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Azz Park	New Muslim Town Block A
Bagh Gul Begum	New Muslim Town Block B
Begumpura	New Muslim Town Block C
Bhagal Pura	New Muslim Town Block D
Bhogial	New Samarabad
Chah Miran	Old Rawan
Charing Cross	Pak Block
Chaudry Colony	Pak Nagar
Christan Town	Petala House
Clifton Colony	Railway Colony
Combo Colony	Railway Wireless Colony
Fauz Bagh	Rasool Park
Faalia Colony	Rehmanpura
G.O.R. 1	Scheme No. 2
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G.O.R. 3	Shah Jamal
Gharhi Shahu	Shah Kamal
Hanza Block	Shah Kamal
Ichhra	Shams Colony
Issa Nagri	Shershah Colony
Kat Khawaja Sated	State Bank Colony
Kucha Deputy Alam Shah	Sutan Pura
Kucha Khair Din	Swami Nagar
Kucha Meher Ghous	Tezab Ahata
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Peshawarites at risk of Congo fever

Daily Dawn, October 11, 2015

Global climate panel elects Arif Ahmed Khan as Vice-Chair of IPCC Working Group-I

Daily Pakistan, October 10, 2015

DETAILS

PESHAWAR: Doctors warn the Afghan citizens visiting the Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar, with symptoms of Crimean–Congo hemorrhagic fever could transmit the deadly virus to local residents. According to them, the hospital can't send samples of suspected Congo fever patients to Islamabad's National Institute of Health, the sole notified national reference laboratory, as the World Health Organisation has stopped collecting samples of blood from suspected patients. "We received 25 suspected patients of Congo fever in five months and 12 of them tested positive for the disease," a doctor of the hospital told Dawn on Saturday. The doctor said as there was no check on the movement of people across Pakistan-Afghan border, Congo fever patients continued to come in from Afghanistan, where Congo fever was endemic. Of 25 suspected cases reported to HMC in five months, 12 tested positive for fatal disease. He said Afghan citizens should be subjected to compulsory scanning on the border to stop the transmission of the killer virus in the country. The doctor said except two, all those who had been diagnosed with Congo fever were Afghans and therefore, they posed a serious threat to the health and life of Pakistanis, especially those living in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Meanwhile, sources in the Hayatabad Medical Complex said the WHO had asked the health department to get blood samples collected from Congo fever suspects by its trained staff before dispatch to the NIH for test. They said the WHO had trained the hospital's staff on how to collect and dispatch blood samples.

The sources said the hospital lacked a proper mechanism to determine if Afghans reaching the city in large numbers had Congo fever and therefore, the local residents were at a risk of contracting the disease. They said though local laboratories charging Rs12,000 for Congo fever test weren't authorized to notify the disease, doctors had to depend on them in absence of mechanism to obtain blood from suspected patients. In 2002, a local doctor died and a technician suffered Congo fever after coming into contact with an Afghan patient at a local hospital. Sources said the WHO had collected blood from a Congo fever suspect at the Khyber Teaching Hospital last Friday but didn't have staff to send to the HMC. They said the patients treated symptomatically at the sentinel unit for Congo fever at the HMC had tested positive at private hospitals. "These are notifiable infections and could be treated in light of diagnostic reports from reference lab. Despite knowing that patients suffer from Congo fever, we cannot do anything," a doctor said. The doctors said there should be standard operating procedure and protocols required for diagnosis and that blood samples from suspects should be sent to the NIH for test. "Though the test takes three days to complete, the NIH reports are authentic and recognised. Patients should be kept at hospital till test reports come," a doctor said. Doctors said Crimean–Congo hemorrhagic fever occurred most frequently among agricultural workers following the bite of an infected tick, and to a lesser extent among slaughterhouse workers exposed to the blood and tissues of infected livestock and medical personnel through contact with the body fluids of infected patients. They, however, said the way they dealt with the disease entailed dangerous consequences because all tests done locally weren't recognised by the WHO.

ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) – Director-General, Ministry of Climate Change, Muhammad Irfan Tariq, has been elected as vice chair of Working Group-I of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Other candidates of the same group elected during the recent IPCC election include Valerie Masson-Delmotte as Co-Chair (France), Panmao Zhai as Co-Chair (China), Edvin Aldrian as Vice-Chair (Indonesia), Fatima Driouech as Vice-Chair (Morocco), Gregory Flato as Vice-Chair (Canada), Jan Fuglestedt as Vice-Chair (Norway), Carolina Vera as Vice-Chair (Argentina) and Noureddine Yassaa as Vice-Chair (Algeria). According to Secretary Climate Change Arif Ahmed Khan, this is a great milestone, the country has achieved. The election of Irfan Tariq has brought a global recognition of Pakistan's efforts in the global fight against climate change country's extreme vulnerability, to the negative impacts of global warming.

The IPCC's Working Group-I titled "Physical Science Basis" assesses the physical scientific aspects of the climate system and climate change, said a press release issued here on Friday. The main topics assessed by the group include changes in climate-altering greenhouse gases and aerosols in the atmosphere; observed changes in air, land and ocean temperatures, rainfall, glaciers and ice sheets, oceans and sea level; historical and paleoclimatic perspective on climate change; bio-geochemistry, carbon cycle, gases and aerosols; satellite data and other data; climate models; climate projections, causes and attribution of climate change. The election took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, where the IPCC held its 42nd Session. IPCC elected Hoesung Lee of the Republic of Korea as its new Chair. Lee, aged 69, is professor in the economics of climate change, energy and sustainable development at Korea University's Graduate School of Energy and Environment in the Republic of Korea. He is currently one of the IPCC's three vice-chairs. Elections for other positions on the IPCC Bureau, including the Co-Chairs of the IPCC Working Groups, took place over 6-8 October. The election of the new Bureau of 34 members including the new chair, opens the way for work to start on the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report, expected to be completed in 5 to 7 years. The IPCC completed its Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) in November 2014. The key findings of the AR5 Synthesis Report are including human influence on the climate system is clear; the more humans disrupt the climate, the more they risk severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts; and the world has the means to limit climate change and build a more prosperous, sustainable future. The Vice Chair of Working Group-I of IPCC, Irfan Tariq said i am honoured and grateful that the Panel has elected me as the vice-chair of the IPCC's Working Group-I.

He said that i remain deeply committed to play my part on behalf of my country, to provide

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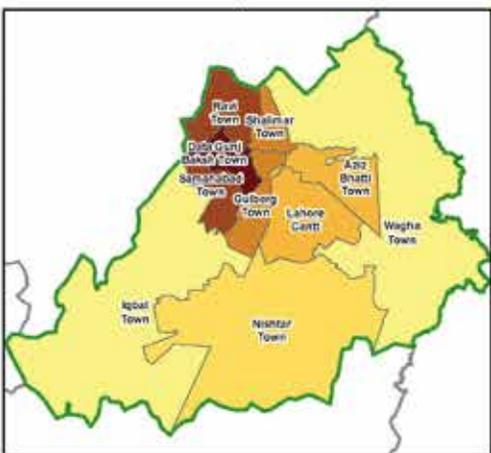
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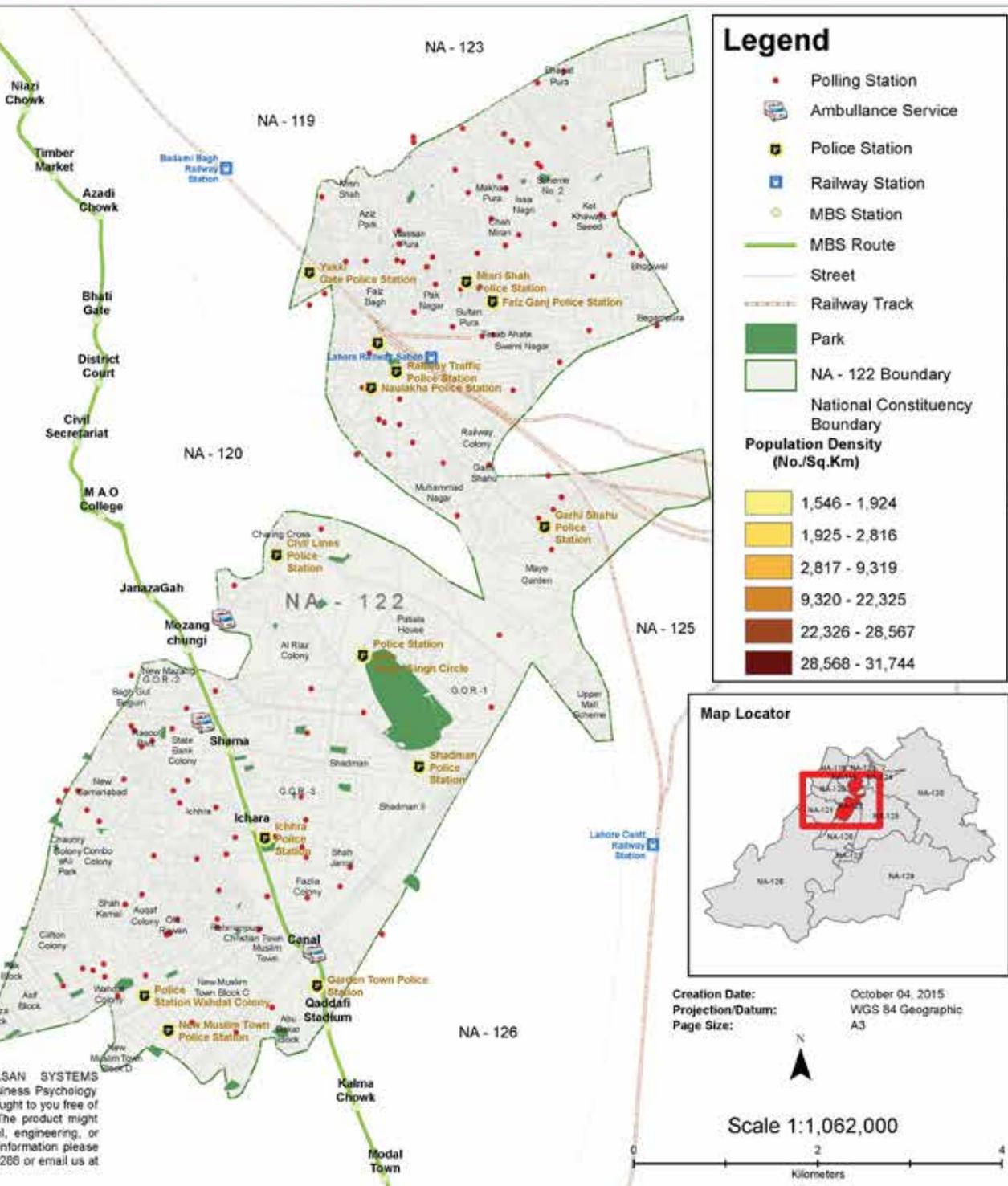
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Dawn News, October 10, 2015

Vigil held to mark decade since 2005 earthquake

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Lack of management plan ruining wetlands of Sindh

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policymakers with the highest quality scientific assessment of climate change and to save earth and its inhabitants from devastating impacts of global warming. He emphasised that next phase of the IPCC work would see the 46-member newly elected body boost understanding of regional impacts, especially in developing countries, and improve the way the IPCC's findings to the public are communicated. This knowledge will help the countries determine which adaptation and mitigation measures they will need to take, Irfan Tariq said

He added that the way to achieve this is to identify and network" with local centres of excellence – not just on climate science, but also economic development and poverty reduction.

GWADAR: The Balochistan Development Authority (BDA) has denied that it is running and operating the desalination plant in Gwadar at a time when the water level in the Ankara Kaur Dam reservoir has dropped, causing a shortage of water in the port town. Sources said the water stored in the dam fell to the dead level because the region had not received any rain for some time. "The government reviewed a grant of Rs15 million to provide water to Gwadar and suburbs from different sources, including the desalination plant to make seawater fit for consumption," said an official. He added that the BDA had denied operating the desalination plant. It is said that the dam can provide water to the areas for only three months and if the region did not receive any rain the reservoir will dry up. BDA officials claim that the desalination plant could provide two million gallons of water a day at a cost of 40 paisas per gallon. But they said that because of some technical faults, the plant was lying idle. It would be made operational after the faults were fixed, they added.

PIPELINE STOLEN: A water pipeline worth Rs2m has been stolen from the public health engineering department in Gwadar. Official sources confirmed the theft and said that the department had laid the 2,000 foot underground water pipeline from Santsar to Gwadar at a cost of Rs2m to supply water.

They said the theft might cause a water shortage in the port town and adjoining areas.

KARACHI: In pursuance of the directive of the prime minister, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority Sindh observed "National Disaster Awareness Day". A candlelight vigil was held to mark a decade since the massive earthquake of 2005 and its tragic impact and to involve the people and communities in enhancing their level of awareness and preparedness to face disasters in a better way in the future. This was followed by dua and Fateha for the departed souls who had lost their lives in the massive earthquake. The event was followed by a walk that started from Beach View Park near Sea View, Cantonment Board Clifton. Thereafter, the urban search and rescue team of Sindh conducted a demonstration to show the participants the ways and means search and rescue is carried out and how to act in an emergency crisis situation or respond to a disaster. The event was organised in the evening and lasted for over an hour. This observance had been marked at the end of the first decade of the earthquake – 2005 in the northern parts of Pakistan; ten years have passed since this tragic natural disaster of earthquake, but the province of Sindh has continued to be under stress due to chain of the subsequent natural disasters. On this occasion, Sindh Chief Secretary Muhammad Siddique Memon was the chief guest. In his address to the audience, he highlighted the need and the importance of observing the "Natural Disaster Awareness Day". He emphasised the spirit of this day as a reference of memory of the departed souls. He also stated that it was high time that the disaster management organisations and the vulnerable communities should join hands in pre-empting and combating the disasters in a better and organised manner by learning how to act and respond in a disaster situation. Rehabilitation Department secretary and PDMA Sindh Director General Syed Salman Shah also spoke on the occasion. A large number of people from different walks of life participated in the event. The other participants include a wide variety of the national, local and international NGOs, the senior civil servants of the government of Sindh, students and the concerned civil society activists.

KARACHI: Lack of proper management plan is ruining the precious wetlands of Sindh province and wholehearted efforts from all stakeholders including the government are required to save these wetlands from complete destruction, said noted expert of Pakistan on wetland research, Dr Syed Ali Ghalib. Ramasar sites of Keenjhar Lake, Haleji Lake, Drigh Lake, Jhubo and Nurri lagoons, Indus delta, Rann of Katch, Indus Dolphin Reserve, Akro-Il desert wetland complex and Hab Dam are amongst the major wetlands of Sindh but due to lack of proper management planning, excessive shooting and hunting, less release of water in downstream Indus, haphazard urban development in coastal area and unending reclamation of sea they have been facing fast deterioration. Some parts of Karachi coast that in past were known for the visit of migratory water birds have become thickly populated residential and commercial areas and no migratory water bird come to them now. Wetlands are significant for their ecological, hydrological, social and economical values. Functioning wetlands can be a critical part of the environment as they support a high level of biological productivity and diversity, provide habitat for flora and fauna including rare and threatened communities and species, maintain local and regional hydrological regimes, remove nutrients and pollutants, act as stores for rain and flood waters and support human activities and values. Dr Ghalib said the lakes in Sindh including Manchar, Keenjhar, Haleji, Hadero, Hamal, Rann of Kutch Wildlife Sanctuary and other lakes in Badin districts have been dying due to negligence and poor management planning. He said that in past a large number of migratory birds used to visit these wetlands but now very few migratory birds arrive here. He said the main reason is the disturbance of these habitats due to rampant shooting and hunting. He said influential people including bureaucracy and political men are involved in this recreational shooting and hunting and game watchers and wardens are helpless before these powerful people. He said when ministers, MNAs and MPAs arrange bird shooting parties what to ask about the future of these precious wetlands that in past were well-known bird watching paradises of the world. He said that Keenjhar Lake looks more like a crowded picnic point that a bird sanctuary. He said due to this grave habitat disturbance now

migratory birds do not land here and instead go to marshes and lagoons of Rann of Kutch, and better managed bird sanctuaries in India. He, however, regretted that bird shooting and hurting is also present in Pakistani side of dams, lakes, marshes and lagoons of Rann of Kutch.

Dr Ghalib said in Karachi a few spots of the city coast were regular visiting places of migratory birds. He said the area of Do-Darya in past was a popular bird watching site but now haphazard residential and commercial development in this area has deprived the Karachiites from recreation of bird watching. He said dredging and reclamation process near the coast of Karachi has marred the wetland potential of this important area. He said construction of coal handling birthing and power plants has blackened the future of Karachi coast as a thriving wetland. He said in past Hab Dam was also popular visiting site of the migratory birds, but frequent draughts have resulted in drying up of this wetland and though now some water is there in the dam after recent rains, but the dam has lost its importance as a wetland and bird sanctuary. He said in past Haleji Lake used to supply water to Karachi and Pakistan Steel Mills, but now this lake is not being used for this purpose; resultantly, its water has become highly stagnant and not suitable to support wetland vegetation that is a must to attract the migratory birds and sustain freshwater life. He suggested supplying water to Karachi and PSM through this lake to stop further stagnation of its water. He said the riverine forests of Indus River in past used to attract a large number of migratory birds in winter season, but continuous diminishing of water flow in Indus particularly in Kotri downstream area has harmed this riverine wetland of Sindh beyond repair. He said the government of Sindh recently has leased vast tracts of riverine forestland for agricultural purpose and now banana and other crops are the hallmark of this area and it is largely remained no more a thriving wetland. Dr Ali Ghalib strongly recommended stopping unbridled hunting and shooting of birds in the wetlands of Sindh. He suggested a committee of Sindh-loving people should be formed that should decide that no one would be allowed to hunt and shoot birds in these wetlands. He said this is the only way to save the precious wetlands of Sindh. He suggested a public-private partnership to save the Keenjhar Lake. He said some part of this important lake should be opened for public recreation while ensuring that this crowd and disturbance do not affect the habitat status of this very crucial wetland of Sindh. He urged the powerful politicians of district Badin to get stopped hunting and shooting in the lakes and wetlands of this coastal district. He said after the recent showers in Thar, there is a bright future for the Rann of Kutch wetland; however, the Sindh Wildlife Department has to play an assertive role in this regard and ensure zero tolerance to shooting and hunting at marshes and lagoons, as well as, other disturbance to the wetland habitats. He also urged the Sindh Wildlife Department to brace itself for the bird census that begins in Asia in the month of January. He said ICUN is working in Thar to save vultures and it should also launch a project to save wetland and migratory birds of the Rann of Kutch.

He said the Scientific and Cultural Society of Pakistan (SCSP) is an active forum of experts working in the field of wetlands of Pakistan led by Professor of Department of Zoology at University of Karachi Prof Dr Muhammad Zaheer Khan. He said this society and its experts should be taken on board to preserve the precarious wetlands of Sindh on war footing basis. Dr Ghalib said the previous management plans of the wetlands in Sindh have already been expired and it needs to design new their management plans on modern lines on the basis of recent scientific research to save the shrinking wetlands of our province from total destruction.

ISLAMABAD—Mainly dry weather is expected in most parts of the country with a continental air prevailing over, Met office reported. During last 24 hours weather remained dry in most parts of the country while light rain occurred in Parachinar measuring to 02 mm, it added.

Highest temperatures recorded on Wednesday was Turbat 41°C, Noorpurthal, Sibbi, Shaheed Benazirabad, Padidan, Rahim Yar Khan 40°C, Islamabad 33°C, Lahore 36°C, Karachi 35°C, Peshawar 34°C, Quetta 31°C, Gilgit 29°C, Hunza 25°C, Muzaffarabad 32°C, Murree 23°C, Skardu 23°C, Faisalabad 35°C, Multan 37°C, Hyderabad 37°C, Kalat 27°C.

Pollen count was 24 per m³ of air during last 24 hours. While, the Lahore Meteorological department has forecast dry weather over most parts of the country during the next 24 hours. According to weather report on Thursday, mainly dry weather was expected over most parts of the country.—APP

LAHORE (Staff Report) – Strong tremors of earthquake were felt in Lahore and north-eastern areas of country, said meteorological department on Thursday. According to a statement the earthquake was recorded to 3.6 at Richter Scale.

The epicenter was earthquake was found to be in Pakistan-India bordering areas, ten kilometers deep from earth surface.

HYDERABAD - The Pakistan Army Hyderabad Garrison carried out a 4-day relief work with provision of health assistance to the people of drought hit areas of district Tharparkar. According to ISPR release, issued here on Thursday, a total of 64 tons relief goods including flour, sugar, pulses and rice were distributed among drought affected people of the villages of Gadro Chiran, Dhangana, Alanejo Wandayo, Berana of Nangarparkar, Spanjopar, Debhuri, Kankihay of Dali, Mithero Mehwar, Alanabad and Ronchey jo Tar of Chahchro. Besides, army medical and paramedical staff also conducted free medical camps where 2153 patients were examined and treated against fever, cough, flue anemia, respiratory deficiency, acidity and skin diseases. Besides, vaccination against measles and polio were also carried out among the children.

In just 2 weeks, Snow Leopard Trust supporters have raised \$11,830 for our partner communities in Pakistan that were devastated by recent floods! The money will be used to restore drinking water supplies in several villages in Chitral and Gilgit Baltistan and to repair damaged homes.

Khurshid Ali Shah, who heads our local field office in Chitral, has written to donors personally

Dry Weather To Prevail
Pakistan Observer, October 9, 2015

Earthquake jolts Lahore
Daily Times, October 8, 2015

Army sets up relief camp for drought hit areas of Thararkar
Pakistan Herald, October 8, 2015

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Garbage heap along expressway exposes tall claims of CDA

Daily Times, October 5, 2015

and told them that they've brought smiles back to local children's faces. Thanks to these urgently needed funds, the communities will get to work as soon as possible to install new pipes and restore the water supply to their villages. Clean water will help them in many ways – for drinking, of course, but also to irrigate crops, orchards and fruit farms.

Not only will this rapid and generous aid bring relief to the flood-stricken people of Chitral and Gilgit, it will also once again highlight the importance of snow leopard conservation in the region and bring respect for this elusive creature and those that work to protect it. Thank you very much for being such a big part of this!

QUETTA (Dunya News) – Another case of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) virus has died in Quetta today (Tuesday), taking death toll to 15 in the country. The patient identified as Hayat Ullah was pronounced dead at Fatima Jinnah Chest and General Hospital, taking toll to three in three days whereas as many as 15 patients have been reportedly died due to Congo virus across the country this year.

As per details, nine Congo virus patients are still under treatment at different hospitals.

ISLAMABAD: Garbage heap at Korang Nullah along expressway has exposed the tall claims of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to make the city clean and green. Nauseating smell arising from garbage heap is a constant irritant for residents and motorists using the busy road on daily basis. Motorists are of the view that the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and private housing societies on both sides of the Expressway are equally responsible for the unhygienic situation, as they do not have appropriate facilities to dispose of solid waste in an environment friendly manner. They said sanitary workers and garbage collectors from different localities dump the filth in the Korang Nullah which can block its water flow and cause flash flood. Locals said that no existing or upcoming housing society has a proper design or plan to construct a separate landfill site or incineration plant to dispose of solid waste collected daily. Ali Hassan, a government servant who daily commutes between Rawat and Islamabad using the expressway said, he and his colleagues have developed the habit of covering nose even sitting in car with closed windows while passing through the nullah. He said it was beyond understanding that why the department concerned was oblivious to the garbage heap, which have negative impacts on environment and health. Abdul Salam, a local said the dumping site had become a source of diseases and should be immediately shifted from there. Malik Abid, who received his guests coming from abroad at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport said, he felt ashamed when passing through the nullah along with guests to reach his home in Kahuta. According to health experts, due to the garbage heaps, various dangerous disease like dengue, hepatitis and others could break out in the city. When contacted, a CDA official said he was not aware about the actual situation of the area. "Where garbage is dumped, I do not know," remarked the CDA official.

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KARACHI: With Hindu families reportedly continuing to migrate from northern districts of Sindh, the provincial authorities have finally decided to tackle unending religious persecution as envisaged under the National Action Plan, it emerged here on Saturday. Officials in the Sindh government said the authorities had decided to take up certain acts in the coming sessions of the provincial legislature as the foremost step as part of the NAP, which asked Islamabad and all the provinces and regions to show zero tolerance against religious persecution. "There are certain drafts completed by the government and partner non-governmental organisations vis-a-vis forced conversions, minorities commission and the Hindu Marriage Act, which are expected to be tabled in the Sindh Assembly in its coming sessions," said a senior official in the provincial government. He said the provincial government had discussed the issue of persecution of religious minorities with the National Counterterrorism Authority and other relevant institutions of the federal government and decided to go in line with the NAP agenda as rigorously as it needed. Sources said the proposed Forced Conversions Act, Hindu Marriage Bill and Minorities Commission Bill had been vetted by the provincial law ministry and approved to be tabled in the assembly.

As the reports of Hindu families migrating in droves to India and elsewhere because of increasing insecurity and forced conversions of Hindu girls continue, the authorities in Islamabad asked the provincial government to work on this part of the NAP agenda seriously. Rights activists said some Hindu 25 families had left their ancestral Jacobabad and Thul homes and gone to India last month. "Though it is not the only reason for their migration from Sindh, forced conversion still constitutes a hefty cause of all this," said Shahnaz Sheedi, provincial coordinator for the South Asia Partnership Pakistan. She said all minorities were facing insecurity as they were being persecuted by extremists across the country. Officials said the authorities were meeting representatives of the minority communities, and such meetings were recently held with representatives of the Bohra and Ismaili communities who had suffered militant assaults in recent months. Ravi Dawani, a community leader, said school curriculum was littered with hate content, which should be removed from the textbooks. He referred to 144 hate citations in various textbooks published by the government.

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab government will get six companies of the Pakistan Army and four companies of Rangers to maintain law and order situation in Rawalpindi district. The government has asked the local administration and police in the Rawalpindi division's four districts – Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum and Rawalpindi – to implement the ban imposed on the inter-provincial movement of religious scholars. In a high-level meeting to review the arrangements for Muharram, Punjab Minister for Labour Raja Ashfaq Sarwar said the provincial government had provided sufficient funds to maintain law and order in the division, and said it was the duty of the law enforcement to implement the security plan. He said the provincial government had imposed a ban on the inter-provincial movement of religious scholars and if a speech by a religious scholar from outside the province is delivered in a mosque or Imambargah, the site's management would face legal action. The meeting was attended by Rawalpindi Commissioner Zahid Saeed, Regional Police Officer (RPO) Fakhar Sultan Raja, district coordination officers (DCO) from all four districts, PML-N Metropolitan president Sardar Naseem, MNA Malik Abrar and more.

Sarwar said no new route will be allowed for the Azadari procession and complete security will be provided on the traditional route for the Ashura procession and other processions. He said the processions would be recorded through CCTV cameras and video recording cameras placed on the traditional route, particularly at flash points identified by intelligence agencies. "After prayer time there will be a ban on the gathering of people in all mosques along the route of the Azadari procession and law enforcement agencies should ensure implementation," he said. The minister directed local administration to repair roads and lighting systems on the traditional route of the Azadari processions and around Imambargahs and majalis sites. A senior local administration official told Dawn that the meeting was informed that local administration and police from all four districts have designed security plans along the route of the Muharram procession in case Ashura falls on a Friday. When contacted DCO Sajid Zafar Dall said over 6,000 police officials would be available to man the Azadari procession and the local administration has completed two rounds of talks with religious scholars from various schools of thought. "The eight kilometre route of the Ashura procession will be monitored through CCTV cameras and this year the cantonment area will also be monitored through CCTV cameras," he said. "The local administration will provide 45 walk-through gates at the police's request, 14 walk-through gates will be its own and the remaining will be hired from private banks for two days: the seventh and the 10th of Muharram," he added.

WEB DESK: At least 22 suspected terrorists were killed in the wee hours of Sunday in air strikes in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan Agency. "Twenty-two terrorists have been killed in air strikes in areas along the Pak-Afghan border in Datta Khel," the military's media wing, Inter Services Public Relations said in a statement. Six hideouts were also destroying in the shelling, the statement added. The military has stepped up air strikes against suspected terrorists in the volatile tribal region. Pakistan Army launched a massive operation, Zarb-e-Azb, in North Waziristan in mid-June last year to purge the erstwhile stronghold of home-grown Taliban militants and their foreign cohorts. According to an official tally released on the first anniversary of the offensive, 2,700 militants have been killed and many more wounded in combat.

Most parts of the agency have been cleansed of militants, while troops are now closing in on the remaining militants holed up in Shawal Valley on the Pak-Afghan border. Hundreds of thousands of tribesmen displaced by fighting have started returning to their homes in North Waziristan under

Pakistan received \$265mn from US to boost terror fight in FY2015: report

Daily Dawn, October 11, 2015

Pakistan's security linked with peace, stability in Balochistan: Nisar

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Five Al-Qaeda terrorists killed in Sheikhpura 'encounter'

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COAS, PM Sharif discuss internal security, Pak-Afghan border situation

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the government supervision. Following Operation Zarb-e-Azb, the military had launched another operation in the strategic Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency in mid-October, last year against the Mangal Bagh-led Lashkar-e-Islam extremist group and its Taliban supporters.

ISLAMABAD: The United States has given Pakistan \$265 million during the current fiscal year under Foreign Military Financing (FMF) for capacity enhancement in counter terrorism and counter-insurgency, revealed a US State Department report. The fund improves Pakistan's ability to conduct counter-insurgency operations, particularly in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) and enhances the country's ability to participate in maritime security operations and counter maritime piracy. "Pakistan has cooperated with the United States in counter terrorism efforts and since 2001, has captured more than 600 Al-Qaeda members and their allies, and the United States maintains a strong security partnership with Pakistan," said the report released by the US State Department. The report comes as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is due to visit the United States later this month, starting from Oct 21.

The report added that the US also gave Pakistan \$5 million in the current fiscal year under the International Military Education and Training (IMET) assistance. US is also Pakistan's largest bilateral trading partner, according to the report. During the current fiscal year, \$18.72 billion was remitted back to Pakistan from overseas Pakistanis, of which 14.4 per cent was remitted back from the US. The report released by the state department said Pakistan has taken steps over the years to liberalise its trade and investment regimes, either unilaterally or in the context of commitments made with the World Trade Organisation (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. Furthermore, major US investments are concentrated in fast-moving consumer goods, construction, chemicals, energy, transportation, and communications, stated the report.

In January 2015, the US had pledged \$250 million to help Pakistan facilitate the relief, reconstruction, and return of Fata communities displaced by counter terrorism operations. Earlier in July, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had been invited by US President Barack Obama for a visit to the United States. This will be the premier's second visit to the White House during his current tenure. He last visited the US in October 2013. That visit helped reset ties that had been weighed down by events of the preceding years. The invitation for this year is meant to expand and deepen the relationship. The US government has expressed support for the Sharif government's policy on reaching out to India. The ongoing operations against terrorists and Pakistan's role in the Afghan peace dialogue have also been appreciated.

WEB DESK: Interior minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has linked Pakistan's security with peace and stability in Balochistan, saying the state will secure every inch of the province. "Nobody should have any misconceptions ... the state will secure every inch of Balochistan and develop the province," he said, while addressing the passing out ceremony of the 57th batch of Frontier Corps in Loralai on Saturday, Express News reported. While terming the future of Pakistan and Balochistan as one, the minister assured that the province will be developed and "ulterior motives of the enemy will be thwarted". The minister also highlighted that the region, which is rich in resources, has the entire world's attention, but belongs to Baloch people and to Pakistan. Acknowledging the role of security personnel in maintaining law and order and safeguarding Pakistan, Nisar reminded them that their role was not only to fight terror but also to win the hearts of people. Paying tribute to more than "650 martyrs of the force" who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, Nisar said, "We are indebted to these brave sons of soil."

SHEIKHUPURA: At least five suspected terrorists said to be affiliated with Al-Qaeda were killed in an alleged exchange of fire with police personnel in Punjab's Sheikhpura district on Saturday. "At around 2am, police personnel escorted a prisoner Kashif alias Kashi from Lahore to a terrorists hideout in Sheikhpura, in order to recover an arms cache," said a spokesman from Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Punjab. The spokesman added that as soon as the police personnel along with the escorted prisoner reached a railway crossing within the limits of Factory area police station, they came under attack by seven to eight suspected militants. "Five terrorists including Kashif were killed in retaliatory firing by police personnel while the others managed to flee taking advantage of to darkness", said the CTD spokesman. The deceased terrorists were identified as Kashif, Umar Farooq, Qari Naveed and Imran, all belonging to Al-Qaeda with Umar Farooq having his name on Punjab CTD's red book, a list of 110 most wanted terrorists.

Arms and ammunition including two Kalashnikov assault rifles, two pistols and a huge amount of explosive material were recovered from their custody. It is pertinent to mention that in a similar incident in July, the CTD had killed Malik Ishaq, chief of banned sectarian outfit Lashkar-i-Jhangvi along with his two sons and 11 attackers. The police had interrogated them and had subsequently taken them to Shahwala in Punjab's Muzaffargarh district to aid the police in recovering weapons and explosives but the police party was attacked by around 12 to 15 gunmen who succeeded in freeing Ishaq, his sons and flee. But the SHO CTD who was informed about the attack on the police party and was travelling on the same route, encountered the fleeing militants, and the resulting exchange of fire killed 14 militants, including Malik Ishaq and his sons.

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif today called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and discussed internal and regional security. Army chief Raheel Sharif also briefed Premier Nawaz regarding his visit to Germany where he spoke about regional security and Pak-Afghan ties while addressing a conference, and met with security officials. The meeting with Nawaz comes just a day after the premier decided to take up the matter of Indian ceasefire violations along the Line of Control and working boundary with US leadership during his trip to Washington scheduled for later this month. Last month, during his address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Nawaz proposed a four-point plan for resolution of the Kashmir issue. The Foreign Office spokesman Qazi Khalilullah had yesterday said Pakistan is ready for talks with India but its pre-conditions are not acceptable.

Khalilullah maintained that the four-point initiative presented by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the

Forces seize huge cache of foreign weapons in Khyber Agency

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Qaim orders three layer security cordons for processions in Muharram

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Police release militant 'hit-list' of celebrities, designers

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Army to increase intake of cadets at PMA

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UNGA last month is the way forward for reducing tensions and the resolution of outstanding disputes between Pakistan and India. Khalilullah had said the purpose of handing over dossiers to the UN Secretary General was to inform him about the Indian involvement in fomenting terrorism in Pakistan. He said that Pakistan will continue to inform UN about its concerns in this regard in future as well. The COAS and PM also discussed progress made during Operation Zarb-i-Azb so far, and discussed the security situation at the Pak-Afghan border and in North Waziristan.

PESHAWAR: Security officials reportedly recovered a large cache of Indian and Russian-made heavy arms and ammunition from the Bara Tehsil area of Khyber Agency on Wednesday. Operational Commander of the Frontier Constabulary Lt. Col. Salman told media on Thursday that the weapons were concealed in an underground tunnel. Security forces conducted a search operation at Bara Tehsil after receiving information from intelligence officials and seized the arms in large quantities, he said. According to the operational commander, 9 rocket-propelled grenade launchers (RPGs), 185 RPG rounds, 19 medium machine-guns (MMGs), 30 mortar shells and other munitions were recovered during the operation. The operational commander speculated that an "organised terrorist organisation" had dumped the artillery and wanted to use it for "heavy terrorist activity." Bara Tehsil is adjacent to the provincial capital and security forces have completed Operations Khyber-One and Khyber-Two in the recent past.

KARACHI: Sindh government has declared 1,229 religious gatherings and 572 processions as most sensitive across the province, hence ordering a three layer security cordons for all such events scheduled for Muharram. This was stated by IG Sindh police while briefing a high level meeting held under the chairmanship of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah at the CM House on Thursday. Ghulam Hyder Jamali briefed the chief minister that there are 1,521 Imambargahs all over Sindh from where 11,272 majalis, 4,335 matmi *processions and 1,295 *taziaprocessions are taken out."Out of them 384 matmi processions and 188 tazia processions have been declared as most sensitive," he disclosed. Replying to a question of chief minister, the IG said "around 64,414 police personnel would be deployed to provide security to all the Imambargahs and processions". District SSPs under the guidance of their concerned DIGs would issue their contingency plan, he added. The meeting was informed that there were some terrorist threats from the nexus between sectarian terrorists and anti-state elements. "Some high profile terrorists have been eliminated, therefore, they retaliate. Apart from it, the agencies have to keep an eagle eye on the RAW."

The chief minister asked the IG that what guideline he has issued to the field units. On this Jamali explained, "We have also started extensive search and sweep operations in coordination with Rangers and intelligence agencies. The survey of routes and venues of processions was in progress," he said. The chief minister directed the IG to demonstrate zero tolerance on misuse of loudspeakers, wall chalking and spread of hate literature. "You have to establish command and control centres for processions and majalis." On this the IG said that it was being established. Ghulam Hyder Jamali said that a joint flag march with Rangers will be conducted and the ban on carrying and displaying of arms will be strictly enforced. On this the chief minister directed the IG to conduct physical and technical search of all procession routes, majalis and allow entry into procession only through designated points. Replying to chief minister's question the IG said that on Moharram 8 surveillance would be made through 234 cameras installed at 66 different locations, while Moharram 9, 10 the camera coverage would be through 246 cameras installed at 69 different locations.

Jamali said that there would be 30 mobile vehicles fitted with cameras for mobile surveillance during the days of processions and at Imambargahs. On this Qaim Ali Shah directed the chief secretary to provide police with 200 portable cameras with portable control room of IT department. The chief minister also directed the IG to continue vigilance till chehlum and develop close liaison with Ulema and religious leaders. Earlier, DG Rangers had given a separate briefing to the chief minister on deployment of Rangers during Moharram and on the ongoing targeted operation. The chief minister appreciated the work of Rangers and police for their Moharram plan. The meeting was attended by Information Minister Nisar Khuhro, Home Minister Sohail Siyal, Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, DG Rangers Major General Bilal Akbar, Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo, Home Secretary Mukhtiar Soomro, Additional IG Karachi Mushtaq Maher and others.

WEB DESK: Sindh police released on Wednesday a 'hit list' bearing names of celebrities and fashion designers allegedly recovered from "arrested suspects or terrorists affiliated with banned outfits." "A potential target list has been found bearing names of people belonging to media, such as prominent anchor persons, fashion designers, showbiz personalities and persons working in NGOs having foreign links," a report released from the office of DIG Police South Zone Dr Jamil Ahmed said. According to the report, "the purpose of target killing of these personalities is their liberal way thinking and living." "On the other hand target killing of such personalities is also to gain widespread publicity of their nefarious activities... to get wide publicity and create panic in the society," it added. The police report said the aforementioned personalities could be a soft target of terrorists due to their frequent movement and involvement in general public. Further, the report called on SSP South and City Districts to caution the above mentioned to "remain cautious during their movement." "Adequate security would be provide to preempt any untoward incident," it added.

ISLAMABAD: The army has decided to increase the intake of cadets at its premier training institute — Pakistan Military Academy in Kakul — by around one third, which potentially sets the ground for increase in its (army's) size. During his visit to PMA Kakul on Wednesday, Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif reviewed the progress in this regard. "The visit focused on reviewing the current training regime for cadets and PMA's capacity enhancement projects including progress work on the 4th Pakistan Battalion," a statement by the ISPR said. The PMA, which currently has three battalions, annually inducts two batches of around 500 cadets each. The addition of a fourth battalion would mean that up to 150 more cadets would be inducted in each batch. The cadets after completing their training at the academy are commissioned in the army as officers. The

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increase in officer cadre is expected to lead to a proportional increase in the number of troops. No timeline was given for the setting up of the new battalion at PMA, but insiders say the academy could be ready for the increased intake within 12-18 months. Gen Sharif was quoted in the statement as having emphasised “the need to remain abreast with the latest regional and global environment and developments”.

A military analyst said that the increase in the size of military was being necessitated by its continuing involvement in tribal areas, where troops are expected to stay at least till 2019; the creation of a security division for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor; and increased requirement of officers for paramilitary forces like Frontier Corps and Rangers. Additionally, troops are getting increasingly engaged with UN peacekeeping operations and disaster relief operations. India's aggressive posture towards Pakistan is also a cause of concern. A military spokesman, meanwhile, said that the army was already facing a shortage of officers and the increased induction would help overcome that requirement. The current size of the army is believed to be around 500,000 active troops. Army's publicly known budget for the current fiscal year 2015-16 is Rs371 billion. The military's budget has been on an average growing by around 11 per cent.

ISLAMABAD: A senior Pakistani official on Wednesday dismissed speculation that Islamabad could agree to put certain limits on its nuclear weapons programme in return for a civil nuclear energy deal with Washington. “We will not compromise our nuclear programme... we are seeking civilian nuclear technology but that does not mean we will accept any restrictions on our nuclear weapons programme,” the official, who is familiar with Pakistan's talks on nuclear issues, told *The Express Tribune* on the condition of anonymity. In an opinion piece published by *The Washington Post*, US journalist David Ignatius claimed that Washington is exploring possible new limits and controls on Pakistan's nuclear weapons and delivery systems. Such an accord, he wrote, may eventually open a path toward a Pakistani version of the civil nuclear deal that was launched with India in 2015. He further claimed that a source familiar with the talks said Pakistan had been asked to consider what were described as ‘brackets’. “Pakistan would agree to restrict its nuclear programme to weapons and delivery systems that are appropriate to its actual defense needs against India's nuclear threat. Pakistan might agree not to deploy missiles capable of reaching beyond a certain range, for example,” Ignatius said.

The foreign office, however, in an official reaction to *The Washington Post* article would not say if Pakistan was offered a conditional nuclear deal by the US. “As a responsible nuclear state Pakistan remains actively engaged with the international community, including the United States, on nuclear stability and security issues,” said the foreign office spokesperson on Wednesday. Without referring to the conditions mentioned in the *Washington Post* piece, he said Pakistan's nuclear policy was shaped by evolving security dynamics of South Asia, growing conventional asymmetry, provocative doctrines and aggressive posturing by India. This situation, the spokesperson said, obliges Pakistan to take all necessary measures to maintain a full spectrum deterrence capability in order to safeguard our national security, maintain strategic stability and deter any kind of aggression from India. “Pakistan seeks peace and strategic stability in South Asia as a cornerstone of its policy and considers conflict resolution as a means to achieve this end. This policy has been reiterated by Pakistan's highest decision-making body, the National Command Authority (NCA), chaired by the Prime Minister, in its meeting on September 9, 2015,” he said.

BAHAWALPUR: Police arrested two shopkeepers for selling uniforms and boots of the Pakistan Army and the Punjab Police. They also seized several uniforms and badges from their shops. Kotwali police Assistant Sub Inspector Akram said he had received a tip-off about the shops and raided them. They were going by the names Pakistan Army Store and Chaudhry Army Store. He said they had also recovered badges and boots there. He said the police had arrested Sajid Jalal from the Pakistan Army Store and Sagheer Ahmed Jatt from the Chaudhry Army Store.

PESHAWAR: Traffic police in all districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa will be provided with body cameras to record them at work, be it intercepting vehicles, collecting fines and registering FIRs. The video can be used as evidence at the courts whenever need be. This was stated in a handout issued on Wednesday. According to the document, traffic wardens in Peshawar had already been equipped with these cameras and ordered to keep a record of their activities when dealing with people for future evidence. “These cameras will force traffic police to act politely and responsibly when dealing with the public since they are often blamed for taking bribes and being harsh with [the public],” said the handout. Since these body cameras are small and portable, they are expected to be highly useful for the police. It has been decided to equip regular police as well as traffic police with these devices across the province.

QUETTA: Security forces on Wednesday killed three suspected militants in Awaran district of Balochistan. “Security forces launched an operation in Awaran's Maskhay and other areas,” said an official from the security forces. The official added that during the operation, three suspected militants were killed and weapons were recovered from their possession. “Security forces also destroyed various safe havens of the militants operating in the area during the operation,” stated the security official. The militants killed during the security operation could not be immediately identified, but security officials added that they belonged to a proscribed organisation. Security forces also claimed that the militants had often targeted security forces and vital national installations. Security forces have intensified their actions in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan after the announcement of the National Action Plan to combat terrorism in the country.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) judicial lockup facilities and central and district jails are overcrowded, housing over 1.5 times as many prisoners as the approved prisoner strength. A KP Home Department document shared with DawnNews shows there are 10,040 prisoners behind bars in the province's 22 jails and lockups, whereas the total authorised inmate capacity is 6,601 prisoners. Of this number, 7,100 are under-trial prisoners (UTPs), while 2,940 convicts — including 196 death-row inmates — are housed in various jails in the province. The document also reveals 27

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male juvenile convicts, 311 male juvenile UTPs and two female juvenile UTPs are held in KP's prisons.

The three most notable differences in actual and authorised accommodation are as follows:

- Peshawar central jail holds 2,529 prisoners, despite authorised accommodation of just 450 prisoners. The document reveals there are 2,079 more prisoners than are recommended, or over five times more than the authorised accommodation.
- Swabi judicial lockup holds 341 more prisoners than the authorised accommodation of 130 – nearly four times as many as the recommended number of inmates.
- Timergara district jail holds 571 prisoners, 321 prisoners more than the authorised number of 250 inmates, which is twice the recommended number of prisoners.

The district jails in Swat and Abbottabad are under construction, while expansion of Peshawar and Dera Ismail Khan prisons are in progress. In September, during a KP provincial assembly (PA) session, an official reply submitted to PA had said a total of 9,433 inmates have been languishing in the province's 22 prisons and judicial lockups, whereas capacity was 8,091, Dawn newspaper reported. MPA Najma Shaheen of JUI-F had insisted the figures provided in the house were inaccurate and said the condition of prisons and lockups was deplorable. Law and parliamentary affairs minister Imtiaz Shahid had claimed prisons were in perfect condition and that facilities were being provided to inmates according to the jail menu. He said he had inspected the Peshawar central jail and found all facilities, including healthcare, were available to prisoners, and added that a Rs6.4 million healthcare provision had been given to prisons during fiscal year 2015-2016.

WEB DESK: Pakistan Air Force has denied reports that the country's military acquired armed drones through China's help. "Pakistani engineers developed the technology on their own," Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman said in an interview with The Washington Times, adding that Washington should increase coordination with Islamabad to target and eliminate al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. The air chief marshal also suggested that the long drawn hostility surrounding US President Barack Obama's series of covert drone strikes in Pakistan may finally come to an end now that the country has its own fleet of the missile-equipped unmanned aircraft. Last month, Pakistan said it had for the first time deployed a locally manufactured drone that killed three 'high-profile' terrorists in North Waziristan Agency.

Though the development raised concerns within US national security circles, Aman ensured, "No big concerns have come in." Earlier, defence analysts claimed Pakistan's first indigenous armed drone is likely to have been supported, designed or supplied by China. Neil Gibson, a weapons analyst with a weekly defence-based magazine, IHS Jane's, said, "Close analysis of imagery released by Pakistan suggests at least a heavy debt to Chinese systems". The Burraq, he added, "strongly resembles" China's CH-3 UAV. Pieter Wezeman, a senior researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), also said China must have helped Pakistan if it did indeed produce a UAV that goes beyond basic reconnaissance. "Developing a drone with armed capability is much more difficult than just a reconnaissance one because the reconnaissance one can be built with very basic technology, but integrating weapons is a different level," he said. "Either it is a Chinese UAV or based on Chinese technology."

Air chief marshal to visit US this week

While Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is scheduled to visit President Obama at the White House this month, Aman will be visiting his American counterparts this week. According to reports, Aman has not specifically asked US defense and intelligence agencies to provide targeting information for Pakistani drone strikes; however, he stressed that the success of the ongoing Operation, Zarb-e-Azb to eliminate terrorism from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) should be sufficient to erase any questions regarding Islamabad's viability as a counterterrorism partner. "It's a question of trust," he said. "We have to have 110%," the air chief Marshal stated while asserting that cooperation between Pakistan and the US is stronger now than it has been at any other time since May 2011. "When you do campaigns together, when you have shared objectives, then you strategise together and you build each other's capacities," he said. "I think the [US] has been a great supporter and great help of the precision engagement that we have."

The surveillance capability that we have had to make these operations go couldn't have been possible without the [US] support." Earlier, communications between the two countries came to a halt as a result of a secret helicopter and commando raid carried out by US special forces which allegedly killed Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Further he admitted that regardless of funding from the White House for Pakistan's military in 2012 to help fight terrorism, relations improved when PM Nawaz announced the onset of Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan. Though mistrust over the Bin Laden raid lingers, Aman said it should not. The air chief marshal said there should be no question about Pakistan's commitment to targeting al Qaeda terrorists, including Bin Laden successor Ayman al-Zawahri..

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Aman further discussed the restraint on Pakistan's military from entering Afghanistan where al Zawahri has reportedly taken shelter. He claimed that the hesitation is due to Islamabad's respect for Afghan sovereignty and brotherly ties. However, he acknowledged that militants continue to move across the border and Pakistan's forces would be at a better position if Washington showed willingness to provide certain 'radar' to better track such movement.

WEB DESK: The United States and Pakistan are in the process of negotiating an accord which may end up in a civil nuclear deal between the two countries, a report published in The Washington Post claimed on Tuesday. "The White House is exploring what could be a diplomatic blockbuster: possible new limits and controls on Pakistan's nuclear weapons and delivery

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Jirga urges Mohmand IDPs to return

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China to build four submarines in Karachi

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systems,” David Ignatius, an opinion writer for the US-based newspaper said. If media reports are to be believed, the US may be able to secure a civil nuclear deal in the near future with Pakistan, as it did with India in 2005. “Pakistan has been asked to consider what are described as ‘brackets,’” the newspaper quoted a source familiar with the talks between the two countries as saying. The newspaper further suggested that Pakistan would agree to restrict its nuclear program to weapons and delivery systems that are appropriate to its actual defence needs against India’s nuclear threat. “Pakistan might agree not to deploy missiles capable of reaching beyond a certain range,” it quoted as an example of the accord between the two countries. Pakistan, in return, can get the US’ support for an eventual waiver by the 48-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group, of which the US is a member, claimed the newspaper’s source.

At US’ urging, the same group had agreed to exempt India from rules that banned nuclear trade with countries that evaded the Non-Proliferation Treaty, allowing the Pakistani arch rival a partial entry into the club of nuclear powers in exchange for its willingness to apply International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards to its civilian programme. The sources, however, said the negotiations between the US and Pakistan on the agreement would be slow and difficult due to the fact that Pakistan honours its nuclear programme and it is not yet clear if the country would eventually be willing to accept the limitations that would be required. It revealed that the issue is being discussed quietly in advance to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s upcoming visit to Washington on October 22, 2015. The US considers this nuclear dialogue especially important because it would begin to address what US officials for two decades have viewed as one of the world’s most dangerous security problems.

The dialogue comes in the wake of a recent surge of Taliban violence in Afghanistan, building pressure on the US to address the issues of the nation it evaded a decade ago. “The US is quietly exploring some diplomatic options that could reduce the violence in Afghanistan,” the report said. Considering the volatile situation of the region, the US is keen to adopt an aggressive diplomacy to reduce the Taliban’s threat which the Afghan government frequently blames to have been sponsored from Pakistan, a claim Pakistani officials have always denied. The US recognised more than four years ago that the best way out of the Afghanistan conflict would be a diplomatic settlement that involved the Taliban and “its sometime sponsors in Pakistan”.

PESHAWAR: The political administration of Mohmand Agency has urged internally displaced persons (IDP) to return to the tribal belt. This appeal was made during a jirga held in the city on Monday evening that went well into the night. It was attended by MNA Bilal Rehman, Mohmand Political Agent (PA) Waqar Ali Khan, and elders from various tribes. Speaking on the occasion, MNA Bilal Rehman said the federal government has allocated Rs900 million for development in Baizai subdivision. It has also established a subdivision headquarters. He urged the residents of Mohmand, who are currently living in Peshawar and other parts of Pakistan, to return to their homes. “I urge them to ask their friends and relatives who are affiliated with the medical profession to serve the tribespeople of Mohmand Agency as there is a shortage of doctors in the region,” he said. “The government is willing to double the salary of those doctors who are willing to work in Mohmand Agency.”

The PA said levies officials and khasadar forces in Baizai subdivision have been recruited to ensure peace and stability in the region. “Up to Rs900 million will be spent to restore damaged infrastructure,” he added. “Schools and hospitals will be established as well. However, tribespeople should return to their native land and work towards ensuring development in the region.” However, a large number of residents are reluctant to return to Mohmand. Speaking to The Express Tribune, Malik Muhammad Saeed, who hails from the agency but currently resides in Peshawar, said no one is willing to return home as there is a dearth of basic facilities. “Once the basic infrastructure is developed, locals will return to the region,” he added. Malik Jehanzeb Khan, another local, said, “The government is pressing IDPs to return to Mohmand. But how can they come back to destroyed homes?” The IDPs should be compensated for their losses, he added.

Possible relief

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Mohmand PA assured peace has been restored in the region. “We have contacted FATA Disaster Management Authority to reconstruct the damaged homes,” he said. “We are hopeful FDMA will rebuild the houses and people will return to Mohmand soon.”

ISLAMABAD: China will build in Karachi four of eight submarines that it is selling to Pakistan. Minister for Defence Production Rana Tanveer Hussain told at the inauguration of the Defence Export Promotion Organisation (DEPO) Display Centre in the federal capital that the deal for the acquisition of submarines from China had been finalised and four of them would be built here. He further said that construction of the submarines would simultaneously begin in Pakistan and China. China, he said, would transfer the technology to Pakistan for submarine construction. The implementation of the agreement would augment the existing submarine related capacity. One of the three Agosta 90-B submarines in Navy’s fleet — PNS Hamza commissioned in 2008 — was assembled at the Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works. The other two Agosta 90-B submarines — PNS Khalid and PNS Saad — were also indigenously overhauled and retrofitted with air-independent propulsion (AIP) systems in 2011. The three Agosta 90-B submarines of French design form the core of Pakistan’s current submarine fleet that also includes two ageing Agosta-70 submarines.

Mr Hussain did not specify when the construction would begin, but said it would be happening soon. A training centre would be set up in Karachi for this purpose. The minister did not either say which type of submarines were being purchased from China. It is, however, speculated that the deal was for Yuan-class Type-041 diesel-electric submarines equipped with AIP systems. Navy has been pursuing different options for expanding its submarine fleet. Naval officials say that more submarines were needed to address force imbalance with India, which too is increasing and

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modernising its fleet of submarines. Pakistan had earlier explored the options of buying submarines from France and Germany, but those deals did not materialise.

PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP: Mr Hussain said the government would encourage private-public partnership in defence production to improve the efficiency of the sector. "We can compete with the best in the world only through a national effort," he said, adding that the government would extend all possible cooperation to private sector in this regard. He said that this was "the beginning of a new approach". The minister said the country needed indigenously developed hardware, which was also technologically innovative.

NEW NAVAL SHIPYARD: The minister expected progress on the proposal for a new deep-sea shipyard planned in Gawadar. "The summary for the new shipyard is with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his approval is expected," he said. The shipyard is planned to be constructed by foreign investors on build-operate-transfer basis. "We have already earmarked land for this purpose," the minister said. Mr Hussain hoped that the new shipyard would be able to get substantial maritime related business from Gulf and Arab countries.

ISLAMABAD: At least 588 Pakistanis lost their lives in terror-related incidents between January to August this year, Interior Ministry informed the Senate on Tuesday. In response to questions raised by a number of members of the Upper House of Parliament, the Interior Ministry in its written reply stated that about 588 Pakistanis were killed while 10,007 were injured in 821 incidents of terrorism, which occurred between January to August this year. The data provided does not include the victims of PAF base attack incident, which took place in September. Responding to another query the Ministry of Defence stated that ten military courts are functioning across the country and the establishment of eleventh court is under process. In a written reply to a question asked by Senator Azam Khan Swati, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif informed the House that the names and related information about the judges appointed in the courts might not be disclosed keeping in view safety and security of the court. He said that this provision existed in the Pakistan Army (Amendment) Ordinances 2015 which had already been passed by the Senate on August 11.

Sharing the data regarding the convicts executed as a part of the National Action Plan (NAP), the Ministry informed the house that the total number of prisoners on death row in the country is 6,016 but only those condemned prisoners were executed whose mercy pleas had been rejected. The executions were carried out after completion of due legal procedure. In response to a query, Minister of State for Interior Baligh-ur-Rehman informed the House told the Upper House of Parliament that the total number of foreigners residing in the country is 491,905, according to data collected from the year 2007 till September this year. He said a robust mechanism is in place for transparency in execution and implementation of NAP. The government had announced the National Action Plan to fight terrorism and militancy in response to the Dec 16 attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar, The 20 point anti-terror plan calls for eliminating armed militias, countering hate speech and extremist literature, maintain a dedicated counter-terrorism force, stop religious persecution of minorities, annihilate terrorists' communication network and financial bases among other initiatives to eliminate terrorism in all forms.

In a startling revelation, Pakistan's former foreign minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri has said India planned air strikes in Pakistan following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. In an exclusive interview with India Today ahead of the launch of his book on Pakistan's foreign policy, 'Neither A Hawk, Nor A Dove,' Kasur said India planned air strikes to target Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jamaatud Dawa in Muridke near Lahore. The former foreign minister claimed he was approached by a delegation led by former US presidential candidate John McCain expressing apprehensions that India may carry out surgical air strikes at the JuD and Let's headquarters near Lahore. Quoting McCain, Kasuri who was foreign minister between 2002 and 2007 recalled, "Senator McCain... says to me 'We're asking you something in view of your experience as former foreign minister because you know the army, and also since you're a civilian you know the public reaction. Supposing... there's a limited strike on Muridke'." Regarding his response, the former foreign minister said, "'I told them if the Indians did that, the Pakistani military would give a measured response in five minutes... It could lead to a war. But they thought it could prevent it.'" "Everything could spiral out of control. The public response will be so great that the Pakistan Army would be de-legitimised in the eyes of its own people if it does not respond," he recalled as telling the US delegation.

Kasuri said he was certain the US delegation had spoken to "someone very high in India" before asking him the question. Further, he said the delegation which also included Republican Senator Lindsey Graham and Richard Holbrooke, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan had visited Lahore. Asked how Pakistan would react if the government under Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi planned a limited strike, Kasuri said, "All hell would break loose..." The former foreign minister said backchannel talks between the two countries had made substantial progress when he was the foreign minister on intractable issues such as Kashmir, Siachen and Sir Creek and solutions were in sight. He said Musharraf had emerged as a statesman in the later years of his presidency. We didn't want borders to divide territories. We looked at the interest of Kashmiris, Kashmiris wanted demilitarisation," Kasuri said. Further, he said Modi should appoint people he trusts for meaningful backchannel talks. "Men of goodwill" and political resolve are needed to resolve all outstanding issues, he added. Kasuri's book has already been launched in Pakistan and is set to be launched in New Delhi on October 7.

WEB DESK: Minister for Defence Production Rana Tanveer said on Tuesday the country is producing state of the art competitive defence products. "The indigenously built JF-17 thunder fighter has the capability to compete with any modern fighter jet, including the F-16," the minister said, while addressing the media after inaugurating the modern display center of Defense Export Promotion Organisation. "The world is showing great interest in purchase of this fighter jet because of its cost effectiveness," Tanveer added, according to Radio Pakistan. Further, the minister said

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At least 588 lives lost in LEAs' strength raised by

Pakistan's defence products are also being exported to European countries and the United States. "Pakistan's defence products have the ability to compete with those that are the best in the world," Tanveer said. Earlier, addressing the inaugural ceremony Tanveer said the government is encouraging 'made in Pakistan' products to realise the goal of economic development. "Utilisation of latest technology is inevitable in keeping with the requirements of modern time," he said.

WEB DESK: Pakistan military has been ranked as the 11th strongest military in the world, as per a Credit Suisse report on globalisation. Ranked seven spots after India's military, the report gives Pakistan a final military strength score of 0.41. Further, the report reveals that Pakistan's active personnel number stands at 710,000 and has it more weaponry than Germany, Australia, and Canada. The report ranks the strength of 20 countries according to weaponry, including tanks, aircraft, helicopters and submarines, each country represents. The US is listed as number one followed by Russia, China, Japan and India in the top five. The report said, "Our analysis reveals the military superiority of the United States in conventional war capabilities compared to its close rivals. Its fleet of 13,900 aircraft, 920 attack helicopters, 20 aircraft carriers and 72 submarines far outweighs the military might of any of its close rivals and so does its defense spending worth \$610 billion in 2014, which is far more than the combined military expenditures of the next nine countries in our index." "In reality, in today's nuclear era, conventional forces are not the only indicator of military strength. Russia and the United States account for more than 90% of global inventories of nuclear weapons according to data provided by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute's (SIPRI) Yearbook 2015," it added.

NEWS DESK: The United States is helping Pakistan fight militants in its tribal areas by providing precision strike technology to its air force, the country's envoy in Washington said on Sunday. He was addressing the second Convention of the Pakistani-American Community in the American capital, according to the state-run Radio Pakistan. Talking to participants about progress in Operation Zarb-e-Azb, Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jilani said over 90 per cent of the areas in North Waziristan which were previously used by militants as safe havens have been cleared by Pakistan's military. He added that the military has also completely destroyed the terrorists' command and control infrastructure.

Regarding US efforts to assist Pakistan with the situation in the tribal areas, the envoy said Washington is also helping Islamabad rehabilitate tribespeople displaced by the military operations against terrorists. He also said Pakistan's government is taking multiple steps to improve the security situation in the country. According to Jilani, ties between Islamabad and Washington are much stable now than before. He added that these relations will grow further after Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visits the US later this month.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is planning a massive swoop to cleanse the impoverished southern Punjab of terrorist groups, particularly those fuelling sectarianism, as part of the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism. Although intelligence-based targeted raids have been ongoing in the region for some time, the country's civil and military authorities have given the nod for a decisive push against sectarian organisations in the area. A senior government official familiar with the development told The Express Tribune that the decision to intensify and expand the operation in south Punjab was taken last month during a high-level huddle of the civil and military leadership. The official, who did not want to be named in the report, refused to disclose operational details of the offensive, saying it might compromise the government's plan. The decision to go after sectarian outfits in South Punjab was taken after intelligence reports warned that the region could become a potential breeding ground for groups such as the ultra-extremist Islamic State, also known by its Arabic acronym Da'ish. Rahim Yar Khan, Jhang, Chinot, Dera Ghazi Khan and Bahawalpur are considered hotbed of several sectarian outfits, which are ideologically more aligned with Da'ish.

The official said the security agencies had recently picked up over a dozen suspects from south Punjab, who were exploring the possibility of recruiting for Da'ish. Pakistan has denied the organised presence of IS on its soil but acknowledged that it is not oblivious to the potential threat posed by the ultra-extremist group that has set up a self-styled Islamic caliphate on large swathes of land in Syria and Iraq. During a recent visit to the United Kingdom, army chief General Raheel Sharif also cautioned against the emergence of new terrorist groups in a pointed reference to attempts by Da'ish to make inroads into this part of the world. The army chief, however, said Pakistan was well aware of the threat and would never allow even a shadow of Da'ish to fall on its soil. The official said the security agencies have identified south Punjab as a potential region where Da'ish could find some support in Pakistan. "That is why the government has decided to go all-out against sectarian outfits in the area," the official added. He informed The Express Tribune that thousands of Islamic seminaries (madrassas) have been closely monitored for the past few months as part of the operation against sectarian outfits. It is believed that out of the total 20,000 madrassas, around 7,000 are located in South Punjab. And most of them are believed to be receiving funds from the Arab countries.

The government has already outlined a new policy for seminaries in an attempt to ensure these religious schools do not get involved in any subversive activities. Some madrassas have been shut down in recent months in the region over allegations of involvement in promoting sectarian and hate ideology. The move to go after sectarian groups is seen as a major shift in Pakistan's policy as in the past Islamabad used to avoid taking such outfits head on. The killing of Malik Ishaq, the co-founder of the banned sectarian extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, in a police encounter in July was believed to be part of the government's changed strategy towards sectarian outfits. The military courts have also for the first time convicted terrorists who were involved in targeted killings of Shia community members. "You will see more such actions in coming weeks," the official said.

ISLAMABAD: Having borne some of the worst violence perpetrated by terrorists and insurgents over the past four years, the government has sought to beef the strength of law enforcement

27% in Balochistan over 4 years
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agencies in Balochistan by as much as 27 per cent in addition to improving their training and equipment, senior officials told The Express Tribune. Some security outfits in the province could see further recruitment in the coming years. “The massive recruitment process will continue till 2018—it’s part of the action plan against insurgents,” a senior official in Balochistan home department said last month. Law enforcement agencies, including police, Levies, Frontier Corps (FC) and Balochistan Constabulary (BC) have seen their rank and file boosted from an estimated 83,741 in 2011 to 106,243 in 2015. To afford these upgrades, the government is expected to increase the annual budgets for these forces accordingly. According to data from the interior ministry and the Balochistan home department, the FC has seen the largest manpower increase from 38,132 to an estimated 52,000. Further, officers in the force have been increased from 248 to 511. Officials said that the force may yet recruit 75 officers and 250 junior commissioned officers to lead the force’s 58 wings and 11 minor units. The government has also beefed up police in the province, recruiting 3,123 personnel and raising its strength to 28,094 men with a budget of Rs9.3 billion for the current fiscal year. The BC, too, has seen fresh recruitment with 511 personnel inducted. The force, with a strength of 9,149 men has been allocated a budget of Rs3 billion.

Bolstering ‘The cheapest force’

After having converted ‘A’ areas to ‘B’ areas in 2010, the government has over the past four years sought to bolster levies, dubbed as the ‘cheapest force’ given the small budget they receive for policing nearly 85 per cent of the province. The strength of the force has been increased from 13,000 in 2011 to 17,000 in 2015. The government plans to increase this to 24,000 by 2018 as it seeks to improve security for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Further, the government has sought better training and equipment for the Levies. At present, the army is in the process of training an estimated 5,100 Levies personnel batch-wise. The force has also received over 15,000 small arms and vehicles with requests for more weapons in the coming years.

Director General Balochistan Levies Capt (retd) Tariq Zehri says these steps have helped the force reduce crime in the province by as much as 50 per cent. “We provide security to all state institutions, especially to protect the Economic Corridor’s routes,” he said. “We are ready to cope with all challenges in the province.” To boost their footprint in the province, the government has approved a budget of Rs3.2 billion to rehabilitate and reconstruct some 547 check-posts in conflict-hit areas. “We are spending Rs35 million per month on over two dozen platoons deployed in some of the most disturbed areas of the province including Kalat, Awaran, Killa Abdullah, Quetta, Mastung, Kachhi, Sibi, and Pir Ismail Ziarat,” the senior official of the home department said.

‘Boosting troops won’t solve problems

‘General Secretary Awami National Party (Wali) Aurangzeb Kasi, who lives in Quetta, has disputed the government’s plan of countering insurgency and terrorism in the province by increasing the number of security officials. “Give rights to residents of this province,” said Kasi, before advising the government to include more natives in the mega projects being planned in the province, including the CPEC. “Operation of all mega projects should be the purview of the provincial authorities,” he added. The politician warned that the problems of the province won’t be solved by turning it into an ‘FC state’.

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LAHORE: Young doctors of the Services Hospital closed down accident and emergency department of the facility, besides withdrawing their services from other relevant departments after a patient's attendants allegedly tortured their colleagues. Because of the protest lodged on the call of Services Hospital chapter of the Young Doctors Association, the emergency department of the facility has not been functioning for the last 18 hours or so. Meanwhile, no new patient was allowed on Saturday for treatment at any other department of one of the major teaching hospitals of the province. The departments from where the doctors withdrew their services also include all the indoor wards, OPD, Operation Theatre, intensive and cardiac care units. Talking to the media at the Services Hospital on Saturday, YDA representatives Dr Hamid Butt, Dr Basharat and Dr Attif Majeed alleged that those who subjected the doctors to torture were the ruling PML-N workers. Dr Attif said one of the assailants had brought a child to the hospital's emergency ward late on Friday. The child's attendant exchanged hot words with the duty doctor alleging delay in the treatment early on Saturday. He said the attendant later disappeared and returned with two dozen PML-N workers who were wearing party's badges and armbands. He alleged that the attackers tortured a duty doctor and his two colleagues. The YDA office-bearers demanded institution of a criminal case against the assailants under the Anti-Terrorism Act and their immediate arrest. They also demanded enhancement of the security at the public sector hospitals.

ISLAMABAD: Parents of the students studying in private schools in the capital were informed by Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) that all institutions under their ambit had been directed not to increase any fee, charges or funds in the current year. In a notice issued on Saturday, PEIRA said that under a 2013 act, all private educational institutions in ICT had been given the direction under a notification issued on September 23. PEIRA also directed private schools to either refund or adjust any increase in fees they may have made. The authority said parents residing in the ICT area may place calls to its 'grievance cell' (0800-92111) regarding institutions that violate these directives. PEIRA has asked all private education institutions to submit their written compliance to the September 23 notification by October 15.

PESHAWAR: KP Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan Friday announced reopening coal mines in Sheikhan area of Orakzai Agency. Talking to a delegation of coal mine owners of Sheikhan area from Orakzai Agency at the Governor's House here, he said reopening the mines would create job opportunities and pave the way for economic development. He directed the officials to constitute a committee to conduct a detailed survey of coal mines in Orakzai and adjoining areas in order to redress the grievances of the mine owners and leaseholders to streamline the smooth working in the mineral sector. Led by Malik Izzat Gul, the mine owners included Malik Fazal Hakim, Malik Haji Said Noor Shah, Malik Muhammad Rafique and others. The governor linked peace to economic revival and added that steps had been taken to provide employment opportunities to youth in Fata. He directed taking steps to support mineral sector by strengthening the capacity of the Mineral Rescue Satellite Centre in Hangu and stressed that effective working at the centre should be ensured to facilitate mineral sector in the area. The governor issued directives to construct access road to the coal mines and establish a drainage and water pump system to minimise the damage to the coal mines caused due to rain water. The delegation apprised the governor of the problems and difficulties. The governor assured the delegation of taking necessary action. He said the government was aware of the difficulties and problems of the tribespeople, adding that steps were being undertaken at all levels to redress the grievances of the tribespeople.

The governor said restoration of peace, rehabilitation of tribespeople and improvement of infrastructure in Fata were priorities of the government.

LAHORE (PR): Information Technology has been playing pivotal role in scientific and technologic development of the nation and providing qualitative education and skill among the youth and meets the challenges of 21st century. The youth are the future of our posterity. It is a constitutional obligation of the State to provide equal, free and qualitative education to each child and develop uniform education system in the country in order to ensure better future our youth. These views were expressed in a ceremony held at Bakhtiar Labour Hall under the aegis of Bakhtiar Memorial Computer Education and Training Centre on Friday on the eve of distribution of 6th Months Diploma Certificates to the successful male and female students by Khurshid Ahmad, Chairman, Bakhtiar Memorial Computer Education.

ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) will enhance collaboration for ensuring quality of engineering education in the country, and to streamline accreditation process of the engineering degrees. Both the HEC and the PEC will adopt all possible measures to improve quality and accreditation process of programmes in engineering education offered across the country besides, joint surprise visits to monitor universities' engineering programmes will also be conducted. This was decided in a meeting between HEC Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmad and PEC Chairman Jawed Salim Qureshi, held at Commission Secretariat. This was Qureshi's first visit to the HEC after assuming the charge of the PEC chairman. An electrical engineer by profession, Qureshi has over 30 years of diversified experience in both public and private sectors. The HEC chairman congratulated him on assuming the charge and hoped that his vast experience of the engineering sector will help the PEC deliver more efficiently. The HCE chairman informed the PEC Head about HEC's process for recognition of degrees, wherein accreditation of professional degree courses from relevant professional body is a mandatory condition. "We recognise only those engineering degrees which are accredited by the PEC," he clarified. It may be mentioned here that a MoU has been signed between the HEC and the PEC in May this year to develop criteria for

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recognition of programmes in engineering at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, curriculum of programmes and criteria for appointment of faculty. HE also briefed the PEC chairman about HEC's curriculum revision process, adding that curriculum review committees of different engineering programmes have representation of the PEC. He said that curricula of different disciplines are reviewed every three years and it is ensured that it corresponds to international practices as well as national needs. Dr Mukhtar Ahmed gave an overview of different HEC's initiatives for developing institutional facilities, introduction of new disciplines in market based technologies, development of human resource including faculty, improvement in research facilities, enhancement of technological infrastructure, Pakistan Education and Research Network, Digital Library, linkages with different foreign universities and other key projects of the commission. He elaborated how the HEC has been endeavoring to build capacity of researchers and support universities for promotion and commercialisation of research. He hoped that the HEC will have a productive partnership with the PEC for advancing engineering education in Pakistan. The PEC chairman assured complete support to the HEC, emphasising that the PEC will not recognise any degree programme in engineering, which is started in violation of the prescribed policy. It is pertinent to mention here that the HEC regularly interacts with different accreditation councils to discuss how the process of accreditation could be revamped and strengthened keeping in view the expansion of higher education sector, and learning from international best practices in the accreditation process. Accreditation councils are responsible for programme accreditation at undergraduate level across the country in the respective subjects with complete autonomy in terms of implementation under policy guidelines of the HEC.

KARACHI: Karachi Commissioner Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui said on Friday the drive against polio would continue till the complete elimination of this debilitating disease. This he stated while chairing a high level meeting in his office on Friday. During the meeting the participants reviewed the performance of the ongoing drive against polio in the eight very sensitive union councils in Karachi. Deputy Commissioners of the six districts in the metropolis, officers from the WHO, UNICEF, Additional DIG Karachi, Emergency Operation Cell against Polio, Health Department and Town Health Officers attended the meeting. It was pointed out that the drive has been initiated on the directive of the Sindh Chief Minister and under the supervision of Commissioner Karachi in sensitive union councils of the metropolis. The Karachi commissioner also chairs the Anti-Polio Monitoring Committee and assess the performance of the campaign on weekly basis. He said on the occasion that the drive against polio is the part of national objectives. A statement said that the representatives of WHO monitoring the drive against polio in Pakistan have also expressed their satisfaction. The meeting decided that this campaign would be made further effective and attention would be focused on the children not covered yet. Statement said that the participants of the meeting expressed satisfaction on the drive. It said that target in Karachi was 11 sensitive union council. However as a result of the drive, three were deleted owing to better results. Coordinated efforts are being made in the remaining eight union council in collaboration with the representatives of WHO, UNICEF, Health Department, Police and officials of the administration. Confirmation of a polio case in the metropolis Friday may have deterred the confidence of authorities keen to get Karachi declared Polio Free in 2015 yet they claim the desire not to be a farfetched dream. Karachi till October 2014 had received 23 cases of the crippling disease and since then no case was reported till the one confirmed the other day by National Institute of Health, said Coordinator for Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) for Polio, Sindh Dr Muhammad Usman Chachar.

More work needs to be done as we realize enormity of the challenge at hand," he said in a statement. Dr. Chachar said EoC is launching a case investigation coupled with efforts to sweep the area and surrounding localities from where the case has been reported. The girl child, latest victim of polio in Karachi, originally hails from Waziristan and had moved to the metropolis a year or so ago. She was reported to have not received the routine vaccination and was also hidden from the polio teams by her family in Karachi. "We want to appeal to the parents and concerned families to cooperate with the polio teams and to get their under five children necessarily vaccinated against polio," he said. Dr Chahchar reminded that vaccination was crucial to protect children against the crippling disease, turning the life quality of victim severely compromised on life long basis. This effects the life and future of the child and concerned parents, he said.

LAHORE: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has issued the polling schemes of by-elections in three constituencies of Punjab - NA-122, NA-144 and PP-147. According to the details issued by the ECP, 284 polling stations will be established in NA-122, while 284 presiding officers and 673 assistant presiding officers will be deputed to hold the by-election. The total number of the registered voters in NA-122 is around 347,000 and out of them the strength of the male voters in this constituency is 190,328 and female voters 157,434. Seven candidates from political parties and nine independent candidates are participating in NA-122 election, said spokesman of the ECP. The ECP would also establish 210 polling stations in NA-144, where total strength of voters is 316,370 with 173,951 male and 142,419 female voters. Five independent and four candidates from political parties are in the run for NA-144 seat. He said 117 polling stations will be set up in PP-147, where total registered voters are 140,707 including 77,729 male and 63,038 female voters. Eleven candidates are contesting election for PP-147.

ISLAMABAD: Telenor Pakistan's youth centric brand 'djuice' has announced the winners of the annual Apportunity contest 2015 on Friday. The team comprising Arusha Imtiaz, Asad Ullah and Hafiz Arslan Hafeez has won the contest for developing 'My Smaced App'. It is a smart education ecosystem, which connects homes to schools by bridging the communication gap between parents, teachers, students and the institute itself. The winning team will represent Telenor Pakistan at Global Digital Conference in Oslo, Norway and compete for \$US 13,000 against apps from around the world. Aqeel Iqbal, Hamza Khalid and Syed Zaid Hassan are the first runners-up for developing Kindergarten Prep, an application to support interactive digital learning for children, and have won Rs 150,000. Musstanser Tinauli, developer of Fori Mazdoori has won Rs 100,000 by taking the second position. Congratulating the winners of djuice Apportunity 2015, Telenor Pakistan deputy ceo and chief marketing officer Irfan Wahab Khan said, "The determination, talent and passion exhibited by

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80pc hospitals in capital 'dump waste in the open'

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our youth is a testament of the fact that Pakistan is accelerating towards a digital era. djuice Appportunity 2015 owes its success to all the highly talented participants of Pakistan and the very supportive partners and brand ambassadors," he added. Other category winners include children abc learning, doc locator, bar puzzle and save The Bird, all receiving Rs 50,000 cash prize each. All winning apps will also be featured on the Telenor App store free of cost djuice Appportunity 2015 judging panel comprised of representatives from Microsoft, OPEN Islamabad, GEW, two of the leading technology bloggers from Pakistan and experts from Telenor Pakistan. This year, the contest was organised for the fifth consecutive year and received over 1,400 idea submission, highest number in the competition's history. 275 submissions were accepted for Android and Windows phone mobile platforms.

BAHAWALPUR: Contractors hired by a foreign company for the Quaid-i-Azam Solar Park (QASP) project are allegedly making a fast buck by disposing of trees worth millions of rupees from the vast area. It is learnt that these contractors have sold these 'keekar' trees in the open market during the last one month or so. Cholistan's thousands of acre land having countless trees had been transferred under Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif's directive by the Cholistan Development Authority (CDA) Bahawalpur to the Punjab Energy Department at the launch of the 1,000 megawatt QASP in 2013.

In the first phase, a 100MW unit of the project was commissioned in an area of 500 acres of reserved land this past May by the prime minister.

The Cholistan land had to be added to the project and the energy department entrusted this task to a foreign company which further gave a contract to some persons to clear the desert area off the existing hundreds of thousands of trees for installation of solar panels.

Sources said the contractors had started removing trees from the park area more than a month ago and already sold many of these in the market rather than their auction by the energy department. They loaded trees onto tractor-trolleys at night and after seeking gate passes from the exit points managed to dispose of these, earning millions. Bahawalpur District Coordination Officer Imran Sikandar told Dawn that the district revenue department had nothing to do with the land where trees were illegally being removed. The Cholistan Development Authority or the Punjab Energy Department could better tell about it, he said. CDA Managing Director Naeem Bokhari could not be contacted as he is abroad these days, while CDA Director Rana Shahid Nadeem was busy in a meeting in Lahore and did not respond. Conservator Forests Bahawalpur Division Faisal Haroon and DFO Qazi Khalid of Lal Sohanra National Park, from where the said land of solar park had been slashed, told this correspondent that it was not within their purview to check the alleged sale of trees from the solar park. Bahawalpur District Police Officer Sarfraz Ahmad Falki said he would check it from the SP posted in the solar park. Punjab Energy Department Secretary Asad Gilani said the issue was not in his knowledge but he would probe the complaint.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has completed up gradation and maintenance work on 14 water filtration plants out of existing 38 filtration plants in the capital. Sources said that water samples from eight filtration plants have also been collected and tested by Pakistan Council of Research for Water Resources (PCRWR), so that quality of clean drinking water could be provided to the residents of the capital. While, maintenance work on remaining water filtration plants is being completed on war footing and will be completed in the next week, added sources. It is pertinent to mention that Capital Development Authority has earlier decided to upgrade all existing water filtration plants and allocated Rs 16.67 million for the up gradation and maintenance of water filtration plants in the city. Moreover, survey for identification of sites to install more water filtration plants, particularly in densely populated residential areas and busy shopping centres of the city has also been completed and work on the installation of new water filtration plants would be started soon after the completion of formalities. The CDA management has directed the water management wing to complete the up gradation and maintenance of remaining filtration plants on immediate basis and utilise all available resources for early completion of the project. Capital Development Authority has reiterated that authority would ensure the provision of clean drinking water in the city and will take all possible measures in this regard.

ISLAMABAD: Educationists and youth activists at a consultative meeting called for the inclusion of youth in designing the proposed National Education Policy (NEP 2016). The event was organised by Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA), in collaboration with the Public Trust and Pakistan Alliance of Independent Schools (PAIS) to discuss the upcoming policy at a local hotel on Thursday. The event examined the structure of the 2009 policy, along with its outcomes. The policy was also examined in light of the 18th Amendment. Special guests at the meeting included Government College of Education Training President Abida Shaheen, PAIS Chairman and Boys Scout Association Commissioner Sahibzada Sajjad Masood, PAIS National Coordinator Rana Muneer Afzal, ex-education CDO Raza Zumurad Hussein and ITA Trustee and education consultant Dr Afshan Huma. UNDP Research Analyst Saira Talha spoke to the audience regarding the United Nation's post-2015 development agenda, and urged participants to keep these goals in mind when thinking of targets and recommendations. "We must take any measures necessary to improve competencies," said Afzal said. After a baseline discussion on NEP 2016, the consultation was divided into working groups to address issues in education such as quality, access, life skills and so forth. The groups focused on areas including early childhood education, primary education, secondary education, special education, adult literacy, financing for education and governance.

ISLAMABAD: Almost 80 per cent of hospitals in Islamabad do not have incinerators and dump their waste in the open, a report submitted to the Supreme Court of Pakistan stated on Thursday. The report was presented to the apex court by government's Standing Counsel Syed Nayab Hassan Gardezi on behalf of Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), Ministry of Climate Change. A three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, had taken up a case relating to pollution and environmental degradation in the country. The report said Pak-EPA recently

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updated and compiled an inventory of all major hospitals, laboratories and other medical facilities both in the public and private sectors in the federal capital and found that most of the healthcare centres did not possess incinerators and dumped their waste in the open. "Pak-EPA intends to develop a centralised hospital and hazardous waste facility in Islamabad and for this purpose has identified a German waste management company, Messers Alba, for which KfW German Development Agency will provide 40 per cent of the total funding. Currently, Messers Alba is undertaking feasibility in consultation with Pak-EPA and other stakeholders and hopefully the facility will be established in the near future. The federal government intends to launch a number of measures to make Islamabad a pollution-free city. The measures included monitoring vehicular emission, unauthorised construction in the green areas and the dumping of sewage into water reservoirs etc. The report also said all parking lots created in the greenbelts should be restored and charged parking system be introduced in the public parking areas.

Referring to the vehicular emission, the report said Pak-EPA with the help of the Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) intended to launch a campaign to monitor air and noise pollution in the city. The traffic police will be allowed to issue on-the-spot tokens or challans to vehicles emitting smoke higher than the prescribed level or creating noise. Commercial vehicles entering the capital territory will be issued vehicular emission test certificates. About dumping untreated sewage into water reservoirs, the report said a programme had been devised by the CDA and the capital administration that included setting up of five sewerage treatment plants to cater to the untreated sewage in the watershed area of Rawal Lake. Pak-EPA has already requested the CDA to offer a technical presentation so that the technical aspects and the site of such treatment plants can be ascertained. Besides, the option of the public-private partnership will also be evaluated to ensure its sustainability. Similarly, to discourage the open dumping of solid waste in the residential areas and untreated industrial effluent into streams, the segregation of solid waste at the primary, secondary and tertiary stages of solid waste is the only solution to sustainable management of solid waste. Almost 30 per cent of solid waste, including tin, iron, plastic and other recyclable items, is segregated through scavenging at the secondary and recycled through the informal sector. Civic agencies such as the CDA and the ICT administration should take a lead, the report said, adding Pak-EPA would support the identification of technology and professional guidance through the process.

RAWALPINDI: In an effort to find a lasting solution to the dispute between the management of the national flag carrier and the Pakistan Airline Pilots' Association (Palpa), senior officials of the aviation division went into a tense hours-long session on Thursday, but apparently failed to achieve a breakthrough. After an intervention by a parliamentary committee, Palpa decided on Wednesday to call off its strike for two days with a condition that its concerns should be addressed during talks. The director general of the Civil Aviation Authority, PIA chairman, secretary of the aviation division, representatives of Palpa and senior officials of the national flag carrier attended the meeting. Many issues came under discussion and both sides – Palpa and the PIA management – also reached an agreement. Talking to Dawn, Captain Amir Hashmi, president of Palpa, said: "We had been in session for the whole day to end the dispute and finally reached an agreement." But he appeared to be upset over what he called a strange move by the CAA director general who at the last moment refused to provide copies of the agreement and instead demanded a written apology from the protesting pilots. "Unless you submit a written apology, you will not get the copies of the agreement," Captain Hashmi quoted the CAA chief as saying. The Palpa president said the "meeting was unproductive" as it "could not reach any conclusion". "We would go to the parliamentary committee on Friday and then take a decision whether or not to go on strike again," he said. When contacted, CAA's spokesman Pervez George claimed that an important item on the agenda of the meeting was that Palpa would withdraw its letter written to the CAA. The letter, he said, contained "unethical remarks about the CAA". "They (Palpa representatives) were asked to withdraw the letter first and then they would be provided copies of the minutes of the meeting, but they refused to withdraw the letter," the spokesman said.

QUETTA: A division bench of the Balochistan High Court issued on Thursday notices to Hubco Power Company after initial hearing of a petition filed by former speaker of Balochistan Assembly Mohammad Aslam Bhootani against the proposed coal-based power plants in Gadani area of Lasbela district. The bench comprised Chief Justice Noor Mohammad Meskanzai and Justice Mohammad Hashim Kakar. Advocate Amanullah Kanrani filed the petition on behalf of Mr Bhootani who claimed that the proposed power plants would be dangerous for human health and marine life as they would create environmental issues for Gadani, Hub and Karachi. The petitioner requested the court to rule against the project. He said that being a public representative it was his responsibility to look after the interest of the people of Gadani and Hub. Mr Bhootani said in the petition that he and his family had always supported industrial development projects and never opposed them, but the proposed projects could have negative impacts on environment.

The Hubco Power Company was already running a plant based on furnace oil and people of the area had not objected to it, despite the fact that the company had not met its promises of giving jobs and providing facilities to local people, the petition said. It said people of the area had serious reservations over the proposed projects and local councils of the area had adopted resolutions against them. The petition cited the concerns of international organisations over coal-based power plants and said the United Nation was considering putting a ban on electricity production from coal-based plants. Giving details of hazards to human health by coal-based power plants in India, it said that about 6 million people in the country were suffering from asthma and other diseases due to the effect of coal-based power plants on environment. The petitioner rejected the claim of Hubco that the technology it had planned to use in the proposed projects would not have negative impact on environment. He said no such technology had so far been introduced. He called for conversion of these plants into projects using solar power and windmills. Mr Bhootani also called upon the federal and provincial governments not to allow the setting up of the coal-based projects.

LAHORE: Data Ganj Bakhsh Town (DGBT) has seized around 6,000 bottles of anti-biotic syrup

15 over refilling empty drugs' bottles

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(Cotrimoxazole) along with thousand empty bottles and arrested 15 people allegedly involved in illegally refilling of spurious syrup in the already used bottles. Assistant Commissioner City Asim Saleem said that on the tip-off, dengue surveillance team of the District administration raided on the scrap yard at Khokhar Town Purani Choki No 2, Shafiqabad. He said that team recovered 100 cottons of the official bottles from the spot in which syrup was refilled. He said that seized bottles were not for sale as it belonged to government hospitals. The assistant commissioner said that these bottles were supplied to the local medical shops after refilling. Raiding team arrested 11 people from the spot and four people take into custody from another place and handed over to Shafiqabad Police Station. He said that these people were playing with children's life to sale the syrup on shops, which is a heinous crime.

Nepra okays Rs2.60 per unit cut in tariff

The News, October 9, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has approved a Rs2.60 per unit reduction in the electricity tariff for the month of August. The relief will be provided to the masses in December bills under the fuel adjustment plan. Overall, the masses will be given relief of sixteen billion rupees. Earlier, Nepra reduced Rs2.39 per unit for the month of June and July. This relief will be given in the October, November billings. K-Electric users will not enjoy this price cut. Electricity generation through furnace oil cost Rs10.92 per unit and gas Rs5.70 per unit.

Girls' Right to Education programme launched

The Express Tribune, October 9, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The government and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) have launched a three-year programme to provide quality education to girls, especially in the country's more remote areas. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the Girls' Right to Education programme on Thursday, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training Balighur Rehman said that despite many challenges the government is committed to improving the standard of education. The government, according to the minister, would welcome Malala Yousafzai if she intends to return to the country and provide her security. The \$7 billion programme is funded under the Malala Funds-in-Trust agreement signed by Unesco Director General Irina Bokova and Balighur Rehman. "Despite tremendous progress in access to education worldwide since 2000, there is still a long way to go," Bokova said in a video statement. "Approximately 31 million (55%) girls are out of primary schools worldwide, including 3 million girls in Pakistan." She said that the new sustainable development goals (SDGs), that were recently agreed, has fully recognised access to education as a basic human right which is essential for sustainable development. Unesco representative Vibeke Jensen said that the programme will be implemented over the next three years in 12 districts representing all the provinces and areas of the country. The aim is to get 50,000 more girls enrolled in primary schools, increase their retention and improve learning outcomes, she added.

Motorway Police starts live transmission of FM-95

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ISLAMABAD: National Highways and Motorway Police has started its live transmission of FM-95 Radio Station for creating awareness about road safety from Islamabad. The basic purpose of FM-95 is to create awareness about road safety and to educate masses about traffic rules. The live transmission of FM-95 provides information about weather updates, road works and diversion on highways and motorways, accidents and another road situation which help the commuters to plan their journey accordingly, etc. Beside this different informative programs are also on air from FM-95 in which experts from relevant fields are invited. Currently in the first phase, the live transmission of FM-95 can be listen around Islamabad and Rawalpindi. In the Second phase, it will be extended to 16 major cities of Pakistan. Subsequently the whole country will be connected. The establishment of FM-95 radio station is another milestone achieved to reach out each and every citizen of Pakistan.

Book 'Zalzala-e-Pakistan 2005' launched

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ISLAMABAD: 'Zalzala-e-Pakistan 2005' (Earthquake Pakistan) - a book on earthquake of October 8, 2005 by Imran Malik a foreign ministry official was launched here on Thursday.

Chairman Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) Prof Dr Muhammad Qasim Bughio presided over the book launching ceremony held at National Archives of Pakistan. Renowned writer and former Vice Chancellor International Islamic University Islamabad (IIU) Fateh Muhammad Malik was the guest of Honour. While former Ambassador of Pakistan to China Masood Khan was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony Masood Khan said the writer has first time produced such an informative book regarding destructive earthquake in the country. It will help us prepare a proper plan and strategy for the future. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qasim Bughio congratulated the writer for writing such an informative book about earthquake. He stressed on the writers to come forward and write on such subjects that help creating awareness on diverse topics. He said that Pakistan Academy of Letters is making efforts to assist writers by organizing various events. The PAL is also going to organize a Literary Mela in Islamabad in next month for the children and students.

Fateh Muhammad Malik termed the book a tremendous effort, saying that on basis of this book, we can develop proper plan to avoid such fatal disasters in future. Writer of the Book Imran Malik said after deadliest earthquake, he started looking for book on earthquake which was not available. So later, he said "I decided to write a book on earthquake 2005." He said this is completely a reference book. Imran Malik announced that english version of the book would be published soon.

A large number of people from different walks of life attended the book launching ceremony. The participants termed the book as worth reading reference book that will keep reminding the readers of the difficult times the nation faced and tremendous efforts put in by people of Pakistan to come out of natural calamity of enormous magnitude.

KARACHI: Pasban Public Issues Committee Chairman Abubaker Usman said on Wednesday that traders are facing problems filing their tax returns due to a faulty FBR website. In a statement issued on Wednesday, he said that the lion's share of national tax comprises the tax collected from the traders; however, the government is not serious about resolving their genuine issues. He said the government is yet to show a serious attitude to resolve the reservations of traders on the issue of bank withholding tax. He said although traders play a major role in boosting the economy by paying taxes, they are being considered tax evaders by the government. He said the traders serve the nation and economy by supplying people the daily-use commodities and creating new job opportunities.

Taxpayers facing problems due to faults in FBR website

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

23 capital premises sealed for violating residential rules

The News, October 8, 2015

Abubaker Usman said taking in consideration these services of the traders the government should abandon its strictness on the issue of withholding tax and hold a dialogue with them and give them a better policy package. He said this tax has created a big crisis and the whole banking sector in Pakistan has been facing uncertainty and a sure disaster is ahead if this issue is not resolved amicably. Usman said the government should widen its tax net and give incentives to the new NTN holders. It should exempt the investors from disclosing their source of capital so as to boost investment. If these suggestions are followed, he argued, they would serve the purpose of documentation of economy. The Pasban leader said after deduction of withholding tax over banking transaction the deducted tax money automatically comes to the national revenue. Therefore, these bank account holders should not be considered as non-filers of tax or unregistered tax filers and they should be exempted from any adverse action so that their confidence on the tax system grows and they agree to become the NTN holder tax filers. He said the money wasted through corruption should be saved and used to bridge the budget deficit.

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) sprang into action and sealed a large number of high profile premises in an upscale sector of the federal capital on the charge of non-conforming use. The civic body acted on the force of a direction of the Supreme Court, which had strictly ordered it to do away with the non-conforming use of the residential areas. The 23 premises sealed in F-7 sector by the CDA team with the help of approximately 100 officials and staff have outlets of different trendy enterprises. They were mostly visited by affluent people and their owners are known for high connections in the quarters that matter. They included Junaid Jamshed, Tuscany Restaurant, Depilex Parlour, Royilli Boutique/Parlour, Kundan Boutique, Samsung Showroom, Angeethi Restaurant, Yasraj Boutique, Fitness Club, Bestro Restaurant and Guest House, Sobia's Boutique, Tutti Frutti, Endecor Boutique, Seazer Saloon and Fabrics, Zefra Restaurant, Kitchen Cuisine Restaurant, Anam Store, Furniture Showroom, Oisis Club, Beauty Hut, Entrouge Restaurant, Tiffany Restaurant, and Jugnoo's Saloon. In the wake of the apex court order, the CDA has been giving warnings to the owners of the premises to discontinue the non-conforming use of their properties, but they paid no heed to it. Finally, the CDA moved and sealed them as allowed under the law. An official told The News that the CDA had been facing pressure from the powerful owners of the premises as well as the outlets, but added that it had to act as ordered by the apex court. Even otherwise, this was an illegal use of the properties. He said that the drive would continue till the elimination of the illegality all over Islamabad. He said that no discrimination was observed in taking action against the violators of the law and the drive was across the board. Some time back, the apex court directed the CDA to proceed in accordance with the rules and laws with regard to properties being used for purposes other than those for which they were allotted, and submit a report to it. A two-member bench comprising Justice Ameer Hani Muslim and Justice Dost Muhammad Khan while hearing a case regarding blockades and encroachments erected in the name of security in residential areas of the capital had issued this direction.

It had ordered the Islamabad Commissioner and CDA to expeditiously decide the cases pending in the court regarding properties used for non-conforming purposes. CDA lawyer Hafiz S A Rehman stated that in pursuance of the Supreme Court order dated August 21, 2015 wherein it directed that all the parties shall meet and discuss possible zoning and town planning options, a meeting with the counsel for the petitioner was convened with the CDA chairman and its legal adviser. Similarly, he informed the court that another meeting was also held with the representatives of the private and public sectors that elaborately discussed the issue of non-conforming use in the residential areas. The lawyer said that the CDA Board in its meeting on September 11, 2015 held detailed discussion on the issue of non-conforming use on the proposal submitted by the counsel for petitioners, reservations of Islamabad Chambers of Commerce and Industry conveyed through a letter and recommendations made by the town planners of the CDA for resolving non-conforming use in residential areas. He submitted that after deliberating on the issue, the board decided that no exemption will be allowed to the Building Regulations 2005 and no discrimination will be given to any category. It was pointed out that the board decided that uniform time period would be given to these non-conforming establishments to wind up their businesses and bring the premises into conforming use as per the provision of the scheme plan and the allotment letter.

ISLAMABAD: Setting aside the pressure of the federal government, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has determined the provisional RLNG sale price at \$8.63372 per MMBTU without inclusion of the general sales tax (GST) by slicing down the margin of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) to just 1.82 percent from four percent and doing away with the administrative and services charges of both gas utilities. It took Ogra six months to take this decision. The earlier RLNG price was at \$12.30 per MMBTU for power and fertilisers sector and \$11.50 per MMBTU for others. The decision will enable the government to carve out sustainable payment mechanism which is the condition precedents (CPs) for the LNG deal with Qatar for 15 years.

According to Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, the ministry wanted Ogra to let PSO charge four percent margins on RLNG arguing it collects the same volume of charges on import of fuel.

"Since the LNG is a petroleum product, do allow PSO to charge four percent margins," the minister told The News the other day. However, Ogra showed defiance and reduced the margin of PSO to a large extent to 1.8 percent from four percent.

"Yes, we have just fixed the provisional LNG sale price and two hours ago sent a 12-page determination to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources," Chairman of Ogra Ahmad Saeed Khan told The News. He said that Ogra has determined the provisional RLNG sale price at \$8.63372 per MMBTU with GST. Khan said that the authority has brought down the margins of PSO to 1.8 percent from four percent. Likewise, the regulator has erased administrative and service or operational charges of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) and Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited (SNGPL) forthwith, bringing down the LNG sale price to \$8.63372 per MMBTU from \$12.50 per MMBTU.

After six months, Ogra sets RLNG price at \$8.6 per MMBTU

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However, the final decision will be taken on margins and administrative and operational charges when the Ogra will hold a public hearing on the formal RLNG sale price. Officials in Ogra said that the regulator wanted to bring down the PSO margin to one percent but with consultation of the ministry it had reduced the margin to 1.8 percent. The official said that the retainage of three percent has been reduced to 0.75 percent and the LNG terminal handling fee would be at 66 cents per MMBTU. Before that, the LNG terminal was charging \$1.85 per MMBTU. However, the landed LNG prices has been worked out at \$7.75 per MMBTU.

Similarly, the SNGPL was earlier charging operational charges of 52 cents on 1 MMBTU RLNG and SSGC 28 cents. In addition both were charging \$0.05 each as administrative charges. On top of that, the LNG terminal was charging \$1.85 per MMBTU as tolling fee apart from the 3 percent as retainage. Now the scene has completely changed.

The officials said that the Ogra has announced the RLNG sale price for the consumers which are transmission lines. However, the attribution charges have not been rationalised owing to which the CNG stations will be having less benefit out of the LNG sale price. When contacted, Chairman all Pakistan CNG Association Ghayas Paracha termed the decision very good saying that with the implementation of the decision, masses will get mammoth solace as CNG price will be substantially reduced in Punjab.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said he did not see the summary of Ogra and will "let you know today (October 8)" when he was sent an SMS asking: "Is the ministry satisfied with the decision of Ogra with reduction of PSO margin to just 1.8 percent and erasing of administration and services charges of Sui Southern and Sui Northern?" However, PSO Chairman Imranul Haq Shaiekh opted not to respond to the question in the SMS asking: "Will PSO be able continue to import the LNG with reduction in its margin by more than 50 percent?"

LAHORE: With a view to overcome shortage of specialist doctors in public sector hospitals and encourage medical officers for specialisation, the Punjab Health Department has introduced new postgraduate admission policy for FCPS. According to the policy, additional 20 numbers would be given to the medical officers at the time of admission having experience of two years service at basic health units (BHUs). Similarly, 12 numbers for two years service at rural health centres and 10 numbers would be given to the doctors having experience of two years service at district headquarters and tehsil headquarters hospitals. In this regard, a meeting was held in the Health Department on Tuesday to review the implementation of the new PGR admission policy. Additional Secretary (Technical) Dr Salman Shahid, informed the meeting that all medical institutions have started implementation on new admission policy.

LAHORE: The Punjab Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) on Wednesday approved six development schemes of various development sectors of worth Rs 25.58 billion. The PDWP approved development schemes also included schemes to start Lahore's District included research report on situation analysis of women's employment in private sector in Punjab (PC-II) at the cost of Rs 5.350 million, construction of married officers residences (MOF) at PS Qilla Gujjar Singh, Lahore at the cost of Rs 228.753 million and installation of filtration plants on 105-No tube wells at the cost of Rs 499.24 million. The schemes were approved in the 12th meeting of the PDWP of current fiscal year 2015-16 presided over by the Punjab Planning and Development Chairman Muhammad Irfan Elahi. Other schemes were protection of abadies (slums) and infrastructure from devastation of Chichali Nullah, Tehsil Isakhel, District Mianwali at the cost of Rs 359.148 million, management of mithawan hill torrent in DG Khan at the cost of Rs 1040.229 million and providing river training works over River Ravi due to construction of Mal-Fatyana Bridge for protection of Muhammad Shahwala and Kalera Flood Bund of Burala Division Faisalabad, T T Singh at the cost of Rs 425.620.

LAHORE: City District Government Lahore (CDGL) has sentenced 27 shopkeepers during a crack down in the city against price hick on Wednesday. Price control magistrates raided 781 shops and stores in the different areas of the city and issued tickets to 24 shopkeepers and imposed Rs 38,500 fine to them. According to statistics report of PCMs, they founded 76 people who involved in this act, out of total 27 people were sent to jail and remaining 49 people were handed over to police after registered cases against them into different police stations. Lahore District Coordination Officer (DCO) Captain (r) Muhammad Usman has directed to price control magistrates (PCMs) for taking strict action against shopkeepers who involved in price hike and stockpiling in the warehouses. On which Lahore DCO Usman said that no one will be spared found guilty of profiteering. He said that PCMs is fully active and working with full efforts against them.

LAHORE: The Members of the minority communities staged a protest demonstration in front of the Punjab Assembly demanding the immediate withdrawal of Punjab Local Government Ordinance 2015, as it does not give them right to elect their representatives at the lowest tier of democratic system on Wednesday. The protest was led by Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw, the head of Catholic Church in Punjab and Rt Rev Samuel Azraiah from Moderator Church of Pakistan, Rt Rev Bishop Munawar Ramal Shah from Bishop Emeritus, Church of Pakistan, Salvation Army Pakistan chief secretary Washington Daniel, Rev Shahid Miraj, Fr Francis Gulzar and Rev Emanuel S Khokhar. A large number of political, social and human rights activists also participated in the protest to support the demand of the withdrawal of the ordinance. The peaceful protestors chanted slogans to condemn the mistreatment of minorities, particularly they shouted against the Punjab Local Government (amended) Ordinance and demanded that this ordinance should be done away with immediately because it does not allow them to elect their own representatives directly through their vote in the local government system. Addressing the protestors Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw said, "We are highly disturbed with this latest attack on our rights that we as voter have been deprived to elect our own representative through our direct vote in the local government elections." He said, "This ordinance is clearly a political apartheid and has added to the deprivation of those Pakistanis who belong to religious minorities- Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and others. Therefore we demand the Punjab Government to withdraw the ordinance to ensure the effective representation of

Health Dept introduces new post-graduation admission policy

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

PDWP approves Rs 2.55 billion development projects

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

27 shopkeepers jailed for profiteering

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

Minorities protest Punjab LG Ordinance

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

RCB reduces water tariff for residential units

Daily Times, October 8, 2015

Over 25,000 'ghost' teachers identified in Sindh Education department

Geo Tv, October 7, 2015

Five eateries sealed by Punjab Revenue Authority

Daily Dawn, October 7, 2015

Saddar parking plaza to be made functional

Daily Times, October 7, 2015

Irrigation dept employees stage protest in Sindh

The News, October 6, 2015

religious minorities in the local government system.” Rt Rev Samuel Azraiah from Moderator Church of Pakistan sai, “We strongly and openly reject this ordinance, as it is unconstitutional, anti-minorities and against the globally known democratic norms and values which ensure the equal treatment of all the citizens without any discrimination.

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has reduced water charges by 10 to 33 percent for one to 40 marlas residential units.

Water charges in respect of 1 to 5 marla homes has been scaled down from Rs 250 to Rs 225, six to seven marla homes from Rs 600 to Rs 400, eight to 10 marlas homes from Rs 700 to Rs 500, 11 to 14 marlas homes from Rs 850 to Rs 650, 15 to 20 marlas homes from Rs1,000 to Rs 800, 21 to 39 marlas homes from Rs1,200 to Rs1,000 and 40 marla homes from Rs1,400 to Rs1,200.

The water charges have been reduced on the demand of elected representatives of the people.

KARACHI: At least 25,000 fake employees have been identified in the Sindh Education and Literacy Department while a list of 794 suspected ghost teachers in district Qambar-Shahdadkot has also been released. Sources said that, during investigation carried out by AG Sindh office and Education Department, about 25,000 out of 155,000 recorded employees have been identified as ‘fake’ in the Sindh Education and Literacy Department. They added that ghost employees were identified by the Deputy Accountant General Education, security and examination committee with the support of biometric system. The education department has published in the newspapers an advertisement listing 794 ghost teachers, whose actual appointment record, service book and education degrees could not be found. The officials, in the advertisement, have asked these teachers to appear in person and submit required documents to prove their existence and employment. Sources added the list was published keeping in mind legal aspects in the drive to end ghost employment in the education sector. The sources added that other districts of Sindh are also preparing such lists for publication.

LAHORE: An enforcement team of the Punjab Revenue Authority (PRA) sealed on Tuesday five restaurants for showing non-compliance in paying sales tax and issued warning letters to two others for not installing the Restaurant Invoice Monitoring System. The team visited three branches of Fri Chick in Taj Bagh, College Road and Bahria Town besides Shaheen Shinwari and Malga Nameek in Johar Town and sealed them for failing to comply with notices served to them a month ago. The team also issued warning letters to German Donar Kebab in the Defence Housing Authority and Donar Kabab/Baba Gosh in Gulberg for showing non-compliance of having RIMS for e-monitoring of sale invoices for efficient tax collection. PRA Deputy Commissioner Zakauallah told Dawn the PRA sealed four premises after the owners refused to comply with a year-long correspondence with the authority. He said approximately 350 restaurants in the provincial capital had got registered with the PRA for a 16 per cent ST submission, adding the authority had also issued notices to 500 more restaurants to bring them into the tax net. The DC said the PRA had identified up to 2,000 restaurants in the city, adding around 800 restaurants in Punjab had so far been registered with the authority.

KARACHI: Notwithstanding the numerous previous decisions to make the CDGK car parking plaza in Saddar functional, a meeting presided over by the Karachi commissioner has decided to make functional the lone car parking plaza building of Pakistan fully functional in the larger public interest. This first multi-storied vehicle parking plaza was constructed in July 2009 with a vision to end chronic traffic jams in Saddar by banning parking on roads and streets. Completed at a cost of Rs 650 million, this mega project is considered as a textbook example of failure of bureaucracy in Karachi to ensure proper utilization of projects on which huge amount of taxpayers’ money is spent. The Saddar parking building has 11 floors, seven of them reserved for parking, two floors house a shopping plaza while remaining two are in basements. This plaza can accommodate 700 cars and 500 motorcycles. It is fully computerized with surveillance, video cameras and also equipped with heavy elevators and standby generator. However, sadly due to bad governance this mega parking plaza is severely underutilized and its modern two-floor shopping plaza is never utilized despite passage of long six years. The cause of the failure of this mega project is that the city administration had failed to declare Saddar a no-parking zone, which is prerequisite for making this mega project functional. However, the meeting presided over by Commissioner Shoaib Siddiqui decided that Saddar would be declared no-parking zone. Traffic police would take action against vehicles parked in the area. A checkpoint district police and traffic police would be set up near the parking plaza. Moreover, encroachments and patharas in the area would be removed. Interestingly, despite all tall claims and decisions of the government, hundreds of patharas are present in Saddar, particularly New Preedy Street area where the car parking plaza is situated. Illegal car parking could be observed on any day in front of the market opposite the plaza building. The government has even failed to get opened the chocked gutter line in front of the car parking plaza building despite the passage of two long years, besides the open manhole in front of the car parking plaza continues lacking gutter cover, posing grave threat for traffic.

SUKKUR: Thousands of employees of the irrigation department across Sindh under the banner of All Sindh Irrigation Trade Union Federation took out a mammoth protest rally from Hyderabad to Garhi Khuda Bakhsh Bhutto pressing the Sindh government to accept their charter of demands, including son quota, timescale and regularization of 10,000 contract employees. They warned the government that they would block the Sindh-Punjab border near Kamu Shaheed and stage a sit-in outside the Chief Minister’s House in Karachi on November 25 if their demands were not accepted by then. The President of All Sindh Irrigation Trade Union Federation (ASITUF), Abdul Rahim Bharo, General-Secretary Iqbal Ahmed Larik, Chairman Khair Muhammad Mari, Divisional President of Larkana Imtiaz Bughio, Ilyas Bhutto and others led the rally.

The protestors carried red flags and shouted slogans in favour of their demands.

Speaking on the occasion Abdul Rahim Bharo said that the irrigation employees had played a key role during the recent floods which were as devastating as the super floods of 2010, and after hectic

Minister vows reforms in staple food industries

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US grants \$1.1m to for Wazir Khan Mosque

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339 more dengue cases reported, one dies

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efforts put in by the employees, Sindh was saved from the devastation of floods. Despite their services to the Sindh government, the irrigation high-ups ignored the poor employees and denied them their legitimate rights. He said that 10,000 contract employees had been rendering services at very low salaries for a long time, but the irrigation department was reluctant to regularize their services. Iqbal Lark, Khair Muhammad Mari and Imtiaz Bughi said that the employees would continue their struggle until the acceptance of their demands. They said that the Secretary of Irrigation, Zaheer Haider Shah, had accepted 19 demands of the employees in this regard and even signed an agreement on May 12, but he later deviated from his commitment and never issued any notification.

LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Labor and Human Resource Raja Ashfaq Sarwar has said that government would bring legislative reforms for mandatory fortification of staple foods as approximately 2-3 percent of GDP is lost every year due to growing unskilled, economically unproductive population resulting in impairment of cognitive development caused by micro nutrient deficiencies. He was addressing the Advocacy Workshop organised by Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and National Fortification Alliance (NFA). The purpose of the workshop was to generate awareness among legislators on food fortification. Around 20 parliamentarians, representatives of United Nations (UN) agencies and development partners attended the workshop. The minister stressed upon the need to improve the access of nutritious food for each and every person as food fortification is a globally recognised strategy to address deficiency of micro-nutrition in the daily food to thrive. GAIN Country Manager Sajjad Imran highlighted, "We have high levels of malnutrition in the country since decades and gradually this nutrition status is getting worse." The results of the 2011 National Nutrition Survey revealed an alarming situation of malnutrition in the country. He highlighted the role of the GAIN to provide technical support in bringing legislative reforms in Pakistan on food fortifications.

Punjab Assembly Youth Caucus Chairman Sardar Vickas Hassan Mokal said, "We would appreciate the technical support by development partners in bringing legislative reforms to strengthen food fortification."

LAHORE: The Aga Khan Trust for Culture-Pakistan and the US Mission Pakistan celebrated the signing of a cooperative agreement supporting the conservation of the Chowk Wazir Khan, a centerpiece of Lahore's historic Walled City. A grant under the United States Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation will provide \$1.1 million to reclaim the chowk's historic urban square to create a shared, community space. The project includes restoring the eastern façade and hujras of the Wazir Khan Mosque, conserving a historic house, and preserving Dina Nath's Well within the chowk. This project is being carried out in coordination with the Punjab government and will complement its urban rehabilitation and infrastructure upgrade project. Praising the work of the Aga Khan Trust, US Consul General Zachary Harkenrider said, "We are honoured to contribute to the conservation of the 17th Century Chowk Wazir Khan, an important place in the hearts of all Lahoris. Aga Khan Trust has done excellent work in the Walled City and we are pleased to support their efforts." This will be the second award under the US Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation in support of the conservation of the Wazir Khan complex. In 2002, the US Embassy funded the restoration of the brick and plasterwork of the mosque's bazaar arcades. The US Embassy, through the Ambassadors Fund for Cultural Preservation, has supported the cultural preservation of 18 sites throughout the country, including the recent start of restoration at Sultan Ibrahim Bin Mirza and Sultan Muhammad Isa Tarkhan tomb, in Makli Hills in Sindh and the Alamgiri Gate of Lahore Fort.

RAWALPINDI: A decision has been taken to upgrade municipal dispensaries to Maternal and Child Health Care Centres (MCHCC) in Rawalpindi to provide medical facilities to the people at grass root level and coordinate anti-polio and anti-dengue campaign. This decision has been taken by Rawalpindi District government. It has also been decided that the administrative control of these dispensaries will be handed over to the District administration rather than the Health Department. As per this decision the dispensaries operating in Dhok Ratta, Mohan Pura, Dhok Matkal, Millat Colony, Sarfraz Road, Dhok Hussoo, Teli Mohalla, Serajia park, Amar pura, Akal garh, 24 dispensaries of Rawal Town, six dispensaries of Pothohar Town and 11 dispensaries of Rawalpindi Cantt will be upgraded in the first phase into MCHCC. The male and female sanitary patrolling officers appointed in connection with anti-dengue campaign will also be attached to these centres, so that a systematic strategy of their monitoring could be evolved.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Ahsan Iqbal here Tuesday underlined the need to sensitise parents about malnutrition issue to obtain desired results of human development index. Talking to a Nestle Pakistan delegation that called on him, he said government has allocated funds for nutrition project in its Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) to address malnutrition issue in the country. The minister said 'Health Kid Project' aims to benefit the people of Islamabad, FATA, Azad Jammu Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan by removing food deficiency. The federal government will act as a role model for all the provinces to follow its footsteps in removing this deficiency in the country that was having adverse impacts on the health of children particularly, he added. Ahsan Iqbal said nutrition is a key area envisaged in Vision-2025 because nutrition is directly linked to overall development of the country.

KARACHI: Dengue viral fever is growing in the city, with hundreds of new cases being reported every week; however, the provincial health department as well as Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) have failed to control the disease. Provincial Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar on Tuesday said 339 more dengue virus cases were reported across the Sindh in a week, out of which 330 patients belonged to Karachi and one patient died due to severe condition. He said in a statement issued here Tuesday that two patients were from Umerkot, 4 were from Mirpurkhas and one each from Sukkur, Larkana and Ghotki. He added a total 2,017 cases of dengue virus have been reported this year so. He said an awareness campaign against dengue virus is going on and it will be completed till end of October. He directed administration of all government and private hospitals to report the cases of dengue virus diagnosed patients to Dr Masood Solangi Program Manager

ICT administration expedites anti-dengue drive

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900 ghost schools in Balochistan, says CM

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Polio teams fail to reach flood-hit areas of Dadu

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Dengue Prevention and Control program in order to maintain the record and to combat against the disease. He also issued directives to the Principal Ghulam Muhammad Mahar medical college Sukkur to ensure the visits of professors and associated professors to Civil Hospital Sukkur so that young doctors might get benefit of their experience. A dengue patient died in a private hospital of Karachi on Tuesday, raising the death toll from dengue viral fever to four in ongoing year. Provincial Program Manager Dengue Prevention & Control Program Sindh Dr Masood Ahmed Solangi confirmed that a 27-year old man, resident of North Nazimabad area of Karachi died from dengue fever late Monday night in a private hospital. He said identity of patient could not be revealed due to privacy matter. He informed that a total four patients have died of dengue viral fever since 1st January 2015; two victims were male and two other female. He said at least 339 dengue viral cases were reported across the Sindh province from 28 September to 04 October, out of which 330 detected from Karachi alone, while four were reported from Mirpurkhas, two from Umerkot, and one each from Sukkur, Larkana and Ghotki. He said a total 2071 dengue fever cases were reported from Sindh province from 1st January 2015 to till time, out of which 2017 were detected from Karachi city. He said out of total 2071 dengue fever reported cases, 2017 were reported from Karachi, 18 from Hyderabad, nine from Larakana, six from Mirpurkhas, five from Umer Kot, four from Shaheed Benazirabad, three each from Sukkur, Thatta & Ghoktki, one each from Sanghar, Shikarpur and Jacobabad.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Tuesday asked the departments concerned for taking effective measures to prevent dengue virus. Islamabad Capital Territory Deputy Commissioner Mushtaq Ahmed chaired a meeting which was attended by ICT Health director, Capital Development Authority Administration director, representatives from all the capital's public and private sector hospitals, officers of Islamabad administration and the local government staff. The meeting reviewed the measures against dengue to prevent disease and mitigate its effects. The Islamabad deputy commissioner directed the union councils (UCs) secretaries to ensure swift disposal of solid waste under supervision of union councils' administrators. Hotspots and high-risk areas like graveyards, garbage dens, junk yards and tyre shops must be cleaned and monitored for solid waste harboring any dengue mosquito larvae. He directed the Health Department to immediately start a campaign of fumigation and insecticide residual spray in four high-risk union councils that have reported maximum number of cases like Rawat, Tarlai, Sohan and Bhara Kahu.

The deputy commissioner directed the field staff to deal with the disease in a befitting manner. He asked the capital's administration officials to personally monitor the field activities of every case response at a personal level bringing and mobilizing all available resources. ICT Health Department Dengue Fever Control Cell In charge Dr Durrani briefed the participants about the current ongoing drive against dengue in the rural areas of the capital. The chair directed all the stakeholders from the public and private sector hospitals to ensure providing best clinical care and management services to the patients seeking dengue fever treatment. He requested the hospital authorities to share timely information of dengue patients' correct and completed address and data enabling the Health Department to offer a timely response.

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch revealed on Monday that there were about 900 ghost schools and 300,000 bogus enrolment of students in the public sector schools in the province. Speaking at a gathering jointly organised by the education department and Unicef to introduce a monitoring system for schools, the chief minister said that some education department officials were behind the business of ghost schools which was not only inflicting a heavy loss on the national exchequer, but also damaging the standard of education in the province. "There are some black sheep in the education department who are behind these ghost schools," he said, adding that such officials also took bribe for transfer and posting of teachers. Malik Baloch held out the assurance that stern action would be taken against the officials involved in the corrupt practice and culture of bribe would be eliminated in the province. No one would be allowed to play with the future of children, he said. He appealed to teachers to fulfil their responsibilities and perform their duty according to rules. The chief minister said his government was working to make the process of recruitments in the education department transparent and was trying to provide all possible facilities to the public sector schools. He said Rs160 billion had been allocated in the budget for salaries of government employees and Rs40bn for development projects.

DADU: Polio teams have failed to administer polio drops to children in the flood hit areas of Dadu district, but they have been sending fake figures to the authorities of covering children under the age of five in the remote areas of the district. Affected residents of various villages and towns have appealed to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and World Health Organization (WHO) representative of Pakistan to take serious notice of the issue and protect their children from polio virus. It is a general complaint of people from the affected areas that the teams do not fulfil their duty owing to a lack of supervision of the district administration, senior officers of the health department and the WHO in the field. The flood hit areas include Moundar, Purano Deero, KT Ghaloo, KT Jatoi, Jhaloo, Saeedpur, KT Keera, Jan Mohammad, Sain Dad Ja Bhan, Fareed Khan, Imam Bux Ja Bhan, Mureed Ja Bhan, Shir Ranjhani, Gul

Mohammad Dawachh, Golo Jo Goth, Ismail Ja Bhan, Imam Bux Machhi Ja Bhan, Buxoo Shahani Ja Bhan, Dano Chandio, Jumoo Khan Chahwan, Nau Goth, Bhand Mari, Jaro Kalhoro, Dodo Kalhoro, Malhi Lakhari, Gulan Lakhari and Nari. The remote areas of Kheer Thar Mountain Range like Shah Godrio, Faridabad, Salari, Mian Naseer Mohammad, Sodo Bodo, Karo Koat, Kafir Koat, Piprasar, Gorakh hills, Nai Gaaj and Hengan fountain are also seriously affected. From Jan 1, 2013, to Feb 28, 2015, four cases of polio were found in the district due to negligence of the health department and district administration. Residents of the affected villages and towns have expressed fear that if polio drops are not administered to their children, they would be infected with the deadly virus. A herdman of KT Jatoi, Shaman Ali, complained that as soon flood water had receded, they returned homes, but not a single team of the health department reached to administer polio drops to their children. A peasant living in KT Kheera, Ghulam Qadir, said Katcho belt from Purano Deero to Aminiani was not

CM pays surprise visit to hospital, doctors found absent suspended

Daily Dawn, October 6, 2015

ICCI asks CDA to repair roads of dry port

Daily Times, October 6, 2015

Shuttle service soon for metro bus stations

Daily Times, October 6, 2015

Tree plantation drive launched in East Karachi

Daily Times, October 6, 2015

covered by polio teams. He alleged that officials of the health department and polio teams had embezzled million rupees by claiming transport allowance and dearness allowance (TA/DA) and fuel charges through fake vouchers of expenditures in the record.

Shah Mohammad of Shah Godrio said that he had not seen a single team in his areas through out his life. There were 35 small and big villages and their population was over 500,00 of which 1,500 children were under age of five years. Similarly, some other people also made the same complaints. In replying to a question about the work of polio teams in field, focal person of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) at district health office Dadu, Dr Abdul Hameed Soomro, said the target was fixed to administer polio drops to 337,495 children in the district from Sept 14 to 17. According to reports sent by polio teams from various areas, 100 per cent polio drops were administered to children according to their target, he said. The opinion of District Health Officer Dr Ali Bux Qadri was also different from the residents of various villages and towns of Katcho and mountain areas. He said 100 per cent target was achieved in all parts of the district. His office had not received single complaint from any area about any polio team, he said. Meanwhile, Additional Deputy Commissioner-I Sukkur Abdul Ghaffar Soomro has warned of stern action against the officials concerned if any child is missed while administering polio drops. He gave warning while presiding over a meeting in connection with an anti-polio campaign at Conference Hall of DC office Sukkur on Monday. The anti-polio campaign would be launched in Sukkur district from 12th Oct 12 to 15.

QUETTA: The Balochistan's secretary of health suspended on Monday a number of doctors and other members of medical staff of civil hospital Quetta for being absent from duties. The chief minister paid a surprise visit to the hospital and found several doctors and other members of the medical staff absent from their duty. He issued directives for the secretary to suspend all absentee members of the staff and take action against them according to rules. Malik Baloch was accompanied by provincial Health Minister Rehmat Saleh Baloch, Secretary Health Noorul Haq Baloch, Principle Secretary to CM Nasim Lehri and other senior officials. The chief minister expressed resentment over non-availability of medicines for the treatment of hepatitis. He directed the secretary health to make a plan for the availability of all necessary medicines, equipment and other facilities in the hospital. He also called for a plan for the training of doctors and other health professionals. The chief minister visited different sections of the hospital.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called upon the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to repair the broken roads of Islamabad Dry Port and Industrial Areas on priority in order to facilitate the growth of trade and industrial activities. Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Atif Ikram said that the capital's Dry Port Road was broken for the last 10 years, but the CDA was paying no attention to its repair due to which the heavy loaded vehicles going to the dry port and industrial areas were facing great problems. He stressed the CDA should work on war footing to repair these roads and restore the faulty streetlights of the said areas. He said that hundreds of cargo vehicles daily ply on dry port and industrial area roads in the capital, but due to dilapidated conditions of these roads, many vehicles develop frequent faults. He said government was earning millions of rupees from dry port and industrial areas in terms of sales tax and excise duty, but was paying no attention to develop these roads at par with international standards due to which business community was facing great inconvenience. ICCI senior Vice President Sheikh Pervez Ahmed and Sheikh Vice President Abdul Waheed said that condition of roads in I11 Sector near Metro Habib Cash and Carry was also pathetic, as these roads were dotted with frequent big potholes. They stressed upon the CDA to repair these broken roads on urgent basis. They observed that the capital was the face of Pakistan but broken roads, faulty streetlights and choked sewerage systems in the capital were damaging the image of whole country. They emphasised the CDA should address the key issues of industrial areas and markets on priority basis that will help in smooth growth of business and industrial activities.

RAWALPINDI: Matters have been settled between the CDA, Regional Transport Authority (RTA) and Metro bus Authority to run shuttle service from different areas of twin cities to specific metro bus stations to facilitate the citizens. Rawalpindi Division Commissioner Zahid Saeed said new buses will run on the pattern of coasters in connection with shuttle service. The facility of this service will be provided to the citizens from specific areas to specific stations of metro bus. These areas will include railway station, Swan Bus Terminal and Air Port Road. Number of buses to be run for this service will be limited so that no traffic problem could be created on Murree Road. Meanwhile, the Rawalpindi RTA has sent a summary to the government for approval for launching air-conditioned bus service from Pir Wadhai General Bus Stand to Kallar Syedan. The service will be started as soon as the summary is approved by the government. This route will commence from Pir Wadhai General Bus Stand which will terminate at Kallar Syedan via Faizabad, Islamabad Expressway and Rawat. As many as 42 air-conditioned buses will run on this route and an affordable fare will be fixed so that every commuter could pay it easily.

KARACHI: Keeping environment clean is our responsibility. It is easy to make tree plantation but caring those plants is more important task like a mother looks after her children. This was stated by Administrator District Municipal Corporation (DMC) East Karachi, Rehmatullah Sheikh while inaugurating a tree plantation campaign, entitled "Green and Peaceful Karachi," on public private partnership basis to create awareness among youth for plantation along with Director Parks DMC East Raza Qaimkhani, Chairman National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) Naeem Qureshi and President Youth Parliament Rizwan Jaffar at Murtaza Park PECHS, here on Monday. Sheikh said that tree plantation is no doubt a great work ork but the first most important work is to keep cleaning areas with awareness. He said that they are ready to offer possible help to keep district east clean and green. He said we should fulfill our responsibility and help NGOs, Communities and other institutions in this regard. Chairman NFEH Naeem Qureshi said while briefing Administrator East that this campaign has been started with the help of Commissioner Karachi, District Municipal Corporation East. Qureshi said 60 saplings are being planted with the help of 35 youths in Murtaza Park, while our target is to plant one lac saplings in the city. Director

SUPARCO inaugurates World Space Week
Daily Times, October 6, 2015

Parks Raza Qaimkhani said at the moment that on the directives of Administrator DMC East, work is going on to keep city clean and green. President NFEH appreciated the cooperation offered by Administrator DMC East. Rahmatullah Sheikh inaugurated the National Forum for Environment and Health's tree plantation campaign by planting a sapling in Murtaza Park PECHS. Founding Chairman Youth Parliament Rizwan Jaffer presented shields to Administrator East Rahmatullah Sheikh and Chairman NFEH Naeem Qureshi. Deputy Director Parks Jamshaid Zone East Iqbal Sheikh was also present there.

KARACHI: The inaugural ceremony of World Space Week (WSW) 2015 was organized on Monday by Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Communication (SUPARCO) here at National Center for Remote Sensing and Geo Information (NCRG). SUPARCO Chairman Qasier Aness Khurram was the chief guest at the ceremony. He formally inaugurated the World Space Week celebrations to be held from October 5-11, said a press release. The Chairman SUPARCO in his welcome address said SUPARCO, as the national space agency of Pakistan is determined to carry out efforts and achieve self reliance in the domain of space sciences for the socio-economic uplift of the country. He said SUPARCO is mandated to create awareness about space technology and applications with students and professionals, hence the celebration of World Space Week is a testimony to this fact. The chairman vowed his commitment to the cause of imparting space education and hoped that youth, students and academia would make the most out of world Space Week celebrations. Secretary SUPARCO Brig (R- Haider Ali Khan said, "the world we live in today would not have been made possible if it were not for space technology. The benefits of space technology have become part and parcel of human living, without it, we would be living in dark ages". The ceremony concluded with inauguration of the space education bus by the Chief Guest and a team of SUPARCO scientists departed to create space related awareness at schools in rural areas of the province.

Students spend a day with soldiers
The News, October 5, 2015

PESHAWAR: Different groups of students and faculty members belonging to Edward School and College, Islamia College, Spin Jamat and Darwesh Mosque Madrassa spent a day with the Pakistan Army troops. The day long programme was specifically organised for students to sensitise them on security and spend time with soldiers on posts. The programme started with wreath laying ceremony at Yadgar-e-Shuhada followed by a visit to Aza Khel Dam post where they met the soldiers guarding the suburbs of Peshawar against any militant's threat to the city said a press release issued here Sunday. The students also visited arms and equipment stalls and participated in small arms fire. The day long programme culminated with thrilling boating experience at the dam.

The students interacted closely with the troops and officers taking keen interest in the programme.

Sindh government to revamp Jacobabad's infrastructure
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KARACHI: HANDS, USAID, UNICEF, government of Sindh (MSDP), Techno Consulting Pakistan, UNHABITAT, and WATER AID PAKISTAN have joined hands to re-establish Jacobabad's infrastructure, including roads, streets, solid waste management system, and water-sanitation structure. "Forty percent of Jacobabad's population in urban areas uses tap water or hand pumps, whereas majority relies on other sources of water. Less than 5% population has access to water in the town and only 3% people have access to improved drinking water. Almost 35% households have access to adequate sanitation," said Ghous Bux Pirzado, Advocacy Officer, Urban Wash Project Hands Jacobabad, in an interview to PPI. He said Jacobabad is facing multifarious problems like acute water shortage, bad road infrastructure, shabby solid waste management system, and battered sanitation structure. The city needs massive restructuring and rehabilitation to provide relief to the citizens. Improvements in water supply and sanitation services, along with adoption of improved hygiene behaviours at household level are direly needed in the city. It is the matter of great concern that majority of citizens still drink low quality water which is arranged through donkey carts, he said. Ghous informed that improving municipal service delivery is one of the many challenges confronting local government institutions. "Many municipalities are struggling to find ways to meet their obligations to deliver services. In some municipalities, the existing facilities for water supply, sewerage, and solid waste management are dysfunctional and require major remedial interventions. " "Making urban service providers accountable to the urban poor remains a major challenge, as their voices are typically not institutionally included in the governing bodies of utilities, and current Public Private Partnership (PPP) models often neglect the urban poor. The urban poor in informal settlements are frequently neglected, as they are mostly considered illegal occupants," he said. He informed that to make Urban WASH Project as big success that could boost the beauty of the city to high level, HANDS as stakeholder has started mobilisation for the project so that citizens could own it. He said that HANDS has formed Muhalla WASH Committees in eight union councils of the city besides forming School WASH Clubs at school level. The Urban WASH Project team has held meetings with Deputy Commissioner Jacobabad regarding project activities progress at Deputy Commissioner Office Jacobabad and shared implementation strategy. "The Urban WASH Project team has also held meetings at different venues with all project stakeholders of MSP. A meeting was also held with USAID Advisor Dr Zulfiqar Gorar at Hotel Al Harmin Jacobabad regarding the implementation strategy by HANDS," he said "During the meeting we briefed him that our targets are 275,000 population of eight union councils of Jacobabad city." Ghous said: " HANDS has hired 16 social mobilizers, four union council supervisors, two senior social mobilizers, behaviour change communication officer for BCC activities, advocacy officer, communication officer, planning monitoring and evaluation (PME) and project manager." Secondly, we made eight SMTs for all eight targeted union councils of Jacobabad. A SMT is consisting of one male and one female social mobilizer.

Forest Department sets up satellite-based GIS Laboratory
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LAHORE: Geographic Information System Laboratory has been set up in Punjab Forests Department for helping in development steps, management and checking of forests on scientific basis at a cost of Rs 50 million. In the light of the information obtained on scientific basis from the laboratory, not only forests will be protected, but information will also be got about the resources and steps taken for increasing the forests. While presiding over a departmental meeting, Provincial Minister for Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries Malik Muhammad Asif Bha Awan said that highly qualified and experienced

Teaching hospital sans ICU, CCU, burns unit

Daily Dawn, October 5, 2015

No power supply to defaulters: Mepco

Daily Dawn, October 5, 2015

Protests against PMDC ban on new admissions to Sukkur medical college

Daily Dawn, October 5, 2015

staff has been recruited for looking after technical matters and benefiting from this laboratory which included manager geographic information system, geographic information analyst, data analyst, draftsman and computer operator. The laboratory will work under the control of conservator working plan. He said that comprehensive information will be obtained from this laboratory in a very short period. He said that help is being taken from this laboratory for future planning of 27 kanal forests spreading over 170,174 acre land and 68 river forests on 52,500 acre land comprising Kasur, Okara, Lahore, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Muzaffargarh, Sargodha, Mianwali, Multan, Chichawatni, Sahiwal, Gujranwala, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Jhang, Layyah and other forest divisions. He said that the preparation of maps of forests is being made through geographic information system, which include getting record from Revenue Department and technical information of forests. Malik Asif said that training is being arranged for newly recruited staff, besides proper utilisation of modern scientific machinery and equipment. He said that help is also being sought from SPARCO for this laboratory and provision of information and photographs through satellite is also being arranged so that scientific information could be used for proper management of forests. The minister said that GIS Laboratory has also published a brochure containing latest maps of 25 forests spreading over 166,302 acre land. He said that efforts are being made for further protecting forests on scientific basis.

SIALKOT: The Allama Iqbal Memorial Hospital, the biggest hospital of the district, has been functioning without any intensive care unit (ICU) since its establishment in 1964. It has no burn unit while its coronary care unit (CCU) of cardiac ward has been turned into a storeroom and the patients are referred to hospitals in other cities of Punjab. The condition of the hospital did not improve even after getting the status of a teaching hospital and it does not look like improving in the near future. Some years ago, the hospital came under the direct control of the Khwaja Muhammad Safdar Medical College after getting the status of a teaching hospital. The hospital's Medical Superintendent Dr Khalid Faiz Butt said some temporary ICUs were established in the past but they had to be closed due to insufficient arrangements. He said the hospital management had no other option but to refer the patients in serious condition to other cities due to unavailability of the ICU. Dr Butt added the hospital management was trying to get help from the philanthropists of the Sialkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) to set up an ICU. He said Rs2 million were required for the purpose and hospital was in dire need of funds. Khwaja Muhammad Safdar Medical College (KMSMC) Principal Dr Zafar Chaudhry said efforts were underway to establish an ICU at the hospital at least for the adult patients. He said the KMSMC had established a neo-natal ICU in children ward for the first time at the hospital. The people of Sialkot are waiting for Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Gujranwala Commissioner Shumail Ahmed Khawaja to look into the matter and ensure the establishment of important units at the hospital.

MULTAN: Multan Electric Power Company (Mepco) chief executive officer Fazalullah Durrani said the electricity to defaulters would not be supplied. This he said while speaking at a meeting at the Mepco Headquarters here on Sunday. He said that a taskforce would be established to launch a crackdown on the defaulters across the region. He said the poor performance of officers and other staff would be mentioned in their annual confidential reports. Mr Durrani directed the officials to immediately sever connections of electricity supply to defaulters. "One lineman should be assigned the task of checking connections of defaulters in every sub-division and action will be taken against the lineman if the connection of any defaulter is found functional," he said. He directed that meters which were replaced for being faulty should be checked while a fine should be imposed on consumers involved in the electricity theft and wanted to replace their meters.

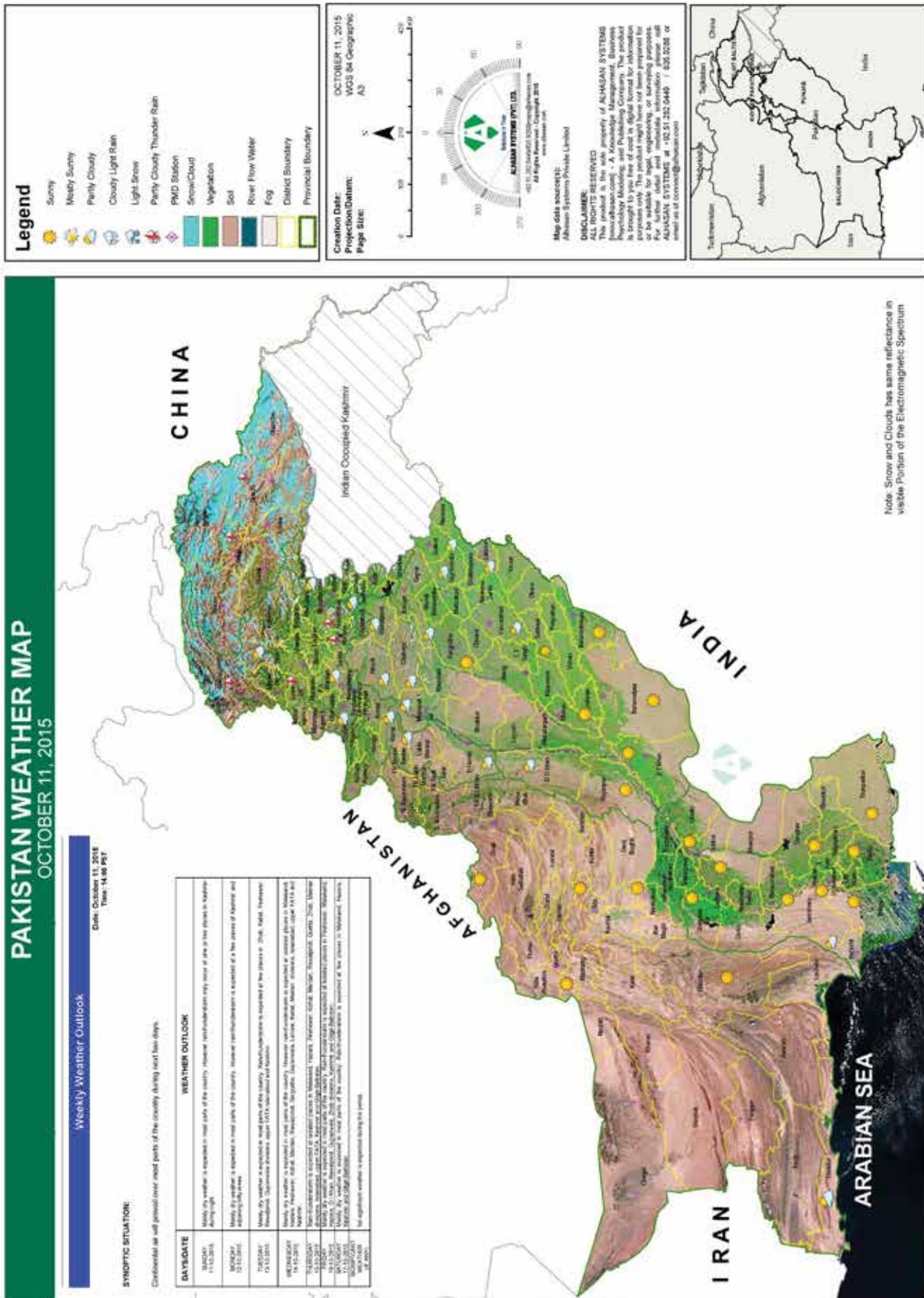
SUKKUR: A large number of teachers, students, members of civil society and general public and employees of the Ghulam Muhammad Mahar Medical College took to the streets here the other day to protest imposition of ban on admissions in the beleaguered medical college by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council. The protesters marched in procession to the press club where they held a demonstration. The PMDC issued a notice to the college on Sept 15 following a visit of the college by its inspection team on June 15, detailing 'deficiencies' in the institution including infrastructure issues and shortage of faculty and equipment as per the set criteria. The council's official website said 'admission stopped' in the GMMMC for the session 2015-16. The protesters' leaders Dr Rafiq Memon, Zulfiqar Mahar, Yar Mohammad Katpar and others said the ban was an injustice with Sukkur residents and demanded that not only the ban be lifted from new admissions but recruitment of doctors and paramedics be also made and construction work of the college's building be completed immediately. The college employees took out a separate rally which also terminated in front of the press club. The protesters urged the government to come to the rescue of the only medical college of Sukkur. Earlier, Sindh Minister for Local Bodies Syed Nasir Hussain Shah visited the medical college a couple of days before and vowed that the closure of GMMMC, a constituent college of the Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU), would not be acceptable nor would it be allowed.

He said that all the issues on the basis of which the college had been given a notice by the PMDC would be resolved. The Sindh chief minister would extend every kind of help in this regard and PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari would also be contacted to rescue the college, he said. The minister told journalists after meeting the college management at the office of the principal that all the problems including shortage of teachers and staff would be resolved on a priority basis. Transfer of faculty members from the GMMMC to other colleges was unjust and "we are trying to talk to higher authorities in this regard," he said. According to the sources, most of the senior faculty members of the GMMMC have been transferred to Khairpur Medical College in Khairpur, hometown of the Sindh chief minister, which has resulted in the 'deficiencies' pointed out by the PMDC. Mr Shah said the college was being deprived of its share in the funds collected by SMBBMU from self-financing scheme and he would talk to the university's vice chancellor about it. He said the medical college was the right of Sukkur residents and efforts would be made to raise its budget to help complete remaining work on the construction of the college building. "We have to save the college at any cost," he said. He said the budget of Sukkur civil hospital had also been raised to Rs200 million to resolve

**Islamabad Expressway
Signal-free Corridor will
lessen traffic woes: CDA**
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the hospital's nagging issues and help it purchase MRI and CT scan machines.

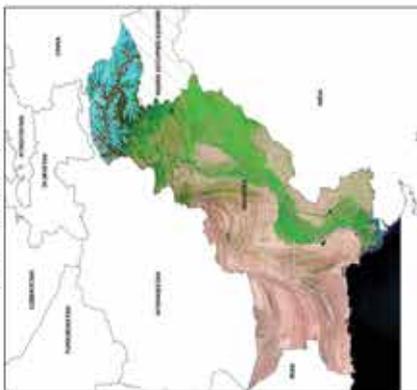
ISLAMABAD: Inaugurated on July 1, this year by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the signal-free corridor of the capital from Zero Point to Rawat will ease the agonies of many commuters who travel daily to the capital for one pretext or the other. The completion of 25 km Islamabad Expressway Signal-Free Corridor will not only ensure uninterrupted traffic flow at the main artery, but also reduce travel time from 40 minutes to 20 minutes. Being established with a cost of Rs 21.814 billion, the signal-free corridor would be executed in three phases, where work on the first phase was in full swing and would be completed within a period of four months, said Capital Development Authority's spokesman, Ramzan Sajid. It is pertinent to mention that first phase of the project was consisted of 4 km road from Zero Point to Faizabad including an interchange at I8 crossing where long queues of vehicles were witnessed particularly during peak hours. During the first phase, the existing three lanes on each side of the project would be replaced with four flexible lanes along with grade separated facility. The CDA spokesman said digging phase from Zero Point Interchange to Faizabad Flyover Bridge had been completed, while carpeting of newly constructed line at each side from Zero Point to I8 crossing was also in progress that would be completed within a month. He said work on the project would be completed in scheduled time, adding, erection of pillars of interchange at the I8 signal was also in full swing. In the second phase, existing five lanes would be rehabilitated with the addition of grade-separated facility and service roads on either side would be dulaised and rehabilitated. Sajid said the CDA had started planning to start work on second phase, which consist of 8.5 km road from Faizabad to Koral Chowk. "Documentation process for the second phase has already been started," he mentioned. At the third phase, which consists of 12.5 km road Koral to GT Road, four lanes on each carriageway with grade-separated facility would be established. The project consists of six interchanges, which include full cloverleaf interchange at I8 Intersection, interchange at Sohan, full cloverleaf interchange at Khanna Intersection, full cloverleaf interchange at Airport/ Karal Chowk, partial cloverleaf interchange and one interchange at GT Road as well as up gradation of Faizabad Interchange. In addition to these, six vehicular underpasses and overpasses would be also constructed at different busy locations. Moreover, establishment of traffic control centres equipped with modern technologies and installation of latest security system are among the scope of the project. "We are trying to complete the whole project in shortest possible time to facilitate thousands of commuters plying on the Rawat-Islamabad section of the expressway," the CDA spokesman underlined. People living in Rawat, PWD, Media Town, Bahria Town, Jinnah Gardens, Soan Gardens and other localities alongside the expressway express joy after the start of the project and said that it would ensure smooth flow of traffic, besides saving their time and preventing them from fatigue. "It is really a difficult task to travel on this road particularly from Koral Chowk to my home at Police Foundation housing society due to heavy traffic comprising of trucks, public transport and other vehicles," said Waheed Arshad, an employee of a private firm. He welcomed the project saying that it would definitely mitigate the woes of thousands of people living in these localities. Fahad, a resident of Media Town, said the project would provide a comfortable drive to scores of individuals who visit the central city daily, however, "we should also not ignore the environmental effects of the project as a number of trees would be cut down during the project." Responding to this apprehension, Ramzan Sajid said the CDA would also plant a number of saplings along both sides of Islamabad Expressway under the project. "The authority will follow the Environment Protection Agency's guidelines in this regard by planting four times more trees during the project," he mentioned. An environmental impact assessment was in progress under the guidance of a leading environmental agency, the spokesman added.



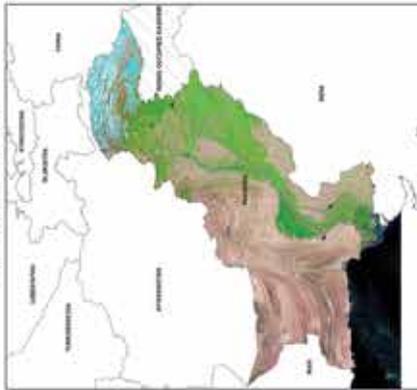
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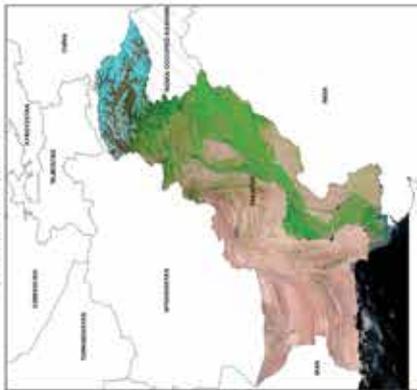
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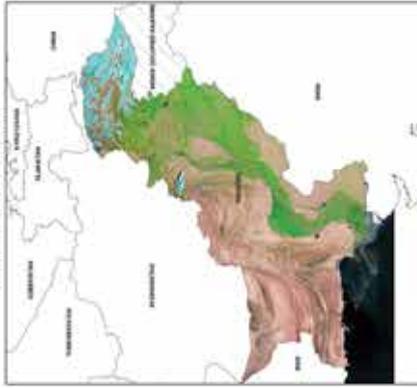
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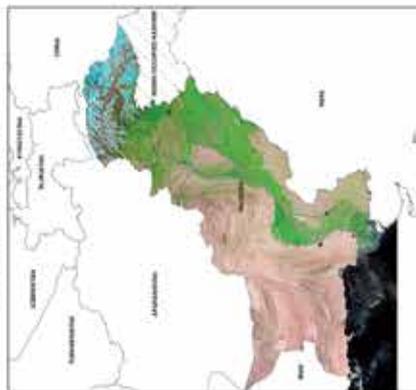
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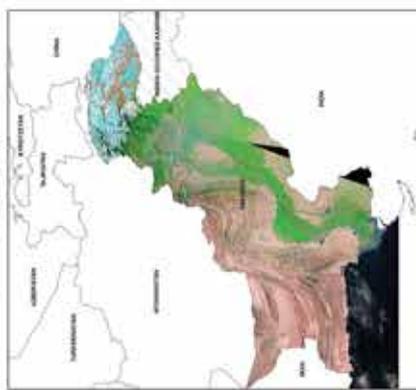
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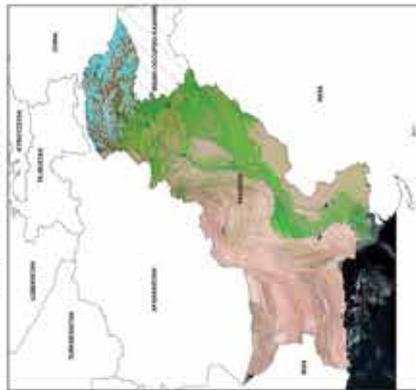
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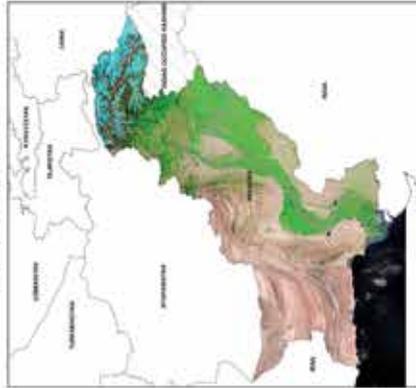
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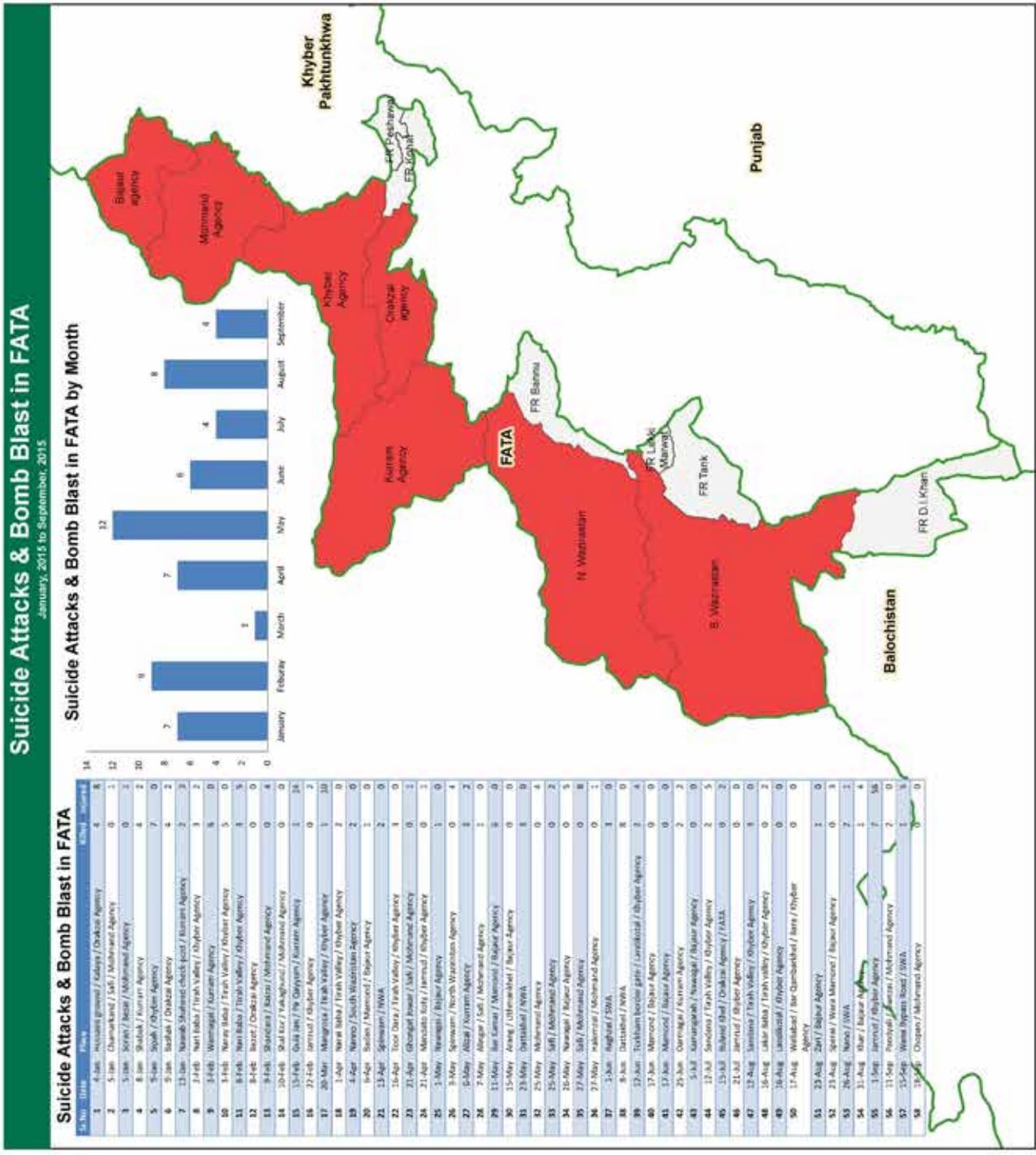
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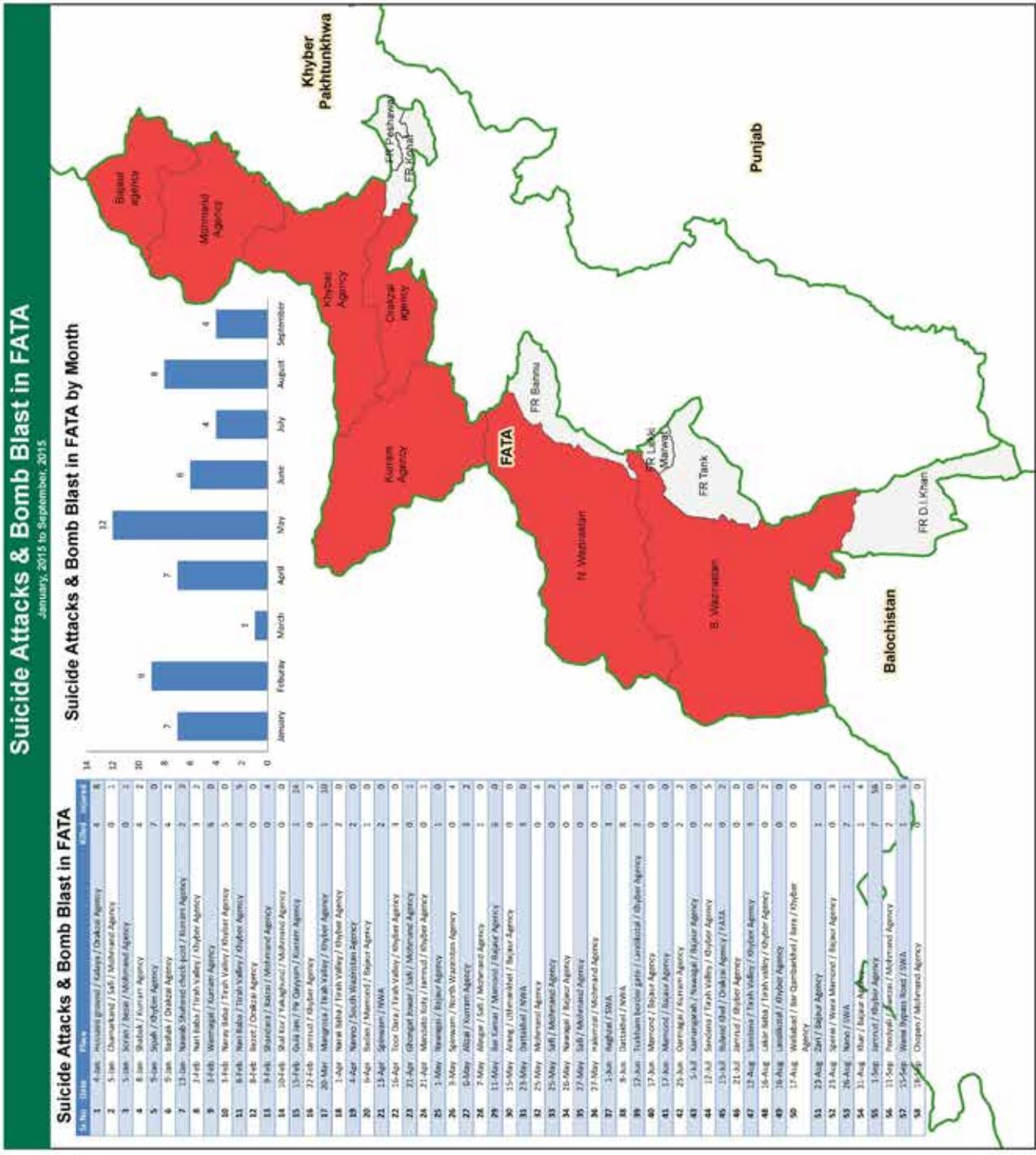
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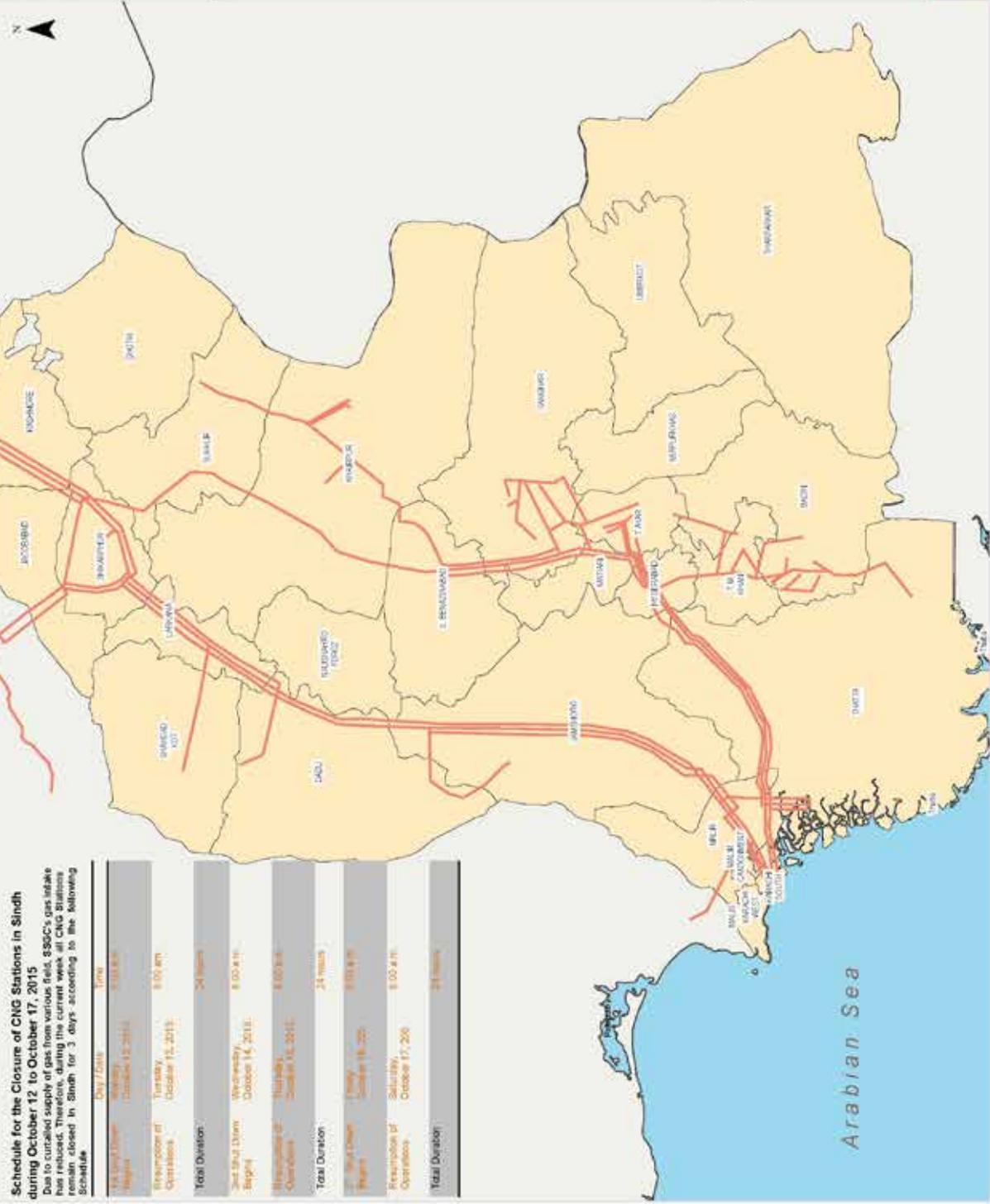
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CNG Sector Gas Load Management Plan-Sindh

As of October 12 to October 17, 2015



Schedule for the Closure of CNG Stations in Sindh during October 12 to October 17, 2015
 Due to curtailed supply of gas from various fields, SSGC's gas intake from the CNG stations in Sindh will be reduced. CNG stations remain closed in Sindh for 3 days according to the following Schedule:

Region	Day/Days	Time
Thatta Division	Monday, October 12, 2015	10:00 AM
Thatta Division	Tuesday, October 13, 2015	8:00 AM
Total Duration:		24 hours
Badkhan Division	Wednesday, October 14, 2015	8:00 AM
Badkhan Division	Thursday, October 15, 2015	8:00 AM
Total Duration:		24 hours
Badkhan Division	Friday, October 16, 2015	8:00 AM
Badkhan Division	Saturday, October 17, 2015	8:00 AM
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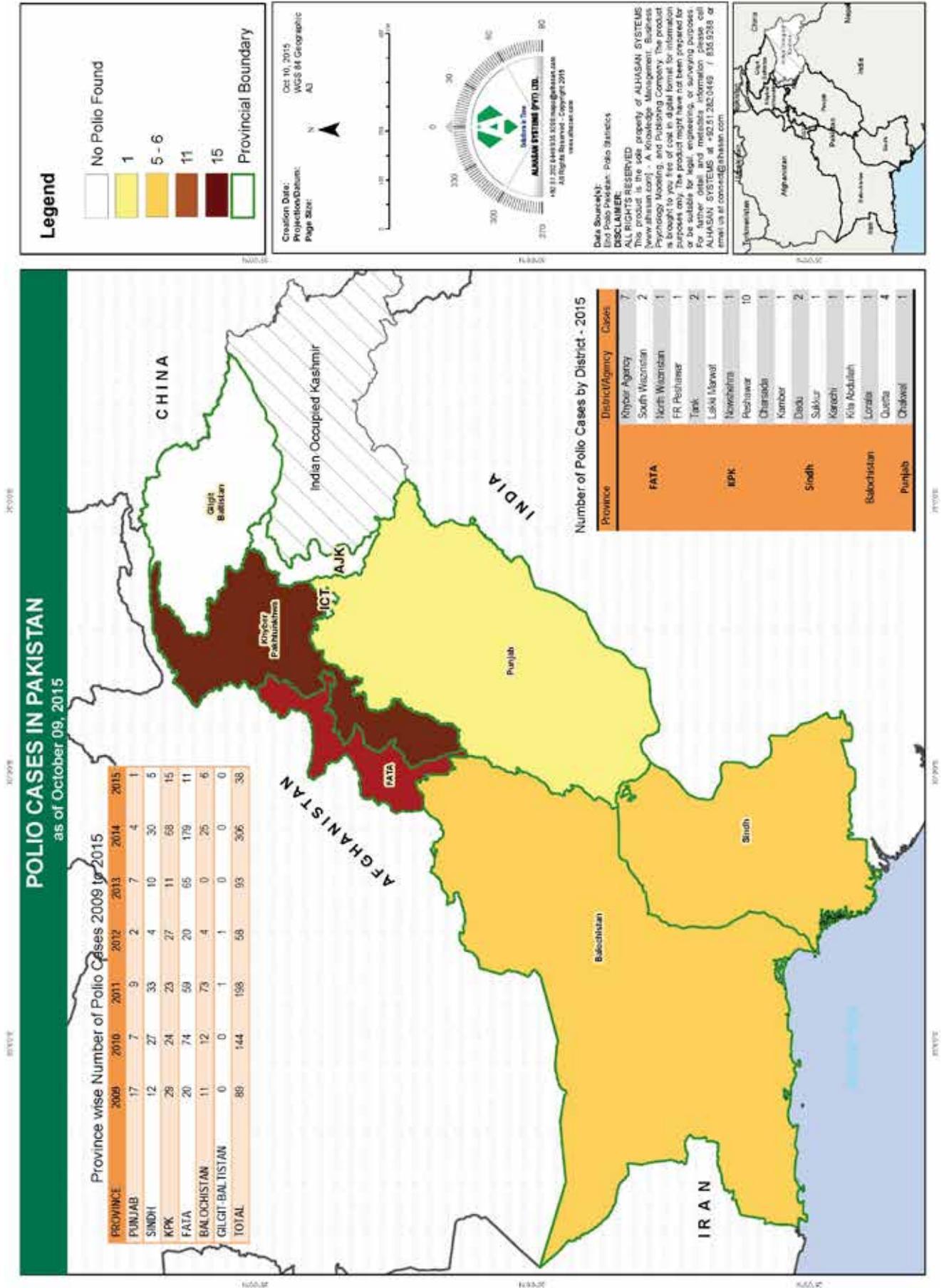
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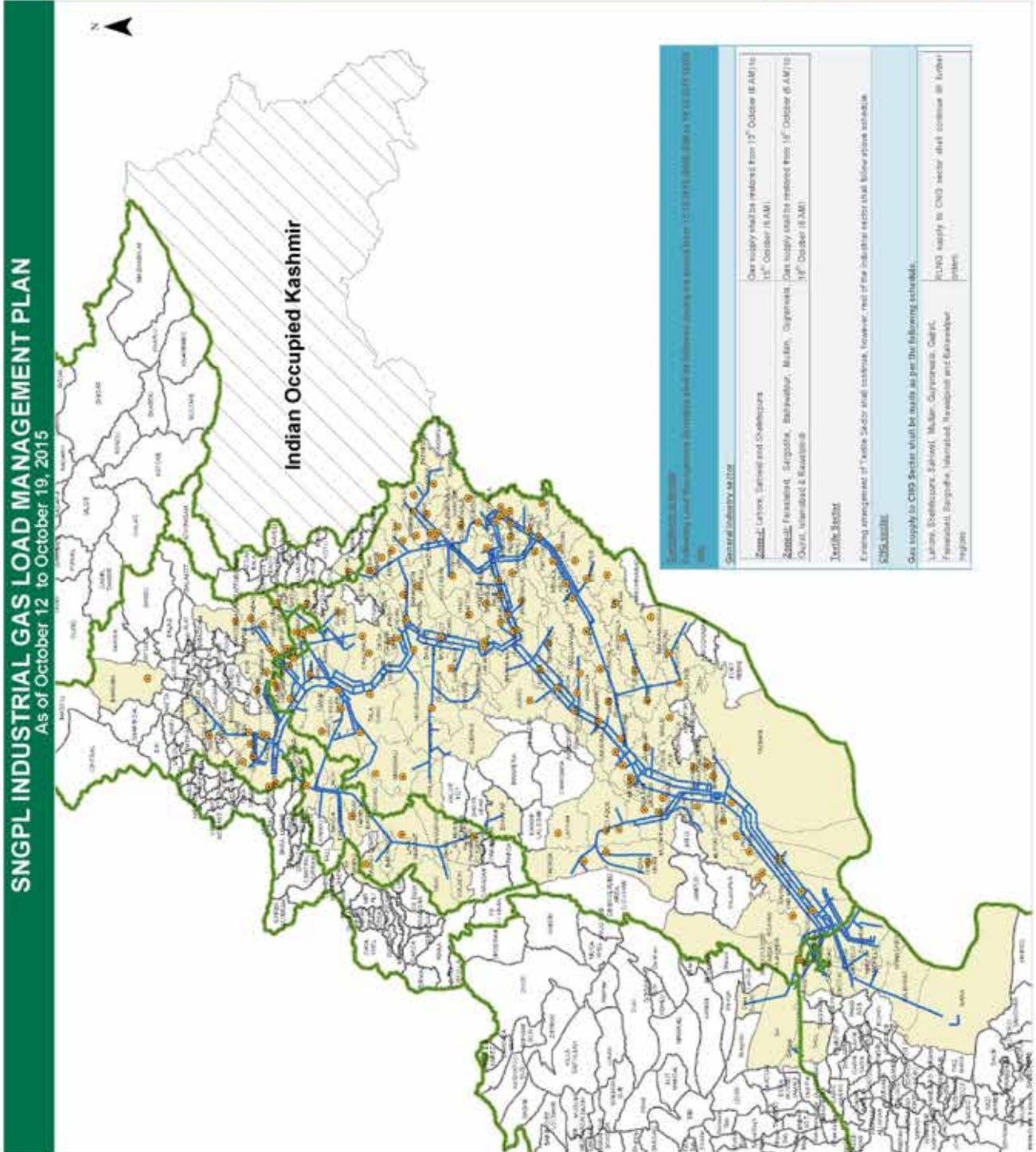
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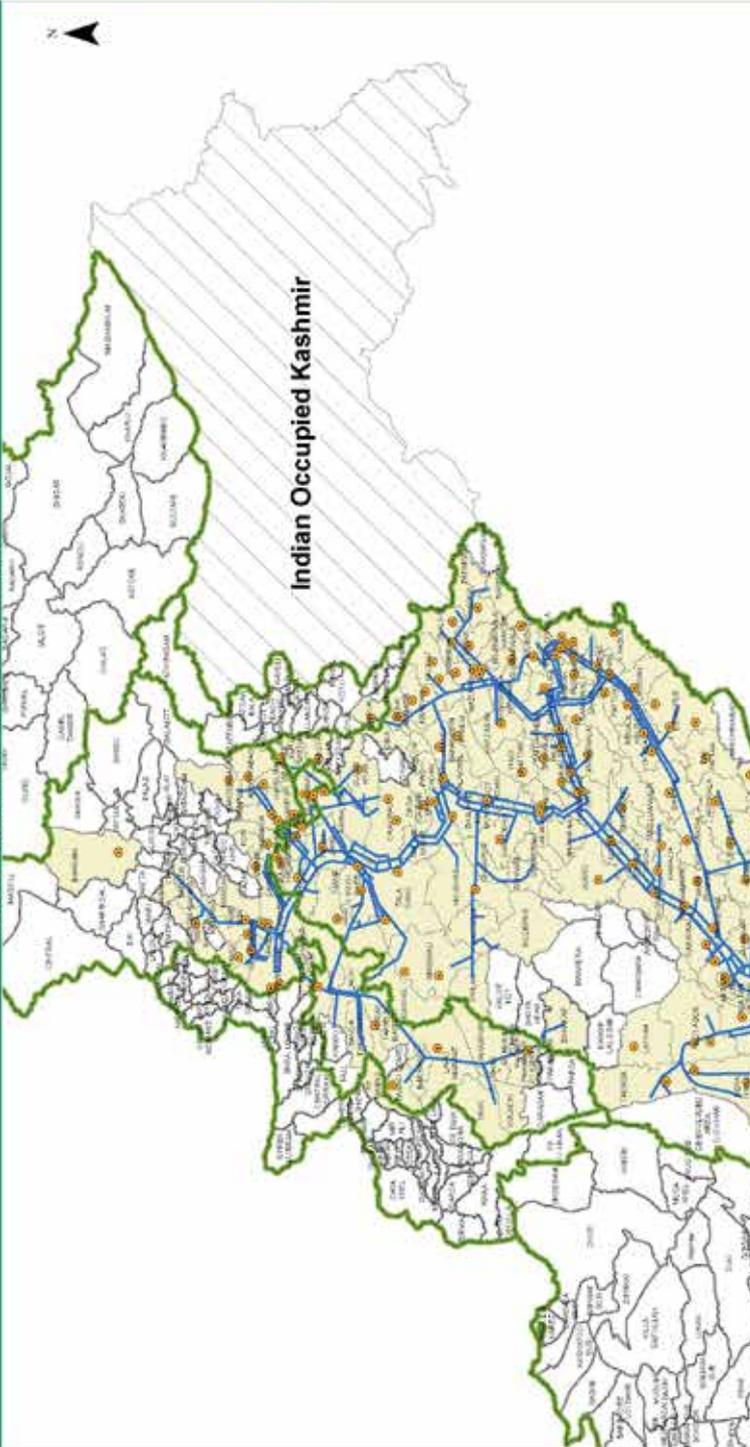
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SNGPL INDUSTRIAL GAS LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN
 As of October 12 to October 19, 2015



Following Load Shedding Schedules shall be followed during the period from 12th Oct 2015 (Wed) till 19th Oct 2015 (Tues)

General Industry (M/T/W)

Zone-1: Lahore, Faisalabad and Gujranwala	Gas supply shall be reduced from 12 th October (E AM) to 13 th October (E AM).
Zone-2: Faisalabad, Sargodha, Bahawalpur, Multan, Dera Gwajhar, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad & Rawalpindi	Gas supply shall be reduced from 15 th October (E AM) to 16 th October (E AM).

Terrific Sector

Existing arrangements of Terrific Sector shall continue, however, rest of the industrial sector that follow above schedule.

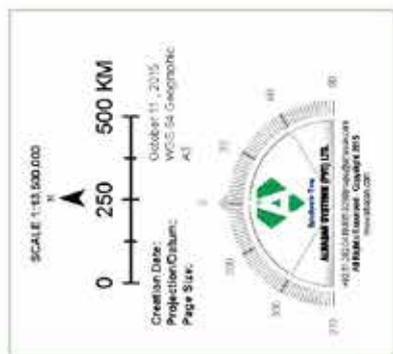
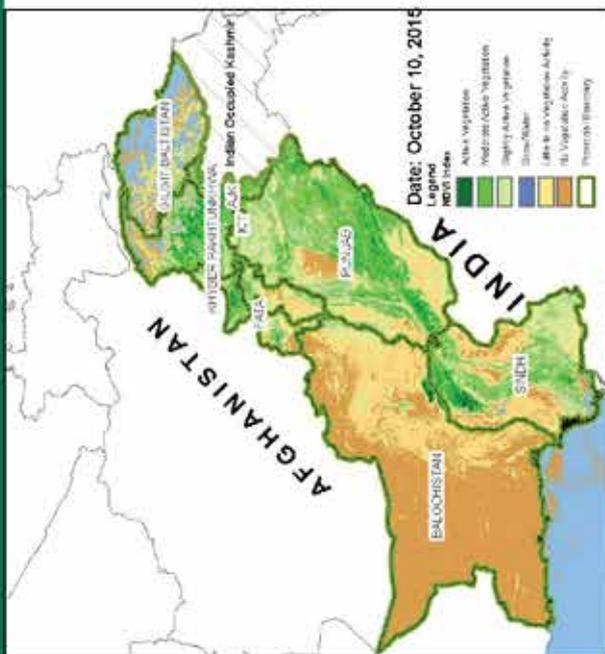
SNGP Sectors

Gas supply to CIND Sectors shall be made as per the following schedule.

Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Multan, Gujranwala, Dera Gwajhar, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Bahawalpur Regions	PLND supply to CIND sector shall continue till further orders.
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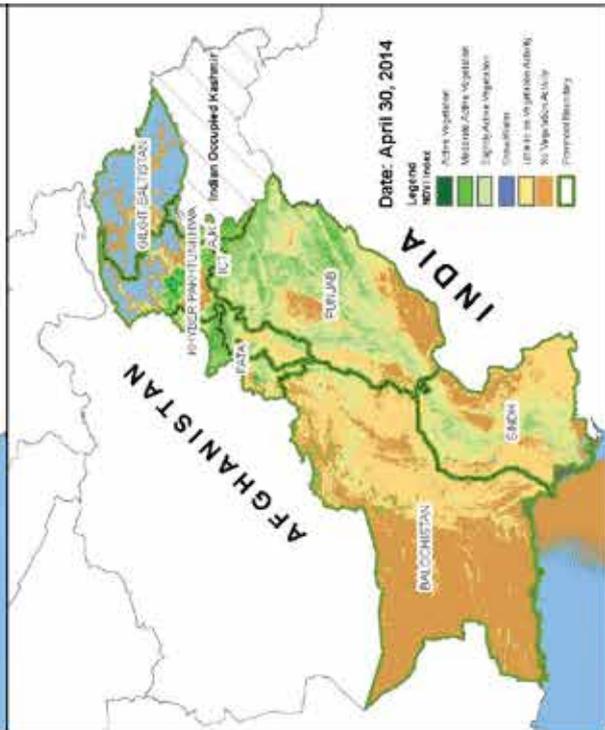
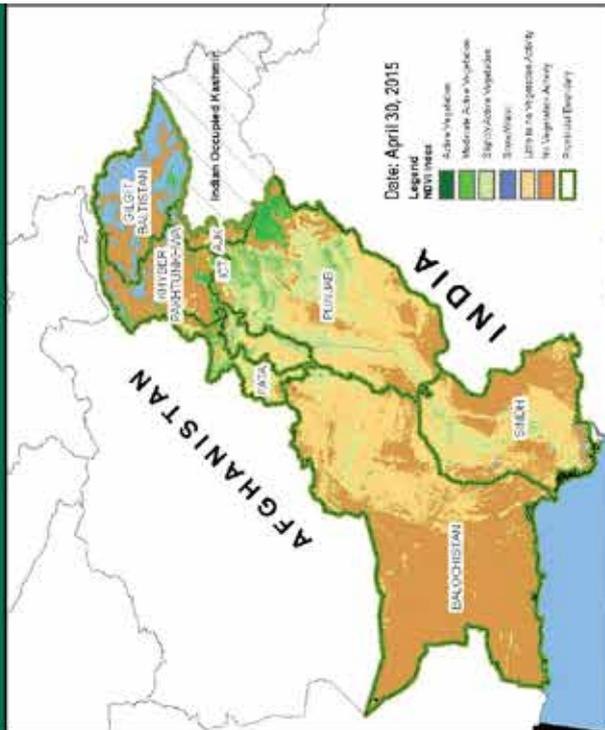
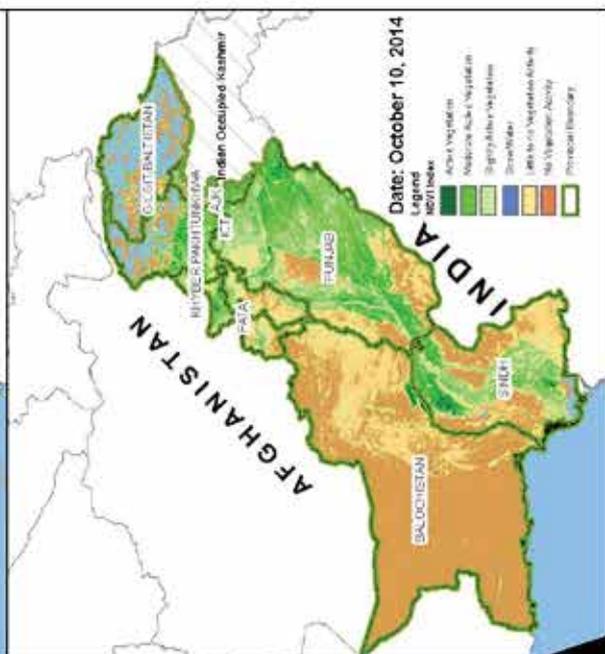
Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈہرنے اسپیشل سیکریٹری صحت ڈاکٹر ریاض مبین کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ سرکاری ہسپتالوں سے دوائوں کی چوری روکنے کے لئے ایک اسپیشل ٹاسک فورس قائم کریں اور اس گھنائونے جرم میں ملوث افراد کو کیفر کردار تک پہنچائیں۔ یہ ہدایت انہوں نے اپنے دفتر میں منعقدہ ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے دی انہوں نے کہا کہ سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں کروڑوں روپے کی دوائیں مریضوں کے لئے خریدی جاتی ہیں اور ان پر صرف مریضوں کا حق ہے دوائوں کی چوری میں ملوث افراد مریضوں کے لئے تکلیف کا باعث ہیں جو قابل شرم بات ہے دوائوں کی چوری میں ملوث افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے خلاف قانون کے مطابق ایف آئی آر درج کرائی جائیں کیونکہ ایسے افراد کسی بھی رعایت کے مستحق نہیں ہیں

سرکاری اسپتالوں سے دوائوں کی چوری

روکنے کیلئے اسپیشل ٹاسک فورس قائم

کرنے کی ہدایت

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کراچی (سید محمد عسکری، اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی محکمہ تعلیم کے تحت کالج کیڈر میں لیکچرار سے اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر کی ترقیوں اور تقرریوں میں سنگین بے قاعدگیوں کا انکشاف ہوا ہے بتایا جاتا ہے کہ محکمہ تعلیم حکومت سندھ کی جانب سے 23 ستمبر 2015 کو لیکچرار سے اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر میں ترقیوں اور تقرریوں کا جو نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کیا گیا تھا اس میں اس فہرست میں 28 خواتین اور 10 مرد لیکچرار کے نام شامل نہیں کئے گئے ذرا لگے کے مطابق 27 فروری کو ہونے والی ڈیپارٹمنٹل پروموشن کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں 272 خواتین لیکچرار اور 223 مرد لیکچرار کی ترقیوں کی منظوری دی گئی تھی لیکن 7 ماہ کے طویل انتظار کے بعد جب یہ لسٹ جاری کی گئی تو اس لسٹ میں 28 خواتین اور 10 مرد لیکچرار کے نام شامل نہیں کئے گئے، ان اساتذہ نے جب محکمہ تعلیم سے رابطہ کیا تو بتایا گیا کہ ان کی سالانہ رپورٹ موجود نہیں ہے۔ ذرا لگے کے مطابق ان تمام اساتذہ کے پروموشن کیس ریجنل آفسز کی جانب سے مکمل طور پر جمع کروائے گئے ہیں، جس کے باعث یہ اساتذہ شدید بے چینی کا شکار ہیں اور محکمہ تعلیم کے چکر لگا رہے ہیں۔ نیز اس لسٹ کے مطابق مسلم سائنس کالج حیدرآباد میں اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر کی اسامی ناہونے کے باوجود تین، اساتذہ، گورنمنٹ کالج حیدرآباد کالی موری میں ایک اور ایس ایس کالج حیدرآباد میں دو آسامیوں پر تین اسسٹنٹ پروفیسرز کی تعیناتیاں کر دی گئی ہیں۔ اسی طرح ابن رشد گرلز کالج، قاسم آباد کالج حیدرآباد، کوٹری کالج میں بھی اسامیاں ناہونے کے باوجود تقرریاں کی گئی ہیں۔ جب فروری کو ہونے والی ڈیپارٹمنٹل پروموشن کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں 272 خواتین لیکچرار اور 223 مرد لیکچرار کی ترقیوں کی منظوری دی گئی تھی اس وقت مرد اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر کی 275 اور خواتین اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر کی 225 اسامیاں موجود تھیں۔ لیکن ترقیوں کے وقت نامعلوم وجوہات کی بناء پر مرد اسسٹنٹ پروفیسرز کی اسامیوں پر خواتین کو اور خواتین اسسٹنٹ پروفیسرز کی اسامیوں پر مرد لیکچرار کو ترقیاں دے دی گئیں جس کے باعث 2005 میں بھرتی ہونے والی خواتین لیکچرار 10 سال بعد گرڈ 18 میں ترقی پا گئیں جبکہ 2000 میں بھرتی ہونے والے مرد لیکچرار 15 سال گزرنے کے باوجود بھی ترقی نہیں پاسکے جس کے باعث مرد لیکچرار شدید بددلی کا شکار ہیں۔ محکمہ تعلیم حکومت سندھ نے مرد اور خواتین اساتذہ کی الگ الگ سینئیرٹی لسٹ تشکیل دی ہوئی ہیں جبکہ سندھ سول سرونٹ، پرومیشن، کنفرمیشن اینڈ، سینئیرٹی رولز 1975 کی سیکشن 9 کے مطابق مرد اور خواتین کی ایک ہی لسٹ ہونی چاہیے۔

محکمہ تعلیم اسسٹنٹ پروفیسر کی ترقیوں

اور تقرریوں میں سنگین بے قاعدگیوں

کا انکشاف

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی میں ڈینگی وائرس سے ایک اور ہلاکت ہو گئی ہے۔ جس کے بعد رواں سال شہر میں ڈینگی سے ہونے والی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 4 ہو گئی ہے۔ جبکہ ڈینگی کے کیسز کی تعداد 4 ہزار سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق کراچی کے نجی اسپتال میں 2 اکتوبر کو ناظم آباد کارہائشی 23 سالہ شخص ڈینگی وائرس سے انتقال کر گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق محکمہ صحت اور محکمہ مالیات سندھ کی عدم توجہ کے باعث ڈینگی پریوینشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کو فنڈز جاری نہیں ہو سکے جس کے باعث اسپرے مہم اور لاروا کش ادویات کا چھڑکاؤ نہیں کیا جا رہا اور کراچی میں تیزی سے ڈینگی کے کیسز میں اضافہ ہوتا جا رہا ہے۔ ڈینگی پریوینشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام کی اپنی جاری کردہ رپورٹ کے مطابق صرف گزشتہ ہفتے شہر میں ڈینگی کے 330 کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں یہ تعداد رجسٹرڈ کیسز کی ہے جبکہ رجسٹرڈ نہ ہونے والے کیسز کی تعداد اس سے کہیں زیادہ ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق رواں سال شہر میں ڈینگی کیسز کی تعداد 4 ہزار سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے۔ طبی ماہرین کے مطابق اگر اسپرے مہم اور لاروا سائٹیل ایکٹیو پیٹی نہ کی گئی تو ڈینگی وائرس واپائی صورت اختیار کر لے گا۔ اس سلسلے میں ڈینگی پریوینشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کے مینیجر ڈاکٹر مسعود سولنگی سے رابطہ کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی تاہم ان سے رابطہ نہ ہو سکا۔

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سندھ ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن کے تحت

چلنے والے 280 گھوسٹ اسکول بند، فنڈ روک لئے گئے

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن نے 280 گھوسٹ اسکولوں کا سراغ لگا کر انہیں بند کر دیا ہے اور ان کی فنڈنگ روک دی گئی ہے یہ اسکول کراچی سمیت سندھ کے دیگر اضلاع میں عالمی ڈونر ایجنسیوں کے تعاون سے چل رہے تھے اور انرومنٹ کے غلط اور جعلی اعداد و شمار پیش کر کے سندھ ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن سے ایک عرصے تک فنڈز لیتے رہے تاہم جب ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن کی سربراہناہید شاہ درانی نے اپنے عہدے کا چارج سنبھالا اور ایک ٹیم تشکیل دی اور ٹیم کے ہمراہ ان اسکولوں کا دورہ کیا تو معلوم ہوا کہ اسکولوں میں دی گئی انرومنٹ کے مطابق طلبہ موجود ہی نہیں ہیں جبکہ ان اسکولوں میں سہولیات کا بھی شدید فقدان ہے۔ اسکول عملی طور پر غیر فعال ہو چکے تھے، اسکولوں میں طلبہ کے لئے بیت الخلاء موجود نہیں تھے جبکہ درجنوں اسکول ایسے بھی تھے جن کے کمرہ جماعت نہ ہونے کے سبب بچوں کو دھوپ میں بٹھا کر کلاسز لی جارہی تھیں جبکہ سندھ ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن سے اس سلسلے میں مستقل بنیادوں پر فنڈز بھی لئے جا رہے تھے۔ فائونڈیشن کے ”انٹری گریڈ ایجوکیشن لرننگ پروگرام کے تحت یہ اسکول کراچی، سیہون، کھاجور، دادو، میرپور خاص اور ٹھٹھہ کے علاوہ دیگر اضلاع میں بھی قائم تھے جبکہ کراچی میں یہ اسکول غریب آبادیوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے باشندوں کے بچوں کو مفت تعلیم دینے کے لئے کورنگی اور بن قاسم کے علاقے ریڑھی گوٹھ میں بنائے گئے تھے فائونڈیشن کی جانب سے ان اسکولوں کو چالنے والی انتظامیہ کو ابتداء میں انتہائی خطوط اور اظہار وجوہ کے نوٹس دیئے گئے اور ان دورہ کرنے کے بعد ان کے کنٹریکٹ میں توسیع روک دی گئی ہے۔ فائونڈیشن کی سربراہناہید شاہ درانی نے بتایا کہ اسکولوں کے کنٹریکٹ میں توسیع روکنے سے عارضی طور پر 35 ہزار بچے متاثر ہوئے ہیں تاہم ان کے لئے فوری بندوبست کیا جا رہا ہے جبکہ اس پروگرام کے تحت نئے اسکول کھولنے سے 40 ہزار نئے طلبہ کو تدریس کے مواقع ملے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے عالمی بینک پر زور دیا ہے کہ وہ کم قیمت پر بجلی کی پیداوار کے معاملے میں سندھ حکومت سے تعاون کرے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہمارے کولے کے ذخائر دنیا کے بڑے ذخائر میں سے ہیں جن کے ذریعے ہم صدیوں تک اپنی توانائی کی ضروریات کو پورا کر سکتے ہیں اور صوبے میں کولے کی بنیاد پر ماحول دوست بجلی کی پیداوار میں ہم عالمی بینک کا تعاون چاہتے ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار آج انہوں نے سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا، جو چیئر ILLango Patchamuthu وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کراچی میں ورلڈ بینک کے نئے کنٹری ڈائریکٹر الینگو پچاموتھو وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس آئے ہوئے تھے۔ ملاقات میں صوبائی سینئر وزیر برائے خزانہ سید مراد علی شاہ، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے پرنسپل سیکریٹری علم الدین بلو، اے سی ایس ڈیو پلینٹ انچارج علی خان، سیکریٹری خزانہ سہیل راجپوت بھی موجود تھے۔ ملاقات میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے عالمی بینک کو سندھ صوبے میں کولے کے ذریعے پاور جنریشن کے منصوبوں میں مالی تعاون کرنے پر زور دیا۔ جس پر عالمی بینک کے نمائندے نے کہا کہ ورلڈ بینک نے ماحولیاتی مسائل سمیت دیگر معاملات کی وجہ سے کولے سے بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبوں کی فنڈنگ بند کر دی ہے، جس پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے ان کو یاد دلایا کہ ورلڈ بینک جنوبی افریقہ میں کولے سے بجلی کی پیداوار کے منصوبوں میں مالی تعاون کر رہا ہے اور اس بات کو اور ہماری ضروریات کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے ہم عالمی بینک سے مالی تعاون کی درخواست کرتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے مزید کہا کہ کولے سے سستی بجلی پیدا کرنے کیلئے ماحول دوست جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے حصول میں بھی عالمی بینک سندھ حکومت کا تعاون کر سکتا ہے، جس پر ورلڈ بینک کے کنٹری ڈائریکٹر نے اس معاملے پر اپنے ادارے کی انتظامیہ سے بات کرنے کی یقین دہانی کرائی۔ اس موقع پر سینئر صوبائی وزیر برائے خزانہ سید مراد علی شاہ نے کہا کہ فی الوقت ورلڈ بینک زراعت کے شعبے میں مختلف منصوبوں میں تعاون کر رہا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ غذائیت کی کمی کو پورا کرنے میں زراعت کے شعبے کا بہت ہی اہم کردار ہے، لیکن زمین کے بچھڑنے، کاشتکاری کے قدیم طریقے اور کاشتکاری کے زون اور مختلف ورائٹی کے نہ ہونے سمیت مختلف وجوہات کی بنا پر یہ شعبہ جمود کا شکار ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ بے زمین، تھوڑی زمین ہونا اور کاشتکاری میں حصے داری جیسے مسائل سے یہ صورتحال مزید بد حالی کا شکار ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے ورلڈ بینک کے کنٹری ڈائریکٹر کو کہا کہ وہ پڑھ لکھے نوجوانوں کیلئے بیرونی ملک روزگار کے مواقع حاصل کرنے کے معاملے

عالمی بینک کم قیمت پر بجلی کی پیداوار کے معاملے میں سندھ حکومت سے تعاون

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نہیں مل رہا ہے اور ان کی زمینیں بجز ہوری ہیں، دریاؤں میں بارشوں اور سیلابوں کے دوران بھی جب نہریں فل ہوتی ہیں انہیں پانی نہیں ملتا ہے، محکمہ آبپاشی کے افسران کو متعدد بار شکایات کی ہیں لیکن کوئی کارروائی نہیں کی گئی اور نہ ہی ہمیں ہمارے حصے کا پانی دیا جا رہا ہے۔ درخواست گزاروں نے استدعا کی کہ غیر قانونی واٹر کورسز ختم کر کے ٹیل کے چھوٹے آباد گاروں کو پانی کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے۔

حیدرآباد (ہیورورپورٹ) ٹنڈو جام کے علاقے علی آباد ناؤن کے رہائشیوں نے منشیات فروشوں کے خلاف حیدرآباد پریس کلب کے سامنے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا اس موقع پر مظاہرین نے کہا کہ ٹنڈو جام میں کھلے عام منشیات فروخت کی جا رہی ہیں جبکہ پولیس کسی قسم کی کارروائی نہیں کر رہی جس کے نتیجے میں علاقے کی نوجوان نسل تباہی کا شکار ہو رہی ہے۔

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رائی پور (نامہ نگار) یونین کے مرکزی رہنما فقیر سعید احمد ہمسیر، نثار بھٹو، یاسین، علی نواز جاگیرانی اور دیگر بھی شریک تھے۔ اس موقع پر صحافیوں سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سندھ حکومت نے ہائی کورٹ کے احکامات کو نظر انداز کر دیا ہے۔ عدالت نے حکومت کو احکامات جاری کئے تھے کہ ایریگیشن کے عملے کو اپ گریڈ کر کے ٹائم اسکیل دیا جائے جس پر عمل نہ ہو سکا۔ حکومت تو بین عدالت کر رہی ہے۔ سندھ حکومت انتقال کر جانے والے ملازمین کے ورثاء کو آئین کے آرٹیکل گیارہ اے کے تحت فوری عمل کر کے ہائی کورٹ کے فیصلے پر عمل کیا جائے اور کنٹریکٹ ملازمین کو فوری طور پر مستقل کر کے تنخواہیں دی جائیں اور گورنمنٹ پلانٹوں سے قبضہ ختم کر کے ملازمین کو کالونیاں بنا کر دی جائیں۔ بصورت دیگر 11 اکتوبر کو سندھ ہاؤس کے سامنے دھرنا دیں گے۔

رائی پور: محکمہ آبپاشی کے سیکڑوں

ملازمین کی حکومت سندھ کیخلاف احتجاجی

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سکھر (ہیورورپورٹ) سیکڑوں کی جانب سے جاری اعلامیہ کے مطابق مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی بند رہنے کا اعلان کیا گیا ہے، 7 اکتوبر کی صبح 8 بجے سے دوپہر 2 بجے تک 66 کے وی گرڈ اسٹیشن ڈوکری میں ضروری مرمتی کام کے باعث باقرانی اور کالونی فیڈر کے تمام علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہے گی۔ 8 اکتوبر پر صبح 8 بجے سے دوپہر 2 بجے تک 132 کے وی گرڈ اسٹیشن رتو دیڑو سے ملحقہ 11 کے وی فیڈر سٹیوب ویل ون سٹیوب ویل ٹو، سٹیوب ویل تھری، نو دیرو اور سٹی نو فیڈر میں تمام علاقوں کی بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہے گی۔ جبکہ اسی دن اور وقت 132 کے وی گرڈ اسٹیشن نیو آباد میں بھی ضروری مرمتی کام کے باعث ڈیڑھ، کھونہار اور نیو آباد کے فیڈر کے تمام علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہے گی۔ 8 اکتوبر پر صبح 8 بجے سے دوپہر 12 بجے تک 132 کے وی گرڈ اسٹیشن خیر پور میں ضروری مرمتی کام کے باعث 11 کے وی فیڈر اور ٹھیری فیڈر کے تمام علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہے گی۔

سکھر: مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی بند رہنے کا

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ہائی کورٹ نے اضافی فیسوں کے خلاف 300 والدین کی جانب سے دائر درخواست پر جزییشن اسکولز انتظامیہ کو کسی بھی قسم کی کارروائی کرنے سے روک دیا ہے۔ عدالت نے چیف سیکرٹری، سیکرٹری ایجوکیشن، ڈائریکٹر اسکول، جزییشن اسکول انتظامیہ و دیگر کو نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے جواب بھی طلب کر لیا ہے۔ منگل کو جسٹس سجاد علی شاہ اور جسٹس جنید غفار پر مشتمل بینچ نے درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ قبل ازیں معزز اسحاق، فرحان حسین سمیت 304 والدین نے دائر درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا کہ ان کے بچے جزییشن اسکول کی سائٹ ایریا اور نارتھ ناظم آباد رانچوں میں زیر تعلیم ہیں۔ جہاں اسکول انتظامیہ نے یکدم فیسوں میں غیر معمولی اضافہ کر دیا ہے اور والدین کو خطوط اور دیگر پیغامات کے لئے بھاری فیسیں ادا کرنے کے لئے دباؤ والا جا رہا ہے۔ درخواست گزاران نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ وہ اپنے بچوں کو معیاری تعلیم دینا چاہتے ہیں تاہم بھاری فیسوں کے باعث ان کے لئے بچوں کی تعلیم جاری کرنا مشکل بنا دیا گیا ہے۔ فیسوں کے غیر معمولی اضافے کے خلاف حکومت نے احکامات جاری کیے تھے تاہم اسکول انتظامیہ عمل نہیں کر رہی۔ لہذا استدعا ہے کہ فیسوں سے متعلق سندھ پرائیویٹ ایجوکیشن انسٹیٹیوٹ آرڈیننس 2001 اور ترمیمی 2003، 2005 پر عمل درآمد کرنے کے احکامات جاری کیے جائیں اور اسکول انتظامیہ کو بھاری فیسیں وصول کرنے سے روکا جائے۔ عدالت نے درخواست کی سماعت کرتے ہوئے حکم جاری کیا کہ فیسوں میں اضافے سے متعلق دیگر درخواستیں بھی زیر سماعت ہیں۔ عدالت نے اسکول انتظامیہ کو بچوں کے خلاف کسی بھی قسم کی کارروائی سے روکتے ہوئے والدین کو اس ماہ کی فیس بھی ادا کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔

اضافی فیس کیخلاف 300 والدین کی

درخواست، اسکول کو کارروائی سے روک

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کراچی (رپورٹ: آغا خالد) ایڈمنسٹریٹر کے ایم سی سجاد عباسی کی ہدایت پر کے ڈی اے اینٹی انکروچمنٹ سیل کی جانب سے آج گلستان جوہر کے بلاک 115 ایس ٹی 32 میں بڑا آپریشن کر کے 30 سے زائد منزلہ پختہ مکانات مسمار کئے جائیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ لینڈ گریمر زحماد صدیقی اور ڈاکٹر گل حسن زیدی نے بلاک 15 میں زیر تعمیر پارک پر قبضہ کر کے جاننا کنگ کرتے ہوئے پلاننگ کی تھی اور ایک پلاٹ 5 سے 10 لاکھ کے درمیان فروخت کیا تھا اس طرح 200 سے زائد پلاٹ فروخت کئے گئے تھے اور خریدنے والوں میں سے 30 نے کے ڈی اے سے الاٹمنٹ حاصل کر کے 2 منزلہ مکانات میں فیصلہ دیتے ہوئے پارک سے تجاوزات ختم کرنے اور 4230/2012-D بھی تعمیر کرائے تھے جس پر عدالت عالیہ نے آئینی درخواست نمبر دوبارہ پارک کو اس کی اصل شکل میں بحال کرنے کا فیصلہ سنایا تھا۔

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کے روٹ میں کوئی تبدیلی نہیں کی جارہی، کرپشن کرنیوالوں کے چہرے پر نوحہ آجاتی ہے، ملکی دولت لوٹنے والوں کا احتساب ہوگا، گزشتہ دور میں غیر ملکی قرضوں میں بے پناہ اضافہ ہوا، پانی سے بجلی نہ بنانا ماضی کی حکومتوں کی غفلت ہے، یہ بات صدر مملکت نے کونہ میں بلوچستان کے اراکین پارلیمنٹ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ صدر نے کہا کہ صوبے میں جلد امن و امان بحال ہو جائے گا، چیٹنجر کا مقابلہ اور مسائل کے حل کیلئے متحد ہونے کی ضرورت ہے، ہمیں ملک کی ترقی میں حائل ہر رکاوٹ کو دور کرنا ہے، اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے ملک میں ترقی اور خوشحالی کے نئے دور کا آغاز ہو گا اور روزگار کے بے شمار مواقع پیدا ہونگے، صدر مملکت نے کرپشن اور بدعنوانی کو ترقی کی راہ میں بڑی رکاوٹ قرار دیا اور کہا کہ کرپشن اور بدعنوانی کے خاتمے سے ہی ملک ترقی کر سکتا ہے، معاشرے سے بدعنوانی کے خاتمے کیلئے ہر شخص کو کردار ادا کرنا ہوگا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پانی کے بڑے ذخائر کا نہ بننا بد قسمتی ہے، اگر کسی منصوبے پر اختلاف تھا تو نئے منصوبوں کو بنانا چاہئے تھا، پانی کے ذخائر کے معاملے پر بات چیت ہوئی ہے، وہ بلوچستان میں نئے آبی ذخائر کے معاملے پر وزیر اعظم سے بات کریں گے۔ قبل ازیں صدر مملکت جب کونہ پہنچے تو انر پورٹ پر وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان عبدالملک بلوچ، سینئر وزیر ثناء اللہ زہری اور سینئر سول و عسکری حکام نے ان کا پر تپاک استقبال کیا، اس کے بعد صدر مملکت ممنون حسین گورنر ہاؤس پہنچے جہاں انہیں بلوچستان کانسٹیبلری اور پولیس کے چاق و چوبند دستے نے سلامی پیش کی، صدر مملکت ممنون حسین سے گورنر بلوچستان نے ملاقات کی جس میں صوبے کی امن و امان کی صورتحال اور جاری ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر بات چیت کی گئی، ممنون حسین سے گورنر پنجاب رفیق راجوانہ اور وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان نے بھی علیحدہ علیحدہ ملاقاتیں کیں، ان لائن کے مطابق صدر مملکت نے کہا کہ پانی سے بجلی نہ بنانا ماضی کی حکومتوں کی غفلت ہے، گزشتہ دور حکومت کے دوران غیر ملکی قرضوں میں بے پناہ اضافہ ہوا اور اس قرضوں کو اچھی جگہ پر بھی استعمال نہیں کیا گیا۔

سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں میں طلباء و طالبات کو بنیادی سہولتیں میسر نہیں

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اسلام آباد (رپورٹ: وسیم عباسی) حکومت کو کہ عوامی احتجاج کے بعد نجی تعلیمی اداروں کو فیسوں میں اضافہ واپس لینے کیلئے مجبور کرنے پر کامیاب ہو گئی لیکن اسے سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں میں طلباء و طالبات کے لئے بنیادی سہولتوں کے فقدان پر توجہ دینے کی ضرورت ہے۔ جہاں پینے کا صاف پانی اور بیت الخلاء کی سہولت بھی دستیاب نہیں ہوتی۔ ماہرین کے خیال میں والدین اور سرپرست نجی تعلیمی اداروں کی جانب سے فیسوں میں اضافے پر احتجاج میں حق بجانب ہیں لیکن انہوں نے تجویز دی کہ حکومت سرکاری شعبے میں اسکولوں کی حالت بہتر بنائے تاکہ سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں سے حصول علم کے رجحان میں اضافہ ہو۔ تاہم تعلیم اور پروفیشنل ٹریننگ کی وزارت کی جانب سے مرتب کردہ اعداد و شمار میں سرکاری اسکولوں کی مایوس کن حالت زار کی منظر کشی کی گئی ہے۔ 42 ہزار سرکاری پرائمری اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب نہیں ہے اور کئی اسکول بیت الخلاء سے تک محروم ہیں۔ وفاقی دارالحکومت اسلام آباد کے 14 سرکاری پرائمری اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب نہیں ہے۔ 2009ء میں پینے کے صاف پانی سے محروم سرکاری پرائمری اسکولوں کی تعداد 34890 تھی۔ تعلیم کے لئے فنڈز کی فراہمی کے باوجود یہ تعداد 2014ء میں بڑھ کر 42009 ہو گئی۔ مجموعی طور پر پورے ملک میں 75631 پرائمری اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب ہے جبکہ 2009ء میں یہ سہولت 179745 اسکولوں میں حاصل رہی۔ پیپلز پارٹی کی حکومت میں سندھ کے سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں کی حالت زیادہ مندوش ہے جہاں نصف سے زائد 121771 اسکول پینے کے صاف پانی سے محروم اور 120560 اسکولوں کو یہ سہولت حاصل ہے۔ مسلم لیگ (ن) کی حکمرانی میں پنجاب میں 2009ء کے مقابلے میں صورتحال کچھ بہتر ہے۔ 2009ء میں 6615 اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی نہیں تھا۔ 2014ء میں ایسے اسکولوں کی تعداد گھٹ کر 2229 رہ گئی۔ تحریک انصاف کی حکومت کے تحت خیبر پختونخوا میں 7680 پرائمری اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب نہیں ہے۔ یہ تعداد 2009ء میں اسے اپنی ہی کی حکومت میں 7291 تھی۔ 2014ء میں 14982 اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب رہا۔ یہ تعداد 2009ء میں 12307 تھی۔ بلوچستان میں 2009ء میں 16553 اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب تھا اور 2014ء میں یہ تعداد گھٹ کر 1021 رہ گئی۔ اعداد و شمار کے مطابق فنا کے تقریباً 60 فیصد اسکولوں میں پینے کا صاف پانی دستیاب نہیں۔ سہولت والے 1437 اسکولوں کے مقابلے میں عدم سہولت والے اسکولوں کی تعداد 2099 بنتی ہے۔

پانی کی چوری، حصے کے مطابق پانی کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے، سندھ ہائیڈرو پاور

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حیدرآباد (ہیڈور پاور) سندھ ہائیڈرو پاور سرکٹ ٹینج نے سیری کے رہائشی غلام شبیر، محمد عظیم، اعجاز علی اور رسول بخش کی جانب سے ٹیل کے آباد گاروں کو فصلوں کے لئے پانی دیئے جانے اور بائزر مینڈاٹوں کی جانب سے پانی کی چوری کے خلاف دائر درخواست پر اسسٹنٹ ایگزیکٹو انجینئر آپاشی نصیر ڈویژن اور ایس ایس پی ٹنڈو محمد خان کو حکم دیا ہے کہ درخواست گزاروں کو ان کے حصے کے مطابق پانی کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے جس کے بعد عدالت نے درخواست کی ساعت 3 نومبر تک ملتوی کرتے ہوئے سیکریٹری آپاشی سندھ، کمشنر حیدرآباد ڈویژن، چیف انجینئر سکھر بیراج، ایگزیکٹو انجینئر اور اسسٹنٹ ایگزیکٹو انجینئر نصیر ڈویژن اور ایس ایس پی ٹنڈو محمد خان سے جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق سندھ ہائیڈرو پاور حیدرآباد سرکٹ ٹینج میں ٹنڈو محمد خان کے علاقے سیری کے رہائشی غلام شبیر، محمد عظیم، اعجاز علی اور رسول بخش کی جانب سے دائر درخواست میں کہا گیا تھا کہ وہ سیری کے علاقے کی مختلف دیہوں کے چھوٹے کاشتکار ہیں، ان کی زمینوں کو سیری کی شاخ سے آپاشی کے لئے پانی فراہم کیا جاتا ہے لیکن علاقے کے بائزر اور بڑے زمیندار کچے واٹر کورسز بنا کر اور محکمہ آپاشی کے افسران کی ملٹی بھگت سے پانی چوری کر رہے ہیں جس کی وجہ سے انہیں پانی

عبداللہ سلیم البدری عالمی مالیاتی فنڈ (آئی ایم ایف) کو اپنے ایک بیان میں خام تیل کی طلب میں توقعات سے زائد اضافے کا امکان ظاہر کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ 2015ء میں خام تیل کی عالمی طلب 15 لاکھ بیرل یومیہ تک بڑھنے کا امکان ہے۔

لندن (جنگ نیوز) ایک سٹڈی کے مطابق کمپیوٹر اور سرچ انجن پر حد سے زیادہ انحصار کی وجہ سے انسانی یادداشت کمزور ہونے لگی ہے۔ سٹڈی کے مطابق برطانیہ میں 50 فیصد سے زیادہ افراد کسی بھی سوال کا جواب معلوم کرنے کیلئے آن لائن پر تلاش کرتے ہیں، بیشتر لوگ معلومات یاد رکھنے کے بجائے کمپیوٹر استعمال کرتے ہیں۔ بہت سے بالغ افراد جن کو بچپن سے اپنے فون نمبر یاد تھے اب انھیں اپنی ملازمت کا نمبر یا فمیلی کے ارکان کی تعداد بھی یاد نہیں ہے۔ برمنگھم یونیورسٹی کی ماریا ومبر کا کہنا ہے کہ معلومات دیکھنے کے رجحان کی وجہ سے طویل عرصے تک یاد رکھنے کی صلاحیت ختم ہوتی جا رہی ہے۔ برطانیہ، فرانس، جرمنی، اٹلی، سپین، بلجیم، ہالینڈ اور لکسمبرگ کے 6 ہزار بالغ افراد کی یادداشت کے تجربے کے دوران یہ بات سامنے آئی کہ ایک تہائی سے زیادہ افراد نے معلومات یاد کرنے کیلئے پہلے کمپیوٹر سے رجوع کیا۔ ایسے لوگوں کی تعداد برطانیہ میں سب سے زیادہ ہے اور 50 فیصد سے زیادہ برطانوی کسی بھی سوال کے جواب کیلئے پہلے کمپیوٹر سے رجوع کرتے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کے 6 اضلاع کی 80 حساس یونین کونسلوں میں 4 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم شروع ہو گئی ہے۔ تاہم مہم کے پہلے روز سیکورٹی کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث لائڈھی کی یو سی 1 میں پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی جبکہ بیشتر یونین کونسلوں میں مہم تاخیر سے شروع ہوئی۔ ڈائریکٹر صحت کراچی ڈاکٹر ظفر اعجاز کے مطابق 4 روزہ مہم کے دوران 5 سال کی عمر تک کے 13 لاکھ 94 ہزار بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ مہم کے لئے 3 ہزار 3 سو 71 ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی ہیں جو گھر گھر جا کر بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائیں گی۔ تاہم پہلے روز سیکورٹی کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث کچھ یو سیز میں مہم تاخیر کا شکار ہوئی تھی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ مہم 10 اکتوبر تک جاری رہے گی۔

حیدرآباد (جنگ نیوز) کراچی میں متین امریکی قونصل جنرل برائن بیٹھ نے اسرا یونیورسٹی کے بزنس ایڈمنسٹریشن اور منیجمنٹ سائنسز کے 70 سے زائد طلباء سے خطاب کیا۔ اس موقع پر یونیورسٹی کے چانسلر اسد اللہ قاضی، پرووائس چانسلر حمید اللہ قاضی اور پروفیسر قمر الدین مہر بھی موجود تھے۔ اپنے خطاب میں قونصل جنرل برائن بیٹھ نے کہا کہ انہیں امریکی محکمہ خارجہ کے تعاون سے اسرا یونیورسٹی حیدرآباد اور امریکا کی بال اسٹیٹ یونیورسٹی کے درمیان جاری اشتراک کے حوصلہ افزا نتائج دیکھ کر بے انتہا خوشی ہوئی ہے۔ قونصل جنرل کا کہنا تھا کہ امریکی حکومت پاکستان میں تعلیم کے معیار میں اضافے کیلئے کوشش کر رہی ہے اور امریکی اور پاکستانی جامعات کے درمیان اشتراک اس منصوبے کا اہم حصہ ہے۔ برائن بیٹھ نے امریکا کی جانب سے تعلیم کے شعبے میں پاکستان کو فراہم کیے جانے والے تعاون کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے لائبریری یونیورسٹی آف منیجمنٹ سائنسز انسٹیٹیوٹ آف بزنس ایڈمنسٹریشن کراچی اور زرعی یونیورسٹی فیصل آباد کے قیام میں امریکی تعاون کا حوالہ دیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اعلیٰ تعلیم کے فروغ کے ساتھ ساتھ امریکی حکومت سندھ بیک ایجوکیشن پروگرام ایس بی ای پی کی معاونت بھی کر رہی ہے۔ پرائمری اور سینڈری اسکولوں میں طلبہ کی حاضری میں اضافے کیلئے 2011 سے جاری اس منصوبے کیلئے امریکی ادارہ برائے بین الاقوامی ترقی یو ایس ایڈ نے سندھ حکومت کو 155 ملین ڈالر فراہم کیے ہیں۔

کراچی (ہا بر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) عباسی شہید اسپتال کی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے مریضوں کو دینے جانے والے کھانے کے فنڈ میں ڈھائی کروڑ روپے سے زائد کی خورد برد کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ یہ انکشاف دی آڈیٹرز لیزڈیپارٹمنٹ گورنمنٹ آف پاکستان کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے آڈٹ برائے سال 2012-13 میں ہوا ہے آڈٹ رپورٹ کے پیرا 131 کے مطابق عباسی شہید اسپتال کے کمپیوٹر انٹریڈریکارڈ سے یہ بات سامنے آئی ہے کہ جولائی 2012 سے جون 2013 تک اسپتال میں 33 ہزار 815 مریضوں کو داخل کیا گیا جبکہ اسپتال کے انچارج کی جانب سے جو اسٹیٹمنٹ فراہم کی گئی اس کے تحت اسپتال میں ایک لاکھ 71 ہزار 171 مریضوں کو کھانا فراہم کیا گیا جو فراڈ ہے اس طرح مریضوں کے کھانے کی مد میں 2 کروڑ 51 لاکھ 88 ہزار 914 روپے کی خورد برد کی گئی ہے۔ آڈٹ رپورٹ میں مذکورہ بے قاعدگی پر متعلقہ افراد کے خلاف ایف آئی آر درج کرنے، 1973 کے قوانین کے تحت محکمہ جاتی کارروائی کرنے اور ایک تحقیقاتی کمیٹی بنا کر رسیدوں کی تفتیش کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ رقوم سرکاری خزانے میں جمع کرنے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ عباسی شہید اسپتال بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی (کے ایم سی) کا سب سے بڑا اسپتال ہے جس سے ناظم آباد، بورڈ آفس، پاپوش نگر، لیاقت آباد، نار تھ ناظم آباد، لالو کھیت، کریم آباد، واٹر پمپ، حیدری، نیو کراچی، نار تھ کراچی، سر جانی ٹاؤن، اورنگی، میٹرو ویل و دیگر علاقوں میں بسنے والی لاکھوں کی آبادی بیماری کی صورت میں رجوع کرتی ہے جن میں زیادہ تر غریب افراد ہوتے ہیں۔ اسپتال ان دنوں شدید مالی بحران کا شکار ہے اور مریضوں کو دیا جانے والا کھانا بند کر دیا گیا ہے جس کے باعث مریضوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) صدر مملکت ممنون حسین نے کہا ہے کہ بلوچستان میں خوشگوار تبدیلیاں آرہی ہیں، اقتصادی راہداری کا سب سے زیادہ فائدہ بلوچستان کو ہوگا اگر اس منصوبے کی راہ میں کوئی رکاوٹ ڈالی گئی تو عوام اسے رد کر دیں گے، انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے

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اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے میں تبدیلی

ولد محمد رفیق، محمد ہارون ولد فیاض محمد، نواب خان ولد آغا اعجاز علی خان اور سجاد علی ولد غلام محمد شامل ہیں حالانکہ ان طلباء کے نام ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف نرسنگ کی فہرست میں شامل ہی نہیں تھے لیکن پرنسپل میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری شہانہ بلوچ نے ان طلباء کو داخلے دے دیئے۔ شہانہ بلوچ پر الزام ہے کہ انہوں نے ان داخلوں کے عوض مالی فوائد حاصل کیے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ این ٹی ایس کی جانب سے میرٹ لسٹ آویزاں کرنے کے بعد ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف نرسنگ سندھ ان طلباء کے ناموں کو حتمی شکل دے کر فہرست متعلقہ اسکول کو ارسال کرتا ہے اور اسکول انتظامیہ اسی فہرست کے مطابق داخلے کرنے کی مجاز ہوتی ہے تاہم میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری میں ایسا نہیں ہوا اور اسکول کی پرنسپل نے ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف نرسنگ کی حتمی میرٹ لسٹ کو نظر انداز کر کے من پسند طلباء کو داخلے دیئے۔ اس ضمن میں سابقہ ڈائریکٹر نرسنگ طلعت پروین شاہ نے بھی کوئی اقدامات نہیں کیے حالانکہ انہی کی جاری کی گئی لسٹ کے خلاف داخلے کیے گئے اور وہ داخلے معطل کرنے کا اختیار رکھتی تھیں جبکہ کٹر ولر نرسنگ حبیب اللہ سومرون نے میرٹ لسٹ میں نام نہ ہونے کے باوجود ان طلباء کو رجسٹریشن اور انزولمنٹ دے دی۔ ان طلباء کو داخلے دیئے جانے سے این ٹی ایس اور ڈائریکٹر نرسنگ کی لسٹ میں موجود اہل اور میرٹ پر پورا اترنے والے طلباء کے ساتھ زیادتی ہوئی ہیں اور ان کا قیمتی سال بھی ضائع ہوا ہے۔ محکمہ صحت سندھ نے بھی ان داخلوں کو معطل کیا نہ ہی مجاز اتھارٹی کے خلاف کوئی کارروائی کی۔ اس سلسلے میں پرنسپل میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری شہانہ بلوچ سے جب استفسار کیا گیا تو انہوں نے اس حوالے سے بات کرنے سے انکار کر دیا۔ ڈائریکٹر نرسنگ سندھ طلعت پروین شاہ کا اس سلسلے میں کہنا تھا کہ انہوں نے محکمہ صحت سندھ کو ان داخلوں سے متعلق آگاہ کر دیا تھا۔

سکھر (یورورپورٹ) الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے تبادلوں اور تقریروں پر پابندی کے باوجود محکمہ تعلیم نے 16 اساتذہ کے تبادلے کر دیئے۔ سکھر میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کی تاریخ کا اعلان ہونے کے بعد الیکشن کمیشن آف پاکستان کی جانب سے سرکاری ملازمین کی ترقی اور تبادلوں پر مکمل پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے۔ سکھر کے تعلقہ ایجوکیشن آفیسر عبدالعزیز نے الیکشن کمیشن کے احکامات کو بالائے طاق رکھتے ہوئے غیر قانونی طور پر 16 اساتذہ کے تبادلے کر دیئے۔ تعلقہ ایجوکیشن آفیسر کی جانب سے کیے گئے غیر قانونی تبادلوں کے لیٹر کی کاپی ”جنگ“ نے حاصل کر لی جس کے مطابق 21 ستمبر 2015 کو 16 اساتذہ کے تبادلے کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ لیٹر پر تاریخ بھی ہاتھ سے ڈالی گئی ہے۔ غیر قانونی تبادلوں کے حوالے سے تعلقہ ایجوکیشن آفیسر سے جب اس حوالے سے موقف معلوم کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی تو انہوں نے اپنا موقف دینے سے انکار کر دیا ہے۔

ڈگری (نامہ نگار) ایوان زراعت کے ضلعی صدر محمد انور خان قائم خانی نے ضلع میرپور خاص سمیت اندرون سندھ شوگر ملوں کی جانب سے کرشنگ سیزن شروع نہ کرنے پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ڈگری سب ڈویژن کی تین شوگر ملوں سمیت ضلع کی پانچ شوگر ملوں میں سے کسی ایک نے بھی کرشنگ سیزن شروع کرنے کے لئے بوائسٹر نہیں چلائے۔ ضلع میں 40 ہزار ایکڑ سے زائد رقبہ پر گنے کی فصل تیار ہو رہی ہے۔ کرشنگ سیزن میں تاخیر سے گنے کے آباد گاروں کو شدید معاشی و مالی نقصان پہنچے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سال بھی صوبائی حکومت صوبے میں گنے کے ریٹ کو متعین کرنے میں ناکام ہو چکی ہے۔ اور شوگر ملوں اور آباد گاروں کو گنے کے ریٹ کے معاملے میں الجھا کر رکھ دیا ہے۔ شوگر مل مالکان اس سال بھی گنے کا ریٹ 160 روپے فی من دینے پر رضد ہیں۔ مگر صوبائی حکومت اس سال گنے کے آباد گاروں کو فی من 12 روپے کی سبسڈی دینے کے لئے تیار نہیں۔ جبکہ گنے کے آباد گار گنے کافی من ریٹ کم سے کم 230 روپے دینے کا مطالبہ کر رہے ہیں۔ محمد انور خان قائم خانی نے کہا کہ اگر صوبائی حکومت نے جلد گنے کا ریٹ مقرر نہ کر لیا اور شوگر ملوں نے کرشنگ سیزن شروع نہ کیا تو صوبے کے آباد گار احتجاجاً سڑکوں پر نکل آئیں گے۔ احتجاجی مظاہروں اور دھرنوں کا سلسلہ شروع ہو جائے گا۔ صوبائی حکومت اس معاملے کو فوری اور سنجیدگی سے حل کرے تاکہ صوبے میں زراعت کے شعبے کو تباہ ہونے سے بچایا جائے

لاہور (این این آئی) شوگر ملز ایسوسی ایشن نے پنجاب حکومت سے سندھ سے لائی جانے والی سستی چینی کو روکنے کا مطالبہ کر دیا۔ چیئرمین شوگر ملز ایسوسی ایشن جاوید کیانی کا کہنا ہے کہ سندھ سے سستی چینی لا کر پنجاب میں فروخت کی جا رہی ہے جس سے پنجاب کی شوگر ملز کو نقصان کا سامنا ہے اس لئے حکومت پنجاب فوری طور پر سندھ سے لائی جانے والی سستی چینی پر پابندی عائد کریں۔

سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں جمہرات کو خام تیل کی قیمتوں میں کمی کا رجحان رہا جس کی وجہ یو ایس کروڈ اونٹریز میں اضافہ بارے رپورٹ کا اجراء اور اوپیک کے سیکرٹری جنرل کی رواں سال خام تیل کی طلب میں توقعات سے زائد اضافے کی پیش گوئی ہے۔ کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران امریکا کے ویسٹ ٹیکساس انٹرمیڈیٹ کے نومبر میں تریل کیلئے معاہدے 23 سینٹ کے اضافے سے 48.04 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے جبکہ بریٹن ناروے سی کروڈ کے نومبر میں تریل کے معاہدے 21 سینٹ کی بہتری سے 51.54 ڈالر فی بیرل میں ہوئے۔ اوپیک کے سیکرٹری جنرل

تبادلوں اور تقریروں پر پابندی کے باوجود 16 اساتذہ کے تبادلے

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ڈگری: گنے کی فصل تیار، ملوں نے کرشنگ شروع نہیں کی

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شوگر ملز ایسوسی ایشن کا پنجاب حکومت سے سندھ سے لائی جانے والی سستی چینی کو روکنے کا مطالبہ

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سرخیاء

لاہور: محکمہ تعلیم پنجاب نے حکومت سے نجی تعلیمی شعبے کو اپنے دائرہ کار میں لانے سے معذرت کر لی ہے تاہم محکمہ صرف فیس سٹرکچر کے حوالے سے نجی تعلیمی سیکٹر کی باز پرس جاری رکھے گا۔ محکمہ تعلیم پنجاب کو صوبے بھر میں یکساں نصاب اور نظام تعلیم رائج کرنے کا ناسک دیا گیا ہے، جس کے لیے پہلے مرحلہ میں پنجاب ایگزیکٹو کمیشن کو فعال بنایا گیا اور شرط عائد کی گئی کہ جو نجی اسکول بیک کے تحت ہونے والے جماعت پنجم اور ہشتم کے امتحانات میں حصہ نہیں لیں گے ان کی ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈز کے تحت جماعت 9 ویں اور 10 ویں کی رجسٹریشن تسلیم نہیں کی جائے گی جب کہ ہر نجی اسکول بچوں کو پنجاب ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی جاری کردہ درسی کتب پڑھانے کا پابند ہو گا تاہم محکمہ تعلیم ان دونوں شعبوں پر نجی تعلیمی اداروں سے عمل درآمد کرنے میں ناکام رہا جس کی بنیاد پر گزشتہ برس بیک کے ہونے والے امتحانات میں نجی سیکٹر کی شمولیت کو ان کی منشاء سے منسوب کر دیا گیا اور پنجاب ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کی درسی کتب بھی رائج نہ کی جاسکی۔ حکومت پاکستان کی جانب سے نجی تعلیمی اسکولوں کے فیس اسٹرکچر کو نکیل ڈالنے کا حکم نامہ جاری کیا گیا تو ساتھ ہی یکساں نصاب اور یکساں نظام پر عمل درآمد کرنے کا بھی بہترین موقع دیا گیا اور یہ بھی حکم صادر کیا گیا کہ تمام نجی اسکولوں کو محکمہ تعلیم سے رجسٹر کرایا جائے تاکہ ان کو محکمہ تعلیم کے دائرہ کار میں لایا جاسکے تاہم محکمہ تعلیم نے اس پر باقاعدہ عمل درآمد کرنے سے معذرت کرتے ہوئے صرف فیس اسٹرکچر کو کم کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ محکمہ تعلیم کے حکام نے نجی اسکولوں کی 100 فیصد رجسٹریشن کو بے سود قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ نجی تعلیمی سیکٹر کی محکمہ تعلیم سے رجسٹریشن اور الحاق کی کوئی اہمیت نہیں اور نہ ہی اس کا کوئی فائدہ ہے۔

محکمہ تعلیم پنجاب کی حکومت سے نجی تعلیمی شعبے کو اپنے دائرہ کار میں لانے

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پشاور..... فانا کے قبائلی علاقوں اور جنوبی وزیرستان میں آج سے تین روزہ پولیو مہم شروع ہو گئی۔ تین روزہ پولیو مہم کے دوران 8 لاکھ 85 ہزار سے زائد پانچ سال تک کے بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں۔ فانا کے تمام قبائلی علاقوں، ایف آر کے علاقوں اور جنوبی وزیرستان میں آج سے تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم شروع ہو گئی ہے۔ اس مہم کے دوران 8 لاکھ 85 ہزار سے زائد پانچ سال تک کے بچوں کو انسداد پولیو اور وٹامن اے کے قطرے بھی پلائے جا رہے ہیں۔ جنوبی وزیرستان ایجنسی میں پہلی مرتبہ پاک افغان سرحد سمیت تمام علاقوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم شروع کی گئی ہے۔ جنوبی وزیرستان کے پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ ظفر اسلام خٹک پولیو مہم کی خود نگرانی کر رہے ہیں۔ پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ ظفر اسلام خٹک اور انا کے احمد زئی وزیر قبائل کے عائدین نے وانا نوا کواؤٹس کیمپ میں انسداد پولیو واک بھی کی گئی۔ مہم کے لئے تین سو موبائل ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی ہیں۔ پولیو ٹیموں کی سیوریٹی کے لئے پاک فوج، لیویز فورس، ایف سی، خاصہ دار فورس اور دیگر سیوریٹی ادارے بھی تعینات کئے گئے ہیں۔

پشاور، خیبر پختونخواہ کے 13 اضلاع، قبائلی علاقوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم
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خوشاب..... نیرانہ خوشاب میں ایک مقامی کمپنی کی جانب سے شمسی توانائی پر چلنے والے پاور پلانٹ کے لیے پیٹنگ ٹیرف کا اعلان کر دیا۔ کمپنی نے شمسی توانائی سے چلنے والے 12 میگا واٹ کے پاور پلانٹ سے حاصل ہونے والے بجلی کے پیٹنگ ٹیرف کیلئے درخواست دے رکھی تھی، نیرانہ اپنے فیصلے میں بجلی کا پیٹنگ ٹیرف 15 روپے 77 پیسے مقرر کر دیا ہے۔ منصوبہ ضلع خوشاب کی تحصیل نور پور تھل کے علاقے آدھی کوٹ میں لگے گا۔

خوشاب: شمسی توانائی کے پاور پلانٹ کے لیے پیٹنگ ٹیرف کا اعلان
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لاہور..... لیکو حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ بجلی چوری میں مقامی بااثر افراد ملوث ہوتے ہیں۔ بجلی چوروں کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرانا ہو تو پولیس تعاون نہیں کرتی۔ جیونیوز سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ایس ای شیخوپورہ ساجد رضا کا کہنا ہے کہ بجلی مہنگی ہونے سے چوری کا عنصر بہت بڑھ گیا ہے، غریب ہو یا امیر کوئی بھی بل نہیں دینا نہیں چاہتا۔ بیشتر بااثر شخصیات بھی بجلی چوری کو برا نہیں سمجھتیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ مرید کے میں 5 ٹیوب ویل اور ٹرانسفارمرز ڈائریکٹ لائنوں سے بجلی چوری کرتے پکڑے، پولیس نے کئی روز بعد مقدمہ درج کیا مگر اس کے باوجود بجلی چور دندناتے پھر رہے ہیں۔ ساجد رضا نے بتایا کہ ڈی آئی جی ریجن کو پولیس کے تعاون نہ کرنے کا خط لکھ دیا ہے۔

بجلی چوری میں بااثر افراد ملوث ہوتے ہیں، لیکو حکام
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کراچی (باہر علی اعلان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری میں میرٹ کے خلاف متعدد طلباء کو داخلہ دیئے جانے کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ جنگ کو موصول ہونے والی دستاویزات کے مطابق میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری میں 2013 میں این ٹی ایس اور ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف نرسنگ کی میرٹ لسٹ کو نظر انداز کر کے 13 ایسے طلباء کو داخلہ دیئے گئے جن کے نام ہی میرٹ لسٹ میں موجود نہیں تھے۔ دستاویزات کے مطابق میرٹ کے خلاف جن طلباء کو داخلہ دیئے گئے ان میں عبدالرحمن ولد بشیر احمد، عابد علی ولد عیسیٰ، عابد علی ولد غلام حسین، عامر شہزاد ولد محمد صدیقی، فہد ولد عبدالرزاق، فضل رحمن ولد محمد خان، غلام حیدر ولد فضل حسین، حماد احمد خان ولد سرفراز احمد خان، ہنزہ لہ ارباب ولد شاہ بخش ارباب، محسن رفیق

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سیکیورٹی انتظامات کو حتمی شکل دی۔ ترجمان کے مطابق کراچی میں رینجرز کی بھاری نفری یوم عاشور کے مرکزی جلوسوں کی نگرانی کرے گی، جلوسوں کے راستوں کی سراغ رساں کتوں اور بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ سے سرچنگ بھی کی جائے گی جب کہ جلوس کی گزرگاہ میں آنے والی دکانوں کو بھی سیل کیا جائے گا۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق جلوسوں کی فضائی نگرانی کی جائے گی جب کہ جلوس کے راستوں میں آنے والی اونچی عمارتوں پر پولیس اور رینجرز کے اسٹاپرز تعینات کیے جائیں گے۔ ترجمان رینجرز کا کہنا تھا کہ محرم الحرام کی سیکیورٹی کے حوالے سے رینجرز اور پولیس نے تمام بڑے شہروں میں انسپیکٹنگ شروع کر دی ہے جب کہ شہر میں ہائی ویز پر رینجرز اور پولیس کے گشت میں اضافہ بھی کیا جائے گا تاہم علمائے کرام بھی شہر میں امن وامان قائم کرنے کے لیے اپنا کردار ادا کریں۔

لاہور قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 122 میں ضمنی انتخابات کے لئے جماعت اسلامی نے تحریک انصاف کی حمایت کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ لاہور میں جماعت اسلامی کے مرکز منصورہ میں تحریک انصاف کے رہنماؤں چوہدری سرور اور محمود الرشید کے ہمراہ پولیس کانسٹیبل کرتے ہوئے جماعت اسلامی لاہور کے امیر میاں مقصود کا کہنا تھا کہ پارٹی مشاورت کے بعد فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ پوری توجہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کے نتائج کے حصول پر رہے گی اور اس سلسلے میں ہمارا (ن) لیگ اور تحریک انصاف کے ساتھ رابطہ رہا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ بیشتر جگہوں کے ساتھ جماعت اسلامی اور تحریک انصاف کے درمیان سیٹ ایڈجسٹمنٹ ہوئی ہے لیکن این اے 122 میں ہمارے کچھ تحفظات تھے جسے پی ٹی آئی کے دوستوں نے دور کرنے کی کوشش کی ہے جس کے بعد جماعت اسلامی کی مرکزی قیادت کی ہدایت اور مشورے سے این اے 122 اور پی پی 147 میں تحریک انصاف کی حمایت کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کے رہنما چوہدری سرور کا کہنا تھا کہ جماعت اسلامی کی جانب سے سچ کا ساتھ دینے کے فیصلے پر ان کے مشکور ہیں، مجلس وحدت المسلمین اور جماعت اسلامی نے ہمیں سپورٹ کی ہے، جماعت اسلامی کی مدد سے این اے 122 کے ضمنی انتخابات میں تحریک انصاف کو کامیابی ملے گی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں لوکل گورنمنٹس کو کبھی ترجیح نہیں دی گئی، گزشتہ 3 سالوں میں عوام کے مسائل حل ہونے کے بجائے مزید بڑھ گئے ہیں۔

این اے 122 ضمنی انتخابات؛ جماعت اسلامی نے تحریک انصاف کی حمایت

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ڈی آئی ایس پی آر لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم باجوہ، چیف آف جنرل سٹاف لیفٹیننٹ جنرل زبیر محمود حیات، طارق فاطمی اور دیگر نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں ملکی سلامتی سے متعلق اہم امور پر غور کیا گیا جب کہ افغانستان میں نئی صورتحال اور پاک افغان تعلقات کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا، اجلاس کے موقع پر وزیر اعظم کا کہنا تھا کہ داخلی سیکورٹی کے استحکام کے لیے ہر ممکن اقدامات کیے جائیں گے اور حکومت اس کے لیے تمام وسائل مہیا کرے گی۔ دوسری جانب وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے جنرل راجیل شریف نے اسلام آباد میں ملاقات کی جس میں ملک میں امن و امان کی صورت حال کے حوالے سے داخلی و خارجی امور پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اس کے علاوہ ملاقات میں افغانستان کی صورت حال پر بھی بات چیت کی گئی۔

اسلام آباد تحریک انصاف نے این اے 122 میں الیکشن سے قبل پنجاب حکومت کی تشہیری مہم کے خلاف الیکشن کمیشن سے نوٹس لینے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کی جانب سے الیکشن کمیشن کو ایک خط تحریر کیا گیا ہے جس میں لکھا گیا ہے کہ لاہور سے قومی اسمبلی کے حلقے این اے 122 میں 2 روز بعد ضمنی الیکشن ہے اور اس سے قبل پنجاب حکومت کی جانب سے اشتہاری مہم ضابطہ اخلاق کی کھلی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ تشہیری مہم این اے 122 کے ضمنی انتخابات پر اثر انداز ہو رہی ہے لہذا الیکشن کمیشن پنجاب حکومت کی اشتہاری مہم کا نوٹس لے اور صوبائی حکومت کے خلاف کارروائی کرے۔ واضح رہے کہ این اے 122 میں 11 اکتوبر کو ضمنی انتخاب ہونے جا رہے ہیں جس میں مسلم لیگ (ن) کے امیدوار سردار ایاز صادق اور پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے امیدوار عظیم خان کے درمیان سخت مقابلے کی توقع ہے جب کہ حلقے میں انتخابی مہم آج ختم ہو رہی ہے۔

کراچی کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں ریجنل پولیس کی جانب سے کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی جس میں متعدد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں پولیس اور ریجنل کی جانب سے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر گلشن معمار، منگھو پیر، نصرت بھٹو کالونی، گلہار، یوسف گوٹھ، چشتی نگر سمیت متعدد علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا جس کے نتیجے میں متعدد افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا، حراست میں لیے جانے والے ملزمان کراچی میں دہشت گردی کی متعدد وارداتوں میں پولیس کو مطلوب تھے۔ ترجمان ریجنل کے مطابق گلشن معمار سے گرفتار ہونے والا ملزم معین مارگٹ کلنگ کی 57 وارداتوں سمیت 2 ریجنل اہلکاروں کے قتل میں بھی ملوث ہے اور اس کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت سے ہے۔ ریجنل نے لیاقت آباد میں چھاپہ مار کر 5 افراد کو حراست میں لیا جن کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت سے ہے جب کہ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار کیے جانے والے افراد کو تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

پشاور پولیس نے یکہ توت سمیت مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کر کے غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم افغان باشندوں سمیت 50 سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے پشاور کے علاقوں یکہ توت، زرگر آباد، خان مست کالونی، پنج گٹھ، بیری باغ اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کر کے غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم 9 افغان باشندوں سمیت 50 سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران گرفتار افراد سے مختلف اقسام کا اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا۔

اسلام آباد حکومت نے قابل ترین افرادی قوت پر مشتمل نیا سول سروس گروپ متعارف کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے جس کا پہلا بیچ 50 افسران پر مشتمل ہوگا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وفاقی وزیر پلاننگ احسن اقبال کی زیر صدارت اسلام آباد میں اجلاس میں سول سروس کا نیا گروپ لانے کا جائزہ لیا گیا ہے، قابل ترین افرادی قوت پر مشتمل نیا سول سروس گروپ متعارف کروانے پر غور کیا گیا۔ نیشنل ایگزیکٹو سروس گروپ میں فیڈرل پبلک سروس کمیشن کے ذریعے براہ راست گریڈ 19 میں بھرتی ہوگی، نیشنل ایگزیکٹو سروس میں ترقیوں کی رفتار باقی گروپوں سے کہیں زیادہ تیز ہوگی، نیشنل ایگزیکٹو سروس کا پہلا بیچ پچاس افسروں پر مشتمل ہوگا۔ سروس گروپ میں کم سے کم عمر کی حد 42 سال رکھی جائے گی اور اس گروپ کے لئے اسپیشل پیپٹنٹ متعارف کروائے جائیں گے۔ گروپ میں شامل افسران کو 5 سال کی مدت میں گریڈ 20، 10 سال کی سروس پر گریڈ 21 جب کہ 12 سال کی سروس پر گریڈ 22 مل جائے گا، افسران کی ابتدائی تنخواہ 2 لاکھ 40 ہزار روپے ماہانہ ہوگی اور کارکردگی کی بنیاد پر ایک لاکھ 60 ہزار روپے اضافی ملیں گے، 20 گریڈ کی تنخواہ 6 لاکھ روپے تک ہوگی، 21 گریڈ کی تنخواہ 8 لاکھ روپے جب کہ گریڈ 22 کے افسر کی تنخواہ 10 لاکھ روپے تک ہوگی۔ نیشنل ایگزیکٹو سروس کے خدوخال طے کرنے کے لئے گریڈ 22 کے افسران پر مشتمل کمیٹی قائم کی گئی ہے جس میں سیکرٹری سٹیٹسٹسٹس ندیم حسن آصف، سیکرٹری کابینہ راجا حسن عباس، سیکرٹری ریلوے پروین آغا اور چیئر مین ایف بی آر طارق باجوہ شامل ہیں۔ کمیٹی ایک ہفتے میں منصوبہ کو عملی جامہ پہنانے اور سول سروس پر حکمہ اثرات کی رپورٹ پیش کرے گی۔

کراچی ترجمان ریجنل کا کہنا ہے کہ ریجنل اور پولیس نے مشترکہ طور پر محرم الحرام کے لیے سیکورٹی انتظامات کو حتمی شکل دے دی ہے۔ ترجمان ریجنل کے مطابق ڈی جی ریجنل میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کی زیر صدارت محرم الحرام کی سیکورٹی سے متعلق اہم اجلاس ہو جس میں آئی جی سندھ غلام حیدر جمالی اور ذول ڈی آئی جی سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی جب کہ اجلاس میں ریجنل اور پولیس نے مشترکہ طور پر محرم الحرام کے لیے

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تفصیلات

سرخیاء

پاکستان کے صوبے پنجاب میں قومی اور صوبائی اسمبلیوں کے حلقوں میں ضمنی انتخابات کے تحت پولنگ جاری ہے۔ قومی اسمبلی کی دو اور صوبائی اسمبلی کی ایک نشست پر انتخابات ہو رہے ہیں۔ لاہور شہر سے قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 122 میں پولنگ صبح آٹھ بجے شروع ہوئی اور شام پانچ بجے تک جاری رہے گی۔ ضمنی انتخابات کے انعقاد کے لیے سیکورٹی کے خصوصی انتظامات کیے گئے ہیں۔ حساس قرار دیے جانے والے پولنگ سٹیشنز پر پولیس کے ساتھ ساتھ فوج اور ریجنل بھی تعینات ہیں۔ این اے 122 میں مجموعی طور پر 15 امیدوار انتخاب میں حصہ لے رہے ہیں لیکن مسلم لیگ ن کے سردار ایاز صادق اور پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے علیم خان کے درمیان سخت مقابلے کی بات کہی جا رہی ہے۔ عام انتخابات 2013 میں قومی اسمبلی کے اس حلقے سے مسلم لیگ ن کے سردار ایاز صادق کامیاب ہوئے تھے لیکن تحریک انصاف کی جانب سے دھاندلی کے الزامات کے بعد الیکشن ٹریبونل نے نتائج کو کالعدم قرار دے کر دوبارہ انتخابات کروانے کا فیصلہ دیا تھا۔ حلقہ این اے 122 میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹروں کی تعداد تقریباً ساڑھے تین لاکھ ہے اور انتخابات کے لیے 284 پولنگ سٹیشنز قائم کیے گئے ہیں جن میں سے انتہائی حساس پولنگ سٹیشنوں کی تعداد 12 ہے۔ اوکاڑہ سے قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 144 میں پانچ امیدوار مد مقابل ہیں جن میں مسلم لیگ ن کے علی عارف چوہدری اور پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے محمد اشرف خان سوہنا شامل ہیں۔ اس حلقے میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹروں کی تعداد تقریباً تین لاکھ 16 ہزار ہے اور 210 پولنگ سٹیشنوں میں سے 25 کو حساس قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ لاہور ہی سے صوبائی اسمبلی کے حلقہ پی پی 147 لاہور میں نمایاں امیدواروں میں پاکستان مسلم لیگ ن کے محسن لطیف، تحریک انصاف کے محمد شعیب صدیقی اور پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے افتخار شاہ ایڈووکیٹ شامل ہیں۔

صوبائی اور قومی اسمبلیوں کی نشست پر
ضمنی انتخابات، سخت مقابلہ

بی بی سی

11 اکتوبر 2015

پاکستان کی فوج نے وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقے شمالی وزیرستان میں پاک افغان سرحد کے قریب ہونے والی فضائی کارروائیوں میں 22 شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے اتوار کو جاری ہونے والے ایک مختصر میں کہا گیا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کے دوران سیکورٹی فورس نے شمالی وزیرستان میں پاک افغان سرحدی سے متصل علاقے دتہ خیال میں فضائی حملے کیے ہیں۔ بیان کے مطابق ان حملوں میں 22 شدت پسند مارے گئے جبکہ شدت پسندوں کے چھ ٹھکانوں کو تباہ کیا گیا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ حملے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف ملک میں جاری آپریشن ضرب عضب کے تحت کیے گئے ہیں۔ خیال رہے کہ گذشتہ سال جون میں فوج کی جانب سے شمالی وزیرستان میں شدت پسند تنظیموں کے خلاف کارروائیوں کا آغاز کیا گیا تھا جو بدستور جاری ہے۔ فوج کے مطابق آپریشن کے نتیجے میں اب تک ایجنسی کا 90 فیصد علاقہ شدت پسندوں سے صاف کر دیا گیا ہے۔ تاہم سرحدی علاقوں شوال اور دتہ خیال میں کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ ان علاقوں میں فوج نے حال ہی میں زمینی حملوں کا آغاز بھی کیا ہے جبکہ اس دوران اس علاقے میں سیکورٹی فورسز پر بھی حملوں میں اضافہ دیکھا جا رہا ہے۔ گذشتہ سال دسمبر میں پشاور کے آرمی پبلک سکول پر ہونے والے طالبان حملے کے بعد آپریشن ضرب عضب کا دائرہ کار ملک کے دیگر علاقوں تک پھیلا دیا گیا تھا جس کے بعد خیبر ایجنسی میں بھی شدت پسندوں کے خلاف کارروائیوں میں تیزی لائی گئی۔

شمالی وزیرستان فوج کے فضائی حملے، 22
شدت پسندوں کی ہلاکت کا دعویٰ

بی بی سی

11 اکتوبر 2015

جہلم کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ راولپنڈی نے کارروائی کے دوران مبینہ طور پر داعش سے تعلق رکھنے والے ایک دہشت گرد کو گرفتار کر کے اس کے قبضے سے شراٹگیز لٹریچر اور وڈیوز برآمد کر لی ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ راولپنڈی نے مصدقہ اطلاعات کی بنیاد پر جہلم میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے علی نامی شخص کو گرفتار کر کے اس کے قبضے سے لیپ ٹاپ اور شراٹگیز تحریری مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام نے دہشت گرد کو حراست میں تفتیش کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ علی کا تعلق کالعدم دہشت گرد تنظیم داعش سے ہے اور یہ داعش سے ہمدردی رکھنے والوں کو تنظیم میں شامل کرنے پر مامور تھا۔ گذشتہ روز سی ٹی ڈی نے ایک کی تحصیل حضور سے بھی کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی کا مقامی صدر اور داعش کے مبینہ سرگرم کارکن حافظ شاہد فاروقی کو گرفتار کر کے اس کے قبضے سے بارودی مواد، ڈیٹونیٹر اور دیگر ممنوعہ سامان برآمد کیا تھا۔ واضح رہے کہ کچھ عرصہ قبل ٹیکسلا میں سڑک کے کنارے داعش کے پرچم لگائے گئے تھے تاہم اس سرگرمی میں ملوث افراد کا تاحال پتہ نہیں لگا گیا۔

جہلم سے کالعدم تنظیم کا دہشت گرد
گرفتار، شراٹگیز لٹریچر برآمد

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

11 اکتوبر 2015

اسلام آباد وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ ملکی سلامتی اور داخلی سیکورٹی کے استحکام کے لیے ہر ممکن اقدامات کئے جائیں گے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت ملک کی داخلی صورتحال سے متعلق وزیراعظم ہاؤس میں اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار، اسحاق ڈار، چیئر مین جوائنٹ چیفس آف اسٹاف کمیٹی جنرل راشد محمود، آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف، ڈی جی آئی ایس آئی یفٹینٹ جنرل رضوان اختر،

ملک کی داخلی سیکورٹی کے استحکام کیلئے ہر
ممکن اقدامات کیے جائیں گے، وزیراعظم

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

انڈونے شین بھی آج ہمارے انسداد ڈینگی ماڈل کی تقلید کر رہے ہیں عوام ڈینگی سے مقابلہ کے لیے پنجاب حکومت کی ہدایات پر عمل کریں یہ بات انہوں نے ڈی سی او ہاڑی کے کمیٹی روم میں ایم اے ن اے طاہر اقبال چودھری کے ہمراہ انسداد ڈینگی کے حوالہ سے ضلعی اداروں کے سربراہان اور تعلیمی اداروں کے سربراہان کے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کئی اجلاس میں ڈی او سی مہر امیر بخش، اسسٹنٹ کمشنر بور بورالا سیف اللہ ساجد، ای ڈی او زراعت چودھری مشتاق، ای ڈی او اے جو کیشن شوکت علی طاہر، ای ڈی او ہیلتھ ڈاکٹر افضل بشیر، ڈی ایم او ہاڑی میاں اظہر جاوید، ڈی ایم او میلسی چودھری ندیم، ڈی او سوشل ویلفیئر رائے اختر اظہر، کامیٹی یونیورسٹی کے شعبہ انوائزمنٹل سائنسز کے ڈاکٹر شاہد، ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر کٹ کالجور مضامن شہزاد، ڈی او نیورسٹی آف اے جو کیشن ہاڑی، گورنمنٹ کالج عہد سلطان پور، میلسی، بور بورالا کے پرنسپلز گورنمنٹ پوسٹ گریجویٹ کالج ہاڑی کے پرنسپل رانا محمد یعقوب اور دیگر افسران شہرے ک تھے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے صوبائی وزیر رانا مشہود احمد خان نے کہا کہ ڈینگی کے انسداد کے لیے سپرے آخری ہتھیار ہے ہمیں ڈینگی کے خاتمہ کے لیے ان اسباب کو ختم کرنا ہو گا جو ڈینگی کی افزائش کا باعث بنتے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ تعلیمی اداروں میں ڈینگی سے آگاہی کے لیے زیرو پریڈیاٹس پر عمل کیا جائے انہوں نے کہا کہ ڈینگی میں نمایاں کمی کے بعد معمولی سستی اور غفلت سے اے ک بار پھر ڈینگی وائرس کو افزائش کا موقع ملا جس کی وجہ سے راولپنڈی کے بعد ملتان میں ڈینگی سے متاثرہ مرے ضوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ دیکھا گیا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ ملتان میں ڈینگی مرے ضوں میں خانیوال ضلع کے مریضوں کی بھی اطلاع ہے گو ضلع ہاڑی میں ابھی تک ڈینگی چھڑیا اس کے لاروا کی موجودگی کی کوئی اطلاع نہیں لیکن ہمسایہ اضلاع میں اس وائرس کی موجودگی کی وجہ سے زیادہ محتاط رہنے کی ضرورت ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ کوئی بھی ادارہ یا تنظیم یا فرد اپنے طور پر سپرے کرنے سے گریز کرے محکمہ صحت کی مشاورت کے بغیر سپرے کرنے والا نتائج کا خود ذمہ دار ہو گا انہوں نے کہا زیر تعمیر عمارات، ٹائر شاپس، کار واشنگ سینٹر سمیت دیگر مقامات پر پانی کے فوری نکاس کو یقینی بنانے کے اقدامات کئے جائیں اور گھروں میں بھی گملوں، پرانے کاٹھ کباڑ، اے سی کے پانی گرنے کے مقام یا کسی بھی نم دار جگہ کو جلد خشک کرنے کا شعور جاگڑا کر کیا جائے تاکہ ڈینگی سے نجات حاصل کی جاسکے۔

کوئٹہ میں کنگو وائرس سے متاثرہ ایک اور مریض دم توڑ گیا روزنامہ جنگ 6 اکتوبر 2015

لاہور (صباح نیوز) پنجاب میں ڈینگی وائرس وبائی صورت اختیار کر گیا، راولپنڈی کے بعد ملتان میں بھی ڈینگی نے ڈنگ تیر کر لئے، چوبیس گھنٹوں میں متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد 54 ہو گئی، محکمہ صحت نے راولپنڈی میں رواں ماہ ڈینگی سے دو خواتین کی ہلاکت کی تصدیق کر دی۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کی بدانتظامی کے باعث صوبے کے مختلف اضلاع میں ڈینگی وائرس خطرناک صورتحال اختیار کر گیا ہے، چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران صوبے میں مزید چوں افراد میں مرض کی تصدیق ہوئی جن میں جو ایلس کا تعلق راولپنڈی اور دس کا ملتان سے ہے، تاہم ڈینگی وائرس پھیلنے کے بعد محکمہ صحت کی ٹیم اب ملتان میں بھی پہنچ گئی ہے۔ رواں برس صوبے بھر میں متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد نو سو چھیاسٹھ تک پہنچ چکی ہے۔

آزاد کشمیر میں آنے والے قیامت خیز زلزلے کو 10 سال گزر گئے۔ نیو بلا کوٹ سٹی نہ بن سکا۔ وفاقی اور کے پی کے کی سابقہ حکومتوں کی غلط پالیسیوں کی وجہ سے منصوبہ تاخیر کا شکار ہوا۔ صوبائی حکومت حاصل شدہ اراضی ایرا کے حوالے کر کے 4 ارب روپے بروقت دے دے تو منصوبہ دو سال میں مکمل ہو سکتا ہے۔ 5 اکتوبر 2005 کو آنے والے زلزلے نے بہت کچھ ملامیٹ کر دیا تھا۔ ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق بلا کوٹ شہر کے پی کے ضلع ناسرہ کا ایک تاریخی مذہبی اور سیاحتی مقام کہلاتا ہے یہ علاقہ زلزلے کی فالٹ لائن پر واقع ہے۔ 2005 میں فیصلہ کیا گیا تھا کہ نیو بلا کوٹ شہر آباد کر لیا جائے گا۔ 1000 کنال اراضی پر 7 جولائی 2007ء کو ہاؤسنگ منصوبے کا آغاز کیا گیا۔ منصوبے کے لئے 8444 کنال اراضی حاصل کی جا چکی ہے۔ ستمبر 2009 میں شاہراہ ہے، پانی کی سپلائی، سیوریج لائن سمیت 52 فیصد انفراسٹرکچر بھی بنایا گیا۔ منصوبے پر 4 ارب روپے سے زائد خرچ ہو چکا ہے۔ مگر باقی کام تاحال مکمل نہیں ہو سکا ہے۔

پنجاب میں ڈینگی وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد 54 ہو گئی روزنامہ نوائے وقت 6 اکتوبر 2015

آزاد کشمیر میں آنے والے قیامت خیز زلزلے کو 10 سال مکمل روزنامہ نوائے وقت 5 اکتوبر 2015

صوبائی حکومت کے 'بندی سے آگے نہیں بڑھ سکے۔ بریگیڈز ابو بکر بالا کوٹ کی تعمیر نو میں ایک دہائی کی ذمہ داری صوبائی حکومت پر ڈالتے ہیں۔ ان کے مطابق نئے بالا کوٹ کے لیے 'معاملات ان لوگوں سے چل رہے ہیں جن سے (نئے شہر کی) زمین واگزار کرانی ہے۔ جب وہ مل گئی تو ہم تیار ہیں۔ محض 14 فیصد زمین مل سکی ہے جو متاثرین میں تقسیم کے لیے تیار ہے۔ وہ تقسیم بھی صوبائی حکومت کو کرنی ہے۔ ایرا کے مطابق متاثرین کے بحالی کے لیے 500 ارب روپے کے لگ بھگ رقم درکار تھی۔ ادارے نے 244 ارب روپے کے منصوبے مکمل کیے۔ ادارے کے سربراہ کے بقول 'ہم نے نصف رقم سے 70 فیصد منصوبہ مکمل کیے۔

راولپنڈی (آن لائن) راولپنڈی میں ڈینگی وائرس نے خطرناک حد تک شدت اختیار کر لی۔ ہولی فیملی ہسپتال میں 65 سالہ متاثرہ شخص دم توڑ گیا۔ راولپنڈی میں ڈینگی وائرس کے باعث ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 5 ہو گئی۔ مختلف ہسپتالوں میں اب تک ہزاروں مریض لائے گئے اور 1120 افراد میں ڈینگی وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی جو زیر علاج ہیں۔ ہولی فیملی ہسپتال میں ڈینگی وائرس سے متاثرہ 65 سالہ مانسہرہ کا رہائشی اللہ دتہ دوران علاج دم توڑ گیا۔ اللہ دتہ کو چند روز قبل مانسہرہ سے راولپنڈی لایا گیا۔ اللہ دتہ کی ہلاکت کے بعد راولپنڈی میں ڈینگی وائرس سے ہلاکتوں کی مجموعی تعداد تین ہو گئی جس میں اضافے کا خدشہ ظاہر کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ڈینگی سے متاثر ہزاروں افراد نے ہسپتالوں کا رخ کیا جبکہ ہولی فیملی، بے نظیر بھٹو شہید ہسپتال، ڈی ایچ کیو سمیت دیگر ہسپتالوں نے اب تک شہر بھر سے 1120 افراد میں ڈینگی وائرس کی تصدیق کی ہے۔

راولپنڈی: ڈینگی سے متاثرہ ایک اور شخص دم توڑ گیا ہلاکتوں میں اضافے کا

خدا شہ

اردو ایئر

8 اکتوبر 2015

ملتان (دقائق نگار خصوصی) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف کی ہدایت پر ضلع ملتان میں ڈینگی کے خلاف شعور اجاگر کرنے کے لئے اینٹی ڈینگی ریلی کا آغاز قلعہ کہنہ قاسم باغ سے کیا گیا جو کہ چوک کچھری پر اختتام پذیر ہوئی۔ ریلی میں سائلڈ ویسٹ مینجمنٹ کمیٹی، محکمہ صحت، تعلیم، ماحولیات، ٹورازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ سمیت ٹاؤن کے آفیسران و اہلکار بھی شریک ہوئے۔ ریلی کے اختتام پر صحافیوں سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ڈی سی او زاہد سلیم گوندل نے کہا کہ ڈینگی مرض سے ڈرنے کی بجائے اس کے تدارک کے لئے احتیاطی تدابیر اپنانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ضلعی حکومت دن رات ایک کر کے پورے شہر میں ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کے لئے اقدامات کر رہی ہے۔ 26 یونین کونسلوں کو حساس قرار دے کر روزانہ کی بنیاد پر ڈینگی لاروے کی تلفی اور سپرے کو یقینی بنایا جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ انتظامیہ شہریوں کے تعاون کے بغیر اس موذی مرض پر مکمل قابو نہیں پاسکتی۔ عوام اپنے ارد گرد کے ماحول کو خشک اور صاف ستھرا رکھے، گھروں میں پانی نہ کھڑا ہونے دیا جائے جبکہ چھت پر ناکارہ سامان اور برتنوں کو ڈھانپ کر رکھا جائے۔ کٹو نمٹ ایریا میں سرویلنس کے لئے خصوصی سکوڈ بھی تشکیل دے دیا گیا ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں حکومت پنجاب نے ضلع ملتان میں ڈینگی کے خلاف جاری مہم کو مزید موثر بنانے کے لئے مزید 300 فیلڈ ورکرز عارضی بنیادوں پر بھرتی کرنے کی منظوری دے دی ہے۔ ڈی سی او ملتان زاہد سلیم گوندل نے گزشتہ روز خصوصی سلیکشن کمیٹی تشکیل دے کر واک ان انٹرویوز کے ذریعے ٹیکنیکل افراد کو بطور فیلڈ ورکرز بھرتی کر لیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ملتان میں ڈینگی سٹاف کم ہونے کی وجہ سے مہم چلانے میں دشواری پیش آرہی تھی جس پر حکومت پنجاب نے ڈیلی ویز ملازمین 3 ماہ کے لئے بھرتی کرنے کی منظوری دی ہے۔

ڈینگی کے خلاف شعور اجاگر کرنے کے لئے ملتان میں ریلی کا انعقاد

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

7 اکتوبر 2015

پشاور: سوات، مالاکنڈ اور ہری پور سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف حصوں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پشاور، مالاکنڈ، سوات، شانگلہ، ہری پور اور لکی مروت میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے۔ اس کے علاوہ اور پشاور میں بھی زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے ہیں۔ زلزلے کے باعث لوگوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا اور عوام کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کرتے ہوئے گھروں اور دفاتر سے باہر آگئے تاہم تاحال کسی جانی و مالی نقصان کی اطلاع نہیں۔ زلزلہ کو وہ پیمائش کے مطابق زلزلے کا مرکز پاک افغان سرحد کے قریب کوہ ہندوکس کا پہاڑی سلسلہ تھا اور ریکٹر اسکیل پر اس کی شدت 4.9 ریکارڈ کی گئی جب کہ زمین میں اس کی گہرائی 300 کلومیٹر تھی۔

پشاور سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف

حصوں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

7 اکتوبر 2015

ملتان، وہاڑی (نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت: نامہ نگار) صوبائی وزیر تعلیم رانا مشہود احمد خان نے کہا ہے کہ انسداد ڈینگی مہم کو کامیاب بنانے کیلئے سب کو مل کر کام کرنا ہو گا ڈینگی کے خلاف کامیاب مہم کی وجہ سے آج دنیا کے دوسرے ممالک ہم سے معاونت طلب کر رہے ہیں ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے گزشتہ روز تعلیمی بورڈ ملتان کے جوہلی ہال میں منعقدہ سرکاری و فوجی تعلیمی اداروں کے سربراہان سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا صوبائی وزیر تعلیم نے سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شعبہ تعلیم پر خصوصی توجہ دے رہے ہیں اس وقت پنجاب انڈومنٹ ایجوکیشن پروگرام کے تحت غریب و متوسط گھرانوں کے ذہین طلبہ بڑے تعلیمی اداروں میں تعلیم حاصل کر رہے ہیں اسی طرح بورڈ کے پوزیشنز ہولڈرز طلبہ کی حوصلہ افزائی کی جا رہی ہے اور ملکی تاریخ میں پہلی بار پوزیشن ہولڈرز طلبہ کو غیر ملکی جامعات کے تعلیمی دوروں پر بھیجا جا رہا ہے اس تقریب میں ڈائریکٹر کالج ملتان شمیم عارف قریشی ای ڈی او ایجوکیشن ملتان اشفاق گجر، ای ڈی او ہیلتھ ملتان گورنمنٹ ولایت حسین کالج ملتان کے پرنسپل و ممبر سٹڈی کمیٹی ڈاکٹر یونیورسٹی ڈاکٹر محمد حسین آزاد، پرنسپل ایمرسن کالج ملتان پروفیسر ملک جبار تعلیمی بورڈ ملتان کے چیئرمین پروفیسر ریاض ہاشمی سیکرٹری ملتان بورڈ ارشد جاوید اعوان سمیت سرکاری و فوجی تعلیمی اداروں کے سربراہان نے شرکت کی۔ وہاڑی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق صوبائی وزیر تعلیم و کھیل رانا مشہود احمد خان نے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف نے صوبہ کے عوام کو ڈینگی سے لڑنا سکھایا ڈینگی کے خلاف ہمیں تربیت دینے والے سری لنکن کے ساتھ

ڈینگی سے مقابلہ کیلئے حکومتی ہدایات پر

عمل اپنے طور پر سپرے سے گریز کیا

جائے: رانا مشہود

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

6 اکتوبر 2015

علاقے سے تعلق رکھنے والے اب خیبر پختونخوا کے گورنر ہیں، یہاں سے اراکین اسمبلی اور سینیٹ کے ممبر ہیں لیکن ایر کو پوچھنے والا کوئی نہیں ہے۔ پانچ ہزار سے زیادہ عارضی مکان یا ٹیلٹرز زلزلے سے متاثرہ افراد کا مستقل ٹھکانہ بن چکے ہیں۔۔۔ بیگم جان ستر سالہ بزرگ خاتون ہیں جو اپنی ایک اپناچ پوتی سمیت تین بچوں کے ساتھ اس عارضی ٹیلٹرز میں رہتی ہیں۔ بیگم جان نے کہا کہ ان کے گھر میں کوئی مرد نہیں ہے انھیں کوئی پلاٹ بھی نہیں دیا گیا لوگ گھر میں آکر مدد کر دیتے ہیں ورنہ وہ خود باہر نہیں جاسکتیں۔

مقامی صحافی ڈاکٹر فرید کہتے ہیں کہ یہاں اربوں روپے کے فنڈز جاری ہوئے لیکن نتیجہ کچھ نہیں نکلا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ لگ بھگ 22 ارب روپے ایر کو زمین اور 14 ارب روپے تعمیرات کے لیے دیے گئے لیکن کچھ کام نہیں ہوا کوئی پانچ ہزار دو سو سے زیادہ افراد کو جنھیں پلاٹ کے کاغذات جاری کرنے تھے وہ کام بھی نہیں ہو سکا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ ضرور ہوا ہے کہ کچھ پہلے سے تیار شدہ مکان اور سکول ضرور بنے ہیں۔ بالا کوٹ شہر میں زلزلے سے بچاؤ کی تعمیرات تو دور کی بات یہاں دس سالوں میں کوئی ترقیاتی کام نہیں ہو سکا۔ اسسٹنٹ کمشنر بالا کوٹ شہر محمد محمود کہتے ہیں کہ اب کچھ عرصے سے بالا کوٹ شہر میں کام شروع ہوا ہے وگرنہ دس سالوں میں تو یہاں کوئی کام ہوا ہی نہیں تھا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اب ایسے اجلاس ہو رہے ہیں اور صوبائی حکومت اب لوگوں کے مسائل حل کرنے کے لیے کوششیں کر رہی ہے اور انھیں یقین ہے کہ بہت جلد یہ مسئلہ حل ہو جائے گا لیکن اس وقت ان کے کام رک جاتے ہیں۔ جب لوگ عدالتوں سے رجوع کر لیتے ہیں۔

نیو بالا کوٹ سٹی یا بکریال آٹھ سو کنال پر محیط علاقہ ہے۔ جہاں پانچ سیکٹرز قائم کیے گئے ہیں۔ یہاں دو سیکٹروں میں تو کچھ ترقیاتی کام ہوئے ہیں لیکن تین سیکٹروں میں کوئی کام نہیں ہوا۔ فنڈز بھی لگائے گئے اور پھر کام بند کر دیا گیا۔ اس ناؤن میں مشینری خراب پڑی ہے اور جو کام ہوا تھا وہ بھی ضائع ہو گیا ہے۔ پرانے بالا کوٹ شہر میں زلزلے سے تباہی کے آثار اب بھی نمایاں ہیں۔ ان دس سالوں میں لوگوں کے لیے نہ پرانا شہر بسا اور نہ ہی نیا بالا کوٹ بن سکا۔

آزاد کشمیر اور خیبر پختونخوا میں آنے والے زلزلے تباہ کن زلزلے کو 10 برس گزر جانے کے بعد بھی لاکھوں متاثرین تاحال بے یار و مظفر آباد / مانسہرہ مدد گار ہیں۔ آزاد کشمیر میں 18 اکتوبر 2005 کو آنے والے تباہ کن زلزلے کو 10 برس مکمل ہونے پر آزاد کشمیر یونیورسٹی میں ایک یادگاری تقریب کا اہتمام کیا گیا اور وزیراعظم آزاد کشمیر عبدالحمید چوہدری نے یادگار شہداء پر پھولوں کی چادر چڑھائی، فاتحہ خوانی اور شہداء کی یاد میں ایک منٹ تک سائرن بھی بجائے گئے۔ اس موقع پر تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم آزاد کشمیر نے شہداء کو خراج عقیدت پیش کیا اور بیرونی ڈونرز کا شکریہ ادا جب کہ حکومت پاکستان سے شکوہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ زلزلے کو 10 سال گزر جانے کے بعد بھی ہمارے ڈیڑھ لاکھ بچے کھلے آسمان تلے بیٹھے ہیں، حکومت پاکستان انا کا مسئلہ نہ بنائے اور فنڈز کی فراہمی کا وعدہ پورا کرے۔

اس کے علاوہ مانسہرہ میں بھی اکتوبر 2005 کے زلزلہ متاثرین کی یاد میں تقاریب کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ گورنمنٹ ہائی سکول بالا کوٹ میں 65 طلبہ کی اجتماعی قبر پر فاتحہ خوانی کی گئی اور شہداء کی یاد میں 2 منٹ کی خاموشی اختیار کی گئی۔ یاد رہے کہ بالا کوٹ میں اکتوبر 2005 میں آنے والے زلزلے میں 5 ہزار افراد شہید اور 10 ہزار زخمی ہو گئے تھے جب کہ بالا کوٹ کا 95 فیصد انفراسٹرکچر بھی تباہ ہو گیا تھا۔ واضح رہے کہ 8 اکتوبر 2005 کو صبح 8 بج کر 52 منٹ کو آزاد کشمیر اور خیبر پختونخوا میں آنے والے تباہ کن زلزلے میں ایک لاکھ سے زائد افراد جاں بحق جب کہ ہزاروں زخمی اور لاکھوں افراد بے گھر ہو گئے تھے۔

آٹھ اکتوبر 2005 کو پاکستان کے زیر انتظام کشمیر میں دارالحکومت مظفر آباد سمیت باغ اور راولا کوٹ کے اضلاع میں سب سے زیادہ تباہی پھیلی۔ صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا جو اس وقت شمال مشرقی سرحدی صوبہ کہلاتا تھا میں شاہراہ قراقرم کے علاقے بالا کوٹ، ایبٹ آباد، مانسہرہ، بشام، بگلر ام، گڑھی حبیب اللہ، پتن اور پٹل زلزلے کی تباہی کی لپیٹ میں آئے۔ متاثرہ علاقوں اور وہاں کے باشندوں کی بحالی کے لیے زلزلے کے فوری بعد بنائے گئے ادارے ایرا کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 73 ہزار افراد کی اموات ہوئیں۔ سو لاکھ سے زائد لوگ شدید زخمی ہوئے۔ البتہ غیر سرکاری ادارے جانی نقصان کو 85 ہزار سے زائد قرار دیتے ہیں جبکہ 35 لاکھ افراد بے گھر ہوئے۔

ایرا کے قائم مقام نائب چیئرمین جو آج کل ادارے کے مکمل کر تا دھر تائیں بریگیڈیئر ابو بکر امین باجوہ کے مطابق زلزلے سے چھ لاکھ سے زائد مکانات تباہ ہوئے تھے جو دس سال بعد 99 فیصد تعمیر ہو چکے ہیں۔ تعلیمی نظام سب سے زیادہ متاثر ہوا۔ اقوام متحدہ میں بچوں کے ادارے یونیسیف کے مطابق منہدم ہونے والے سکولوں میں 18 ہزار بچوں کی اموات ہوئیں۔ 23 ہزار بچے معذور یا طویل مدتی اثرات والے زخموں سے دوچار ہوئے۔ تقریباً 17 ہزار بچے ماؤں سے محروم ہوئے۔ 21 ہزار یتیم جبکہ 1700 بچوں کے والدین نہ رہے۔ دس سال گزرنے کے باوجود زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں تعلیمی نظام تقریباً 50 فیصد تک بحال ہو سکا ہے۔ بریگیڈیئر ابو بکر کے مطابق سکول کی تعمیر نو ترجیح رہی ہے، لیکن عطیات دینے والوں نے شہروں کے قریب عمارتوں کی تعمیر کو ترجیح دی۔ بڑے شہر مظفر آباد اور بالا کوٹ تقریباً تین سو ہونے لگے تھے۔ مظفر آباد میں قابل ذکر تعمیر نو ہوئی جس میں قومی اور بین الاقوامی غیر سرکاری تنظیموں کا اہم کردار رہا۔ دس سال بعد یہ شہر بین الاقوامی طرز تعمیر کامرکز دکھائی دیتا ہے جن میں ترکی سے لے کر کیوبا تک کے رنگ عیاں ہیں۔ بالا کوٹ کے باشندوں کے لیے سعودی عرب سے ملنے والے عارضی گھر مستقل رہائشیں بن چکی ہیں کیونکہ نئے شہر کی تعمیر کے وعدے کاغذی منصوبہ

۲۰۰۵ کے تباہ کن زلزلے کو ۱۰ برس بیت جانے کے بعد بھی لاکھوں متاثرین

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کوئٹہ..... کوئٹہ کے فاطمہ جناح ٹی بی سینٹوریم اسپتال میں کانگو سے متاثرہ ایک اور مریض داخل کیا گیا ہے، جس کے بعد اسپتال میں مریضوں کی تعداد آٹھ ہو گئی۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق کوئٹہ میں کانگو وائرس کا ایک اور مریض اسپتال لایا گیا ہے، پشین سے تعلق رکھنے والے آدم خان کو آج صبح داخل کیا گیا ہے۔ فاطمہ جناح ٹی بی سینٹوریم اسپتال میں مریضوں کی تعداد آٹھ ہو گئی ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق ایک مریض کی حالت تشویشناک ہے، مریضوں کو مکمل طبی سہولیات فراہم کی جا رہی ہیں

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ادارہ تحفظ ماحولیات حکومت سندھ نے معروف فلاحی طبی ادارے سندھ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف یورولاجی اینڈ ٹرانسپلانٹیشن (ایس آئی یو ٹی) کے ذیلی منصوبے ملٹی آرگن ٹرانسپلانٹ سینٹر اور بائیو ٹیکنالوجی انسٹیٹیوٹ کی تعمیر و تنصیب سے ہونے والے ماحولیاتی اثرات کی تشخیص و جائزے کے لیے عوامی شنوائی کی تقریب انسٹیٹیوٹ کے آڈیٹوریم میں منعقد کی جس میں شعبہ طب، ماحولیات، ماحولیاتی صحافت اور سوسائٹی سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق منڈو بین کی جانب سے کسی قسم کے بے جا اعتراضات یا ٹھکوک و شبہات کا اظہار نہیں کیا گیا اور نہ ہی منصوبے کے ماحولیاتی مشیر کی جانب سے دی گئی پریزنٹیشن کے کسی بھی نکتے کو رد کرنے یا تبدیل کرانے کی کوشش کی گئی جو اس بات کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے کہ ایس آئی یو ٹی کی اچھی شہرت اور عوام کی جانب سے اُسے قدر کی نگاہ سے دیکھے جانے کے باعث لوگوں کو یقین ہے کہ اس کی انتظامیہ اپنے ذیلی منصوبے کو بھی عوامی فلاح و خدمت کے لیے ایک مثال بنائے گی۔ ایس آئی یو ٹی کا مذکورہ منصوبہ دو حصوں پر مشتمل ہے جس کے پہلے حصے میں آرگن اور سیلولر ٹرانسپلانٹیشن کے ہسپتال کی تعمیر اور اُس میں آلات کی تنصیب جبکہ دوسرے حصے میں ملکی سطح پر جدید طبی ماہرین بنانے کے لیے ایک تعلیمی و تربیتی مرکز کی تعمیر و تنظیم ہے جس میں جدید سائنسی خطوط پر ٹرانسپلانٹ سائنس کی تعلیم دی جائے گی۔ منصوبہ سوا ایکڑ کے رقبے پر محیط ہے اور یہ کھور (کراچی) کے مقام پر پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچایا جائے گا۔

راولپنڈی: راولپنڈی میں ڈینگی بے قابو ہو گیا، چوبیس گھنٹے میں مزید سو سے زائد افراد اسپتال پہنچ گئے، مریضوں کی تعداد بارہ سو تک پہنچ گئی، راولپنڈی کے علاقے کٹنومنٹ، چکالہ کینٹ، راول ٹاؤن سمیت شہر بھر میں ڈینگی مچھر بے قابو ہو گیا ہے، ڈی ایس پی کینٹ سمیت بارہ سو افراد ڈینگی وائرس کا شکار ہو کر اسپتال پہنچ گئے ہیں، ڈینگی ٹیموں کی بروقت تشکیل نہ ہونے اور ناقص اسپرے کے باعث ڈینگی مچھر راولپنڈی کے شہریوں کے لئے بڑی آفت کا روپ دھار چکا ہے جبکہ زبانی دعوؤں کے باوجود محکمہ صحت پنجاب ڈینگی وائرس کے خلاف بے بس ہے۔

خیبر پختونخوا کے شہر بالا کوٹ میں 10 سال پہلے زلزلے کے بعد سے ایک بڑی آبادی ایسے عارضی ٹیلٹروں میں زندگی گزارنے پر مجبور ہے جس میں دس دس فٹ کے صرف دو کمرے ہیں۔ ان ٹیلٹرز میں پانچ سے 15 افراد پر مشتمل خاندان آباد ہیں۔ بالا کوٹ میں 10 سال پہلے آٹھ اکتوبر کے زلزلے میں لگ بھگ نوے فیصد مکان تباہ ہو گئے تھے۔ بالا کوٹ میں اس وقت کل مکانات کی تعداد تقریباً 40 ہزار تھی۔ زلزلے سے اس شہر میں 18 ہزار افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ بالا کوٹ شہر اسی جگہ آباد ہے جہاں اس شہر کو اب نہیں ہونا چاہیے تھا۔ پرانا بالا کوٹ جہاں واقع ہے وہ جگہ زلزلے کی فالٹ لائن پر ہے اور 10 سال پہلے حکومت نے یہاں سے کوئی 30 کلومیٹر دور ایک نیا بالا کوٹ شہر آباد کرنے کا منصوبہ بنایا تھا۔ اس نئے بالا کوٹ کے منصوبے کے لیے زمین بھی خریدی گئی کام بھی کسی حد تک شروع ہوا لیکن لوگوں کو وہاں آباد نہیں کیا جا سکا۔ پرانے بالا کوٹ میں زلزلے کے بعد نئے مکان بھی تعمیر ہوئے ہیں اور کاروبار زندگی بھی جاری ہے لیکن لوگوں میں سخت بے یقینی کی صورت حال پائی جاتی ہے۔

بالا کوٹ شہر کے بڑے بازار میں لوگوں سے ان کا حال کیا پوچھا گیا وہ تو جیسے غبار لیے پٹھے تھے، ایک سے بڑھ کر ایک مقرر اور ہر ایک کے پاس اپنے علاقے کے تمام اعداد و شمار موجود تھے۔ طاہر خان نے بتایا کہ ان کے لیے جو نیا شہر آباد ہونا تھا اس پر کام کیا گیا اور فنڈز بھی منظور ہوئے لیکن وہ فنڈز کہاں گئے کچھ معلوم نہیں۔ یہ لوگ ان ہی دو کمروں کے ٹیلٹرز میں رہ رہے ہیں جو بوسیدہ ہو چکے ہیں۔ ایک بزرگ خان زمان آگے آئے اور بولے کہ ان کے

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