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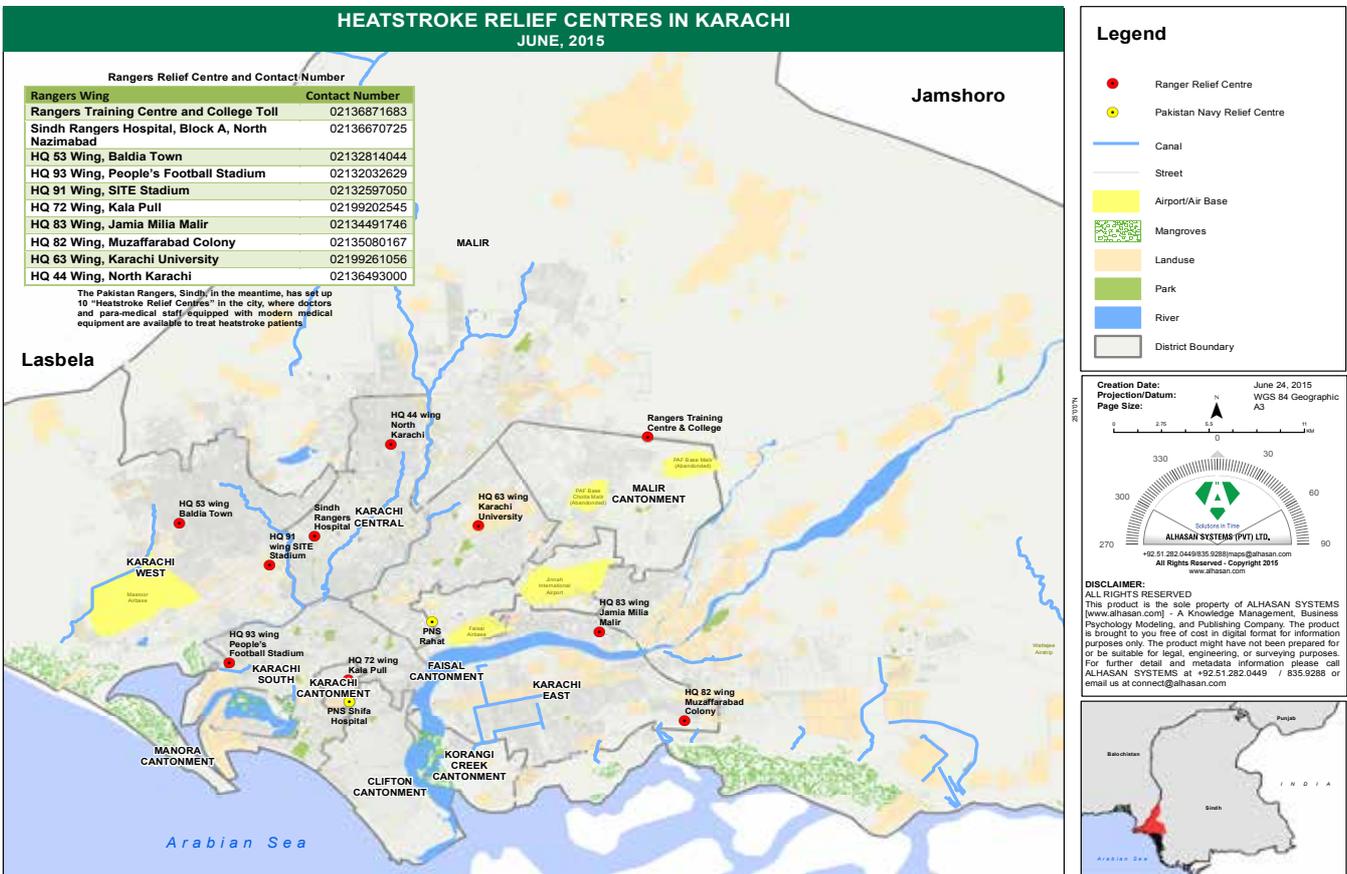
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Karachi Heatwave Death Toll Reaches 1,130

The News, June 28, 2015

Blistering Heatwave: Inquiry Into Blackouts Begins As Nawaz Prepares To Fly Into Karachi

Express Tribune, June 28, 2015

Heatwave In Karachi Kills Eight Animals At Zoo

The ARY News, June 28, 2015

DETAILS

KARACHI: The heatwave continues in the port city as the toll from heat stroke related deaths has risen to 1,130. Several people are receiving treatment and emergency has been declared at hospitals in the city. At least 15 people lost their lives since Saturday night in government and private hospitals.

During the last seven days 351 bodies have been brought to the Jinnah Hospital, 170 to Civil, 190 to Abbasi Shaheed, 30 to KMC hospitals, 20 to Sindh Government Hospital New Karachi, 25 to Sindh Government Korangi General Hospital, 39 to Indus, 55 to three branches of Ziauddin, 68 to Liaqat National, 39 to Sindh Government Qatar, 30 to Aga Khan, 23 to Memon Medical and 40 to Patel Hospital. This year's heatwave has also coincided with the start of the holy month of Ramazan.

The majority of the deaths in Karachi have been among the elderly, the poor and manual labourers who toil outdoors. Doctor Qaiser Sajjad of the Pakistan Medical Association in Karachi said that a lack of understanding of heatstroke among the public -- how to spot symptoms and treat them -- had contributed to the deaths. "The main reason was a lack of awareness among the public -- no-one knew how to cope in such a situation," Dr Sajjad said. The situation has not been helped by power cuts -- a regular feature of life in Pakistan -- which have stopped fans and air conditioners from working and interrupted Karachi's water supply.

ISLAMABAD / KARACHI: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif prepares to fly into the metropolitan city to discuss how a blistering heatwave caused hundreds of deaths in Sindh as 15 more people died of heat exhaustion, taking the death toll in the weeklong tragedy to 1,046.

The Sindh government, which has been under scathing criticism over the heatwave deaths, alleges that the heatwave was exacerbated by the chronic power crisis in the country and that the federal government has reigned on its election promise of putting out power outages within six months. Premier Nawaz Sharif is expected to visit Karachi either on Monday or Tuesday to discuss the heatwave aftermath and other issues, his office confirmed on Saturday. According to his itinerary, the prime minister would visit heatstroke victims at different hospitals of the city and also meet the relevant authorities for a briefing on the power situation. He is also expected to chair a meeting on the law and order situation in the city and issue directives to the law enforcement agencies, particularly after the damning BBC report on the MQM in which the political party has been accused of receiving funds and training from India.

Inquiry initiated: The federal government, on the other hand, has formally initiated an inquiry into K-Electric's alleged deliberate move to curtail power production during the heatwave in Karachi. Federal Secretary for Water and Power Younus Dagher and National Power Regulatory Authority (Neptra) chief Tariq Sadozai, along with a team of experts, met K-Electric's management, including its Chief Executive Officer Tayyab Tareen, on Saturday and asked them for the power utility's records since privatisation. The records pertain to the effort made since K-Electric's privatisation to improve the distribution network as well as production capacity. During the meeting the water and power secretary told the K-Electric officials that although it was a private company the federal government could not leave Karachiites at its mercy. The K-Electric officials, however, claimed that the company was producing electricity to its full capacity. The K-Electric management told the government team that the company has invested over \$1billion which was endorsed by the State Bank of Pakistan. The company is planning to invest another \$2billion over the next three to four years in generation and transmission system which would enable the company to become net exporter of electricity by 2020.

According to officials, the Neptra chairman said they have checked generation data and found K-Electric was running all its power plants at maximum capacity and that the news in media about underutilisation was incorrect. The water and power secretary said the government was supplying 600MW power to K-Electric therefore there should be no excess load-shedding in the metropolis.

Death toll climbs: Karachiites had a brief respite from soaring temperatures, though the death toll from the killer heatwave continued to rise, with 15 more fatalities reported on Saturday. Dr Seemin Jamali, the head of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre's emergency section, said the situation has gradually improved. "I urge the people to plant and nurture more trees in the city to deal with any subsequent heatwave." Salma Kausar, senior director at the Medical & Health Services of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), said no deaths had occurred at any of the KMC-run health facilities on Saturday. Saqib Zeeshan, communications manager at the Indus Hospital, also reported that there had been no fatalities at the health facility since Thursday. However, 200 more heatwave victims were admitted in different hospitals, while four patients breathed their last at the Civil Hospital Karachi. Forty-three patients were also admitted at the Aga Khan University Hospital a day earlier.

KARACHI: The recent intense heat wave, which claimed over 1,100 human lives, in Karachi also killed eight animals at city's zoological garden. The Karachi zoo had also declared an emergency as zoologists and veterinary doctors in the zoo increased their working hours, but to no avail. The animals died due to heat wave include a fallow deer, two green monkeys and peacocks each, a brown monkey and one hyena.

Sources told that poor upkeep of zoo and its inmates have resulted death of animals due to heatwave. Lack of training of the zoo staff is also one of the reasons contributing to harsh living conditions of the animals. It is learnt that the zoo administration earns a hefty amount, but only a

HEATSTROKE RELIEF CENTRES IN KARACHI

JUNE, 2015

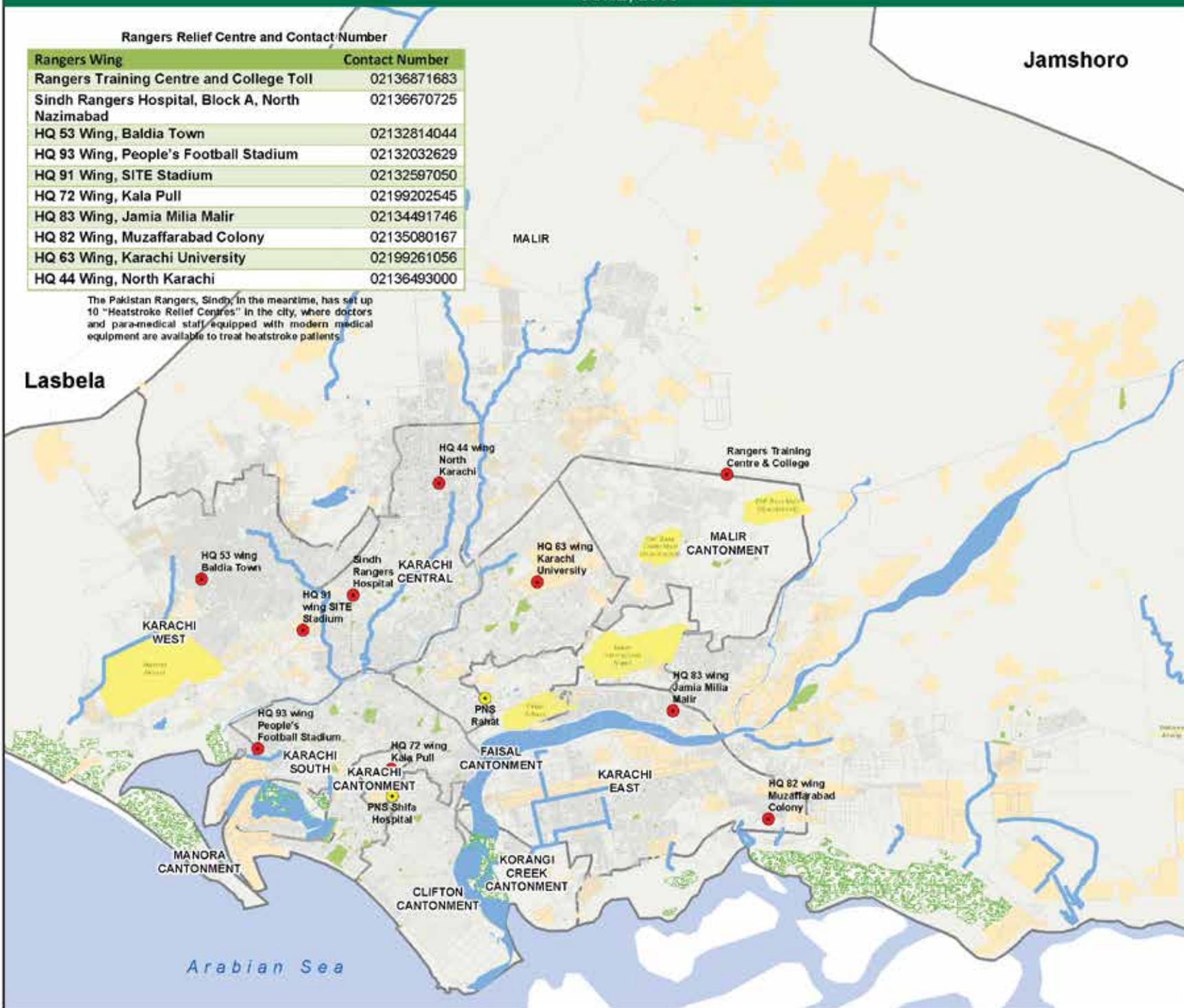
Legend

- Ranger Relief Centre
- Pakistan Navy Relief Centre
- Canal
- Street
- Airport/Air Base
- Mangroves
- Landuse
- Park
- River
- District Boundary

Rangers Relief Centre and Contact Number

Rangers Wing	Contact Number
Rangers Training Centre and College Toll	02136871683
Sindh Rangers Hospital, Block A, North Nazimabad	02136670725
HQ 53 Wing, Baldia Town	02132814044
HQ 93 Wing, People's Football Stadium	02132032629
HQ 91 Wing, SITE Stadium	02132597050
HQ 72 Wing, Kala Pull	02199202545
HQ 83 Wing, Jamia Millia Malir	02134491746
HQ 82 Wing, Muzaffarabad Colony	02135080167
HQ 63 Wing, Karachi University	02199261056
HQ 44 Wing, North Karachi	02136493000

The Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, in the meantime, has set up 10 "Heatstroke Relief Centres" in the city, where doctors and para-medical staff equipped with modern medical equipment are available to treat heatstroke patients.



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Relief Judge Sees Another Drought Looming on Thar

DAWN News, June 28, 2015

small chunk is spent on animals and their safety.

HYDERABAD: Mithi Senior Civil Judge Mian Fayyaz Rabbani, who has been appointed the relief inspecting judge by the Sindh High Court, has apprehended that Tharparkar may be hit by drought again this year because of no rainfall for long. He has also recommended that the condition of the computerised national identity card (CNIC) for a family head and his wife for receiving free wheat under the provincial government's scheme be dropped as many deserving families, widows and bachelors did not have it for valid reasons.

In a communication sent to the SHC registrar on Saturday, Judge Rabbani said that in view of another food crisis looming large over the region a drought control cell should be established. According to the communication, Tharparkar has been facing an acute shortage of food since March 2014 and hundreds of people have died during the period. On an average, five to 10 people lost their life on a daily basis and thousands of animals also perished. Countless families along with their livestock had migrated to the barrage areas for survival. Due to negligence and ill-planning by the authorities concerned, the relief packages announced by the government were misappropriated. No one heard grievances of the drought-hit community while the authorities failed to control the situation.

Judge Rabbani said that being the relief ins-p-e-c-ting judge, he paid many visits to Thar-parkar to deal with the issues of malpractices. Apprehending a drought looming large in the region, he recommended making advance arrangements for sufficient food to be provided to the vulnerable population. Since last year, every family has been getting a 50kg bag and the distribution process entered the 7th phase in May this year. The judge noted that the Tharparkar deputy commissioner had made the condition of CNIC mandatory for both husband and wife seeking the aid for their family. He said most people did not have CNICs and, as such, they and their families remained deprived of the relief aid. He said a large number of widows also could not get the relief. The judge called for allowing 15kg wheat to each CNIC holder so that bachelors, widows and others could also receive the aid. He also noted that many men appeared reluctant to submit with the government offices the CNICs of their spouses.

Regarding water supply situation, he said that government had announced installation of 750 reverse osmosis plants in the district by the end of June 2015 but so far 450 plants could have been installed. The judge observed that the company installing the plants blamed government functionaries for not finalising locations for more plants. He said that district administration should immediately prepare a list of the areas without water and provide it to the company. The judge also recommended filling the vacant posts of doctors on a priority basis. He said all dispensaries should remain open Sundays besides weekdays and they should be provided with life-saving drugs, especially the anti-snake venom. He said that availability of water and ambulances in the far flung areas of Tharparkar should be ensured. "Billions of rupees are given to NGOs by foreign donors for helping communities. Their performance should be monitored. All NGOs should be made feasible to work in very limited UCs so that their performances may be refined," said Judge Rabbani. He also suggested that a drought control cell be set up in every taluka to address the issues effectively.

KP CM Directs Assessment Of Losses Caused In Flood In Dir Upper

Business Recorder, June 28, 2015

KP Chief Minister Pervez Khattak has directed divisional administration, Malakand for immediate of the assessment of the human and financial losses from fall of thunder and flood in Dir Upper to present a detail report to him. The chief minister has announced that losses caused due to natural disaster in Dir Kohistan on Thursday evening will be redressed and the provincial government will take emergency based steps for the complete rehabilitation of the affectees of natural disaster.

The chief minister Saturday contacted Commissioner Malakand and Deputy Commissioner, Dir Upper and collected details regarding losses including human lives, roads, bazaars and other basic facilities due to flash water in the district. For conducting of assessment of losses, he constituted a three member committee comprising of MPA Mohammad Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Dir Upper and Director General (DG) Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). The committee will conduct the survey of losses and present its recommendations to chief minister.

The chief minister directed the administration for taking immediate measures for the rehabilitation of roads and paths destroyed in rains so the link of the affected areas with other parts of the country will be re-established. He has also directed the administration that beside, roads and other facilities damage assessment on shops and houses will be conducted. He pledged taking comprehensive steps for the rehabilitation of the affected areas of Dir Upper. The chief minister also expressed profound grief and sorrow over the loss of the precious human lives in the natural disaster and assured the bereaved families that at this critical juncture the provincial government will not leave them alone.

Rains And Floods: Committee Formed To Evaluate Damage In Upper Dir

Express Tribune, June 27, 2015

UPPER DIR: Upper Dir DC Imran Hameed Sheikh said a committee has been constituted to assess the damage caused by the thunderstorm and flash flood in Kalkot, Upper Dir. He was speaking to journalists on Friday after the funeral prayers of eight people, including two children, who lost their lives in torrential rains a day earlier. "Food packages, hygiene kits and tents will be distributed among families," he added.

JI MPA Muhammad Ali, who also attended the funeral, told journalists, "The provincial government will compensate the families of victims once the district administration provides it with an estimate of losses." He added, "In the meantime, Al-Khidmat Foundation will provide basic commodities to the affectees." The deceased were laid to rest in Biyar tehsil and thousands of people attended the last rites. A large number of newly-elected councillors, politicians and the general public were among the attendees.

Awami National Party leaders have also expressed solidarity with the bereaved families. The party's provincial president Amir Haider Hoti urged the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government to immediately announce compensation for families of the deceased. Earlier, on Thursday, at least eight people, including children, were killed in the thunderstorm and flash flood. Two children were also reported

Alkhidmat Foundation Dispatches Truck Full of Aid For Bayyar-Kohistan Flood Affectees

AKF News, June 26, 2015

10 killed in Upper Dir flood

Express Tribune, June 26, 2015

NDMA Takes Measures To Counter Heat Wave In Sindh

NDMA, June 26, 2015

Death Toll From Heat Wave in Karachi, Pakistan, Hits 1,000

New York Times, June 25, 2015

missing. Seven houses, an Eid Gah and a seminary were swept away and 15 shops were damaged. There was hardly any equipment to conduct rescue efforts in the area, which remained largely inaccessible as the roads were blocked due to landslides.

PESHAWAR: Alkhidmat Foundation dispatched a truck load of aid to Upper Dir, Bayyar Kohistan, where flash floods created havoc. The affected families will receive the aid which consists of food packages, tents, and items of immediate necessities. Mr. Noor Ul Haq (President Alkhidmat Foundation KPK) instructed Mr. Waheed Ullah (Local President Alkhidmat Foundation) to conduct rescue and relief operations for the affectees. Note that 8 people died and a number of people remain missing as the consequence of the flash floods in the region.

UPPER DIR: At least 10 people, including three children, were killed when a thunderstorm followed by a flash flood hit Kalkot, Upper Dir. Two children also went missing. Local MPA Mohammad Ali told The Express Tribune at least two houses had been washed away, killing two men, five women and three children.

"There is hardly any equipment for rescue efforts in the area. Also, it is inaccessible as the roads are blocked due to landslides," he added. Police said in total seven houses, an Eid Gah and a seminary were swept away. According to a Kalkot policeman, prayer leader Ahmad Munwar and his wife were killed in the flood. At least 15 shops were damaged. A Patrak police officer told The Express Tribune a house belonging to Habibullah, Abdullah and Salmat Khan was also damaged. At least five kilometres of the main Dir-Kohistan road also washed away as "the flow of the water is very strong," added the officer. "Rescue efforts are under way but the area is difficult to reach." Kalkot is part of the Dir-Kohistan region and has been affected by flash floods previously.

ISLAMABAD: NDMA Takes Measures To Counter Heat Wave In Sindh In view of the recent wave in Karachi which has led to unfortunate deaths, taking notice of the situation Prime Minister, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has directed NDMA for taking response measures on priority basis. NDMA immediately contacted PDMA Sindh and National Health Emergency Preparedness Response Network (NHEPRN) to undertake necessary response measures for establishment of heat stroke centres at all government and private hospitals including basic health units (BHUs) and to arrange all necessary emergency medicines for heat stroke victims as well as coordination with emergency services like Edhi, Chhippa and Rescue 1122 etc. for timely transportation of the affected persons. NDMA has also directed PDMA Sindh to activate emergency helpline to address the needs of the affected people on priority basis and to start awareness campaign for the population to adopt preventive measures. Chairman NDMA, also spoke to Corps Commander Karachi to render assistance in given regard. The Corps Commander informed that Army and Rangers have already been proactively pursuing the establishment of heat stroke centres for general population since last two days in entire provincial cantonments/Rangers established. It was further assured that Army will render all possible assistance and services as and when required by NDMA and PDMA Sindh.

NDMA is actively pursuing establishment of Heat Stroke centres all over the Provinces especially Karachi through PDMA Sindh and Provincial Health Department. NDMA is also in touch with Army for establishment of Heat Stroke Centres in Sindh. Both federal and provincial governments are trying their best to address the needs of the heat stricken people on priority basis. Apart from awareness campaign following measures have also been undertaken in this regard, including establishment of 64 water bowser points with 3,000 water tankers, establishment of 121 Heat Stroke Rehabilitation Centres that includes (60 KMC and 61 health department) have been arranged by the Sindh government. The provincial hospitals have also setup 36 Heat Stroke Rehabilitation Centres while 173 Heat Stroke Rehabilitation Centres have also been setup in rest of Sindh as well. In addition to above PPHI has also established Heat Stroke Rehabilitation Centres in Basic Health Units (BHU). Army and Sindh Rangers have also been actively pursuing measures to mitigate the effects of Heat Stroke affectees through establishment of 16 Heat Stroke Rehabilitation Centres.

NDMA in collaboration with Nestle Pakistan is also sending 77 thousand tons of water amounting to over 51 thousand water bottles for heat stroke centres in Karachi, while an additional 270 trays (24 juice of 200 ml each) is also being sent by Nestle in collaboration with NDMA. NDMA is constantly monitoring the situation in coordination with PDMA Sindh and NHEPRN is ready to facilitate the Provincial authority in given circumstances.

KARACHI: Death toll reached 1,000 on Thursday in this southern port city as residents grappled with a devastating heat wave that has crippled life and overwhelmed the health care system. Searing temperatures, which have been as high as 113 degrees Fahrenheit, or 45 degrees Celsius, fell below 100 on Thursday, but a sense of panic and crisis persisted in the city, the country's financial and commercial capital as well as the capital of Sindh Province.

There has been a sharp increase in the sale of air-conditioners and room coolers, local traders said. Morgues have run short of space, and hospitals are filled to capacity as patients scramble to be treated for dehydration and heatstroke. The heat wave has sent more than 14,000 people into government and private hospitals here. A man and his son at a hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, on Tuesday. A heat wave, with temperatures reaching 113 degrees, has fallen during the Ramadan fast. Karachi Heat Wave Death Toll Tops 650 During Ramadan Fast JUNE 23, 2015

Anwar Kazmi, a spokesman for the Edhi Foundation, which runs a private ambulance service and the city's main morgue, said the group had buried 40 unidentified bodies Thursday and would later bury another 40 later. The morgue, which has a capacity of 200, has been overrun since the heat wave began late last week, and the charity group said it was now looking into expanding the site.

Mr. Kazmi said that quick burials had become unavoidable given the extreme heat and the condition of the bodies. "It has become necessary for us to start burying the bodies because of the bad state we are receiving them in," he said. The foundation has buried at least 350 people since the heat wave started. While many of the bodies had been unclaimed, he said, workers were taking

photographs before the burials in case relatives came forward. Mr. Kazmi said the Edhi Foundation was putting in place plans to expand the morgue's capacity to 300. "This situation doesn't arise often," he said, "but it's become necessary now for us to improve." Most of the dead, many of them drug addicts and the homeless, have come from the poor areas of the city.

The provincial government has responded to the crisis by urging residents to save electricity, emphasizing the early closings of schools and institutes, shopping malls and marriage halls. The country has had power shortages for years, with daytime outages lasting several hours. Lower-income areas are facing prolonged, unannounced power outages and periods of extremely low voltage, while the situation is relatively better in more affluent areas.

The heat wave has also taken a toll on the city's pet population. "We are seeing one to two animals every day on average with some sort of heatstroke signs," said Dr. Isma Gheewala, a veterinarian in the upscale Defence neighborhood, who described animals arriving in a semiconscious state with temperatures of 106 to 107. "We have heard of many animals who just collapsed and expired due to heatstroke, particularly birds," Dr. Gheewala said. For sellers of home appliances, there has been a run on products for cooling and controlling humidity. Sales in Karachi are up by about 25 percent, and prices have climbed. "We did not see such sale of air-conditioners, room coolers and fans in the past," said Rizwan Irfan, a leader of Karachi's electronic traders' association. "The stocks of these appliances are running out."

Angered by the continuing power cuts, residents in several parts of the city have organized protests and blocked traffic. Even lawmakers from the province's governing party staged a protest outside the Sindh Assembly's building Wednesday. Dawn, the country's leading English-language daily, however, published an editorial on Thursday criticizing the provincial government's effort to blame the power supply for the high number of deaths, calling that absurd. "The Sindh government is focusing excessively on electricity as the cause behind the deaths," the newspaper said, "and not enough on measures that more directly deal with the cause of the deaths." The opposition politician Imran Khan also visited Jinnah on Thursday. During the visit, he blamed the provincial and federal governments for failing to provide adequate health care facilities for those affected.

LAHORE: Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Director General (DG) Jawad Ikram on Friday has said that usual monsoon showers are likely to happen this year. He expressed these views in a press conference in the provincial capital. He said that the department is chalking out a strategy to get rapid updates on India's water release. Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) said that the monsoon rains are likely to happen like the usual in past years, he added.

However, he said the department is ready to counter any unusual happening. The DG said that in addition to unexpected millimeters of monsoon rains, water released by India also causes problems. Ikram said that warehouses have been formed in different areas in the province including Lahore to provide relief items in case of emergency.

The land, atmospheric and oceanic conditions are examined to assess their contribution to the Asian Summer Monsoon and particularly Pakistan's Monsoon. Most of the Global Climate Models suggest that moderate El Nino conditions will persist during July to September that normally suppresses the monsoon rainfall in South Asia. There is also a probability of basin wide warming in the Indian Ocean resulting Positive Indian Ocean Dipole (in Aug/Sep) that provides roots to some active monsoon system in South Asia, normally below 30°N. Most of the Global and Regional Climate Models indicate – "A weak Monsoon with some uncertainties, producing slightly less than normal rainfall during July to September in Pakistan. However, due to interaction of easterly & westerly systems, a few extreme rainfall events (exceeding 100 mm/day), may occur over AJK, North-East Punjab and Kp resulting into flooding".

Outlook of July 2015: Monsoon will gradually pick up rhythm during 2nd and 3rd week of July (2015), producing rainfall in most of the areas of AJK, Punjab and KP, with one or two extreme rainfall events during 3rd or last week of month. In second of fortnight, monsoon currents will also penetrate in South-eastern parts of the country, producing scattered rainfall in Sindh and eastern parts of Balochistan.

This seasonal forecast is prepared at 80% confidence level and meant for the planning purpose only. The area weighted normal (long period average 1981-2010) rainfall for Pakistan during the season July- September is 140.9 mm. Overall ability of water from monsoon rainfall in the country would be satisfactory.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society has distributed its brochure on Heat Stroke And Illness Awareness Tips to general public and also uploaded on PRCS-Sindh website and official facebook page as well.

Usual Monsoon Rains Likely This Year: PDMA DG

Dunya News, June 26, 2015

Seasonal Forecast for Monsoon (Jul-Sep) 2015

PMD, June 25, 2015

Red Crescent Distributed Heat Stroke And Illness Awareness Tips Brochure

PRCS Sindh, June 23, 2015

PDMA SINDH UPDATES ON HEAT WAVE SITUATION

Details of Casualties and Stroke Stabilization Centers as of June 25, 2015

Provincial Disaster Management Authority Sindh informing the press about heat wave situation told that there are total 330 Heat Stroke Stabilization Centers working at different places in Sindh. Details of casualties and centers are:

No. of Deaths Reported in Karachi	822
No. of Patients so far Treated in Karachi	13,000
No. of Patients admitted currently	650
No. of Heat Stroke Stabilization Centers in Karachi	61
No. of Heat Stroke Stabilization Centers in Karachi by KMC	60
No. of Heat Stroke Stabilization Centers in Hospitals at Karachi	36
No. of Heat Stroke Centers in Hospitals of Sindh excluding Karachi	173

There are also 64 free Water Tanker Points established at various locations of Karachi, which includes 16 in District Malir, 14 in Korangi, 05 in South, 05 in East, 09 in Central and 15 in district West.

Provincial Emergency Operation Center of PDMA Sindh is working round the clock to monitor the situation and helping the affectees. The telephone numbers are:

PEOC	021-99239524
PDMA Head Office	021-99251458, 021-35842430, 021-35842433
Fax	021-99251463

“Heat Stroke” Precautions

In the wake of current Heat Wave in the Province of Sindh, the general public is advised to take necessary precautionary measures to prevent and preempt the Heat Stroke.

"Abnormal heat wave can affect your health more than you might think. Prolonged exposure to heat can lead to the worst heart related and respiratory difficulties and impacts on nervous system and can cause potentially fatal heatstroke".

Abnormal temperatures can be fatal, especially for:

- the elderly
- the very young
- people with chronic or long-term medical history, such as a heart condition or respiratory tracts issues

Precautionary Measures:

- Avoid going outside between 11am and 3pm, as this is the hottest span of the day.
- Spend maximum time in the shade.
- Avoid strenuous activity.
- Help others: your neighbors, relatives and friends who may be less able to look after themselves (especially if they have mobility problems).
- Keep yourself and others cool, more so if you or they have a heart or respiratory condition. If symptoms become worse, seek medical advice.
- Drink plenty of water / liquids / fruit juice at regular intervals.

Symptoms of Heatstroke:

- headaches
- dizziness
- intense thirst
- nausea and vomiting
- muscle weakness or cramps
- hot, red eyes and dry skin
- a sudden rise in temperature
- Semi-consciousness.

First Aid Steps for Heat Stork:

- While waiting for the paramedics to arrive, initiate first aid.
- Move the person to an air-conditioned environment -- or at least a cool, shady area -- and remove any unnecessary clothing.
- Take the person's core body temperature and initiate first aid to cool it down to 101 to 102 degrees Fahrenheit.
- (If no thermometers are available, don't hesitate to initiate first aid.)

Try these cooling strategies:

- Fan air over the patient while wetting his or her skin with water from a sponge or garden hose.
- Apply ice packs to the patient's armpits, groin, neck, and back. These areas are rich with blood vessels close to the skin; cooling them may reduce body temperature.
- Immerse the patient in a shower or tub of cool water, or an ice bath.

If emergency response is delayed, call the nearest hospital emergency centre and follow instructions.

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DETAILS

BANNU: Twenty-three militants, including foreigners, were killed during airstrikes on Sunday in areas close to the Pakistan, Afghanistan border of Khyber and North Waziristan agencies. "A huge ammunition dump was also blown up in strikes in Khyber Agency," the military's media wing, Inter Services Public Relations, said in a statement. Two intelligence officials, who declined to be identified, as they are not authorised to speak on the record, said the latest air strikes killed the militants in the Zoinari area of North Waziristan. "We got information that local and foreign fighters were hiding in this area," said one of the officials. "Strikes were launched and 10 militants were killed. Three hideouts were also completely destroyed." Militants used to control all of North Waziristan, a mountainous region that includes the Shawal Valley and runs along the Afghan border but Pakistan Army has recaptured most of it in the operation launched last June. NATO forces had long urged Pakistan for such an offensive, saying Taliban safe havens in Pakistan were being used to attack NATO and Afghan forces in Afghanistan.

Since last month, the military has stepped up operations in Shawal Valley, where the Taliban still operates freely. The area is a stronghold of Khan "Sajna" Said, a leader of a Taliban faction whose name was added to a sanctions list of "specially designated global terrorists" by US authorities last year. Most phone lines to the area have been cut and military roadblocks curtail civilian movement. The Pakistani Taliban mainly fight against the government in Islamabad and are separate from, but allied with, the Afghan Taliban that ruled Afghanistan in the late 1990s before being expelled in a US-led intervention. Both groups send fighters against Afghanistan's Western-backed government. Afghan officials have said the Pakistani army offensive has driven large numbers of fighters over the border, complicating the war in Afghanistan's east and north.

SUKKUR: Sindh Police IG suspended on Friday night the orders issued by the Larkana DIG for the suspension of 35 SHOs of Larkana division. DIG Saen Rakhio Mirani had suspended 35 SHOs throughout Larkana division on Friday. Of these, nine SHOs belonged to Larkana district, 13 to Shikarpur district, six to Kandhkot-Kashmore district and seven to the Kamber-Shahdadkot district. Not a single SHO was suspended from Jacobabad district. Police sources in Larkana claimed that all the SHOs were suspended due to poor performance. On the other hand, a source claimed that as these SHOs were not posted through the DIG's recommendation, he had ordered their suspension. Despite several attempts to contact DIG Mirani, he was available for comments. The SSPs of the relevant districts, too, did not attend their phones. Kamber-Shahdadkot SSP Sarfaraz Nawaz Shaikh attended the phone, but said that he was on leave and knew nothing about the matter.

ISLAMABAD: With the crackdown against mafias and financial terrorism gaining momentum, the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has been empowered to detain suspects for 90 days. These powers were earlier available exclusively to the paramilitary Rangers in Karachi. The federal government has extended the power to the FIA, enabling it to keep suspects in custody for three months under the ambit of the Protection of Pakistan Act (PPA), which was enacted last July. Confirming the development, a senior interior ministry official said the powers were delegated to the FIA keeping in view two aspects of the Karachi operation: a.) to eradicate militancy and, b.) to combat financial terrorism. A large number of suspects have been detained by the Rangers during the operation and they are being interrogated under the same law. "Now the federal agency will also be able to interrogate the suspects thoroughly," the official added.

During a recent meeting of the Sindh Apex Committee, Major General Bilal Akbar, the director general of Rangers in Sindh, had disclosed a nexus of politicians, civil servants and gang lords involved in supporting organised crime and terrorism syndicates in Karachi. Maj Gen Akbar alleged that billions of rupees collected from extortion, land grabbing, targeted killings and other rackets were flowing into the coffers of certain top political personalities of the province. Part of this huge amount of money was being used for funding terror, Lyari gang war and criminal activities across the metropolitan city. Political parties had called for an investigation into the claims made by Maj Gen Akbar. Pakistan Peoples Party Senator Aitzaz Ahsan said the claims should have been backed by credible evidence. Meanwhile, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's Shah Mahmood Qureshi has asked the federal government to make the Rangers report public.

Scotland Yard team in Islamabad?

Moazzam Ali Khan, a key suspect in the Imran Farooq murder case, has been shifted to Islamabad, where he is expected to be quizzed by Scotland Yard investigators. Pakistani officials will also join the interrogation of the suspect. Moazzam was arrested in April this year from Azizabad, Karachi, for his alleged role in the killing of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) convener in London. While media reports suggested a two-member team of Scotland Yard has arrived in the capital city, an interior ministry spokesperson did not confirm the news. Interior ministry officials also remained tight-lipped over the 'leaked statement' of MQM's senior leader Tariq Mir to Scotland Yard, admitting the party had received funds from the Indian government.

WASHINGTON: Wars in Pakistan and Afghanistan have killed at least 149,000 people between 2001 and 2014, says a recent report by a US think-tank. The Watson Institute's Costs of War Project also reports that another 162,000 have been wounded since the US-led offensive that toppled the Taliban government in Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks. The institute is affiliated with the Brown University, a prestigious Ivy League school, and publishes studies focusing on three main areas – development, security, and governance. The 149,000 deaths include US military members, contractors, as well as at least 26,270 civilians in Afghanistan, and 21,500 in Pakistan.

Year-to-date: 83 mutilated corpses found in Balochistan

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Off the hook: 34 'militants' acquitted due to weak prosecution

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The figures also include members of the Afghan and Pakistani national police and security forces, and opposition forces, such as the Taliban. The report points out that war violence, the resulting displacement of individuals from their homes, and destruction of the environment and public services have also contributed to an untold number of indirect deaths from malnutrition, disease, and lack of access to care. "This report reminds us that the citizens of Afghanistan and Pakistan have ... suffered staggering untold and irreparable losses," says said Catherine Lutz, Brown University Professor and co-director of the project. "This report is the latest in our ongoing documenting of the significant human and financial consequences that the post 9/11 wars have had on the United States," she adds.

Pakistan

The report notes that the armed conflict in Pakistan is closely related to the war and has killed tens of thousands of people, including at least 21,500 civilians. It points out that several related armed conflicts are currently under way in Pakistan: militant groups attacking the Pakistani government, and frequently, civilians; the Pakistani government targeting militant groups and US drone strikes targeting militant groups. "Civilians in Pakistan's northwest and throughout the country commonly fall victim to violence by all parties of the fighting," says Neta C. Crawford, a co-director of the project.

Drone attacks in Pakistan

The report notes that local and international estimates of US drone casualties vary widely, with groups estimating anywhere between 1,900 and 3,800 people killed. "What is certain," says Ms Crawford, "is that drone strikes disrupt peoples' livelihoods, destroy infrastructure ... and as a result, contribute to displacement, malnutrition, and disease." The report points out that since 2004, millions of Pakistanis have been on the move, both internally displaced and in neighbouring countries. Refugees are particularly vulnerable to indirect deaths, but it is difficult to estimate these deaths among those internally displaced in the Pakistani border region, where media and humanitarian access is tightly restricted.

QUETTA: The Vice Chairman of Human Rights Commission Balochistan chapter Advocate Tahir Hussain said that as many as 83 mutilated bodies were recovered this year in Balochistan. He said this while addressing a news conference on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on Friday here at Quetta Press Club. He said that as many as 230 cases of disappeared persons are registered with the Supreme Court. He added that people have little knowledge about their rights and called for raising awareness among the public about their basic privileges. He said five years ago, in extension of the UN Treaty on Support of Victims of Torture, Pakistan pledged an effective statute in torture. He said torture should be declared as a crime. He said that on the International Day of Support of Victims of Torture, MCT and Pakistan Human Rights Commission should demand of the government to make laws against torture and compensate the victims of torture in Pakistan.

He said that the day reminds everyone that inhuman behaviour, such as torture, still exist in Pakistan, mocking human dignity. He said that after having signed the Treaty five years ago, it is high time Pakistan legislated on the issue. He added that HRCP and MCP have in an open letter to NA welcomed a draft bill that is still pending in the lower house of parliament. "Pakistan Human Rights Commission should demand of the government to make laws against torture and compensate the victims of torture," said Hussain. Both organisations have also suggested good amendments against torture and killing into the draft bill. In response to a question, he said that earlier the family members of missing persons would inform them about their dead bodies began to surface, they stopped telling HRCP anything about them now.

KARACHI: The anti-terrorism courts in Karachi have exonerated suspects in nearly 50 cases relating to militancy in the past three months. The provincial government, however, appears to be unmoved by their acquittals and subsequent release, sources told The Express Tribune. The eight anti-terrorism courts have acquitted more than 34 suspects in around 46 cases, registered under charges of murder, attempt to murder, assault on law enforcers, encounters, extortion, kidnapping for ransom and possession of illegal weapons and explosives. Official sources told The Express Tribune that the anti-terrorism courts had ruled that the Karachi police and its various specialised investigation agencies had 'failed' to prove the allegations leveled by them against the accused. The verdicts came in response to the Supreme Court's directives issued to the anti-terrorism courts nationwide to expedite trials in militancy-related cases, following Islamabad's renewed counter-terrorism policy after the Army Public School attack in Peshawar.

The judicial officers, who did not wish to be named, remarked that the failure of the prosecution in establishing their cases had put a question mark over the performance of the investigating agencies, particularly those that were meant to deal with heinous crimes such as murders, terrorism, kidnappings for ransom and extortion. "The failure of the investigators in cases relating to attacks on law enforcement personnel, given the increasing killings of policemen in targeted attacks, would further demoralise the force and encourage the criminals," remarked an officer, expressing concerns over the high acquittal rate. The federal government has also constituted an apex committee for the implementation of its national action plan in Sindh, but the body has repeatedly been expressing its dissatisfaction over the performance of the provincial government towards the improvement of law and order in the metropolis.

Unappealing prosecution

The officials claimed that the Sindh Prosecutor General's Office, which is duty bound to assist the investigating agencies in proving their cases in the trial courts, has yet to act on the matter. "Under Section 25-H of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997, the anti-terrorism court is duty bound to send the judgment as well as the record and proceedings of every case to the Sindh High Court so that anyone aggrieved by the verdict, be it the state or the defendants or the legal heirs of the victims,

Military courts: SC reserves judgment on constitutional amendments

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Italy arrests Pakistani accused of bloody 2009 Peshawar bombing

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can challenge the verdicts," they explained. The sources disclosed, however, that the prosecutor general's office had not filed a single appeal against the acquittals and verdicts in such a large number of cases involving serious offences. "No appeal has so far been filed by the provincial government through the prosecutor general's office," a clerk told The Express Tribune, requesting anonymity.

SC concerned over PG's performance

At a recent meeting to review performance of the anti-terrorism courts in the province, the Supreme Court's monitoring judge for ATCs, Justice Amir Hani Muslim, had taken serious exception to the absence of prosecutor general Sher Muhammad Sheikh in the meeting to 'justify the prosecution's performance and failures' in the cases. The SC's judge had directed the competent authority, who is the chief minister, to consider if another officer, who was actually able to discharge such an important job, could be appointed in Sheikh's place. ATC judge in each judgment noted with concern that the prosecution had 'miserably' failed to prove the charges against the defendants, who were to be acquitted by giving them the benefit of reasonable doubts in prosecution's case and subsequently to be released. The judges also ordered the IG to take action against two investigation officers over faulty investigation. Among those acquitted are the alleged members of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, the Lyari gang-war groups and other criminal groups.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court reserved on Friday its decision regarding petitions challenging the formation of military courts. A 17-member full bench of the apex court considered three questions regarding the 18th and 21st constitutional amendments and will issue its verdict based on these. The questions were, whether or not the amendments have a constitutional structure, whether the 21st amendment is in contradiction with the Constitution and if the Supreme Court can annul the amendments in question. Earlier, Attorney General Salman Aslam Butt contended that while the judiciary has the prerogative of defining the Constitution, it cannot declare null and void a constitutional amendment or law with the single stroke of a pen. Advocate generals of the federal capital and all four provinces, representatives of Pakistan Bar Council, including Asma Jahangir, Ibrar Hasan and Khalid Anwer, also completed their arguments.

On the occasion, the advocate generals endorsed the arguments of the attorney general placed before the court. The apex court had received several applications regarding the constitutional amendments in question. While the 18th constitutional amendment relates to the procedure regarding appointment of judges, the 21st relates to the formation of military courts for the trial of militants, the latter receiving most applications relatively. On June 24, during the hearing of the 21st amendment, Attorney General informed the court that last year, 85 per cent of cases were outstanding in anti-terrorism courts.

ROME: A Pakistani accused of organising a 2009 bomb attack on a Peshawar market that killed more than 130 people, has been detained in Italy, police said Friday. Siyar Khan, 36, who is also suspected of involvement in a potential plot against Pope Francis, was arrested on terrorism charges as he stepped off a flight from Islamabad to Rome on Thursday evening. In a statement, police said they suspected he had an "executive role" in what was one of the worst attacks in Pakistan's history – the October 28, 2009 bombing of the crowded Meena Bazaar which left 134 dead, including scores of women and children, and more than 200 others injured. Authorities at the time blamed the Taliban, which denied carrying out the attack. Italian anti-terrorism detectives believe Siyar Khan was part of a militant network based in Italy which was plotting terror attacks on Rome and possibly the Vatican to be carried by suicide bombers imported from Pakistan. The suspect, who is legally resident in Italy, is accused of sheltering one of the would-be suicide bombers, who entered the country in March 2010 and is believed to be still at large. The detention of Khan came two months after police on the island of Sardinia issued 18 arrest warrants as part of an operation against what they described as an Islamist terror cell led by two former bodyguards of Osama bin Laden.

The cell allegedly operated out of Olbia, a Sardinian town which has a small, long-standing Pakistani community. Only nine of the suspects were actually arrested in April with the others mostly thought to have fled to Pakistan before the raids. Mario Carta, one of detectives in charge of the investigation, told AFP the Italian authorities consider Siyar Khan to have been the right-hand man of Sultan Wali Khan, an Olbia shopkeeper arrested in April whom they suspect of having planned and financed the Peshawar attack. Carta said that the would-be suicide bomber arrived in Italy in March 2010 with the intention of mounting an attack, "perhaps on Rome, even the Vatican cannot be ruled out." "We have not been able to establish the identity of the kamikaze (bomber) ... but we believe he is still at large in Italy, most probably in the region of Olbia, which had become a nerve centre of jihadist activity," Carta told AFP. The operation against the alleged cell followed a six-year investigation that began with a probe into an illegal immigration racket allegedly run from Sardinia.

Italy raises terror alert after attacks

Italy raised its terror alert level on Friday after deadly attacks in France, Tunisia and Kuwait. "No country is without risk, we have raised the level of alert to re-sensitise those units charged with protecting sensitive places," Interior Minister Angelino Alfano said. "Today has seen three attacks with dozens of dead carried out in three different places around the world, linked by one thing: violence and terror," he said. Italy had raised its alert level to the third-highest in January, after the extremist attacks in Paris. Alfano did not specify to what grade he had increased the level on Friday, after a massacre at a beach resort across the Mediterranean in Tunisia and a grisly attack in southeast France. At least 37 people were killed and 36 wounded when a gunman opened fire on holidaymakers on a beach in the Tunisian resort town of Sousse.

Meanwhile in France, a businessman was found decapitated with Arabic inscriptions on his body at a gas factory near Lyon, while further afield in Kuwait, a suicide bombing at a mosque claimed by

Round two: Second phase of traffic warden service to kick off after Eid

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Govt may hand over defence parts manufacturer to POF

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Arrests: Crackdown continues against fake CNICs

Islamic State militants killed 25. Alfano shot down claims that would-be extremists may be entering Italy via migrant boats crossing the Mediterranean from Libya, hidden among the over 60,000 people who have washed up on the country's shores so far this year. "We will win the terror challenge only if we do not allow ourselves to be conditioned by fear," he said, adding that "there is no proof that there has been a rise in crime as a consequence of the rise in immigration".

PESHAWAR: The second phase of the traffic warden service will kick off on GT Road, Dalazak Road and Charsadda Road in the city after Eidul Fitr. Speaking to The Express Tribune on Friday, DSP Traffic Asghar Marwat said 74 wardens will be deployed during this stage. Vehicles and other equipment are currently being arranged for the initiative. Marwat said City and Cantt would be included in the third phase of the service. "This service is aimed at serving the people of the city," he said. "Peshawar will be equipped with an ambulance to shift people to hospitals in the event of a road accident." Marwat added traffic wardens will be paid a share of the challans as well. "After the introduction of this new warden service on University Road, we have stopped issuing challans," he said. "An awareness campaign has been launched instead. This resulted in substantial losses for the traffic police which used to collect Rs10 million in fines every month."

Well-paid

According to Marwat, a proposal has been finalised regarding salary packages and other benefits for traffic wardens and has been sent to the provincial government. "Once it has been approved, the salaries of wardens are likely to exceed those of motorway police officers," he said. "The salary of a motorway police inspector is Rs. 65,000 while the salary of an inspector in the Traffic Warden Service will be Rs. 68,000 under the new proposal." Marwat said traffic wardens will be paid an allowance which amounts to 50% of their salary in addition to a patrolling allowance of Rs. 5,000. "Since motorway police personnel are given Rs.12,000 for house rent, we have suggested that traffic wardens should be given a minimum of Rs10,000," Marwat said providing officials with a respectable salary package will prevent corruption.

Traffic management

In January, the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police announced its plans to revamp the traffic management system in the city by introducing a new traffic warden service. The first phase began in March. Earlier this month, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak inaugurated the first-of-its-kind traffic warden service in Peshawar. The new system included a mobile traffic workshop unit, an accident recovery unit and an awareness unit. Moreover, the manual system of issuing challans was replaced by an automated one.

ISLAMABAD: The government is likely to hand over control of Pakistan Machine Tool Factory (PMTF) – a parts producer for missile launchers and submarine systems – to Pakistan Ordnance Factory (POF). According to officials of the Ministry of Industries and Production, the country's economic managers have turned down the ministry's plea for a bailout package for the sick unit – burdened with liabilities of billions of rupees – like the way assistance was provided to Pakistan Steel Mills. The economic managers, in a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) held on June 17, were informed that POF had expressed interest in acquiring PMTF and it had completed the technical due diligence of PMTF and the tax and financial due diligence was under way. ECC Chairman Ishaq Dar, who is also the finance minister, underlined the need for completing the due diligence process and stepping up privatisation of the enterprise. He suggested that POF might consider inclusion of post-retirement liabilities of PMTF's employees in overall cost of the transaction.

Planning, Development and Reform Minister Ahsan Iqbal stressed that the list of state-owned enterprises proposed for privatisation should be strategically reviewed so that only those enterprises were sold off that were not profitable. Responding to that, the ECC chairman said the matter would be discussed comprehensively by the Cabinet Committee on Privatisation. Considering the summary submitted by the Ministry of Industries that sought a bailout package of Rs1.477 billion for PMTF rehabilitation, the ECC had earlier directed the Privatisation Division to bring another summary after consultation with the stakeholders. In the meantime, the ECC approved Rs96 million on March 19 on the recommendation of the Privatisation Division for paying salaries to PMTF employees for three months from January to March 2015. The Privatisation Division, however, proposed a bailout package of Rs1.381 billion for the rehabilitation of PMTF including Rs558 million for working capital and Rs823 million for personnel-related dues. PMTF has suffered a loss of about Rs2.261 billion. On June 30, 2014, its liabilities were Rs3.657 billion that rose to around Rs3.794 billion in April 2015. The profit and loss statement of PMTF indicates that the company has not been able to utilise its resources appropriately and has gradually turned into a loss-making enterprise.

The Privatisation Division cautioned that the bailout package was not advisable at this stage keeping in view PMTF's financial performance for the last many years and its impending privatisation. Moreover, due to financial constraints, PMTF has not been able to pay dues to 508 retired employees since 2008 including the 37 retired employees who have passed away. Under these conditions, it was not possible for the company to even pay salaries to its existing employees. The Ministry of Industries asked the ECC to approve the release of Rs823 million for clearing the outstanding claims of PMTF's retired employees on humanitarian grounds and another Rs96 million for paying salaries to the employees for the period April to June. Furthermore, it should be ensured that the funds extended to PMTF were strictly utilised for only paying the dues of employees. The ECC approved Rs64 million for paying salaries to the employees for April and May 2015.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police has registered more cases against those accused of possessing fake computerised national identity cards (CNIC). The operation has intensified following authentication from National Database and Registration Authority and verification from the special branch. Over the past one week, cases have been registered against 1,516 people for

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DSPs to receive junior commander training

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DI Khan jail break: 40 cops dismissed for negligence

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Security institutions to investigate BBC report on MQM's 'Indian funding'

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holding fake CNICs, 960 were booked for verifying the fake documents and cases were filed against 26 for acting as NADRA agents. At least 802 cases have been registered in Peshawar, 460 in Mardan, 49 in Kohat, 85 in Malakand, 27 in Bannu, 49 in Hazara and 44 in DI Khan. So far, 2,687 cases have been filed in the ongoing operation.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police has signed an MoU with Pakistan Provincial Service Academy to introduce a junior commander course for DSPs. According to a press release, the agreement was signed during a ceremony held at Central Police Office in the city on Wednesday by Headquarters Additional IGP and PSSA Director General. The ceremony was attended by Headquarters Additional IGP Mian Muhammad Asif, DIG Training Muhammad Ali Gandapur, AIG Establishment Fida Hassan Shah, AIG Logistics Asif Iqbal Mohmand and DSP Training Aneela Naz. From the academy, Director General Nighat Mehrroz and Assistant Director Najma Sehr were present on the occasion.

Mandatory course

The course will ensure transparency in the promotion of deputy superintendents to SPs in the police department. Under the course, the academy will train nominated DSPs for three months. The police department will pay the academy for the course and provide it with details of the modules which will be taught. The press statement added the course will be mandatory for DSPs and they will only be promoted to SPs once they have passed it.

In a first

According to the press release, this is the first time in the history of the country that such a course has been introduced. "A system of mandatory training was present for constables before they were promoted to the rank of inspectors," the statement added. "But no such requirement existed to test and train DSPs before promoting them to the rank of SPs. The agreement is expected to go a long way to ensure transparency in the promotion of DSPs and will strengthen the police force."

DI KHAN: At least 40 police personnel were dismissed Tuesday evening for acting negligently during the DI Khan jail break in 2013. The officials include an ASI, three head constables and 36 other officials. Insiders familiar with the matter told *The Express Tribune* on Wednesday the decision was taken by DI Khan DPO Sadiq Hussain Baloch in accordance with the recommendations of an enquiry committee. Speaking to journalists later in the day, Baloch said either the provincial government or IGP Nasir Durrani can take action against high-ranking officials. On July 29, 2013, outlawed group TTP laid siege on Central Prison DI Khan. Insurgents helped 230 inmates escape. At least 12 people were killed during the assault. The PTI government constituted a committee to probe the incident.

ISLAMABAD: Action will be taken against the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) if the BBC's allegations that the party received funds and training from India are authenticated, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry said on Thursday. "Institutions relating to national security are handling this matter and are collecting the facts," he said during a briefing to Senate's Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Express News reported. Aizaz's statement comes a day after a BBC report revealed that the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) was receiving training and funding from India. Chaudhry said action could be taken only after the allegations leveled against the political party are authenticated, "Pakistan reserves the right to raise this matter on every international forum once we have gathered credible information." "It is time the government should move against him [Altaf Hussain] in the light of the BBC report on the MQM-India nexus," said a source in the security establishment.

Deterrence against India

Further, he said, Pakistan's nuclear weapons are only there to respond to threats from its eastern border, referring to India. "Our atomic weapons are only for deterrence as we perceive threats from India," Secretary Foreign Affairs Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry told a Senate Panel. The panel discussed developments regarding the US, Pakistan Working Group on Security, Strategic Stability and Proliferation. Pakistan has serious concerns over India and the United States recent deal over civil nuclear technology programme, he said. "It has created an imbalance in the region. Pakistan needs this programme as other countries need it," Aizaz informed lawmakers. Regarding proliferation of nuclear technology, the foreign secretary revealed there were 22 countries whose nationals were involved in this notorious business. "AQ Khan's involvement in this business is history now," he added.

Further, Pakistan Peoples Party Senator Farhatullah Babar quoting a chapter from former president Pervez Musharraf's book revealed 18 tonnes of such material was shipped to Libya and 11 tonnes to Iran in the late nineties and early 2000s. Chaudhry also took Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to task for his statement in Bangladesh, wherein he accused Pakistan of promoting terrorism and said it was a serious violation of the United Nations charter. "Indian interference is a violation of international laws," he said. Pakistan has recently accused India's premier intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), of whipping up terrorism in the country.

Relations between Pakistan and India have been tense since last several weeks due to a series of controversial statements given by the Indian political leadership. In one such statement, the Indian defence minister blatantly admitted that his country would use terrorists to neutralise terrorists. His remarks implied that India was using certain militant groups to foment violence in Pakistan. More recently, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledged that his country played a part in the events of 1971 that led to the breakup of Pakistan. The latest BBC revelations will certainly sour the already tense relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

Afghan peace process

Meanwhile, the secretary claimed that since the military operation in North Waziristan, there had been a drop in terrorism-related incidents. Regarding the peace process in neighbouring

10 killed in Rangers operation in Karachi

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SPD playing important role in strengthening country's defence: PM

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Regulating NGOs: SC wants to know registration, funding process of NGOs

The Express Tribune, June 23, 2015

Operation Zarb-e-Azb to continue unhindered: Army Chief

The Express Tribune, June 23, 2015

Pakistan vows to respond 'forcefully' to any destabilisation attempt

Daily Dawn, June 23, 2015

Afghanistan, the foreign secretary said Pakistan is ready to extend all-out support for talks that are going to be held between the Afghan government and the Taliban. "Pakistan reiterates its stance of wishing to see the formation of a well-established and strong government in Afghanistan," he said.

KARACHI: At least 10 suspected terrorists were killed late on Tuesday when Sindh Rangers conducted an intelligence-based operation in Karachi's Manghopir area and Super Highway near Kathor, an official press release said. Acting on a tip-off, the Rangers carried out an operation on Super Highway near Kathor in which two paramilitary personnel were also injured. According to a Rangers spokesperson, as soon as Rangers' personnel reached the site, the terrorists opened fire at them. Rangers returned fire at the suspected terrorists, killing two. As the paramilitary force pursued other suspected terrorists who had managed to flee, four more suspected terrorists were killed and two Rangers personnel were injured in the cross-fire that ensued. Four more suspected terrorists were killed in a Rangers encounter in Mangopir area. Rangers recovered ammunition, explosives and a suicide vest from the possession of the suspected terrorists.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Wednesday the Strategic Plans Division (SPD) has been playing an important role in strengthening the country's defence capabilities. "SPD has been playing an important role in strengthening Pakistan's defense capabilities," the premier said during a meeting with the newly-appointed DG Strategic Plans Division Lt Gen Mazhar Jamil at the PM House. According to the PM House, the two discussed matters relating to Pakistan's nuclear, missile and space programmes.

Further, the premier expressed confidence in the newly-appointed SPD director general. "Lt Gen Mazhar Jamil thanked the government for reposing confidence in his abilities for this important assignment and assured the prime minister that he will perform duties to the best of his abilities," a PM House statement said. SPD is an important component of National Command Authority which is headed by the prime minister and exercises and control over the country's nuclear and strategic capability structure.

ISLAMABAD: As government moves to form new terms of reference for non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to register under, the Supreme Court on Tuesday sought reports from federal and provincial governments regarding the regulations for such organisations in the country. A three judge bench of the apex court, headed by Justice Jawwad S Khawaja, has asked the governments to provide details regarding the registration of NGOs as well as their supervision and their source of funding, both of which the federal and provincial governments have so far failed to do. The bench warned that the chief and home secretaries will be summoned if the replies submitted by the governments turned out to be unsatisfactory. The bench had issued notices regarding the working of NGOs while hearing a plea for bail of a man implicated in a fraud case. The accused was a business partner with an NGO called Baraan. On the last date of hearing, the bench had kept the bail pending and sought a report from the K-P and federal governments regarding the details of 'Baraan'.

The Additional Advocate General K-P, while submitting a report on Tuesday, stated that the Baraan was unregistered. Similarly, the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Sajid Ilyas Bhatti submitted that a letter has been written to the Governor State Bank, seeking financial details and account history of the NGO. During the hearing, Justice Khawaja remarked that while the newspapers are full of reports and ministers issuing statements on the subject of NGOs, but in reality nothing has been done to better regulate such organisations. Expressing concerns over the government's lack of awareness on Rs30 million being transferred to Baraan's account, Justice Khawaja said money was like oxygen for NGOS, and if their funding is stopped then these bodies close down. The hearing of the case was adjourned till July 1.

ISLAMABAD: Army chief General Raheel Sharif and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif decided on Tuesday that Operation Zarb-e-Azb would continue unhindered and would be taken to its logical conclusion. The decision came during a meeting between the two at the PM House in Islamabad and comes just days after the premier assured Raheel Sharif that the government would not brook any criticism or tolerate any statement or remarks against the military. In addition to the progress of the offensive, which was launched in June last year, the internal and external security situation of the country also came under discussion. Concluding talks, it was decided that the operation against criminals and terrorists would continue across the country to optimally utilise the environment created due to the phenomenal successes of Zarb-e-Azb.

Further, it was reiterated that Zarb-e-Azb would be taken to its logical conclusion, regardless of the cost, as terrorists and criminals would be targeted indiscriminately. Lauding the efforts of the forces in the ongoing operations Fata, the premier said the nation was proud of its valiant Armed Forces and "highly valued the sacrifices rendered by our officers and men in fight against terrorism." The premier assured his full support to the army chief and said the entire nation is standing behind its armed forces in its mission to eradicate terrorism from the country. Earlier, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said that the operation would continue until peace and tranquility in the tribal areas was reinstated permanently.

UNITED NATIONS: Reaffirming its commitment to eliminate all terrorists "without distinction," top Pakistani diplomat Maleeha Lodhi warned of a forceful response to any attempt to destabilise parts of Pakistan or to attack its territorial integrity. "Let me be clear: we will be relentless in rooting out terrorism, whosoever its sponsors, external or internal," Ambassador Lodhi told the UN Security Council on Monday. "Any effort to destabilise parts of our country or to attack its territorial integrity will be responded to forcefully," the Pakistan envoy said in a debate on the situation in Afghanistan. Acknowledging that terrorism remained a common challenge, she told the 15-member council that Pakistan had condemned the recent rise in violence in Afghanistan, including the "atrocious" attack on the Afghan parliament, and reaffirmed Islamabad's commitment to cooperation with Kabul in fighting the scourge. Ambassador Lodhi spoke after the quarterly briefing

UNHCR chief praises Pakistan for hosting Afghan refugees

Daily Dawn, June 23, 2015

NGOs will now operate under interior ministry: Nisar

Daily Dawn, June 22, 2015

Peshawar's inmates suffer as Mardan prison still incomplete

The Express Tribune, June 22, 2015

by Nicholas Haysom, Special Representative of the Secretary General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (Unama), in which he urged the international community to work towards lasting peace and reconciliation by facilitating direct talks between the Afghan government and armed groups.

The country continues to need the support of the international community and the sustained attention of the Council, he stressed. In her remarks, Ambassador Lodhi said Pakistan would play a constructive role in promoting peace and security in Afghanistan that could best be achieved through a process of national reconciliation undertaken and led by Afghans themselves. "We welcome the first, tentative steps taken in recent months to advance the reconciliation process. We hope these steps will lead soon to direct talks as well as de-escalation of violence." "Pakistan will do everything possible to encourage this process. Success will require reciprocal accommodation and above all, strategic patience," the Pakistani envoy added. Ambassador Lodhi affirmed enhanced engagement between Pakistan and Afghanistan based on the principles of non-interference, preventing the use of territory to attack the other country and treatment of each other's enemies as common enemies, as agreed by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani during the Pakistani premier's recent visit to Kabul.

Outlining activities relating to the Heart of Asia process that Pakistan co-chaired, she stated that sustainable peace in Afghanistan would lead to regional stability. She also welcomed the Afghan government's commitment for the return and reintegration of the large population of refugees hosted by Pakistan and hoped for continued Unama assistance in that regard. Ambassador Lodhi called for more focused action with international support to stem the illicit drug trade. The destinies of Afghanistan and Pakistan are intertwined, she said, adding that Pakistan would help the Afghan people in whichever way it could to reach the goal of lasting peace.

PESHAWAR: In a joint press conference with Minister for States and Frontier Regions (Safron) Abdul Qadir Baloch in Peshawar on Wednesday, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Chief Antonio Guterres appreciated the government and people of Pakistan for having generously hosted the world's largest protracted refugee population over a period of three decades. Reiterating his commitment, Guterres said, "It's a crucial year for finding lasting solutions for Afghan refugees in the region." "Unfortunately in the past the Afghan government was not fully committed to creating favourable conditions for the return of Afghan refugees, but the new Afghan government, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive of Afghanistan Abdullah Abdullah have taken keen interest in the repatriation process," said the UNHCR chief. The UNHCR chief added that the organisation is not doing well financially as the number of refugees have increased worldwide but finances have not. He, however, affirmed that UNHCR will continue its struggle with regards to the refugee crisis.

Safron Minister Abdul Qadir Baloch said that Pakistan wants honourable repatriation of Afghan refugees. "After December 31, it will be decided how to repatriate Afghan refugees back to their homeland," said Mr Baloch. Mr Guterres is on a three-day 'Ramazan Solidarity' visit to Pakistan from June 22 to 24. On Monday, he met with Adviser to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz. During the meeting, issues pertaining to Afghan refugees in Pakistan and their voluntary repatriation back to their homeland were discussed. The UNHCR chief also called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the PM House.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali while speaking to the press on Monday said that Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) will now operate under the Interior Ministry instead of the Economic Affairs Division. The minister said that the high-level inter-ministerial committee, set up under Special Assistant to PM Tariq Fatemi for reviewing laws and regulations regarding accreditation and working conditions of INGOs working in Pakistan, had recommended that NGOs should operate under the interior ministry. He also stressed that there should be a transparent accountability system with regards to NGOs. "We should know where their money is coming from and what it's being used for." Nisar said the matter would likely be tackled within the next three to six months. "A lot of NGOs are doing work that governmental institutions are not equipped or able to do. We welcome these NGOs but we will not allow any NGO to work here if they operate in conflict with our values." "This is a very important sector for Pakistan. There are over 40 per cent unregistered NGOs. No one will be allowed to conduct illegal activities in Pakistan under the guise of an NGO," he underscored. Talking about international aid agency "Save the Children", the minister said: "Save the Children is not an enemy of the state; it has been registered since 1997 and is a globally-recognised NGO but during the PPP government's tenure in 2012, some intelligence reports were uncovered in relation to it." However, he said, the previous government had not taken any action.

Nisar said that visas would not be issued for staffers of unapproved NGOs. "Only routine visas will be issued for those NGOs which are approved, and are operating under their designated mandate." In a similar context, he said, no visas had been issued for foreign representatives of Save the Children, nor was the government intending to do so until the new policy was implemented. Nisar said that "Save the Children" had applied for approval in 2014 but their plea was still under process. The minister said NGOs would be consulted with regards to the new policy, adding that all NGOs would be encouraged to adopt self regulatory systems. On June 12, authorities had ordered closure of 'Save the Children' in Pakistan on grounds that the international aid group was "working against the country". But the orders were later suspended by the ministry of interior in a matter of days.

PESHAWAR: Almost a year has gone by since the provincial government announced it would open a new high-security central prison in the city of Mardan. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's fifth and what was supposed to be its most heavily-guarded central lock-up was meant to start functioning in September last year. Officials say the prison is almost complete but has not been handed over to prison authorities. During the ANP government, it was decided to construct a central prison in

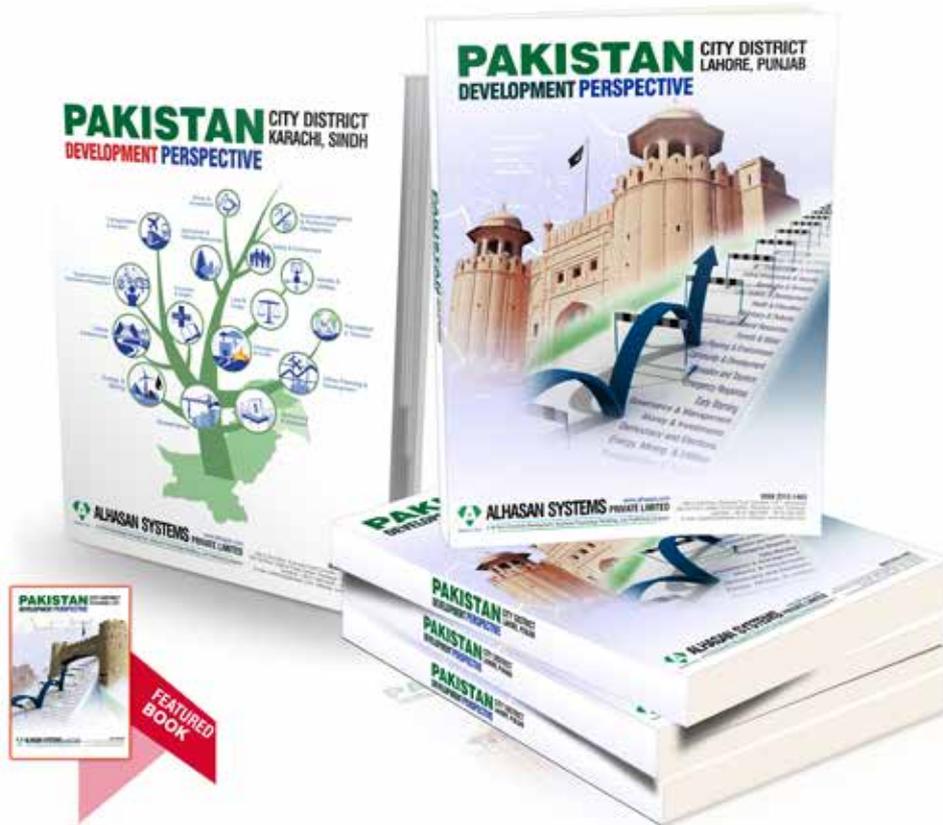
Mardan. When the government changed in 2013, it made plans to make a high-security lock-up but instead of constructing it from scratch, it was decided to repurpose Central Prison Mardan.

Holed up in Peshawar

Once this prison would be up and running, it would serve a dual purpose – reduce the burden on the overcrowded Central Prison Peshawar and keep hardened militants from breaking out. With no word on when the Mardan prison will be ready for use, as many as 2,200 inmates are living in inhumane conditions at the facility in Peshawar. With so many inmates, Central Prison Peshawar is going through painful repairs, in phases. Talking to The Express Tribune, a jail official said it will take another 24 months to reconstruct Peshawar Central Prison. He said jail authorities have not been handed control of the new facility in Mardan as yet. “Once we take charge, we will shift Peshawar’s inmates to Mardan.” The Peshawar jail official said, “Once all inmates are moved out, reconstruction of the entire complex will be carried out at once and not in phases.”

The facility in Mardan is said to be one of the most secure prisons in the country—once its reinforced gates open to gen pop—it is designed to avert organised jailbreaks like those that took place in Bannu and DI Khan. Rs3.5 billion have been allocated for the home sector in the 2015-16 budget. The sector is divided into three areas – home and tribal affairs, police and prison infrastructure. The prison department’s portfolio comprises construction and rehabilitation projects, solar power, water filtration plants and enhancement of jail security.

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DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectuals Forum (PBIF) President and former provincial minister Mian Zahid Hussain said that breakthrough in nuclear talks between Iran and the western powers, expected within days, would have a positive impact on global peace, regional trade and the local energy sectors.

Speaking to the business community on Saturday, Hussain said that revoking sanctions on Iran after the final deal would help energy starved Pakistan to boost its economy by importing natural gas through 700 km pipeline. He claimed that the Iranian gas is still the best and cheapest option for Pakistan to revive the limping economy. "The USA didn't allow Pakistan to import gas from Iran for long and refused a civilian nuclear deal which hit Pakistan's economy and US ratings," the PBIF President noted. He said that importing gas from Turkmenistan is difficult and plans to import gas from Qatar through pipeline is yet to see light of the day, therefore, Pakistan should renew efforts to bring the Iranian gas. The PBIF president said Iran could also help Pakistan by providing cheap Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), which would save a lot of foreign exchange. "After lifting sanctions on Iran, India and China would be also willing to get gas from Iran which would help Pakistan earn handsome transit amount. Iran has 80 million population, consumer base equal to Turkey, mineral resources equal to Australia, 9% oil of the world's and 18% natural gas, therefore, it cannot be ignored," he added. Hussain said that initial agreement between Iran and the western nations reduced oil prices by 4% in the oversupplied oil market while final agreement would allow Iran, the country with fourth largest oil reserves, to revive its paralysed economy.

Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has reportedly raised objections over four percent margin for Pakistan State Oil (PSO) on import of LNG, saying that consumers should not be unnecessarily burdened, well informed sources told *Business Recorder*. According to sources, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, in its draft summary of April 2, 2015 provided that it intends RLNG pricing in line with pricing of other petroleum products on monthly basis and accordingly relevant schedule of Petroleum Products (Petroleum Levy) Ordinance 1961 are being amended to declare RLNG as a petroleum product. Accordingly, RLNG price shall be notified monthly, as decided by the federal government. OGRA maintained that eventually entire LNG/RLNG supply chain is required to be governed by a proper regulatory framework under one legislation, ie, OGRA Ordinance. Therefore amendment to OGRA Ordinance will be appropriate to regulate this activity. Further, keeping in view the economic considerations, only rational, prudent and unavoidable costs should form part of RLNG prices so that unnecessary burden should not be passed on to the end consumers and the prices are kept within reasonable limits in comparison to the alternate fuels, so as to remain viable to produce cheaper electricity and/or other products.

OGRA commented on "LNG DES Price" said that "take or pay volumes, losses on account of net sale proceeds" were not included under this head earlier approved by the ECC. The same have now been added without mentioning its basis. Therefore, MP&NR is required to elaborate the nature of such expenses along with rationale and this cost should not be recovered from the end consumer." The regulator which remains dysfunctional argued that import of LNG is being handled by federal government. Accordingly, LNG DES price including take or pay volumes, losses on account of net sale proceeds and relevant adjustments due to exchange rate forming the DES price may be provided by the federal govt. for inclusion in monthly price computation. This will require specific pricing methodology and comprehensive mechanism to ensure transparency in the entire LNG procurement process. In this case, Take or Pay component is the responsibility of the defaulter which should be accounted for separately and may not be treated as part of LNG DES price. Commenting on margin, OGRA stated that PSO's margin of 4 percent of LNG DES price is on higher side since it approximately computes to over Rs 40 per mmbtu (assuming DES price at US \$ 10/mmbtu) which will consequently impact on the public at large, more specifically the electricity consumers. Further, no rationale has been provided for allowing such margin to PSO and that too in dollar terms linked with DES price. This linkage, without any additional cost, will result into automatic increase under this head in view of LNG market volatility.

Further, LNG import is not PSO's prime and exclusive business activity rather it is just facilitating the LNG arrangement without any quantifiable risk and cost on its part. OGRA therefore suggests that reasonable cost under this head be recovered on actual basis in rupees per mmbtu term. RLNG consumer may not be un-necessarily burdened. SSGCL/SNGPL cost of service to be determined by OGRA based on estimated/ actual cost of service determined by it under section 8 for the relevant year, which will be bifurcated by the gas companies in terms of Transmission & Distribution activity separately and this will provisionally be included in RLNG price of the respective category of the consumer. The mechanism for adjustment of the estimates based on the actual result will be incorporated when the same is finalized by OGRA. SSGCL/SNGPL administrative margin \$0.05/mmbtu for each company to be treated as operating income and be fixed on rational basis in rupee terms, which on the latest conversion rate works out to Rs 5.09 per mmbtu. On losses, OGRA said that the percentage transmission loss up to 0.5 percent or actual incurred by the company, whichever is less and distribution losses, if any, as allowed by the authority may be applicable.

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk) – The second state-of-the-art Liquefied Natural Gas terminal is going to establish at Port Qasim, Karachi for which almost all formalities have been completed. According to official sources present supplies barely met the country's 50 percent demand and the LNG import was critical for development sectors including industry, power and fertilizer production. The private sector was invited to invest in setting up a terminal for receiving 200 mscfd of LNG, to be expanded to 400 mscfd. The successful bidder will be bound to make the terminal operating within one year so

Taxila THQ hospital — a picture of neglect

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that the target of increased supply of 400 mmmcf LNG could be achieved.

TAXILA: The shortage of doctors, especially gynecologist, surgeon, woman medical officer, and other facilities in public hospitals in Taxila and Wah Cantt has made a mockery of the Punjab government's health sector reforms programme. The tehsil headquarters hospital which caters to over 50,000 population of Taxila, comprising over 14 villages, has become a picture of neglect, forcing patients to turn to private doctors and hospitals for treatment and tests on exorbitant rates. The sorry state of affairs shows that the city population lacks a credible preventive health cover, making the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) almost impossible. The MDGs in the health sector will ensure high quality services including family planning, antenatal and postnatal care, skilled delivery and emergency obstetric care by 2015. At the THQ hospital Taxila, the posts of gynecologist, child specialist, surgeon and two female medical officers have been vacant for long. Sources said due to the absence of any woman medical officer, the maternity department was being run by nurses and midwives. A large number of female patients at the hospital told this correspondent that nurses and midwives were playing with their lives. The hospital also lacks other facilities, including beds, stretchers and wheelchairs. In case of some complication during a delivery, the patient is rushed to nearby military hospitals. Under the MDGs targets, Pakistan is required to reduce the maternal mortality rate to 123 deaths per 100,000 live births and under-five mortality ratio to 41 deaths per 1,000 live births by 2015. The establishment of a fully-fledged eye, pathology and radiology departments in the hospital is also the need of the hour so that the residents of Taxila and Wah Cantt can get better health care under the Punjab government health sector reforms programme.

Patients mostly from poor financial background also bemoan lack of medicines in hospital. Shamim, an indoor patient, told this correspondent that the elite of the area received medical treatment at the private sector or military hospitals whereas ordinary citizen could afford only public sector hospital which lacked even basic facilities. She said the public hospital did not have a trauma centre and surgery facilities. Abdul Waheed, another patient, said the affluent, including members of parliament had nothing to do with this hospital, so they are hardly bothered by the lack of facilities in the hospital. Another patient, Khan Mohammad, said the hospital did not have even funds for fuel to run its ambulances and if patients had to be shifted to Rawalpindi hospitals they had to arrange petrol for the ambulance from their own pocket. Medical Superintendent (MS) THQ hospital Dr Mohammad Shahid said the surgeon and gynecologist had resigned due to unknown reasons while the child specialist and medical officer were on long leave. When contacted, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr Mohammad Rafeeq said the health department was trying to fill the vacant posts in the hospital, especially that of the gynecologist, surgeon and woman medical officers. However, despite advertising the posts, no potential candidate turned up for the interview. In reply to a question, he said the department was considering filling the posts by borrowing staff from other stations to meet the urgent need of trained medical staff at Taxila. Social and public circles said on the one hand the Punjab government in collaboration with Unicef and others had launched a safe motherhood initiative and on the other hospitals in the rural areas were working without adequate staff and facilities. The residents asked the chief minister to provide basic medical facilities and remove shortage of medicines and staff in the hospital.

Grid station fire causes hours-long power failure in FB Area

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KARACHI: Power supply to a large part of Karachi's central district was disrupted for hours after a fire broke out at a K-Electric grid station in Federal B Area on Saturday afternoon. Due to the grid station fire, some 50 power feeders were affected and as a result several areas in Azizabad, Dastagir, North Nazimabad and other parts of Federal B Area were deprived of power. The KE remained tightlipped over the cause of the fire and the duration of the firefighting operation. However, officials at the Sohrab Goth fire station said that it took them around one hour to put out the fire. "We received the distress call at 12.05pm on Saturday and our trucks returned after putting out the fire by 1.13pm," said an official. "Initially it was a small fire in the KE transmission circuit that exploded into a much bigger fire. We were able to save three transmission circuits while putting out the fire while one was completely destroyed," he told Dawn. A spokesman for the KE said that the fire brigade was able to control and put out the fire, which he said broke out due to technical reasons. He said besides the Federal B Area grid, the fire also affected the Surjani Town and Maymar grid stations. However, he said, soon after KE's engineers were able to restore power to Gulshan-i-Maymar and Surjani Town through backfeeding from alternative sources. He said that 50 feeders and areas including Azizabad, Dastagir, North Nazimabad and Federal B Area were affected due to the grid station fire. "The repair work would take around eight hours to complete. KE regrets any inconvenience caused to its consumers and requests their cooperation," he concluded. Meanwhile, residents of the affected localities faced hardship and agony due to the prolonged power breakdown in the hot and humid weather. "The outage began at Saturday noon and soon after when I complained I received a message on the phone informing me of the fire that KE teams were hard at work fixing the problem," said Sohaib Inam, a resident of F B Area. "But it wasn't fixed till 4pm when our UPS stopped working. And now we are completely without power and looking towards KE to fix it as soon as possible. Many things come to mind about this power utility failing its consumers so badly during this extremely hot weather and it being Ramazan, too. But what can I say. If I start cursing them, I think my fast would break," the gentleman, who seemed to be used to extended power outages, added. Syed Mehdi Hasan Shah, another resident from the same area, said that one of the three phases of his house was not working for several days along with an ongoing fluctuation issue beside this grid station fire.

KU employees break water pipeline to bathe in heatwave-hit Karachi

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KARACHI – Employees of Karachi University broke water pipeline amid rising temperature in an attempt to 'convert' it into water fountain to fight scorching heat, Dunya News reported. The workers at KU gave up their patience and smacked the water line to bathe in cold water amidst surge of heatwaves in the city. On the other hand, the university's administration remained unaware of the incident.

WB agrees to finance water projects of twin

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank (WB) has agreed to provide funds for water supply schemes and cater to the needs of the twin cities. Official sources said that WB authorities have told officials that

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the Economic Affairs Division refers the project to it before the funds are released. The source said that the project also includes water supply to the twin cities from the Indus River. According to the source, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has been assigned the task to talk to the Sindh chief minister to persuade him on agreeing to allow water quota from the River Indus. "If the projects were allowed to be initiated, the water issue of the twin cities will be resolved on a permanent basis," said an official while requesting anonymity. According to the officials, the Capital Development Authority will be entrusted to undertake work on the water projects if things go as planned. The sources said that federal and Punjab governments have also agreed to finance the water projects.

ISLAMABAD / LAHORE: An international anti-corruption watchdog has asked Punjab Minister for Finance Dr Aisha Pasha to immediately call off the procurement for 'Punjab Saaf Drinking Water' project and prepare fresh list of shortlisted firms/JCs, and issue new letter of invitation (LOI) with the RFP. The warning has been issued by Transparency International Pakistan (TIP) Chairman Sohail Muzaffar in a letter to the Punjab finance minister, a copy of which is available with Pakistan Today. It is the first project in which the Punjab government has been warned against "corruption" as the TIP's focus had been on Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments after the Punjab government had entered into an agreement with TIP to ensure transparency in governance. Mysteriously afterwards, the TIP had not raised any objection in any project since then. In the letter addressed to Punjab Finance Minister and Punjab Saaf Pani Company Chairperson Dr Aisha Ghaus Pasha, the TIP referred to a complaint it received against what it called "the collusion" in approval of four joint ventures (JVs) of same firms in Saaf Drinking Water in LOI, bids to be submitted on July 2, 2015.

The TIP said that the Punjab Saaf Pani Company has approved consortium of four JVs: Engineering General Consultants (EGC) (Pvt) Ltd in association with Associated Consulting Engineering (Pvt) Ltd (ACE), ECSP & Dongbu Engineering; EGC (Pvt) Ltd in association with ACE, ECSP & SMEC; ACE (Pvt) Ltd in association with EGC, ECSP & Dongbu Engineering; and ACE (Pvt) Ltd in association with EGC, ECSP & SMEC.

"TI Pakistan has noted that M/s ACE and four other firms have joined hands and made four different JVs, and Punjab Saaf Pani Company has illegally prequalified them," the letter said.

AGAINST PEC ACT:

The TIP said that according to the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) Act 1976, Punjab Saaf Pani Company has violated following provision of PEC (Conduct and Practice of Consulting Engineers) bylaws, 1986:

(14) Two or more consulting engineers partially or wholly owned or directed by common individuals, regardless of the extent of their shares or interest, are not eligible to offer or compete for the same project. Only one such consulting engineer shall be eligible to offer his services for a project: Provided that such consulting engineers may be permitted to form a joint venture to offer services as one venture.

"Kindly note that this act of bidders and officer of Punjab Saaf Pani Company, headed by the minister, is a corrupt act under Rule 2(f). Corrupt and fraudulent practices includes the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of anything of value to influence the action of a public official or the supplier or contractor in the procurement process or in contract execution to the detriment of the procuring agencies; or misrepresentation of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract, collusive practices among bidders (prior to or after bid submission) designed to establish bid prices at artificial, non-competitive levels and to deprive the procuring agencies of the benefits of free and open competition," it has been noted. In this regard, the TIP has advised Punjab Saaf Pani Company to cancel the procurement, and prepare fresh list of shortlisted firms/JCs, and issue new LOI with RFP. "In case of non compliance of above advice, the procurement may be declared as mis-procurement, in collusion with officers of Punjab Saaf Pani Company," Sohail Muzaffar warned.

KARACHI – Secretary Water and Power Younis Daga and Chairman National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) Tariq Sadozai on Saturday paid a visit to K-Electric office in Karachi to investigate the reason behind prolonged electricity outage in the metropolis, Dunya News reported. According to the details, the officials interrogated from the concerning department regarding the continuous load shedding during their visit and also inspected different activities in the office. The authority has also formed a four-member committee to probe into the matter.

KARACHI: Several areas in Karachi were without electricity Saturday evening after a fire at a grid station affected at least 50 feeders across the city. Federal B Area, Azizabad, Dastageer, North Nazimabad were among the affected areas after the blaze at a grid station in FB Area. K-Electric officials said ongoing repair work at the grid station may take up to eight hours for electricity supply to be restored to the areas.

PESHAWAR: The police of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan has been found involved in electricity theft. Furthermore, KP Police is also a defaulter of Rs 60 million of Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA). Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) is trying to avoid any action against the police despite the availability of ample evidence. The reason for PESCO is not taking any action is that police has been fully cooperating in province-wide operation against power thefts. PESCO sources confirmed that at least 10 police stations are involved in power thefts and a local news channel was also able to obtain footage of police stations using electricity from illegally hooked connections. KP police is a bill defaulter of 60 million rupees to WAPDA while Peshawar police is a bill defaulter of 24 million rupees. Despite several letters of PESCO to police, it has not cleared the arrears yet.

SIALKOT: The suspension of electricity supply to industry during nights has been affecting industrial production in the export-oriented Sialkot city and has caused concerns among traders, industrialists and exporters. They feared that the situation could also result in a great decline in exports from

Pakistan, China agree to expedite work on Bahawalpur solar project
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Sialkot. According to details, the GEPCO has been implementing a plan to suspend electric supply to industry during nights (from 6pm to 4am) since the start of holy month of Ramazan to ensure smooth supply of electricity to people during Sehri, Iftari and Taraweeh timings. Under the plan, the industry remains without electricity that result in stoppage of industrial production during night shifts in Sialkot factories. The local traders, industrialists and exporters have raised their voice against, what they said, injustice by the government. President Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) Fazal Jillani said that the Sialkot industries were already suffering from prolonged unscheduled loadshedding during day times. Former SVP of SCCI Mian Muhammad Anwar added that instead of facilitating the exporters by providing maximum electricity to them, but the government had halted the provision of electricity to Sialkot industry during nights. He said "during the days we face harsh loadshedding of electricity and during nights we remain without electricity".

Sialkot based central Chairman of Pakistan Readymade Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PRGMEA) Ejaz A Khokhar added "Our industrial production was lying suspended during the nights due to non-availability of the electricity". Chairman Pakistan Gloves Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PGMEA) Muhammad Younas narrated that this nasty situation was also resulting in inordinate delay in timely dispatch of our export orders worth millions of US Dollars, as we were unable to send our export consignments in time to the foreign destinations, in this regard. President Markazi Anjuman Tajraan Sialkot Haji Mehar Ghulam Mujtaba said that the unending power cuts were badly hampering business and trade activities in Sialkot, saying that now the situation has become unbearable for the traders.

LAHORE: Pakistan and China have agreed to gear up work on generating 900 megawatts of electricity in Bahawalpur Solar Power Park, said a report published on Radio Pakistan. The understanding came during a meeting between Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and a Chinese delegation in Lahore today. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said the solar power park project is part of the China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said the project will be completed by 2016 while 300 megawatts (MW) of electricity will be generated from the power park by the end of this year.

Shahbaz also said the Chinese company will be provided all possible facilities for timely completion of the project as per the best international standards. In the first phase, at least 0.5 million solar panels were installed in three blocks over 500 acres of the solar park land. Earlier, the infrastructure for the park, including a boundary wall, buildings and roads were constructed while water was taken to the site from a nearby canal. The construction work of the first phase of 100MW had been completed earlier in the year. The second and third units of the solar park comprise 300MW and 600MW, respectively. The work on these two units had been jointly inaugurated during by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chinese President Xi Jinping during the latter's visit in March. The second phase is expected to be completed in the beginning of next year followed by work on the third phase.

KPK govt decides to supply power to various jails through solar energy
Dunya News, June 27, 2015

PESHAWAR – Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Home Department has started work to supply electricity to various jails across the province through solar energy. In this regard, the home department has sought recommendations from different companies, however, funds have not been allocated for the project yet. On the other hand, the provincial government has allocated Rs248 million to improve security of the jails. Control rooms will be established at eleven jails for this purpose. According to authorities, threat of terrorist attacks increased due to interruption in electricity supply to jails. This initiative will not only improve security measures but also keep CCTV cameras, scanners and other security devices running.

Power shortfall maintains at 4000 MW
Dunya News, June 27, 2015

ISLAMABAD – Power demand in the country has reached 19,000 MW whereas the shortfall maintains at 4000 MW which can increase with rising temperature, Dunya News reported on Saturday. According to Ministry for Water and Power, production of electricity is 15,000 MW with six hours loadshedding in urban areas and eight hours in the rural areas. Sources report that those areas where power theft is occurring and possess high proportion of line losses are undergoing even more long hours of loadshedding.

CMCH's Coronary Care Unit running without proper head
The Statesman, June 27, 2015

LARKANA: The Coronary Care Unit (CCU) of the Chandka Medical College Hospital is running without proper head of department (professor) since one year which is to be provided by Benazir Bhutto Medical University, Larkana. Prof Saeed Ahmed Sangi retired a year ago and associate professor Dr Javed Akbar Siyal was posted as chairman of the department by the BBMU who too has gone on two years leave four days ago to NICVD, Karachi on 23rd June. Prof Sangi after retirement had submitted an application to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah using his influence to post him on three years contract basis in CCU which was sent to BBMU authorities for compliance but it was ignored by the BBMU Vice Chancellor, sources revealed here on Friday. In another case, Dr Sikander Ali Shaikh, known cardiologist of Chandka Medical College Hospital, has also been transferred to Khairpur on promotion from BS-18 to 19. He was also issued NOC and a letter was also sent to the Health Secretary for posting him back against an existing vacancy of BS-19, but the health department turned down this request and Dr. Shaikh was forcibly relieved off and directed to join his new assignment at the hometown of Sindh Chief Minister.

Due to his transfer, Echocardiography has almost been stopped. ETT machine of CCU is also non-functional since last eight months. The posts of one professor, two associate professors and one assistant professor are lying vacant since long due to which the treatment of affected heart patients is suffering very badly in this vital department along with the studies of the medical students. Associate professor of cardiology Dr. Abdul Majeed Shaikh is also going to retire in September 2015. BBMU Director Human Resources Dr Ali Akbar Bhutto confessed that fresh appointments have been delayed and simultaneously hoped that interviews for the posts of assistant professors, and senior registrars will be held next month. He said that no application has been received on the vacant post of professor of cardiology. Dr. Bhutto said that the post of Dr Javed Siyal has not been rendered vacant due to his two years' leave but if he did not join back after availing leave his post of associate professor of cardiology will be declared vacant and then filled. Four postgraduate doctors are also

Heatwave eases, but still claims 105 lives

Daily Dawn, June 26, 2015

German delegation meets CM Shahbaz, pledges to support Punjab govt

Dunya News, June 26, 2015

doing their post-graduation in this department and their studies will also suffer badly. It must be mentioned here that Faryal Talpur Cardiac Surgery Complex is under construction at the capital cost of Rs 51.123 million in Chandka Medical College Hospital. - PPI

KARACHI: Another 105 people died of heatstroke on Thursday, bringing the death toll to 1,116 in Sindh, even though the harsh weather that has overwhelmed the province for a week subsided considerably. Officials said the number of heatstroke patients arriving at hospitals had reduced significantly on Thursday because the weather was quite windy and, at times, cloudy, but it failed to completely stop the heatwave attacking them. "On Thursday, at least 90 people died in Karachi and 15 in other districts of Sindh," a government official said. Hyderabad, Thatta, Matiari and Benazirabad were among the districts where these fatalities occurred. According to official figures, 1,040 people have died in Karachi since Saturday and 76 in other parts of Sindh. "We have admitted and treated heatstroke patients today as well, but their number was less than half of the daily average hitherto," said Dr Seemin Jamali, joint executive director of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, which has recorded 329 deaths since Saturday evening.

Other large facilities, like Civil Hospital and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital, also confirmed to have received fewer patients than the previous days. Health experts said that prolonged power cuts, water shortage and fasting, especially by the elderly, made them vulnerable to heatstroke. Most of the victims were men aged 50 or above and belonged to poor neighbourhoods of the city. As the morgues were already full, finding body bags lying on the floor was a common sight. Officials at public sector hospitals complained that they did not receive significant help from the provincial government; anything they got was from common people. "People are donating generously. They have given us everything, from bottled water to medicines, for the patients," said an official at a government-run hospital. "Government officials and political leaders have visited patients largely for photo shoots," he added. An official in the provincial health department told Dawn that more than 42,000 people had been hit by the punishing heatwave in Sindh, 38,000 of them in Karachi alone.

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday announced new levelized upfront tariff of Rs 10.6048/kWh for wind power projects which envisages substantial decrease from the previous tariff of Rs 13.1998/kWh. This would reduce the cost of electricity generated through wind energy by up to Rs 2.5 per kWh as compared to previous wind tariff. This tariff will be limited to the extent of net annual energy generation supplied to the power purchaser up to 35% net annual plant capacity factor. According to NEPRA, the new determination has preceded the previous upfront tariff which was determined on April 24, 2013 for a period of two years which lapsed in April, 2015. The new tariff will remain applicable for six months from the date of notification. The prospective investors opting for this tariff will have to achieve financial close within one year from the date of decision of the Authority awarding upfront tariff to them. The targeted maximum construction period after financial close is 18 months. This time period prescribed in the determination is to ensure early completion of the projects. This initiative besides ensuring energy security will provide clean renewable energy at an affordable price to the consumers and would facilitate in mitigating the power shortfall. The regulator has also considered the world-wide data on operations and maintenance costs available with it and after due deliberation has decided to allow the gross indexed amount of operations and maintenance costs allowed in the upfront tariff, 2013 through this determination. Further, mechanism for indexation of insurance during operations has also been brought in line with the mechanism for indexation of insurance given in the upfront tariff for solar. NEPRA has considered the proposal of Planning Commission regarding introduction of reverse auction mechanism for deciding tariffs for renewable energy sources. The Authority has noted that in the upfront tariff, 2013 it had observed that proposal regarding auctioning of wind power projects needs to be considered by AEDB. The Authority further observed that AEDB has not reverted to the Authority on this issue. The Authority has deliberated on the issue and has found that number of countries in the world have followed the path of allowing upfront tariffs for development of their renewable energy sector. The Authority has concluded that at this juncture changing the future direction ie going from determined tariff regime to reverse auction mechanism is not prudent. For the computation of proposed upfront tariff, after taking into consideration international trend of decline in project costs of wind power generation projects, project cost of \$1.97 million per MW (foreign financing) and \$2.08 million per MW (local financing) was considered by the Authority. Majority of stakeholders objected to project cost considered in the upfront tariff proposal. The stakeholders contended that the proposed project cost is too low and has been reduced substantially from the project cost considered for the upfront tariff, 2013. It was also submitted by most of the stakeholders that the proposed project cost is not in tandem with the proposed plant capacity factor. Further, some of the stakeholders contended that the project cost of any other part of the world cannot be taken as a reference for Pakistan due to various factors such as absence of local manufacturing base in Pakistan, transportation cost of heavy machinery into Pakistan, country risk, expatriates insurance, Grid code requirements, etc. Most of the stakeholders suggested taking into account the project cost allowed in the upfront tariff, 2013, few recommended to just reflect the impact of improved lending terms in the project cost of upfront tariff, 2013 and one commentator submitted that \$2.3 million per MW may be considered as the project cost.

The Authority also observed that the Planning Commission has proposed announcing separate tariffs for European and Chinese origin turbines and this upfront tariff is energy based and gains or losses due to quality of machinery will be passed on to the power producer, except to the extent of impact of revenue sharing mechanism for excess generation. Accordingly no change on this account is required in the upfront tariff. The Authority has noted that withholding tax on dividend was allowed as a pass through item in the upfront tariff, 2013. However, in case of upfront tariffs for various other technologies recently determined, withholding tax on dividend has not been allowed as a pass through item by the Authority. The Authority in accordance with its recent in principle decision on this issue, has decided not to allow withholding tax on dividend as a pass through item in this upfront tariff. The Authority has noted that withholding tax on dividend was allowed as a pass through item in the upfront tariff, 2013. However, in case of upfront tariffs for various other technologies recently

Warid Brings All Night Internet Offers

Pakistan Tribune, June 26, 2015

Telecom operators demand removal of taxes on Internet

Daily Times, June 26, 2015

Water and power crisis: APBF concerned over deaths in Karachi

Pakistan Observer, June 26, 2015

determined, withholding tax on dividend has not been allowed as a pass through item by the Authority. The Authority in accordance with its recent in principle decision on this issue, has decided not to allow withholding tax on dividend as a pass through item in this upfront tariff.

LAHORE – Warid Telecom, Pakistan’s largest LTE network has introduced two new and exciting internet offers for all its Prepaid and Glow customers. According to official announcement by Warid, while “All Night LTE Internet Bundle” gives 10 GB internet to LTE users for only Rs. 5, 2G customers can also enjoy surfing & downloading with “All Night EDGE Bundle” for only Rs. 0.99 with 1GB internet volume. These offers will be applicable from 12 midnight till 9am daily, throughout the month of Ramadan. Warid has continued its tradition of bringing convenient offers to its customers, and this time around Warid is offering the best mobile internet experience coupled with an even amazing rate. To activate the All Night Internet bundles, users simply need to SMS either “RB<space>4G” for the LTE bundle or “RB<space>2G” for the 2G bundle to 7777. Alternatively, customers can dial *786# to activate these bundles. For the ease of customers, these bundles will be automatically renewed on a daily basis and can also be unsubscribed via SMS.

KARACHI: The telecom operators are planning to convince the provincial governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Sindh for removing the general sales tax (GST) on data service and broadband Internet in the coming months. The official sources said the cellular operators are ambitious to convince the provincial governments of KP and Sindh to remove tax on Internet and provide relief to the masses of the provinces. The operators would approach the provincial governments through the Ministry of IT and Telecommunication (MITT) and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to explain the disadvantages of high tax on Internet and its direct and indirect impact on the economic growth and social development of the country.

Tax on Internet was introduced by the Sindh government for the financial year 2014-15, in which 19.5% GST was imposed on Rs 1,500 connections, the KP government also replicated the same tax. However, a leading broadband and telecom operator has filed cases for stay in the Peshawar High Court. The telecom operators have been submitting taxes to the court and are bearing the tax from their own pockets rather than passing on to the consumers. The operators believe the tax on data services and internet would hamper growth on the utility of newly launched 3G/4G services because it is not possible for companies to bear the burden for longer time. Pakistan is the one of the two countries, after Bhutan, which imposes taxes on data services and Internet. The country leapt to secure first position in the world’s ranking of highest tax regime with 53% of the overall taxes including 19.5% on call and voice services, 14% withholding tax and now 19.5% additional services tax which was levied by the Sindh and KP government last year on over 2 Mbps Internet speed (or Rs 1,500 monthly connection charges), hence technically it imposed charges on 3G/4G/LTE of the telecom services.

Pakistan has left behind Turkey with less than 50% tax, followed by Gabon with 40% and Tanzania with 34%. Recently, the digital publishers and bloggers sent a letter to KP Chief Minister Parvez Khattak, demanding withdrawal of 19.5% taxes on the broadband and data services. Backed by the cellular mobile operators, Internet Service Providers Association of Pakistan (ISPAK) and Pakistan Software Houses Association (PASHA) publishers and bloggers urged the provincial government to realise the importance of the broadband in the development of the province that would aid the political leadership in achieving the target of economic prosperity and social upbringing. They mentioned that private and public sector organisations are already capitalising the fruits of online solutions, as KP’s online FIR registration facility is one such example having productive and easy use for the masses. Whereas there are scores of apps that could provide real benefits to the masses with the use of Internet in their lives through feasible and smooth e-health, e-education, e-farming and other similar Internet based projects, they added. Since Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) in general and KP government in particular are putting special focus on education and youth development, the broadband penetration would not only impact positively on academic ventures of the KP government but it would also help flourish the high-tech ecosystem, involving young educated minds of the province, the letter stated.

The telecom operators are optimistic that provincial government would review their decisions of imposing taxes on broadband Internet to relieve the masses. They were of the views that the government could make revenues from reducing the burden of taxes on telecom users, as it would improve the utility of the services and generate tax income for the provincial kitty. In this regard, they said the provincial government should hold consultation with the stakeholders of IT industry and telecom sector to expand services of Next Generation Technologies at faster pace throughout the provinces. Economic studies have proven that there is a positive relationship between broadband penetration and GDP growth in both high and low income markets, as a 10% increase in broadband penetration grows national GDP by 1.5%, they added.

LAHORE —The All Pakistan Business Forum (APBF), while expressing deep concern over hundreds of deaths in Karachi during the last four days due to severe heat wave, prolonged power breakdowns and water scarcity, has called for settling disputes to construct large dams including Kalabagh Dam—the only solution of water crisis, which is going to engulf the whole country. “The APBF also appreciate the MQM for supporting the most controversial but the most important project of Kalabagh dam, hoping this move would pave way for early completion of this mega project,” observed the APBF President Ibrahim Qureshi. He said that the intensity of recent load shedding during extremely hot weather in Karachi could have been decreased if KBD was there to provide 3600 MW of electricity to the national grid. It is welcome step of the MQM to announce support for the construction of Kalabagh Dam and urged the government to complete this project after disposing of the reservations of Sindh people, he said. He said that Pakistan’s per capita water availability had already gone below 975 cubic meters from 5100 cubic meters in 1960 which is a great threat to industry, agriculture and masses which not only require urgent steps. The World Bank had asked Pakistan to build a dam of the size of Tarbela at least every decade but successive governments failed to make a single dam despite resources which indicate lack of interest in securing country’s

No legal obligation to provide electricity to Karachi: Khawaja Asif

Pakistan Today, June 26, 2015

future. He said the water shortage has reached an alarming level, which will make Pakistan a desert in a decade if immediate steps were not taken. Politicians should settle their dispute in the larger national interest and government should declare water as most important issue of national security.

Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif told lawmakers in the National Assembly on Thursday that the federal government does not have any legal obligation to provide electricity to K-Electric. Asif said the agreement with K-Electric has expired and will be renewed. "The new agreement will be brought to parliament's Water and Power Standing Committee and we will ask this House for guidance and then a new agreement with K-Electric will be signed," Asif said. "Right now we have no legal obligation to give them [K-Electric] electricity but we do give it to them, 650 megawatts of it," the minister said. "Because it is our responsibility as federal government to not lead to an increase in the problems of the people of Karachi." Asif further said that according to his information, K-Electric has a plant which is closed because it is being transferred from oil to coal. "But they do have 700-800MW ideal capacity of electricity. If they work that plant they will have more electricity but they don't use that plant," he said. "They take 650MW from us, if they use their own plant we can give that 650MW to the rest of the country." While talking further about the electricity issue, the minister said that he contacted NEPRA on Wednesday. "I told them that as a regulator they should have taken notice of the issue in Karachi." He further added that in 2005, K-Electric (then KESC) was first sold to a Saudi group and then in 2008 there were illegal changes made in the entire agreement after which the company was given to a new owner. "The changes in that are illegal in my point of view," he said. "If the House wants, we can scrutinise the 2005 agreement and 2008 both."

GOVT TELLS K-ELECTRIC TO PUT ACT TOGETHER:

Meanwhile, in a letter to K-Electric on Thursday, the Ministry of Water and Power asked Karachi's power-generation company to effectively address the current situation allegedly arising out of its (K-Electric's) violation of performance standards and licensing conditions. The letter referred to media reports and recent debates in the National Assembly on Karachi's power woes, pointing out that since K-Electric was licensed under National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), it was mandatory for the regulatory authority to closely monitor the company to ensure compliance with licensing terms and relevant regulations. The letter said: "In particular, your attention is also invited to the fact that reports of frequent tripping and analysis show that there has not been sufficient investment in improvement of distribution system by K-Electric, which should have been improved by appropriate investment and full utilisation of the generation capacity available with K-Electric". The letter said the ministry had on several occasions written to K-Electric about its non-compliance of various laws, particular regarding performance standards. "We would strongly urge the regulator (NEPRA) to conduct an in-depth audit and inquiry/investigation to ensure that issues arising out of any non-compliance are effectively addressed and the licensee is held duly accountable", the letter said.

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources is pursuing a strategy to maintain stocks of petroleum products aimed at meeting the country's day-to-day needs. "Sufficient quantity of petrol and diesel is kept in stock to meet needs of consumers for at least for eight to 14 days, and the existing reserve is quite satisfactory," said the ministry's director general of oil Abdul Jabbar Memon. He said that presently, 110,000 tonnes of petrol was available in stock, while more shipments containing around 150,000 tonnes of petrol were arriving at different ports in the next few days. He said the government is making efforts to intensify oil and gas exploration activities in potential areas of the country for achieving self-sufficiency in the sector. Replying to a question, he said as many as six oil refineries were operating in the country and they had full capacity to refine the product as per the country's needs.

"We are self-sufficient in refining crude oil, but a lot of work has to be done in the exploration sector to achieve autarky," he said. Responding to another question, Memon said that the country's success rate in oil and gas exploration was "very high" as compared to discoveries made at the international level. "After almost every three to four drillings, there is a find, while at international level discovery comes after eight to 10 attempts," he added. "The government is pursuing a practical and aggressive petroleum strategy to achieve self-sufficiency in oil and gas sector, which would help bring the import bill to the lowest level."

The Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) will charge sales tax in the range of 22 to 37 percent ad valorem on supply of electricity by power generation companies, producing electricity using high speed diesel (HSD) during January to June 2015. A senior FBR official said that a technical notification has been issued which enables HSD using Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to seek sales tax adjustment as per sales tax rates applicable for the months of January to June 2015. According to an S.R.O.600(I)/2015 issued here on Thursday, sales tax shall be charged on the supply of electricity (Pakistan Customs Tariff heading 2716.0000) at the specified rates as supplied by the power generation companies generating electricity exclusively using high speed diesel. The rates of sales tax would be 22 percent ad valorem during supply of electricity in January 2015; 27 percent ad valorem in February 2015; 37 percent ad valorem in March 2015; 32 percent ad valorem in April 2015; 34 percent ad valorem in May 2015 and rate of sales tax would be 28 percent ad valorem during supply of electricity in June 2015. According to a clarification issued by the FBR related to SRO 600(1)/2015 dated 25-06-2015, it is categorically denied that there is no increase in the sales tax rate on HSD. A technical SRO has been issued which enables HSD using Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to seek adjustment according to the rates applicable for the previous months of January to June 2015. It is further clarified that there will be no impact on the HSD prices, FBR added.

ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has on Friday reduced electricity price by Rs. 1.86 per unit. However, Gas Infrastructure Development Surcharge has also been imposed upon the common people of the country for 27 months, reported Dunya News. Upon the advice of Central Power Purchase Agency (CPPA), NEPRA approved lowering the electricity

Fuel-ing: Pakistan Petroleum stocks sufficient, says DG

The Express Tribune, June 26, 2015

Supply of electricity by using HSD: Power generation companies to pay up to 37 percent ST

Business Recorder, June 26, 2015

NEPRA reduces electricity price by Rs. 1.86 per unit

Dunya News, June 26, 2015

Public hospitals' labs giving inaccurate test reports

Daily Dawn, June 26, 2015

price by Rs. 1.86 per unit. The price has been reduced in the monthly fuel adjustment charges. CPPA had actually recommended lowering the price by Rs. 2.62 but due to the implementation of the Gas Infrastructure Development Surcharge, relief of 76 paise per unit could not be passed on to the public. On the other hand, NEPRA has approved charging the consumers for Gas Infrastructure Development Surcharge. An overall Rs. 11 billion will be charged from the consumers under this surcharge. Consumers will be charged this amount for the months from January 2013 to April 2015. The surcharge will be charged under the fuel adjustment charges in monthly electricity bills.

ISLAMABAD: Mohammad Javed, 36, was feeling unwell earlier this week so he decided to see a doctor at Polyclinic. The doctor suggested some tests and when Mr Javed received his report from the hospital's lab, he was shocked to see that his triglyceride and cholesterol levels were very high. He then went to a private lab to give a fresh sample and the results were completely different, suggesting his cholesterol and triglyceride levels were normal. It is pertinent to mention that cholesterol and triglyceride are fat-like substance that occurs naturally in all parts of the body. Body needs some amount of this substance to work properly. Excessive amount of both substances can narrow the arteries or even block them which can lead to heart attack. According to the original report given by the Polyclinic, available with Dawn, the patient's triglyceride level was 609 mg/dl while its normal range is around 150 mg/dl. His report shows his cholesterol levels are 315 mg/dl, while borderline is between 200 and 240. Upon seeing this report, Mr Javed was advised by some friends to have the results rechecked, rather than taking medicine for high cholesterol. "I then went to a private lab on June 23, and my tests came out normal," he said. These test results, available with Dawn, show that the patient's triglycerides were at 232 mg/dl and his cholesterol levels were 240 mg/dl. "I was happy to know that I did not need medication," he said. Mr Javed is not the only person to have received two different reports for the same test. A number of people have been given erroneous reports and they started receiving treatment for conditions they did not have.

Zahid Farooq, a resident of federal capital, while talking to Dawn said his 50-year-old wife died because of wrong diagnosis by the Polyclinic lab. "I went to the Polyclinic because my wife was suffering from kidney problem but the hospital's laboratory gave a report that both the kidneys were working normally. As I knew that one of her kidneys has shrunk and the other was not functioning properly, I ignored the report," he said. "However the report due to which my wife suffered was about HP level in blood. The polyclinic report showed that my wife's HP level in blood was 10. However, private lab report showed its level at 6.5," he said. "Because of wrong treatments and diagnosis my wife was finally shifted to the ventilator and died on June 20," he said. A doctor at the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, requesting anonymity, told Dawn that tests play an essential role in diagnosis so they should be error-free. "Overworked staff at government hospitals not only make mistakes but sometimes even mix up samples," he said. To substantiate his point, he said if a person with normal blood sugar is erroneously diagnosed with high blood sugar and given medicines, they would end up with low blood sugar which has its own symptoms such as dizziness and fainting. Health expert Dr Waseem Khawaja told Dawn said that if a medicine was given to reduce cholesterol and triglycerides levels in a patient without any problems they can end up with dizziness or nausea. "However, it is recommended that patients have their tests done regularly so that underlying conditions may be diagnosed," he said. Polyclinic spokesperson Dr Sharif Astori told Dawn that mistakes are sometimes made in laboratory tests. "It is possible that it was a technical mistake but cholesterol levels may change rapidly which is why it is suggested that when a patient gives blood sample for lipid profile his stomach should be empty," he said

Damaged cables cause fluctuation in internet service

Daily Dawn, June 26, 2015

KARACHI: Internet service in Pakistan experienced fluctuation on Thursday after undersea optic fibre communication cables were damaged, officials said. Though the main internet service provider, the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL), said restoration work had begun, it did not come up with a certain timeline to fix the problem. "The international submarine cable SEA-ME-WE 4 has developed a fault in Arabian Sea, causing an impact on internet service in the region, including Pakistan," said a Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited statement. "The restoration work has been initiated by the international consortium that manages the submarine cable systems." According to the statement, the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited has undertaken measures to ensure internet connectivity to its customers. But because the fault is in the cables, internet users may experience slow browsing. The company regretted inconvenience caused to its customers and asked them to contact helpline 1236 for further information. In 2008, the optic fibre cable suffered disruptions twice in less than three months. In 2005, severe damage to the country's only link at that time had caused an internet blackout for a week.

Lahore: Opposition protests against load shedding

Dunya News, June 25, 2015

LAHORE – Opposition parties including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PML-Q) and Awami Tehreek took to the roads on Friday to protest against load shedding, reported Dunya News. Protests were held in front of Lahore Press Club on the call of opposition parties to demonstrate against load shedding. Opposition parties took out a rally from Aiwan-e-Iqbal to Lahore Press Club. Addressing the rally, PPP leader Aitzaz Ahsan said that government's ministers had become arrogant after their necks had been saved (from sit-ins). Manzoor Watto said that the alliance of opposition would remain as long as government is in power. PTI leadership said that government's claims of solving load shedding problem had proven hollow as more than 1000 people had succumbed to heat in Karachi yet government claims that all is well. Leadership of Awami Tehreek said that masses will rest only when rulers have been 'thrown out of their houses of power'. Leaders of Jamat-e-Islami affirmed their support of other opposition parties stance. Addressing the crowd, leadership of PML-Q said that rulers should resign over their failure of managing electricity crisis.

'Loadshedding cannot be curbed unless system is upgraded'

Daily Dawn, June 25, 2015

HYDERABAD: The All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union (CBA) has claimed that the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) is unable to run its transmission system because it is obsolete and in a dilapidated condition although the country can still produce 22,000 megawatts, i.e. the total consumption. CBA president Abdul Latif Nizamani told a rally, held here on Wednesday in connection with the union's campaign against the government's privatisation policy, that the

IHC seeks power load shedding schedule

The Nation, June 25, 2015

PAT to launch protest drive against load-shedding

The Express Tribune, June 25, 2015

Technical faults not to be confused with load shedding, KE

Dunya News, June 25, 2015

WAPDA power distribution system could not withstand the load of over 16,000MW. He said loadshedding of 6,000MW was being resorted to across the country in order to save the system. He also expressed his shock and grief over deaths of hundreds of people from heatstroke and said loadshedding and outages were also to blame. He said power consumers had to endure loadshedding and outages in this sweltering heatwave. Mr Nizamani said that unless the system was upgraded and fuel to closed power houses was provided, people would continue to suffer and endure outages. He said the government wanted to rid people of loadshedding but it could not succeed without upgrading the system and control lapses.

He said that the union had long been urging the government to revitalise closed power houses and ensure resumption of fuel supply to them instead of obliging private power houses by supplying them with fuel. Mr Nizamani claimed that the government wanted to privatise its power utilities after declaring the closed generating units 'useless'. This would be an anti-state, anti-workers and anti-WAPDA move, he warned. He said 11,000 employees were working in the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO). He said tragic incidents involving technical staff were also taking place due to pressure of work and a lack of safety gears offices. He said that it was sad note that linemen of power utilities were electrocuted in the line of duty and neither the minister concerned nor their organisation seemed ready to take remedial measures. CBA provincial general secretary Iqbal Qaimkhani and several other leaders also spoke.

SUKKUR: Members and supporters of Wapda CBA along with Sukkur Electric Supply Company (SEPCO) workers held a demonstration outside their office in Daharki town of Ghotki district on Wednesday. Local CBA leaders Malook Jatoi, Allah Rakhio Korai, Ali Pathan, Akbar Dashti, Saleem Samejo and others in their speeches vowed to continue their protest against moves to privatise power utilities in the country. They warned the government against imposing its unpopular decisions on workers. They urged the government to reverse its "anti-workers" policy and stop "conspiracies" to sell away profit-making institutions in the name of privatisation.

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Wednesday directed the authorities to produce electricity load shedding schedule before the court on June 26 (Friday). A single bench of Islamabad High Court comprising Justice Aamer Farooq issued the notices to deputy commissioner (DC) Islamabad and chief executive officer (CEO) Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) while hearing a petition moved by Tariq Asad Advocate in person against the power outages during prayers timings. He adopted in his petition that with increasing electricity shortfall in the country, load shedding has become indispensable as Pakistan has been plagued with power generation problems since decades and thus the petitioner is well aware of that the country has, for years, not been able to crack the electricity riddle and the situation has gone from bad to worse over the years and the common people suffer and in the prevailing circumstances there is no escape from load shedding. "Thus the petitioner has no grievance against the load shedding, but is hardheartedly aggrieved by the timing schedule of load shedding which is mostly during the prayers timings. It has been observed in almost all the mosques of Ahl-e-Sunnat in Islamabad that the prayers timings for Zuhr, Asar and Isha are on or around 1:30pm, 5:30pm and 9:30pm respectively and power outages are conducted exactly during the same timings, between 1:00pm to 2:00pm, 5:00pm to 6:00pm and 9:00pm to 10:00pm," contended the petitioner. He further argued that in some areas load shedding is done even exactly at the Sahar, Iftar and Traveeh timings, irrespective of the usual schedule which reflects the sadist attitude of the respondents. Therefore, he requested to the court that the respondents be directed to resolve this issue in a compatible manner so that the load shedding may be scheduled for the same duration in such a manner that the timings of load shedding may not clash with the prayers timings.

LAHORE: Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) central president Raheeq Ahmed Abbasi on Wednesday said the disadvantaged were being punished by the rulers in the form of prolonged spells of unscheduled electricity load-shedding. Abbasi made the remarks at a meeting of the party's central working committee. He said labourers, traders, shopkeepers and consumers had been screaming about being meted out the worst kind of punishment by the ruling party. Abbasi said increased water scarcity in the sweltering summer months had accompanied the "gift" of load-shedding. He said those in office had not been paying attention to the formidable problem and were reposing in their air-conditioned residences and offices. Abbasi said the government was the most incompetent in the history of the nation. He said it had focussed its attention on executing showpiece projects and had forgotten the pledge it had taken to overcome the energy crisis in six months after coming into power. Abbasi said over two years had passed since the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) came to power but the energy crisis remained exactly where it was several years ago. The PAT central president said the government had failed even to curb load-shedding at sehri and iftar times. He said those in power had deceived the people in the run-up to the May 2013 general elections and now they had been compelled to take to the streets to register their protest against the "inhumane" conduct of the ruling party. Those present at the meeting decided to launch a nationwide anti-load-shedding protest campaign. It was decided that demonstrations and rallies will be organised near press clubs in all major cities across Pakistan in this regard. All PAT district presidents were directed to commence preparations for organising the protests on the occasion.

KARACHI: Technical faults should not be confused with load shedding, said a statement release by K-Electric. Power outages in the city are occurring due to the increased demand in power following the heatwave in the city, said a K-Electric press statement. Over load on PMTs and illegal connection have led to technical faults, and so technical faults should not be confused with load shedding, the statement said. The statement came following a protest led by parliamentarians from the Pakistan Peoples' Party outside the Sindh Assembly on Wednesday.

In its press statement, KE said that despite the violent attacks, abusive language and extremely hot weather, KE's staff was working round-the-clock to rectify any emerging faults. In the last two days, the situation of electricity provision has observed marked improvement. KE reiterated through its

PM Nawaz expresses displeasure over unscheduled loadshedding

Daily Dawn, June 25, 2015

Karachi faces load shedding, low voltage crisis

Geo TV, June 25, 2015

K-Electric causes Federation Rs30 bn loss annually: Asif

The News, June 25, 2015

statement that no unannounced load-shed was being carried out in any part of the city.

The statement also added that out of 1400, more than 1380 feeders are working properly and are well -maintained, whereas 98 percent of the city is getting uninterrupted power supply during Sehar and Iftar timings.

KE has requested the law enforcers to provide security to the response teams, so that they are able to respond to faults quickly and restore power supply. With regards to the ongoing water crisis in the city, KE's spokesperson stated that no load-shed has been carried out at any pumping station. The spokesperson clarified that the water crisis is one of the oldest issues within the city which intensified overtime up to the month of Ramzan. K-E also requested the members of the Sindh Assembly to avoid discouraging and demoralizing the KE teams who have been working round-the-clock despite the intense hot weather in order to provide relief to the masses and its valued customers. In case of power suspension, KE requested its consumers to register complaints via SMS to 8119 or call 118 to report about any power suspension or alternatively call 99000 or use social media, such as Facebook or Twitter to file in complaints.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, while chairing the 16th Cabinet Committee meeting on energy at the PM House on Thursday, expressed displeasure over unscheduled loadshedding in the beginning of Ramazan. The premier advised that preparations should always be made to cater to the possibility of unfavorable weather conditions. Secretary for Water and Power Younus Dagha briefed the meeting on electricity load management during the holy month of Ramazan.

He informed the participants that loadshedding during Ramazan is being carried out as per the approved plan with no loadshedding at Sehr and Iftar hours, except for the first day of the holy month when an unprecedented heatwave entered the southern part of the country. The heatwave was followed by thunderstorms in a few parts of the country which disturbed the transmission and distribution system of electricity. As the death toll in Sindh rose to 1,011 in the last five days caused by the heatwave, there was thunder in the parliament as the federal government was questioned about power cuts and the demand and supply of electricity. During yesterday's National Assembly session, Opposition Leader Khursheed Shah in an emotional speech centred on the overwhelming loss of life in Karachi which he linked with power cuts, took the floor after Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif had furnished the House with details of power supply and shortage across the country.

A detailed discussion pertaining to the power supply situation in Karachi and matters related to K-Electric also took place during the meeting today. The participants expressed their concerns that K-Electric is not generating electricity at full capacity and is taking 650 megawatts from the national grid instead. PM Nawaz directed that in addition to increasing supply of electricity, measures should also be taken to upgrade the transmission and distribution infrastructure simultaneously. The meeting which lasted for more than three hours, was also updated on the Matiari-Lahore transmission line and it was brief on transmission and distribution projects for 2015-18 including hydro, nuclear, wind, solar, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and thermal power plants.

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was present at the meeting along with Federal Minister for Finance, Muhammad Ishaq Dar; Federal Minister for Water and Power, Khawaja Muhammad Asif; Federal Minister for Information, Pervaiz Rasheed; Federal Minister for Petroleum, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi; Federal Minister for Planning, Ahsan Iqbal and Federal Minister for Railways, Khawaja Saad Rafique as well as other senior federal and provincial government officials. During last week's cabinet meeting, it was decided that a committee will be formed to look into the possibility of privatising the Neelum-Jhelum Power Project. PM Nawaz had expressed his displeasure over undue delays in the project which also resulted in an increase in costs. The committee was formed to also look into the possibility of entering into a partnership with investors to ensure its timely completion. The committee will be tasked to present its report within three months.

KARACHI: Citizens of Karachi after facing a continuous heatwave since five days are also facing prolonged unannounced load shedding on Thursday. Various areas have also complained of extremely low voltage and fluctuation today, in some cases burning of appliances was also reported. Areas facing load shedding and low voltage include; Gulshan-e-Iqbal Block 3, Liaquatabad, Sindhi Hotel, New Karachi, North Karachi, University Road, and Gulistan-e-Jauhar, besides other localities. Meanwhile, spokesperson for K-Electric claimed today that the company staff has replaced 40 PMTs in the past 24 hours which will improve the situation very soon. The spokesperson added that the low voltage problem will also be controlled at the soonest.

ISLAMABAD: The combined opposition in the National Assembly (NA) on Wednesday lashed out at the government for its apathy towards the death of more than 700 people in Karachi due to a heatwave and loadshedding while the government put the blame for the energy crisis on previous governments. On a policy statement before kicking off the debate on loadshedding, Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif said K-Electric owes Rs57 billion to various institutions, adding that it was provided 650MW from the national grid. He said the Federation faces up to Rs30 billion loss due to the K-Electric annually. He said the federal government was being blamed for the heat wave deaths in Karachi which is unjust as actually the entire nation is suffering due to the criminal negligence of the former government. He was of the opinion that that deaths in Karachi occurred due to intense heat wave and it is inappropriate to hold the federal government responsible for the tragedy. "The opponents have even put the blame of Sindh's bad governance on us," he said. The opposition shouted slogans against him when he claimed that there is no loadshedding in the country during Iftar Sehar. Asif replied saying, "They are about to face loadshedding themselves."

Asif said total electricity generation currently stands at 13184 MW against the demand of 16645 MW. He said that currently there is a gap of three thousand megawatt and in such a situation, unannounced load shedding is not carried out. Asif said that five-hour load shedding is being carried out in urban areas and eight hours in rural areas. He said responsibility of providing electricity to consumers in Karachi rests with K-Electric. He said 650 MW is being provided to the K-Electric

keeping in view of the difficulties of the people of the provincial metropolis. "However, this private entity owes fifty seven billion rupees to Sui Southern, Sui Northern and the PSO," he said. Asif said the government has started several power projects to cope with the energy crisis. He said 14000 to 15000 MW of electricity will be added in the national grid by 2018 while 1020 MW will be added to the system in 2015-16, 4692 MW in 2016-17 and 5142 MW in 2018. He said additional 3600 MW will be generated through LNG. He said contract for import of LNG with Qatar has not yet been signed but it will be below fourteen percent of the Brent. He assured that Pakistan will import the LNG at the lowest rate in Asia which will help save the country billions of rupees. The minister said massive investment is also being made to improve the transmission system in order to provide uninterrupted electricity to the consumers. He said three grid stations of 500 KV and 11 grid stations of 220 KV are being set up in the country. He said the issue of power outages was created not by the present government but is the result of the criminal negligence of the previous governments. According to private TV channels, Minister Asif also remarked that loadshedding of MQM is about to begin. Meanwhile, the NA kicked off the debate on power shortage when Leader of the Opposition Syed Khurshid Shah said they had no objection to the government shutting down K-Electric or arresting bill defaulters. Shah said the government should stop talking about calculations and start saving lives. "This is not a time for politics. I am in pain today. People are dying and they don't have water to wash their corpses. And you are blaming the Sindh government?" He said over 1000 deaths were in Karachi due to severe loadshedding and was not a local issue; rather, it was issue of Pakistan and the incumbent federal government was totally responsible for it. He proposed the government to take over K-Electric saying the opposition and the provincial government was ready to extend its support for this purpose. Regretting that the Sindh government was being held responsible for the energy crisis, the opposition leader said the Sindh chief minister following footsteps of Punjab chief minister who staged protest at Minar-e-Pakistan, should register his protest at Mazar-e-Quaid.

Shah said they wanted the parliament to complete its tenure but the parliamentarians would also have to demonstrate solidarity with the masses. "We should learnt lesson from the past refrain from confrontation which can threaten the democratic system," he said. He said the federal government should apologise to the masses for not fulfilling its promises with regard to putting an end to loadshedding in the country. "You stopped Benazir Bhutto's IPPs and went to Supreme Court to do away with power generation plants," the opposition leader said. Asad Umar of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI) said, "Minister for water and power said that Karachi is not his mandate whereas the Sindh chief minister is hosting Iftar parties." He advised the Punjab chief minister should now choose a new name for himself after PML-N government's failure to end loadshedding in two years. Umar said if the minister says that Karachi was not his mandate, then why the federal government was collecting funds from country's economic hub. He said, "There should be some morality and some shame for the government." The same words were used by Khawaja Asif for PTI parliamentarians when they returned to the NA after ending their boycott.

Syed Naveed Qamar of PPP said the government should fulfill its responsibility to bring the country, particularly Karachi out of power crisis. Negating claims of the minister for water and power, the PPP parliamentarian said it was not correct to say that 650 MW of electricity was being provided to Karachi. Sahibzada Tariqullah of Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) said the corrupt elements who have been keeping looted national exchequer in Swiss banks should be held accountable for their misdeeds. He said it was responsibility of the incumbent government and not any individual to announce support in cash to affected families in Karachi. Abdul Rashid Godal of MQM demanded of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to visit Karachi to heal wounds of people faced with worst loadshedding. "The government should not ignore Karachi which economic hub of Pakistan and people living there are also Pakistani," he said.

KARACHI: Internet speeds across Pakistan plummeted Thursday after a technical fault hit the main underwater fibre-optic cable system in the Arabian Sea connecting the country to the internet. "The International submarine cable SEA-ME-WE 4 has experienced a fault in the Arabian Sea, impacting internet services in the region including Pakistan," PTCL said in a statement today. The fault impacted browsing speeds for users across most major Internet Service Providers (ISPs) in the country, while causing problems for other countries in the region as well. "Restoration work has been initiated by the international consortium that manages the submarine cable systems," said the PTCL statement.

The South East Asia – Middle East – Western Europe 4 (SEA-ME-WE 4) Cable System is an ultra-high-capacity fiber optic submarine cable system linking South East Asia to Western Europe via the Middle East. SEA-ME-WE 4 is one of four submarine cables that connect Pakistan and its main link to the internet. The cable network, measuring approximately 20,000 kilometers and linking 16 landing stations, is owned by a consortium of 16 leading telecom carriers in 14 countries. PTCL said that, despite the fault, it was continuing to provide connectivity during restoration work on undersea international submarine cable. PTCL "has already undertaken necessary measures to provide internet connectivity to its customers across Pakistan. However, due to fault in the undersea cable, the internet users may experience slow browsing during this period," it said.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Economy Watch (PEW) President Dr Murtaza Mughal said on Wednesday that the government should revisit plans to revive old dams in favour of constructing new dams, with special focus on the Kalabagh dam (KBD). He said the KBD is the most viable and most politicised projects in the history of Pakistan, adding that it would cost less and last longer than any other dam in the country. He said the local and international experts have linked the survival of Pakistan to KBD and opined that the desilting of Tarbela reservoir is not an economically viable option. "Tarbela has already lost 30% capacity to silting over the years but experts say that instead of undertaking massive desilting exercise, it would be more economical to build a new dam," he added. Dr Mughal said that the Tarbela dam has an estimated lifespan of 50 years; it would complete its designed life by 2029 while KBD has an estimated life of 450 years.

"Pakistan's per capita water availability had already gone below 975 cubic metres from 5,100 cubic

Fault in submarine cable impacts internet services in Pakistan

Geo TV, June 25, 2015

PEW calls for Kalabagh dam construction

Daily Dawn, June 25, 2015

Fire

The News International, June 25, 2015

Massive fire guts Shershah warehouse

The News International, June 25, 2015

Heatwave, loadshedding kill 238 more in Karachi

The News International, June 25, 2015

meters in 1960, which is a great threat to industry, agriculture and masses,” he added. The PEW president said the World Bank had asked Pakistan to build a dam of the size of Tarbela at least after every decade but successive failures of the governments to make a single dam despite resources indicate lack of interest in securing the country’s future. He said dams are built around the world to overcome water shortages and not to create problems. “The Mangla Dam brought green revolution, the Tarbela dam increased water supply to the canal network by 25% while Sindh would get an additional seven million acre feet of water from Kalabagh,” he added. Dr Mughal said KBD is neither a technical nor a political issue, rather it is a humanitarian matter related to national survival which is being delayed by some politicians and so called experts to damage the federation on the orders of the enemies of Pakistan. He said that the intensity of recent load shedding during hot weather in Karachi could have been decreased if the KBD was there to provide 3600MW of electricity to the national grid.

LAHORE: Valuables worth lakhs of rupees were gutted when a fire erupted in an oil shop near Sheranwala Gate. Fire brigade reached the scene and controlled the fire. The cause of the fire was said to be short circuit.

KARACHI: A major fire which broke out at a warehouse in Shershah on Wednesday was brought under control without any casualties with the help of 24 fire tenders called in from across the metropolis. According to officials of the Fire Relief Department of the KMC, the fire broke out at around 6am in a warehouse where shoe material and textile goods were stored. The third degree inferno had also engulfed a few more warehouses located nearby due to inflammable chemicals present inside the warehouse. Fire tenders from stations located elsewhere were called in. The official said that congested lanes and encroachments made it difficult for them to access the area. Cause of the fire was stated to be an electric short circuit.

KARACHI: As many as 238 more deaths were reported from different public and private hospitals in Karachi on Wednesday due to heat stroke, dehydration and diarrhoea as the death toll during the last five days reached 950. Health officials said there was a small reduction in the number of heat stroke patients by Wednesday evening. While the temperature dropped a little on Wednesday, with a maximum of 37 degrees Celsius with 63 percent humidity recorded, power outages and water shortages continued in the city as around 200 patients undergoing treatment lost their lives at various health facilities. Thousands of patients were still battling for life at the overburdened public hospitals including the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), Civil patients undergoing treatment for heat stroke, dehydration, diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases lost their lives at various health facilities. Many areas of the city faced power outages from Tuesday night to Wednesday evening and K-Electric officials attributed these breakdowns to technical faults, while people in many areas blamed the power utility for not listening to their phone calls for rectifying the faults and restoration of electricity. Hospitals, both public and private, were still overburdened with the heat stroke patients and were packed to capacity when government functionaries including MNAs, MPAs, senators and other high ups started ‘cosmetic’ visits of the public hospitals, drawing the ire of patients and their relatives who are lying in the hospitals in miserable conditions due to shortage of doctors, paramedics and medicines. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz visited the JPMC but had to face stiff criticism from the media, people, relatives and attendants of the patients who were extremely annoyed over the federal and provincial governments’ response to the natural disaster that has so far claimed hundreds of lives in Karachi and rest of Sindh.

The NDMA chief visited different wards and camps set up by the Pakistan Army at the JPMC premises and sought details of the patients and health facilities available at the hospital but had to cut his visit short due to protest and criticism from the patients and their attendants. Heat relief centres of Sindh Rangers at 10 locations in Karachi continued to provide relief and treatment to heat stroke patients where dozens more patients were admitted in the wards and intensive care Units (ICUs) while dozens of patients were discharged after provision of necessary treatment and advised by the doctors and paramedics of the paramilitary force. The Pakistan Army’s four relief and treatment camps at different hospitals also shared the burden of the public hospitals where military physicians and paramedics provided treatment and medicines to patients brought at hospitals including JPMC, Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and other public hospitals in the city. The Pakistan Navy also has established heat stroke centres where an unannounced number of patients were provided treatment on Wednesday but neither the locations of these centres nor the number of patients were shared with the media. The JPMC authorities claimed that death toll due to intense heat related illnesses including heat stroke and dehydration crossed 311 till Wednesday evening, saying as many as 56 patients had died at the hospital since Tuesday night while more patients were still pouring into the hospital on the fifth day since the intense heat started killing people in Karachi. “So far we have treated 7,500 patients with heat stroke and related illnesses since Saturday last. As many as 41 persons, including women and elderly persons, died since Tuesday night till Wednesday evening, some of them were brought dead at the hospital,” Joint Executive Director JPMC Dr Seemi Jamali told The News.

She said the number of patients had dropped as compared to Sunday, Monday and Tuesday but added that still they were in an emergency like situation, facing overwhelmingly large number of patients undergoing treatment at different wards while casualty and emergency department was performing at its optimum level. Dr Jamali said she was now hearing about dignitaries’ visit to the hospital including Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and some senators and federal government officials. Situation was not better at other public and private hospitals in the city as Civil Hospital authorities reported that death toll due to intense heat and heat-related illnesses reached 110 during last couple of days and dozens more died on Wednesday during treatment at the health facility. Then number of deaths at Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) run hospitals including Abbasi Shaheed Hospital crossed the figure of 210 on Tuesday, showing around 90 deaths on Tuesday alone while thousands of patients were still under treatment in different wards and sections of these hospitals. For the first time in last five days, Patel Hospital, a private hospital in Gulshan-e-

CM extends Water & Sanitation Services to divisional headquarters

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35 APS students being treated in Lahore hospitals

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Sindh heatwave death toll climbs to 945

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PTCL unveils 4G LTE 'CharJi EVO Tab'

The News International, June 24, 2015

Iqbal area, reported 23 deaths, without elaborating whether they lost lives during last five days or alone on Wednesday while Ziauddin Hospitals in North Nazimabad, Kemari and Clifton also reported a dozen more deaths. Some other private hospitals in the city including Liaquat National Hospital (LNH) reported seven more deaths while others also reported five to seven deaths, raising the death toll to over 200 on Wednesday alone.

Agencies add: Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah led a sit-in against K-Electric over loadshedding in the province which caused hundreds of deaths. The sit-in was staged in the premises of the Sindh Assembly where provincial ministers and leaders of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) were also present. Qaim Ali Shah demanded of Water and Power Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif to compensate the families of those who died in Karachi heat wave. He said that there should be no loadshedding in Sindh during the month of Ramazan as the federal government had promised.

PESHAWAR: The modern Water and Sanitation Services have been extended to the remaining six divisional headquarters of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The six divisional headquarters include Abbottabad, Kohat, Mardan, Swat, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan. Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pervez Khattak handed over licenses of newly incorporated Water and Sanitation Services Companies (WSSC) to concerned Divisional Commissioners in a meeting held at CM House today. The Senior Minister for Local Government, Inayatullah, Secretary Local Government, Jamil Ahmed, Chisssef Executive Officer of WSSP and Secretary Irrigation, Muhammad Naem Khan, the Legal Advisor, Shumail Butt, concerned Deputy Commissioners and Municipal Officers were also present on this occasion. WSSC was first launched in Peshawar and remained successful for providing up to the mark Water and Sanitation services. Following the Peshawar model, WSSCs were formed for ensuring unremitting water, sanitation and solid waste management service delivery to the residents of the other divisional headquarters of the province. After desired execution of the project in the divisional headquarters, WSSCs will be expanded to district level in the next phase, disclosed the Chief Minister Pervez Khattak while speaking to the commissioners. He directed to make WSSCs fully functional from July next for which an amount of two billion rupees has been allocated under Annual Development Program for the fiscal year 2015-16 he added. Highlighting guidelines for running the companies in a smooth manner, the Chief Minister directed that functions and responsibilities of WSSCs must be clearly identified to avoid any duplication or ambiguity in delivery of the municipal services. Regarding mandate of WSSCs, he said besides focusing on primary objective of provision of potable water and cleanliness & sanitation services, the companies must also ensure beautification of the areas of their jurisdiction. The Chief Minister also discussed the role of WSSCs in the new scenario of local governments' establishment. He was of the view that a certain proportion of local government development funds should be set aside for the municipal services

PESHAWAR: Around 35 students belonging to Army Public School Peshawar are being treated in different hospitals of Lahore, on the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. Advisor to Chief Minister on Health Kh. Salman Rafique was personally monitoring all the arrangements and he met the parents and children of APS in Lahore on Tuesday. On this occasion Medical Superintendent Mayo Hospital Dr. Amjad Shahzad was also present. Kh. Salman Rafique informed that children had been divided into different groups according to their disease and the professors and senior doctors of the concerned specialties had been given assignment. He further said that the specialist doctors who had started treatment of 23 children of APS were included the specialists of ENT, plastic surgery, Peads neurosurgery, orthopedic, psychiatry and physiotherapy. Kh. Salman Rafique said that incident of APS, Peshawar was a National tragedy and the treatment and rehabilitation of these children was a national responsibility. He said that Punjab government would fulfil its national responsibility by providing best treatment facilities to these children. He said that boarding and lodging facilities were also being provided by the government to the children and their parents. On this occasion, the children and their parents thanked the Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and the Punjab government for providing treatment facilities and the hospitality extended to them. They expressed their satisfaction over the arrangements made by the government. - APP

KARACHI: At least 945 people have perished in Sindh since Saturday as the province languishes in the grips of a searing heatwave. The total death toll at Karachi's Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre has risen to 295 since Saturday. The combined death toll at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and other Karachi Municipal Corporation-run hospitals has peaked at 140. Civil Hospital Karachi has seen 110 dead, while 58 have perished at Liaquat National Hospital. The Emergency Cardiac Centre in Shah Faisal Colony has seen at least five deaths since Saturday, and Sindh Government Hospital Liaquatabad and New Karachi have seen 10 and 23 dead respectively. On Sunday, at least 136 deaths were reported, while on Monday 309 were reported dead. On Tuesday, 311 were reported dead in Karachi while 26 died in other parts of Sindh. The weather outlook for Sindh according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department is hot and humid in most parts of the province, while rain is expected in various parts of Mirpurkhas division and isolated areas in Sukkur, Larkana, Hyderabad and Karachi. Winds have shifted to the southwest, blowing cooler air into the port city from the Arabian Sea, and the Pakistani Met Office has predicted rain, which would bring lower temperatures. The government has demanded urgent action to deal with the crisis, and the administration in Sindh province declared Wednesday a public holiday to encourage people to stay indoors out of the sun. Some residents on Tuesday took to hosing each other down with water to avoid collapsing from heat stroke. A state of emergency is in force in hospitals which are struggling to cope with the 3,000 people affected by heatstroke and dehydration. The National Disaster Management Authority has been setting up dedicated heatstroke treatment centres to try to cope with the volume of patients.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company limited (PTCL), the largest Information Communications Technology service provider in the country, has once again taken the lead by introducing Pakistan's first 4G LTE tablet 'CharJi EVO Tab', says a press release. The sleek and powerful Dual-SIM CharJi EVO Tablet offers great value for money by providing fast LTE speed up to 36 Mbps and also enables customers to enjoy voice connectivity through any GSM SIM just like a

Dehydration, heatstroke caused most deaths: Dr Jamali

The News International, June 24, 2015

Gas theft case against CNG station owner

Daily Dawn, June 24, 2015

Choked sewerage lines inundating roads, says DCO

Daily Dawn, June 24, 2015

LPG price raised by Rs 5 per kg

Business Recorder, June 24, 2015

Free-of-cost treatment at army heatstroke centres across Sindh

Daily Dawn, June 24, 2015

mobile phone. Omar Khalid, Executive Vice President, Wireline Business, PTCL said, "PTCL has a legacy of pioneering cutting-edge products and services to meet the connectivity needs of the nation. Our CharJi and EVO product portfolio is opening up a new world of opportunities for customers through fast, affordable and reliable data connectivity." He added further that, "PTCL CharJi EVO Tab is another step to create value and enrich our customers' daily lives." The new tab -- available for Rs25,000 -- empowers customers to get the most out of their multimedia experience through its 6.98 inch wide screen, 2 GB RAM and a snappy Quad Core processor. Armed with a Capacitive (Glass) 5-Point multi-touch screen, the tab comes with 16 GB in-built and 64 GB external memory support along with 8 Megapixel rear and 2 Megapixel front cameras. PTCL is offering free 5 GB CharJi LTE data and 15,000 Ufone on-net minutes, valid for 3 months and a free 1 year subscription of Smart TV application with the tab. Customers will also be getting a complimentary pre-installed Sygic application for turn-by-turn voice guided navigation all across Pakistan along with a free car month and a charger. The super-fast CharJi LTE is Pakistan's fastest wireless broadband network available in Karachi, Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, Islamabad and Rawalpindi, while 3G EVO is available in more than 250 cities and towns nationwide.

KARACHI: Joint Executive Director Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) Dr Seemi Jamali said on Tuesday that most of the recent deaths in Karachi occurred due to heatstroke and dehydration. Talking to Geo News host Dr Aamir Liaquat Hussain, Dr Jamali said more than 70 patients died at the JPMC on Tuesday alone, mostly elderly persons who were brought in an extremely critical condition to the health facility. "We received over 1,800 patients since Monday night," Dr Jamali said. She said the total deaths at the JPMC had surpassed 270 during the last three days and added that all the wards, casualty and other facilities were packed to capacity while hundreds of patients were pouring in each passing hour from different areas of the city and other hospitals. To a question, Dr Seemi said it was a natural calamity but excessive power loadshedding and water scarcity had certainly worsened the situation. She urged the people to adopt precautionary measures and not to come out of their homes unnecessarily.

GUJRANWALA: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) registered a case against Fazal Shah, the owner of a CNG filling station, for gas theft on Tuesday. A joint team of FIA and Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited officials raided the ASA CNG filling station a few days ago and removed the meter and a pipe for forensic examination. Officials say Rs200 million gas has been stolen in the last eight years.

BAHAWALPUR: District Coordination Officer (DCO) Imran Sikandar Baloch has come forward to explain why the city's main Circular Road and Bund Road are inundated with sewage, saying old sewerage lines that laid in 1982 have choked. According to a handout issued on Tuesday, the DCO said work was in full swing on a project to lay a new sewerage line worth Rs170 million along Circular Road inside the old city and its adjacent areas. He said the new line will benefit people for at least 30 years. He also said the old sewerage line had completed its age and had choked due to which people faced difficulties. Public Health Engineering Department Executive Engineer Baqir Gardezi said under the project an 80,000-foot sewerage line with pipes of diameter 12 to 15 inches were being laid from Ahmedpuri Gate, Derwari Gate, Circular Road, Farid Gate, Bund Road and other adjacent areas to Lal Bagh disposal works. This line would serve the people for 30 years. The Circular Road along medical stores in front of the Bahawal Victoria Hospital and around Farid Gate had been submerged in rainwater for over a month causing great hardships to patients, their attendants, motorists and pedestrians. The situation became serious when the city received rains and sewage mixed with rainwater inundated the road. Even now the patch of road near the hospital and Bobby Plaza was inundated with sewage and causing inconvenience to shoppers.

The Sui-Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has increased the price of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) by Rs 5 per kg, Rs 60 per domestic cylinder and Rs 240 per commercial cylinder with immediate effect. After the increase in commodity price, domestic cylinder of 11.8kg will be available at Rs 970 against Rs 910 in Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujarat, Faisalabad, Jehlum, Kasur, Sahiwal, Saikot, Daska Rahimyar Khan and Sadiqabad, while per kg of the commodity will be sold at Rs 90 against Rs 85 per kg. In Mirpur Azad Kashmir, domestic cylinder will be sold at Rs 1090 against Rs 1030, while it will be available at Rs 100 per kg in parts of Azad Kashmir. In Rawalpindi/Islamabad, Abbotabad, Bagh, Muzafarabad, Kotli and Federally Administrative Tribal Areas (FATA) domestic cylinder will be available at Rs 1150 and per kg at Rs 105 against Rs 100 per kg. In Gilgit Baltistan, Murree and Balakot, domestic cylinder will cost Rs 1210 while per kg will be available at Rs 115 against Rs 110. Irfan Khokhar, Chairman All Pakistan LPG distribution Companies, requested the government to stock LPG for month of Ramazan to ensure continuous supply of LPG to poor consumers. He added that the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) should notify reasonable price with strong check and balance on the marketing companies' prices.

HYDERABAD: The army has set up two heatstroke centres in Hyderabad and one each in Jamshoro, Badin, Chhore and Sehwan Sharif to provide treatment to the victims of the harsh heatwave that has killed several hundred people and sent thousands more to various health facilities in the province over the past few days. All essential facilities are available at these centres, according to a handout issued by the ISPR on Tuesday. The Liaquat University Hospital (LUH) has also set up a heatstroke centre on its premises in Hyderabad. Another handout issued by the Pannu Aqil Garrison said that the army has established heatstroke centres in different areas of Sukkur and Larkana divisions. It said the centres would remain functional till June 25. It said the army doctors along with paramedics were providing treatment to heatstroke victims at the basic health units of Sultanpur, Dadloi and Hussain Bely in Sukkur district; Ubhri in Khairpur district; Qadirpur and Taj Ruk in Ghotki district. Such centres have also been set up at various places easily accessible to the general public in Larkana division. The army's 206-Brigade in Badin district has set up a centre in the Govt High School building, where several army doctors along with paramedics are available to provide treatment to heatstroke patients. The army handouts said that treatment at all these centres was

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being provided free-of-cost.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Maroof Afzal on Tuesday ordered the Water Management Wing to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the residents. He said this while chairing a meeting held at Jinnah Convention Centre to review the situation of water supply in the Federal Capital. The meeting was attended by Member Administration and Estate Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Engineering Shahid Sohail, Director General Water Management and other senior officers. The chairman was apprised that the Capital Development Authority has already increased supply of water from Simly Dam to the city. He was briefed that 20 out of 191 tube wells, which were out of order, will be fully functional in next two days. The meeting was informed that water management wing is receiving the complaints mostly from those areas where water is being supplied through tube wells and unscheduled electricity load shedding hinders the smooth water supply in few areas of G-11 and G-6 of the city. The meeting was informed that electric generators are being installed at those pumping stations where load shedding is frequently disturbing the water supply. However, he was apprised that water tanker service is ensuring prompt redressal of these complaints. The meeting was apprised that the Capital Development Authority tanker service has also been strengthened and made more efficient. For this purpose, tankers with the different formations have been made available to supplement the already existing fleet of water tankers. Moreover, seven off-road water tankers are also being repaired and maintained on emergency basis. He was further informed that sufficient water storage is available in water reservoirs of Capital Development Authority. The chairman directed the Water Management director general to visit the water pumping stations to ensure effective monitoring. He directed to plug leakages, repair main water supply lines and utilize all available resources to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the residents of the capital. He directed to ensure proper maintenance of water filtration plants and make them fully operational all the plants. The chairman directed that filters of these filtration plants must be changed regularly and close coordination with Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) be maintained to ensure effective reporting mechanism on quality of drinking water. Maroof Afzal was apprised that the Water Management Wing is already collaborating with the PCRWR in this regard and seeks its technical input to ensure quality water supply for the residents.

QUETTA – At least six to 18-hour long power cuts are being carried out in different parts of Balochistan while locals are facing potable water shortage in several areas due to unannounced load-shedding. According to the details, the electricity demand of Balochistan is 1,600 Mega watt (MW) in contrast to the supply of less than 700 MW. The huge imbalance has caused an increase in the outage duration in different parts of the province. The rural areas are facing 16 hours to 18 hours long power cuts, district headquarters up to at least ten hours and in Quetta the outage duration stands at six to eight hours. On the other hand, adjoining areas of Quetta are facing water shortage due to unscheduled power outages.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani rights campaigners have urged Islamabad to take action to protect the privacy of its citizens after leaked top-secret documents appeared to show British intelligence had gained access to almost all the country's Internet users. The revelations were based on a cache of files from 2008 released by former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden and reported by journalists Andrew Fishman and Glenn Greenwald in *The Intercept*, an online news outlet, this week. In a document marked "TOP SECRET STRAP2 UK EYES ONLY" allegedly issued by Britain's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), the spy agency discusses its computer network exploitation (CNE) and software reverse engineering efforts abroad. "Capability against Cisco routers developed by this means has allowed a CNE presence on the Pakistan Internet Exchange which affords access to almost any user of the internet inside Pakistan," it said, referring to a US technology company that provides most of the world's network infrastructure.

"Our presence on routers likewise allows us to re-route selected traffic across international links towards GCHQ's passive collection systems." Pakistan's Digital Rights Foundation, a non-profit that campaigns for online privacy, said in a statement Tuesday: "This hacking operation, at a scale never previously seen before from the British intelligence agency, seriously undermines the right to privacy of all users of the internet in Pakistan." The group's executive director Nighat Dad added: "When ostensibly democratic nations carry out such draconian and unethical actions against the citizens of nations they are 'allies' of, it sets a troubling precedent.

"The government of Pakistan could point to the actions of the US or the UK as justification for passing greater surveillance measures against its own people." Sagheer Wattoo, a spokesman for the Information Communication Technology ministry, told AFP: "We are trying to ascertain the veracity of the report. Based on the outcome of the fact finding, the relevant agencies will be directed to take appropriate action." He added that securing Pakistan's Internet was the responsibility of Internet Service Providers as a condition of the licences awarded to them. A spokesperson for the Britain's High Commission in Islamabad meanwhile said: "We do not comment on intelligence issues." Last month, *The Intercept* reported that the United States National Security Agency (NSA) had linked Al Jazeera's longtime Islamabad bureau chief to the terror network Al Qaeda based on meta-data collected from 55 million Pakistani mobile phone records. Pakistan is in the process of debating its own cyber-crime bill, which rights campaigners say threatens to curtail freedom of expression and privacy in its current form. Rights groups also expressed concern over a provision that allows the government to share intelligence with foreign spy agencies, such as the NSA, and the mandating of service providers to retain telephone and email records for up to a year.

LAHORE: Accusing the power distribution companies of acting in "connivance with the industry" by carrying out unprecedented loadshedding at the cost of the common man and "causing embarrassment to the government" on the first of Ramazan, the Pakistan Electric Power Company issued show-cause notices to the chief executives of the companies on Monday. PEPCO asked the chief executives to explain their position within seven days or face disciplinary action. A letter sent to the chief executives reads: "It was decided that the industry would be kept completely off from 6.30pm to 4am to avoid loadshedding during Iftar, Taraveeh and Sehri. But it has been observed that

your companies were still supplying power to the industry during these hours. "The poor monitoring and connivance of your staff with the industry resulted in forced and unscheduled loadshedding to create inconvenience to the consumers and embarrassment to the government.

"You are hereby called upon to explain your position within seven days of receipt of this notice, otherwise disciplinary action will be initiated against you under WAPDA E&D rules." Chief Executive of the Lahore Electric Supply Company Qaiser Zaman has been asked to explain why his company was supplying 110MW to the industry during these hours; Zahoor Ahmad of the Gujranwala Electric Company has been told to explain why his company is providing 442MW to the industry; Rasheed Ahmad of the Faisalabad Electric Company is accused of supplying 64MW; Mohammad Yousaf of the Islamabad Electric Supply Company has been told to explain supply of 114MW; Muzaffar Ali Abbassi of the Multan Electric Supply Company has been asked to explain supply of 88MW; and Mohammad Saleem Jat of the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company was found providing 39MW to the industry. "Around 857MW, which could have otherwise taken care of the domestic demand during most crucial times, was still being supplied to the industry against clear instructions from the ministry to the contrary," says a former head of PEPCO.

"As suggested in the explanation letter, it is a clear case of corruption and connivance at the lower level of these companies and poor management on the top. One can rest assured that some junior staff would be held responsible and penalised and the top-level management would go scot-free. In fact, the problem is at both levels; the top management is least interested because most of the chief executives are working on an ad-hoc basis. They cannot, even if they want to, establish their writ because they are not sure of their own lifespan on the seat. In this administrative vacuum, the lower staff are minting money, at the cost of the common man and, in this case, the government as well," he added. Another letter from PEPCO has reiterated earlier instructions; all independent industrial feeders will remain off during these hours, all industry on mixed feeders will remain off and all tubewells would also be switched off. "The CEO will physically remain available along with the Director Operations for a video conference and will be held personally responsible for implementing these instructions strictly, in letter and spirit," warns the letter.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah on Wednesday led a sit-in against the federal government and power distribution company K-Electric over load shedding in the province. The sit-in was staged outside the Sindh Assembly where provincial ministers and leaders of the Pakistan People's Party were also present. The chief minister said that Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif should either provide uninterrupted electricity to Sindh or resign from his ministerial position. Shah demanded that the federal water and power minister should compensate the families of those who died in Karachi heat wave. He said that there should be no load shedding in Sindh during the month or Ramazan as promised by the federal government.

ISLAMABAD: Opposition leader in the National Assembly Syed Khursheed Shah Wednesday said that people involved in the electricity theft must be arrested and punished. Speaking in the National Assembly he said that, "I am in favor, the persons involved in the electricity theft must be sent to jail, if I am involved in electricity theft I am also eligible for the same treatment". The opposition leader said that the person using electricity must pay bill to the government. Around 1300 person killed in Karachi due to harsh weather condition and load shedding, the House must discuss the situation and fix the responsibility of it, he said. "The people died due to harsh weather condition are Pakistani and the responsibility of the issue must be fixed for justice," he added. He asked the government to stop paying Rs 30 billion per annum to Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC) as fuel difference charges as it was not generating the promised electricity. "We will support the government for closing the KESC or taking over it," he added. He urged the government to fulfil its promise made during the general election campaign to resolve the issue of energy shortage soon. "The government must fulfill its promise made with the people of the country for ending power crisis," he added. However, he was of the view that criticism for the sake of criticism must be stopped as it was the collective responsibility of government and opposition to find out the solution of the electricity crisis. Syed Khurseed observed that if the independent power plants started in 1996 were not stopped, the electricity situation would have been much better. He said that the PML-N government should complete its constitutional term and urged the government to take steps for strengthening the federation.

ISLAMABAD – Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League Quaid (PML-Q) announced country wide protest against load shedding on June 26. The parties will register their protests independently, reported Dunya News. According to PTI leader Chaudhary Sarwar, government has failed to provide relief to the masses. PPP has issued calls to protest outside Press Clubs and mosques around the country. PPP leader Manzoor Wattoo has said People's Party stands with the populace during its time of trial. Chaudhary Shujaat Hussain and Pervaiz Elahi have said that they will not observe silence while the people suffer.

KARACHI : Pakistan, where a quarter of the population lacks safe and reliable access to clean drinking water, will spend a record 25 billion rupees (\$245 million) to provide potable supplies to residents of its largest city. The K-IV greater Karachi water-supply plan was inaugurated by Qaim Ali Shah, chief minister of southern Sindh province whose capital is Karachi, days ahead of a heat wave that's killed 2,000 people this month, most of them in the port city. Temperatures in Karachi that climbed to 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit) earlier in the week declined to a humid 30 degrees on Thursday. But they are expected to rise to as much as 38 Friday in the financial center of 20 million people that serves as a transit point for goods from U.S. military equipment to Afghan opium and generates about half the revenue of South Asia's second-biggest economy. The city, home to the nation's stock exchange, central bank and local headquarters of Standard Chartered Plc and Unilever Plc, gets almost all its water from Keenjhar Lake and Hub Dam, 60 kilometers (37 miles) to the northwest. As the heat wave took a toll on residents -- most of the victims were elderly -- Shah ordered 3,000 water tankers to supply public tanks. The city's water utility was put in charge. The K-IV project, though, won't be an instant fix. It involves constructing a network of pipelines that will

Sindh govt stages sit-in against federal govt, K-Electric

Geo TV, June 24, 2015

Khursheed Shah favors arresting electricity thieves

Business Recorder, June 24, 2015

Opposition announces country wide protest against load shedding

Dunya News, June 24, 2015

Pakistan to Spend Record Amount on Water for Karachi

Bloomberg, June 24, 2015

Boy falls victim to jubilation fire

Dunya News, June 23, 2015

Power loadshedding: CM orders to shut Karachi markets at 9 PM

Geo TV, June 23, 2015

Water level goes up in Hub Dam

Geo TV, June 23, 2015

Cyber crime response centre remains disconnected

Daily Dawn, June 23, 2015

Kohat water project shelved after years of delay

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supply 620 million gallons of water to Karachi from Keenjhar Lake in Thatta district, about 127 kilometers northeast. "The project will be completed in seven to eight years," Nazeer Mateen, spokesman for the Karachi Water Board, said by phone.

Project Funding

Shah's government will provide half the funds for the project, twice as big as anything water-related before, with the balance from the federal government led by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Shah's rival. "This is the first project since 2006," Mateen said. "It will help to feed daily demand of 1.1 billion gallons a day, of which the city receives only 510 million gallons." About 560 million gallons in existing supplies is released from the two areas but leaks and theft mean only 510 million gallons gets to residents, Mateen said. "The K-IV is a start but by 2021 there will be more demand," he said. The government has more projects lined up "that will begin some years later." Pakistan is among the world's most water-stressed countries, leaving agricultural, domestic and industrial users vulnerable to scarcity, according to the World Resources Institute. Pakistan, with the highest share of population living in the cities among South Asian nations, expands by a New Zealand-sized population every year, according to a federal minister. It's trying to reduce that growth to 1.2 percent a year in 10 years from 2 percent now.

KARACHI – Residents of Karachi have continued to strive for drinking water despite tall claims of the local government regarding free provision of water through tankers, *Dunya News* reported on Saturday. The unabated intense hot weather has escalated the demand of water in Karachi but the people have failed to get clean water at their door step. Managing Director of Karachi Water Board had earlier announced to provide free water to the citizen however, the facility has only given benefit to the water mafias as they have once again started water theft creating problems to the Karachiites. On the other hand, locals have been forced to boring water from Mosque in Saeedabad area.

KARACHI: Taking notice of prolonged electricity loadshedding, Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah on Monday directed to close down marketplaces early at 9 PM in a bid to save power during the summer months. A statement issued here said that the chief minister has also summoned an emergency meeting of concerned authorities and stakeholders today at the CM House. Shah directed the concerned authorities to invoke Section-144 ensuring that all marketplaces are closed by 9 PM. He also ordered to shut lights of advertisement hoardings at 9 PM, adding that street lamps should be only be switched on with a gap of one light pole. The chief minister also urged the provincial administration offices to not switch on air conditins before 11 AM, adding that strict action will be taken against those who fail to abide by the directives. Unannounced loadshedding and power outages have added to the woes of Karachiites as the three-day death toll from heatwave crossed 475 early on Tuesday, with citizens of the metropolis bracing the hottest summer in a decade.

KARACHI: Due to rain in parts of Balochistan over the past few days, water level has started going up in Hub Dam, the major source of water for Karachi. According to Karachi Water and Sewerage Board, Karachi's district Central and West were facing 100 million gallon water shortage owing to acute dearth in the Hum Dam, however, due to rain in parts of Balochistan, water has crossed the dead level. According to KWSB spokesman, water supply from Hub Dam will resume after it reaches at a particular level. Following this, supply in the city will also improve.

ISLAMABAD: How can the country's cyber security system produce the desired results when it remains disconnected with the outside world?"These days, the cyber crime wing has neither virtual nor real connectivity with the rest of the world," a senior official of the wing told *Dawn*. For the last a couple of days, the National Response Centre for Cyber Crime (NR3C) of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) is dysfunctional because all its telephone lines have been damaged during the ongoing construction work on Peshawar Mor interchange. NR3C was introduced in 2007 to deal with technology-based crime in Pakistan. It is the only unit of its kind in the country which directly receives complaints and assists other law enforcement agencies. A senior official of the NR3C told *Dawn* that all the 12 telephone lines were out of order for over a couple of days and as a result the NR3C was not in a position to receive or respond to complaints about cyber crime. He said the cyber crime response centre cannot protect the cyber security of a number of government departments because of the connectivity problem. "All our operations have come to a standstill and we cannot provide services to the citizens and the federal government," the official added.

According to the FIA website, NR3C provides services, including computer forensics, that deal with pornography, child sex abuse and the online sale of black market goods. It also provides mobile forensic as criminals use smartphones for a number of activities such as committing fraud over e-mail, harassment through text messages, trafficking of child pornography, communications related to narcotics, etc. The response centre also deals with video and network forensics. The NR3C official said a complaint had been lodged with the National Telecommunication Corporation (NTC) but a response was still awaited. Despite repeated attempts, Sarfaraz Hussain, the director media of the interior ministry, the parent ministry of the NR3C, could not be contacted for comments. Aoun Bokhari, deputy director of the NR3C, however, confirmed that the telephone lines of the wing were out of order. A senior official of the NTC, when contacted, said because of the ongoing construction work near Peshawar Mor, the underground telephone lines sometimes got disturbed. He said teams had been dispatched to repair the damaged telephone lines and the connectivity to the cyber crime response centre would be restored soon. Director General (technical) of the NTC, Miraj Gul, said sometimes telephone lines were damaged during any construction work. He said the NTC repairs the faults as soon as it comes into its notice.

KOHAT: The project of clean drinking water for all, which was initiated in 2005-06 and was to be completed in 2015, has been shelved after facing many delays, *Dawn* has learnt. The PC-1 of the project was prepared in 2004 at a cost of Rs115 million, which was revised costing Rs495 million. But the project has been abandoned for unknown reasons since 2007, Wahid ur Rehman, the district finance officer, who had worked on the project for five years, told *Dawn*. He said initially the project was named as clean drinking water initiative and later it was renamed as clean drinking water for

Inquiry to be conducted into contaminated water supply

The News International, June 23, 2015

Unregistered medicine stores, clinics sealed in Dir

Daily Dawn, June 22, 2015

Water supply in Quetta to be improved: official

Daily Dawn, June 22, 2015

Sindh Drug Testing Lab partially comes to a halt

The Statesman, June 22, 2015

Zardari writes to PM over Sindh outages as minister denies govt taking over K-Electric

Pakistan Today, June 22, 2015

all. The official said millions of rupees were wasted on the feasibility of the water supply project, but those responsible failed to execute it. The official said the project was planned after the Korean International Corporation, National Institute of Health, Islamabad, and WHO conducted tests on samples and declared the water in Kohat as contaminated and unfit for human consumption. Under the project, said the official, the government had planned to install filtration plants in all the union councils. But, he added only one filtration plant could be installed in the cantonment area. The official said elected representatives of the district councils could not agree on the location of the filtration plants.

The water being supplied to people of the Kohat city by the tehsil municipal administration and the Kohat Development Authority has high levels of contamination as pipelines have become rusty, water tanks dilapidated and drain water is getting mixed with the potable water. As a result, diseases like hepatitis, kidney swelling, diarrhea, clotting of blood leading to heart diseases and other stomach ailments are common among the residents. The polluted water is also resulting in early baldness and growth of grey hair among children and youth. Even the water in Women and Children Hospital and Kohat divisional headquarters hospital is not safe for drinking, and doctors bring their own bottled water with them for consumption during duty hours. Similarly, the water in city courts is also not fit for consumption owing to dilapidated water tanks and polluted underground water. The Kohat University of Science and Technology in 2007 conducted 450 tests on samples of water and declared it unfit for human consumption.

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch Monday said that an inquiry would be conducted into the supply of contaminated water to the citizens of Quetta. "Stern action will be taken against elements found involved in supply of polluted and contaminated water," he said while responding to a point of order raised by Ms Raheela Hameed Khan Durrani of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz in the Balochistan Assembly. Ms Durrani said that the people of Quetta were being supplied contaminated water. She also presented a bottle in the House which was filled with contaminated water. Minister for WASA, Nawab Ayaz Jozgezi said that digging for laying of sewerage system had damaged water pipelines and Rs 500 million was allocated in the budget 2015-16. He said that water supply from Spin Karez Dam to Quetta had been decreased to 0.1 million gallons from 0.8 million gallons due to depletion of underground water level.

TIMERGARA: The provincial health regulatory authority has sealed unregistered and unauthorised medical stores and clinics here. Sources in the health department told Dawn on Sunday that a senior inspector of HRA, Asadullah, along with drug inspectors raided different markets in Munda, Mayar and Samarbagh on public complaints. The medical stores and laboratories without licences were sealed while the others were served show-cause notices as they closed their shops before the raid. Talking to reporters on the occasion Mr Asadullah said unauthorised and unlicensed medical stores and laboratories won't be allowed to play with lives of people. However, the owners of sealed outlets alleged that those having political affiliation have had their medical stores and laboratories spared. They demanded indiscriminate action against all unregistered medicines stores and laboratories.

QUETTA: The Water and Sanitation Authority (Wasa), Quetta, is making strenuous efforts to ensure smooth supply of water to citizens during the holy month of Ramadan. Talking to APP on Sunday, Wasa managing director Abdul Wali Kakar said that steps had been taken to keep all tube-wells in the city operational so that the citizens got water in accordance with scheduled timings. He held unannounced loadshedding responsible for shortage of water in parts of the city.

KARACHI: The drug-testing procedure in Sindh has partially come to a halt, as the post of Director at Sindh Drug Testing Laboratory has been lying vacant over one month, it was learned on Saturday. Sources at Sindh Drug Testing Laboratory (SDTL) told that the post of Director has been lying vacant since over one month, while a post of deputy director in lab had also been lying vacant since last three years. The drug-testing process in the province has partially come to a halt owing to non-appointment of director in provincial laboratory. The drug testing laboratory plays a major role in checking the manufacture and sale of spurious, substandard, expired, counterfeit and unregistered drugs in the province but after retirement of director over a month ago, the post is lying vacant. Sources said inspection report of drug laboratory lost its legality after the passage of 90-day. The drug samples have been collected from the markets and pharmaceutical companies for examination that could not be performed yet due to post of director lying vacant and no other official has signatory powers. The provincial health department has not paid any heed towards the issue. Secretary Health Sindh Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo was not available for comment. - PPI

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari on Monday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif regarding intense load shedding in Sindh, stressing that the federal government should take immediate steps to improve the situation. The letter to the PM states that Sindh is facing acute shortage of electricity and steps should be taken to resolve the situation in view of extreme heat. The letter further stated that some parts of Sindh are facing up to 20 hours of load shedding every day. Meanwhile, Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif on Monday said that the government was not considering any proposal to take over K-Electric. Asif's words contradicted a statement by State Minister for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali, who had said earlier on Monday that the government may take over the private power distribution company if "need be or situation doesn't improve".

But, speaking to a private news channel, Asif clarified that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) federal government was not planning any takeover despite widespread outages in Karachi in the sweltering summer heat. "No such proposal is under consideration and neither does the government want to consider any such option. This is not our policy. We have a policy of privatisation, and we'll pursue that policy. We'll pursue that policy very vigorously," he said. But, while the water and power minister apparently attempted to address the concerns of foreign investors, he also urged the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to intervene instead. "Where there is

Will takeover K-Electric if need be: Abid Sher Ali

Geo TV , June 22,2015

Electricity shortfall reaches 5500 MW in Pakistan

Dunya News, June 22,2015

Ministry directed to update PM office on electricity supply

Daily Pakistan , June 22,2015

First stroke centre inaugurated in LGH

Daily Times, June 22,2015

Water shortage at Holy Family Hospital puts patients in hot water

Daily Times , June 22,2015

privatisation, the regulator also needs to intervene. We (the government) are only 26 per cent shareholders and we can only partially intervene and not effectively. NEPRA needs to intervene considering the situation in Karachi," he said.

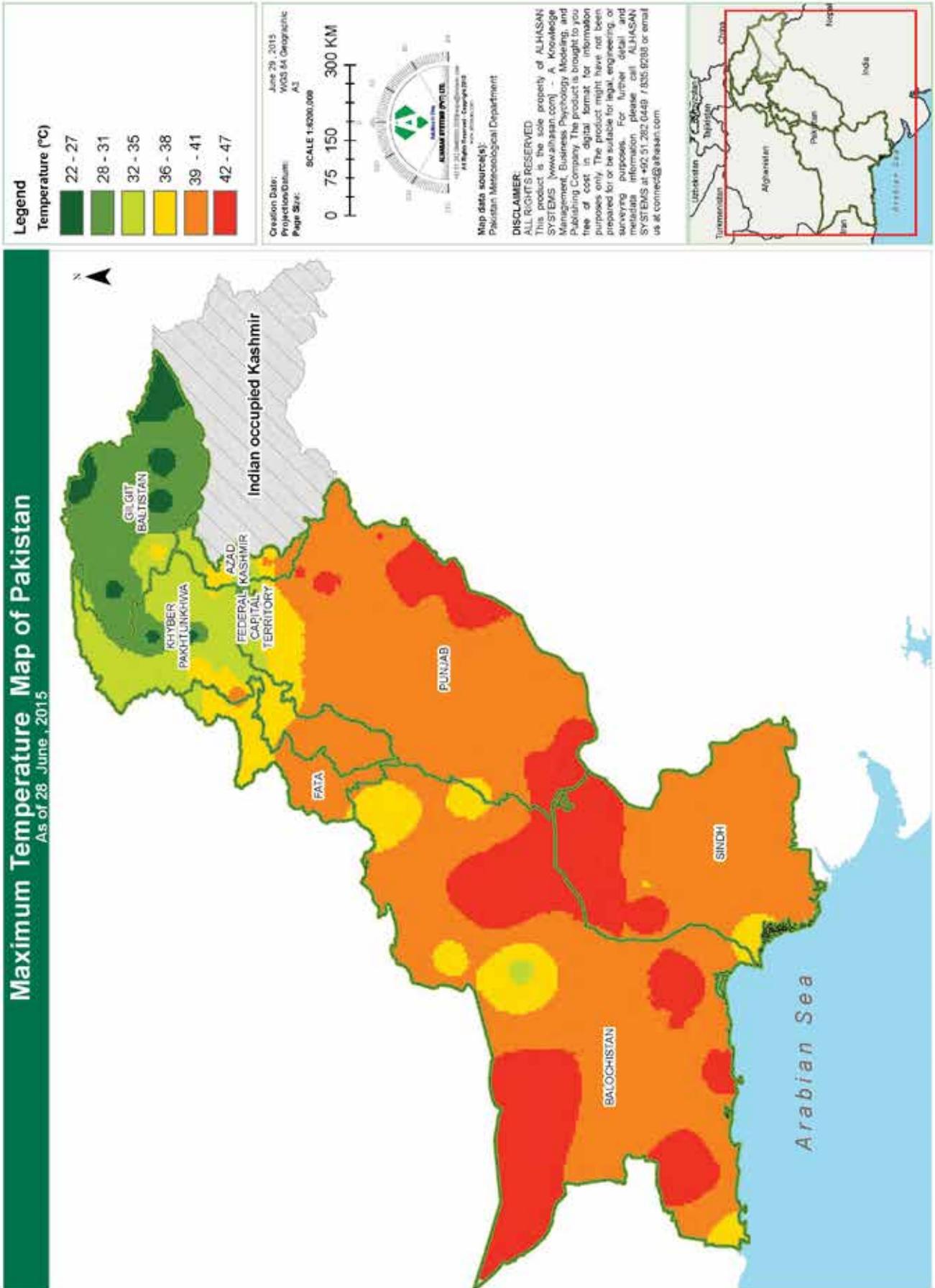
ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali on Monday said the government might takeover K-Electric if the situation did not approve in Karachi. Speaking to media on Monday, he said 650 megawatt electricity was being supplied to K-Electric despite the expiry of an agreement with the company. "We may take over K-Electric if need be or situation doesn't improve," he said, adding that the agreement with power company was yet to be reviewed. He said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was getting its quota of power but the federal government was blamed if a transformer developed a fault. The minister was of the view that load management was responsibility of provincial governments. "We are working with full capacity but people still blame us, 675,000 transformers need to be replaced and each transformer takes 14 hours".

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk) – Load shedding duration has increased today (Monday) as difference in the supply and demand of power hit 5,500 MW amid ongoing intense heatwave in most parts of the country, Dunya news reported. Currently, electricity generation is 15,500 MW against the demand of 21,000 MW. According to sources, power generation could not be increased due to shortage of furnace oil. The power demand is likely to reach 22,000 MW by the evening. Urban areas are suffering eight hours of power cuts while 16 to 18 hours of load shedding is being carried out in rural areas. Many areas are also facing water shortages due to load shedding. Angry protestors took to the streets in major cities including Karachi, Sukkur, Multan and Faisalabad to register their protest against prolonged power outages. The protestors blocked traffic and burnt tyres and also chanted slogans against WAPDA and the government and asked for urgent measures to be taken against the unannounced load shedding.

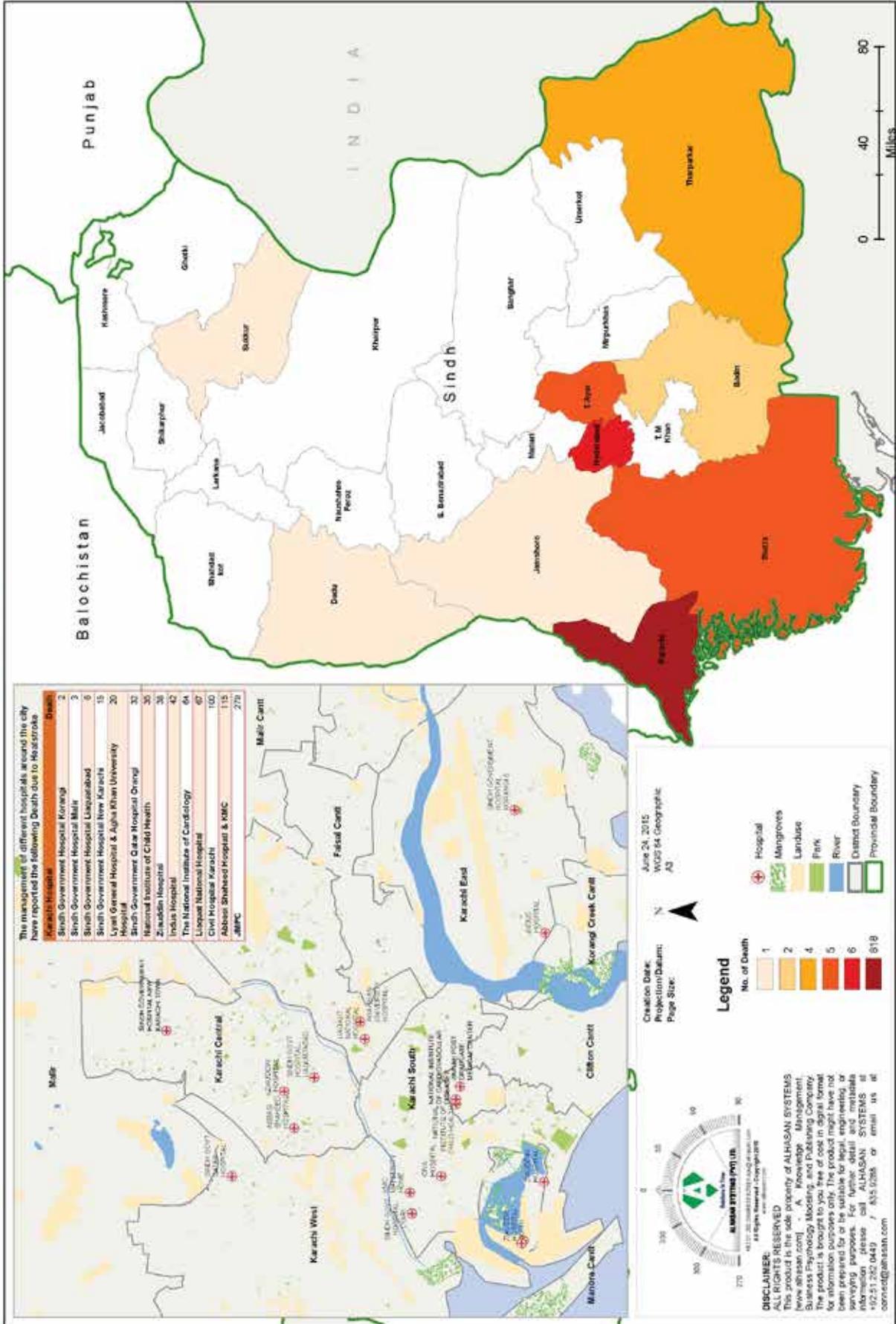
ISLAMABAD (APP) – Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has expressed sorrow over loss of lives in Karachi due to extreme weather conditions and directed immediate medical relief to the affected persons. The Prime Minister directed National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to take swift measures for public relief. He stressed raising awareness among general public about dealing with hot weather conditions so as to lessen its effects. He also directed the Ministry of Water and Power to regularly update the Prime Minister's Office about the supply of electricity.

LAHORE: The first Stroke Center has been inaugurated in Lahore General Hospital (LGH) by a renowned neurosurgeon Prof. Anjum Habib Vohra here on Sunday. The Stroke Center headed by Dr. Umair Rasheed Chaudhary would be run with the financial assistance of a well-known social organization "Akhwat". Medical Superintendent LGH Dr. Saeed Sahoban and representatives of "Akhwat" have signed an MOU in this respect. On the occasion of inauguration, Pro. Anjum Habib Vohra while talking to media said that LGH has established a good name in the list of teaching hospitals of the city during last couple of years, especially in research for new treatments of diseases. He said that patronage of Chief Minister Punjab and financial assistance of philanthropists has gone a long way to achieve their targets by the hospital administration. Responding to questions about Stroke Center, Prof Vohra told that paralysis is the third most common disease after heart attack and cancer in western countries. Major causes to this ailment are smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure and lack of physical exercises.

RAWALPINDI: Shortage of water due to non-operational tube wells at the Holy Family Hospital has increased miseries of the patients, sources said. According to details, due to shortage of water, patients in wards have been instructed to use emergency wash rooms as three tube wells out of total four are out of order for the last ten days. Sources revealed that patients are also facing problems for supply of clean drinking water as administration failed to resolve the issue. The hospital administration has contacted the Public Works Department (PWD) that had installed tube wells, but it could not start repairing work so far. Allied Hospitals and Rawalpindi Medical College Principal Dr Mohammad Umer was contacted for the matter, but he never replied.



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- Road

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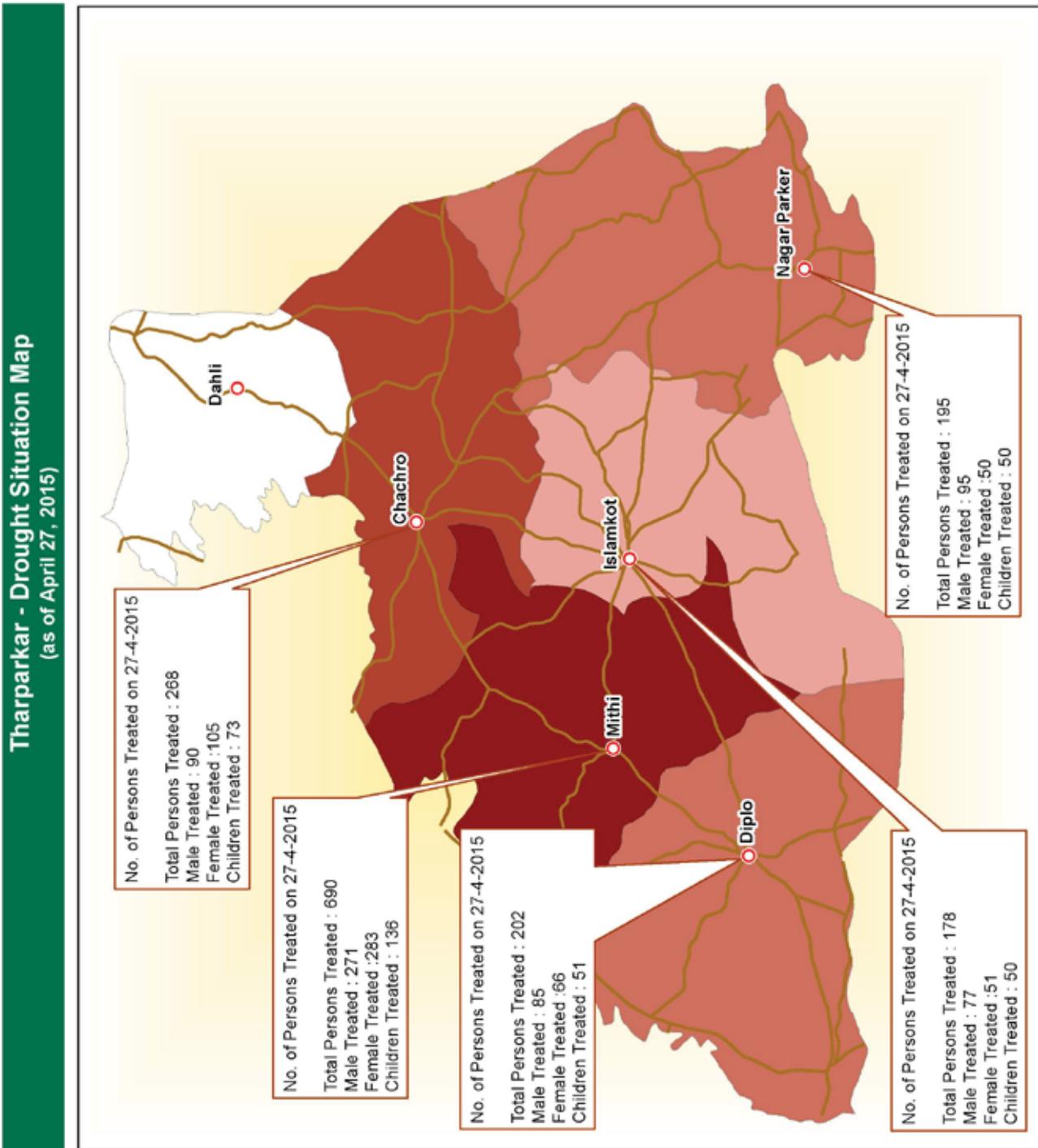
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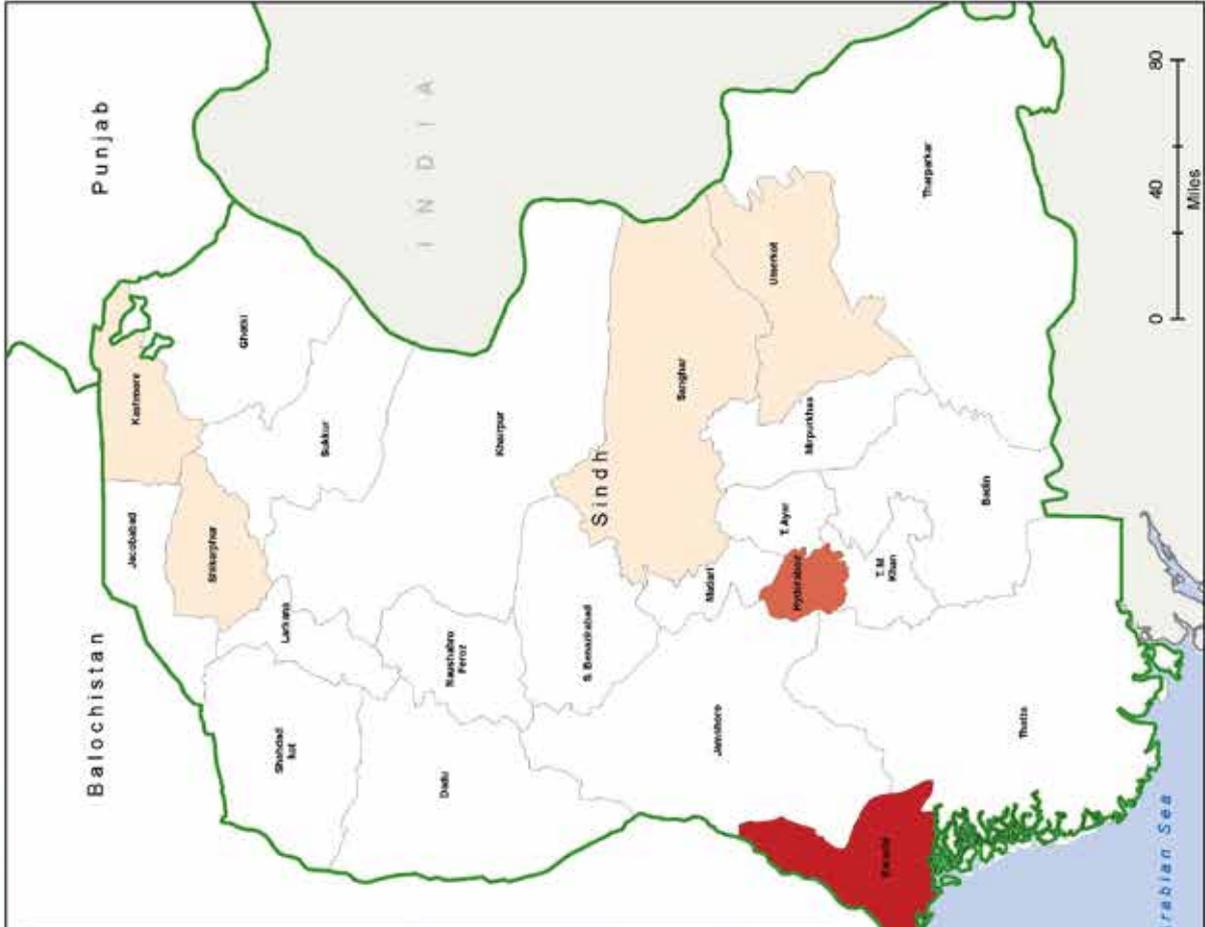
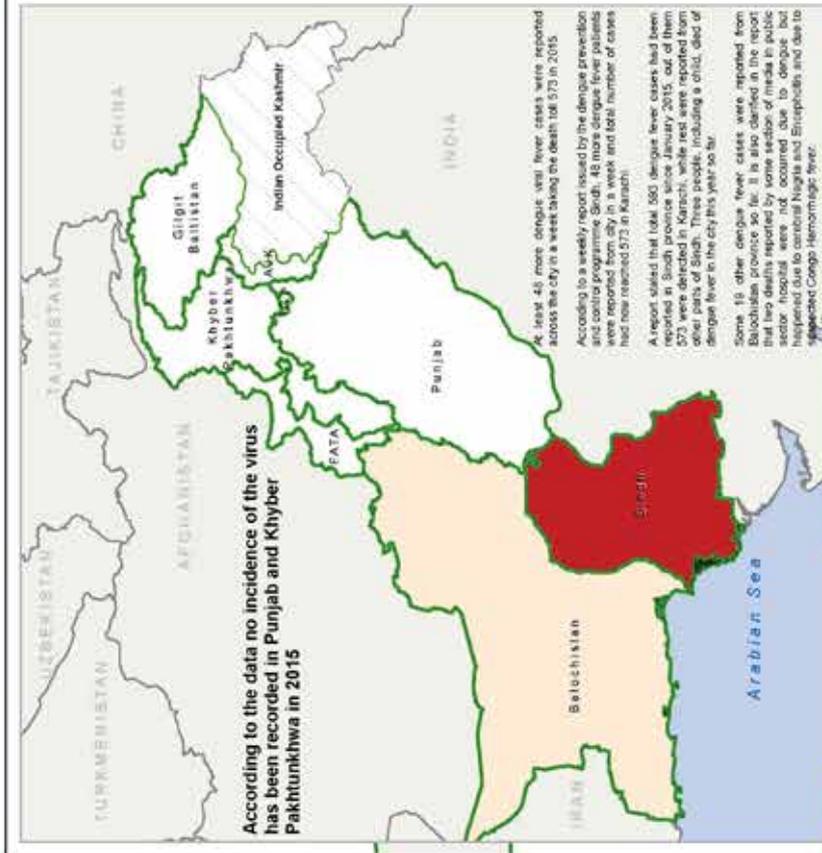
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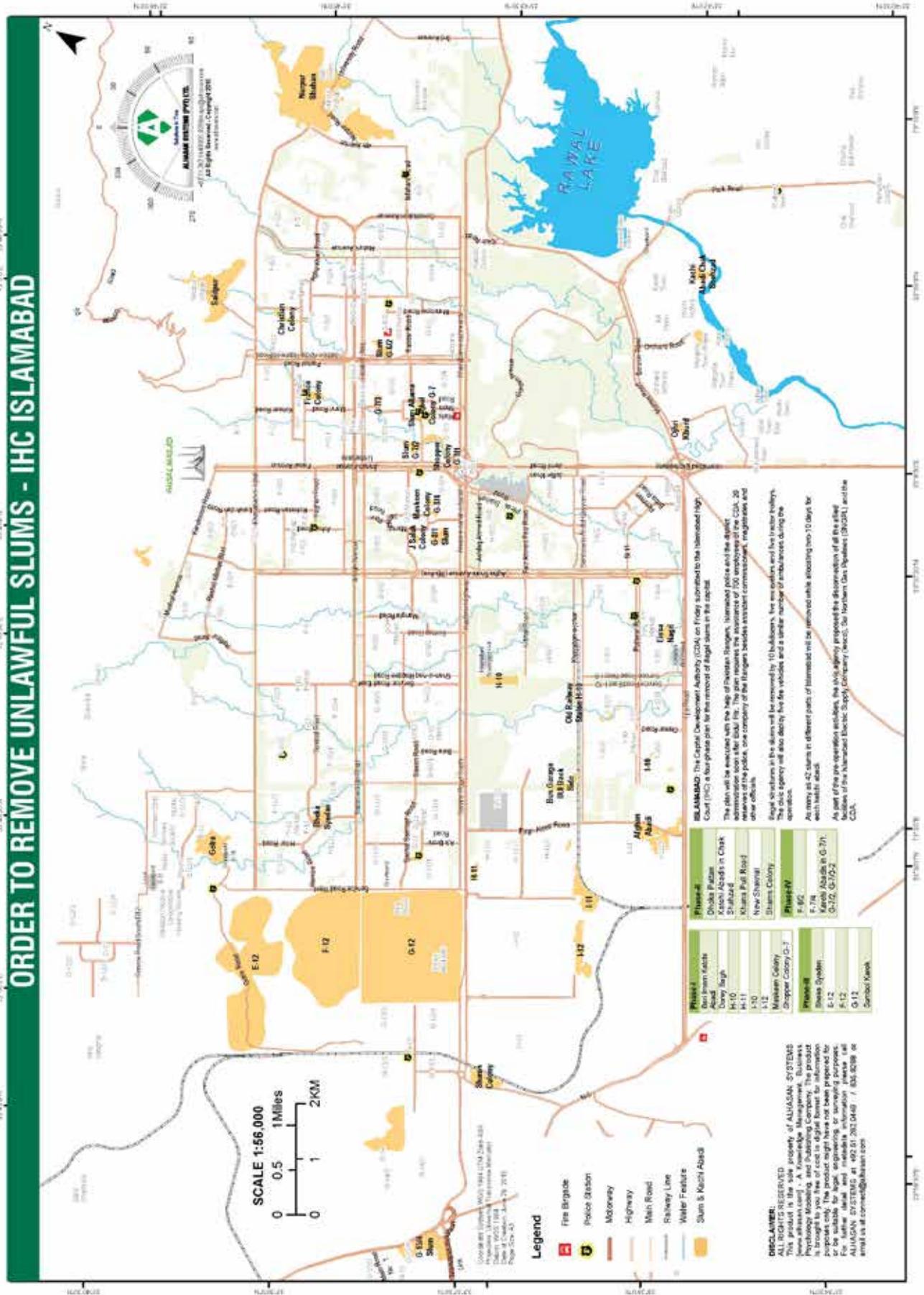
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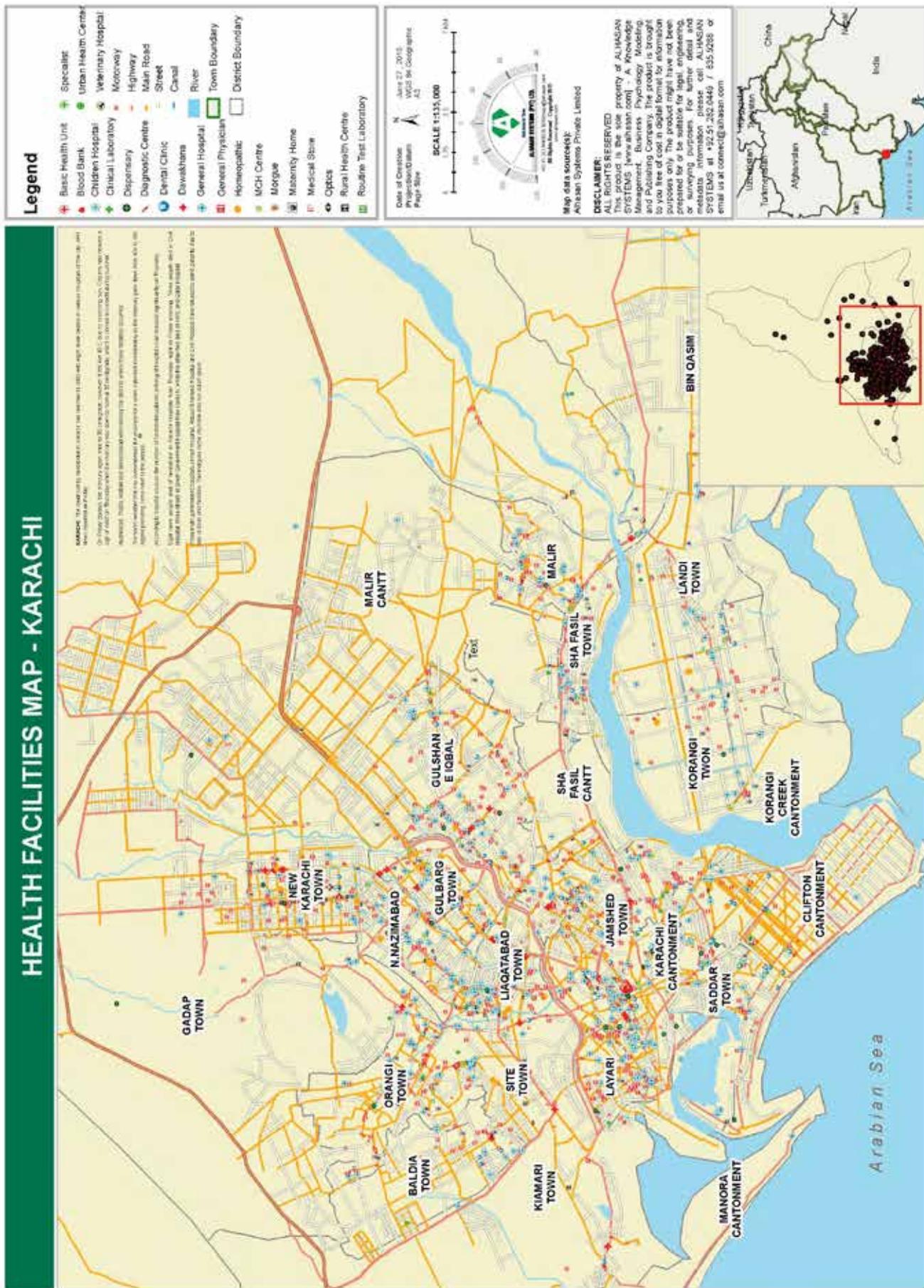


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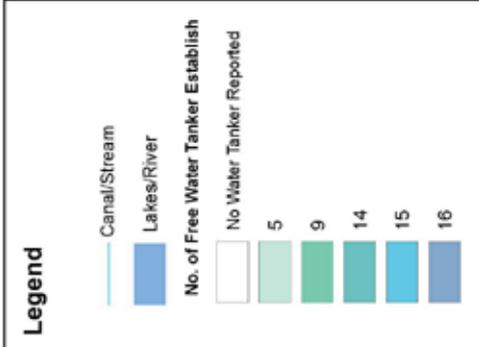
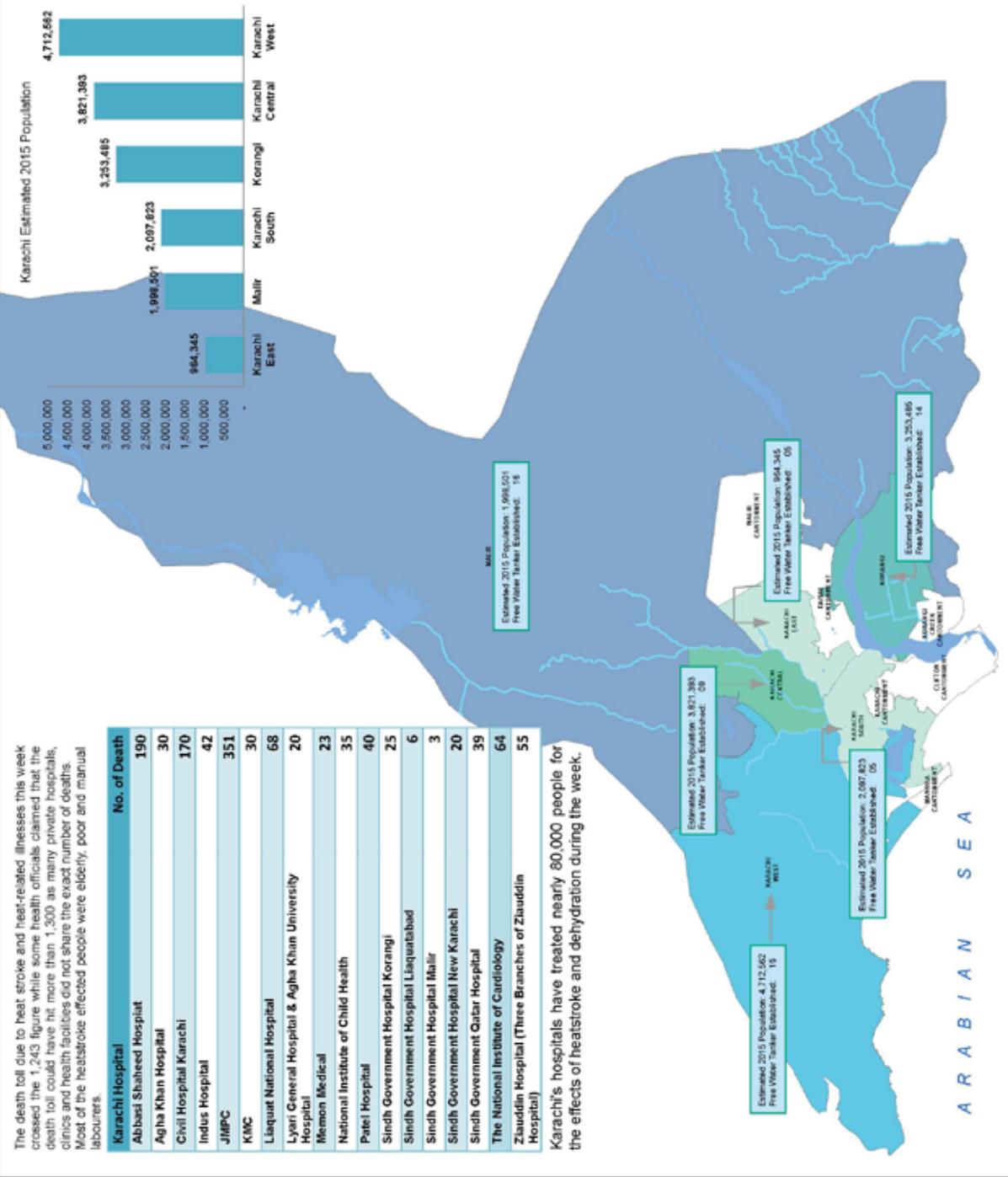


FREE WATER TANKERS ESTABLISH IN KARACHI

The death toll due to heat stroke and heat-related illnesses this week crossed the 1,243 figure while some health officials claimed that the death toll could have hit more than 1,300 as many private hospitals, clinics and health facilities did not share the exact number of deaths. Most of the heatstroke affected people were elderly, poor and manual labourers.

Karachi Hospital	No. of Death
Abbasi Shaheed Hospital	190
Agha Khan Hospital	30
Civil Hospital Karachi	170
Indus Hospital	42
JMPC	351
KMC	30
Liaquat National Hospital	68
Lyari General Hospital & Agha Khan University Hospital	20
Memon Medical	23
National Institute of Child Health	35
Patel Hospital	40
Sindh Government Hospital Korangi	25
Sindh Government Hospital Liaquatabad	6
Sindh Government Hospital Malir	3
Sindh Government Hospital New Karachi	20
Sindh Government Qatar Hospital	39
The National Institute of Cardiology	64
Ziauddin Hospital (Three Branches of Ziauddin Hospital)	55

Karachi's hospitals have treated nearly 80,000 people for the effects of heatstroke and dehydration during the week.



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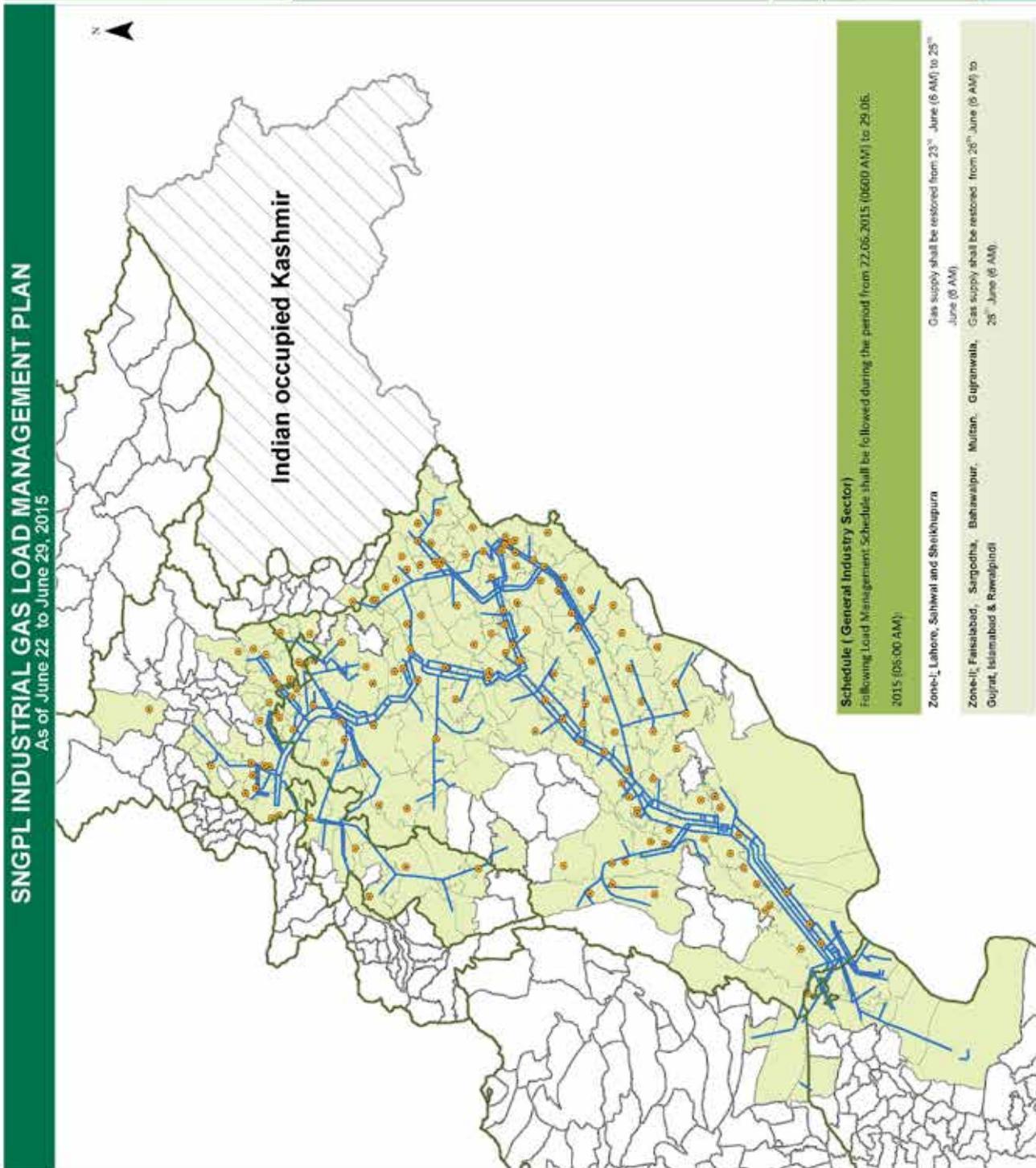
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خزانہ نے کہا کہ اگر مطالبات نہ مانے گئے تو اسلام آباد میں بھی دھرنا دینگے۔ سندھ اسمبلی کا اجلاس ڈپٹی اسپیکر شہارضا کی زیر صدارت شروع ہوا، اجلاس میں گرمی کی شدت سے کراچی میں دو روز میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کے لیے فاتحہ خوانی کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر اراکین اسمبلی بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف پھٹ پڑے اور کے الیکٹرک خلاف ایف آئی آر درج کرانے کے ساتھ ایوان میں ایک گھنٹہ ایئر کنڈیشن بند کرنے کا بھی مطالبہ کیا۔ پیپلز پارٹی کے شیمس ممتاز نے کہا کہ کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف ایف آئی آر اسپیکر اور ڈپٹی اسپیکر کی سربراہی میں درج کرانی چاہیے۔ پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے رکن خرم شیر زمان نے کہا کہ صوبائی حکومت کے خلاف بھی ایف آئی آر درج کرانی چاہیے۔ وزیر صحت جام مہتاب نے کہا کہ ہیٹ اسٹروک کے باعث 75 افراد جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے ہیں۔ اراکان نے کہا کہ کراچی میں اموات کی ذمہ دار کے الیکٹرک ہے، خواجہ اظہار کے ایک گھنٹہ ایئر کنڈیشن بند کرنے کی بات پر ایوان تقسیم ہو گیا اور حکومتی اراکین نے اس کی مخالفت کی جس پر خواجہ اظہار ایوان سے واک آؤٹ کر گئے۔ ٹارگھوڑنے کہا کہ یہ سب کرنے سے مسئلہ حل نہیں ہوگا۔ ایوان میں بجٹ بحث کے دوران اپوزیشن اور حکومتی اراکان کے درمیان گرما گرمی ہوئی اور ڈپٹی اسپیکر اسمبلی شہارضا کی جانب سے متعدد بار روکنا بھی بے سود رہا۔

کے بلند و بانگ دعوؤں کی قلعی کھل گئی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف پورے ملک میں احتجاج ہو رہا ہے اور بہت سے علاقوں میں تو 6، 7 دنوں سے بجلی بند ہے۔ عوامی مسلم لیگ کے سربراہ شیخ رشید کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر حکومت نے اربوں روپے میٹرو منصوبوں پر خرچ کرنے والی حکومت کو واقعی عوام کے درد کا احساس ہے تو پھر قومی اسمبلی کے اسے ہی بند کر دیئے جائیں اور ترقیاتی منصوبوں کے فنڈز روک کر تو انائیجران کے حل پر لگائے جائیں۔ ایم کیو ایم کے رہنما رشید گوڈیل کا کہنا تھا کہ اب لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف عوام کے ساتھ مل کر احتجاج کریں گے لیکن ہم بینار پاکستان پر کھڑے ہو کر 6 ماہ اور سال میں لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنے کے نعرے نہیں لگائے گے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت نے پچھلے سال بجٹ میں تو انائیجران کے لئے 1450 ارب روپے دینے کے بعد کہا تھا کہ ہم نے پاکستان کو اندھیرے سے نکال کر روشنی میں ڈال دیا لیکن اب تو انائیجران کے لئے 300 بلین پھر جمع ہیں، یہ لوگ مسائل کی جڑ تک نہیں پہنچنے کے بجائے دنیا میں دکھاوے کے لئے میٹرو بس اور موٹروے جیسے منصوبے بناتی ہے۔

کراچی سندھ اسمبلی میں اراکین بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف پھٹ پڑے جب کہ اراکین نے صوبائی حکومت اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرانے کا بھی مطالبہ کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ڈپٹی اسپیکر شہلا رضا کی زیر صدارت سندھ اسمبلی کا اجلاس شروع ہوا تو اراکین نے بجٹ کے بجائے کراچی میں بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر پھٹ پڑے۔ متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کے رہنما اور اپوزیشن لیڈر خواجہ اظہار الحسن نے اظہار خیال کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ شہر قائد میں لوگ گرمی کے باعث جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے اور کے الیکٹرک انتظامیہ اسے ہی سزا میں بیٹھ کر بیان جاری کرتی ہے جب کہ ایوان کی ٹھنڈک دیکھ کر شدید دکھ ہو رہا ہے اس لئے کسی ایک محکمے یا فرد کو ذمہ دار قرار دے کر بری الذمہ نہیں ہو سکتے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کے الیکٹرک کی نااہلی اپنی جگہ لیکن لوگوں کا غصہ بھی جائز ہے، پہلے روزے کو بجلی کے بحران سے گھر اور مساجد میں پانی ختم ہو گیا ہے جب کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے پانی کا بحران بدترین ہو چکا ہے، وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف اور عابد شیر علی کو بجلی کی ب کا بھی علم نہیں ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کے رکن اسمبلی خرم شیر زمان نے اظہار خیال کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ گرمی کی شدت اور بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کی نشاندہی کے باوجود حکومت نے کوئی اقدامات نہیں کئے اس لئے کے الیکٹرک سمیت حکومت سندھ کے خلاف بھی ایف آئی آر درج کرانی چاہیے، اس موقع پر پیپلز پارٹی کی رکن شمیم ممتاز نے کہا کہ کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف ایف آئی آر اسپیکر اور ڈپٹی اسپیکر کی مدد سے حکومت میں درج کرانی چاہیے۔

اجلاس کے دوران بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر اراکین جب سنا پاہوئے تو پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما جاوید ناگوری نے موضوع کو بدل لیتے ہوئے اظہار خیال کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کراچی سے زیادہ مہاجر پنجاب میں ہجرت کر کے آئے، وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور صدر ممنون حسین بھی مہاجر ہیں اور بد قسمتی ہے کہ پنجاب میں آنے والے مہاجر پاکستانی بن گئے لیکن سندھ میں آنے والے اب بھی مہاجر ہیں۔ جاوید ناگوری کے بیان پر ایم کیو ایم اراکین نے اسے مہاجروں کے خلاف متعصبانہ بیان قرار دیتے ہوئے شدید احتجاج کیا اور رولز کے بیہرہ بھاڑ کر اڑا دیئے تاہم جاوید ناگوری نے بیان جاری رکھتے ہوئے کہا کہ جب تک زندہ ہیں اس ملک، صوبے اور کراچی کی حفاظت کرتے رہیں گے جب کہ بیوروں پر رہا ہونے والے کراچی کا امن تباہ کر رہے ہیں، میں بات سچی کرتا ہوں تو میرے دوست بھڑک اٹھتے ہیں اگر میری وجہ سے کسی کی دل آزاری ہوئی تو معافی چاہتا ہوں۔ ایوان میں جاوید ناگوری اور ایم کیو ایم کے محمد حسین کے درمیان نوک جھونک جاری رہی تاہم اس موقع پر محمد حسین کو بات کرنے کی اجازت نہ دی گئی جس کے بعد ایم کیو ایم کے ہی رکن خالد احمد کو بھی بات کرنے کی اجازت نہ ملنے پر وہ احتجاجاً ایوان سے واک آؤٹ کر گئے۔

وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف نے کہا ہے کہ پہلے روزے سے بجلی کی طلب بڑھ کر 21 ہزار میگا واٹ تک پہنچ گئی بحران پر قابو پانے کی بھرپور کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔ ایک انٹرویو میں خواجہ آصف نے کہا کہ بحران پر قابو پانے کی کوششیں کر رہے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ پہلے روزے سے بجلی کی طلب بڑھ کر 21 ہزار میگا واٹ تک پہنچ گئی سحر و افطار کی وجہ سے انڈسٹری کو شام 7 سے صبح 4 بجے تک بجلی نہیں دی جاتی۔ خواجہ آصف نے کہا کہ جہاں احتجاج ہو رہا ہے وہاں ریکوری نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے، جو بجلی کے بل ادا نہیں کرتے انہیں بجلی نہیں دے سکتے۔

سندھ حکومت نے وفاقی حکومت کو خام تیل پر فیڈرل ایکسائز ڈیوٹی عائد کرنے کی درخواست کر دی ہے۔ اس ضمن میں دستیاب دستاویز کے مطابق سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے وزارت خزانہ کو خط لکھا گیا ہے جس میں فنانس بل 2015 میں خام تیل پر فیڈرل ایکسائز ڈیوٹی عائد نہ کرنے پر تحفظات کا اظہار کیا گیا ہے۔ لیٹر میں کہا گیا کہ سندھ حکومت آئین کے آرٹیکل 161(b) کے تحت وفاقی خزانہ ڈویژن کو مسلسل درخواستیں کر رہی ہے کہ خام تیل پر فیڈرل ایکسائز ڈیوٹی عائد کی جائے۔ جس کے لیے سندھ حکومت نے وفاقی خزانہ ڈویژن کو متعلقہ شقوں میں ترامیم کے مسودے بھی تیار کر کے فراہم کیے ہیں مگر وفاق کی جانب سے خام تیل پر فیڈرل ایکسائز ڈیوٹی عائد نہیں کی جا رہی اور اب بھی فنانس بل 2015 میں خام تیل پر فیڈرل ایکسائز ڈیوٹی کے نفاذ سے متعلق کوئی شق متعارف نہیں کرائی گئی۔

کراچی..... سندھ اسمبلی میں اراکان کراچی میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف پھٹ پڑے اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف ایف آئی آر کٹوانے کا مطالبہ کر ڈالا۔ قائد حزب اختلاف خواجہ اظہار الحسن نے ایوان کے ایگزیکٹو شہزاد بھی ایک گھنٹے کیلئے بند کرنے کی درخواست کی۔ جبکہ صوبائی وزیر

بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر اراکین کا صوبائی حکومت اور کے الیکٹرک کیخلاف مقدمہ درج کرانے کا مطالبہ

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22 جون 2015

پہلے روزے سے بجلی کی طلب 21 ہزار میگا واٹ ہو گئی، خواجہ آصف

روزنامہ اساس

22 جون 2015

سندھ نے وفاق سے خام تیل پر ایکسائز ڈیوٹی عائد کرنے کی درخواست کر دی

روزنامہ اساس

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سندھ اسمبلی: اراکین اسمبلی بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ پر پھٹ پڑے

رکھنے کی جگہ ختم ہو گئی ہے، حکومت کو کوئی پرواہ نہیں ہے۔ اپوزیشن کے احتجاج کے حوالے سے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم نے احتجاج کیا تو اجلاس کو تھوڑا روک دیا جاتا۔ اجلاس کے دوران اپوزیشن ارکان نشستوں پر کھڑے ہو گئے اور انہوں نے حکومت کے خلاف نعرے بازی کی۔ رکن اسمبلی جمشید دستی جمشید دستی اسپیکر ڈاؤن کے سامنے آگئے اور انہوں نے اسپیکر کے سامنے بجٹ دستاویزات پھاڑ کر پھینک دیئے۔ اسپیکر ایاز صادق نے اس موقع پر جمشید دستی کو تنبیہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بجٹ دستاویزات پر اللہ کا نام بھی لکھا ہے، آپ کے خلاف کارروائی کرنا پڑے گی، جمشید دستی کے خلاف تحریک استحقاق التوا میں ہے۔ قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس شروع ہونے سے قبل حزب اختلاف کی جماعتوں کی پارلیمانی رہنماؤں کا اجلاس قائد حزب اختلاف خورشید شاہ کی صدارت میں ہوا۔ اجلاس میں تحریک انصاف کے عارف علوی، شاہ محمود قریشی، متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کے رشید گوڈیل، عوامی مسلم لیگ کے شیخ رشید اور جماعت اسلامی کے صاحبزادہ طارق اللہ شریک ہوئے۔ اجلاس میں مشاورت کے بعد جمعہ کو کراچی میں بلاکٹوں پر یوم سیاہ منانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ قومی اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں لوڈ شیڈنگ سے ملک بھر میں اموات کا ذمہ دار حکومت کو ٹھہرایا گیا۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ اپوزیشن رہنماؤں نے سپریم کورٹ سے بھی انسانی اموات پر سو موٹو لینے کا مطالبہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر اپوزیشن لیڈر خورشید شاہ نے میڈیا سے غیر رسمی گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اموات پر غائبانہ نماز جنازہ بھی ادا کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے توانائی بحران اور کراچی بلاکٹوں پر قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس بلانے کی ریکورڈیشن بھی جمع کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ خورشید شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں 450 سے زائد افراد بجلی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے انتقال کر گئے، سپریم کورٹ انسانی اموات پر سو موٹو نوٹس لے، کاش آج افتخار چوہدری ہوتے تو وہ سو موٹو لیتے۔ وفاقی حکومت پر تنقید کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اندرون سندھ سمیت پورے ملک میں بلاکٹیں ہوئیں جس کی ذمہ دار حکومت ہے۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے اپوزیشن کی جانب سے مطالبہ کیا کہ وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف اور وفاقی وزیر مملکت پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی اس صورتحال پر استعفیٰ دیں۔ خورشید شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت کو چاہیے کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے ہلاک ہونے والوں کے اہل خانہ کو معاوضہ دے۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) ذرائع کے مطابق گیس انفراسٹرکچر بل کی منظوری کے بعد سی این جی کی قیمتوں میں بھی 25 فیصد اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ وزارت پٹرولیم کے حکام کے مطابق جنوری 2013ء سے صارفین کے لئے گیس کے نرخوں سے کسی بھی قسم کا اضافہ نہیں کیا گیا لیکن اب یکم جولائی سے اس میں کیا جائے گا۔

کراچی.... سندھ حکومت کا مارکیٹیں رات 9 بجے بند کرنے کا فیصلہ اور اس ساتھ اب شہر بھر کے تمام سائٹ بورڈز کی لائٹیں بھی رات 9 بجے بند کر دی جائیں گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے فیصلہ کیا ہے کہ بجلی بحران پر قابو پانے کے لئے مارکیٹیں رات 9 بجے بند کر دی جائیں اور شہر کے تمام سائٹ بورڈز کی لائٹیں بھی رات 9 بجے بند کر دی جائیں، تمام سرکاری دفاتر میں صبح 11 بجے تک ایئر کنڈیشنرز نہ چلائے جائیں، اسٹریٹ لائٹس کے ہر دوسرے پول پر ایک بلب روشن کیا جائے، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے تمام کمشنرز کو ہدایات جاری کیں کہ دفعہ 144 لگا کر مارکیٹیں 9 بجے بند کرادی جائیں، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کے الیکٹرک کے حکام کا اجلاس بھی آج طلب کر لیا ہے۔

کوئٹہ..... ضلع کچھ کے علاقے مند میں تیز اندھی سے بجلی کے 4 کھبے گر گئے۔ کھبے گرنے سے ایران سے مکران کو بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی ہے۔ ترحمان کیسکو کے مطابق ضلع کچھ کے علاقے مند میں طوفانی بارش اور تیز اندھی کے باعث تھپ سے مند آنے والی 132 کے وی ٹرانسمیشن لائن کے 4 کھبے گر گئے، کھبے گرنے کی وجہ سے مکران کے تینوں اضلاع کچھ، گوادر اور پنجگور کو بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی ہے۔ کیسکو ترحمان کے مطابق کھبوں کی مرمت کے لیے جلد کیسکو کی ٹیمیں مذکورہ علاقے میں روانہ کی جائیں گی۔

کراچی..... کراچی کے علاقے پیپری پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن ہو گیا ہے جس کے باعث وہاں سے 14 کروڑ گیلن پانی پمپ نہیں ہو سکا۔ اس صورت حال کے بعد کراچی شہر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں پانی کی کمی کا سامنا ہو گا۔ کراچی کے شہری روزے کی حالت میں پہلے ہی گرمی اور غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا شکار ہیں، یہاں گرمی کے باعث تین روز میں سیکڑوں افراد جاں بحق ہو چکے ہیں، پانی کی قلت ان کیلئے مزید پریشانی کا سبب بنے گی۔

اسلام آباد بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف قومی اسمبلی میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے متفقہ طور پر احتجاج کیا اور اجلاس سے واک آؤٹ کیا۔ اسپیکر قومی اسمبلی سردار ایاز صادق کی سربراہی میں ہونے والے اجلاس میں جماعت اسلامی کے اراکین نے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف پلے کارڈ اٹھا کر وفاقی حکومت کے خلاف 'شیم شیم' کے نعرے لگائے اور کہا کہ ٹائم دے کر لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنے کے دعوے کہاں گئے۔ قومی اسمبلی میں تمام اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف نہ صرف احتجاج کیا بلکہ اجلاس سے واک آؤٹ بھی کیا۔ پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس کے باہر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے شاہ محمود قریشی کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت جو کہتی ہے وہ کرتی نہیں ہے، بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ سے حکومت کے اختیارات اور ٹاک شو پر وزراء

گیس انفراسٹرکچر بل کی منظوری سے سی این جی 25 فیصد مہنگی ہو سکتی ہے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

23 جون 2015

وزیر اعلیٰ نے بجلی حکام کا اجلاس بلایا، رات 9 بجے بازار بند کرانے کی ہدایت

جیو نیوز

23 جون 2015

مکران: اندھی سے بجلی کے 4 کھبے گر گئے، تینوں اضلاع کو فراہمی معطل

جیو نیوز

22 جون 2015

کراچی: پیپری پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن، 14 کروڑ گیلن پانی کی قلت

جیو نیوز

22 جون 2015

لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف قومی اسمبلی میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں کا واک آؤٹ

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

22 جون 2015

بحران کو ختم کرنے کے لیے سرمایہ کاری میں ابتدائی طور پر کچھ مراعات دی جائیں تاہم نرخوں میں کمی صرف اس صورت میں ممکن ہوگی جب یہ مراعات صرف ابتدائی منصوبوں کو ہی دی جائیں۔ جیسے کہ حکومت نے آئی ایم ایف کے پروگرام میں اتفاق کیا ہے، بجلی کے نرخوں کو اس کی حقیقی قیمت کے برابر لانا ہوگا اور سبسڈی صرف سے غریب طبقے تک ہی محدود رکھی جائے۔

کوئٹہ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر ای او سی نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ بلوچستان میں 84 فیصد بچے حفاظتی ٹیکوں سے محروم ہیں اور مختلف قابل علاج اور مہلک بیماریوں کا شکار ہیں۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر کے کوآرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر سید سیف الرحمن کے مطابق سو میں سے صرف 16 فیصد بچوں کو حفاظتی ٹیکے لگائے گئے ہیں اور یہ صوبے کے لیے ایک خطرناک صورتحال ہے۔ بلوچستان ملک میں سب سے زیادہ قدرتی وسائل سے مالا مال صوبہ ہے البتہ صوبائی محکمہ صحت کے ڈیٹا سے معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ کم ترقی یافتہ اور سماجی اعشاریوں کے اعتبار سے دیگر صوبوں سے پیچھے ہے۔ حکومت بلوچستان نے پولیو کے خاتمہ کے لیے بچوں کی حفاظتی ٹیکوں کو یقینی بنانے کے ساتھ ساتھ معمول کے حفاظتی ٹیکوں کے پروگرام کو بیک وقت شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ای او سی اور ای پی آئی کے حکام نے حال ہی میں اجلاس منعقد کیا جس میں تمام بچوں کے لیے حفاظتی ٹیکوں کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے ایک موثر پروگرام شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ یونیسیف اور عالمی ادارہ صحت کے حکام نے صوبے میں حفاظتی ٹیکوں کے لیے تکنیکی اور لاجسٹک سپورٹ فراہم کرنے کی یقین دہانی کرائی۔ تاہم محکمہ صحت بلوچستان کے ایک اہلکار نے نام ظاہر نہ کرنے کی شرط پر ڈان کو بتایا کہ صوبے میں زیادہ تر ای پی آئی مراکز غیر فعال ہیں۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ ضلع قلعہ عبداللہ کے 27 ای پی آئی مراکز میں سے صرف 10 کام کرتے تھے، البتہ صوبہ کے باقی 31 ضلعوں میں بھی کوئی اچھی صورتحال نہیں ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا تھا کہ بلوچستان حکومت نے پولیو، خسرہ، چکن پاکس، پھیپھائیس اور دیگر پانچ قابل علاج بیماریوں کے خاتمے کے لیے ای پی آئی کا آغاز کیا ہے البتہ اس کے باوجود ہر سال ان قابل علاج بیماریوں سے لاتعداد بچے ہلاک ہو جاتے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبے خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں افغانستان کے رہائشی دو بچوں میں کالگو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق دو ماہ میں افغانستان سے کالگو وائرس سے متاثرہ نومریضوں کو علاج کے لیے پشاور لایا گیا جن میں تین کی اموات ہو چکی ہیں۔ حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس میں کالگو وائرس کے فوکل پرسن ڈاکٹر محمد عمران نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ افغانستان سے دو بچوں کو گذشتہ روز علاج کے لیے ہسپتال لایا گیا ہے جن کی عمریں دس سے 12 سال کے درمیان ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ شدید گرمی کے آغاز سے ہی افغانستان سے اس مہلک مرض میں مبتلا مریضوں کو لایا جا رہا ہے اور اب تک ڈیڑھ سے دو ماہ کے دوران نو مریض حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس میں لائے گئے ہیں اور ان تمام کا تعلق افغانستان سے تھا۔ ڈاکٹر عمران نے بتایا کہ ان میں تین مریض ایسے تھے جو اس بیماری کے دوران انتقال کر گئے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق یہ وائرس مال مویشیوں میں موجود پوسو کی مدد سے انسانوں کو ہمارا ہوتا ہے اور اس کے بعد ناک، منہ اور جسم کے دیگر حصوں سے خون بہنا شروع ہو جاتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر عمران نے بتایا کہ پشاور کے حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس میں پرائیویٹ رومز کے ساتھ پانچ کمروں پر مشتمل آکسولیشن یونٹ قائم کیا گیا ہے جہاں کالگو وائرس سے متاثرہ مریضوں کو رکھا جاتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ وائرس انتہائی خطرناک ہے اور اس سے متاثرہ مریض سے یہ وائرس دیگر افراد کو پھیل جاتا ہے۔ یہ بھی معلوم ہوا ہے کہ گذشتہ سال ایک نجی ہسپتال میں ایک نوجوان ڈاکٹر اسی طرح کے ایک مریض کے علاج کے دوران متاثر ہوئے اور پھر جان کی بازی ہار گئے تھے۔ طبی ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ اس طرح کے وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد دیگر افراد کے لیے خطرناک ثابت ہو سکتے ہیں اور اس کے لیے حکام کو واضح پالیسی اختیار کرنا چاہیے۔ یہ تجویز بھی کی جا رہی ہے کہ اس طرح کے مریض اور ان کے رشتہ دار بازاروں اور عوامی گاڑیوں میں سفر کرتے ہیں جس سے یہ وائرس دیگر افراد کو متاثر کر سکتا ہے اس لیے ایسے افراد کے علاج کے لیے باقاعدہ انتظام کیا جانا چاہیے۔

ملتان (نامہ نگار خصوصی) وزارت پانی و بجلی نے صنعتی صارفین پر عائد سرچارجز کو یکجا کر کے ایک نام دے دیا ہے۔ ”نیلیم جہلم سرچارج“ ڈیٹت سرورسنگ سرچارج“ ”یونیفارم ٹیرف“ اور ”ایڈیشنل سرچارج“ کو ”ٹیرف ریشٹلائزیشن سرچارج“ کا نام دے دیا ہے اور اس کی ریٹ قیمت 3.63 روپے فی یونٹ مقرر کر دی ہے

اسلام آباد ملک میں شدید گرمی میں بجلی کی عدم فراہمی اور گرمی سے شہریوں کی ہلاکتوں پر قومی اسمبلی میں حزب اختلاف نے شدید احتجاج اور واک آؤٹ کیا۔ اسپیکر ایاز صادق کی صدارت میں قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس شروع ہوا تو ملک میں شدید گرمی سے ہلاک ہونے والوں کے لیے فاتحہ خوانی کی گئی۔ اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے اپوزیشن لیڈر خورشید شاہ نے مسلم لیگ (ن) اور شہباز شریف کو تنقید کا نشانہ بناتے ہوئے کہا کہ آپ تو پچھلے ہاتھ میں لے کر کابینہ کے اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے تھے، پیپلز پارٹی کے دور میں آپ عوام کو جلاوا گھیراؤ پر اکساتے تھے، ہم نے تو سندھ کے وزیر اعلیٰ قائم علی شاہ کو پچھلے نہیں پکڑائے۔ کراچی کی صورتحال کی جانب توجہ مبذول کرواتے ہوئے خورشید شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ سرد خانوں میں لاشیں

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علاوہ سیکریٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگھاسمیت دیگر اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر سیکریٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگھانے رمضان المبارک کے دوران بجلی کی طلب، پیداوار اور جاری لوڈ شیڈنگ کے حوالے سے بریفنگ دی۔ اجلاس کے دوران وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ حکومت توانائی بحران کے خاتمہ کے لئے پرعزم ہے، رمضان المبارک میں عوام کو ریلیف دینے کے لئے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کم کرنا چاہتے ہیں، اس سلسلے میں بھرپور اقدامات کئے جائیں۔

اسلام آباد..... وزارت پانی و بجلی نے نیپرا سے شکایت کی ہے کہ کے الیکٹرک نہ اپنی بجلی پیداواری صلاحیت کو بروئے کار لارہی ہے نہ ہی حکومت اور صارفین کے ساتھ اپنی کمٹمنٹ کو پورا کر رہی ہے، نیپرا کے الیکٹرک کا تفصیلی آڈٹ کرے اور اسے لائسنس میں درج معیارات اور شرائط پوری کرنے کیلئے جوابدہ بنائے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی کی طرف سے جاری اعلاسیے کے مطابق نیپرا کو لکھے گئے خط میں کہا گیا ہے کہ کے الیکٹرک اپنی کارکردگی کے معیارات پر پورا نہیں اتر رہی۔ نیپرا کے الیکٹرک کا تفصیلی آڈٹ اور انکوائری کرے۔ اعلاسیے کے مطابق نیپرا سے کہا گیا ہے کہ کے الیکٹرک کی طرف سے کارکردگی کے معیارات اور لائسنس کی شرائط کی خلاف ورزی پر تحقیقات کی جائیں اور اسے جواب دہ بنایا جائے۔ خط میں نیپرا کی توجہ کراچی میں مسلسل بجلی ٹرپنگ اور سسٹم میں بہتری کیلئے مناسب سرمایہ کاری نہ کرنے کی طرف بھی دلائی گئی ہے۔

کے الیکٹرک پوری پیداواری صلاحیت بروئے کار نہیں لارہی، وزارت پانی و بجلی

جونیور

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حیدرآباد: آل پاکستان واپڈ اہائیڈرو الیکٹرک ورکرز یونین (سی بی اے) نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ پانی و بجلی کا ترقیاتی ادارہ واپڈ اہائیڈرو الیکٹرک سسٹم چلانے کے قابل نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے اس کی وجہ یہ بتائی کہ یہ اس کی حالت شکستہ اور فرسودہ ہو چکی ہے، حالانکہ ملک اب بھی اپنی کل کھپت یعنی 22 ہزار میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا کر سکتا ہے۔ بدھ کے روز یہاں اس یونین کی جانب سے حکومتی چیکاری پالیسی کے خلاف شروع کی گئی مہم کے سلسلے میں منعقدہ ایک ریلی سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے سی بی اے کے صدر عبداللطیف نظامانی نے کہا کہ واپڈ کا تقسیم کا نظام 16 ہزار میگا واٹ سے زیادہ کا بوجھ برداشت نہیں کر سکتا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سسٹم کو محفوظ رکھنے کے لیے ملک بھر میں 6 ہزار میگا واٹ کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سہارا لیا جا رہا ہے۔ سینکڑوں افراد کی اموات پر اپنے گہرے دکھ کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی کا بحران اور لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی اس کی ذمہ دار ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ بجلی کے صارفین کو گرمی کی اس سخت و شدید لہر کے دوران لوڈ شیڈنگ اور بجلی کے بحران کا سامنا کرنا پڑا ہے۔ عبداللطیف نظامانی نے کہا کہ جب تک اس سسٹم کو اپ گریڈ نہیں کیا جاتا اور بند پڑے پاور ہاؤسز کو ایندھن فراہم نہیں کیا جاتا، لوگ مسلسل بجلی کے بحران کا شکار رہیں گے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت لوگوں کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نجات دلانا چاہتی ہے، لیکن سسٹم کو اپ گریڈ اور خامیوں کو دور کیے بغیر وہ اس میں کامیاب نہیں ہو سکتی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ان کی یونین طویل عرصے سے حکومت پر زور دے رہی ہے، کہ وہ بجائے نئی پاور ہاؤسز کو ایندھن کی فراہمی کے ذریعے مہربانی کرنے کے، ان بند پڑے پاور ہاؤسز کو دوبارہ متحرک کرے، اور ان انہیں ایندھن فراہم کر کے ان کی بحالی کو یقینی بنائے۔ عبداللطیف نظامانی نے دعویٰ کیا کہ حکومت بند پڑے ہوئے پیداواری یونٹس کو 'بیکار' قرار دینے کے بعد اپنی پاور یونٹس کو نئی شعبے کو فروخت کرنا چاہتی ہے۔ انہوں نے خبردار کیا کہ یہ اقدام ریاست مخالف، ورکرز مخالف اور واپڈ مخالف ہوگا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حیدرآباد الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی (ایسکو) میں 11 ہزار ملازمین کام کر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کام کے دباؤ اور سیفٹی گیزر آفسز کی کمی کی وجہ سے ٹیکنیکل اسٹاف کے ساتھ المناک واقعات رونما ہو رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ انتہائی دکھ کی بات ہے کہ لائن پر ڈیوٹی کے دوران پاور یونٹس کی لائن مین کرٹ لگنے سے ہلاک ہو گیا تھا، اور نہ تو متعلقہ وزیر اور نہ ہی اس کا ادارہ اصلاحی اقدامات کے لیے تیار دکھائی دیتا ہے۔

سسٹم کو اپ گریڈ کیے بغیر لوڈ شیڈنگ کا خاتمہ ممکن نہیں

ڈان نیوز

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واشنگٹن: ایک امریکی ادارے کی رپورٹ کے مطابق پاکستان کے توانائی بحران کا فوری طور پر کوئی علاج نہیں تاہم سخت محنت اور جامع منصوبہ بندی سے صورت حال کو تبدیل کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ کارکردگی صرف جامع منصوبہ بندی، تنصیبات کو جدید خطوط پر استوار کرنے، بہترین انسانی ذرائع کے استعمال اور اختیارات کے غلط استعمال کو روکنے سے ہی بہتر بنایا جاسکتا ہے۔ رپورٹ کے ایک مصنف رشید عزیز توانائی کے حوالے سے 25 سال تک عالمی بینک کے ساتھ منسلک رہے ہیں جبکہ انہوں نے پاکستان کے متعدد دیگر بلکہ سیکٹر فوٹو شمول ڈائریکٹر سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی اور پاکستان الیکٹرک پاور کمپنی میں اپنی خدمات پیش کی ہیں۔ رپورٹ میں بجلی اور اس کے نرخوں کے درمیان عدم تعلق، پیداوار کی قیمت، مختلف نرخوں پر کلکیشن اور طلب میں اضافے کے باوجود اس شعبے میں کم سرمایہ کاری کو بجلی بحران کا ذمہ دار قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ رپورٹ میں مصنفین کا کہنا ہے کہ توانائی کے شعبے کو درپیش چیلنجز سے صرف تمام اسٹیک ہولڈرز کی شراکت داری سے ہی نمٹ جاسکتا ہے۔ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ صارفین کو بجلی کی حقیقی قیمت کے حوالے سے آگاہ کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ صنعتی اور گھریلو صارفین کو بتانا ہوگا کہ سستی بجلی اور گیس پر انحصار کرنا حقیقت پسندی پر مبنی نہیں۔ نام نہاد اشرافیہ اور بااثر افراد کو بجلی چوری اور عدم ادائیگی جیسے معاملات میں مداخلت کرنے سے دور رہنا چاہیے۔ رپورٹ میں توانائی بحران کے حل کے لیے کچھ تجاویز بھی پیش کی گئیں جن میں کہا گیا کہ بجلی کی پیداوار بڑھانے کے لیے طویل عرصے کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے اور کوشش کرنی چاہیے کہ اس سلسلے میں غیر حقیقی توقعات قائم نہ کی جائیں کہ یہ مسئلہ پانچ سال کے اندر حل ہو جائے گا۔ توانائی

توانائی بحران کا خاتمہ: اسٹیک ہولڈرز ملکر کام کریں

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جانب محکمہ پولیس خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف تھانوں اور چوکیوں میں بجلی سرعام چوری ہو رہی ہے، کہیں کنڈے لگے ہیں، تو کہیں میٹر جل چکے ہیں، چوری کی بجلی کا استعمال تو ایک طرف، جہاں میٹرز کی تنصیب کی گئی ہے وہاں بھی محکمہ پولیس میٹرو کی 60 ملین کی نادہندہ ہے۔ پیسکو ریکارڈ کے مطابق بجلی کی سب سے زیادہ چوری پشاور سرکل میں ہو رہی ہے اور پولیس اسی سرکل میں 23 ملین سے زیادہ کی نادہندہ بھی ہے۔ ایک عام صارف بجلی چوری کرے تو وہ گنہگار لیکن شہری پوچھتے ہیں کہ اگر قانون کے رکھوالے ہی قانون شکنی کریں تو وہ پھر کس اخلاقی جواز کے تحت اسی جرم میں لوگوں کو گرفتار کرتے ہیں۔

کراچی بچہ عرب سے گزرنے والی سب میرین کیپل میں خرابی کے باعث ملک بھر میں انٹرنیٹ کی رفتار سست ہو گئی جس کی وجہ سے صارفین کو مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق پاکستان کو بذریعہ انٹرنیٹ دنیا بھر سے جوڑنے والی زیر سمندر مرکزی کیپل میں خرابی پیدا ہو گئی جس کی وجہ سے ملک بھر میں انٹرنیٹ صارفین کو مشکلات کا سامنا ہے جبکہ تھری جی اور فور جی انٹرنیٹ استعمال کرنے والے صارفین بھی مشکلات کا شکار ہیں۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق زیر سمندر مرکزی کیپل میں خرابی کے باعث پاکستان کے علاوہ خطے کے مختلف ممالک بھی متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔ پی ٹی سی ایل حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ سب میرین کیپل کی خرابی کی تلاش کا کام جاری ہے جب کہ صارفین کو دیگر ذرائع سے انٹرنیٹ سروس فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔

زیر سمندر کیپل میں خرابی کے باعث ملک بھر میں انٹرنیٹ سروس کی فراہمی متاثر

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اسلام آباد: وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف کا کہنا ہے کہ کے الیکٹرک کا مسئلہ سپریم کورٹ لے کر جائینگے تاکہ بجلی کا بحران کا صحیح معنوں میں حل ہو سکے۔ قومی اسمبلی کے اجلاس سے خطاب کے دوران خواجہ آصف کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں 70 فیصد اموات سڑک پر کام کرنے والے مزدوروں کی ہوئیں، وفاقی حکومت کی حیثیت سے ثانوی ذمہ داری قبول کرتے ہیں۔ اتنی اموات کے بعد کراچی کے قبرستانوں میں جگہ کم پڑ گئی، جب قبرستانوں میں ہاؤسنگ کالونیاں بن جائیں اور چائنا ٹنگ شروع ہو جائے تو مردوں کیلئے گنجائش کہاں سے آئے گی، مردے اٹھ کر قبضہ کرنے والے زندہ لوگوں سے اپنا حق نہیں مانگ سکتے۔ خواجہ صاحب نے سندھ حکومت کو مشورہ دیا کہ وہ کراچی میں میگا پروجیکٹس کے ساتھ ساتھ قبرستان کیلئے بھی جگہ مختص کرے، کیونکہ سب کی آخری آرام گاہ وہی ہے۔ اپوزیشن جماعتوں کی جانب سے کڑی تنقید کے بعد خواجہ آصف نے آج ارکان کو اعتماد میں لینے ہوئے کہا کہ قانونی طور پر کے الیکٹرک کو بجلی دینے کا پابند نہیں کیونکہ کے الیکٹرک کے ساتھ معاہدہ ختم ہو چکا ہے اس کے باوجود 650 میگا واٹ بجلی ہر ماہ دیتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کے الیکٹرک کے ساتھ نئے معاہدے کی تجویز ایوانوں سے رہنمائی کے بعد کریں گے، معاہدے میں عوامی مفاد مد نظر رکھا جائے گا۔ سندھ حکومت بھی اپنے فرائض ادا کرے۔ وزیر پانی و بجلی نے ایک بار پھر واضح کیا کہ کے الیکٹرک نجی ادارہ ہے جسے صحیح چلانا تو حکومت کا فرض ہے لیکن کسی بھی نجی ادارے کو قومی تحویل میں لینا حکومت کی ترجیحات میں نہیں۔ سپر اسے رابطہ کر کے کہا کہ آپ کو صورتحال کا نوٹس لینا چاہیے تھا جس کے بعد نیچر معاملات دیکھ رہی ہے۔ خواجہ آصف نے مزید کہا کہ وفاق تمام حقائق ایوان میں سامنے لاتا ہوں آپ فیصلہ کر لیں کہ مجھے اس صورتحال سے کیسے نبھانا چاہیے، کے الیکٹرک کے ساتھ پی پی اور مشرف دور میں 2 معاہدے ہوئے۔ 2005 میں سعودی کمپنی کے ساتھ کیے گئے معاہدے میں 2008 میں غیر ضروری تبدیلیاں کر کے کے الیکٹرک کو نئے مالک کے حوالے کر دیا گیا۔ اگر معاہدے کی تمام تفصیلات سامنے لے آیا تو سب کے نام سامنے آئیں گے

کے الیکٹرک کا مسئلہ سپریم کورٹ لے کر جائینگے: خواجہ آصف

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کراچی سندھ اسمبلی کے اجلاس کے دوران ایک مرتبہ پھر عوامی مسئلہ حکومتی اور اپوزیشن ارکان کی جھڑپ کی نذر ہو گیا اور ارکان تھوڑی دیر تلخ کلامی کے بعد پھر ایک ہو گئے لیکن ایوان میں اٹھایا جانے والا پانی کا مسئلہ جو کاتوں رہا۔ ڈپٹی اسپیکر شہلا رضا کی زیر صدارت اجلاس شروع ہوا تو ایم کیو ایم ارکان نے کراچی میں پانی بحران پر احتجاج شروع کر دیا۔ اجلاس کے دوران وزیر بلدیات شریل میمن نے پانی بحران پر اظہار خیال کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سسٹم میں موجود پانی 100 فیصد مہیا کیا جا رہا ہے تاہم گرمی کے باعث شہریوں نے واٹر سپلائی کی مین پائپ لائن کو متعدد جگہ سے توڑ دیا ہے جس کے باعث پانی کا پریشر متاثر ہوا ہے۔ اس موقع پر اپوزیشن لیڈر خواجہ اظہار الحسن نے مداخلت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ایک وزیر نے 2 غیر قانونی ہائیڈرو پمپس بنا رکھے ہیں جن کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی ہونی چاہیے اور ان کے خلاف مقدمہ درج ہونا چاہیے جس پر شریل میمن کا کہنا تھا کہ کسی وزیر نے غیر قانونی ہائیڈرو پمپس قائم نہیں کیا اور اگر ایسا کیا گیا تو اس وزیر کے خلاف مقدمہ درج ہو گا اور ساتھ ہی غیر قانونی شادی ہال بنانے اور تفریحی مقامات پر قبضہ کرنے والوں کے خلاف بھی مقدمہ درج ہو گا۔ جس پر اپوزیشن ارکان سچ پاہو گئے اور ایوان سے واک آؤٹ کر گئے جس پر وزیر بلدیات شریل میمن انعام مین کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ پانی کی عدم فراہمی پر نہیں بی بی سی کی رپورٹ پر واک آؤٹ لگتا ہے۔

سندھ اسمبلی اجلاس؛ کراچی میں پانی بحران حکومت اور اپوزیشن ارکان کی جھڑپ کی

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اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت کابینہ کی خصوصی کمیٹی برائے توانائی کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں رمضان المبارک کے دوران لوڈ شیڈنگ اور کراچی میں بجلی کے بحران سے متعلق معاملات زیر غور آئے۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت کابینہ کمیٹی برائے توانائی کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار، وزیر بجلی و پانی خواجہ آصف، وزیر مملکت عابد شیر علی، وزیر اطلاعات پرویز رشید اور دیگر وزراء کے

وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت اجلاس، کراچی میں بجلی بحران پر غور

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کیلئے پیسکو حکام متعدد بار محکمہ پولیس کو خط لکھ چکے ہیں لیکن اس کے باوجود واجبات ادا نہیں کیے جا رہے

پشاور: خیبر پختونخوا میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے معاملے پر وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک اور پیسکو میں ٹھن گئی۔ پیسکو نے وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پختونخوا کے بیانات کو اتعال انگیز قرار دے دیا۔ ماہ رمضان میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے ساتھ ساتھ وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک کا پارہ بھی چڑھ گیا، اشتعال میں آکر پیسکو چیف کو جلانے کا اعلان بھی کر ڈالا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کہتے ہیں صوبہ اپنی ضرورت سے زیادہ بجلی پیدا کرتا ہے اس کے باوجود محض 13 فیصد کوٹے میں سے 10 فیصد ملتا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کے مطابق بجلی چوری میں پیسکو لہکار ملوث ہیں۔ دوسری جانب پرویز خٹک کی شعلہ بیانی کو پیسکو ترجمان نے ملازمین کے لئے خطرہ قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ عوام کو مشتعل کر رہے ہیں۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے مسئلے کا حل جلاؤ یا گھبراؤ نہیں۔ پیسکو ترجمان کا دعویٰ ہے کہ خیبر پختونخوا کو رمضان میں محض 1500 میگا واٹ کے کوٹے سے 200 میگا واٹ زیادہ بجلی فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔ پیسکو نے یہ شکوہ بھی کیا کہ صوبائی پولیس بجلی کی تنصیبات پر مشتعل افراد کے حملے روکنے میں مدد نہیں کر رہی۔

وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پختونخوا اور پیسکو میں ٹھن گئی

سما نیوز

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لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف اپوزیشن جماعتوں کا

لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں احتجاج

دنیا نیوز

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لاہور: تحریک انصاف، پیپلز پارٹی، مسلم لیگ قائد اعظم، عوامی تحریک سمیت اپوزیشن جماعتیں لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف سڑکوں پر نکل آئیں۔ کوئی پکھا اٹھالا یا کسی نے بجلی کے میٹر گلے میں پہن لیے اور کسی نے لائین اٹھا کر احتجاج کیا۔ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف اپوزیشن جماعتوں کی کال پر لاہور پر ایس کلب کے باہر بھر پور احتجاج کیا گیا۔ اپوزیشن قیادت نے ایوان اقبال سے پریس کلب تک ریلی نکالی۔ ریلی سے خطاب میں پیپلز پارٹی کے اعتراف حسن کا کہنا تھا کہ پہلے ہی کہہ دیا تھا کہ نواز حکومت بچ گئی تو اس کے وزراء کی گردن میں سر یا آجائے گا آج پانی ہے نہ بجلی وزیر پانی بجلی مستعفی ہو جائیں۔ منظور وٹو کا کہنا تھا کہ اپوزیشن جماعتوں کا اتحاد حکومت کے جانے تک قائم رہے گا۔ تحریک انصاف کی قیادت کا کہنا تھا کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خاتمے کے دعوے صرف دعوے رہے گرمی اور لوڈ شیڈنگ سے ایک ہزار لوگ مر گئے مگر حکمران سب اچھا ہے کہہ رہے ہیں۔

عوامی تحریک کی قیادت کا کہنا تھا کہ عوام ان حکمرانوں کو اقتدار کے ایوان سے نکال کر دم لیں گے جماعت اسلامی نے بھی اپوزیشن جماعتوں کے موقف کی حمایت کی۔ مظاہرے سے مسلم لیگ ق کی قیادت نے بھی خطاب کرتے ہوئے حکمرانوں سے بجلی کے بحران پر مستعفی ہونے کا مطالبہ کر ڈالا۔ ملتان میں تحریک انصاف نے نواں شہر چوک پر احتجاج کیا قیادت شاہ محمود قریشی نے کی جبکہ پیپلز پارٹی کے کارکنوں نے کچھری چوک میں مظاہرہ کیا نائز جلا کر ٹریفک بلاک کر دی۔ فیصل آباد میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے ضلع کو نسل چوک میں مشترکہ ریلی نکالی اور کارکنوں کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ گجرات، بہاولنگر، رحیم یار خان، حیدرآباد، سکھر، پٹو، قائل، جیکب آباد میں بھی مظاہرے کئے گئے۔

لاہور: وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف اور چینی کمپنی نے قائد اعظم سولر پارک میں 900 میگا واٹ بجلی کے منصوبے پر کام تیز کرنے پر اتفاق کر لیا ہے۔ لاہور میں چینی کمپنی کے صدر یو یو یانگ کی قیادت میں وفد نے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف سے ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات میں پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے اور بجلی کے بحران سے نمٹنے کے لئے کئے گئے اقدامات پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب اور چینی کمپنی نے قائد اعظم سولر پارک بہاولپور میں 900 میگا واٹ بجلی کے منصوبے پر کام تیز کرنے پر اتفاق کیا۔ ملاقات کے دوران وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور کے تحت قائد اعظم سولر پارک بہاولپور میں پہلے سولر منصوبے پر کام شروع کر دیا گیا، 300 میگا واٹ کا سولر منصوبہ رواں برس کے آخر تک بجلی کی پیداوار شروع کر دے گا۔ منصوبے کو تیز رفتاری اور اعلیٰ معیار کے ساتھ پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچائیں گے، اس سلسلے میں چینی کمپنی کو تمام ممکنہ سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں گی۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب اور چینی کمپنی کا قائد اعظم

سولر پارک منصوبے پر کام تیز کرنے

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کراچی:..... اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے ملک میں بجلی کی بندش اور کراچی میں گرمی کے باعث اموات پر آج وفاقی حکومت کے خلاف احتجاج اور پوم سیاہ منانے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے مرکزی رہنما شاہ محمود قریشی نے کہا تھا کہ جمعہ کو ملک بھر کے پریس کلبز کے باہر وفاقی حکومت کے خلاف احتجاج کیا جائے گا۔ پیپلز پارٹی پنجاب نے بھی کراچی میں لوڈ شیڈنگ اور گرمی کے باعث ہونے والی ہلاکتوں پر وفاقی حکومت کے خلاف آج احتجاج کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ خیبر پختونخوا میں متحدہ اپوزیشن نے بھی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاج کا اعلان کر رکھا ہے۔ دوسری طرف پانی و بجلی کے وفاقی وزیر خواجہ آصف کا کہنا ہے کہ رمضان سے قبل 2 سال تک ملک میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہونے دی، جبکہ اب بھی ملک کے 95 فیصد سے زائد علاقوں میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہو رہی ہے۔ قومی اسمبلی سے خطاب میں ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اگلا الیکشن بجلی پر لڑا جائے گا، بجلی دیں گے تو ووٹ لیں گے۔

بجلی کی بندش اور کراچی اموات پر

اپوزیشن آج پوم سیاہ منائے گی

جیو نیوز

26 جون 2015

پشاور:..... خیبر پختونخوا میں بجلی چوروں کے خلاف پیسکو کا کریک ڈاؤن جاری ہے تو دوسری جانب خیبر پختونخوا پولیس کے پیشتر تھانوں اور چوکیوں میں کڑے لگا کر بجلی استعمال کی جا رہی ہے اور جہاں میٹر نصب ہیں وہاں بجلی کی مد میں پولیس، پیسکو کی 60 ملین کی نوبہ بند ہے۔ پشاور الیکٹریک سپلائی کمپنی صوبے میں بجلی چوری کے خلاف مہم جاری رکھے ہوئے ہے۔ جس دوران صارفین سے بقایا جات کی وصولی کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے لیکن دوسری

خیبر پختونخوا میں بجلی چوروں کیخلاف پیسکو

کا کریک ڈاؤن

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لوڈشیڈنگ کے مسئلے پر احتجاج قابل قدر ہے۔ کراچی میں گرمی سے سینکڑوں اموات کی ذمہ دار کے الیکٹرک کے ساتھ وفاقی حکومت بھی ہے۔

کراچی: سندھ کے متعدد سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں غریب مریض بے یار و مددگار رہنے پر مجبور ہیں، ملک میں جاری شدید گرمی کی لہر کے باوجود کئی سرکاری ہسپتالوں کے وارڈز میں پتکھے کی سہولت تک دستیاب نہیں، ہسپتال میں اگر کوئی مریض ایمر جنسی کی صورت میں آئے تو اس کو طبی امداد دینے کیلئے بروقت کوئی ڈاکٹر یا عملے کا فرد ڈیوٹی پر موجود نہیں ہوتا، مریض گرمی سے نڈھال ہیں لیکن ڈاکٹروں اور متعلقہ عملے کے دفاتر میں پتکھے اور ایئر کنڈیشنر مسلسل آن رہتے ہیں جس پر مریضوں کے لواحقین نے شدید احتجاج کرتے ہوئے حکومت سندھ سے فوری ایکشن کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

دنیا نیوز

28 جون 2015

راجن پور: راجن پور میں رود کوہی نالوں میں طغیانی نے صادق آباد نہر کا بند توڑ دیا، سیکڑوں ایکڑ پر کھری فصلیں زیر آب آگئی۔ گھروں میں محصور لوگ بے بسی سے انتظامیہ کی مدد کے منتظر ہیں۔ کوہ سلیمان پہاڑی سلسلے پر بارش کے باعث رود کوہی نالوں میں پانی کی لہریں بے قابو ہو گئیں۔ ٹنڈ لہروں نے نہروں میں کٹناؤ پیدا کر دیا جس کے باعث صادق فیڈز کے مقام پر بند ٹوٹ جانے سے چک شہید، حاجی پور سمیت درجنوں گاؤں کی سینکڑوں ایکڑ پر کھری فصلیں سیلابی پانی کی نذر ہو گئیں۔ پانی جمع ہونے سے درجنوں گھروں کے رہائشی محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ متاثرہ دیہات کے لوگ اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت محفوظ مقامات کی طرف منتقل ہو رہے ہیں جبکہ انتظامیہ کہیں نظر نہیں آ رہی۔

دنیا نیوز

28 جون 2015

کراچی:..... سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگا اور چیئرمین نیبر انے کراچی میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ سے متعلق تحقیقات کیلئے کے الیکٹرک کا دورہ کیا۔ ترجمان وزارت پانی و بجلی کے مطابق سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگا اور چیئرمین نیبر طارق سدوزئی پر مشتمل دورہ کنٹی وفد کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے کراچی میں بجلی کی فراہمی میں مسلسل تعطل اور لوڈ شیڈنگ کی تحقیقات کرے گا۔

جیو نیوز

27 جون 2015

کراچی: سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگا اور نیبر احکام نے کراچی میں کے الیکٹرک کے دفتر کا دورہ کیا اور متعلقہ حکام سے پوچھ گچھ کی، بدترین کارکردگی پر چیئرمین نیبر انے بجلی کی سپلائی کا تفصیلی ریکارڈ طلب کر لیا۔ شہر کراچی میں بجلی کی ابتر صورت حال اور بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر بالا آخر وفاق کو ہوش آہی گیا، ہفتہ کے روز سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈاگا نیبر احکام کے ہمراہ کے الیکٹرک کے دفتر پہنچ گئے، جہاں انہوں نے بجلی سے متعلق اجلاس کی صدارت کی، اجلاس میں چیئرمین نیبر طارق سدوزئی، نیبر انیم، کے الیکٹرک کے سی ای او اویب ترین اور دیگر حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں کے الیکٹرک حکام کی جانب سے لوڈ شیڈنگ سے متعلق تفصیلی ریفنگ دی گئی، اجلاس کے دوران چیئرمین نیبر انے بجلی کی سپلائی کا تفصیلی ریکارڈ بھی طلب کیا، اس موقع پر سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کی انکوائری کریں گے، کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف تحقیقات وزیراعظم کی ہدایت پر کی جا رہی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ نوز کے دوران کراچی میں بدترین غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ، گرمی، جس اور ہیٹ اسٹروک سے اب تک گیارہ سو سے زائد زندگی کی بازی ہار چکے ہیں، جب کہ اب بھی کئی افراد شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں زیر علاج ہیں، دوسری جانب مختلف سیاسی جماعتوں کی طرف سے کے الیکٹرک کی ناقص کارکردگی پر ادارے کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرانے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔

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لاہور: وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ سندھ میں ہونے والی ہلاکتوں پر افسوس ہے، ہلاکتوں پر سیاست نہ کی جائے، کے الیکٹرک سے متعلق خادم اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا کہ کے الیکٹرک کس منہ سے شکوہ کر رہا ہے انہوں نے تو پنجاب کے حصے کی بجلی بھی لی تھی۔ لاہور میں چائنہ پاک اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت بجلی پیدا کرنے کے تین معاہدوں پر دستخط کیے گئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ معاہدے کے تحت رواں سال اگست میں پچاس میگا واٹ بجلی نیشنل گرڈ میں جائے گی۔ رواں سال پچیس دسمبر تک تین سو میگا واٹ اور باقی ماندہ اگلے سال جون میں نیشنل گرڈ میں جائے گی۔ اس موقع پر پوچھے گئے سوال کے جواب میں سندھ میں ہونے والی ہلاکتوں پر افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاکتوں پر سیاست نہ کی جائے، کے الیکٹرک سے متعلق خادم اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا کہ کے الیکٹرک کس منہ سے شکوہ کر رہا ہے انہوں نے تو پنجاب کے حصے کی بجلی بھی لی تھی۔ شہباز شریف نے کا مزید کہا تھا کہ آج ہونے والے معاہدوں کی مالیت ایک ارب چالیس کروڑ روپے ہے، دو ہزار سترہ تک کوئلے سے تیرہ سو بیس میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا ہونا شروع ہو جائے گی۔ شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ سرمایہ داروں سے اپیل کرتا ہوں کہ اپنی تجویروں کے منہ کھولیں بڑے سرمایہ کاروں نے پاکستان سے کمایا ہے آج پاکستان میں سرمایہ کاری کی ضرورت ہے۔

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پشاور: خیبر پختونخوا میں قانون کے رکھوالے بجلی چوری میں ملوث پائے گئے۔ خیبر پختونخوا پولیس بجلی چوری کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ پیسکو کی نادہندہ بھی ہے۔ کے پی کے پولیس کے بجلی چوری میں ملوث ہونے کے انکشاف کے باوجود پیسکو حکام پولیس کے خلاف کارروائی سے گریزاں ہیں، پیسکو حکام کے مطابق صوبے میں بجلی چوروں کے خلاف کارروائی میں پولیس کا تعاون حاصل ہے اس لیے پولیس پر سختی نہیں کی جاسکتی۔ پیسکو ذرائع کے مطابق پشاور کے 10 تھانوں میں چوری کی بجلی استعمال کی جاتی ہے، ساء نے کچھ تھانوں میں ڈائریکٹ لگائے گئے کنڈوں کی فوٹج بھی بنالی۔ خیبر پختونخوا پولیس واپڈ اکی ساٹھ 60 ملین کی نادہندہ ہے جبکہ صرف پشاور پولیس کے ذمہ ہی 24 ملین روپے واجب الادا ہیں۔ واجبات کی ادائیگی

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سندھ کے متعدد سرکاری ہسپتال بنیادی سہولیات سے محروم

راجن پور: صادق آباد نہر کا بند ٹوٹ گیا، فصلیں زیر آب

وفاقی سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی اور چیئرمین نیبر انے کے الیکٹرک کا دورہ

کے الیکٹرک کی مختلف تحقیقات، سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی کے زیر صدارت اجلاس

کے الیکٹرک پنجاب کے حصے کی بھی بجلی کھا گیا ہے، شہباز شریف

خیبر پختونخوا پولیس بجلی چوری کرنے میں ملوث نکلی

ساتھ ساتھ 3000 روپے ماہانہ فی طالب علم وظیفہ بھی دیا جائے گا خصوصی طلباء و طالبات کو بھی مفت تعلیم اور مفت رہائش دی جائے گی جبکہ سپورٹس کی بنیاد پر داخلہ لینے والے طلباء و طالبات کو مفت تعلیم اور حافظ قرآن کی ٹیوشن فیس معاف ہوگی اور سیز سکالرشپس کے لئے 7 کروڑ روپے، قومی و بین الاقوامی کانفرنسوں کے لئے 6 کروڑ روپے مختص کئے گئے ہیں طلباء و طالبات کو سہولت فراہم کرنے کے لئے پنجاب یونیورسٹی سکالرشپس، امور طلبائی، کریئر کونسلنگ اور دیگر سرگرمیوں کے لئے 9.6 کروڑ روپے کے فنڈز فراہم کرے گی 6 کروڑ روپے کے سکالرشپس ایچ ای سی کی طرف سے اور پنجاب ایجوکیشن انڈومنٹ فنڈ کی طرف سے بھی یونیورسٹی کے طلباء و طالبات کو سکالرشپس دینے جائیں گے پنجاب یونیورسٹی طلباء و طالبات کو ہاسٹل کی مدد میں 16.5 کروڑ روپے کی سبسڈی، ٹرانسپورٹ کی مدد میں 4 کروڑ روپے کی سبسڈی جبکہ انٹرنیٹ کی مدد میں ڈیڑھ کروڑ روپے کی سبسڈی فراہم کرے گی مذکورہ سہولیات پر کل گزشتہ سال 19 کروڑ روپے کے مقابلے میں رواں سال 22 کروڑ روپے کی سبسڈی فراہم کی جارہی ہے جبکہ ٹیچنگ ڈیپارٹمنٹس میں بجلی کے بلوں کی مدد میں دی جانے والی سبسڈی اس کے علاوہ ہے پنجاب یونیورسٹی نے 41 کروڑ روپے تعمیر و ترقی کے لئے مختص کئے ہیں سینڈیکٹ کے اجلاس میں گزشتہ اجلاس میں رہ جانے والے ایجنڈا آئٹمز بھی نمٹا دیئے گئے۔

کراچی میں گرمی سے ہلاکتوں کی تعداد گیارہ سو سے تجاوز کر گئی
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کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی میں گرمی سے مزید ستائیس افراد دم توڑ گئے، آٹھ روز کے دوران ہلاکتوں کی تعداد گیارہ سو ایک ہو گئی، ہسپتالوں میں سیکڑوں افراد زیر علاج ہیں۔ شہر قائد میں جان لیوا گرمی نے قیامت پھا کر رکھی ہے، قاتل گرمی شہریوں میں موت بانٹ رہی ہے، شہر قائد میں موسم میں بتدریج بہتری آنے کے باوجود ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ رک نہیں رہا۔ آٹھ روز کے دوران کراچی میں ہلاکت خیز گرمی نے گیارہ سو زائد افراد کی زندگیاں نکل لی ہیں۔ دوسری جانب جناح ہسپتال، سول ہسپتال اور عباسی شہید اور دیگر ہسپتالوں میں اب بھی سیکڑوں مریض زیر علاج ہیں جبکہ گرمی سے متاثرہ مزید مریض بھی ہسپتالوں میں پہنچ رہے ہیں۔

بجلی کی بندش کے خلاف شیخوپورہ اور راولپنڈی میں احتجاج
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شیخوپورہ..... بجلی کی بندش کے خلاف شیخوپورہ اور راولپنڈی میں علاقہ مکینوں نے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ جبکہ کونڈ کے اکثر علاقوں میں فنی خرابی کے باعث تقریباً ساڑھے 6 گھنٹے تک بجلی بند رہی۔ شیخوپورہ کے مختلف علاقوں بجلی روڈ، احمد پورہ اور ملحقہ آبادیوں میں بجلی گزشتہ روز سہ پہر 4 بجے سے غائب ہے، طویل بندش کے خلاف علاقہ مکین سراپا احتجاج بن گئے، مظاہرین نے ٹائر جلا کر لاہور سرگودھا روڈ بلاک کر دیا۔ راولپنڈی کے مختلف علاقوں میں شہریوں نے 7،7 گھنٹے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ کی اذیت برداشت کی، ان علاقوں میں باڑ بازار، صراف بازار، سید پوری گیٹ، دربار شاہ چن اور اطراف کے علاقے شامل ہیں، بجلی کی طویل بندش سے تنگ آکر مشتعل شہریوں نے واپڈ دفاتر کے باہر احتجاج اور پتھر اڑا کیا، تاہم آئیٹیکو ذرائع کے مطابق راولپنڈی کے متاثرہ علاقوں میں سحری سے قبل ہی بجلی بحال کر دی گئی۔ دوسری طرف کونڈ کے سریاب گڑ میں فنی خرابی کے باعث متعلقہ علاقوں میں کئی گھنٹے تک بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہی، مجموعی طور پر کونڈ شہر کے بیشتر علاقے بجلی سے محروم رہے، تاہم پانی و بجلی کی وزارت کے مطابق اب کیبل فالٹ سے متاثر ہونے والے فیڈرز کو بحال کر دیا گیا ہے۔ کراچی میں بھی جیشید ٹاؤن اور طارق روڈ کے علاقوں میں آٹھ گھنٹے سے زائد دیر تک بجلی غائب رہی اور شہریوں کی بڑی تعداد اندھیرے میں ہی سحری کرنے پر مجبور رہی۔

کراچی میں بجلی کی مسائل کی ذمہ دار کے الیکٹرک اور وفاقی حکومت ہے، شرجیل
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کراچی..... وزیر بلدیات شرجیل میمن نے عباسی شہید ہسپتال پہنچ کر مریضوں کی عیادت کی۔ اس موقع پر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں بجلی کے مسائل کی ذمہ دار کے الیکٹرک اور وفاقی حکومت ہے، کے الیکٹرک اپنے بوسیدہ سسٹم کو ٹھیک نہیں کر رہی، وہ اپنے سسٹم سے اربوں روپے منافع کماتی ہے، سسٹم کو ٹھیک کرنے کیلئے ایک روپیہ بھی نہیں لگایا، کے الیکٹرک والے اپنا قبضہ درست کرتے ہوئے بوسیدہ سسٹم کو ٹھیک کریں۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ لوگوں کیلئے عذاب بن چکی ہے، گرمی اور لوڈ شیڈنگ سے سینکڑوں جانیں گئیں، ہیٹ اسٹروک کے باعث اسپتالوں میں لوگوں کی میتیں آرہی ہیں۔ شرجیل میمن کا یہ بھی کہنا تھا کہ ہیٹ اسٹروک سے مرینوں میں بڑی عمر کے لوگ زیادہ ہیں۔ شرجیل میمن کی میڈیا سے گفتگو کے دوران عباسی شہید ہسپتال میں بجلی معطل ہو گئی۔

بجلی بحران کی ذمہ دار وفاقی حکومت ہے، احتجاج جاری رہے گا: بلاول بھٹو
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کراچی: بلاول بھٹو زرداری بجلی بحران پر حکومت پر کھل کر برس پڑے۔ کہتے ہیں لوڈ شیڈنگ کی ذمہ دار وفاقی حکومت ہے نہ لیگ نے چھ ماہ میں لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا تھا اب تو دو سال ہو چکے ہیں۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاج جاری رکھا جائے۔ چیئر مین پیپلز پارٹی بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے بجلی بحران کا ذمہ دار وفاق کو ٹھہرا دیا۔ بلاول ہاؤس میں پانی و بجلی بحران پر اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے چیئر مین پیپلز پارٹی نے کہا کہ لیگ نے چھ ماہ میں لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا تھا۔ حکومت گردشی قرضوں کو کم کرنے میں بھی مکمل ناکام رہی ہے دو سال گزرنے کے باوجود بجلی کا بحران اور گردشی قرضہ بڑھ رہا ہے یہ سب نااہلی خراب حکمرانی اور بد عنوانی کے علاوہ کچھ نہیں۔ بلاول کا کہنا تھا کہ لیگ نے نندی پور پاور پراجیکٹ کے قرضوں پر بہت چٹچ و پکار کی تھی بتایا جائے نندی پور پراجیکٹ اور گردشی قرضوں پر اب حکومت کہاں کھڑی ہے۔ حکومت کے خلاف احتجاج جاری رہنا چاہئے۔ بلاول بھٹو نے کراچی میں پانی کی فراہمی کی صورت حال بہتر بنانے جبکہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو بلدیاتی انتخابات کی تیاریوں کی ہدایت کی۔ منظور وٹو کے نام پیغام میں بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کہا ہے کہ اپوزیشن جماعتوں کے ساتھ ملکر

جمع کرادی۔ اس موقع پر پولیس حکام کا کہنا تھا کہ درخواست کا جائزہ لینے کے بعد ایف آئی آر درج کرنے کے حوالے سے فیصلہ کیا جائے گا۔ عمران اسماعیل کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر 72 گھنٹے میں ایف آئی آر درج نہ کی گئی تو تحریک انصاف اسی تھانے کے باہر دھرنا دے گی۔

کراچی (وقائع نگار + نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نیوز ایجنسیاں) ڈائریکٹر ایف آئی اے سندھ شاہد حیات نے کہا ہے کہ بی بی سی رپورٹ سے متعلق تمام کردار برطانیہ میں ہیں۔ اس سے مدد مانگی ہے، شوہد ملنے پر پاکستان میں بھی کارروائی کریں گے۔ پریس کانفرنس میں انہوں نے کہا کہ محکمہ تعلیم بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے ایک افسر کو گرفتار کیا ہے جس نے اپنے ہی گھر کے 21 افراد کو ملازم رکھا ہوا تھا۔ کروڑوں روپے تنخواہوں کی مد میں محکمہ تعلیم میں گھوسٹ ملازمین کو جاتی تھی۔ کے ایم سی محکمہ تعلیم کے فنڈز میں خورد برد کر دیا گیا۔ 2 دیگر افسروں کو بھی گرفتار کیا ہے۔ مئی لانڈرنگ سے متعلق تحقیقات کر رہے ہیں۔ کے ایم سی کے شعبہ تعلیم کے 450 اگاہٹس کو چیک کیا گیا۔ محکمہ تعلیم میں تنخواہوں کی مد میں 50 کروڑ روپے ادائیگی کی جاتی ہے۔ کے ایم سی کے محکمہ تعلیم میں اربوں روپے کی بد عنوانی سامنے آئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایگزیکٹ کیس میں قانون کے مطابق کارروائی کی گئی ہے۔ ضمنی چالان بھی پیش کر دیا گیا ہے۔ کے ایم سی کے ملازم اور افسر گھر بیٹھ کر تنخواہیں لیتے تھے۔ تین کروڑ روپے ماہانہ کام نہ کر نیوالوں ”گھوسٹ ملازمین“ کے پاس جاری تھے۔ شہریوں کا اربوں روپیہ چوری کیا گیا، اب تک کے ایم سی کے 9 ملازمین کو گرفتار کیا۔ سینئر افسر بھی کرپشن میں ملوث ہیں انکے خلاف بھی کارروائی کی جارہی ہے۔ محکمے کے ایک افسر کی 64 سالہ ساس بھی گھر بیٹھے تنخواہ لیتی رہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ملک سے بھاگنے والے گھوسٹ ملازمین کو واپس لائیں گے۔ کے ایم سی کے گرفتار ملازم سلیم خان نے پریس کانفرنس میں میڈیا کے سامنے اعتراف کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ میں ڈائریکٹر آفس میں ڈپٹی ایڈمن ہوں۔ کے ایم سی کے محکمہ تعلیم میں میرا تقرر 1992ء میں بطور ٹیچر ہوا۔ میں محکمہ تعلیم سے ماہانہ پیسے لے کر ای ڈی او منصور مرزا کو دیتا تھا۔ تمام ٹائمنز سے پیسے جمع کرنے کی ذمہ داری میری تھی۔ گھر کے 21 افراد کی تنخواہیں ملتی ہیں جو 7 لاکھ کے قریب بنتی ہیں۔ والد کا انتقال ہو گیا ان کی پنشن ملتی ہے۔ بارہ سے 15 لاکھ روپے ڈائریکٹر کو پہنچایا جاتا ہے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق ایف آئی اے نے بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے ڈائریکٹر سمیت 9 ملازمین کو گرفتار کیا۔ ان ملازمین نے کرپشن کے ذریعے سرکاری خزانے کو کروڑوں روپے نقصان پہنچایا۔ ایف آئی اے نے ملزمان سے حاصل معلومات کی روشنی میں کے ایم سی کے سینئر افسروں کے خلاف بھی تحقیقات شروع کر دی ہیں۔ ایف آئی اے نے بد عنوانی میں ملوث بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے ڈائریکٹر اور اسسٹنٹ ڈائریکٹر سمیت 9 ملازمین کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ڈائریکٹر ایف آئی اے شاہد حیات نے کہا کہ کے ایم سی میں سیاسی بنیادوں پر بھرتیوں کا جائزہ لے رہے ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں کراچی کے علاقے لیاقت مارکیٹ میں ریجنل کالج چھاپے کرپشن اور چائے کٹنگ میں ملوث ہونے کے الزامات میں کراچی کے ڈی اے کے اسسٹنٹ ڈائریکٹر عاطف احمد کو گرفتار کر کے تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔ ریجنل ڈرائیو کے مطابق ملیر لیاقت مارکیٹ کے قریب واقع ایک گھر پر چھاپا مارا گیا۔ دریں اثناء صبح نیوز اور این این آئی کے مطابق تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ 2014 میں ترمیم کے بعد ایف آئی اے کو ریجنل کے اختیارات حاصل ہو گئے، ان اختیارات کے بعد ایف آئی اے سندھ کے محکموں میں کرپشن کے کیسز کے خلاف کارروائی کر سکے گی۔ تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ 2014 میں ترمیم کر کے ایف آئی اے کو ریجنل کے اختیارات تفویض کئے گئے ہیں۔ ان اختیارات کے تحت ایف آئی اے ریجنل کی طرح ملزموں کی گرفتاری کے لئے کسی بھی جگہ پر چھاپہ مار سکے گی۔ ایف آئی اے ریجنل کی طرح کسی بھی ملزم کو تفتیش کے لئے 90 روز تک اپنے تحویل میں رکھ سکے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ یہ اختیارات دہشت گردی کے واقعات مئی لانڈرنگ کے شوہد ملنے کے بعد دیئے گئے ہیں، اب ایف آئی اے ان اختیارات کے بعد ریجنل اور دیگر قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی معاونت کرے گی۔ ایف آئی اے کو مقدمہ درج کرنے کا بھی اختیار ہو گا۔ نوٹیفیکیشن کے مطابق ایف آئی اے کو اختیارات فیڈرل انسٹی گیشن ایجنسی ایکٹ 1974ء میں ترمیم کے بعد دیئے گئے ہیں جس کو پارلیمنٹ نے منظور کیا ہے۔ ایف آئی اے نوے دن کی تحویل کے دوران ملزم کی گرفتاری ظاہر کرنے کی پابند ہو گی۔ تفتیش مکمل ہونے پر ایف آئی اے ملزم کو پولیس یا کسی دوسرے قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کے حوالے بھی کر سکتی ہے۔ قبل ازیں ڈائریکٹر ایف آئی اے سندھ شاہد حیات نے کہا ہے کہ ایف آئی اے کو تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ کے تحت مقدمہ درج کرنے اور گرفتار کرنے کے اختیارات مل گئے ہیں۔ ایف آئی اے ملزم 90 روز تک کا جسمانی ریمانڈ حاصل کر سکے گی۔ ایف آئی اے کو اختیارات تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ کے تحت ملے ہیں۔

لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر) پنجاب یونیورسٹی کے مالی سال 2015-16 کے بجٹ کی منظوری کے لئے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر مجاہد کامران کی زیر صدارت سینڈیکیٹ کا اجلاس وائس چانسلر کمیٹی روم میں منعقد کیا گیا جس میں 7 ارب 4 کروڑ روپے کے بجٹ کی منظوری دے دی گئی بجٹ میں تحقیقی سرگرمیوں میں اضافے کے لئے ریسرچ گرانٹ اور طلباء و طالبات کا مالی بوجھ کم کرنے کے لئے دی جانے والی سبسڈی میں اضافہ کیا گیا ہے اگلے سال پنجاب یونیورسٹی ہائر ایجوکیشن کمیشن سے 2.200 ارب روپے کی گرانٹ ملنے کی توقع ہے جو کہ کل بجٹ کا 37 فیصد ہے پنجاب یونیورسٹی انتظامیہ نے تحقیقی کلچر کو فروغ دینے کے لئے ریسرچ گرانٹ 100 ملین سے بڑھا کر 110 ملین روپے مقرر کر کے جو کہ کل بجٹ کا 1.6 فیصد ہے آن کیسپس طلباء کی ٹیوشن اور ہاسٹل کی فیسوں میں اضافہ نہیں کیا جائے گا بلوچستان کے 208 طلباء کو مفت تعلیم اور مفت رہائش کی سہولیات کے

محکمہ تعلیم بلدیہ کراچی میں اربوں کی کرپشن 3 افسروں سمیت 9 گرفتار: ایف آئی اے کو کسی بھی جگہ چھاپے، گرفتاریوں، مقدمے، ملزموں کو 90 روز تک تحویل میں رکھنے کا اختیار مل گیا:

ڈائریکٹر سندھ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جون 2015

پنجاب یونیورسٹی: 7 ارب 4 کروڑ روپے کا بجٹ منظور، ریسرچ گرانٹ میں اضافہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جون 2015

پبلک سروسز

سرخیاں

تفصیلات

اسلام آباد (دنیا نیوز) ملک میں بجلی کی طلب 19 ہزار میگاواٹ جبکہ شارٹ فال 4 ہزار میگاواٹ پر برقرار ہے۔ شہروں میں چھ اور دیہی علاقوں میں آٹھ گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری ہے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں بجلی کی طلب 19 ہزار جبکہ پیداوار 15 ہزار میگاواٹ ہے۔ شارٹ فال چار ہزار میگاواٹ ہے تاہم گرمی میں اضافے کے ساتھ شارٹ فال بھی بڑھ سکتا ہے۔ شہروں میں چھ گھنٹے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جارہی ہے جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ آٹھ گھنٹے تک ہے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ جن علاقوں میں بجلی چوری ہو رہی ہے یا جہاں پر لائن لاسز کا تناسب زیادہ ہے وہاں پر لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی زیادہ کی جارہی ہے۔

ملک میں بجلی کا شارٹ فال چار ہزار میگاواٹ تک جا پہنچا

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اسلام آباد: (دنیا نیوز) نیپرانے ایک روپیہ چھپایا پیسے فی یونٹ بجلی سستی کر دی۔ ساتھ ہی ستائیس ماہ کے گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ سرچارج کا ہم عوام کے سر پر پھوڑ دیا۔ نیپرانے سینٹرل پاور پراجیکٹس کی درخواست پر بجلی کی قیمت میں ایک روپیہ چھپایا پیسے فی یونٹ کمی کی منظوری دیدی ہے۔ قیمت میں کمی ماہانہ فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں کی گئی ہے۔ سی پی پی اے نے نیپرا سے دو روپے بٹھ پیسے فی یونٹ کمی کی درخواست کی تھی تاہم گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ سرچارج کے باعث چھپتے پیسے فی یونٹ کاربلیف عوام کو نہ مل سکا۔ دوسری طرف نیپرانے گیس انفراسٹرکچر سرچارج بجلی کے صارفین سے وصول کرنے کی اجازت دیدی ہے۔ سرچارج کی مد میں صارفین سے مجموعی طور پر گیارہ ارب روپے لیے جائیں گے۔ سرچارج کی وصولی جنوری 2013 سے اپریل 2015 تک کے لیے ہوگی۔ صارفین سے سرچارج ہر ماہ کے بل میں فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں لیا جائے گا۔

نیپرانے ایک روپیہ چھپایا پیسے فی یونٹ بجلی سستی کر دی

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی + ایجنسیاں) آئی ایم ایف نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کا پاور سیکٹر ترقی کی راہ میں رکاوٹ اور سرکاری خزانہ کو ضائع کرنے کا باعث بن رہا ہے۔ پاکستان کیلئے 506 ملین ڈالر قرضہ کی قسط جاری کرنے کے موقع پر بیان میں آئی ایم ایف نے کہا کہ میکرو اکنامک استحکام کی جانب پیشرفت حوصلہ افزا ہے۔ قانونی سیاسی اور سیکیورٹی چیلنجز کے باوجود پروگرام کے تحت پاکستان کی کارکردگی اچھی رہی۔ بجٹ میں ٹیکس کی بنیاد وسیع کرنے اور ایگزامینز کے خاتمہ کیلئے اقدامات اچھے ہیں۔ سٹیٹ بینک میں گورننس کے ڈھانچے کو مزید بہتر بنانے اور ادارے کو خود مختاری دینے کی ضرورت ہے۔ دہشت گردی کی فنانسنگ، اینٹی منی لانڈرنگ اور ٹیکس جرائم کے خلاف کارروائی جاری رہنا چاہئے۔ سرکاری تحویل کے کاروبار کے نجکاری، ٹریڈ پالیسی اور کاروباری ماحول کے بارے میں اصلاحات کو آگے بڑھنا چاہئے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق آئی ایم ایف نے پاکستان کے توانائی سیکٹر کو ملکی معیشت کیلئے تباہ کن قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا حکومت کو بجلی بلوں کی وصولی میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ آئی ایم ایف کی جانب سے جاری اعلامیے میں کہا گیا ہے پاکستان کو توانائی کے شعبہ کی حالت ٹھیک کرنے میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی نے بجلی پر دی جانے والی سبسڈی بڑی حد تک ختم کر دی ہے مگر اس شعبہ کی اصلاحات میں خاص پیش رفت نہیں ہو رہی جبکہ قانونی رکاوٹیں بھی درپیش ہیں۔ آئی ایم ایف کا کہنا ہے پاکستان کا پاور سیکٹر معیشت کیلئے ناسور بن چکا ہے۔ پاور سیکٹر نے قومی خزانے کو تباہ کر دیا ہے اور اس سے ملکی معیشت بھی شدید متاثر ہو رہی ہے۔ توانائی کے شعبہ میں بہتری کیلئے پاکستان کو ٹھوس اور دیر پا اصلاحات کرنا ہوں گی۔ اعلامیے میں کہا گیا کہ بجلی پر سبسڈی ختم اور ٹیکس میں اضافہ کیا جائے۔ صبح نیوز کے مطابق آئی ایم ایف کے قائم مقام سربراہ مٹوہر و فرسواوانے ایک بیان میں کہا ہے پاکستان میں بڑے معاشی استحکام کی طرف پیشرفت حوصلہ افزا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا مالی سال 2015-16ء کے بجٹ کے تناظر میں مجوزہ مالیاتی توازن انتہائی مناسب ہے۔ پاکستان کا ٹیکسوں کے استثنائی اور دی گئی رعایتوں کے خاتمے سمیت ٹیکس کا دائرہ بڑھانے کا ارادہ خوش آئند ہے۔ آئی ایم ایف نے کہا غیر ملکی زرمبادلہ کے ذخائر میں مسلسل اضافہ ہوا ہے اور موجودہ اقتصادی صورتحال میں مالیاتی پالیسی مناسب رہی ہے۔

پاکستان کا پاور سیکٹر معیشت کے لئے ناسور بن چکا، بجلی پر سبسڈی ختم، ٹیکس نیٹ بڑھا یا جائے: آئی ایم ایف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جون 2015

کراچی: کراچی میں لوڈ شیڈنگ اور گرمی سے ہونیوالی ہلاکتوں پر تحریک انصاف کے رہنما عمران اسماعیل نے سندھ حکومت اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرانے کیلئے درخواست دے دی۔ کراچی میں تحریک انصاف کا وفد مرکزی رہنما عمران اسماعیل کی قیادت میں سول لائنز تھانے پہنچا۔ وفد میں رکن سندھ اسمبلی خرم شیر زمان، فیصل واڈا، داواخان اور دیگر شامل تھے۔ عمران اسماعیل نے ڈی ایس پی اور ایس ایچ او کی موجودگی میں کراچی میں گرمی سے ہونے والی ہلاکتوں پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ، وزیر بلدیات شرجیل میمن، ایڈمنسٹریٹر کراچی ثاقب سومرو، چیئرمین پی ڈی ایم اے سلیمان شاہ اور صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب کے خلاف دفعہ 322 اور 302 کے تحت ایف آئی آر درج کرنے کی درخواست

تحریک انصاف کی سندھ حکومت اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف مقدمہ کی درخواست

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ملک بھر میں بلا کاوٹ جاری رکھنے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعظم ہاؤس سے جاری ہونے والے ایک بیان کے مطابق یہ فیصلہ منگل کو وزیر اعظم ہاؤس میں ہونے والی ملاقات میں کیا گیا جس میں ملکی سلامتی کی داخلی اور خارجی صورتحال پر بھی غور ہوا۔ بیان کے مطابق اس ملاقات میں فیصلہ ہوا کہ جرائم پیشہ عناصر اور دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہے گا تاکہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابی سے پیدا ہونے والے ماحول سے بھرپور فائدہ اٹھایا جاسکے۔ ملاقات میں وزیر اعظم اور فوج کے سربراہ نے اس بات کا اعادہ بھی کیا کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کو ہر قیمت پر اس کے منطقی انجام تک پہنچایا جائے گا اور بلا امتیاز کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دہشت گردوں اور مجرموں کو ڈھونڈ نکالا جائے گا۔

اس موقع پر نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں پوری قوم مسلح افواج کے ساتھ کھڑی ہے۔ نواز شریف ضرب عضب کے ایک سال کی تکمیل کے موقع پر حال ہی میں کہہ چکے ہیں کہ یہ دہشتگردی کے خاتمے کے حکومتی عزم کا مظہر ہے اور ان کارروائیوں کے دوران جان کی قربانی دینے والوں کو ہمیشہ یاد رکھے گی۔ پاکستانی فوج نے شمالی وزیرستان میں گزشتہ برس 15 جون کو شدت پسندوں کے خلاف ضرب عضب کے نام سے کارروائی کا آغاز کیا تھا۔ ایک سال کی تکمیل پر پاکستانی فوج نے اسپریشن کے بارے میں جو اعداد و شمار جاری کیے ہیں ان کے مطابق ایک برس کے دوران کارروائیوں میں 2763 شدت پسند مارے گئے ہیں جبکہ ساڑھے تین سو کے قریب فوجی افسر اور جوان بھی ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ حال ہی میں بری فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے کہا تھا کہ یہ آپریشن کامیاب رہا ہے اور اب وقت آگیا ہے کہ قبائلی علاقوں کے بعد شہری علاقوں میں شدت پسندوں کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے۔ آپریشن ضرب عضب کی وجہ سے ملک میں عمومی طور پر سیوریٹی کی صورتحال بہتر ہوئی ہے اور بڑے بڑے حملوں میں بھی کمی دیکھی گئی ہے تاہم سیوریٹی اہلکاروں کی ٹارگٹ کنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے ملاقات کی اس موقع پر سربراہ پاک فوج نے وزیر اعظم کو آپریشن ضرب عضب پر بریفنگ دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے آرمی چیف کی ہونے والی ملاقات کے دوران سربراہ پاک فوج نے انہیں آپریشن ضرب سے متعلق تفصیلی بریفنگ دی۔ جنرل راجیل شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کامیابی سے جاری ہے جسے منطقی انجام تک پہنچایا جائے گا۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کے نتیجے میں حاصل ہونے والی کامیابیوں کو خوب سراہا۔

اسلام آباد قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے خارجہ امور نے بیرون ملک پاکستانیوں کو سزائے موت دیے جانے کی بڑھتی ہوئی تعداد پر شدید تحفظات کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں ہونے والے اجلاس کے دوران کمیٹی نے دفتر خارجہ کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ بیرون ملک قانونی مسائل اور مقدمات سے دوچار تمام پاکستانیوں کا منصفانہ ٹرائل کا حق یقینی بنائے۔ کمیٹی نے مزید کہا کہ وزارت خارجہ مقدمات کا شکار پاکستانیوں کی وکیل ہونڈنے، ضرورت پڑھنے پر مترجم اور غیر ملکی قانونی نظام میں تمام تر ہمنائی فراہم کرے۔ کسی بھی پاکستانی شہری کو سزا دیے جانے سے قبل تمام قانونی ضابطے پورے کیے جائیں۔ قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے خارجہ امور کے چیئرمین اویس لاغاری نے اسے ایک اہم سنگین مسئلہ قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ بیرون ملک رہنے والے پاکستانی ملازمین عدالت میں اپنے دفاع کے لیے وکیل کا خرچ برداشت نہیں کر سکتے۔ انہوں نے غریب پاکستانیوں کو بیرون ملک ضرورت پڑنے پر تمام تر امداد فراہم کرنے کا مطالبہ کیا۔ دفتر خارجہ نے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ سمندر پار ساڑھے آٹھ ہزار پاکستانی جیلوں میں قید ہیں جن میں سے اکثر پر منشیات سے متعلق مقدمات درج ہیں۔ منشیات کی اسمگلنگ کے جرم میں سعودی عرب میں پاکستانیوں کو پھانسی ایک عام سی بات ہے اور 2015 میں اب تک سعودی عرب میں انہی جرائم میں ملوث دس پاکستانیوں کو سزا دی جا چکی ہے۔ کمیٹی نے پاکستان اور افغانستان کے درمیان حالیہ عرصے میں بہتر تعلقات اور دونوں ملکوں میں سیوریٹی کے بڑھتے ہوئے تعاون پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر اعظم کے مشیر برائے قومی سلامتی اور خارجہ امور نواز شریف نے کمیٹی کو پاکستان اور افغانستان کے درمیان جاری مفاہمت کے عمل پر کمیٹی کو تفصیلی بریفنگ دی۔ کمیٹی نے تجویز پیش کی کہ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر قیادت ملک کی سولیلین اور فوجی قیادت نے دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان دوبارہ عدم اعتماد سے بچنے کے لیے اپنے افغان ہم منصبوں سے قریبی روابط رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔ اس موقع پر سر تاج عزیز نے کمیٹی کو یقین دہانی کرائی کہ پاک افغان تعلقات کے ثمرات جلد سامنے آئیں گے۔ کمیٹی نے طالبان کی جانب سے افغان پارلیمنٹ پر حملے کی بھی شدید الفاظ میں مذمت کی۔ کمیٹی کے اراکین نے برما میں روہنگیا مسلمانوں کے ساتھ انسانی حقوق کی سنگین زیادتیوں پر بھی شدید تحفظات کا اظہار کیا۔ اراکین کمیٹی نے ہندوستان کی جانب سے 1971 میں پاکستان توڑنے میں کردار ادا کرنے کے حوالے سے بیان پر سخت رد عمل دیتے ہوئے اس معاملے کو عالمی سطح پر اٹھانے کا مطالبہ کیا تاکہ ہندوستان کی امن مخالف پالیسی کو منظر عام پر لایا جاسکے۔

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قبل کے پی پولیس کے انسپکٹر جنرل ناصر خان درانی کی جانب سے ہدایات جاری کی گئی تھیں کہ جو لوگ جعلی قومی شناختی کارڈ بنوانے میں ملوث ہیں ان کے خلاف مقدمات درج کیے جائیں۔ ایک رپورٹ کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے پی پولیس کے ترجمان ریاض احمد کا کہنا تھا کہ مجموعی طور پر 76,000 مقامی اور غیر ملکی افراد نے جعلی شناختی کارڈ بنوا رکھے ہیں۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبائی دارالحکومت پشاور میں جعلی شناختی کارڈ کے حامل افراد کے خلاف 802 مقدمات درج کیے گئے ہیں، جبکہ مردان میں 460، کوہاٹ میں 49، مالاکنڈ میں 85، بنوں میں 27، ہزارہ میں 49، اور ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان میں 44 مقدمات درج کیے گئے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ جعلی شناختی کارڈ بنوانے والوں کی دستاویزات کی تصدیق کرنے والے 1960 افراد کے خلاف بھی مقدمات قائم کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ جعلی شناختی کارڈ بنوانے میں مدد فراہم کرنے والے ایجنٹس کے خلاف 26 مقدمات درج کیے گئے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کے مابین ملاقات میں اس بات کا فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ دہشت گردوں اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف آپریشن جاری رہے گا تاکہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابی سے پیدا ہونے والے ماحول سے بھرپور فائدہ اٹھایا جاسکے۔ وزیر اعظم ہاؤس کے ترجمان دانیال گیلانی نے بتایا کہ منگل کو وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور آرمی چیف کے درمیان ہونے والی ملاقات میں ملک کی داخلی اور علاقائی سلامتی کی صورت حال، دہشتگردی کے خلاف آپریشن اور کراچی کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ ملاقات میں اس بات کا اعادہ کیا گیا کہ ضرب عضب کو ہر قیمت پر اُس کے منطقی انجام تک پہنچایا جائے گا اور مجرموں اور دہشت گردوں کا بلا امتیاز پیچھا کیا جائے گا۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے فائٹنگ آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابیوں کو سراہا اور کہا کہ پوری قوم کو افواج پاکستان پر فخر ہے اور دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں فوج کی قربانیوں کو قدر کی نگاہ سے دیکھتی ہے۔ انھوں نے اپنی بھرپور حمایت کا یقین دلاتے ہوئے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں پوری قوم مسلح افواج کے ساتھ کھڑی ہے۔ ملاقات میں کراچی اور بلوچستان میں امن و امان کی صورت حال بھی زیر غور آئی۔

ضرب عضب کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچانے کا

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پاکستان کے صوبے خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں شمالی وزیرستان کے عمائدین اور سیاسی جماعتوں کے کارکنوں کی طرف سے تین دن پہلے بکاخیل متاثرین کیمپ میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے فائرنگ میں دو پناہ گزینوں کی ہلاکت کے خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ منگل کو پشاور پریس کلب کے سامنے ہونے والے مظاہرے میں شمالی وزیرستان کے امتنازنی قبائل کے مشران، سیاسی جماعتوں کے کارکنوں اور وزیرستان سے تعلق رکھنے والے مختلف تعلیمی اداروں کے طلبہ نے شرکت کی۔ مظاہرین نے پلے کارڈز اور بینرا اٹھار کھے تھے جس پر پناہ گزینوں کے قاتلوں کو سزا دینے اور پشتونوں کی 'نسل کشی بند کرنے' جیسے نعرے درج تھے۔ اس موقع پر مظاہرین نے حکومت کے خلاف نعرہ بازی بھی کی۔ مظاہرین نے مطالبہ کیا کہ پناہ گزینوں پر فائرنگ کے واقعے میں ملوث سکیورٹی اہلکاروں کو فوری طور پر گرفتار کر کے ان کے خلاف سخت قانونی کارروائی کی جائے۔ مظاہرے میں شامل امتنازنی قبیلے کے ایک قبائلی سردار ملک جلال نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ سکیورٹی اہلکاروں نے نئے پناہ گزینوں پر فائرنگ کر کے انتہائی غیر ذمہ داری کا ثبوت دیا ہے، لہذا اس واقعے کی اعلیٰ سطح پر تحقیقات ہونی چاہئیں اور قاتلوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ آئی ڈی بی کیمپ بکاخیل میں سہولیات کا پہلے ہی سے فقدان پایا جاتا تھا، جس کی وجہ سے وہاں متاثرین کی زندگی انتہائی مشکل سے گزر رہی ہے۔ قبائلی سردار کے مطابق ایسے پناہ گزین کیمپوں کو فوری طور پر بند کیا جائے اور متاثرین کو آزاد چھوڑا جائے تاکہ وہ اپنے طور پر اپنی مرضی کے مطابق اپنی رہائش کا بندوبست کر سکیں۔ وہاں پر موجود قبائلی ملک نے ذرائع ابلاغ بالخصوص نجی ٹی وی چینلوں کی جانب سے بے گناہ آئی ڈی بی پیز کی ہلاکت کی خبریں نہ دینے پر ان کو کڑی تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا ہے۔

شمالی وزیرستان کے پناہ گزینوں کی ہلاکت پر

پشاور میں مظاہرہ

بی بی سی اردو

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ان کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک کے دیگر شہروں میں چھوٹے چھوٹے واقعے کی رپورٹ بھی شریک جاتی ہے لیکن بد قسمتی سے پاکستانی میڈیا قبائل میں بے گناہ ہلاکتوں کو کوئی توجہ نہیں دیتا۔ اُدھر بکاخیل پناہ گزین کیمپ کے کیمپوں نے حکومت اور قبائلی جرگے کی جانب سے ان مسائل کو حل کرنے کی یقین دہانیوں کے بعد متاثرین کیمپ چھوڑنے کا فیصلہ تاحال موخر کر دیا ہے۔ قبائلی جرگے کے اراکین کے مطابق حکومت اور سکیورٹی فورسز نے ایک ہفتے کے اندر اندر بکاخیل کیمپ میں پانی اور بجلی کے مسائل ترجیح بنیادوں پر حل کرنے یقین دہانی کرائی ہے۔ تاہم انھوں نے کہا کہ اگر متاثرین کے ساتھ کیے گئے وعدے پورے نہیں کیے گئے تو پھر تمام پناہ گزینوں کو کیمپ چھوڑنے کا اختیار حاصل ہو گا جبکہ اس سلسلے میں جرگہ ان کے راہ میں کوئی روکاوٹ نہیں بنے گا۔ خیال رہے کہ اتوار کی شام ایف آر بنوں کے علاقے بکاخیل میں قائم متاثرین شمالی وزیرستان کے کیمپ میں سکیورٹی فورسز اور پناہ گزینوں کے مابین تصادم کے نتیجے میں دو آئی ڈی بی پیز ہلاک اور نو زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔ اس واقعے کے بعد احتجاج کے طور پر متاثرین بکاخیل کیمپ نے متفقہ طور پر کیمپ خالی کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا تھا۔ تاہم قبائلی جرگہ کی کوششوں سے تاحال کیمپ خالی کرنے کے فیصلے کو موخر کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جرگہ ممبران کا کہنا ہے کہ اس سلسلے میں مذاکرات کا سلسلہ عید الفطر کے بعد دوبارہ شروع کیا جائے گا۔

پاکستان کے وزیر اعظم نواز شریف اور بڑی فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن ضرب عضب کو

دہشت گردوں اور مجرموں کے خلاف

اللہ مجاہد نے دعویٰ کیا کہ ”اگر کوئی بات چیت ہوئی ہے یا مستقبل میں اس کا کوئی ارادہ ہے تو یہ محض ذاتی بات چیت ہوگی، جو کسی طرح بھی اسلامک امارت کی نمائندہ نہیں ہو سکتی۔“ اس بیان میں اس نکتے کی ابتداء میں مشیر برائے خارجہ امور و قومی سلامتی سرتاج عزیز کی جانب سے قومی اسمبلی کی کمیٹی برائے خارجہ امور کے سامنے دیے گئے ایک بیان کا براہ راست حوالہ نہیں دیا گیا، لیکن یہ واضح کر کے کہ ”اگر ماضی میں کچھ ہوا ہے، یا مستقبل میں اس کا ارادہ ہے“ سے اس بات میں تو کوئی شک نہیں رہ گیا کہ عسکریت پسند گروہ نے ان کا جواب دے رہا تھا۔ سرتاج عزیز نے اس کمیٹی کو بتایا تھا کہ پاکستان نے افغانستان کی اعلیٰ سطحی امن کونسل کے سیکریٹری معصوم شنگزئی کی طالبان کے نمائندوں کی ایک ملاقات کے لیے گزشتہ ماہ چین کے شہر ارومچی میں سہولت فراہم کی تھی، اور اس مہینے میں ایک اور ملاقات کا منصوبہ تھا۔ پاک فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے فروری میں اپنے دورہ کابل کے دوران افغان صدر اشرف غنی کو بتایا تھا کہ طالبان ان کی حکومت کے ساتھ بات چیت کے لیے تیار ہیں۔

طالبان کے گروہ نے واضح کیا کہ قطر میں قائم اس کا سیاسی دفتر اس سلسلے میں رابطے شروع کرنے کا اختیار رکھتا تھا۔ طالبان قیادت کی جانب سے جاری ہونے والے اس بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ”یہاں تک کہ اس سیاسی دفتر کے افتتاح کے بعد سے اسلامی امارت کے رہنما سیاسی دفتر کی جانب پہلے سے حاصل اختیارات کے بغیر کسی کو بھی بطور اسلامک امارت کے نمائندے کی حیثیت سے ملاقاتوں اور سیاسی معاملات پر تبادلہٴ خیال کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دی گئی ہے۔“ اگرچہ اس بیان میں عسکریت پسند گروہ نے افغان قانون سازوں، معروف شخصیات اور حکام کے ساتھ ناروے، قطر اور متحدہ عرب امارت میں رابطوں کا اعتراف کیا ہے، لیکن اس حالیہ بیان میں ارمچی کی ملاقات پر ان کی خاموشی اور غیر مجاز قرار دیتے ہوئے معنی خیز لا تعلق سے یہ عکاسی ہوتی ہے کہ پاکستان کی جانب سے اس عمل کے لیے فراہم کی جانے والی سہولت پر انہیں تشویش ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ طالبان کے وہ تین نمائندے جنہوں نے معصوم شنگزئی سے ملاقات کی تھی، میڈیا رپورٹوں میں ان کے شناخت پاکستان میں موجود سابق سینئر عہدے دار ملا عبد الجلیل، ملا محمد حسن رحمانی اور ملا عبد الرزاق کے طور پر پیش کی گئی ہے۔ اس سے یہ ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ پاکستان نے قطر میں موجود سیاسی دفتر کو بائی پاس کرتے ہوئے پاکستان میں موجود دھڑے کے ساتھ افغان حکومت کو مذاکرات شروع کرنے کی سہولت فراہم کی تھی۔ مصالحتی عمل میں سہولت فراہم کرنے کے سلسلے میں پاکستان کا کردار ہمیشہ سے اہم سمجھا گیا ہے۔ لیکن پاکستانی حکام طالبان پر اپنے اثر و رسوخ کی حدود کے حوالے سے محتاط رہے ہیں۔ اسی دوران وائس آف امریکانے سینئر سرکاری حکام کا حوالہ دیتا ہونے بتایا کہ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وقت گزرنے کے ساتھ باغیوں کے فیلڈ کمانڈروں کی ایک نئی نسل کے ابھرنے کی وجہ سے پاکستان کی گرفت آہستہ آہستہ کمزور پڑ رہی ہے۔ حکام کا اصرار تھا کہ طالبان کے ان کمانڈروں میں سے بہت سے طالبان کی سیاسی قیادت سے آزادانہ کارروائی کرتے ہیں، اور اسی لیے کابل کی حکومت کے ساتھ مذاکرات کے لیے تمام کو ایک میز پر اکٹھا کرنے میں دشواری پیدا کر رہے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد قومی اسمبلی نے اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے کی نگرانی کے لئے پارلیمانی کمیٹی کے قیام کی تحریک منظور کر لی۔ اسپیکر قومی اسمبلی سردار ایاز صادق کی سربراہی میں وفاقی وزیر خزانہ سینیٹر اسحاق ڈار نے تحریک پیش کی جسے ایوان نے متفقہ طور پر منظور کر لیا، تحریک کے مطابق پارلیمانی کمیٹی میں قومی اسمبلی اور سینیٹ کے 21 اراکین شامل ہوں گے، یہ کمیٹی اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے کی نگرانی کرے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ پارلیمانی کمیٹی کی تشکیل کا فیصلہ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت آل پارٹئی کانفرنس میں کیا گیا تھا۔

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پاکستان کے صوبہ سندھ کے دارالحکومت کراچی میں ریجنل گورنمنٹ کے دو جھڑپوں میں دس مشتبہ دہشت گردوں کی ہلاکت کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ریجنل گورنمنٹ کی جانب سے جاری کیے گئے پیغام میں کہا گیا ہے کہ چھ دہشت گرد سپر ہائی وے پر دو مقابلوں میں مارے گئے۔ بی بی سی اردو کے نامہ نگار ریاض سمیل کے مطابق ریجنل گورنمنٹ کے ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ منگل کی شب سپر ہائی وے پر کاٹھور کے علاقے میں دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر کارروائی کی گئی۔ ترجمان کے مطابق کارروائی کے دوران ان ٹھکانوں میں موجود افراد نے ریجنل گورنمنٹ کے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کی اور گھیراؤ کرنے کی کوشش کی۔ ریجنل گورنمنٹ کا کہنا ہے کہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں دو شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک کر دیا گیا جبکہ کچھ اندھیرے کا فائدہ اٹھا کر فرار ہونے میں کامیاب رہے۔ ترجمان کا یہ بھی کہنا ہے کہ فرار ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کی تلاش کے دوران ایک اور مقابلہ ہوا جس میں مزید چار دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ دو ریجنل اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ حکام کی جانب سے ہلاک شدگان کی شناخت ظاہر نہیں کی گئی ہے تاہم ریجنل گورنمنٹ کے ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کے قبضے سے سب مشین گن اور دیگر اسلحے کے علاوہ خودکش جیکٹ بھی برآمد ہوئی ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ کراچی میں ریجنل گورنمنٹ اور پولیس شہر کے مختلف علاقوں اور مضافات میں خفیہ اطلاعات کی بنیاد پر شدت پسندوں اور کالعدم تنظیموں کے ارکان کے خلاف کارروائیاں کرتے رہے ہیں۔

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پشاور خیبر پختونخوا پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ جعلی کمپیوٹر انڈنڈ قومی شناختی کارڈ بنوانے والے 1516 افراد کے خلاف مقدمات درج کیے گئے ہیں۔ اس سے

جعلی شناختی کارڈ بنوانے پر 1516 افراد کے

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

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سرخیاں

کراچی پولیس نے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گردوں سمیت 10 افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے خود کش جیکٹیں اور اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی پولیس نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر سہراب گوٹھ میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 10 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا، گرفتار ملزمان میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے 2 مبینہ دہشت گرد بھی شامل بھی ہیں، پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار کئے گئے ملزمان کے قبضے سے ایک خود کش جیکٹ، 2 کلاشنکوف اور 4 پستول برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس نے گرفتار ملزمان کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں ان سے تفتیش جاری ہے۔

کراچی پولیس نے انسداد دہشت گردی عدالت میں متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کے 3 کارکنان کے خلاف چالان پیش کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے ایم کیو ایم کے کارکنان نعیم، رحمان اور حبیب کو انسداد دہشت گردی عدالت میں پیش کیا جب کہ اس موقع پر چالان بھی پیش کیا گیا جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ملزمان نے 2007 میں کراچی کے علاقے سعود آباد میں پولیس اہلکار کو فائرنگ کر کے قتل کیا تھا جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے غیر قانونی اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا تھا۔ پولیس چالان میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ پولیس اہلکار کے قتل کے دیگر 3 ملزمان محسن سلیم، سعد صدیقی اور ندیم تاحال مفرور ہیں جن کی گرفتاری کے لئے کوششیں کی جا رہی ہیں۔

پاکستان کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ ملک میں موجود 15 لاکھ افغان پناہ گزینوں کی اس سال کے اختتام تک واپسی کے فیصلے پر نظر ثانی کر سکتا ہے۔ اقوام متحدہ کے ادارہ برائے پناہ گزینوں کا بھی کہنا ہے کہ دونوں ممالک کی حکومتیں آئندہ اگست تک افغان پناہ گزینوں کی واپسی کا منصوبہ تیار کر لیں گی۔ ماضی میں بھی یہ مہلت کئی مرتبہ بڑھانی جا چکی ہے لیکن پشاور سکول حملے کے بعد یہ خدشہ پیدا ہو گیا تھا کہ پاکستان اس مرتبہ کسی توسیع میں دلچسپی نہیں رکھتا۔ گذشتہ دسمبر میں پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملے کے بعد پاکستانی حکام نے ملک بھر میں افغان باشندوں کی پکڑ دھکڑ کی مہم تیزی سے شروع کی تھی جس میں وقت کے ساتھ اب قدرے سستی آگئی ہے۔ لیکن اس کارروائی کو دیکھتے ہوئے خدشہ پیدا ہو گیا تھا کہ پاکستان سب افغانوں کو اس سال دسمبر تک جبری طور پر واپس جانے پر مجبور کر دے گا۔ سرحدی امور اور ریاستوں کے وفاقی وزیر جنرل ریٹائرڈ عبدالقادر بلوچ نے حکومت پاکستان کی جانب سے نرمی کا اشارہ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ وہ افغانستان کی حکومت کے ساتھ اس بارے میں مسلسل رابطے میں ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہی قدم اٹھائے جائیں گے جو عملی طور پر قابل عمل ہوں۔ ہماری خواہش ہو گی کہ ہر افغان پناہ گزین 31 دسمبر کی ڈیڈ لائن تک واپس لوٹ جائے۔ لیکن ہم دیکھیں گے کہ اس میں ممکنات کتنے ہیں۔ ان کی افغانستان میں باعزت واپسی ممکن ہو گی؟ یہ ہمارے مہمان ہیں اور ہم نہیں چاہیں گے کہ 35 سال میں جس طرح یہ افغان ہمارے مہمان رہے ہیں اس میں کوئی مسئلہ پیدا ہو جائے۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے کرم ایجنسی میں فوجی اہلکاروں پر نامعلوم افراد کے حملے میں دو اہلکار ہلاک اور دو زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ یہ واقعہ جمعرات کی صبح کرم ایجنسی کے علاقے صدہ میں ورگلی کے قریب پیش آیا ہے۔ پولیٹیکل انتظام کے اہلکاروں نے مقامی صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے اہلکاروں پر اس وقت حملہ کیا جب وہ ڈیوٹی کے بعد علاقے میں موجود تھے۔ اس حملے کے وقت چار اہلکار موقع پر موجود تھے جن میں سے دو ہلاک اور دو زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ زخمیوں میں سے ایک کو سی ایم ایچ کو ہاٹ اور دوسرے کو سی ایم ایچ پشاور منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ کرم ایجنسی کے جس علاقے میں حملہ ہوا اس کی سرحدیں ایک طرف افغانستان کے ساتھ اور دوسری جانب اورکزئی ایجنسی سے ملتی ہیں۔ اس علاقے میں اس سے پہلے بھی اس طرح کے واقعات پیش آچکے ہیں۔ پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقوں میں سے شمالی وزیرستان اور خیبر ایجنسی میں جاری فوجی آپریشنز کے نتیجے میں تشدد کے واقعات میں بڑی حد تک کمی دیکھی جا رہی ہے۔ تاہم اورکزئی ایجنسی اور اس کے مضافاتی علاقے میں شدت پسندوں کی کارروائیوں کی اطلاعات موصول ہوتی رہتی ہیں۔

اسلام آباد افغان طالبان کی قیادت نے افغانستان کی حکومت کے ساتھ امن اور مصالحت کے لیے مذاکرات کے عمل سے خود کو علیحدہ کر لیا ہے۔ مذاکرات کے عمل کی سہولت پاکستان کی جانب سے فراہم کی گئی تھی۔ عسکریت پسند گروہ کے اس اقدام سے اس مہینے میں بات چیت کے منصوبے کو دھچکا لگا ہے۔ اسی دوران یہ اکتشاف بھی ہوا ہے کہ طالبان کی صفوں میں تقسیم بڑھتی جا رہی ہے، جس سے مصالحتی عمل مزید پیچیدہ ہو جائے گا۔ بدھ کو صحافیوں کے ساتھ بات کرتے ہوئے اسلامک امارات آف افغانستان کی جانب سے بات کرتے ہوئے طالبان کے ترجمان زبیر

کراچی میں پولیس کی کارروائی، کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گردوں سمیت 10 ملزمان گرفتار

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ایم کیو ایم کے 3 کارکنوں کے خلاف انسداد دہشت گردی عدالت میں چالان پیش

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بی بی سی اردو

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کرم ایجنسی میں فوجیوں پر حملہ، دو اہلکار ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

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افغان طالبان امن مذاکرات سے علیحدہ

ڈان نیوز

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مورنی اپنے بچروں میں مردہ حالت میں پائے گئے، تاہم ہلاک ہونے والے ہرن کی نسل کی شناخت نہیں کی جاسکی۔ چڑیا گھر کے ایڈیشنل ڈائریکٹر سید عتیق تعظیم نقوی سے میڈیا نے رابطہ کیا تو انہوں نے دو جانوروں کی موت کی تصدیق کی اور کہا کہ اگرچہ پوسٹ مارٹم رپورٹ کے مطابق جانوروں کی ہلاکت کی فوری وجہ ہیٹ اسٹروک ہے تاہم انہیں آنتوں کی سوزش کا مسئلہ بھی لاحق تھا۔ موروں کا یہ جوڑا ایک ہی بچرے میں رہائش پذیر تھا۔



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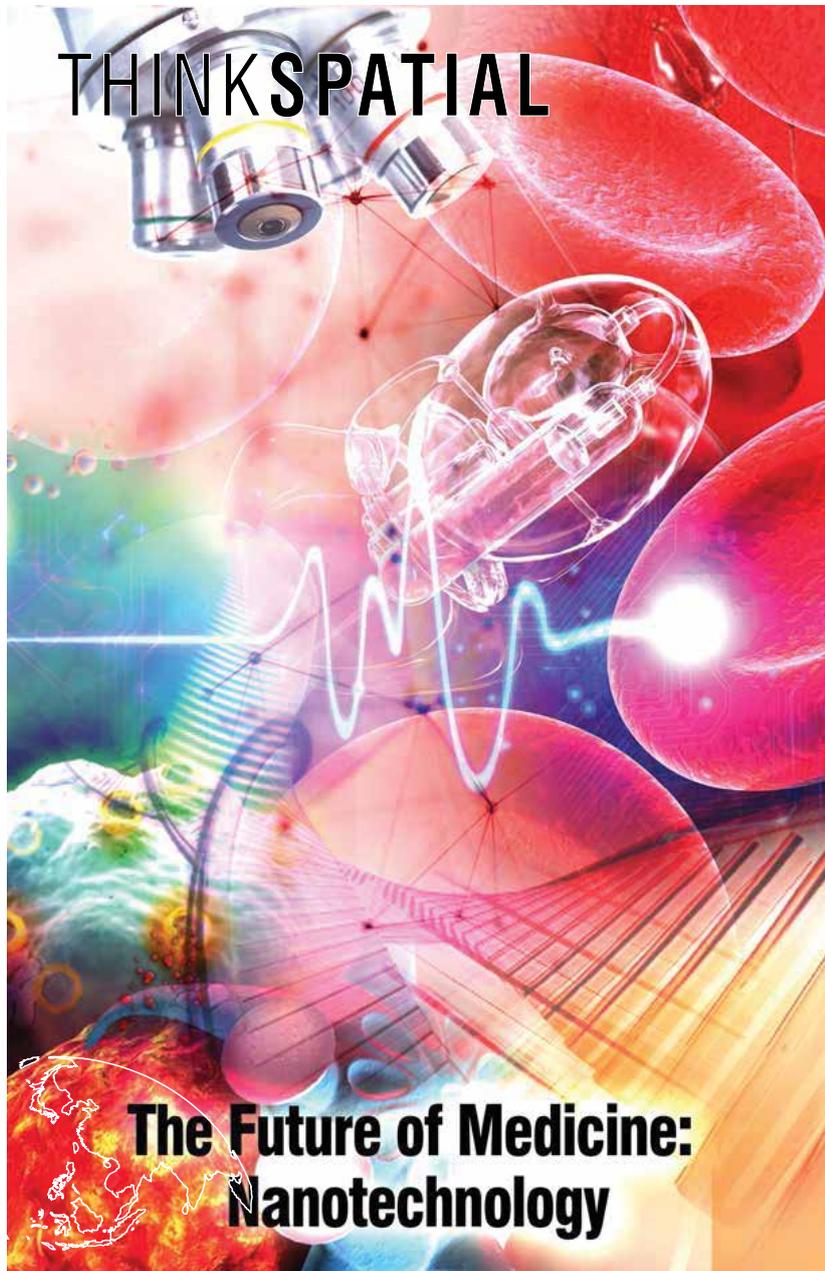
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حوالے سے کوئی مربوط کام شروع ہوا ہے۔ آر کرشن بھی اس بات سے متفق ہیں اور کہتے ہیں کہ اس پورے موسمیاتی عمل کو سمجھنے کی ضرورت ہے کہ ایسا خاص اس وقت ہی کیوں ہوا ہے۔ سائنسدانوں کے بقول عالمی سطح پر موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں نے یقیناً گرمی کی لہر کو بڑھا دیا ہے اور یہ اسی طرح ہو رہا ہے جیسے شدید موسم کے دوسرے مظاہر مثلاً سیلاب، خشک سالی، جنگلات میں لگنے والی آگ، شدید بر فباری وغیرہ۔ موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں پر اقوام متحدہ کا بین الاقوامی پینل پہلے ہی یہ خبردار کرتا رہا ہے کہ ان تبدیلیوں کے اثرات گرمی کی زیادہ شدت کی صورت میں جنوبی ایشیا میں زیادہ ہوں گے۔ اور اس کی وجہ اقوام متحدہ کے موسمیاتی ادارے کے مشیر برائے ایشیا قمر زمان چودھری کے بقول یہ ہے کہ یہ موسمیاتی مظہر سمندری طوفانوں اور سیلاب وغیرہ کے بہ نسبت آہستہ آہستہ وقوع پذیر ہوتا ہے۔ ان کے بقول خطے میں گرمی کی لہر کا معاملہ بھی یہی رہا ہے۔

کراچی (بی بی سی) کراچی میں شدید گرمی کی حالیہ لہر سینکڑوں جانیں لینے کے بعد اب ختم ہو رہی ہے۔ ایدھی میں 17 برس سے ایسوی لینس چلانے والے فاروق نے کہا کہ انہوں نے اس سے پہلے کبھی ایسی گرمی نہیں دیکھی۔ اچانک فضا میں آکسیجن ختم ہو گئی اور سامنے کھڑے افراد سانس نہ لینے کی وجہ سے کھڑے کھڑے گر رہے تھے۔ ہلاک ہونے والے افراد میں عمر رسیدہ افراد کی تعداد زیادہ بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ شفیق نے کہا صورتحال ایسی بھی ہو گئی کہ گھروں میں اکیلے رہنے والے افراد کی گرمی کی شدت شدت سے ہلاکتوں کی اطلاعات ملنے لگیں۔ اور منگل کو ساتویں منزل سے ایک شخص کی لاش نکالی جو گرمی کی شدت سے ہلاک ہو گیا تھا۔ 13 سال سے ایسوی لینس چلانے والے شفیق کے مطابق شہر میں ہم دھاوا اور فائرنگ سے زخمی ہونے والے افراد کے بارے میں معلوم ہو جاتا تھا کہ کیا کرنا ہے لیکن اس بار خود کچھ سمجھ نہیں آ رہا تھا کہ لوگوں کی حالت کیسی ہے بالکل ایسے تھا کہ قیامت کا منظر ہو اور جسے بیان کرنا بھی مشکل ہو۔ ہلاک ہونے والے میں بچے اور خواتین بھی شامل ہیں۔ لیاری کے علاقے میں 22 سال سے ایدھی ایسوی لینس سروس دینے والے واحد حسین نے بھی گرمی کی وجہ سے پیدا ہونے والے غیر معمولی صورتحال کو زندگی کا پہلا تجربہ قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ سڑکوں کے کنارے بے ہوش ہونے والوں میں سے کئی ایسے بھی تھے کہ ایسوی لینس میں منتقل کرتے کرتے ان کی موت واقع ہو گئی۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ سندھ کے دارالحکومت کراچی میں شدید گرمی سے مرنے والوں کی تعداد 1140 تک پہنچ گئی ہے جبکہ اندرون سندھ بھی 30 سے زیادہ افراد ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ پانچ دن تک شدید گرمی پڑنے کے بعد شہر کا موسم اب بہتر ہے لیکن اب بھی شہر کے ہسپتال اس گرمی سے متاثر ہونے والے افراد سے بھرے ہوئے ہیں۔

49 ڈگری ہیٹ انڈیکس اموات کی وجہ بنا

بی بی سی کے نامہ نگار ریاض سہیل کے مطابق ان میں سے سب سے زیادہ افراد جناح ہسپتال میں ہلاک ہوئے اور وہاں درجنوں افراد کی حالت اب بھی تشویشناک ہے۔ جناح ہسپتال کے شعبہ ہنگامی امداد کی سربراہ ڈاکٹر سیمی جمالی کے مطابق جمعرات تک وہاں 329 افراد کی گرمی اور اس سے متعلقہ امراض کی وجہ سے ہلاکت ہو چکی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ کراچی میونسپل کارپوریشن کے زیر انتظام چلنے والے ہسپتالوں میں 213 افراد کے ہلاک ہونے کی تصدیق کی ہے۔ ان ہسپتالوں کے علاوہ عباسی شہید ہسپتال سے 164، سول ہسپتال کراچی سے 123، لیاقت نیشنل ہسپتال سے 73، ادارہ امراض قلب سے 51، ادارہ اطفال سے 12 جبکہ دیگر نجی ہسپتالوں میں بھی 175 افراد ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ پی ٹی وی کے مطابق حیدرآباد کے علاوہ اندرون سندھ میں ٹھٹھہ، جبک آباد، شکارپور اور لاڑکانہ میں 30 سے زیادہ افراد گرمی کی وجہ سے ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ پاکستانی ذرائع ابلاغ کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں گرمی سے متاثر ہونے والے افراد کی تعداد 40 ہزار سے زیادہ رہی۔ صوبائی حکومت نے بدھ کو پورے صوبے میں شدید گرمی کی وجہ سے عام تعطیل کا اعلان بھی کیا تھا۔ اتنے بڑے پیمانے پر ہلاکتوں کی وجہ سے شہر کے مردہ خانوں میں لاشیں رکھنے کی گنجائش بھی ختم ہو گئی جس کی وجہ سے لواحقین کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا ہے۔

ایدھی فاؤنڈیشن کے ترجمان انور کاظمی کے مطابق گرمی کی لہر شروع ہونے کے بعد ابتدائی تین دن میں ہی 500 لاشیں ایدھی کے مردہ خانے لائی گئی تھیں۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ ماضی میں کبھی بھی اتنی بڑی تعداد میں لاشیں مردہ خانے میں نہیں آئیں۔

کراچی میں ہلاکتوں میں کسی حد تک بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کو بھی ذمہ دار ٹھہرایا جا رہا ہے اور قومی اسمبلی میں قائد حزب اختلاف خورشید شاہ نے بھی کہا ہے کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ ہوتی تو اتنے بڑے پیمانے پر ہلاکتوں سے بچا جاسکتا تھا۔

گرمی چڑیا گھر کے تین جانور بھی کھا گئی

کراچی۔ کراچی میں شدید گرمی سے انسان تو کیا جانور بھی محفوظ نہیں رہے اور شدید گرمی کے باعث چڑیا گھر میں تین جانور مر گئے ہیں۔

کراچی چڑیا گھر کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ان جانوروں کی ہلاکت گرمی اور پانی کی کمی کی وجہ سے ہوئی۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ چیر کو ایک ہرن، مور اور

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26 جون 2015

کراچی میں گرمی سے ہلاکتیں 1100 سے بڑھ
گئیں

بی بی سی اردو

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تین جانور بھی مر گئے

ڈان

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انہوں نے کہا کہ ”مریضوں کی عیادت کے“ رہے ہیں اور انہوں نے ہمیں مریضوں کے لیے پانی کی بوتلوں سے لے کر دواؤں تک ہر چیز دی ہے۔“
 ”لے آنے والے سرکاری حکام اور سیاسی رہنماؤں کی بڑی تعداد فوٹو شوٹ کے لیے آرہی ہے۔“

کراچی میں گرمی کا قہر اور لوڈ شیڈنگ برقرار ہے، ایسے میں اسپتالوں میں موجود گرمی سے متاثرہ مریضوں نے گھر واپسی سے ہی انکار کر دیا ہے، کہتے ہیں اسپتال میں پانی بجلی سمیت ساری سہولیات مل رہی ہیں، گھروں میں ان ضروریات کے لیے ترسنا پڑتا ہے، ایک تو قیامت ڈھاتی گرمی اوپر سے بجلی کی طویل بندش، ایسے میں اسپتالوں میں موجود متاثرہ افراد گھروں کو واپسی کے لیے تیار ہی نہیں، کہتے ہیں گھر میں پانی ہے ناجبلی، اسپتال سے جانے کو دل ہی نہیں کرتا، مریضوں اور اسکے لواحقین کا کہنا ہے کہ اسپتالوں میں مختلف فلاحی تنظیموں کی جانب سے ٹھنڈا پانی، برف اور ادویات بھی فراہم جا رہی ہیں، بجلی سمیت دیگر سہولیات کی فراہمی کے حوالے سے حکومتی بے حسی کے کیا کہنے جس کے باعث غریب مریض صحت یابی کے باوجود اسپتالوں میں قیام کو ترجیح دے رہے ہیں۔

کراچی؛ شہر قائد میں گرمی سے متاثرہ مزید 23 افراد دم توڑ گئے جس کے بعد گرمی کی شدت سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد ایک ہزار 50 سے تجاوز کر گئی۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے سب سے بڑے اسپتال جناح اسپتال میں کل رات سے اب تک ہیٹ اسٹروک سے متاثرہ 100 افراد کو لایا گیا جب کہ جہاں 13 افراد دم توڑ گئے جب کہ سول اور عسکری اسپتال میں بھی گرمی کے متاثرہ 5، 5 افراد دم توڑ گئے جس کے بعد آج جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کی مجموعی تعداد 23 ہو گئی۔

سرکاری میڈیا کی رپورٹ کے مطابق عالمی ادارے کے سربراہ کے ترجمان نے نیویارک میں صحافیوں کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ پاکستان نے ابھی تک اقوام متحدہ سے امداد کی درخواست نہیں کی۔ تاہم ترجمان نے کہا کہ اگر پاکستان نے صورتحال سے نمٹنے کے لیے درخواست کی تو اقوام متحدہ مثبت جواب دے گا۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق کراچی میں گزشتہ ہفتے کے روز سے ہیٹ اسٹروک کے باعث 1040 افراد جبکہ سندھ کے دیگر حصوں میں 76 افراد ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں۔ اگرچہ اب کراچی میں گرمی کی شدت میں کمی آئی ہے تاہم ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ تاحال جاری ہے۔

پاکستانی اور بھارتی سائنسدانوں کا کہنا ہے کہ دونوں ملکوں میں گرمی کی حالیہ شدید لہر میں بلند درجہ حرارت صرف ایک عنصر ہے اور باقی عوامل کا تعین ہونا باقی ہے۔ ان ماہرین کے مطابق ہوا کا کم دباؤ، بہت زیادہ نمی اور ہوا کا خلاف معمول بند ہونا وہ اہم عوامل تھے جن کے یکجا جانے کی وجہ سے گرمی ناقابل برداشت ہو گئی تھی لیکن ایک ساتھ یہ عوامل مٹی اور جون میں کیسے یکجا ہوئے، یہ جاننا ابھی باقی ہے۔ پاکستانی ماہرین موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں گزشتہ ہفتے گرمی کی لہر کے عروج پر زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت کی پیش گوئی 43 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ کی تھی جو درست ثابت ہوئی لیکن باقی دوسرے عوامل کے مل جانے سے گرمی ناقابل برداشت ہو گئی تھی۔ گزشتہ 30 برسوں کی گرمی کی اس شدید ترین لہر میں ایک ہزار سے زیادہ لوگ ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں۔ جبکہ بھارت میں سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 2000 لوگ ہلاک ہوئے ہیں لیکن گرمی سے مرنے والوں کی مجموعی تعداد 3000 سے زیادہ بتائی جاتی ہے۔ پاکستان میں محکمہ موسمیات یعنی نیشنل ویدر فور کاسٹنگ سینٹر کے ڈائریکٹر محمد حنیف کے مطابق اصل درجہ حرارت اور اس کی شدت کے فرق کو گرمی کا انڈیکس کہا جاتا ہے جس کی رو کراچی میں درجہ حرارت انچاس ڈگری جیسا محسوس ہو رہا تھا۔ محمد حنیف کے بقول انڈیکس کے زیادہ ہونے کی وجہ سے ہوا کا کم دباؤ اور فضا میں بہت زیادہ نمی تھی۔ جون کے مہینے میں انتہائی خلاف معمول ہوا کے اس بہت کم دباؤ نے سمندر کی طرف سے چلنے والی ہوا کو بالکل بند کر دیا جس سے گرمی ناقابل برداشت ہو گئی تھی۔

بھارتی سائنسدان بھی خلاف معمول موسمیاتی حالات کا بغور مشاہدہ کر رہے ہیں۔ انڈین محکمہ موسمیات کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ایل ایس راٹھور کا کہنا ہے کہ ساحلی علاقوں میں شام کے وقت سمندری ہوا چلنے سے انسانی جسم پر گرمی کے اثرات کم ہو جاتے ہیں۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ اس سال ایسا نہیں ہوا بلکہ پورے خطے میں گرمی بڑھتی ہی رہی۔ ایک اور ادارے انڈین انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف ٹراپیکل میٹھیولوجی میں موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے شعبے کے سربراہ آر کرشنن کہتے ہیں کہ موسمیاتی حالات کی محدود توجیہ ہی کی جاسکتی ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ فضا میں ہوائی لہروں میں ہونے والی تبدیلیوں کے باعث گرمی کئی روز تک جاری رہی۔ لیکن ان کا یہ بھی کہنا تھا کہ موسمیاتی لہروں میں تبدیلی کی وجوہات معلوم نہیں ہیں جن کی وجہ سے گرمی برقرار ہے۔

کراچی میں گرمی کے تناظر میں محمد حنیف کا کہنا تھا کہ بحیرہ عرب میں بننے والا ہوا کا کم دباؤ جب چلی فضا میں آیا تو اس کے باعث 43 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ کا درجہ حرارت تک محسوس کیا گیا جبکہ اس کے برعکس پاکستان کے بعض دوسرے علاقوں میں درجہ حرارت 47 ڈگری تک ریکارڈ کیا گیا لیکن وہ 41 ڈگری تک محسوس ہو رہا تھا کیونکہ وہاں ہوا کا دباؤ زیادہ تھا اور نمی بھی کم تھی۔ محمد حنیف کے بقول اس برس جو کراچی میں دیکھا گیا وہ اب جنوبی ایشیا کے کئی علاقوں میں کئی برسوں سے تواتر سے دیکھا جا رہا ہے لیکن اس اچانک تبدیلی کی درست وجہ معلوم نہیں ہے نہ ہی علاقائی طور پر اس

کراچی: گرمی کا قہر، اسپتالوں میں داخل مریضوں کا دوا لہی سے انکار

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27 جون 2015

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محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر میں کل اور پیر کے روز کو ایک بار پھر گرمی میں اضافے کا امکان ہے۔ کراچی میں ہفتہ کو گرمی کی شدت میں بدستور کمی رہی اور درجہ حرارت 36.5 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا جب کہ ہوا میں نمی کا تناسب 58 فیصد رہا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کی پیش گوئی کے مطابق اتوار اور پیر کے روز کراچی میں گرمی بڑھنے کا امکان ہے اور اس دوران درجہ حرارت 38 تا 40 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ رہے گا۔

ڈائریکٹر محکمہ موسمیات عبدالرشید نے بتایا کہ کراچی میں اتوار اور پیر کو گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کا امکان ہے جس اس کے بعد موسم دوبارہ معتدل ہو جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اتوار اور پیر کو سمندری ہوائیں منقطع رہیں گی جس سے پارہ ایک تا 3 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ بڑھنے کا امکان ہے جب کہ منگل سے سمندری ہوائیں چلنے کا سلسلہ دوبارہ شروع ہو جائے گا جس سے موسم معتدل ہو جائے گا اور گرمی کی شدت میں کمی رہے گی۔

کراچی میں قیامت خیز گرمی نے چودہ سو سے زائد جانیں نکل لیں، سینکڑوں گھروں میں صف ماتم بچھی ہے، جبکہ ہر آنکھ اٹکھا رہے، ان میں سے کئی میتیں ایسی بھی ہے جو زندگی بھر دکھ سہنے کے بعد موت کے بعد بھی شناخت سے محروم رہیں اور انہیں ویسے ہی دفنایا گیا۔ قطار در قطار رکھی یہ وہ میتیں ہیں جن کی جس اور ڈی ہائیڈریشن کے باعث موت ہوئی، اتنی بڑی تعداد میں اموات کے باعث سرد خانوں اور قبرستانوں میں جگہ پڑ گئی، حکومت بے حسی بھی عروج پر رہی، جو خود تو ٹھنڈے کمروں میں بیٹھ اجلاسوں کی صدارت میں مصروف ہیں، تاہم گرمی سے بچاؤ کیلئے کوئی عملی اقدامات کرتے نظر نہیں آ رہے۔ صرف کراچی ہی نہیں سندھ کے دیگر علاقوں میں بھی گرمی جانیں نکل رہی ہے، کراچی کے جناح ہسپتال میں مزید تیرہ، عباسی شہید ہسپتال میں پانچ اور سول ہسپتال میں دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ جس سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد چودہ سو تیس تک جا پہنچی، دوسری جانب ہزاروں افراد مختلف ہسپتالوں میں زیر علاج ہیں، جبکہ ڈاکٹر ز بھی گرمی میں غیر ضروری باہر نکلنے سے گریز کرنے کا مشورہ دے رہے ہیں۔

کراچی میں منہ زور گرمی سے ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 1430 تک جا پہنچی، مختلف ہسپتالوں میں مزید

20 افراد دم توڑ گئے

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ہیٹ اسٹروک: ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 1242

ہو گئی

ڈان

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کراچی: سندھ کے مختلف علاقوں میں گرم موسم کی شدت میں کمی تو آگئی ہے تاہم ہیٹ اسٹروک سے مزید 32 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے یوں گذشتہ ایک ہفتے میں ہیٹ اسٹروک سے ہلاک ہونے والوں کی تعداد 1242 ہو گئی ہے۔ ہفتے کے روز کراچی میں حکومت کے زیر انتظام چلنے والے ہسپتالوں نے 32 ہلاکتوں کی تصدیق کی ہے۔ جن میں سے 13 افراد جناح پوسٹ گریجویٹ میڈیکل سینٹر، 11 عباسی شہید ہسپتال، 2 قطر ہسپتال، 3 کے ایم سی ہسپتال اور 3 شہر کے دیگر ہسپتالوں میں ہلاک ہوئے۔ خیال رہے کہ گذشتہ ہفتے کراچی سمیت سندھ بھر میں گرمی کی شدت کے باعث ہزاروں افراد ہیٹ اسٹروک کے مرض کا شکار ہو کر ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔

ایڈھی فائونڈیشن کے عہدیدار فیصل ایڈھی کا کہنا ہے کہ ایڈھی سردخانے میں گذشتہ ہفتے سے اب تک 200 نامعلوم افراد کی لاشوں کو لایا گیا ہے۔ ان میں سے 140 لاشوں کو لاوارث قرار دے کر ایڈھی سینٹر کے موائج گوٹھ قبرستان میں دفن کر دیا گیا ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے حکام کے مطابق گزشتہ ایک ہفتے کے دوران اب تک ہیٹ اسٹروک اور ڈی ہائیڈریشن (پانی کی کمی) کے مرض میں مبتلہ 80 ہزار مریضوں کو کراچی کے مختلف ہسپتالوں میں لایا جا چکا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گرمی کا شکار ہو کر ہلاک ہونے والوں میں زیادہ تعداد روزانہ کی بنیاد پر کام کرنے والے مزدوروں کی ہے۔

گذشتہ روز ہیٹ اسٹروک کے باعث مزید 105 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے، جبکہ گزشتہ ایک ہفتے سے جاری گرمی کی شدت میں جمعات کے روز سے کافی کمی آئی ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ہسپتالوں میں لائے جانے والے ہیٹ اسٹروک کے مریضوں کی تعداد میں جمعات سے نمایاں طور پر کمی آئی، اس لیے کہ کراچی کا موسم ابر آلود ہو گیا ہے اور ہوائیں چل رہی ہیں، تاہم یہ گرمی کی شدت کو مکمل طور پر روکنے میں ناکام رہا۔ ایک سرکاری عہدے دار نے بتایا ”جمعات کو کم از کم 90 افراد کی اموات کراچی میں اور 15 کی اموات سندھ کے دیگر اضلاع میں ہوئیں، ان میں حیدرآباد، ٹھٹہ، ٹھٹہ، ٹھٹہ اور بے نظیر آباد سمیت دیگر اضلاع شامل ہیں۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق کراچی میں ہفتے کے روز سے ایک ہزار چالیس افراد جبکہ سندھ کے دیگر حصوں میں 76 افراد ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں۔ صحت کے ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ، پانی کی قلت اور روزے نے خاص طور پر بچوں اور بڑی عمر کے لوگوں کو ہیٹ اسٹروک کا شکار ہونے میں اہم کردار ادا کیا۔ مردہ خانوں میں گنجائش ختم ہوجانے کی وجہ سے ہسپتالوں کے فرش پر میتوں کے بیگر رکھے ہوئے نظر آئے۔ سرکاری ہسپتالوں کے حکام نے شکایت کی کہ انہیں صوبائی حکومت کی جانب سے کوئی خاص مدد نہیں کی گئی۔ جو کچھ بھی مدد ملی وہ عام لوگوں کی جانب سے تھی۔ ایک سرکاری ہسپتال کے عہدے دار نے بتایا ”عوام دل کھول کر عطیات دے



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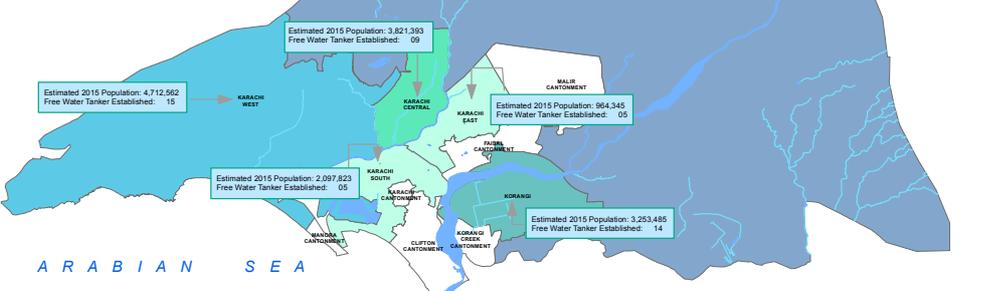
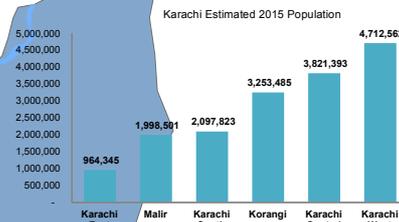
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FREE WATER TANKERS ESTABLISH IN KARACHI

The death toll due to heat stroke and heat-related illnesses this week crossed the 1,243 figure while some health officials claimed that the death toll could have hit more than 1,300 as many private hospitals, clinics and health facilities did not share the exact number of deaths. Most of the heatstroke effected people were elderly, poor and manual labourers.

Karachi Hospital	No. of Death
Abbasi Shaheed Hospiat	190
Agha Khan Hospital	30
Civil Hospiat Karachi	170
Indus Hospital	42
JMPC	351
KMC	30
Liaquat National Hospital	68
Lyari General Hospiat & Agha Khan University Hospiat	20
Memon Medical	23
National Institute of Child Health	35
Patel Hospiat	40
Sindh Government Hospiat Korangi	25
Sindh Government Hospiat Liaquatabad	6
Sindh Government Hospiat Malir	3
Sindh Government Hospiat New Karachi	20
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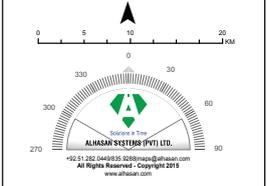
Karachi's hospitals have treated nearly 80,000 people for the effects of heatstroke and dehydration during the week.



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- Canal/Stream
- Lakes/River
- No. of Free Water Tanker Establish
- No Water Tanker Reported
- 5
- 9
- 14
- 15
- 16

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