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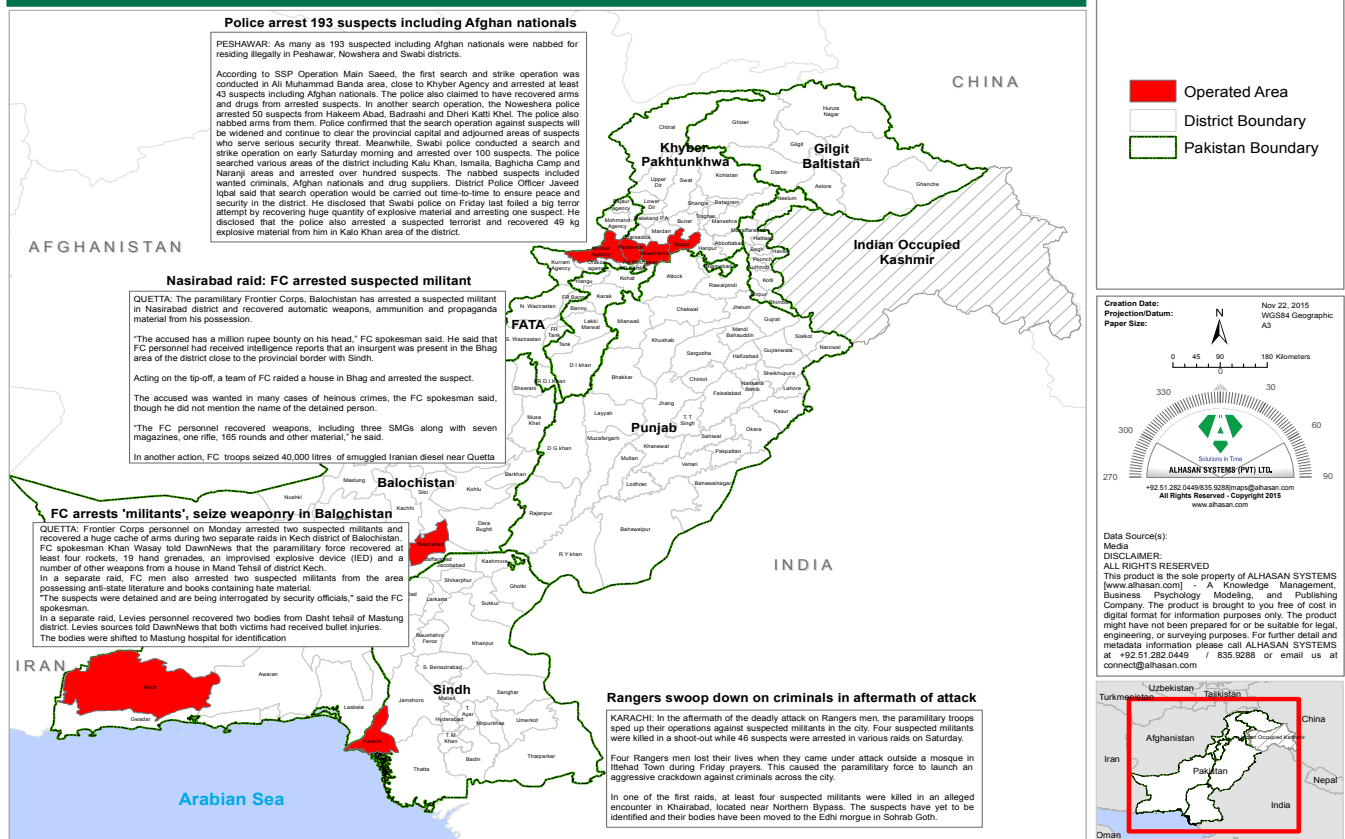
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

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Allied hospitals confirm 125 more dengue cases in six days

The News, November 22, 2015

Mosquito threat: Dengue patient in critical condition

Express Tribune, November 22, 2015

Quake victims hold protests, demand relief cheques

The Nation, November 21, 2015

Dengue cases soar past 4,500 in Rawalpindi, govt helpless

Dawn News, November 21, 2015

DETAILS

RAWALPINDI: The number of patients reaching allied hospitals in town with dengue fever has started showing a downward trend but residents in the district are still at risk of contracting the infection because adult mosquitoes from the environment particularly from indoor places could not be eliminated as yet. Data collected by 'The News' on Saturday reveals that despite a great fall in mercury level in the region, the three teaching hospitals in town continued receiving significant number of patients last week. It is important that cold weather makes environment unsuitable for mosquitoes including *aedes aegypti*, the vector that causes dengue fever to survive.

The allied hospitals in town, however, confirmed as many as 125 more cases of dengue fever positive in last six days that took the total number of patients tested positive at the three teaching hospitals including Holy Family Hospital, Benazir Bhutto Hospital and District Headquarters Hospital to 3,859 this year. In last 24 hours, the allied hospitals received 253 patients at their dengue outpatient departments of which 214 were registered as suspected cases while 21 were taken as probable cases of the infection. As many as 16 patients have been confirmed positive for dengue fever at the three teaching hospitals in last 24 hours.

On Saturday morning, a total of 81 patients including 45 confirmed patients of dengue fever, 10 patients of dengue hemorrhagic fever and 26 probable cases were undergoing treatment at dengue fever wards of the three teaching hospitals while eight patients were admitted to high dependency units of the allied hospitals relatively in serious condition. The infection claimed another life in last six days that took the total number of patients died of dengue fever to 13 during the recent outbreak at the three teaching hospitals.

According to details, the HFH has so far confirmed a total of 1,573 cases of dengue fever positive this year of which 10 died of the infection. The BBH confirmed a total of 1,788 patients positive for the infection of which three died of it while the DHQ tested a total of 498 patients positive for the infection this year. According to a number of health experts, the more alarming fact during the recent spike is that so far a total of 1,348 cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever and 79 cases of dengue shock syndrome have been reported at the allied hospitals this year. The DHF and DSS are more fatal forms of dengue fever with greater mortality rates. Health experts believe that to control the dengue fever outbreak completely, individuals would have to take preventive measures more seriously inside homes and offices to eliminate adult mosquitoes that may have shifted to warmer places, from outdoor environment to indoor places. According to experts, the population in this region of the country is still at risk of contracting the infection.

GUJRAT: A dengue patient was referred to a Gujranwala hospital on Saturday from Wazirabad. Health officials said Khalil, 18, had been down with fever for the past week. "He was being treated for fever. On Saturday, his condition deteriorated and he was taken to Gujranwala Civil Hospital. There, he was found to be suffering from dengue fever. Doctors have advised immediate blood and platelet infusion to save his life," they said.

Shangla: The earthquake's victims on Saturday demonstrated in District Headquarter of Shangla against the non-supply of relief cheque and cutting of their names from the list.

According to press release, accompanied by leaders of major political parties, including ANP, QWP, PTI leading Haji Sadeed Ur Rehman, protesters blocked Bisham Swat main road to the traffic for five hours at alpuri. They later marched up to Alpuri main Chowk and staged a demonstration. ANP's Member district Council and Opposition leader Haji Sadeed Ur Rahman, Gulab Shahpuri, Attaullah Khan, QWP District Chairman Mutawakil Khan advocate, PTI District Council Member Zia Ul Haq and other political leaders addressed the demonstration of Earthquake affectee. The Speakers said that Shangla is one of the worst hit district from the earthquake in the province.

They added that Army has surveyed once in the areas and they have issued them token properly who are affected, they reported now the district administration are removing the names from the list and not issuing them cheques for the reconstruction of their houses. They demanded the immediate transfer of cheque to the victims and provide them full relief. Later, a delegation of Earthquake affected in leading of Haji Sadeed Ur Rahman and other political elders met Deputy Commissioner Shangla Saddat Hasan, Assistant Commissioner Taimur Khan Afridi, Army Officers, DSP Rahat Ali Khan. The deputy Commissioner Shangla assured the protester that soon re-survey will be started in those areas which are remained and will give the cheque to the real eligible affected. The protesters later dispersed peacefully.

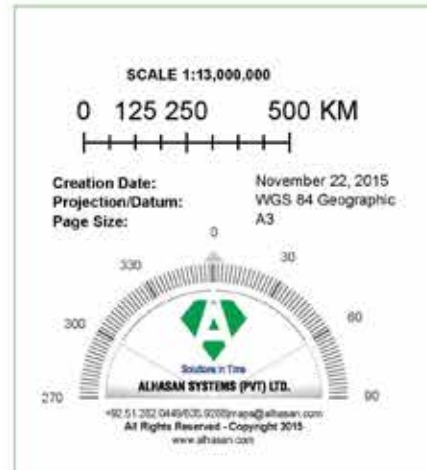
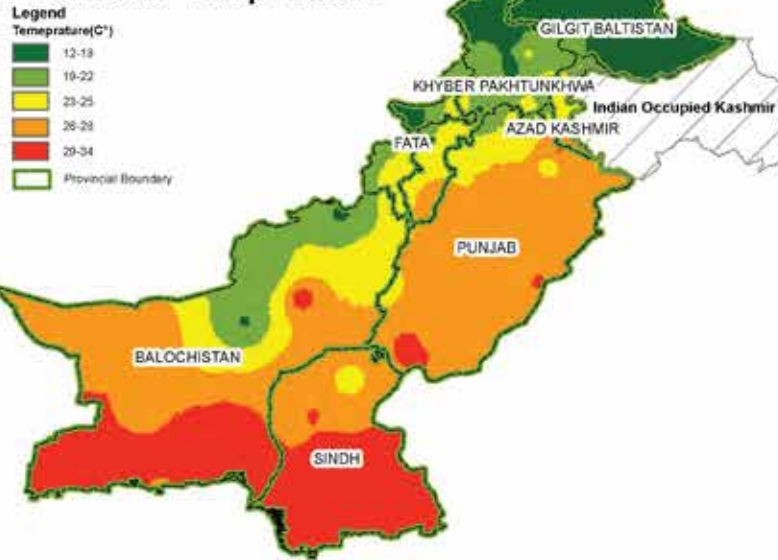
ISLAMABAD: Rawalpindi has seen the highest number of dengue patients in the country this year. Government of Punjab claims 4,600 patients have been admitted in government hospital, but according to independent sources the numbers are quite high. In its programme 'Exposed', DawnNews surveyed Rawalpindi to find out the reasons behind unchecked spread of dengue virus in the city. Victims told DawnNews that "the provincial government was extremely negligent about spread of the virus in the city". District Health Officer Dr Rafiq Ahmed also admitted that there was a delay in the anti-dengue virus spray which allowed the virus to spread unchecked.

The government was supposed to carry out the first round of anti-dengue virus spray by end of March, but it was delayed till September. People who have been working on this project on temporary basis for over three years demanded of the Punjab government to make them permanent employees, but the provincial government refused and inducted more contractual

Weather Parameters Map of Pakistan

21 November, 2015

Maximum Temperature



No earthquake imminent as civil-military relations are better, says Interior Minister Ch Nisar

Channel 24, November 21, 2015

Nawaz announces Rs 50b projects for KP; vows to rehabilitate quake victims

Channel 24, November 20, 2015

Earthquake: eye-opener

Dawn News, November 20, 2015

Fumigation Against Dengue Commences Today

Pak Observer, November 20, 2015

employees — which further wasted time. Exposed along with the Punjab surveillance team went from door to door in areas suspected of dengue and showed the breeding nests of larvae. "The place where a dengue larva is detected is considered ground zero, which is sprayed along with to six houses on each side of the affected place," said a team member of the surveillance team.

Similarly, the house, office, school or any area specific to the patient suffering from dengue virus is also sprayed. Exposed interacted with dengue patients and doctors at Benazir Bhutto Hospital, Rawalpindi. Medical Superintendent Dr. Zafar told DawnNews, "A separate section comprising 200 beds has been made for dengue patients, where they are diagnosed and treated free of cost." Despite huge claims by Punjab government, residents of Rawalpindi believe that the government hasn't done enough to curtail the spread of this virus. Some complained that their areas of residence were neglected during the time of spray.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Ch Nisar has said that no earthquake is imminent because the civil-military relations are better.

Addressing a press conference on Friday, he said that the COAS visit was arranged after approval and consultation of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. "The relations between the army and the government are not divided. Enemies benefit from the news about estranged relations between them," he maintained. He clarified that the COAS visit was scheduled. The minister warned that the airline bringing exiled Pakistanis from abroad without clearance from the FIA would be fined. About human smuggling, he said that the FIA had already launched a crackdown against human smugglers. "A European Union delegation will meet us with regard to human smuggling."

Ch Nisar also informed about the ECL policy and renewal of weapon licenses. He said that the issue of NACTA funds had been resolved. "Reservations of overseas promoters will be removed," he added. The minister said that Jamatud Dawa had been included only in the watch list.

PANAKOT: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Thursday announced that the government would spend Rs 50 billion for the construction of a new Chakdara-Dir-Chitral road and completion of Lowari Tunnel to shorten travel time and facilitate the people of the remote area.

The prime minister said the huge amount of Rs 50 billion was far more than was being spent in Rawalpindi, Lahore and other mega cities, as the government realised the importance of the people living in far off places and wants to bring these areas at par with the developed areas of the country. The prime minister said the government would also construct a 132 KVA grid station in the area, to help it meet its growing electricity needs. He said his government was working hard to help end load shedding in the country and a number of short- and long-term measures were being undertaken in this regard.

He said he had visited most of the areas affected by the earthquake that hit the region on Oct 26 and said though the compensation was no replacement for the precious lives lost, but was just a token of assistance to help the bereaved family bear their loss. The prime minister said he had directed mobilisation of the entire government machinery for rescue, relief and rehabilitation of the affected people. He said both the federal and the provincial governments worked in complete unison to help the people confront this calamity.

He said the priority in this regard was to ensure that the damaged houses were constructed before the harsh winter sets in. He said the government was fully aware of the problems being faced by the earthquake affected people, living in the remote areas, and said the federal and the provincial government have worked together to help them in their hour of trial.

He said though the payments were not a compensation for the precious lives lost, but was meant to help their families cope with the great loss. He said it was his obligation to reach out to the people who had suffered because of the natural calamity and recalled his visits to various affected areas. The prime minister said his government was burning midnight oil to help address the problems being faced by the masses. Referring to the demand of the locals about provision of natural gas to the region, he said the locally produced gas was not enough to meet the demand. However, he assured that gas would be provided to Upper Dir as soon as the country's gas requirements from imports were met.

THIS refers to the report '2005 earthquake: little to show for billions spent on rebuilding' (Oct 30). It is an eye-opener and baffling. Nearly Rs142bn had been spent in Azad Kashmir and Rs33bn in one district — Mansehra — in rehabilitating the quake victims; yet they are homeless and children without covered schools. The Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (Erra) is now being disbanded which means closing the chapter on billions of rupees. It is a new format of NRO. The 2015 earthquake is the repetition of 2005 except that destruction this time was a lot less. Winter has set in and temperatures are falling.

The poor need just a roof to cover themselves up and perhaps a quilt to protect their children from cruel winter; let's hope they are provided and in time. Can they have as little as this?

Karachi: The 10th phase of fumigation against dengue causing Aedes Egypti mosquito will commence in Karachi on Friday and will continue till December 11, said KMC Administrator, Sajjad Hussain Abbasi here on Thursday.

The exercise to envelop all districts will be equally focused on elimination of Malaria and other insect borne ailments. KMC Administrator chairing a meeting in his office to finalize arrangements made for the exercise said anti-mosquito spray will be ensured in each and every part of Karachi. Areas comprising narrow lanes with difficult accessibility for vehicles mounted with spray and fumigation machines, he said would be covered by portable spray machines so as to ensure across the board protection of the citizens against preventable ailments. As per schedule anti dengue and malaria spray exercise will commence from Saddar on November 20 followed by

Dengue spray

Dawn News, November 20, 2015

PM orders distribution of relief cheques before 25th Nov. among quake victims

Thefrontierpost, November 19, 2015

Lyari on Nov 21, SITE area on November 23, Kemari on November 24, Baldia Town November 25, Orangi Town November 26, Gulshan e Iqbal November 27, Jamshed Town November 28, Gulberg on November 30,, New Karachi on December 1, Liaqutabad on December 2, North Nazimabad on November 3, Korangi on December 4, Landhi on December 7, Shah Faisal on December 8, Malir on December 9, Bin Qasim on December 10 and Gadap Town on December 11.

More than 30 vehicles will remain engaged in the process while two of other vehicles would remain on standby to attend to any of public complaints. The fumigation process will be undertaken in evening hours and all district and administrators municipal commissioners will personally supervise the campaign.

ACCORDING to the news item (Nov 11), a teenager from Malir district died of dengue haemorrhagic fever in Karachi, taking the death toll to nine. It was also said that the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation used expired insecticide, alpha cypermethrin, for spraying the suspected sites.

Date-expired insecticides should not be used at all, unless they have been tested for compliance with physico-chemical properties as included in the product specification. Product specification is submitted by the manufacturer to the national registration authority. Expired or obsolete insecticides can develop relevant impurities and metabolites which can be toxic. Changes in the physico-chemical properties of the formulation can also render the product unfit for intended application.

It should be noted that an insecticide registered in a country of use should only be used for the legally allowable purpose only. Alpha cypermethrin has not been evaluated by World Health Organisation Pesticide Evaluation Scheme for use in space spraying against mosquitoes. This tends to suggest that alpha cypermethrin may not be appropriate for use against mosquitoes, unless evaluation proves otherwise.

PM Nawaz Sharif UPPER DIR (Local TV) -- Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif, on Thursday, directed the authorities to distribute relief cheques in quake affected areas by 25th of this month. PM said that he did not leave the victim of disaster alone for even a moment, reported Local TV. PM Nawaz Sharif was addressing quake affected people at Panakot in Upper Dir where he also distributed cheques among them. He assured quake affected people that the Federal Government would take every possible step to mitigate their sufferings and help them stand on their own feet. He also announced an electricity line of 132 kilowatt in Upper Dir area. PM attended a briefing about the damages caused by earthquake and rehabilitation process. Also read: PM Nawaz arrives in Swat to review post-quake relief activities Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif on Saturday has arrived in Barikot, area of Swat to review post-quake relief activities carried out in the area.

On the occasion, the premier was briefed on the damages caused by the calamity and the ongoing relief measures at the Governor House. He has also met the quake sufferers. Addressing the media after reviewing relief activities, the Prime Minister stated the federal government will extend full support to local administration in quake relief activities. He said that the whole country is sad over the loss of lives in recent earthquake. Under the package, Rs 600,000 will be given to the family of each deceased and Rs 100,000 to each injured person. Similarly, Rs 200,000 will be given to the one who lost his limb or any other body part in the disaster. The Prime Minister said that Rs 200,000 would also be given for the construction of completely damaged houses while Rs 100,000 each for the partially damaged houses. He further distributed cheques to the victims so that they can rebuild their houses. Nawaz Sharif lauded the national and provincial disaster management authorities, KP government and Pak Army for immediately carrying out smooth relief operation. Earlier, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif visited the earthquake-hit towns of Shangla and Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where at least 49 people were killed and 80 injured. Talking to the quake affected people during his visit to Shangla and other areas, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Perviz Khattak said relief operation is in full swing in the affected parts of the province to minimize sufferings of the masses. He said relief goods have been sent to all the affected areas. He directed the officers of health department to provide best available medical facilities to all the injured. CM Khattak said the provincial government is planning to strictly implement building construction code to avert such losses in future. At the moment, confirmed death toll across Pakistan is more than 250 with nearly 1,700 people injured, and authorities warn that the number could spike with many isolated regions still cut off. People were reported to be running out of food in many remote areas, with children and the elderly helping to dig through piles of rubble for survivors as they waited for aid to arrive. The military has been leading rescue efforts, sending in medical teams, tents and rations and evacuating some people by helicopter.

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SUKKUR: The Department of Geography at Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU), Khairpur organised a seminar 'Effects of Drought on Irrigation and Agriculture Activities' in collaboration with Institute of Space Technology (IST), Karachi on Wednesday. SALU, Shikarpur Campus Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Lutfullah Mangi presided over the seminar and Dr Badar Ghauri of IST, SUPARCO was the chief guest.

Dr Mangi said drought has been part of our environment since the beginning of recorded history. Drought not only affects irrigation and agriculture but also creates a chain of reactions in the other sectors of the economy.

He pointed out that it has been estimated by UN, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) that droughts are the world's costliest natural disaster, accounting for six to eight billion dollars annually, and impacting more people than the other forms of natural disasters. The FAO also reports that the frequency, intensity and duration of droughts were expected to rise as a result of climate change with an increasing human and economic toll. Dr Mumtaz Hussain Mahar, Dean, Faculty of Physical Sciences said successive governments in Pakistan have been working on lining of canals and water courses, new crop patterns, and dry farming techniques, like drip irrigation method.

But unfortunately, there is lack of awareness in this regard, and people are not really aware about the causes and consequences of climate change. He suggested that awareness should be part of our education. Dr Badar Ghauri delivered his presentation on Drought Monitoring System for Sindh. He said it was necessary to identify drought prone areas in Sindh to develop a methodology and determine drought severity, utilising satellite-based data, to relate the impact of meteorological drought with agricultural drought and to develop the Drought Monitoring Decision Support System (DM-DSS).

Problems of Fresh Water Resources and Management in Sindh were discussed by Prof Mohammad Rafique Dhanani, University of Sindh, Jamshoro. He revealed that water stress was a growing concern all over the world. The amount of per capita water availability decreased significantly from 5,300 cubic meters in 1951 to 850 cubic meters in 2013. He said Sindh was mostly arid land where rainfall was low and variable. The condition of fresh water resources depending upon local rainfall may be examined by the amount of rainfall and number of rainy days in different areas of Sindh. Prof Ayaz Hussain Abro, Principal, Khairpur College of Agricultural, Engineering and Technology, Khairpur spoke on Effects of Droughts on Agriculture and Livestock in Tharparkar.

He said, over 40 to 70 percent desert population migrate to barrage areas of Indus river to find labour and grass lands for animals. A significant effect of drought has been observed in availability of grains, milk and feed / fodder of livestock. Low crop yields result in high market prices of grains and fodder. It is estimated that local trade has fallen by over 70 percent, he added. Prof Dr Mohammad Hanif, IST, SUPARCO, Islamabad spoke on Food Security: Geospatial Monitoring of Water and Agriculture Sectors. "We have to prove that we are using this scarce resource efficiently," he said. He suggested that agriculture research, educational transformation and hi tech research were essential for food security. Diversification of food habits may be promoted too, he added. Dr Arjumand Zaidi, IST, SUPARCO, Karachi talked on Watercourse Improvement Efforts in Sindh: Are the Goals Achieved? She suggested focusing on major issues of agricultural and irrigation sectors of Sindh, and to improve the efficiency, reliability, and equity of irrigation water distribution at watercourse levels.

She said majority of the targeted tasks of National Programme for Improvement of Water and Sindh On-Farm Water Management Programme, including watercourses improvement have been completed so far.

How to handle disaster management:

"What separates us from the lower animals, what separates us from the chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met". David Levithan's statement fits so well to the current acts of terrorism and natural disasters which the world and Pakistan face today. The statement hints at a mindset change, having empathy and from being victim to becoming a participant in a situation. In other words, having flexibility to feel and adapt, reform and unite, and take responsibility in

Disaster, thy name is chaos

Pakistan Today, November 19, 2015

Earthquake victims rally against 'nepotism' in cheque distribution

Dawn News, November 18, 2015

situations of crisis, emergencies or disaster is the key to managing disasters effectively.

Whether it's a natural disaster or an incident of terrorism like the one in France, chaos follows. RT reported chaos among public as they didn't know where to go in a world vulnerable to terrorism and though terrorism remains a separate field, yet one cannot ignore the fact that natural disasters now are also non-traditional security threats with terrorism spilling across the borders. The news regarding terrorists in the garb of refugees says it all about how a humanitarian crisis is being perceived as a potential cause of human carnage. This highlights the need to view disasters beyond the traditional terms and cycles of reconstruction, analysing the phenomenon from a human security angle, knitted with preparedness to respond with multi-pronged approaches.

In Pakistan, the brewing crisis of water level falling in Balochistan, over 4,000 dengue patients in twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad, collapse of a factory in Lahore due to non compliance of building codes, and military pounding the terrorists, disaster management of 26th October earthquake becomes a complex emergency situation. Though, as usual, military remained a vital partner in relief and rescue operation, a cohesive and an inclusive approach to disaster management becomes a national security imperative for Pakistan. Understanding the current scenario demands a clear identification of roles and mandate of not only the government departments but also of civil society organisations which should adhere to their defined mandates, which is to fill the gap and not demand a replacement of government departments which of course raises eyebrows.

Disasters lead to chaos when a long term disaster management strategy remains at the back burner and new phenomenon emerge to fill the gap. It's a hard and cruel fact that while disasters destroy lives of some, it opens avenues for others. In absence of a well defined strategy, one would witness parachute disaster experts with proposals to invent the wheel in a chaotic scenario, undermining the already set organisations with new proposals having no correlation to what happened in the past. An indication of lack of knowledge management, a term for effective disaster risk reduction, such attempts not only make the scene muggier but also changes media's focus from being a partner to running after breaking news, as confused as the masses focusing on governance, corruption and what happened in the past, which dilutes the efforts to rehabilitate and educate the affectees along with bringing a political touch to a humanitarian situation. That is the aftereffect of not taking disaster planning seriously.

The fact remains that none of the civil departments have either the capacity or resources to cope with relief and rescue operations. Keeping in view the security scenario, access of NGOs to northern areas is ruled out which raises the vital question if the army should be made a part of disaster management system in a country marked with complex situation till capacity is built at local level. And if it is a yes, what's the timeframe then?

The post-26 October scenario highlighted the need for a cohesive disaster management system with inclusion of stakeholders and a need for attitude change at the mass level with vigorous media and educational campaigns. Another important issue to be handled is the inclusion of women and children as major vulnerable groups both in the situation of terrorism and natural disasters. This calls for a women-inclusive policy-level change not only at planning and implementation level, but also at monitoring and evaluation level. Though the situation demands an overhauling of priorities linking disaster management to human security, it also calls for having a long term clear model to have a cohesive participatory approach or 'disaster thy name is chaos' will remain true for years to come. No one refutes the need for capacity building at the local and community level; however, who should transfer knowledge and expertise to local level remains a question, for which an unbiased human resource management and not taking experts as "too heavy for the basket" is required for the sake of those who suffer.

MINGORA: The people affected by earthquake and workers of political parties other than PTI staged a demonstration here on Wednesday to protest what they called nepotism in distribution of compensation cheques. The earthquake victims belonging of Kabal, Barikot, Charbagh and Matta tehsils and political activists gathered outside Swat Press Club and chanted slogans against PTI and provincial government. They alleged that distribution of compensation cheques was based on nepotism and favouritism as deserving people were ignored in the process.

"The patwaris came and surveyed our damaged houses, however, affected people were left out when cheques were distributed. The cheques were distributed among undeserving people," said Mohammad Kamal, a protester from Matta. The protesters alleged that provincial government benefitted only the supporters of PTI. They said that despite seeing their damaged houses the patwari refused to enlist him in the earthquake victims.

"I went again and again to report to patwari, assistant commissioner and tehsildar where the lists of victims were finalised. They assured me of enlisting but I was ignored in the compensation process. My neighbours and other villagers provided me with some non-food items," said 70-year-old Gul Dad. Shah Zaman, another protester, said that they were busy in collecting different items from the debris of their house when other people, who had not received any loss in the earthquake, went to the offices of patwari and tehsil administration and enlisted themselves as quake victims.

"The government agencies did not verify them and blindly gave them compensation cheques while the deserving people were ignored," he added. However, MPA Fazal Hakim said that a proper committee was formed in each and every tehsil to monitor distribution of cheques among the affected people to minimise irregularities in the process. "Nevertheless, if any deserving person has been ignored he must visit the tehsil office concerned and enlist himself. I assure them that they will be given the compensation amount," he added. The deputy commissioner has also admitted that fake earthquake victims were detected and compensation cheques were taken back from them. He said that legal action was also taken against such people.

Global warming: What if we do nothing?

Ajj News, November 18, 2015

Paris: If mankind fails to curtail global warming, we will have to deal with fallout ranging from massive refugee crises and submerged cities to scorching heatwaves and drought, scientists say. Starting on November 30, 195 nations will huddle in Paris for a climate rescue pact to rein in the greenhouse gases that drive climate change.

Here is what could happen if they come up empty handed:

Hotter temperatures

Without additional action, Earth could heat up by as much as four degrees Celsius (7.2 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century, compared to pre-industrial levels. A mountain of scientific evidence tells us this would be a recipe for disaster. A "business as usual" emissions scenario would "lead to a very high risk of severe, widespread and irreversible" impacts, according to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Rising seas

By 2100, the world's oceans would rise 26-82 centimetres (10-32 inches) over levels seen between 1986-2005, the IPCC found in its most recent assessment, which includes data up to 2012. More recent studies suggest the increases could be even higher. Driving the rise are ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica shedding mass faster than ever, melting glaciers, and oceans that expand as they warm. Even a 2 C rise as targeted by the UN would submerge land currently occupied by 280 million people, according to Climate Central, a US-based research group. The change could take a few hundred years, or up to 2,000 years.

Extreme weather

Superstorms, bone-chilling cold snaps and intense heat waves could become more common — and more extreme — due to global warming. While the link between specific weather events and climate remains hard to nail down, recent research has teased out climate change as an aggravating factor for deadly floods, snowstorms, typhoons and heat waves. Not all nasty hurricanes or heat waves, however, can be chalked up to climate change, scientists caution.

Water dilemma

Global warming can lead to long-running droughts and devastating floods, which means some parts of the world will not have enough water and others too much. Droughts in Syria and California have been tied to climate change. Heavy rains carry the risk of flooding that can send people fleeing for their lives, destroy homes and crops.

Humanitarian crises

Global warming can spur disease, ravage crops and push more people into poverty. Conflict over water or smaller harvests could instigate war or mass migration. People living on low-lying islands such as the Maldives, an archipelago in the Indian Ocean, or the Philippines could become climate refugees, forced to flee their homes due to rising seas.

Impoverished people in the world are already being hurt by heat waves, drought and flooding, because they are both more dependent on the land and lack public services.

BUNER: Opposition leader in National Assembly Syed Khurshid Shah Wednesday visited earthquake affected areas in Buner and demanded of the government to increase compensation amount for the victims. Addressing the victims here, the opposition leader demanded of the government to take immediate steps for rehabilitation of the affectees and increase compensation amount from Rs200,000 and termed the compensation amount as joke with the affectees. He said that the PPP would put pressure on the provincial and federal governments for early rehabilitation of the victims. He said that PPP would stand by the affectees in this difficult time. Qamar Zaman Kaira, Khanzada Khan and Johar Ali Khan also addressed the gathering.

ISLAMABAD: Leader of the House in Senate Raja Zafar-ul-Haq said on Wednesday that government was utilising all available resources to provide facilities to the earthquake victims.

Addressing a seminar organised by the Saba International Trust, he said that the government stood with earthquake affected people in this difficult time. He said that the recent earthquake was the most severe quake of the history but with the grace of God devastation was less than the past. He said that on the directions of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the federal and provincial governments actively started relief activities in earthquake hit areas. He also lauded the efforts of the Pakistan Army in relief activities. He said that the Saba Trust has provided food, blankets and tents to the earthquake victims on emergency basis. He appreciated the role of the Trust in relief activities and said that government would provide all possible cooperation to these social institutions.

SEHAR: When floodwaters four feet deep inundated this village in southern Pakistan for a month this summer, 80 percent of the 251 thatched houses remained safely above water.

For years, residents of this remote village in the highly flood-prone District Layyah, had seen their homes repeatedly inundated. Fed up, they finally took matters into their own hands and rebuilt their homes on raised dirt platforms five to six feet high, shored up with eucalyptus trees planted around the edges. Now risk reduction experts are calling on the government to help more residents of flood-prone areas follow suit, as heavy and irregular rainfall, which experts blame on climate change, increased the vulnerability to flooding of millions of people in Pakistan.

Sandwiched between the Indus and Chenab rivers, District Layyah lies in the south of Punjab, some 470 miles southeast of capital, Islamabad. Flooding is an annual phenomenon in the district. Last summer, around 226,000 people were affected and crops on more than 41,000 hectares were destroyed, according to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority. But the flood-resilient homes in Sehar, which were mostly rebuilt in late 2010, survived, just as they

PPP leaders visit earthquake affected Buner

Khybernews, November 18, 2015

Govt providing all facilities to victims of earthquake

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In home-grown innovation, village in south Punjab rises above flood woes

Daily Times, November 17, 2015

did during heavy flooding in the three years from 2011 to 2013. "Even though floods still strike our areas in a more intense and frequent manner, we remain safe," said Zulekha Hussain, a 34-year-old villager who lives in one of the raised houses. The idea of building homes on dirt platforms came from bitter experience, villagers said. "We learned from previous floods that the only houses that braved the floods were those built on five to six feet high ground dotted with trees," said Habibullah Sehar. The wheat farmer said his house collapsed in floods five times between 2000 and 2010, and each time he was forced to rebuild - until 2010, when he decided to adapt and rebuild his home on a dirt platform five feet above the ground. He also dotted his land with 350 eucalyptus trees, some planted around the edges of the platform to reinforce it and protect the earth from being washed away. "I have not had to rebuild my home again after the 2010 floods, though the village has suffered four heavy summer floods since 2011," the 40-year-old said. Sehar was the first in his village to rebuild in this way, but now over 205 families in the village have followed the footsteps, and other villages are catching on too. For the last two years, many people have visited from nearby villages to see for themselves the benefits of flood-resilient homes. "They come and look at the way the homes have been built and inquire in detail about construction techniques. Many villagers from our village also go and help them build these flood-resilient homes," said Karim Noor, a tomato farmer in Sehar.

Naseer Ahmed, a staff member of the Khushal Foundation, a community-based development organisation in Sahuwala village in Layyah, said the homes have helped curb the number of flood-hit people leaving Sahuwala. "Thanks to these new flood-resilient homes, villagers no longer need to migrate out of our village," he said. According to Ahmed, more than 890 families in Layyah have so far rebuilt homes using Sehar's raised-platform style, and the number is growing.

Farmer Zainab Batool said women in particular feel insecure when they live in makeshift tents often pitched for flood victims by local government or non-governmental organisations. There they face hunger and often feel vulnerable to strangers, she said. "Thanks to the flood-resilient homes, we no longer face this situation," Batool said. The remaining families in Sehar plan to rebuild their homes on platforms too, and are deterred only by lack of money. Habibullah Sehar spent Rs 100,000 to rebuild his house, 10 times the average monthly income in Sehar. Many villagers have sold cattle or a portion of their land in order to help finance the adaptation work.

Disaster risk reduction expert Amjad Mehmood at the Doaba Foundation, a local NGO working in flood-prone districts of Punjab, said, "Self-adaptation measures such as those adopted by the Sehar villagers can inspire others and should be supported by the government." Such indigenous knowledge-based measures show how people are already adapting to impacts of climate change to protect their lives. Local disaster management authorities should scale up these community-based adaptation practices through Local Adaptation Plans for Actions," Mehmood urged. In an assessment, the World Resources Institute ranked Pakistan as the fifth most affected country for river flooding, among 164 countries analysed. The institute estimated that floods affect nearly 715,000 people in Pakistan each year, causing \$1.7 billion in economic losses. The US-based think-tank warned that by 2030, river floods could affect two million more people in Pakistan, with climate change driving 70 percent of that increase. "While a big number of people are forced to migrate to safer places in the event of extreme weather events like floods, sustainable homes resilient to floods can help cut post-disaster spending for arranging shelter for displaced flood victims," said Shafqat Aziz, climate migration and food security specialist at Oxfam Novib, the Dutch affiliate of anti-poverty charity Oxfam.

Non-Cooperators With Anti-Dengue Teams To Be Penalized

Pak Observer, November 17, 2015

RAWALPINDI : All those not cooperating with anti-dengue teams during their surveillance and fogging drives will be booked under the law, warned the District Administration here Monday. "All businesses or dwellers who fail to cooperate with anti-dengue teams will be booked under the relevant laws," said a media release issued by Town Municipal Administration of Rawal Town. The release quoting Assistant Commissioner (AC) City Quratul Aain said that the officer urged the citizens to extend maximum cooperation to the fogging teams to effectively deal with the fatal disease. AC City, while chairing a meeting of all allied departments working to fight against Dengue expressed the hope that they would be able to overpower the disease through concerted efforts. She said that due to an effective awareness campaign most of the citizens had already been apprised of the fatality of disease. However, she observed that there have been some reports revealing about the non-cooperation by owners of shops and houses. "No such incident would be tolerated and the infringers would be dealt with according to the law." Dengue fever is a painful, debilitating mosquito-borne disease caused by any one of four closely related dengue viruses. In 2009, an outbreak of dengue fever was identified in Key. Dengue fever is transmitted by the bite of an Aedes mosquito.

Natural disaster: 861 school buildings damaged in earthquake, reveals department report

Express Tribune, November 16, 2015

MULTAN: A Schools Education Department report states that 861 government school buildings in the province suffered damages from the October 26 earthquake.

The report has been referred to the SED secretary with a request for disbursement of funds to the affected schools, a department official told The Express Tribune on Sunday. The report suggests that the highest number of school buildings damaged from the earthquake were in Attock district. It says 156 school buildings were damaged. Of these, eight buildings were not fit for use and required major repairs; 20 were partially damaged and 109 had developed cracks in some walls. The report says 96 school buildings were damaged in Chiniot, 84 in Sargodha, 57 in Lahore, 53 in Chakwal, 44 in Hafizabad, 41 in Bhakkar, 39 in Mandi Bahauddin, 38 in Gujrat, 31 in Mianwali, 30 in Jhelum, 22 in Nankana Sahib, 20 each in Multan and Muzaffargarh, 18 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 18 in Rawalpindi, 14 in Rajanpur, 12 in Gujranwala, 10 in Faisalabad, eight in Sheikhupura, four in Narowal, three in Lodhran, two in Kasur, and one in Bahawalpur. In terms of damage, the report says 22 buildings were entirely unfit for use, 189 were partially damaged and 524 had developed cracks in some walls. It says boundary wall of 57 school buildings had been collapsed and of 110 buildings partially damaged in the earthquake. It says roofs of 12 school buildings had caved in and of 72 partially damaged.

Disaster after disaster

The Nation, November 16, 2015

Nature festival: Children step up to protect the environment

Express Tribune, November 16, 2015

59 fresh dengue cases in Rawalpindi take total to 4,501

Dawn News, November 16, 2015

Cheques distributed among quake victims of Dir, Buner

The News, November 16, 2015

We are witnessing repeated disasters of natural and man made ones which are depressing news for people. Latest is scores of labourers buried alive beneath a faulty building in Sunder Estate that sends a strong message to our administrators who always believe in fire fighting but do nothing to prevent such terrible disasters due to human failings. The Chief Minister Punjab ought to take some time out to inspect faulty buildings near Lahore. He is too busy in building metros and orange trains and looks drained out due to his lingering sickness that is taking severe toll from his health. He is advised to retire and give exclusive attention to his health at this time. The disaster of collapsing buildings need urgent attention to hold builders and inspectors responsible for callous treatment of labourers who lose their lives in faulty buildings simply to earn a few hundred rupees each month. The persons who control building codes may be held responsible for such colossal loss of human life so that they are fined heavily to deter them in future from playing with the lives of poor people in heartless manner. Such disasters are a slur on the fair name of Chief Minister who is known to be a hard task master but has become lack lustre lately due to his health problems.

LAHORE: The 17th Nature Festival was held at Race Course Park on Sunday providing children with an opportunity to learn about their environment. The annual event was a joint initiative of the WWF-Pakistan and Horlicks-GSK Consumer Healthcare. A large number of children participated in the festival; some of them displayed their projects. Around 100 stalls were set up by various schools and colleges. The activities involved the use of recycled material to make a small race track. "This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn how old materials could be re-used," said Fatima Haider whose 10-year-old son Zauraz Haider was engrossed in the activity.

Some of the children gathered at a face-painting stall to have animals' sketches painted on their cheeks. A puppet show and musical performances were also a hit. The models on display focused on environmental issues including recycling, dangers to aquatic life and protection of endangered species such as ibex, snow leopard and vulture. "I am the main fish the leader of all the fish," said Muhammad Abdullah, a grade 2 student from Lords International School. Abdullah and his six class fellows were dressed as fish surrounded by garbage to depict pollution in sea. Syeda Zainab Shah was dressed as a seahorse. "Sea animals are dying because of plastic materials people throw in the water," she said. "The practice is very harmful to sea life."

Some students from The Foundation Campus had created decorative items using plastic bottles and boxes. "It took me two days to finish this," said Muhammad Suleman pointing to a green basket made from a plastic bottle. Grade 3 and 4 students from the Lahore Grammar School, EME, had created a model depicting habitats of some endangered species. "Vultures are dying because of pesticides and diclofenac," said Ghulam Mustafa, a grade 4 student. He said vultures fed on the meat of farm animals and died due to presence of the chemical in their bodies.

Sara Riaz from grade 3 said, "Markhors (ibex) and snow leopards are losing their habitat." She said the animals were being hunted for their skin and horns. "They are also used for trophy hunting," she said. The models on display were part of a competition.

WWF-Pakistan Director General Hammad Naqi said he was hopeful that the children would become more sensitive towards the environment. "The carnival will help spread the message of environment protection, particularly among children who are the stewards of change," he said.

RAWALPINDI: At least 59 fresh cases of dengue fever were registered on Monday in the three government-run hospitals of Rawalpindi, taking the reported tally of the mosquito-borne viral disease reported this year in the city to 4,501.

According to figures issued by Provincial Health Department, at least 59 more people were tested dengue positive while 10 people have already lost their lives due to this disease. Out of the 59 cases, 30 were registered at Holy Family Hospital (HFH), 26 at Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) and three at District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital. However, no data is available from the private medical facilities in the city. On the other hand, Presiding over a session called to discuss anti-dengue efforts, Rawalpindi District Coordination Officer (DCO) Sajid Zafar said that owing to the efforts of anti-dengue campaign, the spread of disease is watching a steady decline in the city. "But the efforts will continue to kill the larvae of dengue mosquitoes," said Zafar. Earlier last month, Rawalpindi police had asked Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif to declare dengue an epidemic. The police request was based on a city-wide research by special branch. A police officer who has been working on the research had expressed fear that the number of patients will hike up to thousands.

According to a October 29 report in Dawn newspaper, a health department team discovered dengue mosquitoes inside Benazir Bhutto Hospitals' the surgical ward and the hospital gardens. Another team found dengue mosquitoes at the Holy Family Hospital. The disease has been affecting Rawalpindi and some other cities across the country. Rawal Town in Rawalpindi district is the worst affected area in the entire province of Punjab.

TIMERGARA: The administration of Lower Dir district has so far distributed compensation cheques worth Rs273.01 million among the earthquake victims, an official said. Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Ayaz Khan told The News that a total of Rs14.4 million were distributed among the heirs of 24 deceased, Rs0.43 million among 43 injured people. He added that Rs172 million were given to the owners of the fully damaged houses and Rs82.4 million to the owners of partially damaged houses. Ayaz Khan said that distribution of compensation cheques among all the quake affectees would be completed by November 25. "The compensation of all the earthquake affectees in Lower Dir would cost around 2.5 billion," he added. He said assistant commissioners in all the four sub-divisions of Lower Dir were thoroughly scrutinising and distributing the compensation cheques among the earthquake victims.

DAGGAR: The district administration has distributed compensation cheques worth Rs300 million and relief items among the earthquake-affected people in various areas of Buner district, an

Chitral flood victims ask govt to honour promises

The News, November 15, 2015

El Nino may stir grain markets more than Black Sea drought

Brecorder, November 15, 2015

FFC Extends Relief Assistance To Earthquake Victims

Pak Observer, November 15, 2015

official said on Sunday.

Talking to reporters, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Khaista Rehman Khan said that the administration had distributed Rs300 million among people in various areas including Elai, Anghapur, Hashim Sar, Karapa, Jang Darra, Hisar, Gokand Darra, Top Darra, Sho Darra, Nawan Killay, Mulla Yousaf Killay, Amnawar, Shalbandi, Kalpani, Gagra, Chagharazai, Nawagai, Sura, Ambela, Batai, Pacha Killay, Balo Khan, Sultan Was, Shergarh, Mandao, Surkhaw and Sangara. He said all the assistant commissioners had assisted the quake affectees in their respective areas and distributed relief items including tents, quilts, blankets and food items among them. "The packages were distributed among the families whose houses were completely destroyed in the earthquake," Khaista Rehman said. He said Rs200,000 million each were also given to people whose houses had been destroyed in the earthquake. Muhammad Hussain said that his house was destroyed in the recent earthquake and he got Rs200,000 compensation, besides food items and a tent. A policeman, Liaqat Ali, said that his house had collapsed in the quake and he had also received Rs200,000. Another resident, Mian Gul Rehman, said that he was given Rs200,000 after his house developed cracks in the earthquake.

CHITRAL: The flood-affected dwellers of Muzhgal village in Morkho tehsil on Saturday asked the authorities to honour their promises about their early rehabilitation. "The life of more than 68 families is in danger as steps have not been taken to rehabilitate them ahead of the harsh winter which already set in," a worried elder Dinar Wali told reporters here. Elders including Muhammad Dinar Khan, Ali Muhammad Khan and others were also present on the occasion. He said Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Chief Minister Pervez Khattak had announced Rs1 million for each flood affectee during the visit to Chitral.

"However, the government gave Rs100,000 to each family affected by the floods, adding that such amount was not sufficient. "The families still staying in tents as they can't build houses on such a meager amount," he added. They said that the government should allot residential plots to the victims in Kaghlisht to build their houses as their native village had been devastated by the flood. "The Opposition Leader in the National Assembly and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Khursheed Shah handed over a cheque for Rs50 million to the district administration for the rehabilitation of the earthquake victims but there is no update on it," Ibrahim Wali complained.

El Nino could have a bigger impact on grain and oilseed markets than drought in Russia and Ukraine, which may be alleviated before the crucial spring growth period, analysts said on Wednesday. "You can't have a drought problem overnight," David Hightower, president of research firm The Hightower Report, said of conditions in Russia and Ukraine. Speaking at the Global Grain conference in Geneva, he said El Nino, however, could have far-reaching effects if it lowers palm oil output in top producers Indonesia and Malaysia. A 10 percent drop in palm oil exports next year would require 4.7 million tonnes of alternative edible oils to be supplied for the world market, he said. "We don't know what the impact of El Nino is going to be but China and India are much more significant (consumers) than in the previous El Nino cycle." Tightening supply in oilseed markets could spill over into grains, adding to an expected recovery in corn as farmers cut back on planting, notably in Argentina, he said.

The impact of El Nino on the oilseed complex could be offset if extra rainfall in Argentina and Brazil, another feature of the weather cycle, boost soybean production. The United States, the world's biggest corn and soybean producer, is meanwhile facing the possibility of El Nino being followed by a La Nina pattern coupled with continued warmer-than-normal temperatures in the northern Pacific Ocean, Kyle Tapley, meteorologist with MDA Weather Services, said. Such patterns in the past have led to US corn and soybean yields of about 10 percent below average. "The best guess at this point is that we'll have less favourable weather for crops in the US for the next growing season," he said. The crop weather outlook for Ukraine and Russia was improving as winter weather projections called for normal rainfall and warmer than normal temperatures, which could reduce frost damage, he said. "Obviously spring rainfall is really going to dictate the crop but at this point we expect at least some improvement in the coming months across those areas." Autumn drought has already cut wheat sowing in Ukraine and it could lead to a 2016 crop of 18-20 million tonnes, down from 24 million this year, Sergey Feofilov, head of UkrAgroConsult said. The forecast assumed beneficial rainfall as currently projected in November and December, and would still represent a decent crop, he added.

LAHORE: Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited, Pakistan's premium fertilizer brand, has successfully concluded its relief program for the affectees of the massive earthquake that struck Pakistan on 26th October 2015. The earthquake was measured at 7.5 on Richter scale, which destroyed a total of 103,268 houses with death casualties of rising to 280, while up to 2000 people have been reported injured. Keeping their trend of playing a positive role in such situation, FFC has once again stepped up to help out the affected people in those region. With approaching winter season in mind, FFC's relief package for the affectees included 250 family size tents and 10,000 quilts, which will cater for 1650 families in the earthquake regions. The relief convoy reached Dir district a couple of days earlier.

Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation of affected people is an essential element of FFC CSR program, which also features Educational Uplift, Healthcare, Environmental Conservation, Poverty Alleviation etc. FFC in 2010-11 had taken a similar initiative by constructing 3 model villages for flood affectees in Rahim Yar Khan and Ghotki districts, which comprised of 207 new houses. FFC was also at the forefront of Relief and Rehabilitation efforts during other natural calamities in Pakistan including Tharparkar drought, Awaran Earthquake and IDP crisis. Head of FFC CSR operations, Brig Munawar Hayat Khan Niazi (Retd) reaffirmed company's commitment to the relief and wellbeing of fellow countrymen affected as a result of the October Earthquake.

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DETAILS

KP Governor says dignified return of TDPs is foremost priority of government. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmad Khan says return of Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs) will be completed by mid of next year. Talking to newsmen in Peshawar, he said dignified return of TDPs is foremost priority of the government. The governor said a comprehensive plan has been chalked out for sustainable development of FATA.

KARACHI: At least six suspected terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) were arrested Sunday when Rangers carried out a raid in Ittehad Town neighbourhood of Karachi's Baldia Town area, officials said. According to a Rangers spokesman, weapons were also recovered from the six suspected TTP terrorists arrested in the latest raid in Ittehad Town. The arrests — the latest in a string of raids carried out by Rangers and police personnel in different parts of the city since Saturday night — come two days after gunmen shot down four Rangers personnel in the Ittehad Town locality. The Rangers personnel were posted for security duty outside Madina Masjid when the attackers riding motorcycles gunned them down shortly before Friday prayers. Earlier today, law enforcement personnel detained at least 145 criminals and suspects in search operations carried out in different parts of the city. Police carried out search operations in different parts of Baldia Town in the wee hours of Sunday after they received information of the presence of criminals and suspects involved in attacks on Rangers personnel. A large contingent of police personnel carried out door-to-door search in the operation.

Police officials said that the arrested suspects were transferred to different police stations in Baldia Town and that those found to be innocent will be released after investigation. Rangers personnel also carried out raids in different parts of the city earlier on Sunday, arresting 75 persons including alleged extortionists, gang-war suspects, and members of political parties and banned outfits said to be involved in target-killings. According to a Rangers spokesman, the raids were conducted in Safoora Goth, Azam Basti, Frontier Colony, Shah Faisal Colony and Mohammad Colony areas of the city. The spokesman said that arms, ammunition, and drugs were also recovered from the suspects in the raids.

QUETTA: Iranian border forces have fired four mortar shells into Pakistani territory, Levies sources said on Saturday. The mortar shells fired by the Iranian border guards landed almost 120 metres inside Pakistani territory, however, no loss of life or property was reported. The Frontier Corps, Levies and other law enforcement personnel reached the spot and the security was tightened following the border violation by the Iranian border forces. Mujeeb Qambrani, Panjgur Deputy Commissioner, dispatched a letter to his Iranian counterpart and lodged a protest with the Iranian border guards over the violation of the territory.

JHELUM / ISLAMABAD: Authorities called out the army on Saturday to quell violent protests triggered by allegations of blasphemy against employees of a factory in the northern Punjab district of Jhelum. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan ordered deployment of the army in aid of the civil administration to maintain law and order in Jhelum, the interior ministry said in a statement. Nobody will be allowed to take the law into their own hands, the minister said. Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif also convened a high-level meeting, where he ordered an investigation into the matter. "All necessary steps should be taken to maintain law and order in Jhelum," he said, according to a series of short messages on microblogging site Twitter by an official of the provincial government. The chief minister also directed the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order to visit Jhelum and review the situation. It all started Friday night when a mob gathered outside the Pakistan Chipboard Factory on GT Road, alleging that an employee inside had desecrated the Holy Quran. The mob then set fire to the factory, though no one was injured as all the workers had been evacuated by the time, sources said. When District Police Officer (DPO) Mujahid Akbar Khan failed to negotiate an end to the protest, paramilitary rangers were called in to disperse the mob and clear the main artery. A Rescue 1122 official told The Express Tribune Saturday evening that firefighters were struggling to douse the fire that has been raging on since Friday night.

The amount of incendiary plywood, a raw material for chipboard, inside the factory was causing difficulty in putting out the fire. Speaking off-the-record, the official said residential units on the factory premises were also gutted by the fire. Rescue teams from neighbouring Gujrat district were called in to help extinguish the fire. Persisting tensions outside the factory also hampered rescue efforts. Rescuers had to abandon their operation as a mob gathered again on Saturday and set fire to a place of worship of the Ahmadiyya community in the Kala Gujran neighbourhood. A senior official of the Punjab police, however, claimed the situation has been brought under control as angry protesters started shouting slogans in favour of the army soon after their deployment. A deputy reader to the DPO told The Express Tribune the factory is owned by a member of the Ahmadiyya community. The security in-charge in the factory, who is also an Ahmadi, was accused of desecrating the Holy Quran, he said, adding that an FIR has been registered and the accused arrested. The local head of the Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan, however, denied the blasphemy allegations. In a statement, he said that people were instigated against the Ahmadi factory owner using false allegations of blasphemy. Around 70% of the factory and eight vehicles were gutted in the arson attack, he added.

QUETTA: The Balochistan authorities have written a letter to the federal government seeking early repatriation of all Afghan refugees. "The provincial government has written a letter to the centre asking it to send back the Afghan refugees as early as possible," Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch said during the media talk at the Balochistan Assembly on Friday. "It's not in

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Balochistan wants Afghan refugees sent back home

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Zero tolerance for Daesh in Pakistan: DG ISPR

Daily Dawn, November 20, 2015

my knowledge that the [Afghan] refugees are asking for a two-year extension but I am not in favour of their stay here anymore," he added. Answering a question about the Murree deal, Dr Malik said that the Murree accord is not an issue for him and for media it's an issue, adding, "Whatever the central leadership decides I will accept it." Earlier in the assembly session, MPA of Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen Agha Muhammad Raza, while talking on a point of order, said thousands of Zaireen (pilgrims) are coming from across the country to visit Iran but they are being stopped in Qila Saifullah and Dera Allah Yar because of not holding an NOC (no-objection certificate). "Every year in the month of Moharram and Safar the Zaireen come for a visit to Iran but every year they face difficulties," he pointed out. The minister informed the house that around 6,000 Zaireen visit Iran in these two months and there are just three to four FIA officials who check them in the bordering town of Taftan which is not fair with the pilgrims. "The government should increase the number of the duty officials." Home Minister Sarfaraz Bugti said the provincial government made the policy in 2014 which said Zaireen do not need an NOC.

Resolution adopted

Meanwhile, the Balochistan assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution on trade between Pakistan and Iran, demanding elimination of the condition of health export certificate and allowing the samples of Pakistani rice to be examined in Zahedan city of Iran. Acting speaker Abdul Qudus Bizinjo presided over the session. Tabling the resolution, Agha Liaquat said the condition of health export certificate confirmation from Iran should be lifted, adding that there should be equal fees for a business visa in this regard. "The trade of rice gives the province good earnings but unfortunately some people want to sabotage this business and close the factories in Balochistan," he added. However, Sheikh Jafar Khan Mandokhel said that the trade with Iran is affecting our markets. They charge tax on our grains, he said, adding, "There should be some tax imposed on the Iranian items as well."

PESHAWAR: At least 22 suspected militants were killed as Pakistan Air Force (PAF) jets destroyed a number of militant hideouts and other related targets in North Waziristan's Shawal region, said a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The ISPR statement added that PAF jets targeted militant hideouts in Shawal tehsil, killing at least 22 suspected militants. Six militant hideouts and other targets were destroyed during the airstrikes, claimed the statement. Military operation Zarb-i-Azb was launched by the Pakistan Army on June 15 following a brazen militant attack on Karachi's international airport and failure of peace talks between the government and Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) negotiators. Since the beginning of Operation Zarb-i-Azb in June 2014, militants have fled to other tribal regions, including Khyber and its Tirah Valley and Shawal in North Waziristan, all of which border Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar has set December 31 as the deadline for verification of arms licenses, saying those failing to do so will have cases registered against them. From January 1, 2016, FIRs would be registered against all such persons on account of possessing fake and illegal arms, Nisar said while addressing a press conference at Punjab House in Islamabad on Friday. Brushing aside rumours of rift between civil and military leadership, Nisar said, "There is complete understanding with military on all issues." "There is absolute stability and depth in civil military relations and the situation is completely normal," he added. Regarding the ongoing National Action Plan against extremism and terrorism, the minister said he will soon hold a briefing on the implementation of the 20-point agenda, which was adopted following the attack on Army Public School in Peshawar last year. Nisar informed media a European Union delegation will meet him on Monday to discuss the issues arising because of readmission agreement between Pakistan and the EU. Pakistan had suspended an agreement on readmission of illegal immigrants with the EU because of contradictions and irregularities in its implementation, he elaborated.

WASHINGTON: Pakistan has a zero tolerance for Daesh and the terrorist group has no acceptance in the country, said Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt Gen Asim Bajwa on Thursday. He added that a global response is needed to deal with the global threat posed by the terrorist group also known as self-styled Islamic State (IS). On the question of Daesh, the DG ISPR stated that as also mentioned by the army chief, Daesh was a global threat and needed a global response to be defeated. "There is a zero tolerance for Daesh in Pakistan. Even Daesh's shadow will not be allowed in Pakistan," said DG ISPR. He elaborated further that the Pakistani society has totally rejected Daesh and there was no acceptance of the terror group in Pakistan. He said that action is expected against any visibility of Daesh in Pakistan. Lt Gen Bajwa said that the whole world has recognised that Daesh was a threat but it was centred in the Middle East, with elements in Afghanistan. Responding to a question on Pakistan's support in fighting Daesh, the Bajwa stated that we are already cooperating in the fight against terrorism in the region with in a larger framework. He said that Daesh tried to raise its voice in Pakistan at a time when there was already a crackdown underway against terrorists and space for militants was being squeezed. "People were already fed up with terrorism and there was no acceptance for it in the society and they will be defeated in coming days," he added.

On Afghanistan, Bajwa said that everyone supports the Afghan-owned and Afghan-led reconciliation process and recalled that the process had already begun with the Murree peace talks, when it was derailed. "The process had taken off and had it continued, there would have been progress made by now," he added. "US leaders paid glowing tributes to Pakistan and its armed forces and there was a clear recognition and acknowledgement of the opportunities created both inside and outside Pakistan because of Zarb-e-Azb," said Bajwa, referring to the army chief and prime minister's recent visit to the US. Responding to another question, he said that after the initiation of the security operation in North Waziristan, many terrorist elements fled to Khyber tribal agency which is an equally difficult terrain to operate in. "Terrorists have taken shelter in a pocket of Shawal region, which was now being cleared."

The head of the armed forces media wing added that initially there were some difficulties as the

Four Rangers men killed as vehicle comes under attack in Karachi

The Express Tribune, November 20, 2015

PM requests president to reject mercy petitions of four APS attackers

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Kerry, Gen Raheel discuss Pak-US ties, regional security

The News, November 18, 2015

Apex committee meeting: Checkpoints to be handed to K-P police

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Pak-Afghan border is long and porous, hence closer coordination is being done with the Afghan leadership to seal this pocket and eliminate terrorists from that area," stated Bajwa. He said no time-frame can be given at this time for the military operation, but the objectives will be achieved as soon as possible. The DG ISPR said in addition to Zarb-e-Azb, 12,000 intelligence-based operations (IBO) were conducted in the urban areas of the country which were aimed at sleeper cells and abettors. "The operation against terrorists will not end mid-way and it will reach its logical conclusion," said the general. He added that Pakistan could offer its vast amount of experience and that the world was benefiting from Pakistan's experience in combating terrorism. He concluded the press conference by adding that Pakistan has already played an important role in the global fight against terrorism and this will continue in the future.

KARACHI: Unknown gunmen killed four Rangers personnel as they guarded a mosque in Karachi's Ittehad Town on Friday. The killers, on three motorcycles, opened fire outside the Abu Hurairah mosque. One of the Rangers survived the assault but died later of his injuries, officials said. The Rangers as well as the police have been engaged in a three-year long Karachi operation in the city, and come under attack by militants frequently. Officials suggested the attackers intended to target the Sunni mosque during Friday prayers, when about 500 people were inside and in the adjoining madrassa. "Perhaps the mosque and the affiliated madrassa were the target of the terrorists," DG Rangers Major General Bilal Akbar told media at the spot. "But our people defied them and embraced martyrdom," he said. In March a suicide bomber riding on a motorcycle rammed into a Rangers patrol van, killing four soldiers. Since January, 79 policemen have been gunned down in different parts of the city.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif advised President Mamnoon Hussain on Thursday to reject mercy petitions of four convicted terrorists in Peshawar's Army Public School (APS) attack case. All four suspects were sentenced to death by military courts on the charges of launching a terrorist attack on the army-run school in December 2014. "The brutal and merciless killings of our children convinced us that the perpetrators of such crimes do not deserve any mercy," a statement issued by the prime minister's office quoted him as saying. The interior ministry sent the said request to the president earlier this week through PM Nawaz, who advised Mamnoon to reject the mercy petitions of terrorists involved in APS attack. "Pakistan has changed after the Peshawar tragedy," PM Nawaz said while performing his constitutional obligation under article 105 of the Constitution. Immediately, after the Army Public School tragedy, the state, the elected representatives in the Parliament, all political parties and every single state institution unanimously decided to bring the perpetrators of this crime to justice even if required amendments in the laws.

"The establishment of military courts through these amendments has enabled us to bring the perpetrators of most heinous crimes to justice in a short span of time," PM Nawaz said. "The death sentence awarded to the four terrorists, in fact, was the will of the entire nation." In August, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif confirmed sentences of as many as seven terrorists involved in attacks on APS Peshawar and Safoora Chowrangi after a military court awarded all of them with death sentences. "The army chief has confirmed that eight terrorists were tried under the Pakistan Army Act 2015," military's media wing, ISPR, said. The statement added that convicts were given a fair trial by following all legal formalities and offering/ providing them legal aid and defence counsels. On December 16, 2014, the Taliban launched a heinous attack on an Army Public School in Peshawar, killing over 150 people, mostly students. Following the attack, the government lifted the moratorium on death penalties in the country and formed a National Action Plan, which went on to establish military courts to try terrorists.

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's Army Chief General Raheel Sharif and United States Secretary of State John Kerry met on Wednesday and discussed regional security including Afghanistan and India and Pakistan-US relations. Director General of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt Gen Asim Bajwa said on Twitter that the two deliberated the need and measures for regional stability in South Asia. The Chief of the Army Staff COAS highlighted need for resolution of Kashmir issue in the meeting, said the DG of Pakistan Army's media wing. The secretary of state emphasised that the bilateral relations of the two countries were independent of all other countries. Kerry acknowledged Pakistan's contributions and enormous sacrifices in fight against terrorism. The COAS highlighted Pakistan's perspective of regional security. Afghanistan-owned reconciliation, challenges and the way forward discussed during the meeting. Army Chief Gen Sharif reiterated Pakistan's desire to solidify Pakistan-US relations based on mutual interest and respect, said the DG ISPR.

PESHAWAR: The provincial apex committee has decided to hand over the checkpoints where army personnel were deployed to Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police. This was announced during a meeting in the city chaired by Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmad Khan. The step would be taken after law and order situation is reviewed in these areas. During the moot, participants said the police would make sure they do not become a nuisance for the public. They said the police would treat them with respect and protect them from anti-state elements. The presence of Frontier Constabulary in other parts of the country was also discussed. The provincial government has been requesting the Centre to send FC back to K-P. But since the force comes under the interior ministry, they have been deployed in various parts of Pakistan. Therefore, at the meeting it was decided the provincial government would request the federal government to once again return eight FC platoons. Upon returning the personnel would be deployed at various parts of Karakoram Highway.

NAP and IDPs

Participants also reviewed progress on the National Action Plan and suggested effective steps for its implementation. The repatriation of the displaced population was also brought up at the moot. The governor stressed the displaced population should be returned to their hometowns at the earliest. As per data of the Federal Disaster Management Authority, around 81,496 IDPs have

Pakistan suspends deal to accept deportations from Europe

The Express Tribune, November 18, 2015

Lal Masjid cleric vows to 'pursue his mission'

Daily Dawn, November 17, 2015

Nanga Parbat massacre suspect escapes police raid

The Express Tribune, November 17, 2015

returned to Khyber Agency, 15,798 to South Waziristan Agency, 12,359 to North Waziristan and 711 to Orakzai. Participants were also told that polio vaccines are administered to the displaced children.

Illegal money

The issue of illegal money transfers was also addressed at the meeting. It was decided the source from where terrorists were funding their activities will also be determined and an end will be brought to hawala and hundi, illegal money transfer systems. The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Pervez Khattak, Corps Commander Lieutenant General Hidayatur Rahman, Chief Secretary Amjad Ali Khan, IGP Nasir Durrani and FATA Additional Chief Secretary Muhammad Aslam Kamboh.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will refuse to accept any citizens deported from mainland Europe, halting repatriations at a time when European leaders facing an influx of migration are desperate to streamline procedures, the interior ministry said on Wednesday. Globally, around 90,000 people were deported back to Pakistan last year for a variety of offences, but in some cases they had been sent back without proper determination they were Pakistan nationals, an interior ministry spokesperson said. It was not immediately clear exactly how many came from Europe, although the figure is in the thousands, he said. European Union nations signed a deal with Pakistan in 2009 allowing them to repatriate illegal immigrants and other nationalities who transited through Pakistan on their way to Europe. "There were some irregularities in the implementation of this agreement," the spokesperson, who asked not to be named, said. "The signing country had to first verify the nationality of that person who was being deported but there were instances where the nationality was not being verified. The minister took notice and the agreement is temporarily suspended." EU officials in Pakistan were not immediately available for comment on the government's decision. Europe is facing its biggest influx of migrants in decades, with many families fleeing war in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Some European leaders are calling for tighter controls over fears of Islamic State infiltration after attacks in Paris last week killed 127 people and injured around 200. Pakistan's refusal to accept deportees could slow down the removal of illegal economic migrants, making it harder to accept those genuinely fleeing persecution. On Tuesday, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar said that airlines returning deportees without Pakistani permission would be penalised. "Any airline that brings deportees to the country without interior ministry's permission and without Pakistan travel documents will be fined heavily," he said. Britain has a separate deal on deportations with Pakistan and is not affected by Tuesday's decision. Nisar added that Pakistan would not accept any deportees accused of militant links without clear evidence of guilt. "Accusing any Pakistani of terrorism without evidence is human rights violation," he said. As an example of problems with the system, the interior ministry cited the case of a Pakistani deported from Italy earlier this year who had been accused of militant links. "When the FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) investigated, it was found he just visited extremist websites," the spokesperson said.

ISLAMABAD: Maulana Abdul Aziz of Lal Masjid has vowed to continue his 'Movement for the establishment of Holy Quran and Sunnah' and rejected the local administration's warning note against his activities as of no value. "But for the regard of decency, I would have torn to pieces the deputy commissioner's note," he said in a statement issued late Sunday night in response to a warning issued to him on Friday that he could be arrested for reneging on his written undertaking to observe the law. Even harsher was his video message on the social media addressed to DC Islamabad Mushtaq Ahmed, but without naming him. "You shed your uniforms for the sake of dirty democracy of Nawaz Sharif and Imran Khan," he said. "But when I invite [people] to Holy Quran and Sunnah, you send threatening letter to me." He demanded retrial of all prisoners in the country under the supervision of Islamic experts to determine whether their sentences were in accordance with Sharia or not. Maulana Aziz was delivered the warning on Friday after he, with his wife Umme Hassan, led a rally from Lal Masjid to their residence in the female seminary Jamia Sumaya in G-7, allegedly in violation of the undertakings he gave to the administration in August to observe the restrictions put on his movements under the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997.

In the undertaking that he gave in writing to the Islamabad police chief, Maulana Aziz said he neither belonged to nor had any affiliation with any banned group. "You had stated that you respect the law of Pakistan," the DC reminded the cleric in his latest communication. Maulana Aziz responded by decrying the State and its functionaries. It was issued by Shuhada Foundation of Pakistan, as was his 30-minute video message in which he urged the entire government machinery, including the armed forces, to support the mission of enforcing Islam in the country. "Lal Masjid has always raised voice for the truth," he said, announcing that his "movement for implementing Holy Quran and Sunnah" will continue "till my last breath." Meanwhile, a close aide of the Maulana said his other key demands were eliminating interest-based economy and Islamise the media to clear Pakistan of obscenity. "What we find on TV screens and in print form is not what Islam teaches," the aide said. "The media need to be told the role and responsibilities Islam demands from them." Maulana Aziz also wants the taxation system to follow Quranic injunctions, ensure stipends and security of shelter for the poor. "Those raising the demand to implement Holy Quran and Sunnah have faced state persecution in this country since 1998," the cleric said, referring to the murder of his father, Maulana Abdullah, that year. "We have faced killings, arrests and the 2007 military operation at Lal Masjid but stand undeterred and ready any (court) trial if conducted in accordance with Holy Quran and Sunnah," he said.

ISLAMABAD: A key suspect in the 2013 massacre of foreign climbers in Pakistan is on the run after he hurled grenades at officers who were pursuing him, injuring 10 of them, officials said Tuesday. The suspect, named by police as Rahimullah, has a bounty on his head of one million rupees (\$10,000) over his alleged involvement in the attack on the base camp at Nanga Parbat, Pakistan's second highest mountain. Gunmen dressed in police uniforms stormed the camp and

Dolphin Squad plan 'low' on Punjab govt priority *Daily Dawn, November 16, 2015*

shot dead 10 foreign mountaineers and their guide in an assault that shocked the world and scarred the country's climbing tourism industry. Police had tracked Rahimullah down to a house in the Tangir area in northern Gilgit-Baltistan province and cordoned it off Sunday night, a local police official told AFP by telephone. "We raided that house and warned the militant to surrender, but he hurled grenades over the raiding team," Mehr Ghani said, referring to Rahimullah, who also goes by the alias Azizullah. "We retaliated and the exchange of fire continued for the whole night. When we entered the house in the morning, the suspect had already escaped."

Ten officers were injured in the stand-off and a male relative and a woman who were in the house were taken into custody, Ghani said. Muhammad Wakeel, spokesperson for the local police, said that Rahimullah is one of seven high profile suspects who are still being hunted by investigators in connection with the 2013 attack. "Five other culprits are already in custody," he said. Another local police official and a senior administration official confirmed the raid. Northern Pakistan is home to some of the tallest mountains in the world, including K2, the world's second highest peak. Mountaineers have long been drawn to the area by the challenging climbs. The foreign victims of the 2013 mountain massacre were identified as one American with dual Chinese citizenship, two other Chinese, three Ukrainians, two Slovaks, one Lithuanian and one Nepalese. A Pakistani guide was also killed.

LAHORE: The Punjab government's plan to have an agile and modern patrolling police unit in Lahore based on Turkish model has apparently lost steam as the authorities have not only curtailed budget for the purpose but approval of a proposal (summary) for the project was also being delayed. The much trumpeted Dolphin Squad was envisaged as a "public-friendly police force with fresh blood", equipped with modern gadgets and trendy heavy bikes and aimed at improving police culture and providing sense of security to the public. The idea of the new patrolling force mainly for fighting street crime in the provincial metropolis was floated in June 2014 with much fanfare and tall claims were made in the official meeting and presentations held in this connection. However, the situation on ground was quite different as Punjab government not only slashed the budget for the scheme but also delayed approval for the human resource and logistics adversely affecting the project, an official told Dawn. He said Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had announced the establishment of Dolphin Squad in three phases on the lines of a Turkish force having the same name in mid 2014 with prime objective of fighting street crime, after various models failed to deliver. The squad was designed differently from other existing and defunct patrolling units in many ways. They were to perform duty in Lahore in three shifts and envisaged to have a different command and control structure, besides deployment and visibility. For the project's first phase, the Punjab government has so far approved only Rs392 million out of the total initial allocation of Rs. 4,881 million, the official said.

In the second phase, fresh recruitment was to be made to raise the new force comprising "qualified, honest and capable" officials. Some 25 master trainers from Turkey were to impart training to the new recruits. Because of lack of interest shown by Punjab government in approving summary for fresh recruitment for the force and issuing funds required for the purpose, a batch of 700 policemen was sent to the Chuhung Police Training School from the available force, diluting the whole idea. This batch of "old cops" will complete training in December this year. The government also reduced the budget allocated for the force from Rs. 4,881 million to Rs. 2,959 million. Similarly, the number of heavy bikes to be given to Dolphins was also cut from 600 to 300 and even of them only 150 bikes were handed over to the force. An official document says the cabinet sub-committee in its meeting on August 20, 2015 had reduced the budget for the scheme due to financial constraints. "The present summary for Phase II (of the project) has again been reviewed in the light of the decisions taken in the Cabinet Committee meeting", the document says. It states all the demands regarding recruitment, equipment, infrastructure and transportation have minutely been "rationalised" in coordination with the logistics department. "The amount previously reflected as Rs4,881 million now has been reduced to Rs2,959 million and the remaining amount for (purchasing) 300 motorcycles of 500 CC and the allied manpower and logistics will be requested in the next financial year", the document says.

The summary pending with the chief minister for his approval had demanded manpower, machinery, transportation and infrastructure, keeping in view the scope of new force. It says the project includes building patrol unit, command and control structure and development of crime analysis capacity. The entire system will be controlled by a superintendent of police (SP). It seeks creation of various posts for the Dolphin Unit, including seven deputy superintendents (DSPs), 24 inspectors, 74 assistant sub-inspectors and 363 head constables, besides other relevant staff. As per plan, the DSPs will be appointed in six divisions of Lahore, -- Sadar, City, Iqbal Town, Civil Lines, Cantt and Model Town. The police department has also sought CM's permission for recruitment against 73 posts of sub-inspectors through Punjab Public Service Commission, 2,416 of constables, 76 of constables (wireless operators), 60 driver constables, 282 ministerial staff and 51 technical staff. Similarly, the request for initiating process for procurement of equipment, transport, ordnance stores, furniture etc, was also included in the summary. "Funds of Rs2,959 million required (for the project) may kindly be allocated in the FY 2015-16", the department asked the chief minister through the summary that awaits response.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has said a high-level meeting of interior ministry, foreign office, and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has been summoned on Tuesday to discuss the situation arising after the France incident. Talking to media in Islamabad on Monday evening, he said lives of overseas Pakistanis have become difficult after attacks in Paris. To a question, he said by December this year, machine readable passports will be issued from forty two cities.

QUETTA: Frontier Corps personnel on Monday arrested two suspected militants and recovered a huge cache of arms during two separate raids in Kech district of Balochistan. FC spokesman Khan Wasay told DawnNews that the paramilitary force recovered at least four rockets, 19 hand grenades, an improvised explosive device (IED) and a number of other weapons from a house in

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FC arrests 'militants', seize weaponry in Balochistan *Daily Dawn, November 16, 2015*

Pakistan to urge UN to list Shiv Sena among world's terrorist groups

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Mand Tehsil of district Kech. In a separate raid, FC men also arrested two suspected militants from the area possessing anti-state literature and books containing hate material. "The suspects were detained and are being interrogated by security officials," said the FC spokesman. In a separate raid, Levies personnel recovered two bodies from Dasht tehsil of Mastung district. Levies sources told DawnNews that both victims had received bullet injuries. The bodies were shifted to Mastung hospital for identification.

Balochistan is in the throes of the fifth and longest running insurgency since 1947. Triggered in 2005 by the rape of a lady doctor allegedly by an army officer in Sui, it was exacerbated by the death of Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti in an Army operation in August 2006. Security forces have intensified their actions in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan after the announcement of the National Action Plan to combat terrorism in the country. Back in September, Balochistan Home Secretary Akbar Hussain Durrani stated that provincial law enforcement agencies have arrested more than 8,000 suspected militants and killed at least 204 after the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP). Durrani had told media that that out of the 204 terrorists killed, around 100 were high-profile terrorists.

ISLAMABAD: Taking note of Shiv Sena's rampant anti-Pakistan activism, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said on Monday that the government would push the United Nations to list the Hindu extremist group among the world's terrorist organisations. The minister was holding a meeting with selected journalists, where he also said that Pakistan would not proceed with any talks with India until New Delhi 'behaves responsibly'. Nisar further said that he would also not approve of playing cricket with India. "We will not play cricket in India, I will oppose it," he said. The interior minister's statements came in the wake of growing tension between the cricket boards of Pakistan and India as next month's scheduled series between the two countries remain in doubt after both sides once again failed to reach an agreement on where the matches should be played.

Earlier in October, a meeting between Pakistan and India's cricket board officials was cancelled after Shiv Sena workers stormed the Mumbai office of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), further worsening matters. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has asked the PCB not to take any decision without prior approval from the government, Express Newsreported. "The board should not decide about going to India before clear instructions are given," the statement read. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has asked the PCB not to take any decision without prior approval from the government, Express Newsreported. "The board should not decide about going to India before clear instructions are given," the statement read.

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DETAILS

CHITRAL: General Officer Commanding (GOC) Malakand Division Major General Nadir Khan inaugurated a water filtration plant at the District Headquarters (GHQ) Hospital here on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the government and Pakistan Army were aware of the problems being faced by the poor affectees. He added that all possible assistance would be provided to them. Earlier, Commandant Chitral Scouts Col Nizamuddin Shah and Deputy Commissioner Osama Ahmed Warraich received him. The deputy commissioner also briefed the GOC about the rehabilitation process of earthquake affectees.

LAHORE: A three-day International conference on cardiac diseases titled "Heart Talk", organised by Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC), concluded on Saturday. Cardiac specialists across Pakistan including foreign specialists attended the conference, where senior cardiac surgeons from America, Germany, UK, China, Japan and Poland delivered lectures and presented their papers on the latest practices for the treatment of cardiac diseases and cardiac procedures being used in developed countries. Senior cardiac surgeons appraised the audience about angioplasty and its cure with latest techniques at PIC, which were broadcasted in the conference through satellite system. After the concluding session of the international conference, the PIC Chief Executive Prof Nadeem Hayat Malik informed the media vis-à-vis 45th annual meeting of Pakistan Cardiac Society (PCS), which was also part of the three-day international conference.

He said that experience and knowledge has been shared about the repair of cardiac hole without surgery, replacement of cardiac valves, new techniques of angioplasty and latest advancement in the treatment of cardiac diseases. He further argued that very soon in Pakistan, the treatment of cardiac diseases without surgery would be possible, which is already practiced in many developed countries. The purpose of holding annual meeting of PCS and the international conference on cardiac diseases was to introduce latest advancement and practices of cardiac surgery and other procedures to the young doctors for modernising their professional knowledge, he added. He informed that during the conference, 30 sessions were held and 150 speakers presented their papers, out of which 20 were from other countries. Prof Bilal Zakriya Khan, Prof Shahid Amin, Prof Arshad Dar, Prof Abdul Waheed and a large number of cardiologists were present on the occasion. PIC Medical Superintendent Dr Sohail Saqlain delivered lecture on the prevention of cardiac diseases and argued that the people should change their lifestyle and habits. He further said that rich food, smoking and lethargic attitude are the major causes of cardiac problems.

Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) have said water is often contaminated and getting scarce in KPK. The government should look for alternative sources and there was need for awareness among the population as well. KPK government in last July released a report about availability of water in government-run health facilities, which found that 50 per cent of the 1500 health outlets did not have water. According to PCSIR, water supply in 25 per cent of facilities was contaminated, Dr Akbar said, who spearheaded the campaign to know about water availability in health facilities of the 26 districts. The KPK Public Health Engineering Department admits that people are experiencing water scarcity and contaminated water is found in hospitals, schools, colleges, offices and houses as water management is becoming a major crisis. The government has started chlorination of all the tube-wells in the KPK and FATA. Nearly half of the beds in hospitals are occupied by patients suffering from gastroenteritis, diarrhoea and other diseases caused by the consumption of untreated water. The situation in slums is even worse as people living there often have to fetch water from distant places. People are asked to boil water before use, but most of the population is poor and illiterate. PCSIR'S official, Jahangir Shah, feared a further scarcity of water in view of rapid depletion of resources. "In next 10 year, we can face shortage, if the situation remains unchanged. There is an urgent need to search for alternative water resources, the government should adopt best water management practices and awareness among the population should be raised," he said.

ISLAMABAD: Another polio case was reported in the country on Friday, taking this year's tally to 41. According to Ministry of National Health Services, 24-month-old Shahab, son of Arsala Khan, was the latest victim of the crippling disease. He belongs to a Pashtun family living in Karachi's Peshawar town area. This year, 15 polio cases have been reported from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 13 from Federally Administered Tribal Areas, six each from Balochistan and Sindh and one case from Punjab. Head of Emergency Operation Centre Dr Rana Safdar said Arsala had received seven vaccination doses off and on, with the last one administered four months ago.

ISLAMABAD: National Child Protection Centre, Ministry of Law Justice and Human Rights (LJ&HR) organised a debate in collaboration with an NGO, Rozen, which was chaired by federal minister for LJ&HR, Senator Pervaiz Rashid. Addressing the Universal Day event held on Friday to commemorate Pakistan's 25 years of signing United Nations Child Rights Convention (UNCRC), speakers stressed that all children have right to education, health, clean water, sanitation without any discrimination. Half of world's children are living in poverty while around 100 million are victims of malnutrition and need better environment and protection of their fundamental rights. While welcoming the guests, LJ&HR Joint Secretary Humaira Azam said United Nations Child Rights Commission stressed on basic rights of children and "it is our responsibility to utilize all our resources for child welfare".

She further stated that the government is planning to introduce friendly laws for children for the purpose of which Criminal Amendment Bill, Corporal Punishment Bill and Child Rights Commission have been prepared and moved for further process. Furthermore, she said Pak-SAARC (South Asian

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Association for Regional Cooperation) Ethics Forum is an imperative platform for establishing collective strategy to secure children rights. Speaking on the occasion, representative of United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) said, it is unfortunate that around 5.5 million children are victims of child labour. She pointed out that girls have right to education but still a lot of work is required to raise voice for their basic rights. She also mentioned UNICEF is focussing on the crippling disease of polio in children and more than 600,000 children have been vaccinated under this campaign in the recent past. "Our endeavour is to completely eradicate this threat from the soil of Pakistan," she said. A representative of Rozen, Dr Ambreen urged child protection centres should be established throughout the country so that vulnerable children, especially orphans, streets children and victims of extreme poverty could get safety and security. Special children from Al-Makhdoom centre presented a song for the event while Children of Sweet Homes Pakistan presented cultural dance, which was highly appreciated. The ceremony concluded with a colourful performance of Rights Schools children. Officials of Ministry of LJ&HR, representatives of NCPC and civil society, and a large number of children from different schools attended the ceremony.

KARACHI: K-Electric via its press statement has denied the recent press reports of over-billing or any illegal collections from its consumers. The company further stated that the electricity tariff is set by the regulatory body and not by KE. K-Electric's press statement reiterates that KE respects its consumers and its billing and collection figures are regularly audited. KE works in accordance with the regulations of companies' ordinance and SECP (Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan). It is further stated that KE's audited accounts are published on a quarterly basis in an open and transparent manner, and which are audited by a reputed audit firm. K-Electric's spokesperson said, "It is pertinent to mention that certain vested interests have been criticising the turnaround management success of KE, where K-Electric is one of the top-performing companies in Pakistan and remains a successful symbol of Privatisation.

ISLAMABAD: To ensure provision of safe drinking water to the residents, water samples of 25 water filtration plants have been tested. CDA is collaborating with Pakistan Council of Research for Water Resources (PCRWR) for quality assurance of the water being provided through these filtration plants. The matter was discussed in a meeting to review the progress on repair and maintenance of existing water filtration plants and provision of clean drinking water in the capital city. CDA has completed repair and maintenance work for 34 out of total 37 water filtration plants in the capital city. CDA has earlier decided to upgrade all existing water filtration plants and allocated Rs 16.67 million for the up-gradation and maintenance of water filtration plants in the capital territory. Moreover, survey for identification of sites to install more water filtration plants particularly in densely populated residential areas and busy shopping centres of the city has also been completed and work on the installation of new water filtration plants would soon going to start after the completion of formalities. The CDA management has directed the water management wing to complete the up-gradation and maintenance of remaining filtration plants on immediate basis and utilize all available resources for early completion of the project. It has reiterated that the authority that would ensure the provision of clean drinking water in the city and will take all possible measures in this regard. The meeting was also informed that the daily complaint for provision of water through tankers has decreased and the regular supply mechanism has been made more effective.

KARACHI: What seems to be a major U-turn, Sindh Senior Minister for Education and Literacy Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has backtracked from his statement that 10,000 teachers appointed in the tenure of PPP's last government would be adjusted after fresh interviews and re-test. The announce came by Nisar Ahmed Khuhro on July 7, 2013 at a press conference he was addressing at committee room of the Sindh Assembly along with Secretary Education Dr Fazalullah Pechuho. However, now the minister, working under alleged supervision or orders of Secretary Education has taken a U-turn and insisting on removing of all these teachers who were appointed by education minister in PPP last tenure i.e. Pir Mazharul Haq, sources confided to Daily Times. The sources said the Sindh's education department had announced to recruit more than 1,300 SLTs in BPS-9, 14 and 15 with a condition that the candidate must have studied Sindhi as compulsory subject throughout his/her education from institutions of the metropolis. Besides, another major condition was Karachi-domicile. However, the set conditions were changed as 98 percent of the candidates not belonging to Karachi were issued offers letters. The written test for the candidates was held at Safia Khanum Memorial School near Gurumandir for females and boys at Government Boys and Girls School Moosmiyat in March 2012. And, the interviews were conducted in April 2012 however the process was halted completely over the difference of appointment procedure between the then Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah and Education Minister Pir Mazhar. And when the documents of the candidates were verified, it was found that 300 offer letters for SLTs were issued to non-eligible candidates on cash and the majority of them belonged to Urdu and Baloch-speaking people. It was also disclosed that majority of these candidates were over-age and held fakes degrees, the sources added. With all these developments, the Sindh government had appointed Dr Fazaullah Pechuho, brother-in-law of former president Asif Zardari, as Secretary Education who forwarded a letter to the Accountant General Sindh requesting them not to release salaries of the SLTs until the secretary's office verifies the candidates. With the hue and cry from the affected people and within the PPP leadership, Nisar Khuhro, senior minister for education, addressed a press conference and promised that a new mechanism would be chalked out to adjust the these appointments. Former senior minister for education and literacy and PPP leader Pir Mazharul Haq told Daily Times that these appointments were made purely on merit and he stood by on his stance. However, the current secretary and minister are trying to end these appointments and make fresh ones, he added.

ISLAMABAD: As many as 676,795 registered voters will use their right of vote in the 50 Union Councils (UC's) of the Islamabad Capital Territory in the upcoming Local Government Elections on November 30. Out of total registered voters the strength of male voters in the ICT are 366,899 and female voters 309,896, said spokesman of the ECP talking to APP. A total of 640 polling stations will be established and out of which 261 will be for males and 256 for females. However, 123 polling stations will be combined for men and women, he added. He further added that ECP will establish

CDA suspends officer for 'illegal' operation against housing scheme

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2,156 polling booths for LG elections and out of which 1,121 for males while 1,035 for females. The ECP will depute 640 Presiding officers, 6,468 Assistant Presiding Officers and 2156 Pos for conducting Local bodies' election in the federal capital. Moreover, around 4,952 ballot boxes and 2,152 screens of compartment would also be dispatched to the polling stations, he added.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has suspended Deputy Director Enforcement wing Ammadud Din on undertaking operation against illegal housing society in the capital city. CDA sources have claimed that the action has been taken on the pressure of MNA Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, who was annoyed with the said officer for conducting an operation in Ghauri Town. According to the reports, the officer has been suspended by the higher authorities on Thursday on the alleged pressure of MNA Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on conducting operation in Ghauri Town. Sources told Daily Times, MNA Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry was annoyed with said officer to seal the main gates and booking office of the housing society. He also reached on the spot right after the CDA operation against the said housing scheme and while talking to protesters he said that he ordered CDA chairman to remove the officer, Ammad, on immediate bases, who was leading the operation, a video received to the Daily Times stated. Earlier, the CDA enforcement wing has sealed two main gates and a sale office of the Ghauri Town, a housing scheme alongside the Islamabad Express Highway. This operation was triggered a protest by the residents of this housing scheme, who blocked the main road for more than two hours. Residents claimed that they had been living in the area for over 15 years and had never known that the scheme was illegal. On Friday, the office and field staff of the CDA enforcement wing is on strike to protest against the suspension orders of their immediate boss. A member of the wing talking to the Daily Times said that the suspension of AmmadudDin is totally unjustified as he was leading the operation on the directives of higher authorities. CDA spokesman Ramzan Sajid has told Daily Times that the decision has been taken because the said officer has not followed the complete directives and sealed the main gates of the society rather closing the booking office.

Blood transfusion centres to be made operational soon

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KARACHI: The construction work of four Regional Blood Transfusion Centres (RBTCs) in Sindh has almost been completed and these centres will be made operational within two to three months, PPI learned on Thursday. An official of provincial health department said that the construction work of four regional blood transfusion centres has almost completed in the province and recruitment for these centres will start through proper channel very soon to make these centres operational. The establishment of four regional blood transfusion centres had been planned about four year ago with the financial assistance of Germany- GIZ and KFW (German development bank) with cost Rs 577.500 million. The construction work of four regional blood transfusion centres in Karachi, Jamshoro, Nawabshah and Sukkur in final phase and all is set to make these centres operational soon. He informed that RBTC buildings in Karachi, Jamshoro, Nawabshah and Sukkur will be handed over to the provincial health department within a month. He said provincial health department will announce recruitment of staff for the centres soon. The centres would mobilise voluntary blood donors and conduct processing, screening, testing, component preparation and storage of blood. The four RBTCs would cover the entire province once they made functional. He informed that a regional blood transfusion centre would be linked with six hospital-based blood banks (HBBSs). He said in Karachi RBTC has been constructed in Qatar Hospital in Orangi which will have the capacity of 50,000 blood bags while the capacity in other RBTCs would be 20,000 blood bags. Secretary Health Sindh Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo was not available comment despite several attempts. On the other hand, Provincial Program Manager & Secretary Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA) Dr Zahid Hasan Ansari, when contacted, told PPI that the construction work of four regional blood transfusion centres is in final phase and centralized blood banking system will be introduced in Sindh soon with completion of these centres.

Good Governance Panel sweeps KU Teachers' Society

Daily Times, November 20, 2015

KARACHI: Good Governance Panel of the teachers of the Karachi University has swept the annual election of Karachi University Teachers' Society which was held on Thursday. According to the results of Annual Elections of Karachi University Teachers' Society 2015-2016 University of Karachi, Dr Shakeel ur Rehman Farooqui of Teachers' Alliance for Good Governance has been elected as President with securing 355 votes while Prof. Dr Mutahir Ahmed from Teachers' Forum secured 249 votes. Dr Shah Aliul Qadar of Teachers' Alliance for Good Governance secured 303 votes beating Teachers' Forum candidate Dr Muddassir uddin for the position of Vice President. Moiz Khan of Teachers' Forum has been elected as Secretary with securing 338 votes while Usama Shafiq of Teachers' Alliance for Good Governance secured 264 votes.

1,911 polling stations to be set up for LG elections

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RAWALPINDI: As many as 1,911 polling stations would be set up for holding local government (LG) elections in Rawalpindi district, scheduled on December 5. Separate polling booths for both male and female would be set up in the city areas to facilitate the voters. Nearly 16,000 polling staff would be deployed to ensure free, fair and transparent elections, and the training of staff concerned has begun so that process of casting votes could be held in a proper manner. District election commissioner said that display of weapons, firearms, use of loudspeakers and hate speech would not be allowed during the campaign. He said election symbols have already been allotted to the candidates preparing for the upcoming polls. To a question, he said ballot boxes and other material would be dispatched to the areas where the polling would be held. Special security measures would be taken, he said adding police, Rangers and army personnel would be deployed for ensuring peaceful environment to the voters.

Over 1,800 diarrhoea cases in Ibrahim Hyderi within a week

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KARACHI: More than 1,800 diarrhoea cases have been reported in Sindh Government Ibrahim Hyderi Hospital in a week due to the consumption of contaminated water, PPI learned on Thursday. According to the data shared by administration of Ibrahim Hyderi Hospital located in the area, over 18,000 diarrhoea patients were reported from 11 November to 19 November in hospital but no one is in critical condition. Medical Superintendent, Sindh Government Ibrahim Hyderi Hospital, Dr Aftab Ahmed said hundreds of patients were brought to the hospital with complaint of diarrhoea disease last week and majority of them women. He said this is not the season of gastric diseases but poor sanitation and contaminated water are major reasons for prevalence of such diseases in the area. He

Thirty female teachers to visit China under friendly exchange programme

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said local people complained that contaminated water is being supplied to the area and some water supply lines have developed leaks during construction work. He said water tanks have also not been cleaned in the area from several years; therefore, many people have fallen sick after consuming the contaminated water. He said situation is under control and the general public has been advised to use boiled water to avoid diarrhoea. He said availability of doctors and paramedics has been ensured in the hospital to provide timely treatment to patients. Director Health Karachi, Dr Zafar Ejaz said overall situation in Ibrahim Hyderi area has been improved in last two days. He said all possible steps have already been taken to provide relief to diarrhoea patients. He said adequate arrangements have been made in context of availability of medicines and drips at Ibrahim Hyderi Hospital while town health officer and lady health workers have also been activated in the area for awareness purpose.

ISLAMABAD: Thirty female teachers from different educational institutions will pay two-week visit to China on Monday under Sino-Pak friendly exchange programme, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen people-to-people contacts at the students and academia level. The visit was arranged by the Chinese Embassy to familiarise the teachers with the Chinese education system and explore the educational opportunities for the Pakistani students. The delegation will visit various universities in Urumqi, Chengdu, Shanghai and Beijing. Chinese ambassador's wife Bao Jiqing on Thursday briefed the teachers' delegation about the programme and purpose of the visit, hoping they will act as ambassador of Pakistan to promote goodwill between the two countries. The embassy on its personal initiative has already sent around 200 Pakistanis to China, including students, teachers, celebrities and doctors. Highlighting the importance of China-Pakistan economic corridor, she said the two countries need to open educational corridor as well, which is most important to push forward socio-economic development and improve the living conditions of their people. Bao Jiqing said a good number of Pakistani students were being sent to China every year, hoping on their return home, they will contribute to the CPEC. "We need to pass on our brotherly iron-friendship from generations to generations. And they are confident the teachers could be life-changers for the youth," she added. She hoped that the visiting teachers will shoulder the responsibility of bringing all the information back to their students and give them consultation as how to select Chinese universities and apply for scholarships in the coming years. She said there are several advantages of going to Chinese universities for Pakistani graduates. These included the advantage of scholarships, friendship, nearby location, reasonable tuition and living expenses. Speaking on the occasion, Chinese Cultural Counselor Zheng Guojin highlighted the available educational opportunities for Pakistani students in China. The teachers' delegation, including the leader of the delegation Itrat Rubab Haider, thanked the Bao Jiqing for her keen interest in promoting collaborative partnership particularly at the level of teachers, students and other members of the civil society.

ECP finalises polling scheme

Daily Times, November 19, 2015

RAWALPINDI: Election Commission of Pakistan (PEC) has approved a model polling scheme in connection with the local bodies (LB) polls for Rawalpindi. Under the scheme, polling stations will be set up in close proximity of voters to facilitate them to cast maximum number of votes. Under the new scheme, army and Rangers will be called on the polling day, while police from districts Jhelum, Attock and Chakwal will be called in to assist the local administration. Similarly, close circuit cameras will be installed on all polling stations and a public holiday will be announced. Around 1,791 polling stations including 449 women polling stations have been set up in the Rawalpindi district. Meanwhile, Industrial Area Superintendent of Police Yasir Afridi on Wednesday reviewed security arrangements for local government elections. He directed the policemen and officers to enhance security of political gathering and public meetings in election campaign and also on the day of polling. During meeting at Shams Police Station, the SP reviewed the law and order situation and evolved strategy to ensure security for upcoming local government elections in the capital. He said that implementation on code of conduct issued by Election Commission of Pakistan would be ensured and display of weapons, aerial firing and use of loudspeakers would be completely banned. He said those violating code of conduct during canvassing will be dealt strictly and peace and tranquility in the city will be ensured at every cost.

ECP asked to spare doctors election duties

Daily Times, November 19, 2015

KARACHI: Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has urged the Election Commission of Pakistan to not assign doctors and paramedics duties in the local government elections. In a statement issued on Wednesday, he said that it was for the first time that doctors and paramedics were being assigned election duties while on occasions such as Muharram, Eid Miladun Nabi (PBUH) and elections, emergency was declared in government hospitals to cope up with any untoward situation if it rose, so it was not feasible to assign elections duties to doctors.

NICH faces acute shortage of drugs

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KARACHI: National Institute of Child Health (NICH) is facing an acute shortage of medicines since a few weeks, while the Health Department has failed to ensure supply of drugs to Sindh's largest childcare hospital, sources at NICH said on Wednesday. They said medicines were not available at National Institute of Child Health since the last few weeks, which has increased the miseries of visiting and admitted patients. They said institution is considered one of the largest children hospitals of the province where 500 to 700 patients visit every day to get treatment and consultation of almost all types of pediatric diseases. They said patients had been compelled to purchase medicines from private medical stores. They said shortage of medicine had badly affected the patients care in hospital and also doubled miseries of patients. They said that the stock of medicines had ended in the hospital and provincial authorities concerned could not arrange more medicines as yet which are affecting poor patients visiting the hospital. The OPD patients have to stand in queues for hours to get medicines but they do not get all medicines prescribed by doctors due to shortage of in the store of this major hospital. The medicines like flagyl and other antibiotics drugs are not available in hospital. Sources further said even gloves and syringes are not available in operation theaters in healthcare for patients with surgery requirements. The patients and their attendants have been compelled to purchase gloves and other items from medical stores. They said short supply of drugs from provincial health department to healthcare is major reason behind shortage of medicines. National Institute of Child Health Director Prof Jamal Raza was not available for comment. Under the new Centralized Drug Purchase Policy only provincial health department formed medicine

School children welcome British aviator

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procurement committee had authorized to purchase drugs for public sector hospitals.

KARACHI: The 2,500 students of Dawood Public School and students from different government schools around Karachi gave a warm and enthusiastic welcome to Tracey Curtis-Taylor solo biplane pilot, when she visited the Dawood Public School this morning. The students regard Tracey as an inspiration and were eager to meet her and Pakistan's own national hero, Samina Baig, during her short visit to Karachi, Pakistan. As Tracey Curtis was visiting Pakistan for a short two-day span on her 14-week-long journey, the students dressed in traditional clothing representing all the provinces of the nation to give her a feel of Pakistan's diversity. The energetic youngsters, some of whom were wearing fully constructed airplane models, put up a colorful dance performance for Tracey who was accompanied by Prince Nikolaos of Greece, combined with dhol music, upon their arrival and celebrated by not only speaking with her but by presenting her with tokens of appreciation and best wishes for her travels ahead. The students kept the spirits high and the air was buzzing with electric excitement as not only Tracey Curtis spoke with them, but Samina Baig, Pakistan's very own symbol of women empowerment addressed them. Interacting with the students at Dawood Public School Samina Baig said: "I am overjoyed to be standing here in front of all of you today and to have the chance to meet Tracey Curtis. I want each of you to know that you can make your mark in the world if you set your hearts and minds to it. Don't let anyone stop you from achieving what you set out to do in your journey in life." Welcoming Tracey Curtis-Taylor and Samina Baig, Sabrina Dawood, CEO Dawood Foundation, said: "We are honoured to have the opportunity to welcome Tracey and Samina at Dawood Public School and to have them interact with our students. These women are true symbols of women empowerment and representatives of what women can achieve in today's world." Tracey Curtis-Taylor is a solo pilot recreating Amy Johnson's - the first female pilot - flight in 1930 from Great Britain to Australia which astounded the world. Tracey will be covering a distance of 13,000 miles and will pass through 23 countries - including Pakistan - in a biplane on her journey. She will cover these countries in her 1942 Boeing Stearman Spirit of Artemis aircraft. Tracey departed from Karachi to India on the next leg of her journey in her vintage open cockpit biplane on Wednesday. On her departure she was seen off by Air Vice Marshal Salman Ahsan Bukhari, Air Officer Commanding, Southern Air Command. Amjad Ali Toor, DG Civil Aviation Authority was also present on the occasion.

PMAS-AAUR celebrates International GIS Day

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RAWALPINDI: International Day for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was celebrated at Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) on Wednesday, with an aim to create awareness about GIS and provide a platform to students to present their specialties and expertise. A seminar was also organised by PMAS-AAUR Department of Geo-Informatics in which Vice Chancellor Dr Rai Niaz Ahmad was chief guest. More than 25 institutes displayed their stalls carrying GIS information and its practical benefits. Addressing the participants, Dr Rai Niaz Ahmad highlighted the importance of GIS and said, "The GIS is a location-based information system useful for almost all fields of life. He was of the view that Pakistan can effectively manage its resources, reduce duplication of facilities, good governance with the use of GIS and Pakistan, which already suffers from a lack of resources and good allocation systems, can immensely benefit from this technology. He stated that the GIS would not only help the country, but can play pivotal role in natural resource management and its efficient utilisation to get the country on the track of prosperity and development. Participants from various government and private organisations from all over the country including Dr Yaseen Bhatti, Dr Moubshir Riaz, Punjab University Space Science Department Chairman Dr Saeed Ammer Mahmood, Farhan, Aqil Tariq attended the seminar and addressed the participants. They informed the gathering about the application of the GIS remote sensing and global positioning system in their relevant fields. They delivered lectures on mapping of earthquake with the help of GIS, dilemma of GIS and SDI in Pakistan, and applications of the GIS with special focus on teaching and research and importance of GIS in human life. They also discussed the importance of the GIS and remote sensing in the field of agriculture, forest, wildlife and fisheries.

CDA allocates Rs 150m to revamp sewerage system

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has chalked out a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate sewerage system of the capital with the cost of Rs 150 million. The decision has been taken to revamp the sewerage system of the city. According to the plan, sewerage and drainage system of the city will be rehabilitated in line with increasing demand. Initially CDA has allocated Rs 150 million for revamping of sewerage system of the capital, which would be enhanced on need basis. Rehabilitation and revamping of sewerage system is part of comprehensive Islamabad up gradation and rehabilitation plan being executed in the entire city. CDA management has directed the formations concerned of the authority for early completion of procedural requirements and preparation of tendering documents so that long-awaited issue of the city could be addressed on priority basis. In the meanwhile, the authority has also launched rehabilitation and up gradation work in Sector G, and started upgrading and re-carpeting of major roads and avenues, installation of signboards, maintenance and repair of footpaths and fixation of curb stones is also being done in addition to the provision and up-gradation of all civic amenities and aesthetic beautification of the sector. In line with directions of CDA management, rehabilitation and up gradation work in sector G6, G7 and sector F6 is in full swing. The CDA management has reiterated that consolidated steps are being taken to restore the nature beauty of the city and more modern facilities are being added in addition to revamping and up gradation of existing ones.

16,000 staff to be deployed for LG polls in Rawalpindi District

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RAWALPINDI: As many as 16,000 polling staff will be deployed to ensure free, fair and transparent local government (LG) elections scheduled on December 5 in District Rawalpindi. District Election Commissioner Nadeem Zubair said on Tuesday that arrangements for elections have been completed in 160 union councils (UCs) of the district. Voters' lists had also been finalized and 1,911 polling stations would be set up across the district, he added. Nadeem Zubair said the training of returning officers (ROs), presiding officers (POs) and others had been started. To a question, he said display of arms, use of loudspeakers and objectionable material would be restricted. He said the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had completed the process of reviewing Form No 7, submitted by the contesting candidates adding that the election symbols have been allotted to the

WAPDA signs Rs 4.8b agreement for Dasu project colony

Daily Times, November 18, 2015

Public schools to have 35-minute reading sessions

Daily Times, November 18, 2015

Home Minister Sindh ordered to release electricity thieves: SEPCO

Dunya News, November 18, 2015

candidates. Rangers and army would be deployed to ensure security on polling day, he added.

LAHORE: Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has signed a contract worth Rs 4.8 billion with China Railway First Group (CRFG) for the construction of a residential colony and allied infrastructure for Dasu Hydropower Project. The contract includes construction of project offices, residential houses, hostels, a rest house, hospital, community centre, parks, and playground which are to be completed in two years. Dasu Hydropower Project General Manager (WAPDA) Haji Muhammad Farooq Ahmed and CRFG General Manager Xian Zhengjun signed the agreement on behalf of their organisations in a ceremony held at WAPDA House. WAPDA Chairman Zafar Mahmood, Member (Water) Muhammad Shoaib Iqbal, Member (Power) Badrul Munir Murtiza, senior WAPDA officers and representatives of the project consultants participated in the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the WAPDA chairman said it is another good day for Dasu Hydropower Project, as the fourth contract of the project has been awarded through a "transparent system of bid evaluation". He urged the contractor to complete the work within the stipulated time. The chairman said that expression of interest (Eoi) was submitted by various construction firms of international repute for civil works of the dam and powerhouse are being processed, while construction on the dam and powerhouse will commence as soon as the required process is completed. Three contractors which were awarded the projects have started work at the sites for the construction of 132-KV transmission line from Duber Khwar Hydel Power Station to Dasu project site, relocation of Karakoram Highway and construction of the right bank access road. The federal government is implementing Dasu Hydropower Project in two stages i.e. Stage-I and II. World Bank is financing Stage-I of the Project with an IDA Credit of \$588.4 million and an IDA PCG of \$460 million. The 2,160MW-Stage-I is scheduled to be completed in five years and will contribute more than 12 billion units of cheap, affordable and environment-friendly electricity to the national grid every year. The project will not only add a sizeable quantum of low-cost electricity to the national grid but also provide relief to the consumers by reducing power tariff. The project will be beneficial for socio-economic development in the far-flung areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

KARACHI: United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is working with the provincial governments across Pakistan to reinforce the foundational reading skills of primary grade children. In Sindh, USAID is making the dream of grade 1 and 2 children to read and learn efficiently a reality. As a result of its demonstrated successes through the Sindh Reading Programme (SRP) and the Pakistan Reading Project (PRP), USAID has closely coordinated with the government of Sindh and key policy makers to inculcate a culture of reading in the province. These unremitting efforts and commitment have led to an official notification by the Sindh Education and Literacy Department to all primary public schools in SRP's and PRP's 22 target districts to include a daily, 35 minutes reading period in their classroom schedules, as also notified in other provinces. These efforts are a part of a \$165 million, government-to-government initiative, titled, Sindh Basic Education Programme (SBEP). SBEP is the US government's direct support to Sindh Education Sector Plan 2014-18 and its implementation. It comprises a suite of distinct yet complementary projects, aiming to strengthen and reform Sindh's education sector, build human and institutional capacities, improve pedagogical excellence in early grade reading, expand and sustain reading outcomes, and engage communities to promote reading. The SRP is an integral component of SBEP and the sister project, PRP are strategically aligned with Sindh's basic education sector priorities to advance primary education and contribute to USAID's global education target of 100 million children with improved rudimentary learning and literacy skills. "This is a groundbreaking achievement for both the governments. The introduction of daily reading classes in primary schools is happening for the first time in the history of Sindh's education sector. We are taking the quality of education in the province to the next level, where our children are introduced to highly creative and enterprising methods of teaching and learning. I congratulate our teachers for helping us reach this decisive moment. "This is an achievement of those parents as well who send their children to school in their pursuit of a quality education, inspiring us to do more and do better," said Tameez-ud-din, Programme Director SBEP, Education and Literacy Department Sindh. Dr Randy Hatfield Programme Manager SBEP USAID said, "This announcement signifies the government's ownership and recognition of USAID's province-wide interventions for modernising education in Sindh. It highlights the importance of reading for young students who are just stepping into the world of knowledge and learning. Based on the new notification, projects like SRP and PRP are now poised to support every grade 1 and grade 2 reader child in their 22 target districts."

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News) -- Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO) Chief Officer said on Wednesday that the department arrested electricity thieves with so much effort but Interior Minister Sindh ordered to release them. He made the statement before National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) during the hearing of price hike case of SEPCO, reported Dunya News. According to details, Chief Officer SEPCO told the court that they could file FIRs only against 27 consumers out of 5 lac. Answering court's inquiry about price hike, NEPRA was told that SEPCO has sent a summary to increase the tariff by 4 to 8 rupees per unit for domestic users while 8 rupees for commercial and agriculture consumers. According to SEPCO, Sindh government is not agreed to pay arrears of 39 billion rupees. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) SEPCO Muzaffar Abbasi said that they have waived off the arrears worth 9 billion rupees on the request of the Council of Common Interest (CCI). He said that those who are consuming electricity by using hooks can get a meter installed in just 150 rupees now and SEPCO will give them relief by allowing them to pay their arrears in 20 installments. NEPRA reserved the verdict on the case. Also read: Females in Sukkur protest against non-availability of electricity

Female protesters on Thursday staged a demonstration outside Sukkur Electric Supply Company (Sepco) office over non-availability of electricity in Sukkur. According to details, the transformer of Agha Badruddin colony burnt five months ago and has not been changed by the authorities till date as a result of which the agitated females took to street to protest against the mismanagement. The women burnt tyres outside the Sepco office and raised slogans against the officials whereas one of the females entered the office and ransacked the property. The protesters accused the authorities of

Health Department to use GIS for monitoring of workers

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not installing the transformer despite repeated complaints rather the Sepco officials are demanding money to change it.

KARACHI: Sindh Health Department is keen to make optimum use of the Geographical Information System (GIS), at its disposal, to help enhance monitoring of its donor driven health care projects, said provincial health minister, Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar here on Tuesday. Chairing the second Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (RMNCH) Steering Committee meeting at Sindh Secretariat, he said government is keen to make optimum of family planning and primary health care program, expanded program on immunization and neonatal and child health program respectively. Mentioning that 22,578 lady health workers were associated with FP&PHC program followed by 1400 vaccinators with EPI and 1897 workers with MNCH program respectively he said performance of these workers have to be monitored via online GIS mechanism. These health care schemes catering to the needs of women and children through efficient implementation of the scheme have to be implemented in letter and spirit with equal care towards performance of the workers, said the Sindh Minister for Health. He reiterated that the government was committed to provide better health care facilities to the people of Sindh and that in collaboration with international donor agencies efforts are being made to strengthen community level interventions. Jam Mehtab Hussain said due to poor monitoring and feedback, and also with shortage of female service providers like LHWs, CMWs and vaccinators adequate results could not be achieved in many parts of the province. "We do understand that there is dire need to improve governance and operational matters," he said. The provincial health minister said immunization occupied significant relevance for the masses and recurring outbreaks of different vaccine preventable diseases as measles demanded maintenance of cold chain system, equitable distribution of vaccinators and uninterrupted supply of vaccine. Jam Mehtab Hussain on the occasion assured that multipurpose vehicles would be provided to health service providers so that they may perform their duties more effectively. He said the provincial health department is also ensuring availability of doctors, para-medics and health workers at each and every Rural Health Centres on contract basis. We are presently in process of filling the vacant posts of lady medical officers alongwith gynecologists and other specialists, on emergency basis, at the facilities in Jacobabad, Kashmore, Khairpur, Matiari, Shikarpur, Sukkur, Tando Allah Yar, Tharparkar and Umerkot districts, said the Sindh minister for health. He appreciated the co-operation extended by UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and WFP in providing health care services in Sindh. The meeting among others was also attended by Secretary for Health, Dr. Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo, D.G. Health Murad Shah and representative of USAID sponsored MCH program, officials from US Consulate General, Karachi and others.

Green Metro Bus fares cut

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KARACHI: Following media reports and strict action of Coordinator to CMIT Sindh, the Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) has reduced fares of Green Metro Buses running on single route. Karachities have expressed their satisfaction over the GMS services and praised the Sindh government for successfully operating green buses much facilitating the people of routes from I.I Chundrigar Road, Tower, Saddar, Shahra-e-Faisal to Airport, Malir, Qaidabad and rest of Bin Qasim and Gulshan-e-Hadeed. Daily Times has learnt about 50,000 commuters travel daily on Green Metro Service on single route of metropolitan and expressed their satisfaction over after fares reduced when news appeared in Daily Times and after the directives of Chief Minister Sindh Sayed Qaim Ali Shah, Coordinator to CM Sindh Haji Muzafar Shujrah personally travel like a common man. On the occasion, commuters among Rafiq Ahmed, Abdul Rasheed, Shabir Hussain, Raheel Khan and others admired Sindh government particularly the Chief Minister Sindh and concerned authorities. Karachities have also demanded for 400 buses may resolve miseries of commuters and the people are much waiting for this opportunity, if there is any hindrances for Orange line, Yellow line, Green line, Red line BRT Bus Service a long waiting project still in doldrums. It is also pertinent to mention that BRT project once facing court issues told authorities and hoped it would be resolved amicably, because of particular interest of Sindh chief minister, provincial minister, commissioner Karachi and other concerned. During travelling on Green Metro Bus Service route on Tuesday, senior journalists of Karachi among Aajiz Jamali and Rafiq Baloch have expressed their concern over the mini-coaches and small buses hijacked and mafia in Karachi Public Transport and they humiliate the commuters violate all the rules, despite of one wide body or Green Bus carrying about 400 people in up and down, these small and mini-buses only carrying 50 overloaded a risk for citizens they told. They also demanded of the Sindh government to reduce the miseries of commuters and run only 400-500 buses on different routes despite of mini-buses they told. While, talking to KMC Director Athar about more buses out of order, these should be repaired to run on roads, but he avoided to furnish the details and said he will discuss later on.

Traffic police to collect fine through mobile phones

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) have decided to introduce mobile phone system to collect fines. Following the launch of digital driving licence, the ITP have taken another step to facilitate the citizens to deposit the challan fee through mobile phones. The traffic police developed a computer application in collaboration with the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) and Ufone to collect the challan amount through mobile phones. Traffic officers will send messages to violators on their mobile phones intimating them about the fines. The message will automatically be saved in the mobile phone of the officer, in the database of the NBP and in the ITP record. Those who will be fined will be able to deposit amount using easy paisa, mobi cash or any other mode of transaction. Meanwhiel, the ITP has decided to launch a training course for its personnel to familiar them with e-ticketing service. A senior official of the ITP said the e-ticketing system was being introduced to facilitate the citizens and make the system more transparent. He said the ITP was launching a training course for its personnel to make them familiar with e-ticketing.

No plan to privatise Gordon College, says Irfan Ali

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RAWALPINDI: Punjab Higher Education Secretary Irfan Ali on Tuesday said that Gordon College will continue work under the Punjab Higher Education Department and there is no plan of its privatisation in the near future. He said there were baseless reports published in a section of the press about the college being privatised or being handed over to a Trust. Director Colleges Professor Humayun Iqbal said that a report has been sent to Higher Punjab Higher Education Secretary Irfan Ali stating that Gordon college is effectively working under the Punjab Higher Education, adding that no step has

Teenage girl dies of dengue

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been taken for its privatisation or changing its status. Meanwhile, the professors, lecturers and students of Gordon College on Tuesday held a demonstration outside the college against its proposed privatisation or handing over to a Trust.

KARACHI: A government hospital on Tuesday confirmed the death of a teenage girl from mosquito-borne dengue haemorrhagic fever. Uroosa was this year's 10th victim of the viral disease in Sindh. The 18-year-old girl, a resident of North Nazimabad, was admitted to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital in a precarious condition on Sunday, officials said. They added that she died the following day. Health officials of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, which runs the hospital, confirmed the death on Tuesday. All the 10 deaths have been reported in Karachi where most of the nearly 3,500 dengue victims in Sindh were detected. Officials said fumigation campaigns had little or no effect until fogging machines were used to reach every nook and corner of an affected establishment or a house. While the KMC claimed that it had initiated a 'comprehensive programme' against mosquitoes, the fact is that a large quantity of the insecticide has already expired. Alpha Cypermethrin, the insecticide used with diesel to kill the deadly mosquito, remained unused for three years in KMC stores and expired in September last year, the official sources said. They said the dengue prevention and control programme in Sindh was on a virtual halt, as funds allocated for it had lapsed, pending a cumbersome process of revalidation. The contractors who had delivered the medicine in advance did not get payment, the sources said.

LTC restores B-16 bus route

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LAHORE: The Lahore Transport Company (LTC) has restored the urban bus route, B-16 (General Bus Stand to Omar Chowk Township), with the collaboration of private transport operator, Pakor Global. According to the LTC spokesperson on Monday, initially 15 Ankai CNG buses would be plying to provide maximum relief to the commuters for the provision of safe, comfortable and economical transport facilities, whereas more buses would be added on the route afterwards. The route has 52 bus stops while the minimum fare that would be charged from the passengers is Rs 18 and maximum fare would be Rs 40. The re-launching ceremony took place at Township, where Acting LTC Chief Operating Officer Mariam Khawar, Pakor Global Director Muhammad Naveed and Operations Deputy General Manager Atif Memon were also present. The urban bus route has become fully operational from today (Tuesday). The route would be commenced from General Bus Stand via Railway Station, Shimla Pahari, Charing Cross, Ganga Ram Hospital, Mozang Chungi, Services Hospital, Siddique Trade Centre, Main Market Gulberg, Liberty, Hussain Chowk, Firdous Market, Centre Point, Kalma Chowk, Model Town, Model Town Roundabout, Model Town Link Road, Muchipura, Township Market, Barkat Chowk, Girja Chowk, Chandni Chowk, Riaz Chowk and to Omar Chowk.

LDA earns Rs 1,335m through auction of plots

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LAHORE: A total of eight commercial plots were auctioned by the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) against a sum of Rs 1,335 million on Monday. Maximum bid was offered for commercial plot number 2, situated in the Civic Centre of Johar Town, which was auctioned in Rs 162,723,000. Its bid starting price had been fixed as Rs 2.5 million per marla whereas it was auctioned for Rs 4.2 million per marla. Open auction of plots was held at the LDA Community Centre in Ayubia Market, New Muslim Town. A total of 33 bidders participated in the bidding by depositing earnest money for their desired plots. Severe competition was observed on the occasion, as the competitors enthusiastically offered their bids.

LHC serves notice on govt over Sahiwal power project

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LAHORE: Lahore High Court (LHC) Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah on Monday issued notices to the federal and provincial governments on a petition challenging the violations of environmental laws in the construction of 2X660 megawatts (MW) coal-fired power project in Sahiwal. The Judge directed the law officers of the government to come up on December 2 with a reply on petitioner's allegation that Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was conducted by ignoring international standards. The Judge also directed the LHC registrar office to consolidate all similar petitions for the next hearing. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) local leader Zubair Niazi filed the petition. The petitioner's counsel Sheraz Zaka submitted that environmental prerequisites were not followed before the launch of the project. He said that the construction of the project started without obtaining and confirmation of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report, which was illegal. He submitted that the project would affect life in the area by burning 16,667 tonne coal daily and throwing ashes and smoke in the air. He said that the people living around the project had expressed concerns over its possible environmental hazards. He asserted that in Sahiwal, a variety of crops and animals were raised and this project would not only raise concerns on public health, but would provide inhumane conditions for animals. He said that the Environment Protection Department (EPD) had not issued the NOC because it has to monitor and regulate air emissions and effluent of coal power plant under the guidelines provided under the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) for Ambient Air 2010 before issuing any such certificate. He requested to declare the project as dangerous for human beings.

CDA starts anti-polio campaign in capital

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Monday started a comprehensive anti-polio campaign in the capital. CDA Health Services Director Dr Hassan Harooj said the authority has achieved 70 percent target and administered polio drops to 41,000 children. He said during the three-day campaign, a target to administer polio drops to 129,000 children of the city has been set and to make campaign a success, the capital has been divided into 16 zones. Dr Hassan said a force comprising of 850 polio workers would administer the polio drops in the entire city and to ensure effective monitoring, 91 sector supervisors and 16 zonal supervisors have been deputed to ensure that every child of the city is administered with polio drops. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal has directed the authorities concerned to make all-out efforts to achieve 100 percent results in the polio campaign, he said. Meanwhile, District administration on Monday has warned that all those not cooperating with anti-dengue teams during their surveillance and fogging drives will be booked under the law. "All businesses or dwellers who fail to cooperate with anti-dengue teams will be booked under the relevant laws," said Rawal Town Municipal administrator. Assistant Commissioner (AC) Quratul Aain said that the officer urged the citizens to extend maximum cooperation to the fogging teams to effectively deal with the fatal disease. Chairing a meeting of all allied departments working to fight against dengue, she expressed the hope that they would be able to overpower the disease through

KCR awaits track repair

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Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard campaign : Restaurants, meat shops asked to keep airport's surroundings clean

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Police introduces 'panchiat' for registration of cases

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1.18m accident victims saved by Rescue 1122

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Uniform law for vaccination on the cards

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concerted efforts. She said that due to an effective awareness campaign most of the citizens had already been apprised of the fatality of disease. However, she observed that there have been some reports revealing about the non-cooperation by owners of shops and houses. "No such incident would be tolerated and the people who refuse would be dealt with according to the law," she warned.

KARACHI: Millions of commuters in Karachi continue to suffer as the Pakistan Railways has yet to resume the repair of damaged tracks of the Karachi Circular Railway (KCR), the only rail-based urban public transport system of Pakistan. The KCR, a success story of public transport sector in Karachi, was deliberately ignored, damaged and abandoned to benefit the runners of private buses and minibuses of Karachi commonly called transporter mafia. In a show of criminal negligence precious railway property of tracks, signal systems and railway stations of KCR were not properly guarded. The Pakistan Railways Police simply allowed scrape thieves to steal the precious assets. Moreover, builder mafia was also facilitated to erect illegal plazas over the KCR land. This is one of the most bizarre stories of corruption and negligence in Pakistan, particularly in the railway sector. However, the present federal government looks serious to repair and run the KCR on commercial basis. There are many statements on the record of the federal railway minister Khawaja Saad Rafique. The railway experts and engineers say they could repair and revive the KCR without any foreign loan just in two months provided the government gives the nod. However, the spade work on repair of KCR is sadly still awaited. It is a popular demand of the citizens as well as political parties of Karachi to revive the KCR on urgent basis to facilitate commuters and save them from excesses of the transporter mafia that presently enjoy a ruthless monopoly over the public transport sector of Karachi. The citizens expect that repair of the KCR track would be initiated on war footing basis as this is the matter of public interest and the citizens of Karachi expect some public good from the federal government to facilitate the commuters of Karachi, as the federal government has already done a wonderful job to facilitate the commuters of Lahore, Rawalpindi and Islamabad in shape of metro bus systems.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCCA), during its Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard campaign has asked the owners of local marriage halls, restaurants, hotels and meat shops carrying their businesses around Benazir Bhutto International Airport to keep their surroundings clean. As part of this campaign, members of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board, local marriage hall owners, restaurants, hotels and meat shop owners were invited. Engagement at the community level was also made where local residents living around airport area were given key information on how to keep their surroundings clean and the impact of keeping garbage open around airports. Pakistan being a member of International Civil Aviation Organisation has a commitment towards safety regarding aircrafts and human lives. The PCAA also takes counter measures such as presence of a bird shooter at the airport whose sole purpose is to scare away birds by creating distractions such as shooting in the air, use of firecrackers, patrolling by vehicles on runway, said PCAA Joint Director Fariha Tahir Shah. The PCAA has recently concluded its recently launched Bird Aircraft Strike Hazard campaign with awareness session held at Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIAP) where all the relevant stakeholders included airlines, representative from Army aviation, Waste Management Disposal Company amongst others were briefed. Various suggestions were proposed by the stakeholders like disposal of waste material in front of marriage halls to be lifted late at night in order to avoid early morning attractions for birds. To keep the area clean around the airport, an awareness walk was proposed with the help of local community so that bird aircraft strike hazard can be avoided. The intensity of this issue can be gauged by the number of incidents taking place every year in Pakistan. People need to be constantly informed about the effects of bird strike. A public service message is being run through the support of local cable operator to make people realise the significance of clean environment around airports.

LAHORE: Lahore Police have introduced "Panchiat" system for the registration of cases in police stations. Sattu Katla Station House Officer Javed Siddique said on Sunday that on the special directives of CCPO Capt Muhammad Amin Vance and DIG Operations Dr Haider Ashraf introduced system and now referring to panchiat new applications for finding truth. In reply to a question regarding court orders for the registration of cases, he said he would never register any case on court orders unless until he is himself satisfied. One aggrieved person, Mian Ziaullah Aftab, said he had been visiting police station for registration of genuine case for the last three months but all the time police adopted delaying tactics. He further disclosed that Sattu Katla police after greasing palms even registered theft case number 1152/15 against him while he was performing Haj. He said he came to know when he returned home after Haj that police had booked him on the false application of Rashid Hameed, who was wanted in his case.

LAHORE: Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) on Sunday commemorated World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Crashes Victims in all districts of Punjab. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about increasing number of road traffic crashes and community participation for prevention of these emergencies. In this regard, awareness walks, seminars and other ceremonies were organized in across the province to remember the many millions killed or injured in road crashes and their families and communities, as well as to pay tribute to the dedicated emergency services, police and medical professionals who daily deal with the traumatic aftermath of road death and injury. While quoting the statistics of road traffic crashes in Punjab, Emergency Service Rescue 1122 Director General Brig (r) Dr Arshad Zia said that all district emergency services have rescued the victims of some 1,179,085 road traffic crashes in all 36 districts of Punjab so far.

LAHORE: Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab on Health, Khawaja Salman Rafique has said that provincial government implementing a program to provide best medical treatment facilities and prevention of diseases according to the vision of the Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. He said that Punjab government would fully endorse the legislation on Mandatory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers. He said this while talking to the Prime Minister's focal person on Polio Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq in a consultative meeting in the Health Department. Members Punjab Assembly Lubna Faisal, Dr Nousheen Hamid, Alia Aftab, Dr Murad Rass, Rahila Khadim, Naseem

Madrasa reforms to be finalised within next three months

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Lodhi, Shehzad Munshi, Salma Shaheen, Special Secretary Health Gulzar Hussain Shah and Additional Secretary Health Dr Salman Shahid were also present in the meeting. On this occasion, Ayesha Raza Farooq informed that she has tabled the draft Bill in the Senate of Pakistan in April this year. Speaking on the bill, she said that 1 out of 10 children dies and cannot reach their 5th birthday due to vaccine preventable diseases. "We need to start educating the constituents that it's their responsibility to vaccinate and give a healthy life to children", opined Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq. While commenting on the significance of uniform law across the country, she highlighted that poliovirus and other diseases know no boundary, therefore, uniform law is needed to protect all children across the country. "Provinces should introduce their own Bill for Mandatory Vaccination or give mandate to Federal legislation so that a uniform law can protect our children from death and disability", she further added. Earlier, Dr Tahir Masood, President Pakistan Pediatrician Association presented an overall situation of Immunization in the country and highlighted that vaccine preventable diseases is one of the main causes of under 5 mortality rate in the country. Pakistan is one of these top ten countries where large numbers of children die due to pneumonia every year. Khawaja Salman Rafique further said that coverage of routine immunization in Punjab has been increased from 50 per cent to 75 per cent within a year due to the strict implementation on Chief Minister Health Roadmap Program. He said that E-VACCs system has been successfully implemented to monitor the performance of vaccinators.

ISLAMABAD: The ongoing process of Madrasa reforms would be finalised within three months, a top official of the Ministry of Education said. Two committees have been constituted to finalise the details of Madrasa reforms to bring seminary students at par with other students, Education Director General Professor Rafique Tahir said on Saturday. The committee, headed by Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education chairman has been assigned to finalise reforms' details within ten days. The members of committee include Ruet-e-Hilal Committee Chairman Mufti Muneeb ur-Rehman, Dr Attaur Rehman, Mufti Hanif Jalandhri and Education deputy secretary. The committee has been assigned to suggest measures for equalising the certificates of seminaries to Matric, FA, FSc. The other committee headed by Higher Education Commission (HEC) executive director and comprising HEC Accreditation Director General, Mufti Muneebur Rehman, Dr Attaur Rehman and Muhammad Hanif Jalandhri will contemplate including English, Mathematics and some other optional subjects in the curricula of seminaries. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has already announced 20-point National Action Plan (NAP) after creating national consensus to eliminate the menace of extremism and terrorism from the country. Official sources said that it is important to reform the madrasa education system to bring them into mainstream education system in the country because it is important to secure the future of seminary students and get madrasa system in the mainstream for the betterment of education in Pakistan. Legal uniformity of the madrasa system with the consensus of federal government, Wafaqul Madaris and provinces was necessary to achieve this objective. The sources said that the registration of madaris with the madrasa board, deliberation upon curriculum, exam system, syllabus, grading system, teachers' qualification, textbooks and monitoring of regular education in madaris was also necessary in this regard.

Rehabilitation sciences play pivotal role in fighting disabilities'

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ISLAMABAD: Modern day advancements in rehabilitation sciences can play a vital role in stabilising the lives of disabled people, said Higher Education Commission Chairman Dr Mukhtatr Ahmed Pakistan's first two-day international conference on rehabilitation sciences was arranged by Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University in which world's leading scientists and rehabilitation experts discussed multiple issues related to future of rehabilitation sciences in Pakistan. Addressing the closing ceremony of the conference on Sunday, the HEC chairman said that this is a unique event providing a common ground for the formal as well as informal exchange and flow of knowledge and pioneering events which open up more vistas and enrichment of knowledge for mutual benefits of professionals and practitioners in the field of rehabilitation education and research. The crucial contribution of rehabilitation practitioners in the advancement of healthcare should properly be acknowledged, he highlighted. Speaking on this occasion, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences Principal Dr Naveed Babur said that Pakistan is severely lacking research work in the field of rehabilitation sciences and urged the government to take measures in this regard so that quality rehabilitation practitioners can be produced. He said that currently almost 3,500 physiotherapists are working in Pakistan, but there is no specific accrediting body to regularise their services. He demanded the authorities to play their role in this regard. Earlier, the participants of the conference attended many plenary sessions, poster and verbal presentations managed by leading therapists and experts. Internationally known rehabilitation expert Andy Charley discussed the role of family medicine in rehabilitation in UK. In one of the plenary sessions, Ayeza Yazdani Abid discussed the development of an individualised educational plan (IEP) and the role of the multidisciplinary team.

To create awareness amongst health professionals regarding disabilities, Dr Irfan Ahmed addressed a plenary session. Nazia Mumtaz, a PhD scholar discussed the basics and beyond of speech language pathology while an insight to SWOT analysis of physiotherapy profession was presented by Rashid Hafeez Nasir. The comprehensive rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injuries in Pakistan was discussed by Ilyas Syed. A poster competition was also held in which different issues were highlighted. A poster presentation on depression, anxiety and psychological adjustment among amputees was presented by Saima Waqar, Rehana Noor and Manan Haider. Madiha Shah and Furqan Ahmed Siddiqui narrated a presentation on regular exercises are effective to reduce insulin intake in diabetes mellitus type-1 The impact of gender on emotional intelligence was presented by Rehana Noor, Tanzeela Nabeel and Naved Shahzad. On this occasion, many oral presentations were also presented, including a case report on high level activity training through virtual reality in chronic stroke survivor by Arshad Nawaz Malik and Anum Zafar. Safa Perviz, Sikandar Ghyas Khan, Rabia Azmat, Sadia Tahir and Hira Jabeen discussed the attitudes of undergraduate students of allied health sciences towards inter-professional education. The level of social participation of people with aphasia as orally presented by Nameeka Shahid. Renowned physiotherapist Manan Haider along with Waqar Ahmed and Muhammad Umer managed a presentation on common sports injuries in relation to age, gender and sports in Pakistan.

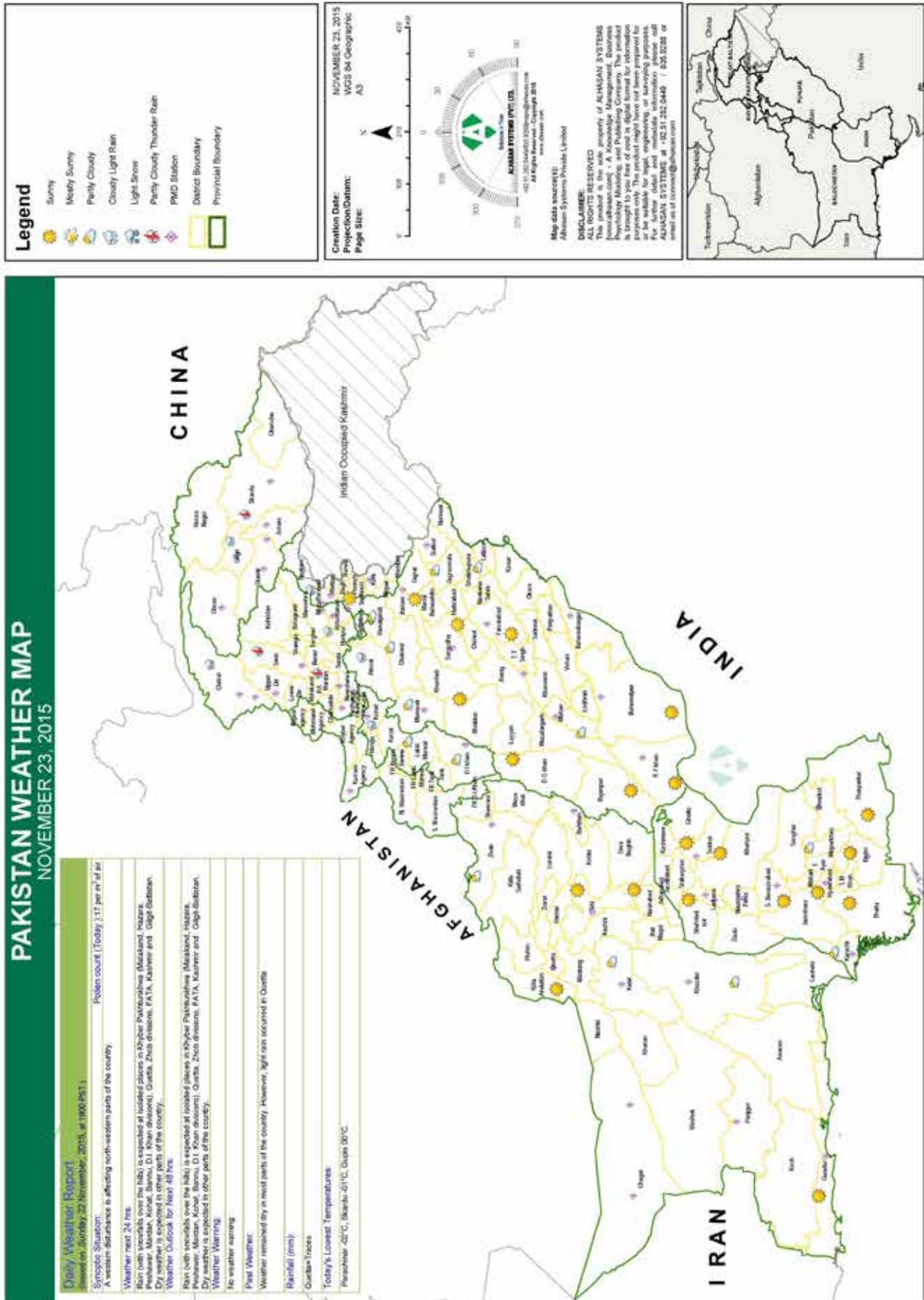
Simultaneous anti-polio drive in Fata, KP can get results

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PESHAWAR: The introduction of Continuous Community Protected Vaccination (CCPV) programme in high-risk areas is unlikely to produce desired results due to vaccination campaigns on different dates in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas. The global polio eradication campaign focuses on Peshawar, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, FR Peshawar and FR Kohat and adjoining Khyber and Mohmand agencies in Fata. These areas have been grouped as "Greater Peshawar" which has recorded 22 of the 40 nationwide registered polio cases this year. Compared to 2015, Pakistan has achieved 85 per cent reduction this year, but the polio efforts in the main epidemiological block posed obstacles to global eradication of virus. Fata recorded 178 cases last year compared to only 13 this year and is facing a challenge to maintain quality of vaccination because the campaigns aren't carried out on same days due to which children are missed, especially in border areas. Early this year, the government launched simultaneous campaign in the Fata and KP under Sehat Ka Ittehad programme, but later both continued with different dates due to which children could miss vaccination. Launching of the CCPV programme by KP and Fata has proved effective because the workers have been paid monthly salaries. KP has appointed 1300 vaccinators, 95 per cent of them female, to vaccinate children in their neighbourhoods. The programme is in progress in 50 per cent of the union councils in Peshawar, six union councils in Bannu and 11 in Tank due to which the authorities were able to access population at the grassroots level. The workers who get Rs1,500 a month have been deployed in areas where polio virus was in circulation.

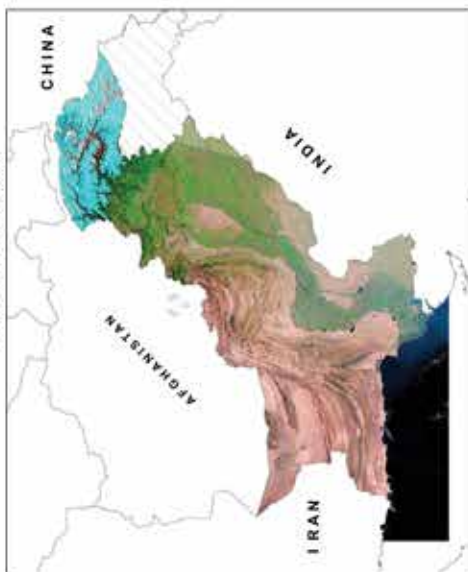
Unlike this arrangement, the vaccinators get paid Rs500 per day and they work only for specific days during the routine campaign. The regular workers do vaccination continuously. The new approach also seeks to do away with Simultaneous anti-polio drive in Fata, KP can get results threats posed by attacks on polio workers. However, CCPV workers do their duty like other employees of the health department and as such stays out of focus of the attackers. Even many local children are brought to the homes of the vaccinators for administration of polio drops. The programme was also launched in Jamrud and Bara tehsils in September with the objective to pave the way for eradication of virus from the same infected epidemiological block. However, chances to maintain gains so far made in polio vaccination efforts depend on the coordination of KP and Fata to ensure vaccination of children in border areas because the virus can only be eliminated when all children are immunised. Fata is directly governed by the centre, but due to its proximity with KP, both needed simultaneous campaigns to get access to all children in endemic areas. The global polio eradication initiative, which previously thought that world would become free from polio virus by 2015, had revised the deadline to 2018 due to the Fata and KP situation. Both the Fata and KP have to join forces to run the campaigns simultaneously. As the low transmission season is underway and will run till March, both the endemic KP and Fata required joint intervention to put brakes on the vaccine-preventable childhood diseases.

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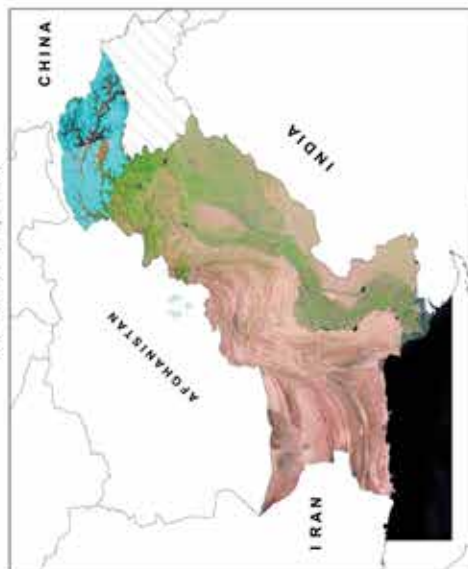


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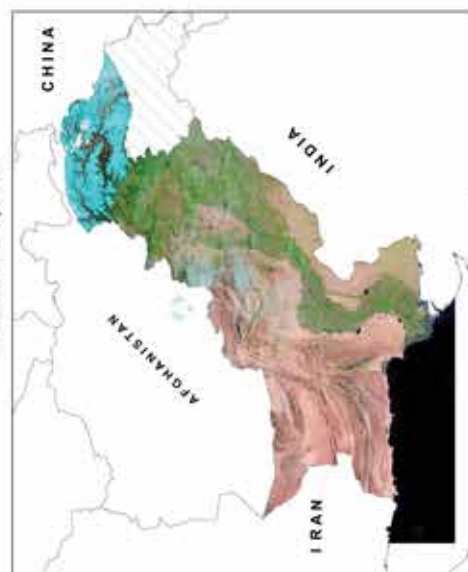
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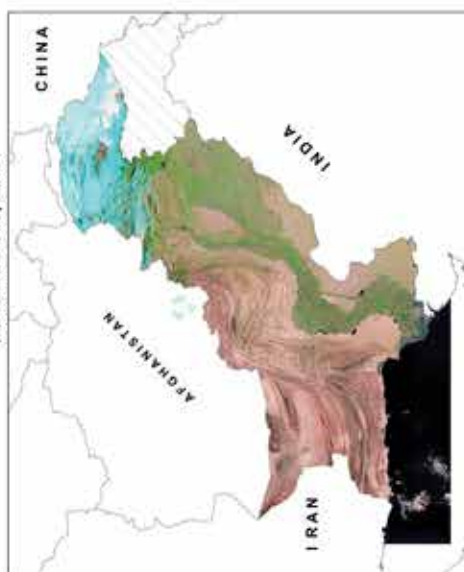
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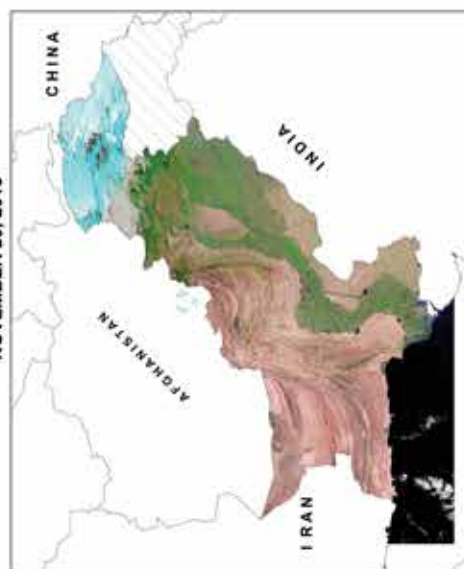
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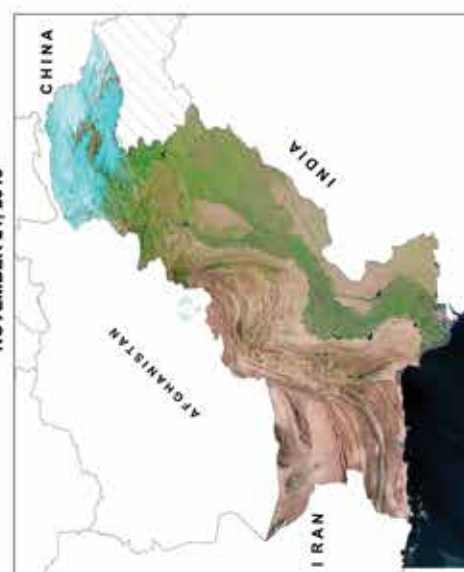
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PAKISTAN - Arrested Suspected People

Police arrest 193 suspects including Afghan nationals

PESHAWAR: As many as 193 suspected including Afghan nationals were nabbed for reading illegally in Peshawar, Nowshera and Swat districts.

According to SSP Operation Main, Saeed, the first search and strike operation was conducted in All Min Ahmad lands area, close to Khyber Agency and arrested at least 43 suspects including Afghan nationals. The police also claimed to have recovered arms and drugs from arrested suspects. In another search operation, the Nowshera police arrested 50 suspects from Hakeem Abad, Badkash and Cheri Kati Kori. The police also nabbed arms from them. Police confirmed that the search operation against suspects will be widened and continue to clear the provincial capital and adjoining areas of suspects who serve serious security threat. Meanwhile, Swabi police conducted a search and strike operation on early Saturday morning and arrested over 100 suspects. The police searched various areas of the district including Kulu Khan, Tarnali, Baghmati Camp and Nargal. They also arrested several suspects and recovered arms and drugs. In another operation, Afghan nationals and drug suppliers, District Police Officer Javed Iqbal said that search operation would be carried out immediately to ensure peace and security in the district. He disclosed that Swabi police on Friday last, foiled a big terror attempt by recovering huge quantity of explosive material and arresting one suspect. He disclosed that the police also arrested a suspected terrorist and recovered 40 kg explosive material from him in Kulu Khan area of the district.

Nasirabad raid: FC arrested suspected militant

QUETTA: The paramilitary Frontier Corps, Balochistan has arrested a suspected militant in Nasirabad district and recovered automatic weapons, ammunition and propaganda material from his possession.

"The accused was a police tutor bound on his head," FC spokesman said. He said that FC personnel had recovered propaganda materials and an agent was present in the drug area of the district close to the provincial border with Baluch.

Acting on the tip-off, a team of FC raided a house at Bhag and arrested the suspect.

The accused was wanted in many cases of heinous crimes, the FC spokesman said, though he did not mention the name of the detained person.

"The FC personnel recovered weapons including three SMGs along with seven magazines, one rifle, 160 rounds and other material," he said.

In another edition, FC troops seized 40,000 liters of smuggled Iranian diesel near Quetta.

FC arrests 'militants', seize weaponry in Balochistan

QUETTA: Frontier Corps personnel on Monday arrested two suspected militants and recovered a huge cache of arms during two separate raids in Kech district of Balochistan. FC spokesman Khan Wasay told Dawn that the paramilitary force recovered all rounds, 15 magazines, three SMGs, one rifle, 160 rounds and other material. In a separate raid, FC men also arrested two suspected militants from the area possessing anti-state literature and books containing hate material.

"The suspects were detained and are being interrogated by security officials," said the FC spokesman.

In a separate raid, Levies personnel recovered two bodies from Dughl Tehsil of Mastung district. Levies sources told Dawn that both victims had received bullet injuries.

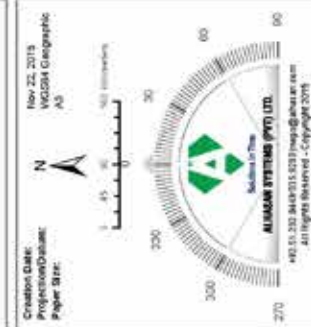
The bodies were shifted to Mastung hospital for identification.

Rangers swoop down on criminals in aftermath of attack

KARACHI: In the aftermath of the deadly attack on Rangers men the paramilitary troops sped up their operations against suspected militants in the city. Four suspected militants were killed in a shoot-out while 40 suspects were arrested in various raids on Saturday.

Four Rangers men lost their lives when they came under attack outside a mosque in Orsabad town during Friday prayers. This caused the paramilitary force to launch an aggressive crackdown against criminals across the city.

In one of the first raids, at least four suspected militants were killed in an alleged encounter in Koyanabad, located near Northern Bypass. The suspects have yet to be identified and their bodies have been moved to the Eden morgue in Sadrabad Goth.

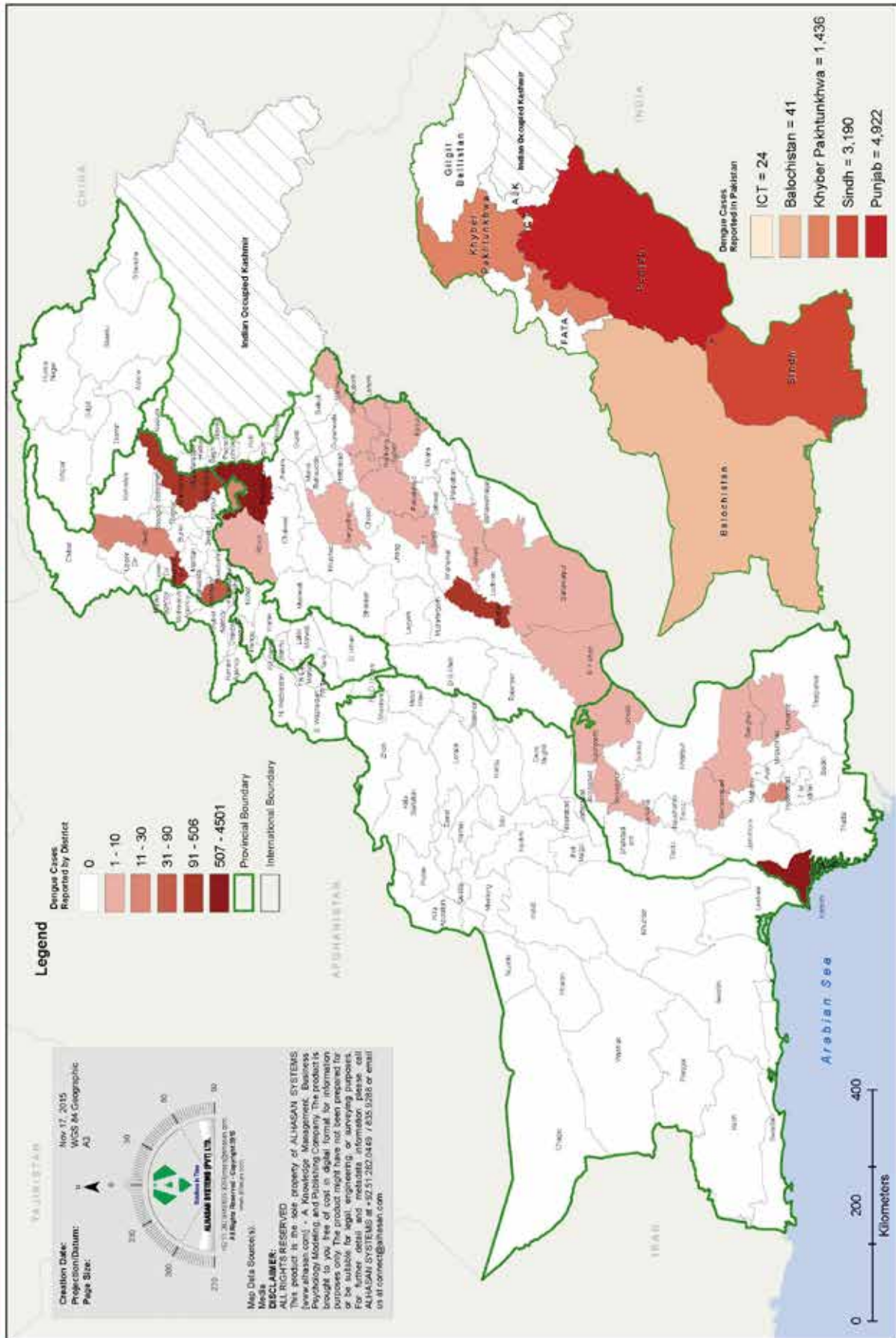


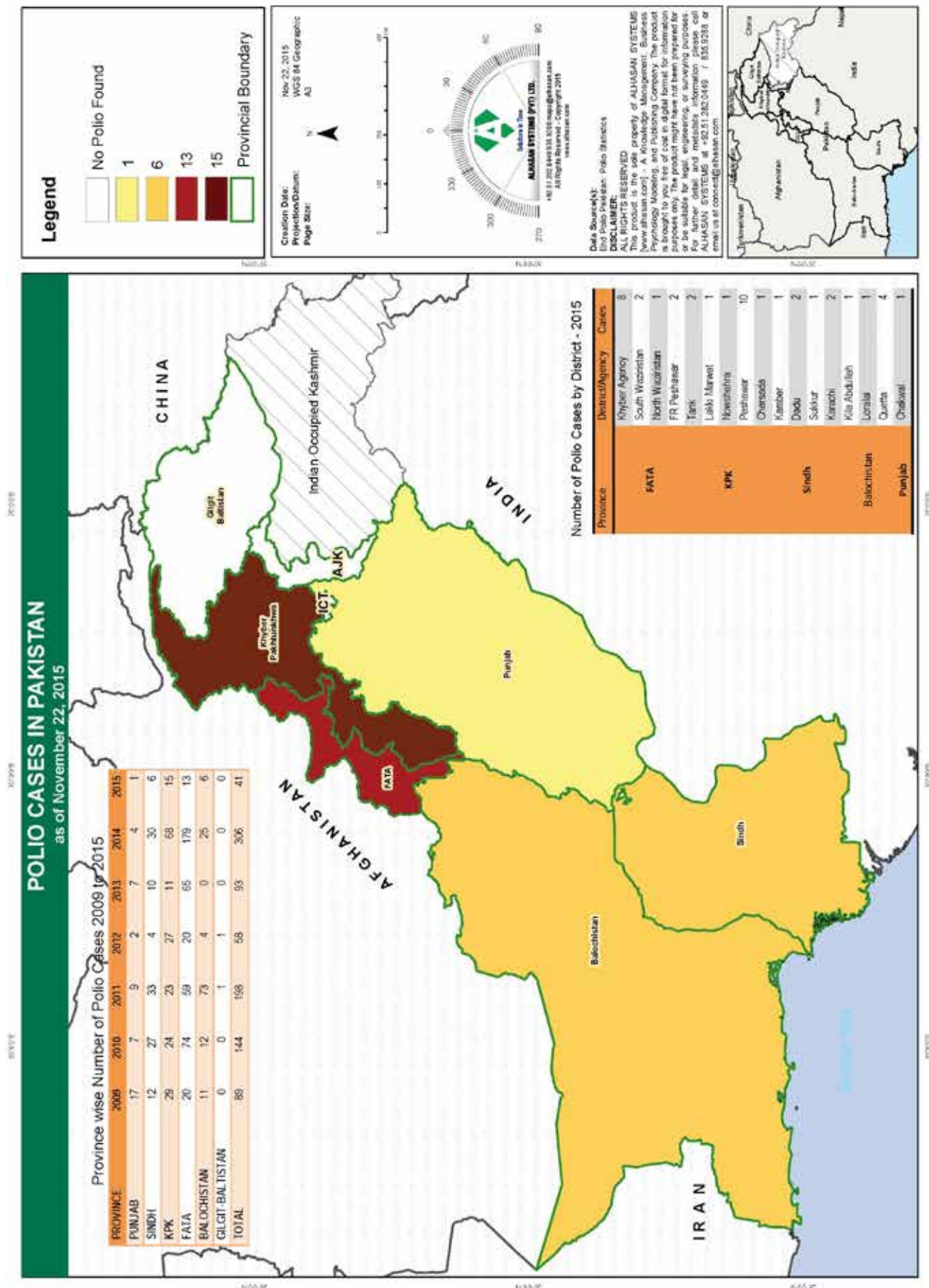
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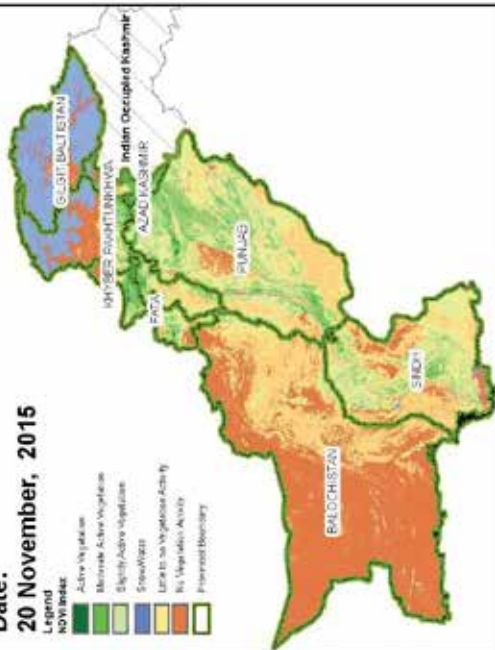
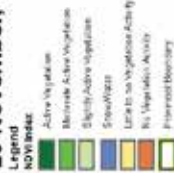




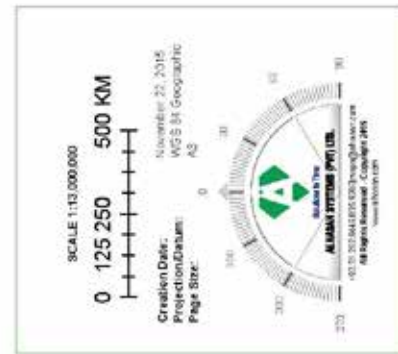
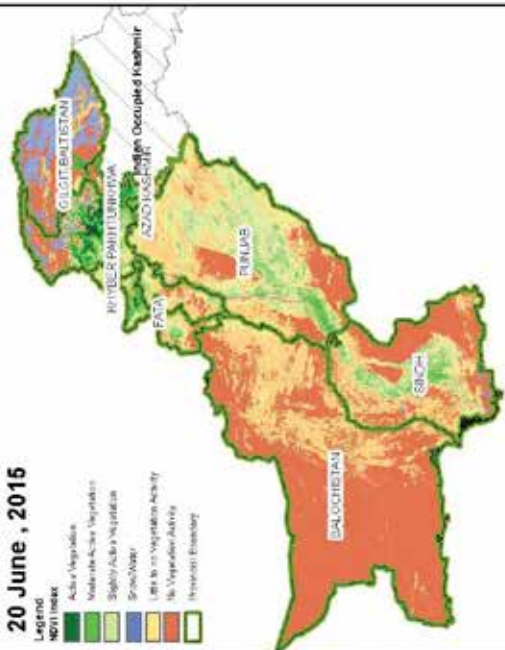
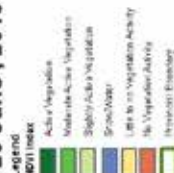
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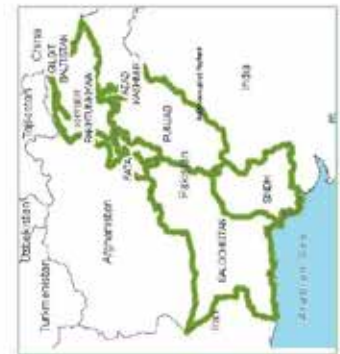
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ہے، پھر کراچی میں آپریشن شروع کیا گیا اور کچھ غیر قانونی بیٹروں پیپوں اور شادی ہالز کو ڈھایا گیا اور اب مون گاڑن نامی 8 منزلہ بلڈنگ کو غیر قانونی قرار دے کر اس کے کمینوں کو بیدخل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ سوال یہ پیدا ہوتا ہے جب ایسی جگہوں پر تعمیراتی کام ہو رہا ہوتا ہے تب ذمہ دار ادارے کہاں ہوتے ہیں؟ آخر یہ کام کیوں چلتا رہتا ہے اور کیوں آخر پر تان بے بس دبے سہارا لوگوں پر ٹوٹتی ہے جن کے سروں سے چھت چھین کر انہیں بے سہارا کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ لہذا میری حکومت سے گزارش ہے کہ سرکاری اراضی پر کئے جانے والے قبضوں پر کڑی نگاہ رکھیں تاکہ مون گاڑن جیسا دوسرا واقعہ رونما نہ ہو۔

فانا کا مستقبل کیا؟

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فانا پاکستان کا پس ماندہ ترین علاقہ ہے، جس کی وجہ سے فانا کے لوگ احساس محرومی کا سب سے زیادہ شکار ہیں۔ فانا کی تاریخ قربانیوں سے بھری پڑی ہے اور قیام پاکستان کے بعد ہونے والی کشمیر کی جنگ میں فانا کے لوگوں نے ہی سب سے بڑھ چڑھ کر حصہ لیا تھا مگر اس کے باوجود یہ لوگ بنیادی ضروریات زندگی سے محروم ہیں، انہی محرومیوں کی وجہ سے فانا انتہا پسندی کی آماجگاہ بنا ہے۔ دوسری جانب فانا کے لوگوں پر ابھی تک انگریز دور کے بنائے گئے نظام کا ہی تسلط ہے جس کے تحت پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ کو آمرانہ اختیارات حاصل ہیں جو مقامی لوگوں کے استحصال کا باعث ہیں۔ وہاں رائج اکثر قوانین بنیادی انسانی حقوق کی بھی نفی کرتے ہیں۔ میری حکام بالا سے گزارش ہے کہ آئین کے آرٹیکل 247 میں ترمیم کر کے فانا کو ملکی دھارے میں شامل کیا جائے۔ بہتر یہی ہے کہ فانا کو الگ صوبہ بنایا جائے تاہم اگر ایسا ممکن نہیں تو فانا کو خیبر پختونخوا میں ضم کر دیا جائے۔

ودھ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس

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تمام گریڈز کے حاضر، ریٹائرڈ سرکاری، نیم سرکاری ملازمین کی تنخواہیں بینکوں کے ذریعے ملتی ہیں۔ تمام ادارے زیادہ سے زیادہ ٹیکس کاٹ کر ایس بی پی میں ہر ماہ رقم جمع کر کے ملازمین کو تنخواہ کی ادائیگی کی ایڈوانس بینکوں کو ارسال کر دیتے ہیں لیکن جب سرکاری ملازم ریٹائرڈ پنشنرز بینک سے 50,000 سے زائد کا چیک کاٹ کر رقم نکالنے کیلئے بینک کو پیش کرتا ہے تو بینک اس رقم سے ودھ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس کاٹ لیتا ہے کیونکہ تمام بینکوں کو یہ ہدایات ہیں کہ 50,000 سے زائد کے چیکس پر مذکورہ ٹیکس کاٹا جائے۔ بتایا جائے کہ یہ سرکاری ریٹائرڈ ملازمین کہاں کہاں ٹیکس ادا کریں گے؟ جبکہ ادارے حاضر سروس ملازمین کی تنخواہوں سے پہلے ہی ٹیکس کاٹ کر بینکوں کے نام چیک جاری کرتے ہیں۔ یہ بدترین ظلم بھی ہے کہ ریٹائرڈ ملازم بینک سے جو رقم نکالتا ہے یہ بینکس 0.6 فیصد کے حساب سے پنشن کی مد میں ملنے والی رقم سے بھی اٹم ٹیکس کی مد میں رقم منہا کر لیتے ہیں۔ گویا ان حاضر ریٹائرڈ ملازمین کو دوسرے ٹیکس کی ادائیگی کرنی ہوتی ہے۔ کیا دنیا میں کہیں ودھ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس کی وصولی کے قوانین موجود ہیں؟ بعض طبقات کو چھوٹ دینے کی ضرورت ہوتی ہے؟ اگرچہ وزیر خزانہ سے یہ گزارش کرنا بے کار ہے کیونکہ وہ عوامی مسائل سمجھنے کیلئے تیار ہی نہیں ہوتے ہیں مگر ہم پھر بھی استدعا کرتے ہیں کہ تنخواہ دار اور پنشنرز کو ودھ ہولڈنگ ٹیکس سے مستثنیٰ قرار دیا جائے۔

نصرت مرزا اور شازیہ ناز نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ پروگرام کی نظامت کے فرائض سیماناز صدیقی نے سرانجام دیئے جبکہ آرگنائزر افضل احمد، عدنان اختر اور آصف رفیق تھے۔ جسٹس حازق الخیری نے کہا کہ جامعات میں، ہم نصابی و غیر نصابی سرگرمیوں کا انعقاد ہونا چاہئے اس سے طلباء کی صلاحیتوں میں اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (مماسندہ جنگ) چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) میڈیا فورم کی افتتاحی تقریب کل (منگل) کو ہوگی اس سلسلے میں میڈیا فورم کے صدر طاہر خلیل کی زیر صدارت میڈیا فورم کا اجلاس صبح ساڑھے دس بجے اسلام آباد میں ہوگا، وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات و نشریات پرویز رشید مہمان خصوصی ہونگے جبکہ تقریب میں چین کے سفیر سن ویڈونگ خصوصی مہمان کے طور پر شریک ہونگے، چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کی پارلیمانی کمیٹی کے چیئرمین سینئر مشاہد حسین بھی سی پیک میڈیا فورم سے خطاب کریں گے، تقریب کے اختتامی سیشن سے وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی، ترقی و اصلاحات احسن اقبال خطاب کریں گے، میڈیا فورم کے سیکریٹری باقر سجاد سید نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ تقریب کے تین سیشن ہونگے، پہلے سیشن کا موضوع چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کی تعمیر پر پاکستانی اور چینی میڈیا کا کردار ہے، دوسرے سیشن کا موضوع سی پیک کی بنیاد چین پاکستان دونوں کے لیے یکساں کامیابی جبکہ تیسرے سیشن میں چینی اور پاکستانی میڈیا کے درمیان تعاون کے لیے سفارشات تجویز کی جائیگی، میڈیا فورم میں چین سے صحافیوں کا 14 رکنی وفد بھی شریک ہوگا، وفد چین کے سرکردہ میڈیا کی نمائندگی کر رہا ہے جن میں چینل ڈیلی، چائنا ڈیلی، چائنا ریڈیو انٹرنیشنل، سہو انویز ایجنسی وغیرہ شامل ہیں، سی پیک میڈیا فورم سے نیشنل پریس کلب، پارلیمانی رپورٹرز ایسوسی ایشن اور دیگر صحافی تنظیموں کے رہنما بھی خطاب کریں گے، اسلام آباد میں چین کا سفارتخانہ پاکستان چائنا انسٹیٹیوٹ کے تعاون سے سی پیک میڈیا فورم کا انعقاد کر رہا ہے۔ اجلاس کے اختتام پر اعلان اسلام آباد کی منظوری دی جائے گی۔

چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری میڈیا فورم کی افتتاحی تقریب کل اسلام آباد میں ہوگی

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اسلام آباد (مخبر ہاشمی) پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت تمام صوبائی دارالحکومتوں سمیت پاکستان کے 55 شہروں کو منسلک کیا جائیگا ان شہروں کو پاکستان اور چین نے اتفاق رائے سے اقتصادی راہداری میں شامل کرنے کیلئے منتخب کر لیا ہے، وزارت منصوبہ بندی کی دستاویزات کے مطابق ان شہروں کو تجارتی سہولیات، توانائی، تجارتی نقل و حمل، مواصلات، صنعت، ٹیلی کمیونیکیشنز اور مقررہ بار برداری کی راہداریوں کے ذریعے منسلک کیا جائیگا، اتفاق کردہ شہروں میں خنجراب، پشاور، اسلام آباد، لاہور، کراچی، کوئٹہ، ملتان اور گوادری جبکہ چینی شہروں میں کاشی اور ٹیکس کورگن شامل ہیں ان کے علاوہ جن شہروں کو متعدد روٹس کے تحت شاہراہوں اور ریلوے نیٹ ورک کے ذریعے ملا جائیگا ان میں گگر، گلگت، ریل کوٹ، چلاس، دیامیر، داسو، تھاکوٹ، شنکیاری، مانسہرہ، خان پور، ہری پور، حویلیاں، برہان، ڈی آئی خان، مقل کوٹ، ژوب، کوئٹہ، سراب، خوشاب، دریاخان، جام پور، دھکو بلز، خضدار، میسر، فیصل آباد، سمہ سٹ، لودھراں، لالہ موسیٰ، خانیوال، ساہیوال، گوجرانوالہ، وزیر آباد، راولپنڈی، گولڑہ، ٹیکسلا، اٹک، نوشہرہ، لنڈی کوتل، حیدر آباد، روہڑی، کوٹلی، دادو، لاڑکانہ، حبیب کوٹ، شکار پور، جبکہ آباد اور روڈز شامل ہیں، وزارت منصوبہ بندی کے اعلیٰ حکام کے مطابق اقتصادی راہداری سے تمام صوبوں کو طویل المدتی فوائد حاصل ہونگے چین اور پاکستان اس منصوبے کی ترقی کے فوائد سائنسی منصوبہ بندی کے معیارات کے تحت یکساں طور پر تمام علاقوں کو ہم آہنگ کر کے پہنچائیں گے، ان تمام شہروں کو جنوب میں گوادری اور کراچی کی بندرگاہوں اور شمال میں خنجراب سے منسلک کر دیا جائیگا، سائنسی منصوبہ بندی پر مبنی قلیل، وسط اور طویل المدتی منصوبہ جات تیار کیے جائیں گے، قلیل مدتی منصوبہ جات کے تحت مغربی کوریڈور کے ساتھ ملحقہ روٹس کی ترجیح بنیادوں پر تعمیر کی جائیگی اس کے لیے مالی سال 2015 میں 35 ارب روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ دسمبر 2016 تک این 85 اور این 8 شاہراہوں کے منصوبوں کی تکمیل کے بعد گوادری کو نیشنل ہائی وے سے منسلک کر دیا جائے گا، مغربی راہداری دسمبر 2017 تک مکمل ہو جائے گی۔

اورنج لائن ٹرین منصوبہ: ترجیحات کیا ہیں؟

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اورنج لائن ٹرین پنجاب حکومت کا ایک نیا منصوبہ ہے جس پر کام کا آغاز کیا جا چکا ہے۔ جہاں ایک طرف ایسے منصوبے تیزی سے مکمل کیے جا رہے ہیں وہیں دوسری طرف ان کے روٹ پر آنے والے عوام کو پریشانیوں کے علاوہ شدید نقصان کا سامنا بھی کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ بہت سے لوگ ایسے ہیں جنہوں نے اپنی ساری جمع پونجی اپنی دکانوں اور گھر بنانے میں لگا دی مگر ایسے منصوبوں نے ان سے ان کا سب کچھ منوں میں چھین لیا۔ آخر کیوں؟ لاہور کو بیڑس بنانے کے پکڑ میں غریب عوام کو مزید غریب کیوں کیا جا رہا ہے؟ حکومت اگر لوگوں کی سہولیات کیلئے واقعی کوئی اقدام کرنا چاہتی ہے تو اسے چاہئے کہ غریب لوگوں کیلئے بستیاں بنائے، ان کیلئے گھر تعمیر کر دے، انہیں روزگار فراہم کیا جائے، معاشی مسائل حل کیے جائیں، فیکٹریاں لگائی جائیں اور نئی صنعتیں قائم کی جائیں۔ آج لوگوں کو ٹرین کی نہیں روٹی کی ضرورت ہے انہیں روٹی دی جائے۔ خدارا ذرا سوچیں اور اپنی ترجیحات کا جائزہ لیں۔

حکومتی جگہوں کو غیر قانونی تعمیرات کے لیے استعمال کرنا کوئی آج کی یا نئی بات نہیں ہے، عرصہ دراز سے یہ کام ہو رہا ہے اور حکومتی ناک کے نیچے ہو رہا ہے۔ کچھ عرصہ پہلے اسلام آباد میں خیمہ بستیوں میں مقیم لوگوں کو یہ کہہ کر بدر کر دیا گیا تھا کہ یہ حکومتی زمین ہے اور اس پر ناجائز قبضہ کیا گیا

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے وزیر زراعت، بیورو آف سپلائی اینڈ پرائسز سردار علی نواز خان مہر کی زیر صدارت منعقدہ علیحدہ علیحدہ اجلاسوں میں کرشنک سیزن 2015-16 کے لیے گنے کی امدادی قیمت کے حوالے سے تجاویز ملی گئیں۔ وزیر زراعت سندھ نے کہا ہے کہ تجاویز کی روشنی میں جلد گنے کی قیمت کا نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کر دیا جائے گا۔ سندھ سیکریٹریٹ میں سردار علی نواز خان مہر کی زیر صدارت گنے اور چاول کی امدادی قیمت مقرر کرنے کے حوالے سے تین اجلاس منعقد کیے گئے۔ جن میں کاشتکار رہنماؤں، پاسا کے ذمہ داران اور محکمہ زراعت سندھ کے اعلیٰ افسران نے شرکت کی۔ کاشتکار رہنماؤں نے گنے کی امدادی قیمت 230 روپے فی من مقرر کرنے کا مطالبہ دہراتے ہوئے کہا کہ پیداواری لاگت میں اضافے کے باعث گنے کی قیمت میں اضافہ ناگزیر ہے، جبکہ پاسا ذمہ داروں نے موقف اختیار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چونکہ چینی کی قیمت میں اضافہ نہیں ہوا ہے لہذا گنے کی فی من امدادی قیمت 160 روپے مقرر کر دی جائے تاکہ ملزماکان ملز چلانے کے قابل ہو سکیں۔ صوبائی وزیر نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ حکومت سندھ چاہتی ہے کہ دونوں فریقین کی تجاویز کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے قیمت کا تعین کیا جائے جو سب کے لیے قابل قبول ہو۔ سردار علی نواز خان مہر نے کہا کہ وہ اس حوالے سے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو برلیننگ دیں گے اور ان کے احکامات کی روشنی میں قیمت کے حوالے سے نوٹیفیکیشن کا اجراء کر دیا جائے گا۔ اجلاس میں سیکرٹری زراعت شاہد گلزار شیخ، ڈی جی زرعی توسیع ہدایت اللہ چھجڑو، ڈی جی زرعی تحقیق عطا حسین سومرو، ڈائریکٹر زرعی اطلاعات ویدار احمد بھٹو، سندھ آبادگار بورڈ سندھ جمیئر آف کامرس کے رہنماؤں ڈاکٹر ذوالفقار یوسفانی، اعجاز نبی، نبی بخش سٹھیو، قاضی انور، پاسا کے ذمہ داران کے واجب رئیس الحسن زاہد کھوسہ و دیگر نے شرکت کی، دریں اثنا ایک علیحدہ اجلاس میں چاول کی عارضی قیمت 900 روپے مقرر کرتے ہوئے چاول کی امدادی قیمت مقرر کرنے کیلئے علیحدہ اجلاس منعقد کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔

سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں پیر کو خام تیل کے نرخوں میں اضافے کا رجحان رہا جس کی وجہ پیرس میں دہشت گرد حملوں کے باعث پیدا ہونے والی صورتحال ہے تاہم ماہرین نے عالمی سطح پر خام تیل کی زائد پیداوار کے باعث قیمتوں میں اضافے کی صورتحال عارضی ہونے کا امکان ظاہر کیا ہے۔ کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران امریکا کے ویسٹ ایکسٹریکٹس انڈسٹری کے دسمبر میں تریل کے معاہدے 19 سینٹ کے اضافے سے 40.93 ڈالر فی بیرل میں ہوئے جبکہ بریٹن نارٹھ سی کروڈ کے آئندہ ماہ میں تریل کے معاہدے 30 سینٹ کی بہتری سے 44.77 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے۔

خیرپور (بیورو رپورٹ) خیرپور کے 1314 اساتذہ کا تین برس سے تنخواہ نہ ملنے کے خلاف کورٹ روڈ پر دھرنا جاری ہے 8 روز گزر گئے حکومت کا کوئی نمائندہ ملنے نہیں آیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق خیرپور کے 1314 اساتذہ کا گذشتہ تین برس سے تنخواہ نہ ملنے کے خلاف کورٹ روڈ پر دھرنا جاری ہے اساتذہ نے 8 روز قبل کورٹ روڈ پر قائم کر کے دھرنا دیا تھا اور بھوک ہڑتال شروع کی تھی دھرنا کیپ پر اساتذہ رہنماؤں شوکت منگی، اقبال گلال، شیر خان کلبوڑو، طارق سومرو اور دیگر نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ 2012 میں خیرپور سمیت سندھ بھر میں سینکڑوں نوجوان ایس ایل ٹی، ڈبلیو آئی، اے ڈبلیو آئی، ڈرائیونگ ٹیچر اور عربی ٹیچر بھرتی کئے گئے تھے دیگر اضلاع کے اساتذہ کو شروع سے تنخواہیں دی جا رہی ہیں لیکن خیرپور ضلع کے 314 اساتذہ تنخواہوں سے محروم ہیں تنخواہ نہ ملنے کے باعث ان کے خاندان فاقہ کشی کا شکار ہو گئے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ ان کے جائز احتجاج کا نوٹس لیں اور ان کو تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کرانے کے احکامات جاری کریں۔

ٹھٹھہ (نامہ نگار) سول اسپتال مکی میں قائم ڈائیلیسز سینٹر تین ماہ سے بند پڑا ہے۔ عملے کو بغیر تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کے فارغ کر دیا گیا۔ تین مریض علاج نہ ہونے کے باعث انتقال کر گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق تین اضلاع ٹھٹھہ، سجاد اور بدین کے گردے کے مریضوں کے ڈائیلیسز کی سہولت کے لیے سول اسپتال مکی میں سابق میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ ڈاکٹر لال میر شاہ شیرازی کی ذاتی کوششوں کے باعث ڈائیلیسز سینٹر قائم ہوا تھا جس کو چلانے کے لیے ٹھٹھہ اور سجاد اضلاع کے ساحلی علاقوں میں تیل اور گیس کی تلاش کرنیوالی کمپنیوں کی جانب سے دیے جانے والے شیئر کی رقم سے دوائوں کی خریداری اور عملے کو تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کی جاتی تھی۔ تین ماہ قبل عملے کو پانچ ماہ کی تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی اور دوائوں، کیمیکل نہ ہونے کے باعث سینٹر کو بند کر دیا گیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وفاقی جامعہ اردو کے چودھویں یوم تاسیس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے شیخ الجامعہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سلیمان ڈی محمد نے کہا ہے کہ مقابلے کا امتحان سی ایس ایس قومی زبان اردو میں ہونا چاہئے تاکہ ہر طبقے کے لوگ بیوروکریسی کا حصہ بن کر ملک و قوم کی خدمت کر سکیں اور حکمرانی صرف اثرافیع طبقے تک محدود نہ رہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جامعہ اردو کا سالانہ بجٹ محض ڈیڑھ ارب روپے ہے جس کا 89 فیصد تنخواہوں اور یوٹیلیٹی بلز کی مد میں خرچ ہوتا ہے جبکہ 11 فیصد ترقیاتی کاموں کے لئے ناکافی ہے گذشتہ دور میں یہ بھی کرپشن کی نذر ہو جاتا تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ادارے ترقی کریں گے تو ملک بھی ترقی کرے گا ہم سب مل کر جامعہ اردو کو کام عروج پر پہنچائیں گے۔ تقریب سے ریٹائرڈ جسٹس حاذق الخیری، صدر انجمن ترقی اردو ادب راجو جمیل، جنرل سیکرٹری ڈاکٹر فاطمہ حسن، رجسٹرار آصف علی، رکن سینیٹ ڈاکٹر طاہر مسعود، معروف صحافی

گنے کی امدادی قیمت مقرر کرنے کیلئے

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خیرپور، تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی، اساتذہ کا

کورٹ روڈ پر دھرنا

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سول اسپتال مکی کا ڈائیلیسز سینٹر تین ماہ سے

بند

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جامعہ اردو کا 89 فیصد بجٹ تنخواہوں اور

یوٹیلیٹی بلز کی مد میں خرچ ہوتا ہے، شیخ الجامعہ

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اسپتال کے شعبہ امراض سینہ کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر ندیم احمد رضوی نے کہا کہ دنیا بھر میں 21 کروڑ سے زائد افراد اس بیماری سے متاثر ہیں اور اس کے بارے میں آگہی پھیلا دینا بھر کے لیے اب ایک چیلنج بن گیا ہے۔ سی او پی ڈی کے 75 فیصد کیسز کی بنیادی وجہ تمباکو نوشی ہے۔ نہ صرف تمباکو نوشی کرنے والے افراد اس سے متاثر ہوتے ہیں بلکہ ان کے ارد گرد بیٹھے ہوئے لوگ بھی اس دھوئیں سے متاثر ہو کر مرض میں مبتلا ہو جاتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے عوام پر زور دیا کہ وہ تمباکو نوشی اور فضائی آلودگی کا باعث بننے والے دیگر عوامل سے دور رہیں۔ او جھا انسٹیٹیوٹ آف چیسٹ ڈیزیز ڈاکٹر یونیورسٹی آف ہیلتھ سائنسز کے ایسوسی ایٹ پروفیسر اور ہیڈ آف پلومونولوجی ڈاکٹر شائرانو نے کہا کہ ایک باری سی او پی ڈی مرض کی تشخیص ہو جانے کے بعد دواؤں کا باقاعدہ استعمال مرض پر قابو پانے کے لیے بہت ضروری ہے، اس کے علاوہ انہیں بھی فوری آرام کے لیے لازمی ہے۔ اس مرض میں صحت مند انداز طرز زندگی اور دی گئی دواؤں کا استعمال علاج کا بہترین طریقہ ہے۔ ڈاکٹر مصور انصاری نے کہا کہ عام طور پر سی او پی ڈی سے مرد زیادہ متاثر ہوتے ہیں۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ گورنمنٹ اسپتال لیاقت آباد میں آر تھوپڈک سرجن کی عدم موجودگی کے باعث زخموں اور ہڈی جوڑ کے امراض میں مبتلا افراد کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے اور آپریشن کے لئے انہیں شہر کے دیگر اسپتالوں کا رخ کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اسپتال کے آر تھوپڈک سرجن ڈاکٹر عتیق انور رواں سال جولائی میں ریٹائر ہو گئے تھے جس کے بعد محکمہ صحت کی جانب سے کسی سرجن کو اسپتال میں تعینات نہیں کیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اسپتال میں روزانہ مختلف حادثات میں زخمی ہونے والے درجنوں افراد کو لایا جاتا ہے جن کو معمولی زخم ہوں ان کی مرہم پٹی کا بندوبست کر دیا جاتا ہے تاہم جنہیں سنگین نوعیت کی چوٹ ہو، ہڈی ٹوٹ جائے یا آپریشن کی ضرورت ہو انہیں جناح اسپتال روانہ کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ ایسی صورت حال میں زخموں کو زخموں کی تکلیف کے ساتھ سفر کی زحمت بھی اٹھانی پڑتی ہے۔ جو ان کے ساتھ ان کے اہل خانہ کے لئے بھی شدید دشواری کا باعث بنتی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اسپتال کی او پی ڈی میں روزانہ آنے والے ہڈی جوڑ کے امراض کے سیکڑوں مریضوں کو بھی آر تھوپڈک سرجن کی عدم موجودگی کے باعث آپریشن کے لئے دیگر اسپتالوں کا رخ کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ اسپتال کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ ڈاکٹر انصار احمد انصاری کا اس سلسلے میں کہنا تھا کہ اسپتال میں سرجنز اور ڈاکٹروں کی کمی سے متعلق محکمہ صحت سندھ آگاہ کر رکھا ہے۔ جب سرجن فراہم کیے جائیں تو آپریشن شروع کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ اس سلسلے میں محکمہ صحت سندھ کا موقف جاننے کے لئے سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگلینجو سے رابطہ کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی تاہم ان سے رابطہ نہ ہو سکا۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) مارگلہ ہلز پر مونال ریٹورنٹ کے خلاف شہری کی درخواست پر اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ نے سی ڈی اے کے ممبر پلاننگ سے دو ہفتوں میں جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ بیر سوہاؤ کے مقام پر مونال ریٹورنٹ کے خلاف درخواست عرفان نذیر نامی شہری نے دائر کی ہے۔ گزشتہ روز عدالت عالیہ کے جسٹس شوکت عزیز صدیقی نے سماعت کی تو درخواست گزار نے موقف اپنایا کہ اسلام آباد میں 150 کھوکھے سمارکنے گئے ہیں جبکہ ریٹورنٹ کے خلاف تاحال کوئی ایکشن نہیں لیا گیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہائی رسک لینڈ سلائیڈنگ ایریا میں پہاڑ کی چوٹی پر ریٹورنٹ کی تعمیر غیر قانونی ہے۔ ریٹورنٹ کی تعمیر کے لئے درختوں کی کٹائی سے علاقے کی خوبصورتی کو بھی نقصان پہنچا جبکہ سی ڈی اے کے پاس ریٹورنٹ کا کوئی ریکارڈ موجود نہیں ہے۔ صارفین کو مارکیٹ سے کئی گنا زیادہ نرخوں پر اشیاء فروخت کی جاتی ہیں۔ سی ڈی اے نے کھوکھے تو سمار کر دیئے مگر غیر قانونی ریٹورنٹ کے خلاف کوئی کارروائی نہیں کی گئی۔ ابتدائی سماعت کے بعد فاضل عدالت نے سی ڈی اے کے ممبر پلاننگ سے جواب طلب کرتے ہوئے سماعت ملتوی کر دی۔

لیہ (رائٹرز) صوبہ پنجاب کے ضلع لیہ کے مکینوں نے سیلاب کے خطرات سے محفوظ مکانات بنانے کا طریقہ تلاش کر لیا۔ سیلاب کے خطرات سے انتہائی دوچار ہونے والا ضلع لیہ کے ایک گاؤں میں چار فٹ سیلابی پانی میں گھیرے ہوئے کے باوجود 251 مکانات میں سے 80 فیصد مہمند ہونے سے محفوظ رہے کیونکہ بر سہا برسوں سے سیلاب کی تباہ کاریاں دیکھتے ہوئے بالآخر یہاں کے مکینوں نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت صورت حال پر قابو پانے کے لئے اپنے مکانات پانچ سے چھ فٹ بلند مٹی سے بنے چھبوتروں پر دوبارہ تعمیر کیے اور اس بلند منڈھیر کے کناروں پر کیکر کے درخت لگائے تھے۔ رائٹرز کے مطابق اب سیلاب کے باعث خطرات کو کم کرنے والے ماہرین نے حکومت پر زور دیا ہے کہ وہ معاملے کی دیکھا دیکھی کرتے ہوئے سیلاب کے خطرات کا سامنا کرنے والے علاقوں کے مکینوں کی بھی اسی طرح سے مدد کرے۔

میں بچل شاہ میانی سکھر میں رہائش پذیر ہوں۔ پچھلے دس سال سے یہاں کوئی ترقیاتی کام نہیں ہوا ہے۔ طویل عرصے سے یہاں موجود پانی کی نکاسی کا ایک بڑا نالہ ہے جو کچرے سے بھرا ہوا ہے۔ نالے سے اٹھنے والے تعفن نے علاقے کے لوگوں کا جینا دو بھر کر دیا ہے۔ بارشوں میں گھر اور سڑکوں پر پانی جمع ہو جاتا ہے۔ میری ارباب اختیار سے گزارش ہے کہ نالے کی صفائی کا جلد از جلد انتظام کیا جائے تاکہ لوگوں کو اس بدبو سے نجات ملے اور وہ خطرناک بیماریوں سے بچ سکیں۔

سندھ گورنمنٹ اسپتال میں زخموں اور ہڈی جوڑ کے مریضوں کو دشواری

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لیہ کے مکینوں نے سیلاب کے خطرات سے محفوظ مکانات بنانے کا طریقہ تلاش کر لیا

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آرہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ایرانی ڈیزل کے اسمگلرز نے مسافروں کے اضافی ٹینک اور چھوٹے مزدا ٹریکس کا استعمال شروع کر دیا ہے۔ اس بات کا انکشاف کسٹمز انٹیلی جنس کراچی کے ہاتھوں گرفتار 2 ملزمان نے تفتیش کے دوران کیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق کسٹمز انٹیلی جنس کراچی نے گزشتہ روز کی ٹول پلازہ نادرن بائی پاس کے قریب ایک ڈپو (گودام) پر چھاپہ مار کر 17 ہزار لیٹر سے زیادہ ڈیزل ضبط کر کے 2 افراد امیر جان اور ثناء اللہ کو گرفتار کیا جنہوں نے بتایا کہ مسافروں نے اب ڈیزل کے لئے اضافی ٹینک لگائے ہیں جن میں وہ بلوچستان سے ڈیزل بھر کر لاتے ہیں اور اضافی ٹینک کا ڈیزل ڈپو پر فروخت کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ پھر اس ڈپو سے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں ڈیزل سپلائی کیا جاتا ہے۔ کسٹمز انٹیلی جنس اے ایس او انچارج حاجی اسلم نے ”جنگ“ سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ اسسٹنٹ ڈائریکٹر کلیم اللہ کی زیر نگرانی خصوصی ٹیم نے مزید 2 مختلف کارروائیوں میں 14 ہزار لیٹر سے زیادہ ڈیزل ضبط کیا ہے۔ تقریباً 7 ہزار لیٹر ڈیزل مزدا ٹریک پر بتائی گئی ٹینکی میں کراچی لایا جارہا تھا، کسٹمز کی ٹیم پہنچنے پر ڈرائیور گاڑی چھوڑ کر فرار ہو گیا۔ حاجی اسلم کے مطابق اسمگلنگ کے خلاف کارروائی میں 14 اسمگل شدہ لکٹری گاڑیاں بھی ضبط کی ہیں۔ جن کی مالیت لاکھوں روپے ہے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ماہرین معیشت نے زور دیا ہے کہ عوام کی خوشحالی، غربت کے خاتمہ اور روزگار کی فراہمی کے لیے پاکستان میں آبی وسائل کی مسابقت سے فائدہ اٹھانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ماہرین نے زور دیا کہ موجودہ وزارت پانی و بجلی کو ختم کر کے اس کی جگہ ایک علیحدہ وزارت قائم کی جائے۔ جو پانی سے متعلق معاملات کی نگرانی کرے اور صرف توانائی پیدا کرنے کے بجائے پانی کے وسائل کے انتظام پر توجہ دے۔ ملکی اور غیر ملکی ماہرین نے ان خیالات کا اظہار حصار فاؤنڈیشن کے زیر اہتمام دوروزہ انٹرنیشنل واٹر کانفرنس کے پہلے روز مختلف اجلاسوں سے خطاب میں کہی۔ مقررین میں آئی بی اے کے ڈین اور ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر عشرت حسین، سابق وزیر خزانہ سلمان شاہ، حصار فاؤنڈیشن کے رکن تھک ٹینک خالد متحد اللہ اور محمود نواز شاہ چیئر پرسن حصار فاؤنڈیشن سیسی کمال، ڈیلو، ڈیلو، ایف کے، محمد علی انصاری، ایگر کے دانش مصطفیٰ، زوہیر اشعر اور دیگر نے خطاب کیا۔ ماہرین نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان کو براہ راست ڈیمز بنانے کے لیے سیاست سے بالاتر ہو کر اتفاق رائے قائم کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ آبی معیشت کے فوائد اور اخراجات کی مساویانہ تقسیم پر بھی اتفاق کیا جانا چاہیے، کانفرنس میں ملکی اور غیر ملکی ماہرین اقتصادیات نے زور دیا کہ یہ بات بھی تسلیم کی جانی چاہیے کہ پاکستانی معیشت کو مسابقت والی آبی معیشت کی ضرورت ہے۔ آبی وسائل منجھٹ کے لیے یہ بھی واضح ہو کہ ہر معاملے میں قومی وژن کی ضرورت ہے۔ پاکستان کی خوشحالی اور غربت کے خاتمہ کے لیے بھی ترجیحی اقدامات پر اتفاق رائے ہونا چاہیے۔ سابق وزیر خزانہ سلمان شاہ نے اس موقع پر یہ بھی کہا کہ صوبوں میں نیشنل واٹر سپلائی پر اتفاق رائے قائم کرنے کی ضرورت ہے انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ روزگار کے مواقع اور غربت کے خاتمہ کا ملکی معیشت سے قریبی تعلق ہے۔

پانی و بجلی کی بجائے پانی کی علیحدہ وزارت قائم کی جائے، ماہرین

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں قانون کی تعلیم کے حوالے سے پہلی عالمی کانفرنس 4 دسمبر 2015ء کو کراچی میں منعقد ہوگی جس میں برطانیہ، ملائیشیا، چین سمیت دیگر ممالک کے 100 سے زائد وفد شریک ہونگے کانفرنس میں امریکہ، برطانیہ، تاجکستان، بھارت اور پاکستان کے ججز، فقہاء، دانشورز ریسرچرز 36 ریسرچ پیپرز پیش کریں گے، یہ فورم مقامی اور غیر ملکی دانشوروں، قانونی ماہرین، اساتذہ اور طلبہ کو بھرپور ماحول فراہم کرے گا کہ وہ آئین اور قانون کے مضمون پر معاونت فراہم کریں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار شہید ذوالفقار علی بھٹو یونیورسٹی آف لاء کے وائس چانسلر قاضی خالد نے گورنر نائوس میں گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان سے ملاقات میں کیا۔ ملاقات میں گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے کہا کہ پاکستان کی پہلی لایو یورسٹی شہید ذوالفقار علی بھٹو کا قیام وقت کی اشد ضرورت تھی پاکستان میں قانون کی اعلیٰ تعلیم کی بہتری کے لئے بڑی گنجائش تھی قانون کی تعلیم کی ضروریات کو اس یونیورسٹی سے پورا کیا جائے گا اس ضمن میں پہلی لایو یورسٹی کے پہلے وائس چانسلر قاضی خالد کی کاوشیں قابل تائس ہیں ملاقات میں وائس چانسلر قاضی خالد نے گورنر سندھ کو کراچی میں 4 دسمبر 2015ء سے شروع ہونے والی عالمی کانفرنس بعنوان ”قانونی تعلیم“ اور شہید ذوالفقار علی بھٹو یونیورسٹی آف لاء سے متعلق تفصیل سے آگاہ کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ چانسلر (گورنر سندھ) ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان اور وزیر اعلیٰ سید قائم علی شاہ کے بھرپور تعاون سے لایو یورسٹی عالمی کانفرنس کا انعقاد کر رہی ہے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں 69 لاکھ سے زائد افراد پھیپھڑوں کے دائمی مرض (سی او پی ڈی) کا شکار ہیں۔ پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر میں اس بیماری کی ہلاکت خیزی میں تیزی سے اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ 2020 تک یہ بیماری دنیا میں اموات کی تیسری بڑی وجہ بن جائے گی۔ اس بیماری میں سانس لینے میں مسلسل دشواری پیدا ہوتی ہے جس سے پھیپھڑوں کی سوزش اور سانس کی نالیوں میں تنگی پیدا ہو جاتی ہے۔ ایسے مریضوں کو چاہیے کہ سگریٹ کے دھوئیں، فضائی آلودگی اور کیمیائی گیس سمیت ان عوامل سے دور رہیں جو اس مرض کو بڑھانے کا باعث بنتے ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین امراض سینہ نے سی او پی ڈی کے عالمی دن کے حوالے سے کراچی پریس کلب میں منعقدہ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ جناح

پاکستان میں 69 لاکھ افراد پھیپھڑوں کے مرض میں مبتلا ہیں، ماہرین

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وڈیروں اور گاؤں کے لوگوں کا مسئلہ ہے حالانکہ یہ بات سمجھ لینی چاہیے کہ پانی ہم سب کا مسئلہ ہے۔ صرف ٹاک شوز میں اس پر بات کرنے سے مسئلہ حل نہیں ہو گا بلکہ اس کے لئے طویل پلاننگ کرنی ہوگی مسلسل لوگوں تک پیغامات پہنچانے ہوں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس قومی مسئلے کے لئے آپ کو میری مکمل سپورٹ حاصل ہوگی۔ ارشد زبیری نے کہا کہ پانی ہماری ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں اسی لیے اس پر پیسہ خرچ نہیں کیا جا رہا۔ ملک میں پانی کی ایمر جنسی ہے لیکن پلاننگ نہیں کی جا رہی۔ پانی اور کالا باغ ڈیم کے حوالے سے سندھ اور پنجاب میں عدم اعتماد کی فضا ہے جسے ختم کرنے کی ضرورت ہے اس کے بغیر پانی کے بحران کو ختم کرنا مشکل ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسکولوں میں سیو سس کو بطور ایک مضمون پڑھایا جائے تاکہ بچوں کو بھی پانی کی اہمیت کا پتہ چل سکے۔ قاضی اسلم نے کہا کہ 69 فیصد پانی سیچج کی وجہ سے ضائع ہو جاتا ہے جسے بچانا ہو گا۔ ہمیں ماڈرن ٹیکنیکس کو سیکھنا ہو گا اور پانی پر کام کرنے کے لئے پرائیویٹ سیکٹر کو بھی آگے آنا ہو گا۔ سیسی کمال نے کہا کہ حصار فاؤنڈیشن کے قیام کا مقصد یہی ہے تھا کہ سب ایک جگہ بیٹھ کر پانی کا مسئلہ حل کر لیا جائے۔ قبل ازیں انٹرنیشنل واٹر کانفرنس اپنے دوسرے اور آخری روز بھی جاری رہی جس میں مختلف سیشنز ہوئے جن سے ماہرین نے خطاب کیے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سول ایوی ایشن اتھارٹی کی اجازت کے بغیر ملک کے تمام بڑے ایئر پورٹس کے اطراف کثیر المنزلہ عمارتوں کی تعمیر کی سختی سے ممانعت ہے حتیٰ کہ موبائل کمپنیاں بھی سی اے اے سے این او سی حاصل کئے بغیر کمیونیکیشن ٹاورز نصب نہیں کر سکتیں سی اے اے ذرائع کے مطابق سول ایوی ایشن قوانین 1994 رول 68 کے سیکشن 3 کے تحت بلڈرز اور سیلوں کمپنوں پر لازم ہے کہ وہ ملک کے تمام ایئر پورٹس کے اطراف 15 کلومیٹر حد میں عمارت کی تعمیر یا کمیونیکیشن ٹاور کی بلندی کی حد کے تعین کے لئے سی اے اے سے پیشگی اجازت نامہ حاصل کریں خلاف ورزی کی صورت میں سول ایوی ایشن اتھارٹی آرڈیننس 1960 اور سول ایوی ایشن رولز 1994 کی متعلقہ شقوں کے تحت کارروائی کی جاتی ہے اور عمارت کو منہدم بھی کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق این او سی کے حصول کے لئے پراجیکٹ سے متعلقہ دستاویزات کراچی میں ڈائریکٹر جنرل آفس میں جمع کرانا ہوتی ہیں جہاں متعلقہ شعبہ پراجیکٹ کی جانچ پڑتال کے بعد این او سی کے اجر کا فیصلہ کرتا ہے این او سی کے اجر کے لئے پراجیکٹ جیو گرافیکل کو آرڈیننس، سروے آف پاکستان سے تصدیق شدہ WGS-84 کا نام، مجوزہ سائٹ کا سروے آف پاکستان سے باضابطہ تصدیق شدہ گائیڈ ڈیپ اسکیل، عمارت یا ٹاور کی کل بلندی اور مجاز حکام کا جاری کردہ پلاٹ کے سائٹ پلان جمع کرانا لازمی ہے جس کے بغیر سی اے اے این او سی جاری نہیں کرتی۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ سی اے اے عمارت کی بلندی کا تعین نیو گیشنل معاملات جن میں طیاروں کی لینڈنگ ٹیک آف اور دیگر فنی معاملات شامل ہیں کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے کرتی ہے۔ اگر عمارت ایئر پورٹ کے انتہائی نزدیک تعمیر کی جا رہی ہو تو عمارت کی بلندی کم رکھی جاتی ہے اور ایئر پورٹ سے جتنا فاصلہ بڑھے گا اس کے مطابق عمارت کی بلندی کا تعین کیا جاتا ہے سی اے اے کا جاری کردہ این او سی بعد ازاں بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی کو جمع کرانا ہوتا ہے جس کے بعد اتھارٹی عمارت کی تعمیر کی اجازت دیتی ہے۔ سی اے اے سے جاری کردہ این او سی کی کوئی فیس وصول نہیں کی جاتی۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ بعض اوقات این او سی حاصل کئے بغیر بھی عمارت تعمیر یا اس کی بلندی میں توسیع کر دی جاتی ہے جس کا سی اے اے فوری نوٹس لیتی ہے اور بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی کو مناسب کارروائی کے لئے کہتی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق کراچی میں کم سے کم ایسے دو کیسز سامنے آئے ہیں جس میں بلڈرز کو سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی نے سی اے اے سے این او سی حاصل کئے بغیر عمارتوں کی منزلیں بڑھانے کی مشروط اجازت دی تاہم انہوں نے این او سی مقررہ وقت میں جمع نہیں کرائے جس پر بلڈنگ کنٹرول نے این او سی کے حصول تک انہیں عمارتوں میں توسیع سے روک دیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اگر کثیر المنزلہ عمارت پاکستان ایئر فورس بیسز کے اطراف بھی تعمیر کرنا ہوں تو اس کا بھی پی اے ایف سے این او سی حاصل کرنا ضروری ہے۔

ملک بھر کے ایئر پورٹس کے گرد کثیر المنزلہ عمارتوں کی تعمیر کی سختی سے ممانعت

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نیویارک (اے پی پی) عالمی تیل مارکیٹ میں خام تیل کی قیمتوں میں بدھ کو معمولی اضافہ دیکھا گیا۔ تیل کے ذخائر میں کمی اور ریفا ئنریز کی سرگرمیوں میں اضافے کی اطلاعات نے تیل مارکیٹس پر مثبت اثرات مرتب کئے تاہم جاری دباؤ سے باہر نہ نکل سکی۔ نیویارک مرکلائل میں یو ایس کروڈ کی دسمبر کے سپلائی 29 سینٹ کے اضافے کے ساتھ 40.96 ڈالر فی بیرل جبکہ برنٹ کروڈ 23 سینٹ کے اضافے کے ساتھ 43.92 ڈالر فی بیرل میں یک ہوا۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) حکومت کی عدم دلچسپی کے باعث سندھ میں متبادل ذرائع توانائی سے ڈھائی سو میگا واٹ کے 4 منصوبے ست روڈی کا شکار ہو گئے، ذرائع کے مطابق سندھ میں جم پیر اور گھار میں ہوا سے بجلی پیدا کرنے کے 250 میگا واٹ کے 4 منصوبے شروع کئے گئے جو 2017-18 تک مکمل ہونے تھے، ان منصوبوں پر یو ایس ایڈ براہ راست پیسے خرچ کرتی ہے، ساری مشینری فنڈ فراہم کرنے والے ادارے خود کرتے ہیں، ان منصوبوں میں حکومت براہ راست مداخلت نہیں کر سکتی جس وجہ سے حکمرانوں کی دلچسپی نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے، ذرائع نے مزید بتایا ایک سروے کے دوران ان علاقوں میں 5000 میگا واٹ بجلی ہوا سے حاصل ہو سکتی لیکن ان میں کمیشن نہ ہونے کے باعث یہ منصوبے کھٹائی میں پڑتے نظر

سندھ میں ہوا سے 250 میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے 4 منصوبے ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گئے

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کمپنی ہے، منصوبے کے انفراسٹرکچر کو آپریٹ اور دیکھ بھال کی ذمہ دار ہوگی جبکہ سندھ حکومت (محکمہ آبپاشی اور توانائی ڈیپارٹمنٹ) پاور پروجیکٹ کے لیے 17.5 کیوسک پانی پہنچانے کے لیے سپلائی کا انفراسٹرکچر تیار کریں گے۔ ان دونوں معاہدوں نے پاکستان کی اقتصادی ترقی کے سفر میں ایک سنہرے دور کا آغاز کیا ہے کیونکہ اب منصوبوں کی فنانسنگ کلوزنگ ممکن ہو سکے گی اور توقع ہے کہ سال کے آخر تک یہ فنانسنگ کلوز کر لیا جائے ان معاہدوں نے چینی سرمایہ کاروں کے خدشات کو بھی دور کر دیا ہے جو مسلسل دونوں کمپنیوں سے مذاکرات کر رہے تھے۔ یہ منصوبے نہ صرف پاکستان کی معاشی ترقی کا خواب پورا کرنے میں مدد دیں گے بلکہ تھر کے لوگوں کے معاشی حالات میں بھی شاندار تبدیلی آئے گی۔

خیرپور (ہیورڈورپورٹ) خیرپور میں تین برس سے تنخواہوں سے محروم 314 اساتذہ کی کورٹ روڈ پر گیارہویں روز بھی جھوک ہڑتال جاری ہے، اساتذہ رہنماؤں شوکت منگی، اقبال گال، شیر خان کلہوڑو، طارق سومرو اور دیگر نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ 2012 میں ان سے انٹرویو لینے کے بعد ان کو ایس ایل ٹی، عربی ٹیچر ڈرائیو، ڈبلیو آئی، اے ڈبلیو آئی اور دیگر نوکریوں کے آرڈر دیئے گئے تھے آرڈر ملنے کے بعد انہوں نے تین برس مسلسل ڈیوٹی کی لیکن آج تک ان کو تنخواہ نہیں دی گئی انہوں نے کہا کہ 11 روز سے جھوک ہڑتال پر ہیں لیکن حکومتی نمائندہ ان سے ملنے نہیں آیا انہوں نے کہا کہ تین برس قبل سندھ کے دیگر اضلاع کے اساتذہ کو بھی نوکریاں دی گئیں ان کو باقاعدگی سے تنخواہ مل رہی ہے۔

خیرپور، تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کیخلاف اساتذہ کی جھوک ہڑتال جاری

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کراچی (بابر علی احوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) جناح اسپتال میں طبی عملے کی غفلت کے باعث انفیکشن کی شرح میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق آپریشن تھیٹر کے ڈاکٹر، نرسز، پیرامیڈیکل و دیگر عملہ آپریشن کے دوران استعمال کیا جانے والا لباس (اوٹی ڈریس) اور جوتے پہن کر دیگر وارڈوں اور کسٹین میں گھومتے رہتے ہیں جس کے باعث باہر کی فضا سے جراثیم ان کے جوتوں اور کپڑوں کے ذریعے آپریشن تھیٹر میں آتے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق آپریشن تھیٹر ایک مکمل اسٹرائیڈ ہوتا ہے جہاں جراثیم کا نام و نشان نہیں ہوتا ہے آپریشن میں استعمال کیے جانے والے اوزار بھی اسٹرائیڈ ہوتے ہیں جبکہ تھیٹر میں عام لباس پہننا ممنوع ہوتا ہے صرف آپریشن تھیٹر ڈریس پہنا جاتا ہے کیونکہ اس طرح مریض کو انفیکشن سے محفوظ رکھا جاتا ہے۔ لیکن طبی عملے کا اوٹی ڈریس پہن کر وارڈوں اور کسٹین جانے اور پھر اسی لباس میں آپریشن کرنے سے انفیکشن کی شرح بڑھ رہی ہے۔ انفیکشن سے مریضوں کے زخموں میں پس پڑ رہی ہے انہیں بخار ہو جاتا ہے اور دونوں میں ٹھیک ہونے والے زخم ہفتوں میں ٹھیک ہو رہے ہیں۔ جو مریضوں کے لئے شدید تکلیف اور اہل خانہ کے لئے پریشانی کا باعث بن رہا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں اسپتال کے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر جاوید جمالی کا کہنا تھا کہ اس طرح کی شکایات سامنے آئی تھیں جس پر ڈپٹی آرڈر جاری کیا ہے اور ڈاکٹروں اور دیگر عملے کو اس بات کا پابند کیا ہے کہ کوئی اوٹی ڈریس کے بغیر آپریشن تھیٹر نہ جائے جبکہ اوٹی ڈریس پہن کر باہر نہ گھوما جائے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم نے خواتین طبی عملے کے لئے نیچے جینگز روم بنوایا ہے اور لاکر فراہم کیے ہیں تاکہ وہ وہیں لباس تبدیل کریں اور گھر سے اوٹی ڈریس پہن کر نہ آئیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم نے احکامات جاری کر رکھے ہیں کہ اگر طبی عملہ اوٹی ڈریس پہن کر باہر گھومتا یا گیا تو ان کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں آئندہ چند سالوں میں پانی کا شدید بحران پیدا ہو سکتا ہے لیکن پانی ہماری ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں۔ پانی کے لئے کوئی پالیسی بنائی گئی ہے نہ ہی کوئی پلاننگ کی گئی جبکہ اس حوالے سے ماڈرن ٹیکنالوجی کا بھی فقدان ہے۔ پانی کے لئے میڈیا کو اپنا کردار ادا کرنے کی ضرورت ہے لیکن جب تک حکومت وقت منظم انداز میں پانی کے مسائل پر کام نہیں کرے گی یہ مسئلہ حل نہیں ہو گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مقررین نے حصار فاؤنڈیشن کے تحت منعقدہ انٹرنیشنل واٹر کانفرنس کراچی کے سیشن ”رول آف میڈیا ان انٹیگرٹنگ ڈائیورس اسٹیک ہولڈر آن واٹر“ سے خطاب کے دوران کیا مقررین میں جونیوز کے ایم ڈی اظہر عباس، سیما طاہر خان، ڈان نیوز کے شکیل مسعود حسین، ٹی وی ون کے طاہر اے خان، آج ٹی وی کے ارشد زبیری اور کے ٹی این کے قاضی اسلم شامل تھے جبکہ سیشن کی نظامت کے فرائض سیسی کمال نے سرانجام دیئے۔ اظہر عباس نے کہا کہ پانی کا مسئلہ اتنا بڑا ہے کہ کوئی ایک چینل یا اخبار اس کے لئے کچھ نہیں کر سکتا۔ اس کے لئے صحافیوں کو بھی ایجوکیٹ کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ شہروں میں پانی کا ضیاع گاؤں کی نسبت بہت زیادہ ہے۔ ہم شہروں کی حد تک لوگوں کو آگہی دے سکتے ہیں تاہم جب تک حکومت وقت منظم انداز میں پانی کے مسائل پر کام نہیں کرے گی یہ مسئلہ حل نہیں ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سلسلے میں آگہی کے لئے حصار فاؤنڈیشن کو بھی ایک کمپین بنانی ہوگی جسے پاکستان براڈ کاسٹنگ ایسوسی ایشن سے سائن کرایا جائے تاکہ تمام چینلز اور اخبارات میں ایک ہی وقت میں کمپین چلائی جائے۔ سیما طاہر خان نے کہا کہ ہمارے ملک میں پانی کے حوالے سے خوف اس لئے پایا جاتا ہے کہ پانی کے لئے کوئی پالیسی بنائی گئی نہ پلاننگ کی گئی ہے۔ 2000 سے لیکر 2005 تک پانی 2961 کیوبک میٹر سے 1420 کیوبک میٹر کی سطح پر آگیا ہے۔ پاکستان میں 96 فیصد پانی زراعت جبکہ 4 فیصد پانی شہروں میں استعمال کیا جاتا ہے۔ اگر اداروں کا آپس میں تعاون نہ ہو تو یہ بحران سنگین ہو سکتا ہے۔ شکیل مسعود حسین نے کہا کہ ملک میں پانی کا بحران موجود ہے اس کے لئے صرف بات کرنے کے بجائے عملی کام کرنے کی ضرورت ہے میرا گروپ آپ کے ساتھ ہے اور پانی کے حوالے سے میں ہر طرح کی سپورٹ کرنے کو تیار ہوں۔ طاہر اے خان نے کہا کہ بد قسمتی سے کراچی کے لوگ یہ سمجھتے اور کہتے ہیں کہ پانی

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قانون کے دائرے میں رہ کر کام کیا ہے اور وہ اس سلسلے میں کسی بھی انکوائری کی صورت میں اپنا تعاون جاری رکھے گا۔

ایل این جی معاہدے سے متعلق حکومت کی

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اسلام آباد (مناہجہ جنگ) حکومت نے نیب انکوائری کے حوالے سے ایل این جی معاہدے میں 200 ارب روپے کے نقصان کی خبر کو غلط اور حقائق کے خلاف قرار دیا ہے۔ وفاقی وزارت پیٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل کے وضاحتی بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مائع قدرتی گیس (ایل این جی) انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ اور پروکیورمنٹ کا عمل پاکستان کی توانائی ضروریات کیلئے اہم اور وزارت قدرتی وسائل کی اولین ترجیح ہے۔ وزارت پیٹرولیم و لیم اینی کمپنیوں کی ایل این جی سے متعلق سرگرمیوں کی نگرانی کرتی اور وفاقی وزیر پیٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل شفافیت، میرٹ اور طے شدہ رولز و ریگولیشن کے اعلیٰ معیار کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے ذاتی طور پر اس کو سپروائز کرتے ہیں۔ 2006 سے 2013 کے دوران جامع سوچ کے ساتھ ایل این جی انفراسٹرکچر قائم کرنے میں پانچ ناکامیوں کے بعد حکومت نے مائع قدرتی گیس (ایل این جی) ٹرمینل اور پروکیورمنٹ کے کنٹریکٹ الگ الگ کر کے غیر مخلوط سوچ کو اختیار کیا۔ آئی ایس جی ایس سویفٹ حکومتی ملکیت کمپنی ہے جس کے پاس بڑے انفراسٹرکچر پروجیکٹس کو ہینڈل کرنے کی مہارت ہے۔ اس کوری گیس فکیشن پروکیورمنٹ کے عمل میں ایس ایس جی سی کے ساتھ رابطہ کار و سہولت کار کی ذمہ داری سونپی گئی۔ وزارت پیٹرولیم نے اس سلسلے میں آئی ایس جی اور ایس ایس جی سی کو مطلوبہ تحریری اختیار دیا۔ ان انتھک کوششوں کے باعث ملک کا پہلا ایل این جی ٹرمینل 11 ماہ کی غیر معمولی مدت میں مکمل ہو گیا، میرٹ و شفافیت اور محتاط نگرانی کے سبب ٹیکس دہندگان کا ایک پیسہ بھی استعمال نہیں ہوا۔ رپورٹرنے بے بنیاد طور پر رولز کی خلاف ورزی قرار دیا جبکہ کنٹرولنگ کثرت کا انتخاب پیپرا قواعد کے مطابق، مقابلے اور سربراہی لفافوں کے دوسرے عمل کے ذریعے ایس ایس جی سی نے کیا۔ یہ عمل دستاویزی صورت میں ریکارڈ پر ہے، یہ قابل توجہ ہے کہ کنٹرولنگ 0.66 ڈالر ایم پی ٹی یو کی ریکی گیس فکیشن ٹولنگ فیس کے ذریعے اپنی سرمایہ کاری اور منافع 15 سال کے عرصہ میں حاصل کرے گا جو دنیا بھر میں سب سے کم فیس ہے۔ مزید برآں یہ صرف ایس ایس جی سی بورڈ کی منظوری کے بعد ہوا کہ ایل این جی سروس معاہدے پر پہلے مذاکرات ہوئے پھر ایوارڈ کیا گیا۔ اس سلسلے میں دستخط کے بغیر یا زبانی احکامات کی واضح تردید کی جاتی ہے۔ دنیا بھر میں اس ایل این جی انفراسٹرکچر اسٹوری کو پاکستان کے فخر کے طور پر بیان کیا جائے گا مگر بد قسمتی سے ملک کے اندر مذموم مقاصد کے تحت اس کے برعکس کیا جا رہا ہے۔ وزارت کی ٹیم کی جانفشانی، انتھک کوششوں اور سخت محنت کے نتیجے میں اس ٹرمینل سے ری گیس فائڈ ایل این جی پاکستان پاور سیلٹر کو فراہم کی جائے گی جس سے ملک 80 تا 100 ارب روپے سالانہ کی بچت ہوگی۔ مستقبل کے ایل این جی پروجیکٹس ہماری بجلی کی پیداواری لاگت کو 300 ارب روپے سالانہ کم کریں گے اور ایل این جی ہمارے ملک کیلئے پہلے ہی کھیل بدلنے والی ثابت ہوئی ہے۔ مخصوص مفادات رکھنے والوں کی مخالفت، رکاوٹوں کے باوجود وزارت ان مثبت منصوبوں کو یقینی بنانے میں نہ صرف شفافیت، قوانین، قواعد و ضوابط پر عمل کر کے کامیاب ہوئی۔ اس کی مثال ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان کی جانب سے اس کی تصدیق و اعتراف ہے۔ وزارت ان چیلنجوں کے باوجود قومی مفاد میں کام کرنے کے اپنے مقصد پر جمی ہوئی ہے۔ یہ افسوس ناک ہے کہ بعض افراد مذموم مقاصد کے تحت پاکستانی قومی مفاد کے قطعی خلاف تنازعات پیدا کر رہے ہیں، دریں اثناء رپورٹر خالد مصطفیٰ کا کہنا ہے کہ خبر مکمل طور پر نیب کی عبوری انکوائری رپورٹ پر مشتمل ہے اور کوئی بھی لفظ اپنے طور پر شامل نہیں کیا، خبر نیب رپورٹ کی عکاس ہے، تاہم تردید میں ان معاملات کی کوئی وضاحت نہیں کی گئی جو نیب رپورٹ میں اٹھائے گئے ہیں۔ خبر کے شروع میں ہی نہ صرف وفاقی وزیر پیٹرولیم شہباز خان عباسی کا موقف شامل کیا گیا بلکہ اینگرو پاور ٹرمینل کے چیف ایگزیکٹو سید محمد علی کا جامع رد عمل بھی پیش کیا گیا چنانچہ اخبار اپنی خبر پر قائم ہے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ حکومت نے سندھ اینگرو کول مینٹگ کمپنی کے ساتھ تھرکول نلہ منصوبے کے انفراسٹرکچر کو سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کے لئے ایپلی مینٹیشن کا معاہدہ کیا اور اینگرو پاور جن تھرمل پلانٹ کے ساتھ پاور پلانٹ کے منصوبے کو پانی مختص کرنے کیلئے اور منصوبے کی فنانسل کلوز کے لیے وائر ٹیلیازیشن ایگریمنٹ بھی کیا ہے۔ تھرکول نلہ کان کنی منصوبہ اور اس سے منسلک پاور پلانٹس کی ترقی کا ایک اور سنگ میل عبور کر لیا۔ جب گزشتہ روز حکومت سندھ نے سندھ اینگرو کول مینٹگ کمپنی اور اینگرو پاور جن تھرمل پلانٹ کے ساتھ تھرکول نلہ کان کنی کے انفراسٹرکچر کو سہولتیں دینے اور پاور پلانٹس کے لیے بالترتیب لاگو معاہدہ اور پانی کے مختص استعمال کے معاہدے پر دستخط کیے۔ معاہدوں کے تحت حکومت سندھ پابند ہے کہ 600 ملین ڈالر کے کان کنی منصوبے کو ضروری انفراسٹرکچر فراہم کرے۔ سندھ اینگرو کول مینٹگ کمپنی حکومت سندھ اور پرائیویٹ اداروں کا جوائنٹ وینچر ہے۔ اس کمپنی میں سندھ حکومت 51 فیصد کی شراکت دار ہے اور ذمہ دار ہے کہ سڑکوں کا جال، نقل و حمل کے ذرائع، انٹرپورٹ، پانی کی سپلائی، فضلہ ٹھکانے لگانے کا سسٹم، منصوبے کی سیکورٹی جس میں باہر سے آنے والی افرادی قوت بھی ہے ان کی حفاظت اور دیگر ضروری انفراسٹرکچر منصوبے کو فراہم کرے۔ ان معاہدوں سے حکومت سندھ کے عزم کا اعادہ ہوتا ہے کہ وہ ان منصوبوں کی بروقت تکمیل میں کتنی سنجیدہ ہے۔ یہ منصوبے پاکستان کی معاشی اور اقتصادی ترقی کے لیے انتہائی اہمیت کے حامل ہیں۔ دوسرے معاہدے کی رو سے حکومت سندھ اینگرو پاور جن تھرمل پلانٹ کے پاور پلانٹس کے لیے پانی مختص کرے گی یہ منصوبے اپنے فنانسل کلوز کے قریب ہیں اور اس معاہدے کی بدولت اینگرو پاور جن تھرمل پلانٹ کو فنانسل کلوز کرنے میں بھرپور معاونت ہوگی اس سہ فریقی ایگریمنٹ کے تحت تھرپار کمپنی، جو سندھ اینگرو کول مینٹگ کمپنی کی ذیلی

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تفصیلات

سرخیاء

لاہور..... پنجاب میں رواں سال 4 ہزار سے زائد افراد ڈینگی بخار میں مبتلا ہوئے، راولپنڈی میں 3 ہزار 124، ملتان میں 355 اور لاہور میں ڈینگی کیسز کی تعداد میں اضافے پر محکمہ صحت پنجاب پریشان ہے، راولپنڈی، ملتان اور لاہور میں مسلسل 105 افراد ڈینگی بخار سے متاثر ہوئے۔ محکمہ صحت کے مطابق رواں سال 7 ڈینگی بخار ڈینگی کیسز رپورٹ ہو رہے ہیں۔ لاہور میں دو ماہ کے دوران سو سے زائد کیسز سامنے آئے ہیں۔ سے 7 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جن میں سے ایک مریض لاہور میں جبکہ 6 راولپنڈی میں جاں بحق ہوئے۔ سروسز اسپتال میں 47، گنگرام میں 25، یکی گیٹ میں 7، جناح میں 7، میو اسپتال میں 2 اور نجی اسپتالوں میں 7 کیسز رپورٹ ہو چکے ہیں۔

پنجاب میں 4 ہزار سے زائد افراد ڈینگی بخار سے متاثر

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) سول اسپتال کراچی کی مرکزی عمارت کی واحد لفٹ ایک بار پھر خراب ہو گئی ہے جس کے باعث مریضوں بالخصوص حاملہ خواتین کو شدید دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ اسپتال کی مرکزی عمارت 4 منزلوں پر مشتمل ہے جس میں گردوں کا وارڈ، سرجیکل وارڈ 3، 4، 5، پلاسٹک سرجری وارڈ، گائنی وارڈ 1، 2، 3 اور آنتوں کا وارڈ موجود ہے جبکہ چوتھی منزل پر ایس آئی یوٹی کے مریضوں کی اوپی ڈی ہوتی ہے۔ ان تمام وارڈوں کے مریضوں بالخصوص حاملہ خواتین کو لفٹ کی خرابی پر شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے اور وارڈ جانے کے لئے میڈیوں کو استعمال کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ جس سے اکثر و بیشتر ایمر جنسی میں لائی گئی حاملہ خواتین کی حالت غیر ہو جاتی ہے ان کے عزیز و اقارب کو انہیں اٹھا کر گائنی وارڈ لے کر جانا پڑتا ہے جس پر وہ سخت نالاں بھی دکھائی دیتے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق لفٹ اکثر و بیشتر خراب رہتی ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں اسپتال کے میڈیکل پرنسپل ڈیپارٹمنٹ پر فیسر سعید قریشی کا کہنا تھا کہ لفٹ ٹھیک کرنے کے باوجود چند عرصہ بعد پھر خراب ہو جاتی ہے۔ لفٹ میں الیکٹرک کارڈ لگتا ہے جسے امپورٹ کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ کچھ عرصہ قبل بھی نیا کارڈ لگایا گیا تھا اب لفٹ کی خرابی چیک کرائی گئی تو معلوم ہوا کہ کارڈ نکال کر خراب کیا گیا ہے جس میں اسپتال کے کسی ملازم کے ملوث ہونے کا شبہ ہے۔ تحقیقات کرائی جا رہی ہیں۔ جو کوئی اس میں ملوث پایا گیا اس کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ لفٹ کے متبادل کا انتظام کر دیا ہے اور مرکزی عمارت کے عقب کی لفٹ کو مریضوں کے لئے کھول دیا گیا ہے۔

سول اسپتال کی واحد لفٹ پھر

خراب، مریضوں کو دشواری کا سامنا

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خیبر پور (خیبر پور رپورٹر) خیبر پور میں تین برس سے تنخواہ سے محروم اساتذہ طلبہ کے ہمراہ 13 روز سے بھوک ہڑتال پر ہیں۔ اساتذہ سے حکومت کا کوئی نمائندہ ملنے نہیں آیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق خیبر پور میں تین برس سے تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ نے تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کیلئے 13 روز قبل بڑا جلوس نکالا تھا اور کورٹ روڈ پر کیپ قائم کر کے بھوک ہڑتال شروع کی تھی۔ بھوک ہڑتالی اساتذہ شوکت منگی، مقصود مہیسر، نعیم اللہ آزاد، ولی اللہ، شیر خان کلہوڑو، مس حسین فاطمہ، مس بلقیس طاہر، مس راحیلہ اور دیگر نے بھوک ہڑتالی کیپ پر صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ وہ طلبہ کے ہمراہ 13 روز سے بھوک ہڑتال پر ہیں لیکن حکومت کا کوئی نمائندہ ان سے ملنے نہیں آیا۔ اساتذہ نے بتایا کہ 2012 میں انٹرویو لینے کے بعد ان کو ایس ایل ٹی، ڈرائنگ ٹیچر، عربی ٹیچر، ڈبلیو آئی، اے ڈبلیو اور دیگر ملازمتوں کے آرڈر دیئے گئے وہ اب تک ڈیوٹی دے رہے ہیں لیکن ان کو تین برس سے تنخواہ نہیں ملی جبکہ سندھ کے دیگر اساتذہ کو تنخواہیں ادا کی جا رہی ہیں۔ انہوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ سے مطالبہ کیا کہ تنخواہوں سے محروم خیبر پور ضلع کے 13 اساتذہ کو تنخواہیں ادا کر کے ان کے خاندان کی کفالت کا مسئلہ حل کیا جائے۔

خیبر پور، تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ کی 13

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کراچی (پ) کے الیکٹرک نے صارفین سے اوور بلنگ اور غیر قانونی وصولی کی تردید کی ہے کے الیکٹرک کے بیان کے مطابق الیکٹریٹی ٹریف کا تعین ریگولیٹری باڈی کرتی ہے کے الیکٹرک نہیں۔ کے الیکٹرک اپنے صارفین کا احترام کرتا ہے اور اس کی بلنگ اور وصولی کے اعداد و شمار کا باقاعدگی سے آڈٹ کیا جاتا ہے۔ کے الیکٹرک کمپنیز آرڈیننس میں درج قواعد و ضوابط اور سیکیورٹیز اینڈ ایکسچینج کمیشن آف پاکستان (ایس ای سی پی) کی رہنماد ایات کی روشنی میں کام کرتا ہے۔ بیان میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ کے الیکٹرک کے آڈٹ شدہ حسابات سہ ماہی بنیاد پر کٹے اور شفاف انداز میں شائع بھی کیے جاتے ہیں جس کا آڈٹ ایک معروف ادارے کی طرف کیا جاتا ہے۔ کے الیکٹرک کے ترجمان نے کہا، ”یہاں اس بات کا تذکرہ مناسب ہو گا کہ ذاتی مفادات رکھنے والے بعض عناصر کے الیکٹرک کی انتظامیہ کی عظیم کامیابی کو تنقید کا نشانہ بنا رہے ہیں جب کہ کے الیکٹرک پاکستان میں سب سے اعلیٰ کارکردگی کا مظاہرہ کرنے والا ادارہ ہے اور پاکستان میں کامیاب نجکاری کی مثال ہے۔“ کے الیکٹرک نے ہمیشہ

کے الیکٹرک کی صارفین سے اوور بلنگ اور

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بھی خود کشی کر لی۔ اس کے علاوہ شیخوپورہ کی یونین کونسل 33، 52 اور 70 میں مخالف گروپوں میں فائرنگ کے تبادلے کے باعث پولنگ کا عمل ڈیڑھ سے 2 گھنٹے تک معطل رہا۔ یونین کونسل 52 میں تصادم سے پی ٹی آئی کے کارکن کی ٹانگ ٹوٹ گئی۔ مرید کے میں یو سی 11 سے جماعت اسلامی کے امیدوار صداقت علی پر مخالف جماعت کے کارکنوں کی جانب سے تشدد کیا گیا جس کے باعث انہیں فوری طور پر اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا۔ دوسری جانب الیکشن کمیشن نے سپریم کورٹ کے حکم پر سندھ کے 8 اضلاع کی 76 یونین کونسلز میں ہونے والے انتخابات ملتوی کر دیئے جب کہ 15 روز میں نئی حلقہ بندیاں کرانے کا بھی اعلان کیا ہے۔ جن یونین کونسلوں میں انتخابات ملتوی کیے گئے ہیں ان میں تھرپارکر کی 6، نوشہرہ فیروز 17، میرپور خاص ڈویژن 25، بدین 4، حیدرآباد 24 اور ساگھڑ کی 5 یونین کونسلز شامل ہیں۔

کراچی ریجنل زون شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کے دوران ٹارگٹ کلرز سمیت 6 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان سندھ ریجنل زون کے مطابق کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں جو نیچو کالونی، نار تھ ناظم آباد، اورنگی ٹاؤن، کورنگی اور شاہ فیصل کالونی میں خفیہ اطلاع پر کارروائی کے دوران ٹارگٹ کلرز سمیت 6 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ گرفتار دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم اور ٹارگٹ کلرز کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت ہے جب کہ ملزمان جرائم کی سنگین وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں اور ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور دیگر سامان بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔

لندن برطانوی ادارے کی رپورٹ کے مطابق دہشت گرد حملوں سے متاثر ہونے والے ممالک میں پاکستان پہلے 5 ممالک میں شامل ہے جب کہ دنیا بھر میں دہشت گردی سے ہونے والی ہلاکتوں میں بھی 80 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے جن میں سے 78 فیصد ہلاکتیں ان 5 ممالک کی ہیں۔ انسٹی ٹیوٹ فار اکنامکس اینڈ پیس لندن نے عالمی دہشت گردی پر گلوبل انڈیکس ٹیررازم 2014 پر رپورٹ جاری کی ہے جس میں 162 ممالک میں ہونے والے دہشت گرد حملوں، اموات اور مالی نقصانات کا جائزہ لیا گیا ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق 2014 میں دنیا بھر میں دہشت گردی کی کارروائیوں کے نتیجے میں ہونے والی غیر طبعی اموات میں 80 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے اور 32 ہزار 658 افراد دہشت گردی کی کارروائیوں کا نشانہ بنے ہیں جو کہ عالمی سطح پر ریکارڈ کی گئی اب تک کی سب سے زیادہ تعداد ہے جب کہ اس سے قبل سال 2013 میں 18 ہزار 111 افراد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق دنیا بھر میں دہشت گرد حملوں سے 5 ممالک سب سے زیادہ متاثر ہوئے جن میں عراق، شام، افغانستان، پاکستان اور نیجیریا شامل ہیں جہاں دہشت گردی سے ہونے والی دنیا بھر کی 80 فیصد ہلاکتوں میں سے 78 فیصد ہلاکتیں ہوئیں جب کہ دنیا بھر میں دہشت گردی سے ہونے والی ہلاکتوں میں سے آدھی اموات کی ذمہ دار عراق اور شام کی شدت پسند تنظیمیں بوکو حرام اور داعش ہیں۔ انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف اکنامکس اینڈ پیس کے سربراہ اسٹیو کلیلیا کا کہنا ہے کہ دنیا بھر میں دہشت گردی تیزی سے پھیل رہی ہے اور اس کے نتیجے میں ہونے والی ہلاکتوں میں 80 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے جو کہ غیر معمولی ہے جب کہ 2013 کی گلوبل انڈیکس ٹیررازم رپورٹ کے مطابق دہشت گردی سے ہونے والی ہلاکتوں میں 61 فیصد اضافہ ہوا تھا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق دنیا بھر میں ہونے والی دہشت گردی کے نتیجے میں مالی نقصانات 50 ارب ڈالر سے زائد ہیں جو کہ 2000 کے بعد سے سب سے زیادہ ہے۔

کراچی ریجنل زون شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان سندھ ریجنل زون کے مطابق شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کی اس دوران 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان قتل، اقدام قتل سمیت دیگر اہم وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں۔

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں سے ٹارگٹ کلرز سمیت 6 دہشت گرد گرفتار، ترجمان ریجنل زون

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پاکستان دہشت گرد حملوں سے متاثر ہونے والے پہلے 5 ممالک میں شامل، رپورٹ

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کراچی بلدیہ ٹاؤن کے علاقے میں رینجرز نے مسجد پر حملہ ناکام بنادیا جب کہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 4 اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ڈی آئی جی ویسٹ فیروز شاہ کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی کے علاقے بلدیہ ٹاؤن میں اتحاد ٹاؤن کے قریب رینجرز اہلکار جامعہ مسجد ابو ہریرہ کی سکیورٹی پر مامور تھے کہ 2 موٹر سائیکلوں پر سوار 4 حملہ آوروں نے ان پر اندھا دھند فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں دو اہلکار موقع پر ہی شہید ہو گئے جب کہ قریب ہی کھڑی رینجرز کی گاڑی میں موجود اہلکاروں نے حملہ آوروں کی مزاحمت کرنا چاہی تو حملہ آوروں نے ان پر بھی فائر کھول دیئے جس کے نتیجے میں دونوں اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ امدادی ٹیموں کے اہلکاروں نے زخمی ہونے والے اہلکاروں کو فوری طور پر قریبی اسپتال منتقل کیا جہاں دوران علاج دونوں اہلکار جانبر نہ ہو سکے۔ حملے میں شہید ہونے والے اہلکاروں میں شاہد، قاسم، اشتیاق اور اختر علی شامل ہیں۔ عینی شاہدین کا کہنا ہے کہ حملہ آور حبیب رورڈ کی جانب سے آئے اور اتحاد ٹاؤن کے علاقے میں فرار ہو گئے جب کہ رینجرز کی بھاری نفری نے موقع پر پہنچ کر علاقے کا محاصرہ کر لیا ہے اور حملہ آوروں کی تلاش کے لئے سرچ آپریشن بھی شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ڈی جی رینجرز سندھ میجر جنرل بلال اکبر رینجرز اہلکاروں پر حملے کے فوری بعد جائے وقوعہ پر پہنچے اور میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایسا معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ حملہ آور مسجد ابو ہریرہ پر حملہ کرنا چاہتے تھے جسے رینجرز اہلکاروں نے ناکام بنادیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حملہ آور دہشت گرد تھے یا نارگٹ کلر انہیں ہر صورت کیفر کی طرف اشارہ کیا جائے گا۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے واقعے پر افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے سندھ حکومت کو فوری ملزمان کی گرفتاری کا حکم دیا ہے جب کہ وزیر داخلہ سندھ سہیل انور سیال نے بھی رینجرز اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے حملہ آوروں کی گرفتاری کا حکم جاری کر دیا ہے۔ ادھر ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ واقعے کے بعد وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے ڈی جی رینجرز کو فون کیا اور واقعے پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا جب کہ اس موقع پر شہر میں امن وامان کی صورتحال پر بھی بات کی گئی۔ دوسری جانب چاروں شہید اہلکاروں کی نماز جنازہ ادا کر دی گئی جس میں ڈی جی رینجرز، کورمانڈر کراچی اور ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ پولیس افسران نے بھی شرکت کی۔ واضح رہے کہ رواں برس سیکورٹی اہلکاروں پر حملے میں اب تک افسران سمیت 79 اہلکار جاں بحق جب کہ 20 زخمی ہو چکے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد الیکشن کمیشن نے سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوسرے مرحلے میں غفلت برتنے والے افسران کیخلاف کارروائی کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق الیکشن کمیشن نے سندھ اور پنجاب کے 26 اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوسرے مرحلے میں افسران کی کارکردگی رپورٹ صوبائی الیکشن کمشنر اور ڈی آراؤز سے طلب کر لی جب کہ الیکشن کمیشن نے انتخابی عمل کے دوران غفلت اور لاپرواہی برتنے والے افسران کیخلاف کارروائی کا بھی فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ الیکشن کی جانب سے کہا گیا ہے کہ ہیلت سپر زکی غلط چھپائی اور بوقت پوئلنگ شروع نہ کرنے والے افسروں کیخلاف کارروائی ہوگی اور ان افسروں کو 3 سے 6 ماہ قید اور ملازمت سے برطرف کیا جاسکتا ہے جب کہ غفلت برتنے والے انتخابی عمل کے متعلقہ محکموں کو بھی شکایتی خطوط ارسال کئے جائیں گے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ واضح ہدایات کے باوجود انتخابی عمل میں بدانتظامی ناقابل برداشت ہے تاہم تیسرے مرحلے میں بدانتظامی سے بچنے کیلئے بہترین انتظامات کئے جائیں گے۔

کراچی رینجرز نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کرتے ہوئے 7 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں رینجرز کی جانب سے کارروائی میں کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے 7 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا، مختلف علاقوں میں چاکو اڑھ، گل سینئر، طارق روڈ، لیاری اور ناگن چورنگی شامل ہیں۔ ترجمان رینجرز کا کہنا ہے گرفتار ملزمان جرائم سنگین وارداتوں میں بھی ملوث ہیں جن کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور دیگر سامان بھی برآمد ہوا ہے، دہشت گردوں کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر کے ان سے تفتیش کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔

سندھ اور پنجاب کے 26 اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوسرے مرحلے کے لیے پوئلنگ کا عمل ختم ہونے کے بعد نتائج کی آمد کا سلسلہ جاری ہے جس کے تحت غیر حتمی غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق پنجاب میں مسلم لیگ (ن) اور سندھ میں پیپلز پارٹی اور ایم کیو ایم آگے ہیں جب کہ دونوں صوبوں سے بڑی تعداد میں آزاد امیدار بھی کامیاب ہوئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ کے 14 اور پنجاب کے 12 اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوسرے مرحلے کے لیے پوئلنگ کا عمل صبح ساڑھے 7 بجے شروع ہوا جو شام ساڑھے 5 بجے تک بلا تعطل جاری رہا۔ پنجاب کے جن اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوسرے مرحلے کے لیے ووٹنگ ہوئی ان میں سرگودھا، گوجرانوالہ، ساہیوال، انک، جہلم، میانوالی، چنیوٹ، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ، حافظ آباد، منڈی بہاؤ الدین، شیخوپورہ اور خانیوال شامل ہیں جب کہ سندھ کے حیدرآباد، ٹنڈو محمد خان، ٹنڈوالہ یار، ٹیاری، دادو، جامشورو، بدین، ٹھٹھہ، سجاول، شہید بے نظیر آباد، تھرپارکر، میرپور خاص، عمرکوٹ اور نوشہرہ فیروز کے اضلاع شامل ہیں جب کہ الیکشن کمیشن نے ساگھڑ میں سکیورٹی وجوہات کی بنا پر پوئلنگ ملتوی کر دی تھی۔ سندھ اور پنجاب حکومت اور الیکشن کمیشن کے تمام تر انتظامات اور دعوؤں کے باوجود بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوران الیکشن کمیشن کو دونوں صوبوں سے 100 شکایات موصول ہوئیں۔ مرید کے کی یو سی 11 میں ووٹ ڈالنے کے تنازع پر پچا اور نتیجے میں تنازع کھڑا ہو گیا، پچا تحریک انصاف جب کہ بھتیجا مسلم لیگ (ن) کا حامی تھا، نتیجے نے طیش میں آکر پچا کو گولی مار کر قتل کر دیا اور پھر خود

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سندھ میں پی پی، متحدہ اور پنجاب میں (ن)

لیگ کو برتری

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سرخیوں

کراچی سندھ ریجنل نے اتحاد ناؤن سے کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 6 مہینہ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ترجمان سندھ ریجنل کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق کراچی میں بلدیہ ناؤن کے علاقے اتحاد ناؤن میں ریجنل اہلکاروں نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر کارروائی کی۔ آپریشن کے دوران ریجنل نے 6 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ سندھ ریجنل کا کہنا ہے کہ حراست میں لئے گئے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان سے ہے، ملزمان کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں ان سے تفتیش کی جارہی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ 2 روز قبل اتحاد ناؤن میں فائرنگ سے 4 ریجنل اہلکار شہید ہوئے تھے۔ جس کے بعد گزشتہ روز بھی ریجنل نے نئی علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کی تھیں۔

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کراچی صدر مملکت ممنون حسین کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان میں دہشت گردوں کی کمر توڑ دی گئی ہے تاہم آخری دہشت گرد کے خاتمے تک ان کے خلاف آپریشن جاری رہے گا سرکاری خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق کراچی میں نیورو سرجنری 28 ویں گلاؤز نیٹنل کانفرنس میں خطاب کرتے ہوئے صدر ممنون حسین نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے پسماندہ علاقوں کے عوام کو حفظان صحت کے اصولوں کے بارے میں اور عوام کو تعلیم کے حصول کے لئے شعور بیدار کرنے کی سخت ضرورت ہے جب کہ ڈاکٹرز دور دراز اور دیہی علاقوں میں نوکری کرنے سے دور رہنا چاہتے ہیں۔ ملک میں دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے خلاف آپریشن کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے صدر مملکت کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردوں کی کمر توڑ دی گئی ہے اور مسلح افواج کی لاجواب قربانیوں کی بدولت دہشت گرد پیچھے ہٹ گئے تاہم آخری دہشت گرد کے خاتمے تک جدوجہد جاری رہے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ مشکلات کے بعد ملک اب اقتصادی طور پر ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن ہو چکا ہے۔

کراچی میں ریجنل کی کارروائی کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 6 مہینہ دہشت گرد گرفتار

ملک میں دہشت گردوں کی کمر توڑ دی گئی ہے، صدر ممنون حسین

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کراچی ریجنل نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 12 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ 24 گھنٹوں میں گرفتار ملزمان کی تعداد 37 سے زائد ہو گئی ہے۔ ترجمان ریجنل کے مطابق شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کے دوران 12 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ گرفتار ملزمان میں کالعدم جماعتوں کے دہشت گرد شامل ہیں۔ ترجمان کے مطابق ریجنل نے گزشتہ روز اہلکاروں پر حملے کے بعد سے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں تابڑ توڑ چھاپے مارے جس کے نتیجے میں گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں گرفتار کیے گئے ملزمان کی تعداد 37 سے زائد ہو گئی ہے۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ گرفتار ملزمان جرائم کی سنگین وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب ترجمان ریجنل نے پاک کالونی میں کیے گئے آپریشن کی تفصیلات جاری کر دی ہیں جس کے مطابق پاک کالونی میں منشیات فروشوں سے تصادم کے بعد علاقے میں کارروائی کا آغاز کیا جس میں منشیات کے اڈوں اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کی کمین گاہوں کو ہمار کیا جب کہ ریجنل کا آپریشن تمام جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف بلا تفریق جاری رہے گا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق ریجنل نے قائد آباد، داؤد چورنگی، نیو مظفر آباد کالونی، کورنگی، سہراب کوٹھ، ناظم آباد، البو اصفہانی روڈ پر کارروائیاں کیں جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا۔ دوسری جانب ریجنل نے لیاری کے مختلف علاقوں میں بھی کارروائی کی جس میں 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ گرفتار ملزمان کا تعلق لیاری لینگ وار اور کالعدم تنظیموں سے ہے۔

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کے دوران 12 دہشت گرد گرفتار، ترجمان ریجنل

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کراچی پاک کالونی میں جرائم پیشہ گروپوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 5 افراد ہلاک جب کہ 4 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے پاک کالونی میں منشیات فروش گروپوں کے درمیان موجود کشیدگی مسلح تصادم میں بدل گئی، دونوں گروہوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 2 افراد موقع پر ہی ہلاک جب کہ 9 زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر سول اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں مزید 3 زخمی دم توڑ گئے۔ ہلاک ہونے والوں کی شناخت وسیم معراج، محمد شاہد، انور حسین، محمد فہیم اور ذوالفقار عرف اللہ دتہ کے نام سے ہوئی ہے۔ واقعے کے بعد پولیس اور ریجنل کی بھاری نفری موقع پر پہنچی گئی اور انہوں نے منشیات کا ایک اڈہ جلا کر تباہ کر دیا۔

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اسلام آباد صدر ممنون حسین نے سانحہ آرمی پبلک اسکول میں ملوث دہشت گردوں کی رحم کی اپیلیں مسترد کر دیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق صدر ممنون حسین نے پشاور کے آرمی پبلک اسکول پر حملے میں ملوث 4 دہشت گردوں کی رحم کی اپیلیں مسترد کر دیں۔ فوجی عدالتوں سے سزا پانے والے دہشت گردوں میں سمیل عرف نیکی، عبدالسلام، حضرت علی اور مجیب الرحمان شامل ہیں۔ گزشتہ روز وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے آئین کے آرٹیکل 105 کے تحت صدر ممنون حسین سے سانحہ پشاور میں ملوث دہشت گردوں کی رحم کی اپیلیں مسترد کرنے کی سفارش کی تھی۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال 16 دسمبر کو دہشت گردوں نے پشاور کے آرمی پبلک اسکول پر حملہ کر کے 130 بچوں سمیت 150 افراد کو شہید کر دیا تھا۔

صدر نے سانحہ آرمی پبلک اسکول میں ملوث دہشت گردوں کی رحم کی اپیلیں مسترد کر دیں

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رپورٹ کے مرکزی مصنف اور کولمبیا یونیورسٹی میں موسمیات کے ماہر جسن منکن نے کہا ہے کہ بر فباری میں کی بیشی عین گلوبل وارمنگ کی مطابقت میں ہے۔ ان میں دریائے سندھ طاس بھی شامل ہے جو بھارت، پاکستان اور چین کو سیراب کرتا ہے اور ماہرین نے ان ممالک کو اس کے لیے تیار رہنے پر زور دیا ہے۔ ماہرین نے ان ممالک میں تحقیق کی ہے جہاں پانی کی شدید طلب ہے اور پانی کا انحصار برف پگھلنے پر ہے۔ رپورٹ میں شامل ایک ماہر نے کہا ہے کہ اس تبدیلی سے وہ لوگ زیادہ متاثر ہوں گے جو دیہاتوں میں رہتے ہیں یا پہاڑوں کے قریب رہائش پذیر ہیں۔ منکن کا کہنا ہے کہ اس تبدیلی کے لیے مطابقت پذیری (اڈاپٹیشن) کی ضرورت ہے جب کہ بعض علاقوں میں ٹیکنالوجی اور انفراسٹرکچر میں تبدیلی کی ضرورت بھی پیش آئے گی۔ اس رپورٹ میں سیٹلائٹ اور زمینی ڈیٹا کو حاصل کر کے انہیں دو ماڈلوں میں رکھ کر برف میں کی بیشی کی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے۔

لاہور (خبرنگار) ڈی سی او لاہور کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے کہا ہے کہ شہر میں 250 عمارتوں کو خطرناک قرار دیا گیا تھا لیکن ضلعی انتظامیہ نے مون سون شروع ہونے سے قبل ہی ان خطرناک عمارتوں کو مرمت کرنے، مسمار کرنے اور خالی کروانے کا بندوبست کر لیا تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ 250 عمارتوں میں سے انتہائی خطرناک 75 عمارتوں کو خالی کروالیا گیا ہے۔

انتہائی خطرناک عمارتوں کو خالی کروا 75

لیا: ڈی سی او

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پانی کا ضیاع روکنے کے لئے واٹر بورڈ نے

لائسنس کی مرمت شروع کر دی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پانی کے ضیاع کو روکنے کے لئے واٹر بورڈ نے بڑے پیمانے پر لیکجز کے خاتمہ کے لئے پائپ لائنوں میں ہونے والے رساؤ کی مر کا بھی امکان رہتا ہے جو سڑکوں کو Contaminaitaion مت کا آغاز کر دیا ہے، کیونکہ رساؤ سے نہ صرف پانی ضائع ہوتا ہے بلکہ اس سے پانی میں بھی نقصان پہنچاتا ہے اور مین ٹرنک کو نقصان کا بھی احتمال رہتا ہے، اس سلسلہ میں ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ مصباح الدین فرید کی ہدایت پر ڈیفنس ہاؤسنگ فلٹر پلانٹ کے عقب میں واقع جنرل کالونی کے نزدیک واٹر بورڈ کی 72 انچ اور 84 انچ کی بلک فراہمی آب کی لائنوں میں لیکجز کی C.O.D. سوسائٹی مرمت کے کام کی وجہ سے جمعرات 19 نومبر کو صبح 7 بجے سے شام 7 بجے تک 12 گھنٹوں کے لئے پانی کی فراہمی بند رہے گی جس کی وجہ سے گلشن اقبال اور جمشید ٹاؤن کے علاقے متاثر ہوں گے، ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے ان علاقوں کے مکینوں سے اپیل ہے کہ اس دوران پانی احتیاط سے استعمال کریں۔

کراچی (نیٹ نیوز) کراچی میں ڈینگی وائرس میں مبتلا 18 سالہ لڑکی ہسپتال میں دم توڑ گئی۔ انسداد ڈینگی سیل کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر مسعود سولنگی کے مطابق 18 سالہ عروسہ نارتھ ناظم آباد کی رہائشی تھی جسے دو روز قبل عباسی شہید ہسپتال میں داخل کرایا گیا جو پیر کی صبح انتقال کر گئی۔ رواں سال کراچی میں ڈینگی سے ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 9 تک جا پہنچی ہے۔

کراچی: ڈینگی وائرس میں مبتلا 18 سالہ

لڑکی جاں بحق، رواں سال جاں بحق افراد

کی تعداد 9 ہو گئی

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ایبٹ آباد: تحصیل حویلیاں کے گاؤں پونہ کے پہاڑ میں شکاف پڑنے اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے 50 سے زائد دیہات پر مشتمل 30 ہزار افراد کا رابطہ اسلام آباد سے منقطع ہو گیا ہے جب کہ نندی مصنوعی جھیل میں تبدیل ہو گئی ہے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ایبٹ آباد کی تحصیل حویلیاں کے گاؤں پونہ کے پہاڑ میں شکاف پڑنے اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے مرکزی رابطہ سڑک بند ہو گئی ہے جس سے 50 سے زائد دیہات کا رابطہ ایبٹ آباد، حویلیاں اور اسلام آباد منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث تقریباً 30 ہزار افراد پر مشتمل آبادی متاثر ہوئی ہے اور یونین کونسل نارائیں میں لوگ گزشتہ 2 روز سے کھلے آسمان تلے زندگی گزارنے پر مجبور ہیں لیکن ابھی تک وفاقی اور خیبر پختونخوا حکومت کا کوئی بھی فرد متاثری کی دادرسی کے لئے نہیں پہنچ سکا۔ گاؤں پونہ میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث نندی مصنوعی جھیل میں تبدیل ہو گئی ہے جس سے عطاء آباد اور زلال جھیل کی یاد تازہ کر دی ہے۔ علاقہ مکینوں کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر حکومت نے فوری طور پر ہماری مدد نہ کی تو یہ پہاڑ ہمارے گھروں کو تباہ کر دے گا۔ واضح رہے کہ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے متاثرہ علاقہ ڈپٹی اسپیکر قومی اسمبلی مرتضیٰ جاوید عباسی کا آبائی علاقہ ہے جب کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) کے سردار اور نگریب ٹوٹھ یہاں کے ایم پی اے ہیں۔ یہاں پر ریسکیو ٹیموں کا پہنچنا نہایت آسان ہے لیکن اس کے باوجود ریسکیو آپریشن اب تک شروع نہیں کیا جاسکا ہے۔

ایبٹ آباد میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے 50 سے زائد دیہات کا رابطہ اسلام آباد سے منقطع
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گلگت..... ملک کے بالائی اور پہاڑی علاقوں میں سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے، ضلع دیامر میں وقفے وقفے سے بر فباری جاری ہے، جبکہ حویلیاں میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئیں۔ ملک بھر میں ٹھنڈی اور تیز ہواؤں نے موسم کو مزید سرد بنا دیا ہے۔ ایبٹ آباد میں حویلیاں کی یونین کونسل نارائیں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئیں جبکہ لوگوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا۔ گلگت بلتستان کے ضلع دیامر میں 2 سے 3 روز کے دوران بٹو گاہ، نیٹ ویلی اور ناٹکا پر بت پر 3 فٹ سے زیادہ بر فباری ریکارڈ کی جا چکی ہے۔ کرم ایجنسی، مالاکنڈ ڈویژن، بالائی فاٹا، کشمیر اور بلوچستان میں موسم سرد اور مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود ہے۔ سندھ کے شہروں نواب شاہ، جیکب آباد، سکھر، حیدر آباد اور پنجاب میں ملتان، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا سمیت مختلف شہروں میں ٹھنڈ بڑھ گئی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے۔

بالائی علاقوں میں سردی، حویلیاں میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے رابطہ سڑکیں بند
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ملتان اور راولپنڈی کے بعد لاہور میں بھی ڈینگ کی مریضوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ دیکھا جا رہا ہے اور گزشتہ ڈیڑھ ماہ میں 112 افراد ڈینگ کی بخار سے متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے مطابق گزشتہ ڈیڑھ ماہ کے دوران لاہور میں 112 افراد ڈینگ کی بخار سے متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔ جن کا مختلف اسپتالوں میں علاج کیا جا رہا ہے۔ جس کے بعد رواں سال پنجاب بھر میں ڈینگ کی مریضوں کی تعداد 4 ہزار 200 ہو گئی ہے۔ صوبائی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ رواں برس راولپنڈی میں 3 ہزار 260 جب کہ ملتان میں 358 افراد کو ڈینگ بخار ہوا۔

ملتان اور راولپنڈی کے بعد لاہور میں بھی ڈینگ کی مریضوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ
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اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے لئے جنوبی ایشیا کے ممالک کی 4 روزہ سالانہ مشقیں کل 23 نومبر سے نئی دہلی میں شروع ہوں گی۔ این ڈی ایم اے کی دس رکنی ٹیم بریگیڈیئر (ریٹائرڈ) ساجد نعیم کی سربراہی میں مشقوں میں شرکت کرے گی۔

قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کیلئے جنوبی ایشیا کے ممالک کی سالانہ مشقیں کل دہلی میں شروع ہوں
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ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ گلوبل وارمنگ اور آب و ہوا میں تبدیلی سے شمالی نصف کرے کے ممالک میں بر فباری میں تبدیلی واقع ہو رہی ہے۔ لندن اور اس پاکستانی آبادی سمیت لگ بھگ 2 ارب افراد متاثر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ امریکا، سوئیڈن اور ہالینڈ کے موسمیاتی ماہرین نے ایک تفصیلی رپورٹ میں دنیا کے ان 421 دریاؤں، ان کے بیسن (طاس) اور پانی کے ذخائر کا مطالعہ کیا جو بر فباری کے بعد وجود میں آتے ہیں۔ ان میں سے 32 مقامات پر بر فباری کا اندازہ بدلنے سے کم از کم 1 ارب 45 کروڑ افراد کے لیے پینے اور زراعت کے لیے پانی کی شدید قلت پیدا ہو جائے گی کیونکہ برف کے خاص انداز سے پگھلنے سے ہی ان علاقوں کے آبی ذخائر سیراب ہوتے ہیں۔ ان علاقوں میں برف کم پڑ رہی اور برف کی نمی بارش کی صورت میں برس کر فوری طور پر بہہ جاتی ہے جس سے مستقبل میں پانی کا شدید قحط پیدا ہو سکتا ہے کیونکہ برف کے ذخائر ہی میٹھے پانی کی ضمانت ہیں۔

بر فباری میں کمی سے پاکستان سمیت کئی ممالک متاثر ہوں گے
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