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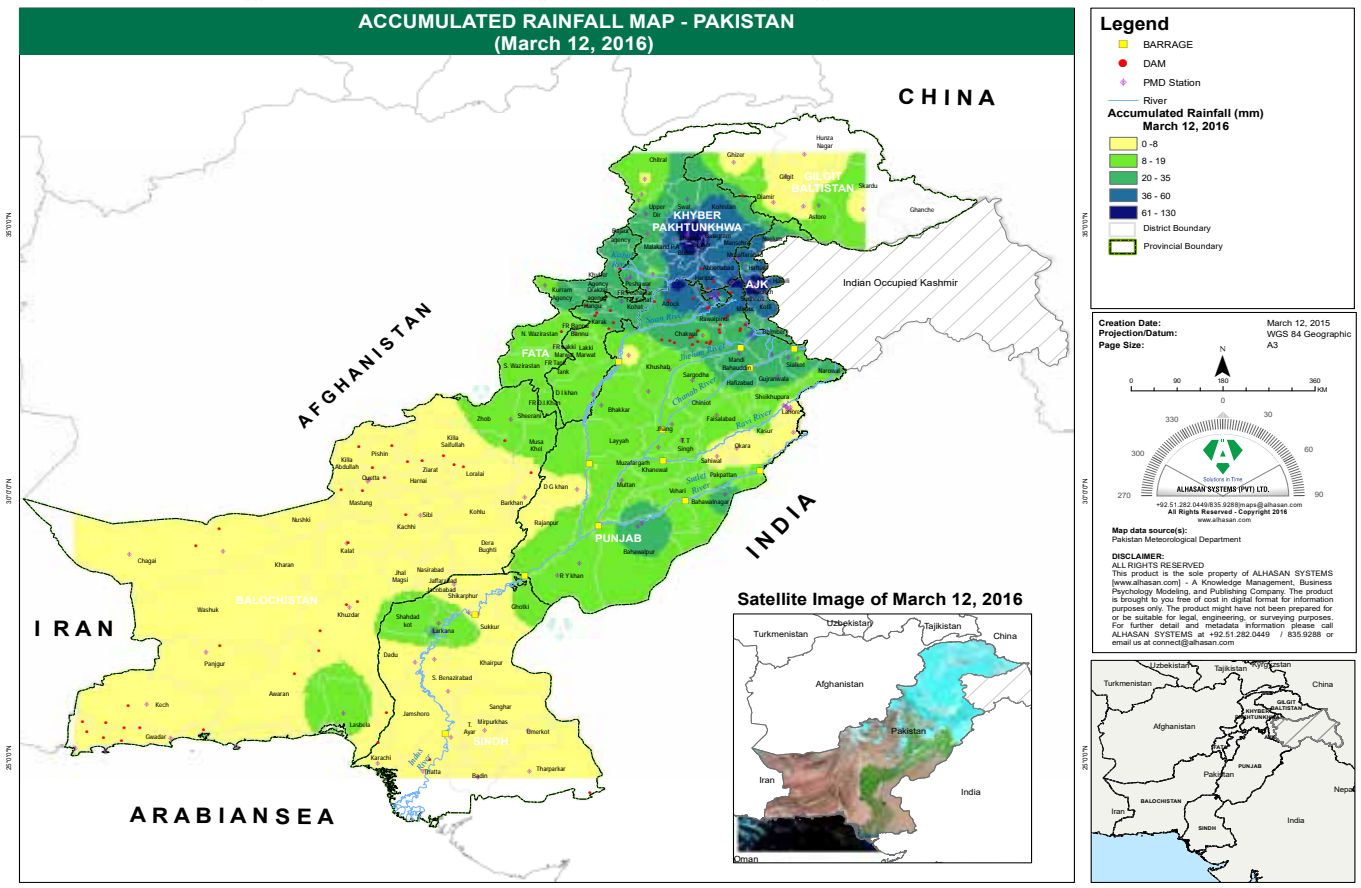
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Rain wreaks havoc: seven die in KP, FATA dozens trapped as mine collapses
Express Tribune, March 13, 2016

Humanitarian crisis in Thar
Pakobserver, March 13, 2016

DETAILS

MOHMAND AGENCY / KHYBER AGENCY / MARDAN / PESHAWAR: At least seven people died in rain-related incidents in various parts of K-P and Federally Administered Tribal Areas on Friday night and Saturday.

Over 45 people were trapped under the rubble when a coalmine collapsed in Lower Orakzai Agency. Following the incident, there were conflicting statements as to cause of the collapse. The assistant political agent said the explosion was caused by the accumulation of gas in the mine.

Residents said there were over 45 people working in the mine. Rescue efforts were under way till the filing of the report. Sources privy to the development told The Express Tribune, rescue workers were facing countless problems due to the distance of the coalmine from the agency administration office. The political agent's office said a person was killed while eight others were injured and had been rushed to the hospital. "We have obtained a list of 24 people stuck in the coal mine," an official said, adding that ambulances and rescue parties had reached the spot. "However, there might be more people trapped inside," he said. However, since the manager and his assistant were themselves amongst those buried under the rubble it was hard to verify the exact number of people in the mine. MPA Shaukat Yousafzai said six people were killed. He added the miners were from Shangla. However, the political administration said it was hard to communicate with rescue workers and the minister's claim could not be verified with information on ground.

Trail of death

In two separate village of Akakhel tribe in Bara, Khyber Agency, four persons died and eight others were injured. The injured were taken to a hospital in Peshawar. In Misri Malal village in Akakhel, a woman died and her four children injured when the roof of a house collapsed. The injured were taken to a hospital where their condition was stated out of danger.

In Qandaro Safi area of Mohmand Agency, a man named Khakim Jan died when roof of a room caved on Saturday. In Jamrud, Khyber Agency, a woman was injured when roof of a house caved in due to heavy rainfall in Sorkamar area.

In the province

Although no loss of life was reported from K-P, 10 people were injured in various parts of the province due to the rain. In Mardan, seven people were injured Friday night. Roof of the house of Muslim Khan caved in, injuring his three daughters. The rescue teams were called and the girls were taken to Mardan Medical Complex. In Lund Khwar area of the district house of Hayat Muhammad in Gulshanabad area collapsed. Subsequently, his wife Riyasat and daughters Minhaz, Sana and Bano were injured. They were taken to Mardan Medical Complex in a critical condition where they were being treated when this report was filed.

In Ganjay Kalay area of Takht Bhai, Mardan, two persons were injured and taken to a hospital by Rescue 1122 teams.

Deaths of nearly 200 people, most of them children and women, in Thar desert of Pakistan in last four months, show that the underdeveloped region is once again in the grip of a humanitarian crisis. The largest desert of Pakistan is located in its South-East. Its population is nearly 1.2 million, with the lowest Human Development Index in Sindh Province. It has been confronting harsh drought conditions in recent years. Masses rely on rain-fed agriculture and livestock for their livelihood. Consistent droughts have hit a severe blow to both the agriculture and livestock, resulting in famine. This has led to seasonal mass migration of local residents to other parts of Sindh where they are forced to work in inhuman conditions and are poorly paid.

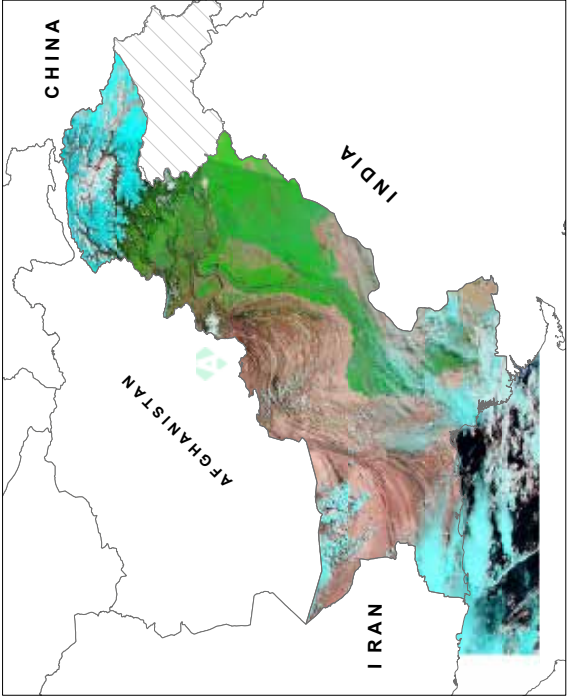
Thar faces scarcity of water in underground wells and natural reservoirs in the wake of below average rainfall. Women who usually are responsible for fetching drinking water, have to travel 3-4 kilometres to get it from underground wells. The water is saline and is contaminated with excessive fluoride which causes dental and skeletal diseases. Severe water shortage has resulted in deaths of thousands of animals and birds. To resolve the water issue, the government and some local non-governmental organizations have set up Reverse Osmosis plants in some villages but these are insufficient to meet the growing demands of rapidly growing population. Hygienic and sanitation conditions are also dismal.

Literacy rate in Thar is below 17 per cent, according to a representative of Alf Ailan, an organization working on education in Pakistan. And the female literacy rate is mere 7 per cent. Cultural constraints, extreme poverty and lack of basic educational facilities such as teachers, toilets, furniture etc are the factors contributing to extreme illiteracy. People are not aware even of their basic rights. Ancient traditions like marriage in early age and treatment of a disease from apothecary are rampant. Women work whole day in fields with their males. At home they take care of children and elders, along with doing household duties. When women do difficult physical work under the scorching sun from dawn to dusk and do not get enough calories in diet to meet body needs, they are certainly to suffer from mental and health problems. Their miseries worsen when they are married in young age and become reproductive tools. During pregnancy there is no concept of medical check-up due to sheer ignorance, poverty and unavailability of medical facilities. In end physically weak working women give births to weak babies. Sometimes birth cases attended by unskilled midwives lead to complications, resulting in death of newborns and/or their mothers.

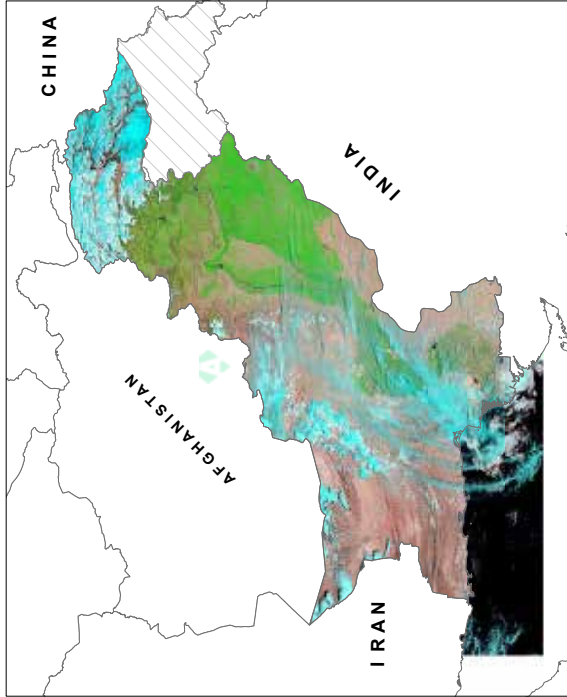
Apart from district headquarter of Tharparker, Mithi, a small city, most villages in Thar do not have doctors. Nurses, health technicians and other paramedic staff have illegally assumed the

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (March 07, 2016 to March 12, 2016)

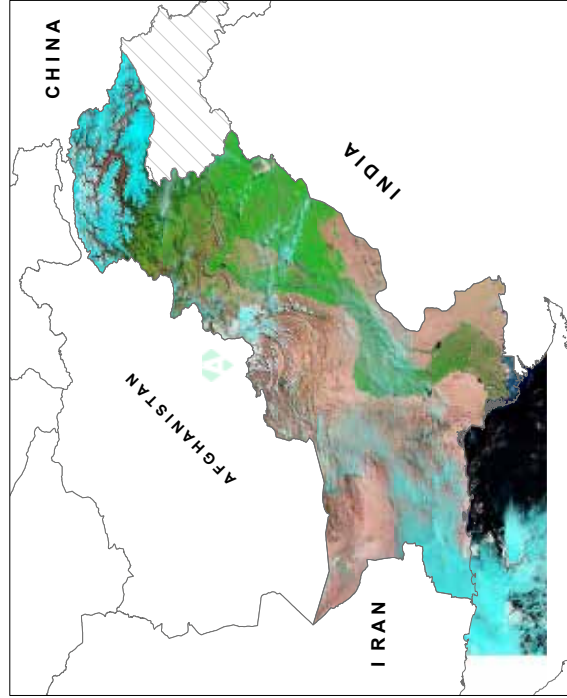
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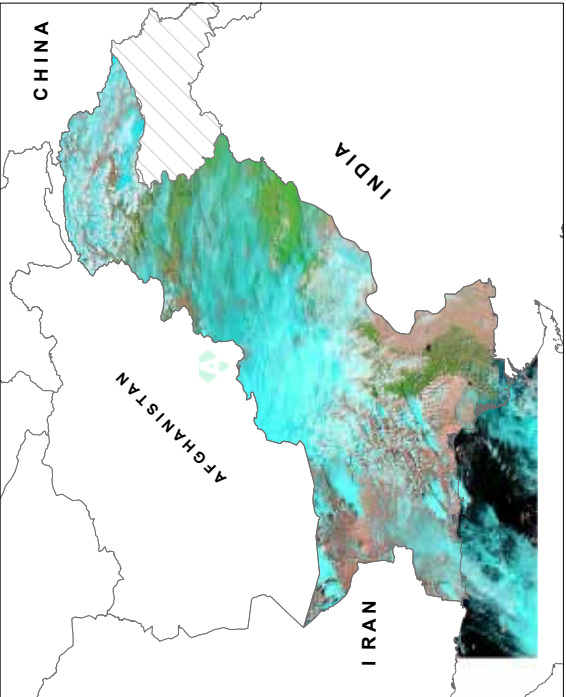
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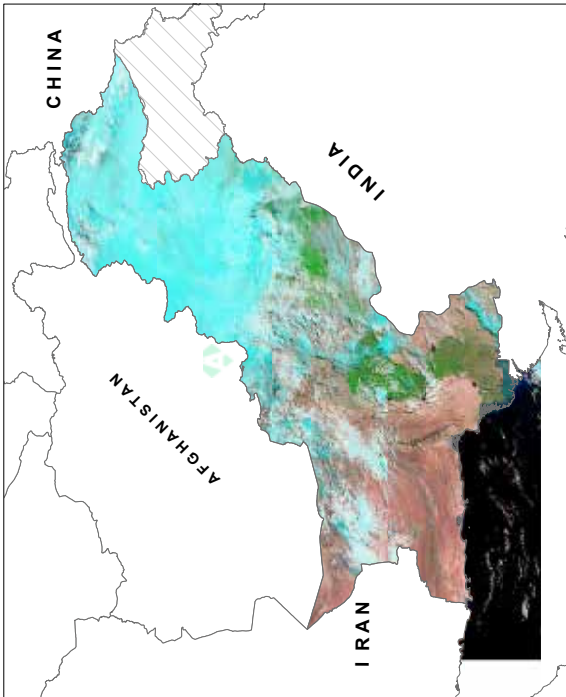
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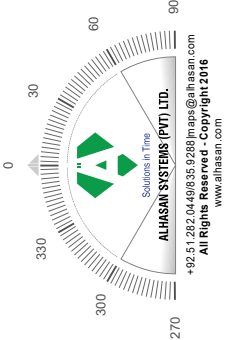
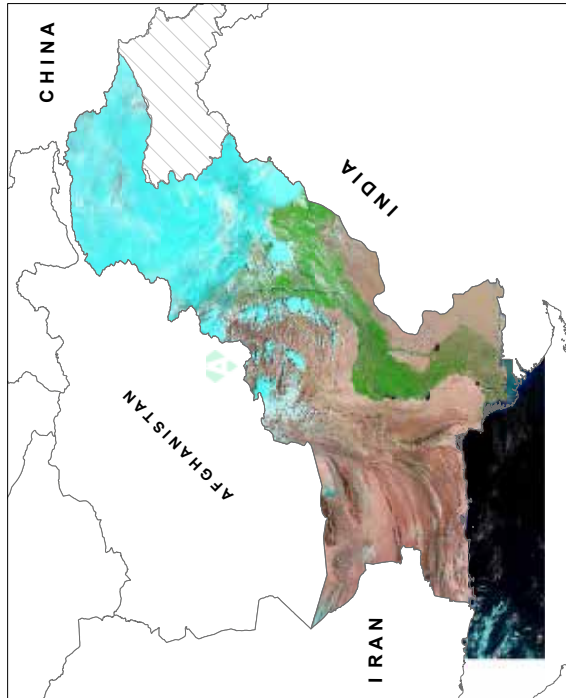
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Rapid cutting of trees in capital major cause of environmental degradation

Pakistan Today, March 13, 2016

'Grave mismanagement undermining Thar relief efforts'

The News, March 13, 2016

Downside: Rain spell makes lives miserable in low-lying areas

Express Tribune, March 13, 2016

responsibility of health specialists. Only a small number of villages have Basic Health Units; and many of them are non-functional.

Provincial government and some local NGOs have taken some measures to provide relief to the drought-hit region. Teams of doctors have been visiting to provide much needed healthcare. Wheat, rice, mineral water bottles and biscuits have been distributed. However, the relief measures are slow and insufficient. The relief agencies continue their operations as long as Thar crisis remain in the headlines of national media. Once the attention wanes, everyone turns a blind eye to the issue.

Present situation in Thar calls for a sustainable socio-economic development. The government, local NGOs and international humanitarian agencies need to actively involve to lessen the crisis. Instead of pursuing short-term goals, long term development plan should be devised and local residents must be made part of it. Provision of education to both males and females must be the top priority. Setting up of basic health facilities and supply of clean drinking water will greatly reduce the mortality and morbidity rate in Thar.

Establishment of dairy industry and meat production units will create new economic opportunities in the area. Modern ways of farming to yield more crops must be taught to local farmers by imparting vocational training. These steps will bring a positive change in the lives of local inhabitants, and will resolve the Thar issue permanently.

Rapid cutting of trees in the federal capital is causing major environmental degradation and the situation may further deteriorate in the coming years if no attention is paid to issues related to climate change. Sustainable Policy Development Institute (SDPI) leading environmental expert Kashif Salik said that trees play a critical role in regulating the climate through carbon cycle. Expressing serious concern over illegal cutting of trees, he said that the residents of slums heavily rely on firewood for cooking and keeping themselves warm in the winter season.

He further said that tree cutting in the capital was harmful for the environment and the pollution could reach alarming levels if CDA does not plant more trees in the city and its surroundings. "Lack of trees could also cause diseases such as sunstrokes and headaches", he added. Kashif said that after seas, forests are the second largest storehouse for carbon. He said the trees remove carbon from the atmosphere as they grow by storing carbon in leaves, woody tissue, roots and organic matter in soil. "Provision of alternative source of energy to the slum-dwellers can greatly help protect vegetative cover that is a vital ingredient of natural environment," he added. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency senior official said that due to widespread cutting of trees and rapid urbanisation, the temperature in the capital city has started to regularly cross 46 degrees in summer season. He said that the environment in the city was deteriorating because of new constructions and uprooting of trees.

KARACHI: Despite the allocation of massive funds, grave mismanagement of resources undermines all efforts being undertaken to provide relief to the people of Thar.

There are irregularities in the distribution of resources diverted to the desert, but health facilities remain gravely inadequate while there is also a shortage of potable water, said Justice (retd) Ali Nawaz Chowhan, the chairman of the National Commission of Human Rights. Talking to journalists at the Karachi Press Club, he said health facilities in Thar were gravely inadequate. "There is lack of trained doctors in government hospitals, especially child specialists and nurses, besides a dire shortage of ambulances," he said. "We have recommended the government to appoint district administration and health officers and set up special medical camps throughout the desert."

Justice Chowhan was narrating his experience of a three-day visit to the Tharparkar district earlier in the week with another NCHR member Anis Haroon, and a team of civil society organisations. While in Thar, he said, he visited remote villages, hospitals and met members of the civil society, lawyers and journalists, and inquired from them the reasons for the unabated deaths of children in the region. Then after coming back to Karachi, the NCHR delegation met Taj Haider, the chief minister's coordinator, who supervises relief activities in Thar, and he briefed them about the steps being taken by the provincial government.

Justice Chowhan said that during the visit to the Thar desert, NCHR and civil society members were given briefings by the deputy commissioner. "However the district health officer avoided meeting them," he said.

"At Civil Hospital in Mithi there is serious lack of doctors and other facilities. I recommended the deputy commissioner to make his residence a temporary nursery for sick infants since it is equipped with air conditioners." Another grave problem, he said, was the persistent shortage of potable water. "There is ground water but it is brackish. Many reverse osmosis (RO) plants have been installed in the Thar desert during the past few years, but their supply is haphazard and without any proper planning," he said. "But when I asked the deputy commissioner about any plan for the installation of RO plants in Thar, he replied in the negative." Justice Chowhan suggested laying down a canal network for supplying river water. "The RO plants are not a good long-term solution," he said. "That does not mean that short-term measures are not needed. Actually they are just as important."

LAHORE: Widespread rain and thundershowers accompanied with strong winds lashed various parts of the province on Saturday.

While the weather in the city turned pleasant following the rain spell that started between Wednesday and Thursday, it has started inconveniencing citizens. A Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) spokesman told The Express Tribune that widespread rain and isolated hailstorms were recorded across different areas in upper Punjab including the Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad and Sahiwal divisions, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), FATA and Islamabad.

Heavy rain turns weather slightly cold

Daily Times, March 13, 2016

It's raining, it's pouring: Heavy rains replenish water table, obstruct dengue drive

Express Tribune, March 13, 2016

A weather report showed that scattered downpours were expected in upper K-P (Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat), the FATA, the AJK, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore and Dera Ghazi Khan. Rain and thundershower accompanied by strong winds were expected across scattered places in Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan and at isolated places in Bahawalpur, Quetta, Zhob and Kalat. Data revealed that around four to seven millimetres (mm) of rain was recorded in different areas of Lahore while Murree received the highest rainfall at 69 mm. Similarly, Islamabad received 53 to 38 mm; Rawalpindi 37 to 30 mm; Jhelum 39 mm; Sialkot 29 mm; Bahawalpur 25 mm; Bahawalnagar 24 mm; Gujranwala, Mangla 22 mm; Bahawalpur 21 mm; Mandi Bahauddin 20 mm; Faisalabad 19 mm; Jhang, Noorpur Thal 18 mm; Multan, Layyah, Chakwal 17 mm; Sargodha 16 mm; Joharabad 15 mm; Khanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Toba Tek Singh 13 mm; Kot Addu 8 mm; Dera Ghazi Khan 5 mm; Sahiwal 4 mm and Okara 2 mm. The forecast for the next 48 hours predicts widespread rain and thundershowers with strong winds (and isolated hailstorms) across the AJK, the G-B, the K-P, the FATA, Islamabad and upper Punjab (Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad and Sahiwal). Heavy downpours are expected in upper K-P (Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan and Kohat), FATA, AJK, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore and Dera Ghazi Khan over the period. Rain and thundershowers with strong winds are expected across isolated places in Multan and Dera Ghazi Khan.

China Scheme resident Ahmad Raza said that while the rain was a blessing mud and standing water had virtually brought life to a halt in the area. "All roads have been dug up courtesy the Orange Line Metro Train project. It is impossible to move around due to the debris scattered along the under-construction track. It won't be an exaggeration to say that dozens of motorcyclists have met with accidents here over the last few days," he said.

Multan Road resident Imran Siddique also voiced similar remarks. He said traffic jams had become commonplace due to construction activity in the area. Siddique said the rain had made commuters' lives miserable. Officials have been directed by DCO Muhammad Usman to effectively coordinate with Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) officials to ensure quick drainage of standing water. He instructed town officials to inspect low-lying areas in their jurisdictions and inspect water drainage arrangements.

Worker killed in roof collapse

Police said on Saturday that a 45-year-old worker had died in Baghbanpura area.

Officials said Sadiqabad resident Mashooq Ali was working at a wire manufacturing unit in Siraj Park when its roof had caved in. Police said rescuers had taken him to a hospital where doctors had confirmed his demise. Officials said the body of the deceased had been sent to a mortuary for autopsy. Police said the dilapidated roof of the industrial unit had caved in due to the rain.

LAHORE: The provincial capital received heavy rainfall on Saturday that dipped the mercury on the scale and turned the weather a bit chillier.

According to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), widespread rain accompanied by strong gusty winds (with isolated hailstorm) is expected in upper Punjab including Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala and Lahore divisions as well as Kashmir, Islamabad, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA in next 24 hours. Met office told that provincial capital received 18mm rainfall in airport area and 15 mm in city.

However, rainfall exposed the claims of WASA, City District Government Lahore (CDGL) and other authorities concerned as rainwater accumulated in in posh and low lying areas of city. Due to accumulated water, massive traffic jam was also witnessed. Lahore DCO has directed the LWMC, WASA and town administrations to clear the accumulated water.

ISLAMABAD / RAWALPINDI: An eight-year old girl named Halima is believed to have drowned in a stream near IJP Road in the area of Westridge in the wake of heavy rainfall in Rawalpindi. Emergency workers from Rescue 1122 are searching for the body of the child till the filing of this report.

The second consecutive day of rain has crippled daily life in the garrison city, as Rawalpindi's administrators have been kept on their toes preparing for potential emergencies. The rainfall has also inundated low-lying areas, and forced citizens to remain inside their homes. The continuous rain is also a cause of concern for district managers, as their ongoing anti-dengue campaign has badly been affected. Speaking to The Express Tribune, Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) spokesperson Umer Farooq said the met office had reported 100 millimetres (mm) of rainfall in Rawalpindi on Saturday. He said there was 60 mm of rainfall on Friday. He added that there were reports that rain will continue till Monday.

Explaining the efforts of WASA in handling emergency-like situations during the rain, Farooq said WASA Managing Director Raja Shaukat Mahmood had been monitoring the situation and had set up four flood emergency offices at Moti Mahal, Liaquat Bagh, Bagh Sardaran, and at Khyaban-e-Sir Syed. He said his office had continuously been monitoring the rainfall and flood situation at Nullah Leh. The official said the Leh had been flowing normally at a depth of six feet.

Farooq said WASA, in collaboration with the Solid Waste Management Company, had been cleaning all small and big drain streams in the city, and that WASA had been using all resources to drain water from low-lying areas. Speaking about the positive effect of the rain, the official said that it was very good for underground water level. He said that the rain would recharge underground reservoirs. He noted that water at the Rawal Dam had reached to its full capacity of 1,752 feet, and that the authorities had to open the spillways of the Dam on Friday night. The rain, on the other hand, had alarmed the city district government, that had been busy in its anti-dengue drive in Rawalpindi. Khawaja Salman Rafique, advisor to Punjab chief minister on health, presided over a meeting on Saturday on the ongoing drive. An official of the district government, on condition of anonymity, said participants were concerned about the effect of the rain on the anti-dengue drive.

Intermittent rain lashes various parts of country

Aj News, March 12, 2016

Reservoirs for mosquitoes: Most dengue cases reported from District South

Express Tribune, March 12, 2016

He said that March was the season where dengue larva is born, and that the larva survives in fresh water. Rain water could lead to widespread growth of the larva, he added.

The advisor asked the city district government and all relevant departments to increase surveillance activity and clear rain water as soon as possible. District Coordination Officer Sajid Zaffar was not immediately available for his comments.

Flash flood warning

The widespread rains which began on Friday morning swamped low-lying areas of the capital. The met department has also warned that heavy downpours may generate urban flash flooding in various cities including Rawalpindi between Saturday and Sunday.

ISLAMABAD: Different parts of the country, including Islamabad and Rawalpindi, continued receiving intermittent rain on Saturday. A spokesperson of the Met Office said that the highest rainfall of 128 mm had been recorded in Malam Jabba followed by 69 mm in Murree.

He said the present rain-spell, which started on Friday, would persist till Monday morning while another spell was expected from Wednesday. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Disaster Management Authority has already issued alert about flash floods due to continuous rains in different areas of the province.

People living in surroundings of river banks and seasonal nullahs have been advised to be careful. In Balochistan, people facing flash flood may contact Provincial Disaster Management Authority control room at 081-9241133 and Quetta division control room at 0819203036 in case of any emergency. During last 24 hours, rainfall recorded in last 24 hours was Malamjaba 128 mm, Pattan 49mm, Kakul 40mm, Balakot and Saidu Sharif 37mm, Dir 28mm, Peshwar city and Kalam 24mm, Cherat 22mm, Lower Dir 19mm, Parachinar 18mm, Bannu 14 mm, D.I.Khan, Mirkhani 13 mm, Drosh 08mm, Chitral 06mm, Kashmir Rawalakot 97mm, Muzaffarabad 57mm, Kotli 34mm, Garhi Dupatta 27mm, Punjab: Murree 69mm, Islamabad (Saidpur 53mm, Golra 49mm, Bokra 38mm, Z.P 38mm), Rawalpindi (Shamsabad 37mm, Chaklala 30mm), Jhelum 39mm, Sialkot A/P 29mm, Bahawalpur A/P 25 mm, Bahawalnagar 24 mm, Gujranwala, Mangla 22 mm, Bahawalpur City 21 mm, Mandibahauddin 20 mm, Faisalabad 19 mm, Jhang, Noorpur Thal 18 mm, Multan, Layyah and Chakwal 17 mm, Sargodha 16 mm, Sialkot Cantt and Joharabad 15 mm, Khanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Toba Tek Singh 13 mm and Kot Addu 08 mm, Lahore PBO 07 mm, D.G.Khan 05 mm, Lahore A/P, Sahiwal 04 mm, and Okara 02 mm. In Balochistan Lasbela 15 mm, Zhob 10 mm, Khuzdar 08 mm, Panjgur 04 mm, Kalat 03 mm, Dalbandin, Quetta (Samungli) 02mm while in Sindh Moen-jo-Daro 23 mm, Larkana 16 mm, Rohri, Sukkur 08 mm, Dadu 04 mm, Gilgit-Baltistan Astore 12 mm, Skardu 06 mm, Bagrot 05 mm, Chilas 04 mm and Gupis 01mm. Highest maximum temperatures recorded on Saturday was Sh. Benazirabad 36°C, while the highest temperature of major cities remained Hyderabad 32 °C, Karachi 30 °C, Lahore 26°C, Multan 23°C, Faisalabad and Gilgit 21C.

During next 24 hours, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) forecast that widespread rain-thundershower accompanied by strong gusty winds, with hailstorm at isolated places, was expected in Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA, Islamabad and upper Punjab. In Punjab rain fall is expected in Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sahiwal divisions.

While scattered heavy downpour is expected in Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat divisions, FATA, Kashmir, Islamabad and D.G Khan divisions during the period. Rain-thundershower accompanied by strong gusty winds is expected at scattered places in Multan, D.G Khan divisions, and at isolated places in Bahawalpur, Quetta, Zhob, Kalat divisions. A low pressure area lies over north Balochistan and its adjoining areas. Westerly wave is affecting upper and central parts of the country and likely to persist till Monday, an official of Met office told APP.

The forecast warned that the heavy downpour could generate urban/flash flooding in Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat divisions, FATA, DG Khan, Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Lahore divisions and Kashmir during the current spell.

KARACHI: Most cases of dengue fever are being reported from the city's most affluent area, District South, according to the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP).

"It is being observed for the last year that more cases are reported from this particular district," said Dr Masood Ahmed Solangi, the head of DPCP. District South comprises Defence Housing Authority (DHA), Clifton, parts of Saddar, Lyari and Keamari towns. The posh neighbourhoods of DHA and Clifton are breeding grounds for dengue mosquitoes leading to a rise in the number of people suffering from dengue fever.

Anti-dengue drive: Minister for complete eradication of epidemic Swimming pools, nurseries, home gardens and pools of water under air-conditioners are some common bodies of stagnant water that breed dengue mosquitoes.

Dr Solangi pointed out that the waste water created by air-conditioners is not disposed of regularly. "Same is the case with swimming pools," he added. Stored water in such forms creates safe reservoirs for dengue mosquitoes. The DPCP has approached the management of hotels and clubs to change their water regularly but their requests are hardly followed, complained Dr Solangi. After South, District East — comprising Gulshan and Jamshed towns — also has a high number of dengue cases, shared Dr Solangi, adding that the lowest number of cases are reported from District Malir. "It is an urban-centric disease," he explained, adding that even the cases reported in other parts of the province were mostly affected in Karachi. Those parts of District South, which are not graced with wide streets and less piles of garbage, are suffering much like the rest of the city. Densely populated neighbourhoods of Saddar, Kharadar and Lyari lack proper sanitation facilities. "Residential areas are not cleaned properly," complained a Saddar resident, Naveed. "This is not a new issue. We have been facing this since childhood," he added. "Just go to posh areas and

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The Nation, March 12, 2016

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compare [them with the] kind of environment we are given."

Salman Khatri, a resident of Lyari's Lea Market, also pointed at garbage piles in the area. "I don't remember any fumigation [taking place] recently," he said, adding that people usually just kill the mosquitoes with their hands. The local hospital records confirm that these areas are also breeding dengue mosquitoes. "Our special ward for such patients is always full," said Dr Abdul Aziz Soomro, who was until recently working at Lyari General Hospital. As the head of the hospital for more than two years, Dr Soomro observed that, not only sanitation issues, but pathetic sewerage system, neglected, and overpopulated areas in District South multiply the chances of seasonal diseases. "The citizens in this particular area need awareness sessions on health-related issues," he suggested.

Even the local administration, which is responsible for conducting fumigation drives, admits to lingering sanitation problems. "Sanitation issues exist in parts of District South and [poor] sewerage is also a major problem," said Nisar Ahmed Soomro, the administrator of district (South) municipal corporation. "There is an acute shortage of sanitary workers," he explained, adding that there was a ban on hiring and even when the government tries to hire them, it never hires the numbers they need. "The shortage of sanitary workers doesn't exist in my district alone but across the city," he added. He pointed out, however, that the municipal authorities carry out monthly sprays to kill mosquitoes.

Drive against dengue

In a first, the DPCP has recently hired two entomologists from the malaria programme, who will launch an anti-dengue drive in various parts of the city next week. In this larvicidal drive, the authorities will target the dengue mosquitoes in the larvae stages, said a health department official, adding that the drive will begin from District East. Moreover, the DPCP also plans to launch a mass awareness campaign in the city from March 22. It hopes to help the people understand their role in controlling the dengue mosquitoes and fever.

Different parts of the country, including Islamabad and Rawalpindi, are receiving intermittent rains. A spokesperson of Met Office told Radio Pakistan Islamabad correspondent that the highest rainfall of 128 mm has been recorded in Malam Jabba followed by 69 mm in Murree. He said the present rain spell will persist till Monday morning while another spell is expected to start from Wednesday.

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Disaster Management Authority has issued alert about flash floods due to continuous rains in different areas of the province. People living near the river banks and seasonal nullahs have been advised to be careful.

In Balochistan, people facing flash flood may contact Provincial Disaster Management Authority control room at 081-9241133 and Quetta division control room at 0819203036 in case of any emergency. Three children and a woman died and six children and a woman injured in rain related incidents in Khyber Agency and Takht Bhai today. According to official sources, three children died when roof of a house collapsed at Akka Khel of Khyber Agency. A woman died and three children injured in another house collapsed incident in the area. Three children and a woman wounded in a house incident at Takht Bhai, district Mardan.

As heavy rains are predicted to hit different parts of the country, specifically Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the KP provincial Disaster Management Authority (DMA) has issued flood warnings in all districts and demanded that necessary steps be taken to protect the people against the disastrous impact of possible flash floods, that ravaged the areas in July 2015. Even though flood-warning cells are being set up in every district, and advancement has been made in establishing early warning system for flooding in KP, will this flood season be significantly different than the last? Time will surely tell.

Last year officials of KP and Fata's Disaster Management Authority and departments concerned were directed to remain fully alert and monitor the flood and rivers' situation round-the-clock in the provinces as the flood warning was issued, much like it is now. Why then was there a large loss of life and such devastation in the area if monitoring was carried out efficiently and warnings were disseminated well before time?

The main reason was the infrastructure that rendered ineffective in the face of such devastating flash flooding. Has the KP government ensured that the rehabilitated flood affected areas were provided with flood resistant housing and infrastructure to withstand future events? It is highly unlikely.

While political will is apparent in the KP government to become better prepared to withstand future events, efforts must be stepped up to improve infrastructure and emergency responses in the likelihood of loss and devastation. Setting up early warning systems are a crucial and integral part of flood loss prevention but implementation of effective evacuation and contingency planning is harder said than done. Disaster Management is a resource intensive operation one that cannot be effectively carried out with the centre's support and allocation of appropriate amount of funding.

QUETTA: Torrential rains played havoc in Balochistan province as 14 people died and several others were injured in several rain related incidents. Several houses were also damaged in different areas across the province on Friday.

Deputy Commissioner Pishin Wahid Kakar said that five including an elderly person, his two grandsons, two granddaughters died while three family members including women were injured as roof of a house caved in due to heavy rain in Haramzai area of district Pishin. The bodies and injured were retrieved and shifted to hospital.

Levies sources said that five of a family including three minor girls died when roof of a mud and stone made house situated in Shana Ponga area of Sherani district of Balochistan suddenly came

KP awaits Rs 26bn from donors for Malakand rehabilitation

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18 Die As Heavy Rains Hit Most Parts Of Country

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down as heavy rains lashed the area during last two days. Local tribesmen reached the site of the incident and recovered the bodies from the house's rubble. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) stated that three other people have also died in Chaghi and Mastung districts of the province. Four girl students sustained wounds when roof of a school caved in Loralai.

In various districts, low lying areas were submerged with several link roads being washed away. A flood situation occurred after a breach in Jhal Magsi's dyke whereas the drains in surrounding areas of Chaman and Zhob overflowed after heavy downpour. Heavy rains also lashed Makran, Sibbi and Dalbandin. In Quetta, torrential rains have caused cracks in houses situated in the Muslim Town area. "Heavy rainfall has affected dozens of houses in the Muslim Town area and the adjoining villages," said Younas Lehri, the deputy mayor of Quetta. Lehri added that due to the damages sustained to the houses, the residents feel unsafe and some have been moved to safer areas. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has alerted the PDMA to tackle the emerging situations as efficiently as possible. Chief Minister of Balochistan has also directed the PDMA and the concerned deputy commissioners to step-up their efforts and ensure safety of the residents.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatisation was informed on Friday that the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) received only Rs26 billion from the donors out of the total pledged amount for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Malakand Division. Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Mohsin Khan Leghari, Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani, Mohsin Aziz and representatives of the Finance Ministry, State Bank of Pakistan, National Bank of Pakistan, United Bank Limited and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government attended the committee meeting chaired by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla.

The representative of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government informed the committee that the damage assessment of Malakand after 2009 operation was jointly done by the Asian Development Bank, World Bank and the provincial government and according to this assessment the total damages stood at Rs68 billion. The donors pledged Rs52 billion, but the provincial government has received just Rs26 billion from them so far. He said the federal government had to provide Rs17 billion, but it provided only Rs2 billion. The committee chairman accepted the proposal of the Finance Division for convening a meeting of the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Economic Affairs Division and the Finance Ministry to sort out the issue. Meanwhile, the Senate committee discussed the issue of uniform duty rate on apple import from all border routes that currently stood at 35 percent at some places and just 5 percent at other places. The members of the committee were of the view that this unbalanced duty rate was not in the interest of the country.

The representative of the Federal Board of Revenue clarified that the import duty stood at 20 percent and there was a regulatory duty of 15 percent on imports. He clarified that trade with Afghanistan would fall in the concessional schedule; therefore, 10 percent duty was charged, but that could be reviewed. The FBR representative said the federal government had recommended new recruitment to curb smuggling on the borders. The Senate committee also held an in-camera briefing with the representatives of the State Bank of Pakistan on the role of private banks like Standard Chartered Bank, City Bank and Deutsche Bank in the issuance of Euro bonds.

LAHORE: Lahore Gujranwala hit by hailstorm, hilly areas by snowfall; red alert declared in Balochistan; rains to continue for next 24 hours; wheat crop may be damaged.

ISLAMABAD: Rains continued playing havoc in various parts of the country, especially Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab, on Friday and at least 18 people, including 11 children, were killed in roof and wall collapse incidents and road accidents. The water level in Rawalpindi's Nullah Leh increased after a downpour in the city.

A woman and her four children were killed after their house collapsed in village Killi Shina Ponga in the Shirani district of Balochistan due to heavy rains. Also, four women and one child were killed in another roof collapse incident in Zhob and five others in the Haramzai area of Pishin district. Pishin DC Wahid Kakar said those killed included a grandfather, two grandsons and as many granddaughters. Three others were injured in the same incident. In Bhakkar, two children were killed in school wall and house roof collapses. In 63-ML village, a wall of the Government Girls' Primary School collapsed, killing class one student Javeria, and injuring her brother Adnan, a class three student. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Friday took notice of the Bhakkar school wall collapse, and sought a report from the education minister and secretary schools education. He ordered an inquiry into the incident and expressed sympathies with the bereaved family over the death of a girl student. He also ordered the best treatment facilities for the injured.

On the Dajil Road, a young girl Shahnaz was killed and three persons, including Pervin, were injured. The injured were admitted to the DHQ Hospital in critical condition. Also, three persons were killed and four others were injured when a passenger van with a tanker due to rain on Islamabad Murree Road.

Also, a man was killed and four others critically injured in a house collapse due to intermittent rains in Tank area of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa on Friday. Police said Naeemullah, 12, was killed while Zota, Rafiullah, Aadil and Said Rehman of the same family sustained severe injuries when roof of their house collapsed in village Wadoki. Locals rescued the injured and shifted them to DHQ Hospital, Tank.

Heavy rains in Balochistan have wrecked havoc on life and property. Several roads have been swept and far-flung villages have been cut off from main cities. The worst-hit areas were Kalat, Sorab, Naukundi, Chagai, Qila Abdullah, Pishin, Yaro Saranan, Bostan, Toab, Kakari Toba, Achakzai, Noshki, Harboi, Nichara, Panjgur, Ziarat, Sibi, Mach, Dera Murad Jamali, Chhatar, Manjho, Shori Mir, Hasan Khuzdar, Naal, Wadh Karkh, Dalbandin, Taftan, Saindak, Gandawa, Chaman, Kharan, Awaran, Harnai, Zhob, Shirani, Musakhel, Barkhan and others. Quetta received 34 mm rainfall during the recent spell, said the Met Office Friday. Many areas have been without

21 more dengue cases emerge in city

Pakistan Today, March 12, 2016

UNICEF expedites efforts to rescue Thar children

Daily Times, March 12, 2016

Minister says climate change is a serious threat

The Nation, March 12, 2016

electricity for several hours and a state of red alert has been declared in the province. The provincial government has directed local authorities to remain alert to cop with emergencies.

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Balochistan said in a statement all arrangements have been made to deal with any emergency-like situation. The Met office said Balochistan might receive more rains during the next 24 hours. It also forecast flash floods in storm water nullahs. Meteorological Department Director-General Dr Ghulam Rasool believes that heavy rains expected during this week are likely to affect the wheat crop in southern parts of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. He said wheat crop was ready to be harvested in southern Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and hailstorm in these areas might damage it. The current rain spell would continue till March 14 and after the gap of one day, rain is expected again on March 16 and 17, he said.

On Friday, Lahore and Gujranwala were hit by hail and rains. According to weather department, rain and thunderstorm are expected in Lahore on Saturday (today) while the spell would continue till the next 48 hours. A low pressure area lies over north Balochistan and its adjoining areas. Westerly wave is affecting upper and central parts of the country and likely to persist till Sunday. Widespread rain-thundershower accompanied by strong gusty winds occurred in Balochistan, Punjab, Islamabad, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Kashmir, while at scattered places in Sindh.

The city received 7mm rain while the minimum temperature recorded in the city was 17 degrees Celsius and the maximum 24. The maximum in the country was 36°C at Benazirabad. Lalamusa city received heavy rain, followed by thunderstorm here on Friday. The heavy showers inundated various roads and streets of the city. The rainwater entered houses in low-lying areas including Jogi Mohallah, Tanki Mohallah, Qasba Mohallah, Sardarpura Road and Mohallah Lal Masjid, and caused problems for the residents.

At least 21 more dengue viral fever cases have emerged in Karachi during a week, taking the patients toll to 271 in the city since January 1, 2016.

According to the weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention and Control Programme Sindh, 23 new dengue fever cases were detected in Sindh province, out of which 21 happened in Karachi and one each in Sukkur and Thatta from March 4 to 10, 2016.

A total 284 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since January 1, 2016, out of which 271 were detected in Karachi, five in Hyderabad, two in Sukkur, one each in Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirabad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far.

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has expanded its emergency nutrition response programme to all 44 union councils of Tharparkar keeping in view the high rate of child deaths in the district. The UNICEF has been closely working with the Sindh government to save the children of Tharparkar suffering from malnutrition. Reports said that more than 200 children died in Tharparkar in last three months. In an interview to Daily Times, UNICEF Chief of Field Operations Rahama Rihood Mohammad said that Thar was one of the drought-affected districts of Sindh where high rate of malnutrition was prevalent.

"Extreme heat in the summer, food scarcity, unsafe drinking water and a lack of access to basic health facilities have an adverse effect on the life and well-being of the community," he said. The programme has so far screened 194,540 children (95,693 boys and 98,847 girls) for the assessment of acute malnutrition. A total of 14,503 children were found suffering from severe malnutrition and were admitted in the outpatient therapeutic programme. Similarly, 55,732 children were found suffering from moderate malnourishment and are being managed at supplementary feeding programme. About 125,720 mothers and caretakers were reached for lifesaving nutrition messages. UNICEF does not have the statistics of child deaths due to malnutrition in Thar, but information can be sought from the government of Sindh. The UNICEF project will complete on March 31, 2016. Beyond that date, the government of Sindh has pledged to continue support for nutrition interventions from its own resources under the World Bank supported PC-1. He said that poverty rates were high and a lack of rain affected agriculture and livestock, the main sources of livelihood. As a result, malnutrition was common among children and women. High rates of child mortality – largely due to acute malnutrition – posed a major challenge for local authorities, humanitarian organisations and civil society groups working in the area.

Responding to a question about UNICEF's response to the problem of acute malnutrition, he said that for the last several years his organisation had been supporting the provincial government to counter acute malnutrition through the Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition programme in Tharparkar. These efforts were intensified in 2014 after a number of child deaths due to malnutrition were reported in Tharparkar. He said the UNICEF was helping through community-based measures, better access to services and raising awareness about proper nutrition. The UNICEF, in collaboration with the Nutrition Support Programme of the Department of Health of the government of Sindh and its partner organisations, was providing emergency nutrition response in all 44 union councils of the district, he said.

LAHORE - Provincial Minister for Environment and Population Welfare Zakia Shah Nawaz has termed the climate change as a serious threat to livelihoods of millions of people across Pakistan.

She said that Punjab also facing the same phenomenon and the provincial government of Punjab is fully aware of the scale of threat and keen to redress the climate change impacts on the communities through various adaptive measures. She said this while speaking as Chief Guest at provincial seminar 'Harvesting Global Food Security & Justice in the face of Climate Change, held here on Friday under the GROW campaign. The seminar was held by Indus Consortium in collaboration with Oxfam Novib Pakistan. The Provincial Minister assured the participants that the provincial government would take all the possible steps to resolve climate change related issues that are identified by the experts and climate change effected communities. Earlier, the provincial

Heavy rains may trigger flash floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in next two days

Dunya News, March 11, 2016

NDMA Directs Precautionary Measures To Avert Flash Flood Damages In Kp

Brecorder News, March 11, 2016

First dengue patient reported in Rawalpindi

Dawn News, March 10, 2016

steering committee on climate change presented various recommendations to provincial government redress the threats posed by climate change. The recommendations based on the detailed deliberations by members of steering committee with the representation of experts from academia, civil society, concerned officials from government line departments, media and local communities.

The recommendations were including various policy measures and administrative actions for climate change adaptation and mitigation. Ashiq Hussain Bokhari, coordinator of the steering committee said that climate change impacts vary in different localities that include unprecedented rains, floods and drought situation and creating serious situation of food insecurity, especially among local farming communities. He said that the provincial government needs to take step to help communities in finding local solutions of the issues under Local Adaptation Plans for Action (LAPAs).

Dr Pervez Hassan, Climate Change Commission Punjab on the occasion said that it is a matter of great satisfaction that climate change and its impacts are not only being discussed but the government and communities have started working together to address these issues.

He said that climate change commission Punjab would welcome communities and civil society organizations to reach at a coherent approach to ensure our agriculture and communities are better protected from the impacts of climate change. Saadia Sohail Rana, member Provincial Assembly Punjab said that we need to enhance awareness at every level. Senior academician Dr. Khalid Saifullah Khan, Anjum Riaz, Chief Meteorologist Food Forecasting, Jamshaid Fareed, Iqbal Hyder and Asim Saqlain also expressed their views on the diverse impacts of climate change on the food security situation, especially in the Punjab province.

The speakers also highlighted the need of finding climate change impacts on local level in the form of local adaptation plans. The speakers said that Local Adaptation Plans of Action (LAPAs) around Climate Change issues have been developed in six districts of Punjab by Indus Consortium. They said such mechanisms need to be replicated in all districts of the Punjab keeping in view their specific issues and requirements.

ISLAMABAD - An active weather system, presently giving rains over Balochistan, is heading towards Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and very likely to intensify on Friday evening and night. Under the influence of this strong weather system, widespread rains are expected over KP on Friday and Saturday.

According to Met Office, scattered heavy at times very heavy downpours expected over upper parts of KP, including Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan and Kohat divisions during Friday evening to Saturday that may trigger flash floods in the vulnerable areas of the province. So far, Khuzdar has received 37mm rain, Kalat 36mm, Quetta 34mm, Jhang 32 mm, Barkhan 24mm, Dalbandin 23mm, Sibbim, Zhob 22mm, Mandibahauddin 19mm, D.I. Khan 18mm, Dir 15mm, Lower Dir 14mm, Sargodha 13mm, Cherat, D.G. Khan 12mm, Panjgur 11mm, Mianwali 10mm, Bannumm, Malamjaba 9mm, Kohat 08mm, Islamabad Z.P., Saidu Sharif 07mm, Gujranwala, Nokkundi 06mm, Faisalabad, Jacobabad, Larkana, Multan, Rawalpindi 05mm, Mirkhani, Garhi Dupatta, Muzaffarabad 04mm, Jhelum, Mangla, Peshawar 03mm, Kotli, Murree, Rawalakot 02mm, Toba Tek Singh, Drosh, Sialkot A/P, Risalpur and Pasi 01mm.

During next 24 hours, widespread rain-thundershower accompanied by strong gusty winds is also expected in Kashmir, Islamabad, FATA, upper Punjab (Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sahiwal divisions), while at scattered places in south Punjab (D.G. Khan, Bahawalpur, Multan divisions), north east Balochistan (Quetta, Zhob, Sibbi and Naseerabad divisions), isolated places in Sindh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Makran divisions.

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has asked the concerned to take necessary measures to avoid loss of life and damage to property in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to likely flash floods in next two days due.

NDMA has directed rescue and relief agencies to remain ready to respond at a short notice, issue early warning to people in vulnerable areas, ensure monitoring of water ways thorough SMS and all possible ways and deploy required staff, place relief, rescue stocks in most vulnerable areas at union council level. NDMA said Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has predicted that an active weather system, presently causing rains over Balochistan, is heading towards Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and very likely to intensify on Friday evening/ night/Saturday.

Widespread rains / thundershowers expected over KP on Friday/Saturday. Scattered, heavy at times very heavy, downpours expected over upper parts of KP, including Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Mardan and Kohat divisions during Friday evening to Saturday that may trigger flash floods in the vulnerable areas of the province.

RAWALPINDI: The first dengue patient of the year landed in Holy Family Hospital this week but the patient is not local. Nasir Mehar, 24, belongs to Jund in Attock district. However, he is believed to have gotten infected in Karachi where he works. Relatives said he reached his village home sick from Karachi on February 28 and they brought him to the hospital.

"Initially, we took it to be a case of Congo fever," HFH medical superintendent Dr Raja Shafique told Dawn. "But tests at the National Institute of Health declared him a dengue patient." Since the man was said to have suffered from dengue fever in the past also, Dr Shafique said he was shifted to ICU for treatment. "It is time for the district administration and the health department to mount precautionary measures against spread of dengue fever in the city and adjoining areas. The Met Office has predicted rains in the coming days, which will produce ideal conditions for breeding of dengue mosquitoes," Dr Shafique said.

No such effort is visible in the garrison city, however. Like last year, the health department has not started any anti-dengue spray along Leh Nullah. Most dengue cases are reported from these

LEAD Pakistan launches 'Climate Change Portal Pakistan'

Daily Pakistan, March 10, 2016

Zika virus mosquitoes found in Pakistan: GOARN

Express Tribune, March 9, 2016

Pakistan ranks 4th among countries hit by climate change

Daily Times, March 9, 2016

areas. So far, the health department's work has been limited to briefing ministers and chief secretary. "More than 1,100 personnel recruited for anti-dengue drive draw their salaries but are not seen active on the ground," said a senior officer of the department, lamenting that "recruitment of 350 more workers is in the process." Anti-dengue spray activity should have started with the start of the spring season, he said, warning that "the longer it is delayed, the greater would be the risk of a dengue crisis." Dawn made several attempts to get comments of the Executive District Officer Health Dr Arshad Ali Sabir and District Health Officer Dr Raffique but received no response from their sides.

ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) – Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan, in collaboration with OXFAM Novib, has launched the 'Climate Change Portal Pakistan' which aims to create an online database to disseminate research and sectoral papers on Climate Change and its associated sectors. The portal aims to raise Climate Change awareness on various themes by publishing materials authored by Pakistani and non-Pakistani researchers/writers. The portal will host project reports, policy briefs, country position papers and government policy documents on sectors associated with and affected by climate change. The portal will also serve as a source of news for national and sub-national events on climate change. According to Arif Rahman, Coordinator Climate Change, LEAD Pakistan, the climate change research in Pakistan is in its infancy. "The portal will bring together resources that will help researchers engage in meaningful research on Climate Change issues in Pakistan, and will add to the growing realization that besides being a scientific issue, Climate Change is significantly a development issue as well," he added. The portal features several themes such as Adaptation, Mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Low Carbon Development, Resilience, and Climate Finance. It also covers various sectors such as Health, Energy, Water, Transport, in addition to a section on policy updates featuring policies on Forests, Water and Climate Change itself.

The Climate Change Portal Pakistan houses a section on blogs, where people from all walks of life can contribute stories on Climate Change, discussing how it's impacting the world and what needs to be done in this regard. The portal launch is part of LEAD Pakistan's Climate Change program, and supplements its recently initiated process of capacity building and program planning on Climate Change in Pakistan. It contributes to Climate Change program objectives of research and initiating policy engagement; capacity building for increased stakeholder engagement; creating and managing partnerships and multi-stakeholder networks; and designing for implementing mitigation and adaptation models and frameworks.

ISLAMABAD: A leading member of the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN) has warned that mosquitoes carrying the Zika virus have been found in Pakistan.

"Keeping in view the presence of Zika mosquitoes in the country, the health sector is on high alert and has been urged to devise a strategy for its possible appearance and spread in the country," Dr Muhammad Najeeb Durrani of GOARN said while speaking to The Express Tribune. 'Outbreaks of Zika have been reported in tropical Africa, Southeast Asia, the Pacific Island and most recently, the Americas. As the mosquitoes that spread Zika virus are found throughout the world, including Pakistan, it is likely that outbreaks will continue to spread. Although the virus has zero mortality rates, it poses a serious threat to pregnant women as the virus directly affects babies before they are born as they are subject to severe birth defects.

The outbreak of Zika in Brazil also led to reports of the virus causing the Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) discovered in newborns. GBS is a rare disorder where a person's own immune system damages the nerve cells causing muscle weakness and at times paralysis. "As we take into account the presence of Aedes Aegypti, the same vector for dengue fever, we need to think about the serious nature of the alert. Zika virus spreads to the people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito," Durrani explained. "The most common symptoms of Zika virus diseases are fever, rashes, joint pains and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting for a week to several days. There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat Zika," he added. "We are fortunate that we have hands on experience of 10 years of dealing with the same vector that causes Zika virus. Aedes aegypti has been responsible for causing dengue fever in most parts of the country," Durrani explained. "As such, the mechanism is there for vector control and amongst all four provinces, Punjab has revolutionised the vector control aspect of the disease. Same measures are needed for the control of Zika Virus if that emerges in Pakistan. Pregnant women should avoid visiting the countries where the virus has already been reported," Durrani advised.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the mosquito-borne virus an international public health emergency due to its link to thousands of birth defects in Brazil, as the UN agency seeks to build a global response to the threat. WHO officials are unsure that the virus causes microcephaly. The organisation said that the virus, transmitted by the bite of the Aedes aegypti mosquito, was "spreading explosively" and could infect as many as four million people in the Americas. The Pan American Health Organisation says Zika has spread in 24 nations and territories in the Americas.

ISLAMABAD: A report released by the German Watch Index has ranked Pakistan fourth among the countries hit by climate change.

It said that year 2015 was the hottest in Pakistan and temperature crossed the level of 1 centigrade, adding Sindh remained worst affected area where 2,000 people fell victim to it. "Increase in world temperature till 2100 is estimated at 3.5 centigrade while Pakistan's share in emission of gasses from green house is less than 0.5 percent. 2,000 people lost their lives in 2010 devastating floods and it caused set back to the Pakistan economy equal to 7 percent of GDP," the report revealed. Marked changes in the intensity, frequency and variability of temperature, precipitation, floods, droughts, cyclones are taking place enormously. This reveals that hazards of climate change in Pakistan are increasing day-by-day. Following the adoption of 18th amendment,

Rain, water accumulation may help breeding of mosquitoes' larvae

The News, March 8, 2016

Climate change bigger threat to Pakistan than terrorism

Pakistan Today, March 6, 2016

climate change has become a provincial subject to considerable extent. The report stated that Pakistan had to suffer loss of \$6 billion in 2012 in the face of climate change. Pakistan will require annual investment of \$8 billion for curtailing emission of gasses from green house by 15 percent, the report added. According to Climate Change Index 2015, South Asia features atop the list of regions, which are vulnerable to climate change.

Pakistan economy relies highly on agriculture sector, which constitutes 21 percent of the GDP. It has a lion share in fetching foreign income. Being an agrarian economy, Pakistan dependence on climate is indispensable. The situation of allocation of funds to mitigate impact of climate change is not "encouraging". Only Rs 936 million were earmarked for environment protection in fiscal year 2015-16, while Rs 25 million were set aside for climate related matters. "73 percent deduction was made in this fund as compared to last year." According to an estimate, Pakistan needs \$14 billion annually to counter climate change specific hazards.

Change in monsoon winds have given rise to additional threats in 25 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Punjab. The average increase in temperature in Pakistan since 1950 has increased two fold as compared to change in average world temperature. Glaciers are turning black owing to accumulation of carbon. This has resulted into reflection of light rays. Heat absorption capacity and glaciers melting ratio has registered increase. The maximum snowfall process is shifting from January to February while duration of snow freezing is also narrowing down.

RAWALPINDI: The recent rain spell in this region of the country may help creating possible breeding sites for larvae of 'aedes aegypti', the vector that causes dengue fever putting population at risk of facing a possible outbreak of dengue fever in the coming months.

At the time when temperature is rising and the environment is getting favourable for breeding of mosquitoes including 'aedes aegypti', the rain spoiling the larvicidal activity, the sprinkling of chemicals including temephos on unnecessary water reservoirs may increase chances of mosquitoes' breeding. The rain would also help creating more pockets inside and outside homes for mosquitoes' breeding. According to health experts, it is time for both the concerned government authorities and individuals to take preventive measures including elimination of possible breeding sites. The population in twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi had faced the worst ever dengue fever outbreak last year, in 2015, and according to a number of health experts, the eggs of 'aedes aegypti' would have been in abundance in the region that would be hatched on getting moisture on favourable temperature.

The rain may cause water accumulation on under construction sites, on rooftops in discarded cans and like utensils and it is observed that majority of our population does not give proper attention to removal of these possible breeding sites that increase chances of growth of dengue fever vector, said a top official serving at allied hospitals while talking to 'The News' on Monday pleading anonymity. He, like many other health experts, said that only by elimination of possible breeding sites of mosquitoes from inside homes, the chances of a possible outbreak of dengue fever can be reduced to a significant extent. He added that it is time for the health departments in the region to take prompt action for elimination of potential breeding sites of larvae of 'aedes aegypti' to safeguard population from dengue fever and to save millions of rupees which are spent on patients from national exchequer. It is important that last year, the allied hospitals had to face intense shortage of space for keeping dengue fever patients and had to spend huge resources for their treatment.

The official said that there is a need to create awareness among public that it is not possible for the health department to carry out activities to eliminate breeding sites inside homes on regular basis and hence individuals should take responsibility of checking breeding of mosquitoes in their homes. The recent rain spell has provided water to the eggs of mosquitoes increasing the chances of growth of larvae and to avoid it, immediate removal of water accumulation is needed. Experts say that instead of launching awareness campaigns after onset of dengue fever outbreak as was done in the past, the government authorities should launch effective awareness and surveillance campaigns at the time to avoid a possible outbreak of the infection.

Climate change is bigger threat to Pakistan than terrorism, foreignpolicy.com reported. Pakistan has struggled to manage urgent crises, ranging from infrastructure woes to terrorism for decades. While its policies focus on short-term conventional threats, a potentially devastating danger lurks in the shadows: climate change. As the impact of global warming continues to grow, the political and economic instability it brings will threaten Pakistan's security. The Pakistani government must prioritize its response to climate change in order to mitigate environmental threats and prevent future calamities. Much like the government, the Pakistani public finds it difficult to prioritize climate change when the average citizen is deprived of life's most basic necessities. For the population, immediate and clear hazards to their livelihood trump long-term, still largely invisible threats. In 2007-2008, a Gallup poll found that only 34 percent of Pakistanis were aware of climate change, and only 24 percent considered it a serious threat. However, this perception is changing as global warming starts to impact everyday life. Over the past several years, Pakistanis have witnessed, firsthand, the devastating effects of climate change.

Catastrophic floods displaced millions, and severe droughts in Thar and Balochistan portend the damage global warming can cause. The frequency of those floods has increased over the last five years, due to melting glaciers and heavy rainfall. Karachi, Pakistan's most populous metropolitan city, suffered a heat wave so severe it claimed the lives of almost 1,200 people. These recent disasters could account for the change in public opinion from the 2007-2008 Gallup poll to the situation in 2015, when Pakistan joined the list of 19 countries where the majority of the population now considers climate change a top global threat.

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KARACHI: The Sindh government has identified 53 seminaries having 'leaning towards militancy' against which security agencies have been ordered to take 'appropriate action', it emerged on Saturday. Officials of the home department said they had got reports from intelligence sources which found 53 madressahs with 'leaning towards militancy' and a majority of them were in Karachi. In a previous report that was compiled last year, the government had identified 49 madressahs 'having links with terrorist organisations'. Sources said the government did not name militant groups to which the seminaries had ties with in the latest report after it had received strong reaction from several religious parties and representatives of different madressah boards to its previous report. The latest report, which has been submitted to Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah, used the term "leaning towards militancy" unlike the previous report that stated "links with terrorist organisations", the sources said. While the militant groups had not been named in the updated report, relevant information had been shared with the Sindh police and the Rangers to take 'appropriate action' against them, the sources added. The report, however, did not explain what happened to a similar order that had been given for action against the previously identified 49 madressahs. According to the latest report, more than half of the seminaries with militant leanings were situated in Karachi, while a dozen others were in Hyderabad. The rest of the seminaries were functioning in Sukkur and Larkana divisions. The officials reiterated that they were planning to take legal action against the madressahs. A similar claim they had made months ago.

12,000 seminaries in Sindh

As the authorities updated figures related to madressahs in its report, it emerged that their number increased threefold in Sindh during the past one year. More than 4,000 seminaries had been recorded until April last year, while their number jumped to 9,590 in October and around 12,000 according to the latest report. In all, 6,711 madressahs had registered themselves with the government, as the rest were still unregistered, the officials said. The report said more than 600,000 students were enrolled with the seminaries. While the government had sealed 167 unregistered madressahs in Hyderabad and Benazirabad, a large number of madressahs were still functioning across the province. Most of them were situated in Karachi West district. The officials said necessary coordination had been made to launch a search operation soon. They said 32 unregistered seminaries had been searched over the past one year. During the search operation, nothing objectionable had been found in other seminaries except the one functioning in Karachi. As the registration of madressahs was under way, the unregistered ones had been told that they would be sealed if they continued to delay the registration process further. "The unregistered madressahs which have not yet been sealed are under strict surveillance of the law enforcement agencies and will be sealed if they delayed the registration process any further," said a senior home department official.

The officials said construction of a madressah would be allowed only if an applicant had obtained a no-objection certificate (NOC) from the home department besides completing other requirements. For this, the industries department had been requested to amend rules which made the home department's NOC necessary in addition to the deputy commissioner concerned and the Sindh Building Control Authority. The report mentioned that most of the madressahs were concentrated in Karachi West district, while Tando Allahyar district had the lowest number of seminaries in Sindh. It added that a dominant majority of madressahs were owned by Wifaq-ul-Madaris Arabia (Deoband), followed by Tanzeem-ul-Madaris Ahle Sunnat (Bareilvi), Wifaq-ul-Madaris (Fiqh Jafria) and Wifaq-ul-Madaris Al-Salafia (Ahle Hadith).

According to SAFRON Ministry, so far 285,400 displaced families have been repatriated to their native towns. The Federal Government has released thirteen billion rupees during the current fiscal year for repatriation of temporarily displaced persons of FATA. According to sources at the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, so far 285,400 displaced families have been repatriated to their native towns in FATA. The sources said an amount of 35,000 rupees is being provided to each family. The process of repatriation of FATA TDPs will be completed by November this year.

PESHAWAR: IGP Nasir Khan Durrani has directed regional police officers to install a biometric system in courts as part of security measures. As part of the process, fingerprints of all employees, bar association members, lawyers and visitors will be recorded. Only those whose biometrics can be verified will be allowed to enter court premises. The rest will need to produce summons issued by the court for their hearing. The IGP issued these instructions at the RPOs conference at the Central Police Office on Friday, stated a handout. The CCPO and other officials were present at the meeting which was convened in the wake of the militant attack on Shabqadar courts. According to the handout, RPOs will work to persuade the district and session judges to convene a meeting of bar associations and police to review court safety. Participants at the meeting appreciated the role played by the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police in the war against terrorism. Sacrifices rendered by the police in terrorism incidents were lauded. Durrani said, "The biometric system will be installed in courts in Shabqadar to thwart terrorism."

Law and order

The prevalent security situation in the province was discussed at the meeting. An offensive strategy was devised to counter emerging tactics adopted by the militants to attack soft targets. Security of all sensitive installations, including educational and government institutions, foreign projects and minority worship places will be heightened. The IGP stressed on search and strike operations to purge the settled areas of any sleeper cells and to crackdown against those who

Police mismanagement: CM orders inquiry into irregular appointments of 9,000 policemen

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Pakistan's JF-17, elite commandos perform at parade marking end of 'North Thunder'

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facilitate militants. It was highlighted snap-checks along arteries connecting Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the settled areas would be enhanced. Durrani directed RPOs to utilise public liaison councils which were established in villages and neighbourhood. He reiterated, "As commanders, it is our duty to protect and maintain the honour and dignity of the force."

KARACHI: Taking notice of irregularities in the appointment of 9,000 police personnel and investigation funds, Chief Minister (CM) Qaim Ali Shah directed on Friday the chief secretary to probe the matter and punish those involved. According to a press release issued by CM House, these orders were issued after an interim report was submitted by an inquiry committee comprising three senior police officers – Sanaullah Abbasi, AD Khawaja and Sultan Khawaja – to the Supreme Court recently. The report revealed irregularities in appointments and distribution of funds in the Sindh police. Hearing the Karachi law and order suo motu case on Thursday, the Supreme Court was informed that a large number of cops were illegally inducted in the police between 2012 and 2016. The CM's spokesperson explained that 9,000 vacancies were to be filled through district-level committees formed by the government, however, a higher number of people were inducted. "Who ordered to appoint more people and who is responsible for it," asked the CM, directing the chief secretary to order the anti-corruption department to launch an inquiry and submit a report.

Funds' misappropriation

The chief minister also took notice of embezzlement of funds in the police department where officers, in the name of investigation, have embezzled millions of rupees. The inquiry report by the three-member committee has revealed that over Rs200 million were released by the police in Kashmore, Tharparkar, Matiari and others districts and all the funds were transferred through cheques. The CM also ordered the chief secretary to pinpoint problems in funds distribution and seek a solution for it. "I need an impartial inquiry [carried out] to punish the elements who have defamed the government," Shah said.

KARACHI: Two suspected criminals were killed in separate raids by law enforcement agencies late Thursday night and on Friday. A Lyari-based gangster, identified as Mustafa alias Lal Golden, was killed when paramilitary troops conducted a raid at a multi-storey building in Singu Lane area of Lyari after receiving intelligence about the presence of at least three suspected gangsters late Thursday night. The spokesperson of the paramilitary force said that during the raid, gangsters opened fire on paramilitary officials and tried to escape from the rooftop. However, one gangster was killed during an exchange of fire while his companions managed to escape, he added. Automatic weapons, ammunitions and drugs were recovered from the slain suspect, said the spokesperson, adding that he was involved in a grenade attack at a medical store in Lyari about a week ago. Six of his companions have already been killed by police and Rangers in Lyari in the last week, he revealed further.

Similarly, a suspect allegedly involved in street crimes, was killed during an exchange of fire with police in Machar Colony locality of Docks on Friday. SSP Fida Hussain Janwari said the suspect was a robber and had been involved in various cases of street crimes. The encounter took place when police raided a criminals' hideout, he explained. The suspect's body was taken to Civil Hospital Karachi for autopsy and later shifted to Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth. A case has been registered while further investigation is under way. Meanwhile, as many as 30 suspects were taken into custody during an overnight targeted operation in Korangi locality. The operation was conducted on a tip-off about the presence of suspected criminals, however, most of them, after being taken to various police stations, were later released as they were found innocent during initial investigations.

WANA: Authorities on Friday arrested 22 tribesmen in South Waziristan region in a "collective responsibility" punishment a day after eight government officials were kidnapped, officials said. The tribal areas, which include South Waziristan, are governed by colonial-era legislation under which relatives, tribesmen and neighbours of suspects can be arrested and detained for years without trial for a crime committed by another. Eight officials of the FATA Development Authority (FDA), the government organisation for the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, were kidnapped in South Waziristan on Thursday. "We have arrested 22 tribesmen to put pressure for the release of the eight FDA officials as the kidnapping took place in their area and it is their collective responsibility to help authorities in the recovery," Masood Khan, a political officer, told Reuters on Friday. No militant group has so far claimed responsibility for the kidnappings. The South Waziristan enclave on the Afghan border forms one-fifth of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas and is governed under a system inherited from British colonialists.

Government-appointed political agents rule through the Pashtun tribes and collect and distribute revenue with little oversight. The people have limited rights. Decades of resentment felt by the population and the US bombing campaign on the Afghan border following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States spawned a generation of militants who used South Waziristan to launch assaults against the state and US-led forces in Afghanistan. In 2009, Pakistan Army ordered the biggest offensive yet, pouring 40,000 troops into South Waziristan in a bid to tip the balance. But the offensive displaced almost half a million people as homes, schools and hospitals were turned into hideouts by militants and meagre civic amenities were destroyed.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's JF-17 Thunder aircraft performed flight manoeuvres during a military parade at the concluding ceremony of the 12-day 'Thunder of the North' military exercises in Saudi Arabia on Friday. "Pakistan is the only country whose pilots and fighter aircraft took part in aerobatics at the show as PAF's display team Sherdils performed with its K-8 Karakoram aircraft," a PM House statement said. Soldiers from Pakistan's elite commando force, the SSG, also performed free fall by jumping off military helicopters carrying flags of 21 countries, which took part in the 'North Thunder' military drills. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif attended the parade in King Khalid military city with custodian of the two Holy mosques, dignitaries and officials from other countries. The PM along with leaders of other Islamic

CTD arrests female facilitator of PAF airbase attack in Peshawar

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Govt committed to restoring peace in Balochistan: Zehri

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ATC indicts 25 MQM workers in 50 cases

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countries inspected the contingents of 21 countries pass through the stage with their respective flags.

Earlier on Thursday, prime minister along with the army chief witnessed the military exercises billed as the region's biggest-ever military exercises. The exercises took place near Hafr al-Batin city, close to the Kuwaiti and Iraq borders. Saudi Arabia's chief of staff, General Abdulrahman al-Bunyan, commanded the exercise and called it "the largest Arab and Islamic military gathering" in the region. Northern Thunder's official Twitter account said the exercises aimed to "confront all the threat scenarios in the region". According to the International Institute of Strategic Studies, Saudi Arabia has the best equipped military of Gulf countries, with an army of 75,000 troops and 313 combat-capable aircraft.

PESHAWAR: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Thursday arrested a suspected facilitator of the attack on Pakistan Air Force base in Badhabar. "During the course of investigation a woman facilitator Zari Zadgai alias Perveen, wife of Mewa Khan, resident of Telabanad village has been arrested," a press release said. "She provided food to the terrorists and also confessed that she provided empty bottles to the terrorists which were then used to assemble explosive devices," it added. The female facilitator also revealed other vital information during the course of interrogation. Perveen was arrested by the Special Police Unit of CTD. On September 18, Taliban militants dressed in official uniforms attacked the air force base in Badhabar area of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, killing at least 29 people, most of them soldiers, the group's deadliest assault in months following a major military offensive against them. Security officials said the attackers split into three groups after entering the camp, with two moving to a residential area.

GWADAR: Chief Minister Nawab Sanaullah Zehri has said that the atmosphere of fear prevailing in Balochistan for years has been brought to an end and people are now taking part in activities aimed at its development and progress. He warned that no individual or group would be allowed to impose their ideology upon people. Nawab Zehri said this while addressing the concluding ceremony of the Kech Sports Festival in Turbat on Tuesday night. "Some misguided elements handed out guns to the youth, instead of books, which destroyed their future," he said. Former chief minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch, Commander Southern Command Lt Gen Aamir Riaz, Senator Shahbaz Durrani, local government officials and a large number of students were present. The chief minister said that the 'misguided elements' wanted to push the province back towards backwardness and decay by hindering its development. He warned that no one would get their demands accepted through violence. He said that in a democratic society, everyone had the right to do politics and one could get his due rights and address grievances by adopting a democratic approach.

The chief minister attributed the improved law and order situation in Makran and other parts of the province to the relentless efforts and sacrifices of security forces. He lauded the people of Makran for rejecting the anti-state and violent elements and extending their help for restoring peace in the province. "A lot of blood has been shed and time wasted. We cannot afford further losses," Nawab Zehri said, adding that the government was determined to restore peace in Balochistan. He urged students and youth to focus on education as there was no dearth of talent among them. He paid tribute to Dr Malik Baloch for the efforts that he had made for the development of the province. The chief minister announced a reward of Rs3 million for the children who performed on the occasion and Rs500,000 each for folk singers, Akhtar Chanal and Muhammad Arif.

ISLAMABAD: On the direction of Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar, the capital administration restrained three Islamabad-based Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) from working following allegations of obtaining foreign funding, it emerged on Wednesday. The NGOs, Rozan, Sahil and Tameer-e-Millat Foundation were stopped from working by the capital administration on charges of not maintaining mandatory documents and acquiring foreign funding. Tameer-e-Millat Foundation works for promotion of education, Sahil, for child rights and Rozan is working for the protection of the rights of women and children. A senior official in the capital administration told The Express Tribune that restraining orders were issued after a special team headed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (East) Islamabad Abdus Sattar Essani, conducted a raid at the offices of the said NGOs. During the raids it was found that Tameer-e-Millat Foundation purchased surgical instruments without paying the import duty which is illegal, explained the official. Similarly, the NGOs failed to maintain mandatory record of documents which raised questions over their legality. "The administration is likely to conduct more raids in the future," he added. The official explained that foreign organisations were not allowed to fund local NGOs nor collect funds in the country without official permission.

KARACHI: The trial of 25 Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) workers in 50 cases of possessing illicit weapons and explosives began after an anti-terrorism court indicted them on Wednesday, almost a year after their arrest. The workers were arrested during the pre-dawn March 11, 2015, raid by the Rangers at the MQM headquarters, Nine Zero. According to the prosecution, a number of unlicensed weapons and explosives were seized from their possession. The ATC-VI judge, Abdul Naeem Memon, framed charges on Faisal Mehmood alias Mota, Shabbir Ahmed alias Farhan Mullah, Ubaid Khursheed alias K2, Nasir Shah, Amir Ali alias Sir Phatta, Amir alias Totla, Kazim, Imtiaz, Taufiq, Rizwan, Abdul Qadir alias Hangoro, Nadeem Ahmed, Javed, Sajid Ali, Shakeel, Faizan alias Usama, Zubair, Wajihur Rehman, Syed Mumtaz, Noman, Asif, Haseeb, Mehmood Hassan, Mehmood Abid and Faizan. Faisal Mehmood was convicted of the murder of journalist Wali Babar and was awarded a death penalty in absentia in March, 2014.

The judge read out the charges to the suspects and asked them whether they accepted the allegations against them, to which all the suspects denied the charges and opted to contest their cases. Afterwards, the judge issued directions to the investigating officer to bring on record evidence and produce witnesses against the suspects at the next hearing. The cases against the suspects are being heard inside the jail, as the provincial home department had notified the court

BLA commander among six militants killed in Balochistan

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21 terrorists killed in Shawal valley

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Top civil-military huddle vows to eliminate terror day after Shabqadar attack

The Express Tribune, March 8, 2016

Suicide bomber kills 17 at Charsadda court, TTP Jamatul Ahrar claims responsibility

Daily Dawn, March 7, 2016

that there was a security risk in bringing the suspects for the hearings. The cases are registered at the Azizabad police station under Section 23(1)(a) of the Sindh Arms Act and Section 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, read with Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act.

QUETTA: At least six militants, including a commander of the defunct Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA), were killed during a targeted operation in Sangan area of Sibi on Wednesday. "Aslam Acho, alias Meerak Baloch, second hand command of BLA, is among six killed during the raid conducted by the security forces," spokesperson Balochistan Government Anwarul Haq Kakar told reporters. "Aslam was also a spokesperson for the proscribed outfit." Two security personnel, constable Muhammad Hassan and Mubashir Ali, were also killed during the raid against the militants, the spokesperson added. "The deceased were shifted to CMH Quetta in a helicopter." Kakar said the deceased leader had direct links with Harbyar Marri and was wanted in 24 cases and his head money was Rs6 million. "He [Aslam] was involved in attacks on security forces, targeted killing of innocent people and blowing up of railway tracks." The spokesperson said Aslam Acho was an Afghan national and working in a mineral department in Balochistan. "After the return of Nawab Kahir Baksh Marri in 1992, he was given a Pakistani CNIC," Kakar said and added that he was the main moderator of camps for BLA. Later, Chief Minister Balochistan Nawab Sanaullah Zehri and Commander Southern Command Lt-Gen Amir Riaz undertook an aerial view of the area where the incident had taken place.


PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervaiz Khattak said on Monday he has written a letter to Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar to fix the issue of Afghan SIMs working in border areas of Pakistan. "Afghan SIMs are being used for making extortion calls to people in K-P from Afghanistan," he said while talking to the media at his office. "The attacker of a businessman recently killed in Peshawar, is in jail in Afghanistan," he said pointing out the reach of trans-border criminal mafia. Khattak said he has asked the interior minister to give him time for discussing the issues of Afghan SIMs, mobile phone towers installed close to the border, unchecked border crossings, deployment of Frontier Constabulary between tribal and settled areas and Rangers in Peshawar. According to the letter sent to the interior minister by Khattak on February 23, the extortionist gangs were operating from across the border and only Islamabad could talk to Kabul to resolve the issue. "Currently 98% of extortion calls being received are originating from Afghanistan where we neither have any access nor the jurisdiction to operate," Khattak wrote. The letter also calls for proper border management at Torkham and other entry points for stopping infiltration. The chief minister has asked for full deployment of Frontier Constabulary on border between settled areas and Fata. The CM demanded funds for raising 1,000-strong Special Force in K-P along with provision of Rs66.280 billion as special financial package for capacity building of K-P police.

RAWALPINDI: Security forces have killed at least 21 terrorists since last night in Shawal valley of North Waziristan, ISPR said on Tuesday. According to DG Inter Services Public Relations Lt-Gen Asim Bajwa, the terrorists were killed in the air strikes jointly carried out by Pakistan Air Force and Army Aviation and were assisted by ground forces. The ground forces also continue hunt for fleeing terrorists through chase, cordon and search operations since last night. The ISPR says important heights and passes along Pak-Afghan border have been secured by the forces and the valley's sanitisation is in progress.

ISLAMABAD: The country's top civil-military leadership on Tuesday vowed to eliminate terrorism and reviewed the internal security situation, a day after Shabqadar court attack. In a meeting of the country's top civil-military leaders, chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the PM House in Islamabad, the participants condemned the cowardly act of terrorism in Shabqadar in which civilians and law enforcement agency personnel lost their precious lives, a statement said. "The meeting agreed that elimination of terrorism from our soil is a national resolve and paid tributes to the personnel of law enforcement and security agencies who embraced martyrdom while fighting this menace of terrorism," it added. Further, issues pertaining to national and internal security were discussed during the meeting which was attended by Army Chief General Raheel Sharif, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, SAPM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, National Security Adviser Lt-Gen (retd) Nasir Janjua, DG ISI Lt-Gen Rizwan Akhtar, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chauhdhary and other senior officials of the government. The meeting comes a day after 16 people, including three police personnel, were killed in a suicide attack in Shabqadar Bazaar of Charsadda district in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

Shabqadar, located about 150 kilometres northwest of Islamabad, is adjacent to the Mohmand tribal area, which has seen several attacks in recent days. Hours after the attack, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) splinter group Jammatal Ahrar had claimed responsibility, saying it was revenge for Mumtaz Qadri's execution. "We are responsible for the attack on the district court in Shabqadar," TTP spokesperson Ehsanullah Ehsan said in a statement. The TTP, also known as the Pakistani Taliban, has been waging an insurgency against the state since 2007, in a bid to impose a strict interpretation of Islamic law. A series of military operations in tribal areas — the latest of which was Zarb-e-Azb launched in 2014 — have reduced the TTP's ability to hit major targets regularly, but attacks on security and civilian targets do continue to occur.

PESHAWAR: At least 17 people were killed in an explosion in the premises of a local court in Charsadda's Shabqadar area on Monday, hospital sources said. The Jamatul Ahrar, a splinter group of the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), claimed responsibility for the attack in an email sent to journalists, saying the attack was carried out to avenge the hanging of Mumtaz Qadri, killer of former Punjab Governor Salman Taseer. The blast left at least 30 people injured, while two police personnel and a woman were among the dead. Official sources at the Shabqadar Hospital told DawnNews they received 13 bodies, while the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar received four. District Police Officer Sohail Khalid told DawnNews that the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber. The attacker was intercepted by policemen stationed at the court gate as he was attempting to enter the sessions court premises. The cops fired at the attacker who detonated his



explosives with a loud bang. At least 17 people, including two policemen were killed while 30 others were wounded in the attack. Eyewitnesses at the site said they heard firing after a loud blast. The casualties were shifted to Shabqadar Hospital. Hospital administration said they received seven bodies. At the time of the explosion, the courts were crowded after a break over the weekend. Some vehicles parked in the vicinity of the blast site caught fire. Efforts are being made to put the fire out. Security and emergency teams reached the blast site and sealed the area.

Awami National Party (ANP) Zahid Khan, talking to DawnNews after the blast, criticised the provincial government for 'taking inadequate security measures'. Shabqadar tehsil is close to Mohmand tribal region, which is one of seven semi-autonomous tribal regions in the northwest, where Pakistani Taliban and Al Qaeda-linked militants were said to have carved out strongholds. The incident comes at a time when law-enforcement agencies are said to be making gains in implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) and taking counter-terrorism measures across the country. A total of 2,159 terrorists have been killed and 1,724 arrested, data from the interior ministry showed, since NAP was launched following the TTP-claimed attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar on Dec 16, 2014. The number of attacks in Pakistan has fallen around 70 per cent, due to a combination of the military offensive against Taliban bases along the Afghan border and government initiatives to tackle militancy, but attacks on security and civilian targets continue to occur occasionally.

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DETAILS

RAWALPINDI: With drop in temperature after rains residents of many areas in Rawalpindi are facing low to zero gas pressure. "Once again, there is zero gas pressure in stoves in this cold weather and we are facing troubles to cook foods," said Shazia Anjum, a housewife and resident of Munawar Colony. She said the sellers of LPG, kerosene oil, wood and coal have increased the prices of these items making it difficult for middle and lower middle class to run daily routine life smoothly. 'The News' learnt that majority of localities are facing zero gas pressure. These localities include Adiala Road, Munawar Colony, Jarahi, Pirwadhai, Rawat, Gulistan Colony, Morgha, Tench, Jan Colony, Chamanzar, Nadeem Colony, Chah Sultan, Sadiqabad, Muslim Town, Saddar, Bakramandi, Dharmyal and several other areas. The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) General Manager (Rawalpindi Circle) Muhammad Zahoor said that we are trying to provide maximum gas pressure but we are facing difficulties because of cloudy weather for some days. The Met Office has predicted heavy rain till Sunday. After Sunday, consumer will get full pressure gas, he claimed.

A three-day polio eradication campaign will begin in Balochistan on Monday. A spokesman of polio emergency center told Radio Pakistan Quetta correspondent that all arrangements have been finalised to immunize over two million children in the province. Over six thousand mobile teams have been formed while tough security arrangements have been made to avoid any untoward incident. Meanwhile, health officials have requested parents to cooperate with polio teams for the safe future of their children. A three-day anti-polio campaign in 24 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will begin from tomorrow. During the campaign, more than fifty five hundred thousand children below the age of five years would be administered anti-polio drops. The provincial health department has constituted fifteen thousand three hundred ninety eight mobile, fixed and transit teams for this purpose. Meanwhile, four-day anti-polio drive will also start in FATA tomorrow. More than nine lakh eighty thousand children would be administered anti-polio drops for which three thousand six hundred and ninety eight teams have been constituted. Foolproof arrangements have been finalized for security of the polio teams.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Cleft Lip and Plate Association (ICLAPA) on Saturday organized free medical camp in the federal capital during which a number of Cleft lip or cleft palate kids were operated. A group of Pakistani doctors on volunteer basis conducted the surgery of Cleft lip children. President of ICLAPA M. Aftab said that such medical facilities are being provided to affected children on regular basis, enabling them to live a normal life. M. Aftab said that the Association has also decided to build a specialized hospital for the general treatment of children along with post-care health facilities. Its construction work could be started as soon as they get a proper piece of land. A committee has been formed to acquire the land as a donation or on reasonable payment, he added. The President ICLAPA said that it is engaged in this task for last many years. He said that ICLAPA also offers services, such as instructing mothers as how to feed newborns with cleft lips and cleft palate, besides providing speech therapy and dental treatment of patients. It was also trying to create awareness among the general public about these congenital defects. He hoped that well-to-do people will come forward to support the organization to serve ailing humanity. The Association comprises a group of volunteers working for this noble cause. The plastic surgery camp examines and treats registered patients from all regions of Pakistan. The registration is carried out all around the year. The experts regularly check previously operated and treated patients. In Islamabad, the free camp is organized at the residence of Association's Focal person Prof. Mrs. Farhat Akhtar Rehman (House No. 07, street 13, F-8/3). Contact numbers: 051-2251276, 0333-5157676. It may be mentioned here that out of every 530 live births, one Pakistani child is born with a cleft lip or a left palate, or both who could be cured with timely proper care.—INP

In what appears to be highhandedness of a doctor, patients with serious medical conditions have been passing through great torment at the National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (NIRM) for the past few weeks, *Pakistan Today* has learnt. According to sources in the hospital, urology patients are being denied operation(s) for the past four weeks for reasons best known to Anesthesia Consultant Dr Muniba Iftikhar, thus pushing already-distressed patients in a grave ordeal. "Dr Muniba might be having some personal grudges," insiders revealed, saying she should have listed patients for the operation theatre and must not put them to the sword just to settle scores. Sixty-year-old William Masih is one of those patients of the Urology Department who for the third time learnt on Saturday that he would not be operated upon even though he had been asked not to eat anything on Friday night because of his operation (on Saturday morning). "I was really shocked when the doctor refused to operate upon me without giving any reason," said the 60-year-old hernia patient who looked sad and wretched, complaining, "This is the third time I have been called in but am not being operated upon." "I have to wait for another week since urology patients are operated upon only on Saturdays," said William with a heavy heart unsure he will be allowed in the operation theatre when he walks in the next time.

Another patient, who is also having the same trouble, expressed surprise at the attitude of the anesthesia consultant, and said as to why action was not being taken against her. When asked about Dr Muniba Iftikhar's refusal to list patients for operations, Dr Fartash Sarwar, a NIRM urologist, showed his ignorance over the matter. "This refusal is beyond my comprehension," he said, recalling that NIRM Executive Director Dr Fazle Moula had issued clear directives on February 11 for carrying out surgery of all patients without a delay. Asked if Dr Muniba enjoyed strong political backing or support, Sarwar said poor patients were not supposed to bear the brunt whatever the case was. He said that William and five other patients with serious medical conditions had been waiting for the past four weeks to get listed in the operation theatre. When contacted Dr Muniba Iftikhar categorically

CM announces Rs 40 million for IBA Sukkur

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refused to talk on the issue and dropped the call angrily. She did not even respond to the text messages she was sent.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Qaim Ali Shah and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly (NA) Khursheed Shah on Saturday awarded degrees and medals to 150 graduates of the Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (IBA) in Business Administration, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Education and Mathematics. CM Qaim Ali Shah was chief guest and Leader of the Opposition in National Assembly Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah was the guest of Honour for the said event. On the occasion, Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah announced Rs 40 million for Sukkur IBA. Syed Qaim Ali Shah congratulated the graduating students for achieving degree from one of the best educational institutions and wished them success in their future endeavors. CM Syed Qaim Ali Shah in his speech lauded the efforts of Prof Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui for leading Sukkur IBA in Sindh to become third best business school in Pakistan in such a short span of time. Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah further said that the provincial government has been able to increase number of universities from three to nine and provide employment to almost 200,000 peoples of Sindh and his government is trying its best to overcome cheating culture and to provide quality education on merit. While addressing students of the IBA Sukkur, Syed Khursheed Shah congratulated dean and director of IBA Sukkur for creating an educational institution of excellence and said that one day they will have to lead the affairs of this institute. He said, "I am happy to see that a large number of students at IBA Sukkur hail from underprivileged backgrounds. Now, it is their responsibility to support poor families and prove to be an asset for the country." He expressed his happiness on female students for securing top positions and getting gold medals. He further said that Sukkur is the hub of business activities as it is situated at the junction of three provinces and in this city an institute like IBA Sukkur is a blessing. In 3rd convocation ceremony of the IBA Sukkur, a total of nine gold medals were awarded to meritorious students of different academic programmes at IBA Sukkur. Muhammad Saqib for MS (Management) for Spring 2013, Attaullah for MS (Computer Science) for fall semester 2013. Faryal Aijaz for MS (Applied Mathematics) for Spring 2013, Ali Raza Saeed for MBA 4 years programme for fall 2010, Paras Sindhu for MBA 2 years programme for fall 2012, Shafaq Siddiqui for BS (Computer Science) for Fall 2011, Faiza Azhar for BS (Software Engineering) for fall 2011, Waqas Ahmed BE for electrical engineering for Fall 2009 and Zoya Juman Jamro for Associate Degree in Education for fall semester 2013 batch. Three silver medals were awarded to Atta Muhammad for MS (Computer Science) for Fall 2013, Farooq Ahmed Shah for MBA 4 years programme for Fall semester 2014 and Rakhi for BS (Computer Science) for Fall semester 2011. While, Rinkal Rani for MBA 4 years programme for Fall semester 2010 was awarded with a bronze medal.

KWSB imposes 'rain emergency'

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KARACHI: In view of expected downpour, the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) have imposed 'rain emergency' in the city. A spokesman of the organisation said on Saturday that a 'red alert' has been issued to the field officers and staff. He said that they have been directed to keep the required machinery and equipment in order. Similarly, in view of expected down pour, municipal emergency has been declared in District Municipal Corporation (DMC), Korangi. The weekly holidays of Saturday and Sunday have been suspended and the usual municipal work would be continued throughout the week. The Korangi DMC Administrator Ghulam Rasool and Municipal Commissioner Amir Bux Junejo made an announcement to this effect. The concerned officials of Shah Faisal, Korangi and Landhi zones have been directed for the removal of encroachments from the 'nallahs' in the areas and required measures for ensuring cleanliness. The Korangi DMC Administrator Ghulam Rasool undertook a detailed visit of the area. He pointed out that the DMC Korangi has completed the arrangements for the rain emergency and the required staff and machinery has been deployed in the area. The administrator called for improving the sweeping and removal of garbage on daily basis. He also directed that a complaint centre to be activated for addressing the public grievances.

Anti-polio drive in Punjab starts tomorrow

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LAHORE: A three-day anti-polio drive in Punjab will start tomorrow (Monday). Adviser to Punjab Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Raffique said the campaign will be held in 3,550 union councils in all 36 districts of the province where 18,343,426 children of below five years will be administered polio drops. Salman said that district coordination officers (DCOs) and divisional police officers (DPOs) of all the districts have been asked to ensure security for polio workers and health staffers. He said that routine immunisation coverage has increased significantly in Punjab. Owing to these anti-polio campaigns, he claimed that Punjab has become polio-free province. Last year, he said, only two polio cases were reported in Punjab out of total 54 cases in the country. He said that so far no polio case has been reported in Punjab this year. He said a total of 43,848 teams have been constituted for the campaign which include 36,848 mobile, 4,340 fixed and 2,314 transit teams. The secretary also directed the staff to ensure preparatory activities in line with National Emergency Plan for polio eradication. Punjab Health Services Director General Dr Mukhtar Hussain Syed urged parents to get their children immunised in the campaign. "Besides mobile teams, the EPI staff at health facilities and fixed sites will be available for administering polio drops and routine immunisation. Instructions have been passed to all EDOs to ensure coverage of every child, especially in high-risk mobile populations", he said. The Health DG said special transit points have been set up on bordering districts where children will be immunised on entry points. He said in case of teams not visiting the area, parents can contact the help line 0800 99000 during campaign days.

'Boundary wall upraising of 22 educational institutions near completion'

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ISLAMABAD: The upraising work of boundary walls of 22 educational institutions in the federal capital is near completion under first phase of the Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme (PMERP). The work of remaining institutions would be carried out in the second phase as the programme was initiated for safety and security of educational institutions in the federal capital. While citing details about steps taken by the government for the purpose, the information issued by Ministry of Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) has revealed that Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) endeavors to provide quality education to children of residents of the capital city through its 422 educational institutions. Every effort is being made to ensure safe, secure and conducive environment in all educational institutions. The ministry said that an amount of Rs 182.337 million has been allocated and transferred to Pakistan Works Department (PWD) for repairing and

School in Lower Dir with no boundary a threat to students' lives

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SC orders removal of billboards from city's roads

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GCU's Botany Department turns 104

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uplifting of boundary wall of the educational institutions. The installation of razor wire is also included in the project. The said work has been started in 24 educational institutions working under FDE. The other features of the programme are provision of CCTV surveillance system in all the public institutions under FDE designed and developed Security Inspection Monitoring System (SIMS) for real time monitoring, analysis and reporting security inspection and also designed and developed Daily Visitor Invigilation System (DVIS) for schools and colleges to make educational institutions secure from all manifestation of threat and other suspicious activities. The ministry further informed that the chowkidars (watchmen) are appointed in the institutions and they perform their duties vigilantly to ensure security of the institutions while visitors are allowed to enter the institutions after they prove their identity and checked properly. The security guards are equipped with metal detectors in most of the educational institutions. Students are not allowed to go outside the college premises and emergency telephone numbers are also displayed at prominent places in the institutions while fire extinguishers are installed in the institutions. With regard to instructions issued by the government to administration of private educational institutions for their safety and security in the federal capital, the ministry said that these include non-scalable walls (at least eight feet high), wall topped off with two feet high concertina wire, trained security guards (roof top, gate and stealth placement), metal detectors, walk through gates, CCTV coverage with fifteen days memory backup, emergency exits, nomination of chief security officer by each private educational institution and verification of pick and drop services. In addition to the above, Special Branch of the office of Assistant Inspector General (AIG) of police has been assigned to conduct security audit of private educational institutions of Islamabad. Moreover, office of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) chief commissioner has constituted an Implementation Watch Committee (IWC) to review security arrangements of these private educational institutions in the city.

TIMERGARA: Despite growing threats to educational institutions across the province, Government Primary School Kass Barikot located at Bandagai ward in Lower Dir has no boundary wall posing threat to the lives of its students and teachers. Talking to this reporter on phone, president of a local welfare organisation Muhammad Ilyas said that the Lower Dir education department had failed to take concrete measures for the construction of the boundary walls of the school. "The school is a soft target for anti-state elements as it is located at the bottom of mountains," he added. He said the school had no drinking water facility for students and lacked other basic facilities.

KARACHI: Supreme Court has ordered immediate removal of all kinds of billboards on footpaths and roadsides of the city within a month, terming them a threat to human life. A three-member bench ordered Additional Attorney General Salman Talibuddin to summon representatives of institutions responsible, which included Cantonment, Civil Aviation Authority, KMC and DMC. The court has also sought a report from additional attorney general in a month. Justice Khilji Arif questioned who installed the billboards on both sides of Karsaz and Drigh Road, adding that the situation is beyond understanding that federation agencies are sending notices to each other, why such situation arose that the institutions are sending notices to each other. Justice Ameer Hani Muslim expressed anger over illegal billboards, declaring them a threat, and ordered to immediately remove from roads. Meanwhile, Sindh High Court has directed authorities for removal of encroachments and occupation of forestland. The forestland used by aerial seeding for reforestation and GIS mapping in the province, so that it could be saved and to develop better climate to protect the environment. Forest Department has failed to comply with SHC orders to end illegal occupation of 134,560 acres of forestland in Sindh. Another petition was filed against Forest Department and others to remove illegal encroachments as well cancellation of lease in Larkana, Shikarpur and others districts. According to petitioner Muhammad Umar, a resident of village Garhi Qaisar Khan taluka Garhi Yasin, Shikarpur District, who filed a constitutional petition in Sindh High Court at Circuit Court Larkana and seeking the implementation of previous Court orders passed by Sindh High Court in the light of petition filed by Indus Development Organisation and another filed by United Human Rights Commission of Pakistan regarding the issue of forestland. In this regard, two divisional benches had given directives to all districts and sessions judges in Sindh to constitute public vigilance committees in their respective districts for the monitoring of forest cover, in case of any violation action be taken and submission of monthly basis reports. The petitioner stated that Chief Conservator Forest Department Sindh had submitted in court that Forest Department had leased out a total of 82,500 acres of land and the lease would expire by December 2015 and December 2018, adding that leasing was required to grow trees over the 20 to 80 percent, but unfortunately 80 percent leases failed, besides chief conservator said that 134,560 acres of forest land is under the encroachment. The court issued directions to adopt the effective and forceful measures with support of Rangers, police and district management for removal of encroachment and cancellation of leases. The petitioner submitted that forestland starts from Bhaman Plot Larkana district towards forest areas of Dirgpur Shikarpur District is in illegal occupation of local sardars, chieftains and they are cultivating the land, earning millions and using it to harbor dacoits and criminals. The officials of forest department instead of taking action against them, are playing the role of facilitators.

LAHORE: Alumni of the Government College University (GCU) Lahore Botany Department on Thursday night celebrated the 104th anniversary of their department by organising a cultural evening that was marked by two highly enthralling Urdu plays 'Chipko Movement' and 'Botanist', along with cultural dances and music performances by the students. Speaking on the occasion, BAA President Ajmal Rahim said the GCU's botanists had proved to be highly versatile and besides teaching and research, they had also performed exceptionally well in bureaucracy, sports, business and other professional fields. He also reflected upon the significance of Botany mentioning a famous saying 'all flesh is grass'. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah lauded the strong attachment of BBA office-bearers and members with their alma mater and mentioned the extraordinary support of the association's president for a successful plantation drive at the Main Campus and Kala Shah Kaku Campus of GCU. GCU Botany Department Chairperson Dr Ghazala Yasmeen Butt said it was the 5th alumni reunion of the department and they would further strengthen linkages with old students.

World Kidney Day observed in Mayo Hospital

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LAHORE: A seminar and walk were arranged under the aegis of Department of Nephrology, King Edward Medical University in connection with World Kidney Day at Mayo Hospital. KEMU Vice Chancellor Prof Faisal Masood led the walk and inaugurated a free camp set up for kidney patients. Addressing the seminar, Prof Masood said that creating awareness about diseases among the people was essential so that they should get medical checkup on regular basis. He said the timely diagnoses and early treatment can help in controlling diseases. Mayo Hospital Medical Superintendent (MS) Dr Amjad Shehbaz said inspite of heavy rush of patients, services of doctors and nurses are appreciable, adding that the people should control blood pressure and sugar for protecting themselves from kidney diseases. Moreover, treatment from quacks is also causing kidney diseases, he added. Head of Nephrology Department Prof Muhammad Anees said that Nephrology Department has been formally working since 2013 and it has produced five nephrologists so far, adding that his department is providing training facilities for fellowship. Earlier, former Health director general and Mayo Hospital MS Dr Zahid Pervaiz also addressed the seminar. He informed about his struggle for the establishment of nephrology department. Prof Faisal Masood said that philanthropists have provided millions of rupees for dialysis machines and development works in Mayo Hospital.

Army-supervised Rescue 1122 training concludes

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LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) Urban Search and Rescue's (USAR) Master Trainer Course 2016 concluded on Friday. This course was organised by the Pakistan Army on the direction of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif for Rescue 1122 team consisting of 20 personnel including five officers and 15 officials from all over Punjab. Seven personnel from Pakistan Army also attended the course along with Rescue 1122. Rescue 1122 Emergency Officer Dr Rizwan topped the USAR Master Trainer Course, whereas Capt Uzair received 2nd position and Rescue 1122 Emergency Services Academy Officer Engr Zohaib got the 3rd position. The closing ceremony was held at Headquarters 45 Engineers Division. General Officer Commanding Major General Anwarul Haq was the chief guest and Brig (r) Dr Arshad Zia was guest of honor of the ceremony. All three position-holders of the Master Trainers Course were presented medals, whereas successful participants in the training received certificates from the army. On the occasion, Major General Anwarul Haq congratulated all successful candidates of Master Trainer Course 2016, especially the position holders. He said Rescue 1122 had become a leading organisation in emergency and disaster management. He also appreciated the step of the Punjab government towards establishing nine divisional USAR teams to deal with increasing number of complex emergencies. He appreciated the hard work of trainers during the training period and promised continuous support of Pakistan Army to Rescue 1122 for strengthening emergency management system in Pakistan. Rescue 1122 DG Brig (r) Dr Arshad Zia thanked the army for conducting specialised course of USAR for master trainers team, as the course would definitely enhance the operational capacity of Rescue 1122 and would be helpful to improve coordination in case of any major disaster. He congratulated all successful candidates of the course and directed the team to report at Emergency Services Academy for further training of USAR teams of Rawalpindi and Lahore. The core team of Rescue 1122 for USAR training has been imparted Urban Search and Rescue skills including locating the victims, getting access to the victim, cutting the concrete structure with specialised equipment, stabilising the collapsed building structure, rescuing the victims by confined space entry and height and depth rescue skills from collapsed structure. Furthermore, all participants have gone through the standard operating procedures (SOP) of urban search and rescue skills according to International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) guidelines during the training. Rescue 1122 Master Trainers' team has been evaluated by the USAR specialist of the army through written test, practical skills test, and scenario based exercises.

Rawalpindi to get state-of-the-art 50-bed burn centre

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RAWALPINDI: The Punjab government has approved construction of 50 beds state-of-the-art burn unit for people of Rawalpindi adjacent to social security hospital near to IJP Road. Sources in the district government revealed on Friday that the provincial government has sanctioned construction of well-equipped burn centre in the garrison city near IJP Road. They said that more than 30 kanal of land have already been acquired for the construction of the centre. The hospital would be constructed in the premises of the social security hospital's empty land of labour department. Sources further revealed that the provincial government has also approved Rs 200 billion for construction of the unit and the amount would likely be released within a month. They claimed that the decision for the construction of new burn centre was taken in a high level meeting chaired by DCO Pindi Sajid Zafar where the representatives of concerned department were also present. In a high level meeting, the participants were briefed about the construction of state-of-the-art hospital. They were also informed that the administration had approached provincial minister for labour and social security for its groundbreaking ceremony. They said that soon the construction work would be kicked off as soon as the provincial minister for labour and manpower ensures his availability for the launch of the 50-bed hospital. On the occasion, the meeting was further informed that construction of state-of-the-art burn unit for people of Rawalpindi is need of the hour so keeping in view the sufferings of locals, the district administration had sent proposal to provincial government for this purpose. The meeting was told that the construction of state-of-the-art burn unit is a gift for millions of garrison city, which would likely be functional by end of this year. The meeting also discussed handing of newly constructed building of maternity centre to allied hospital administration, which would likely to be handed over by end of March this year. The said centre is constructed near Chandni Chowk near Murree Road.

HEC forms committee to strengthen entrepreneurship, innovation in varsities

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ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has established an Innovation Steering Committee to further strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship activities in Pakistani universities that will ultimately help in creation of job opportunities as well as country's economic empowerment. Though some institutions and individuals have performed very well in the recent years, yet there is a dire need to encourage maximum number of faculty members, researchers and students to embrace innovative and entrepreneurial endeavors. The meeting unanimously selected Imtiaz Rastghar as chairman of the Innovation Steering Committee. The committee decided to review and further develop parameters to assess Office of Research Innovation and Commercialisation (ORIC), develop a start-up academy as well as will take steps to encourage female entrepreneurs. Each participant

'Probe into tickets' embezzlement of Marghazar Zoo underway'

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CDA's water filtration plants safe: PCRWR

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CDA for fresh demarcation of encroached land in Rawal Dam area

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NH&MP to help people develop road sense

Daily Times, March 11, 2016

presented SWOT analysis regarding his or her interaction with the universities. Dr Arshad Ali appreciated continuous support of the industry and informed them that HEC will welcome their suggestions to improve progress of ORIC to move towards creating a knowledge economy. He said that having worked on the other side of the canvas, he is now in a position to identify the gray areas. He showed his concern on increase in youth population and establishment of new universities. He said, "These graduates are a national asset and we need to work together to develop a road map linking our youth to the solution of rising national requirements." Dr Arshad further said that the HEC looks forward to the positive role of business community for strengthening country's economy. He also informed that the HEC has also planned to convene meeting of ORIC directors to listen to their problems to identify areas where they could be helped to achieve their objectives. HEC (R&D) Adviser Dr Muhammad Latif briefed the forum about HEC's new project on Technology Development Fund (TDF) for PhD scholars. The adviser informed the gathering that the new project is specifically designed to support researchers for prototype development and marketing their research project to benefit the community and economy at large. The executive director said that the establishment of the committee would serve as a backbone to the newly approved HEC's Technology Development Fund for which the government has approved funds worth of Rs 2.95 million.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry has said that probe into embezzlement in tickets of Marghazar Zoo is under way. While, speaking in Senate he said that member planning and design of Capital Development Authority (CDA) is heading the committee to probe embezzlement charges on entrance tickets of Islamabad Zoo. He said that action would be taken on recommendations of the inquiry committee. Tariq Chaudhry told the Senate that Peshawar Morr interchange would be inaugurated on March 23.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR), Ministry of Science and Technology has declared the water supplied from the water filtration plants of CDA as fit and safe for drinking purpose as per health standard of World Health Organisation (WHO). The PCRWR has sent its report to CDA in this regard. On the directions of Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Maroof Afzal, samples of water from different water filtration plants installed in various sectors were collected by PCRWR, which was analysed. After a detailed test, it was reported that the water is safe for drinking as per international standards of World Health Organisation. The purpose was aimed to ensure provision of safe and clean drinking water to the residents of the federal capital. Meanwhile, CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal has directed the water supply wing to carry out inspection of the water filtration plants in the capital city on regular basis to ensure supply of clean drinking water to residents of the federal capital. He also directed the concerned formation of the authority for timely necessary repair and maintenance of the water filtration plants in the capital city. He further directed the water supply wing to ensure replacement of water filters on regular basis and to maintain its proper record.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Maroof Afzal along with the members of the CDA board visited Rawal Dam area on Friday and reviewed the status of the state land reportedly in illegal possession of the encroachers. The CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal visited the Rawal Dam area in the light of notice taken by the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif about the encroachments and illegal possession by the encroachers and to follow his subsequent directions in this regard. On the occasion, members of the CDA board and other senior officers of the authority were also present. After inspection of the area, CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal said that fresh demarcation of the said land would be carried out. CDA's environment, land directorate and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) would conduct the fresh demarcation. He said that in light of the directions of prime minister, the land in adverse possession would be retrieved from the encroachers adding that all illegal structures and encroachments on the state land would be removed to restore the natural beauty of the area. The CDA chairman said that no construction would be allowed at any cost till the fresh demarcation of the area around the Rawal Dam. State land around the Rawal Dam would be demarcated to protect it from encroachers, he added. He further said that the possession of the areas around Rawal Dam has been taken in light of the court's order. However, fresh demarcation would be conducted and state land would be demarcated to ensure retrieval of the state land, he added. The CDA chairman said that check posts would be established for effective monitoring of the land adding that special monitoring teams of land and enforcement directorates supported by capital city police would be deployed to ensure strict vigilance of the state land. The CDA chairman also said that the land in the adverse possession is not of CDA. However, old record would be examined to ascertain the ownership, if any negligence at the part of CDA environment and other officials found then they would be suspended and action would be taken against them. Meanwhile, State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Friday said that the illegal occupation of state land would not be tolerated at any cost. He also visited Rawal Dam area on the directives of prime minister. While talking to media after visiting Rawal Dam along with the CDA chairman and others, he ordered immediate action against land grabbers and responsible of reported China cutting in Rawal Dam area. The minister summoned project director and irrigation department's relevant officers of Punjab to explain their position. The minister also visited Rawal Dam area in light of notice taken by the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif about illegal possession by the encroachers and his subsequent directions to the minister in this regard. He said that in light of the directions of Prime Minister, the land in adverse possession would be retrieved from the encroachers adding that all illegal structures and encroachments on the state land would be removed to restore the natural beauty of the area.

LAHORE: The National Highways and Motorway Police is playing a vital role to improve road sense of the people besides providing training at par with international standards, said N-5 Central DIG Mirza Faran Baig while addressing officers during his visit to NH&MP Driver Training School on Thursday. Sector Commander SSP Masroor Alam Kolachi was also present on the occasion. DIG Baig said the department is establishing road safety institutes all over Pakistan, as these institutes are necessary to produce drivers with better sense of traffic rules and bringing discipline on roads. He directed that the performance of these institutes should be monitored closely so that desired

Campaign to give way to ambulances launched

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KMC declares rain emergency in port city

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Another polio case surfaces in Sindh

Daily Times, March 11, 2016

Transporters violate routes, overcharge commuters

Daily Times, March 11, 2016

Delay in PIMS Cardiac Centre completion causes loss of millions to national coffers

results may be obtained from them. During his visit, the DIG heard problems of field officers and ensured them maximum help in resolving them.

KARACHI: A public-service campaign was launched on Thursday to give way to ambulances and generally increase respect for ambulance services. Joining forces for the important cause include the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Edhi Foundation, Aman Foundation, Indus Hospital, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre and Jinnah Sindh Medical University. The ICRC is also planning to work with government authorities to enact legislation requiring drivers to make way for ambulances on roads. Last November, the ICRC and its partners released the results of a study on violence against healthcare in the port city, stating that ambulance staff were the most vulnerable to violence of all healthcare professionals in the city. In the 12 months leading up to the study, 66% of ambulance drivers had experienced either verbal or physical violence. Factors contributing to the violence included the perceived low social status of the job, a lack of coordination and ways for institutions to coordinate, and the risk involved in traveling to neighbourhoods experiencing law and order problems in order to pick up people injured in ethnic and/or political violence. "Failing to give ambulances the right of way is also a form of violence. It is violence against medical staff, but first and foremost against the patients, because it jeopardises their survival," the report said. For the campaign, a number of media outlets have been contacted to run public-awareness messages and host talk shows that highlight the lifesaving work of ambulance services and inform the general public of their civic duty. Ambulance staff too has a role to play in increasing their safety. By upholding their ethics and not misusing their sirens, they can prevent their image – and that of the medical profession as a whole from being tarnished. The ICRC and its partners have appealed to all media outlets, bloggers and civil society activists to help spread the word and make the city safer for patients, ambulance staff and all healthcare professionals.

KARACHI: Following the forecast of rains in the port city, Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) Administrator Roshan Ali Shaikh has declared state of emergency in Karachi Metropolitan Corporation. Addressing a meeting of officers held in his office at Civic Centre on Thursday, the administrator, referring to the forecast of rains from Friday to Sunday, directed KMC departments to complete all arrangements for drainage of rainwater and for any emergency situation. The meeting was attended by the Technical Services Director General Niaz Soomro, parks director general, senior director municipal services Masood Alam, medical and health services senior director Salma Kausar, mass transit senior director Muhammad Ather and other officers. Administrator Roshan Ali Shaikh said the officers and other employees of KMC would be on their duty during the state of emergency and start working in any emergency situation. The officers were instructed to depute their staff in three shifts to ensure their availability for 24 hours. He said continuous coordination with the district municipal corporations and the water and sewerage board should also be ensured so that all work for water drainage could be carried out under full coordination and comprehensive planning. He asked the citizens to lodge any complaints on the toll free number 1339 on which immediate action will be taken. The administrator also asked KW&SB to cover the open manholes without delay, adding the field officers would have to face the action in case of any casualty during rains. He directed all district municipal corporations to check the condition of advertisement hoardings in the city so that any possible casualty could be averted. The administrator also instructed the officers to focus on the low lying areas, besides attending to the main corridors during the rains and take immediate measures for swift removal of rainwater and cleaning wherever required.

KARACHI: The second polio case of the current year was reported from Jacobabad district of Sindh province on Thursday. Coordinator for Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) for Polio Eradication and Immunisation Dr Muhammad Usman Chachar confirmed that year's second polio case have been surfaced in Union Council Lashari of Jacobabad city. He said 18-month-old, Noor Fatima, has been diagnosed of poliovirus. He said that the girl had already received seven doses. As many as six polio cases have been reported across Pakistan this year out of which two were detected from Sindh. Earlier, Sindh reported its first case of polio this year on February 9, in provincial capital's Gadap Town. The affected was a 34-month-old boy. Last year, 54 children were diagnosed with polio in Pakistan with 12 reported from Sindh including seven in the metropolis alone.

ISLAMABAD: The public transport vehicles plying on different routes in twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi do not follow the allotted routes and create problems for the commuters. The commuters who daily travel between the twin cities are facing problems due to non-compliance of routes number 1C, 111, 121, 21, 105, 120 and 127 by the public transporters. Passengers complained that the public transport vehicles especially vans, mostly lift passengers only up to a particular destination instead of completing their routes forcing them to pay double fare for an incomplete journey. A commuter Ahmed Ahsan said that due to route violation of the transporters, he had to change two vans and pay double fare for the same route. He said that there should be an effective mechanism to ensure route completion and grievances of the commuters should be addressed by the authorities concerned. "I got a wagon of route number 120 from Aabpara," he added. "After boarding the vehicle, the conductor said that they would only go up to Karachi Company as they are running on petrol," a commuter at Karachi Company complained. He alleged that the same vehicle departed for Golra Sharif. The commuters said that the authorities concerned should take stern action against the transporters involved in route violations. The residents of twin cities are demanding modest public transport system to make their mobility affordable. An official of Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) said that the commuters could complain to the traffic wardens available at various stops. He said that the number of challans have been issued for route violation and overcharging on the complaints of the commuters.

ISLAMABAD: Departmental inquiry into alleged corruption of millions of rupees in the construction of cardiac centre in Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) has been finalised. As many as 13 senior officers have been held responsible for this massive corruption and inquiry report has been forwarded to state minister of Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) for action. The state minister for CADD has shelved this report instead of taking action. According to reports,

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Capital police officials 'illegally' grab hundreds of government houses

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available with Daily Times, PC-1 for construction of cardiac centre in PIMS was approved in 2004. PWD sought additional funds worth of Rs 34 million from the government after two years. The work on this project was started in 2008 and this project, which was to be completed within two years, was completed in more than eight years with the cost of Rs 1.24 billion whereas it has to be completed within four years with a total cost of Rs 80 million. PIMS administration has finalised inquiry into delay caused in completion of this project and has sent report to CADD Ministry holding 13 senior officers responsible for the delay. When contacted, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University vice chancellor told Daily Times that due to delay in construction of cardiac project loss worth of Rs 34 million has been caused to national fund. PIMS has finalised an inquiry and sent summary of report to CADD Ministry. CADD Secretary Hassan Iqbal told Daily Times that legal action will be taken against those found responsible for causing loss of millions of rupees to national exchequer through inordinate delay in construction of cardiac centre.

ISLAMABAD: Dozens of personnel of federal capital police grabbed several government owned houses forcefully and evacuated the original allottees. In spite the intervention from state office, Interior Ministry fails to take action in this regard. Daily Times received the documented evidences, which revealed that a Police Constable Fakhar Zaman has taken a house on bogus allotment letter. The house was actually allotted to a low paid naib qasid. When it was proved that allotment letter was fake then the police constable not only took a stay order from the court of law but also threatened the original allottee. The documents showed the fact that ASI Khalid Mehmood has captured a house in the sector G9/2 illegally. The other constables of Islamabad police including Sajjad Ahmed, Muhammad Ilyas, Aamir Sajjad and Muhammad Aslam have taken into custody different houses by using illicit tactics in the sectors of G6 and F6. In sector G-6/2, house no 123D is occupied by a person Islamud Din Khattak whereas another person Abdul Ghafoor held the house no 34/5D in a posh sector of F6. Other police officials who are residing in the houses unlawfully in the sector I-9/4 includes constables Qaiser Mehmood, Abdul Majeed, Asghar Ali Shah, Akhtar Hussain, Head Constables Amjad, Munawar Hussain, Tariq Mubashar, Habib Anar, Shah Khalid, Afshan Butt. The illegal grabbers of the government owned houses are giving threats to the staff of state office as well as original allottees by taking undue advantage of their positions. Sindh former IG Shoaib Siddal has also occupied a big bungalow no 5-B in street no 2 of sector F8/3 illegitimately in the federal capital. However, due to his influence the state office could not vacate the house. Daily Times came to know that hundred of government owned houses are occupied by the police officials in the federal capital illegally with the undue assistance of some corrupt officials of the state office. When Daily Times contacted State Officer Maqbool Ahmed, he said that the state office has sent a list to Ministry of Housing and they will make final decision to take action against house grabbers.

USAID supports children to develop reading habits

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ISLAMABAD: The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) held a ceremony marking the successful completion of 18 small grants encouraging children to develop the skill and habit of reading from an early age. Pakistan Education Office USAID Director Natasha de Marcken said, "We received a record number of outstanding applications for grants to carry out reading activities at the community level." Natasha said that the grants helped to engage parents in activities that will strengthen children's reading ability and reinforce a habit of reading for pleasure and life-long learning. The grants that are provided through USAID's Pakistan Reading Project (PRP) supported small activities lasting three months. The Government Girls Primary School in University Town, Karachi implemented parent-teacher meetings, engaged parents as volunteer story-tellers and established a young-reader prize through its grant. A head teacher Mussarat Khan, "The enrollment in our school has increased remarkably after this intervention," adding that parents are telling us that their children get up early in the morning and are excited to go to school." The USAID-funded Pakistan Reading Project supports provincial and regional education departments across Pakistan to improve the reading skills of children in early primary grades.

Govt to stop salaries of 1,000 'politically appointed' teachers

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KARACHI: The Sindh Education Department has decided to stop salaries of more than 1,000 excessive teachers of Jacobabad district by blocking their online IDs, Daily Times has learnt. According to sources, there are more than 1,000 teachers in excess or appointed on political grounds in the recent past in Jacobabad district, putting extra burden on the provincial kitty. In this regard, Education and Literacy Secretary Dr Fazalullah Pechuho has issued clear instructions to the officials of his department to undergo physical verification of the documents in a bid to improve education standard in the province. There are more than 1,000 teachers appointed on political grounds in Thul, Jacobabad in recent past and all the teachers have failed to produce documents for verification. "We have directed the district education officer (DEO) to obtain documents of all the teachers, however, the officer just submitted documents of some 100 teachers", sources added. Sources alleged that the recruitments of teachers were still on in the Education Department, which is being objected and contested by the Education secretary since the day first. Initially, the online IDs of these teachers would be blocked by the Education And Literacy Department which will stop salaries of the teachers and only those would be restored who could provide verification of the documents, sources said. After Jacobabad district, the same exercise would be launched in Larkana, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu, Khairpur, Hyderabad and other districts in phase wise, they said.

UBL signs agreement for cash collection from DUHS labs

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KARACHI: United Bank Limited (UBL) has signed an agreement with Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) to provide cash pick-up services from 32 DUHS laboratories across Sindh. UBL Payment Service Group Executive Arif Sirhindi and DUHS Financial Adviser to VC Muhammad Sarfaraz were present at the ceremony. Senior officials from both organisations were also in attendance on the occasion. Through the agreement, UBL will provide cash pick-up services from DUHS laboratories across Sindh even after banking hours. Speaking on the occasion, Arif Sirhindi said, "DUHS has been a premier medical institution in Pakistan for the past many years and has been providing professional medical services through its laboratories at economical rates.

75 community midwives hired under public-

KARACHI: As many as 75 community midwives (CMW) have received appointment letter and posting orders from Public Private Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) in a ceremony held at Koochi Goth Women Hospital, Malir here on Wednesday. The provincial certification ceremony was jointly

private healthcare initiative

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Commuters demand more ticket counters at Faizabad Station

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BBIA runway to be closed at specific hours from 10th to 23rd

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CDA demolishes illegal constructions, retrieves land

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Talent-hunt programme launched for students

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organised by Koohi Goth Women Hospital, PPH, Pakistan National Forum on Women's Health (PNFWH) and School of Midwifery. Addressing the ceremony, Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) senior leader Dr Sher Shah Syed said community midwives have played a major role in reduction of maternal death ratio across the world. He said provincial government has taken a positive step by giving administrative powers to non-functional healthcare centre of the province to PPHI. He appreciated the role of PPHI in improving the standard of health facilities and hoped that maternal mortality rate will be reduced across the province in next five years. He said ban on marriage below 18-year age in Sindh will also help to decrease the maternal death rate in the province. Senior Gynecologist Prof Dr Sadiqa Jaffray stressed the need of improvement in training standard of community midwives. She said there is not only shortage of healthcare providers in the country, but quality of training is also very poor, therefore, there is dire need of improvement in standard of training. Dr Sajjad Ahmed Siddiqui of PNFWH said maternal mortality rate could not be reduce at significant level despite the mass level training of community midwives due to training faults and unavailability of proper structure. Senior Midwife Intiaz Kamal said community midwives profession could not get recognition in the society despite the passage of 68 years. She said midwives have been struggling to reduce the mortality ratio in the country and also get respectable place in society. PPHI Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Riaz Ahmed Memon congratulated the community midwives over completion of two-year training course. He also distributed appointment letters and posting orders among 75 community midwives from PPHI.

RAWALPINDI: Located in centre of the twin cities, Faizabad Metro Bus Station is witnessing untidy circumstances, since its beginning, owing to the scarcity of ticket counters for the commuters. The long queues of the commuters could be seen outside ticket offices, entry and exit points of the station. The station connects three entry points; one of them is Murree Road, while the others are opposite to the main IJP Road, which leads to Pirwadahi. Nevertheless, solitary ticket office located at Faizabad Metro Bus Station use to entertain huge number of travelers of all three entry points, which often causes mess at the station, and the commuters have to wait for long to get ticket in the chaotic conditions. Three escalators, which were installed at the station for the people with disabilities, have become dysfunctional. It has also been observed at the station that the ticketing staff fetch additional tickets from nearby stations - Shams Abad Station or either by IJP station - to cater to the shortage of huge influx of commuters. Besides, the ticketing staff also suggest commuters to use metro card to avoid inconvenience. Talking to Daily Times, the commuters have urged authorities concerned to make arrangements for commuters at Faizabad Station as directed of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. According to commuters, Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif had directed authorities concerned in his maiden visit to metro bus system for expanding the ticketing office as well as increasing the counters at Faizabad Station. Speaking to Daily Times, a passenger, Ahmed Zaheer, complained that getting ticket at Faizabad Station was a hectic exercise in morning and evening. "In peak hours, it takes almost 30 minutes to get ticket due to long queue," he said. Sometimes the commuters are informed at the station that tickets have already been sold, he added. "The authority should expand its ticketing counters and other facilities at the station to ease the woes of the commuters, he demanded. One of the station manager, wished not to be named, admitted that commuters had to suffer at the Faizabad Station. "We have requested metro bus authority to increase counters at the station to ease the difficulties of commuters. The authority has assured to fulfill the demand by setting new counters; however, no time frame was given in this regard." On a query pertaining to shortage of tickets at the station, he said, as the station is located at the epicenter of twin cities, more or less than 15,000 commuters use to travel from this station at daily basis. "Given the circumstances, the ticketing staff faces shortage of coins, which we hire from nearby stations without and delay to avoid any inconvenience. To avoid such inconvenience the authority suggests commuters to use metro card," he said. Despite repeated attempts, Metro Bus Authority (MBS) Chairman Haneef Abbasi was not available for comments.

ISLAMABAD: The runway of Benazir Bhutto International Airport Islamabad (BBIA) will be closed due to operational reasons at specific hours during the day. The closure days and timings would be March 10th from 8am till 11am and 1pm till 3pm, and from March 14th till 22nd from 8am till 11 am and 1 pm till 3 pm and on March 23rd 8 am till 11am. Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has issued a NOTAM to all the airlines regarding subject closure of runway at Islamabad airport. Airlines have been instructed to make adjustments to their flight schedule accordingly. Passengers may confirm their flight timing from their respective airlines before coming to the airport.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) campaign against illegal constructions and encroachments was in full swing. Teams of Enforcement Directorate were conducting operations against illegal construction across the city. In continuation of its campaign, teams of Enforcement Directorate conducted a gigantic and joint operation against the encroachments and illegal settlements in different areas of Kuri here on Wednesday and demolished numerous illegal structures and dwellings in the vicinity. The operation was participated by the Enforcement Directorate, Machinery Pool Organisation and other formations concerned of the authority while magisterial and police cover was also provided by the Islamabad Capital administration and Islamabad police. Acting upon the directions of CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal, teams of Enforcement Directorate carried out a massive anti-encroachment operation in Rehara Kuri Road and demolished many illegal structures and retrieved 20 kanals land from illegal occupants. During the operation, some miscreants showed some retaliation and tried to halt the operation, however, operation was completed successfully. CDA has reiterated that the operation against illegal construction will remain continue with more zeal and enthusiasm for complete eradication of encroachments from the city.

ISLAMABAD: MOL group on Wednesday launched two of its award winning talent acquisition programmes - Growwww and Freshhh 2016 - in line with its strategy to attract top talent from different regions. Growwww is a one-year graduate programme offering a unique opportunity for young professionals to kick-start an international career and learn about one of the most complex industries. This programme offers graduates more than 170 positions varying from engineering, economics, IT, natural sciences, and social sciences on group-level in 13 countries including Pakistan. Whereas

Two universities served notices for violating CDA building by-laws

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Freshhh is an online international student competition where students in teams of three members have to build up a new oil corporation from the beginning and make decisions on research and development projects to manage refinery for different products and find the best product portfolio to gain profit. The top five teams of the competition get the opportunity to take part in the final event win a total of 25,000 euros and receive a possible job offer to join international team of MOL group. "We are excited to continue attracting young and ambitious graduates through our talent acquisition programmes. This year the MOL group is proud to announce that the top winners of the Freshhh competition may also potentially join MOL group. Our mentors will help young talents to become an expert and our training sessions will help them to learn new skills," said MOL group HR Vice President Zdravka Demeter Bubalo.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has finally issued show cause notices to tow private sector universities - Iqra and Preston – over establishing their campuses illegally in the federal capital. The matter was first highlighted by the Daily Times that both the universities were involved in non-conforming use of their plots, which is a violation of the law and also came under the breach of their allotment agreement with CDA. The Iqra University has established its campus on plot no 5 measuring five acres in sector H9, which was leased out to a person Dr Habib Ulla Khan to build a polyclinic hospital in 1970, but currently it is being used for the Islamabad campus of Iqra University. On the other side, the Preston University has also been established its campus on a plot no 85 measuring 6755.55 sq yards in sector H8, 1 which was allotted to Khyber Educational Society for the construction of a school in 1992. This plot was for only to establish a school building not for a college or university. Finally taking action on the matter, the civic body has issued two separate show cause notices to the actual allottees of these plots to clear their position on the breach of terms and conditions mentioned in allotment letters. The respondents have been asked to file written reply within two weeks otherwise their plots will be cancelled from their names by the CDA. While talking to Daily Times, CDA Estate Management Director Malik Azhar Kursheed said, "We have served final show cause notices to the both the allottees which intimates them that they are using their plots for unauthorised purposes which is a violation of the terms and conditions of allotment. Our department will move the cancellation of these plots after fifteen days if both parties will fail to respond accordingly. "The issuance of show cause notices to the universities is a positive move by the CDA but it is not fair enough as a strict action is needed against such business giants. It is a test case for CDA, if it will become successful to curtail the above said non-conforming use of plots, then the confidence of common people will enhance on the functioning of CDA but I am not fully optimistic," a CDA official told Daily Times, requesting anonymity.

NA body approves Rs 4.3 billion for CADD

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ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly (NA) Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat Wednesday approved Rs 4.304 billion Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) for financial year 2016-17. The allocated amount would be spent on 82 schemes pertaining to health, education, rural community development and special education Sectors in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). The NA body meeting, held with Rana Muhammad Hayat Khan in the chair, held in Parliament House on Wednesday. The committee directed the CADD secretary to present the inquiry report to the committee regarding substandard construction work carried out in the Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS) along with the report about the disciplinary proceedings against all held responsible. It also approved the "The Special Economic Zones (Amendment Bill, 2015)" without any amendment. The committee termed the establishment of special economic zones, a step forward for encouraging industrialisation in the country. The committee was informed that the purpose of amendment in Special Economic Zones Act, 2012 was to encourage and facilitate domestic and foreign investors to invest in manufacturing sectors of Pakistan offering them special exemption and incentives leading to reduce cost of doing business with efficient infrastructure. The committee pended further discussion on 'The Plant Breeders Rights (Amendment) Bill 2015 and 'The Compulsory Blood Test of the Relatives of the Thalassaemia Patients Bill 2015' till its next meeting. It directed the ministries of Law and CADD to finalise within 15 days 'The Disabled Persons (Employment And Rehabilitation) (Amendment) Bill' moved by Sahibzada Tariq Ullah, keeping in view the subjects devolved to the provinces following 18th amendment. Sardar Mansab Ali Dogar, Malik Ibrar Ahmed, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Parveen Masood Bhatti, Seema Mohiuddin Jameeli, Asad Umar, Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak, Moulvi Agha Muhammad, Sahibzada Tariq Ullah, Cabinet Division secretary, CADD secretary and other senior officers attended the meeting.

Waste segregation by colours at GCU

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LAHORE: Government College University (GCU) Lahore in collaboration with the Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) on Tuesday introduced an on-campus waste segregation system, which was aimed at promoting cleanliness and recycling of waste materials for a greener planet for the future generations. The university's Environment Protection Society (GCU-EPS) installed seven sets of colour-coded dustbins on different spots on the campus; blue for plastic, green for paper and red for the glass, with an aim to collect a segregated waste, which would be handed over to LWMC to ensure its recycling in the best possible manner. GCU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah inaugurated these coloured dustbins by collecting waste materials and putting them in the relevant dustbins, hoping that it would also encourage his students the staff members to use these dustbins. GCU Sustainable Development Study Centre Director Dr Amtul Bari Tabinda, LWMC Director Human Resource Asad Farooq, Director Communication Jamil Khawar, and members of EPS were also present. The vice chancellor appreciated the support of the LWMC, a Turkish company, to GCU EPS, in its awareness drive regarding cleanliness and recycling of waste materials. Earlier, addressing seminar on waste segregation, LWMC Director Asad Farooq said this system of waste segregation through these coloured dustbins would also be introduced in other educational institutions besides different areas of the city. Dr Tabinda highlighted the importance of 3R (reduce, reuse and recycle) for inheriting a safe planet to the future generations. She also said segregation reduces the amount of waste that needs to be sent to landfills.

Enrolment in schools

LARKANA: Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has claimed that the enrolment of students in Sindh has increased to 4.8 million compared to last year figure of four million. He was addressing

reaches 4.8m in Sindh: Khuhro

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free books distribution ceremony for 2016-17 academic year held at Government Pilot Higher Secondary School on Tuesday. He said he also wanted Technical Adviser for Education Aijaz Shah and his team to check the enrolment in the classes and practically verify the same. However, he expressed resentment that many schoolteachers of Larkana district had not been verified via biometric system and directed the education officers to ensure compliance with the government policy. He said, last year, Rs 1.20 billion were spent on text books whereas this year the cost had been increased to Rs 1.60 billion and as many as 27 million books had been printed out of which only 4.8 million book sets have been prepared which will soon be delivered to the schools. Khuhro said every year Rs 1 billion is paid by the Sindh government for girls education, and out of 1,83,000 students, only 51,000 reach matric level. He directed the Education Department officers to make a video of distributing free books among the students and send it to him as evidence. Sindh Text Book Board Chairman and Education Department Additional Secretary Syed Zakir Ali Shah said that after March 10, all the schools will be delivered books for free distribution among the students, adding that they are trying to better education standard in Sindh. Syed Aijaz Shah said that best curriculum had been prepared this year, which will raise the quality of education but the responsibility ultimately lies with the teachers.

Google can now translate Sindhi language

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KARACHI: Due to the efforts of Program Management and Implementation Unit of Sindh Basic Education Programme, Sindhi Language has attained status of translatable language in 102 international languages of the world on Google translate. This was stated by the Sindh Basic Education Programme Director Tameezudin Khro here on Tuesday. Khro said that the Education and Literacy Department has performed this outstanding job on behalf of the Sindh government, adding that this was great news for the languages lovers all around the world and Pakistan. He said that the government of Sindh has achieved another milestone in service of the people of Sindh, adding the Sindh Basic Education Programme takes special pride in accomplishing this national task, as translation from Sindhi to English, French, Chinese, Arabic and many other languages has become possible.

Milk sellers adamant to sell milk at Rs 90 per kg

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KARACHI: The local administration has made mockery of its own orders as the Karachi commissioner ordered punishment for milk sellers selling milk beyond Rs 80 per kg, and at the same time advised his subordinates not to impose heavy fines or send violators to jail. Karachi Commissioner Syed Asif Haider Shah has directed administration officials of six districts of the port city to exercise their powers softly, avoid heavy fines and not to send violators to jail. Even the Karachi commissioner has written against Additional Commissioner Sajjad Abro who was exercising his powers to punish the violators. He (commissioner) instead of encouraging Abro has reprimanded him on his "smartness". In their visits to various areas of the city, the inspection teams have found out that no milk seller is selling milk less than Rs 90 per kg or at control rate. They officials raided few shops in Clifton and other areas and found out the milk sellers flouting the law openly. The inspection teams have also sent one milk seller to jail and imposed fine of Rs 45,000 over violation. The Dairy Farmers Association (DFA) and milk dealers have paid no heed to the orders of the commissioner, as they never asked their members to abide by the rules and sell the commodity at the rate that was fixed after a long debate with their representatives.

Seminar on women health on 12th

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KARACHI: National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH) with the support of Sports and Youth Affairs Department is organising 4th annual public awareness seminar on women health on March 12. Youth Affairs Department Secretary M Rashid will be the chief guest. The objective of seminar is to create and promote awareness of women diseases, common health issues, information and necessary measures for prevention. Renowned doctors and health experts will present their informative lectures and will answer questions of audience related to health, hygiene, healthy food, life style and other topics. The experts include Dr Naseem Salahuddin, Dr Tariq Mehmood, Dr Zubair Mirza, Dr Ayesha, Dr Shahzad Ali, Dr Huma Mir, Ms Shamsa Samani, Yogi Wajahat, Chef Shai, Zubaida Apa, Najia Asher and others. The NFEH is also arranging free checkup for the visitors.

Operation Burg : KE severs 6,000 illegal connections

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KARACHI: K-Electric (KE), under its operation against power defaulters and thieves, conducted 65 raids and cut off around 6,000 illegal connections in different vicinities of the city. In a press statement issued on Wednesday, the power utility said its teams raided a number of areas in Orangi, Lyari, Uthal, Baldia and SITE and seized wire weighed over 850 kg. Moreover, 1,380 connections were severed due to outstanding dues of Rs 90 million in the areas of Defence, Bahadurabad, Tipu Sultan, Garden, Saddar, and Clifton. 1,796 connections were disconnected only in the areas of Gulshan e Iqbal, Liaquatabad, North Karachi, New Karachi, Surjani, Federal B Area, Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, for the outstanding dues of Rs 160 Million. The power utility, with the help of law enforcement agencies, pulled down 2,500 illegal connections in different areas of Awami Colony, P&T Colony, Gulshan-e-Bilal, Gulzar Colony, Faqeer Goth Sector-15, Aurgas PMT, Shafi Tannery Sec 7/A, Kele Wali PMT Sec 15 and Mehran Town Korangi KE's spokesperson said, "We have carried out many raids till now and seized hundreds of illegal connections across the city during this operation. We have set an example through our operation that power theft will not go unnoticed like any other crime. We urge our consumers, who resort to electricity theft, to help us end this menace so that they too could reap benefits of load shedding exemption."

Two petrol pumps sealed

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RAWALPINDI: Two petrol pumps were sealed for violating weight and measures on Tuesday. According to reports, on getting public complaints of less measuring by few pumps, Cantonment Assistant Commissioner (AC) Dr Satish carried out raids to check pumps involved in providing motorists less fuel and during operation, two pumps including one being run by Pakistan State Oil (PSO) situated at Mall Road and another run by Shell Co at Kashmir Road were sealed.

18 power pilferers held by IESCO

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) has apprehended 18 electricity thieves in its regions in various raids during its ongoing drive against power pilferage. The IESCO spokesman said that some 13 culprits were caught red handed from Dhamial sub-division whereas one each from Tariqabad, RA Bazar and Quaid Azam Colony under Rawalpindi circle, one from Khour sub-division under Attock circle and one from Bhagwal sub-division under Chakwal circle. He

Female students hold protest against closure of private hostels

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said that all the culprits were found involved in power pilferage and they have taken direct connections (Kunda system) from the main line and bogus metres. He further said that First Investigation Reports (FIRs) have been lodged against power thieves under the new electricity (Amendment) Act. The spokesman said that the IESCO is committed to taking stern action against the power thieves across its all five regions. He also requested the valued customers of IESCO to inform power theft on IESCO Toll free no 0800-25250.

ISLAMABAD: The female students and working women have voiced strong protest over closure of private hostels by Capital Development Authority (CDA) in the federal capital. Thousands of working women and female students said that the government is not discharging its obligations for setting up hostels in public sector for them despite having enormous financial resources and on the other hand it is creating hurdles on the way to private welfare organisations for the establishment of hostels. The female students said that they are living in the private hostels due to lack of hostel facilities in educational institutions. They said, "We hail from remote rural areas and have no arrangements for accommodation in the federal capital. We are living in private hostels operating in private residences. But CDA has issued notices to the owners of these hostels to close them and shift them from residential areas to the commercial areas". They said that the CDA do not think that how the daughters of nation will remain safe in commercial areas and in markets if these hostels are shifted there. They questioned that if the residential areas are not meant for residing then will the industrial areas be meant for residing. They demanded the government to withdraw notices from owners of private hostels and register them instead of closing them. The CDA spokesman said that they are getting vacated the residences being used for commercial purposes on the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan and their campaign will continue till the orders are fully implemented.

CDA seals 170 residential buildings for commercial use

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) enforcement staff has conducted raids in various areas and sealed 170 buildings for commercial use of residential buildings. Deputy Director Shafi Marwat, Enforcement Director Col (r) Qazim, CDA Magistrate Imran Zia along with the staff of building control and enforcement wing raided different offices established in residential houses. According to reports, CDA sealed buildings including house no 3 in street no 8 of sector F8/3 where office of the solar energy and a Chinese restaurant was established, house no 22A in street no 10 of sector F8/3 where office of Janko Company pvt ltd was established, house no 5 in street no 72 of sector F8/3 where a power office was established, house no 1 in street no 70 of sector F8/3 where another commercial office was established, house no 5 in street no 10 of sector F8/3 where office of global energy was established, house no 63A in street no 5 of sector F8/3 where an NGO office was established, house no 59 in street no 5 of sector F8/3 where office of Tower Shades pvt ltd was established, house no 30 in street no 48 of sector F-8/4 where office of anti-narcotics was established, house no 57 in street no 48 of sector F8/4 where DWP Pvt Ltd office was established, house no 55-A in street no 48 of sector F-8/4 where Pak Mech Company office was established. The building control department will continue the campaign.

'12 housing societies working without NOC in capital'

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ISLAMABAD: The Standing Committee of Senate on Law and Justice on Tuesday informed by the officials of Capital Development Authority (CDA) that 12 housing societies are functioning in the federal capital without getting No Objection Certificate (NOC). The committee expressed displeasure over inefficiency and unsatisfactory performance of CDA and directed the additional secretary of the Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) to take action against all illegal cooperative housing societies in federal capital without any delay. The meeting of the committee was held under the chairmanship of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi at Parliament House and took up the issue raised by Senator Kalsoom Perveen regarding steps being taken by the government against illegal housing societies in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). During the meeting, Senator Dr Muhammad Ali Saif said that such type of illegal societies are cheating with the residents of Islamabad and looting them with both hands. He said that these societies are openly marketing without having NOC from the concerned authorities. Saif observed that offices of the illegal housing societies should be sealed besides taking action against them. The committee was further told that land audit of these societies have been conducted and precise information was collected about their planning and development work. Law and Justice body of Senate was also briefed about 23 cooperative housing societies in zone 2, zone 5 and E-11. The committee refused to hear National Accountability Bureau (NAB) director on actions by the body and deferred the matter till next meeting asking for a briefing by director general (DG). The Senate Law and Justice body directed the National Accountability Bureau to submit a report with regard to the cases against illegal housing societies within a time period of 10 days. The Senate Law and Justice Committee unanimously observed that senior officials of the concerned ministry and NAB should ensure their presence in the meeting otherwise privilege motion would be moved against them. The committee also discussed constitutional amendment bill moved in the House by Senator Zaheerud din Babar Awan calling for abolishing Article 182 from the constitution. The bill stated that the appointment of ad-hoc judges in Supreme Court of Pakistan takes away the right of due promotion for high court judges. Law secretary told the meeting that Article 182 state that the ad-hoc judges are appointed temporarily and they cannot be appointed on a permanent seat. The matter was deferred till the next meeting to have the opinion of the concerned senator. The Law secretary, additional secretary CADD and senior officials of the NAB attended the meeting.

Anti-polio drive in Mirpurkhas on 14th

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KARACHI: Polio eradication campaign will commence in the district Mirpurkhas from March 14 to 17 under supervision of different committees comprising members of community. The committees would convince parents and guardians to help polio health visitors to administer polio drops to children. Dr Khalid Memon and Dr Narain Das said there were now only 23 refusal reported cases and under the campaign, around 288,782 children would be administered polio drops while capsule of Vitamin A would also be given to children. Mirpurkhas Additional Deputy Commissioner Asghar Joya said that 50 medical officers, 157 area in charges, 749 teams, 574 mobile teams, 105 fixed teams and 70 transit points have been fixed for the said purpose.

Japan grants Rs 12m for

KARACHI: The government of Japan extended a grant of Rs12 million to the Karachi Fire

Karachi Fire Dept uplift

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Home-based women workers call for an end to discrimination

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Punjab Gender Parity Report 2016: 6,505 cases of violence against women registered in 2015

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Department for the project of the enhancement of Karachi Fire Brigade under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme. The grant contract was signed on Monday at the Japan Information and Culture Centre by Japanese Consul General in Karachi Akira Ouchi. Karachi Fire Department Chief Fire Officer Tahseen Ahmed Siddiqui. The grant covers the cost of reconditioning and transportation from Tokyo to Karachi for a ladder truck and a rescue truck. It was pointed out that with increasing number of high-rises buildings, it is an urgent need for the port city to increase the number of ladder trucks. Considering the needs of the city, Japan decided to provide a ladder truck and a rescue truck. The grant is in the form of 'recycling grant scheme', which utilises used but valuable vehicles by bearing the cost of reconditioning and transportation. The two fire trucks are donated by the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy in Japan. At the signing ceremony, Ouchi hoped that the fire trucks provided under the grant would greatly improve rescue services in the provincial capital. Ouchi also wished that this support from the people of Japan would further strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan. Under the GGP scheme, Japan has funded about 350 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 17th GGP project to be implemented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009.

KARACHI: Women in Pakistan must struggle against the class-based exploitation and religious extremism, said Home-based Women Workers Federation (HBWWF) General Secretary Zahra Khan while leading a rally of hundreds of women workers and the victims of Baldia factory fire tragedy at Karachi Press Club (KPC) on Monday. Speaking on the International Women's Day gathering, organised by HBWWF and National Trade Union Federation (NTUF), Zahra Khan said that the society would not progress till the rights of the women are accepted and they are considered as equal citizens. "The victory of labour over capitalism would give the women their real independence," she said. Candles were lightened in the memory of the struggle of working women. A glowing tribute was also paid to the women workers martyred in the Baldia factory fire. "Today we are celebrating the International Women's Day in an atmosphere where on one hand laws against violence on women are being passed and on the other millions of home-based women are deprived of their basic rights though they contribute in the production process," Zahra said, adding that 80 percent of the national economy is contributed by the informal sector and women comprise 70 percent of this sector and their number is increasing rapidly. "According to an estimate, their number is more than 16 million, but these workers are not given the right of legal recognition as worker. These home-based women are an important part of the production process and they contribute up to 40 percent in the national economy. However, as they are unskilled worker, there is no scale of their salaries and wages. The sitting government of Sindh had promised in its election manifesto to resolve the problems of the home-based women workers on priority but the home-based policy is still gathering dust in the Chief Minister's House, and the government, despite having majority in assembly, is reluctant to pass the bill," she maintained. Saeeda Khatoon, vice president of 'Association of the Victims of Baldia Tragedy', said the women workers have been facing the worst conditions in factories and workplaces even in the 21st century. She said a large number of the victims of the industrial mishaps are women workers. "Its example is the tragedy of Baldia factory fire in which a large number of the women workers perished. However, their heirs are struggling for getting justice even after passing of three years," she regretted. NTUF Deputy Secretary General Nasir Mansoor said that the number of home-based workers is rising sharply in Pakistan; however, the government is not giving any attention to resolve their problems. "These workers brave many diseases and their wages are also not paid timely. Millions of home-based women workers use their homes as factories to make goods for the capitalists," he added. NTUF President Muhammad Rafiq Baloch said that millions of workers are present in the informal sector but the government statistics is silent about them. He said though this statistics play an important role in planning for national economic development, but the government departments are negligent to compile this important data. He said that the government of Pakistan has ratified more than 37 international labour conventions and got the special status of GSP+ in the year 2014; however, still the workers of the informal sector are deprived of the rights. The gathering demanded to abolish all the "discriminatory laws" including karo-kari, wata-sata, underage marriages and trafficking of women.

They said that government should ratify the Home-based Convention C177 of ILO and ensure its implementation.

LAHORE: The Punjab Gender Parity Report 2016 (PGPR) and Gender Management Information System (MIS) revealed on Monday that as many as 6,505 reported cases of violence against women in 2015 were registered in Punjab, but unfortunately, only 1 percent or 81 perpetrators were punished. The first ever PGPR 2016 and Punjab Gender MIS was launched by Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) and the Urban Unit in a ceremony held at local hotel. It is pertinent to mention that before the launching of report, it was presented to Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. The objective to unveil the compilation of first PGPR and Gender MIS was to promote gender equality as well as transparency in government's steps related to legislation, policy and administration pertaining to women specifically. The government departments, NGOs, legislative departments, women rights' activists, civil society members and a number of women working in various fields as well as housewives participated in the ceremony, which was presided over by Punjab Women Development Minister Hameeda Wahidudin. On the occasion, Punjab Population Welfare Minister Begum Zakia Shah Nawaz, PCSW Chairperson Fouzia Viqar and Urban Unit CEO Dr Nasir Javed were also present. Meanwhile, an indicator framework of 330 indicators covered six different themes including demographics and governance, health, education, economic participation and opportunities, legal rights and violence against women. Each indicator was individually analysed and reported in order to compile the PGPR. According to report, the last four years demonstrate consistent and identical patterns of violence with rape, murder and honour killings having the highest numbers respectively. However, as per reported incidents, rape cases were kept on top with 2,720, followed by murder and beatings with each having 666 and 588 respectively. A large number of honour killings (173) also took place along with 22 acid attacks. The report mentioned that considerable disparity was observed across the justice institutions and within the public prosecution

Cyber crime on the rise, FIA receives 6,739 complaints in 14 months

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Senators voice concerns over 'shrinking space' for NGOs

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department, less than 10 percent of prosecutors, less than six percent of judges in high court and 15 percent in district court were females. The percentage of female entrepreneurs in cottage and small-scale industry was low with a GPI 0.0265 and 0.0439 respectively. Ownership of land holdings in rural areas revealed that on average, female ownership was less than 50 percent. In education, literacy rate has steadily increased from 56.5 percent in 2007-08 to 60 percent in 2012-13. Currently, 42 percent of the population over the age of 10 is illiterate, two-third of female of more than 15 years of age cannot read while 35 percent girls remain out of school. Moreover, approximately 63 percent of the population of Punjab was under 24 years in which 49 percent were female. Female participation in electoral process increased but percentage distribution was remains the same. In the report further revealed that representation of female in national Assembly and Provincial Assembly of the Punjab was low 21 percent for both. The judiciary has 14 percent judges with only three women in the Lahore High Court. Hameeda Wahiduddin said the Punjab government is committed to bring about a positive change in the lives of women across the province and Punjab Women Empowerment Initiative and Punjab Women Empowerment Programme are both examples of how seriously the government is working for the benefit of women. "Punjab Gender Parity Report 2016 and Gender MIS are likely to add to the already in place initiatives of the provincial government started in order to empower women," she added. Begum Zakia Shah Nawaz appreciated the role of PCSW, saying, "No power in the world can undermine the role of women in progress and prosperity of a society. It is time that women in Pakistan, especially Punjab, assert their rights and seek much needed help from institutions like PCSW so as to have their basic rights acquired. Awareness on how to seek legal help is vital as far as women empowerment is concerned. It is matter of great honour for the Urban Unit to have assisted and played a key role in compilation of Punjab Gender Parity Report as well as development of Gender MIS."

ISLAMABAD: With the development of Information Technology (IT) in the country, the rate of cyber crimes is also increasing day by day. During the last 14 month, Cyber Crimes Wing of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) received some 6,739 complaints out of which 791 enquires were held and 366 cases were registered and goods and foreign currency worth million of rupees were recovered from the culprits. Daily Times learnt that most number of the complaints that are 2,148 were received in Rawalpindi zone out of which about 1,780 cases are lying pending. Lahore Zone received 2,100 complaints out of which 559 cases are pending. Similarly FIA got about 1,130 from Karachi region out of which some 709 cases are pending. Likewise, Peshawar zone recieved 453 complaints regarding cyber crimes where 247 cases are pending whereas Quetta zone was at the least point as only 104 complaints were received there and just 29 are pending. The FIA officials had confirmed that the 460 cases in Lahore zone out of which 271 are under process. In Karachi zone, 131 cases were confirmed in last 14 months but total number of 162 cases is under investigation. In Rawalpindi zone, the authenticity of 100 complaints was recommended for taking action and total 206 cases are in process in the zone. Likewise, in Peshawar zone 40 complaints were confirmed for registration of cases where some 42 complaints are under investigation. Whereas in Quetta zone, 45 complaints were verified and only six cases were registered. FIA Lahore zone has arrested six culprits whereas Quetta zone has apprehended one wrongdoer involved in the cyber crime in 2015. These culprits against whom the cases were registered were six low paid government servants out of whom five hailed from Lahore and one from Peshawar. The case is under investigation against seven bank officials in Lahore zone. FIA Rawalpindi zone has recovered some goods and electronic gadgets worth of Rs 20.43 million and about 2,000 US dollars in different operations against cyber crimes. The courts imposed fines of Rs 3.5 million on the criminals in Karachi and Peshawar zone. When Daily Times contacted spokesman of Interior Ministry, he said that under the special instructions of Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, FIA is striving hard on all the issues including cyber crimes and in this regard the investigation agency is ordered to complete all the probes at earliest so that justice can be dispensed to the common man.

ISLAMABAD: Legislators in Upper House of Parliament on Monday expressed mixed reaction over registration of NGOs – both national and international. Some legislators appreciated their performance while other claimed that some of it were involved in illegal activities. Speaking on his motion, PPP Senator Farhatulh Babar asked the government to come out clean on the proposed legislation about the NGOs and proposed setting up a committee comprising representatives of the Foreign Office, Economic Affairs Division, members of parliament and civil society organisations to thrash out the contours of the proposed law in a transparent manner instead of leaving the matter entirely to the police and Interior Ministry. He said that the registration of NGOs had recently been transferred from Economic Affairs Division to the Interior ministry. The Interior Minister has also stated that laws of registration of NGOs were vague and that a new single law was begin drawn up. In this regard, he asked to public Fatemi report. Baber said civil society actors could not merely disburse charity. They were also working for empowering youth, women and minorities. They are necessary for protecting people's interest against state interference, he said, adding the matter should not be left at the mercy of police or the Interior Ministry alone. Responding to Babar motion, State Minister for Interior Balighur Rehman informed the Upper House the government had received 131 applications for registration of international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) till last year. 15 of them had been cleared while a high-level committee was reviewing the issue, he said, adding no INGO had been prevented from work. He said the government was cognizant of its responsibility and no country could allow any INGO to influence syllabus of schools. He said the NGOs were being registered and consultations with opposition would be made to make legislation in this regard. However, some opposition senators regretted that civil society organisations were stopped working only in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA but allowed to work in other parts of the country. The Senate also passed a bill to protect and regulate the right of domestic workers – the Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill 2015 –moved by PPP's Senator Usman Saifullah Khan. He said protection of rights of domestic workers was the prime responsibility of the government and the parliament. The bill was framed after a long and hectic struggle and hoped the National Assembly would also pass the bill smoothly to protect the rights of domestic workers. The Upper House also adopted a resolution recommending the government to increase the profit rates of

36.6m children to be vaccinated in anti-polio drive from March 14

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national saving schemes, particularly on those relating to pensioners and senior citizens. The resolution was moved by Salahuddin Tirmizi and Muhammad Javed Abbasi. PPP Senator Farhatullah Babar withdrew his private members bill seeking amendment to the National Command Authority (NCA) Act, saying that ever since he submitted the bill, a number of stakeholders had expressed serious reservations and concerns about some aspects of the bill due to which he wished to withdraw the bill for broader consultation and discussion. Another Bill moved by Senator Farhatullah Babar seeking to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) Act 2103 was also admitted by the Senate and referred to the committee. The House passed another resolution recommending that a Day Care Centre for the children of female employees should be established in every federal government institution. Through another resolution, the House recommended that Indus Waters Treaty be revisited in order to make new provisions in the treaty so that Pakistan may get more water for its rivers.

ISLAMABAD: Around 36.6 million children up to five years of age would be administered anti-polio vaccine in a national immunisation campaign starting from March 14 to 17. According to an official of Ministry for Health Services on Monday, 41 million doses of polio vaccines would be used during the campaign. The new approach of Continuous Community Protected Vaccination (CCPV) will be used in the high risk areas of Peshawar, Bannu, Tank, North Waziristan, Khyber, Killa Abdullah, Pishin, Quetta and areas of Karachi including Landhi, Gadap, Orangi, Baldia, site area and Gulshan. CCPV approach is aimed to decrease the number of children missed in the previous anti-polio campaigns and areas that were inaccessible earlier would be approached now. According to officials, the approach is bearing fruitful results in high-risk areas as the number of missed children has decreased considerably. Thousands of teams have been formed for the drive against the crippling disease, which the officials hope to eliminate this year. According to a UNICEF health official, there is 85 percent reduction in recorded polio cases in 2015 and with this kind of progress Pakistan can be declared a non-epidemic country for poliovirus this year. The year 2014 was a difficult year for the health authorities as Pakistan recorded 305 cases of polio, as the campaign met resistance from militants who attacked immunisation teams and polio workers were stopped from administering anti-polio drops in some areas. An official of Polio Emergency Operation Centre told media recently that in 2015, only 16,000 children were missed in the country, which is highly commendable when data is compared with figures in 2014. Around 292,000 children from Khyber Agency, North Waziristan and South Waziristan agencies missed immunisation in 2014 due to inaccessibility to these areas. For the health officials, the campaign has remained a challenge, as they have to convince parents who are sometimes reluctant because of their conservative views. The health workers will visit each and every part of cities and far off places in rural areas in an effort to make the campaign successful. Special counters would be established at public parks, railway stations, bus and wagon stands, airports and transit points to administer anti-polio drops to children to ensure that no one is left without the vaccine.

RAWALPINDI: Thousands of expectant women across the district Rawalpindi are facing voluminous complications, as the Allied hospitals in garrison city are ill-equipped to cater their health issues. Three hospitals in Rawalpindi are facing severe shortage of beds, qualified doctors, nurses and other paramedics. During a visit to Allied hospitals, it was observed that the Gynae departments, which were constructed decades ago in District Headquarter (DHQ) Hospital, Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) and Holy Family (HFH) were never added single brick since their inceptions. While the washrooms are full of filth and the stinking smell from the washrooms is causing discomfort for attendants, visitors as well as for hospital staff. Moreover, the emergency departments of these Gynae units failed to entertain out-door patients in recent duration owing to absence of senior gynecologists. The nurses and other staff serving in these departments are ill qualified to tackle complicated delivery process. Beside this the senior doctors who are responsible to take care of gynae departments were found running their private clinics in outskirts of city. Owing their business in private clinics, they often assigned junior doctors to perform complicated delivery process in Allied hospitals. As far as the bed capacity in Allied hospitals for the expectants are concerned, there were 205 beds available in these hospitals, while the register number of patients were 350. Each bed was over loaded with three patients meanwhile some of them were about to deliverance process. The Holy Family Hospital which is considered to be the largest health centre in the garrison city for civilians, there are 108 beds available in gynae department while the number of registered patients were 200. Almost dual women were captured at each bed. The situation in Benazir Bhutto Hospital is not quite different from Holy Family Hospital. In Benazir Bhutto Hospital, 55 beds are available but the number of registered patients is too higher than the bed capacity. Meanwhile, the bed capacity in civil Fawara Hospital in Rawalpindi is 42, which

were all flooded with two to three patients. Over-crowding of patients, rude behaviour of staff and unhygienic conditions are still the norms in government-run hospitals as hundreds of mostly impoverished patients and their attendants step into these premises. A cursory visit to these hospitals would reveal weary looks in patients' eyes, visible agony on their attendants' faces as if they are helpless in the whole wide world. Some of these emotions may arise due to the severity of the afflictions but a lot may be because of the pathetic conditions in the hospitals and behavior of the doctors and para-medical staff that add up to the patients' woes. According to health experts, in Pakistan health sector has been neglected in the present and past across the country currently there are only 1,142 hospitals, 5,499 dispensaries, 5,438 basic health units, 671 maternity and child health centres with only 175,223 doctors, 90,276 nurses and 118,041 hospital beds for a population of around 190 million. Despite repeated attempts, the Allied Hospitals Principal Professor Dr Omer could not be contacted for comments. However, one of his staffers admitted the fact that the hospital is dealing with more patients than its capacity. "We cannot deny admission to any patient but it is also a fact that we do not have enough beds to accommodate such a large number of patients", he added. He said, "We accommodate huge influx of patients from neighbouring areas like Azad Kashmir, Murree, Kotli Sattian, Abbotabad Gujar Khan Taxila etc.

He said that the existing bed capacity in Allied hospitals is insufficient to cater the medical needs of

Prof Attaur Rahman appointed UN body chairman

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SETD to launch drive against fancy number plates

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Ebad calls for improved healthcare facilities at public hospitals

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these patients. The administration has no option but to accommodate two patients at each in these circumstances, he added. Dr Omer said that sometime the staff has to adjust even two patients on a single bed especially in pediatric and gynecological departments. He further said that as far as shortage of gynae staff in Allied hospitals is concerned, the Punjab government has already advertised the vacancies against vacant slots adding that the new recruitment would help to ease the woes of indoor and outdoor patients and the staff member. He said that the Allied hospitals administration had raised the issue with provincial authorities for the expansion of gynae department in all the three hospitals adding that the authorities have assured administration that sufficient funds would be provided for the purpose.

KARACHI: The United Nations has appointed former minister for Science and Technology Prof Attaur Rahman as the chairman of UN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). Prof Attaur Rahman will chair the first meeting of the committee at the UN Economic Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) meeting in Bangkok today (Monday). A senior official of the University of Karachi Sunday said that the committee will discuss the ways and means to promote science, technology and innovation so that member states can benefit from explosive growth of knowledge. It is worth mentioning that Prof Attaur Rahman obtained his PhD degree in organic chemistry from Cambridge University. He has 1,021 publications in several fields of organic chemistry including 728 research publications, 37 international patents, 68 chapters in books and, 188 books published largely by major U.S. and European press. Prof Attaur Rahman also headed the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan as chairman. University of Karachi Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Qaiser congratulated Prof Attaur Rahman on his achievement. They said that this was an honour not only for the university but also for the whole nation.

KARACHI: Sindh Excise and Taxation Department (SETD) has directed owners of all vehicles including commercial vehicles to get number plates for their vehicles from motor registration wing, Civic Centre Karachi. The department has issued 90 thousands number plates for motorcycles including private and commercial vehicles. In a statement issued here, the spokesman has informed the owners of the vehicles in their interest to remove fancy plate numbers as it is illegal and warned that Excise Department in collaboration with law enforcement agencies was going to launch a drive against illegal numbers plates as they might be used in terrorist activities. He said the vehicles without registered number plates might be impounded and heavy fine might also be imposed on the violators.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan has said that after restoration of law and order in Karachi special emphasis is now being laid on revival and improved functioning of public sector health institutions so as to ensure better healthcare facilities to poor and needy patients. This he said during visit of Karachi Institute of Heart Diseases (KIHD) and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH). Karachi Commissioner Syed Asif Hyder Shah, Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) Commissioner Samiuddin Siddiqui and KMC senior Medical Services Director Dr Salma Kausar were also present. Dr Ebad said he has been nominated Brigadier Ashfaq to daily visit both health facilities and prepare a report highlighting short and long-term solution for better and improved working of both health institutions. The main problem of these hospitals was negligence and non-provision of funds due to which these institutions were not working according to their strength, he said, adding it is being ensured to utilise available resources and provide required medical equipment to these institutions. While mentioning his directives during last visit to ASH, the governor said that improvement work has been started, although 15-20 percent betterment has been made so far, it is hoped that the hospital would be operating according to the directives within three months. He also directed for provision of gas for the KIHD and coordinating with SSGC for ensuring the same at an earliest. "Patients should always be given priority in implementation of policies and strategies in any institution and there was an urgent need to assure the same here," he said. Speaking to media men, the Sindh governor said that the purpose of his visit was to identify problems, as well requirements and facilities, so as to evolve a comprehensive strategy for the solution at the earliest. Replying to a question about National Action Plan and Karachi operation, he said the personnel of law enforcement agencies have sacrificed their lives for ensuring peace in Karachi. "Due to successful interventions of law enforcement agencies, Karachiites are enjoying economic, social, cultural and recreational activities without any fear or trepidation and Karachi was once again returning to its past glory," he concluded.

LAHORE: Motorway Police Central has launched a comprehensive campaign against illegal blue revolving lights and unauthorised green number plates on vehicles playing the highways. DIG N-5 Central Mirza Faran Biag said this while visiting the highways on Sunday. He said unauthorised and illegal use of blue revolving lights was a security risk and it could be used for criminal activities. He said strict action would also be carried out against unauthorised green number plates and ordered officers to use their energies and efforts to make the campaign a success.

LAHORE: Adviser to Punjab Chief Minister on Health Salman Rafique has said that according to the vision of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the government has taken revolutionary steps for health sector development with focus on controlling diseases and providing best healthcare facilities to the people of far-flung areas. He directed the district health managers to perform their responsibilities with professional zeal for further improving working of district and tehsil headquarters hospitals. He stated this while presiding over monthly conference of EDOs Health at Directorate General Health Services. Besides, Punjab Primary and Secondary Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan, DG Health Services Dr Mukhtar Hussain Syed, members of Chief Minister's Health Roadmap Team, Directors of Health Programme, EDOs Health of all the districts and representatives of international development partners were present in the meeting. Chief Minister's Health Roadmap team presented a review regarding the performance of Health Department at district level. The meeting was informed that due to various initiatives taken under Chief Minister's Health Roadmap, the performance of primary and secondary health sector has improved substantially. Absenteeism of the staff in the hospitals has declined due to introduction of biometric system. Moreover, availability of medicines has been ensured and performance of vaccinators has also improved due to E-Vaccs monitoring system and

Mono train from Zeropoint to Rawat on cards

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Rotavirus vaccine to be included in immunisation plan

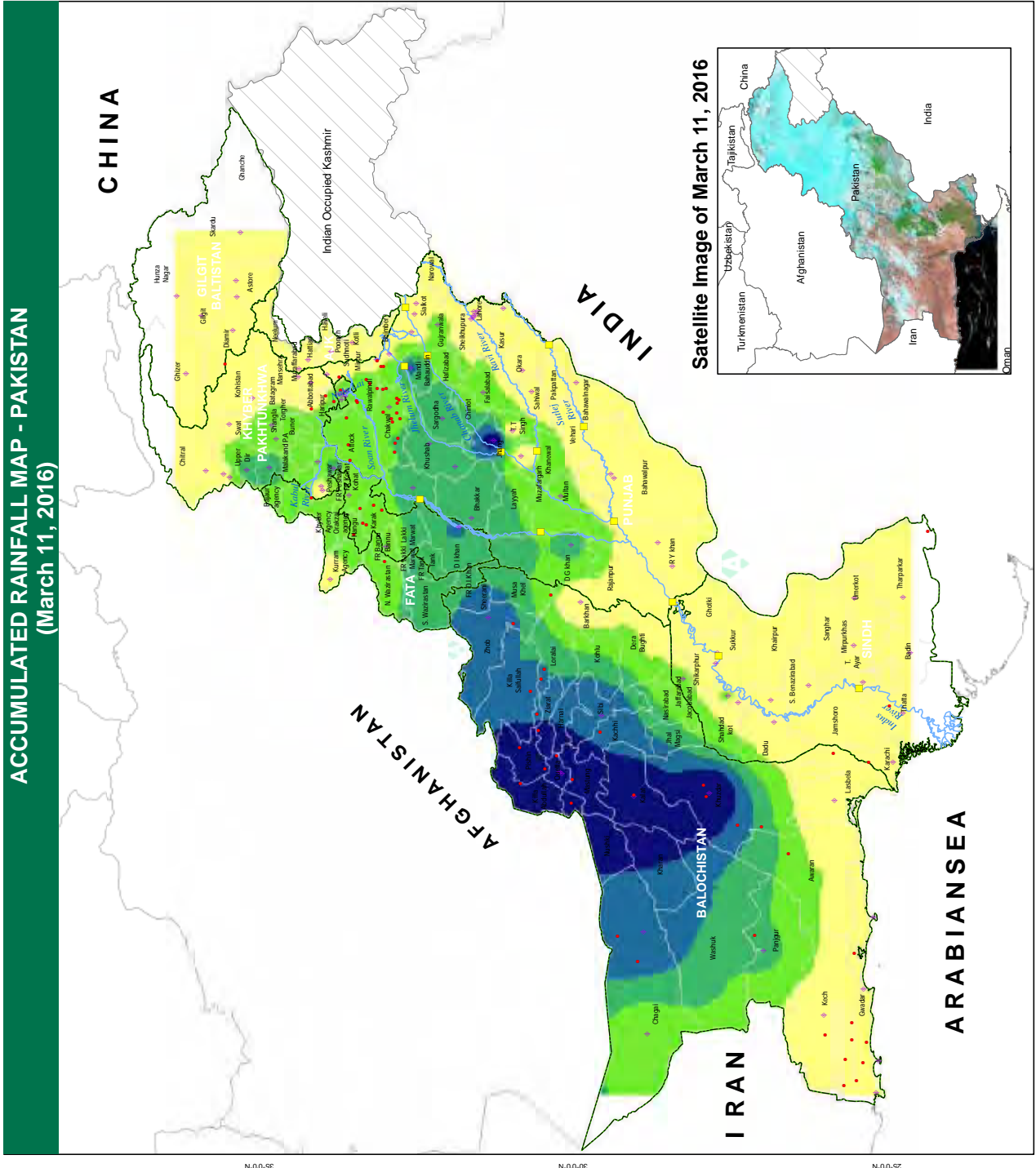
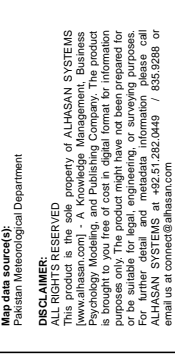
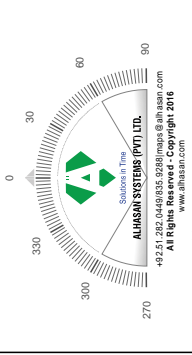
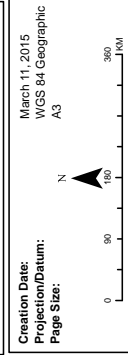
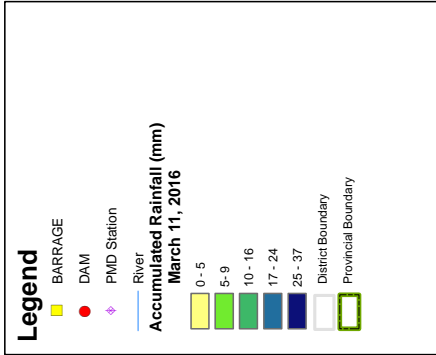
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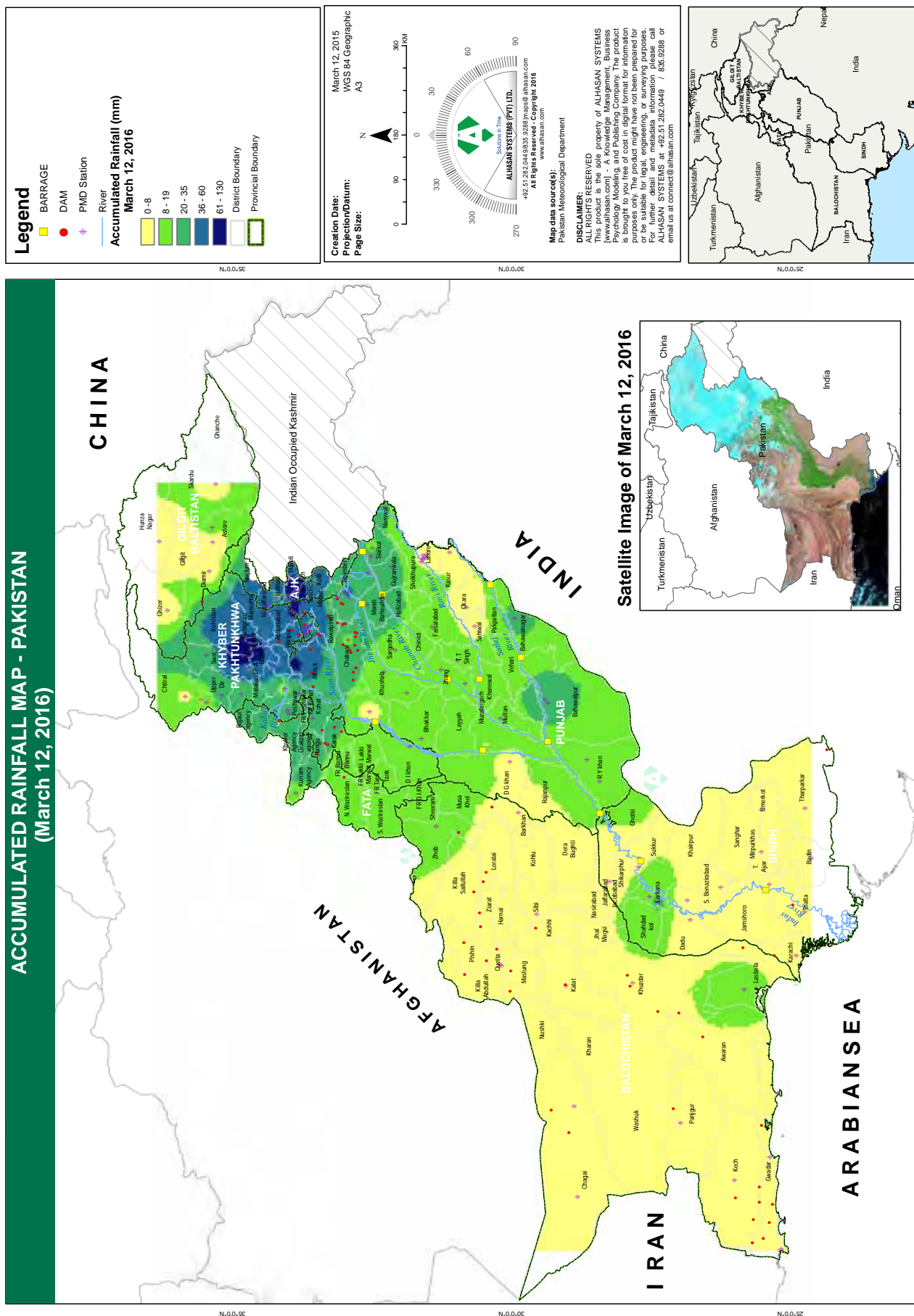
use of android phones. This has resulted in tremendous improvement in the coverage of routine immunisation under EPI programme, which has risen from 50 percent to 75 percent within a year. The meeting reviewed the arrangements for the upcoming Sub-National Immunisation (SNIDs) campaign against polio in the selected districts from March 14. Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan directed the officers to finalise arrangements for the SNIDs in March. He further said that DCOs and DPOs of the selected districts where the SNIDs will be carried out have been asked to provide proper security to the polio teams. Salman Rafique directed the district health managers to take effective measures against viral diseases. He said vigorous outdoor and indoor dengue surveillance should be ensured to control the disease. Rafique stressed the need for effective measures against dengue, especially in Rawalpindi. He said the world has become a global village and it is time to keep abreast with developments in health sector and disease pattern at the world level so that people could be provided effective shield against these diseases.

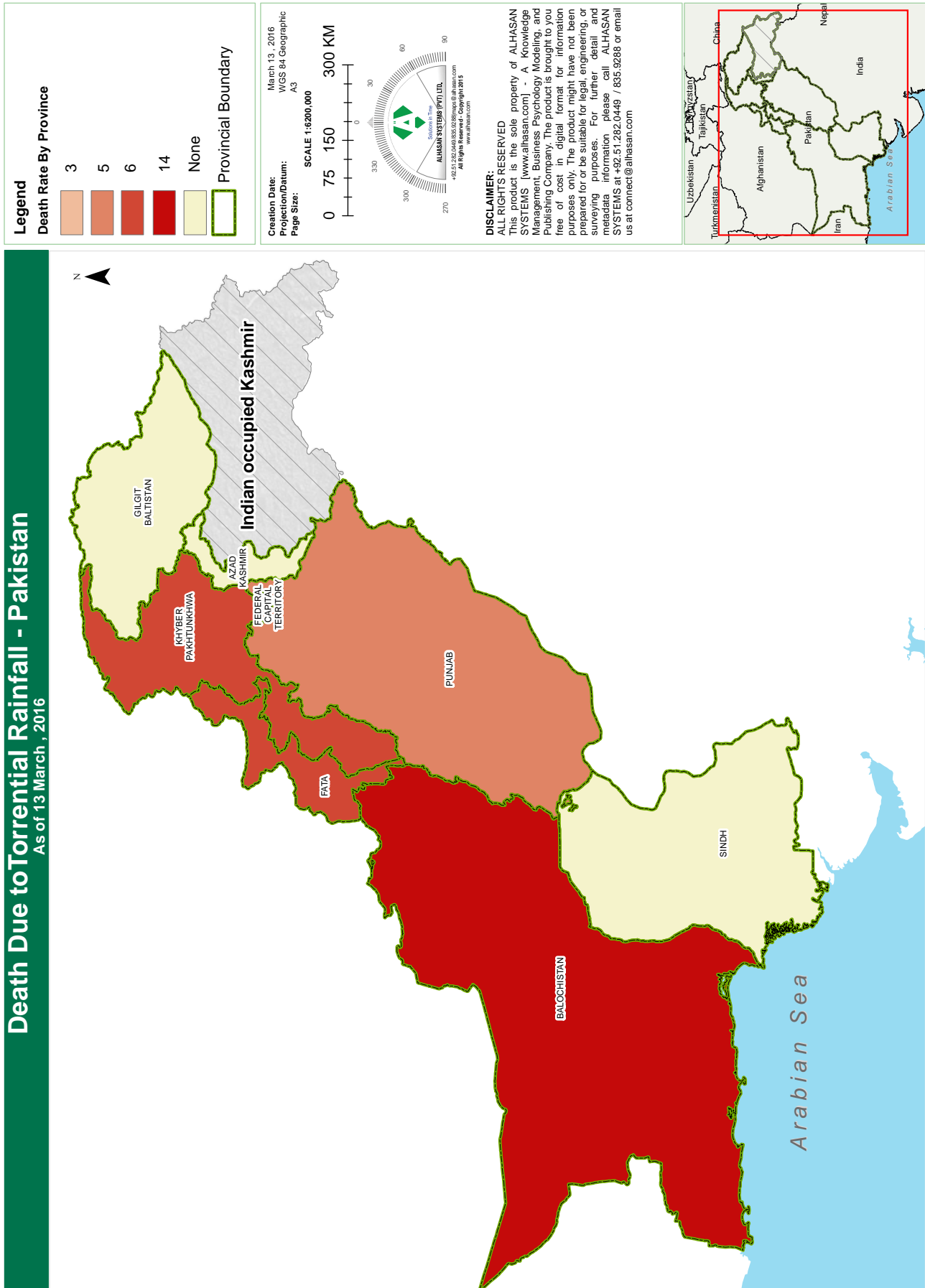
ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to run a mono train from Islamabad to Rawat to facilitate the citizens. Sources said that besides improving road and highways infrastructure, the government has decided to run the train to ease traffic pressure on roads. According to the sources, the PC-1 of the project has been prepared and a route has been surveyed. A terminal would be set up near Zero point while sub-stations would be set up at Faizabad, Dhok Kala Khan, Khana East, Koral, Media Town, I8 and Naval Enclave. The source said that six interchanges would also be set up at the Islamabad Expressway. The bogeys of the mono train will be imported from China and Pakistan Railways will assist in laying the railways tracks. The sources further said that the work on the project is likely to be started from 2017 and to be completed before the end of 2018. The mono train would be equipped with all the modern facilities, the sources added.

ISLAMABAD: A representatives delegation of international health agencies, which is visiting Pakistan these days, has assured authorities here that it will arrange funding to make rotavirus vaccine part of the routine immunisation programme in the country. The delegation is headed by Anuradha Gupta, deputy chief executive officer of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation, and includes members of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, World Health Organisation, United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and other health agencies. The delegation has been holding meetings with representatives of health departments and health experts and political figures. Rotavirus is the most common cause of diarrhoea and vomiting among infants and young children of the country. According to estimates, lives of 29,000 children can be saved every year by including rotavirus vaccine in the immunisation programme. Rotavirus spreads easily among infants and young children. Children can transfer the virus before and after they become sick with diarrhoea.

The vaccine is the most effective defence against the virus but it could not be included in the immunisation programme because of its high cost. A single dose of the vaccine costs around Rs4,000. Dr Syed Saqlain Ahmad Gilani, the national programme manager of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), told Dawn that the delegation had held out assurance that it would make efforts to provide up to 93 per cent of the funding required for the vaccine. The government will have to pay the remaining 7pc of the cost. "But it will take one year to obtain the vaccine because of different issues like funding, manufacturing and procurement," he said. The country will be able to use the vaccine next year. Dr Waseem Khawaja, a health expert from the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, said it would be a big achievement if rotavirus vaccine was included in the immunisation programme. "A large number of children die because of the virus. Their parents cannot afford to buy the vaccine. If the vaccine is included in the immunisation programme, people will get it free," he said. During a visit to the National Institute of Health, the delegation expressed satisfaction over the arrangements made for storing the vaccine. Pentavalent vaccine is used to vaccinate children against five diseases.





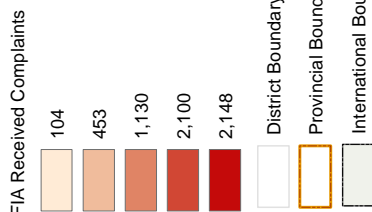
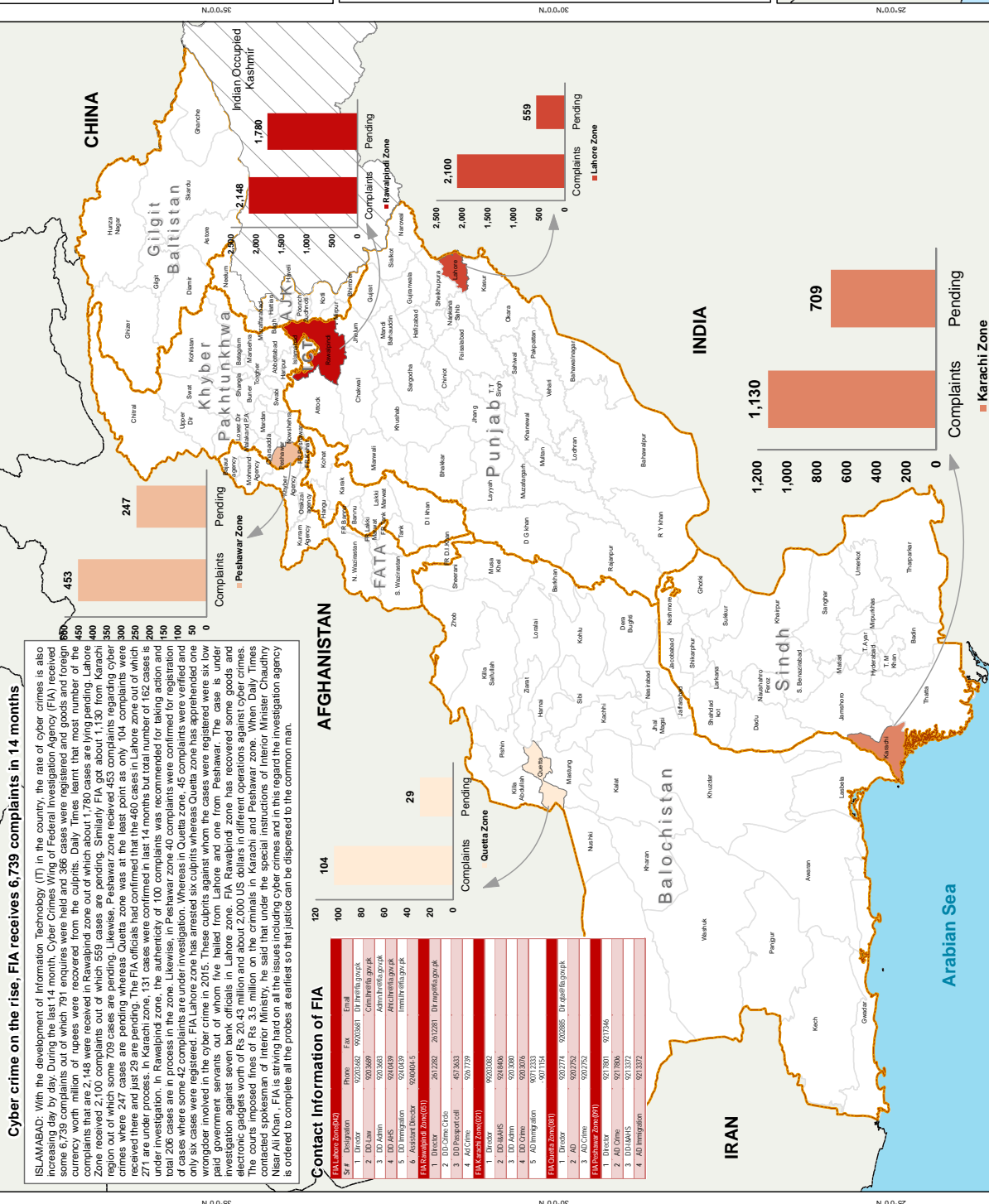


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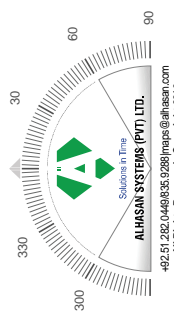
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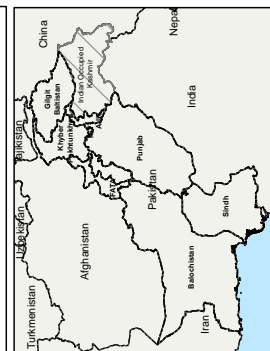
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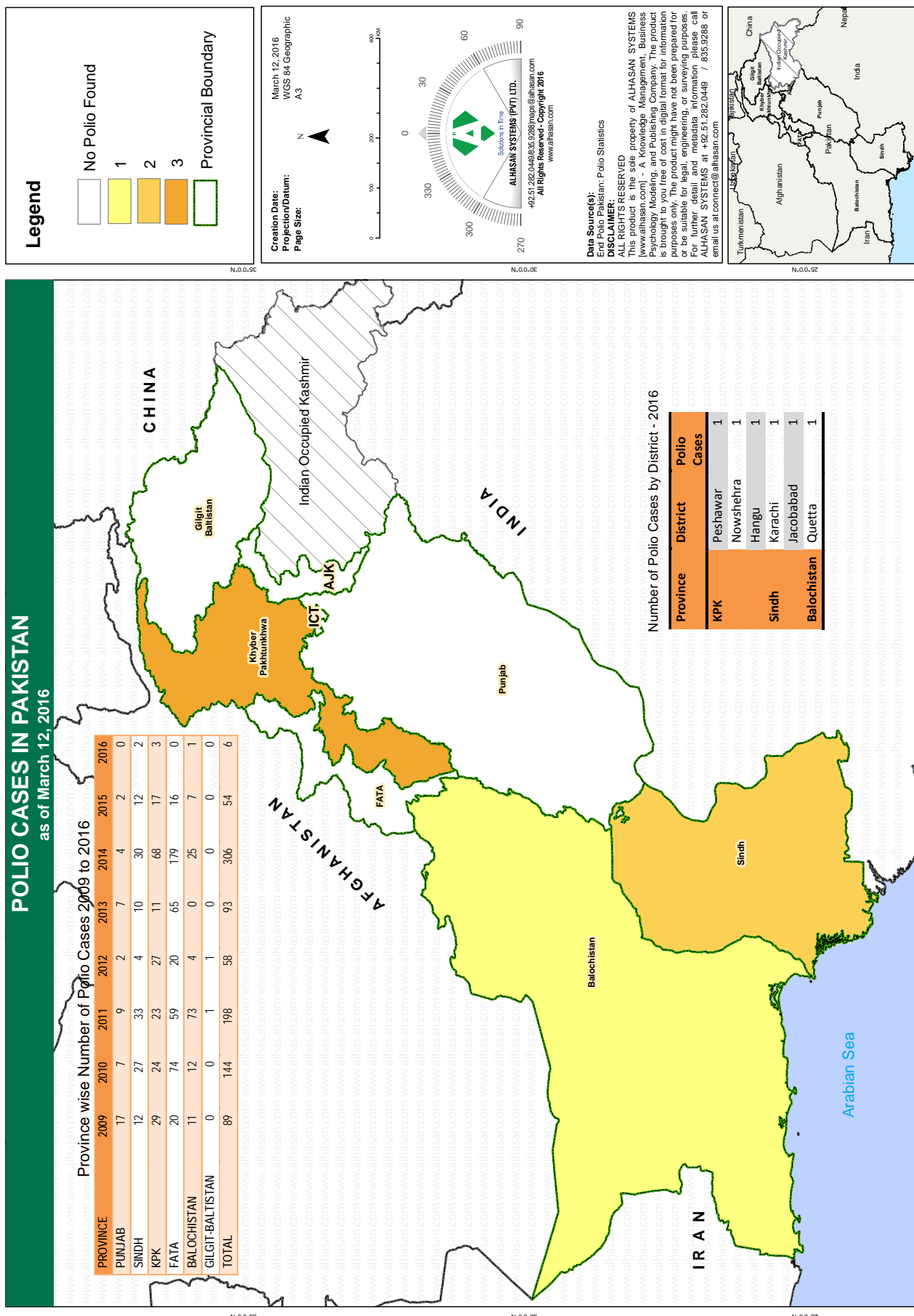
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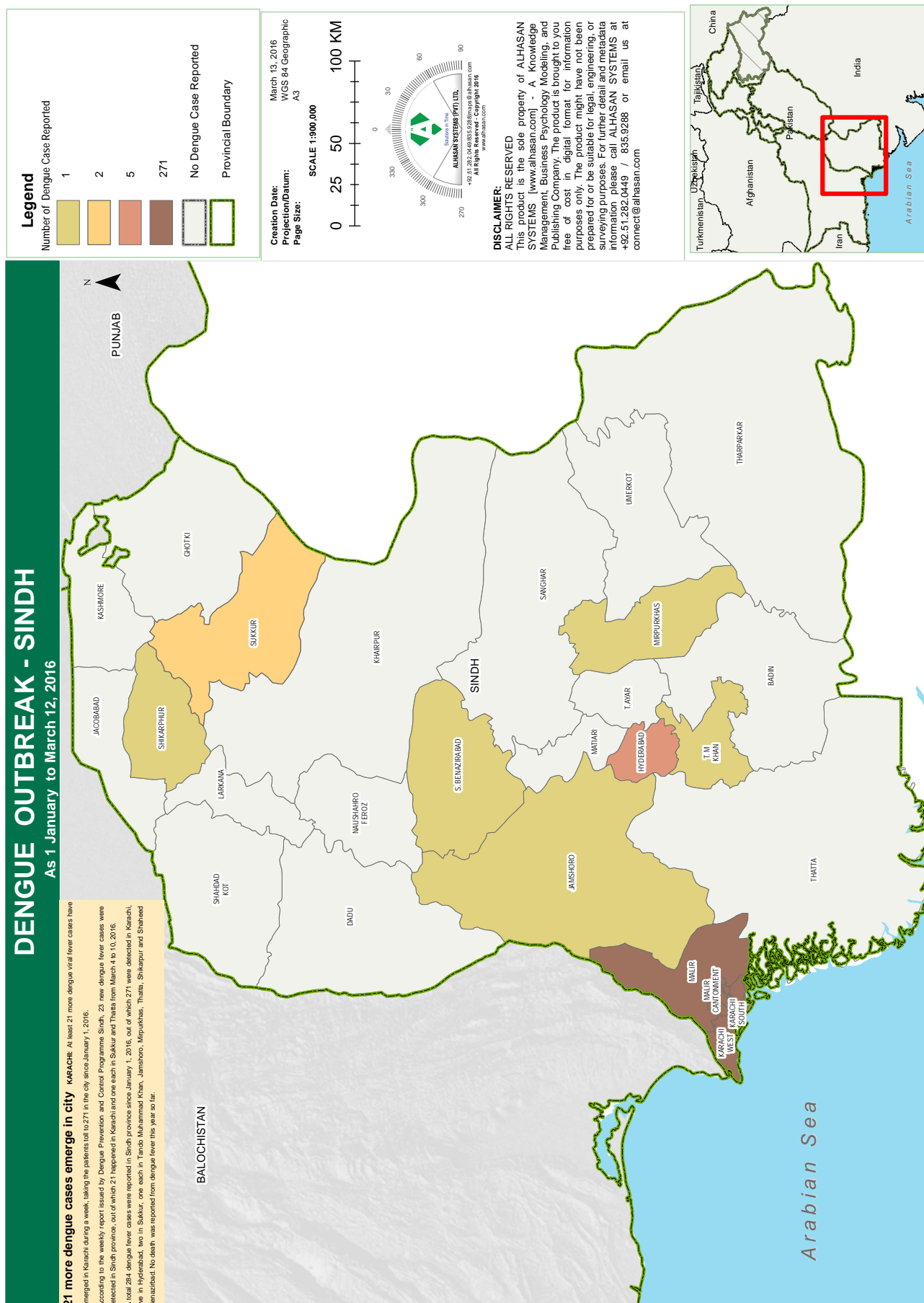


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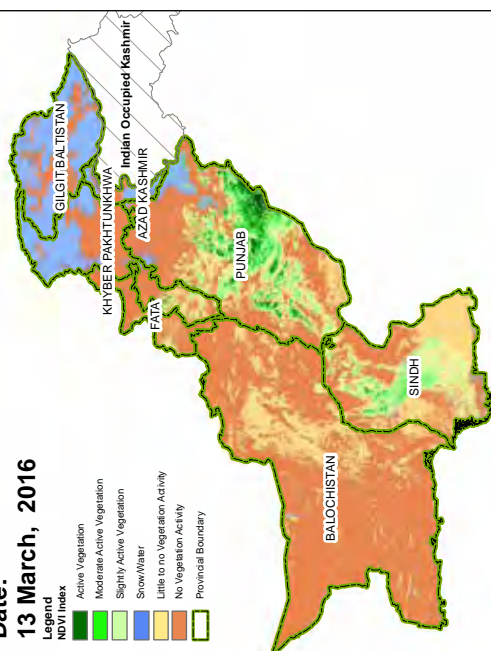


Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

13 March, 2016

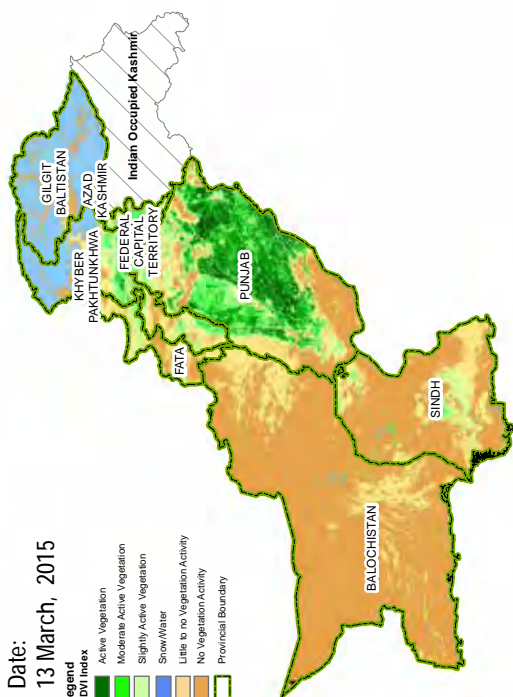
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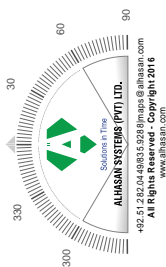
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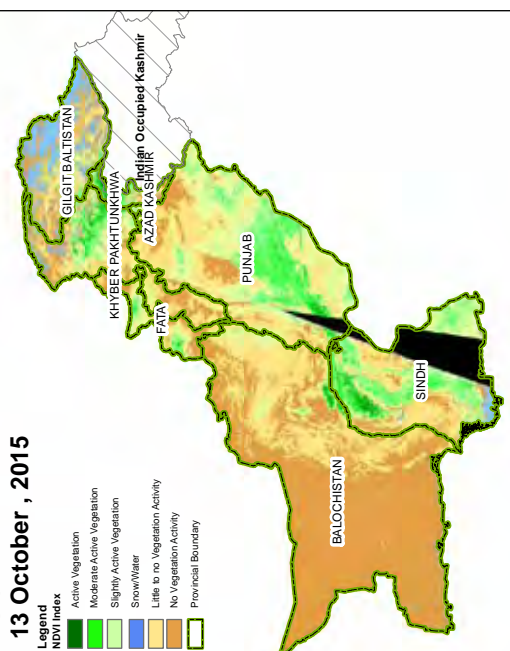
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میں تعیناتی

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7 مارچ 2016

گورنمنٹ گزٹ کالج میں پروفیسر رقیہ قادری کی بحیثیت پرنسپل تقرری ہے، پروفیسر مذکورہ پر ماضی میں بحیثیت ایڈیشنل ڈائریکٹر کالج حیدرآباد کے خلاف مضابطہ بھرتیوں کی تحقیقات زیر التوا ہے۔ پی ای سی ایچ ایس گورنمنٹ گزٹ کالج میں رقیہ قادری سے سینئر پروفیسر افضل فاطمہ کی موجودگی میں جو نیوز پروفیسر کی بحیثیت پرنسپل کی تقرری سے تدریسی عملہ پریشان ہے جس کا اظہار تدریسی عملہ نے کالج میں ایک احتجاجی اجلاس منعقد کر کے کیا جس میں اعلیٰ حکام سے رقیہ قادری کی پرنسپل کی حیثیت سے فوری برطرفی کا مطالبہ کیا گیا۔ یہاں یہ امر قابل ذکر ہے کہ پی، ای، سی، ایچ گزٹ کالج کے آفس سپرنٹنڈنٹ کی اسامی پر معراج الدین کو تعینات کیا گیا ہے جس کے خلاف پریسیڈنٹ کالج اور خاتون پاکستان گزٹ کالج میں تعیناتی کے دوران شدید نوعیت کی بدعنوانی اور غبن کے الزامات عائد ہو چکے ہیں۔ ادھر ڈائریکٹر کالج کراچی گریڈ 20 کی اہم ترین اسامی پر ایک جو نیوز ترین گریڈ 19 کے ایسوسی ایٹ پروفیسر ضمیر کھوسو کی بحیثیت ڈائریکٹر کالج کراچی اوپن ایس پر تعیناتی سے کراچی کے درجنوں گریڈ 20 اور گریڈ 19 کے سینئر ترین پروفیسر زین شہید بے چینی پائی جاتی ہے انکا مطالبہ ہے کہ عدالت عظمیٰ پاکستان کے احکامات کی روشنی میں ڈائریکٹر کالج کراچی کی اہم ترین اسامی پر کسی سینئر گریڈ 20 کے پروفیسر کی تقرری عمل میں لائی جائے۔ واضح رہے کہ کراچی کے علاوہ سندھ کے دیگر پانچ ریجنز، حیدرآباد، میرپور خاص، شہید بے نظیر آباد، لاڑکانہ اور سکھر میں گریڈ 20 کے پروفیسر زین شہید ڈائریکٹر تعینات کئے گئے ہیں جبکہ سندھ بھر کے آدھے سے زیادہ کالج کے ریجن کے لئے جو نیوز ترین 19 گریڈ کے افسر سے کام لیا جا رہا ہے۔ ضمیر کھوسو نے اپنے اختیارات سے تجاوز کرتے ہوئے دو کالج کے پرنسپل کو تبدیل کر دیا ہے۔ گورنمنٹ کالج کمرس اینڈ اکنامکس شام میں پرنسپل کا چارج ڈیپلٹنٹ پرنسپل کے ایک ایسوسی ایٹ پروفیسر محمد طاہر کو دیا گیا اور گزٹ کالج اور گزٹ کالج 111/2 میں پروفیسر زہیدہ نسیرین کو پرنسپل کے عہدہ سے ہٹا کر شائستہ سلطانہ کو چارج دے دیا گیا ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ پرنسپل کو تبدیل کرنے کا اختیار صرف سیکرٹری تعلیم کو حاصل ہے۔

کراچی..... کراچی میں پانی کی قلت کے مسئلہ پر بات کرتے ہوئے چیئر مین واپڈا ظفر محمود نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کی پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی صلاحیت صرف 10 فیصد ہے جبکہ اہم مسئلہ پانی کی قیمت کا تعین نہ ہونا ہے۔ کراچی میں مقامی ہوٹل میں جنگ گروپ کے زیر اہتمام پانی کی قلت کے موضوع پر پروگرام سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مہمان خصوصی چیئر مین واپڈا ظفر محمود کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کو آبادی میں اضافے کی وجہ سے پانی کے مسائل کا سامنا ہے، پاکستان کا 90 فیصد پانی کاشتکاری کے لیے استعمال کیا جاتا ہے لیکن پانی کی قیمت کا تعین نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے صرف 25 فیصد لاگت ہی وصول ہوتی ہے۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پانی کی پالیسی نہ بننے کی وجہ سے بھی مسائل کا سامنا ہے جبکہ پاکستان میں پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی قوت صرف 10 فیصد ہے جس کو بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ چیئر مین واپڈا کا کہنا تھا کہ پانی کی قلت کے مسئلہ کو حل کرنے کے لیے کاشتکاری کی تکنیک میں تبدیلی لانے کی ضرورت ہے۔

پاکستان میں پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی صلاحیت

صرف 10 فیصد ہے: چیئر مین واپڈا

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کے ہاتھوں میں بندوق نہیں کتابیں دیکھنے کا خواہشمند ہوں صوبے میں 18 ہزار ٹیچر میرٹ پر بھرتی کئے ہیں وہ ناپائٹ سینڈری اسکول خیرپو میں ضلع بھر کے اسکولوں میں کتابیں تقسیم کرنے کے سلسلے میں منعقدہ تقریب سے خطاب اور میڈیا سے بات چیت کر رہے تھے نثار احمد کھوڑو نے کہا کہ سندھ میں سرکاری تعلیم کا نظام بہتر نہیں ہے اس کے ذمہ دار ہم ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم تعلیم کے بہتر معیار کے لیے صوبے میں بائیومیٹرک نظام لے آئے ہیں تاکہ اساتذہ ڈیوٹی کرنے کے پابند رہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ صوبے میں 50 لاکھ کے قریب بچے زیر تعلیم ہیں ان کے لیے دو کروڑ 70 لاکھ کتابیں چھاپی ہیں انہوں نے صوبے میں بعض اسکولوں کے بند ہونے کا اعتراف کیا اور بند اسکولوں کو کھولنے کا اعلان کیا انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں 50 ہزار اسکول ہیں ہر ضلع اور ہر تعلقے میں جا کر خود کتاب تقسیم کروں گا دریں اثناء میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے نثار کھوڑو نے کہا کہ ماضی کے ایک قوم پرست سیاستدان نے طلبہ کو کلاشن کوف کلچر دیا ہم کلاشن کوف کلچر کے مخالف ہیں ہم تعلیمی اداروں میں امن قائم رکھیں گے موجودہ حالات میں تعلیمی اداروں کو مطلوبہ سیکورٹی دیں گے۔

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8 مارچ 2016

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عباسی شہید اسپتال کے تمام مسائل 3 مہینے میں

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے کہا ہے کہ شہر میں امن و امان کی صورت حال میں بہتری کے بعد کراچی میں سرکاری شعبہ کے مراکز صحت کو بھرپور طریقے سے فعال کرنے کیلئے ترجیحی بنیادوں پر اقدامات کئے جا رہے ہیں تاکہ خصوصاً غریب اور متوسط طبقہ سے تعلق رکھنے والے مریضوں کو ہر ممکن طبی سہولیات کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جاسکے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے کراچی انسٹیٹیوٹ آف ہارٹ ڈیزیز اور عباسی شہید اسپتال کے دورے کے موقع پر کیا۔ کمشنر کراچی آصف حیدر شاہ، میونسپل کمشنر بلدیہ عظمیٰ سمیع الدین صدیقی اور سینئر ڈائریکٹر میڈیکل سروسز ڈاکٹر سلیمی کوثر بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔ گورنر نے کہا کہ عباسی شہید اسپتال کے تمام مسائل 3 مہینے کے اندر حل کر لئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسپتالوں میں ادویات اور درکار آلات و مشینری کی کمی کے مسئلہ کو حل کرنے کیلئے بریگیڈیئر اشفاق روزانہ ان اسپتالوں کا دورہ کریں گے اور مسائل کے حل کیلئے قلیل المدتی اور طویل المدتی رپورٹ تیار کر کے انہیں پیش کریں گے تاکہ مسائل کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر حل کیا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسپتالوں میں مسائل کی ایک بڑی وجہ عدم توجہی اور فنڈز کی عدم فراہمی تھی جس کے باعث یہ اپنی استعداد کے مطابق کام نہیں کر رہے۔ اب اس جانب خصوصی توجہ دی جا رہی ہے کہ انہیں 100 فی صد فعال بنایا جائے اور ان میں موجود طبی سہولیات کو بہتر بنانے کے ساتھ ساتھ نئی مشینیں اور آلات بھی فراہم کئے جائیں۔

خورشید شاہ کا سول اسپتال سکھر کا دورہ، ڈاکٹر

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سکھر (ہیورورپورٹ) قومی اسمبلی میں قائد حزب اختلاف سید خورشید احمد شاہ نے اتوار کو سول اسپتال سکھر کا اچانک دورہ کیا، متعدد انتظامی افسران اور ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی پر موجود نہیں تھے، اطلاع ملتے ہی جن ڈاکٹروں کی ڈیوٹی نہیں تھی وہ بھی اسپتال پہنچ گئے، ایم ایس سول اسپتال جو عام طور پر اپنے دفتر میں انتہائی کم وقت گزارتے ہیں ان کے ذرائع نے بھی بہترین کام دکھایا اور سید خورشید شاہ کی آمد پر سول سرجن ڈاکٹر عبدالوہاب مہر بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئے، اسپتال آمد پر سید خورشید شاہ نے مختلف وارڈز کا دورہ کیا تو مریضوں نے اسپتال انتظامیہ کی جانب سے مفت ادویات فراہم نہ کرنے، مختلف اقسام کے ٹیسٹ نجی لیبارٹریوں سے کرانے اور ڈاکٹروں کے چیک اپ نہ کرنے کے حوالے سے شکایتوں کے انبار لگا دیئے، لوگوں کے مسائل دیکھ کر سید خورشید شاہ غصے پر قابو نہ رکھ سکے اور سول اسپتال انتظامیہ پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کیا، نرسنگ ہاسٹل میں آوارہ کتوں کو گھومتے پایا جس پر سید خورشید شاہ مزید سخت پابو گئے، اس موقع پر سید خورشید شاہ نے سول اسپتال انتظامیہ کو متنبہ کیا کہ وہ اپنی کارکردگی کو ہنگامی بنیادوں پر بہتر بنائے۔

جنرل نرسنگ اور اسپیشلائزیشن پروگرام کے

نتائج کا اعلان

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ نرسنگ ایگزیکٹو مینیشن بورڈ نے جنرل نرسنگ اور اسپیشلائزیشن پروگرام کے نتائج کا اجراء کر دیا ہے۔ بورڈ کے ناظم امتحانات حبیب اللہ سومرو کے مطابق نتائج جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ امتحانات میں 9 ہزار 4 سو طلبانے حصہ لیا تھا جن میں سے 7 ہزار 370 کامیاب جبکہ 1676 ناکام ہوئے۔ امتحانات میں کامیابی کا تناسب 78.40 فیصد رہا۔ 17 طلبانے نمایاں پوزیشن حاصل کی جن میں سے اکثریت طالبات کی ہے۔

مختلف الزامات میں ملوث افسران کی کالچوں

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کے کالجوں میں افسران کی تعیناتی کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا گیا ہے جن کے خلاف مختلف الزامات کی تحقیقات زیر التوا ہیں جس کی وجہ سے کالج اساتذہ میں بے چینی پھیلنا شروع ہو گئی ہے، اس کی تازہ مثال شہر کے اچھی شہرت کے حامل پی ای سی ایچ ایس

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کشفِ گودھ آف اسکالوننگ سندھ بوائے اسکالونٹس ایسوسی ایشن سید خالد شاہ نے بدھ کو کراچی پریس کلب میں پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کراچی کے تمام نجی اسکولوں کی انتظامیہ سے اپیل کی ہے کہ وہ نئے شروع ہونے والے تعلیمی سال سے اپنے اسکولوں میں اسکالوننگ شروع کریں اور ان کی ٹریننگ کرائیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) آغا خان یونیورسٹی میں امراض چشم کے ایسوسی ایٹ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر خبیر احمد نے کہا ہے کہ شہر کے قدیم باشندے اور مایہ نیر صحت عامہ اور علاج معالجہ کی سہولتوں سے محروم ہیں۔ پسماندہ طرز زندگی کے باعث ضعیف العمر مردوں اور خواتین کی صحت پر ایسے منفی اثرات مرتب ہوئے ہیں کہ اب بہتر دیکھ بھال کی فراہمی سے بھی ان کی زندگیاں بہتر کرنا انتہائی مشکل ہو گیا ہے۔ یونیورسٹی آف نیو سائو تھ ویلز آسٹریلیا کے ڈاکٹر انٹونی زونی کی سربراہی میں ڈاکٹر خبیر احمد نے کراچی کے تین جزیروں اور چار ساحلی علاقوں میں آنکھوں سے متعلق سروے کیا ہے۔ ان علاقوں کی اکثریتی آبادی میں مایہ نیر کی تین قدیم برادریاں کچھی، بنگالی اور سندھی شامل ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر احمد اور ان کی ٹیم نے 50 سال اور اس سے زائد عمر کے 640 افراد سے انٹرویو اور ان کا معائنہ بھی کیا۔ آنکھوں کے علاج کی سہولیات، آنکھوں کی سرجری (موٹیوینڈ) تک رسائی اور بینائی ضائع ہونے سے معاشی اور سماجی نقصان سے متعلق معلومات کے ایک نئے باب کو اجاگر کیا گیا ہے۔ سروے میں کے مطابق 94 ضعیف العمر افراد انتہائی غربت کی زندگی گزارنے پر مجبور ہیں، ان میں سے 84 افراد تعلیم حاصل کرنے کے لیے کبھی اسکول نہیں گئے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کورکمانڈر کراچی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار نے کہا ہے کہ ڈی ایچ اے سٹی میں آئی بی اے کیسپس کے قیام سے معیاری تعلیم کو فروغ ملے گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے مہمان خصوصی کی حیثیت سے ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی میں ایک سادہ اور پروقار تقریب میں ڈی ایچ اے اور انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف بزنس ایڈمنسٹریشن کے مابین ایک تاریخی معاہدتی یادداشت پر دستخط کے موقع پر کیا۔ آئی بی اے ڈین اینڈ ڈائریکٹر آئی بی اے ڈاکٹر عشرت حسین اور ایڈمنسٹریٹر ڈی ایچ اے، بریگیڈیئر زبیر احمد بھی تقریب میں موجود تھے۔ اس موقع پر کورکمانڈر نے ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی میں آئی بی اے کیسپس کے قیام کو خوش آئند اقدام قرار دیا جس سے ملک میں معیار تعلیم کو فروغ ملے گا۔ ڈاکٹر عشرت حسین نے ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی میں آئی بی اے کیسپس قائم کرنے کے سلسلے میں پاکستان آرمی اور ڈی ایچ اے کراچی کے پر خلوص تعاون اور تعلیم کے فروغ کی لگن پر ان کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ ایڈمنسٹریٹر ڈی ایچ اے بریگیڈیئر زبیر احمد نے کہا کہ تعلیم کا فروغ ڈی ایچ اے کی اولین ترجیحات میں ہے تاکہ معاشرے میں سماجی اور اقتصادی ترقی لائے جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی کو تعلیم کے فروغ کا مرکز بنانے کے لیے ایک ایجوکیشن ڈسٹرکٹ قائم کیا جا رہا ہے جو 103، ایکڑ زمین پر مختص ہو گا اور جہاں پانچ قومی اور بین الاقوامی سطح کے معروف تعلیمی ادارے اپنے کیسپس قائم کریں گے۔ تقریب میں شامل مختلف شعبہ زندگی کے افراد بالخصوص معززین شہر، ڈی ایچ اے ریزیڈنٹس ایسوسی ایشنز کے ممبران، دانشوروں، سرمایہ کاروں، ڈی ایچ اے اور آئی بی اے کے آفیشلز نے کثیر تعداد میں شرکت کی۔ آئی بی اے ڈی ایچ اے سٹی میں نیا کیسپس تعمیر کرے گا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) اعلیٰ ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ کراچی کے ناظم امتحانات محمد دبیر نے انٹر میڈیٹ سال اول، سال دوم اور سال اول و دوم باہم کے سالانہ امتحانات برائے 2016ء کے انعقاد کی تاریخ کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق 128 اپریل 2016ء سے شروع ہونے والے امتحانات کے پہلے فیز میں صبح کے وقت میں سائنس پری میڈیکل، پری انجینئرنگ، سائنس جنرل، ہوم آکنائکس، ایڈیشنل سیکرٹریس، امپروومنٹ آف گریڈز اور میڈیکل ٹیکنالوجی کے امتحانات جبکہ دوپہر میں کامرس ریگولر اور کامرس پرائیویٹ کے امتحانات منعقد ہوں گے۔ امتحانات کے دوسرے فیز دوپہر کے اوقات میں آرٹس ریگولر، آرٹس پرائیویٹ، ڈپلومہ ان فزیکل ایجوکیشن اور خصوصی امیدواروں کے امتحانات لیے جائیں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈھرنے نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت سندھ نے مریضوں کی بڑھتی ہوئی تعداد کے پیش نظر کراچی کے تمام سرکاری اسپتالوں کی گرانٹس کو دوگنا کر دیا گیا ہے یہ بات انہوں نے پیر کو اپنے دفتر میں ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ انہوں نے سپریم کورٹ سے درخواست کی کہ وہ جناح اسپتال کے معاملے کو جلد حل کرے تاکہ جناح اسپتال کراچی کے ملازمین کے تمام مسائل کو عدالتی حکم کی روشنی میں حل کیا جائے۔ صوبائی وزیر صحت نے بتایا کہ 18 ویں ترمیم کے بعد ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی کے معاملات صوبے کے دائرہ کار میں آنا چاہتے تھے تاہم وفاق اپنے اختیارات منتقل نہیں کر رہا جس کے باعث دونوں کی قیمتوں پر قابو پانا مشکل ہو رہا ہے۔

خیبر پور (پیو رپورٹر) سندھ کے سینئر وزیر تعلیم نثار احمد کھوڑو نے کہا ہے کہ سرکاری اسکولوں سے پرائیویٹ اسکولوں کے نتائج بہتر ہیں بچوں

اسکولز انتظامیہ اپنے اسکولوں میں اسکالوننگ

شروع کریں، خالد شاہ

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ماہی گیر علاج کی سہولتوں سے محروم ہیں،

ڈاکٹر خبیر احمد

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ڈی ایچ اے سٹی میں آئی بی اے کیسپس کے

قیام سے معیاری تعلیم کو فروغ ملے گا

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اعلیٰ ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ، انٹر کے سالانہ امتحانات

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ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی سے متعلق وفاق اپنے

اختیارات صوبے کو منتقل نہیں کر رہا،

وزیر صحت

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سندھ میں بعض اسکول بند اور نظام تعلیم بہتر

کی تعلیم کا عمل فاؤنڈیشن کی پالیسی کے مطابق تسلی بخش طریقے سے جاری ہے۔ اور اساتذہ کی علمی ذمہ داریوں اور بجا آوری کی تصدیق زیر تعلیمی طلباء و طالبات کے والدین نے کی ہے۔ سیلانی رضا کار فاؤنڈیشن کی جانب سے گرین ہاؤس اسکول کے بچوں کے نصابی کتب اور یونیفارم مفت مہیا کیا گیا ہے جبکہ فاؤنڈیشن پہلے مرحلے پانچ سال کے دوران تقریباً 30 ہزار طلباء و طالبات کو بنیادی تعلیم سے آراستہ کرنے کے عزم پر کاربند ہے۔

سکھر (ہیورورپورٹ) سندھ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف یورولاجی اینڈ ٹرانسپلنٹیشن ”ایس آئی یوٹی“ سکھر کی جانب سے گردوں کے عالمی دن کے موقع پر دیہی علاقوں کے افراد میں گردوں کے امراض میں مبتلا لوگوں کو باقاعدگی سے چیک اپ کرنے اور علاج و معالجے کے حوالے سے آگاہی مہم کے سلسلے میں آباد لاکھا میں طبی کیمپ منعقد کیا گیا جس میں ایس آئی یوٹی کے ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیم نے حصہ لیا، کیمپ میں 400 سے زائد افراد کا معائنہ کیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ایڈز کنٹرول پروگرام کے تحت عالمی یوم خواتین کی مناسبت سے سندھ گورنمنٹ ڈسپنسری سلطان آباد اور رولر ہیلیکپٹر سبزی میں فیملی ہیلتھ ڈے کا انعقاد کیا گیا جہاں خواتین اور ان علاقوں میں کام کرنے والی لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز کو ایچ آئی وی ایڈز سے متعلق آگہی دی گئی اور ان کے ٹیسٹ کیے گئے۔ اس موقع پر پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر محمد یونس چاچڑ سٹرکٹ ہیلتھ آفیسر ڈاکٹر طاہر عزیز ی، ٹی ایچ او سبزی ٹاؤن ڈاکٹر شفیع راؤ ڈاکٹر سکندر اقبال بھی موجود تھے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) انجمن اساتذہ جامعہ کراچی کے صدر ڈاکٹر شکیل فاروقی کہا ہے کہ جامعہ میں مختلف حربوں سے اپنے من پسند افراد بھرنے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چانسلر کے سابق اور موجودہ سیکرٹریز کی سٹڈیٹ پر نامزدگی مفادات کے تصادم کی ایک بھیانک مثال ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کچھ لوگ کبھی نااہل افراد کو پروفیسر ایمپریٹس بنوانے کی کوشش کرتے ہیں اور کبھی ڈاکٹریٹ کی اعزازی ڈگریاں جامعہ کراچی کے خرچے پر بنوا کر مادر علمی کے تقدس کو پامال کرتے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر شکیل فاروقی نے چانسلر جامعہ کراچی سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ ان کے نامزد کردہ یا کسی بھی اور حاضر ممبر سٹڈیٹ کو ڈاکٹریٹ کی اعزازی ڈگری دینے یا حاصل کرنے پر فوری مکمل پابندی لگائی جائے

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی محکمہ تعلیم کا کنٹرول موثر نہ ہونے کے باعث کراچی میں بیشتر اے لیول اسکولوں نے من مانیان شروع کر دی ہیں۔ یہ کیمبرج اسکول اپنی مرضی سے فیسوں میں اضافہ کر رہے ہیں، بھاری داخلہ فیس لیتے ہیں، سالانہ چارجز، سیکورٹی ڈپازٹ، لائبریری فیس، لیب فیس کے ساتھ ساتھ دیگر فنڈز بھی غیر قانونی طور پر وصول کر رہے ہیں جبکہ سندھ حکومت کے قانون کے مطابق فیسوں کی پیشگی اجازت ڈائریکٹر ایٹ پر انیویٹ اسکولز سے حاصل کرنا ضروری ہے چونکہ ان اسکولز میں اعلیٰ افسران کے بچے زیر تعلیم ہیں اس لئے یہ محکمہ تعلیم کے احکامات کو خاطر میں نہیں لاتے۔ سندھ اسمبلی کا پاس کردہ محکمہ تعلیم کے قانون کے مطابق کل انزولمنٹ 10 فیصد بچوں کو فوری تعلیم دینا لازمی ہے مگر اس پر بھی عملدرآمد نہیں ہو رہا ہے۔ دلچسپ امر یہ ہے کہ اب اے لیول ادارے سیشن شروع ہونے سے 6 ماہ قبل داخلوں کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیتے ہیں اور عارضی داخلہ دے کر کچھ رقم لے لیتے ہیں جب اولیول کارزلٹ آتا ہے تو یہ کچھ بچوں کے داخلے منسوخ کر دیتے ہیں اور جو رقم ایڈوائس میں لی ہوتی ہے واپس دینے کے لئے والدین کو چکر لگواتے ہیں۔ والدین نے جنگ سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کیا غریب ہونے کی وجہ سے ہمارے بچے تعلیم حاصل نہیں کر سکتے جبکہ ہم متعدد بار محکمہ تعلیم کو بھی اس سے آگاہ کر چکے ہیں۔ نمائندہ جنگ نے جب ڈائریکٹر جنرل پرائیویٹ اسکولز منسوب صدیقی کا موقف لیا تو انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم ایسے اداروں کے خلاف رجسٹریشن ایکٹ کے تحت قانونی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی ان اسکولز میں دی لائسنس اسکول، سیڈر اسکول کلفٹن، اے بی سینا اسکول کلفٹن، کراچی فائونڈیشن اسکول، پی ای سی ایچ ایس، الہادی اسکول فیڈرل بی ایریا اور دیگر اسکول شامل ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ملک میں خواتین خوف کے ماحول میں زندگی بسر کر رہی ہیں۔ حکومت عورتوں کے تحفظ کے لئے عملی اقدام اٹھائے، کاروباری اور وٹاناسا جیسی لعنت کو معاشرے سے ختم کراتے ہوئے ان کے لئے اچھی صورت حال پیدا کرے اور ان پر تشدد کا خاتمہ کیا جائے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مقررین نے عالمی یوم خواتین کے موقع پر یورپی یونین پاکستان کے تعاون، تحریک نسواں، پاکستان نیشنل فورم آن ویمن ہیلتھ اور پائلر کے اشتراک سے آرٹس کونسل آف پاکستان میں منعقدہ عالمی کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ مقررین میں پیپلز پارٹی کی رہنما شرمیلا فاروقی، رکن قومی اسمبلی خیبر پختونخوا ڈاکٹر اظہر جدون، ماروی سرمد، طاہرہ عبداللہ، ہندوستان سے کشمیری تلوار، افغانستان سے فریلا ہیلا، مختار مائی، ڈاکٹر شیر شاہ سید، شیما کرمانی دیگر شامل تھیں۔ شرمیلا فاروقی نے کہا کہ ہم نے سندھ میں 2013 میں عورتوں کے حقوق کے حوالے سے بل پاس کیا ہے جو باقی صوبوں کیلئے رول ماڈل ہے۔ ڈاکٹر اظہر جدون نے کہا کہ خیبر پختونخوا میں بھی ہم اس طرح کی قانون سازی کریں گے۔ مختار مائی نے کہا کہ یہاں پر عورتوں کے ساتھ انصاف نہیں ہوتا۔

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پشاور..... محکمہ صحت خیر پختونخوا نے صوبے میں پولیو ویکسینیشن کی کارکردگی جانچنے کے لیے سمارٹ فونز سسٹم متعارف کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ فون کے ذریعے ویکسینیشن کی کارکردگی کو مانٹر کیا جاسکے گا۔ ای پی آئی کے ڈیپٹی کوآرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر ایوب نے جونیئر ڈاکٹر کو بتایا گیا کہ محکمہ صحت اس سال صوبے بھر کے 1300 ویکسینیشنرز کو سمارٹ فونز فراہم کرے گا۔ جن کے ذریعے ویکسینیشنرز کی کارکردگی کو مانٹر کیا جاسکے گا تاکہ پولیو مہم کو با مقصد اور نتیجہ خیز بنایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ محکمہ صحت نے 1500 سمارٹ فونز خریدنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے جو مئی میں صوبے کے تمام ویکسینیشنرز کو فراہم کئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے توقع ظاہر کی کہ ان اقدامات سے صوبے میں پولیو پر قابو پانے میں مدد ملے گی۔

تھریپارکر... تھریپارکر میں غذائیت کی کمی اور مختلف بیماریوں کے باعث ایک اور بچہ دم توڑ گیا۔ تھر کے صحرائی میں بچوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، آج سول اسپتال مٹھی میں غذائیت کی کمی اور مختلف بیماریوں کے باعث 8 دن کا بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ گزشتہ 10 ہفتوں کے دوران انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 204 ہو گئی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گردوں کے عالمی دن کے حوالے سے سندھ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف یورولوجی اینڈ ٹرانسپلانٹیشن کے زیر اہتمام ابراہیم حیدری ویلج، کورنگی میں طبی کیب لگایا گیا۔ جس میں گردے کے معائنہ کے حوالے سے لوگ بچوں کو بھی ساتھ لائے۔ اس موقع پر طبی ماہرین گردہ و مثانہ نے معاشرے میں گردے کے امراض کے بڑھتے ہوئے رجحان، خصوصاً بچوں میں گردے کے امراض سے بچاؤ اور بروقت علاج کے بارے میں بلوگوں کو آگاہی دی۔ اس موقع پر گرفت گردے کی اسکریننگ، ماہرین گردے سے معائنہ اور ماہرین غذائیت سے مشورے کے سہولیات فراہم کی گئیں۔ یاد رہے کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت نے بھی لوگوں میں تیزی سے بڑھتے ہوئے گردے کے امراض کو تشویشناک قرار دیا ہے۔

گھارو (نامہ نگار) گھارو کے نواحی گوٹھ کے ایک گھر میں 4 بچے پر اسرار بیماری میں مبتلا ہو گئے باپ غربت کے باعث علاج کرانے سے قاصر ہے تفصیلات کے مطابق گھارو کے نواحی گوٹھ شیر خان خانیو میں رہائش پذیر شریف خانیو کے 4 بچے 10 سالہ بیٹا زینل خانیو 8 سالہ بیٹی سگار خانیو 7 سالہ بیٹا امتیاز خانیو 5 سالہ بیٹا عنایت خانیو پر اسرار بیماری میں مبتلا ہو چکے ہیں شریف خانیو کے مطابق انکے چاروں بچے نارمل پیدا ہوئے اور 5 ماہ تک مکمل صحت یاب رہے اسکے بعد 2 سال کی عمر میں پچھلے تو انکی نظر ختم ہو گئی اور 5 سال کے بعد ان بچوں نے اپنے ہاتھوں اور پیروں کی انگلیاں کھانا شروع کر دیں انہوں نے مقامی اور کراچی لے جا کر بڑے اسپتالوں میں علاج کرایا مگر کوئی فائدہ نہ ہوا شریف خانیو نے بتایا کہ وہ ایک غریب آدمی ہے اور محنت مزدوری کر کے اپنے بچوں کا پیٹ پالتا ہے اور اب اس میں اتنی سکت نہیں کہ انکا علاج کرا سکے اور اسکے بچے معذور ہو چکے ہیں انھوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ گورنر سندھ سے مطالبہ کیا کہ اسکے بچوں کا سرکاری طور پر علاج کرایا جائے تاکہ وہ بھی نارمل زندگی گزار سکیں۔

خیرپور (جیورپورٹ) ڈپٹی کمشنر خیرپور فیاض احمد جتوئی نے ڈسٹرکٹ سیشن جج سید غلام شاہ کے ہمراہ سول اسپتال کا چانک دورہ کیا اس دوران متعدد ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی سے غیر حاضر تھے جس پر انہوں نے سخت ناراضی اور برہمی کا اظہار کیا جبکہ اسپتال میں صفائی کے بھی بہتر انتظامات نہیں تھے اسپتال میں داخل مریضوں نے ڈپٹی کمشنر اور سیشن جج کو سرکاری دوائیں نہ ملنے کی شکایات کی جس پر انہوں نے کہا کہ مریضوں کو سرکاری دوائیں نہ ملنے اور اسپتال میں صفائی کا نظام خراب ہونے کی وہ شکایات تحریری طور پر اوپر کے حکام کو بھیجیں گے ڈپٹی کمشنر فیاض احمد جتوئی نے اس موقع پر کہا کہ خیرپور سندھ کا بڑا ضلع ہے سول اسپتال میں 20 سے زائد ماہر ڈاکٹروں کی کمی ہے جس کی وجہ سے مریض کراچی، لاہور، کٹہ، نواب شاہ اور دیگر اسپتالوں میں جا رہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سیلانی رضا کار فاؤنڈیشن کے ناظم سندھ خرم قادری نے کہا ہے کہ ضلع تھریپارکر میں گرین ہاؤس اسکول کے قیام کے پہلے ہی سال کے مثبت نتائج نے ظاہر کر دیا ہے کہ ریگستان اور صحرائی علاقوں میں رہنے والے لوگ اپنے بچوں کو علم کی روشنی سے ان کے مستقبل کو منور کرنے کا بھرپور جذبہ رکھتے ہیں۔ سیلانی رضا کار فاؤنڈیشن کے جاری کردہ اعلاسیے کے مطابق خرم قادری نے سیلانی رضا کار فاؤنڈیشن کے مرکزی ناظم اعلیٰ عامر اقبال مدنی کو تحریری رپورٹ میں بتایا کہ ضلع تھریپارکر کے 49 مقامات پر 154 اساتذہ کی نگرانی میں 2715 طلباء و طالبات

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کراچی پولیس نے سپر ہائی وے ناردرن بانئ پاس کے قریب کارروائی کے دوران کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے جب کہ ایک دہشت گرد فرار ہو گیا۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راولپنڈی کے مطابق سپر ہائی وے ناردرن بانئ پاس کے قریب پولیس چوکی پر 4 دہشت گردوں نے حملہ کیا جس کے بعد پولیس نے حملہ آوروں کا تعاقب کیا اور اس دوران سپر ہائی وے پر ناردرن بانئ پاس کے قریب پولیس اور حملہ آوروں کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ ہوا جس میں پولیس کی جوبائی فائرنگ سے 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ اندھیرے کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے ان کا ایک ساتھی فرار ہو گیا۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راولپنڈی کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے ہے جو دہشت گردی کی متعدد کارروائیوں میں ملوث تھے جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور دیگر سامان بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔

کراچی: ریجنل جرنل کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران ٹارگٹ کلر سمیت 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان ریجنل جرنل کے علاقوں نار تھ ناظم آباد، رنجھوڑ ٹاؤن اور بزر ٹاؤن میں کارروائی کی گئی جس میں ٹارگٹ کلر سمیت 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا گیا جن کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ سے ہے۔ ترجمان ریجنل جرنل کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار ملزمان جرائم کی متعدد کارروائیوں میں ملوث ہیں جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔

راولپنڈی: شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے شوال میں پاک فوج اور فضائیہ کے مشترکہ آپریشن میں 21 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ ”آئی ایس پی آر“ کی جانب سے جاری کئے گئے بیان کے مطابق شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے شوال میں بھاگتے ہوئے دہشت گردوں کی تلاش اور ان کے ٹھکانوں کے خاتمے کے لئے آرمی ایوی ایشن اور پاک فضائیہ کا مشترکہ آپریشن جاری ہے جب کہ زمینی دستے بھی دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائی میں حصہ لے رہے ہیں۔ اس مشترکہ کارروائی میں گزشتہ رات سے اب تک 21 دہشت گرد ہلاک کئے جا چکے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ دہشت گردوں کے خلاف آپریشن ضرب عضب 2014 میں کراچی ایئرپورٹ پر حملے کے بعد سے جاری ہے تاہم گزشتہ ماہ سے اس آپریشن کا آخری اور فیصلہ کن مرحلہ شروع ہو چکا ہے جس کے تحت شوال سے دہشت گردوں کا صفایا کیا جا چکا ہے۔

لاہور: حکومت پنجاب نے دہشت گردی سے متاثرہ شہریوں کی مدد کے لیے آرڈیننس جاری کر دیا ہے جس کے تحت دہشت گردی کے واقعات میں جاں بحق ہونے والوں کے لواحقین کو 10 لاکھ روپے امداد دی جائے گی۔ حکومت پنجاب کے جاری کردہ آرڈیننس کے مطابق دہشت گردی کی نذر ہونے والے عام شہری کے لواحقین کو 10 لاکھ روپے امداد دی جائے گی جب کہ شدید زخمی یا معذوری کی صورت میں 5 لاکھ روپے دیئے جائیں گے تاہم 2 ہفتے تک زیر علاج رہنے کی صورت میں ایک لاکھ روپے امداد دی جائے گی۔ آرڈیننس کے مطابق دہشت گردی کی صورت میں گھر تباہ ہونے اور کاروباری نقصان پر 5 لاکھ روپے دیئے جائیں گے جب کہ ٹرک اور بڑی گاڑی تباہ ہونے پر 5 لاکھ، کار، جیپ اور رکشے کے تباہ ہونے پر 2 لاکھ اور موٹر سائیکل کے نقصان کی صورت میں 20 ہزار روپے کی امداد کی جائے گی۔

سپر ہائی وے پر مقابلے میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک، ایس ایس پی راولپنڈی

انوار

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9 مارچ 2016

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں سے ٹارگٹ کلر سمیت 4 ملزمان گرفتار، ترجمان ریجنل جرنل

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8 مارچ 2016

شوال میں پاک فوج اور فضائیہ کی مشترکہ کارروائی، 21 دہشت گرد ہلاک

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8 مارچ 2016

پنجاب حکومت نے دہشت گردی سے متاثرہ شہریوں کی مدد کے لیے آرڈیننس جاری کر دیا

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سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاء

کراچی شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں رینجرز کی چوکیوں پر 2 دستی بم حملے کئے گئے تاہم کسی جانی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق رینجرز کی چوکی پر پہلا حملہ گلشن اقبال میں موتی محل کے قریب ہوا جہاں موٹر سائیکل پر سوار حملہ آور دستی بم پھینک کر فرار ہو گئے جس سے رینجرز کی چوکی کو نقصان پہنچا تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ رینجرز کی چوکی پر دوسرا حملہ حسن اسکوائر کے قریب عیسیٰ نگری کے علاقے میں ہوا تاہم خوش قسمتی سے اس حملے میں بھی کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ رینجرز چوکیوں پر دستی بم حملوں کے بعد پولیس اور رینجرز کی بڑی تعداد متاثرہ علاقوں میں پہنچ گئی اور شواہد اکٹھے کرنا شروع کر دیئے۔

ہنگو اور کڑی ایجنسی میں کولے کی کان میں ہونے والے حادثے میں جاں بحق مزدوروں کی تعداد 6 ہو گئی ہے جب کہ اب بھی 2 افراد کان تلے دبے ہوئے ہیں جنہیں نکالنے کے لئے امدادی کارروائیاں جاری ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اور کڑی ایجنسی کے علاقے ہنگو میں ڈولی کے مقام پر کولے کی 2 کانیں دب گئیں جس کے نتیجے میں متعدد مزدور کان تلے دب گئے، حادثے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کی تعداد 6 ہو چکی ہے جب کہ اب بھی 2 افراد تلے دبے ہوئے ہیں جنہیں نکالنے کے لئے ریسکیو آپریشن جاری ہے۔ اہلکاروں نے 10 زخمیوں سمیت 26 افراد کو باہر نکالا جب کہ حادثے میں زخمی ہونے والوں کو ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال کو ہاٹ منتقل کیا گیا جہاں انھیں طبی امداد دی جا رہی ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی اور ایف سی کے 100 سے زائد جوان امدادی کارروائیوں میں مصروف ہیں جب کہ ریسکیو آپریشن بھاری مشینری کی مدد سے کیا جا رہا ہے، اس کے علاوہ ریسکیو ٹیموں کے پاس ضروری میڈیکل سہولیات بھی موجود ہیں۔

کراچی قائد آباد میں کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ کی کارروائی میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے دھماکہ خیز مواد بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق حساس اداروں کی اطلاع پر کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ (سی ٹی ڈی) نے کراچی کے علاقے قائد آباد میں کارروائی کی تو علاقے میں موجود دہشت گردوں نے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے بعد سی ٹی ڈی اہلکاروں نے بھی بھرپور جوابی فائرنگ کی اور اس موقع پر پولیس کی مزید نفری طلب کر کے علاقے کا مکمل گھیراؤ کیا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق سی ٹی ڈی اہلکاروں اور دہشت گردوں میں فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کافی دیر تک جاری رہا اور اس دوران سی ٹی ڈی کی جوابی کارروائی میں 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے ہے اور ان کے قبضے سے دستی بم اور دھماکہ خیز مواد بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی شہر قائد میں رینجرز اور پولیس کی جانب سے چھاپوں میں 105 جرائم پیشہ افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق رینجرز اور پولیس کی جانب سے جمعرات اور جمعہ کی شپ کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کیا جس کے دوران 105 جرائم پیشہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار جرائم پیشہ ملزمان سے دستی بم اور دیگر سامان برآمد کیے گئے ہیں جب کہ گرفتار ملزمان میں نارنگ کمرز، بھتہ خور، اشتہاری اور مفروضہ ملزمان شامل ہیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں فائرنگ کے ایک واقعے میں پاکستانی فوج کے افسر کو ہلاک کر دیا گیا ہے۔ بی بی سی کے نامہ نگار عزیز اللہ خان کے مطابق یہ واقعہ جمعے کی دوپہر حیات آباد کے علاقے میں خوشحال روڈ پر پیش آیا ہے۔ تھانہ سربند کے ایس ایچ او نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ لیفٹیننٹ کرنل طارق غفور نماز جمعہ کے بعد مقامی مسجد کے قریب موجود تھے کہ نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے ان پر فائرنگ کی۔ پولیس اہلکار کے مطابق اس کارروائی کے دوران کرنل طارق کے سر پر گولی لگی جس سے وہ ہلاک ہو گئے۔ حملہ آور فائرنگ کے بعد فرار ہونے میں کامیاب رہے۔ اس واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی پولیس اور سیکیورٹی اداروں کے افسران جائے وقوع پر پہنچے اور سیکیورٹی اہلکاروں نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے لیا۔ مقتول کی لاش کو ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے اور پولیس نے ابتدائی تحقیقات شروع کر دی ہیں۔ کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے مرکزی ترجمان محمد خراسانی نے ایک پیغام میں اس حملے کی ذمہ داری قبول کی ہے۔ پاکستانی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ کی جانب سے اس واقعے کے بارے میں جاری کیے گئے مختصر بیان میں یہ بھی بتایا گیا ہے کہ لیفٹیننٹ کرنل طارق پشاور میں ہی تعینات تھے اور ایک سرکاری یونیورسٹی میں تعلیمی عمل جاری رکھے ہوئے تھے۔

کراچی بد امنی کیس کی سماعت کرنے والے سپریم کورٹ کے تین رکنی بنچ نے رینجرز کے کراچی میں علیحدہ تھانے قائم کرنے اور ایف آئی آر درج کرنے کا اختیار دیے جانے کے مطالبات مسترد کر دیے ہیں۔ سماعت کے دوران آئی جی سندھ نے بنچ کے سربراہ جسٹس امیر بانی مسلم کی طرف ان کے

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ہنگو میں کولے کی کان میں حادثہ، جاں بحق مزدوروں کی تعداد 6 ہو گئی

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کراچی کے علاقے قائد آباد میں کارروائی، کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک، سی ٹی ڈی

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کراچی میں رینجرز اور پولیس کے چھاپوں میں 105 جرائم پیشہ افراد گرفتار

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پشاور میں فائرنگ سے فوجی افسر ہلاک

بی بی سی

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سپریم کورٹ کاربنجرز کو اختیارات دینے سے انکار

حادثہ بارش اور تیز رفتاری کے باعث پیش آیا ہے۔ بلوچستان کے چمن پشین ڈوب لورالائی ہرنائی زیارت مسلم باغ والندین نوشکی سمیت بلوچستان کے شمال مشرقی اور مغربی علاقوں میں جمعرات کی صبح سے بارشوں کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے جبکہ اکثر مقامات پر گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارشوں سے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آنے سے رابطہ سڑکیں بہہ گئیں اور درجنوں کچے مکانات منہدم ہو گئیں۔ ضلع شیرانی کے علاقے شین پونگہ میں کمرے کی چھت گرنے سے 2 خواتین اور 3 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے مقامی لوگوں نے لاشیں نکال لی ہیں۔ مکان کے بلے سے ایک شخص کو زندہ حالت میں نکالا گیا ہے۔ بلوچستان بھر میں طوفانی بارشوں سے ہر طرف پانی نے جل تھل مچادی۔ کوئٹہ، قلعہ عبداللہ، پشین، چاغی، نوشکی، جکو، والندین، بسی، قلات اور کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے دیگر اضلاع میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی ہے اور متاثرہ اضلاع کے ڈپٹی کمشنرز کو افرادی قوت اور مشینری کو الٹ رکھنے کی ہدایت بھی کی گئی ہے۔ کئی علاقوں میں کچے گھروں کی چھتیں اور دیواریں گر چکی ہیں جس کے نتیجے میں دو افراد جاں بحق ہو چکے ہیں۔ مجھ میں بارش کے باعث گاڑی الٹنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق اور گیارہ زخمی ہو گئے۔ سریاب کے علاقے موسی کالونی میں زمینوں میں دراڑ پڑنے کے باعث سینکڑوں مکانات متاثر ہوئے، جھل مگسی میں ڈیم کے بند ٹوٹنے کی وجہ سے سیلابی صورتحال پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ چمن کے گرد و نواح میں بارشوں کے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی ہے۔ کئی کچے مکانات منہدم ہوئے ہیں تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ ڈوب میں ندی نالے پھر گئے اور جو راستے میں آیا ہمالے گئے، ڈوب کے نواحی علاقے میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے 4 خواتین اور ایک بچہ موقع پر جاں بحق ہوا ہے جبکہ ایک شخص کے زخمی ہونے کی اطلاع ہے۔

بارش سے ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری اور ژالہ باری سے موسم سرد ہو گیا اور سردی دوبارہ لوٹ آئی ہے۔ وفاقی دارالحکومت اسلام آباد، ڈیرہ غازی خان، کوہ سلیمان کے پہاڑی سلسلے، پشاور اور ملک کے دیگر شہروں میں رات گئے کہیں بھکی اور تیز بارش ہوئی، شہر اور گرد و نواح میں ہلکی بارش سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے شمالی بلوچستان، خیبر پٹی کے، پنجاب میں سرگودھا، گوجرانوالہ، فیصل آباد، ساہیوال، ملتان، بہاولپور اور سندھ میں بعض علاقوں کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں اکثر مقامات پر بارش اور چند مقامات پر ژالہ باری کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں گرد آلود ہواؤں کے ساتھ ہلکی بارش ہوئی۔ شہر قائد کے مختلف علاقوں میں صبح ہونے والی ہلکی بارش کے بعد بڑے پاور بریک ڈاون کے باعث آدھے سے زائد شہر کو بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی۔ کراچی الیکٹرک (کے الیکٹرک) کے کسٹمر سروس نمائندے عارف کے مطابق بجلی کی فراہمی ایکسپریس ہائی ٹینشن لائن ٹرپ ہونے کے باعث معطل ہوئی، جس سے شہر کے تقریباً 65 فیصد علاقے متاثر ہوئے۔ بھکر کے چک نمبر 163 ایم ایل میں گورنمنٹ گرلز پرائمری سکول کی چار دیواری بارش کے باعث گر گئی جس کے ملبے تلے 8 سالہ جویریہ عباس اور اس 13 سالہ بھائی محمد عدنان دب گئے دیوار گرنے کی آواز سنتے ہی اہلیان علاقہ موقع پر پہنچ کر ملبہ ہٹانا شروع کر دیا بعد ازاں ریکو 1122 نے موقع پر پہنچ کر ملبے سے دونوں بہن بھائی جویریہ عباس زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے چل بسی جبکہ زخمی محمد عدنان کو طبی امداد کے بعد ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا جبکہ نواحی علاقہ داخل میں شدید بارش کے باعث گھر کی خستہ دیوار گرنے 3 ماہ کی شہناز بی بی اور 24 سالہ پروین بی بی نیچے دب کر شدید زخمی ہو گئیں۔ ریکو 1122 نے طبی امداد کے بعد ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال بھکر منتقل کر دیا۔ درے اخان کے محلہ کوثر مسجد کے رہائشی زاہد ہاشمی کے گھر بارش کے باعث شارٹ سرکٹ کی وجہ سے اچانک آگ لگ گئی جس نے سارے کمروں کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا آگ نے گھر یلو سامان کے علاوہ بچی کا جھیز جلادیا اہل محلہ نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت آگ پر قابو پایا۔ 12 گھنٹے سے زائد کی شدید بارش سے کئی خستہ دیواریں، چھپر گر گئے جن کے نیچے جانوروں دب کر زخمی ہوئے اور مختلف سڑکوں پر موٹر سائیکل رکشہ بھسلنے کی وجہ سے چھ سے زائد افراد تنویر نعمان امیر اور فرمان کے زخمی ہونے کی اطلاعات موصول ہوئی ہیں۔ جھنگ اور گرد و نواح میں گزشتہ رات سے شدید بارش کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے سارا دن جاری رہا۔ جس کے باعث موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔ تحصیل بیر محل کے شہری اور دیہی حلقوں میں وقفے وقفے سے گرج چمک کے ساتھ ہونے والی موسلا دھار بارش اور ژالہ باری سے تحصیل کے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آنے کے ساتھ بڑے پیمانے پر گندم کی فصل کو بھی شدید نقصان پہنچا جبکہ ٹیلی فون اور بجلی کا نظام بری طرح متاثر ہونے کی وجہ سے صارفین کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہوا اور طویل گھنٹے بجلی بندش کی وجہ سے ہسپتالوں میں آپریشن شیڈول بھی بری طرح متاثر ہونے کی اطلاعات موصول ہوتی رہیں۔ تحصیل شکر گڑھ کے متعدد قصبہات اور چک امر و سمیت درجنوں دیہات میں موسلا دھار بارش ہوئی۔

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علاقہ سید پالیزئی میں ریلوے گھروں کو بہالے گیا، ضلع لہیلہ کے علاقے کو تھل کی پھیلی نہر میں طغیانی کے باعث لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد دورے مقامات پر منتقل ہو گئی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ سی، نصیر آباد، قلعہ عبداللہ، خضدار، جھل مگسی اور دیگر علاقے بھی گزشتہ 5 روز سے شدید بارش کی لپیٹ میں ہیں۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت لاہور، فیصل آباد، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا، بکھر، اوکاڑہ اور دیگر علاقوں میں گزشتہ شام سے ہونے والی بارش آج بھی وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ جس کی وجہ سے لوگوں نے ہلکے گرم کپڑے دوبارہ پہننے شروع کر دیئے ہیں۔ بارشوں کے باعث کسی بھی حادثے سے بچنے کے موثر وے انتظامیہ نے لوگوں کو سفر کرنے سے گریز کی تجویز دی ہے، اپنے بیان میں ترجمان موٹروے پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ پشاور سے لاہور اور فیصل آباد تک موٹروے پر وقفے وقفے سے بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، بارش کے دوران پھسلن کے باعث حادثات بڑھ جاتے ہیں، اس لئے موٹروے استعمال کرنے والوں کو ہدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ محتاط ڈرائیونگ کریں اور گاڑیوں کے وائپر ز وغیرہ درست حالت میں رکھیں

خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور سمیت بیشتر علاقوں میں بھی موسم بہار کی رم جھم نے لوگوں کے مزاج کو اور بھی شیریں کر دیا ہے تاہم بالائی اور پہاڑی علاقوں میں رہنے والوں کی مشکلات مزید بڑھ گئی ہیں۔ سوات، مالم جبہ، دیر، ہنگو اور دیگر علاقوں میں بارش اور پہاڑوں پر بر فباری نے ندی نالوں نمیں بہتے پانی کو شوریدہ کر دیا ہے۔ مالم جبہ کے وسط میں بہتی ندی میں طغیانی نے لوگوں کو 2010 کے اس سیلاب کی یاد دلادی ہے جس کے باعث درجنوں مکان بہہ گئے تھے۔ پتڑال میں بارش اور بر فباری کی وجہ سے کئی رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئی ہیں۔ گلگت بلتستان میں بھی بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ تیز بارشوں کے باعث شاہراہ قراقرم پر لینڈ سلائے ڈنگ کے باعث بند ہو گئی ہے۔ مظفر آباد سمیت آزاد کشمیر میں گزشتہ دو دن سے کبھی ہلکی اور کبھی تیز بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، جس کی وجہ سے مظفر آباد اور لپنڈی شاہراہ سمیت کئی شاہراہیں اور رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئیں ہیں جبکہ پہاڑوں پر برف باری سے سردی پھر لوٹ آئی ہے

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں بارشوں کے باعث ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 14 تک پہنچ گئی ہے جبکہ درجنوں مکانات کو بھی نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ ان میں سے پانچ افراد کی ہلاکت کا واقعہ جمعہ اور سینیچر کی درمیانی شب کو سندھ شہر سے 50 کلومیٹر دور پشین میں پیش آیا۔ پشین میں یوینفورس کے ایک اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ کھلی جائزئی میں بارش کے باعث ایک گھر کی چھت گر گئی۔ چھت گرنے کی وجہ سے ایک ہی خاندان کے پانچ افراد ہلاک اور تین زخمی ہوئے۔ ہلاک ہونے والوں میں تین مرد، ایک خاتون اور ایک بچی شامل تھی۔ اس سے قبل بارشوں سے پانچ افراد وزیرستان سے متصل بلوچستان کے ضلع شیرانی میں ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے ذرائع کے مطابق ضلع کے علاقے شہ پوٹنگ میں زیادہ بارشوں کی وجہ سے ایک گھر کی چھت گر گئی۔ چھت گرنے کے نتیجے میں ایک ہی خاندان سے تعلق رکھنے والے پانچ افراد ہلاک ہوئے۔ ہلاک ہونے والوں میں ایک خاتون اور اس کے چار بچے شامل تھے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق چاغی، مستونگ اور لورالائی کے علاقوں میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے کی وجہ سے بھی چار افراد ہلاک ہوئے۔ ادھر کوئٹہ شہر میں بارشوں کی وجہ سے کچھ مکانات کو نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ کوئٹہ شہر میں مکانات کو سب سے زیادہ نقصان سریاب کے علاقے میں پہنچا۔ سریاب کے علاقے نیو مسلم آباد میں بارشوں سے زمین بھی دراڑ پڑ گئی ہے۔ مسلم آباد اور کلی گوگڑائی میں گھروں کو نقصان پہنچنے کی وجہ سے لوگوں کو سردی میں شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ سریاب میں زمین میں دراڑ پڑنے کی وجہ سے تین سو سے زائد گھروں کو خطرہ لاحق ہے جس سے لوگ تشویش میں مبتلا ہیں۔ سریاب کے علاقے سے منتخب رکن اسمبلی نصر اللہ زیرے کا کہنا ہے کہ لوگوں کو ہر ممکن امداد کی فراہمی کے علاوہ اس بات کا جائزہ لیا جائے گا کہ زمین میں دراڑ کیوں پڑ گئی ہے۔ بارشوں کے باعث ضلع لہیلہ میں متعدد علاقے بھی زیر آب آ گئے ہیں۔ قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے کے مطابق بلوچستان میں مزید دو سے تین روز تک تیز بارشوں کا امکان ہے۔ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں سیلاب کا بھی خطرہ ہے۔ اس صورتحال کے پیش نظر لوگوں کو کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ محتاط رہیں اور برساتی نالوں کے قرب و جوار کے علاقوں سے دور رہیں۔ پی ڈی ایم کے ذرائع کے مطابق بلوچستان کے جن علاقوں میں گھروں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے وہاں امدادی اشیاء بھیج دی گئی ہیں۔ ان ذرائع کے مطابق جن 20 اضلاع میں سیلاب کا زیادہ خطرہ تھا وہاں کے ڈپٹی کمشنروں کو ہنگامی ریلیف کے لیے 50،50 لاکھ روپے جاری کر دیے گئے ہیں۔

ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں طوفانی بارش نے تباہی مچادی، پھسلن کے باعث ٹریفک حادثات اور چھتیں، دیواریں گرنے سے بچوں، خواتین سمیت 18 افراد جاں بحق، بیسیوں زخمی ہو گئے۔ زیادہ تر نقصان بلوچستان میں ہوا، ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری سے سردی پھر لوٹ آئی، نشیبی علاقوں میں جل تھل، ندی نالوں میں طغیانی سے سیلاب کی صورتحال، بلوچستان کے مختلف اضلاع میں سڑکیں پانی میں بہہ گئیں، سینکڑوں مکانات متاثر، کئی علاقوں میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق صحیح وفاقی دارالحکومت اسلام آباد میں مری روڈ پر واقع گاؤں مل پور میں مسافروں تیز رفتاری اور پھسلن کے باعث ٹینکر سے ٹکرا گئی جس کے نتیجے میں 3 افراد موقع پر جاں بحق اور 4 زخمی ہو گئے۔ مرنے والوں میں مسافر ہائی ایس کا ڈرائیور بھی شامل ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق

بلوچستان میں بارشوں کے باعث 14

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بی بی سی

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ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارشیں،

حادثات، چھتیں، دیواریں گرنے سے

18 افراد جاں بحق، بیسیوں زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

11 مارچ 2016

گرنے سے دو بچوں سمیت تین افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ صوبائی وزیر خیر پنی کے شوکت یوسفزئی نے کہا ہے کہ کولے کی کان بیٹھنے سے 17 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے جن کی لاشیں نکال لی گئی ہیں، 10 زخمیوں کو بھی نکال لیا گیا۔ کولے کی کان بارش اور دھماکے سے بیٹھی، کولے کی کان میں 65 مز دور پھنسنے ہوئے ہیں جبکہ این ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق 6 مز دور تاحال پھنسنے ہوئے ہیں 29 کو نکال لیا گیا۔ ایف ڈی ایم اے مسلسل صورتحال کا جائزہ لے رہی ہے۔ دوسری جانب وزیراعظم میاں نواز شریف نے لوہڑ اور کڑی ایجنسی میں کان بیٹھ جانے کے نتیجے میں ہونے والی ہلاکتوں پر افسوس کا اظہار اور متاثرہ خاندانوں سے اظہار ہمدردی کیا ہے۔ ایم ڈی بیت المال عابد وحید شیخ نے ہنگو میں کولے کی کان میں حادثہ پر اظہار افسوس کیا ہے۔ ایم ڈی بیت المال نے جاں بحق مزدوروں کے ورثاء کیلئے فی کس 50 ہزار روپے امداد کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ لاہور میں گزشتہ روز ہونے والی تیز بارش کے نتیجے میں درخت، سائن بورڈ مکان کی چھت گرنے کے باعث ایک شخص جاں بحق اور 8 شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ شالیمار کے علاقہ گھاس منڈی کے قریب ایک مکان کی چھت اور دیوار گر گئی جس سے گھر میں موجود مقصود نامی شخص شدید زخمی ہو گیا جسے فوری ہسپتال لجا لیا گیا جہاں وہ دم توڑ گیا۔ بارش کے باعث لیسکو کے 141 فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جس کے باعث متاثرہ علاقوں میں کئی گھنٹے تک بجلی بند رہی۔ اقبال ٹاؤن گلشن بلاک، مصری شاہ، شاہد کھوٹی، باغیانپورہ، وسن پورہ، ساندہ، گلشن راوی، شاہدرہ، مغلیہ پورہ، جوہر ٹاؤن اور دیگر علاقوں میں فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جس سے بعض علاقوں میں صبح 9 بجے بجلی بند ہوئی اور شام 5 بجے تک مسلسل بند رہی جس سے شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ بالائی پہاڑی علاقوں میں ہلکی برف باری، وادی شانگلہ میں ٹھنڈ لوٹ آئی، تیز اور سرد ہوائوں سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق بلوچستان میں بارشوں سے اب تک 17 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے۔ فیروز والا سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بارش کے باعث جی ٹی روڈ اور شاہدرہ میں ٹریفک کا نظام درہم برہم ہونے سے مسافروں کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ فانا ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی نے الرٹ جاری کر دیا۔ بارشوں کی صورتحال کا جائزہ لینے کیلئے کنٹرول روم قائم کر دیا گیا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق کولے کی کان میں حادثہ میں ایک مزدور جاں بحق ہوا۔ 27 مزدوروں کو بچا لیا گیا۔ ریسکیو آپریشن جاری ہے 6 سے 7 مزدور ملے تلے دے ہوئے ہیں جنہیں بچانے کی کوشش جاری ہے۔ پاک فوج اور ایف سی کے 100 اہلکاروں نے ریسکیو آپریشن میں حصہ لیا۔ بعض ذرائع کے مطابق حادثے میں 7 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے

مردان..... مردان میں بارش کے باعث دو مکانوں کی چھت گر گئی، جس کے نتیجے میں 2 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 5 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کے مطابق بارش کے باعث مردان کے علاقوں باغیان اور عبدالرحمان کلی میں مکانوں کی چھتیں گر گئیں۔ واقعات میں زخمی ہونے والے پانچوں افراد کو طبی امداد کے لیے فوری طور پر ایمبولینسوں کے ذریعے اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔

مردان: بارش سے دو مکانوں کی چھت

گر گئی، 2 افراد جاں بحق

روزنامہ جنگ

13 مارچ 2016

پاکستان میں حالیہ بارشوں کے باعث 18

افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی

12 مارچ 2016

پاکستان میں جاری حالیہ بارشوں کے باعث ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں ہونے والی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 18 ہو گئی ہے جبکہ متعدد افراد زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق بارشوں کے باعث صوبہ بلوچستان میں 17 جبکہ ضلع ٹانک میں ایک شخص ہلاک ہوا ہے۔ ادارے کے مطابق ضلع ٹانک میں کمرے کی چھت گرنے سے دو بچوں سمیت تین افراد زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب ریسکیو 1122 کے ترجمان کے مطابق خیبر پختونخوا کے علاقے مردان میں ایک عمارت گرنے سے چار افراد زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ اس سے قبل بی بی سی کے نامہ نگار محمد کاظم نے بتایا تھا کہ بلوچستان میں ہلاک ہونے والے 17 افراد میں سے پانچ افراد کی ہلاکت کا واقعہ جمعے اور سینچر کی درمیانی شب کو سہرے سے 50 کلومیٹر دور پشین میں پیش آیا تھا۔ پشین میں لیویز فورس کے ایک اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا تھا کہ کچی حاجی زئی میں بارش کے باعث ایک گھر کی چھت گر گئی۔ چھت گرنے کی وجہ سے ایک ہی خاندان کے پانچ افراد ہلاک اور تین زخمی ہوئے۔ ہلاک ہونے والوں میں تین مرد، ایک خاتون اور ایک بچی شامل تھی۔ اس سے قبل بارشوں سے پانچ افراد وزیرستان سے متصل بلوچستان کے ضلع شیرانی میں ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے ذرائع کے مطابق ضلع کے علاقہ شہ پوٹا میں زیادہ بارشوں کی وجہ سے ایک گھر کی چھت گر گئی۔ قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے کے مطابق بلوچستان میں مزید دو سے تین روز تک تیز بارشوں کا امکان ہے۔ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں سیلاب کا بھی خطرہ ہے۔ اس صورتحال کے پیش نظر لوگوں کو کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ محتاط رہیں اور برساتی نالوں کے قریب وجوہ کے علاقوں سے دور رہیں۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کے ذرائع کے مطابق بلوچستان کے جن علاقوں میں گھروں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے وہاں امدادی اشیاء بھیج دی گئی ہیں۔ ان ذرائع کے مطابق جن 20 اضلاع میں سیلاب کا زیادہ خطرہ تھا وہاں کے ڈپٹی کمشنروں کو ہنگامی ریلیف کے لیے 50،50 لاکھ روپے جاری کر دیے گئے ہیں۔

ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں جاری بارشوں کے باعث کئی رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئی ہیں جب کہ ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کے پیش نظر لوگوں کو محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہونے کی ہدایت کر دی گئی ہے۔ مغرب سے داخل ہونے والے ہوا کے کم دباؤ نے بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں کو گزشتہ 5 روز سے اپنی لپیٹ میں لے رکھا ہے۔ ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کی وجہ سے ہزاروں لوگوں نے محفوظ مقامات پر نقل مکانی کر لی ہے۔ شیرانی کے علاقہ خٹاپوٹا میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ماں اپنی 3 بیٹیوں اور بیٹے سمیت جاں بحق ہو گئی، لورالائی میں پرائمری اسکول کی چھت گرنے سے چار بچیاں زخمی ہو گئیں۔ نوشہلی کے

ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارشوں کے

باعث کئی رابطہ سڑکیں بند

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تفصیلات

اسلام آباد..... ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، ڈیرہ غازی خان کی دو بڑی ندیوں میں طغیانی سے قبائلی علاقوں کا ملک کے دوسرے حصوں سے زمینی رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ ڈیرہ غازی خان، تونسہ اور قبائلی علاقوں میں بارش کے باعث ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی ہے، جس سے وادی چنالہ، پوئین کو نسل فاضلہ کچھ اور مبارکی سمیت کئی علاقوں کا زمینی رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ مقامی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے نکاسی آب کا بندوبست نہ کیے جانے کے باعث بارش کا پانی گھروں اور دکانوں میں داخل ہو گیا ہے جبکہ شہری گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے ہیں۔ اُدھر بھکر میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق ہو گیا جبکہ خاتون اور 2 بچے زخمی ہو گئے، جہلم میں بارش کے باعث مہینیاں کا رابطہ پل ٹوٹ گیا، چمن سمیت متعدد علاقوں میں بارشوں سے کئی سڑکیں پانی میں بہہ گئی، سوات کے بالائی علاقوں پر برف باری اور بارش کے باعث ہینگورہ شہر کے وسط میں بننے والی ندی کے بہاؤ میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ لوہڑی میں گزشتہ روز سے جاری بارشوں سے دریائے پنج کوڑہ میں نچلے درجے کی سیلابی صورتحال ہے جبکہ جزوی نقصان پہنچنے پر خزانہ بانی پاس پل کو ٹریفک کیلئے بند کر دیا گیا ہے، لینڈ سلائڈنگ سے کوہستان میں ٹرنالے کے قریب شاہراہ قراقرم بند ہو گئی ہے، آزاد کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان کے پہاڑوں پر برف باری اور بارشیں جاری ہیں۔

تیسرے روز بھی بارش، اور کڑی میں کان
پیچھے گئی، حادثات، مزید 14 افراد جاں

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لاہور + اسلام آباد (خصوصی رپورٹر + نیوز رپورٹر + کلچرل رپورٹر + شاف رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران + نیوز ایجنسیاں) ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں ہفتے کے روز بھی بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا، بعض مقامات پر ژالہ باری بھی ہوئی۔ لاہور، اسلام آباد سمیت ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری رہا، فیضی علاقے زیر آب آئے، سیلاب کے پیش نظر راولپنڈی اور بلوچستان سمیت مختلف علاقوں میں متعلقہ اداروں کو ہائی الارٹ کر دیا گیا۔ بارش کی وجہ سے چھتیں گرنے اور دیگر حادثات میں مزید 18 افراد جاں بحق اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ بھکر میں کچے مکان کی دیوار گرنے سے ایک بچی جاں بحق اور 4 بچیاں زخمی ہو گئیں۔ لیہ میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے خاتون اور ایک بچی جاں بحق جبکہ 2 بچے زخمی ہو گئے۔ ملتان میں سڑکوں پر بارش کا پانی جمع کیا۔ گوجرانوالہ میں بادلوں نے فضا کو ابر آلود کیا۔ پھر برکھاڑت نے ہر طرف جل تھل کر دیا۔

مسلسل بارشوں سے گندم، سرسوں اور دیگر فصلوں کو نقصان پہنچنے کا احتمال ہے۔ ساہیوال / سرگودھا سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق کہیں ہلکی اور کہیں تیز بارش نے جاتی سردی ایک بار پھر لوٹادی۔ کچے مکانات کی دیواریں منہدم ہو گئیں، کھڑی فصلوں کو بھی نقصان ہوا۔ نارووال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دو روز سے جاری نارووال میں گرج چمک وقفے وقفے کے ساتھ موسلا دھار بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ خیبر ایجنسی کی تحصیل باڑہ کے علاقے اکاخیل میں بارش کی وجہ سے مکان کی چھت گرنے سے 3 بچوں سمیت 6 جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ سیالکوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بارش کا سلسلہ تیسرے روز بھی جاری رہا۔ ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دوسرے روز بھی وقفے وقفے کے ساتھ بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ بارش اور ژالہ باری سے علاقہ کی فصلوں گندم، سرسوں، چنے، جو اور مویشیوں کیلئے چارے کی کاشت کو شدید نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ سرانے مغل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بارش کا سلسلہ گزشتہ رات سے جاری ہے۔ ملکوال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق سڑکوں اور گلیوں میں پانی کھڑا ہو گیا۔

فیصل آباد سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق فیصل آباد میں 20 ملی میٹر بارش سے شہر کے پوش ترین علاقے مدینہ ٹائون کی سڑکیں پانی میں ڈوب گئیں۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دوسرے روز بھی شدید بارش اور ژالہ باری، فصلوں کو شدید نقصان پہنچا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق دو روز بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کی وجہ سے ایم ڈی واسانے مون سون کے ایس او بیز نافذ کر دیئے۔ واسانے تمام آپریشنل سٹاف کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دیں۔ اورنج لائن ٹرین کے زیر تعمیر ٹریک کیساتھ بھی نکاسی آب کا عملہ تعینات کر دیا گیا ہے۔ بارش کے باعث موٹروے پولیس نے شہریوں کو غیر ضروری سفر کرنے سے منع کر دیا، ترحمان موٹروے پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں مون سون بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، اسلئے شہریوں کو غیر ضروری سفر سے اجتناب کرنا چاہئے کیونکہ ایکسیڈنٹ کے واقعات رونما ہو سکتے ہیں۔ لاہور شہر میں بارش نے لیسکو کے مون سون انتظامات کی قلعی کھول دی۔ بارش کی وجہ سے شہر میں 141 سے زائد فیڈر ٹرپ ہونے کی وجہ سے مختلف علاقے اندھیرے میں ڈوبے رہے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں بارش کے باعث ہونے والے بعض حادثات میں قیمتی انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ بے نظیر انٹر نیٹشئل ایئر پورٹ پر موسم کی خرابی کے باعث 2 پروازیں منسوخ جبکہ 5 تاخیر کا شکار ہو گئیں۔ کوئٹہ بیورو آفس کے مطابق بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں طوفانی بارشوں اور بجلی گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ خضدار کے علاقے ٹیلو کاسر دانیں آسمانی بجلی سے حبیب اللہ جمالی جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ خیبر پٹی کے قبائلی علاقوں میں بارشوں نے تباہی مچادی۔ ادھر ضلع مردان کے علاقے تخت بھائی میں بارش کے باعث مکان کی چھت



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نقشه جات

انگریزی کی خبریں

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