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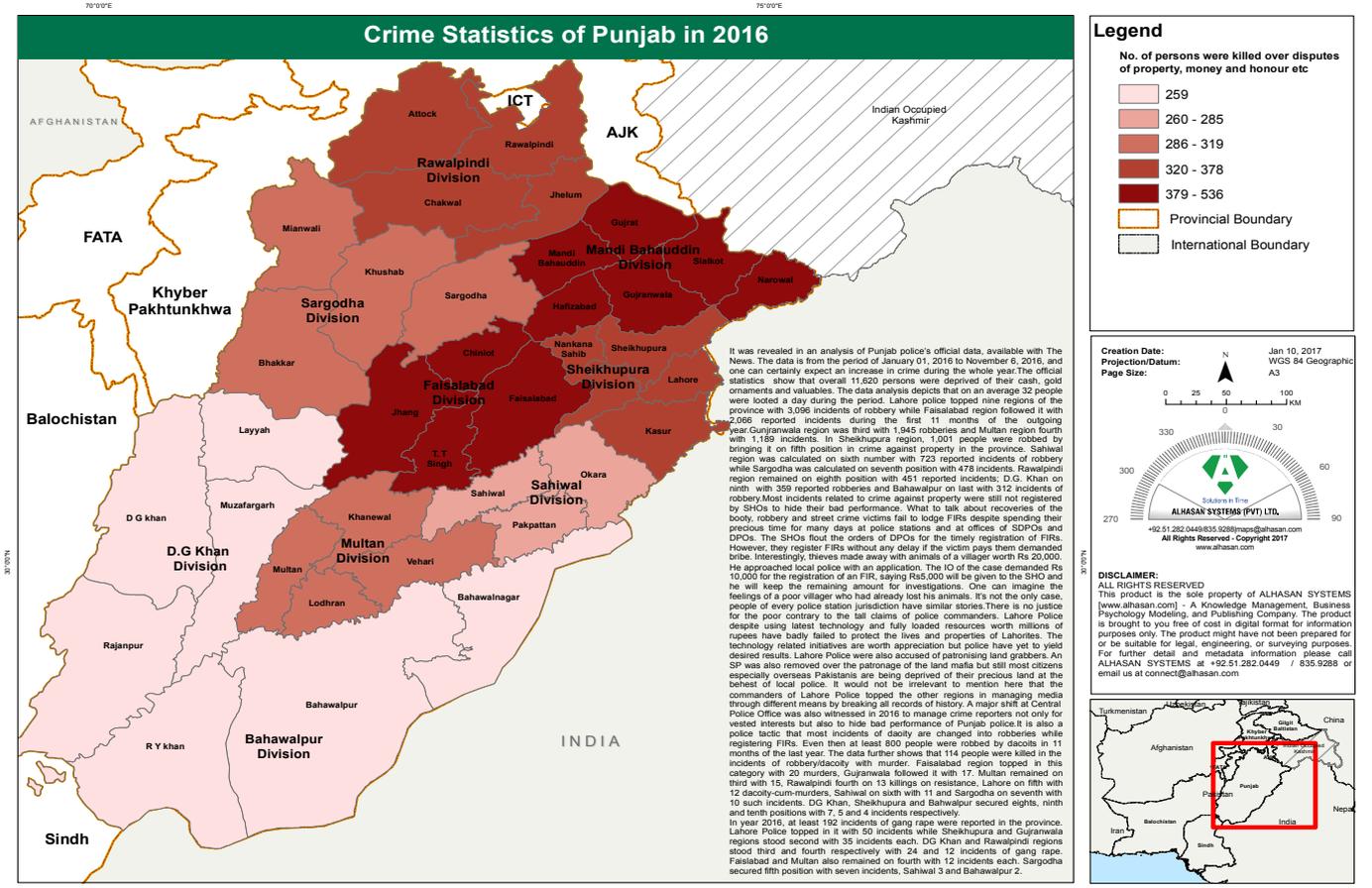
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Earthquake jolts Swat, adjacent areas

*Express Tribune, January 9, 2017*

#### Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa jolted by earthquake

*Daily Pakistan, January 8, 2017*

#### Murree, Galiyat receive heavy snowfall

*The News, January 7, 2017*

#### Torrential rain, heavy snowfall disturb life in Hazara division

*Pak Observer, January 7, 2017*

#### Heavy spell of snowfall in Neelum, Leepa valleys obstructs linking roads

*Dunya News, January 6, 2017*

#### Water shortage may rise to 24pc in ongoing Rabi season

*The News, January 6, 2017*

### DETAILS

A 5.0-magnitude earthquake was felt in Swat, and surrounding areas on Monday, Radio Pakistan reported.

"The quake's epicentre was Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region," the Pakistan Meteorological Department said. Earlier this month, an earthquake measuring 5.2 on the richter scale was felt in Swat, Chitral, Malakand and adjoining areas of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

According to Radio Pakistan, epicentre of the earthquake was in the Hindukush range in Badakhshan area of Afghanistan. No loss of life or property was reported.

The United States Geological Survey said the earthquake was recorded as 4.4-magnitude-strong on the Richter scale. The department (PMD) said. No loss of life or property has been reported thus far.

**LAHORE :** An earthquake hit the central Punjab region in northern Pakistan on Saturday January 9, 2017 evening. The epicentre of the 4.2 magnitude quake was located at Noorpur Thal district of Khusab, about 320km southwest of Lahore, at a depth of 54km. Tremors were also felt in different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including capital Peshawar and adjoining areas.

There were no immediate reports of major damage nor casualties. The cities where the earthquake was felt include: Sargodha, Mianwali, Chiniot, Bhakkar, Faisalabad, Toba Tek Singh, Hafizabad, Shorkot, Gojra, Pind Dadan Khan, Cheecha Watni, Kot Momin.

**MURREE:** Murree and adjoining tourist areas have received heavy snowfall of the season and mercury has dropped to minus three degrees Celsius. Murree has received more than eight inches snow while reports say almost 24 inches snowfall was recorded in the areas of Galiyat.

Although, the snow clearing operation is being carried out by the snow clearing unit of Punjab Highway Department in Murree but the haphazard vehicular traffic due to slippery conditions of roads, many heavy vehicles have stuck in snow resulting in traffic jams on Murree-Rawalpindi Main Road for many hours in the areas of Jhikagali, Kuldanna and Sunny Bank.

A tourist family returning from Nathiagali told this correspondent that the road conditions in areas of Galiyat are bad and many tourists were confined to their vehicles for many hours as the road was not cleared by Galiyat Development Authority (GDA).

The locals of Galiyat alleged that the KP government has given the snow clearing contract to some private contractor who neither shows any responsibility to clear the road nor manages proper machinery.

**ABBOTTABAD:** Widespread rain coupled with snowfall over the hilly areas of Hazara division have severely damaged mud houses and blocked link roads in different areas of Circle Bakot, Galyat, Kaghan, Thandiyani and Kohistan.

Kaghan, Naran, Galyat and Thandiani received about two feet snow during last three days. Land sliding has destroyed many communication links between rural and urban areas. Relentless showers, which began in Hazara division three days back followed by flash-flood, damaged many mud houses, roads and thoroughfares of surrounding villages.

Many tourists have been trapped after the snowfall at Kalabagh, Nathiagali and Donga Gali and waiting for the clearance of the road. Rain also showered Abbottabad and surrounding areas while Thandiani received snowfall in the morning which brought the temperature down.

Every year after snowfall people of Galyat and Thandiani faces serious shortage of food items, Petrol, LPG and fire wood while local authorities and provincial government have no solution for these issues. Galyat Development Authority (GDA) also established a help desk in Galyat to cope with the land sliding, road blockage, electricity breakdown and other issues, Wapda, Civil and Works (CW) are also the member of the desk. Director GDA Inayatullah Waseem also visited Galyat to monitor the situation and directed the concerned to immediately clear the roads.—APP

**AZAD KASHMIR:** The roads heading to Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Neelum and Leepa valleys have been blocked due to ongoing heavy snowfall in upper parts of the country.

The spell of snowfall along with intermittent rain has continued on fourth day in Azad Kashmir turning the weather cold. Mountains in Leepa and Neelum valleys are enveloped in white snow. The linking routes have been blocked for every kind of traffic in area. Meanwhile, people from all parts of country have started arriving in Murree, Abbottabad and Swat to enjoy chilly weather.

According to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), over six feet snowfall was recorded in Neelum Valley's Keel Sector whereas eight to ten feet was observed on hills.

**LAHORE:** Prolonged dry spell is expected to break early Friday 6 January 2017 in the central plains, but the bleak outlook of rains still poses a major threat to the standing crops in the remaining Rabi season, reducing water availability to 24 percent from the earlier estimates of 17 percent against average usage.

According to official estimates, the months of November and December 2016 were recorded as completely dry in southern and central parts of the country, adversely affecting wheat and gram sowing, especially in the rain-fed zone.

Pakistan Meteorological Department has predicted near normal rains in the upper parts of the country, and below or almost no rain in the plains of central and southern parts in January, making prospects of water availability grim for crops particularly the food staple wheat in Punjab and

### Chikunguniya, dengue, malaria to be countered with mosquito eating fish

*Pakistan Today, January 6, 2017*

### 2563 fire complaints lodged in capital during 2016

*Pakistan Today, January 4, 2017*

Sindh.

A spell of rain is expected in central and northern parts of Punjab province on Friday and Saturday, with intermittent light to moderate rains, breaking the three-month dry spell. This weather pattern will also entail cold conditions, which is required for better growth of the wheat plants.

During late December and January, all is dependent on rains as far as meeting irrigation requirements of crops is concerned, as canal flows are curtailed in a phased manner for de-silting as part of the annual campaign. Therefore, deficient rains certainly are not a good sign for the agriculture sector, a senior official of the provincial irrigation department said. The official said that the dry conditions were not a surprise for water managers, and the weather pattern was very much in line with the estimation made at the forum of Indus River System Authority (IRSA) for at least early Rabi season. "However, now we fear lesser rains up to March due to the changing climate conditions," he said. If the present dry conditions prevail in the plains, water shortage during late February and March could hinder last watering of the wheat crop.

"It will be a real challenge for us to make canal water available at farm-gate till maturity of the wheat crop by strict judicious use," the official added. The challenge of managing water would continue to haunt in early Kharif too this year when water requirements tend to increase with gradual rise in the temperature. It is feared that water outflow from dams in March-April will depend on run-of-the-river mode that can affect cotton sowing.

As per the Met Office analysis of rain in the month of October and December 2016, dry conditions were prevailing across most of agricultural areas of country. During the month of January 2017, southern half of the country would also remain dry. Farmers have therefore been advised to strictly irrigate the fields as per requirements.

According to the drought situation analysis, wet conditions only prevailed over northern parts of the country in this period. Most of the agricultural areas of the country did not receive any appreciable rainfall during December and November which aggravated the drought conditions. Moderate drought conditions have been prevailing across most parts of Baluchistan as well.

As per the Met office, during the month of December 2016, water inflow and level of Tarbela, and Mangla dams diminished over time due to extreme dry conditions. The water level in various reservoirs is already at the lowest level, and the expected rainfall during January 2017 is also likely to be below than normal in the plains. Therefore, all stakeholders have been advised for the judicious use of water.

**KARACHI:** Karachi District Municipal Corporation Central Chairman Rehan Hashmi has said that citizens cannot be left to the mercy of lethal diseases and must ensure the provision of clean drinking water and a pollution-free environment.

Briefing journalists along with Karachi University Zoological Department Assistant Professor Dr Tariq Rajput, he said that the DMC to counter the three major mosquito-borne diseases with the collaboration of the zoological department of the University of Karachi, by using hunter fish which eat the larvae and eggs of mosquitoes. "These fish will be put into fountains, ponds and other places where water is found stagnant," he said. "If we can prevent the growth and breeding of mosquitoes we will be able to eliminate chikunguniya, dengue fever and malaria."

DMC East Vice chairman Abdul Rauf, municipal commissioner, DMC central's Waseem Soomro, Chief Medical Officer Dr Hamid and DMC Central Information Officer Alamgeer Saifee were also present at the press briefing.

The DMC Centre has already carried out insecticide sprays in the first phase of their planned campaign. In the second phase mosquito killing fish will be to prevent the growth and breeding of mosquitoes to decrease the chances of the diseases being spread.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Directorate of Emergency and Disaster Management (E&DM) has 2563 complaint calls of fire incidents in the federal capital. 535 complaints of fire incident came during in VVIP deployments. However, fire incidents in green areas, in mountains, remains on top as there were total 751 complaints registered in 2016.

It is pertinent to mention here that the E&DM of the Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) have 34 firefighters and 3 sky lifters having 68 meters of maxim height. "E&DM responds the complaints within 5 to 7 minutes and our firefighters are well trained, said Director Emergency and Disaster Management, Shahbaz Tahir Nadeem.

In November, E&DM got, the highest, 296 complaints of fire incidents, while 189 in January, 164 in February, 205 in March, 213 in April, 219 in May, 244 in June, 179 in July 172 in August, 154 in September, 251 in October and 277 in December.

Moreover, 178 complaints about the incidents of Electric fire, 751 calls about fire eruption at green areas, 24 calls from industrial area, 178 calls of electric fire, 199 fire calls from residential areas were timely and successfully responded. 148 calls about vehicle fire, 25 LPG fire related calls, 93 commercial area fire calls and 39 fire calls from canteens were also promptly responded.

40 fire calls from public buildings and 124 calls from garbage were also swiftly responded by the Emergency and Disaster Management Directorate of Municipal Corporation Islamabad. Emergency and Disaster Management Directorate of Municipal Corporation Islamabad addressed 417 rescue calls there and then as well.

Emergency and Disaster Management Directorate officials shared these details with Mayor Islamabad and Chairman Capital Development Authority Sheikh Anser Aziz during a meeting at CDA Headquarters. The meeting was held to review performance and up gradation plans of the directorate of Municipal Corporation Islamabad. Mayor Anser Aziz chaired the meeting.

Mayor of Islamabad and Chairman CDA, Sheikh Anser Aziz said that Emergency and Disaster

Management Directorate is one of the most important formations of MCI, which remains on high alert and has the ability to cope with any emergency situation or natural calamity round the clock.

Therefore, he added that the formation would be equipped with the latest machinery, vehicles and other devices. Mayor of Islamabad, Sheikh Anser Aziz said that after the deadly earthquake in 2005, Emergency and Disaster Management was upgraded, however, use of latest technology, professional training of rescue workers and the inclusion of latest fire tenders in the fleet is a dire need of the hour.

To meet the requirements of Emergency and Disaster Management, all resources would be utilised for the up gradation of this formation, he further added. Mayor of Islamabad and Chairman CDA, Sheikh Anser Aziz on this occasion said, fortunately, no major fire incident or major emergency situation occurred in the capital during last year.

However, the mayor directed the concerned formations to take effective measures to make the emergency department more efficient and functional. In this regard, he urged for an effective and joint coordination between Ambulance Service 1122, Capital Hospital and Health Services Directorate, to overcome any emergency situation.

Professional training for firemen would be mandatory, he added. The mayor directed for the provision of latest professional training to the fire and rescue workers by all possible means. He further directed to ensure necessary repair maintenance of fire tenders and asked the concerned formation to depute officers for scrutinising the performance of rescue and fire workers.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Key militant commander surrenders in Quetta

PKKH, January 09, 2017

#### Chairman Senate questions Raheel Sharif's appointment to Islamic coalition force

GEO TV, January 09, 2017

#### Military courts played crucial role in elimination of terrorism: Information Minister

Daily Times, January 09, 2017

#### Rana Sanaullah vows to restructure police system

Daily Pakistan, January 09, 2017

### DETAILS

A key militant commander of the banned Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) surrendered his weapons before government officials in Quetta on Monday.

Balakh Sher Badini, who belonged to the outlawed BLA, laid down his weapons at the Madadgar Cell of the Frontier Corps (FC). "I am a proud Pakistani and a brave Baloch," Badini, draped in clothes resembling the Pakistani flag, said on the occasion.

Balochistan Home Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, Government of Balochistan Spokesperson Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar and FC Sector Commander Brig Khalid Baig were present at the press conference. "I was deceived by foreign-sponsored elements to carry out terrorist activities in Balochistan," Badini told the large audience.

Badini had been operating in Balochistan's Noshki district for the last few years. The government and law enforcement officials welcomed Badini for giving up his weapons and urged other absconders to do the same and participate in the reconciliation process. A person coming forward and "laying down his weapons is a good omen for the country and province", the home minister stated. The spokesperson of the provincial government said it was relieving to find that the youth have "finally realised that India and other foreign countries" were sponsoring terrorism. "India's involvement [in terrorism] is no more a secret now," Kakar said. Hitherto, hundreds of militants associated with various militant organisations have laid down their weapons before the government in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan.

**ISLAMABAD:** Chairman Senate Raza Rabbani on Monday asked the defence minister to provide details of former army chief General (ret'd) Raheel Sharif's appointment as head of a Saudi-led 39-nation Islamic military alliance to fight terrorism.

On Friday, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif confirmed that the former army chief's appointment to the 39-nation coalition force. The minister said the decision to appoint the retired general, who spearheaded a campaign against militants at home, was taken with the consent of both the Army's General Headquarters and the government of Pakistan.

The Senate chairman today said the concerned officials should inform the House about the rules under which a retired officer had taken up such a job. He sought a briefing on the matter from the defence minister on Tuesday. "Whether Gen Sharif sought permission prior to taking up the job or was an NoC issued to him?" Rabbani asked. "And, if an NOC was issued, then who issued it?" He inquired whether the federal government was taken into confidence on the appointment of the former army chief. The Senate chairman also demanded the advisor on foreign affairs to brief on the possible implications of the appointment.

#### Islamic coalition formed to combat terrorism

News of the alliance's formation was first reported in December 2015, with reports of Middle Eastern, African and Asian states including Saudi Arabia, Gulf states, Pakistan, Egypt being part of the then 34 nation coalition. The objective of the Saudi-led alliance was "to coordinate and support military operations to fight terrorism".

Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Tunisia, Sudan, Malaysia, Egypt, Yemen and other Muslim countries are said to be part of the coalition. The Joint Command Centre, headquarters of the military alliance is located in Riyadh. The coalition would tackle "the Islamic world's problem with terrorism and will be a partner in the worldwide fight against this scourge" announced Saudi defence minister and deputy crown prince Mohammad bin Salman Al Saud at a press conference in Riyadh in 2015. Arrangements would be made for "coordination with friendly peace-loving nations and international bodies for the sake of supporting international efforts to combat terrorism and to save international peace and security", he had said. Salman told reporters that the campaign would "coordinate" efforts to fight terrorism in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Afghanistan, but offered few concrete indications of how military efforts might proceed. "There will be international coordination with major powers and international organisations ... in terms of operations in Syria and Iraq. We can't undertake these operations without coordinating with legitimacy in this place and the international community," bin Salman said without elaborating.

Asked if the new alliance would focus just on Islamic State (Daesh), bin Salman said it would confront not only that group but "any terrorist organisation that appears in front of us".

**ISLAMABAD:** Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Marriyum Aurangzeb on Monday said that military courts had played an important role in the elimination of terrorism from the country. The minister in a statement said that Rana Sanaullah's views about being dissatisfied with the military courts were based on his lack of knowledge regarding their establishment. She said the military courts had performed their responsibilities under the constitution in the prescribed period in an effective manner.

**LAHORE** – Provincial Home Minister Rana Sanaullah has vowed to overcome corruption in police system, adding that scientific investigation of the cases will help to eradicate it.

Addressing a press conference, Sanaullah said political recruitment in police was not made since 2008, as all staff was being recruited through Punjab Public Service Commission. Front desks have been established in police stations to deal with the corrupt elements, he said, adding that the system of front desk will be extended to all cities of Punjab. Forces fought against terrorist under

**Law allowing military terror courts expires**

*Newsweek Pakistan, January 09, 2017*

**Pakistan security report 2016: 441 militant attacks, 28% reduction in terrorism**

*Channel 24, January 09, 2017*

**Four handlers of park bomber identified**

*Daily Dawn, January 09, 2017*

Zarb-e-Azb at their best level, while counter terrorism department (CTD) proved an effective force against terrorism. Around 300 terrorists were killed in Punjab during different gun battles. The minister said counter terrorism force has been established to deal with street crimes. Law enforcement agencies of all the four provinces are in contact with the forensic laboratory of Punjab to take benefit from it.

**Analysts claim heavy criticism will likely result in Pakistan scrapping the controversial measure.**

A law allowing military courts to try civilians on terror charges expired on Saturday, after the controversial tribunals hanged 12 people and ordered the executions of 149 more amid sharp criticism from rights groups.

Islamabad has not said whether it plans to extend use of the courts, created by constitutional amendment after the country's deadliest-ever extremist attack in 2014. The assault on a school in Peshawar, in which gunmen killed more than 150 people—mostly children—traumatized a country already grimly accustomed to atrocities. The Army intensified an operation against militants in the tribal areas and the government launched a National Action Plan, including the creation of the courts, against extremism. The courts were seen as an "exceptional" short-term measure put in place to allow the government time to reform the criminal justice system. But rights activists called for greater transparency, saying the courts failed to meet even the murky standards of military tribunals around the world.

In a statement issued to the media on Friday, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) said justice reform had not been carried out, and called for fair, credible trials. "The lapse of the jurisdiction of military courts over civilians is a step in the right direction, but unsurprisingly, there is no sign of the promised reforms to strengthen the ordinary criminal justice system to effectively handle terrorism-related cases," said Sam Zarifi, ICJ's Asia Director. "The Pakistani Government must not re-enact legislation to continue secret military trials of civilians, nor resort to more short-term, short-sighted security measures that are contrary to human rights protections," Zarifi added.

Analyst Imtiaz Gul said heavy criticism meant Pakistan was unlikely to extend the courts, saying the controversy had been an "embarrassment" to the country.

Quoting military sources, the ICJ said 274 people have been convicted by military courts since January 2015, of which 161 have been sentenced to death. Twelve of those have already been hanged. The rights group said the details of only seven cases where people were given life imprisonment have been made public. "The names, charges, and duration of prison terms for the remaining 106 people have not been disclosed," ICJ said.

Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS) has published Pakistan security report 2016 on Monday, reported 24 News HD.

According to the report 441 militant attacks were conducted in Pakistan in which 908 individuals were killed. "28% reduction in terrorism has been recorded in Pakistan," report stated. The report further stated that Baloch insurgent and militant groups, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Jamat ul Ahrar, and Lashkr-e-Jhangvi emerged as major threat for country's security. "TTP took responsibility of 106 attacks while 106 attacks were conducted by Jamat ul Ahrar," report further added. Fifty percent of incidents were related to target killing or shooting.

"In 2016 Pakistani security forces conducted 95 operations across the country in which 1,419 alleged terrorists were arrested," report mentioned. The report also pointed out that the main organization regarding counter terrorism-NACTA-is still not completely functional as it is working as a sub-institute of interior ministry. It may also be noted that the US bombings in Pakistan has also significantly reduced, with only three, in 2016 which are far less than 24,000 American bombings in Iraq and Syria.

Terrorism in Pakistan has declined specifically after armed forces started Operation Zarb-e-Azb in 2014 following attack on Army Public School, Peshawar. The operation in FATA along with Afghan border was launched to eliminate the last and main hideouts of militant organizations in Pakistan.

**LAHORE:** The six suspected terrorists who were killed in an alleged encounter with police late on Friday night were involved in carrying out Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park attack, claimed the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police on Sunday.

At least 74 people were killed and 340 others injured when a suicide bomber exploded himself near the swings on March 27 last in the crowded park where many of the visitors had come to celebrate Easter.

Later, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan's Jamatul Ahrar group spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan had claimed responsibility for the attack. The government sprang into action and constituted a five-member team comprising officials of the police, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and the Intelligence Bureau (IB) to probe into the carnage. The CTD Lahore had registered a case against the unidentified perpetrators. The CTD spokesman said that a team was taking two suspects involved in the park attack, who were identified as Shahidullah and Khanzaib, for recovery of weapons and other paraphernalia, when around eight suspects attacked the personnel around 10pm near Factory Area, Sheikhpura. He said the attackers managed to free the suspects and fled the scene. He said the fleeing suspects reportedly entered an under-construction vegetable market that was raided by CTD Sheikhpura team after midnight.

An exchange of fire with the suspects took place, following which six suspects were found dead, including Shahidullah and Khanzaib. The CTD seized a Kalashnikov, a rifle, two pistols and two motorcycles from the scene.

A CTD police officer on condition of anonymity told Dawn that four of the attackers who were killed in encounter were identified as Hukam Khan, Muzammil Khan, Abdul Khanan and Tawakkal Jaan.

## 'Terrorist outfits still strong despite decline in attacks'

*Daily Times, January 09, 2017*

## Military courts cease working

*Daily Times, January 09, 2017*

He said Tawakal Jaan was involved in providing suicide jackets to the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park attacker, while the remaining three had received the suicide bomber in Lahore and took him to their house in Iqbal Town where he stayed for two to three days. He said Hukam Khan, Muzamil and Abdul Hanan allegedly also took the suicide bomber into the park in a veil and directed him to reach the crowded area near the swings and explode himself. The suspects were also present outside the park at the time of the suicide attack, he added. He said all the six suspected terrorists who were killed in a shootout in Sheikhpura were absconders in Gulshan-i-Iqbal suicide blast case.

### TTP, JA and LeJ Al-Alami far graver threat than ethnic terrorists

**ISLAMABAD:** While terrorist attacks declined in 2016, terrorist outfits continue to remain a potent threat, with many widening their scope, narrowing their ideology and evolving within the new spaces. These threats will linger on for long, unless the state moves beyond the hard approaches.

In 2016, as with the preceding years, banned terrorist outfit Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) remained a major actor of instability in the country, carrying out 106 attacks. 2016 also saw a rise of Jamaatul Ahrar with 66 attacks. Part of JA's rise owes to the weakening of the TTP's operational capability. This reality of how terrorist dynamics evolve should not be lost upon policymakers, notes 2016 security report of think tank Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS).

Overall, the report notes that there has been a decline of 28% in terrorist attacks in 2016: 441 terrorist attacks took place in 57 districts/regions across Pakistan, claiming 908 lives. While suicide bombings have been receding, the reports note, 50% of the attacks in 2016 were targeted killing or shooting. Although sectarian violence declined for 2016, that violence will linger on for long. For one, sectarian outfits are still active. Together with other banned outfits, they are encroaching as new far-right, eating at the socio-political space of the country and injecting sectarian-tiled discourse in the country.

Most importantly, sectarian militancy is further blending upon the militant landscape. In 2016, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi saw its rebirth as LeJ Al-Alami, a group that attacked the shrine in Khuzdar. The group is believed to have widened its scope, developing computability with global terrorist outfits, including the Islamic State (IS).

Policymakers should take note of all these dynamics in all parts of the country, in charting out any response. In Balochistan, the report notes, these groups (TTP, Jamaat Ahrar, LeJ Al-Alami) pose a far graver threat than Baloch insurgents. The former have been behind major attacks, including in Quetta and Khuzdar, while the latter have usually launched low-intensity attacks.

The latter, PIPS report notes, can be tackled through political resolve, which has been missing in the last one year. It is hoped that some progress may be made to that in 2017. Meanwhile, security forces carried out around 95 operational strikes and raids and apprehended 1,418 suspected terrorists and members of violent groups in 315 search operations. A special article on the Counter-Terror Department (CTD) Punjab notes that the success made by it owes to its independent structure, rigorous training, and dedicated role of fighting terror. Yet, an over-emphasis on hard component or the use of force, alone, cannot completely root out the problem, the report clearly spells out. Pakistan's counterterrorism (CT) campaign urgently needs to make functional soft CT approaches, including those espoused in the National Action Plan. PIPS note while much is being spent on who is to monitor NAP and how, its points are still contested. National Counter-Terror Authority (NACTA), which was supposed to be central counter-terror body, remains getting fully functional, partly because it operates as a subsidiary of interior ministry. PIPS endorses Qazi Faiz Isa report, probing the Quetta hospital bombing, and calls for directly investing in counter-terrorism initiatives. One suggestion is shaping a much-needed Counter-Violent Extremism (CVE) policy.

Now that the military courts have expired, expectations will once again be raised from the civilian side on what did they do to strengthen criminal justice system. The report recommends a mechanism allowing for parliamentary oversight of criminal justice system.

### ISPR says disposal through military courts yielded positive effects towards reduction in terrorist activities \* 274 cases referred to military courts during period of validity

**ISLAMABAD:** The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) on Sunday said that the military courts have ceased to function after their mandated period expired.

According to an ISPR statement, the military courts were established through a constitutional amendment in the wake of an attack on Army Public School Peshawar. The statement read further, "Special constitutional arrangements were made to effectively check the terrorists and terrorism." "Routine judicial system was under stress wherein judicial set ups and judges were also subjected to act of terrorism," the statement read.

During the period of its validity, 274 cases were referred to Military Courts, said ISPR, adding that "out of these 161 were awarded death penalty (12 executed) and 113 were awarded imprisonment of varying duration". "The disposal through military courts has yielded positive effects towards reduction in terrorist's activities," the ISPR said.

Pakistan had legalised military court trials of terror suspects for a period of two years in January 2015, soon after terrorists killed 144 people, mostly children, at an Army Public School (APS) in Peshawar. The army intensified its crackdown on extremists following the Peshawar massacre, as the civilian government introduced a National Action Plan (NAP) that included the creation of the military courts, which were allowed to try civilians on terror charges. An All Parties Conference (APC) gave the green light for the amendments to the Pakistan Army Act to extend its jurisdiction for speedy trial of cases under specified acts and provide the constitutional cover with a sunset clause of two years from the date of enactment. At first the 21st Amendment, as it is known, was met with much debate, but over time, military courts weaved themselves in to the fabric of

**Significant decline in terror activities**

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Pakistan's criminal justice system.

The Nawaz Sharif-led government has not said whether it plans to extend use of the courts. The courts were seen as an "exceptional" short-term measure put in place to give the government time to reform the criminal justice system. But rights activists called for greater transparency, saying the courts failed to meet even the murky standards of military tribunals around the world. Despite the criticism, the military courts enjoyed considerable public support, as the civilian courts failed to deal with terrorism-related cases.

In a statement, the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) said justice reform had not been carried out, and called for fair, credible trials. "The lapse of the jurisdiction of military courts over civilians is a step in the right direction, but unsurprisingly, there is no sign of the promised reforms to strengthen the ordinary criminal justice system to effectively handle terrorism-related cases," said Sam Zarifi, ICJ's Asia director. "The Pakistani government must not re-enact legislation to continue secret military trials of civilians, nor resort to more short-term, short-sighted security measures that are contrary to human rights protections," Zarifi added.

Quoting military sources, the ICJ said 274 people have been convicted by military courts since January 2015, of which 161 have been sentenced to death. Twelve of those have already been hanged. The rights group said the details of only seven cases where people were given life imprisonment have been made public. "The names, charges, and duration of prison terms for the remaining 106 people have not been disclosed," the ICJ concluded.

There has been a significant reduction in terror activities in the country following the operation Zarb-e-Azb in which the Taliban capacity to launch attacks was effectively degraded compelling many to cross into Afghanistan, according to statistics gathered from various sources. The statistics of the National Counter-Terrorism Authority (NACTA) claim a decline of 80 percent since December 2014 while over 7,000 hardcore terrorists have been arrested and over 2,450 militants killed in countrywide operations during the period. Subsequent to the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP), statistics show the arrests of over 4,500 terrorists and deaths of more than 2,200 in various operations against armed groups during the last one and half years. As many as 31 terrorist attacks took place in 2016 in which 418 were killed, showing a significant decline in the attacks as compared to 2015. According to State Department statistics, there were a total of 1,009 terrorist attacks in Pakistan in 2015, compared to 1,823 in 2014, which is a 45 percent decrease. The total number of fatalities in the attacks - 1,081 in 2015 compared to 1,761 in 2014 - went down by 39 percent. Despite a significant reduction in the terror attacks, the country witnessed some major terrorist activities in the beginning of last year including the Quetta bomb blast at a polio center on January 14 and killing of 15 persons. In the same month, Bacha Khan University was attacked by Taliban militants in Charsadda on January 20, killing at least 20 and injuring 60 others.

Exactly nine days later - on January 29 - a suicide bomber, attempted to enter Cantonment area in Zhob District of Balochistan at a time when the Friday prayers were underway and blew himself at a check-post in which seven people were injured, responsibility for which was claimed by the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Only one terrorist attack was witnessed in February when a TTP suicide bomber hit a vehicle of Frontier Corps (FC) in Quetta on February 6, killing nine people. Three major terror attacks took place in March, killing 101 people. On March 7, as many as 10 people including three police men were killed and 14 others were injured when a suicide bomber targeted Charsadda - this time a local court. On March 16, the terrorists targeted a bus carrying government employees in Peshawar, killing 17 and injuring more than 50. On March 27, 74 people were killed and 338 others were injured in a suicide bombing that hit the main entrance of Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park, one of the largest parks in Lahore.

On April 9, one person was killed and 17 others wounded after a suicide bomber attacked an Excise and Taxation office in Mardan. There were no terrorists attack in May while on June 22, noted Sufi singer Amjad Sabri was shot dead in Karachi. On August 8, a bomb blast outside a hospital in Quetta killed 70 people the majority casualties were that of lawyers. On September 2, 14 people were killed and 52 wounded in a suicide blast at Mardan district courts.

On September 13, a suicide bomber injured between 10 and 13 people, four policemen in Shikarpur, Sindh, while on September 16, at least 23 people were killed and dozens more injured when a suicide bomber detonated his vest in the veranda of a mosque during Friday prayers in the Mohmand Agency. On October 24, at least 3 militants stormed a police training center in Quetta and took between 200 and 500 cadets hostage. Two of the attackers blew themselves up while the third attacker was killed. At least 60 people were killed and more than 190 people were injured.

On November 12, 52 people were killed and over 100 were injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside the shrine of Shah Noorani in Khuzdar, Balochistan. On December 10, the militants killed a police DSP in Peshawar.

The atmosphere of constant and devastating terrorism forced an amendment in the constitution that would establish the military courts. The routine judicial system was under stress and the judges were also threatened, forcing unlawful verdicts. Therefore, special constitutional arrangements were made to effectively check the militants and the terror they were spreading.

During the period of its validity, 274 cases were referred to military courts, 161 cases among these, ended with death penalty (12 executed) and 113 were awarded imprisonment of various durations. The cases were dealt through law's due process. The disposal through military courts yielded positive effects towards the reduction of terrorism. But the military courts have now expired, due to the 'sun-set clause' in the amendment.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif on Friday confirmed that former army chief General (ret'd) Raheel Sharif has been appointed the commander of the Saudi-led 39-nation military coalition to combat terrorism. The purpose of the alliance is to "protect the Islamic nation from the evils of all terrorist

**Military courts awarded 161 death penalties**

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**Islamic Military Alliance**

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### Govt decides to slap ban on Jundullah

*Daily Times, January 08, 2017*

### Six 'terrorists' killed during encounter

*Daily Times, January 08, 2017*

### Sindh govt asked to make ATCs functional in central jail

*Pakistan Today, January 07, 2017*

### Two key Gulshan Park blast suspects arrested

*The Nation, January 07, 2017*

groups... whatever their sect." The coalition has stated that it will fight terrorists in "Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Afghanistan". However, the alliance has been criticised for enforcing the same sectarian and regional cleavages that have plagued the Middle East for decades. For one, it does not include Iran and is "Sunni-only".

An international alliance that side-lines Iran is bound make the sectarian dimensions of the war in Syria and Yemen more pronounced. Iran, as part of the alliance could have been pressurised to moderate its positions. While the US has welcomed the alliance to combat IS, it has been called "a sectarian coalition" by Hakeem Azameli, a member of the Security and Defense Commission in the Iraqi parliament.

German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen also stressed that it should be a part of the Vienna process involving all countries fighting against IS like the US, Europe, Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and also include Iran and China.

Secondly, Pakistan not joining and heading such a coalition may have been the last straw for Saudi Arabia. In 2015 the Saudi government asked Islamabad for warplanes, warships and soldiers to assist in the conflict against Houthi forces in Yemen besides joining the Saudi-led military coalition and was refused. The Saudi government was upset and stated, "The Kingdom felt betrayed".

While pledging military support to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) heavy alliance feels a betrayal of our sovereign stand to not become part of the Middle Eastern quagmire, continually offending the GCC countries is not pragmatic either. The combined strength of the alliance presents a formidable force. This strength is further bolstered with the intimidation value of Pakistan's nuclear weapons and Turkish industrial and military expertise. But the alliance may be unable to intimidate the enemy as most countries in the alliance have deep-rooted problems of terrorism, or supporting terrorism, or are tied to the direction the US or NATO forces want to take in the region.

While it is natural to be sceptical about an Islamic military alliance, at least the right man is in charge. Pakistan needs to clean up the mess of terrorism at home, before putting its soldiers in Syria or Iraq. Hopefully General Sharif can make sure Pakistan is not forced to take decisions that would make it a party to one of the bloodiest and most complex humanitarian disasters of our time.

**ISLAMABAD:** The government has decided to impose a ban on Jundullah and all the terrorist groups that claim responsibility for terror attacks.

Sources said that the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA), on the directives of the Interior Ministry, has decided to impose a ban on Jundullah and all splinter groups of terrorists. The decision for slapping the ban was made after the group claimed responsibility for the Wagah Border and Peshawar Church attacks. Provinces have been directed to provide details about Jundullah. The NECTA has sent a letter to authorities in all four provinces, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, besides the Islamabad Chief Commissioner.

**SHEIKHUPURA:** The Counter Terrorism Department claimed to have killed six suspected terrorists during an encounter on Faisalabad Bypass Road late on Friday night.

According to CTD Sheikhpura sources, the CTD Lahore Friday arrested two terrorists identified as Saadullah Khan and Jahanzeb Khan - allegedly involved in Gulshan Iqbal Park Lahore suicide blast. As per the details, the CTD Lahore team was taking the arrested terrorists to Kot Pindi Daas to arrest other terrorists when their alleged accomplices attacked the team and got released Saadullah Khan and Jahanzeb Khan. The incident led to a cross firing between police party and suspected terrorists. Resultantly, six terrorists were killed while three others managed to escape. The CTD also recovered three motorcycles, kalashnikovs, pistol, bullets and a huge cache of explosives and hand grenades from them.

Monitoring Judge of Anti-Terrorism Courts (ATC) for Sindh, Justice Amir Hani Muslim on Saturday directed the provincial government to immediately take steps to make ATCs, established in central jail, functional.

While chairing a meeting in Supreme Court of Pakistan's Karachi Registry Branch, Justice Amir Hani Muslim was apprised that there were 19 ATCs proceeding with the cases in Sindh out of which 10 were located in Karachi. Besides, Justice Amir Hani Muslim, Administrative ATC Judge, Sindh's Prosecutor General Shahadat Awan, Advocate General Zameer Ghumro, and Home Department Secretary were also present on the occasion. The chair was told that there was lack of ATCs in other districts of the province that was causing hardships. The terrorism cases were being heard by link judges of ATCs of other districts. Justice Amir Hani Muslim directed the sessions judges of all the districts to name one judge to hear terrorism cases in his own district so that the cases could be tried in their respective district.

**LAHORE** - Punjab's counter terrorism department Friday claimed to have arrested two key suspects behind last year's deadliest suicide attack in Lahore's Gulshan Park.

A spokesperson for the CTD said that "Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan/Jamaat-ul-Ahrar" carried out the attack that killed 75 people on Easter Sunday on March 27, 2016.

"TTP (Jamaat-ul-Ahrar) chief Umar Khalid Khorasani had ordered the attack," the spokesman said. "Muhammad Khan (a local man) had coordinated the masterminded the hit." The arrested suspects were named by CTD officials as Shahid Ullah and Khan Zaib. Both the terrorists conducted recce of the park and transported the suicide bomber, Nasir, to the site. They had also facilitated the bomber to reach inside the park. The suicide bomber wearing a veil (Burqa) entered the park through the broken boundary wall.

According to investigations, Shaukat and Tawakkal Jan had provided suicide jacket to the bomber, who reached Lahore a few days before the attack. The bomber, Nasir, stayed at the house of

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Hukam Khan in Lahore for two days. The members of this terrorist cell were living in a rented house in Barkat Town, Shahdara and originally they belonged to Mohmand Agency, FATA.

Shahid Ullah and Khan Zaib are being interrogated by counter-terror operatives and raids are underway to arrest their other accomplices, the spokesman said. Last year in August, Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, an offshoot of the Pakistani Taliban having links with ISIS, had also claimed responsibility for the attack on lawyers and journalists in Quetta.

More than 70 people mostly lawyers died in the horrific blast that ripped through the emergency ward of the Civil Hospital. After claiming responsibility for the Gulshan-i-Iqbal park blast, the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar declared the start of a new terror campaign, "Sound of Thunder". The group posted an Urdu communiqué on its Facebook page early last year claiming that Christians were the prime target. The post also carried a photo of the bomber, identifying him as Salahuddin Khorasani.

**ISLAMABAD** - The military courts established two years ago ceased to continue Friday and all the pending and fresh cases relating to terrorism offences would be transferred to the anti-terrorism courts, sources said. These courts were set up weeks after terrorists attacked the Army Public School, Peshawar, under the 21st Constitutional Amendment and Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2015, for two years, which became ineffective after January 7. Under these courts, nearly 200 hardcore terrorists have been sentenced to death and a large number of cases are under investigation. The apex committees set up at provincial level to monitor the state of terrorist activities in the country also referred many cases of terrorism to the military courts. Although there was no official word from the federal government, a private TV channel quoted Federal Interior and Narcotics Control Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan as saying, "The military courts will expire today at midnight (night between Friday and Saturday)".

According to the TV channel, the interior minister said the military courts were set up for two years with the consensus of all the political parties and no extension in these courts is being considered. He affirmed the anti-terrorism courts will take up all such cases after expiry of the military courts.

On December 17, Senate Chairman Mian Raza Rabbani, at the outset of the proceedings of the house, invited the attention of the government towards the expiry of the military courts on January 6 and said it would create a constitutional vacuum if it failed to provide legal cover to such courts.

In January 2015, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif told the joint session of the parliament: "This bill is about military courts trying hardcore terrorists who kill Pakistanis. This is an important day for Pakistan when the nation decided that terrorists will be taken out from the roots."

The preamble of the two bills stated: "Extraordinary situation and circumstances demand special measures for speedy trial of certain offences relating to terrorism, waging of war or insurrection against Pakistan and the prevention of acts threatening the country's security by any terrorist or terrorist group using the name of religion or a sect or members of such armed groups, wings and militias."

Two key new sub-clauses were added to the Pakistan Army Act to describe the people or groups that could be punished under the new law.

The sub-clauses (iii) and (iv), inserted in clause (d) of sub-section (1) of Section 2, state: "Any person who is or claims or is known to belong to any terrorist group or organisation using the name of religion or a sect and raises arms or wages war against Pakistan or attacks the armed forces of Pakistan and law-enforcement agencies or attacks any civil or military installation in Pakistan or kidnaps any person for ransom or causes death of any person or injury or is in possession, storage, fabrication or transport of explosives, firearms, instruments, articles, suicide jackets or vehicles designed to be used for terrorist acts, or receives or provides funding from any foreign or local sources for such illegal activities and acts or does any act to overawe the state or any section of the public or a sect or a religious minority or to create terror or insecurity in Pakistan or attempts to commit any of the said acts, within or outside Pakistan shall be punished under this act."

Sub-clause (iv) says: "Any person who is or claims or is known to belong to any terrorist group or organisation using the name of a religion or a sect, commits an offence mentioned at serial Nos. (i), (ii), (iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi) (xii), (xiii), (xv), (xvi), (xvii) and (xx) in the schedule to the Protection of Pakistan Act 2014 (X of 2014) shall be punished under this act."

**'Annual Report on Human Rights Defenders at Risk in 2016'says among the total murdered HRDs, three belonged to Pakistan**

**ISLAMABAD:** More than 1,000 human rights defenders (HRD) were killed, harassed, detained, or subjected to smear campaigns and other violations in 2016, says the annual report of Front Line Defenders launched on Friday. The report titled 'Annual Report on Human Rights Defenders at Risk in 2016' documents hundreds of physical, legal, and social attacks on activists around the world in 2016.

According to the report, 282 human rights defenders were murdered in 25 countries, 49 per cent of whom were defending land, indigenous and environmental rights. Front Line Defenders found that in the vast majority of cases, killings were preceded by warnings, death threats and intimidation which, when reported to police, were routinely ignored. Among the total murdered HRDs, three belonged to Pakistan including the names of Khurram Zaki, Alesha and Zafar Lund. The report highlights the devastating effects of activist murders on communities and social movements; according to Front Line Defenders research in Bangladesh, refusal by police to investigate death threats and protect human rights defenders led to increased self-censorship, a breakdown in activist networks, and more than two dozen human rights defenders fleeing the country.

In addition to killings, over half of the cases reported by Front Line Defenders in 2016 concerned criminalisation, a tactic which the organisation calls "the first choice of governments to silence defenders and to dissuade others." Arbitrary detention was widespread and ranged from a few

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### State-sponsored terrorism: Case of detained Indian spy taken up with UN

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### Apex committee resolves to 'choke' terror funding in Punjab

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hours to years-long house arrests.

In many countries in Asia, HRDs were portrayed as enemies of the state. Governments used all means at their disposal, including killings, disappearances, physical attacks, judicial harassment and arbitrary detention to hinder their work. Surveillance, intimidation, threats and smear campaigns remained widespread. HRDs were also targeted through repressive legislation including anti-terrorism laws and national security laws. The report says that in Asia, killings were reported in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar and Pakistan. In Pakistan, Khurram Zaki, who campaigned for the rights of religious minorities and peace among religious groups, was shot dead by two assailants in Karachi. In the same country, members of the Trans Action Alliance, a group which works for the promotion and protection of the rights of the transgender community in the province of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, faced death threats, intimidation and an arson attack on one member's home. In May, after repeated attempts to seek help from local police, their Peshawar Coordinator, Alesha, was killed; she was the fifth member of the organisation to be violently attacked in 2016. It says that judicial harassment and arbitrary detention were the most common form of targeting HRDs. Cases were reported in Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam. The report says the trend of introducing restrictive cybercrime legislation continued apace. Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Russia, the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe introduced or presented drafts of laws purportedly designed to combat terrorism or computer hacking but with significant implications for critical voices. The most extreme of these was in Zimbabwe where a draft Computer Crime and Cyber Crime Bill would go so far as to allow police to confiscate electronic equipment in order to prevent protesters from mobilizing and was introduced following a successful protest movement organized on social media.

Accusations that HRDs present risks to the security of the state were often linked to allegations that they were in receipt of foreign funding, often a necessity for HRDs and NGOs who are unable to or prohibited from raising funds domestically. Although far from a new tactic, efforts to choke civil society organisations by cutting off their funding streams continued apace in 2016.

**ISLAMABAD:** After months of deliberations and efforts to collect compelling evidence, Pakistan has formally taken the issue of detained India spy Kulbhushan Yadav to the United Nation — in a move likely to further ratchet up tensions between the two neighbours.

On Friday, the country's Permanent Representative to the UN Maleeha Lodhi delivered a fresh dossier containing evidence of Indian secret agency's involvement in terrorism in Pakistan to new UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The dossier contains "additional information and proof of Indian/RAW interference in Pakistan and involvement in terrorism particularly in Balochistan, Fata and Karachi," said a statement issued by the Foreign Office. "This is a follow up to the three dossiers, which were shared with the UN in October 2015," the statement added.

Along with the dossier, Ambassador Lodhi also handed over a letter of Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz to the UN secretary general. In the letter, the adviser noted that the arrest of RAW agent Kulbhushan Yadav from Balochistan and his confessional statement admitting involvement in activities aimed at destabilising Pakistan, and support to terrorist elements vindicated Pakistan's longstanding position about India's involvement in such activities.

"India was carrying out these activities in clear contravention of the UN Charter and the resolutions of the UN Security Council on counter-terrorism and international conventions on terrorism," Sartaj said. India's hostile intentions towards Pakistan were also borne out by recent statements of its political and military leadership. The adviser added that Pakistan had made a major contribution to global counter terrorism efforts and secured significant gains in its domestic fight against terrorism. This achievement had come at a great national cost including the lives lost of thousands of civilians and security forces personnel. Sartaj urged the secretary-general and relevant UN bodies to seriously consider the matter in the light of information shared by Pakistan and play a role in restraining India from these activities, which were in clear violation of international law.

"Pakistan continues to desire peace with all its neighbours, including India. It is convinced that the common objectives of economic development and prosperity for our people can best be promoted through regional cooperation, conflict resolution and peaceful settlement of disputes." At the same time, however, Pakistan will resolutely defend its territorial integrity and take all necessary measures to counter any threat to its security, the adviser emphasised. Although, Pakistan submitted dossiers against India in October, this was the first document related to the detained RAW agent.

Kulbhushan Yadav was arrested in March last year when he was trying to infiltrate into Pakistan from Iran. In a confessional statement, Yadav admitted that he was working for RAW and his main task was to work with Baloch separatists and create unrest in Karachi.

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Apex Committee which met here on Thursday decided to ban all means of funding to extremist organisations.

The first meeting of 2017 chaired by Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif reviewed during four-hour marathon deliberations progress on the steps being taken to eliminate terrorism, extremism and sectarianism in the province under the National Action Plan (NAP). The participants included National Security Adviser retired Gen Nasser Janjua, Lahore Corps Commander Lt-Gen Sadiq Ali, Punjab Rangers Director General Maj-Gen Umar Farooque Barki, GOC 10 Division Maj-Gen Sardar Tariq Aman, Chief Secretary Zahid Saeed, Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Sukhera, Home Secretary Azam Suleman, National Security Division Secretary Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui and senior military and civilian officers. They agreed to launch an indiscriminate crackdown on the elements providing financial support to the terrorists and their facilitators and close down all sources of financial aid to them. They also decided to take more coordinated and effective steps

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for elimination of terrorism, extremism and sectarianism under NAP. The meeting resolved to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against those involved in printing and distribution of literature based on religious hatred and ensuring implementation of the ban on provocative speeches.

Similarly, violation of the Amplifier Act would not be tolerated and those spreading terrorism, extremism, and sectarianism through social media would also be taken to task, the meeting resolved. The participants also agreed on strict monitoring of entry and exit points of the province.

A handout said the meeting was satisfied with the steps so far taken under NAP and it was resolved that efforts would be continued to uproot terrorism, extremism and sectarianism from the province. The meeting also lauded the success of operations carried out by the Punjab government and law-enforcement agencies against terrorists and their facilitators. It paid tributes to the sacrifices rendered by the officers and jawans of Pak Army, officers and officials of the Punjab police and other departments. The chief minister said Punjab was the first province where 'Safe City Project' had become operational and geo-tagging of seminaries, mosques and other worship places had been completed.

Earlier, the corps commander met the chief minister and discussed the steps being taken in connection with NAP.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, while presiding over a high level meeting on Tuesday which was also attended by the COAS General Qamar Javed Bajwa and DG ISI, observed that the National Action Plan was being fully implemented. He is probably right. There may be certain areas where the progress may be slower than desired but there is no denying the fact that notwithstanding some difficulties there was no lack of will or commitment on the part of the federal government to have it implemented in its entirety. Perhaps an incisive look at what has been achieved through NAP in regards to dealing with the phenomenon of terrorism and religious extremism that posed an existentialist threat to the country, is desirable.

According to the verifiable record, security forces have carried out 54,376 search operations so far resulting in 60,420 arrests; 3,019 intelligence based operations have been carried out. Law enforcement agencies have sealed 102 seminaries for fanning extremism and funds of the proscribed militant groups to the tune of Rs.1 billion have been frozen; 87 seminaries in Sindh, 13 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and two in Punjab having links with proscribed groups have been banned. The State Bank has frozen 126 accounts of proscribed organisations. Law enforcement agencies have recovered Rs.251.2 million in cash which was being traded through Hawala and Hundi. In regard to hate speech, 1961 suspects have been arrested and 1,893 cases have been filed against clerics out of which 271 have been convicted while 826 cases are still pending before special courts. The government has biometrically verified 97.7 million SIMs and 5.1 million SIMs have been blocked within three months. The police in Punjab has 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 arrested 40 hardcore activists and 547 cases were registered for publication of hate material; there has been 27% decrease in crime rate in Punjab during this period and the government has effectively checked glorification of terrorism and terrorist organisation by print and electronic media through administrative measures and cooperation of the media itself. Out of 267 cases referred to the military courts by apex committees 153 terrorists have been awarded death sentence. It is quite an achievement. But whenever an act of terrorism is perpetrated by the terrorist entities, there is invariably a deluge of criticism of the federal government for its alleged failure to implement the NAP without actually analysing the relevant factors and the ground realities. Nobody talks about the terrorists attacks that have been prevented through intelligence based operations and action against the terrorist organisation by the law enforcing agencies. What the critics conveniently forget is that the implementation of NAP is not only the responsibility of the federal government but the provinces also have a very significant role to play in this regard. The major elements of the 20-point NAP were establishment of military courts, countering hate speech, choking financing for terrorist organisations, registration and regulation of seminaries, ban on glorification of terrorism and terrorist organisations through print and electronic media, execution of convicted terrorists, not allowing the proscribed outfits and armed group to function in the country, administrative reforms in FATA, taking the Karachi operation to its logical end, dealing firmly with sectarian terrorists, zero tolerance for militancy in Punjab and empowering Balochistan government for political reconciliation with complete ownership by all stakeholders.

After the finalisation of the NAP, the government lost no time in initiating implementation of the NAP. To provide for the establishment of military courts for two years an amendment was made in the constitution. The moratorium on the execution of the convicted terrorists and murderers was lifted and they are being executed on a daily basis after meeting the legal formalities. Karachi operation is being carried out with unperturbed commitment and the Rangers have been given full powers in this regard which has led to considerable reduction in the incidents of terrorism, target killings and extortions. Balochistan is fast returning to normalcy. A five-member committee was also formed to initiate the process of reforms in FATA, which reportedly has firming up its recommendations. Most of the points of the NAP actually fall within the jurisdiction of the provinces. The major ingredient of NAP regarding law and order is the responsibility of the provinces. The provinces also have the responsibility of regulating and monitoring religious seminaries after the Eighteenth Amendment and as well as devising curricula for them. Some of the elements of NAP are also of a very sensitive nature and utmost care is required to handle them.

Another crucial factor, which is also neglected by the critics, is the external dimension of terrorism in Pakistan. The leaders of TTP and sectarianism outfits are hiding in Afghanistan and they are being provided support by Afghan agencies and other hostile agencies of other countries including India. International players blame Pakistan for supporting TTP in Afghanistan and the Haqqani Network. They also threaten Pakistan with serious implications. The reality is that the security

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forces of Pakistan are not supporting any act of terrorism in Afghanistan. The real problem is the presence of 3.2 million Afghan refugees residing in Pakistan. They have intermingled, got married and now have family links on both sides of the borders. The Afghan government, having the support of all international organisations and big powers, blames Pakistan to hide its failure. Afghanistan is using TTP operatives for tit-for-tat operations against alleged Pakistani support to Haqqanis. There is a permeating view within official circles and the security establishment that it was imperative for Pakistan to facilitate reconciliation in Afghanistan at the earliest by using less kinetic operations to normalise the regional situation which is considered the collective responsibility of the Government, GHQ and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Stringent management of the borders and confidence building measures with Afghan government are also considered as vital policy options, where the role of the ISI is very crucial.

Operation Zarb-e-Azb has created the necessary space for the implementation of NAP therefore what is required is to fast track its enforcement in all areas through concerted and coordinated efforts between the federal and provincial government and increased intelligence sharing between different intelligence outfits to thwart the terrorist acts before their enactment as well as to neutralise the facilitators of terrorists.

In regards to the implementation of NAP it is pertinent to point out that the government had formed a National Implementation Committee under the stewardship of National Security Advisor General Janjua and similar committees have also been constituted at the provincial level to monitor and implement the elements of NAP. Hopefully it will accelerate actions on all elements of NAP, eventually leading to elimination of the scourge of terrorism and sectarianism from the country. The media being the fourth pillar of the state also needs to upgrade its efforts to discourage terrorism and sectarianism and also be a little more discreet in reporting incidents of terrorism.

**SARGODHA:** An anti-terrorist court awarded 35 years imprisonment to an accused who was involved in terrorist activities in Sargodha on Wednesday. The judgment was announced by ATC Judge Tariq Mehmood Zargham. The prosecution told the court that counter terrorism department officials arrested accused Niaz Muhammad from Lorry Adda Sargodha on January, 24, 2016 and seized two suicidal jackets and a pistol from his possession.

Niaz was also wanted by the police in a number of terrorist activities in the district. The police registered a case against the accused under terrorist act at Satellite Town police station and produced him before the court.

After hearing the statements and considering the evidence, the ATC judge handed down 35 years jail term to the accused. In addition, the court also ordered to confiscate the property of the accused. Earlier on December 23, 2016, a man was awarded 28 years imprisonment for his involvement in terrorism case within Phularwan police station. The judgment was announced by Judge Tariq Mehmood Zargham. The police arrested accused Muhammad Imran alias Mano on April 16, 2016 and recovered a hand grenade from his possession. The accused also confessed of his involvement in a terrorist activity.

Similarly on December 2, 2016, a court awarded death sentence to an accused for his involvement in a double murder case in Sargodha. Accused Sahib Khan had gunned down his wife and daughter in May 2015 as he doubted their character.

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Apex Committee on Thursday decided to ensure strict monitoring of entry and exit points of the province. The participants also agreed to strict action against those involved in spreading terrorism, extremism, and sectarianism on social media as well as zero tolerance for violations of the Amplifier Act. The decisions came as a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif agreed on taking more coordinated and effective steps for eliminating terrorism, extremism and sectarianism and launching a terrorism, extremism and sectarianism and launching a crackdown without any discrimination against those providing financial support to the terrorists and their facilitators, closing down all sources of financial aid to them.

National Security Adviser Gen (r) Nasser Janjua, Corps Commander Lt-Gen Sadiq Ali, Punjab Rangers DG Maj Gen Umar Farooque Barki, General Officer Commanding Maj Gen Sardar Tariq Aman, Chief Secretary Capt (r) Zahid Saeed, Inspector General Police Mushtaq Ahmed Sukhera, Home Secretary Punjab Major (r) Azam Suleman Khan, National Security Division Secretary Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui and other senior military and civil officers attended the meeting. Progress on the steps being taken to eliminate terrorism, extremism and sectarianism in the province under National Action Plan (NAP) was reviewed in detail in four-hour long meeting.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over the steps taken under NAP and it was resolved that efforts would be continued to uproot terrorism, extremism and sectarianism from the province. It also appreciated successful operations carried out by the Punjab government and law enforcement agencies against terrorists and their facilitators. The meeting paid tributes to the sacrifices rendered by the personnel of army, police and other departments. The meeting decided that zero-tolerance policy would be implemented against those involved in printing and distribution of literature based on religious hatred and implementation of law of a ban on provocative speeches would also be ensured.

Addressing the meeting, the chief minister said, "Our survival lies in the elimination of terrorism and the whole nation is united to achieve this objective. NAP is a guarantee to peace in the country." "The decisions of military and civilian leadership have yielded positive results and incidences of terrorism and sectarianism have decreased considerably due to the steps taken under NAP," he added. He said the world also acknowledged the sacrifices rendered by the country in the war against terrorism. "We are fighting the war against terrorism through unity, solidarity and harmony and winning the war against terrorism," Shahbaz added. The chief minister expressed the hope that Pakistan would achieve victory by rooting out menace of terrorism, extremism, militancy and sectarianism forever. He said NAP had been fully implemented in the

**Over 450,000 fake CNICs blocked in three years: Nisar**

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province with a number of important steps taken, which yielded substantial results. "Punjab is the first province where 'Safe City Project' has become operational and use of modern technology is proving helpful in the war against terrorism," he noted. He said the process of geo-tagging of madrasas, mosques and worship places had been completed, as the government was determined to eliminate terrorism utilising all the available resources. "The war against terrorism will be continued till the elimination of the last terrorist," he promised.

Earlier, Lt-Gen Sadiq called on Shahbaz, as matters of mutual interest and steps being taken in connection with NAP were discussed in detail. The national security adviser also held a meeting with the chief minister. The steps being taken under National Action Plan came under discussion during the meeting which was also attended by the corps commander.

Minister for Interior Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Thursday said that around 450,000 fake Computerised National Identity Cards (CNICs) had been blocked during the last three and a half years while over 32,000 passports were also revoked during the same period. He said this while addressing a press conference here at NADRA Headquarters. Giving comparison of present and previous regimes regarding blocked CNICs, the minister claimed that no action was taken against bogus identity cards before 2011, however, the present government realised the issue and started national re-verification campaign of CNICs. The verification process of CNICs was considered 'impossible' by a section of media, however, the government proved them wrong and successfully completed the task, he said. He admitted that the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) had issues, however, the government was bringing reforms and introducing solutions with the passage of time.

Nisar said the recovery of Pakistani identity cards from terrorists had damaged the country on different levels and added only 26 fake CNICs were cancelled in 2011, 493 in 2012, 6,000 in 2013, 22,000 in 2014, 96,000 in 2015 and around 223,512 in 2016. He said no concrete steps were taken in the past and during the tenure of last government only 517 CNICs and few passports were blocked. There was no example of verification before 2011. The national important documents were issued to foreigners and were used in human trafficking, terrorism and other illegal activities which led to defame Pakistan in the world. He appreciated the officers and officials of NADRA and also media for their effective role in six-month verification process and said the officials of NADRA involved in issuing illegal national documents would be brought to justice. The minister said that the mobile phone SIMs were also verified through bio-metric system and after completion of the process millions of SIMs were blocked. He said during the campaign, NADRA sent 101 million SMS to family heads asking them to verify their family members. Around 86,380 intruders were found during the six-month drive which were identified by the citizens, he added. Nisar said the proactive efforts were being made to restore the CNICs of those who had valid documents. He announced to form an 18-member parliamentary committee to oversee the verification process of CNICs and NADRA would brief the committee every month and decisions would be taken on fast-track basis. He said the committee probing the news leak issue had been given a one month extension to submit its report which would be made public.

Answering a question, he said his ministry was in contact with the management of social media sites to get information related to release of incorrect posts about the designated Chief Justice of Pakistan. "We are in contact with Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and other social media sites to expose elements and their hidden motives for launching a negative campaign to damage credibility of state institutions," he said.

Replying to another query, the minister said he would move the Supreme Court to defend himself on the Quetta Commission report. Former Attorney General Makhdoom Ali Khan would be his lawyer.

About General (ret'd) Pervez Musharraf's recent claim, Nisar said his ministry had put the name of former president on the Exit Control List for two and a half years. Trial court, high court and then the Supreme Court allowed Musharraf to travel abroad, he added.

**KARACHI:** Two people including a police official were killed in separate incidents on Wednesday.

According to details, slain sub-inspector Iqbal Mehmood received a phone call. He left on a motorbike to meet someone but was gunned down by men driving a car near Lal Flats on Rashid Minhas road. Another police official and a civilian also sustained injuries in the incident.

According to SSP Investigation, Iqbal was investigating different cases related to anti-terrorism court. Mehmood had gotten into a heated argument with an alleged target killer in court premises. The two had also threatened each other. A case has been registered against unknown persons at the Ferozabad police station.

In a separate incident, a citizen was killed at Jamshed Road near Pardah Park. SP Jamshed Town Tahir Noorani termed the incident as target-killing.

**Blasphemy fatwas are back in business.**

A cleric from Gujrat pronounced one against Imran Khan and our brave tabdeeli warrior who doesn't tire of quoting Iqbal and Quranic verses, was quick to come up with an apology as demanded. The cleric had threatened the PTI chief that a failure to do so would make him a blasphemer and hence free-game for the 'aashiq-e-rasool' assassins. End of story? I don't think so. A few days earlier, the same cleric, who goes by the name and title of Allama Khadim Hussain Rizvi abused Shaan Taseer and his dead father from the pulpit of a mosque. He hurled death threats at the son for expressing his reservations about the much-abused blasphemy law and the mazar that is being patronised around the grave of the 'aashiq-e-rasool' who murdered his father for alleged blasphemy. It's as if the Supreme Court never wrote that famous judgment.

Wasn't the policeman assassin, who was on duty to guard the Governor when he murdered him, hanged for his crime after the Supreme Court confirmed his death sentence? So now, what does

**Two including police inspector shot dead in Karachi**

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**The blasphemy business**

*The Nation, January 05, 2017*

one make of the comfort with which a cleric could hurl death threats at individuals for what he considers blasphemous utterings, and get away with it? Has the landmark Supreme Court judgment landed in the bin? Is the National Action Plan as good as dead?

Why has the government failed to act against a cleric who is clearly inciting people to murder? Who he is and where he lives is no secret.

What he said is on record. It's not as if he said he would take Imran Khan to court.

Clearly, he is on a mission to glorify the now-hanged policeman-assassin Mumtaz Qadri and motivate others to follow his foot-steps.

Why doesn't the government act against those who are building him up as a hero and patronising the mazar around his grave?

Instead, a case was registered in Lahore against Shaan Taseer for wishing merry Christmas to Aasia Bibi and Nabeel Masih who are accused of blasphemy.

In another fatwa, a cleric from Lahore had declared the slain governor's son as a blasphemer for doing that. It was reported that the Punjab Police, under the National Action Plan, booked him for hate speech on the application of a worker of the sectarian Sunni Tehreek. So, while the clerics are free to openly incite people to murder and issue self-styled blasphemy fatwas when they wish, the police decided to register an FIR against 'an unidentified man in the video they found in a USB outside the police station'. Interestingly, Shaan Taseer identifies himself in the first sentence of the video. Surely, the way the PML-N government is going about implementing the National Action Plan says a lot about its priorities. It doesn't come as a surprise though. Along with every other mainstream political party, the elitist cults, coteries and cliques fighting for power in the parliamentary circus we call democracy, the PML-N would like to outsource our religion to the clergy; the religious elements promoting sectarianism in our midst. Our political leaders would like us to believe that they are serious about fighting terrorism and extremism but they are clearly not interested in doing any such thing. We have made serious headway in our fight against terrorism and extremism in the last three years, thanks mainly to the clear-headed and courageous leadership of General Raheel. Terrorists were sent running, complete with their guns and suicide vests. Their hideouts were smashed and their accomplices arrested. No-go areas under their control were liberated. The infrastructure of militancy was remarkably downgraded under his command, and the reign of terror that used to hang over Pakistan like a dark cloud was lifted.

Positive developments in other non-military spheres would not have been possible with terrorist-guns still pointed at the head of an entire society. Terrorists were not only killed in combat, they were captured, convicted and hanged. Their ideological edifice was destroyed by the Supreme Court judgment that confirmed the death sentence for Mumtaz Qadri. Many young voices found some breathing space to broaden the scope of discussion on Islam. Not so our political leaders. For the sake of political gains, our oh-so-democratic leaders are always happy to co-opt the traditional self-proclaimed custodians of faith, the clerics in our midst wearing turbans of different colours and mouthing ignorance and sectarian venom. They would rather not challenge the hate-filled industry of ignorance they peddle in the name of Islam. They would not reclaim our great religion from the clutches of a sponsored clergy even when the time is so very ripe for doing that. They'd still like to hand to the Maulvis and Maulanas a monopoly over matters of faith in a platter. One expected Imran Khan to resist the clerical diktat. He says Iqbal inspires him, and our national poet was very clear about what he thought of religious elements and their fatwas.

On occasions, Imran Khan has also challenged the monopoly of clerics over Islam and felt free to give a more enlightened perspective on religious belief. But then, we saw him offer prayers behind the likes of Maulana Fazlur Rehman and Tahir-ul Qadri. And now he has tendered this apology on clerical demand. The sad part is that Imran Khan did not explain his words which were considered blasphemous. He did not explain the plain point that he was trying to make or how his words had been twisted to sound blasphemous. He did not question the authority of the cleric from Gujrat to declare him a blasphemer, a kafir and wajibul qatal. He just gave the man the apology he had demanded.

Most people agree that military success on the counter-terrorism front is not enough to win the war against extremism. It is not sufficient on its own. Unless the supreme civilians, whether in government or opposition, put their act together, we cannot win this war. Unfortunately, the supreme civilians seem to be sleeping as extremism claws its way back to terrorise an entire society.

**LAHORE:** Vehari Police performed outstanding in operations launched against criminals in Punjab on directions of the Inspector General of Police Punjab, Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera. Police remained very active to protect honor, lives and properties of public and to provide easy access to justice for common man. Crime rate has prominently declined in result of crackdown against criminal elements launched to make Vehari district crime-free. This was stated by District Police Officer, Vehari, Umer Saeed Malik in a statement issued to the media. He further said that 1872 cases were registered in Vehari in year 2016 out of which 1593 cases have been traced and stolen items of worth more than 190 million rupees were recovered. The ratio of recovery of stolen items remained 76 percent. While 285 robbers of 83 dacoit gangs were arrested and stolen items of worth 30 million rupees were recovered from them.

Tracing of 13 blind murders in jurisdiction of Police stations Gago, Model town, Karampur, Machiwal, Fateh Shah, Mitro, Tibba Sultanpur, Luddan, Sheikh Faazal and Maili City was a challenge for Vehari Police. DPO Vehari made teams to trace the murderers and due to his excellent strategy, all culprits involved in these cases were arrested and sent to jail after recovering killing tools. The Police also showed extra-ordinary performance in solving the only kidnapping for ransom case, registered in Police station Sadar Vehari. The abductee was recovered safely and perpetrators involved were arrested. DPO also told that Vehari Police had arrested 4466

### Vehari Police shows outstanding performance in operations against criminals

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## Two 'terrorists' arrested in Battagram

*Daily Dawn, January 04, 2016*

## Pakistan nuclear security regime

*Pakistan Observer, January 04, 2017*

dangerous proclaimed offenders in 2016 including 703 proclaimed offenders of category A and 3763 proclaimed offenders of category B. The arrested criminals were involved in cases of murder, dacoity, robbery and terrorism.

In operation against other criminals, Vehari Police recovered large cache of illegal weapons including 39 Kalashnikovs, 109 Guns, 41 Rifles, 444 pistols, 58 revolvers, 18 Carbeans along with thousands of bullets. Upto 1834 cases were registered against anti-social elements, in which 1865 culprits were arrested and 8 Kilograms of heroin, 6168 grams affine, 200 Kg chars, 67 Kg bhang and 27141 liters of alcohol were recovered from their possession. 193 operational "alcohol bhastian" were closed down and alcohol extraction tools were also recovered. To meet the challenges of 21st century, I.T projects are further triggered; Front Desks are established in all police stations of the district where educated and public-friendly Police Station Assistants are deployed who are serving the citizens round the clock.

**ABBOTTABAD:** Personnel of Counter-Terrorism Department, Hazara division, and other law enforcement agencies in a joint search operation arrested from Battagram on Tuesday two alleged terrorists belonging to the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Swat chapter.

According to a press statement issued by the CTD here, the outlaws were identified as Mohammad Nawaz alias Abrash and Azizullah alias Hamza, who were shifted to an unidentified location for interrogation. The statement said during initial investigation, the militants confessed to having got training in making of IEDs in Kunar province of Afghanistan. They also admitted to having carried out a number of terrorist activities in Hazara and Swat. They also told the investigators that they had damaged the main power distribution line in Battagram and also blown up an electric pylon near Chanchal police post with an IED. The CTD also recovered from them documents detailing their plans to carry out attacks on DPO office in Battagram, China Camp in Koza Banda, and police station Chanchal.

THE International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) describes nuclear security as prevention of, detection of, and response to, criminal or intentional unauthorized acts involving or directed at nuclear material, other radioactive material, associated facilities, or associated activities. Pakistan has always been vigorously participating and contributing in the IAEA efforts to promote nuclear, radiation, transport and waste safety and security. As a member of various IAEA safety standard committees, commissions and other related forums/networks, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA) is working to endorse nuclear safety and security. Pakistan has to ensure the security of nuclear material, other radioactive material, associated facilities and activities under its jurisdiction. A comprehensive nuclear security regime is therefore, much more than the physical aspects of nuclear security. Pakistan's national nuclear security is built on following three pillars: Legislative and regulatory framework and administrative systems and measures governing the security of nuclear material, other radioactive material, associated facilities and activities Institutions and organizations within the State responsible for ensuring the implementation of the legislative and regulatory framework and administrative systems of nuclear security Nuclear security systems and measures meant for the prevention, detection and response to nuclear security events. Last month Pakistan Foreign office stated that it had created a broad and effective national nuclear security regime which was at par with the latest international standards and guidelines. The Foreign Office in a statement on evening of the second Ministerial Nuclear Security Conference of IAEA, being held in Vienna on Dec 5-6, said the regime was based on an extensive legislative and regulatory framework governing the security of nuclear material, radioactive substances, associated facilities and activities. This is backed by strong institutions and organizations with indispensable authorities, resources and trained manpower for effective implementation. According to statement, "Pakistan keeps its nuclear security systems and measures under constant review and continues to invest in relevant technologies and human resources," Pakistan had established an independent nuclear regulatory authority with wide-ranging regulatory and inspection mandate. Pak nuclear security arrangements were being recognized at international level by several high ranking officials and experts.

Pakistan has been an active participant in the Nuclear Security Summit (NSS) process aimed at creating awareness at the leadership level about the need to strengthen global nuclear security efforts. Also Pakistan joined GICNT Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism program in 2007 and has been proactively participating in its various activities for sharing and learning of international best practices. Pakistan voluntarily participates in IAEA's ITDB and continues to support its objectives.

The IAEA director general, Yukiya Amano, conveyed his gratitude for Pakistan Centre of Excellence on Nuclear Security (PCENS), during inaugural address at the IAEA Nuclear Security Conference in Vienna on Dec 5, 2016. IAEA — the UN nuclear supervisory body said a week before, that more than 100 countries will have to meet higher standards on the protection of nuclear facilities and materials from now onwards. For doing so, of course one has to coerce themselves with certain sets of obligations that could be in form of treaties, international bindings, either legal or self imposed. As a responsible nuclear weapon state, Pakistan has taken exhaustive measures for enhancing its nuclear security.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Census in Punjab from March 18

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#### Schools with less than 50 students being shut

*Dawn, January 9, 2017*

### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** Although the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) has devised a comprehensive plan to hold the much-awaited population and housing census across the country from March 15, the Punjab government will carry out the exercise in the province from March 18. The sixth census will be held in two phases across the country, but Punjab is yet to decide the districts to be covered in the first phase. It is learnt that the decision will be taken keeping in view recommendations of the upcoming meeting of corps commanders informing the PBS when the army will be finding it convenient to move its men for security of the census enumerators in the field. While the decennial census has been overdue since 2008, Punjab had recorded a population of 73.621 million in the 1998 exercise. The PBS will begin the house listing and population census in one go. As per plans, the house listing exercise will be conducted from March 15 to 17 and the main headcount from March 18, which will be completed in 10 days. On the last day, the enumerators will count homeless and mobile population. A similar second-phase exercise will be—gin in the remaining districts of Punjab in April. In the headcount exercise, data will be collected about each person's name, gender, age, marital status, religion, mother-tongue, nationality, literacy and education, identity card number (or no card) and occupation. A pro forma has been designed to be filled in by the enumerator with the required data. In Punjab, the PBS has declared 166 census districts, including Cholistan desert and terror-hit tribal areas of Dera Ghazi Khan and Rajanpur.

Scaling down the area further, Punjab has declared 1,556 census charge, 11,000 census circles and around 87,000 census blocks. Each census block, the actual enumeration area, comprises 200-250 houses. Unlike last year, the federal government has this year decided that one enumerator will conduct house-listing and headcount exercises in two blocks — apparently to slash the staff and army personnel strength by half. Since one enumerator will conduct census in two blocks, the PBS has proposed that the federal government may double the enumerators' honorarium which was Rs17,000 during the last exercise. PBS' Punjab Census Commissioner Arif Anwar Baloch says the bureau has nomination of more than 43,000 enumerators from the revenue, school education, health and local government departments, besides a few thousand spare staff to meet emergency requirements, including absence of nominated staff. He says the army has also shown availability of personnel for comprehensive security of enumerators during the exercise. Police will be responsible for law and order in the areas under the exercise. Besides arranging census material and logistics, Mr Baloch says the PBS has already imparted training to the master trainers, who will train the trainers responsible for imparting necessary skills to the 43,000 enumerators in their respective census districts in February. With only 14 days in hand, the enumerators will list and count residential and non-residential units and prepare inventory of households during the first three days of the exercise. Every shanty or shelter or where people are living, including boats, will be considered a house in the census data. The main headcount will be held during the next 10 days and the 14th day will be used for counting homeless and mobile population. Since it would have been difficult to ensure proper census coverage of hard areas, including Cholistan, D.G. Khan and Rajanpur, the provincial census commissioner says these areas have separately been declared census districts. The Cholistan Development Authority head and assistant political agents have been notified as census district officers (CDOs) in these areas.

The federal government has already notified commissioners as heads of the divisional census coordination committees, deputy commissioners (DCs) as district census coordinators and assistant commissioners (ACs) as well as cantonment executive officers as CDOs. The chief secretary will act as head of the provincial census coordination committee. The PBS says the CDOs will be required to take care of all logistic requirements, besides supervising the census activities in their respective districts. The bureau will also establish a control room at the provincial level to coordinate the whole exercise across the province. Meanwhile, it has been learnt that the PBS has this time decided to disburse funds for census exercise directly to the DCs and political agents for speedy disbursement to the field staff. The decision has been taken in view of the bad experience of disbursing funds through the chief secretaries of the respective provinces during the house-listing exercise in 2011. The funds had not reached the CDOs till the completion of the exercise.

The Punjab government had given Rs1.25 billion to the federal government for holding the census in the province, a finance department official told Dawn.

**MANSEHRA:** At least 360 government schools for boys and girls having a total strength of less than 50 students would be closed down in Mansehra district under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's educational rationalization policy. According to data compiled by this correspondent, after closure of all the 360 schools the number of boys schools would come down from the existing 1,600 to 1,350 and that of girls schools from 805 to 695 in the district.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf-led government has decided to close down such schools in the province where the number of students is less than 50, and the director education has asked the district education officers through an official letter to shut such schools and place the buildings at the disposal of deputy commissioners in the respective districts. Sources said that almost all schools being closed down were of primary level. "The teachers of the abandoned schools will be transferred to other schools in the district facing staff shortage," district education officer Zafar Arbab Abbasi told media persons on Sunday. He said that in some areas two schools were functioning in the same building with surplus staff. He admitted there were schools where thousands of students were enrolled, but they lacked appropriate staff and teachers. Answering a query, he said that students of the schools being closed would be enrolled in the nearby schools. "Buildings of the closed schools would be handed over to the deputy commissioner and he would decide on its use for any other official purpose," said Mr Abbasi. He said that there were schools in the district where the total

**NHA to build 16-lane toll plaza at Islamabad M 1 exit point**

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**13 killed in van-car collision near Jhelum**

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**CDA seals varsity for non-conforming use of premises**

*Daily Times, January 9, 2017*

**Fire breaks out at Gadani shipbreaking yard**

strength of students was hardly 20, but five teachers and other staff were posted there.

He said that the government wanted proper management of schools to provide quality education to the students.

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Highway Authority (NHA) plans to build a 16 lane toll plaza at the Islamabad Interchange on the Peshawar to Islamabad Motorway. An NHA official said on Sunday that the new toll plaza would be constructed at a distance of about 300 metres from Fathejang Interchange. He added that presently a temporary toll plaza had been set-up after segregation of the M-1 and M-2 toll and following the handing over of the M-1 toll to the Frontier Works Organisation on a Build Operate Transfer basis. Commuters have been demanding the construction of a modern toll plaza at the exit point of M-1 Islamabad for a lengthy time due to the non-availability of a proper plaza in the area to improve the flow of traffic. A daily motorway user said that the long queues at the toll plaza caused a lot of delays at the exit of the motorway. He also said that the old plaza had 12 booths at the exit while the new plaza had only six to eight booths. This meant, he pointed out, that he had to leave his home at least 30 minutes ahead of time to get to work punctually. Other commuters also gave their opinions, with some saying that the delay meant that sometimes travelling on the motorway took more time than on the Grand Trunk Road (N 5). Another commuter said that the construction was much needed, adding that it was a good initiative on the part of the NHA as the FWO had already built a modern 16-lane toll plaza at the end point of the Islamabad-Lahore Motorway (M-2).

**GUJAR KHAN/GUJRAT:** At least 13 people, including women and children, were killed when a passenger van collided with a car in Sohawa, a town in the Jhelum district, on Sunday. The accident occurred on the GT Road when a car carrying four students from Sohawa collided with a van travelling in the opposite direction. According to police, Haris Waheed, Ummar Zahid, Aqeel Ahmed and Mohsin were travelling to Gujar Khan. Police said three of the four passengers of the ill-fated car, as well as the van driver, were among the deceased. The driver lost control of the vehicle as they approached the Pind Matte Khan village and the car veered onto the opposite track of the dual carriageway and collided with the Gujrat-bound passenger van. Jhelum police spokesperson Chaudhary Ulfat told Dawn that the four had rented the car, which went out of control after a tyre burst, causing it to flip over onto the other side of the carriageway. Those killed include eight men, four women and a child, while nine people were critically injured. Emergency crews shifted the dead and the injured to the nearby Tehsil Headquarters Hospital (THQ) in Sohawa. Eight of the deceased had been identified by the filing of this report; three of them were residents of Sohawa, four belonged to Gujrat and one hailed from Mardan. At least four critically injured people were referred to hospitals in Rawalpindi. Sub-Inspector Mohammad Wajid told Dawn that 15 injured van passengers, including three children, had been shifted to Pims, while the other injured had been taken to DHQ Rawalpindi, THQ Gujar Khan and THQ Sohawa. DIG Motorways and Highway Police (North) Abbas Ahsan has ordered an inquiry into the accident.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Building Control Section (BCS) of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) sealed the premises of CASE University on Sunday over the non-conforming use of its premises. The building which was being used for the aforementioned university is situated on a plot originally allotted to for the construction of a museum and a library. It is not a sole case, but dozens of other plots are also being used straight contrary to their allotment purposes. It has also come under the violation of morality in addition to illegality, when a property meant for some charitable purposes is being used for commercial purposes. The same is being followed by the management of the Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering (CASE) University as it has been working at the Sir Syed Memorial Complex in Sector G-5/1 for the last many years. The plot of the said complex was originally allotted to build an auditorium, a library, a reading room and a museum to pay homage to veteran educationist and reformist in pre-independence subcontinent, Sir Syed Ahmed Ali Khan. CDA's Residential Sector Zoning Regulations 2005, categorically bar the use of any plot for any other use than for the purpose for which it was allotted. The section 2.1.3 of the said regulations state that any building found in violation of its allotment purpose shall be removed or converted into authorised use. A penalty can also be imposed on the owner of such properties and their plots are also liable to be cancelled if the owners refuse to act on the directions of the CDA, the Section 2.1.4 of the regulations states. The BCS had first issued a show notice to the owners of the said plot on September 16, 2011 to explain their position, followed by a number of notices in the last five years. The final notice in this regard was served on April 21, 2016 in which it was clearly directed to the owners to vacate the university from the premises. The notice further warned of strict action in case of failing in complying with the CDA notice. Meanwhile, briefing a Standing Committee in the National Assembly on Federal Education and Professional Training, the Member Planning of the CDA Asad Mehboob Kiani, had also declared the operations of the said university from this building as straightly contrary to the rules of the civic body. However, the committee members had recommended the civic body to give some time to the management of the said university for relocation till the final examination to avoid inconvenience to the students enrolled. Now, the civic body while taking action closed the premise of the university on Sunday and sealed the main gate of the building. While talking to Daily Times the Director BCS Shafi Marwat, briefed: "The Authority was asking the management to stop non-confirming use of the building since 2011, but the same was continued by the management besides repeated notices." When questioned what the next step of the authority and the expected future of this building would be, the director responded; "it is up to the higher ups of the civic body as to what they will decide." However, another official of the CDA commented: "The civic body should retain this building and open it for the general public as the management never used this building for its original purpose."

A fire broke out in a ship parked on plot 60 of the Gadani shipbreaking yard in Hub on Monday, according to police sources. Police sources claimed that one person was found dead and another was injured in the incident. The police also said rescue workers were still looking for three people, while Bashir Mehmood Dani, president of the labours' association, claimed that the number of missing people is eight. Earlier, police said the fire broke out while over 55 labourers were working on an out-

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### 13 killed, multiple injured in accident on GT Road near Jhelum

*Geo News, January 8, 2017*

### Chinese company to lift garbage in Karachi

*Pakistan Today, January 8, 2017*

### Multan: Fire gutted residential quarter in Central Jail

*Dunya News, January 7, 2017*

### Vehari: House fire kills child, injures mother, 3 daughters

*Dunya News, January 7, 2017*

### Citizens brace for rise in prices of sugar, milk

*Dawn News, January 7, 2017*

### Healthcare initiatives being taken on priority: PM

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of-service LPG ship that belonged to ex-chairman of the Ship-breaking Yard Association, Rizwan Diwan Farooqi. According to police sources, it is the same ship that caught fire in December last year. Thousands of labourers work in perilous conditions, often for a pittance, at Gadani's shipbreaking yards. In November 2016, 26 people had been killed and 58 others injured during a series of explosions that occurred during work on an unused oil tanker at the yard. Fires and accidents are common and the air is polluted, often causing health problems for the workers, who perform the often dangerous work of extracting ferrous and non-ferrous metals, steel pipes and valves, electricity cables, machinery and wood from derelict ships. There is no government agency to monitor and evaluate the operations at the yard and there is a lack of health and safety standards for the dismantling and recycling of materials and metals.

**JHELUM:** At least 13 people were killed and five critically injured when a car collided with a passenger van on GT Road near Jhelum on Sunday. According to rescue sources, seven dead bodies have been transferred to Tehsil HQ Hospital Sohawa. The car collided with the van after one of its tyres burst, resulting in the accident. The car was enroute to Jhelum from Rawalpindi.

Sindh Minister for Local Bodies Jam Khan Shoro has said that Chinese company will start work on solid waste management in the south and east districts of Karachi at the end of this month. In a statement, he said that the first consignment of machinery and vehicles has reached the port and the second consignment will reach tomorrow. He, however, assured that local sanitary workers will not be sacked.

**MULTAN (Dunya News):** According to details, fire broke out in the residential quarter of Jail warden Muhammad Saleem in Central Jail Multan due to short circuit on Friday, Dunya News reported. The house was evacuated quickly and no loss of life was reported.

Rescue teams and three vehicles of fire brigade reached spot and brought the fire under control after a hectic effort of one hour. All the valuables in the house were destroyed in the fire.

**VEHARI (Dunya News):** According to details, two-year-old Hamza was killed when fire broke out in the house of Abdul Ghafoor in Vehari on Friday, Dunya News reported. The minor was sleeping in the room when fire engulfed the entire house. Abdul Ghafoor's wife Nazia Bibi and three daughters, four-year-old Sonia, six-year-old Iram and eight-year-old Rabia received burn injuries. The rescue teams reached the spot and shifted the injured to District Headquarters Hospital. The rescue sources said that the fire was caused by the short circuit.

**KARACHI:** Citizens of the metropolis must prepare themselves for a double blow from rise in prices of two key commodities as the government has allowed sugar wholesalers to raise the sweetener's price by Rs4 per kilogramme, while dairy farmers have unilaterally decided to hike milk price by the same amount. The situation is feared to worsen further as both the sugar wholesalers and dairy farmers have refused to guarantee that the retailers will raise the price by the same amount (Rs4). Usually, the raise at the retailers' end is higher than the hike in wholesale price. "Price of milk has not been increased for the past four years," said Haji Akhtar of the Karachi Dairy Farmers' Association. "We put the request before the Karachi commissioner a few months ago and he promised to look into it after Muharramul Haram but we have not received any response since then. So our association first decided to increase the wholesale price by Rs9 per litre and then finally brought it down to Rs4 to save consumers from extra burden. The hike will be effective from Jan 10." Asked about the impact of the decision at the retailers' end, he said: "Retailers should sell milk at Rs85 per litre," which was currently being sold at Rs80. However, he was not sure if the retailers would lend ear to his advice as it was the responsibility of the government to put a check on the retailers after Rs4 increase by the wholesalers.

The recent raise in raw milk price has come hardly half a year after the prices of packaged milk went up by Rs5 per litre in July last year, which was the second increase in Tetra Pak milk prices after May the same year. The situation is not much different at the commodity market with the only difference that the recent increase in sugar price has been allowed by the government itself, raising the price from Rs57 per kg to Rs60 per kg from January. However, because of ineffective monitoring by the authorities concerned the commodity also changes hands even at Rs62 and Rs63 per kg. "The government's wholesale price is Rs60 per kg and the retail price should be Rs62 per kg," said Fareed Qureshi, secretary general of the Karachi Retailers Grocers Group. But he, too, was also not sure about the implementation of the government rate at the retail end which directly hit the consumers. The wholesalers blamed the producers and also the federal government for recent hike in prices. They believed the Economic Coordination Committee's decision to allow sugar exports of 225,000 tonnes has given an excuse to the producers and key players of the industry to increase the prices in the local market. "The government always allows export on the pretext of surplus stocks and the same reason was given in recent decision," said a local wholesale trader. "The problem is that the authorities always fail to effectively monitor the activity of suppliers and producers at the local market who exploit the policy and increase prices for consumers," he said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday terming the healthcare sector as one of his top priorities said the government was taking initiatives for the uplift of poorest of the poor patients. The prime minister stated this in his address at the foundation-laying ceremony of King Hamad University of Nursing and Associated Medical Sciences. Bahrain's National Guard Commander Lt-Gen Sheikh Muhammad bin Essa bin Salman was also present on the occasion. The King Hamad University of Nursing and Associated Medical Sciences to be built in Chak Shehzad is a gift from Bahrain and will be affiliated with Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. Addressing at the event, the prime minister said in view of the dearth of trained nursing and training staff in the country, the noble project by Bahrain would help fill gap in healthcare sector. Nawaz Sharif said nursing care was an area facing major challenges in Pakistan due to neglect in previous years and thus required a serious revamp. He said the project would upgrade the quality of nursing profession and bring it at par with international standards. He expressed gratitude to King of Bahrain Hamad bin Essa al Khalifa for the project, which he said symbolised the bond of friendship between the two countries. The prime minister termed the nursing

**Teacher tortures student in Mardan**

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**Cleanliness condition worsens even more in Karachi**

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**Power workers protest separate referendums in Discos, Gencos**

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**Doctors warned against running clinics during duty hours**

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**Hydropower projects encounter troubled sales**

university another remarkable addition in the annals of Pakistan-Bahrain cooperation. He said the government was committed to uplift of healthcare sector and mentioned that under National Health Programme launched in 2015, fifty new hospitals would be constructed across the country. He said the same programme would also provide free primary and tertiary healthcare to patients, adding the programme being carried out on periodic basis would eventually benefit 100 million persons. The PM also mentioned the free-of-cost immunisation for infants and pregnant mothers besides continuity of anti-polio campaign. State Minister for Health Services Saira Afzal Tarar giving salient features of the project said the state-of-the-art university would completely transform nursing sector in Pakistan. The minister said the graduates of the university affiliated with prestigious Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland would have an edge in local and international markets. Earlier, the PM flanked by Lt-Gen Sheikh Muhammad bin Essa unveiled the plaque of King Hamad Nursing University and Associated Medical Sciences.

**MARDAN (Dunya News):** A student of Government Primary School Tekhadar Kalay was subjected to severe violence by his teacher, reported Dunya News. Sources revealed that the student was punished owing to absence from the school. The teacher reportedly tortures the student to such an extent that he was rushed to the hospital after his situation got serious. The parent of the student has filed the case against the teacher and has appealed CM Pervaiz Khattak and IG Sindh for help in this regard.

**KARACHI (Dunya News):** Despite local government's claims of improving the miserable situation of cleanliness, the situation was still observed to be miserable in this regard. The poor sanitation and disrupted roads in Mahmudabad area near PECHS is a clear question mark for the authorities that have made situation for the locals. The sewerage condition in areas such as North Karachi, New Karachi, Sarjani, Orangi Town and Korangi is also worse as the local administration is nowhere to be found to solve the problem.

**LAHORE:** A large number of power workers took to street on Thursday to press the government for revision of its decision of holding separate referendums in the 16 electricity production and distribution entities, besides Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda). Carrying national flags and red banners, the workers drawn from all over the country gathered outside Labour Hall on Nisbet Road under the banner of the All Pakistan Wapda Hydro Electric Workers Union. Raising slogans against the government's decision and terming it an attempt to divide the workers, they marched on McLeod Road to reach Lakshmi Chowk where they staged a demonstration. The protesters unanimously adopted a resolution, urging the government to hold a single centralised referendum in power production and distribution companies, besides Wapda, as had been the practice for the last five referendums when workers were free to elect a single collective bargaining agent under the Industrial Relations Act.

Presented by union secretary general Khurshid Ahmad and senior vice-president Haji Younas, the resolution said that holding a centralised referendum would enable 1.5 million power workers to elect their single trade union representative. It would also save hundreds of thousands of working hours of employees involved in jobs of essential nature. Another resolution presented by Rana Shakoor, Muzaffar Mateen 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. The resolution presented by All Pakistan Workers Confederation Secretary Osama Tariq 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. Another resolution presented by Haji Latif, Chaudhry Javed, Dr Ramzan, Rana Akhter and Malik Zubair called for measures to broaden the tax net in the next budget, instead of further burdening those who had already been paying taxes.

**PESHAWAR:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervaiz Khattak has ordered strict action against the doctors, who are doing private practice during duty hours. He has asked the relevant authorities to take action against this illegal practice. The chief minister directed all hospital and medical directors of medical teaching institutes, chief executive of Gajju Khan Medical Complex, Swabi, Swat Group of Teaching Hospitals, district health officers and medical superintendents to take action against the doctors, who ran their private clinics during their duty hours, said a statement. It said that chief minister had taken serious notice of the reports regarding involvement of doctors in private practice during duty hours. He termed the practice unethical and contradictory to the norms of medical profession. The chief minister directed the authorities concerned to carry out surprise visits of private clinics to check presence of doctors during duty hours. The pay of the doctors would be deducted if they were found outside their places of duty, he added. The statement said that director-general health services had been instructed to initiate disciplinary action against such doctors and inform government accordingly.

He has also been instructed to send information of all government doctors, whose private clinics are located within a radius of 500 meters to the state-run health facilities whether they are serving in that particular facility or at another place. Mr Khattak also directed authorities concerned to initiate proceedings against such doctors on getting information about them from any source including public, print or electronic media or even social media and all such cases should be referred Director Implementation Cell of the health department. The director-general health was also asked to submit a fortnightly report to the secretary health for submission to Chief Minister's Secretariat. The statement also warned all heads of institutes against running private clinics, saying administrative cadre doctors were not allowed to do private practice in accordance with service rules. "Failure to carry out such action will be tantamount to inefficiency and slackness on part of the controlling officers concerned and they will face action," it said.

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal government is likely to grant blanket exemption from levy of billions of rupee sales tax on construction and related services for hydropower projects being constructed under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) arrangements, well-informed sources in PPIB

## tax waters

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told *Business Recorder*. China Three Gorges South Asia Investment Ltd (CSAIL), a subsidiary of China Three Gorges Corporation, currently developing two hydropower projects in Pakistan, which are under the CPEC ie 720 MW Karot Hydropower project and 1124 MW Kohala Hydropower project, has approached PPIB for resolution of sales tax issue which, according to the firm, is the most critical impediment hampering the progress of hydropower projects by CSAIL under the CPEC. The following hydropower projects were included in the list of prioritised projects in the CPEC agreement: (i) 870MW Suki-Kinari Hydropower project; (ii) 720MW Karot Hydropower project; and (iii) 1100MW Kohala hydropower project. The sources said, out of the three hydropower projects two projects ie Karot and Kohala, are being developed by CSAIL through its two Special Purpose Project Companies ie Karot Power Company Limited (KPCL) and Kohala Hydro Company Ltd (KHCL). Karot Project is located in province of Punjab & AJ&K and Kohala Project is located in AJ&K. KPCL has started construction activities of Karot Project from its own equity and it is expected to achieve Financial Close by end December 2016. The development of Kohala Project is also moving at a fast pace and it is expected to achieve a Financial Close by December 2017. As per Article 4 of CPEC Agreement the GoP committed the following: "Pakistan agrees to offer the most preferable conditions in terms of taxation.

Provincial Sales Tax was levied by the provincial governments & AJ&K on services (specifically on construction services @ 16% in July 2015 by AJ&K and in July 2016 in Punjab) in their territorial jurisdiction. Sales tax levied in AJ&K, Punjab and other provinces can be claimed as input sales tax by adjusting against the output tax after the Commercial Operations Date (COD) - in case of AJK-based project after 5 years of the COD as sales tax is exempt for first 5 years after COD in AJK - or a refund claim can be lodged with Federal Board of Revenue as per the provisions of the Sales Tax Act, 1990. Under sales tax special procedures rules 2007, the output tax on electricity produced shall be charged on Energy Purchase Price (EPP) component of tariff at the prevailing rate after the COD, while there is no sales tax applicable on Capacity Purchase Price (CPP). The EPP is almost 4% of the total tariff and output tax will be insufficient to adjust the input sales tax paid on construction and operations. The following working will clarify the impact on Karot project in case company decided to claim the sales tax paid after the COD: Sales tax on EPC contract is estimated at \$171.96 million (to be paid during construction period of five years), output sales tax of 1-30 years would be \$124.28 million per year based on EPP and input sales tax on O&M for 1-30 years of \$74.57 million. The sources said, it is clear that sales tax paid during the construction period cannot be recovered even in the concession period of 30 years and \$122.25 million will still be the shortfall. This working does not account for the impact of time value of money otherwise the shortfall would become even worse than the above number.

The sources further stated that keeping in view the issue of unadjusted input tax (during construction period & operations period) the only option as per the provisions of the tax laws is to submit a refund claim with FBR. As per the ground realities, it involves a rigorous follow up by the claiming company, complex procedures with FBR and unnecessary delays by tax department, which make it very difficult to get the refund that could result in serious cash flow problems for the project company. EPC stage tariff was determined by NEPRA for Karot on April 27, 2016 without incorporating the financial impact of sales tax. Karot has already released mobilisation advance (10% advance payment) to the Engineering and Construction (EC) Contractor for preliminary activities and financial close was targeted for December 28, 2016. Sales Tax was not charged by EC contractor on advance payment, however, FBR issued an order to Karot to deposit Rs 345 million as sales tax on advance payment not charged by the contractor. The matter is currently under litigation. Three Gorges claims that Karot project was required to achieve financial close by December 28, 2016 as per the Letter of Support (LoS) issued by Private Power & Infrastructure Board (PPIB). However, owing to levy of Sales Tax, the project cost has increased by around \$172 million, which will be difficult for shareholders and the lenders to arrange. "Even if the company somehow manages to get the financing for the additional cost, the ground reality is that the refund process takes much time and only the actual amount paid as Sales Tax is refunded after a long delay and so the financing cost of this huge additional cost would have to be borne by the project company, in any case, and the company could face serious cash flow problems," the sources quoted Three Gorges as saying.

The KHCL is currently finalising the EPC contract, and will be submitting EPC stage tariff petition to the CPPA-G/ NEPRA shortly. The company has decided that the sales tax will be made part of the EPC cost in the EPC Stage tariff petition in order to get it as part of tariff. Three Gorges further stated that sales tax paid during the construction period cannot be recovered even in the concession period of 30 years and there will still be a shortfall of \$104.60 million. The working does not account for the impact of time value of money otherwise the shortfall would become even worse than the above number. Moreover, it may also be noted that if NEPRA does not allow this cost in the tariff then KHCL would face similar difficulties as KPCL is facing right now. The sources said, Chinese have argued that in order to give relief to the project companies involved in development of hydropower projects under CPEC agreement and to simplify the matters, specific exemptions may be given by Government of Pakistan from levy of Sales Tax on construction and related services in view of article 4 of CPEC Agreement and the huge financial implications of the Sales Tax on the viability and finance-ability of these projects. There is a recent precedence available in the matter wherein the Government of Sindh on February 26, 2016 has exempted whole of the tax on the services in respect construction services (including turnkey projects) in case of Thar coal based power projects. The sources said, hydropower projects under CPEC are also based on indigenous resource like that of Thar coal based power projects and article 4 of CPEC Agreement also states the following: "Pakistan party agrees....that such preferable conditions given to Chinese investor will not be inferior to those to any third country, under the applicable power policies" "We believe that since the government has already given certain exemptions to Thar coal based power projects, so not giving the same or similar exemptions to hydropower projects under CPEC agreement would be against the letter and spirit of the CPEC agreement," the sources quoted Three Gorges as saying in its letter written to the MP PPIB.

### Private schools to resist exam registration

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**MANSEHRA:** The private educational institutions on Wednesday threatened agitation against their registration for fifth grade board examination. The threat was issued by the Private Education Network (Pen), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, during a meeting of the owners of private schools and colleges in Oghi here. "We (private schools) will never get ourselves registered with the board for fifth grade examination and any action against us on it will be considered as attack on all private schools and colleges functioning in the province," Pen provincial president Saleem Khan said. Chairman of Pen Mansehra chapter Mohammad Naeem and general secretary Fazal Haq, vice-president of Abbottabad chapter Raja Qadeer, district vice president of Battagram chapter Ghulfam Jehangiri, tehsil president of Mansehra chapter Ijaz Shah and tehsil president of Oghi chapter Mukhtar Ahmad also spoke on the occasion. Mr Saleem Khan said the PTI-led government had made frequent changes to curriculum to please donors for funds. "We won't allow the government to introduce board examination for fifth grade students," he said. The Pen leader said the government wanted to accomplish the agenda of donors through removing lessons on caliphs and Quranic verses from textbooks. "The holding of fifth grade board examination is not possible for us at all and if the government tries to go ahead with it, we will resist it," he said. He said the private schools and colleges were furthering the cause of education in the province and therefore, no move should be made to upset them.

### Fire at LGH

*Dawn News, January 5, 2017*

**LAHORE:** A fire erupted in the basement of the newly constructed Punjab Institute of Neurosciences situated at the Lahore General Hospital on Wednesday. An air conditioner was being installed in the basement when the fire erupted, filling the floor with smoke. All the workers were rescued. Postgraduate Medical Institute Principal Prof Dr Ghayasunnabi Tayyab constituted a committee to investigate the incident. Headed by Prof Dr Shahzad Shams of the neurosurgery department, the committee would submit its report within three days, said a spokesman.

### Electrical, mechanical work on Orange Line starts

*Dawn News, January 5, 2017*

**LAHORE:** Electrical and mechanical work for the Orange Line Metro Train Project is about to start as grey structure of the station from Islam Park to Mahmood Booti will be handed over to the Chinese contractor on Thursday (today). Ahmad Hassaan, chairman of the steering committee for the project, said this at a progress review meeting on Wednesday. Grey structure of another four stations will be made available to CR-NORINCO by the end of January while 10 buildings at the package three of the project, the depot at Dera Gujran, were also ready for undertaking electrical and mechanical works. He directed deploying civil defence volunteers for regulating the traffic along the route of Orange Line where construction work was in full swing. He said that arrangements for payment of honorarium to these volunteers had been finalised. Mr Hassaan observed that now was the crucial time for Orange Line Metro Train Project for the purpose of guaranteeing the project period. Civil contractors should review the remaining work, adjust the construction organisation's programme and update the construction plans. They should properly deploy the workforce, machines and raw materials etc, and make full use of the work sites, he added. He urged the civil contractors to properly handle the relationships among construction quality, safety and progress, enhance the site safety management, take feasible measures to improve the work efficiency without compromising the construction quality and safety, and ensure that the construction plans completed on time. Electrical and mechanical contractors should cooperate with civil contractors to finish the interface work, make sure civil and electrical and mechanical works joint in good orders and take effective measures to prevent cross works from disturbing each other, he added. The meeting learned that 58.5 per cent of the civil work of the project had so far been completed. Progress on package-I from Dera Gujran, GT Road to Chauburji was 73.5 per cent, on package-II from Chauburji to Ali Town was 44 per cent, on Depot near Dera Gujran was 59.6 per cent while on Stabling Yard near Ali Town it was 57 per cent.

### Teen labourer dies in factory fire

*Dawn News, January 5, 2017*

**GUJRANWALA:** A young factory worker died while at least eight others suffered burn injuries when a chemical drum caught fire in a plastic factory on Wednesday. A container full of chemical fell on the roof of a factory from an adjacent building and caught fire, while the roof caved in. Labourer Husnain, 13, died on the spot, while Sajid, 16, Aleem, 17, Zubair, 23, Osama, 24, Shoab, 22, Shah Muhammad, 20, Mohsin, 17, and Umer, 22, were injured critically. The injured were admitted to the DHQ hospital where doctors said they had suffered 25pc to 30pc burns.

### 3,592 medical stores sealed: minister

*Dawn News, January 5, 2017*

**LAHORE:** The Chief Minister's Taskforce on Spurious Medicines sealed 3,592 medical stores and factories on charges of different irregularities and had first information reports registered against 371 suspects during 2016. Raiding squads of the taskforce inspected 64,210 medical stores during the year, claimed Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khwaja Imran Nazir on Wednesday. During the period, drug courts decided 2,386 cases, imposed a fine of Rs7.3 million and handed down total imprisonment of 75 years and seven months to the alleged culprits, added Nazir, who is also chairman of the taskforce. He said that vigorous campaigns against illegal trade of fake, substandard and unregistered medicines would continue till complete eradication of the menace. "The result of campaigns against fake and substandard medicines has been very positive and successful. The raiding squads of primary and secondary healthcare department showed best performance. Drug inspectors performed duties in a splendid manner," he added. Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had given a free hand to the taskforce to eliminate the business of fake and substandard medicines from the province. "We have and we will exhibit zero tolerance against the unscrupulous elements involved in this heinous crime and the crackdown on manufacturers and sellers of substandard and fake drugs will continue till their complete eradication from the province," said the minister.

### Factory blast claims a life in Gujranwala

*Dunya News, January 4, 2017*

**GUJRANWALA (Dunya News):** A sudden explosion was recorded in a factory situated in Gujranwala on Wednesday, reported Dunya News. According to reports, the blast occurred due to drum filled with petrol, making in a loud noise. One factory worker died due to the blast and ten were injured. A part of the building was demolished after blast and fire was set in the factory. However, rescue operations were commenced straight away and fire was extinguished by rescue workers. All injured workers have been transferred to the nearby hospital where they are being provided medical aid.

### Islamabad: Private plane

**ISLAMABAD: (Dunya News):** A private plane on Wednesday went off the runway at the Islamabad airport as its tyre got jammed, reported Dunya news. The runway was closed down immediately after

### goes off runway, flight schedule affected

*Dunya News, January 4, 2017*

### Peshawar: Five die after drinking poisonous liquor

*Dunya News, January 4, 2017*

### Woman dies 'unattended' on hospital floor in Lahore

*Dawn News, January 3, 2017*

### Sanitation workers not to collect garbage today

*Dawn News, January 3, 2017*

### Three children die of measles near Naudero

*Dawn News, January 3, 2017*

the incident, badly affecting the schedules of the local and international flights. However, the plane was taken off the runway shortly afterwards and the flight schedules started working normally.

**PESHAWAR: (Dunya News):** Five people died after drinking poisonous liquor on Wednesday in the Swati Phatak area of Peshawar, reported Dunya News. According to details, six people had drunk the liquor and all of them were immediately transferred to Lady Reading Hospital but five of the victims died there after succumbing to injuries while the sixth one is also critical. The victims included three brothers named Nasir Sardar, Qaiser Sardar and Victor Sardar. The other two were Kamal Rehmat and Raja.

**LAHORE:** A 60-year-old woman breathed her last on the floor of Jinnah Hospital on Monday evening after she was allegedly denied treatment at three state-run hospitals. Zahra complained of severe pain in chest early in the morning and was brought to the Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) from a Kasur village on a taxi at around 11am. Doctors at the emergency ward 'diagnosed' her with some kidney problem and referred her to Services Hospital, a male relative accompanying the body in an Edhi ambulance told Dawn outside the Jinnah Hospital mortuary. Not willing to be named, the relative said the medics at the Services Hospital examined Zahra on a stretcher near the entrance to the medical emergency ward and referred her to Jinnah Hospital on account of unavailability of any bed. Doctors examined her at the Jinnah emergency at around 3pm and referred her to Medical Unit 1. "Since no bed was available in the unit, a doctor asked us to wait outside. The patient was kept waiting for three hours or so until she breathed her last," said the relative. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has taken notice of the death of the woman due to non-provision of medical aid and ordered an inquiry. He directed that the matter should be thoroughly investigated and a report be presented. The chief minister said the persons responsible for negligence should be identified and action be taken.

**KARACHI:** Workers of the civic agencies have announced that they would not collect garbage from the city on Tuesday (today) in protest against the government's plan to hand over solid waste collection to a Chinese company. Speaking at a press conference at the Karachi Press Club on Monday, the local government anti-privatisation committee leaders — Zulfikar Shah, Kaneez Fatima and others — said that garbage collection was the function of the civic agencies and they would not allow the government to hand this function over to a private company. They said the government was giving a large amount to the Chinese company for garbage collection while the civic agency workers have offered to do the job at half the cost, yet their offer was not being accepted. They said that the people will also have to pay more as the Chinese company would sell its plastic bags in which the garbage would be collected. They said that currently around 10,000 workers were doing the job of cleaning and sweeping and over 7,000 of these were over 50 years of age, having over 25 years of service, and if the government did not take back its plan to privatise garbage collection, then all of the workers would resign and the government would not have the resources to clear their dues. They said that as a first step the workers would not collect garbage on Tuesday and if the government did not accept their demand, they would develop a strategy against the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board that was handing over garbage collection to the Chinese company.

**LARKANA:** Three children died of measles in village Allah Warayo Solangi and its surroundings near Naudero town on Monday while several cases were reported from different villages. Those who died in the outbreak were identified as two-year-old Rukhsana, daughter of Oshaque Kuriyo; four-year-old Sartaj, son of Ashraf Khokhar and six-year-old Zoya, daughter of Deedar Khokhar, sources said. But Larkana district health officer (DHO) Abdul Fatah Bughio and Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) Larkana in-charge Dr Abdul Wahid Tagar confirmed only one death due to measles. Reports reaching here said the cases of measles were reported from the villages of Kot Bhutto, Bharchund, Wandh Ali Mohammed Kartiyo and other areas where the illness was on the rise. Irfan Solangi, a resident of Allah Warayo Solangi, said measles had attacked the entire village and called for immediate vaccination. He said his family had conveyed to the lady health workers about the outbreak, but still they were awaiting help, he added. Dr Hidayatullah Memon, a general medical practitioner in Naudero, confirmed receiving cases in a good number at his clinic and most of them were hailing from the village of Allah Warayo Solangi.

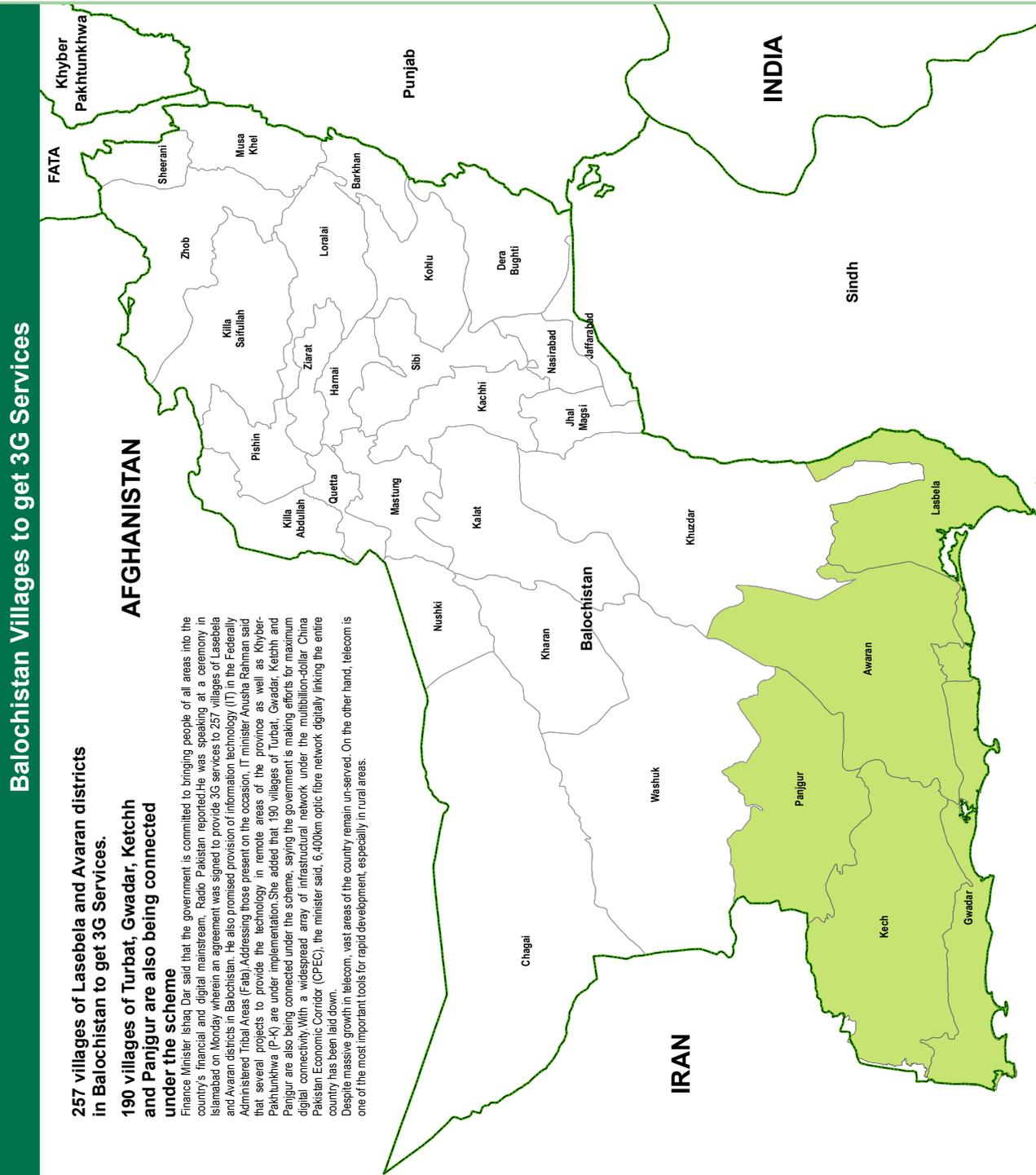


## Balochistan Villages to get 3G Services

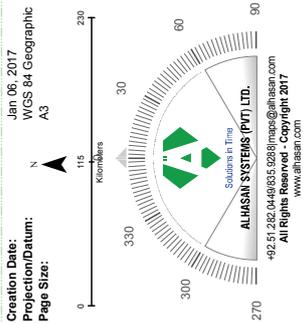
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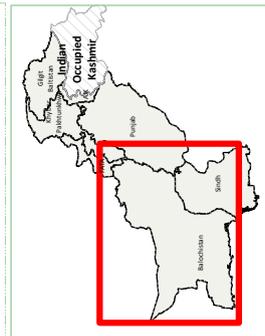
Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said that the government is committed to bringing people of all areas into the country's financial and digital mainstream. Radio Pakistan reported he was speaking at a ceremony in Islamabad on Monday wherein an agreement was signed to provide 3G services to 257 villages of Lasbela and Awaran districts in Balochistan. He also promised provision of information technology (IT) in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata). Addressing those present on the occasion, IT Minister Arusha Rahman said that several projects to provide the technology in remote areas of the province as well as Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (P-K) are under implementation. She added that 190 villages of Turbat, Gwadar, Ketchh and Panjgur are also being connected under the scheme, saying the government is making efforts for maximum digital connectivity. With a widespread array of infrastructural network under the multi-billion-dollar China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the minister said, 6,400km optic fibre network digitally linking the entire country has been laid down. Despite massive growth in telecom, vast areas of the country remain un-served. On the other hand, telecom is one of the most important tools for rapid development, especially in rural areas.



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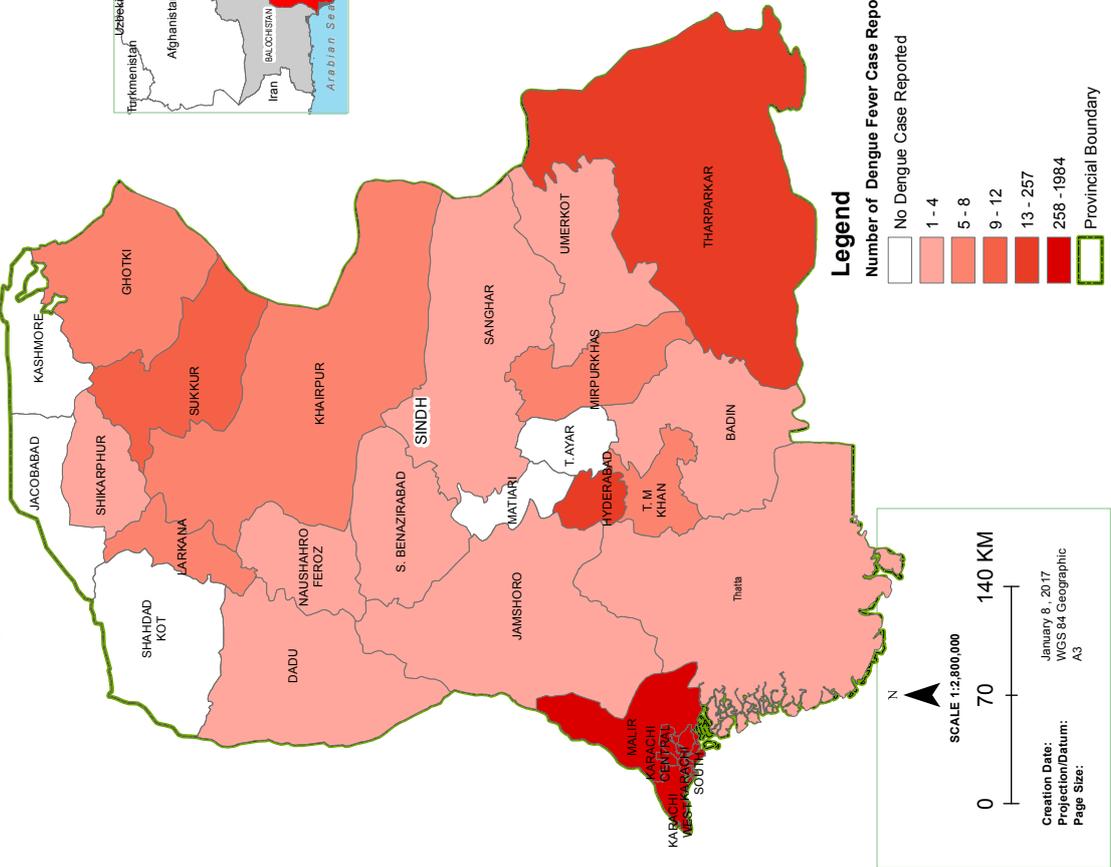


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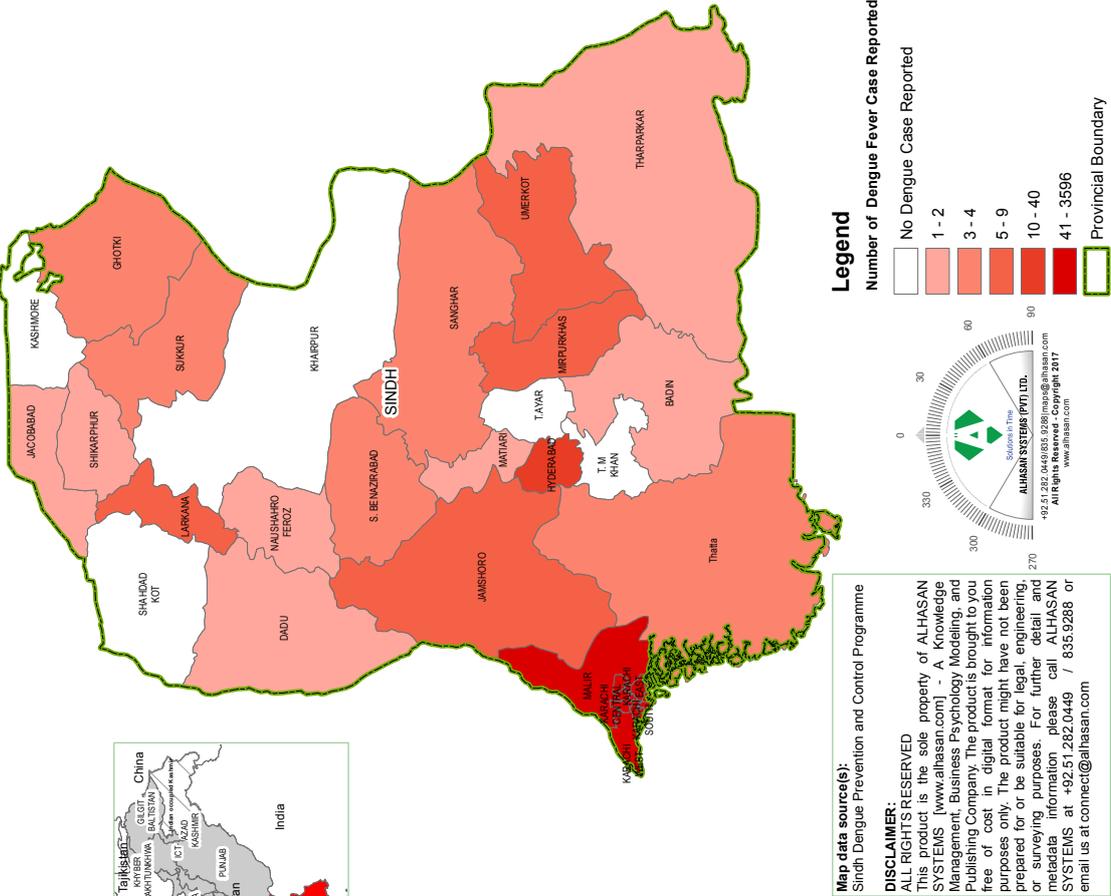


# DENGUE OUTBREAK - SINDH

As of 1 January to 31 December, 2016



As of 1 January to 31 December, 2015



**Legend**

**Mansehra**

**Total Number of Schools**

- Boys, 1564
- Girls, 762

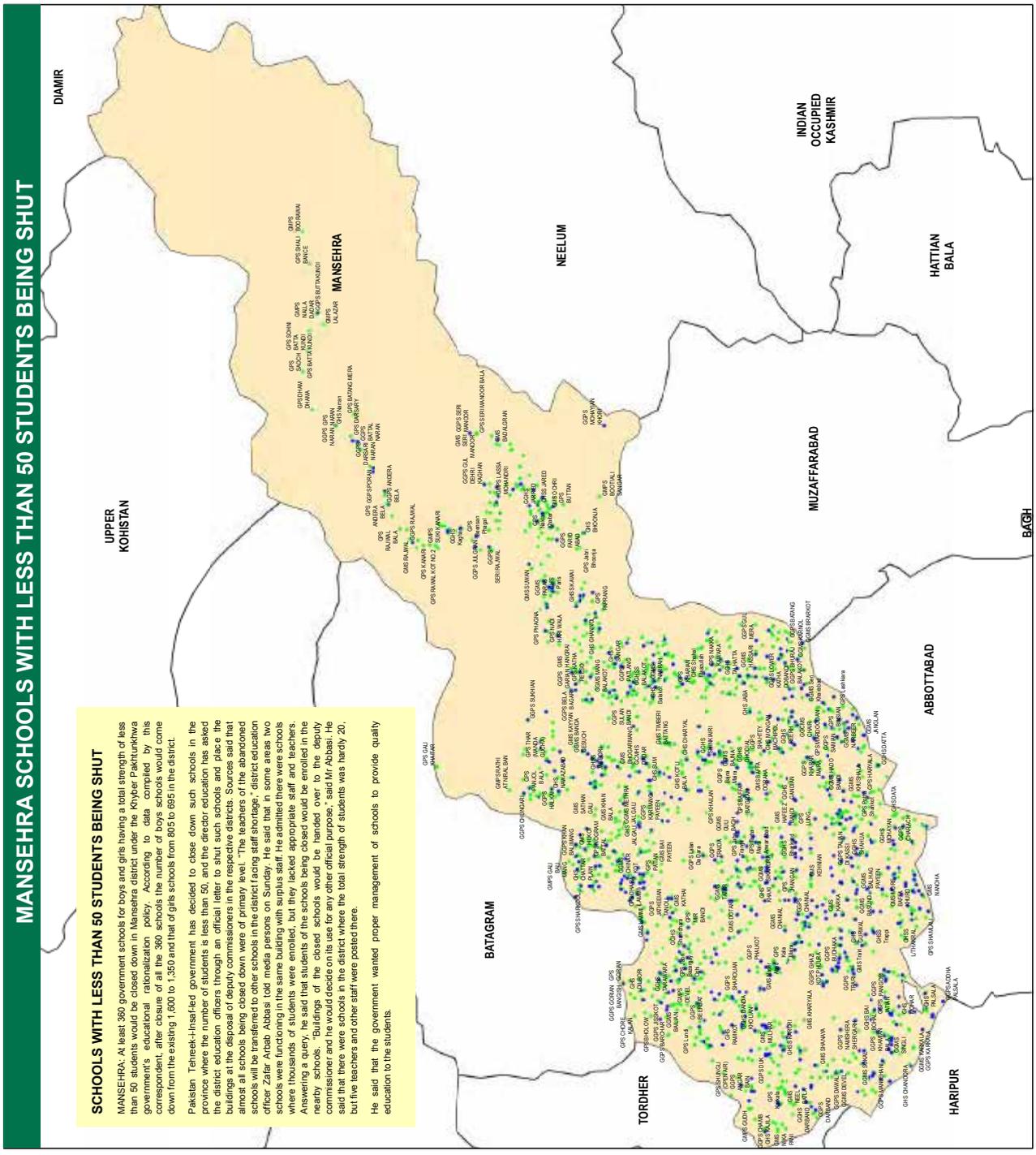
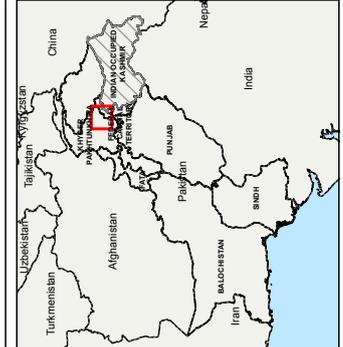
**Mansehra District**

**District Boundary**

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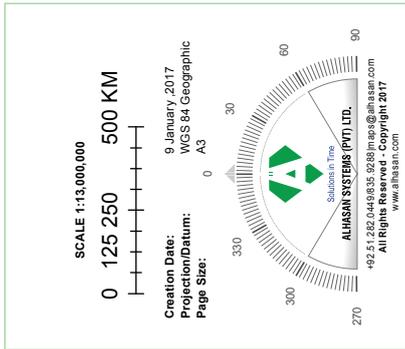
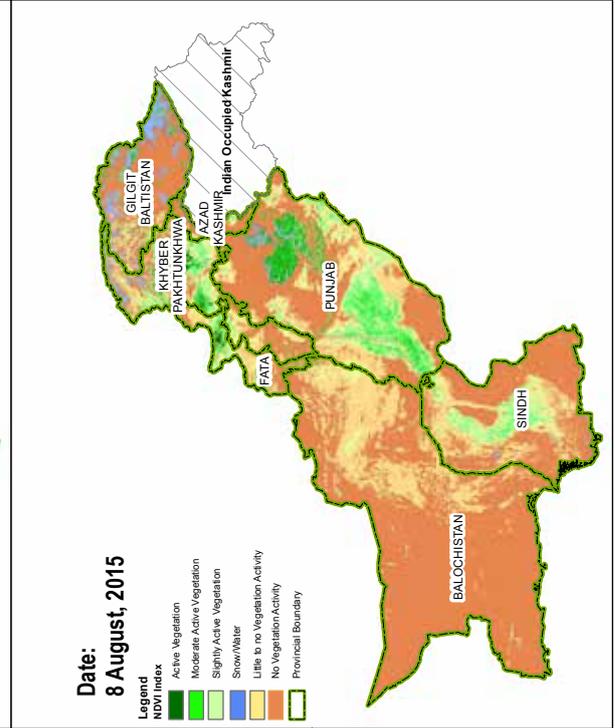
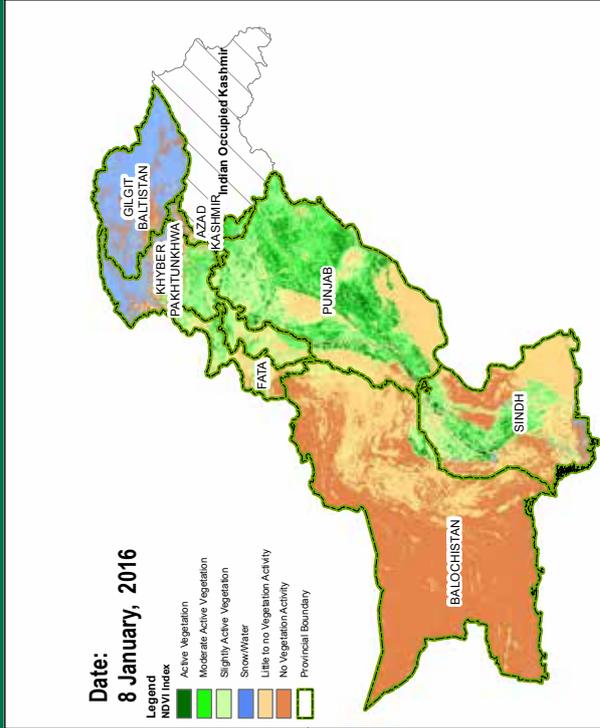
**SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN 50 STUDENTS BEING SHUT**

MANSEHRA. At least 360 government schools for boys and girls having a total strength of less than 50 students would be closed down in Mansehra district under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's educational rationalization policy. According to data compiled by this correspondent, after closure of all the 360 schools the number of boys schools would come down from the existing 1,600 to 1,350 and that of girls schools from 805 to 695 in the district.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf-led government has decided to close down such schools in the province where the number of students is less than 50, and the director education has asked the district education officers through an official letter to shut such schools and place the buildings at the disposal of deputy commissioners in the respective districts. Sources said that almost all schools being closed down were of primary level. "The teachers of the abandoned schools will be transferred to other schools in the district facing staff shortage," district education officer Zafar Abbasi told media persons on Sunday. He said that in some areas two schools were functioning in the same building with surplus staff. He admitted there were schools where thousands of students were enrolled, but they lacked appropriate staff and teachers. Answering a query, he said that students of the schools being closed would be enrolled in the nearby schools. "Buildings of the closed schools would be handed over to the deputy commissioner and he would decide on its use for any other official purpose," said Mr. Abbasi. He said that there were schools in the district where the total strength of students was hardly 20, but five teachers and other staff were posted there.

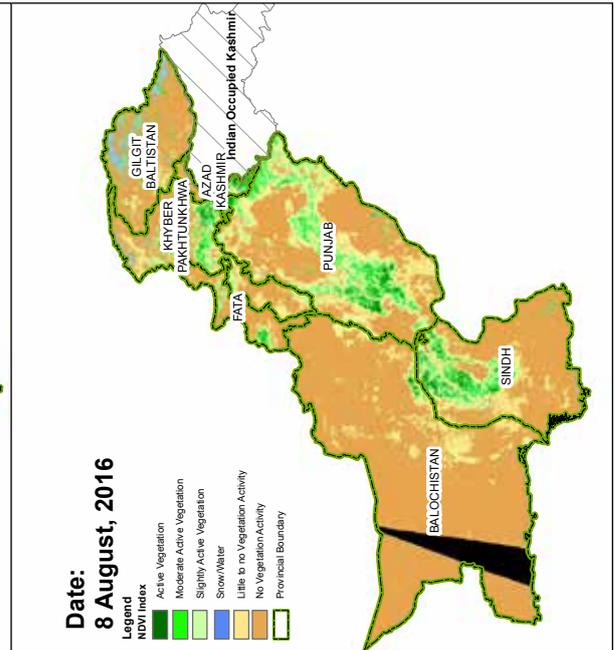
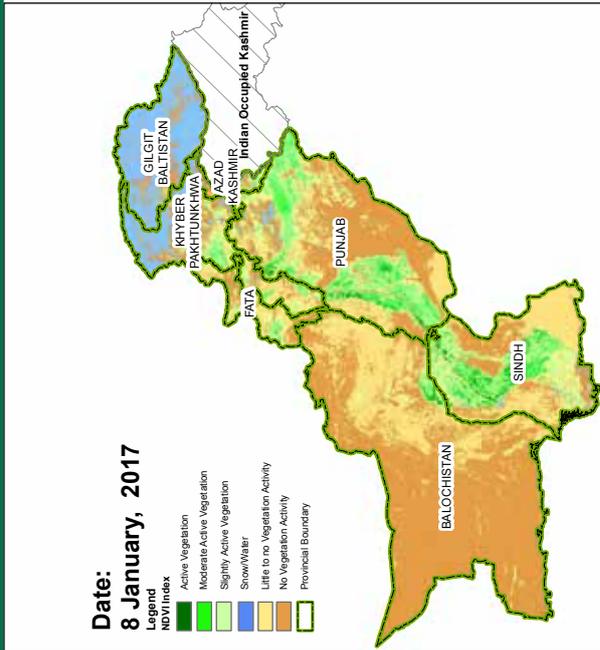
He said that the government wanted proper management of schools to provide quality education to the students.

Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan  
8 January, 2017



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3 جنوری 2017

ہو گئے۔ واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی امدادی ٹیمیں جائے وقوع پر پہنچیں زخمیوں اور جاں بحق افراد کو فوری طور پر قریبی اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا، بعض زخمیوں کی حالت نازک بتائی جاتی ہے، ہلاکتوں کی اضافے کا خدشہ ہے۔ جاں بحق افراد میں ماجد ولد لطیف، حلیمہ بی بی جبکہ زخمیوں میں ایک ہی خاندان کے چھ افراد شائستہ زوجہ اشتیاق، انس، ادریس، مہبک اشتیاق، ثنا زوجہ غلام مصطفیٰ، محمد فیضان ولد غلام مصطفیٰ و دیگر شامل ہیں۔

کوئٹہ میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم آج دوسرے روز جاری ہے۔ مہم کے دوران سیکورٹی کے خاص انتظامات کئے گئے ہیں۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر کے حکام کے مطابق انسداد پولیو کی 5 روزہ خصوصی مہم کامیابی سے جاری ہے۔ شہر کے 39 یونین کونسلز کے چار لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو وائرس سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جا رہے ہیں۔ خصوصی مہم گزشتہ ماہ کوئٹہ کے نواحی علاقے کے پانی میں پولیو وائرس کی موجودگی کی تصدیق کے بعد سے چلائی جا رہی ہے۔

کوئٹہ میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم

جاری

چیو اردو

3 جنوری 2017

سلسلے میں جب لورالائی کے ضلعی پولیس آفیسر سے رابطہ کیا گیا تو ان کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ زمین پاکستانی فوج کی ہے اور وہ جب چاہیں ان سے خالی کر سکتے ہیں۔ تاہم ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اس سلسلے میں کسی کو بھی اس بات کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی کہ وہ پاکستانی ریاست یا فوج کے خلاف باتیں کریں۔ ضلعی پولیس آفیسر زاہد آفاق کا کہنا تھا کہ اس سلسلے میں انھوں نے چار یا پانچ ایسے لوگ گرفتار بھی کیے ہیں جو پاکستانی فوج اور ریاست کے خلاف زہر اگل رہے تھے۔ مظاہرین کے مطابق انھوں نے پہلے بلوچستان میں مظاہرے کیے اور گورنر اور وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان کے پاس بھی گئے لیکن کسی ان کی کوئی بات نہیں سنی

ضلع شکارپور میں انسداد پولیو مہم 13 جنوری سے شروع ہوگی۔ ذرائع کہتے ہیں کہ پچھلی پولیو مہم کی خراب کارکردگی کی وجہ سے ڈپٹی کمشنر شکارپور سکندر علی خشک کی زیر صدارت ان کے دفتر میں اجلاس بلا گیا تھا۔ اجلاس میں انچارج ڈسٹرکٹ پولیو سیل ڈاکٹر سراج احمد میمن نے بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ اب پولیو کی مہم 13 جنوری کو دوبارہ شروع کی جائے گی۔

شکارپور: پولیو مہم 13 جنوری سے شروع ہوگی

جیوارو

7 جنوری 2017

اسلام آباد: اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس نے اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی کے تعلیمی اداروں میں منشیات فروخت کرنے والے مرکزی ملزم سمیت گروہ کے 11 ارکان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی کے کئی نامور تعلیمی اداروں میں منشیات کی فروخت کی خبر نشر ہونے کے بعد اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے مرکزی ملزم وحید سمیت 11 ملزم پکڑ لئے۔ ملزمان طالب علموں کو اپورٹڈ منشیات فروخت کرتے ہیں جسے نہ صرف طالب علم بلکہ طالبات بھی خریدتی تھیں۔ اینٹی نارکوٹکس فورس کے کمانڈر کے مطابق ملزم وحید اپنے ساتھیوں کی مدد سے کئی نامور تعلیمی اداروں میں منشیات بیچتے تھے جب کہ ملزم ایل ایف ڈی کا ایک ٹوکن 2 سے 3 ہزار روپے میں فروخت کرتا تھا۔ کمانڈر نے انکشاف کیا کہ ملزمان نے تعلیمی اداروں میں زیر تعلیم طلباء کو ہی اپنا ایجنٹ بنا رکھا تھا جن کے ذریعے وہ خاموشی سے منشیات سپلائی کرتے تھے۔

اسلام آباد کے تعلیمی اداروں میں منشیات فروخت کرنے والا گروہ پکڑا گیا

ایکسپریس نیوز

6 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیموں نے مری میں ناقص صفائی پر ایک ریستوران اور فیصل آباد میں چائے کی پتی کے 2 یونٹ سیل کر دیئے۔ اتھارٹی کی ٹیموں کے ناقص اور غیر معیاری اشیاء خورد و نوش تیار کرنے والے ہوٹلوں اور اداروں کے خلاف چھاپوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ فیصل آباد میں پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیم نے چائے کی پتی تیار کرنے والے 2 یونٹ سیل کر کے 25 سوکھو پتی قبضے میں لے لی۔ ان یونٹوں پر چائے کی پتی میں ملاوٹ کی جارہی تھی، نمونے ٹیسٹ کیلئے لیبارٹری بھجوا دیئے گئے ہیں۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی دوسری ٹیم نے مری میں تھالی ریستوران کو سیل کر دیا، ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر فریڈ اور کے مطابق ریستوران میں کھانے پینے کی اشیاء غیر معیاری پائی گئیں جبکہ صفائی ستھرائی کا معیار بھی درست نہ تھا۔

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے چھاپے، چائے کی پتی کے 2 یونٹ سیل

جیوارو

5 جنوری 2017

کراچی کے علاقے ملیر میں چکن گونیا پھیلنے کی وجہ سے آگئی، بیماری پھیلنے کی وجہ سے پینے کے پانی کا آلودہ ہو جانا ہے۔ ایم ایس سعید آباد ہسپتال کے مطابق چکن گونیا چھپر اور اس کے لاروسے نے پانی کو آلودہ کیا جس کے باعث سیکڑوں افراد اس مرض کا شکار ہوئے۔ چکن گونیا کی بیماری ملیر میں وبائی شکل اختیار کر گئی تھی، جس کے بعد ملیر میں اسپرے مہم شروع کی گئی جس سے چکن گونیا کے مرض کو کنٹرول کیا جا سکا۔ مذکورہ بیماری کے مریضوں میں تیز بخار کے ساتھ جسم بالخصوص جوڑوں میں شدید درد بھی ہوتا ہے اور بخار فوری اترنے کا نام نہیں لیتا۔ چکن گونیا کی وبا کے باعث ملیر کے سرکاری ہسپتال میں اسپیشل کاؤنٹر قائم کیا گیا تھا، اس بخار نے علاقے میں خوف و ہراس کی فضا پھیلانی ہوئی تھی۔

ملیر کراچی کے پانی میں چکن گونیا کے لاروسے مل گئے

جیوارو

4 جنوری 2017

ضلع کوئٹہ میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم جاری ہے۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر برائے انسداد پولیو کے مطابق ضلع کوئٹہ میں پولیو مہم کا آج کوئٹہ میں تیسرا روز ہے اور یہ مہم آئندہ دو روز مزید جاری رہے گی۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر کے مطابق مہم میں چار لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کی ویکسینیشن کا ہدف مقرر ہے اور اس بار بھر پور کوشش ہے کہ مہم کا 100 فیصد ہدف حاصل کیا جائے۔ کوئٹہ میں حال ہی میں دوبارہ سیوریج کے پانی میں پولیو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے، اس سے قبل ماہ نومبر میں سیوریج کے پانی میں پولیو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی تھی

کوئٹہ، انسداد پولیو مہم مزید 2 روز جاری رہے گی

جیوارو

4 جنوری 2017

گوجرانوالہ (نمائندہ خصوصی) پولیس نے زہریلی شراب پینے سے ہلاک ہونے والے 4 افراد کے ساتھیوں کو گرفتار کر لیا جنہیں میڈیکل کیلئے ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا، بتایا گیا ہے کہ تھیری سانس کی رہائشی 6 افراد نے چند روز قبل نجی فیکٹری میں بیٹھ کر مبینہ طور پر زہریلی شراب پی تھی، جس کے نتیجے میں شہباز، وکیل منیر وغیرہ چار افراد دم توڑ گئے افراد کے چار ساتھیوں آصف، اعجاز، نوید اور عباس کو گرفتار کر لیا، ادھر معلوم ہوا ہے کہ گرفتار ہونے والے چاروں افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ انہوں نے تھوڑی مقدار میں شراب پی تھی۔

گوجرانوالہ: زہریلی شراب پینے سے ہلاک ہونے والوں کے 4 ساتھی گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

3 جنوری 2017

شیخوپورہ کے علاقے سالار سعید میں کار اور مسافر وینگن میں تصادم کے بعد وینگن کا سلنڈر پھٹ گیا، حادثے کے نتیجے میں 7 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 20 زخمی ہو گئے۔ حادثہ سرگودھا روڈ پر اس وقت پیش آیا جب ایک کار مخالف سمت سے آنے والی مسافر وینگن سے ٹکرائی، حادثے کے بعد دونوں گاڑیوں میں آگ لگ گئی اسی اثنا میں مسافر وین کا سلنڈر بھی زوردار دھماکے سے پھٹ گیا۔ جس کے نتیجے میں 7 افراد موقع پر ہی جاں بحق جبکہ 20 زخمی روزنامہ نوائے وقت

شیخوپورہ: کار اور وینگن میں تصادم، سلنڈر پھٹ گیا، 7 جاں بحق، 20 زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

### سرخیوں

گڈانی میں ناکارہ بحری جہاز میں آگ لگنے سے 3 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ کئی افراد کے لاپتہ ہونے کی اطلاعات ہیں۔ آگ پر قابو پائے جانے کی اطلاعات ہیں۔ گڈانی کے پلاٹ نمبر 60 میں لنگر انداز ناکارہ بحری جہاز میں آج اچانک آگ لگ گئی، جہاز پر محنت کشوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر فائر بریگیڈ اور ریسیو ٹیمیں وہاں پہنچیں اور آگ بجھانے کی کوششیں شروع کر دیں۔ ریسیو ڈرائیج کے مطابق اسکرپ بحری جہاز میں 50 سے زائد محنت کش موجود تھے جن میں سے بیشتر کو بحفاظت نکال لیا گیا ہے۔ ڈرائیج کے مطابق ناکارہ بحری جہاز میں آتشزدگی کے باعث دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جن کی لاشیں سول اسپتال گڈانی منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اسی جہاز میں چند دن قبل بھی آگ لگ گئی تھی۔ جس میں کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا تھا۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال گڈانی میں ہی نومبر میں ایک ناکارہ بحری جہاز میں آتشزدگی کے باعث 20 سے زائد افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔

**گڈانی ناکارہ بحری جہاز میں آگ لگنے سے 3 افراد جاں بحق**

چیو اردو

9 جنوری 2017

کراچی میں تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کے خلاف لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز نے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے قریب احتجاج کیا، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی جانب سے تنخواہوں کی جلد ادائیگی کی یقین دہانی پر احتجاج ختم کر دیا گیا۔ لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز نے تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کے خلاف کراچی میں پی آئی ڈی سی سنگل کے قریب احتجاج کیا۔ اس موقع پر سندھ سیکریٹریٹ سے واپسی پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے مظاہرہ کرنے والی لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز کے نمائندوں سے اس سلسلے میں معلومات حاصل کیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کے لیے فوری ہدایت جاری کی جا چکی ہے، جب تک روڈ بلاک رہے گا مذاکرات ممکن نہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز کے 9 کئی وفد کو مذاکرات کے لیے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس طلب کر لیا۔ مذاکرات میں وزیر صحت ڈاکٹر سکندر میندرہ، سیکریٹری ہیلتھ فضل اللہ چچو، پرنسپل سیکریٹری سمیت دیگر افسران نے بھی شرکت کی۔ مذاکرات میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز کو جمعے تک تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کی یقین دہانی کراتے ہوئے کہا کہ سندھ حکومت آپ کے مسائل حل کر رہی ہے اور آپ صوبے سے پولیو کے خاتمے میں حکومت کی مدد کریں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی جانب سے تنخواہوں کی جلد ادائیگی کا مطالبہ تسلیم کرنے کے بعد لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز نے احتجاج ختم کر دیا۔

**کراچی، تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی پر لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز کا احتجاج**

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نئے سال کے پہلے ہفتے میں کراچی میں 17 اور اندرون سندھ 7 افراد ڈینگی وائرس کا شکار ہو گئے۔ سربراہ انسداد ڈینگی سیل ڈاکٹر مسعود سو لنگی کے مطابق ایک ہفتے میں کراچی کے مختلف سرکاری اور نجی اسپتالوں میں ڈینگی میں مبتلا 17 افراد لائے گئے۔ سندھ کے دیگر اضلاع میں 7 افراد ڈینگی وائرس کا شکار ہوئے۔ ڈاکٹر مسعود سو لنگی کے مطابق گزشتہ سال ڈینگی نے 3 ہزار سے زائد افراد کو اپنا نشانہ بنایا تھا جس میں خواتین اور بچے بھی شامل تھے۔ سال 2016 میں تین افراد ڈینگی وائرس کے باعث زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے تھے۔ دوسری جانب شہر میں گندگی کے ڈھیر اور جگہ جگہ پانی ٹھہرا ہونے کے باعث مچھروں کی بہتات ہے جس کے باعث ڈینگی اور چکن گنیا کا مرض بڑھنے کا خدشہ ہے

**کراچی میں 17 افراد ڈینگی کا شکار**

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پاکستان کے ضلع جہلم کی تحصیل سوہاہہ میں حکام کے مطابق جی ٹی روڈ پر ایک کار اور ویگن کے تصادم میں کم از کم 13 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ موٹروے اینڈ ہائی ویز پولیس کے ترجمان نے پی ٹی سی کو بتایا کہ جی ٹی روڈ پر راولپنڈی کی سمت جانے والی ایک کار ٹائز چھٹنے سے قابو سے باہر ہو گئی اور سڑک کے دوسری جانب مخالف سمت سے آنے والی ویگن سے ٹکرائی۔ یہ حادثے اتوار کی دوپہر پنڈتے خان کے قریب پیش آیا ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق حادثے میں پانچ افراد کی موقع پر ہلاکت ہو گئی جبکہ دیگر زخمیوں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے ہسپتال میں چل بسے۔ حادثے کے بعد امدادی ٹیمیں اور پولیس موقع پر پہنچ گئیں۔ زخمیوں کو تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال گوجرانگہ اور ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال راولپنڈی منتقل کیا گیا ہے جہاں تین کی حالت تیسویش ناک بتائی گئی ہے۔ پاکستان میں ٹریفک حادثات عام ہیں اور ان کی عمومی وجوہات محدود سڑکیں، ٹرانسپورٹ کی خراب حالت، ڈرائیوروں کی غفلت، پہاڑی علاقوں میں تیز رفتاری سے گاڑیاں چلانا اور گاڑیوں میں گھنٹائش سے زیادہ مسافر سوار کرنا بتائی جاتی ہیں۔

**جہلم: سوہاہہ کے قریب کار اور ویگن کا تصادم، 13 ہلاک**

پی ٹی سی اردو

8 جنوری 2017

بلوچستان کے ضلع لورالائی کے علاقے رسالہ لائن متاثرین کا اسلام آباد میں احتجاج نویں روز بھی جاری ہے۔ احتجاجی مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ لورالائی میں فوج اور ایف سی کے کپتے پر انتظامیہ نے ان کے کئی گھر مسمار کر دیے ہیں اور باقی مکانات کو خالی کرانے کے نوٹسز جاری کیے گئے ہیں۔ اسلام آباد پولیس کلب کے سامنے مظاہرے میں شریک رسالہ لائن کے ایک رہائشی امیر زمان نے پی ٹی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ وہ اس محلے میں پچھلے 50 سال سے رہ رہے ہیں لیکن اب اسے خالی کرنے کے نوٹس مل رہے ہیں اور اس کے بدلے انھیں کوئی معاوضہ ملانے کوئی متبادل جگہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ مظاہرے میں شریک خواتین اور بچوں نے پلے کارڈ بھی اٹھائے ہوئے تھے جن پر نعرے درج تھے کہ 'انھیں روٹی، کپڑا نہیں بلکہ صرف کچا مکان چاہیے۔ اس

**لورالائی میں گھروں کی مسماری کے خلاف اسلام آباد میں احتجاج**

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7 جنوری 2017

لاہور: وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت طویل اجلاس منعقد ہوا جس میں صوبے میں امن و امان کی مجموعی صورتحال اور نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کے حوالے کیے جانے والے اقدامات کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے امن و امان کی بہتری کے لیے نہ صرف ٹھوس اقدامات کیے بلکہ جدید ٹیکنالوجی سے بھی استفادہ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ عوام کے جان و مال کا تحفظ ہماری اولین ترجیح ہے اس لیے جرائم پیشہ عناصر کی سرکوبی کے لیے پولیس جانفشانی سے فرائض سرانجام دیئے اور اسٹریٹ کرائمز کی روک تھام کے لیے گشت پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے اسٹریٹ کرائمز کی روک تھام کے لیے ڈولفن فورس تشکیل دی اور پنجاب پہلا صوبہ ہے جہاں دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے انسداد دہشت گردی فورس کا قیام بھی عمل میں لایا گیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے کہا کہ لاہور میں پنجاب سیف سٹی پراجیکٹ شروع ہو چکا ہے جب کہ صوبے کے دیگر 6 بڑے شہروں میں بھی سیف سٹی پراجیکٹ کاررواں برس آغاز کر دیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے کے لیے نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت مؤثر اقدامات کیے، صوبے میں فرقہ واریت، دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے قلع قمع کے لیے ضروری ترامیم کر کے قوانین کو سخت بنایا گیا ہے۔

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دونوں ملزمان پارک کے باہر موجود تھے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ابتدائی تفتیش کے مطابق دھماکے کی منصوبہ بندی کا عدم تنظیم کے لاہور کے امیر محمد خان نے کی، حملہ آور کو شوکت اور توکل جان نے خود کش جیکٹ بنا کر دی جب کہ خود کش حملہ مہمند ایجنسی کے رہائشی ناصر نے کیا جو 2 دن تک شہر میں مقیم رہا اور برقع پہن کر ٹوٹی دیوار سے پارک میں داخل ہوا، دھماکے میں ملوث 8 ملزمان تاحال مفروز ہیں جب کہ مفروز ملزمان میں حکم خان، مزمل خان، عبدالرحمن، توکل جان، محمد خان، شوکت خان، ابراہیم خان اور اعتبار شاہ شامل ہیں۔ واضح رہے لاہور میں گلشن اقبال پارک میں خود کش حملے کے نتیجے میں 74 افراد جاں بحق اور 300 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے تھے۔

**کراچی:** شہر قائد میں نامعلوم افراد کی جانب سے تھانے پر دستی بم حملے اور ٹریفک پولیس اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں ایک شخص جاں بحق جب کہ 2 اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے نار تھ ناظم آباد میں تیوریہ تھانے پر موٹر سائیکل پر سوار نامعلوم افراد نے دستی بم سے حملہ کیا جس کے نتیجے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار زخمی جب کہ فائیو اسٹار چورنگی پر ملزمان کی فائرنگ سے ٹریفک پولیس اہلکار اور راگبیر زخمی ہو گیا جنہیں اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں راگبیر زخمی کی تاب نہ لا کر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ڈی آئی جی کراچی ڈو الفقدار لاڑ کا کہنا ہے کہ موٹر سائیکل پر سوار 2 افراد نے تھانے کی دیوار پر کر بیکر پھینکا جب کہ ملزمان نے فائیو اسٹار چورنگی پر ٹریفک اہلکاروں پر بھی فائرنگ کی تاہم اہلکاروں کی جوابی فائرنگ سے ملزمان فرار ہو گئے۔ موٹر سائیکل پر سوار ملزمان میں سے ایک نے ہیملٹ اور دوسرے نے رومال لپیٹا ہوا تھانہ علاقے کی ناکہ بندی کر کے ملزمان کی تلاش شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ دوسری جانب آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ نے تھانے پر کر بیکر حملہ اور ٹریفک اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کے واقعے کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے جب کہ آئی جی سندھ نے ہدایات جاری کیں ہیں کہ تفتیش کو انتہائی مربوط اور موثر بنایا جائے۔

**کراچی:** میری ٹائم سیکورٹی اور پاکستان کسٹم نے مشترکہ کارروائی کر کے ایک ارب سے زائد مالیت کی منشیات اسمگلنگ کی کوشش ناکام بناتے ہوئے 10 اسمگلروں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان میری ٹائم سیکورٹی کے مطابق یہ تین ماہ میں چوتھا بڑا اور سال کا پہلا سمندری آپریشن ہے جس میں کشتی کے خفیہ خانوں میں چھپائی گئی ڈیڑھ ٹن منشیات قبضے میں لے لی گئی ہے۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ اعلیٰ قسم کی منشیات بین الاقوامی سمندری راستے سے اسمگل کرنے کی اطلاعات تھیں جسے افریقا کے راستے یورپ اور امریکا جھجھوایا جانا تھا تاہم میری ٹائم سیکورٹی اور پاکستان کسٹم نے مشترکہ کارروائی کرتے ہوئے اسمگلنگ کی کوشش ناکام بنا دی۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ منشیات لے کر جانے والی مشکوک کشتی کو جب زکنے کا اشارہ کیا گیا تو اس میں سوار اسمگلروں نے سمندر میں چھلانگ لگادی تاہم بروقت کارروائی میں 10 اسمگلروں کو گرفتار کر کے منشیات قبضے میں لے لی گئی ہے جس کی مالیت ایک ارب 20 کروڑ روپے ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق گرفتار اسمگلروں کو قانونی کارروائی کے لیے کسٹم انٹیلی جنس کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔

**اسلام آباد:** الیکشن کمیشن نے واضح کیا ہے کہ بلاول بھٹو زرداری اور آصف علی زرداری پر ایک انتخابی نشان پر الیکشن لڑنے پر کوئی قدغن نہیں لہذا دونوں تیر کے نشان پر انتخاب لڑ سکتے ہیں۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے ایڈیشنل سیکریٹری فدا محمد نے میڈیا سے گفتگو میں کہا کہ بلاول بھٹو زرداری اور آصف علی زرداری پر ایک انتخابی نشان پر الیکشن لڑنے پر کوئی قدغن نہیں، بلاول بھٹو اور آصف زرداری ایک ہی انتخابی نشان پر الیکشن لڑ سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ریٹرننگ افسر کو کاغذات نامزدگی جمع کراتے وقت پارٹی کالیٹر لگانا ہوگا، ریٹرننگ افسر کاغذات نامزدگی کا جائزہ لے کر انتخابی نشان آلات کرنے کا مجاز ہے۔

**کراچی:** ریجنل اور ملیر میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا جن کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ سے بتایا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ریجنل کراچی کے علاقوں کلشن اور ملیر میں چھاپہ مار کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان ریجنل کے مطابق ملزمان کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ سے ہے، ملزمان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے جب کہ انہیں مزید تفتیش کے لیے قانونی کارروائی کے بعد پولیس کے حوالے کیا جائے گا۔

**لاہور:** فیروز پور ڈیپو پولیس اور مظاہرین میں جھڑپ کے دوران 4 پولیس اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے جب کہ مظاہرین کے احتجاج کے دوران شہر کے کئی علاقوں میں راستے بند ہونے سے شدید ٹریفک جام ہو گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق لاہور میں فیروز پور ڈیپو مظاہرین اور پولیس میں تصادم ہوا، پولیس نے مظاہرین پر لالچی چارج اور شیلنگ کی جب کہ مظاہرین نے پولیس پر پھرتراؤ کر دیا جس سے 4 پولیس اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے، مظاہرین کے احتجاج کے باعث لاہور کے کئی علاقوں میں راستے بند ہو گئے جس سے شدید ٹریفک جام ہو گیا۔ پولیس اور مظاہرین میں جھڑپ سے فیروز پور ڈیپو، مال روڈ، لبرٹی، مسلم ٹاؤن، گلبرگ، کینال روڈ والٹن اور کوٹ کھپت پر بھی بدترین ٹریفک جام ہوا جس سے گاڑیوں کی قطاریں لگ گئی اور لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا جب کہ مال روڈ سے ملحقہ مارکیٹوں اور بازاروں کے راستے بھی کنٹینرز سے بند ہیں۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس اور مظاہرین میں جھڑپوں کی تاحال کوئی وجہ سامنے نہیں آسکی ہے۔

**کراچی میں ٹریفک پولیس پر فائرنگ اور تھانے پر کر بیکر حملہ، ایک شخص**

**جاں بحق**

ایکسپریس نیوز

06 جنوری 2017

**میری ٹائم سیکورٹی اور کسٹم نے ایک ارب سے زائد مالیت کی منشیات پکڑ لی**

ایکسپریس نیوز

05 جنوری 2017

**بلاول بھٹو اور آصف زرداری ایک ہی نشان پر انتخاب لڑ سکتے ہیں، الیکشن**

**کمیشن**

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05 جنوری 2017

**کراچی سے سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ کے 3 ملزمان گرفتار، ترجمان**

**ریجنل**

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**لاہور میں فیروز پور ڈیپو پر پولیس اور مظاہرین میں جھڑپ، 4 اہلکار زخمی**

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رہ رہے ہیں لیکن اب اسے خالی کرنے کے نوٹس مل رہے ہیں اور اس کے بدلے انھیں کوئی معاوضہ ملانہ کوئی متبادل جگہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ مظاہرے میں شریک خواہ تین اور بچوں نے پلے کارڈ بھی اٹھائے ہوئے تھے جن پر نعرے درج تھے کہ 'انھیں روٹی، کپڑا انہیں بلکہ صرف کچا مکان چاہیے۔' اس سلسلے میں جب لورالائی کے ضلعی پولیس آفیسر سے رابطہ کیا گیا تو ان کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ زمین پاکستانی فوج کی ہے اور وہ جب چاہیں ان سے خالی کر سکتے ہیں۔ تاہم ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اس سلسلے میں کسی کو بھی اس بات کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی کہ وہ پاکستانی ریاست یا فوج کے خلاف باتیں کریں۔ ضلعی پولیس آفیسر زاہد آفاق کا کہنا تھا کہ اس سلسلے میں انھوں نے چار یا پانچ ایسے لوگ گرفتار بھی کیے ہیں جو پاکستانی فوج اور ریاست کے خلاف زہر اگل رہے تھے۔ مظاہرین کے مطابق انھوں نے پہلے بلوچستان میں مظاہرے کیے اور گورنر اور وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان کے پاس بھی گئے لیکن کسی ان کی کوئی بات نہیں سنی۔

پاکستان میں فوجی عدالتوں کی دو سالہ مدت آج یعنی سنیچر کو ختم ہو رہی ہے جب کہ حکومت کی جانب سے دہشت گردی کے مقدمات سے نمٹنے کے لیے نیا قانون تیار کیا جا رہا ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملے کے بعد انتہا پسندوں سے منسلک مقدمات سے نمٹنے کے لیے پارلیمان نے 21 ویں آئینی ترامیم کرتے ہوئے فوجی عدالتیں قائم کرنے کی منظوری دی تھی۔ ان عدالتوں کی توسیع کے بارے میں فی الحال کوئی امکان دکھائی نہیں دے رہا تاہم دہشت گردی کے مقدمات کے لیے ایک نیا قانون تیار کیا جا رہا ہے۔ وزیر اعظم کے مشیر برائے قانونی امور بیرسٹر ظفر اللہ فوجی عدالتوں کی مدت کے خاتمے سے متعلق پوچھے گئے ایک سوال کے جواب میں حال ہی میں بی بی سی کو بتایا تھا کہ اگر سیاسی جماعتیں فوجی عدالتوں میں توسیع کے لیے ساتھ نہیں دیتیں تو اگلے چند دنوں میں نئے قانون کا مسودہ پیش کر دیا جائے گا۔ اگر فوجی عدالتیں قائم نہیں رہیں جو کچھ مشکل ہو تا لگ رہا ہے تو ہم دوسرے راستے کو اختیار کریں گے جس میں ہماری عام عدالتیں ہی کام کریں مگر گواہوں، پراسیکیوٹرز، پولیس اور ججز کو زیادہ تحفظ فراہم کیا جائے گا تاکہ انتہا پسندی سے متعلق مقدمات کی سماعت نہ رکے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ 'یہ نہیں کہہ سکتے ہیں کہ موٹی بات پر دہشت گردی کا الزام لگ جائے۔ ہم اسے تھوڑا انسانیت کے دائرے میں لانا چاہتے ہیں کہ جو حقیقی دہشت گرد ہیں اور واقعی معاشرے کے لیے خطرہ ہیں انھیں دہشت گرد کہیں۔ آپریشن ضرب عضب کے باوجود پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملے میں ایک سو تیس سے زیادہ بچوں کی ہلاکت نے جب ریاست کی کمزریوں کو نمایاں کیا تو حکومت نے عدالتی نظام میں سست روی کا جواز دیتے ہوئے انتہا پسندی سے متعلق مقدمات سے بروقت نمٹنے کے لیے فوجی عدالتیں قائم کی گئیں۔ مگر سوال پیدا ہوتا ہے کہ آیا جن مقاصد کے لیے فوجی عدالتیں قائم کی گئیں وہ پورے ہو گئے؟ کیا پولیس اور نظام عدل میں جو اصلاحات لائی جانی تھیں، وہ ممکن ہوئیں؟ بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے اسلام آباد بار ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر طیب شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ 'پولیس کے پاس تحقیقات اور پراسیکیوٹن کا اختیار ہے مگر ان کے حالات ہمارے سامنے ہیں۔ ان کی شواہد جمع کرنے کی صلاحیت کمزور ہونے کی وجہ سے کمزور مقدمات عدالت میں پیش کیے جاتے ہیں جس کی وجہ سے زیادہ تر ملزم بری ہو جاتے ہیں۔ عدالتی کارروائی کا انحصار پولیس پر ہوتا ہے اور ناقص کارکردگی کی وجہ سے مجرم کیفر کر داری تک نہیں پہنچ پاتے۔' طیب شاہ کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ ایسے مقدمات جن میں انتہا پسندی کا پہلو ہوان میں سنج، وکیل، گواہ، سب ہی ڈرتے ہیں کیونکہ ان کی شناخت مخفی نہیں رکھی جاتی۔ یہ ایک دوسری بڑی وجہ ہے جس سے عدالتی نظام ان مقدمات کو نمٹنے میں تاخیر کر دیتا ہے۔ اسی وجہ سے فوجی عدالتوں کی کارروائی کی شفافیت پر کئی سوال اٹھائے گئے۔ پیشتر انسانی حقوق کی ملکی اور عالمی تنظیموں نے فوجی عدالتوں کے قیام کو شہریوں کے حقوق کی خلاف ورزی قرار دیا۔ اس کے علاوہ ان عدالتوں کی منظوری دینے پر پارلیمان کو بھی شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ پہلے مختلف وجوہات کی بنا پر ان عدالتوں کی حمایت کرنے والے سیاستدانوں میں سے اب بعض ایسے بھی ہیں جو فوجی عدالتوں کی توسیع کے حق میں نہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں پیپلز پارٹی کے سینئر فرحت اللہ باہر نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ملک میں دوسرے قوانین موجود ہیں جو سیکورٹی اداروں کو تفتیش اور پراسیکیوٹن کے لیے بے پناہ اختیارات دیتے ہیں، جن کے ذریعے وہ مقاصد حاصل کیے جاسکتے ہیں جن کو جواز بنا کر فوجی عدالتیں قائم کی گئی تھیں۔ 'فرحت اللہ باہر نے کہا کہ 'یہ ایک سبق ہے ہم سب کے لیے ہے کیونکہ فوجی عدالتیں جس مقصد کے لیے بنی تھیں وہ پورے نہیں ہوئے۔ اور پارلیمان کی جانب سے دو سال پہلے ان کی منظوری نے پارلیمان پر بھی سوالیہ نشان لگایا ہے۔' ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ 'فوجی عدالتوں میں ایک دن کی توسیع بھی نہیں ہونی چاہیے کیونکہ ان کے شفاف ہونے پر ہمیں اعتراض ہے اور ان میں زیادہ تر سزائیں ایسے مجرموں کو سنائی گئیں جن کے مقدمات انتہا پسندی سے متعلق نہیں تھے۔' یاد رہے کہ پاکستان کی سپریم کورٹ کے 17 رکنی بینچ نے آئینی ترمیم کے تحت قائم ملک بھر میں فوجی عدالتوں کے اختیارات بڑھانے کے خلاف دائر ہونے والی تمام درخواستوں کو اگست 2015 میں مسترد کر دیا تھا۔

لاہور: پولیس مقابلے کے دوران شیورہ میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 کارندے مارے گئے جو مبینہ طور پر سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک میں ملوث تھے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک میں ملوث 2 ملزمان مقابلے میں ہلاک ہو گئے جن کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے تھا جب کہ کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ (سی ڈی ڈی) کا کہنا ہے کہ لاہور میں واقع گلشن اقبال پارک دھماکے میں ملوث 2 مرکزی ملزمان شاہد اللہ اور خان زیب کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا، دونوں دہشت گردوں نے گلشن اقبال پارک کی ریکی کی جب کہ خود کش بمبار کو برقعے میں پارک لے کر گئے اور دھماکے کے وقت

## فوجی عدالتوں کی مدت کا آخری دن

بی بی سی اردو

07 جنوری 2016

سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک کے 2 مبینہ

مرکزی ملزم مارے گئے

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اسلام آباد: قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں کی شدید مخالفت کے باوجود 24 ویں آئینی ترمیم کثرت رائے سے منظور کر لی۔ قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے قانون و انصاف کا اجلاس وفاقی وزیر قانون زاہد حامد کی سربراہی میں ہوا جس میں 24 ویں آئینی ترمیم کثرت رائے سے منظور کر لی گئی جس کے تحت سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کو بھی چیلنج کیا جاسکے گا۔ پیپلز پارٹی، تحریک انصاف اور جماعت اسلامی نے ترمیمی بل کی منظوری کی مخالفت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاناما لیکس کا معاملہ حل ہونے تک بل کی منظوری روک دی جائے۔

قومی اسمبلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی میں اپوزیشن کی مخالفت کے باوجود 24 ویں آئینی ترمیم منظور

ایکپریس نیوز

09 جنوری 2017

نیب پٹی بارگین: تاحیات نااہل قرار دینے کے آرڈیننس جاری

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پاکستان کے صدر ممنون حسین نے قومی احتساب بیورو میں زیر سماعت کیسز میں پٹی بارگین اور رضا کارانہ طور پر رقم واپس کرنے والے سرکاری و عوامی عہدے داروں کو تاحیات نااہل قرار دینے کے لیے صدر راتی آرڈیننس جاری کیا ہے۔ پاکستان کے سرکاری خبر رساں ادارے اے پی پی کے مطابق قومی اسمبلی اور سینیٹ کے اجلاس نہ ہونے کی سبب یہ آرڈیننس سینیٹر کی شب جاری کیا گیا، جو فوری طور پر نافذ العمل ہے۔ یہ صدر راتی آرڈیننس پیر کو سینیٹ کے بلائے گئے اجلاس میں پیش کیا جائے گا۔ اس سے قبل وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے اسلام آباد میں ایک پریس کانفرنس کے دوران کہا تھا کہ حکومت آرڈیننس کے ذریعے نیب کے پٹی بارگین کے قانون میں ترمیم کر رہی ہے انھوں نے کہا تھا کہ سپریم کورٹ نے نیب کے پٹی بارگین کے قانون سے متعلق حکومت کا موقف پوچھا ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار کے ساتھ پریس کانفرنس میں قوانین جائزہ کمیٹی کے ارکان وفاقی وزیر قانون زاہد حامد اور وزیر مملکت برائے انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی انوشہ رحمن بھی شریک تھیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ آرڈیننس کے تحت پٹی بارگین کے ذریعے رقم جمع کرانے والا شخص زندگی بھر سرکاری و عوامی عہدے کے لیے نااہل ہو جائے گا۔ وزیر خزانہ نے مزید بتایا کہ وزیر اعظم کی تجویز ہے کہ پٹی بارگین اور دولٹری ریٹرن یعنی رضا کارانہ طور پر رقم واپس کرنے کے فیصلے میں عدالت سے منظوری لی جائے اور پٹی بارگین کرنے والوں کو تاحیات سرکاری عہدے کے لیے نااہل قرار دیا جائے۔ اسحاق ڈار نے وضاحت کی کہ 'اگلا سوال یہ ہو گا کہ آرڈیننس کیوں اور قانون کیوں نہیں۔ بل کے ذریعے پیش کرنے کی صورت میں معاملہ تاخیر کا شکار ہو سکتا تھا کیونکہ 29 جنوری تک قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس نہیں ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ نے بتایا کہ سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان نے پٹی بارگین سے متعلق حکومتی موقف طلب کیا تھا۔ وزیر قانون زاہد حامد نے کہا کہ اس وقت پٹی بارگین میں عدالت کی منظوری کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے اور سرکاری و عوامی عہدے کے لیے 10 سال کے لیے نااہل ہوتا ہے۔ انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ رضا کارانہ طور پر رقم واپس کرنے والا سرکاری و عوامی عہدے کے لیے نااہل قرار نہیں دیا جاتا اور اگر وہ سرکاری ملازم ہے تو وہ برطرف نہیں ہوتا۔ واضح رہے کہ گذشتہ ہفتے سپریم کورٹ نے قومی احتساب بیورو کے 'پٹی بارگین' کے اختیار سے متعلق از خود نوٹس کی سماعت کے دوران انارنی جزل سے کہا تھا کہ وہ نیب کے قانون کی شق-25 کے بارے میں وفاق کا موقف ایک ہفتے میں پیش کریں جو پٹی بارگین سے متعلق نیب کے چیئرمین کے اختیارات کی وضاحت کرتا ہے۔ اس از خود نوٹس کی سماعت کے دوران عدالت عظمیٰ نے کہا تھا کہ قومی احتساب بیورو ملک میں بدعنوان عناصر کا سہولت کار بنا ہوا ہے جس کی وجہ سے بدعنوانی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے میں مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

پاکستان کے ضلع جہلم کی تحصیل سوہاہ میں حکام کے مطابق جی ٹی روڈ پر ایک کار اور ویگن کے تصادم میں کم از کم 13 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ موٹروے اینڈ ہائی ویز پولیس کے ترجمان نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ جی ٹی روڈ پر راولپنڈی کی سمت جانے والی ایک کار ٹائر پھٹنے سے قابو سے باہر ہو گئی اور سڑک کے دوسری جانب مخالف سمت سے آنے والی ویگن سے ٹکرائی۔ یہ حادثے اتوار کی دوپہر پینڈتے خان کے قریب پیش آیا ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق حادثے میں پانچ افراد کی موقع پر ہلاکت ہو گئی جبکہ دیگر زخمیوں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے ہسپتال میں چل بسے۔ حادثے کے بعد امدادی ٹیمیں اور پولیس موقع پر پہنچ گئیں۔ زخمیوں کو تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال گورخان اور ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال راولپنڈی منتقل کیا گیا ہے جہاں تین کی حالت تیشویش ناک بتائی گئی ہے۔ پاکستان میں ٹریفک حادثات عام ہیں اور ان کی عمومی وجوہات خدوش سڑکیں، ٹرانسپورٹ کی خراب حالت، ڈرائیوروں کی غفلت، پہاڑی علاقوں میں تیز رفتاری سے گاڑیاں چلانا اور گاڑیوں میں گنجائش سے زیادہ مسافر سوار کرنا بتائی جاتی ہیں۔

جہلم: سوہاہ کے قریب کار اور ویگن کا تصادم، 13 ہلاک

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راولپنڈی (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) حالیہ بارش سے طویل خشک سالی کے خاتمے سے بارانی علاقوں میں گندم کی فصل اور پھلوں کے بانٹ پر انتہائی مثبت اثرات مرتب ہوئے ہیں۔ زرعی حلقوں کی طرف سے ان بارشوں پر مسرت اور اطمینان کا اظہار کیا جا رہا ہے۔

قلات (مائٹرینگ ڈیسک) قلات میں سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ، درجہ حرارت نقطہ انجماد سے نیچے گر گیا، منفی نو ہونے کی وجہ لوگ گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے جبکہ گیس پریشر مکمل غائب ہونے سے عوام کے مشکلات میں مزید اضافہ ہو گیا، جبکہ دن بھر دھند کا بھی راج رہا، تفصیلات کے مطابق جمعہ کی صبح سے قلات شہر و گردونواح میں سردی کی شدت بڑھ گئی محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق قلات میں دھند اور سردی ہو آئیں چلنے سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوا اور درجہ حرارت منفی نو کو پہنچا اور سردی کی شدت میں مزید اضافے کا بھی امکان ہے جبکہ دوسری جانب گیس پریشر غائب ہونے سے عوام کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے اور سردی کی وجہ سے عوام گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے ہیں اور بازار ویران کاروبار زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی ہے۔ عوامی حلقوں نے گیس پریشر کی بحالی کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

بارش سے طویل خشک سالی کا خاتمہ ہو

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### تفصیلات

لاہور (نامہ نگاران + نیوز رپورٹر) لاہور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں دوسرے روز بھی بارش ہوئی، صوبائی دارالحکومت میں 36 فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے۔ ڈسکہ، سمبڑیال ونواحی علاقوں میں ژالہ باری، سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا۔ دینہ میں ٹریفک حادثہ کے دوران کسٹن بچی سمیت 12 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ بجلی اور گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے کاروبار ٹھپ، چولہے ٹھنڈے کر دیئے۔ تفصیل کے مطابق لاہور میں ہلکی بارش کے باعث لیسکو کے 36 فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے جبکہ سردی کی شدت میں اضافے سے گیس بھی بند رہی۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت کے شہری گیس اور بجلی سے دونوں سے محروم رہے۔ یقیناً کے روز شہر کے مختلف حلقوں میں گیس کی سپلائی مکمل بند رہی جس سے شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ ایل بی جی کے سنڈر کے استعمال میں اضافے نے شہریوں کے بجٹ میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے۔ بارش کے بعد سردی میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا۔ مرید کے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بجلی اور گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے گھروں کے چولہے ٹھنڈے اور کاروبار ٹھپ کر دیئے۔ خواتین نے احتجاج کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ گیس کی بندش کے باعث بچے بھوکے سکول جانے پر مجبور ہیں۔ کوٹ رادھا کشن سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق شہر اور گردونواح میں شدید سردی کے بعد سوئی گیس کا پریشر کم ہو گیا جس کی وجہ سے صبح ورات کے اوقات صارفین کو شدید دقت کا سامنا ہے۔ دوسری طرف تندروں پر لوگوں کا بے پناہ رنج ہے۔ چینوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر گردونواح میں بجلی اور گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ سے شہری اذیت کا شکار ہیں۔ بجلی و گیس کے بحران سے فرنیچر کے کارخانے، دستاویزیاں اور فیکٹریوں میں کام کرنے والے مزدور بے روزگاری کا شکار ہو گئے۔ شکر گڑھ میں بجلی کی بغیر شیڈول لوڈ شیڈنگ نے کاروبار زندگی ٹھپ کر دیا، شکر گڑھ شہر میں گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ اور کم پریشر نے بھی عوام کی مشکلات میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے، ڈسکہ سے نامہ نگار اور نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق ڈسکہ و گردونواح میں موسم سرما کی پہلی موسلا دھار بارش اور ژالہ باری سے شہریوں کے چہرے مسکرائے، ہر جگہ جل تھل ہو گئی۔ بارش، ژالہ باری اور ٹھنڈی ہوائیں چلنے سے سردی کی شدت میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ سیالکوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گردونواح میں گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش ہوئی۔ سمبڑیال سمیت مختلف علاقوں میں ژالہ باری بھی ہوئی جس سے سردی میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ بارش کے دوران بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی جاری رہی۔ دہاڑی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوتے ہی گھروں سے گیس غائب رہنے لگی جس سے گھریلو خواتین کی پریشانی اور مشکلات میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ دینہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تیز رفتار کار بارش کے باعث پھسل کر گہری کھائی میں جا گری جس سے ایک ہی خاندان کی کسٹن بچی سمیت 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ گزشتہ روز جہلم کے رہائشی خاندان کے اقبال حسین، عاتقہ عمران، بینش عمران اور رامین ایک شادی کی تقریب کے بعد اسلام آباد سے جہلم آرہے تھے جی ٹی روڈ دینہ اور چکواکے دوران چمک میوں کے قریب کار پینچی تو تیز رفتاری اور بارش کی وجہ سے پھسلنے سے موڑ کاٹتے ہوئے گہری کھائی میں جا گری جس سے 61 سالہ اقبال حسین اور 15 سالہ عاتقہ عمران موقع پر دم توڑ گئے جبکہ بینش اور رامین شدید زخمی ہو گئے جن کو مقامی پولیس اور ریسیو 1122 ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال پہنچا دیا۔ مری سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق مری میں برف باری کا سلسلہ تیسرے روز بھی جاری رہا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق تین دن کے وقفے کے بعد سے جمعرات سے برف باری کا نیا سلسلہ شروع ہو گا جو چار سے پانچ روز جاری رہے گا۔ علاوہ ازیں کشمیر، چترال، گلگت بلتستان، کوئٹہ، سوات اور بلوچستان بھر میں برف باری سے درجہ حرارت نمایاں طور پر گر گیا۔ لواری ٹاپ پر اب تک 8 فٹ برف پڑ چکی ہے۔ سوات اور شانگلہ کا زمینی رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ بلوچستان کے کئی علاقوں میں درجہ حرارت منفی 5 تک پہنچ گیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: ملک بھر میں سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ۔ کراچی میں بھی ٹھنڈی ہوائیں چلنے سے سردی بڑھ گئی ہے۔ کشمیر، گلگت بلتستان، خیبر پختونخوا میں ہر جگہ برف ہی برف ہے جبکہ الم جبہ میں ساڑھے چار، کالام میں ڈھائی، وادی نیلم، گلیات اور مری میں دو فٹ برف باری ہوئی ہے۔ سندھ اور بلوچستان میں بھی درجہ حرارت کم ہوا ہے۔ اسکر دو میں درجہ حرارت منفی گیارہ تک گر گیا، قلات اور کوئٹہ میں منفی نو سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ موسم سرما ملک بھر میں زوروں پر ہے۔ سردی کی یہ لہر سب سے آخر میں شہر کراچی میں پہنچ گئی۔ جہاں بالخصوص رات میں سرد ہواوں کا راج ہے۔ گرمیوں میں شدید گرم رہنے والے نوابشاہ میں بھی سردی کی آمد ہو گئی، مچھلی فرائی کے اسٹالوں پر ریش بڑھ گیا۔ پنجاب کے بعض شہروں میں ایک روز پہلے ہونے والی بارش کے بعد سردی ذرا اور بڑھ گئی۔ ملکہ کوہسار مری میں تو بر فباری نے سیاہوں کے مزے ہی کر دیئے۔ راستے بند ہونے کے باوجود بر فباری کے شوقین بڑی تعداد میں مری پہنچے ہوئے ہیں۔ بر فباری کے مزے لوٹنے کے ساتھ ساتھ خوب شاپنگ بھی کی جا رہی ہے۔ پشاور اور کوئٹہ میں بھی موسم سرما کی مناسبت سے گرما گرم پکوانوں کا دور دورہ ہے۔ بالائی علاقوں اور فانا میں بر فباری کے باعث بجلی بند ہو اؤں نے ڈیرے ڈال رکھے ہیں۔ آزاد کشمیر کی وادیاں بھی برف سے ڈھک جانے کے بعد مزید دلکش مناظر پیش کر رہی ہیں۔

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