہوئے۔ خسرہ سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین میں کوئی خرابی نہیں۔ پورے صوبے میں خسرہ مہم کے دوران اب تک چار لاکھ بچوں کو خسرہ سے بچاؤ کے انجکشن لگائے گئے ہیں لیکن مسئلہ صرف ایک ہی خاندان کے بچوں کے ساتھ پیش آیا، تاہم بچوں کے مرض کی مزید تشخیص اور تجزیہ کے لئے خون کے نمونے لے لئے گئے ہیں اور لیبارٹری بھیجوا دیئے ہیں، نتیجہ آنے کے بعد صورت حال مزید واضح ہو جائے گی۔

دینی پیپلز پارٹی کے شریک چیئرمین آصف علی زرداری کی صاحبزادی آصفہ بھٹو زرداری کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک سے پولیو کے خاتمے کیلئے مریم نواز اور ریحام خان ان کا ساتھ دیں۔ سوشل میڈیا پر ایک پیغام میں آصفہ بھٹو زرداری نے کہا کہ وہ ان لیگ کی رہنما مریم نواز اور تحریک انصاف کے چیئرمین عمران خان کی اہلیہ ریحام خان کو دعوت دیتی ہیں کہ وہ ملک میں پولیو کے خلاف جنگ میں ان کا ساتھ دیں اور انسداد پولیو مہم کامیاب بنانے کیلئے کردار ادا کریں۔ آصفہ بھٹو زرداری پولیو کے خاتمے کیلئے اقوام متحدہ کے ادارے یونیسف کی پاکستان میں سفیر ہیں۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی، اسلام آباد کے امتحانات برائے سمسٹر خزاں 2014ء 28 اپریل سے شروع ہوں گے، ابتدائی مرحلے میں بی ایڈ، سی ٹی اور پی ٹی سی کے امتحانات ہوں گے، طلبہ امتحانی رول نمبر سلپس کے متعلقہ کسی بھی دشواری کے سلسلہ میں

محکمہ صحت پنجاب اور بیگ ڈاکٹرز ایسوسی ایشن میں تمام معاملات افہام و تفہیم سے طے پا گئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 اپریل 2015

دکانیں اور بازار رات 8 بجے بند کر نیے فیصلے مختلف

درخواست مسترد

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

کوئٹہ: خسرے کی مبینہ ویکسین سے مرنے والے بچوں

کی تعداد 5 ہو گئی

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

کوئٹہ: بچوں کی اموات پیٹ کے امراض کے باعث

ہوئیں، ڈی جی ہیلتھ

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

پولیو کے خاتمے کیلئے مریم نواز اور ریحام خان ساتھ

دیں، آصفہ بھٹو زرداری

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

اوپن یونیورسٹی سمسٹر خزاں کے امتحانات 28 اپریل

سے شروع ہوں گے

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

حرام پور (نامہ نگار) ڈپٹی کمشنر شہید بینظیر آباد طاہر حسین ساگی نے محکمہ آبپاشی کے افسران کے ساتھ دریائے سندھ کے حفاظتی بند حرام پور سے لاکھاٹ تک معائنہ کیا اس موقع پر ایکسین ڈاؤڈویشن امجد حسین مین نے ڈپٹی کمشنر کو بتایا کہ دریائے سندھ پر شہید بینظیر آباد ضلع کی حدود میں حفاظتی بندوں کی صورت حال اطمینان بخش ہے اور 2010 کے سیلاب کے بعد حفاظتی بندوں کی سطح کو بلند کیا گیا ہے جہاں پر ضرورت ہے وہاں پر اسٹون پچنگ کی گئی ہے اس موقع پر ڈپٹی کمشنر نے انجینئر کو ضروری ہدایات جاری کی کہ سیلاب کے موسم سے پہلے دریائے سندھ کے حفاظتی بندوں کی صورت حال بہتر کی جائے اور جہاں پر بندوں کی صورت حال کمزور ہے اسے مضبوط کیا جائے تاکہ کسی بھی ناخوشگوار واقعے سے بچا جاسکے ڈپٹی کمشنر نے بندوں کی صورت حال کو مجموعی طور پر بہتر اور تسلی بخش قرار دیا۔

دریائے سندھ کے حفاظتی بندوں کی صورت حال بہتر کی جائے، طاہر حسین ساگی

روزنامہ جنگ

19 اپریل 2015

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سیاڑی میں پانی کی کئی دنوں کی بندش کے خلاف علاقہ مکینوں نے جنگل شاہ روڈ پر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا اور واٹر بورڈ کے خلاف نعرے بازی کی۔ اس موقع پر مظاہرین نے کہا کہ علاقے میں کئی روز سے پانی کی قلت ہو گئی ہے اور لوگ شدید پریشانی میں مبتلا ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت اس صورت حال کا نوٹس لے۔ سیاڑی کے کولے ٹا کا پانی بحال کرایا جائے۔

پانی کی قلت پچھلے سیاڑی کے مکینوں کا مظاہرہ

روزنامہ جنگ

19 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد پاکستان اور روس کے درمیان ایک معاہدہ طے پایا ہے جس کے تحت روس پاکستان کو ایل این جی گیس کی پائپ لائن بچھانے کے لیے 2 بلین ڈالر کا قرضہ دے گا۔ یہ بات پٹرولیم کے وفاقی وزیر شاہد خاقان عباسی نے ایکسپریس ٹریبیون سے گفتگو میں کہی۔ انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ بدلے میں روسی کمپنیوں کو پائپ لائن بچھانے کے ٹھیکے دیے جائیں گے۔ 1100 کلومیٹر طویل یہ پائپ لائن کراچی بندرگاہ سے لاہور تک بچھائی جائے گی۔ اس سلسلے میں ابتدائی معاہدہ ماسکو میں ہوا جبکہ حکومتوں کے درمیان پر باضابطہ معاہدہ اگلے ماہ متوقع ہے جس کے بعد پاکستان روسی حکومت کی تجویز کردہ کمپنیوں سے معاہدے کرے گا۔ یہ ٹھیکے روسی کمپنیوں کو کسی بڈنگ کے بغیر دیے جائیں گے۔ اس سے قبل 'نو بڈنگ' کی ایسی ہی شرائط پر سابق سوویت یونین نے پاکستان میں اسٹیل مل بھی تعمیر کیا تھا۔ پائپ لائن کیلئے سرمایہ کاری کی روسی پیشکش دراصل پاکستان کو ایل این جی کی فروخت کرنے کی تمہید ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ روس یہ گیس پیدا کرنے والا دنیا کا دوسرا بڑا ملک ہے اور یوکرین معاملے میں یورپی یونین سے تنازعے کے بعد سے نئی منڈی کی تلاش میں ہے۔ وزیر پٹرولیم نے یہ بھی کہا کہ روس 2016 سے ایکسپورٹ شروع کرے گا اور اس نے پاکستان کو بھی گیس فراہم کرنے کی پیش کش کی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پائپ لائن کیلئے لیا جانے والا قرضہ اتارنے کیلئے اوگرانے سرکاری گیس کمپنیوں کو صارفین سے ہر ماہ گیس بلوں میں اضافی وصولی کی ہدایات جاری کر دی ہیں۔ توقع ہے کہ ان منصوبوں میں سوئی سدرن 300 ملین ڈالر اور سوئی ناردرن گیس کمپنی 750 ملین ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری کرے گی۔

روس پاکستان کو ایل این جی پائپ لائن کیلئے 2 بلین

ڈالر قرضہ دے گا

روزنامہ ایکسپرس

19 اپریل 2015

اسلام آباد عالمی منڈی میں تیل کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے باعث کم مٹی سے ملک میں پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں مزید 2 سے ساڑھے 4 روپے تک فی لیٹر اضافے کا امکان ہے۔ وزارت پٹرولیم حکام نے بتایا کہ یمن میں جاری لڑائی کے اثرات عالمی منڈی میں تیل کی قیمتوں پر بھی اثر انداز ہونا شروع ہو گئے ہیں جس کے باعث عالمی منڈی میں تیل کی قیمت 66 سینٹ اضافے کے ساتھ 64 ڈالر فی بیرل پر آگئی ہے جو اس سال کی سب سے زیادہ قیمت ہے۔

کم مٹی سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات میں مزید 4.50 روپے

اضافے کا امکان

روزنامہ ایکسپرس

19 اپریل 2015

کراچی سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی نے ایک بار پھر اچانک کراچی سمیت سندھ بھر کے سی این جی اسٹیشنز ہفتے کو بھی بند رکھنے کا اعلان کر دیا۔ ترجمان سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کے مطابق گیس فیلڈ سے کم پریشر ملنے کے باعث گزشتہ روز سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو گیس کی فراہمی بند رہی تھی۔ آج صبح کھلنے والی والے سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو گیس کی فراہمی ایک بار پھر کل صبح 8 بجے سے آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کیلئے بند کر دی جائے گی۔ کمپنی نے اپنے اعلیٰ میں گیس فیلڈ اور اس میں ہونے والی خرابی سمیت کم ہونے والی گیس کی تفصیل نہیں بتائی۔ ٹرانسپورٹ اتحاد اور سی این جی اسٹیشنز مالکان نے موسم گرما میں بھی گیس کی قلت پر کہا ہے کہ سوئی سدرن کی جانب سے آئے روز شیڈول میں تبدیلی کے باعث عوام خصوصاً پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ سے سفر کرنے والوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے، کمپنی اعلان کے بعد اسٹیشنز پر گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطار دیکھی جا رہی ہے۔

ہفتے کو بھی سندھ بھر میں سی این جی اسٹیشنز بند رہیں گے

روزنامہ جنگ

17 اپریل 2015

پاکستان کی سپریم کورٹ نے یہ کہہ کر ڈرون حملوں کے خلاف دائر درخواست خارج کر دی کہ وہ حکومت کو ڈرون حملے روکنے کے لیے جنگ کرنے کے احکامات جاری نہیں کر سکتی۔ عدالت عظمیٰ نے سپریم کورٹ کو یہ ریٹائرمنٹ وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقوں میں امریکی ڈرون حملوں کو روکنے سے متعلق دائر درخواست پر دیے جسے سید محمد اقتدار حیدر نے دائر کیا تھا۔ جسٹس میاں ثاقب نثار کی سربراہی میں سپریم کورٹ کے دو رکنی بینچ نے اس درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ درخواست گزار کا موقف تھا کہ قبائلی علاقوں میں امریکی ڈرون حملے جاری ہیں جن میں مشتبہ افراد کے ساتھ ساتھ بے گناہ افراد بھی مارے جا رہے ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ بے گناہ افراد کی ہلاکت کی ذمہ داری کس پر عائد کی جائے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ بنیادی انسانی حقوق کا تحفظ سپریم کورٹ کی بنیادی ذمہ داری ہے۔ درخواست گزار کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر ان ڈرون حملوں کو نہ روکا گیا تو پھر کل ان حملوں کا دائرہ وسیع بھی ہو سکتا ہے اور یہ حملے پشاور اور لاہور میں بھی ہو سکتے ہیں۔ سید محمد اقتدار حیدر کا کہنا تھا کہ ڈرون حملے بھی لوگوں کے قتل عام کے مترادف ہے لہذا اس کو روکنے کے لیے عدالت حکومت کو احکامات جاری کرے۔ بینچ کے سربراہ کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ درخواست عدالتی دائرہ اختیار یعنی آئین کے آرٹیکل 184 کے زمرے میں نہیں آتی اور ایسے حالات میں کسی طور پر بھی ان حملوں کو روکنے کے لیے حکومت کو جنگ کرنے کے احکامات جاری نہیں کیے جاسکتے۔ واضح رہے کہ گذشتہ ہفتے اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ نے وفاقی دارالحکومت کی پولیس کو قبائلی علاقوں میں ڈرون حملوں کے خلاف امریکی خفیہ ادارے سے آئی اے کے پاکستان میں کسٹری چیف کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرنے کا حکم دے رکھا ہے۔ اسلام آباد پولیس کی طرف سے ابھی تک عدالتی احکامات پر عمل درآمد نہیں ہوا۔ پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ اس فیصلے کے خلاف اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ میں اپیل دائر کریں گے۔ اس درخواست پر حکومت کا موقف ہے کہ ان امریکی اہلکاروں کے خلاف مقدمہ درج ہونے کی صورت میں دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان تعلقات خراب ہونے کا اندیشہ ہے۔

اسلام آباد سپریم کورٹ نے ڈرون حملے روکنے سے متعلق دائر آئینی درخواست خارج کر دی۔ جسٹس ثاقب نثار کی سربراہی میں سپریم کورٹ کے 3 رکنی بینچ نے ڈرون حملوں سے متعلق درخواست کی سماعت کی، سید محمد اقتدار نامی شہری کی جناب سے درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا کہ قبائلی علاقے بھی پاکستان کا حصہ ہیں، آج اگر قبائلی علاقوں میں حملے ہو رہے ہیں، تو کل لاہور اور پشاور میں بھی حملے ہو سکتے ہیں، اس لئے عدالت عظمیٰ سے درخواست ہے کہ وہ ڈرون حملے روکنے کا حکم دے۔ فریقین کا دلائل سننے کے بعد عدالت عظمیٰ نے درخواست خارج کرتے ہوئے قرار دیا کہ ڈرون حملے روکنے کے لئے جنگ کا حکم نہیں دے سکتے، درخواست آرٹیکل 184 تھری کے دائرہ اختیار میں نہیں آتی۔

تربت گین کے علاقے ایف سی اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے دیگر اداروں کی مشترکہ کارروائی کے دوران بی ایل ایف کے کمانڈر سمیت 13 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ترجمان ایف سی کا کہنا ہے کہ سیکورٹی فورسز نے 20 مزدوروں کے قتل میں ملوث افراد کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر تربت کے گاؤں گین میں آپریشن کیا تو ملزمان نے سیکورٹی اداروں کے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کر دی، مقابلے میں بی ایل ایف کے کمانڈر حیات سمیت 13 شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے جب کہ کمانڈر ظریف کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ملزمان کے قبضے سے خود کار ہتھیار اور رائف لائچر بھی برآمد ہوئے۔ دہشت گردوں کے خلاف آپریشن میں اسٹیبلشمنٹ آپریشن ونگ اور سکران اسکواڈ نے حصہ لیا۔ آئی جی ایف سی نے سیکورٹی فورسز کے خلاف کامیاب آپریشن کرنے پر جوانوں کو مبارکباد دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ صوبے میں امن کے لئے ہر قربانی دیں گے اور خوف کے ہر قطرے کا حساب اور بدلہ لیا جائے گا۔ واضح رہے کہ 3 روز قبل تربت کے علاقے گنگ دان میں دہشت گردوں نے فائرنگ کر کے سندھ اور پنجاب سے تعلق رکھنے والے 20 مزدوروں کو قتل کر دیا تھا۔

کراچی اور گنگی ناؤن میں کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈپارٹمنٹ نے کارروائی کے دوران القاعدہ کے 2 کمانڈر سمیت 5 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ انچارج سی ٹی ڈی راجا عمر خطاب کے مطابق کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈپارٹمنٹ نے کراچی میں اور گنگی ناؤن کے علاقے خیر آباد میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی خفیہ اطلاع پر چھاپہ مارا جس پر وہاں چھپے ہوئے ملزمان نے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے بعد سی ٹی ڈی اہلکاروں کی جوابی فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ راجا عمر خطاب کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاک دہشت گردوں کا تعلق القاعدہ سے ہے اور ان میں اس کے 2 کمانڈر بھی شامل ہیں، ملزمان نے علاقے میں بارود کی فیئری بھی قائم کی ہوئی تھی جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے بھاری ہتھیار اور اسلحہ برآمد ہوا ہے۔

ڈرون حملے روکنے کے لیے حکومت کو جنگ کا حکم نہیں دیا جاسکتا: سپریم کورٹ

بی بی سی اردو

13 اپریل 2015

سپریم کورٹ نے ڈرون حملوں سے متعلق دائر آئینی درخواست خارج کر دی

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

13 اپریل 2015

تربت میں سیکورٹی فورسز سے جھڑپ میں کالعدم تنظیم کے کمانڈر سمیت 13 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

13 اپریل 2015

کراچی میں کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈپارٹمنٹ کی کارروائی، القاعدہ کے 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

13 اپریل 2015

حملے کیے تاہم ہلاکتوں کے حوالے سے مصدقہ اطلاعات نہیں مل سکیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ چند دن پہلے حکومت کی جانب سے مقامی لوگوں کو علاقے سے نکل جانے کا کہا گیا تھا۔ ادھر اس آپریشن کے حوالے سے تاحال سرکاری طور پر کچھ نہیں کہا گیا ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ حالیہ کارروائی وسطی اور کزئی کی ان علاقوں میں کی گئی ہے جہاں چند دن پہلے سکیورٹی فورسز پر حملہ کیا گیا تھا جس کے نتیجے میں چار اہلکار ہلاک اور دو زخمی ہوئے تھے۔ اس حملے کی ذمہ داری دولت اسلامیہ نے قبول کی تھی۔ اس علاقے میں شیخان اور مشتی قبائل آباد ہیں۔

یہاں یہ امر بھی اہم ہے کہ سکیورٹی فورسز نے مارچ 2010 میں اور کزئی ایجنسی میں شدت پسند تنظیموں کے خلاف بڑے پیمانے پر آپریشن کا آغاز کیا تھا۔ ان کارروائیوں کے نتیجے میں ایجنسی کے بیشتر مقامات شدت پسندوں سے صاف کر دیے گئے تھے تاہم وسطی اور کزئی میں کوئی کارروائی نہیں کی گئی تھی۔ آپریشن کے باعث لاکھوں افراد نے بے گھر ہو کر ہنگو اور دیگر علاقوں میں پناہ لی تھی ہے جو بدستور پناہ گزین کیمپوں یا کرائے کے مکانات میں مقیم ہیں۔ حکومت نے حال ہی میں قبائلی علاقوں سے بے داخل ہونے والے متاثرین کی واپسی کا اعلان کیا ہے جن میں اور کزئی کے متاثرین بھی شامل ہیں۔

ہنگو اور کزئی ایجنسی کے مختلف علاقوں میں گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں کی شیلنگ سے 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ 2 ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کر دیئے گئے۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر اور کزئی ایجنسی کے علاقوں شکر تھکی اور سینگل دورہ میں دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانوں پر شیلنگ کی، جس کے نتیجے میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے، حملے میں دہشت گردوں کے 2 ٹھکانوں کو بھی تباہ کر دیا گیا۔

کراچی (اعظم علی / نمائندہ خصوصی) قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے نیشنل ہیلتھ سروس کے چیئر مین خالد حسین گمسی کی صدارت میں ڈرگ ٹیسٹنگ کے موضوع پر کراچی میں ہونے والے اجلاس میں قائمہ کمیٹی ارکان اور ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی کے افسران نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ غلط دواؤں کی فروخت سے شہریوں کو قتل کیا جا رہا ہے، یہ دہشتگردی کی نئی شکل ہے، ڈرگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی زہر فروخت کرنے والے اداروں کا تحفظ کرتی ہے۔ پیپٹا نیٹس بی اور سی کی دوائیں ملک میں بنتی ہیں مگر صرف بیرون ممالک کے لئے، اجلاس کے دوران قائمہ کمیٹی کے چیئر مین اور 12 ارکان یہ کہہ کر کھڑے ہو گئے کہ قوم کو خود کشی کی طرف لے جانے سے بہتر ہے کہ مستعفی ہو جائیں۔ اجلاس کے شروع ہوتے ہی ایک پریزنٹیشن شروع ہوئی جس کے فوراً بعد قائمہ کمیٹی کے ارکان نے کہا کہ ہمیں اس پریزنٹیشن کی ضرورت نہیں ہمیں یہ بتایا جائے کہ کتنی دواساز کمپنیوں کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی ہے اور کتنی کمپنیوں کے لائسنس منسوخ کئے گئے ہیں قائمہ کمیٹی کے رکن ڈاکٹر نثار احمد نے ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی کے چیف ایگزیکٹو ڈاکٹر محمد اسلم کو مخاطب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہمیں بتا ہے کہ آپ کو تمام افسران کو بائ پاس کرتے ہوئے کون لایا ہے اسی دوران ڈاکٹر نثار احمد اٹھے اور افسران سے کہا کہ آپ سب لوگ ہمیں بے وقوف نہ بنائیں میں آپ کے ادارے کے ایک افسر بلاتا ہوں جسے آپ نے اس اجلاس میں شرکت سے روک دیا ہے یہ کہہ کر وہ فیڈرل ڈرگ انسپکٹر ڈاکٹر عبید علی کو اجلاس میں لے آئے اور کہا کہ یہ افسر امریکا کی فیڈرل ڈرگ اتھارٹی کے تربیت یافتہ ہیں اور پی ایچ ڈی ہیں سائنس دان ہیں اور دنیا کے 18 ممالک انہیں بحیثیت ایکسپٹ لیچرز کے لئے بلاتے ہیں یہ ہمیں بتائیں گے کہ پاکستان ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی کیا کر رہی ہے، ڈاکٹر عبید علی نے اجلاس میں سنسنی خیز انکشافات کئے انہوں نے بتایا کہ پاکستان ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی زہر فروخت کرنے والے اداروں کی حفاظت پر مامور انہوں نے دواساز اداروں کے نام بھی بتائے جن کے خلاف قصداً قانونی کارروائی نہیں کی گئی اس پر قائمہ کمیٹی نے دواساز کمپنیوں کی دواؤں اور اس کی تفصیل اسلام آباد طلب کر لی، ان انکشافات کے بعد قائمہ کمیٹی کے چیئر مین خالد حسین گمسی اور قائمہ کمیٹی کے رکن ڈاکٹر نثار احمد نے افسران کو وارننگ دی کہ اجلاس میں انکشافات کرنے والے اس افسر کو اگر کوئی گزند پہنچی تو وہ سمجھ لے کہ ہم وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کے پاس ان کا کیس لے کر جائیں گے۔ اجلاس کے بعد قائمہ کمیٹی نے دواساز اداروں کے، مالکان اور ان کے نمائندوں سے ملاقات کی ملاقات سے پہلے صحافیوں کو باہر جانے کا حکم دیا گیا ملاقات کے بعد جب صحافیوں نے دواساز اداروں کے مالکان سے ملاقات کو خفیہ رکھنے کی وجہ پوچھی تو کمیٹی کے چیئر مین نے کہا کہ اس وقت دواؤں کی قیمتیں بہت کم ہیں انہیں بلجاظ وقت بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے اور کچھ اور بھی نراکتیں ہیں جو آپ کو نہیں بتائی جا سکتیں تاہم میں اس پر صحافیوں سے معذرت چاہتا ہوں۔

پشاور (یورورپورٹ) پشاور پولیس نے جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 80 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضہ سے ہماری تعداد میں اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد کر لی۔ علاوہ ازیں اس دوران غیر رجسٹرڈ 20 گھر مالکان اور کرایہ داروں کو بھی گرفتار کر کے ان کے خلاف مقدمات درج کر لئے گئے ہیں۔

اور کزئی ایجنسی میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی فضا کی کارروائی کے دوران 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

14 اپریل 2015

دہشتگردی کی نئی شکل، غلط دواؤں کی فروخت سے شہریوں کے قتل کا انکشاف

روزنامہ جنگ

14 اپریل 2015

پشاور: سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 80 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار، اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 اپریل 2015

ان درخواستوں میں استدعا کی گئی ہے کہ سپریم کورٹ فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام سے متعلق قانون کو کالعدم قرار دے۔ وفاق کی طرف سے اس ضمن میں جمع کروائے گئے ابتدائی جواب میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ملک اس وقت حالت جنگ میں ہے اور ایسے حالات میں وہی اقدامات کیے جاتے ہیں جو ملک اور اس کی عوام کے مفاد میں ہوں۔ اس جواب میں کہا گیا ہے کہ فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام سے درخواست گزاروں کا بنیادی حق متاثر نہیں ہوتا لہذا ان درخواستوں کو مسترد کر دیا جائے۔ سپریم کورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن نے سپریم کورٹ میں ایک متفرق درخواست جمع کروائی ہے جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ حال ہی میں فوجی عدالتوں کی طرف سے سات ملزمان کو دی جانے والی سزا پر عمل درآمد کو اس وقت تک روک دیا جائے جب تک فوجی عدالتوں کے خلاف دائر کی گئی درخواستوں کا فیصلہ نہیں ہو جاتا۔

یاد رہے کہ ایک فوجی عدالت نے چند روز قبل شدت پسندی کے مقدمے کا فیصلہ سناتے ہوئے چھ مجرموں کو موت جبکہ ایک کو عمر قید کی سزا سنائی تھی۔ فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ کے سربراہ میجر جنرل عاصم سلیم باجوہ کے مطابق اس وقت نو فوجی عدالتیں کام کر رہی ہیں جن میں سے تین تین صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا اور صوبہ پنجاب میں جبکہ دو سندھ اور بلوچستان میں ایک فوجی عدالت کام کر رہی ہے۔ صوبائی حکومتیں شدت پسندی کے مقدمات کو وزارت داخلہ کو بھیجواتی ہے جہاں سے ان مقدمات کی چھان بین کے بعد انھیں فوجی عدالتوں میں بھیجا جاتا ہے۔ گذشتہ برس سولہ دسمبر کو پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول پر ہونے والے شدت پسندوں کے حملوں کے بعد شدت پسندی کے مقدمات کے فوری فیصلوں کے لیے پارلیمنٹ میں ایکسپریس ٹیم کے تحت دو سال کے لیے ملک بھر میں فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام کے لیے قانون سازی کی گئی تھی۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف کے درمیان ملاقات ہوئی جس میں قومی سلامتی امور اور بلوچستان کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے اسلام آباد میں آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے ملاقات کی جس میں قومی سلامتی امور اور بلوچستان کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا جب کہ اس دوران وزیر اعظم اور آرمی چیف نے ملک دشمن قوتوں کے عزائم کو ناکام بنانے کے عزم کا اظہار بھی کیا گیا۔ واضح رہے کہ آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے گزشتہ روز کوئٹہ کا بھی دورہ کیا جس میں انہوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان، گورنر اور کورمانڈر کوئٹہ سے ملاقات کی جب کہ ملاقاتوں میں بلوچستان کی صورت حال پر بات کی گئی۔

کراچی ریجنل زون بنارس کے علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن کر کے کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 4 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ترجمان ریجنل زون سندھ کا کہنا ہے کہ ریجنل زون نے کالعدم تنظیم کے دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر بنارس کے علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن کر کے 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا۔ ملزمان کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے سوات گروپ سے ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل ریجنل زون سپہائی وے پر افغان بستی میں آپریشن کر کے کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے ایک دہشت گرد کو ہلاک بھی کیا تھا۔

کراچی سپہائی وے پر ریجنل زون سے مقابلے میں ایک دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ریجنل زون نے ملزمان کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاع پر سپہائی وے پر افغان بستی میں چھاپہ مارا تو دہشت گردوں کی جانب سے ریجنل زون کے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کر دی گئی، جو اب کارروائی میں ایک دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گیا جب کہ مزید شدت پسندوں کی گرفتاری کے لئے علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے اور کڑئی ایجنسی میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی طرف سے شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں پر ہونے والے فضائی حملوں میں چار شہریوں کی ہلاکت کی اطلاعات ہیں جن میں دو خواتین اور دو بچے شامل ہیں۔ ان کارروائیوں میں کم سے کم 12 شدت پسند بھی مارے گئے ہیں۔ عینی شاہدین کا کہنا ہے کہ پیر کی شام سکیورٹی فورسز کی طرف سے اچانک وسطی اور کڑئی ایجنسی کے علاقوں میں کارروائیاں شروع کر دی گئیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ گذشتہ 24 گھنٹوں سے کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے اور اس دوران گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں نے شدت پسندوں کے مراکز اور ٹھکانوں پر شدید شیلنگ کی ہے۔ مقامی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ فضائی حملوں کی وجہ سے پہاڑی علاقوں میں واقع بعض شہری علاقے بھی نشانہ بنے ہیں جس میں چار افراد ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ مرنے والوں میں دو خواتین اور دو بچے شامل ہیں، تاہم سرکاری اور فوجی ذرائع سے ان ہلاکتوں کی تصدیق نہیں ہو سکی۔ آپریشن میں سات عام شہری زخمی بھی ہوئے جنہیں ہنگو منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال ہنگو کے انچارج ڈاکٹر اکبر جان نے بی بی سی سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے تصدیق کی کہ اور کڑئی ایجنسی میں کارروائیوں کے دوران زخمی ہونے والے سات افراد کو یہاں لایا گیا ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ زخمیوں میں تین خواتین اور چار بچے شامل ہیں جن میں ایک زیر علاج ہے، جبکہ دیگر افراد کو طبی امداد کے بعد فارغ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مقامی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کارروائیوں میں اب تک کم سے کم دس شدت پسند مارے گئے ہیں۔ ہنگو میں عینی شاہدین کا کہنا ہے کہ منگل کی صبح بھی گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں نے مشتبہ شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں پر فضائی

وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور آرمی چیف کی

ملاقات، بلوچستان کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

15 اپریل 2015

کراچی سے کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 4 دہشت

گرد گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

15 اپریل 2015

کراچی میں ریجنل زون سے مقابلے میں ایک دہشت

گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

15 اپریل 2015

اور کڑئی ایجنسی میں فورسز کی کارروائی میں عام

شہریوں کی ہلاکت

بی بی سی اردو

14 اپریل 2015

کراچی پولیس نے کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کر کے 2 دہشت گرد اور 2 ڈاکوؤں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے رات گئے دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر ناردرن ہائی پاس کے قریب رکشیں گوٹھ میں چھاپا تو ملزمان نے پولیس ہلاکوں پر فائرنگ کر دی، جو ابی کارروائی میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ بوٹ بیسن پولیس نے خدیشہ اپارٹمنٹ کے قریب ایک مشکوک موٹر سائیکل کو روکنے کی کوشش کی تو ملزمان نے پولیس موبائل کر فائرنگ کر کے فرار ہونے کی کوشش کی، پولیس نے ملزمان کا پیچھا کیا اور جو ابی کارروائی میں دونوں ڈاکو مارے گئے۔ پولیس نے ملزمان کے قبضے سے ٹی ٹی پستول اور موٹر سائیکل قبضے میں لے لی ہے۔ دوسری جانب پولیس نے جھنڈی کوٹ کے علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 30 مشتبہ افراد کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا جب کہ گھر گھر تلاشی کے دوران 3 اسٹریٹ کرمنلز بھی گرفتار ہوئے جن کے قبضے سے 3 پستول برآمد کر لی گئیں۔

اور کئی ایجنسی کے مختلف علاقوں میں فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں 4 دہشت گرد مارے گئے۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق وسطی اور کئی ایجنسی کے مختلف علاقوں بیگوتنگی، درند شیان اور کاشا میں گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں کی مدد سے کی گئی فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں 4 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ ان کے 2 ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کر دیئے گئے۔ واضح رہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان میں آپریشن ”ضرب عضب“ کے نتیجے میں اب تک سیکڑوں دہشت گرد ہلاک اور ان کے متعدد ٹھکانے تباہ کئے جا چکے ہیں جس کے بعد اب شمالی وزیرستان کا ایک بڑا حصہ دہشت گردوں سے پاک کر لیا گیا ہے اور وہاں سے نقل مکانی کر کے جانے والے افراد کی اب اپنے علاقوں میں واپسی کا مرحلہ بھی شروع ہو چکا ہے جب کہ دہشت گردوں کے خلاف خیر ایجنسی میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی کارروائیاں جاری ہیں۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے وزیرستان سے ملنے والی اطلاعات کے مطابق سکیورٹی فورسز سے جھڑپ میں ہتھیار نیٹ ورک کے رہنما فاروق زدران ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ حکام کے مطابق یہ واقعہ جمعرات اور جمعے کی درمیانی شب جنوبی اور شمالی وزیرستان ایجنسی کے سرحدی علاقے میں پیش آیا اور اس جھڑپ کے بعد تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے نو افراد کو گرفتار بھی کیا گیا ہے۔ علاقے کی سکیورٹی سے متعلق ایک ہلاک نام ظاہر نہ کرنے کی شرط پر بتایا کہ سکیورٹی فورسز کے ہلاک تحصیل بیر مل میں سرکنڈہ کے مقام پر معمول کے گشت پر تھے کہ اس دوران ان کا سامنا شدت پسندوں کے ایک گروہ سے ہوا۔ ہلاک کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ شدت پسند شمالی وزیرستان میں فوج کی پیش قدمی کی باعث جنوبی وزیرستان کی جانب فرار ہونے کی کوشش کر رہے تھے کہ سکیورٹی ہلاکوں سے ان کی مدد بھیڑ ہوئی۔ ان کے مطابق سکیورٹی ہلاکوں نے فرار ہونے کی کوشش کرنے والے شدت پسندوں پر فائرنگ کی جس سے ہتھیار نیٹ ورک کے اہم رہنما فاروق زدران مارے گئے جبکہ ان کے نواسیوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔

اس کارروائی میں ایک شدت پسند فرار ہونے میں کامیاب بھی ہوا۔ فاروق زدران کی ہلاکت کے بارے میں ہتھیار نیٹ ورک کی جانب سے اب تک کوئی رد عمل سامنے نہیں آیا اور نہ ہی اس ہلاکت کی تصدیق یا تردید کی گئی ہے۔ اطلاعات ہیں کہ فاروق زدران پاکستان میں ہتھیار نیٹ ورک کے آپریشنل کمانڈر تھے اور انھیں یہ عہدہ ان کے بھائی سنگین زدران کی شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے درگامنڈی میں ایک ڈرون حملے میں ہلاکت کے بعد ملا تھا۔ خیال رہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان میں فوجی آپریشن ضرب عضب کے دوران شدت پسندوں کے خلاف بڑی کارروائیاں کی گئی ہیں اور حکام کے مطابق گھیراؤ ہو تا دیکھ کر اکثر شدت پسند دیگر علاقوں میں روپوش ہو گئے ہیں۔ شمالی وزیرستان میں فوجی آپریشن سے دس لاکھ افراد کو نقل مکانی پر بھی مجبور ہونا پڑا تھا جن کی واپسی کا سلسلہ بھی چند ہفتے پہلے شروع کیا جا چکا ہے۔

چیف جسٹس ناصر الملک کی سربراہی میں سپریم کورٹ کافل کورٹ بیٹج جمعرات کو اکیسویں ترمیم کے تحت ملک بھر میں فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام کے خلاف دس سے زائد درخواستوں کی سماعت کر رہا ہے۔ چیف جسٹس سمیت سپریم کورٹ کے 17 جج صاحبان ان درخواستوں کی سماعت کریں گے۔ سپریم کورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن، لاہور ہائی کورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن اور دیگر وکلاء تنظیموں نے فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام کے خلاف درخواستیں دی تھیں۔ تاہم عدالت عظمیٰ نے ان تمام درخواستوں کو یکجا کر دیا ہے۔ ان درخواستوں میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا ہے کہ فوجی عدالتوں کا قیام موجودہ عدالتی نظام پر عدم اعتماد کا اظہار ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ یہ عدالتیں بنیادی انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ ان درخواستوں میں یہ موقف بھی اپنایا گیا ہے کہ اگر کوئی بھی قانون بنیادی انسانی حقوق اور آئین کے بنیادی ڈھانچے کے خلاف ہو تو سپریم کورٹ پارلیمنٹ کی طرف سے بنائے گئے کسی بھی قانون کو کالعدم قرار دے سکتی ہے۔

درخواست گزاروں کا موقف ہے کہ اگرچہ سپریم کورٹ کو آئین سازی کا اختیار نہیں ہے لیکن اسے آئین کی تشریح کا اختیار ضرور حاصل ہے۔

کراچی میں مختلف مقابلوں میں 2 دہشت گردوں سمیت 4 ملزمان ہلاک، پولیس

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

17 اپریل 2015

اور کئی ایجنسی میں گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹروں کی شیلنگ، 4 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

17 اپریل 2015

فوج سے جھڑپ میں ہتھیار نیٹ ورک کار ہنما ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

17 اپریل 2015

فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام کے خلاف درخواستوں

کی سماعت آج

بی بی سی اردو

16 اپریل 2015

فیصل آباد پولیس نے دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام بناتے ہوئے بڑی مقدار میں دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق فیصل آباد کے علاقے کوانہ میں پولیس نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر ایک مکان پر چھاپہ مارا تو تلاشی کے دوران بڑی تعداد میں دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ دھماکا خیز مواد 25 سے 30 ڈراموں میں رکھا گیا تھا جبکہ کاروائی کے دوران ایک ملزم بھی گرفتار کر لیا جس سے تفتیش کی جارہی ہے۔

فیصل آباد مقامی عدالت نے 3 مجرموں کی سزائے موت کے لئے 21 اپریل تاریخ مقرر کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق فیصل آباد میں مقامی عدالت نے بلیک وارنٹ جاری ہونے کے بعد جیل حکام کی درخواست پر 3 قیدیوں محمد حسین، مجرم نظام الدین اور اعظم کی سزائے موت پر عمل درآمد کے لئے 21 اپریل کا دن مقرر کر دیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ نظام الدین نے 1998 میں دیرینہ دشمنی پر اپنے مخالف کو قتل کیا تھا، محمد حسین نے 1998 میں جب کہ اعظم نے 2004 میں 17 افراد کو قتل کیا تھا۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے افغانستان کے شہر جلال آباد میں بم دھماکے میں جانی نقصان کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان افغانستان سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے ہر ممکن تعاون کرے گا۔ وزیر اعظم ہاؤس سے جاری بیان میں وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ معصوم لوگوں کا خون بہانا ناقابل برداشت ہے، ایسی بزدلانہ کارروائیاں دہشت گردی کے خلاف ہمارے عزم کو کمزور نہیں کر سکتیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور افغانستان دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کے لئے مربوط کوششیں کر رہے ہیں، پاکستان نے مربوط حکمت عملی کے تحت دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانوں اور نیٹ ورک کو تباہ کر دیا ہے، دہشت گردی دونوں ملکوں کی مشترکہ دشمنی ہے اس لیے آخری دہشت گرد کے خاتمے تک یہ جنگ جاری رہے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ افغان صوبے ننگرہار کے شہر جلال آباد میں ہونے والے خودکش حملے کے نتیجے میں 35 افراد ہلاک اور 120 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے۔

کراچی میری ٹائم سیکورٹی ایجنسی نے سمندری حدود کی خلاف ورزی کرنے پر 47 بھارتی ماہی گیروں کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق میری ٹائم سیکورٹی ایجنسی نے گشت کے دوران ٹھٹھ کے ساحلی علاقے کیٹی بندر کے قریب کھجور کریک میں پاکستان کی سمندری حدود میں غیر قانونی شکار کرنے والے 47 بھارتی ماہی گیروں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کی 8 کشتیوں کو بھی تھیل میں لے لیا۔ میری ٹائم حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ حراست میں لئے گئے بھارتی شہریوں کو قانونی کارروائی کے لئے ڈاکس تھانے کے حوالے کیا جائے گا۔

پاکستان کے انسانی حقوق کمیشن نے اپنی سالانہ رپورٹ میں کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں گزشتہ اپریل سے اب تک انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزیوں میں شدید اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا ہے اور 'دھرنوں کی سیاست' کی وجہ سے فرقہ وارانہ طاقتوں کو استحکام ملا ہے۔ سنہ 2014 کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ ملک میں مذہبی شدت پسندی میں اضافہ بلاروک ٹوک جاری ہے اور مذہبی اور مسلکی اقلیتوں کے لیے صورتحال ابتر ہوئی ہے۔ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ گزشتہ برس پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کے 1206 واقعات ہوئے جن میں 26 خودکش حملے بھی شامل ہیں۔ ان واقعات میں 1723 افراد ہلاک اور تین ہزار کے لگ بھگ زخمی ہوئے۔ سالانہ رپورٹ میں امن و امان کی صورت حال، خواتین، بچوں، قیدیوں کے حقوق، مذہبی، سیاسی اور اظہار کی آزادی، تعلیم، صحت اور ماحول اور چھت کی فراہمی سے متعلق شہریوں کے حقوق اور پناہ گزینوں کی صورت حال کا تفصیلی جائزہ پیش کیا گیا ہے۔

انسانی حقوق کمیشن کے قومی رابطہ کار حسین نقی کہتے ہیں: 'ویسے تو بہت سارے تشویش ناک پہلو ہیں لیکن سب سے زیادہ فکر مندی کی بات یہ ہے کہ ہماری اسٹیبلشمنٹ اور حکومت انسانی حقوق سے متعلق بہت سی باتوں کو مانتیں ہی نہیں۔ آپ صورت حال کو بہتر تو اس وقت کریں گے جب آپ کو احساس ہو گا کہ آپ جو کر رہے ہیں وہ درست نہیں ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق سنہ 2014 میں پاکستان میں فرقہ وارانہ دہشت گردی کے 144 واقعات ہوئے۔ سندھ میں ہندوؤں اور عیسائیوں کی 11 عبادت گاہوں کو نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ بلوچستان میں ذکری عقیدے سے تعلق رکھنے والوں پر دو حملوں میں چھ افراد جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے اور ہدف بنا کر کیے جانے والے حملوں میں 11 احمدیوں کو ہلاک کیا گیا۔ کوٹ رادھا کشن میں عیسائی جوڑے کی ہلاکت کا بھی رپورٹ میں نمایاں طور پر تذکرہ کیا گیا ہے۔ تجزیہ کار ڈاکٹر مہدی حسن کہتے ہیں: 'ہر برس بجائے بہتری کے انسانی حقوق کی صورت حال بدتر ہوتی جارہی ہے۔ اس کی بنیادی وجہ مذہبی انتہا پسندی ہے، جو کم ہونے کے بجائے روز بروز بڑھ رہی ہے۔ مذہب کے نام پر سیاست کرنے والی جماعتیں مضبوط ہو گئی ہیں۔ حکومت کی رٹ کمزور ہو چکی ہے۔ یہ جماعتیں حکومت کو دھمکیاں بھی دیتی ہیں اور تشدد کا استعمال بھی کرتی ہیں، یہی وجہ ہے کہ مذہبی نفرت کا شکار ہونے والوں کی تعداد 70 ہزار تک جا پہنچی ہے۔ جب تک مذہبی جنونیت کو ختم کر کے لوگوں کا ذہن تبدیل نہیں کریں گے، صورت حال بہتر نہیں ہوگی۔

فیصل آباد میں دہشت گردی کا منصوبہ ناکام،

بڑی مقدار میں دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

فیصل آباد جیل میں سزائے موت کے 3 قیدیوں

کی پھانسی کی تاریخ مقرر

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

افغانستان سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے ہر

ممکن تعاون کریں وزیر اعظم نواز شریف

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

سمندری حدود کی خلاف ورزی پر 47 بھارتی ماہی

گیر گرفتار

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

پاکستان میں انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزیوں میں

شدید اضافہ

بی بی سی اردو

17 اپریل 2015

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاء

خیبر پور (پور پورٹ) خیبر پور کے محبوب، کلہوڑو، پریالو، گوٹھ ڈو اور الراجاگیر کے علاقوں میں پولیس کا جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن 15 ملزمان گرفتار کیے گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق خیبر پور کی پولیس فورس نے کچے کے محبوب کلہوڑو، پریالو، گوٹھ ڈو اور الراجاگیر کے علاقوں میں جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن کر کے 15 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا، گرفتار کئے جانے والوں میں کچھ عرصہ قبل راضی ڈیرو کے قریب پانچ افراد کو قتل کرنے کے واقعے میں ملوث ملزمان بھی شامل ہیں پولیس کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن میں گرفتار کئے جانے والوں میں ستار آگانی، ایاز آگانی، ریاض شہزادو، شہیر آگانی، اکبر کلہوڑو، وزیر علی، میر خان، خدابخش کلہوڑو، محمد عرس الرو اور دیگر شامل ہیں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران گھر گھر تلاشی لیکن گرفتاریاں کی۔

خیبر پور: مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس کا سرچ آپریشن، 15 ملزمان گرفتار

روزنامہ جنگ

19 اپریل 2015

خیبر ایجنسی وادی تیراہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز سے جھڑپ کے دوران 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ 3 اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی تیراہ کے علاقے نیرے بابا میں سیکورٹی فورسز اور دہشت گردوں کے درمیان جھڑپ ہوئی جس کے دوران 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے، جھڑپ میں 3 سیکورٹی اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں سی ایم ایچ پشاور منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں انہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان کی طرح خیبر ایجنسی میں بھی دہشت گردوں کے خلاف آپریشن جاری ہے جس میں اب تک درجنوں دہشت گردوں کو ان کے انجام تک پہنچایا گیا ہے۔

خیبر ایجنسی میں سیکورٹی فورسز سے جھڑپ کے

دوران 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

19 اپریل 2015

کراچی پولیس نے سپہائی کے قریب مقابلے میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 6 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیہ راؤ انور کے مطابق حساس اداروں کی جانب سے سپہائی وے کے قریب سعدی ٹاؤن کے علاقے ایوب گوٹھ میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع دی گئی تھی جس پر پولیس نے علاقے میں چھاپہ مارا تو وہاں موجود دہشت گردوں نے پولیس پر فائرنگ کر دی۔ راؤ انور کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردوں نے پولیس پر دستی بم حملے اور جدید ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ کی جس کے بعد علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن کا دائرہ کار بڑھاتے ہوئے مزید نفری طلب کی گئی، آپریشن کے دوران علاقے کے داخلی و خارجی راستوں کو سیل کر دیا گیا جب کہ آپریشن میں 300 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت کمانڈوز نے بھی حصہ لیا۔

کراچی کے علاقے سپہائی وے پر کارروائی میں

کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 6 دہشت گرد ہلاک،

پولیس

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

راؤ انور کے مطابق پولیس اور دہشت گردوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کافی دیر تک جاری رہا تاہم پولیس کی جوابی کارروائی میں 6 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیہ راؤ انور کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان فضل اللہ روپ سے ہے، دہشت گرد سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملوں میں ملوث تھے اور وہ اب کراچی میں بڑی تخریب کاری کرنا چاہتے تھے، دہشت گرد حملہ 246 میں ضمنی انتخاب کے موقع پر دہشت گردی کی بڑی کارروائی کا منصوبہ بنا رہے تھے جسے بروقت کارروائی کرتے ہوئے ناکام بنا دیا گیا جب کہ دہشت گردوں کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کیا گیا ہے جس میں راکٹ لانچر، کلاشنکوفیں اور ایل ایم جی رائفلیں شامل ہیں۔ ایس ایس پی ملیہ کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاک دہشت گردوں میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے سابق سربراہ حکیم اللہ محمود کا کمانڈر احمد بھی شامل ہے جو وزیرستان میں ڈرون حملے کے دوران زخمی ہوا تھا اور چند روز قبل ہی علاج کے لیے وزیرستان سے کراچی منتقل ہوا تھا۔

مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی جارحیت کیخلاف احتجاج

جاری، یاسین ملک گرفتار

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

18 اپریل 2015

سری نگر مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی جارحیت کے خلاف مکمل شٹر ڈاؤن ہڑتال ہے جبکہ آج بھی بھارتی فورسز کی فائرنگ سے ایک ہفتہ کشمیری نوجوان شہید اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی جارحیت، نئے کشمیری عوام پر لاشی جارج اور رہنماؤں کی گرفتاری کے خلاف حریت کانفرنس کے چیرمین سید علی گیلانی کی کال پر پوری مقبوضہ وادی میں شٹر ڈاؤن ہڑتال ہے۔ اس موقع پر تمام کاروباری مراکز، مارکیٹیں اور اسکول بند جب کہ ٹریفک سڑکوں سے غائب ہے۔ سری نگر میں مظاہرین پر بھارتی فورسز کی فائرنگ سے ایک نوجوان شہید جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ دوسری جانب حریت رہنماؤں کی گرفتاری کیخلاف جھوک ہڑتال کرنے والے یاسین ملک کو بھی بھارتی فورسز نے گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ حریت رہنما مسرت عالم کو 7 روز کے ریمانڈ پر پولیس کے حوالے کر دیا گیا۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز حریت کانفرنس کی کال پر اپنے حقوق کیلئے نکالی جانے والی ریلی پر بھارتی فورسز کی فائرنگ سے 2 نوجوان شہید جبکہ 25 زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔ پاکستان کی جانب سے مقبوضہ کشمیر میں نئے عوام پر بھارتی فائرنگ سے نوجوانوں کی شہادت اور گرفتاریوں کی سخت الفاظ میں مذمت کی گئی ہے۔

صحت کی رپورٹ کے مطابق مہم کے پہلے روز 6 لاکھ سے زیادہ بچوں کو قطرے پلائے گئے۔

لاہور لاہور میں سوائن فلو میں مبتلا 57 سالہ شخص دم توڑ گیا۔ سیکرٹری صحت پنجاب جو ادرفیق ملک کا کہنا ہے کہ سید الطاف حسین لاہور کے نجی اسپتال میں زیر علاج تھا۔ مریض کا علاج کرنے والے اسپتال اسٹاف اور ایجنٹوں کے خون کے نمونے حاصل کر لئے۔ سیکریٹری صحت پنجاب جو ادرفیق ملک نے چیونیز سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے سوائن فلو سے پہلے مریض کے جاں بحق ہونے کی تصدیق کی۔ 57 سالہ مریض سید الطاف حسین شیرازی کا تعلق چک نمبر 6، بھولوال ضلع سرگودھا سے ہے۔ نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف ہیلتھ لیبارٹری اسلام آباد سے مریض کا ایچ ڈی، این ڈی ٹیسٹ مثبت آیا، جو ادرفیق ملک کا کہنا ہے کہ سوائن فلو سے جاں بحق ہونے والے مریض کی اطلاع عالمی ادارہ کو بھی کر دی۔ اور سوائن فلو کو مزید پھیلنے سے روکنے کیلئے عالمی ادارہ صحت کی مدد حاصل کر لی گئی ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں حفاظتی اقدامات شروع کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ سوائن فلو کے مریض کی تاخیر سے اطلاع دینے پر نجی اسپتال کے خلاف تحقیقات کیلئے کیس ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن کو بھجوا دیا۔

لاہور میں سوائن فلو میں مبتلا 57 سالہ شخص دم

توڑگی

روزنامہ جنگ

14 اپریل 2015



Spatial Knowledge & Information Management

September 2014 • N°7 • www.skim.pk



The Missing Link in the Governance Structure of Pakistan

Page 6



Dubai Goes Green

Page 12



The Future of Medicine: Nanotechnology

Page 16

MAPS

Inside

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 2005 - PROVINCE WISE TURNOUT
- NANOTECHNOLOGY FUNDING - IMPACT FACTOR 2013
- NATURAL DISASTER TRENDS IN PAKISTAN

CASE STUDY

Page 39

- Emergency Management in the Arabian Peninsula: A case study from the Sultanate of Oman

NEWS

- Plan to elaborate a unified GCC stance on environmental issues
- Iran facing acute water shortage
- IPCC report rings alarm over climate change
- 63pc Pakistanis marks 2013 election fair
- Oman sets up center to deal with Ebola epidemic
- Kuwait to participate at IWISE 2014 in Canada

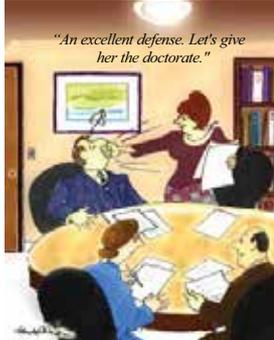
BOOK CORNER

Page 44

- Energy and Environment in Saudi Arabia: Concerns & Opportunities
- Pakistan on the Brink: The Future of America, Pakistan, and Afghanistan
- Global Capitalism and the Crisis of Humanity
- Armies and State-building in the Modern Middle East: Politics, Nationalism and Military Reform

INFOTAINMENT

Page 51



قدرتی آفات

تفصیلات

سوات..... سوات میں بارش سے موسم خوشگوار اور سیاحوں کے چہرے خوشی سے کھل اٹھے۔ ادھر سندھ، پنجاب اور بلوچستان میں درجہ حرارت مزید بڑھ گیا۔ سوات شہر اور گردونواح میں موسلا دھار بارش سے موسم میں تبدیلی آگئی جس کے بعد تفریح کے لئے آئے ہوئے سیاح خوشگوار موسم سے خوب لطف اندوز ہوئے۔ حیدرآباد، سکھر، لاڑکانہ، جبکب آباد، گھوگلی، نوشہرہ فیروز سمیت اندرون سندھ میں شدید گرمی کا راج ہے۔ لاہور اور ملتان سمیت صوبہ پنجاب کے متعدد شہروں کو بھی گرمی کی شدید لہر نے اپنی لپیٹ میں لیا ہوا ہے۔ شمال مشرقی بلوچستان کے علاقوں چمن پشین، ژوب ہرنائی سمیت بیشتر علاقوں میں گرم ہوائیں چل رہی ہے۔ گرمی سے نمٹنے کے لئے شہروں میں برف کا استعمال شروع ہو گیا ہے محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج اور کل کے روز اسلام آباد، بالائی اور وسطی پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں گرج چمک اور تیز ہواؤں کے ساتھ بارش جبکہ بعض مقامات پر ژالہ باری کا بھی امکان ہے۔

خیبر ایجنسی..... خیبر ایجنسی اور گردونواح میں بارش اور ژالہ باری ہوئی ہے، جس سے موسم خوشگوار بن گیا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق خیبر ایجنسی اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں گرج چمک کے ساتھ تیز بارش اور ژالہ باری ہوئی ہے، جس سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا ہے۔ شہریوں کے چہرے کھل اٹھے ہیں۔ اب بھی آسمان پر بادل چھائے ہوئے ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے مزید بارشوں کا امکان بھی ظاہر کیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد(روزنامہ اوصاف ویب ڈیسک)۔۔۔۔۔ قبائلی علاقوں میں ایشیائی ترقیاتی بینک نے فنانس پانی کے منصوبوں کیلئے پاکستان کو 4 کروڑ 30 لاکھ ڈالر فراہم کرنے کا سہمہ کر لیا ہے۔ یہ رقم سے قبائلی علاقوں میں 9 چھوٹے ڈیموں کی تعمیر پر خرچ کی جائے گی۔ اس ضمن میں سمجھوتے پر اقتصادی امور ڈویژن کے سیکرٹری محمد سلیم سمیٹھی اور ایشیائی ترقیاتی بینک کے کنٹری ڈائریکٹر نے دستخط کئے۔ اس سے فنانس زرعت کے فروغ کے علاوہ چودہ لاکھ افراد مستفید ہوں گے

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں حکومت نے ضلع قلعہ سیف اللہ میں مبینہ طور پر خسرے کی ویکسین لگنے کے بعد ایک ہی خاندان کے چھ بچوں کی ہلاکت کی تحقیقات کا حکم دے دیا ہے۔ صوبائی محکمہ صحت کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ان بچوں کی ہلاکت ویکسین لگنے کی وجہ سے نہیں ہوئی ہے۔ بلوچستان کے وزیر صحت رحمت بلوچ نے سٹیج کو کونسل میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ جس 'واکس' سے ان چھ بچوں کو دوا دی گئی تھی اس سے کل 25 بچوں کو ویکسین لگی اور باقی بچوں کی جانب سے کوئی شکایات سامنے نہیں آئی۔

وزیر صحت کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر ویکسین میں مسئلہ ہوتا تو باقی بچے بھی متاثر ہوتے لیکن اس کے باوجود بھی محکمہ صحت کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر فاروق اعظم جان کی سربراہی میں تحقیقاتی کمیٹی قائم کر دی گئی ہے۔ حکومت کے اس دعوے کے باوجود متاثرہ خاندان مصر ہے کہ یہ بچے خسرے سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین لگنے کے باعث ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ ان بچوں کو دوز قبل خسرے سے بچاؤ کے ٹیکے لگائے گئے تھے۔

سول ہسپتال کوئٹہ میں موجود اس حوالے سے متاثرہ خاندان کے ایک فرد کا کہنا تھا کہ مجموعی طور پر 'اٹھ بچوں کو جیسے ہی ٹیکے لگائے گئے تو 20 متاثرہ خاندان کے فرد کا کہنا تھا ویکسین لگنے کے بعد 30 منٹ بعد انھیں الٹیاں آنی اور جھٹکے لگنے شروع ہوئے اور وہ بے ہوش ہو گئے۔ انھوں نے بتایا ایک 'جب بچوں کی حالت غیر ہو گئی تو ان کو مقامی ہسپتال پہنچایا گیا لیکن وہاں علاج نہ ہونے کے باعث ان کو کوئٹہ منتقل کر دیا گیا، بچے راستے میں دم توڑ گیا۔ رات کو ہم لوگ کوئٹہ آئے جہاں دوسرا بچہ وفات پا گیا جبکہ دو بچے گذشتہ روز اور دو رات کو وفات پا گئے۔

قلعہ سیف اللہ کی طرح کوئٹہ میں بھی ویکسین لگنے کے بعد دو بچوں کو تشویشناک حالت میں ہسپتال میں داخل کر لیا گیا۔ سول ہسپتال کوئٹہ میں موجود ایک متاثرہ بچے کی والدہ کا کہنا تھا جب تک اس ویکسین کی جانچ نہیں کی جاتی کہ اس میں کیا مسئلہ ہے اس وقت تک ٹیکہ لگانے کا عمل روک دیا جائے۔

محکمہ صحت کے حکام نے خسرے کی ویکسین سے بچوں کی ہلاکت کے الزام کو سختی سے مسترد کیا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ متاثرہ بچوں کے خون کے نمونے ٹیسٹ کے لیے لیباریٹری بھیجا دیے گئے ہیں جن کے نتائج آنا باقی ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر فاروق اعظم جان کا کہنا تھا کہ مضر صحت کھانا ان بچوں کی موت کی وجہ ہو سکتی ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا چونکہ بچے ایک گھر آنے سے آئے اور ایک ہی جگہ سے آئے ہیں اور

سُرخیال

سوات: شہر اور گردونواح میں تیز بارش، موسم خوشگوار

روزنامہ جنگ

19 اپریل 2015

خیبر ایجنسی اور گردونواح میں بارش اور ژالہ

باری

اردو ایئر

19 اپریل 2015

قبائلی علاقوں میں نوڈیم تعمیر کرنے کی تیاریاں

کسل

روزنامہ اوصاف

19 اپریل 2015

بلوچستان میں چھ بچوں کی ہلاکت کی تحقیقات کا

حکم

بی بی سی اردو

18 اپریل 2015

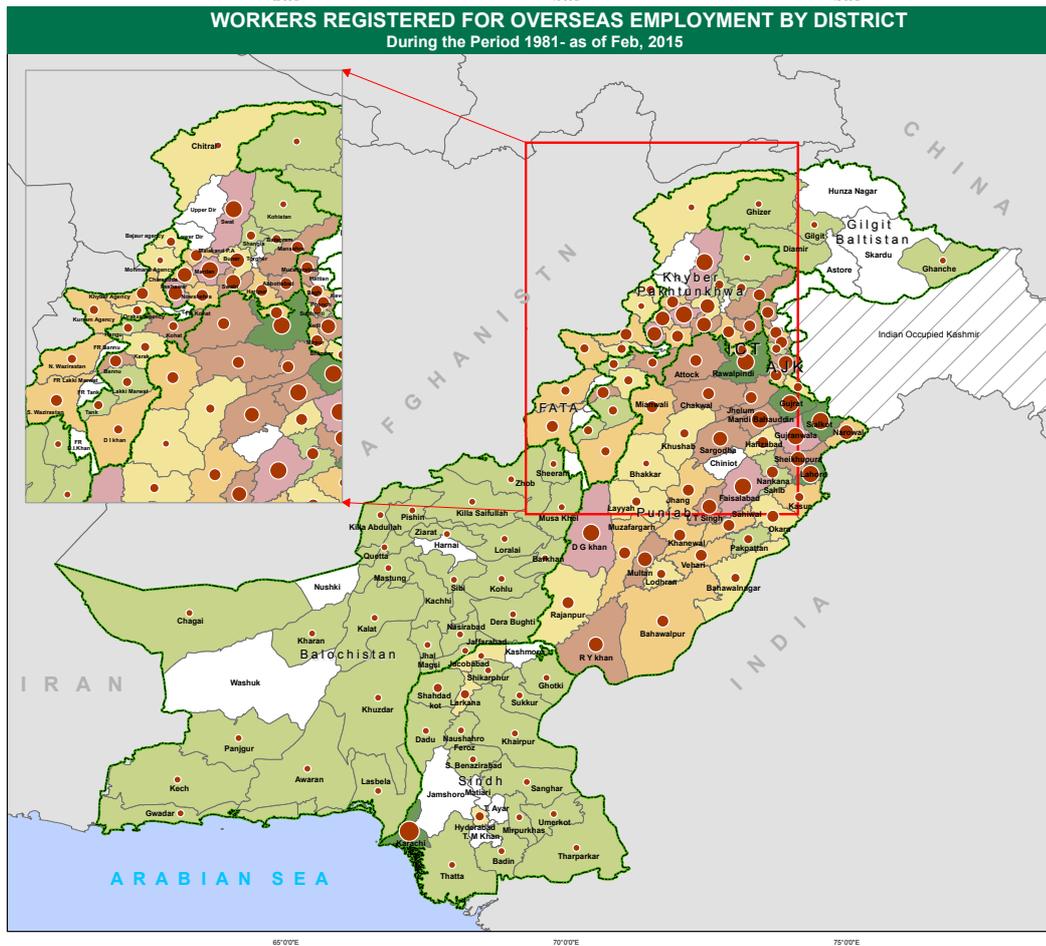


سُرخیاں

- 64 سوات، شہر اور گردونواح میں تیز بارش، موسم خوشگوار
- 64 بلوچستان میں چھ بچوں کی ہلاکت کی تحقیقات کا حکم
- 63 راول ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہو گئی، اسپل وے کھول دیے گئے
- 61 خیرپور: مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس کا سرچ آپریشن، 15 ملزمان گرفتار
- 60 پاکستان میں انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزیوں میں شدید اضافہ
- 56 ڈرون حملے روکنے کے لیے حکومت کو جنگ کا حکم نہیں دیا جا سکتا
- 55 دریائے سندھ کے حفاظتی بندوں کی صورتحال بہتر کی جائے
- 54 دکانیں اور بازار رات 8 بجے بند کر نیکے فیصلے کیخلاف درخواست مسترد
- 53 گیس چوری کی مد میں صارفین کو 65 ارب کا ریلیف دیا، اوگرا

بلیٹن میں شامل

- 64-43 اردو کی خبریں
- 64-62 قدرتی آفات سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- 61-56 سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- 55-43 پبلک سروس سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- 35-42 نقشہ جات
- 3-34 انگریزی کی خبریں
- 3-9 قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- 10-14 سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- 15-34 پبلک سروس سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں



Legend

Number of Worker Registered - 2015

- 0.001 - 554
- 554 - 1055
- 1055 - 1529
- 1529 - 2485
- 2485 - 4817
- 4817 - 9993

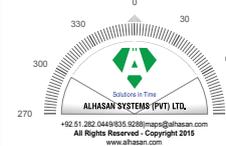
Total Number of Worker Registered 1981 to 2015 (upto February)

- 0.001 - 24639
- 24639 - 44647
- 44647 - 80299
- 80299 - 135430
- 135430 - 256207
- 256207 - 449172

Creation Date: April 13, 2015

Projection/Datum: WGS 84 Geographic

Page Size: A3



Data Source(s): Bureau of Emigration & Overseas Employment

DISCLAIMER: ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS

[www.alhasan.com] - A Knowledge Management, Business

Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product

is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information

purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for

or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes.

For further detail and metadata information please call

ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92.51.282.0449 / 835.9288 or

email us at connect@alhasan.com

All Rights Reserved - Copyright 2015

www.alhasan.com

ALHASAN SYSTEMS (PVT) LTD.

Baluchistan

India

Iran

Nepal

Pakistan

Punjab

Tajikistan

Turkmenistan

Uzbekistan

China

AFGHANISTAN

INDIA

IRAN

NEPAL