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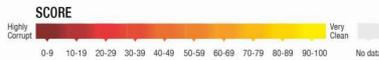
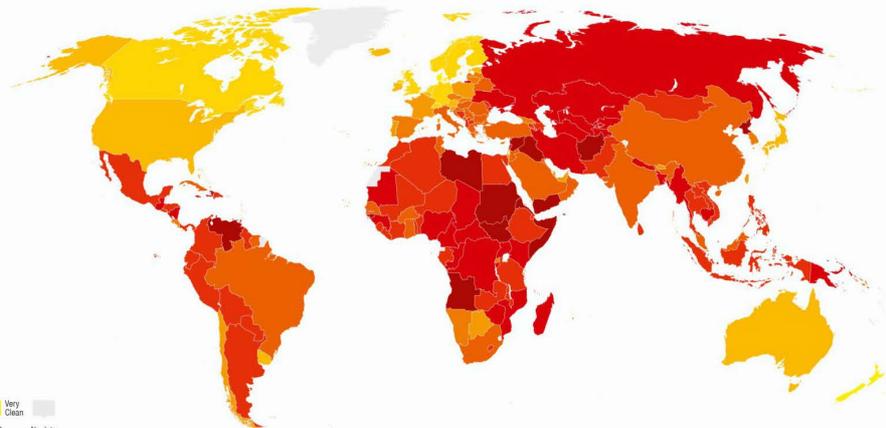
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CORRUPTION PERCEPTIONS INDEX 2016

The perceived levels of public sector corruption in 176 countries/territories around the world.



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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Climate Change Adaptation Project to benefit 185 million population

The News, January 30, 2017

Climate change affects agri sector's performance

Pak Observer, January 28, 2017

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's \$36 million Climate Change Adaptation Project responding to Glacial Outburst in Northern Pakistan will benefit 185 million population of the country. The project was approved by Green Climate Fund (GCF) during its 14th Board meeting held in Republic of Korea last year. The project was submitted by Ministry of Climate Change together with UNDP for board's approval.

According to an official of the ministry, the proposed project will benefit approximately 700,000 people on average directly (5 districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 7 in Gilgit-Baltistan) and about 30 million indirect beneficiaries of whom half are women and girls. The project thus benefits about 15 per cent of the total population of Pakistan estimated at 185 million as at 2014 (World Bank data). The Indian Board member attempted to reject Pakistan's proposal citing unsubstantiated technical reasons.

However, the other 23 Board Members who considered the project fit for approval out rightly rejected these claims and approved the project. Pakistan also holds an alternate seat at the Board (with Saudi Arabia) and was able to effectively mitigate the false perceptions that were being propagated by the Indian member. The approved project will impact the lives of thousands of people who are living in constant danger of periodic glacial outbursts in the Northern Pakistan.

The main project outputs are Strengthened sub national institutional capacities to plan and implement climate change resilient development pathways and Community based Early Warning System (EWS) and long term measures are up scaled to increase communities adaptive capacity.

The project will address climate change impacts and Glacial Lake Outbursts Floods (GLOF) risks by preventing loss of lives and community infrastructure based on a holistic approach in all 7 districts of Gilgit-Baltistan and 5 districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province thus contributing to a climate resilient sustainable development in the long term.

The project outcome will strengthen adaptive capacity and reduce exposure to climate risks posed by climate change impacts and GLOF risks through the increased technical capacity of provincial and line departments to integrate CC and GLOF risks into development plans tools and budgets and by expanding the Pakistan Meteorological Department's Early Warning System (EWS) based on hydrological modelling and flood scenarios. The project will also strengthen sub-national institutional capacities to plan and implement climate change and disaster resilient development pathways as proposed outputs and activities will develop the capabilities of local level institutions and federal level institutions to incorporate climate change adaptation considerations into development plans in GB and KP. Listing some other initiatives the official said another remarkable achievement of Ministry of Climate Change is launching of Green Pakistan Programme. As is well known forestry and wildlife have been provincial subjects for several decades well before the devolution of the 18th Amendment.

Accordingly the basic outline of Green Pakistan Programme for revival of forest and wildlife resources in Pakistan (GPP) is that this programme will be implemented with the support of all provinces and federating units. The GPP was approved by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and an allocation of Rs2 billion being made in the current budget. He told this agency that Ministry of Climate Change succeeded to get Climate Change Act approved from cabinet. Under this Act Climate Change Council will be established in which all chief ministers will be included. This council will be responsible to implement climate change related policies in their respective provinces.

Further, the Ministry of Climate Change portrayed the positive image of Pakistan on the International platform by signing the Paris Agreement in April 2016 which was ratified before COP 22. Pakistan also participated in COP 22 which was held in Morocco this time.

Federal Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid announced official statement of Pakistan that we have adopted a perspective development plan called Vision 2025 a National Climate Change Policy along with a Framework for its implementation and a National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy. He also mentioned that Pakistan is first country in the world whose National Assembly passed a unanimous Resolution adopting the SDGs Agenda as its own national development agenda. The Minister also held bilateral meetings with his counterparts of UAE Turkey and Iran. He also attended Women Leaders & the Global Transformation Summit and highlighted important initiatives taken for women empowerment of Pakistan.

Similarly Global change Impact Study Centre which is attached department of Ministry of Climate Change and responsible for research work related to climate change issues made many contributions that includes International National Research Papers research Reports he added.

KARACHI: Agriculture sector in the country is suffering from unpredictability in growth and its performance remains subdued due to climate change, said Ahmad Jawad, Chairman Regional Standing Committee on Horticulture Exports, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) her Saturday January 28, 2017.

Ahmad Jawad, in a statement here, stressed the need to launch an initiative to digitize agriculture and provide necessary information to farmers to increase production. Reflecting upon the country's economic survey report, he said insufficient progress in technological innovation, limited progressive farming techniques, marketing and trade restrictions, low prices of crops and traditional processing methods were major reasons for low production.

Heavy rainfall causes flooding in low-lying areas of twin cities

The News, January 27, 2017

Rain-related incidents claim six lives in Quetta, Dera Allahyar

DAWN News, January 27, 2017

Pakistan - Severe weather (NDMA, Local Media) (ECHO Daily Flash of 27 January 2017)

ECHO, January 27, 2017

Woman, child killed in

Around 40 per cent of the total agricultural production was wasted in post-harvest due to insufficient utilisation of biotechnology, he added. In such scenario, he said, the use of biotechnology seemed to be the most fitting solution to revive the sector.

"It is heartening to note that a mobile company operating in Pakistan has taken the initiative in this regard but the services of this initiative are limited to certain regions, which needs to be extended to the whole country," he said. He urged the federal and provincial governments to join hands and work on productivity increase, adapting to climate change, poverty alleviation, input subsidies, agriculture research and extension, improving seed provision, agriculture produce markets, genetically modified crops, and meeting globalisation challenges.

Ahmad Jawad said the agriculture sector was being badly affected due to climate change and disturbance of seasons and decreasing water level in the earth. The situation could worsen if no appropriate measures were taken, he warned. "The whole world is being affected due to climate change and Pakistan could become the single most affected country in future if pre-emptive measures are not taken."—APP

RAWALPINDI: Heavy rainfall in Rawalpindi and Islamabad resulted in significant flooding in low lying areas. Heavy rain, which has been continuing since Wednesday, created problems for the residents of low-lying localities of the city as all the open manholes overflowed inundating streets and roads due to poor drainage system of the city.

Pedestrians and motorists faced difficulties on all roads, particularly Benazir Bhutto Road, Rawal Road, Airport Road, Jhelum Road, Peshawar Road and all other inner city roads. Benazir Bhutto Road was like a pond at some portions.

Traffic came to a halt for several hours in many areas as a number of vehicles broke down. Even at Jhelum Road, Mall Road, Adiala Road, Jamia Masjid Road near Qadeemi Imambargah, Airport Road, City Saddar Road near Gawalmandi and Benazir Bhutto Road areas several public transport vehicles developed faults in the middle of the road, causing heavy traffic jams. The rains also caused problems for people on two wheelers.

Similarly, cart pushers, vendors and labourers remained without work for a couple of days due to rain. The residents of low-lying areas, particularly Jan Colony, Hazara Colony, Nadeem Colony, Imambara Mohallah, Arya Mohallah, Dhoke Khabba and Raheemabad faced the worst kind of difficulties on Thursday as the rainwater entered some houses.

According to Met Office, Rawalpindi received 75mm of rain while Islamabad 60mm till the filing of this report. Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Director Dr Muhammad Hanif told 'The News' that rain will stop on Friday morning in twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. There will be sunny day in the twin cities, he said. The rain and heavy snowfall in hilly areas, particularly in Murree and Nathiagali, turned the weather chilly. The Murree Road and Murree Expressway were closed for traffic by Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) (Rawalpindi) due to landsliding and traffic jams.

On the other hand, access to Rawalpindi and Islamabad was strongly affected particularly for commuters who were waiting at different bus and wagon stops. The metro buses were packed with passengers during rain on the occasion. The Metro bus track was also filled with rainwater. According to the Civil Aviation Authority, national and international flight schedule was also affected due to the heavy rain. Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) Managing Director Raja Shaukat said that water sucking vehicles were present everywhere to remove the rainwater from roads and streets.

QUETTA: At least six people, including four members of a family, have been killed in Quetta and Dera Allahyar as roofs and walls of houses collapsed due to heavy snowfall and rain lashing parts of Balochistan for a couple of days.

Four members of a family were killed in the Nasirabad area of Nawan Killi, a locality on the outskirts of Quetta, where a house collapsed due to continuous rain. The family was sleeping when roof and walls of their double-storey mud house caved in, causing injuries to seven people, police said. Other members of the family and neighbours removed debris and took the injured to Civil Hospital where doctors proclaimed a woman and three children dead. The three injured were admitted to the hospital.

Police identified deceased as Gul Bibi, Fatima Bibi, Fawad Khan and Saima Bibi. Another incident of wall collapse took place in Dera Allahyar town of Jaffarabad district, our Nasirabad correspondent adds. Four of a family are among the dead. Three-year-old Nasrullah and seven-year-old Nasima were killed in the incident. Nasirabad and Jaffarabad districts have been receiving heavy rains for the last four days.

Meanwhile, a large number of mud houses collapsed in Khaliqabad area of Kalat district, rendering their residents homeless. They were shifted to safer places by the local administration.

Some areas of the district remain cut off from the district headquarters as snow has not been removed from roads. Icy winds have lowered the mercury to minus 12 degrees Celsius in Khaliqabad, Kalat and Harboi. According to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority, relief goods — including tents, blankets and food items — have been dropped in the affected areas. Helicopters have been used for this purpose.

- Severe weather, including heavy rain and snowfalls, has been affecting the central-eastern and south-eastern areas of the country over the past few days, causing floods and damages.
- Local media, as of 27 January at 7.00 UTC, reported at least seven deaths, of which four in Quetta district, two in Dera Allahyar district, one in Mastung city (Balochistan province). They also reported 3 people injured and several houses damaged in the province of Balochistan.

KHAR: A woman and a child were killed and five others children sustained injuries in rain-related incidents in Bajaur Agency on Thursday, tribal sources said. They said that the seven-year-old son

Bajaur

The News, January 27, 2017

CS for concerted efforts to meet challenges of natural disasters

Pak Observer, January 26, 2017

Sound Bytes: ‘Climate change is a bigger threat to Pakistan than terrorism’

DAWN News, January 26, 2017

of one Abdul Aziz was killed when the roof of his house collapsed due to heavy rains in Khararai village in Mamond tehsil of Bajaur Agency. They said that four other children, including an infant Manhala Bibi, Sadaqat Bibi, 5, Maaz, 8 and Zainab Bibi, 10, were also injured in the incident.

Similarly, a woman Sultana Bibi was killed and the wife of one Zafar sustained injuries as the wall of the house collapsed in Sewai area in Mamond. The injured were taken to the Agency Headquarters Hospital in Khar, the administrative headquarters of Bajaur Agency. The continuous rain has damaged the mud houses and boundary walls of various houses in Bajaur Agency and increased the risk of more such incidents. 10 injured as landslides hit vehicles on KKH: At least 10 persons were injured when landslides hit vehicles at Karakoram Highway in upper Kohistan on Thursday January 26, 2017. The vehicles were on way to Rawalpindi and Mansehra and met to accident. The local people and police rushed to scene and retrieved trapped people from their vehicles and shifted them to the nearby hospital. According to locals, condition of four of injured was stated to be critical.

KARACHI: The Chief Secretary Sindh, Rizwan Memon, has called for concerted efforts to help meet the natural disasters and crises. He was presiding over a meeting of Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) at his office, said a statement.

The Chief Secretary emphasised the need for expanding the activities of such bodies in Karachi as well as other parts of the province. He said that the coordination among such organizations should also be strengthened and the required awareness should also be fostered.

A detailed briefing was also given on the part of the PDMA, it was further stated. The meeting was attended by Secretary Finance, Hassan Naqvi, Secretary Implementation, Niaz Abbasi, Project Director PDMA, Salman Shah, Metropolitan Commissioner, Dr. Badar Jamil, and USAR focal person Humayun Khan.

KARACHI: Marked by smog in Punjab and fog in Sindh, winter this season was delayed for at least a month across the country, a phenomenon being observed along with other climate variations for the past few years. In the case of Karachi, the month of December for many seemed like an extended part of summer. And just when they were about to lose hope, they were pleasantly surprised when the weather suddenly turned cold and was later accompanied by rains.

Faiza Ilyas spoke to Dr Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, presently serving as International Climate Change Specialist at the Asian Development Bank, to ascertain if these weather patterns are a part of climate change, and if there is a national or provincial strategy in place to tackle the impact of climate change.

Dr Chaudhry is also the former special adviser to the secretary general of the UN World Meteorological Organisation for Asia and the lead author of Pakistan’s National Climate Change Policy.

Q: Is the current season any different from the previous winters?

A: It’s not different from what we have been experiencing for the past five to six years, that is, delay in the start of winter season and then rains. But, the pattern is quite different from the long-term normal weather patterns.

Fog and smog both have a lot to do with prolonged dry weather. Extended dry periods normally make lower atmosphere stable that causes increased concentration of pollutants — local and trans-boundary — in the lower atmosphere. Low temperatures caused extended smog conditions in Punjab. These pollutants disperse only when rain cleans the atmosphere or at least a wind pattern reduces the concentration of pollutants.

Q: How is climate change affecting Pakistan, particularly Sindh?

A: I am fully convinced that climate change is a bigger threat to Pakistan than terrorism, and Pakistan can experience severe impacts of extreme climate disasters, with water stress affecting food and energy security.

Severe drought and catastrophic floods in different parts of the country are becoming a norm. Additionally, the intensity and frequency of these events has also increased over the last 10 to 15 years.

As far as Sindh’s changing climate is concerned we can expect drier, hotter and erratic rainfall events in the future.

Q: Is there any recent study to assess the threat from melting glaciers?

A: The recent analysis of ice samples by the Pakistan Meteorological Department suggests a significantly higher presence of local and trans-boundary black carbon deposits on glaciers.

These black carbon layers accelerate glacier melting by absorbing higher solar radiation. Further, the temperature record of the last 100 years indicates that warming trend in northern Pakistan is higher than the country’s plain areas.

The Hindu Kush-Karakoram-Himalayan (HKH) glaciers are the main source of water in the Indus river system supplying above 70 per cent of available water. The present warming trend, which is part of global warming, is likely to accelerate the melting of our HKH glaciers. This scenario suggests floods in the short term and water stress on a long-term basis threatening the country’s water security, food security and energy security.

Q: Do we have any strategy in place to face climate change?

A: The National Climate Change Policy 2012 of Pakistan recognises the climate change risks that include projected recession of the HKH glaciers due to global warming and carbon soot deposits from trans-boundary pollution sources, threatening water inflows into the Indus River system. It

UNDP gives Disaster Management Information Kit to Pakistani media

Daily Pakistan, January 26, 2017

ADB provide \$197M to Pakistan for Rehabilitation of Highways

Dunya News, January 24, 2017

also speaks of the rising temperatures resulting in enhanced heat and water-stressed conditions, particularly in arid and semi-arid regions, leading to reduced agricultural productivity.

While Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have developed drafts on their respective climate change policies, Sindh and Balochistan are trying to follow the federal climate change policy and are in the process of developing climate change action plans. The federal ministry of climate change has recently developed the 'Framework for Implementing the Climate Change Policy (2015-2030).'

Q: Can you list a few areas for immediate intervention?

A: We desperately need steps for water conservation, especially use of high-efficiency irrigation systems, energy efficiency and conservation, and increased use of power generation through renewable energy. The establishment of a reliable natural disaster early warning system, creating awareness on climate change, and developing capacity of communities to deal with extreme climate events are equally critical.

ISLAMABAD: Recognising the importance of the media's role in various disaster cycles, the UNDP has organized a consultative workshop on media and disasters, involving environmental journalists in Pakistan.

According to a press release, views of different journalists on the challenges of disaster reporting were gathered to complement UNDP's Disaster Management Information Kit for the Media. The kit includes guidelines for disaster reporting in the non-disaster phase, pre-disaster phase, during-disaster phase and the post-disaster phase.

Some 30 journalists from television, radio and various newspapers attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Muhi Usamah, Disaster Management Specialist, said in the face of disasters, timely and credible information plays a pivotal role in ensuring an informed response, early recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction, and long-term mitigation measures. Numerous humanitarian agencies and public sector departments are providing information to various stakeholders, but this carries the potential risk of being less objective and a little biased, which may result in misleading the entire process.

The role of the media in disaster risk management has been argued over the last two decades in this context. Large international conferences usually feature a session on the role of the media in disaster management. Dr Usamah said disaster risk communication or disaster reporting by the print and electronic media at various stages provides disaster managers with necessary information for better preparedness and timely response and empowers hazard-prone communities to hold public and private entities accountable, something that is central to sustainable disaster risk management.

"A news organization plays four key roles during a crisis. It is a vital information resource, detailing what is happening where, who is affected, how the situation is evolving, and why. Journalists involved in disaster reporting must possess a detailed understand of the different types of disasters and related terms and use them accurately and in a way that audiences will understand.

"Journalists need to educate themselves about complex scientific information and should be able to explain it to a broad audience. They also need to be aware of expert and relevant sources related to disaster management and disseminate information from them to the public," he added.

The conference recommended that scientific and disaster mitigation organisations seek to develop working relationships with the media based on mutual trust and the recognition of different characteristics, goals and needs. Regular, effective communication between these groups, before, during and after disaster events can greatly enhance those relationships.

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Pakistan have signed an agreement 197 million loan to rebuild highways and bridges damaged by floods.

Tariq Bajwa, EAD Secretary and Werner E. Liepach, Country Director for ADB in Pakistan signed the agreement, said a press release issued on Tuesday January 24, 2017. "Pakistan is vulnerable to natural hazards and climate change events. ADB has been assisting the country improve its disaster management capacity. In addition to rehabilitation projects, ADB recently assisted Pakistan establish the National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) strengthening country's institutional, financial and physical capacity to reduce the socioeconomic and fiscal impacts of natural disasters" said Werner

The project will rehabilitate 212 kilometers of highway sections and 33 bridges damaged by the 2010 floods restoring critical infrastructure and improving traffic management capacities to boost economic growth.

The loan will also help build institutional disaster management capacity of the National Highway Authority (NHA) by equipping the staff with necessary skills to respond pro-actively and effectively to meet challenges posed by recurring natural disasters.

The post-flood highways rehabilitation project is continuation of ADB's efforts to revive economic and livelihood opportunities of communities affected by natural disasters, as Pakistan's transport sector contributes about 10% to the country's gross domestic product, and the sector as a whole makes up about 10% of the economy and provides about 2.3 million jobs. The project, which includes counterpart assistance of \$21.9 million from the Government of Pakistan, is expected to be completed by September 2020.

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Fourth generation war and the intelligence arm

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While thousands of people from all walks of life and religions across the United States are waging nationwide protests against President Trump's ban on Syrian refugees and travellers from seven Muslim countries, a statement by PTI Chief Imran Khan to include Pakistan in the list has stunned Pakistani Americans.

In a report published in a Pakistani newspaper on Sunday, Khan said he would pray that President Trump should ban Pakistani visas as well, apparently suggesting that Pakistan be clubbed with the countries which was a source of concern for the new Trump administration with regard to terrorism.

"How can someone who called himself a national leader make such an irresponsible statement? While making such a statement, he clearly missed the underline assumption of this whole affair," said Fitzgerald Lewis, an attorney of Pakistani descent while talking here. He said it was unimaginable that any national leader would make such a reckless statement.

While Trump's order is largely seen and interpreted by legal, immigration and rights activists as targeting Muslims, the president defended his order saying it was not a Muslim ban but about the concerns over terrorism. "If you take Trump's statement at the face value, what Mr. Khan's proposal means is that Pakistan should also be listed alongside countries which the new administration is concerned about in terms of terrorism," said Dr Asadullah Mir, a Pakistani American educationist. He observed that by implication, such a suggestion by the PTI chief spells disaster for the country as it will strengthen the hands of those anti-Pakistani lawmakers and the Indian lobby which are trying for years to designate Pakistan as a terrorist state. Hamid Malik, another Pakistani American and President of Pakistan Link USA, termed Khan's remarks as the statement against all Muslims which have badly hurt the sentiments of Pakistani Americans and have brought shame to the country.

The ISI has been able to maintain a high state of operational readiness and succeeded in maintaining its reputation as a world class intelligence outfit defeating all enemy efforts to destabilize Pakistan over the past 15 years

In the evolving security paradigm across the world, intelligence arm has assumed the role of an important component in statecraft. Their tasking however vary in accordance with the political system in place. In mature democracies the input of these organizations is considered with utmost seriousness especially in matters relating to national security. With nuclear weapons on their inventory, the belligerent countries now mostly resort to soft power to subdue the opponents and further their national interests. Soft power application in the fourth generation war primarily by the intelligence organizations is now considered as the main effort in executing state policies. It will not be out of place to say that in the current environment the intelligence arm forms truly the first line of defense.

Pakistan's premier intelligence agency, ISI, rose to prominence as a consequence of international response against Soviet occupation of Afghanistan in 1979. Becoming a front line state, courtesy its geography, Pakistan found itself in the eye of a storm and the next in line of Soviet expansionist designs. Financially supported by the US and gulf countries the entire resistance movement was operationalized and managed by ISI that ultimately led to the defeat and subsequent break up of Soviet Union in 1989. Thence onwards this agency remained close to the hearts and minds of both its enemies and friends alike. With Kashmir still remaining as unfinished agenda of Partition, Pakistan perpetually remains under constant Indian covert and overt threat. The very recent open overtures by Indian National Security Advisor Mr. Ajit Doval to unleash its fourth generation offensive against Pakistan compels the country to remain prepared and alert on all fronts keeping its intelligence capability at all times ready. With turmoil in Afghanistan in its 16th year and hardly any hope for improvement in situation visible, Pakistan continues to suffer its direct fallout especially on internal front, fracturing its society giving birth to TTP like entities duly supported by forces inimical to Pakistan's security. The successful conduct of Operation Rah-e-Rast in Swat and Rah-e-Nijat in South Waziristan in 2009-2010 during which hundreds and thousands of civilians were first moved out of combat zone and then the enemy comprehensively defeated were no mean achievements. Hardcore professionals clearly understand that successful kinetic operations of the magnitude conducted by Pakistani Armed Forces are always preceded by laborious and risky covert operations ranging from negotiations, persuasion, dividing, assessing, eliminating and gathering pinpointed intelligence for subsequent application of hard power. The precision with which Operation Zarb-e-Azb was conducted in North Waziristan had months of intelligence input in softening the targets besides accurately pinpointing the potential targets for ground and air operations.

In Pakistan's context while the common masses have an unflinching faith and confidence in the intelligence institutions, the political elite looks at these with mixed feelings and suspicion. Much of this has to do with their faulty perception of security and the political roles assigned to the institutions by successive Chief Executives in the past. Even so, the institution has been able to maintain a high state of operational readiness and succeeded in maintaining its reputation as a world class intelligence outfit defeating all enemy efforts to destabilize Pakistan over the past 15 years.

With the new DG now almost settled, there is a need to clearly take stock of the challenges at hand and develop measured response to overcome these while capitalizing on the opportunities. First, the Afghan peace process almost at its all times lowest, the institution is expected to put new life into the process. Regardless of the diminishing leverage over the stakeholders Pakistan is still

**Kamran Michael
condemns Canada
shooting attacks**

Daily Times, January 30, 2017

**Quebec attack,
immigration and havoc**

Express Tribune, January 30, 2017

strongly positioned to play meaningful role in any Afghan peace process. Pakistan must therefore, remain positively relevant in all endeavors leading towards peaceful resolution of Afghan crisis. Second, US–Pakistan relations have generally been Afghan and terrorism centric which are again at its lowest. With a more pragmatic and rather blunt administration in Washington, mutually acceptable and more practical options would find more credence to break the ice putting bilateral relations on long term sustainable trajectory. Three, for our deteriorating relations with India, the institution is expected to play meaningful role in assisting the government to reduce bilateral tension. On their part the political leadership need to fully assimilate the threat posed by India that is not only potent but real as well. Positive development in relations, however, will remain contingent on the attitude demonstrated from across the border, which has unfortunately been so far negative to say the least. Four, a formidable challenge, yet a life time opportunity, for the entire nation will be the successful execution of CPEC against well-known potent threats. The national intelligence apparatus has the world's intelligence agencies arrayed against it endeavoring that CPEC does not succeed. Thwarting and defeating these challenges, especially created on the inner front will undoubtedly be a great achievement for the entire intelligence arm indeed the whole nation. Five, corresponding to the challenges at hand, there is a greater need for the intelligence apparatus to undertake periodic evaluation of its hard and soft power. This is extremely essential to keep it efficient and responsive to the dynamic challenges. Lean and responsive organizational structure staffed by young motivated and talented work force equipped by state of the art hardware will promise better dividends.

Regardless of the lens with which the intelligence institutions are viewed by the political elite, the enormity of the challenges confronting Pakistan warrants a one nation approach. While successfully overcoming the challenges promise greater hope and rewards, the consequences of failure would be horrendous hence not worth an option. The present generation faces the greatest challenge of its life span while the younger generation watches and expects an era filled with hope and prosperity. Let's pray and endeavor that our generation succeeds to live up to the expectations.

ISLAMABAD: Human Rights Minister Kamran Michael denounced the terrorist attacks at a mosque in Quebec, Canada.

While condemning the incident, he sympathised with the aggrieved families and said that the whole world is facing the monster of terrorism, adding that combating it requires unity and strict policies. Michael said, "Pakistan is sorrowful over the inhumane attack carried out in the mosque in Quebec and we are focused on our objective of cutting terrorism from its roots and making the world a place of peace and prosperity."

At least six people were killed at the Quebec City Islamic Cultural Centre during evening prayers. Scores of worshippers were fired upon allegedly by two barbaric gunmen. As usual, some authorities were slow to label this a 'terrorist attack' but the sincere Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau aptly called it so. It is disheartening that just moments after Mr Trudeau issued a statement welcoming Muslim refugees who were barred from entering the neighbouring country — President Donald Trump's United States — Canadian citizens have been gripped with such fear. The timing of the attack is almost as if it is a retaliatory crime committed in exchange for Mr Trudeau's magnanimity.

There are several factors at play in the current world scenario. Most citizens of the world have been polarised as either supporting President Trump's critical stance on Muslims worldwide or vehemently opposing him. Protests and public sentiments have been in viewing for the past couple of weeks worldwide. While there may be some who are still on the fence about the issue, indecisive as to who or what is correct, the unleashing of anti-Muslim paranoia predicts ominous times ahead. President Trump and his supporters are alienating not just members from one major world religion, but members from innumerable races who may have grown up in Islamic cultures even if not practising themselves. Mr Trump has been selective about which countries' refugees and citizens have been banned from and many allege this has to do with the economics of his trade, which his sons supposedly now oversee. Pakistan is not yet on Trump's immigration ban list of seven Muslim countries, but according to the reasoning provided by White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, the ban is applicable to countries that have active terrorism which could pose a threat to the United States. This means that Pakistan is under scrutiny as it, too, has been unable to ward off terrorism. Mr Trump has upset the majority of Muslim countries, though, suspiciously, some have not vocalised their opposition as much as others. If Muslim countries band together, politics and business aside, we could be risking war. As a reminder, it must responsibly be remembered that some countries possess nuclear weapons, which could wreak havoc on innocent victims on both sides of the border. The profligacy of spreading anti-Muslim sentiment will have ramifications. The ramifications could especially come from extremist elements who call themselves Muslim but act only in barbaric manners.

President Trump's ban is being recognised as unconstitutional and organisations such as the American Civil Liberties Union is pushing for converting its temporary overturning of the immigration ban into a more permanent one. Indeed, Mr Trump has not acted within proper democratic means. He has failed to consult with various entities that constitute the US government and acted as he pleases. It is a relief, however, that better sense and humanity are prevailing across America with peaceful nationwide airport protests and judges, lawyers and various politicians at local, state, and federal levels are working day and night to overturn President Trump's hateful and divisive actions thus far.

It is a tragedy that Canada, a country lauded for its peaceful dealings with immigrants and Muslims, despite some recent opposition in the recent past, has had to bear the Quebec mosque incident. President Trump needs to be stopped as his actions continue to incite hate globally. He is acting irresponsibly, ignoring the fact that his country is the top world power and is 'followed' by the rest of the world. The anti-Muslim paranoia could lead to another war and we have hardly

JuD chief Hafiz Saeed, four others put under house arrest

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recovered from the ones in the last century and this one. President Trump must think along humanitarian lines, just as the leadership of the United States of America and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, formerly Immigration Naturalisation Services, did when his ancestors and his wife, Melania Trump, immigrated to the United States.

LAHORE: Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed and four others have been put under house arrest, according to a notification issued by Interior Ministry on Monday.

The Ministry of Interior has "placed Falah-e-Insaniat Foundation (FIF) and Jamaat-Ud-Dawa (JUD) on the Watch List and have listed these organizations in the Second Schedule of the ATA 1997 (as amended)." "Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, Abdullah Ubaid, Zafar Iqbal, Abdur Rehman Abid and Qazi Kashif Niaz are reportedly active members of the aforementioned organizations within the meaning of Section 11EEE(1) of the ATA 1997 (as amended). As such, they must be placed under preventive detention." A report in today's newspaper revealed that the United States has warned Pakistan to declare JuD as defunct else face sanctions.

Special Correspondent Zahid Gishkori told Geo News that credible sources have confirmed that Chinese government had conveyed Pakistan to rein in JuD Ameer Hafiz Saeed and Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Masood Azhar.

Sources added that a delegation lead by Chinese Commissioner on Terrorism is coming soon to Pakistan on a visit and would held meetings with top security officials. "Consultations are going on whether to declare JuD as defunct or not. However, the final decision will be taken after consultations between the civilians and military authorities," one of the key senior officials directly linked with the matter revealed to The News.

JuD, a charity organization, is also alleged to be the front for the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The organisation, which is headed by Hafiz Saeed Ahmed, is allegedly involved in militant activities in Indian held Kashmir and has already been declared as a 'foreign terrorist organisation' by the United States in June 2014. The sources claim that the United States assistant secretary of state in his meeting with Jalil Abbas Jilani, Pakistani High Commissioner to the US, on January 11 this year raised the issue in the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG)'s latest report. The APG on Money Laundering is an autonomous and collaborative international organisation which is working since 1997 from Bangkok, Thailand. The 41-member organisation includes the Financial Action Task Force, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Asian Development Bank and the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units. APG is involved in effective implementation and enforcement of internationally accepted standards against money laundering and financing of terrorism. Reportedly, in the latest APG report, some key objections were raised regarding the activities and the financial traffic of JuD. The same were presented before High Commissioner Jalil Abbas Jilani. The sources claim that the US authorities clearly told the high commissioner that if the objections raised in the report were not addressed, the US may put Pakistan in the blacklist of the countries in the International Cooperative Review Group (ICRG).

In case of being blacklisted, Pakistan has to tender a request for each of its international transaction through the international financial institutions. The source claimed that the high commissioner soon after the meeting wrote a detailed letter to the Foreign Office (FO) informing the situation. The letter also informed the authorities that Pakistan has to write back a report until the 31st of January regarding the objections of the APG and the US authorities. In this regard, this correspondent contacted the spokesman of Foreign Affairs Nafees Zakria who said he was unaware of any such thing. Later, a formal question was sent to him in writing but no answer was received even after five days. The sources claimed that the Foreign Office has raised this issue with the Finance and Interior Ministries. In this regard, two separate key meetings respectively with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and National Security Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Nasir Janjua have taken place. The sources claim that Dar, in a closed door meeting, had clearly said that the decision to ban the JuD would be made by the security establishment. The sources claim that it has unanimously been decided that the report containing the concerns of APG would be drafted by Syed Mansur Ali, the director general of State Bank Financial Monitoring Unit. Despite many attempts to reach the DG MFU, no response was received. In this regard when this correspondent contacted another top official who was directly linked to the issue until recently, he said that all the concerns are in the picture and necessary actions are being taken by the relevant officials.

On the other hand, the JuD has started discreetly working under the name of 'Tehreek-e-Azadi-e-Kashmir' (Kashmir Freedom Movement). The latest name has been adopted by the JuD chief Hafiz Saeed since January 14, 2017 in a press conference. According to Saeed, they have declared the year 2017 as a year for Kashmir, so they will be using this name besides keeping their independent position as JuD. The sources claim that in the days to come, the JuD may change its face again and may also announce to join politics probably with the new name. This correspondent attempted to reach Yahya Mujhaid, the spokesman of JuD, but he too was not available for comment.

LONDON: Scotland Yard will not reopen the investigation into the money laundering inquiry involving the MQM-London chief Altaf Hussain and five others unless Pakistan provides credible and compelling new evidence along with its appeal to the police here requesting a reinvestigation.

According to reports, Pakistani government has asked the British government to reopen the money laundering case against the MQM founder but there is no chance that the Scotland Yard will take this request seriously unless Pakistan comes up with a legal case – an opportunity that Pakistani authorities failed to utilise while the investigation into the MQM leader was alive till around three months ago when the police decided on "no further action" against the troubled MQM leader.

Trusted sources in the police have said that reinvestigation into the MQM money laundering case is not possible because any reinvestigation will have to be justified on the "public interest ground"

which will be impossible to establish unless there is new evidence and “sufficient new grounds” to reopen a closed investigation. The police source said that any new investigation will cost money which taxpayers will have to foot and that must be justified. That argument puts the ball in the Pakistani court. However, a number of options are available to Pakistan if it is serious about getting the money laundering case re-investigated and some of these are: writing to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPPC); hiring local criminal lawyers to file case against the police in the London High Court; bringing civil prosecution; seeking help from the UK authorities under mutual legal assistance as well as through civil action and involving the international legal forums such as the United Nations. But Pakistan’s engagement – or the lack of it – in the money laundering case over three years shows that Pakistani authorities will not move beyond writing letters and getting into news headlines, experts believe.

Scotland Yard detectives assess that Pakistan lacks seriousness and will not avail any of the legal options it can avail and hence there is a consensus in the police that not only the investigation will not be opened but the evidence that the police has here will not be shared with the Pakistani authorities. A source in the police have told Geo News that a reinvestigation would be “unjustifiable on public interest grounds” unless Pakistan produces damning evidence showing that the MQM-London leader laundered proceeds of crime from Pakistan to the UK.

When asked if the police will review the decision that concluded the cases against Altaf Hussain, Mohammad Anwar, Sarfraz Merchant and others in the middle of October 2016, a source told that there was no such chance unless a completely new scenario emerges involving completely new evidence. He explained that during the course of the investigation into Altaf Hussain and others, all “reasonable lines of enquiry have been exhausted, including international enquiries”. The source said that since 2013 officers from the Metropolitan Police Service’s National Terrorist Financial Investigation Unit investigated allegations of money laundering and during the course of the investigation: Six people were arrested; 11 other people were interviewed under caution; a total of 28 interviews were conducted at police stations of persons under investigation; over 100 witness statements were taken; nine premises were searched which were located in the South and North of England. The case, said the police, was dropped because “having examined all of the evidence the MPS has accepted that there is insufficient evidence to prove that the money seized was the proceeds of crime or was intended for use in unlawful conduct”.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has said that Pakistan was concerned at the London Metropolitan Police’s withdrawal of a money laundering case against the founder of the MQM and other party leaders but detectives here say that Pakistani government sources didn’t cooperate fully with the police investigation and failed to provide even basic information that could have helped the police.

When Geo News asked The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) its views on Pakistan’s request, a spokesman said that it was a matter between Scotland Yard and Pakistani authorities. Barrister Rashid Ahmed and Barrister Zeeshan Hussain agreed that there is little if any, chance of any charges being brought unless some compelling new evidence emerges.

We asked whether the British government would respond to a request from the Pakistani government in relation to information held by the Britain so far as any money laundering investigation is concerned, they said: “There is a memorandum of understanding as between the two governments in relation to allegations of criminal offences which involve cross-border crimes. Such a memorandum clearly exists for alleged drug and terrorism offences. If asked through proper means, the Britain would pass on any relevant material that they may have to support any proposed official enquiry or prosecution in Pakistan.”

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Monday said the visa restrictions imposed by the United States will not affect terrorists but the victims of terrorism, reported the state-run radio service.

Talking to reporters after inaugurating the Executive Passport Office in Islamabad, he termed it as an important issue and said, “It is not only a matter of issuing visas to a country. In my personal opinion the move will not affect terrorists, however it will increase the miseries of the victims of terrorism.”

Referring to a security summit in Washington in Feb 2015 which was hosted by the then US president Barack Obama and attended by foreign ministers of more than 60 countries, he recalled that the summit had stressed the need of international unity and consensus to get rid of the gangrene of terrorism. “It was also stated that to achieve this goal, some countries would have to discontinue the propaganda of Islamophobia,” he said. Nisar added that he had made it clear that correlating Islam with terrorism was tantamount to negating the entire struggle against terrorism. “The move by the United States would harm global unity against terrorism, and terrorists would be the beneficiaries of the finger-pointing towards Islam and Muslims, said the interior minister. “There are more than one and a half billion Muslims in the world, whether one likes the fact or not. It would not be wise to put the blame of a few hundred on the entire Muslim population.” Nisar said that the majority of terrorist incidents have taken place in Muslim-majority countries, hence it is not fair to blame the entirety of the Muslim world.

Interior Minister says PML-N took one and a half years to set up 74 passport offices, while, in 69 years of Pakistan’s history, a total of 94 passport offices were set up

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhary Nisar has said that fourteen executive passport offices will be set up in the country this year. He said that, with the inauguration of this office in Islamabad, we have accomplished another milestone in establishing a network of modern offices to facilitate the public. The interior minister said that a number of NADRA mega offices will also become operational this year in all major cities. “By March 2017, each district will have its own passport office,” Chaudhary Nisar said. He added that in 69 years of Pakistan’s history, a total of 94

US visa restrictions will not affect terrorists but their victims: Nisar

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Govt to inaugurate 14 passport offices this year: Nisar

Daily Times, January 30, 2017

**Joseph Colony tragedy:
ATC acquits 112 suspects**
Channel 24, January 30, 2017

What has NAP achieved so far?
Express Tribune, January 30, 2017

passport offices were set up. But, during a short span of one and half years, our government is setting up 74 passport offices in the country. He said this after inaugurating the executive passport office in Islamabad on Monday. Nisar said that it is wrong to link Islam with terrorism, adding that more than one billion Muslims live peacefully in the world but a handful of wayward people are negating the teachings of Islam. He also said that Muslims suffer the most due to terrorism and they have scarified a lot against this curse. Replying to a question, he said that the visa restrictions imposed by the US will not affect terrorists.

WEB DESK: Anti Terrorist Court (ATC) acquitted 112 suspects in the 2013 torching of hundreds of Christian homes of Joseph Colony in Lahore over a rumour that one of the residents there had blasphemed, a lawyer said on Sunday.

In March 2013, more than 125 homes in Lahore's Joseph Colony were burned by a mob of more than 3,000 Muslims responding to rumours that a local Christian man, Sawan Masih, had made derogatory remarks about the Prophet Mohammad. No one was killed in the incident but there was widespread damage to the property of the mostly destitute Christians living in the neighbourhood. Two churches and dozens of Bibles were also desecrated in the attack.

Defence lawyer Ghulam Murtaza Chaudhry said an anti-terrorism court in Lahore had acquitted 112 people accused of torching and ransacking hundreds of houses. "They were acquitted by the court because of lack of evidences against them," Murtaza told Reuters. "The state witnesses could not identify the accused and their statements were also contradictory." All 112 suspects were already out on bail.

A road sweeper in his late twenties, Sawan Masih told police after his arrest on blasphemy charges that the real reason for the blasphemy allegation was a property dispute between him and a friend who spread the rumour.

In Pakistan, conviction under the blasphemy laws can carry a mandatory death sentence. Masih was sentenced to death in 2014, a decision he has appealed. Critics of Pakistan's blasphemy laws say they have long been used by individuals and religious groups to settle disputes.

This month, the Pakistani Senate's human rights panel said it would debate how to prevent the country's blasphemy laws being applied unfairly, the first time in decades that any parliamentary body had considered a formal proposal to stop the abuse of the blasphemy laws.

Many conservatives in Pakistan consider even criticising the laws as blasphemy, and in 2011 a Pakistani governor, Salman Taseer, was assassinated by his bodyguard after calling for reform of the laws.

His killer Mumtaz Qadri was hailed as a hero by religious hard-liners. Tens of thousands of supporters attended his funeral after he was executed last year and a shrine was built over his grave soon after his burial. Hundreds of Pakistanis are on death row for blasphemy convictions.

In the wake of Peshawar school attack in 2014, the civil-military leadership came up with a 20-point agenda – the National Action Plan (NAP) – to rid the country of terrorism and avoid a repeat of similar massacre. Two years on, while considerable achievements have been made, the counterterrorism strategy leaves much to be desired.

Here we take a point by point look at gains and losses made since NAP was put in place.

1. Implementation of death sentence of those convicted in cases of terrorism.

To achieve this target, the moratorium on death penalty was lifted partially following the APS attack and then completely abolished on March 10, 2015. Pakistan has hanged more than 400 convicts since the ban was lifted, however, the number of terrorists in the list is believed to be less than 100. Currently, more than 8,000 convicts are on death row, some of whom have exhausted their appeals.

2. Special trial courts under the supervision of Army. The duration of these courts would be two years.

The 21st amendment, passed on January 6, 2015, amended the constitution allowing the establishment of military courts for a period of two years. The tenure expired this January and there is an ongoing discussion between the civil-military leadership to give extension to the military courts.

3. Militant outfits and armed gangs will not be allowed to operate in the country.

The efficacy of this objective can be evaluated by looking at statistics of post-NAP crime rates and terrorist activities which have shown a downward trend and can be correlated with NAP. The data collected by National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) claims that 1,808 terrorists had been killed and 5,611 arrested so far. In 2015, the murder cases decreased by 28.5 per cent as compared to 2014. The statistics of 2016 seem to follow a similar pattern, with 24% decline in murder incidents in the first half. Similarly, US State Department data states there were a total of 1,009 terrorist attacks in Pakistan in 2015 compared to 1,823 in 2014 – a 45 per cent decrease.

However, the recent blast in Parachinar which killed more than 80 people indicates that militant outfit such as Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan-Shehryar Mehsud group and Lashkar-i-Jhangvi al Alami continue to have presence in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata). Even though the terror statistics show a general downward trend, Pakistan still has a long way to go in order to qualify as a safe and secure country; it currently stands as the world's fourth most unsafe country according to a report by World Economic Forum.

4. NACTA, the anti-terrorism institution will be strengthened.

NACTA is the primary institution overlooking NAP, however, it has not been able to establish itself as a proactive organisation and remains largely ineffective according to various security experts

and senior police officials.

Political parties 'should join hands for NAP'

The area in which it needs to improve is coordination between different intelligence and security departments at federal and provincial levels. It should have a presence in the provincial capitals or establish monitoring and coordination units within the provincial home departments. In addition, NACTA should take the primary responsibility of spreading counter terrorism narrative through film and art.

5. Strict action against literature, newspapers and magazines promoting hatred, extremism, sectarianism and intolerance.

According to ministry of information, over 1,500 books and other hate material had been confiscated and 71 such shops sealed so far. At least 1,961 suspects have been arrested and 1,893 cases filed against clerics. Of these, 271 have been convicted while 826 cases are still pending before special courts.

But contrary to these claims, the ongoing media campaign by Dr Amir Liaquat against activist Jibran Nasir amounts to hate speech and incitement for violence yet NAP does not seem to exercise any jurisdiction. To ensure proper implementation of this point, the government firstly needs to include incitement and hate speech on electronic media in this category and secondly, must ensure hate literature does not get printed in the first place.

6. Choking financing for terrorist and terrorist organizations.

There has been some progress made by the State Bank of Pakistan as part of the strategy to choke terror financing as it has frozen Rs1 billion in 126 accounts linked to proscribed organisations. Further, law enforcement agencies have recovered Rs251.2 million in cash which was being traded through hawala and hundi – alternative systems that operate parallel to traditional banking channels. However, in order to completely make the terrorist organisations run dry, the government needs to destroy opium and other drug-based financial sources which such organisations heavily rely on.

7. Ensuring against re-emergence of proscribed organizations.

Responsible agencies have not been able to keep up as evident from the government list of proscribed organisations which hasn't seen any considerable change since NAP. Many critics have also accused the government of allowing certain banned organisations to operate freely with new names even in the federal capital.

8. Establishing and deploying a dedicated counter-terrorism force.

Some considerable headway has been made to attain this objective in almost all provinces. Since police is the first line of internal defence, all four provinces have developed special counter terrorism units under their respective counter-terrorism departments – Counter Terrorism Force in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Special Security Unit in Sindh, Anti-Terrorism Force in Balochistan and Elite Police and Counter Terrorism Force in Punjab. However, merely establishing these units is not enough; only proper and constant training will ensure their effectiveness.

9. Taking effective steps against religious persecution.

Religious persecution continues to be a troubling issue in Pakistan. The recent attack on an Ahmadi place of worship in Chakwal revealed the state's inability to take effective measures in this regard. Although the Punjab government stressed via tweets that no violation of law will be allowed, Malik Nawaz – the police officer in charge – said his force could not stop the attackers due to slim deployment.

Pakistan's blasphemy law also continues to provide a legal tool for persecution on religious grounds, with no political leader bold enough to even start a debate about its reforms, let alone take effective measures.

10. Registration and regulation of religious seminaries.

Progress on this point remains a disappointment. Even though the government claims to have registered 90% of the madrassas, it has failed to regulate the material being taught. No comprehensive uniform syllabus has been introduced or implemented as of yet. The law enforcement agencies have sealed 102 seminaries for fanning extremism – 87 of which were in Sindh and only two were in Punjab, which is a remarkably low figure for the most populated province.

11. Ban on glorification of terrorists and terrorist organisations through print and electronic media.

This was a modest objective from the outset because it only banned glorification on electronic and print media and excluded social media hence providing a huge platform to exalt terrorists. The government did attempt to implement this point during the funeral of Mumtaz Qadri, the self-confessed murderer convicted of killing former Punjab governor Salmaan Taseer. However, one national news channel – NEO News – still ran a report on the event which not only had a video of the funeral but also social media posts referring Qadri as a "martyr".

12. Administrative and development reforms in Fata with immediate focus on repatriation of IDPs.

No final decision has been taken in this regard due to stiff resistance from Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl.

Under the current proposal, the seven agencies of Fata will each become a separate district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and the process will be completed in five years. Furthermore, the notorious Frontier Crimes Regulations would be repealed. In addition, there are also proposed

development programs that will spread over a period of 10 years. For implementing the 10-year development plan, the six-member reforms committee has suggested allocating three per cent of resources – Rs90 billion – from the federal divisible pool to Fata. The committee has proposed holding local government elections in Fata by the end of 2017 once all the internally displaced persons (IDPs) have returned. The repatriation of IDPs is ongoing and in its third phase. Fata Disaster Management Authority (FDMA) said that as of May 30, 2016, as many as 221,966 IDP families have returned to their homes. Of the total, 132,703 families were verified by National Database and Registration Authority while 89,263 remained unverified.

13. Communication network of terrorists will be dismantled completely.

Some progress has been made to achieve this goal. For instance, according to a report presented by the interior ministry, 98.3 million unregistered SIMs had been blocked to dismantle terrorists' communication network. However, the use of internet by terrorists for communications purposes seems to have largely been ignored.

14. Measures against abuse of internet and social media for terrorism.

Although the government claims to have blocked 937 website addresses, no substantial measures have been taken to curb the use of social media for the spread of terrorism. Thousands of such accounts are active on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media platforms which continue to spread hate and serve as possible recruitment avenues. Only a list of such accounts is available on the website of the information ministry, with no action taken under the cybercrime laws.

15. Zero tolerance for militancy in Punjab.

The blast in Lahore's Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park in March last year tainted the "zero tolerance" element of this point. However, police in Punjab have conducted 33,772 combing operations during the last ten months and 5,549 cases have been registered and 24,436 suspected criminal were arrested. The Counter Terrorism Department also arrested 40 extremist activists and 547 cases were registered for publication of hate material. Data shows there has been a 27% decrease in crime rate in Punjab during this period.

16. Ongoing operation in Karachi will be taken to its logical end.

By July 2016, the Pakistan Rangers deployed in Karachi had claimed to have arrested 533 criminals since June 2014 when Karachi operation had started. Overall, the terror incidents have decreased up to 60 per cent in the city. According to sources within police, 3,000 hard-core criminals have been arrested, while 246 terrorists, 38 kidnapers and ten extortionists killed so far in police encounters. Additionally, 15,400 illegal weapons have been recovered from the custody of criminals operating within Karachi.

17. Balochistan government to be fully empowered for political reconciliation with complete ownership by all stakeholders.

The government has thus far not been able to convince the Baloch leadership in self-imposed exile to give up their secession movement. Baloch leaders were approached by former provincial chief minister Abdul Malik in an effort to begin a reconciliation process but the efforts faded away when he left office. There seems to be a lack of interest and coverage by the media on this point which has led to this objective being largely ignored.

18. Dealing firmly with sectarian terrorists.

The accomplishment of this objective remains gloomy. A report by Centre for Research and Security Studies revealed that there were 241 murders motivated by sectarian differences yet the interior minister continues to insist that groups with sectarian differences should be separated from terror groups. Even the high profile killing of renowned qawwal Amjad Sabri was believed to be motivated by sectarian differences yet the Sindh government has failed to take appropriate steps. Ironically, the government still provides security to the Karachi head of Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat Aurangzeb Farooqi during public rallies in which he is often found instigating his followers against the Shia community in Pakistan.

Karachi operation to continue unabated, says army chief

The rationale for government's inaction seems simple – let's not take on the powerful religious groups with a sizeable following in big cities to avoid a bigger mess. However, this slow-burning issue will keep escalating and could potentially create such a divide in the society that it might not be fixable.

19. Formulation of a comprehensive policy to deal with the issue of Afghan refugees, beginning with registration of all refugees.

Pakistan has some 1.5 million registered refugees, one of the largest such populations in the world, according to the UN refugee agency. More than a million others are estimated to live in the country unregistered. A push from the government to repatriate thousands of Afghans has resulted in more than 380,000 registered refugees leaving Pakistan in 2016.

In September last year, the government extended Afghan refugees' right to stay until March 2017, but restrictions and harassment against them have increased.

20. Revamping and reforming the criminal justice system.

Chief Justice of Lahore High Court Syed Mansoor Ali Shah has established various committees to bring reforms to Punjab's judicial system but other provinces have not taken any step toward restructuring the high courts and district courts. At the state level, increasing the number of judges and magistrates and use of information technology for quick disposal of cases is still under consideration. However, no substantial reforms have been implemented. Furthermore, the fact that the government is in discussion to extend the tenure of military courts stands as testimony to the

230 cases registered under anti-money laundering law

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failure of this point.

ISLAMABAD: Law-Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in the country have registered 230 cases under Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Act to curb sources of funds being used in terrorism. The number of cases registered under the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) was 498. The number of cases registered as Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) from Financial Monitoring Unit (FMU) was 116.

Data issued by the interior division while giving details of the registration of such cases and steps being taken to curb sources of such funds on Sunday revealed that the cases were under investigation in provinces. The government has signed International Convention on Suppression of Financing of Terrorism adopted by General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution. Moreover, in order to strengthen anti-terrorism regime, especially with a focus on choking terrorists' funding sources, amendments to ATA, 1997, had been introduced in March 2013, and in June 2014. The basic objective of these amendments was to make the law more effective and harmonised with best international practices.

Rules under the ATA 1997 for freezing of assets of terrorists have been framed and are with the Law and Justice Division for final vetting. The government has so far proscribed 62 organisations under provisions of the ATA, while the State Bank of Pakistan has issued detailed regulations to all banks, for strict compliance, regarding anti-money laundering/terrorists' financing. These regulations are regularly updated by the SBP.

Prevention of Electronic Crime Act (PECA), 2016, has been promulgated which makes collection of funds for terrorist organisations through any information system or electronic devices an offence. Similarly, the Financial Monitoring Unit has also been set up which is now fully functional.

The FMU is regularly sending Suspicious Transactions Reports and Currency Transaction Reports (CTR) about suspects to various agencies like Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) and the Directorate General of Intelligence and Investigation to investigate and take action according to law.

The National Action Plan's point No. 6 relates to "choking financing for terrorists and terrorist organisations" and is being implemented. The collection of funds through donation boxes for different organisations has also been banned. In case of violation, donation boxes are seized and action under the law is taken by local police.

In terms of AML Act, 2010, reporting entities are legally bound to send financial intelligence to FMU in all cases where there is a suspicion that funds are related to terrorist activities or terrorist organisations. Moreover, the data said the government had recently shared a list of persons placed on Schedule 4 of the ATA, 1997, along with their Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC) numbers for freezing of their bank accounts.

Accordingly, the SBP has frozen 4461 bank accounts of people coming under the 4th Schedules all over Pakistan. The SBP has also issued prudential regulations under which bankers are duty bound to exercise Customer Due Diligence (CDD) and Know Your Customer (KYC) obligations without fail and report all suspicious transactions to FMU.

Designated/ proscribed entities and individuals are prohibited from opening bank accounts and/or availing any facility from any financial institution in the country. Various capacity building programmes are regularly arranged for law-enforcement agencies to develop and strengthen their skills regarding investigation of financial crimes while units for countering of terrorism financing have been established under counterterrorism departments of the provinces.

WASHINGTON - President Donald Trump could issue additional executive orders to include "Pakistan and others" to the list of Muslim-majority countries whose people are banned from emigrating to the United States, White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus said Sunday.

"The reason we chose those seven countries was, those were the seven countries that both the Congress and the Obama administration identified as being the seven countries that were most identifiable with dangerous terrorism taking place in their country," Priebus, told CBS News. "Now, you can point to other countries that have similar problems, like Pakistan and others. Perhaps we need to take it further. But for now, immediate steps, pulling the Band-Aid off, is to do further vetting for people travelling in and out of those countries," Priebus said in response to a question.

Under the present executive order, visitors from countries like Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia are subject to extreme vetting. "Perhaps other countries needed to be added to an executive order going forward," Priebus said regarding expansion of Trump's immigration action. "This is all done for the protection of Americans," Priebus said. President Trump is not willing to get this wrong." Priebus also suggested that US citizens travelling to any of the seven countries outlined in the executive order could be subjected to additional vetting by Transportation Security Administration officers upon re-entry to the United States. "I would suspect that if you're an American citizen travelling back and forth to Libya, you're likely to be subjected to further questioning when you come into an airport," he said. "I would suspect that most Americans would agree that that might be a good thing to do." Meanwhile, Priebus said Trump's executive order does not affect green card holders. In an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Priebus said "We didn't overrule the Department of Homeland Security, as far as green card holders moving forward, it doesn't affect them."

Despite the law-enforcement agencies' crackdown on the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi in Sindh and Punjab and the killing of its key leaders, the banned sectarian outfit still managed to carry out 17 attacks in the country last year, 10 of them in Karachi alone, an Islamabad based security think-tank said in its report released recently. Ten people were killed and 30 others injured in the 10 attacks carried out by the LeJ in Karachi in 2016, the Pak Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS) said in its annual

Pakistan may be added to ban list: WH official

The Nation, January 30, 2017

LeJ struck 10 times in Karachi last year

The News, January 30, 2017

report "Pakistan Security Report 2016." The LeJ also carried out four attacks in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and one each in Punjab, Balochistan and Sindh excluding Karachi last year. Overall, 20 people were killed and 35 injured in all these 17 attacks. However, the think-tank pointed out in its report that the operational capacity of the terror outfit has been further affected in 2016 in comparison with 2015. The LeJ had carried out 33 terrorist attacks in 2015.

Muhammad Amir Rana, the PIPS director, said the terror group was trying to fill the void created by the elimination of its main leaders and weakening infrastructure. He said that many of its top leaders had been killed or arrested in the past two years. In February 2016, the Inter-Services Public Relations' then director general Lt Gen Asim Bajwa at a press conference in Karachi had announced the arrest of the LeJ Sindh chief Naeem Bukhari, whose real name was Atta-ur-Rehman, describing it as a major blow to outfit's network in the province.

The Punjab police's counter-terrorism department on January 17 this year announced that it had killed Asif Chotu, the LeJ chief, along with three other members, in a shootout in Sheikhpura district. Chotu was heading the LeJ since the killing of the group's head Malik Ishaq in a gunfight with police in Muzaffargarh district in July 2015.

Raja Umar Khattab, a senior CTD official in Karachi, corroborating Rana, said after the killing and arrest of top LeJ leaders, the outfit was facing a leadership crisis. "We are now focusing on its lower cadres, who are believed to be present in sleeper cells for restructuring and planning subversive activities," Khattab told The News. "They remain quiet for sometime before planning and executing attacks."

LeJ al-Alami's evolution

In 2016, the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi al-Alami (LeJ-A) emerged as a new security threat. It was found to be involved in six major terrorist attacks in Quetta, Mastung and Khuzdar districts of Balochistan and in Karachi. The al-Alami faction, which is mainly based in Karachi, Peshawar and DI Khan, also coordinated many attacks, which the LeJ claimed responsibility for. Recently, the LeJ-A had claimed the responsibility of a suicide attack at a busy market in Parachinar town of Kurram Agency on January 22 that killed 25 people.

Rana said the LeJ-A offered a new platform for smaller, struggling militant groups and individuals, including those with violent sectarian credentials. "The LeJ-A has widened its ideological and strategic spectrums to develop compatibility with global terrorist groups, including the Islamic State (Daesh)," Rana told The News. He warned that this faction indicated that the LeJ was apparently emerging as a new threat with a new name and tactics.

Syed Safdar Shah alias Yousaf Khurasani is the head of the LeJ-A. He is believed to be a resident of Karachi. The group was once confined to the Miranshah town of North Waziristan after it was established in 2001 by a splinter faction of the LeJ led by Abid Iqbal Mehsud. Now it has expanded its outreach to Balochistan and Karachi and has well-established operational links with LeJ members in Punjab, the PIPS said in its report.

Khattab said the Operation Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan has not only cleared the tribal district of militant groups but had also made it difficult for LeJ militants to flee to Afghanistan. "Now the terrorists are hiding inside the country, where they are targeted by the law-enforcement agencies."

KARACHI – Family of the activist who went missing earlier this month, have been allegedly threatened by Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, a banned Jihadist militant group. The family of one of the activists who returned home safely on Saturday after mysteriously disappearing earlier this month, allegedly received death threats by Lashkar-e-Jhangvi via a text message for allegedly being 'apostate' and 'blasphemer.' The text message warns the family of facing 'exemplary' and 'admonitory' consequences for allegedly committing blasphemy.

Alleged message of threat sent to the families of the activist

Talking to Daily Pakistan, rights activist and lawyer Jibran Nasir, who has been speaking out against alleged enforced disappearances and baseless allegations of blasphemy against the activists, said he has notified the investigation officer in the FIR he has registered against the Bol television network and anchor Aamir Liaquat "who ran the malicious and life endangering campaign against citizens, falsely accusing them of blasphemy." Nasir said that the threats are the outcome of the vilification campaign by certain journalists. "This happens when the privileges of a noble profession like journalism are abused, this is what happens when anchors become judge, jury and executioner and TV becomes a tool for murder as aptly described by senior journalist Wusatullah Khan," Nasir said. "This is how hate speech corrupts and manipulates society," he added. Nasir went on to say that the protection of citizens is the responsibility of the State. "The onus is on them to protect and my responsibility is to carry on my work which I will at any cost." Nasir said he hopes that PEMRA, PBA, CPNE and the various councils of journalists will speak against this blatant disregard for laws and ethics.

Petitions, FIRs against life-threatening campaign

Earlier, Nasir filed an FIR against TV anchor Aamir Liaquat Hussain and BOL TV network under the Anti-Terrorism Act for intimidating the public and spreading religious hatred. In his FIR, Nasir stated that the anchor and channel were spreading religious hate-mongering and threatening the lives of certain journalists and activists.

Nasir stated that Amir Liaquat, on his show, had without any evidence accused him of being an atheist, a traitor who is an Indian Agent and is working against Pakistan and Pakistan Army, a blasphemer who insults and runs propaganda against Allah, the Holy Quran and the Holy Prophet (S.A.W).

"Similar allegations have been levelled against Salman Haider, Ahmed Waqas Goraya, Asim Saeed and Ahmed Raza Naseer, those citizens who have been recently abducted from Islamabad

Family of missing activist receives death threats allegedly from Lashkar-e-Jhang

Daily Pakistan, January 30, 2017

Huge stash of weapons seized from BLA hideout near Kohlu

Pakistan Today, January 30, 2017

War on terror or on Islamic terrorism?

Express Tribune, January 29, 2017

and various cities of Punjab,” he added. Earlier this month, Jibran Nasir also moved the media watchdog against the TV presenter, who is also a former member of Karachi’s MQM party. In his complaint letter to Pemra, Jibran stated the anchor of BOL Network had started a “malicious, defamatory and life-endangering campaign” against him and the bloggers who went missing between January 4 to 8.

Earlier, in his petition to the chief justice of Pakistan Jibran had stated that “the page called Pakistan Defence which has a following of more than 7 million has accused these activists of blasphemy against the Quran and the Holy Prophet.”

Jibran also urged the government to arrest the admins of ‘Pakistan Defence’, a Facebook forum which claims to be the “internet’s most authoritative source for news and discussions on Pakistan military.” Jibran Nasir said that “all we know is that bloggers and social media activists are missing and the page called Bhensa was running blasphemous content.” “Now why are the missing activists being associated with Bhensa? What proof is there of this association? How did Pakistan Defence page get this intelligence? Does the page know who abducted these activists?” Jibran added.

Propaganda and blasphemy allegations

Aamir Liaquat’s tirade against the activists and journalists began in the wake of protests and social media campaign against the alleged ‘enforced disappearances’ of social media activists. The anchor hurled baseless accusations against activists for being atheists, “infidels”, “anti-Islam”, “anti-Pakistan” and “RAW agents”. An application for registering a blasphemy case against the four missing activists under the section 295-C was also filed in federal capital’s I-9 police station. The application submitted by Muhammad Tahir, the chairman of “Civil Society of Pakistan,” alleged that the missing activists including Salman Haider and Waqas Goraya had been hosting Facebook pages with inflammatory and blasphemous content. A controversial cleric from Islamabad has also decried the Pemra’s decision to ban Aamir Liaquat.

In a statement, Lal Masjid’s Shuhada Foundation said that the action by the Pemra was a move to please the enemies of Islam, the country and the armed forces, saying the decision had hurt the sentiments of Muslims.

KOHLU: Huge stash of arms and ammunition was recovered from a hideout of the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) by the Frontier Corps and security agencies, said a statement released by military’s media wing the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Sunday.

The operation was conducted in Peshi area of Kahan under the supervision of IG FC Major-General Nadeem Anjum. Seized weaponry includes 70 rocket-propelled grenade (RPGs) shells, missile-launchers, 12 rocket fuses and mortar bombs, five bundle-detonating cords, thousands of rounds of different types. Some 20 rockets and 14 fuses were also found at the site.

Earlier, the FC along with other law enforcement agencies apprehended 81 suspects and recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition. The ISPR had said that security forces were also engaged in area domination and counter-terrorism operations in the southern zone of Quetta, in Sibi-Sui-Dalbadin- Kahan zone. A large no of terrorists belonging to the Balochistan Liberation Army and Baloch Republication Army have surrendered to security forces bringing stability to the areas.

During his 20 minutes inaugural speech President Trump — referring to 1.6 billion people (23 per cent of the population of the world) and taking a hard-line stand vowed to — “eradicate radical Islamic terrorism completely from the face of the earth”. Following up on this, on his very first day as US President and during his visit to CIA Headquarters he further reiterated the “eradication of Islamic terrorism from the face of the planet”. Should this not be seen as a clear shift in how the President is taking a very narrow view of the terrorism threat that the world faces and re-naming and re-addressing the US led “global war on terrorism” to “elimination of Islamic terrorism” from the world. Clearly, US President Donald Trump is not taking a broad view of the term ‘terrorism’ and if seen from the context of committing terrorist acts which most definitions of terrorism typically do then committing these terrorist acts is not restricted and limited to ‘radical Islamic organisations’ but such states that use violence (state terrorism) in quashing the legitimate voice and grievances of the people who may be involved in any freedom struggle (Palestine, Kashmir). Magnifying terrorism as a grave threat to world security by the US President is understandable but rushing in to spin an anti-Islamic narrative that soon in the US President’s office is not.

Should Muslims all over the world meet this clear shift in Trump sponsored US policy emphasis from “global war on terrorism” to “elimination of Islamic terrorism” with fanfare? Or should they be genuinely concerned? Having rolled back Affordable Care Act (ACA) nicknamed Obamacare within hours of taking over the office of the American President, Donald Trump is losing no time in altering the Obama-led US policy of “seeking a new way forward” with the Muslim world “based on mutual trust and mutual respect”. With hardly two days in office his ‘political grandstanding’ (loud-mouthing) on policy issues (counting Islamic terrorism as greatest threat being one of them) is raising deep concerns all over the world — particularly the Muslim world in which many countries are already suffering at the hands of domestic radical Islamic organisations and some of them have very weak and vulnerable governments as well.

Already being labelled as an American President who suffers from supreme arrogance and deep miscalculations Donald Trump is seeking to do and achieve both — stepping back from global leadership and preeminence (protectionism) to internally set his own house in order and declaring an external war on ‘Islamic terrorism’ which obviously the United States will have to lead and fight. Could you step back from military alliances (he says Nato is obsolete), promise military disengagements (South Korea and Japan), make aggravating comments against Muslims (banning immigration from Muslim countries) and yet consider that he would win the war on terror? Is nobody in the US administration sharing with him the one lesson that US has learnt in fighting

this war for over one decade — ‘it’s won not just by applying hard power but soft power too — winning hearts and minds’.

In this very complex, highly uncertain and extremely turbulent and unpredictable world of international politics one expects the American President to execute ‘explicit policy changes’ only after undertaking ‘institutionalised debates’ to assess the right policy options. Ideally, the global audience should be bought in, having been made to believe that there has been a thought process behind the change — and there are precedences for this. Bruce Riedel, ex-CIA and an American expert on South Asia, was brought out of retirement by former US President Barak Obama to chair a review of American policy towards Afghanistan and Pakistan, the results of which the President announced in a speech six months later on March 27, 2009. Hurriedly announced policy choices that are devoid of any institutionalised debates only give global audience an impression that more than anything else they are designed only to send an immediate message: ‘the current occupant of White House is quite different from his predecessor.’

President Trump’s unquestionable support to Israel during his election campaign and now his first few days in office is doing no good to address the anti-American sentiment in the Muslim world. Days before he took office he tweeted, ‘stay strong Israel, Jan 20th is fast approaching’. The Israeli PM replied with his tweet, ‘President-elect Trump thank you for your warm friendship and clear-cut support for Israel’. This clear-cut support became evident when Israel’s Defence Ministry announced that it would build 2,500 more settlement homes in the West Bank. Given that Obama administration was giving stern warnings to Israel from desisting to build such settlements this change of US policy, especially when these settlements are also being funded by Trump’s own son-in-law (Jared Kushner), is winning no Muslim hearts. Has the US President forgotten that the West Bank is an ‘occupied Palestinian territory’? Has he no respect for the international community that ‘considers the Israeli settlements in the West Bank and including the East Jerusalem illegal under the international law’. The International Court of Justice in its ruling (2004) concluded that ‘events that came after the 1967 occupation of West Bank by Israel did not change the status of West Bank (including East Jerusalem) as occupied territory with Israel as the occupying power.’ By that ruling even if Mr Trump moves and relocates the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (his campaign promise) to please Israel the embassy will still be on an occupied land. President Trump and his team of experts would do well to understand that such US actions are provocative and only lead to anger the Palestinians as well as other Muslim nations who see such acts as US demonstration to sideline itself from any future peace negotiations between the Israelis and the Palestinians. If that be the case which other choice are the Palestinians left with to showcase their legitimate demand for a sovereign Palestinian state?

As President Trump assumes and consolidates power the Muslim world is on the edge and wondering if Mr Trump is misreading geopolitics? Does he have a team that may show dissent and get divided on important policy issues? General James Norman Mattis, the US Secretary of Defence, is one such person who has very clearly spoken his mind on the Arab-Israel conflict in the past. He believes that ‘lack of a two-state solution is upsetting to the Arab allies of America which weakens US esteem amongst its Arab allies.’ A strong supporter of the Middle East peace process the general has clearly been favouring a two-state solution in the past. The big question is, would he be able to prevail upon his President now?

The Israeli Prime Minister has a friend in Mr Trump who besides other (questionable) acts also made sure to omit all mention of a Palestinian state from the Republican Party manifesto — given this nobody expects him to do anything on the Palestinian issue. Mr Netanyahu has also met the Russian President four times in the last fifteen months ‘to discuss and safeguard Israel’s interests in Syria and to insulate it from the bloody war across its border’. While Israel seeks friendship, alliances and partnerships with the regional and world powers to secure its interests would the world including the American President ever take notice of the predicament and plight of 3.9 million Palestinian people living in inhuman conditions in Gaza and West Bank and the people in India-held Kashmir? Unless that is done no war is likely to be won against ‘Islamic terrorism’ in the world.

ISLAMABAD: The Crime Branch of Delhi Police implicated Pakistan’s expelled diplomat in a baseless espionage case when on Saturday it confirmed filing documents related to spy racket in which a diplomat Mahmood Akhtar has nabbed three months ago and immediately extradited to Pakistan along with three others from India.

Diplomatic observers are apprehensive that Indian police action could become a prelude for some more actions to worsen the ties with Pakistan further. Pakistan High Commissioner Abdul Basit then “strongly protested with Indian foreign secretary at the detention and manhandling of Pakistan High Commission staff.” The high commissioner also reminded that the detention contravened the 1961 Vienna Convention. It was a preemptive act by India as it sensed that authorities in Pakistan had got hold of a ring involving its six diplomats in subversive activities to destabilise Pakistan. Five diplomats at the Indian High Commission were found to be part of a spy network and involved in activities to destabilise Pakistan by facilitating and funding terrorism.

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of police on Saturday claimed to have arrested a would-be suicide bomber and another militant, associated with a banned outfit, who were allegedly involved in major terrorist acts in urban and rural Sindh and operating their networks in four major cities of the province besides Jafferabad district of Balochistan, said Sindh CTD chief Dr Sanaulah Abbasi.

In a targeted raid conducted in the Manghopir area of Karachi, the CTD team detained the two suspects, Shaukat (would-be suicide bomber) and Abdul Ghani, and seized explosive material, a suicide jacket, a hand grenade and two pistols from their custody. “The held militants, who belonged to the Brohi tribe and were trained in Balochistan, were operating terror networks in Sukkur, Shikarpur, Jacobabad and Sanghar districts in Sindh and Jafferabad district in

Delhi Crime branch confirm implicating Pak diplomat in espionage case

Pakistan Today, January 29, 2017

Two ‘militants’ held for major terror attacks in Sindh

Daily Dawn, January 29, 2017

Bashir Qureshi's arrest extreme terrorism: Gilani

*Pakistan Observer, January 29,
2017*

CTD arrests terrorist, recovers explosive material

*Pakistan Observer, January 29,
2017*

NoGO areas

TNS, January 29, 2017

Balochistan," said Dr Abbasi. He added that law enforcers in Balochistan on the request of Sindh police also conducted raids in the 'B' Area of Balochistan where militants existed and "feel free to operate" due to lack of police writ there. 'Suspects were involved in bomb attacks on people belonging to the Shia and Barelvi schools of thought'

Meanwhile, CTD SSP Pervez Chandio said: "The held militants were planning major terror acts against the Shia community." The militants had been involved in several attacks on people belonging to the Shia and Barelvi schools of thought, the officer added.

Speaking at a press conference at his office, SSP Chandio said the militants were involved in a suicide attack on an Imambargah in a Shikarpur village, where sub-inspector Mohammed Hanif and two constables were killed, in 2010. They were also involved in a bomb attack on a caravan led by a prominent figure of the Barelvi school of thought, Syed Ghulam Husain Shah Bukhari, in Jacobabad in 2013. At least one person was killed and three others were injured in the incident. The same year the militants carried out a bomb attack in Keamari that left a faith-healer, Juman Shah, dead and several others wounded. In another bomb attack that the militants carried out in Shikarpur later during the year, Dr Ibrahim Jatoi survived. They were also involved in a vehicle-fitted bomb attack on CIA Centre in Sukkur. "They carried out this attack on the CIA Centre as its personnel were involved in the killings of militants in encounters," said SSP CTD Pervez Chandio. "The held militants also carried out a bomb attack on an Imambargah in Lucky Gate, Shikarpur, on Jan 30, 2015 in which 70 people were killed and several others hurt," added SSP Chandio. They were involved in a suicide bombing against members of the Shia community in the Khanpur area of Shikarpur on Aug 13, 2016. A policeman and the suicide bomber were killed in the blast while another suicide bomber was arrested with the help of the people.

SRINAGAR: In occupied Kashmir, the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Chairman, Syed Ali Gilani, has condemned the arrest of Hurriyat leader, Bashir Ahmad Qureshi and called it an extreme type of vandalism and terrorism.

Syed Ali Gilani, in a statement issued in Srinagar, while lashing at the puppet administration, said that it was highly deplorable that peaceful political leaders and activists were arrested on one pretext or the other and there was no moral or ethical justification for the arbitrary arrests. It is martial law-like situation, he added. He said that special prayers to commemorate martyrs of Kupwara massacre were organized in which leaders, activists and thousands of people participated.

Later, a procession led by Bashir Ahmad Qureshi and Zahoor-ul-Haq was taken out and people demanded fair investigation and urged the authorities to take stringent action against those involved in gruesome massacre. As the procession reached main chowk, police besides resorting to use of brute force, arrested Bashir Ahmad Qureshi. The APHC Chairman said that it was highly deplorable that the authorities despite their tall claims for democracy and "Battle of Idea's" were trampling all ethics and norms. He said hundreds of youth are still languishing in different jails, police stations and torture centers. Instead of releasing these detainees, the puppet administration is arresting more and more youth, he added.—KMS

RAWALPINDI: Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) arrested a terrorist from Koh-e-Noor Mill Bus Stop area in Rawalpindi. According to details, the Counter-Terrorism Department received an intelligence report that a terrorist named Majeed Khan will enter Rawalpindi from Bajor Agency on a motorcycle. The CTD set up a check post near Koh-e-Noor Mill Bus Stop in Rawalpindi and apprehended the terrorist. The CTD personnel also recovered 610 grams of explosive material, 500 ball bearings, five detonators and a motorcycle from the arrested terrorist and shifted him to some undisclosed location for further investigation. Meanwhile, an armed gang of robbers is once again active in Rawalpindi city looting people and shopkeepers at gun point.

According to eye witnesses, a group of armed robbers on motorcycles robbed a shopkeeper in Khayban-e-Sir area of the city at around 7 PM a couple of days back. The robbers were so daredevil that they also snatched the mobile phones of a few people who were present at the grocery shop. The people of the area said that the group, a few months back had also robbed shops and people walking in parks between Maghrib and Isha prayers at gunpoint and then they sped away without any fear warning the victims not to raise their voice after they leave otherwise they would pay heavily. They said the active group was working on the same lines and feared that these are the same people who had in the past snatched cash and mobiles from the people in broad day light.—Agencies

A clear answer to the question — whether the state crackdown against NGOs in various parts of Pakistan is on the basis of geography or has roots in the work profile of the targeted organisations — may not be easy. There is rich evidence that it is both.

For example, NGOs in South Punjab (Multan, Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, and DG Khan) have been specifically directed (in 2015) to seek a no objection certificate (NOC) before every single activity from the Deputy Commissioner Office. As the NOC almost never arrives on time, they have now moved their activities to Lahore where there is no such restriction.

In Balochistan, too, NOC has become a pre-requisite while the concept notes and programme agendas of NGOs are reviewed to assess the suggested content of their activities. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province institutionalised NOC procedures long before these were introduced in the rest of the country.

The NGOs working in Karachi, other parts of Sindh, Lahore, and Islamabad, however, are not subject to the same restrictions. In addition, the wrapping up of the operations of Save the Children and International Committee of the Red Cross in Balochistan also indicates the presence of no-go areas for the operations of the non governmental sector in certain parts of the country. However, organisations working on rights all across Pakistan may not agree that these restrictions are specific to certain areas. There have been various examples of rights-based organisations,

especially those focusing on human rights and religious minorities, facing the heat of the state's recent outrage against the sector.

South Asia Partnership-Pakistan (SAP-PK) (with offices in many districts of Pakistan), Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER) (Karachi), Women in Struggle for Empowerment (Lahore) and Rozan (Islamabad) are a few examples. All the organisations have faced state pressure to curb their activities. The question then: is it the geography or the issues?

When it was first introduced, the National Action Plan raised hopes regarding a clampdown on extremism. However, the direction of the action seems to be elsewhere. "The most important point to note here is how the rule of law is being violated in the whole process," says Zulfiqar Shah, Joint Director PILER. The roots of recent crackdowns on NGOs could be found in the expanding assertion of the national security agenda championed by the armed forces of Pakistan, and almost never challenged by the political forces that are representative of the public interest. A PML-N government in the centre that has a history of hostile actions against NGOs provides a supportive environment. The earlier Nawaz Sharif governments (1990-93 and 1997-99) are marked by continuous tensions with the civil society that had a vocal position on violation of rights, honour killings, and the Shariat Bill. Back then, several NGOs faced intelligence inquiries and were deregistered while an NGO Bill was also introduced in the parliament to bring the non-profit sector directly under its control and regulation.

When national security is the agenda, it is difficult to identify what exactly qualifies as the criteria for an action against NGOs. The creators and drivers of the national security agenda have expanded it much beyond the realm of terrorism. With regard to terrorism, fundamental rights are seen as an impediment, as indicated by the former Army Chief's statement in Davos early this month. There is clear evidence regarding intolerance of activism on the economic development projects, such as China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the nuclear power plants. "It seems that three kinds of engagements are particularly targeted: CPEC, minorities and Balochistan," says Abira Ashfaq, a lawyer and activist.

In the face of weakening resistance, NGOs are now being forced into self-censorship, steering clear of controversial topics, such as Balochistan, enforced disappearances, and military operations in various parts of the country. In Balochistan, there is broad consensus that these issues need not be engaged. A threatening posture doesn't necessarily have to come from state actors. As the state takes up the stick against the non-governmental sector, private actors, including criminals are finding immense encouragement to target organisations for their own agenda. In a recent consultation in Karachi, representative of a Khyber Pakhtunkhwa based NGO shared: "Malicious campaigns by the media portray civil society organisations as Western agents, receiving millions of dollars of funding for imposing a Western agenda. There have been cases of NGOs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa receiving extortion calls, as a result."

How the state responds when NGOs are threatened by private actors is noted to be a determining factor for the future of these organisations. Sharing his experience, Jan Odhano leading the Community Development Foundation, Jacobabad, an 11-year-old organisation that works on human rights, education and minorities rights recalls how over the years the social fabric of the otherwise peaceful district has changed. The state has chosen to support the extremists rather than the progressives. "Twenty years ago, Jacobabad had some 50 theatre academies that would frequently conduct cultural activities. They have all been replaced by religious events," says Odhano. Bolstering these forces, the state makes little effort to protect organisations that are directly threatened by the religious groups. Odhano recalls two activities his organisation did for minority rights. "We did a tableau at a local school on August 14 last year. The programme included songs and performances by little children. Following the programme, a text message campaign was launched, implying that by way of songs and dances, our NGO is spreading vulgarity in the area. The District Education Officer then issued a notification banning the entry of NGOs in the premises of schools without his office's permission." "In another one of our consultations on minorities' rights at the local press club, a man who identified himself as an ISI official jumped in the middle of the discussion, terming this as a RAW-funded programme. He later told me that I should expect a call from the security agencies soon." Odhano notes that local nationalist parties offer immense support in this state of insecurity, issuing media statements defending the NGOs. However, the state by way of its actions and inactions, doesn't lend any support.

In the development discourse, NGOs have been criticised for taking responsibility of service delivery (education and healthcare) while trading off their original agenda of political empowerment. However, in Pakistan's case, service delivery organisations are not subjected to state scrutiny as much as their partners advocating fundamental rights. It is important to see the role of the media in the whole episode. Deviating much from their job of protecting public interest, media, particularly in small towns, has acted as instruments to lay the groundwork of targeting of NGOs. In Punjab, especially South Punjab, it has been observed that a deliberate negative portrayal of NGOs in the media is followed by notices from the Home Department or other related authorities for NGOs to either explain their actions or bring their activities to a halt.

Odhano says that in the absence of a clear authority regulating the print media, there is no way this tendency can be challenged. NGOs subjected to victimisation have ended up wasting their time and resources dealing with intelligence officials, processing paper work, filing court petitions and defending against media propaganda. When it was first introduced, the National Action Plan raised hopes regarding a clampdown on extremism. However, the direction of the action seems to be elsewhere. "The most important point to note here is how the rule of law is being violated in the whole process," says Zulfiqar Shah, Joint Director PILER.

LAHORE: The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Saturday adjourned the hearing of Model Town case till January 31 in terms of its maintainability.

ATC adjourns Model Town case hearing till January

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Pakistan Today, January 28, 2017

Suicide bombers have entered Pakistan, warns NACTA

Pakistan Today, January 28, 2017

Task Force 88: The guardian of sea lanes

The Nation, January 28, 2017

According to details, the petition was filed by Idara-e-Minhaj-ul-Quran in which about 127 persons including Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Federal Railway Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique and Provincial Minister Rana Sana Ullah were held responsible for the incident and asked the court to summon all these persons. During the course of proceedings, footage of the incident was also submitted before the court by the petitioner while counsels of petitioner would submit their power of attorney on next hearing.

The National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) has warned that a number of suicide bombers trained in Afghanistan have entered Pakistan.

The suicide bombers aged 10 to 12 have entered Pakistan from Afghanistan and are planning to attack foreign companies working on different development projects and sensitive places, media reports said. The reports added that banned outfit BRA is planning to target representatives of foreign companies working on development projects in Balochistan. The media reports further added that some other banned organisations have planned to target lawyers and courts. NACTA has directed the departments concerned to take steps to avoid any untoward incident.

China's first official defence white paper published in early 2015 enunciates quite clearly that "the traditional mentality that land outweighs sea must be abandoned, and great importance has to be attached to managing the seas and oceans and protecting maritime rights and interests." The establishment of Pakistan Navy's special 'Task Force-88' (TF-88) on December 13 2016, exclusively for maritime security of Gwadar port, is the next logical step that Pakistan has taken after it operationalised the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The special maritime force has been set up after the work had already begun on the CPEC project. It has been agreed that the task force will be equipped and financed by China, just the way it financed, designed and built, and now operates the Gwadar port.

Owing to the economic corridor's start of its operation, the challenges and threats to both Gwadar port and CPEC have increased. Last November, Pakistan Navy chased an Indian submarine out of Pakistani waters after it had attempted to infiltrate. Thus it was ineluctable to come up with such maritime force to nip the evil in the bud. Task Force 88 will work jointly with the Special Security Division (SSD) that has been established to protect the CPEC projects.

Pakistan Navy in ensuring safe and secure maritime environment, which is an essential prerequisite for the maritime economy to flourish. The role of Pakistan Navy is deeply embedded in the maritime operation of CPEC as it will be required to shoulder greater responsibilities to ensure the protection of growing maritime trade and to provide security to our sea lanes. With this new geopolitical reality, it is inevitable to conclude that Pakistan has outsourced its national security, particularly in the Indian Ocean, by integrating it with that of China. India had time and again adopted threatening postures against Pakistan not only during the 1965 and 1971 wars but also recently threatened both China and Pakistan of grave repercussions if they went ahead with the CPEC project. Therefore, in future, both countries are compelled to act to protect their ships, equipment and personnel stationed at Gwadar. So it must be kept in mind that any unfounded notions about Indian naval hegemony in the region must now be seriously reviewed and revised after this newfangled development, not surprising though. This also underscores Pakistan's increasing commitment to CPEC running from China's Xinjiang province to Pakistan's Balochistan province. In current scenario when many other countries have shown their desire to join the CPEC, it is both a necessity and a tool for power projection highlighting that all the security apparatus is intact regarding this milestone project.

The commissioning of TF-88, made at an International Maritime Conference on the CPEC, the first held at Gwadar, was accompanied by announcement of the objective: For "protection of associated sea lanes against both conventional and non-traditional threats". The creation of TF-88 has been necessitated by the surge in maritime activity at Gwadar port — CPEC's nodal point that is bound to impact the region's sea lanes and with that come maritime risks.

TF-88 is to comprise ships, fast attack craft, aircraft, drones (unmanned aerial vehicles), and surveillance assets. Additionally, marines would be deployed at sea and around Gwadar for security operations.

Considerable planning has obviously been undertaken. In a move in October last year, which will strengthen the defence of Gwadar, Pakistan negotiated with China the purchase of eight Type 41 Yuan-class diesel-powered, conventionally armed attack submarines. Half of these submarines maybe built in Pakistan while the other half would be made in China and transferred later to Pakistan. This acquisition, which is reportedly part of the CPEC package, would be one of Pakistan's biggest weapons purchases ever, at about \$6 billion. Pakistan's possession of such submarines, which are very quiet and lethal, would seriously complicate any Indian attempt in blockading Karachi or Gwadar.

In a bilateral relationship that has spanned five decades, CPEC is certainly the most significant Sino-Pak commitment that is obviously aimed at fulfilling its long-cherished trade desires utilizing Gwadar port, very close to the Gulf region, the hydrocarbons' hub. Looking at the dimensions of CPEC and the need to protect it, this would be only be a small but significant portion of the overall defence of Gwadar port.

On land, Pakistan has already committed to raising a special force to guard the corridor from internal troubles including militants and outlaws of banned outfits. With focus on the CPEC, the navies of both sides recently engaged in a joint exercise. The fourth such exercise concluded on November 21, 2016. On its part, the Pakistan Navy has been increasing security at Gwadar port, conducting security patrols and coastal exercises, enhancing maritime domain awareness and engaging law enforcement agencies. It is reportedly considering buying super-fast ships from China and Turkey for its special squadron to be deployed for the security of Gwadar port.

A ship-building project is being deliberated at Port Qasim in Karachi and Gwadar. The two

Suspect gunned down in a shootout: Karachi Police
 GEO TV, January 28, 2017

Cross-border terrorism
 Pakistan Observer, January 28, 2017

Terrorism rising again
 Express Tribune, January 27, 2017

Terrorism and its effects
 The Nation, January 27, 2017

advanced shipyards would design and develop ships and other security equipment for Pakistan Navy. Confirming Islamabad's determination to prevent CPEC, the Pakistani government has already promised to provide 10,000 troops, including 5,000 specifically trained to counter terrorism.

While the Pakistan security forces put together the all out efforts to materialize the progression, India cannot help itself keeping it far from the CPEC and it has been maneuvering espionage activities to subvert this ambitious joint venture. As mentioned before Pakistan Navy, on November 14, detected an Indian submarine that was sleuthing close to Pakistani waters and shooed it away intrepidly from Pakistan's EEZ and extension of Continental Shelf. Soon after this Indian steerage, announcement of TF-88's commissioning surfaced. Pakistan Navy's role in maritime security and CPEC has become more crucial after this incident and there is a need for comprehensive policymaking on the maritime economy, which is now underway. Notwithstanding Indian trumpets against CPEC many countries are looking forward to be the part of this game changer in the region. Iran, Britain, Germany and South Africa are keen to have their prospects in the project.

Gwadar had a significant visitor, last November: Russia's Federal Security Services chief Alexander Bogdanov. He was reportedly on an inspection tour to assess whether Gwadar would be suitable for visits by Russian ships as well? This is not surprising considering Russia's growing proximity to China and efforts to find an alternative market to sell its military hardware, now that India, the old ally, has increasingly preferred Western defence systems. Significantly, this first ever visit to Gwadar, a gateway to the Indian Ocean, came within days when American people voted Donald Trump to become their next president. With joint efforts of the security forces at home, the people's cooperation towards positive and impressive policies of the government, the law and order situation has improved a lot in Balochistan. Peace and development have great association with each other, and the Pakistan security forces are jointly making all-out efforts to restore complete peace and order in the country for speedy development of mega projects like CPEC.

Inimical forces, elements of hate inside and outside, especially the Indian strategic planners must now realize the inevitable that despite its all conspiracies against the sustaining development, the Force 88 – a harbinger of peace and endurance – along with the security forces of Pakistan will fight back to knuckle them down.

KARACHI: At least one suspect was gunned down by Counter Terrorism Department near Bagh, Korangi early Saturday morning.

According to police, a suspect, Waseem, wanted in a number of criminal cases was killed in a shootout. Meanwhile, rescue sources informed that one person was reportedly injured due to bullet wound at Malir Halt; from Lyari and Quaidabad as many as three suspects were taken into custody.

Sanam Abbasi case

Police have registered a case against four suspects on the accusation of a singer, Sanam Abbasi. Authorities have claimed that one of the suspects is in custody, while the other three have taken bail. Abbasi has announced to take her case back if the accused apologise to her. She claimed that the suspects assaulted her on a minor argument and issued death threats.

Terrorists will fail in their attempt to regain lost relevance. Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa said on Saturday after a blast hit a vegetable market in Kurram Agency's Parachinar area killing 25 people. The Army Chief vowed to eradicate terrorism from root level but how is it possible if the terrorists belonging to TTP come from Afghanistan to carry out their atrocities and then disappear in the craggy terrain of the neighbouring country. If someone wants to eradicate terrorism, he needs cooperation from across the border. The Afghan establishment should cooperate with Pakistan Army in its mutual fight against terrorism and do not let their soil to be used by terrorists against any other country.

ISLAMABAD: Suicide bombings, targeted killings and other terrorist attacks plagued the peace of Pakistan for a whole decade. Pakistan's military under the leadership of General (retd) Raheel Sharif took miscellaneous steps in order to eradicate terrorism. The number of terror-related incidents went down after the launch of Operation Zarb-e-Azb. Unfortunately, this success was temporary and now, once again, terrorism is rising in Pakistan. The bomb blast at a market in Parachinar was a very agonising incident and once again, people are petrified to go out. They are again gripped with the fear of never returning home.

There is a dire need to address this issue as soon as possible. General Qamar Bajwa should also take stern action against militant groups that are continuously plotting to ruin the present and the future of our beloved Pakistan. If we want to see Pakistan as a glorious nation, then we must realise the need to eradicate terrorism from our soil. It should be our resolution for 2017 that we will give our people a safe and sound country to live in and they will not face any sort of fear.

Terrorism has been one of those menaces which impedes the ways of development of a country and destroys its peace, prosperity and beauty. Terrorism is however inversely proportional to the economy. If such gruesome acts of violence are to increase, the ranking of the economy would decrease immediately. Since the inception of Pakistan many dangerous problems prevailed but after 9/11 attack terrorism as an issue has masked the beauty of the country.

Beautiful places were ambushed, educational sectors were attacked brutally and spiritual places were targeted by terrorists. This effected the economy which resulted in the rejection of other countries to make trade agreements with Pakistan due to the fact that it was seen as a politically unstable country.

After herculean efforts made by the armed forces through the launching of operations, Pakistan finally saved its economy by the eradication of pesky terrorists and their networks from the grass root level thus leading to steady foreign investment in the country's economy in the status quo. The economy can only be saved if terrorism is eradicated from its thick roots. All points of the Nation

Ending extremism via gender equality

The Nation, January 26, 2017

Ideological Alliance' suggested to end terrorism, sectarian violence

Daily Times, January 26, 2017

Action Plan (NAP) must be implemented practically to solve the issue.

Willem Koomen and Joop van der Plight, at the department of Social Psychology in the University of Amsterdam, in their book titled "The Psychology of Radicalisation and Terrorism", published in 2016, have tried to analyse the phenomenon of radicalisation and terrorism from a psychological perspective. All those attributes of individual and social psychology like hate, anger, prejudice, hierarchy, uncertainty avoidance etc, extrapolated through case studies of domestic and international terrorist attacks across the globe that play a role in fuelling radicalisation and terrorism, have been highlighted. The book is an indispensable read for all those who want to understand the phenomenon of radicalisation and terrorism inclusively.

One of the attributes of social psychology, which stands out for me while going through the book was the answer to makes a society vulnerable to radicalization.

Societies susceptible to radicalisation score low on gender egalitarianism. There is no denying the fact that Pakistan is currently battling an invisible enemy within its borders that is extremism. Pakistan's lowest record with respect to gender mainstreaming should worry Pakistan, as according to the authors' research any country low on gender mainstreaming provides a fertile ground for radicalisation to thrive. It is high time that Pakistan re-examines its approach towards countering extremism in an inclusive manner. The big question is whether there are any omens in Pakistan's current approach vis-a-vis countering extremism, which shows that gender egalitarianism is being considered as means to counter extremism in Pakistan.

Pakistan's crusade against countering extremism can be traced back to APS attack in 2014; the aftermath of which gave birth to a furore across the country and question of dealing with extremism squarely came into the spotlight at the behest of popular public opinion. In order to counter extremism squarely with an iron hand, both civilian and military corridors rolled up their sleeves. The National Action Plan was formulated in order to counter one exclusive form of extremism i.e. religious extremism through a set of 20 points. Though NAP, so far, has proved to be a grim saga of failures as the government has failed to consolidate those 20 measures envisaged in NAP.

What should be of concern to us here is that the whole plan to counter extremism was with respect to religious extremism, but with a poor understanding of dynamics of extremism discourse. There is no point in NAP that considers ensuring gender egalitarianism in society in order to counter extremism as there exists no understanding among policy circles that there is a link between lack of gender egalitarianism and extremism in society. This lack of understanding of the fact that more rights and respect for women creates a more peaceful society, is also reflective from the leeway is given to the Council of Islamic Ideology in Pakistan by the government with respect to passing judgments vis-a-vis women that aim at stopping women from becoming a part of the mainstream.

According to the council, the essence of Islam can only be actualised in passing regressive judgments exclusively with respect to women in society.

Currently, the only sphere where lack of gender egalitarianism is being considered a real issue, to some extent, is academia, but academia is not immune to orthodoxy prevalent in mainstream society with respect to gender mainstreaming. There hardly exists a conducive milieu in academia where critical debate over gender can take place.

Graduates, even after graduation, because of no critical debates over gender discourse, have this rigidity intact in their minds with respect to the need for bringing a shift in gender roles prevalent in society. Most of the time, they are sceptical right from the beginning to step in to this discussion, as they think that this is western discourse and is a propaganda, aimed against their society and Islam.

Orthodoxy with respect to gender is so entrenched in most of the government run universities, especially in the university to which I belong, that gender segregation policies are followed throughout the campuses. Such a gender-segregated atmosphere in academia is also one of the reasons why critical debates over gender discourse do not take place in our academia.

Extremism cannot only be solely confined to religious extremism. It feeds itself from other forms of extremism too. It is also a kind of extremism when one sex defines parameters for the other sex's social role in society through selective interpretation of Fiqh (which is human constructed interpretation of religion at a particular point in time, instead of inclusive interpretation of divine principles mentioned in the Holy Scripture i.e. the Quran).

In order to counter extremism, it is high time that its discourse is studied inclusively, like its discourse has been analysed in Willem Koomen and Joop van der Plight's book. All those forms of extremism that feed extremism in society are brought to spotlight for critical discussion. In this way, an inclusive picture of extremism can be mapped out and extremism can be rooted out from the society through inclusive measures.

ISLAMABAD: Speakers at a seminar held in Islamabad by the Pakistan Ulema Council have suggested that there is a need to create an 'Ideological Alliance' with intellectuals and Islamic scholars for the eradication of terrorism, extremism, and sectarian violence.

On the occasion, the Pakistan Ulema Council and the Muslim World League agreed to carry out a joint effort to resolve the challenges facing Muslims and to defeat the menace of terrorism, extremism, and sectarian violence. The participants resolved that Pakistan will not remain indifferent in the face of any threat to Saudi Arabia. The Adviser on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz, Adviser on National Security, Nasser Khan Janjua, Saudi Ambassador, Abdullah Marzouk Al Zahrani, Ambassadors of Kuwait, Qatar, UAE, Yemen, and Palestine and dignitaries from Norway, Tajikistan, Australia and Bahrain also attended the seminar. Muslim World League Secretary General Dr Muhammad bin Abdul Kareem Al-Issa chaired while Pakistan Ulema Council Chairman Hafiz Muhammad Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi presided over the seminar.

Addressing the seminar, Dr Muhammad bin Abdul Kareem said that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

FATA witnessed 77pc decline in terror incidents in 2016

The News, January 26, 2017

Saudi Arabia arrests 13 Pakistanis for 'terrorism'

Newsweek, January 25, 2017

has been making constant endeavours for the unity of Muslims. "Islam is a religion of peace and security and gives the message of harmony and patience for the entire humanity and stresses to fulfill rights for all," he said. He pointed out that associating Islam and Muslims with terrorism and extremism was a wrongful interpretation of the religion.

Hafiz Tahir Ashrafi said that terrorists have no affiliation with any religion and killers of humanity have no association with any religion. He said that US President Donald Trump has announced to shift the US Consulate from Jerusalem to elsewhere, and this act on part of US administration would undermine peace of the world. Muslims would never tolerate this US initiative, he said. He said that it would be an honour for Pakistan if General Raheel Sharif chose to head the military alliance of Muslim countries. He also resolved to constitute an 'Ideological Alliance' to contain the menace of the Islamic State and other terrorists outfits. The seminar also adopted a resolution, which lauded the joint efforts of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia's security forces for the eradication of terrorism and a message of the Kingdom's Ministry of Religious Affairs to spread a moderate message of Islam across the globe.

Maulana Ayub Safdar, Maulana Abdul Hameed Watto, Maulana Abdul Hameed Sabri, Maulana Nauman Hashir, Maulana Tahir Aqeel, and Allama Ibtisam Ealhi Zaheer also attended the seminar.

ISLAMABAD: Though the bomb blast in Sabzi Mandi in Parachinar, Kurram Agency, marked the first violent incident of the year in Pakistan, the year 2016 was significant for Fata in terms of violence as the region recorded almost 77 percent decline in the terror-related fatalities.

According to an online journal Eurasia Review, the year 2016 was significant in terms of terrorism, especially for Fata, as the tribal areas have recorded a noticeable 10 years low in terrorism-related fatalities. Overall fatalities in Fata registered a 77.15 percent decline in 2016, as compared to the previous year, from 1,882 killed in 2015 to 430 in 2016. While civilian fatalities declined by 43.28 percent, fatalities among terrorists registered a sharp 80.81 percent decline. The security forces fatalities also fell by 63.2 percent. The January 21 bomb blast, according to the ISPR, was an improvised explosive device (IED) blast which killed at least 25 innocent people and left more than 80 others injured. However, according to South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP), after operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched in North Waziristan on June 15, 2014, at least 2,563 terrorists and 232 soldiers have been killed. The number of major incidents (each involving three or more fatalities) in the tribal areas also decreased by 76.97 percent in 2016, in comparison to the previous year, principally due to squeeze in the area of counter-insurgency operations. The region accounted for 32 major incidents of violence resulting in 382 deaths in 2016, as against 139 such incidents, accounting for 1,868 fatalities in 2015.

There was a considerable decrease in incidents of explosions as well; in comparison to 72 blasts resulting in 140 fatalities in 2015, 2016 recorded 38 blasts, resulting in 84 fatalities. However, while the number of suicide attacks in both these years stood at three each, the resultant fatalities increased from 18 in 2015 to 55 in 2016.

Though incidents of sectarian violence registered a decrease, with just one incident in 2016 as compared to three in 2015, that one incident inflicted 37 fatalities and left another 72 wounded, while 2015 saw 32 fatalities and 72 injured. A suicide bomber killed at least 36 people and wounded more than 37 as they attended Friday prayers at a mosque in the Pekhan Killay area of Anbar tehsil in the Mohmand Agency.

According to the data of SATP, during the last 10 years, Fata region has witnessed total 28,748 casualties, including 4,575 civilians, 2,317 security forces and 21,856 terrorists. As per this data, civilian casualties were highest in 2008 when total 1,116 civilians were killed, whereas 2016 remained most peaceful as 76 civilian casualties were recorded in the whole year.

On the other hand, in terms of terrorist fatalities, it was not the Zarb-e-Azb era i.e. post 2014 when most of the terrorists were killed or injured as in year 2009 and 2010 as many as 8,771 terrorists were killed or injured, whereas, 2,510 fatalities of terrorists occurred in 2014, 1,642 in 2015 and 315 in 2016.

THREE SAUDI NATIONALS ALSO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OVER SUSPECTED LINKS TO MILITANTS.

Saudi security forces have arrested 13 Pakistanis and three Saudis suspected of having links to jihadists who blew themselves up during a weekend firefight with police, authorities said on Tuesday.

The interior ministry also identified the two jihadists who detonated explosive belts during Saturday's raid in the Red Sea city of Jeddah as Saudis.

Marzouk Anzi and Khaled al-Sourwani had both taken part in previous jihadist attacks in the kingdom, and Sourwani had links with the Islamic State group, the ministry said. Authorities also seized arms and materials for making explosives from the building where the men blew themselves up, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

In late October, Saudi authorities said they had arrested eight jihadists and dismantled several "terrorist" cells linked to I.S., including one that had planned to attack a major football match in Jeddah. Those arrested included two Pakistanis, a Syrian and a Sudanese citizen.

Saudi Arabia is a member of a U.S.-led coalition battling I.S. in Syria and Iraq. The kingdom has witnessed a series of deadly attacks claimed by I.S. since late 2014, mostly targeting the Shia minority and security forces, killing dozens of people.

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The News International, January 30, 2017

DETAILS

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif Sunday met a delegation led by Turkish Health Ministry Director General for European Union and International Affairs Dr Oner Guner and discussed matters pertaining to healthcare delivery system in the province. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that the Turkish Healthcare System was the best and Turkey had improved it by introducing reforms to the healthcare delivery system. "By taking benefit from the Turkish model, we will also improve the healthcare delivery system in Punjab in real sense. To make the healthcare delivery system more efficient and effective all possible efforts have been made and we respect and regard Turkish cooperation in improving the healthcare system in Punjab," he said. "With the cooperation of Turkey, the healthcare system in Punjab will soon meet the expectations of people," he added. The chief minister said that the provision of best medical facilities to common man was the right of every individual. He said that he would leave no stone unturned to provide quality medical facilities to people. Dr Oner Guner assured the chief minister of all-out support for improving the healthcare system in Punjab. The team members of Turkish Health Ministry, additional chief secretary, health secretaries and others were also present on the occasion. Meanwhile, Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) Medical Superintendent Dr Dildar Ahmad Khan has said that the performance of the PIC has been improved. Giving details, the medical superintendent said that during January 2016, 1,244 angiography/angioplasty procedures were performed whereas during the current month, 2,017 such procedures had been carried out. Similarly, last year in January, 513 Thallium Scans was performed while the number for January 2017 stood at 647. Similarly, 255 CT angiography tests were formed during January as compared to 76 tests in January 2016.

"Another indicator of good performance of the Punjab Institute of Cardiology was echocardiography tests which also reflected improvement," he added. During the last year in the month of January, a total of 2,547 echocardiography tests were performed while in January 2017, a total 2,655 such tests were carried out.

The medical superintendent said that the best treatment and diagnostic facilities were being provided to cardiac patients at the state-of-the-art cardiology institute of the country.

MANSEHRA: A woman and her newborn baby lost their lives reportedly due to negligence of staff at a private hospital in Balakot, Mansehra. While protesting against the hospital administration, the woman's brother Ansar Mustafa and naib nazim of the area, Muhammad Akhtar, told the media the woman was taken to the private hospital for delivery. They added the absence of a female doctor at the hospital left the woman in the hands of midwives who kept experimenting on her for 10 hours and administered an injection to her at the wrong time. According to the brother, the baby died at birth, while the woman's condition remained critical. Subsequently, he said, the midwives called an untrained driver to take her to a government hospital in their ambulance at midnight, but she died on the way. The deceased woman was a mother of four children. Her relatives have demanded a case be filed against staff of the private hospital. When contacted, the hospital administration refused to comment on the matter. The earthquake that had wreaked damage in Balakot also destroyed the government hospital in the area.

Although, the government set up a facility in a building later on, it lacks equipment and doctors are often not available. This is the reason why locals choose to go to private hospitals that too are seldom prepared to take critical cases.

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) – Regulatory authority has recommended the Ministry of Petroleum to hike prices of petrol and high-speed diesel by Rs 4.15/ litre and Rs 4.30/ litre among those of other petroleum products on Monday. In a summary forwarded to the ministry by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), it has been recommended that kerosene oil price be hiked by Rs 16.70/litre, light-speed diesel by Rs 12.15/litre and that of HOBC by Rs 12.50/litre.

Currently, price of petrol is stagnated at Rs 68.04/ litre, that of high-speed diesel at Rs 77.22/litre, light-speed diesel at Rs 43.35/litre and current price of kerosene is Rs 43.25/litre.

LAHORE (Dunya News) – The CNG stations in Punjab will open at 6pm today (Monday) after a shutdown of 18 days. To reduce the demand-supply gap of CNG, the stations were closed for 18 days. According to CNG association, for the first time in seven years the gas loadshedding has been conducted for only two and a half week instead of prolonged months. The association has said that due to the government's decision of importing LNG, an obvious improvement is happening in the gas's demand-supply.

As compared to petrol, gas is cheaper while the opening of CNG stations will hopefully provide ultimate relief to the public.

LAHORE: The Punjab Institute of Cardiology Medical Superintendent Dr Dildar Ahmad has said the performance of PIC has been further improved compared to previous year. "Only one month data of different procedures and tests revealed that indicators have been improved," he said while briefing about the performance of the hospital, according to a handout issued on Sunday. The MS said during Jan 2016 a total 1,244 angiography/angioplasty procedures were performed whereas during the current month up to Jan 27, a total 2,017 such procedures have been carried out. Similarly, last year in January total number of thallium scan was 513, while in the current year up to Jan 27, the number of thallium scan tests reached 647. He informed that during the month of January 2016 seventy-six CT angiography tests were performed compared to 255 tests up to January 27, 2017. Another indicator of good performance of PIC is echocardiography tests, which also reflects improvement. During the last year in the month of January, a total number of 2,547 echocardiography tests were performed, while in the current month of January 2017, a total 2,655 such tests were carried out. The

KP govt finalises bill on free, compulsory education

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MS said best diagnostic and treatment facilities are being provided to the cardiac patients at the institute.

PESHAWAR: The Elementary and Secondary Education (E&SE) Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has finalised the proposed bill on providing free and compulsory education at the primary and secondary level to all children of the age five to 16 years, according to officials. They said that it was a constitutional responsibility of the provinces for which legislation was must. The Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan governments have already passed laws in this regard from their provincial assemblies. However, successive governments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have so far failed to fulfil this constitutional requirement, they said. Article 25A of the Constitution states: "The state shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of five to 16 years in such a manner as may be determined by law." **This article was incorporated into the Constitution through its 18th amendment.**

Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan have already made such legislation

The proposed bill has already been vetted by the provincial law department and is ready to be tabled at the next cabinet meeting for approval, the officials said, adding that afterwards it would be tabled in the provincial assembly. They said that the proposed bill was on the agenda of the previous cabinet meeting held on Jan 24, but was dropped as Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education Mohammad Atif Khan was abroad. Under the draft bill, the officials said, the parents would be punishable with imprisonment up to one month or fine which may extend up to Rs100 for every day after the conviction for not sending children to schools or with both. Section 5 of the proposed bill states: "Government may, by notification, constitute a School Attendance Authority (SAA) for each school for the purpose of this act and shall consist of members, as may be determined by government." It further states that SAA would ensure that every child shall attend a school under its jurisdiction and shall take such steps as it may consider necessary or as may be specified by the government. Reasonable excuses for non-attendance of the school by a child are stated to be incapability of a child to attend school by reasons of sickness, infirmity, mental incapacity or where there is no school within a distance of two kilometers radius of the residence of the child. The proposed bill allows the SAA to establish a Taleem Fund to be maintained at a scheduled bank for utilizing on welfare of the students. Section 7 (2) of the draft bill states: "The Fund (Taleem Fund) shall consist of grants made by the federal, provincial, district governments and all voluntary contribution from the philanthropists, alumni, students and parents." Asked how the law would be implemented in areas where no government school is available, a senior official in the education department told Dawn that they would ascertain the accurate number of out-of-school children through the ongoing survey of the education department. He said that the survey would be completed by the end of next month. "The provincial government will enrol the out-of-school children in private schools in the areas where there are no government schools," he said, adding that the provincial government would pay the tuition fee of such students through a voucher scheme. Asked if there is no private school in an area, the official said that the next option with the education department would be to establish a community school. He said that over 1,436 community schools had already been functioning in the province.

Over two decades ago the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Compulsory Primary Education Act, 1996 was passed by the provincial assembly, but so far it has not been implemented. The said law also makes it binding on the government to provide free education to children at primary level.

513 newly appointed nurses assume duty at LGH

Daily Times, January 30, 2017

LAHORE: As many as 513 charge nurses have assumed their duty at the Lahore General Hospital after their selection by the Punjab Public Service Commission. Post Graduate Medical Institute Principal Prof Ghiyasun Nabi Tayyab said that nursing administration had been directed to arrange lectures for newly recruited nurses on a daily basis to sensitise them about government health policies, infection control, campaign against dengue, polio and other diseases, discipline and humbleness with patients. He said that educational documents of newly selected nurses would also be verified at the earliest. He added that nurses play pivotal role in the process of recovery of patients, therefore, the Punjab government has taken revolutionary steps towards the welfare and educational uplift of nurses. He said that the Punjab chief minister had announced Rs 9,000 per month risk allowance for charge and head nurses which was a clear evidence of recognition of their services at government level.

Checking illegal organ transplant using punish and reward system

Daily Times, January 30, 2017

LAHORE: A regulatory system has been evolved and enforced to control illegal human organs transplantation in which punishment will be awarded to elements found involved in such inhuman activities. A reward of Rs 1 million would be granted to the person who will inform the Punjab Human Organ Transplant Authority (PHOTA) about illegal human transplant activity, source associated with the PHOTA disclosed on Sunday "The name of the informer will be kept confidential. For this purpose, a hotline will also be installed. It is proposed that Rs 50 million fine will be imposed on the hospital which will be found involved in any illegal transplantation activities," they added. Monitoring and Evaluation committees headed by the district coordination officers would be constituted for monitoring of hospitals providing the facility of human organs transplantation. They said that the committee would carry out surprise checking of these hospitals and send their reports to the PHOTA. During the inspection of hospital, the committees will verify that qualified surgeons and human resources are available at the hospital, they said, adding that it would also be ensured that transplantation of the same patient is being carried out who the PHOTA has given permission for. Under the system, they said, it would be mandatory for hospitals to provide photographs of donors and recipients and video recording of operation to the PHOTA for verification. Moreover, before discharging the patient and the donor, post operative medical check-up must be performed.

National testing: Varsity academics reject NTC

The Express Tribune, January

ISLAMABAD: A body of academics Sunday rejected a move by the higher education commission to set up a central council to conduct entrance tests for universities. Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Associations (FAPUASA) Islamabad-chapter President Asif Ali, in a statement on Sunday termed the creation of the National Testing Council (NTC) a violation of the

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Control over energy sector: When all of us are weak and poor, we need more cooperation

The Express Tribune, January 29, 2017

'400 to 500 new leprosy cases reported annually in Pakistan'

Dawn News, January 29, 2017

Health insurance programme

Dawn News, January 29, 2017

Fake ghee, oil factory busted

Dawn News, January 29, 2017

Unsafe disposal of hospital waste challenged in PHC

Dawn News, January 29, 2017

HEC Act and respective universities acts. Ali said that the HEC Ordinance 2002, clearly states that the HEC is proscribed from establishing a body such as this by its own as well as conduct tests itself. The custodian of the actual power of the HEC lies with its board which is comprised of 17 members which deliberated over the issue and unanimously rejected the idea of administration's involvement in conducting tests by declaring the act to be a conflict of interest, Ali said. Instead of implementing the decision of the Board, the HEC is attempting to conduct the tests via the testing council. The notification, the FAPUASA president said, was another deliberate violation of the Lahore High Court (LHC) judgment on the testing issue. Instead of complying with the judgment and without amending the HEC Ordinance through proper legislation the administration has not only conducted tests but has also announced a new testing body. The FAPUASA added that a task force on higher education had already rejected the idea of the federal government for establishment of National Education Testing Service (NETS).

ISLAMABAD: Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has warned Hesco, Sepco and Wapda to either pack up or stop the disconnection operation. The Sindh government could handle its electricity sector itself, he said. It is not for the first time that a chief minister of a province has expressed the desire for autonomy in the electricity and energy sector as a whole. Similar statements have been issued by K-P on issues related to tariff, hydel royalty, autonomy, etc. Excessive centralisation and preponderant role of Punjab led to the passage of 18th Constitution Amendment. There are people who are not satisfied with implementation of the amendment and would like to expand its scope. There are others who have doubts whether the amendment has been successful in delivering the provinces what was expected from it. It is true that there are capacity issues in the provinces. It is said that problems of democracy can be solved with more democracy. In the same way, the proponents of autonomy and decentralisation argue that failures cannot be made an alibi to wind up or dilute the process of decentralisation.

KARACHI: Every year 400 to 500 new cases of leprosy are registered in Pakistan and it is likely that the same situation will continue for two more decades, said experts at a press conference held on Saturday at the Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) on the eve of World Leprosy Day. They underlined the need to create public awareness to minimise the burden of the disease. Speaking about the challenges being faced in tackling the disease, Dr Ruth Pfau, the MALC founder, said though efforts for the eradication of leprosy had been successful, it was not the end of the struggle. "There are many challenges, especially the ones in the form of physical and social rehabilitation, which will continue even after the elimination of the disease," she said, appealing to the people to shun the stigma attached to the disease. Dr Pfau commended commitment of her team and said the struggle against the disease could not have been successful without their dedication to the cause. Sharing some statistics on the disease, Dr Ali Murtaza, director for training at the MALC, said more than 56,780 leprosy patients had registered at the centre since its establishment in 1956. "Most patients are treated free of cost at the 157 MALC leprosy centres set up across the country. Besides leprosy, the centre is also working to eliminate tuberculosis and blindness in Pakistan," he said.

Explaining the reasons behind the increase in the number of leprosy patients from 66 in 2013 to 133 last year in Sindh, Dr Murtaza said it was probably because of active surveillance that led to the discovery of such cases. "A complete elimination of the disease is a challenge, since it's a chronic one and patients often remain unaware of its presence till it progresses and affects various organs of the body," he said, adding that the disease's incubation period which normally ranged from three to five years could be even 40 years in some cases. Citing some MALC data, Dr Mervyn Lobo said that positive developments were continuing and the leprosy prevalence rates in the country were below the WHO recommended threshold, between 0.27 per 10,000 population in Karachi and 0.04 in Azad Kashmir, and were decreasing further. According to experts, only Punjab, though a low-prevalence area, was showing an increase in the number of leprosy cases. Karachi, they said, was a focal point where patients from other parts of the country as well as Afghan refugees came for treatment. They appealed to doctors, especially dermatologists, to cooperate with the MALC and refer leprosy patients to it. "Leprosy is completely curable with multidrug therapy if diagnosed early. Untreated leprosy can cause progressive and permanent damage to the skin, peripheral nerves, limbs and eyes," said Dr Murtaza in reply to a question.

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to expand Prime Minister's National Health Insurance Programme to the entire province and has started implementing comprehensive reforms programme in the health sector. Presiding over a meeting to review progress on reforms programme in collaboration with the health ministry of Turkey, the chief minister expressed satisfaction over speedy implementation of the reforms programme. Addressing the meeting, Shahbaz said the cooperation provided by Turkey to improve the healthcare system would bear positive results.

SHEIKHUPURA: Health department officials, accompanied by Saddar police, raided a factory and arrested five people for manufacturing fake products of famous vegetable ghee and cooking oil brands near Machike on Sargodha Road on Saturday. The team conducted a raid at the factory and recovered consignments, containing various products of the famous brands. It arrested factory owner Qasim and four other workers. A huge quantity of raw material and manufactured ghee and oil were also impounded and the factory was also sealed. The same team conducted a raid in Lunda Bazaar on Khadim Husain Road and sealed four shops, selling substandard desi ghee and cream. The shopkeepers, including Bilal, Ehsan and Zakria, were taken into custody.

PESHAWAR: A lawyer has moved the Peshawar High Court against the unsafe disposal of hospital and medical wastes in the province seeking directives for the provincial government and relevant authorities to follow the laid down rules and standard operating procedure in this regard. A petition was filed on Saturday by Saifullah Muhib Kakakhel saying medical, hospital and clinical wastes were not disposed of in accordance with the SOP provided by the government. He claimed there was only one burning chamber in Khyber Teaching Hospital, which has been creating pollution and diseases including asthma, tuberculosis, etc. in the locality. The respondents in the petition are the provincial government through chief secretary; secretary of the local government department; hospital directors of three major public sector hospitals including Khyber Teaching Hospital, Lady Reading Hospital and

Most schools in Mohmand without textbooks

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Drinking water throughout Punjab to be tested

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Polluted water annoys locals in Karachi

Dunya News, January 28, 2017

PTA inaugurates first internet exchange point

Pakistan Today, January 28, 2017

CDA changes land acquisition strategy for

Hayatabad Medical Complex; Health Regulatory Authority through its chairman; Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency through its director general, and KP Environmental protection Agency through its director general. The petitioner said the federal government had passed the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997, whereas the provincial government had passed the KP Environmental Protection Act, 2014, under which the Hospital Waste Management Rules 2005 had been farmed. He said he had observed that the public and private hospital administrations were not complying with the SOPs issued by government under the said laws and rules.

The petitioner claimed that he had prepared a questionnaire and spent few months in research whether the public and private hospitals as well as private laboratories were following SOPs or not. As outcome of the said research, the petitioner claimed it was astonishing for him to know that there was no incinerator in the hospitals for the disposal of medical/ hospital. Clinical wastes. The petitioner said there was only burning chamber in KTH, which was injurious to health of public at large due to extreme pollution. He added that people living near the burning chamber were complaining that they had become patients of asthma and severe allergy and many other lung diseases. The petitioner claimed there was no waste management committee in public and private hospitals. He added that the waste was thrown in an open area near hospitals, which was collected by scavengers and junk dealers who sell it for the purpose of recycling it. The petitioner said some waste, including parts of human body, were sold to make food for domesticated animals. He said several newspapers have been reporting issues relating to medical/ hospital waste and incinerators since 2004 but till now the government and other respondents had not taken any step to save the environment. The petitioner requested the court to direct the respondents to submit waste management plan for hospitals, report of expenditure spent on disposal of hospital and medical waste; report of employees working for disposal of waste and report of committees working for medical waste disposal and salaries and allowances paid to them for this purpose.

GHALANAI: Teachers, students and their parents have expressed concern over unavailability of free textbooks in government schools in Mohmand Agency for last two years. Talking to Dawn, they said the education department had failed to provide textbooks to thousands of students of middle and primary classes in different schools. The government had pledged to provide free textbooks to students from class one to matriculation in each school in the tribal region to promote education. In January 2016, KP governor had declared education emergency for Fata and urged all the departments to enrol out of school children in tribal areas. A primary schoolteacher said due to lack of books students' precious time was being wasted. "Most of the students exchange their old books with one another because of unavailability of new textbooks," he said. "I have 120 students in my school but the education department has provided books to only 50 of them," head of a primary school said, adding only Pashto book was provided to the 4th class students. Mehran, a student, was upset at unreasonable delay in provision of textbooks as examinations were on their heads. A teacher of a primary school, on condition of anonymity, said the school was only given seven sets of textbooks against student strength of 95. Assistant agency education officer Javed Khan told Dawn that they needed 28,000 sets of textbooks, adding they had made requests to the Fata education department for provision of the required books, but still no response was forthcoming. He said that examination was going to start after a month, but thousands of students were without books. "Only one or two textbooks were provided to about 42,000 students, but still a large number of them are without the books," said Khan. The education official suggested that the parents should purchase books either from the market or utilise the old ones to enable their children to prepare for the examinations. An official of education department, however, said there might be shortage of books in some schools but most of the educational institutions had already been provided with books.

LAHORE: (Dunya News) Punjab Food Authority (PFA) Director General (DG) Noor ul-Amin Mengal has on Saturday ordered the test of government-provided drinking water throughout the province. The samples will be taken from tube-wells and houses, reported Dunya News. PFA has immediately set out at checking the water upon the government orders. Mengal ordered its teams to take the samples from all the tube-wells of WASA and randomly from houses as well. PFA DG said that the authority would ensure provision of clean drinking water throughout the province. He added that the water samples could also be sent abroad for testing if need be. The officials at PFA stated that in case the sample of water from a particular area was found unclean, the local residents and relevant officials would be informed and all efforts will be made to provide clean drinking water to the area.

KARACHI (Dunya News) Not only the deficiency of water is turning out to be a nightmare for the locals, it is also the polluted water that is adding to the miseries of Karachities. Although water is up to some extent available to the eastern region of the city, still the locals have complained a lot that the available water is not fit for drinking. As the polluted water can be the causation of several diseases, locals have lodged severe protest in this regard. The locals also revealed that owing to the passage of heavy vehicles from the locality the water supply lines have also broken. The locals also revealed that the water supply lines should be repaired soon.

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on Friday inaugurated the country's first internet exchange point (IXP) allowing computer programmers and users to host content locally and experience faster internet speed. With the IXP now operational, users in Islamabad will be able to access content such as videos, music and literature hosted on servers installed locally. "Just like a phone call is routed through local exchanges, an online request from internet users in Islamabad will be directed to the servers installed in the space provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) instead of directing the request to servers in Europe or the US," said PTA Chairman Dr Ismail Shah. According to an IT specialist, India has seven local internet exchange points set up in 2003 with the average traffic of 44 gigabytes per second. "However, Pakistan is doing much better compared to India with the 2.4 gigabytes average speed in just two years time. We are expecting a phenomenal increase in internet traffic not too far in the future," he said.

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to bring changes to its decades-old strategy to acquire land in Islamabad to launch new sectors. Now, the CDA will announce the land award and Build Up Property (BUP) on the same day, CDA Member Planning and

new sectors
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Design Asad Mehboob Kayani told Dawn. "We have decided that the award of land and BUP will be announced the same day...earlier, the CDA used to announce the BUP award months or years after the land award. Meanwhile, people made huge constructions to claim the BUP award," he said. Like the land awards, the CDA gives alternate plots to locals under the BUP. The authority has yet to acquire land to develop the sectors H-13, E-14, E-15, D-14, D-15, D-16, H-15 and H-16 in accordance with the city's master plan. Mr Kayani told Dawn the CDA shared this new strategy with the minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) at a recent meeting, who appreciated the move and directed the authority to resolve all the pending issues with affected people and ensure that there are no loopholes when land is acquired. The CDA, which is supposed to develop 62 residential sectors in the federal capital, has only developed around 28 so far. Sources in the CDA said that, in addition to other factors delaying new sectors, flawed land policies are also a major obstacle. "In the past we announced the award, released partial compensation but could not take possession of the land. As a result, locals did not move out of the area," a land directorate official said. He said the CDA announced the award for Malpur village near the Diplomatic Enclave several decades ago, but locals still live there today and the CDA has not made any serious effort to resolve issues with the locals there.

The land award for the Kurri area, Rayara and Ghora Baz was announced in the 1960s, but the CDA still has not been able to get possession of the land. While developing the H-16, H-17 and E-12 sectors, the authority announced awards years ago but has not yet paid locals the full compensation sum to take complete possession of the land. "In many cases, we did not pay the full compensation, while in many cases we paid compensation but failed to get possession of the land," the official said. Perturbed by compensation issues, the CDA introduced a land-sharing formula in sectors C-15 and C-16, under which the authority would acquire land from locals for free and after developing it, give a quarter back to them – a one kanal developed plot against four kanals of land – while locals are also entitled to get plots against BUP. Last year, CADD Minister Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry told the National Assembly, in the context of increasing encroachment and land-grabbing in the capital, that both the CDA and locals were at fault. In response to a calling attention notice that highlighted the "ever-increasing encroachment of CDA land by land-grabbers", Dr Chaudhry claimed nearly all the land encroached upon or illegally occupied had not been taken possession of in the 1960s. "The land that was marked for immediate use was taken possession of, but the land that was not to be utilised immediately was not taken into CDA's possession," the minister had explained. "We have surveyed 50 to 60,000 kanals of land in order to initiate the process of clearing them. But 90pc of this land is currently occupied by affected people or traditional dwellers. They have lived here for the past 400-500 years. If they have any remaining dues with CDA, we are trying to accommodate them after settling their dues," the minister concluded.

Lakki villagers protest electricity disconnection
Dawn News, January 27, 2017

LAKKI MARWAT: Residents of Shahbazkhel and adjacent villages held a protest demonstration on Thursday against disconnection of power supply to their villages by the local Pesco officials. Led by district councillor Abdul Rauf, the protesters accompanied by drum beaters gathered on the Indus Highway and raised slogans against the officials of Peshawar Electric Supply Company. The elders and local councillors present on the occasion included Abdul Qayyum, Kalu Khan, Mazhar Khan, Matiullah, Khalid Raza, Bashir Khan and Gul Marjan. They said that the villagers were paying their electricity bills regularly, but despite that the power supply had been disconnected for the last three days. They said that the disconnection of power supply had also caused shortage of drinking water in the rural areas. They demanded posting of a lineman and bifurcation of power supply system of Shahbazkhel village from other rural areas. The protesters dispersed after the Pesco officials assured them of solution of their problems.

Power workers observe 'unity day'
Dawn News, January 27, 2017

LAHORE: Electricity workers observed 'national unity day' in major cities of the country ahead of the referendum being held simultaneously on Feb 2 under the supervision of the National Industrial Relations Commission (NIRC) in the 16 electricity production and distribution entities, besides Wapda. In Lahore, a large number of workers gathered at Labour Hall on Nisbet Road under the banner of All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union to reiterate their resolve to continue their struggle for the promotion of dignity of working men and women in society. Presided over by union general secretary Khurshid Ahmad, the conference was addressed by senior vice president Muhammad Younus, Sajid Kazmi, Sarder Fasiur Rehman, Osama Tariq and others. The union leaders urged the workers to use their right to elect their single trade union representative so that the struggle for the acceptance of the just demand of the workers could be continued. Through a unanimously adopted resolution, the participants condemned the barbaric act by terrorists in Parachinar while urging all patriotic forces to join hands "against the enemies of humanity who do not spare even innocent children." The resolution also offered condolences to the bereaved families of the victims. Welcoming the decision to establish an engineering university and a medical college for the children of employees, another resolution urged Wapda authorities to also pay attention towards the housing needs of electricity workers. Another resolution presented by Rana Shakoor, Haji Latif and Chaudhry Maqsood and adopted unanimously demanded revision of the pay scales of employees of government, semi-government, autonomous bodies, besides industrial and commercial workers employed in the private sector, on the pattern of the National Assembly members in the next budget. All Pakistan Workers Confederation Secretary Osama Tariq, through a resolution, asked the Wapda authorities to end the anomalies between the pay scales of ministerial, accounts and technical staff and electricity workers employed by power distribution companies.

PEMRA bans Aamir Liaquat's programme
Geo News, January 26, 2017

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Thursday banned Aamir Liaquat Hussain's programme for hate speech with immediate effect. According to a statement, PEMRA took the decision after Aamir Liaquat was found violating authority's code of conduct for several weeks. The ban was enforced under section 27 of PEMRA ordinance 2002 as amended by PEMRA act 2007. According to the statement, the order has been conveyed to the channel management that Aamir Liaquat shall not host any programme, or appear on TV in any manner (fresh, old or repeat) including (but not limited to) as a guest, analyst, reporter, actor, in audio, video beeper, promo/advertisement of his programme or in person, in any manner whatsoever. The

Hospital ward turned into restaurant for doctors' delight in Gujranwala

Geo News, January 26, 2017

Gas explosion claims 4 lives in Quetta

Geo News, January 26, 2017

Agreements signed to set up 1650 MW coal power plants

Pakistan Today, January 25, 2017

Power goes off during ceremony of electricity agreement with China

Pakistan Today, January 25, 2017

PCRWR declares 11 mineral water brands unsafe for consumption

Pakistan Today, January 25, 2017

Govt plans to merge Fata with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Pakistan Today, January 25,

statement added that Aamir Liaquat is prohibited to deliver, on all other channels, any hate speech, declaring as kaafir or ghaddar, as under the constitution of Pakistan, it is exclusive jurisdiction of the Parliament or the Honourable Superior Judiciary. Aamir Liaquat has been hurling unfounded allegations against anchors, journalists and publishing agencies during his programmes.

GUJRANWALA: Two wards of the District Headquarters Hospital Gujranwala have been turned into restaurants at the behest of doctors who appeared to have been rejoicing rainy weather, Geo News learnt Thursday. A medicine company threw a lavish dinner for doctors at DHQ Hospital Gujranwala to help them enjoy the rainy spell. The staff at the hospital turned it into a restaurant for the grand meal. Stoves and huge pots were placed in the Eye Ward at the upper storey of hospital's Trauma Center. Not only this, but the stretchers - which the patients rarely get - were used for bringing utensils.

QUETTA: Four people, including three children, died while two were injured when an explosion occurred due to gas leakage in Nawa Killi, Quetta. A few days back a similar incident took place in PWD Colony, Islamabad. At least three people were killed while four others were injured in the gas leakage explosion. The deceased included a mother, daughter and domestic help. Footage from the blast site showed the facade of the house was blown away.

ISLAMABAD: The government Wednesday (today) signed four agreements to set up two coal-based power plants of 1650 MW in Hub and Thar under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. The agreements included two each for implementation and power purchase. The agreements were signed by representatives of China Power Hub Generation Company (Private) Limited (CPHGC), HUBCO and Private Power Infrastructure Board (PPIB) on behalf of their respective organisations. Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif and Secretary Water and Power Mohammad Younas Dagha also witnessed the signing ceremony. Under the agreements, 1320 MW coal-fired power plant is being set up in Hub, Balochistan with an estimated cost of over \$ 2 billion while 330 MW will be established in Thar, Sindh at a cost of \$ 500 million. The 1320 MW power project would be completed by August 2019 while 330 MW Thar project would start generation by December 2019. Terming both the projects a major milestone, Khawaja Muhammad Asif said construction work on 1320 MW power plant had already started and both the projects would be completed in 2019. He said the government was also fully implementing projects to be completed after its tenure keeping in view the future requirements of energy. Asif said preference was being given to using local coal from Thar for generating cheap electricity. These projects would open up a new chapter in the energy sector, he said adding that Thar would be the centre of energy for the country in future. He said it would not only help save precious foreign exchange but also generate electricity at affordable rates to the consumers. The minister said that signing of the agreements was a great achievement.

Responding to a question, the minister said 1320 MW power project was based on super critical technology while 330 MW power project was based on sub-critical technology. Regarding Thar project, he said it was a pilot project and it would attract huge investment in future. To another question, the minister said equal attention was also being given on up-gradation of the transmission system. Work on up-gradation of transmission lines was also being carried out simultaneously, he added. To a query, Asif said Nandipur power plant was supplying 430 MW and furnace oil treatment plant (FOTP) had already been setup. Gasification process of the plant has already been started and it would be run on gas in May, he said. He said payment had also been made to Sui Northern Gas Company for laying a pipeline to supply gas to the plant. Regarding Bhasha and Mohmand dams, the minister said ground breaking of both projects would be carried out this year. The reservoirs would be constructed from our own resources, he added.

In a ceremony regarding power generation agreement with China in Islamabad today (Wednesday), the electricity went off not once but twice, plunging the conference hall into darkness for few minutes. Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif and Chinese officials had to wait till the restoration of electricity. The minister reviewed agreement papers through mobile's torch light. The agreement was signed between China Power Hub Generation Company, Private Power Infrastructure Board and Central Power Purchasing Agency. A coal-fired power plant will generate 1320 megawatts of electricity in Hub whereas 330 megawatts coal-fired power plant will be built in Thar. While addressing the media, Khawaja Asif said the government has achieved another milestone of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) today. Both power projects will be completed in 2019. The minister further stated that Nandipur power plant is generating 430MW electricity, whereas, its capacity would increase to 525MW by April.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) on Tuesday declared 11 mineral water brands as unsafe for consumption due to chemical and microbiological contamination. PCRWR compiled a report for the quarter from October to December-2016 after collecting 78 samples of mineral water brands from Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Sialkot, Quetta, Peshawar, Muzaffarabad Faisalabad, Sargodha, Multan and Lahore. According to the report, out of these 11 unsafe brands, seven brands titled as Well Care, Lite Aqua, New Premier, Royal Blue, Aqua Safe, Aqua Drink Water and Rahat had comparatively high levels of Arsenic ranging from 12-34 ppb than PSQCA water quality standard for arsenic (10 ppb). The excessive level of arsenic can cause various types of skin diseases, diabetes, kidney diseases, hypertension, heart diseases birth defects, black foot diseases and multiple types of cancers. High-level of sodium ranging from 658-165 ppb was found in four brands named Well Care, NG Fresh Water, Oslo and New Premier which exceeded quantity set by PSQCA i.e. 50 ppb. One brand, Aab-e-Khoob, was found to be unsafe due to microbiological contamination which may cause Cholera, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Hepatitis, Typhoid etc.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to merge Fata with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The required legislation for the process would be carried out after approval from the federal cabinet, according to media reports. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will inform the ministers of the decision of merging Fata with KP in the upcoming federal cabinet meeting. After approval for this merger, the Law Ministry would be asked to prepare the draft of the bill that would be presented in parliament for

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Pakistanis to get mobile bank account facility till 2019, says PTA Chairman

Pakistan Today, January 24, 2017

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approval. According to media reports, the prime minister has finally taken the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and other allies into confidence over the merger since the parties were initially opposing this move on various political grounds. Under the plan, Fata would be put under the control of the provincial government through amendments to the Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR). An annual grant of Rs100 billion has also been proposed for Fata's development under the proposed merger and the amount will be given from the Federal Divisible Pool. Fata is being governed by the British-era law called FCR Act that legal experts say is a violation of universal human rights and contradicts the 1973 Constitution. The merger of Fata with KP would extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the high court to the tribal areas by amending the Article 247 and other relevant laws, so that those who want to protect their fundamental rights can do so like any other citizen of Pakistan. Almost all the political parties support the demand of merger of Fata with KP, including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Awami National Party (ANP), Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) and Jamaat-e-Islami (JI).

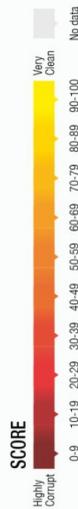
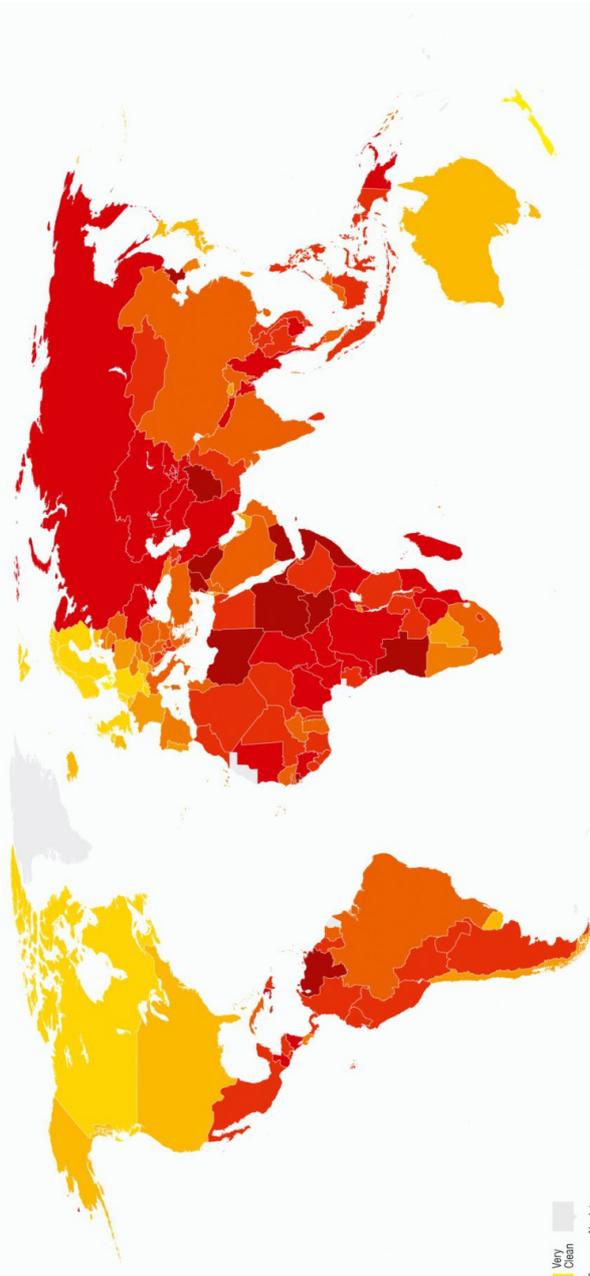
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Chairman Dr Syed Ismail Shah on Tuesday said that efforts were underway to open bank accounts on mobile through which the people would be able to open mobile bank accounts till 2019. Talking to APP here after attending the opening session of the 29th South Asian Network Operators Group (SANOG) meeting, he said that Pakistan has been playing a leading role in this group. He said that currently about 40 million people were using mobiles in the country while 87 percent people have access to the mobile facility. Dr Shah added that geographically 57 per cent Pakistanis have the access to mobile facility. He said two and a half year ago there was no broadband service in Pakistan but now the country has access to 3G, 4G and HD technologies. The government, he said had withdrawn 19.5 percent tax on mobile data with the cooperation of provinces. He said that 71 percent of SIMs have been verified through biometrics system. A special mobile application, he said, had been prepared for the special persons with the cooperation of Telenor adding that these people would be able to use internet service like ordinary citizens. In future the problem of transportation would also be resolved through mobile applications, he added. For women, he said, such type of services have been introduced through which they are able to do official work at home.

MULTAN (Dunya News): Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has inaugurated Multan Metro Bus Service today (Tuesday). Along with Punjab CM, ambassadors of 30 different countries also attended the event. With this project, Multan, a city of 5 million people, becomes third large city in Pakistan to receive mass-transit BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) system after Lahore and Rawalpindi-Islamabad. Initially, 35 buses have been imported for the service. Each bus can carry 190 passengers. A private company will run the bus service for the time being. Nearly 96,000 commuters are likely to use Multan Metro bus service everyday. The Multan Metro route is 18.5km long, with 12.5km elevated section. It has 21 bus stations, with 14 stations at elevated and seven stations at ground level. The bus stations have been constructed with Multan's extreme hot and cold weather in mind. The Multan Metro bus project was completed at a cost of Rs 28.5 billion. Like Lahore and Islamabad, passengers will pay Rs 20 fare for one-way journey. In Lahore, the Metro bus service – the first in the country – was inaugurated on 10 February 2013. The 27km Lahore Metro cost Rs 30 billion. Through 27 stations, nearly 200,000 passengers travel on Lahore Metro BRT buses everyday. In Islamabad, the 23km Metro bus service was launched on 4 June 2015. The Islamabad Metro cost Rs 45 billion. Through 24 stations, nearly 135,000 passengers travel on Islamabad Metro BRT buses everyday.

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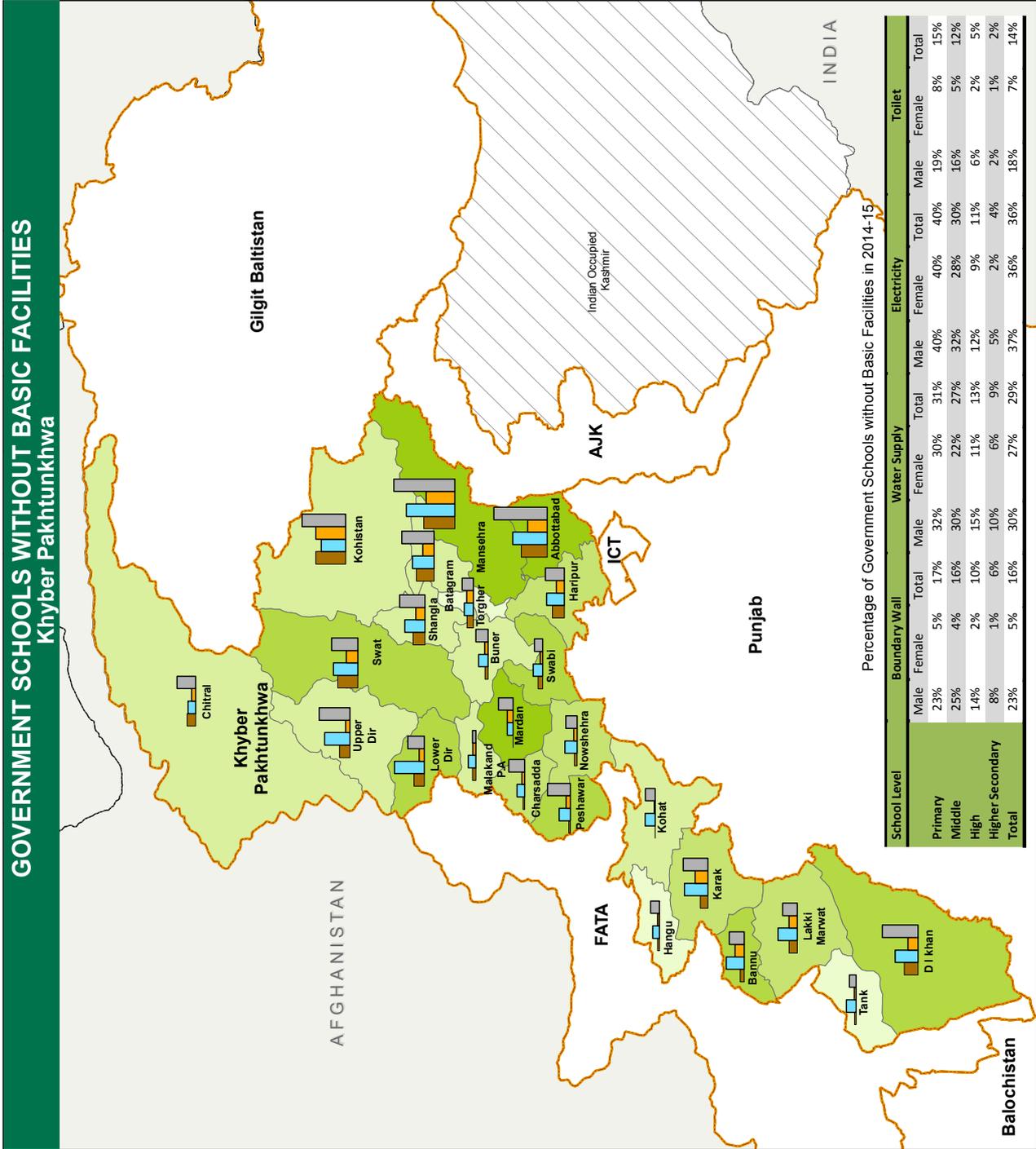
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3	Finland	89	46	Saudi Arabia	62	101	Niger	35	140	Dominican Republic	31
4	Sweden	88	45	Montenegro	64	101	Peru	35	140	Ecuador	31
5	Switzerland	88	45	Onan	64	101	Philippines	35	142	Guinea	27
6	Norway	85	45	Senegal	64	101	Thailand	35	142	Maliawi	31
7	Singapore	84	45	South Africa	64	101	Timor-Leste	35	142	Azerbaijan	30
8	Netherlands	83	45	Suriname	64	101	Tajikistan and Togo	35	142	Mauritania	27
9	Norway	83	44	Greece	64	108	Algeria	34	142	Mozambique	27
10	Germany	81	43	Bahrain	70	108	Cote d'Ivoire	34	145	Bangladesh	26
11	Canada	82	43	Ghana	70	108	Egypt	34	145	Cameroon	26
12	United Kingdom	81	42	Burkina Faso	72	108	Ethiopia	34	145	Laos	26
13	Australia	79	42	Serbia	72	108	Guyana	34	145	Mexico	30
14	Iceland	78	41	Solomon Islands	72	113	Armenia	33	145	Moldova	30
15	Belgium	77	41	Bulgaria	75	113	Bolivia	33	145	Paraguay	30
16	Hong Kong	77	41	Kuwait	75	116	Mali	32	145	Madagascar	26
17	Austria	75	41	Turkey	75	116	Ethiopia	33	145	Nicaragua	26
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Legend

- Schools without Facilities
- Boundary Wall
- Water Supply
- Toilet
- Electricity

Total No. of Schools with & without Facilities

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- 1645-3488
- 3489-4748
- 4749-5984
- 5985-7752

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تھرپار کر میں غذائی قلت کا شکار مزید چار بچے چل بسے، رواں ماہ مرنے والے بچوں کی تعداد 16 ہو گئی، ہلاکتوں کے واقعات سول اسپتال مٹھی میں پیش آئے۔ بیمار بچوں کی منتقلی کیلئے مفت فراہم کی جانے والی ایمبولینس سروس بند کر دی گئی جس سے بیمار بچوں کے والدین کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق سول اسپتال مٹھی میں 23 روز کا بھرت ولد ایسرو، 40 روز کی ودنا ختر کشور، اٹھارہ ماہ کی جیشنا ختر حشمت اور عمر کا نومولود بچہ دم توڑ گئے، رواں ماہ مرنے والے بچوں کی تعداد 16 ہو گئی ہے۔ تھرپار کر کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں 100 سے زائد بچے زیر علاج ہیں، جبکہ تھرپار کر میں قحط سالی میں سندھ حکومت کی طرف سے دی گئی دو گاڑیاں ڈپٹی کمشنر آفس میں کھڑی کر دی گئی ہیں۔ تھرپار کر سے سندھ کے مختلف اسپتالوں تک ریفر ہونے والے بچوں کو مفت ایمبولینس سروس گذشتہ دو ماہ سے بند کر دی ہے۔ اس کے باعث تھرپار کر کے معصوم بچوں کے علاج کرانے میں مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ پہلے مفت ایمبولینس سروس دی جاتی تھی، تھر کے دیہاتی علاقوں میں صحت کی سہولیات کا فقدان ہے دوسری جانب سماجی تنظیموں اور تھرپار کر کے معصوم بچوں کے علاج کرانے میں صحت کی سہولیات کا فقدان ہے دوسری جانب سماجی تنظیموں اور

تھر: غذائی قلت کا شکار مزید 4 بچے جاں بحق

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کراچی: 18 مریضوں میں چکن گنیا کی

تصدیق

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شہر میں تاحال چکن گنیا کا وائرس موجود ہے جسے ختم کرنے کیلئے صوبائی محکمہ صحت کی جانب سے خاطر خواہ اقدامات نہیں کیے جا رہے۔ انڈس اسپتال کراچی میں گزشتہ دو ہفتوں کے دوران 18 مریضوں میں چکن گنیا وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ اسپتال کے شعبہ انفیکشنس ڈیزیز کی سربراہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر نسیم صلاح الدین کے مطابق انڈس اسپتال نے چکن گنیا کے تشخیصی ٹیسٹ کی مفت سہولت دو ہفتے قبل شروع کی تھی اور دو ہفتوں کے دوران 36 مریضوں کے ٹیسٹ کیے گئے جن میں سے 18 مریضوں میں اس مرض کی تصدیق ہوئی۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ مریض ملیر، ماڑی پور، لاندھی اور شہر کے دیگر علاقوں سے آئے تھے جو ٹیسٹ کرانے اور رپورٹ لینے کے بعد واپس چلے گئے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ چکن گنیا ایک وائرل ڈیزیز ہے جو ایڈیز 1، ہیپاٹائٹس اور ایڈیز ایلیو پیکٹس مچھر کے کاٹنے کے لاحق ہوتا ہے۔ اسکی اور ڈینگی کی علامات تقریباً ایک جیسی ہوتی ہیں جس میں تیز بخار، جوڑوں میں درد، سر درد، جوڑوں کی سوزش، جلد پر لال دھبے پڑنا، پٹھوں میں درد، الٹی آنا وغیرہ شامل ہیں۔ یہ ایک سے دوسرے فرد کو نہیں لگتا لیکن اگر ایک متاثرہ فرد کو کاٹنے کے بعد مچھر کسی دوسرے کو کاٹے تو یہ مرض منتقل ہو جاتا ہے۔

پشاور میں 10 سے زیادہ میڈیکل

لیبارٹریاں سیل

جنیورڈو

24 جنوری 2017

غیر تربیت یافتہ عملے اور غیر معیاری آلات کے استعمال پر پشاور میں دس سے زیادہ میڈیکل لیبارٹریاں سیل کر دی گئیں، کارروائی ضلعی انتظامیہ کے ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن نے کی۔ ناصر باغ روڈ، حیات آباد اور دیگر علاقوں میں قائم ان لیبس میں ٹیسٹ کے لیے دو ایسے بھی زائد المعیاد استعمال کی جا رہی تھیں۔ پشاور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ کے مطابق ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن نے ناصر باغ روڈ، حیات آباد اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کیں، اس دوران دس سے زیادہ میڈیکل لیبارٹریاں سیل کر دی گئیں۔ ان لیبارٹریز میں نان کو ایفائنڈ اسٹاف کام کر رہا تھا اور آلات بھی ٹھیک نہیں تھے اور ٹیسٹ کے لیے میڈیسن بھی زائد المعیاد استعمال کی جا رہی تھیں، متعدد افراد کو حراست میں بھی لیا گیا ہے

کراچی: ڈینگی سے 13 افراد مزید متاثر،

تعداد 43 ہو گئی

جنیورڈو

24 جنوری 2017

شہر میں ڈینگی وائرس کے مزید 13 کیسز سامنے آگئے ہیں، جس کے بعد رواں سال شہر میں ڈینگی سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد 43 ہو گئی ہے۔ ڈینگی رپورٹیشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کی جاری کردہ رپورٹ کے مطابق 15 سے 21 جنوری کے دوران کراچی میں ڈینگی وائرس کے 13 مریض رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں، جن میں سے 7 افراد کو مختلف اسپتالوں میں داخل کیا گیا ہے، جبکہ 6 مریضوں کو او پی ڈی میں لایا گیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق ضلع جنوبی میں 5، ضلع شرقی میں 4، ضلع غربی میں 2، ضلع وسطی میں 1 اور ضلع کورنگی میں بھی ڈینگی سے 1 کیس رپورٹ ہوا، جبکہ ضلع ملیر میں کوئی کیس رپورٹ نہیں ہوا ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق رواں سال کے ابتدائی 3 ہفتوں میں صوبے بھر میں ڈینگی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد 50 ہو گئی ہے، جن میں 43 مریضوں کا تعلق کراچی سے ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال بھی ڈینگی وائرس سے ہزاروں افراد متاثر ہوئے تھے اور درجنوں ہلاکتیں ہوئی تھیں لیکن اس کے باوجود حکومتی اداروں نے ڈینگی کے خاتمے کے لئے خاطر خواہ اقدامات نہیں کیے ہیں۔

واقعہ گھر میں دھماکے کے باعث 15 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں کو قریبی ہسپتالوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ اسلام آباد میں دو ہفتوں کے دوران گیس لیکج کا یہ چوتھا واقعہ ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق زخمی ہونے والوں کو ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔

دھماکہ، 15 افراد زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2017

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) این ٹی ڈی سی نے 1320 میگاواٹ کا سائبریا کول پاور پلانٹ کو نیشنل گرڈ سے منسلک کر دیا۔ پانچ کلومیٹر لمبی 500 کے وی ٹرانسمیشن لائن مکمل کر لی گئی۔ سائبریا کول پاور پلانٹ کا پہلا پونٹ مئی میں 660 میگاواٹ بجلی کی فراہمی شروع کر دیگا۔ سائبریا کول پاور پلانٹ کا منصوبہ سی بیک کا حصہ ہے۔

میگاواٹ کا سائبریا کول پاور 1320

پلانٹ نیشنل گرڈ سے منسلک

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں کو جر انوالہ، فیصل آباد، ملتان اور راولپنڈی میں تین ہزار کلو پیار مرغیاں تلف کر دیں۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے عملے نے چاروں شہروں میں کارروائی کے دوران مرغی کا گوشت بیچنے والی تین سو دکانیں چیک کیں، اس دوران 212 دکانوں کو ناقص صفائی پر نوٹس بھی جاری کیے گئے۔

پنجاب کے کئی شہروں میں 3 ہزار کلو

پیار مرغیاں تلف

چیوارو

27 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے مختلف شہروں میں ناقص چکن کی سپلائی کیخلاف کریک ڈاؤن کیا ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق گوجرانوالہ، فیصل آباد، ملتان اور راولپنڈی میں 3120 کلو ناقص چکن تلف کر دیا گیا۔ فیصل آباد میں 2450 کلو، گوجرانوالہ میں 140، راولپنڈی میں 380 اور ملتان میں 450 کلو مضر صحت مرغی کا گوشت ضائع کیا۔ ترجمان فوڈ اتھارٹی کے مطابق مجموعی طور پر 288 چکن شاپس چیک کی گئیں، ناقص صفائی پر 212 شاپس کو وارننگ نوٹس دیئے گئے۔

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کا کریک ڈاؤن،

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بلوچستان کے 10 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم ختم ہو گئی جبکہ کونڈ، پشین اور قلعہ عبداللہ میں مہم آج پانچویں روز بھی جاری ہے۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر حکام کے مطابق بلوچستان کے 10 اضلاع میں 23 جنوری کو شروع ہونے والا انسداد پولیو مہم ختم ہو گئی ہے۔ ادھر کونڈ، پشین اور قلعہ عبداللہ میں مہم میں دو روز کی توسیع کر دی گئی اور ان تینوں اضلاع میں پولیو مہم جاری ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق مہم کے دوران ان تمام 13 اضلاع میں مجموعی طور پر 90 فیصد ہدف حاصل کر لیا گیا ہے اور کوشش ہے کہ بچوں کی ویکسینیشن کا باقی ہدف آج حاصل کر لیا جائے۔

بلوچستان کے 10 اضلاع میں انسداد

پولیو مہم ختم

چیوارو

27 جنوری 2017

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نمائندہ) نیشنل الیکٹرک پاور ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (نپرا) نے ملک بھر میں بجلی کی قیمتوں میں 2 روپے 21 پیسے کمی کی منظور دیدی، بجلی کی قیمتوں میں کمی دسمبر 2016 کے فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں کی گئی۔ بجلی کی قیمتوں میں کمی کا اطلاق کے الیکٹرک صارفین پر نہیں ہو گا۔ نیشنل الیکٹرک پاور ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی میں سینٹرل پاور پراجیکٹ ایجنسی (سی پی پی اے) کی طرف سے بجلی کی قیمتوں میں ردوبدل کی درخواست پر ساعت ہوئی جس میں سی پی پی اے نے فرسٹ آئل سٹا ہونے کے باعث ماہ دسمبر میں فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں 1 روپے 58 پیسے فی یونٹ کمی کی درخواست کی۔ نپرا نے درخواست پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے ملک بھر کے بجلی صارفین کے لیے بجلی کی قیمتوں میں مزید 36 پیسے فی یونٹ کمی کا فیصلہ کرتے ہوئے 2 روپے 21 پیسے کمی کی منظوری دیدی تاہم کمی کا اطلاق کے الیکٹرک اور لائف لائن صارفین پر نہیں ہو گا۔

دسمبر کی بجلی قیمت میں 2.21 روپے

فی یونٹ کمی کی منظوری

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

27 جنوری 2017

پشاور میں غیر معیاری میڈیکل لیبارٹریز کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن جاری ہے۔ پشاور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ اور ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن نے خیبر بازار میں مشترکہ کارروائی کر کے 21 ناقص میڈیکل لیبارٹریوں کو سیل کر کے ان کے مالکان کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ ضلعی حکومت اور انتظامیہ نے ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن کی ٹیم کے ہمراہ خیبر بازار میں چھاپے مارے، متعدد میڈیکل لیبارٹریوں کو چیک کیا گیا اور 21 میڈیکل لیبارٹریوں کو سیل کر دیا گیا۔ حکام کے مطابق ان لیبارٹریوں کے آلات ناقص تھے اور غیر تربیت یافتہ عملہ رکھا گیا تھا، میڈیکل لیبارٹریز کے خلاف مہم تین دن سے جاری ہے۔ جس میں مجموعی طور پر 50 سے زیادہ میڈیکل لیبارٹریز کو سیل کیا جا چکا ہے۔

پشاور میں مزید 21 غیر معیاری

میڈیکل لیبارٹریز سیل

چیوارو

26 جنوری 2017

اندرون سندھ دیہی علاقوں کے نومولود بچوں میں غذائی قلت کی صورتحال خراب تر ہو رہی ہے ہر ماہ چار ہزار سے زائد غذائی قلت کا شکار ہو رہے ہیں۔ ذرائع محکمہ صحت کے مطابق اندرون سندھ دیہی علاقوں میں نومولود بچوں میں غذائی قلت کے صورتحال میں کوئی کمی نہ آسکی۔ پی پی ایچ آئی کے ذرائع کے مطابق صرف میرپور خاص ضلع کے مراکز صحت میں ہر ماہ چار ہزار سے زائد غذائی قلت کا شکار بچے لائے جا رہے ہیں۔ تاہم طبی ماہرین غربت کے علاوہ بھی اس کا ایک اور بڑا سبب بتاتے ہیں۔ شعبہ اطفال سول اسپتال کے انچارج، ڈاکٹر غلام رسول نے کہا ہے کہ ماؤں کا بچوں کو ڈبہ بند دودھ پلانے کے رجحان میں اضافہ بھی بڑا سبب ہے۔ ہر ماہ چالیس سے پچاس غذائی قلت کا شکار نومولود بچوں کو پیچیدگیوں کے باعث داخل کیا جا رہا ہے۔ مائیں بچوں کو اپنا دودھ پلائیں تو بچوں میں غذائی قلت کے مسائل پر قابو پایا جاسکتا ہے۔ شعبہ اطفال کے انچارج کا کہنا ہے کہ غذائی قلت کے باعث بچوں میں

دیہی علاقوں کے نومولود بچوں میں

غذائی قلت کی خراب صورتحال

چیوارو

25 جنوری 2017

کرے۔ کیمپ میں تقریباً ہزار لوگ اسکین ہوتے ہیں جن کو 25 فیصد کو سرجری کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے۔ پاک فوج کے دوروزہ فرمی آئی کیمپ میں مریضوں کو نہ صرف مفت دوائیں اور ٹیکسیں فراہم کی گئیں بلکہ غریب مریضوں کو مفت آپریشن کے لیے راولپنڈی میں قائم الشافٹر سٹ اسپتال بھی منتقل کیا گیا۔

خیبر پختونخوا حکومت نے فنی تعلیم کے 11 ادارے پاکستان ایئر فورس کے حوالے کر دیے ہیں لیکن اس ادارے کے ملازمین کی درخواست پر پشاور ہائی کورٹ نے حکومتی فیصلے کے خلاف حکم امتناعی جاری کر دیا ہے۔ پشاور ہائی کورٹ نے سماعت کے لیے اب 29 مارچ کی تاریخ مقرر کی ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کی حکومت نے قانون سازی کر کے فنی تعلیم کے محکمے کو ایک اتھارٹی بنایا اور اس کا نام ٹیونا (ٹیکنیکل ایجوکیشن اینڈ وکیشنل ٹریننگ اتھارٹی) رکھا گیا اور اس کے لیے بھاری فنڈز مقرر کیے۔ اتھارٹی کے قیام کے بعد یہ فیصلہ کر دیا گیا کہ اب یہ ادارے صوبائی حکومت خود نہیں بلکہ پاکستان ایئر فورس کے حوالے کر دیے جائیں گے۔ ابتدا میں 11 ایسے ادارے پاکستان فضائیہ کے حوالے کیے گئے اور اس اقدام کے خلاف ٹیونا کے ملازمین نے پشاور ہائی کورٹ میں درخواست دی جس کی سماعت دو روز پہلے ہوئی۔ چیف جسٹس پشاور ہائی کورٹ جسٹس نیچا آفریدی اور جسٹس اکرام اللہ پر مشتمل ڈویژن بینچ نے ٹیکنیکل ایجوکیشن ملازمین کی رٹ پٹیشن کی سماعت کرتے ہوئے حکومت کے فیصلے کے خلاف حکم امتناعی (سے آرڈر) جاری کر دیا ہے۔ پشاور ہائی کورٹ میں دائر پٹیشن میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا ہے کہ صوبائی حکومت نے 'ٹیونا ایکٹ' اور قواعد و ضوابط کے منافی اقدامات کرتے ہوئے خیبر پختونخوا کے فنی تعلیمی ادارے اور (اتحادیات) ایئر فورس کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ فنی اور ٹیکنیکل محکمے کے ملازمین کا کہنا ہے کہ جو ادارے ایئر فورس کو دیے گئے ہیں وہاں سرکاری ملازمین کے ساتھ بہتر سلوک نہیں کیا جا رہا، جو صوبائی قوانین 'ٹیونا ایکٹ' اور بنیادی انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ رکن صوبائی اسمبلی اور ٹیونا کے چیئرمین ارشد عمر زئی نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ یہ ادارہ ایئر فورس کو دینے کا مقصد ان کی کارکردگی بڑھانا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ خیبر پختونخوا میں یہ ادارے ایک عرصے سے قائم ہیں اور ان کے لیے فنڈز بھی تھے لیکن ان کی بہتری کے لیے کوئی اقدامات نہیں کیے گئے

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے غیر رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ خریدنے اور مریضوں کو لگانے پر برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ محکمہ صحت اور ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی نے اپنی ذمہ داریاں ادا نہیں کیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں وزیر اعلیٰ معائنہ ٹیم کی جانب سے غیر رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ سے متعلق رپورٹ پیش کر دی گئی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے غیر رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ سے متعلق اسپتالوں کے آڈٹ کا حکم دے دیا، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ملتان اور فیصل آباد میں رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ لگائے گئے تو باقی اسپتالوں میں کیوں نہیں لگائے گئے؟ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ لگانے پر ملتان اور فیصل آباد انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف کارڈیالوجی کو شاباش دیتے ہوئے اس عزم کا اعادہ کیا کہ غیر رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ کی بافیا گالگھ جوڑ توڑ دیں گے۔

چین کے علاقے محمود آباد میں خسرہ کی بیماری سے 2 بچے جاں بحق اور درجنوں متاثر ہو گئے ہیں، کئی علاقوں میں وبا پھیل گئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے حکام کے مطابق خسرہ کی بیماری محمود آباد کے علاقے میں پھیل گئی ہے، خسرہ سے علاقے میں 2 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں، متاثرہ علاقوں میں امدادی ٹیمیں روانہ کر دی گئی ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق شدید سردی کے مناسب دیکھ بھال نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے بچے متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نمائندہ/آئی این پی) پاکستان اور چین کی کمپنی "چائنہ پاور" کے درمیان حب میں 1320 میگا واٹ اور تھر میں مقامی کوئلے سے 330 میگا واٹ بجلی منصوبے لگانے کے معاہدوں پر دستخط ہو گئے۔ حب منصوبہ جون 2019 اور تھر منصوبہ دسمبر 2019ء میں مکمل ہو گا۔ حب میں 1320 میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبے پر 2 ارب ڈالر جبکہ تھر کے مقامی کوئلے سے 330 میگا واٹ بجلی کے منصوبے پر 300 ملین ڈالر لاگت آئے گی۔ معاہدے کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف نے کہا کہ سی بی کے انرجی فریم ورک کا آج ایک اور سنگ میل عبور کر لیا۔ مقامی کوئلے سے سستی بجلی پیدا کرنے پر توجہ دے رہے ہیں۔ زر مبادلہ کی بھی پخت ہو گی، تھر کو ملک کا انرجی حب بنائیں گے۔ نندی پور پاور پلانٹ کو گیس پر منتقلی کا کام اپریل تک مکمل ہو جائیگا۔ مئی میں گیس ملنے سے نندی پور پاور پلانٹ سے 525 میگا واٹ بجلی حاصل ہو گی۔ بھاشا اور منڈاؤیم منصوبوں کا افتتاح رواں سال ہو گا، واٹر پالیسی جلد متعارف کروائیں گے۔ قبل ازیں وزارت پانی و بجلی میں چائنہ پاور، حب جزییشن کمپنی، پرائیویٹ پاور انفراسٹرکچر بورڈ (پی پی آئی بی) اور سنٹرل پاور پراجیکٹس انجینی کے درمیان بلوچستان کے علاقے حب میں 1320 میگا واٹ اور تھر میں مقامی کوئلے سے 330 میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے دو معاہدوں پر دستخط ہوئے۔ اس موقع پر وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف نے مزید کہا کہ دونوں منصوبوں کی تکمیل 2019ء میں مکمل ہو گی۔ 2018ء تک بجلی بحران کے خاتمے کے لئے کوشاں ہیں۔ 2018ء کے بعد بجلی کے پیداواری منصوبوں پر عمل درآمد جاری رہے گا۔ خواجہ محمد آصف نے کہا کہ ملک میں صارفین تک بجلی پہنچانے کے لئے ترسیل و تقسیم کا موثر نظام موجود ہے۔ متبادل ذرائع سے ایک ہزار میگا واٹ بجلی حاصل کر رہے ہیں۔ نندی پور پاور پلانٹ اب گیس، ڈیزل اور فرنس آئل سے چلایا جاسکتا ہے۔ بھاشا ڈیم کے لئے سو فیصد زمین حاصل کر لی۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) اسلام آباد میں گیس کی لکچ کی وجہ سے گھر میں دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ اسلام آباد کے علاقے پی ڈبلیو ڈی میں

خیبر پختونخوا فنی تعلیمی ادارے پاک فضائیہ کے حوالے کرنے کے خلاف حکم امتناعی

بی بی سی اردو

28 جنوری 2017

شہباز شریف کا غیر رجسٹرڈ اسٹنٹ مریضوں کو لگانے پر اظہار برہمی

چیو اردو

28 جنوری 2017

چین، خسرہ سے 2 بچے جاں بحق،

درجنوں متاثر

چیو اردو

28 جنوری 2017

چینی کمپنی حب میں 1320، تھر میں 330 میگا واٹ کے پاور پراجیکٹ لگائے

گی، معاہدوں پر دستخط

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27 جنوری 2017

اسلام آباد: گیس لکچ کے باعث گھر میں

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نمائندہ) انجمن طلباء اسلام کے مرکزی صدر سید بو علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ وفاقی بائراجیو کیشن کمیشن کی جانب سے مفت ٹیسٹنگ کونسل کا قیام خوش آئند ہے، اس عمل سے نہ صرف غریب عوام کو ریڈیٹ ملے گا بلکہ این ٹی ایس جیسے مہنگے ترین ٹیسٹ سے بھی چھٹکارا حاصل ہو گا ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے 4 مارچ 2017 کو منعقد ہونے والے بحالی حقوق طلباء کونشن کے حوالے سے منعقدہ اجلاس میں کاہنہ کے ارکان سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا، انہوں نے کہا کہ ایچ ای سی پنجاب کی جانب سے وفاقی ایچ ای سی کے ایجوکیشن ٹیسٹنگ کونسل کے قیام کو تحقید کا نشانہ بنایا جا رہا ہے اور اسی تنازعہ کی وجہ سے جگہ ہنسائی بھی ہو رہی ہے، دونوں کمیشنز کو چاہیے کہ اداروں کے آپسی معاملات کو عوامی مسئلہ نہ بننے دیں۔

اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) وزارت اے ڈمنسٹرے شن اے نڈ ڈے وے پبلسٹ ڈوے ٹران (کیڈ) نے 200 تعلیمی اداروں کی اپ گریڈیشن کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے۔ بہت جلد تعمیراتی کام کا آغاز کر دیا جائے گا۔ اس سلسلے میں وزیر اعظم کی طرف سے رواں ماہ ایک ارب روپے جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں اور مزید دو ارب آئندہ ماہ جاری کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ اتوار کو وزارت کیڈ کے حکام نے اے پی پی کو بتاے کہ 200 سکولوں میں نئے کمروں کی تعمیر، لیبارٹریوں اور لائبریریوں کا قیام، واش رومز کی تعمیر، طالب علموں اور اساتذہ کیلئے نئے فرنیچر کی فراہمی، بیرونی دیواروں کی اونچائی میں اضافہ، سیکورٹی انتظامات کی فراہمی اور دوسرے تعمیراتی کام شامل ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم نے تعلیم سے متعلق تمام پراجیکٹس کو تیزی سے مکمل کرنے کی خصوصی ہدایت کی ہے۔ مریم نواز وزیر اعظم تعلیمی ریفارم پروگرام کے تمام پراجیکٹس کی بروقت تکمیل کیلئے ان کی ذاتی طور پر نگرانی کر رہی ہیں۔ پراجیکٹ میں تعمیراتی کاموں اور خریداری کے عمل کی مانیٹرنگ وزیر کیڈ کی سربراہی میں قائم سٹیئرنگ کمیٹی کے ذریعے کی جائے گی۔ پراجیکٹ میں کام کے معیار اور شفافیت کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے کسی فرم سے تھرڈ پارٹی آڈٹ بھی کرایا جائے گا۔ دوسرے مرحلے کے 200 سکولوں کی اپ گریڈیشن کیلئے بھی سی ون کی تیاری اور تعلیمی اداروں کے سروے کا حکم دے دیا۔ اس ماہ کے آخر تک پہلے مرحلے کی 70 سکول بسین ایف ڈی ای کو موصول ہو جائیں گی۔ مزید 130 سکولوں کی خریداری کی سمری وزیر اعظم کو بھجوائی جا رہی ہے۔ وزیر اعظم تعلیمی ریفارم پروگرام کے تحت اسلام آباد کے تمام 422 سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں میں تعمیراتی کام مکمل کیا جائے گا جس کے تحت ابتدا میں پائلٹ پراجیکٹ میں 22 سکولوں میں سول ورکس مکمل کیا گیا جس میں 70 کمرے اور 7 واش روم بلاکس تعمیر کئے گئے۔ پہلے مرحلے میں 200 سکولوں میں 200 کمرے تعمیر کئے جائیں گے اور تعلیمی اداروں میں ہر قسم کی سہولیات کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے گی۔

کھیوڑہ (نامہ نگار) شدید سردی کے موسم میں بھی کھیوڑہ میں پانی کا بحران خطرناک صورت اختیار کر گیا بجلی کی بار بار بندش اور طویل دورانیوں کی لو ڈیڈنگ سے پانی کی عدم دستیابی سے وارڈ نمبر ایک، گول بازار، پراچہ کالونی، کرچن کالونی مملہ وے وسف ناز، ڈپو بازار اور ریجان کالونی کے علاقوں کے کمین سخت پریشانی کا شکار شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا درپیش ہے۔

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے لاہور اور راولپنڈی میں چھاپے مار کر گرم مصالحے تیار کرنے والی فیکٹری، ڈیری اور گھی کا پلانٹ سیل کر دیے۔ ڈیری پلانٹ کو دودھ کی بیکنگ کے مراحل میں نقائص پر سیل کیا گیا جبکہ گھی پلانٹ ناقص اور خام تیل کی فروخت میں ملوث پایا گیا تھا۔ راولپنڈی میں عمر مصالحہ جات نامی فیکٹری کو بھی سیل کر دیا گیا ہے، اس فیکٹری میں صابن سازی کے لیے استعمال ہونے والے اسامان مصالحوں کی تیاری میں استعمال کیا جا رہا تھا۔

احسان اللہ شاہ... خیر پختونخوا کے ضلع لوڈیر میں آنکھوں کی بیماریاں پھیل رہی ہیں، جس کے باعث کئی افراد بینائی سے محروم ہو چکے ہیں۔ امراض چشم پر قابو پانے کے لیے پاک فوج نے علاقے میں فری آئی کیپ کا اہتمام کیا ہے۔ سرد موسم آتے ہی ضلع لوڈیر کے بالائی علاقوں جنڈول اور میدان میں آنکھوں کی بیماریوں نے وبائی صورت اختیار کر لی ہے۔ علاج معالجے سے محروم غریب لوگ یا تو بینائی سے محروم ہو جاتے ہیں یا ان کی نظر کمزور ہو جاتی ہے۔ مقامی آبادی کی پریشانی کے پیش نظر پاک فوج اور ڈیرٹاسک فورس نے الشفا ٹرسٹ کے تعاون سے گزشتہ سال کی طرح اس سال بھی دو روزہ فری آئی کیپ کا انعقاد کیا۔ کیپ میں ڈاکٹروں نے نہ صرف مریضوں کا مفت علاج کیا گیا بلکہ انہیں امراض چشم سے بچاؤ کے لیے آگاہی بھی فراہم کی گئی۔ کیپ کی خاتون ڈاکٹر کا کہنا ہے کہ ہم لوگوں کو بتاتے ہیں کہ اپنی آنکھوں کو خشک نہ رکھیں اور وہ خوراک کھائیں جو ان کے آنکھوں کی خشکی کو کم

سرخیاں

ایچ ای سی کی جانب سے مفت ٹیسٹنگ کونسل کا قیام خوش آئند ہے، بو علی شاہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت 30 جنوری 2017

کیڈ نے 200 تعلیمی اداروں کی اپ گریڈیشن کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے روزنامہ نوائے وقت 30 جنوری 2017

کھیوڑہ میں پانی کا بحران خطرناک صورت اختیار کر گیا روزنامہ نوائے وقت 30 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے لاہور اور راولپنڈی میں چھاپے چھوڑا روزنامہ نوائے وقت 29 جنوری 2017

لوڈیر: آنکھوں کی بیماریوں نے وبائی صورت اختیار کر لی چھوڑا روزنامہ نوائے وقت 29 جنوری 2017

ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے ملتان میں ہیڈ محمد والا کے قریب کارروائی کے دوران 2 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کے مطابق گرفتار دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے ہے جو دہشت گردی کی وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے بارودی مواد اور دستی بم بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ملزمان کو تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جب کہ ان کے دیگر ساتھیوں کی گرفتاری کے لیے بھی کارروائیاں کی جا رہی ہیں۔

کراچی: شہر قائد میں سی این جی اسٹیشن پر گیس نہ ملنے پر پمپ کے مینیجر کو تشدد کا نشانہ بنانے والے پولیس افسر کو گرفتار کر کے مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں ایک پولیس افسر طاقت کے نشے میں دھت ہو کر سرعام تشدد برپا کیا، اتوار کو گیس پریشر میں کمی کے باعث سی این جی پمپ کو سپلائی روک دی گئی، اس دوران اے ایس آئی ارشاد شیخ گاڑی میں گیس ڈلو آنے آئے لیکن سی این جی اسٹیشن مینجر کی جانب سے انکار پر طاقت کے نشے میں چور پولیس افسر آپے سے باہر ہو گیا اور مینجر کو وحشیانہ تشدد کا نشانہ بنایا۔ تھانہ گلبرگ کے اے ایس آئی ارشاد شیخ کی سرعام بد معاشی کی ویڈیو منظر عام پر آئی تو پولیس حکام کو چاہتے نہ چاہتے اپنے پیٹی بھائی کے خلاف ایکشن لینا پڑ گیا۔ قائم مقام ایڈیشنل آئی جی ثناء اللہ عباسی نے پولیس افسر کو معطل کر کے محکمانہ کارروائی کا حکم دے دیا جب کہ ارشاد شیخ کو گرفتار کر کے مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد: بینظیر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ اسلام آباد پر ایف آئی اے اور اینگریشن حکام نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے جعلی دستاویزات رکھنے والے 3 مسافروں کو گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ خاتون سمیت 7 مسافروں کو آف لوڈ کر دیا گیا۔ ایف آئی اے ذرائع کے مطابق ایف آئی اے نے کارروائی کے دوران ذہنی جانے والی پرواز سے مظہر اور عمر نامی دو مسافروں کو گرفتار کیا جنہیں جعلی اور مشکوک دستاویزات پر گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ سعودی عرب جانے والی پرواز سے تنویر نامی مسافر گرفتار کیا گیا، ملزم کا نام بلیک لسٹ میں شامل ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ نامکمل دستاویزات پر ذہنی جانے والی پرواز سے جاوید، عمان کی پرواز سے فیصل ابوب، مظفر اور جنید نامی مسافر کو نامکمل دستاویزات پر بیلا روس کی پرواز سے اتارا گیا۔ ذرائع نے مزید بتایا کہ زائد المیعا دو ویزہ پر مسافر خاتون تہینہ کو اٹلی جانے والی پرواز سے اتارا گیا جب کہ اسامہ نامی مسافر کو نامکمل سفری دستاویزات پر برطانیہ جانے سے روک دیا گیا، امجد نامی مسافر کو تصدیق شدہ دستاویزات نہ ہونے پر ساؤتھ افریقا اور مشین ریڈیٹیل پاسپورٹ نہ ہونے پر اسپین کی پرواز سے زوہیب نامی مسافر کو اتارا دیا گیا۔

گرد گرفتار، سی ٹی ڈی

ایکسپریس نیوز

25 جنوری 2017

کراچی میں سی این جی اسٹیشن مینیجر پر

تشدد کرنے والا پولیس افسر گرفتار

ایکسپریس نیوز

25 جنوری 2017

ایف آئی اے نے بینظیر انٹرنیشنل

ایئرپورٹ سے 13 افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا

ایکسپریس نیوز

24 جنوری 2017

کر لیے ہیں جب کہ ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے لیے خصوصی ٹیم کو روانہ کر دیا ہے۔

کراچی: احتساب عدالت نے محکمہ اطلاعات سندھ میں اربوں روپے کی کرپشن سے متعلق ریفرنسز میں سابق صوبائی وزیر شرجیل مبین کے وارنٹ گرفتاری ایک بار پھر معطل کر دیئے ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کی احتساب عدالت میں محکمہ اطلاعات سندھ میں اربوں روپے کی کرپشن سے متعلق ریفرنس کی سماعت ہوئی، سماعت کے دوران انعام اکبر، سید منیر اور منیر الطاف مبین سمیت دیگر ملزمان عدالت میں پیش ہوئے۔ عدالت نے سندھ ہائی کورٹ کی جانب سے شرجیل مبین کی ضمانت منظور کرنے پر ان کے وارنٹ گرفتاری ایک بار پھر معطل اور انہیں اشتہاری قرار دینے کی کارروائی بھی روک دی۔ کیس کی مزید سماعت 31 جنوری کو ہوگی۔ واضح رہے کہ شرجیل مبین متحدہ عرب امارات میں ہیں اور ان کے وکیل کا کہنا ہے کہ شرجیل مبین انتہائی غلیل ہیں جس کی وجہ سے وہ نہیں آسکتے، جس پر سندھ ہائی کورٹ نے ان کی 31 جنوری تک ضمانت منظور کر رکھی ہے۔

لاہور: محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب نے حساس اداروں کی رپورٹ پر صوبائی دارالحکومت میں 10 سے 12 سال کے بچوں کے ذریعے ممکنہ دہشتگردی کا خطرہ ظاہر کرتے ہوئے متعلقہ اداروں کو چوکنا رہنے کی ہدایت کر دی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق حساس اداروں کی جانب سے فراہم کی گئی معلومات کے تحت محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب نے متعلقہ اداروں کو مراسلہ جاری کیا ہے جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ افغانستان کے شہر کنڑ میں تحریک طالبان سوات نے خود کش بمباروں کو تیار کیا ہے جن میں 10 سے 12 برس کے بچے بھی شامل ہیں۔ ان بچوں کو لاہور سمیت دیگر شہروں میں بھیجا جائے گا۔ لاہور کے ابدالی چوک کے قریب دو منزلہ اسکول کی عمارت کو ٹارگٹ کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ مراسلے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ممکنہ دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کے لیے فوری اقدامات کئے جائیں، شہر میں ججز اور عدالتوں کے باہر بھی سیورٹی بڑھائی جائے، شہر کے داخلی اور خارجی راستوں پر ناکہ بندی کی جائے، افغان بستیوں میں پولیس اور حساس ادارے مشترکہ سرچ آپریشنز کریں۔

کراچی: لیاری میں ریجنل کارروائی کرتے ہوئے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ کا ذخیرہ برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ریجنل کارروائی کرتے ہوئے لیاری کے علاقے کلاوٹ میں ایک رہائشی عمارت کے فلیٹ سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ ریجنل ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ فلیٹ سے برآمد ہونے والا اسلحہ ممکنہ طور پر دہشت گردی، ٹارگٹ کلنگ اور تخریب کاری میں استعمال ہونا تھا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق برآمد ہونے والے اسلحے میں 1 ریپیٹر، 1 پش پشا، 2 تیس بوری، منی کلاشنکوف، 4 ایس ایم جیز، 22 بوری رائفل، 32 بوری پستول، ایل ایم جی، 2 جی تھری، اے تھری، ایس ایم جی ڈرمز، 8 ایم پی فور بٹ، ایم پی فور ہاڈی کور اور بیٹلز، ایم جی موونٹ، 8 ایم پی فور، 100 سے زائد میگنیز، نان ایم ایم، چار 303 رائفلز، 300 سے زائد پیٹنڈ گریڈ، 4 جیکٹس، 2 ٹیلی اسکوپ، گیس ماسک، گیس کٹر، 17 ہزار سے زائد مختلف اقسام کے رائفونڈز شامل ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹر سے): وفاقی پولیس نے 10 سماج دشمن گرفتار کر لئے تھانہ کورال نے جعلی کرنسی رکھنے والے تن ملزمان کے خلاف ناصر محمود سکند کو ٹلی ستیاں کے بے اپر پر جلسا سازی کا مقدمہ درج کر لے۔ ملزمان عبداللہ، محمد کلیم اور سعد خالد سے تفتیش جاری ہے، علاوہ ازیں تھانہ آبیہ پولیس نے گرفتار ملزم عدنان مسیح کے انکشاف پر پستول 32 بوری معر ایونٹیشن، تھانہ کوہسار پولیس نے دو ملزمان محمد اسامہ جاوید سے خنجر اور ملزم محمد عاطف اسلم شہزاد کو گرفتار کر کے 560 گرام چرس، تھانہ شالیہار پولیس نے دو ملزمان نے ان چرس کی اور قیصر محمود کو گرفتار کر کے 290 گرام چرس، تھانہ کھنہ پولیس نے دوران گشت ملزم پونس مسیح کو گرفتار کر کے 10 لیٹر شراب برآمد کر لی جبکہ بغیر اجازت گیس سلنڈروں میں بھرائی کرنے پر ملزم محمد اسلم کو گرفتار کر لیا تھانہ نیلور پولیس نے چوری کیس میں ملزمان عابد حسین اور محمد عامر کو گرفتار کر لیا۔

اسلام آباد (وفاقی نگار خصوصی): تحریک نفاذ فقہ جعفریہ پاکستان کے سیکرٹری جنرل سید شجاعت علی بخاری نے کہا ہے کہ حکمران اسناد دہشت گردی کے لئے نیشنل ایکشن پلان کو فوری عملی جامہ پہنچائیں ورنہ تارے خ معاف نہیں کرے گی، ملکی سے است منافقت سے لبرے زہے، پلان پر اتفاق کرنے والے روڑے اٹکا ہے ہیں، وزراء سے استدانوں کے کالعدم تنظیموں کے ساتھ سے ارانے ہے، سانحہ پارہ چنار کالعدم جماعتوں کو دی جانے والی ڈھلے کانتے ہے، دہشتگردی کے ورک کے موجودوں پر بھی ہاتھ ڈالنا ہوگا، جن کے پاس سائے کلنہ تھی کھرب پتی بن گے من وسلوی کہاں سے آئے؟ اثاثوں کی پڑتال کی جائے۔ یہ بات انہوں نے مختار ایس او کے زیر اہتمام باب العلم اکیڈمی میں دفاع دین و وطن کانفرنس سے صدراتی خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ کانفرنس میں علماء، دانشوروں اور طلباء نمائندوں نے بھی شرکت کی۔ مرکزی صدر مختار ایس او سید محمد عباس کاظمی نے خطبہ استقبالیہ پیش کیا، کانفرنس سے علامہ امامی، پروفیسر غلام عباس حیدری، زیڈ اے راجہ، ضلعی صدر مختار ایس او سید باقر حسین کاظمی نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

ملتان: سی ٹی ڈی نے ہیڈ محمد والا کے قریب کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے 2 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا

کراچی: شرجیل مبین کے وارنٹ گرفتاری ایک بار پھر معطل

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لاہور میں خود کش بچوں کے ذریعے

دہشت گردی کرانے کا خطرہ

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27 جنوری 2017

کراچی کے علاقے لیاری میں ریجنل کی

کارروائی، اسلحہ کا ذخیرہ برآمد

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27 جنوری 2017

وفاقی پولیس کی سماج دشمن عناصر

کھٹاف کاروائیاں، 10 گرفتار، اسلحہ

منشیات برآمد

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

26 جنوری 2017

حکمران اسناد دہشتگردی کے لئے

نیشنل ایکشن پلان کو عملی جامہ پہنچائیں،

شجاعت بخاری

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

26 جنوری 2017

ملتان سے کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیوں

کراچی کے علاقے ناظم آباد میں قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے مارکر سیاسی جماعت کے ٹارگٹ کلر کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ملزم کو پہلے سے گرفتار ملزم کی نشاندہی پر گرفتار کیا گیا ہے، گرفتار ملزم مذہبی منافرت کی بنا پر ٹارگٹ کلنگ کی وارداتوں میں ملوث ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ اورنگی ٹاؤن اقبال مارکیٹ، نیو کراچی سیکٹر 11 اور کورنگی عوامی کالونی سے 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی: ناظم آباد سے سیاسی جماعت کا ٹارگٹ کلر گرفتار

چیو اردو

30 جنوری 2017

لاہور میں پٹنگ بازی کے خلاف پولیس کی خصوصی ٹیمیں متحرک ہو گئیں، بڑا کریک ڈاؤن، 90 مقدمات درج کر کے 100 سے زائد پٹنگ بازوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ چھٹی کادن ہو اور لاہور میں پٹنگ بازی نہ ہو، یہ کیسے ممکن ہے، ہر اتوار کو پٹنگ بازوں کی پکڑدھکڑ معمول لیکن لاہور بے باز آنے والے نہیں، اتوار کو بھی مختلف علاقوں میں پٹنگ اڑاتے رہے، پٹنگ بازوں سے نمٹنے کے لیے ڈی جی آپریشنز ڈائریکٹر حیدر اشرف نے اسپیشل ٹیمیں بنائیں اور کیا شہر بھر میں کریک ڈاؤن، 100 پٹنگ باز پکڑے گئے، مقدمات بھی درج کر لئے گئے۔ پٹنگ بازی میں سٹی ڈویژن پہلے، اقبال ٹاؤن دوسرے اور کینٹ ڈویژن تیسرے نمبر پر رہے، شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ کریک ڈاؤن کے باوجود بڑے پیمانے پر پٹنگ بازی پولیس کارکردگی پر سوالیہ نشان ہے۔

لاہور: پٹنگ بازی کی مختلف کریک ڈاؤن،

100 گرفتار

چیو اردو

30 جنوری 2017

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع نصیر آباد میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد کے حملے میں ایک پولیس افسر سمیت دو افراد ہلاک اور دو زخمی ہو گئے۔ نصیر آباد پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ پولیس افسر پر حملہ ڈیرہ مراد جمالی ٹاؤن میں ہوا۔ پولیس اہلکار کا کہنا تھا کہ سینئر کی شب ڈیرہ مراد جمالی پولیس کے سابق ایس ایچ او اور سی آئی اے پولیس کے موجودہ انچارج انسپیکٹر جان محمد کلاچی ایک کار میں اپنے گھر کی جانب جا رہے تھے۔ گھر کے قریب نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے ان کی گاڑی پر حملہ کیا جس کے نتیجے میں انسپیکٹر اور ان کے نخی محافظ ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ دو دیگر افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے محافظ اور زخمی ہونے والے دیگر دو افراد سویلین اور پولیس انسپیکٹر کے قریبی رشتہ دار تھے۔ ہلاک ہونے والے ایس ایچ او پر اس سے قبل بھی دو بم حملے ہو چکے تھے۔ اس واقعے کے بارے میں تحقیقات شروع کر دی گئی ہیں تاہم ابتدائی تحقیقات کے حوالے سے پولیس اہلکار کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ ٹارگٹ کلنگ کا واقعہ ہے۔ ڈیرہ مراد جمالی میں گزشتہ سال بھی پولیس اہلکاروں کو ٹارگٹ کلنگ کا نشانہ بنایا جاتا رہا۔ بلوچستان میں حالات کی خرابی کے بعد سے سیکورٹی سے متعلق اداروں کے اہلکاروں پر بھی کمی و بیشی کے ساتھ حملوں کا سلسلہ تاحال جاری ہے۔ گزشتہ سال بم دھماکوں اور ٹارگٹ کلنگ کے دیگر واقعات میں کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے دیگر علاقوں ڈیرہ سو سے زیادہ پولیس اور دیگر سیکورٹی اداروں کے اہلکار ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

نصیر آباد: حملے میں پولیس اہلکار سمیت

دو افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

29 جنوری 2017

کوہلو کے علاقے کاہان میں ایف سی اور حساس ادارے کی کارروائی کے دوران بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ اور گولہ بارود برآمد کر لیا گیا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق کاہان تنظیم بی ایل اے کے ٹھکانے سے 70 آر پی جی گولے، میزائل لائچر، 12 راکٹ فیوز اور مارٹر بم اور 5 ہینڈل ڈیٹونینگ کارڈ برآمد کیے گئے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق انسپیکٹر جنرل ایف سی بلوچستان منیجر جنرل ندیم انجم نے مذکورہ کارروائی کی خود نمونگی کی ہے۔

کوہلو: سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی، اسلحہ و

گولہ بارود برآمد

چیو اردو

29 جنوری 2017

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں ریجنل زون کارروائی کر کے 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان ریجنل زون کے مطابق حبشید ٹاؤن، لیاری، نیو کراچی، ملیر اور ناظم آباد کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کر کے چار ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ گرفتار ملزمان میں لیاری گینگ وار کے کارندے اور سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ کے دہشت گرد شامل ہیں۔ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ اور گولیاں برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔

کراچی: ریجنل زون کی کارروائیاں، 4 ملزمان

گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

چیو اردو

29 جنوری 2017

جہلم: کھیوڑہ میں سیاسی مخالفین نے تلخ کلامی کے بعد فائرنگ کر کے مسلم لیگ ن کے یوسی چیئرمین اور کونسلر سمیت 3 افراد کو قتل کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق جہلم کے علاقے کھیوڑہ میں سیاسی مخالفین کی فائرنگ سے یونین کونسل ڈنڈوٹ کے (ن) لیگی چیئرمین راجا ماجد اور یوسی کونسلر سمیت 3 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ راجا ماجد علاقے میں کسی عزیز کے گھر تعزیت کے لئے گئے ہوئے تھے، اس دوران ان کی سیاسی مخالفین سے تلخ کلامی ہو گئی اور بات بڑھتے بڑھتے ہاتھ پائی تک جا پہنچی، اسی دوران مخالفین میں شامل عمران نامی شخص نے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں راجا ماجد، یوسی کونسلر اور ان کا ڈرائیور موقع پر ہی جاں بحق جب کہ ملزمان موقع سے فرار ہو گئے۔ پولیس نے شواہد اکٹھے کر کے عینی شاہدین کے بیانات ریکارڈ

کھیوڑہ میں فائرنگ سے مسلم لیگ (ن)

کایوسی چیئرمین اور کونسلر جاں بحق،

ایکسپریس نیوز

28 جنوری 2017

مانسہرہ، بنگرام، تورخراور کوہستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ مانسہرہ کے تفریحی مقامات ناران میں 8 فٹ، کاغان میں 3 فٹ اور شوگران میں 5 فٹ تک برف پڑ چکی ہے۔ گلگت بلتستان میں ضلع استور اور ديامر میں وقفے وقفے سے برف کے گالے گر رہے ہیں۔ جس کی وجہ سے نظام زندگی مفلوج ہے۔ آزاد کشمیر میں برفباری کے بعد موسم ابر آلود رہا اور سرد ہواؤں نے موسم کو مزید سرد کر دیا ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں حالیہ بارشوں کے باعث ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 17 ہو گئی ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے کنٹرول کے مطابق ان میں سے ایک ہی خاندان سے تعلق رکھنے والے چار افراد کی ہلاکت جمعرات کو کوئٹہ شہر کے علاقے نواں کلی میں چھت کرنے کی وجہ سے ہوئی۔ اس علاقے میں ہلاک ہونے والوں میں ایک خاتون اور تین بچے شامل تھے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے علاوہ شیرانی، مستونگ، چمن اور دیگر علاقوں میں بھی بارشوں کی وجہ سے چھتیں گرنے اور دیگر واقعات کے باعث ہلاکتیں ہوئیں۔ بارشوں کے باعث کوئٹہ، مستونگ، نوشکی اور دیگر علاقوں میں بڑی تعداد میں مکانات کو بھی نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ بارشوں کے بعد سردی کی شدت میں اضافے کے باعث لوگوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں جن علاقوں میں مکانات کو نقصان پہنچا ہے ان میں سریاب، سہل روڈ، نواں کلی اور خرٹ آباد کے علاقے شامل ہیں۔ سریاب میں نیو کابان میں گھروں کے گرنے اور کلی گوگڑائی میں جھگیوں میں پانی داخل ہونے سے ان کے مکین شدید مشکلات سے دوچار ہیں۔ ان علاقوں کے مکینوں کے مطابق تاحال ان کی مدد کے لیے کوئی قدم نہیں اٹھایا گیا۔ تاہم پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق متاثرہ اضلاع میں اب تک 9485 خیمے، 6649 کمبل، 4520 پلاسٹک شیٹس، 4160 ہائی جینک کنٹس، 5390 سلپنگ بیگز اور دیگر امدادی اشیاء بھجوائے گئے ہیں جو متاثرین میں تقسیم کیے جا رہے ہیں۔

بلوچستان میں حالیہ بارشوں کے باعث

ہلاکتیں 17 ہو گئیں

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مری / استور: ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں بر فباری کا سلسلہ جاری رہا جس کے نتیجے میں مواصلات کا نظام درہم برہم ہو گیا۔ لوگ گھروں میں محصور ہو گئے۔ مری میں شدید سردی کی لہر برقرار ہے، ٹھنڈے ٹھنڈے موسم کو انجوائے کرنے لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد نے ملکہ کو ہسار کارخ کر لیا۔ جس کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کا نظام بری طرح متاثر ہوا جبکہ استور شہر میں یونڈا باندی، پہاڑوں پر بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری رہا، راستے برف سے ڈھک گئے، سیاح بر فیلے موسم کا مزہ اور خوبصورت نظاروں سے لطف لینے مری، سوات، لوئردیر، اور دیگر شمالی علاقہ جات پہنچ گئے۔ وادی سوات کی چوٹیاں، گھنے جنگلات، قدرتی پارک برف پڑنے کے بعد دلکش مناظر پیش کرنے لگے جبکہ لوئردیر میں بھی وقفے وقفے سے بر فباری اور بارش کے بعد سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا۔ مانسہرہ، بنگرام، تورغر اور کوہستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ جاری رہا، مانسہرہ کے تفریحی مقامات ناران میں 8 فٹ، کاغان میں 3 فٹ اور شوگران میں 5 فٹ تک برف پڑ گئی۔ استور اور دیامر میں وقفے وقفے سے برف کے گالے گرنے لگے۔ جس کی وجہ سے نظام زندگی مفلوج ہو گیا۔ آزاد کشمیر میں بر فباری کے بعد موسم ابر آلود ہو گیا اور سرد ہواؤں نے موسم کو مزید سرد کر دیا۔

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چترال: چترال کو ملک کے دیگر حصوں سے ملانے والا لاری ٹنل کاراستہ آج دوپہر ڈیڑھ بجے ٹریفک کے لیے کھول دیا گیا۔ نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی کے پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر انجینئر محمد ابراہیم مہمند نے آروائی نیوز سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ شدید برف باری کی وجہ سے لاری سرنگ کاراستہ شیڈول کے مطابق جمعہ کے روز نہیں کھل سکتا۔ تاہم اس راستے کو نینتے کے روز کھول دیا گیا۔ ٹنل بند ہونے کی وجہ سے 5 ہزار مسافروں کو دیر بالا میں 2 دن تک ٹھہرنا پڑا۔ اس راستے سے سفر کرنے والے بعض مسافروں نے شکایت کی تھی کہ راستے کو صحیح طور پر صاف نہیں کیا گیا اور صرف ایک گاڑی اس سے گزر سکتی ہے۔ اگر غلطی سے گاڑی پھسل کر سڑک کے بیچ میں آجائے تو دوسری گاڑی کا یہاں سے گزرنامشکل ہو گا۔ واضح رہے کہ اس وقت چترال اور مضافاتی علاقہ میں بارش جبکہ بالائی علاقوں اور پہاڑوں کی چوٹیوں پر برف باری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ لاری ٹنل کے راستے پر ٹریفک پولیس کی ڈیوٹی نہ ہونے کے باعث عام دنوں میں بھی اکثر ٹریفک جام ہو جاتا ہے اور مسافروں کو کئی گھنٹوں تک انتظار کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ مقامی لوگوں کا مطالبہ ہے کہ لاری سرنگ کے دونوں جانب ٹریفک پولیس کو تعینات کیا جائے تاکہ وہ ٹریفک کو کنٹرول کریں۔ ٹریفک جام کی وجہ سے مسافروں کو 48 گھنٹوں تک بھی شدید سردی میں انتظار کرنا پڑتا ہے جبکہ یہاں قریب میں خواتین اور بچوں کے لیے بشری تقاضے پورے کرنے کی بھی کوئی سہولت میسر نہیں۔

اسلام آباد: مری میں شدید سردی کی لہر برقرار ہے، ٹھنڈے ٹھنڈے موسم سے لطف اندوز ہونے کیلئے لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد نے ملکہ کو ہسار کارخ کر لیا ہے۔ جس کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کا نظام بری طرح متاثر ہوا ہے جبکہ استور شہر میں یونڈا باندی، پہاڑوں پر بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ راستے برف سے ڈھکے ہوئے ہیں پر سیاح بر فیلے موسم کا مزہ اور خوبصورت نظاروں سے لطف لینے مری، سوات، لوئردیر، اور دیگر شمالی علاقہ جات پہنچ رہے ہیں۔ وادی سوات کی چوٹیاں، گھنے جنگلات، قدرتی پارک برف پڑنے کے بعد دلکش مناظر پیش کر رہے ہیں جبکہ لوئردیر میں بھی وقفے وقفے سے بر فباری اور بارش کے بعد سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔

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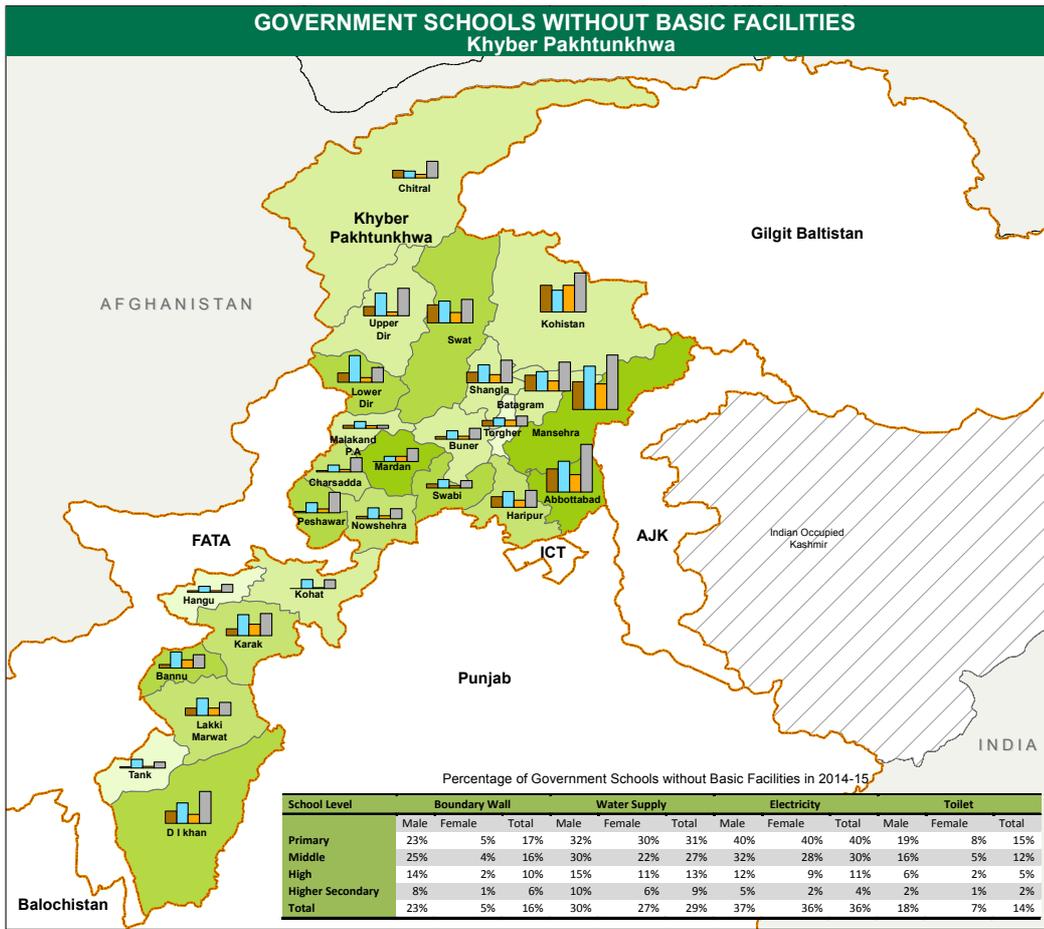


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Legend

- Schools without Facilities
- Boundary Wall
- Water Supply
- Toilet
- Electricity

Total No. of Schools with & without Facilities

- 872-1644
- 1645-3488
- 3489-4748
- 4749-5994
- 5995-7752

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