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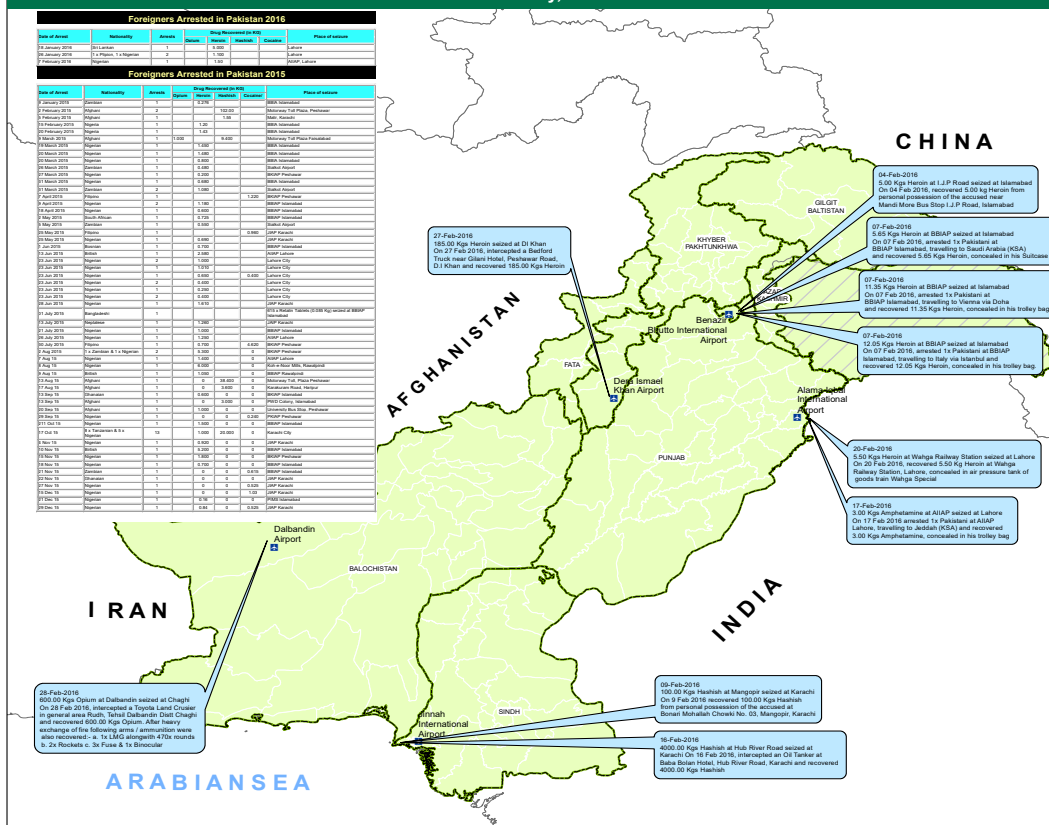
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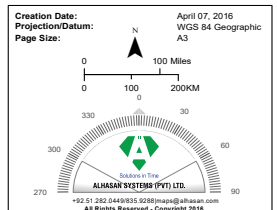
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Four dead as 6.6-magnitude earthquake jolts parts of Punjab, K-P
Express Tribune, April 10, 2016

Clearance of roads in NA, GB in progress
Daily Times, April 10, 2016

45 Pakistanis stranded in China as landslides block road
The News, April 10, 2016

DETAILS

PESHAWAR / CHARSADDA: At least four people were killed and many others injured in Pakistan as earthquake with a magnitude of 6.6 struck South Asia on Sunday. At least two died when tremors caused a landslide on the Karakar mountain range connecting Swat and Buner.

Two others passed away in Shahqadar Shahbaz Khan Korona of district Charsadda when a boundary wall collapsed. The earthquake hit parts of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa near the Afghan border, shaking buildings in the Afghan and Pakistan capitals, witnesses and the US Geological Survey (USGS) said. The USGS said the quake was centred near Chitral at a depth of 210 km. Tremors were also felt in the Indian capital and in Kashmir, witnesses said, forcing residents to leave homes. In Pakistan, shocks were felt in Murree, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Gilgit-Baltistan, Abbottabad, Mansehra and surrounding areas. At least 27 people, including women and children, with minor injuries were brought to Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) in Peshawar following earthquake in the province.

LRH director for accident and emergency Dr Khalid told The Express Tribune all the injured had sustained minor wounds, adding 18 people were discharged following medical assistance at the facility. Meanwhile, spokesperson Rescue 1122 Bilal Faizi said they did not receive any information on damages due to the earthquake. Meanwhile, at least five people including two women and children were stuck under the rubble when a roof fell in Dogdarra area of Upper Dir. "The roof was already made weak by the continuous rain, and collapsed during the earthquake," police officials from the area said. Telephone networks have reportedly been disrupted in the affected areas and an emergency has been declared at all hospitals across K-P. Express News said tremors were felt for more than 60 seconds. In October last year, over 200 people were killed as a strong earthquake jolted Pakistan and Afghanistan.

PM directs relief, rescue work

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has directed all state institutions to begin rescue efforts for the ones affected by the earthquake and provide relief to them. In a statement, the premier directed all federal and provincial civil, military and relief institutions to remain alert and employ their resources to help those in need and provide help wherever necessary.

ISLAMABAD: The National Highway Authority had mobilised different contractors to clear the avalanches and snow in different parts of the Northern Areas and Gilgit Baltistan.

Due to recent heavy rains in parts of Northern Areas and Gilgit Baltistan, National Highway Network which includes N-15, N-35 (KKH), & S-1 has been damaged due to land slide and mud flow. Taking cognisance of the facts NHA has taken all necessary measures to ensure that repair works are immediately taken up. FWO has been mobilized on N-35 (KKH) and S-1 (Gilgit-Skardu), whereas on N-15 different contractors are mobilised to clear avalanches and snow. The Route road from Hassanabdal upto Thakot (Km 0 to Km 190) was open for all kind of traffic. The road from Thakot (Km 190) to Kiyal (Km 265, which is 8 km after Pattan) was blocked at different locations, however now it is open for all kind of traffic.

At Km 266 Kiyal Bailey bridge abutment was damaged. FWO and NHA team with lot of effort has repaired the abutment in shortest possible time. After Kiyal bailey bridge i.e. Km 266+600, KKH in 90 meter width and in 40 meter depth has settled due to land slide. Due to damage to Kiyal Bailey bridge abutment, access to this road portion was not possible. Now machinery is under mobilization. Efforts are to make cut in the hill with blasting and making path for roadway. Road after this 90 meter slide portion i.e. Km 266+700 to Km 298 has been cleared. At Km 298 heavy slide has damaged KKH in 300 meter length and 90 meter depth. NHA has mobilized FWO to clear the slide and make roadway by blasting the hill side. From km 298+300 i.e. after land slide portion road is clear upto Km 306 (Barsin) one way. Road from Km 306 (Barsin) to 326 (Looter) is closed due to number of slides, however road clearance is progress and soon it will be open for traffic. From Km 326 to Km 352 (Sazin) and upto Gilgit (Km 540) road is open for traffic, however at certain places one way traffic is plying. From Gilgit (Km 540) to Alipur (Km 630) road is open for traffic. From Alipur (Km 630) to Gulmit (Km 669), road was opened for traffic yesterday, however, due to rain at night slide at Km 645 has occurred where, work of road clearance is ongoing. The Road from Gulmit (Km 669) to Khunjab Top (Km 806) is open for traffic.

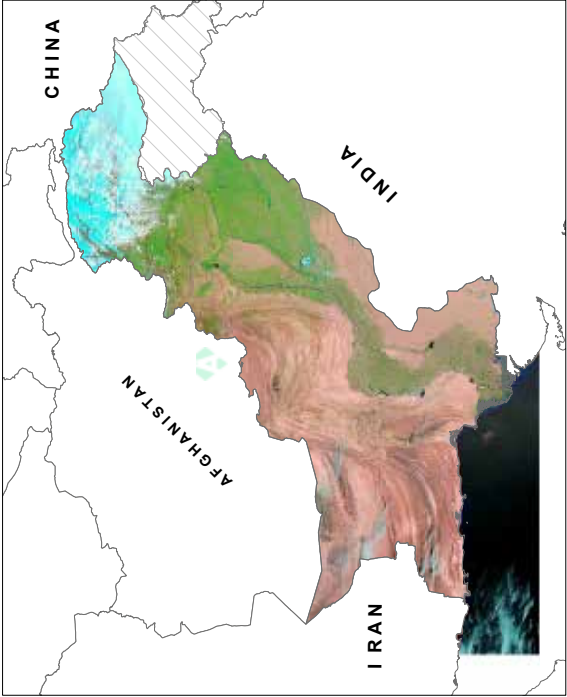
ISLAMABAD: At least 45 Pakistanis were stranded in Chinese Tashkurgan as the Karakoram Highway was blocked due to landslides, caused by torrential rains in the area. The stranded persons can neither go back to Xinjiang nor enter Pakistan, a private news channel reported on Saturday. Sarfraz Bacha, one of the stranded persons, told the channel 45 people were stuck in the area and their visas were about to expire. He said the stranded persons hail from different areas of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and one belongs to Punjab.

Meanwhile, the Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) on Saturday restored 600 kilometres long different roads at landslide hit points including the Karakoram Highway and Gilgit-Baltistan. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Karakoram Highway and different roads in GB was closed at 175 points due to landslides on April 3.

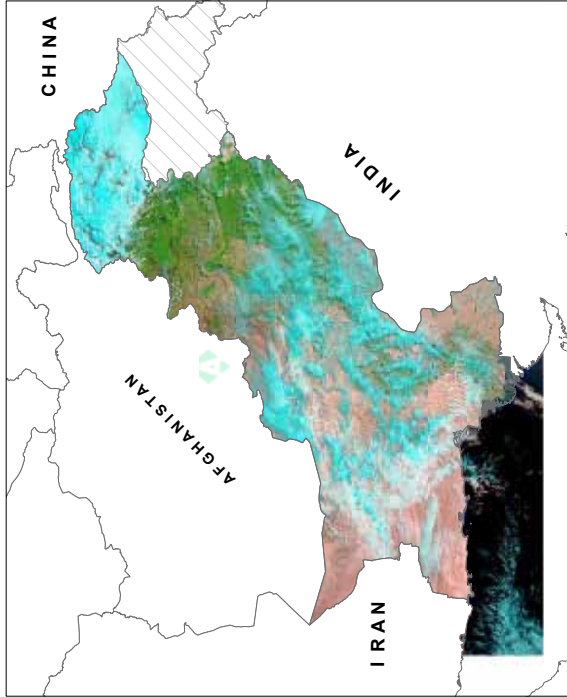
Over 100 people have lost their lives in storm-related incidents in different areas, Reuters reported Wednesday. Army rescuers have cleared 108 obstructions, restoring 475 kilometres long road. At least 22 points have been cleared in Gilgit and Skardu, opening 125-km long roads for traffic. Army copters distributed relief items to affectees in Chilas, Barseen and Patan.

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (April 04, 2016 to April 09, 2016)

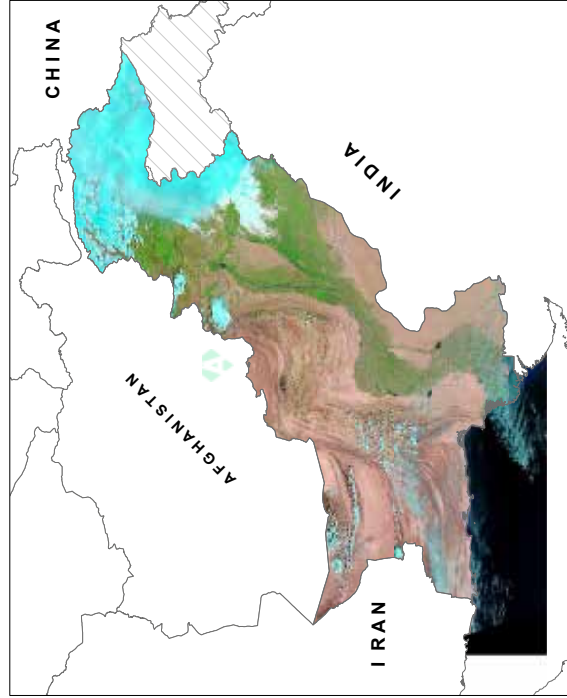
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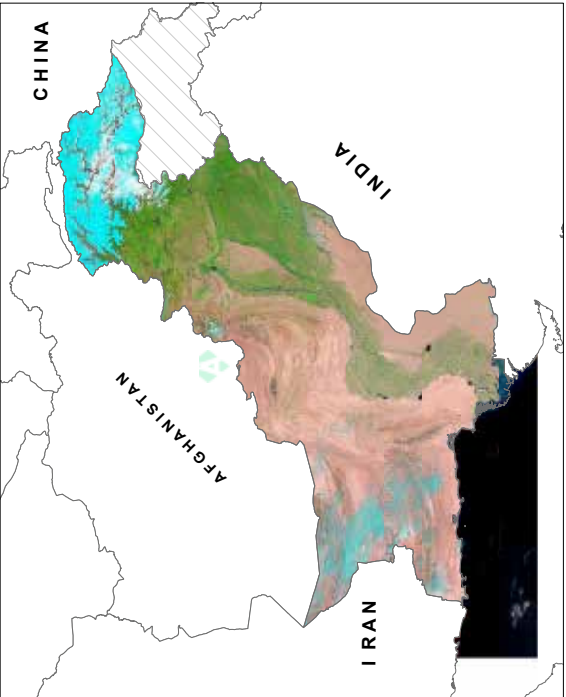
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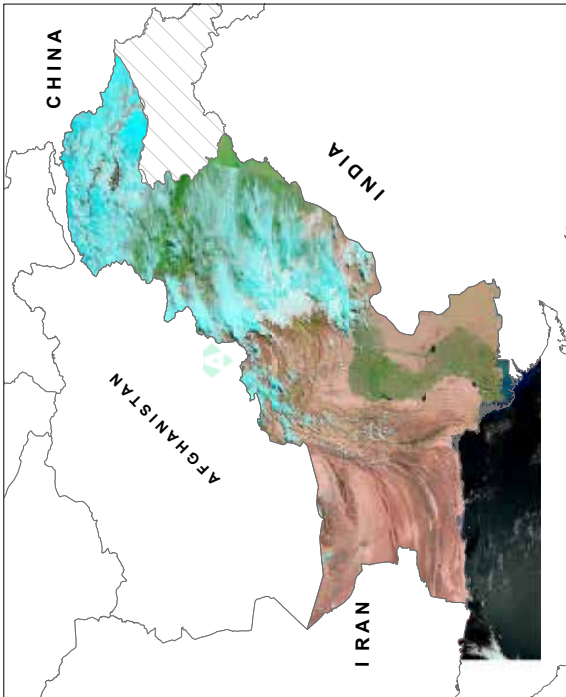
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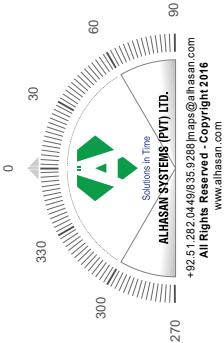
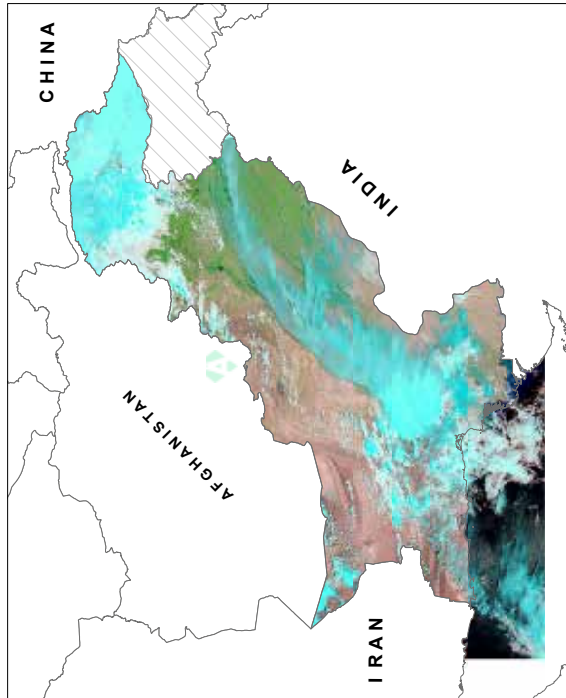
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4.5 Magnitude Earthquake hits Chitral, Peshawar

The News Tribe, April 8, 2016

26 more dengue cases surface in city

Daily Times, April 8, 2016

Climate Change Threat or Farce

Pakobserver, April 8, 2016

At least 33-tonnes wheat has also been issued by authorities for affectees in Gilgit. On the other hand, as many as 23 persons could not be rescued from under the rubble in Kohistan's Kandia after six days, prompting locals to offer their funeral prayers and declare the site a graveyard. According to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), by April 8, 17 were killed in Shangla, 13 in Swat, two in Bannu, six in Upper Dir, two in Chitral, Mardan, Lower Dir and Battagram each. Meanwhile, heavy rain, snowfall that continued for 48 hours, has brought life to a standstill in parts of Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral which triggered a series of snow avalanches, unusual flash floods and landslides, damaging 600 houses with thousands of other homes reporting leaks in the roof.

PESHAWAR: An earthquake of mild intensity was felt in the Chitral district of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Friday (today) morning. According to Pakistan's weather forecast department, intensity of the quake that began from the border areas of Afghanistan and Tajikistan was recorded 4.5 as Richter scale.

Earthquake jolts were also reportedly felt in Peshawar, Lower and upper Dir areas of KPK. Local sources said that the earthquake was of low intensity, and no casualty was reported in the incident.

KARACHI: At least 26 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported from the city last week, taking the patients toll 351 in the city since January 1st. According to weekly report issued by Sindh Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Sindh, as many as 26 new dengue fever cases were detected from the city since the start of the current year. A total 366 dengue fever cases had been reported in the province since January 1st, out of which 351 were detected from the provincial capital, five from Hyderabad, two from Sukkur, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Ghotki, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirabad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far. Spicy foods increase risk of developing piles

Meanwhile, renowned proctologist Dr Ghulam Mujtaba Memon on Thursday said as many as 10,000 piles patients, clinically known as haemorrhoid, have already been successfully treated by him at Civil Hospital Karachi. Dr Mujtaba said piles is a painful disease but is 100 percent treatable. Unfortunately such cases are increasing day-by-day due to excessive use of spicy foods and constant constipation. He said pile is probably the most common lifestyle ailment affecting men and women at any age. He said it often develops due to excess pressure on anal blood vessels, which later causes swelling and inflammation.

He said chronic constipation, lifestyle factors such as improper food habits and less fluid intake are some of the common causes. He said treatment of such patients is available in three different methods and patient can recover from this painful disease in a month after proper treatment. He said unavailability of toilets at public places is also a major factor behind spread of piles cases and the government must establish toilets in markets and other public places to facilitate people.

Literature is the collection of human expression using different genres. Tragedy, melodrama, irony, comedy or farce, all depictions are the encapsulations of time, history and events in prose. All the time human beings are passing through some of these literary experiences. Strange to note, even scientific discoveries come under the influence of either of these. Every scientist of intent has to be immersed in the romanticism of discovery through sensory perception. Pakistan is facing a challenge about which very little awareness exists in the society. Climate change or the weather shenanigans are now unleashed in its different manifestations. Like all the developing countries our wannabes are taking it as something which will only affect the developed world.

Chicken have already come home to roost, the effects have started appearing, but the naysayers are still adamant that this is just a whiff of passing clouds. Pakistan is endowed with a very benevolent weather system that depends upon the Monsoons from the Indian Ocean and their harvesting at Himalayas. The snow caps of Northern Areas are one of the biggest reservoirs of fresh water, which is available throughout the year. Pakistan is an agrarian economy, 70 percent of its population is directly and another 20 percent indirectly linked to agriculture. When Monsoon fails the society is at the Precipice; now when the glaciers are melting at an alarming rate, the existence of complete lower riparian is in jeopardy.

The Indians probably sensed the same a decade ago and made several reservoirs upon our rivers, when we were busy in our political tangos back stage. No more time left for any other polka event. In stratosphere, the ozone over Pakistan is depleting with an alarming speed, the data from ozone stations around the world dating 1987-2013 proves this disturbing development. This is enough reality to keep every Pakistani up at night, but the slumber is the only thing we see as our strategy to face the upcoming challenges. The recent five days rains which affected the wheat crop is the result of al-Nino. This is not where it stops; it might also result in the decreased Monsoon this year, as the jet streams over the Pacific oceans have shed the moisture leaving the Monsoon to be very weak in intensity. The harvesting of rice over an ever increased area is also resulting into the green house effect as the methane from rice fields are acting as additional warmer to the already heated blanket.

In Pakistan even climate velocity has started taking place. Climate velocity is a term not even known to the climate savvy minority of the country. The animals are migrating from their habitats rather they are moving up the country. The pigs from Margallas and surroundings have moved towards Murree Hills; the mountain crows who were usually seen in areas at around 4,000 feet are now only seen at around 6,000 and above. The monkeys from the hills are desperately in search of more food as the shrebs in the mountain are withering away due to rise in temperature. This all is happening in Pakistan some 30 kilometers away from the capital.

This disturbing phenomenon is the climate velocity. The effect of climate change is now threatening the security of Pakistan. The failure of crops, mass migrations, populations stress and rising temperatures will unhinge the social fabric of already ethnically divided society. Security

World Bank to boost funding for climate change projects

Radio Pakistan, April 8, 2016

Climate Change Worse Than Terrorism

Pakobserver, April 7, 2016

KPK torrential rains, land sliding killed 66, damaged 925 houses: PDMA

Dnd, April 7, 2016

Climate Smart Villages, BISP campaign

Pak Tribune, April 7, 2016

threats are dealt with a mechanism which starts from realization of the problem, the measures to correct the deviations and a long term strategy to tackle; all of these things are missing in dealing with the climate vows of Pakistan.

World has moved beyond the terminologies of green house gases or chloro-floro-carbons. This is the age of global commons. In Pakistan's security calculus the global commons is a missing concept which is still not a priority. The state was fighting the menace of terrorism, which has challenged its authority. As now due to the success of Zarb-e-Azb, it is time to concentrate on effects of climate change. The principle of adaptation and mutual restraint will not be effective if the people are not made aware of the coming danger.

During coming decades the Pakistani people might have to face the much less availability of water, erratic weather, droughts, pest and viral infestations and the rising poverty. All these issues come under the realm of national security, now is the time to launch the climatic facet of Zarb-e-Azb. Even after having a feel of climatic change, we do not respond as a nation. Then the history will write a literary irony depicting us as a nation which was reading a transcript of action from 17th century circa the broad day light of 21st century.

The Bank says it has chalked out a plan which would add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy to global grid. The World Bank says it will increase funding for renewable energy to reduce the effects of climate change in developing countries.

In a statement issued in Washington, the bank said, following the UN climate conference that yielded the Paris Agreement in December, it has chalked out a plan which would add 30 gigawatts of renewable energy to the global grid. Under the plan, the electric power would be provided to 150 million homes with renewable energy by 2020.

Adviser on Foreign affairs, Sartaj Aziz has stated that the climate change poses a greater danger to Pakistan than does terrorism. Massive floods, droughts in some areas while heavy rains in the other areas are some effects of climate change. Another aspect of climate change is heat wave that has badly affected Pakistan especially Sindh. In June 2015, a severe heat wave struck Sindh, particularly Karachi that put the citizens in adverse circumstances.

Frequent electric power break down and water shortage further added to their woes. In this dreadful situation the Provincial government was seen absolutely unresponsive and apathetic despite the warnings and predictions made by Met office. It could be witnessed in the failure of government hospitals to treat the patients of heat strokes because of lack of ambulances and unavailability of other basic medical necessities. Heat wave together with above cited lapses led to the deaths of 2000 citizens.

Now that the predictions about the intense weather have once again been made by the Met office; therefore, the Provincial government should prepare the better management plan and take necessary measures to avoid the repetition of the misery of the last year.

PESHAWAR: The death toll of victims of the recent heavy torrential rains, land-sliding on Thursday mounted to 66 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa besides 61 sustained injuries and 925 houses damaged during the natural calamity.

According to PDMA, most of the casualties occurred in Shangla where 17 people lost their lives besides 17 injured and 67 houses damaged. The verification of damages houses is under progress and final report would be compiled soon. In Swat, 13 people died, 13 injured and 165 houses damaged. In Kohistan, 14 people were perished and two injured. As per Deputy Commissioner Kohistan, two dead bodies and five injured were so far recovered after about 30 people were reportedly trapped under a heavy landsliding on April 4 at village Athori in tehsil Kandyan in Kohistan. In Bannu, two persons died, five injured and 15 houses damaged whereas one person perished, another injured and two houses damaged in Malakand respectively. As many as six persons killed, eight were injured and 100 houses damaged in Dir Upper while two persons died in Dir Lower besides one injured in recent rain related incidents.

One person died in Manshera, four sustained injuries and seven houses destroyed besides two deaths were reported in Chitral where verification of damaged houses are in progress. The rain claimed one life in Charsadda besides three injuries and one house damaged. Two deaths were reported from Mardan besides two injured and as many damaged houses. In Batagram, two person killed and 11 houses damaged. Batagram is the only district where compensation amount has been provided to legal heirs of the dead victims in the recent rains and floods. One person died, another injured and 536 houses damaged in Abbottabad while one death was reported in Buner besides five injured and 15 damaged houses.

HARIPUR - Minister of State and Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Chairperson Member National Assembly (MNA) Marvi Memon launched a campaign on Wednesday for "Climate Smart Villages" in Haripur in the wake of climate change.

The BISP chairperson undertook the initiative while addressing the beneficiaries of the BISP. The initiative is aimed at training women to prepare 'Bio Briquette (Blackgold)'. It is pertinent to mention here that the 'Bio Briquette (Blackgold)' is an efficient, cheap and environment friendly fuel which is prepared by burying and burning dry leaves and organic wastes in the earth. The resultant ash called 'Charcoal', combined with soil, is put in a casting box and a solid block is prepared which burns much longer than wood, with much less smoke. This low cost fuel is used in many countries of the world.

On the occasion, she said that in order to meet fuel needs in the mountainous areas, people cut trees indiscriminately that resulted in deforestation. Deforestation enhanced the severity of land sliding and floods, she said. She said that this alternative fuel would not only save mountains from deforestation but would also benefit the poor, adding that apart from its domestic use, it could be sold which would contribute to women's financial independence. She said that the practice would

Preparing for the heat

The News, April 6, 2016

Weather anomalies and climate-induced migration

Express Tribune, April 6, 2016

Climate change threatens hearts, lungs but also brains

The Nation, April 6, 2016

help contain the effects of the climate change. She said that the BISP would initiate the campaign in every village of the country in collaboration with the Creative Approach for Development (CAD) whose Chief Executive Officer Mudassir-ul-Mulk was the master trainer in Pakistan.

In a country where we so rarely learn lessons from the past, it is always encouraging to see measures aimed at warding off disaster put into place. As we should know by now, after our multiple encounters with floods, rains, earthquakes or other natural calamities, it is always better to try and ward off disaster, rather than deal with the unpleasant aftermath after one has occurred. In this context, the meeting called in Karachi on Monday by the commissioner of the city, to attempt to avoid a situation similar to the one we saw in 2015, is an important step in the right direction. Nearly a year ago, we had seen some 1,500 people literally fall dead on streets around the city as a heatwave struck in the month of June, coinciding with Ramazan. This year another heatwave has been forecast beginning in May, when temperatures are expected to soar to over 40 degrees. Experts say global climate change is contributing to this phenomenon.

But while climate change may require longer-term thinking to find ways to combat it, simpler measures could help avert the kind of fatalities seen last year. The steps agreed to at the meeting include the setting up of emergency centres across the city, equipped with fans, drinking water and rehydration supplies. K-Electric has also given an assurance that it will try to avoid the prolonged hours of loadshedding which many believe added to the high death toll seen in 2015, as well as to the general misery of people. If indeed the emergency centres can be set up, they would help ease the danger of death that hangs over people. We will need to see if words can be converted into actions and if the concern expressed goes beyond the cosmetic. In addition, there is also a need to educate people so that they can watch out for situations in which heat or dehydration poses a threat to health and take the measures necessary to avoid any dangerous impact caused by both climatic conditions and man-made factors such as limited water supplies.

PESHAWAR: How many times can we rebuild a city? I am bound to ask this question because weather anomalies have caused damage in many cities. Enforced migration in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) has only been viewed in the context of armed conflict. However, a silent trend has emerged over the last five years, which has gone unnoticed and unacknowledged. Many people have started migrating as a direct consequence of climate change.

While the numbers that fall into the category of climate migration have not yet become part of mainstream discourse, the phenomenon remains a fact. Six years later, we have isolated instances of such anomalies in areas that have the capacity to wipe out entire villages. These include lightning induced landslides in Kohistan, soil erosion in Chitral and a death toll of 61 that is still soaring as rains continue to batter the region.

Shangla has been adversely affected since 2010. With little or no infrastructure remaining, particularly in the upper parts of the district, people in Shangla have been forced to reconstruct their houses more than thrice over the past five years. This is not only because of increased changes in weather patterns but also because of earthquakes that wreaked chaos there. A large number of people from villages have left because the compensation provided by the government was not sufficient to reconstruct houses and buildings at such high altitude.

Obsolete construction patterns

According to statistics, in more urban localities such as Peshawar and Mardan districts, 52 people have been killed in rain-related accidents in March alone. The rain only lasted for four days but deaths kept being reported much after weather system had subsided.

This was because construction patterns, even in the most developed areas, are no longer relevant to current weather conditions. Every day, buildings collapse because of outdated structures and while this report is being written, another house collapse has killed four members of a family.

With no formal codes of construction and with no realisation about increase in rainfall in Peshawar in the last decade, the government keeps pushing for disaster management, which literally means pulling out bodies and paying for damages of life and property.

A matter of time

Around 11 districts of K-P, which are also some of the more impoverished ones, are being consistently rebuilt. How long can people of these areas survive catastrophes and their aftereffects are questions which only they can answer. However, judging by climate-induced migration in other parts of the world, we know there is not much time. Moreover given the current state of affairs of the government, it is evident that it is finding it difficult to fulfil what it promised. How long will it keep rebuilding these towns, villages and cities?

There are no statistics on climate migration as yet. It is neither part of population policy nor under the mandate of disaster management authorities. For now, there are independent bodies seeking to solve problems without taking into consideration one of the not-yet-spoken-about yet significant cause of it all – climate change and induced migration.

Climate change can be expected to boost the number of annual premature U.S. deaths from heat waves in coming decades and to increase mental health problems from extreme weather like hurricanes and floods, a U.S. study said on Monday.

"I don't know that we've seen something like this before, where we have a force that has such a multitude of effects," Surgeon General Vivek Murthy told reporters at the White House about the study. "There's not one single source that we can target with climate change, there are multiple paths that we have to address." Heat waves were estimated to cause 670 to 1,300 U.S. deaths annually in recent years. Premature U.S. deaths from heat waves can be expected to rise more than 27,000 per year by 2100, from a 1990 baseline, one scenario in the study said. The rise

Campaign for 'Climate Smart Villages' launched in Pakistan

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outpaced projected decreases in deaths from extreme cold.

Extreme heat can cause more forest fires and increase pollen counts and the resulting poor air quality threatens people with asthma and other lung conditions. The report said poor air quality will likely lead to hundreds of thousands of premature deaths, hospital visits, and acute respiratory illness each year by 2030.

Climate change also threatens mental health, the study found. Post traumatic stress disorder, depression, and general anxiety can all result in places that suffer extreme weather linked to climate change, such as hurricanes and floods. More study needs to be done on assessing the risks to mental health, it said. Cases of mosquito and tick-borne diseases can also be expected to increase, though the study, completed over three years, did not look at whether locally-transmitted Zika virus cases would be more likely to hit the United States. President Barack Obama's administration has taken steps to cut carbon emissions by speeding a switch from coal and oil to cleaner energy sources. In February, the Supreme Court dealt a blow to the White House's climate ambitions by putting a hold on Obama's plan to cut emissions from power plants. Administration officials say the plan is on safe legal footing. John Holdren, Obama's senior science adviser, said steps the world agreed to in Paris last year to curb emissions through 2030 can help fight the risks to health. "We will need a big encore after 2030 in order to avoid the bulk of the worst impacts described in this report," he said.

HARIPUR (Staff Report) – Minister of State and Chairperson BISP, MNA Marvi Memon has launched a campaign for 'Climate Smart Villages' here by training BISP women beneficiaries to prepare 'Bio Briquette (Blackgold)' in the wake of severe climatic effects causing damages upon infrastructure

and human lives.

The Minister undertook this initiative while returning from the devastated area of Pattan in Kohistan where she along with MNA Sarzameen Khan, condoled the bereaved families of those who died due to torrential rains and massive land slidings. She visited the area as a representative of the Federal Government.

Bio Briquette (Blackgold)' is an efficient, cheap and environment friendly fuel which is prepared by burying and burning dry leaves and organic wastes in the earth. The resultant ash called 'Charcoal', combined with soil is put in a casting box and a solid block is prepared which burns much longer than wood, with much less smoke. This is low cost fuel used in many countries of the world. While addressing beneficiaries on the occasion, Chairperson BISP said that in order to meet fuel needs in the mountainous areas, people cut trees indiscriminately that result in deforestation. Deforestation enhances the severity of land sliding and floods. She stated that this alternative fuel will not only save mountains from deforestation but will also benefit poor people.

Apart from domestic use it can be sold contributing in their financial independence. This practice will help to contain the effects of the climate change and reduce the hardships of the poor people. She added that BISP will initiate this campaign in every village of the country in collaboration with Creative Approach for Development (CAD) whose CEO, Mudassir ul Mulk is the master trainer in Pakistan.

The Minister informed that she learned about Bio-Briquetting technology from The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) during her visit to Nepal. ICIMOD is a regional intergovernmental learning and knowledge sharing centre serving the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush Himalayas including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and also the global mountain community. She highlighted that this is high time to transfer the skill of preparing this environment friendly low cost fuel to local population.

KARACHI: The government will ensure provision of chilled drinking water at traffic signals, markets, bus stops and schools to reduce the effect of a possible heatwave. This was decided in a meeting held at the office of Karachi commissioner Syed Asif Haider Shah on Monday. The meeting was chaired by Shah. We have started our preparations so that we can handle the upcoming heatwave in a better way, remarked Shah while speaking to The Express Tribune. "We have also instructed the water board to maintain the supply of water beforehand." He added that K-Electric has also been brought onboard. An awareness campaign on heatwave and heatstroke will also be launched in the city on April 15, he claimed. It was also decided in the meeting that all deputy commissioners will make emergency relief centres in their respective districts, while Provincial Disaster Management Authority will provide the necessary equipment to the centres, including fans, medicines, and drinking water. The health department will establish around 200 centres that will be under Karachi Metropolitan Corporation. Alongside, special relief units will also be formed. Shah said that rescue centre 1299 will function as a control room, where all the relevant departments will coordinate with each other.

Hundreds of people are awaiting help as heavy rains in Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral areas caused floods and land sliding, killing at least 20 people. Dozens of people are injured and many are stranded due to transportation breakdown. The Karakoram Highway is blocked due to land sliding. Thousands of people have been affected by the torrential rains. The death toll feared to climb as many remote places are still inaccessible for the assessment and reporting. Government officials vow to assess and compensate damages on an emergency basis while affected people are losing their patience in waiting for help.

15 People from Diamer District have been reported dead. In Chilas, a family of 4 died when the roof of their house collapsed on them. The family included a father, his son and two daughters. Amir Ahmad, in Thore Nala, was hit by a falling rock and he died on the spot. In Tangir region of Diamer, 4 kids with their mother were reported dead. Imtiaz, another young man in Darel was killed by land sliding. Several travellers have stranded at Chilas, while Darel valley has lost road link to

Future preparations: Govt gears up for upcoming heatwave

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Landslide buries 30 in Kohistan

Dawn News, April 5, 2016

Climate Change & Environment

Pakobserver, April 4, 2016

the capital city, Chilas. The torrential rains and floods in Diamer have inflicted heavy loss to properties, livestock, standing crops, water channels and power installations.

Gull Hamad Farooqui, reported to The Dardistan Times from Chitral that at least 5 people have died in Gobore, Ayun and Jonali Koch areas. Several dozens people are feared injured while a heavy loss to private and public property was reported. Adjoining valleys of Chitral have lost road access to the city due to heavy flood in Molain Gol. Here local people blame Irrigation Department as well as the Department of Communication for not being able to construct proper bridges. A rusted wood bridge at Molain Gol looks almost falling down. Several roads including Garam Chashma, Kalash Valley, Mastuj, Booni, Torhkho, Broghul, are blocked.

Ghizer District has also been badly affected. The road between Gilgit and Ghizar is blocked due to land sliding and flooding in streams. There is a major power breakdown and more than 70 houses have been reported damaged. In Punyal, Gupis, Yasin, roads, walking trails, link roads, water channels have been damaged and people have started working on their own. There is no electricity in Yasin. Several villages such as Thoi, Darkhkot, and Qurqolti are tremendously affected.

Flash floods and land sliding have wreaked havoc in District of Hunza-Nagar too. While the rains doused some regions, other were blanked with snow. The KKH is blocked on several location. An audio report published by Pamir Times confirmed that Shimshal Road was blocked in more than 25 locations. Distric Nagar, especially in Nagar main, Hisper and Hoper Valley, people are facing extreme challenges.

In Baltistan all four districts have been affected. There is a serious communication and transportation breakdown. People are running out of supplies due to the closure of the KKH. The Daily K2, reported several injuries and loss of properties. The newspaper said that all government and non-governmental offices in Baltistan regions are closed. There is no internet, even newspapers were not delivered due to road blockages.

The minister for Food and Livestock, Haji Janbaz khan has requested the Chief Minister of Gilgit Baltistan to make a special tour of District Diamer to commiserate with people and understand their difficulties.

MANSEHRA: A massive landslide struck at least seven houses in Kohistan district on Monday morning, burying alive at least 30 people.

Kohistan Deputy Commissioner Fazl-i-Khaliq told journalists that widespread rains had softened up a huge portion of a hill which fell on the houses in Thor Nullah Bari area of Kandia tehsil. He said a police team had been sent to the area to ascertain the situation. Locals also rushed to the area, but could not start rescue work fearing more landslides. Mr Khaliq said the terrain was very tough and recent landslides had swept away several roads and, therefore, he had requested the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to send helicopters for rescue work. Personnel from four police stations near the affected area were asked to reach there and take part in the rescue operation. A police officer said that since the Karakoram Highway was blocked at a number of places in Mansehra and Kohistan, rescue and relief operations had become difficult. He said 26 nationals of Germany, China and South Korea working on various projects in Kohistan were safe and they were in contact with local police. Hafizur Rehman, a resident of Kandia valley, told reporters that local people were trying to remove boulders and earth which had fallen on the houses, but they immediately required heavy machinery, including excavators. "Huge boulders and rocks cannot be removed without heavy machinery," he added.

TOURISTS STRANDED: At least 25 foreign tourists, including Chinese and Japanese, have been stranded in Besham area of Shangla for two days because of landslides in the Karakoram Highway. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority asked the National Disaster Management Authority to dispatch helicopters to reach people marooned in Hazara and Malakand divisions.

"The provincial authority has requested NDMA to provide helicopters to start relief operation in inaccessible pockets," Latifur Rehman, spokesman for the PDMA, told Dawn in Peshawar. He said the district authorities needed helicopters in the two districts to distribute relief goods among the stranded people. Torrential rains which started two days ago in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa caused widespread damage to houses and triggered landslides in Malakand and Hazara.

According to the PDMA, the calamity has so far claimed the lives of 47 people. At least 37 others have suffered injuries. Over 145 houses have been damaged. Mr Rehman said there were several pockets in Mansehra and Kohistan where local authorities could not distribute relief goods because of want of helicopters, adding that weather was still harsh in upper parts of the province. He said relief items had been dispatched to district headquarters in the affected areas.

A heavy landslide hit a market in Karora area, damaging five houses, two shops and a petrol pump on Monday. However, no human loss or injury was reported. A local nazim said landslides posed a potential threat to a bazaar and a village and people had already moved to safe places. Frontier Works Organisation officials said the Karakoram Highway was blocked at more than 20 points and floods had damaged a bridge in Kayal area.

Flash floods had swept away dozens of shops in Serband area on the outskirts of Peshawar. The rising water level in Kabul river has forced a large number of families in Camp Corona, near Peshawar, to move to safe areas. Omar Bacha in Shangla and Zulfiqar Ali in Peshawar contributed to the report.

Pakistan is a profound blend of landscapes varying from plains to deserts, forests, hills, and plateaus ranging from the coastal areas of the Arabian Sea in the south to the mountains of the Karakoram range in the north. Pakistan geologically overlaps both with the Indian and the Eurasian tectonic plates where its Sindh and Punjab provinces lie on the north-western corner of the Indian plate while Balochistan and most of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa lie within the Eurasian plate which

Climate change agreement: PM forms committee to take input ahead of signing

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mainly comprises the Iranian plateau, some parts of the Middle East and Central Asia. The Northern Areas and Azad Kashmir lie mainly in Central Asia along the edge of the Indian plate.

Lying in temperate zone, Pakistan is rich in environmental resources. The country's principal natural resources are rich arable land, rivers, streams, forests, rangelands, deserts, mountains, meadows, pasturelands, plains, nearly 1,046 km –long coastline and all four weathers, around 5,000 glaciers of varying sizes spread over around 16,933 square kilometres in the country's north that feed the world's longest irrigation network and are source of adequate clean hydropower generation. About 28 percent of the country's total land area is under cultivation and is watered by one of the largest irrigation system. Almost all food crops, vegetables and fruits are cultivated and richly suited to the good weather system. The country is home of five rivers, i.e. Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Sultej and Indus – the rivers that feed agriculture, which is mainstay of country's economy and accounts for over 40 percent of employment and around 60 percent of total foreign exchange reserves. Besides, the Salt Range in Punjab Province has large deposits of pure salt. Pakistan has extensive energy resources, including fairly sizable natural gas reserves, oil reserves, coal, gypsum, limestone, chromites, iron ore, rock salt, silver, gold, precious stones, gems, marbles, tiles, copper, sulphur, fire clay, silica sand and large hydropower potential.

Pakistan is facing continuously adverse impacts of Climate Change. Damage to natural resources is occurring in the shape of land degradation, erratic rainfalls, droughts, flash floods unpredictable weather pattern and rising average temperatures. Environmental degradation is fundamentally linked to poverty in Pakistan. Approximately less than one-fourth of the country's population, like in most developing countries, is poor and directly dependent on natural resources for their livelihood whether agriculture, hunting, forestry, fisheries, etc. Poverty combined with a rapidly increasing population and growing urbanization, is leading to intense pressures on the environment. The environment-poverty nexus cannot be ignored if effective and practical solutions to remedy environmental hazards are to be taken. In Pakistan, as elsewhere, environment degradation is both a cause and consequence of poverty. Pakistan is categorized amongst the highly vulnerable countries to the adverse impacts of climate change due to its diverse topographic and demographic settings. Pakistan's 5000 glaciers are in retreat. They are retreating faster than any other part of the world.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has formed a committee to share the details of the Paris Climate Agreement with government stakeholders to take their input ahead of the formal signing of the agreement. The eight-member committee, headed by Climate Change Minister Zahid Hamid, will submit its report to the premier within two weeks in the light of suggestions and recommendations of the stakeholders, sources in the climate ministry told The Express Tribune. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has invited world leaders to UN Headquarters in New York on April 22 to formally sign the global agreement reached in Paris in December last year.

In his invitation letter, the UN secretary-general said that the world leaders' participation would formally set in motion the Paris Agreement setting a goal of limiting global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius by taking measures against greenhouse gas emissions. The agreement will become legally binding if at least 55 countries sign it. Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Ahsan Iqbal and secretaries of power, communication and climate change ministries and National Highway Authority chairman are members of the committee.

According to the sources, the committee held its first meeting at the climate change ministry two days back to go ahead with the task to engage government stakeholders to seek their suggestions and recommendations before Pakistan entered into formal agreement within its own legal systems. According to the sources, the meeting also reviewed the pros and cons of signing the agreement and it was decided that government and private stakeholders and the political leadership will be taken into confidence before going ahead with the signing agreement. The meeting also highlighted that the political leadership should be briefed about advantages and disadvantages of the climate agreement. The meeting also shed light on climate issues being faced by Pakistan and the global funding it would get for adaptation and mitigation measures under the global agreement. The meeting also discussed the impact of signing of agreement on government's plan of setting up coal plants for power generation.

South Asian countries benefited from economic growth, which is why poverty and hunger have fallen in the region, but still remain high amid challenges of weather extremes and disasters. The Global Food Policy Report 2016 cautions on food policy and related troubles. The report issued by the International Food Policy Research Institute provides an in-depth look at major food policy developments and events in the past year, and examines key challenges and opportunities for the coming year. This annual report points out major weaknesses in the various policies being adopted world over by governments and examines major food issues, global and regional developments, and commitments made in 2015, while presenting key data on policy indicators.

Nearly 800 million people are left hungry, one-third of the human race is malnourished, over half of some crops never make it to the table, and the planet is ravaged from environmentally unfriendly agricultural practices, the report said. As the global population is expected to soar exponentially in the coming years, we must examine ways to feed more people efficiently and sustainably, while combating climate change. It takes a look at how food systems can best contribute to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

"The Sustainable Development Goals task us all with the challenge of eradicating hunger and under nutrition in 15 years or less," said IFPRI Director General Shenggen Fan. "This report shows that if we are to meet these goals, we have a lot of work ahead. We must promote and support a new global food system that is efficient, inclusive, climate-smart, sustainable, nutrition- and health-driven, and business-friendly in order to ensure that no one goes to sleep hungry."

Taking a look at the latest research on opportunities and challenges the world will face in achieving multiple SDGs, the report includes chapters on climate change and smallholder farmers, cost of food, sustainable diets, and management of agricultural land and soil resources, food loss and waste, and water management. Evidence is strong that climate change will continue to have negative impacts on agriculture. Every year, 12 million hectares of land is degraded due to drought and desertification—that's roughly the size of Nicaragua, the largest country in Central America. This is especially detrimental to smallholders, such as the 200 million smallholder farmers in Africa south of the Sahara who tend dry lands. Conversely, the global food system accounts for one-fifth of all greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. The development of climate-ready crops, which can lead to more efficient water use and improve yields, are key to feeding a growing population and adapting and mitigating against climate change.

Talking about water related issues, it states, today, 85 percent of global water use goes to agricultural irrigation. Innovations such as climate-ready crops can greatly reduce this amount. Rice is the staple food of more than half of the world's population and C4 rice, for example, can double water use efficiency and increase yields by almost 50 percent. Unless significant changes are made in global water consumption, most people will live under severe water shortage conditions by 2050. Referring to the South Asian region, it is observed in the report that this region benefited from rapid economic growth in 2015. Poverty and hunger have fallen in the region but remain high. However, weather extremes and disasters, including earthquakes, droughts, and heat waves, posed challenges for the region's food security.

Yet the countries of South Asia made a number of food policy advances, including new initiatives related to nutrition policy and food safety in Bangladesh, a new sanitation programme and an irrigation programme in India, and programmes to improve farmers' inputs in India and Pakistan. The region faced numerous challenges in its efforts to reduce food and nutrition insecurity in 2015, including a catastrophic earthquake in Nepal, social unrest in Bangladesh, serious drought in rainfed areas and unseasonable rainfall and hailstorms in irrigated parts of India, and severe heat waves and an unseasonable storm (dubbed a mini-cyclone) in Pakistan. These calamities killed several thousand people and substantially reduced agricultural production. On a positive note, food price inflation across South Asia was controlled, arguably at least in part because of falling global prices for major commodities.

Talking about policy initiatives in South Asia, the report says, South Asia saw several important efforts to expand the availability of improved cultivars and quality seed to farmers. Pakistan's Seed Act of 1976 was amended to promote the private sector's role in seed multiplication and distribution, and to strengthen seed quality control systems. In Pakistan, the amendment of the Seed Act provides for registration of genetically modified varieties (GMOs), signalling the country's approval of GMO cultivation following proper scientific testing. As far as policies for financial and social inclusion, the report states, Pakistan announced a relief package of Rs341 billion (approximately \$3.24 billion) for small farmers, including direct cash supports and loans to revive the sector, which has suffered from unfavourable weather conditions and declining incomes. The direct benefits of the package comprise, in roughly equal thirds, cash payments to small farmers; reductions of input prices, primarily for fertiliser; and subsidies and guarantees on agricultural loans plus support for imports and marketing. The cash supports and access to credit are expected to benefit small farmers.

However, there are several major concerns: The package will increase Pakistan's fiscal deficit by an estimated 0.4 percent of gross domestic product. Furthermore, previous general credit schemes reached relatively few farmers in Pakistan—only 14 percent in 2013—and were terminated because funds failed to reach targeted beneficiaries.

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Four 'al Qaeda militants' nailed in Karachi

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Contempt: Arrest warrants issued for 30 cops

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212 people arrested for propagating hate speech

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DETAILS

KARACHI: Four suspected militants allegedly associated with Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) were detained Friday night after a shootout with police in the Saddar area. Preedy police station SHO Kamal Nasim told The Express Tribune that they were tipped off about the presence of suspected militants near MA Jinnah Road. "A police mobile van was rushed to the spot, and as soon as the suspects saw it, they opened fire." The police returned fire, and after a brief firefight the suspects were rounded up. Police claimed that they have also seized four kilos of explosives and as many sub-machine guns and a motorcycle without any registration plate. "The suspects belong to the AQIS," Nasim said and identified them as Zain Ansari, Hasan, Hussain and Raza.

FAISALABAD: Additional Sessions Judge Israr Zada on Saturday issued arrest warrants for 30 police officials of six police stations for failing to comply with court orders. The judge had summoned these officials several times but they did not turn up. On Saturday, the judge issued arrest warrants for ASI Muhammad Hussain, Constables Muhammad Shehzad, Muhammad Atif and Muhammad Saeed of Ghulam Muhammadabad police station and directed the CPO to present them in court by April 16. ASI Muhammad Aslam, Muhammad Ramzan, Muhammad Riaz, Muhammad Arshad, Babar Hussain and Gulzar Ahmad of Gulberg police station were summoned on April 22, lady constable Kausar Parveen, Constables Mujahid Iqbal, Naubahar, Ali Ahmad, Basharat Ali and Rustam Shehzad of Saddar police station, ASI Naseer Ahmad, Constables Muhammad Anwar, Nukkar Hiyat, Muhammad Akram and Bhai Khan of Chak Jhumra police station have been summoned on April 23. Constables Muhammad Abbas, Muhammad Sarwar, Javaid Iqbal, Zafar Iqbal of Madina Town police station and Muhammad Akram, Ashiq, Maqbool and Tauqeer Ahmad of Thikriwala police station have been summoned on April 30, 2016.

PESHAWAR: Around 154 FIRs have been registered and 212 people have been arrested across the province under National Action Plan (NAP) for propagating hate speech. Moreover, 1,056 hate materials have also been seized from those held in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. However, the progress of action against hundi businesses has been rather slow since the crime does not fall within the jurisdiction of the police. However, the police and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) jointly carried out several operations in parts of K-P against hawala businesses. The main problem is the absence of FIA in most districts of the province.

Question of limits

Speaking to The Express Tribune, a police official said, "It is very difficult to do much under the circumstances since we cannot register FIRs for cases that fall under FIA's jurisdiction." An FIA official told The Express Tribune they were highly understaffed and their resources were limited but they were still trying their level best to curb the practice. Kohat DPO Sohaib Ashraf told The Express Tribune hawala and hundi were not only used in the supply of money from Gulf and other countries to militants in Pakistan and elsewhere, but were also being used in sending corruption money to Dubai and other areas, undetected. "It is basically the domain of FIA but police assistance has been crucial in raiding areas together. For instance, a joint operation was conducted in Kohat where seven hundi outlets were sealed," he said, adding illegal use of loudspeakers was also a genuine concern.

Implementation of NAP

Hate speeches and illegal money transfers lie at the heart of NAP's operation in K-P causing police officials to concentrate on major cities of the province to eradicate the menace. An official of the police said along with terrorism, hate speeches were a major concern as they sparked sectarian hatred. "This is why the police has been assigned the task to curb it across the country," he said. The highest number of arrests, 134, was made in Peshawar on charges of hate speeches and 69 FIRs were registered. Around 384 hate materials and hate literature were seized from those arrested.

Further action

NAP police also sealed 134 shops involved in the illegal trade of hawala and hundi in Peshawar and arrested 21 people. Two FIRs were lodged against them. One FIR was registered regarding illegal trade of hawala and hundi in Bannu but no arrests were made. By the same token, 2,284 people were arrested on charges of illegally using loudspeakers and 1,834 loudspeakers were seized in K-P. A total of 2,208 FIRs were registered in the province. The highest number of FIRs was registered in Hazara Division where 784 FIRs were registered against those involved in illegal use of loudspeakers. At least 717 people were arrested and 323 loudspeakers were seized in the division. In Mardan, 508 FIRs were lodged out of which 507 people were arrested. Around 488 loudspeakers were seized. This was followed by 332 FIRs in Peshawar in which 391 people were arrested and 410 loudspeakers were seized.

Hurdles in imposition of NAP

ANP parliamentary leader Sardar Hussain Babak said the progress regarding NAP was very slow. "Meetings with all stakeholders to review progress regarding NAP should be held and the nation should be told about it," he said. He added shortcomings on the part of provincial as well federal government in the implementation of NAP should be eliminated as cases of extortion and kidnappings were increasing. "NAP also mentions 'facilitators' but there was no clear cut definition of the word as religious extremism was on the rise and these people were collecting charity and spreading their point of view without any hindrance," he said.

Punjab operation: Civil-military huddle pledges indiscriminate action

The Express Tribune, April 10, 2016

34 suspects killed in two-day crackdown in Johan: Sarfaraz Bugti

The News, April 9, 2016

Air forces of Pakistan, China launch joint training exercise

The Express Tribune, April 9, 2016

Pakistan successfully test-fires anti-ship 'Zarb' missile

The Express Tribune, April 9, 2016

Afghans living in Torkham border town asked to vacate

The Express Tribune, April 8, 2016

LAHORE: A civil-military committee overseeing an intelligence-driven counterterrorism purge in Punjab has decided to pursue vigorous and indiscriminate action against terrorists of all hues in the province. The Joint Operations Coordination Committee "decided to vigorously undertake coordinated actions across the board against all terrorist outfits and their facilitators," said a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The committee was convened following a meeting between the Punjab chief minister and the Lahore corps commander on Saturday. Attendees included senior civil and military officials of the province and heads of civil and military intelligence agencies. The meeting agreed to revitalise the committee to carry out intelligence assessment, joint development of security mosaic and direct all operations in Punjab, according to the ISPR.

"It was decided to vigorously undertake coordinated actions across the board against all terrorist outfits and their facilitators," it said. "[An] integrated security mechanism will be made fully operational so as to utilise it effectively at divisional and district levels through cohesive coordination between civil and military components." The committee decided appropriate force application according to varying nature of targets. "To that end, operations led by civil and military intelligence agencies will be launched by the army, the Rangers, CTD [Counter-Terrorism Department] and police as required, followed by constant review and regulation by the Joint Operations Coordination Committee." The meeting pledged to exterminate terrorism from the province through coordinated planning and conduct of operations.

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister, Sarfaraz Bugti on Saturday said 34 suspects were killed in a two-day operation conducted in Johan area. In a statement issued here, Sarfaraz Bugti said the suspects were involved in the killing of Pashtuns in Mastung area. He said the killed suspects had links to a proscribed outfit whose one of the key commanders Abdul Ghani Bangalzai was also among the dead. The Balochistan Home Minister said large cache of arms including hand grenades and explosives were also recovered during the crackdown.

SHANGHAI: China's air force on Saturday began joint training exercises with that of Pakistan, China's defence ministry said, as the two nations' militaries strengthen operational ties. The countries call each other "all-weather friends", with ties underpinned by long-standing wariness of their common neighbour, India, and a desire to hedge against US influence in Asia. "China's Air Force hopes to widen the scope of cooperation and dialogue with all countries and regions," the Chinese defence ministry said in a statement on its website, adding that the exercise, called "Shaheen V," would run until April 30. China has long urged Pakistan to weed out what it says are militants from its far western region of Xinjiang who have holed up in lawless ethnic Pashtun areas on Pakistan's Afghan border, home to a mix of groups, including the Taliban and al Qaeda.

For its part Pakistan wants to upgrade its air force, now dependent on a mostly outmoded fleet of US, French and Chinese fighter jets that Pakistani officials fear can do little against Indian craft or help target domestic insurgents. In an interview with Reuters on Thursday, Pakistan Air Force second-in-command Muhammad Ashfaq Arain said the bulk of the burden was now borne by a fleet of US made F-16 aircraft. He saw the purchase of more F-16s as economically unfeasible, however. Instead, Islamabad plans to invest in a joint fighter built with China, the JF-17.

NEWS DESK: Pakistan Navy conducted on Saturday a successful test-fire of shore-based anti-ship missile 'Zarb', a statement released by Director General Public Relations said. The missile was launched from coastal site and successfully hit the surface target in the Arabian Sea, the statement added. Felicitating the Naval staff, Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah said the launch of new missile system was part of Pak Navy's continuous effort to enhance its capabilities, and terming the successful test as hallmark of Pakistan Navy's preparedness. Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Zafar Mahmood Abbasi, who was also present at the occasion, said with this successful test launch significant capability has been added to the Pakistan Navy's arsenal which would further bolster the defence mechanism of the country and contribute towards peace and stability in the region.

LANDI KOTAL: Afghan nationals residing in Torkham, Khyber Agency have been given a four-day deadline to vacate the area. They have been warned of strict action if they fail to comply. Torkham political tehsildar Shakeel Khan told *The Express Tribune* the Khyber Agency political agent issued a notification on Thursday asking all Afghan nationals to leave the area and cross the border into Afghanistan. Besides Afghan nationals, political administration also directed all land and property owners to instruct their Afghan tenants to vacate their properties.

Pretext of security?

The reasons for expulsion of Afghan nationals from the border town of Torkham could not be confirmed till this report was filed. However, officials believe this is part of efforts aimed at streamlining border security management in the area since the notification comes days after Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra visited Torkham and reviewed steps being taken by political administration and other government departments regarding border security. The government for the last several months has been making attempts to discourage illegal crossings across Pak-Afghan border at Torkham. In this respect, the Apex Committee held a meeting to discuss and review border security management on April 2 where Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif was also present. The forum decided to enforce the border-crossing mechanism in its true spirit and also send a high-level delegation to Kabul to engage Afghan authorities and seek cooperation for the resolution of the issue. The Afghan government and tribespeople living on both sides of Pak-Afghan border are unhappy with the notification as it denies them the right to cross over. Officials said nothing about the strength of Afghan nationals residing in Torkham but according to tribespeople, there were more than 200 families there. Almost all such families are engaged in trade, business and transport sectors. A similar number of Pakistani tribespeople, mostly from Shinwari and Afridi tribes, are residing in Afghanistan-controlled Torkham. Enhanced security at the border might cause shifting of trade and business activities to recently operated crossing points

Targeted? Cop killed, two injured in roadside blast

The Express Tribune, April 8, 2016

Pakistan to discuss Afghan refugees' repatriation at first global summit

The Express Tribune, April 8, 2016

PAF wants to upgrade fighter jets for 'prolonged fight against militants'

Daily Dawn, April 7, 2016

in Afghanistan.

Operations in full swing

On the directives of SSP Operations Abbas Majeed Marwat, a search operation was conducted in Hayatabad in the provincial capital on Thursday. At least 32 Afghan nationals who were living in the area without registration papers were arrested. Another operation was also carried out in Charsadda where seven Afghans residing in the area without having filed their tenant information forms were taken into custody. FIRs have been registered against them and investigation opened. Following terrorist attacks in the province, a wide range of crackdowns against Afghans have been initiated. Action further intensified after Army Public school in Peshawar was attacked in December 2014. Many Afghans have been deported to their country on the directives of the Pakistan government.

The backdrop

Since its inception in November 1893 and after partition of the Subcontinent in 1947 in particular, Durand Line separating Afghanistan and Pakistan has remained controversial. After 9/11, Pakistan and United States have made attempts to tighten security along Pak-Afghan border. In this respect, efforts to fence the area were made and while the plan was implemented in a particular part of Chaman in Afghanistan, opposition from Afghan tribespeople prevented its full enforcement. While Chaman in Balochistan is also considered a busy crossing point, Torkham is declared the busiest border at an international level. Besides Torkham and Chaman, Angoor Ada in South Waziristan, Ghulam Khan at North Waziristan and Nawa Pass in Bajaur Agency are also important borders. Response from Afghan government regarding the issue is still pending.

PESHAWAR: A policeman was killed while two others – a civilian and a police official – were injured in a roadside blast in Badhu Samar Bagh in the city on Thursday. Speaking to The Express Tribune, SSP Operations Abbas Majeed Marwat said initial reports revealed a remote detonator had been used to detonate the device. Faqirabad ASP Waseem Riaz said two policemen were patrolling the area on foot when the device went off. "A policeman was killed," he said. "Another policeman [and a civilian] were injured," he said. Around 500 to 750 grammes of explosives used in attack. The injured were shifted to Lady Reading Hospital (LRH). The deceased was identified as Saeed, a police constable who hails from Mathra, while the injured civilian was identified as Ihsanullah. Another policeman sustained minor injuries. Police reached the area and started a search and strike operation. At least four people were arrested in the crackdown. A day earlier, a police official was gunned down in Lakki Marwat on Tuesday. This is the second police official to be shot in the district this week. According to police, Khurshid Afzal was on his way to his Gorka Dilasa Shah village when unidentified motorcyclists opened fire at him. He died on the spot.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's constant demand for an early return of over 3 million refugees back to Afghanistan will be raised at the first World Humanitarian Summit in Turkey next month, a senior official said on Thursday. "Islamabad is also invited to the first global meeting due in Istanbul on May 23," he added. The two-day summit, which is going to be organised at the initiative of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, is expected to take meaningful steps for the repatriation of the Afghan refugees. According to the official, the issue of refugees from Iraq and Syria seeking shelter in the United Kingdom and European countries will also be discussed. Pakistan will present its case on the issue of Afghan refugees in a debate on the future strategy about the war-affected migrants from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. The Afghan refugees issue was also highlighted by Pakistan during a recent conference in the UK. The UNHCR and world donors attended the conference. The Istanbul moot will bring together governments, humanitarian organisations, people affected by humanitarian crises and new partners as well as the private sector to propose solutions to the most pressing challenges and set an agenda to keep humanitarian action fit for the future, UN sources revealed to the international media. Pakistan is seeking world support for an early return of Afghan refugees to their own country due to its own pressing economic and security challenges.

During his meeting with US President Barack Obama in October last year, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had sought Washington's help to resolve the Afghan refugees' problem, which the country has been facing for the last three decades. The two leaders had reaffirmed coordinated management of the Pak-Afghan border and orderly return of the Afghan refugees from Pakistan. Repatriation of Afghan refugees gained significance because of security concerns following the terrorist attacks on PAF base at Badaber, Army Public School and Bacha Khan University in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa – believed to have been engineered in Afghanistan. Some Afghan refugees, according to security officials, are also involved in many other criminal activities, such as terrorism and drug smuggling. A large number of Afghan refugees now own prime properties in all major cities including in the federal capital. "They are no more refugees as they are included among the richest local people," said a businessman in Bara Kahu, Islamabad. Pakistan had repeatedly extended several deadlines it had fixed for the return of the refugees at the request of Kabul and UNHCR. The last deadline had expired in December 2015. However, it extended the deadline till June 2016 on the request of Afghan government and UNHCR.

PARIS: Pakistan wants to upgrade its ageing fleet of fighter jets in anticipation of a prolonged battle against militants, although the purchase of fifth-generation planes would only be a last resort, a senior air force official said. Pakistan, fighting a Taliban insurgency in the tribal areas, a separatist insurgency in Balochistan along its Iranian border, also has a heavily militarised and disputed border with India in the east. In 2014, the military launched a crackdown in North and South Waziristan and has managed to push back militants into a few pockets. But the air force, which will need to retire dozens of jets over the coming years, lacks the latest technology and relies heavily on a fleet of about 70 US-made Lockheed Martin F-16s, which are solely capable of carrying out precision targeting. "Our concern is that we don't know how long these anti-terrorist operations will continue," Pakistan Air Force second-in-command Muhammad Ashfaq Arain told

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Reuters in an interview late on Wednesday. "We have weakened them (militants) to a great extent, but I don't see an end in the very near future, so all the burden is being shared by the F-16s and its pilots."

Sceptics suspect Pakistan's military is seeking an improved arsenal to counter the growing military might of India. Pakistan's fleet also includes hundreds of Dassault Aviation French-made Mirage jets that are over 40 years old and F7 Chinese warplanes that are over 25 years old, both of which the air force plans to retire over the next few years. To fill the void, Islamabad has decided to bet on the JF-17 fighter, jointly developed by China and Pakistan, rather than spending billions on fifth-generation multi-role aircraft like Dassault's Rafale, which rival India is buying, or the Russian Su-35. That option, Arain said, had almost been ruled out for being too expensive and because Pakistan did not want to mix technologies and resources. It would only be reconsidered if "it was pushed against a wall". Instead, 16 JF-17s will be produced this year with a further 20 in 2017, but Arain acknowledged that the jets' usefulness in current operations was limited because it lacks precision targeting.

Damocles Pod

"Operationally, the aircraft are working pretty well so if we had a targeting pod on the JF-17, the burden would be shared," Arain said. He said his visit to Paris was in part aimed at assessing from French officials the prospects of supplying the Thales-made Damocles, a third-generation targeting pod. He said that was Islamabad's priority for now. Previous negotiations in 2010 for a deal worth 1.2 billion euros (\$1.6 billion) worth of electronics and missiles collapsed under pressure from India, uncertainty over Pakistan's finances and fears of the transfer of technology given Chinese involvement in the JF-17. "We're looking at the best option. The Damocles is a battle-proven system and the other options are not," Arain said. "If we do not get the Damocles pod for example, then we will need to look for alternate options that may not be proven." He said that in the long run, the air force was thinking about its needs beyond 2030 when F-16s and JF-17s would start to be replaced. The United States in February approved the sale to Pakistan of up to eight F-16 fighter jets for the short term, but Arain said even that was proving complicated. "It's a much cheaper fighter jet, but buying more F-16s is economically not feasible for us and then there is a lot of human outcry," he said. Arain countered any suggestion that Pakistan might want greater air power to target India by saying that New Delhi itself was expanding its fleet. "We get eight aircraft and there are people who start to say that it will tilt the balance of power in South Asia. But when somebody across the border buys 36 aircraft and has plans to buy 126, that doesn't change the balance of power," he said, referring to India.

HANGU: A survey report for the resettlement of the IDPs has been completed by the political administration of Orakzai Agency and process to send back the displaced families will start from April 20, Orakzai Agency Political Agent Mohammad Zubair told the media on Wednesday. "Some international organisations, along with the government, are also helping the displace people in the resettlement process," Zubair said elaborating the facilities offered to the homeward bound families. Regarding the law and order he said: "We have formed committees of the tribal elders to establish the sustainable peace in the region." The official informed that the displaced families would be sent to Orakzai Agency in three phases. In the first phase, people of the Akhil tribe will be sent to the agency, then the Ali Khel and finally the Mullah Khel tribe.

LOWER KURRAM: Pakistani security forces thwarted a militant attack on a check-post in Lower Kurram Agency and killed at least 15 terrorists in retaliatory fire early on Thursday. According to details, a group of militants launched attack on a check-post in Mingorsar area, where armed forces retaliated in a befitting manner and shoot dead 15 of them. More than 50 assailants were injured and managed to flee. Lower Kurram is a sensitive area and it borders with Afghanistan. The security forces have launched search operation in the area after the attack.

LAHORE: Punjab Police in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies carried out 1,423 search operations in Punjab during last nine days after the Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park tragedy. During these search operations, 49,920 people were interrogated and 49,033 released whereas 887 people are kept in custody for further enquiry. On the instructions of Inspector General of Police Punjab, Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera the search operations were being carried out across Punjab with the cooperation of CTD and other intelligence agencies.

QUETTA: A Rawalpindi-bound passenger train was hit by a bomb, killing one man and injuring five others near Sibi on Tuesday. Terrorists remotely triggered an improvised explosive device (IED) on the tracks near Mithiri, around 28 kilometres away from Sibi, as the Jaffar Express chugged past, police said. The bomb ripped through the second compartment of the train, killing a passenger, namely Mehboob Ali from Quetta, and injuring five more, said Railways Controller Muhammad Kashif. "The IED was remotely detonated that damaged two compartments of the train which subsequently derailed," he added. Personnel of the Frontier Corps, police and other law enforcement agencies cordoned off the bombsite. The victims were shifted to the nearby Sibi District Headquarters Hospital, where doctors said their wounds were not life-threatening. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack but many Punjab-bound trains have been targeted by Baloch separatists in the past. The latest blast suspended railway traffic for hours. The Lahore-bound Akbar Bugti Express and the Karachi-bound Bolan Mail were also stopped for security reasons. The traffic was restored after security clearance. Chief Minister Sanaullah Zehri announced a cash grant of Rs1 million for the man who died in the train bombing.

LAHORE: At least six terrorists of banned outfit were killed in exchange of fire with police and Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) near Saggian bridge in Lahore late of Tuesday night. CTD spokesman said police and CTD, on information about presence of militants, raided a house jointly, where the terrorists opened fire on the team and tried to flee. The law enforcers chased them and exchange of fire took place near Saggian bridge. At least six terrorists were killed and four managed to flee taking benefit of darkness. The terrorists killed in the shootout are affiliated to

Pakistan arrests Afghan intelligence officer from Chaman

The News, April 6, 2016

766 illegal Afghan refugees arrested in Karachi in past 15 months: report

Daily Dawn, April 5, 2016

US Navy orders nine AH-1Z Viper Attack Helicopters for Pakistan

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Army ready to meet all

Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (Ustad Aslam group). Explosives, four detonators, two Kalashnikovs, four pistols, three motorcycles and 97 cartridges were seized from the custody of militants, whose bodies were shifted to Mayo Hospital dead house.

CHAMAN: After the arrest of Indian spy agency RAW agent, Pakistani security agencies have detained Afghan intelligence officer from Chaman, Balochistan. According to Frontier Corps (FC) spokesman, the Afghan spy was arrested from Boghra area. The spokesman went on to say that on the information provided by the accused, the FC seized huge cache of weapons from a compound in the outskirts of Chaman. The officer is being shifted to Quetta for further investigation, the spokesman said and added that the accused was planning for a major terror bid. A RAW agent Kulbushan Yadav was arrested from Balochistan last month. He confessed to facilitating a separatist movement in Balochistan.

KARACHI: Police claim to have arrested 766 illegal Afghan refugees in districts central and west of Karachi during search operations carried out between Dec 21, 2014 and March 21, 2016. The statistics are part of a recently prepared report by the DIG-West which will be presented to the home department in the coming days. These arrests were made under the National Action Plan (NAP) prepared in January 2015 for a countrywide crackdown on terrorism and tracking terror financing by its financiers. Illegal Afghan refugees were arrested every year in large numbers by the police specifically in the Camp Jadeed and Afghan Basti localities. Most of the arrested Afghans were sent either to Landhi jail or Gadani jail and then deported back home, a police official said. Out of the 766 arrested Afghans mentioned in the report, 541 were arrested in west district and 225 in central district. Around 730 were sent to jail, out of which 211 were released on bail. At the same time, cases were registered against 472 illegal Afghan refugees, according to the office of the DIG-West. Afghan refugees in Camp Jadeed said that after the inception of the NAP, the police in west district had arrested them under the Foreigner Registration Act.

Explosive material, weapons and hate literature were also recovered during these arrests and cases were registered against clerics who did not follow the recently promulgated Sound System Act. Speaking to Dawn, the DIG-West admitted that "not all of these arrests made it to the court, nor proper punishment was given to them". One such example is the 472 cases 'registered' against illegal Afghan immigrants, who were never arrested. Of those cases in which arrests were made (766 in total), 211 suspects were released on bail after they produced documents of their registration. A large number of Afghan refugees have been living in Pakistan for the past 35 years fuelling discussions over the impact they have on the country's already diminishing resources. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), around 1.5 million (registered) refugees are living in Pakistan. According to the UNHCR officials, these refugees were registered for the first time in 2005, some 26 years after the Afghan-Soviet War, which began in 1979, leading to mass exodus of Afghans towards Pakistan.

During countless meetings, the UNHCR officials made it clear that they could speak up for the registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan, as they have all the required documents, but not for the unregistered ones insisting that a distinction should be made between the illegal and the registered refugees. A UNHCR officer added that there were 67,000 refugees in Sindh, but that their number continued to increase and decrease depending on their constant entering and leaving Pakistan through the porous border it shares with Afghanistan. The demands to repatriate illegal Afghan refugees became louder after militants attacked the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014. The Proof of Registration (PoR) cards issued to the refugees in 2006 by the government of Pakistan, whose expiry had been extended twice with the recent extension ended in December 2015, have come under the spotlight. The government extended the expiry of the PoR cards considering the worsening situation in Afghanistan, specifically in the country's South and East areas. But as the date of the expiration of the refugee cards ended on December 31, 2015, many of the Afghan refugees are uncertain about their future in the country.

WASHINGTON: The United States (US) Navy awarded a \$170 million contract for the manufacture of nine AH-1Z Viper Attack Helicopters to Bell Helicopter, the US Department of Defense said in a statement on Monday. The combat helicopters will be manufactured and delivered to Pakistan under the Foreign Military Sales Program, the statement said. The Bell AH-1Z Viper is a twin-engine combat chopper based on the previous SuperCobra model developed for the US Marine Corps, Sputnik reported. It has a top speed of 420 kilometres per hour and a range of 610km. The contract awarded "for the manufacture and delivery of nine AH-1Z aircraft and nine auxiliary fuel kits for the government of Pakistan" is "expected to be completed in September 2018". "Foreign military sales funds in the amount of \$170,173,188 will be obligated at time of award," the Defense Department statement says, adding that the Naval Air Systems Command is contracting the activity for the Pakistani government. Last April, the US State Department approved the Foreign Military Sale to Pakistan for the AH-1Z Viper Attack Helicopters and AGM-114R Hellfire II Missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$952 million.

Earlier this year, the US approved a \$700m sale of eight F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan, to which India strongly objected. The sale was made in order to improve Pakistan's precision strike capability, the US said. In a document released in February, the US administration told US lawmakers that its Foreign Military Funding (FMF) to Pakistan would focus on seven priority areas "identified and agreed to with the government of Pakistan". These include "precision strike; air mobility and combat search and rescue; counter-improvised explosive device and survivability; battlefield communications; night operations; border security; and maritime security/counter-narcotics in support of counter-terrorism aims". The document, sent to Congress with the US administration's budget proposals for 2017, identifies these areas as essential to enhancing Pakistan's counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism capabilities.

ISLAMABAD: General Raheel Sharif has said the faith of the entire Pakistani nation on its armed

expectations: Gen Raheel
The Express Tribune, April 5, 2016

forces is their real asset and they will always come up to the country's expectations. The army chief made these remarks while addressing the concluding ceremony of Pakistan Army Team Spirit Competition at a training area near Pabbi on Monday. The event was held in the mountainous terrain near Mangla from March 31 to April 4, according to a statement issued by the military's media wing – the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). Speaking at the concluding ceremony, Gen Raheel while highlighting the importance of physical fitness and spirit of team work, said the soldiers had to be in the best physical and mental conditions to meet multifarious challenges in diverse terrains. "Add to this the spirit of sacrifice and patriotism, it makes us the most formidable force in the face of any adversity," the ISPR statement quoted the army chief. Gen Raheel said the unflinching faith of the entire nation "on our armed forces is our real asset and we will Inshallah always come up to the expectations of our nation".

The military's media wing said the Team Spirit Competition was aimed at testing survival skills and physical endurance spread over 72 hours that included 23 field events. Intense sets of physical activities in the shortest time are meant to test the physical fitness of the participants. Apart from a team from all the Pakistan Army corps, Sri Lankan Army Team also participated in the competition while 16 officers from six countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan and Maldives, also came to attend the competition as observers. The army chief also awarded medals and prizes to the winners. The Mangla Corps team won the gold medal after winning the championship while the Southern Command and the Sri Lankan contingent shared the silver medal. Gen Raheel especially thanked all foreign guests and Sri Lankan troops for being part of the event and showing their prowess.

PM Nawaz chairs high level meeting to discuss national security
The News, April 4, 2016

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday chaired a high level meeting to review national security and on-going operation against terrorists being carried out in different parts of the country. The meeting was attended by Army Chief General Raheel Sharif, ISI Director General Rizwan Akhtar Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan and Finance Minister Ishaq Dar. Sources said besides reviewing the military offensive Operation Zarb-e-Azb, the civil-military huddle also discussed issues related to border management and return of internally displaced persons.

25 terror suspects arrested in Okara
Daily Dawn, April 4, 2016

OKARA: In a joint operation, conducted by army, Rangers and police, as many as 25 suspected terrorists, including eight proclaimed offenders, were picked from 34/2L (Balochan wali) village and illegal weapons recovered. Investigation wing Superintendent of Police (SP) Amir Saud Magsi told the media here on Sunday at DPO Complex that the identity of the 25 nabbed suspects was not being disclosed yet to arrest their accomplices in the light of information being extracted from them. On the occasion, the weapons recovered from the suspects were also displayed, including three Kalashnikovs, 3 8MM rifles, two 303 bore rifles, one 30 bore pistol and 1000 bullets. Besides, five motorcycles and cell phones were also seized.

BOOKED: Police booked Anjman Muzareen Punjab (AMP) secretary general and two others for allegedly inciting public against security and police personnel, violating Loudspeaker Act and the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO). The case against AMP secretary general Mehar Abdul Sattar, Zahid and Ramzan was registered by Cantonment police station SHO Ashraf Qureshi (FIR No 101/16) under Section 16 of the MPO, Section 6 of the Loudspeaker Act-2015 for chanting slogans against law enforcement agencies, including police, besides inciting public.

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Death by design: malnutrition and health crisis in Tharparkar

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DETAILS

KARACHI: Most remote and rural areas of the country have similar conditions to Tharparkar, but since the area has been marred with poor availability of basic resources and opportunities, besides a lack of job opportunities, the role of private sector has become even more significant than before. This was pointed out that panellists speaking during "Death by Design: Malnutrition and Health Crisis in Tharparkar" organised by the Habib University on Saturday. The panel comprised special secretary health Dr Shereen Narejo, community development expert Dr Sonu Khanagarani and HANDS chief Dr Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed. Senator Taj Haider of Pakistan People's Party could not make it to the event. The panellists emphasised that there were many Thars in the country with similar fates, and all of them were waiting for a miracle. They were of the view that a large number of deaths of infants and women during childbirth were not due to natural disasters, but on account of poor political leadership, family pressures, lack of professional commitment and dedication towards the benefit of human kind. They informed the audience that it was necessary to understand that lack of clean drinking water, sanitation, food supply, access to education, transportation and basic health facilities were also equal factors that had spurred the deaths of children in Thar and nearby localities. "Pakistanis living in urban centres know the region through the colourful dresses of Thari women, its distinct music and dance, and its unique handicrafts with their unique patterns," they said. "However, they remain largely unaware of the difficult lives that residents of Thar live and constant struggles they must wage to be able to earn a living."

Dr Sonu Khanagarani mentioned that Thar had around seven million cattle population, one of the largest in Sindh, and the locals bartered it for food water, transportation and other purposes. Their sole possession was their cattle. Another source of income for some people was renting out agricultural lands. He said there were two sources of water in the region, rain and wells. However, rains were not a regular feature in Thar while the subsoil water drawn from wells was unhealthy for consumption. However, said Dr Khanagarani, 97 percent of the water used by people of Thar came from beneath the soil. "In the past, over 80 percent of the population were Hindus but now the ratio has changed to 60 percent Muslims and 40 percent Hindus, due to mass emigration non-Muslims to the other side of the border on account of the prevailing social insecurities." He claimed that after both wars with India, in 1065 and 1971 respectively, one major change in the desert was the establishment of madressahs near the border run by outsiders. "Thar is the most peaceful region in the country. But it remained isolated from other parts of the province till 2000 after which the operation of FM radio channels, construction of a road and availability of mobile networks provided some relief to the desert dwellers," he said. HANDS chief Dr Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed while citing figures of the health department stated that 481 children under five years of age had died from December 1, 2013 to March 14, 2015 and all the deaths were reported at district headquarter hospital Mithi that was supposed to be equipped with most of the basic treatment facilities. He said about 326 deaths were reported from the region in the year 2015 alone. Meanwhile, he pointed out, national figures showed that about 67 children out of 1000 infants born every year died before the age of five while 83 out of 1000 infants passed away before their first birthday.

According to the Pakistan Health Survey, 270 women out of 100, 000 lost their lives during childbirth in Pakistan. In Sindh, the average ratio was 370/100, 000 while in rural localities of the province it was actually 450 deaths per 100, 000 childbirths. He said more than 50 percent of the deaths occurred due to involvement of unskilled persons in childbirth. He said the Sindh government had begun a program for midwives and after receiving between 18 to 24 months of training, these women were adeptly handling delivery cases in their areas. Dr Ahmed also said that hardly 33 percent children in the province were vaccinated and that was another major reason for such a large number of deaths in Thar and surrounding areas. Food insecurity, he said, was another rising concern and malnutrition was closely linked to the state of mental and physical health of families, and especially mothers. Special secretary health Dr Shereen Narejo urged the private sector to help. Expanding on a lack of human resource, she said the high dropout rate of women was a big challenge for the government because roughly 30 percent of students of government medical or nursing institutions never stepped into the professional world. She urged everyone to do their bit and be a bit more proactive to be able help build the country. The session ended with a sublime reminder of apathy when moderator for the event, the interim dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Habib University, Dr Asif Aslam, informed the audience that a collective prayer was recently organised at a temple in Mithi to mark the death of more than 200 new-borns and infants in Tharparkar district.

NAB deputy director suspended over misuse of authority

The Nation, April 10, 2016

ISLAMABAD : National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Chairman Qamar Zaman Chaudhary has taken notice of misconduct and misuse of authority by Deputy Director NAB Karachi Mir Ausaf Ali Talpur and suspended him immediately. Chairman NAB also ordered inquiry against him and asked the regional bureau to submit a report of incident to the NAB headquarters. A CCTV video has been circulating on social media for the last couple of days, showing four to five officials of NAB in plain clothes in a police vehicle started thrashing guards of a beauty saloon owned by a famous TV Actress Shaqufa Ijaz. A lady, prominent in the video, was shouting on employees of the saloon, threatening them of dire consequences. Later on, the lady was recognised as wife of a NAB deputy director Karachi. A case has been filed against six people, including NAB deputy director, his wife and four other NAB officials in Shahrah-a-Faisal Police Station Karachi on the application of Shaqufa Ijaz. Chairman NAB also ordered the "Internal Accountability Mechanism" and wrote a letter to all regional bureaus to deal the complainant and accused in best way till complaint verification. Earlier, NAB took notice against its officers who did not submit their education certificates for verification and dismissed services of the few officers on submitting forged documents. Talking to The Nation, Asim

Public Health: 236 posts approved for LGH

The Express Tribune, April 10, 2016

'16 nursing schools to become colleges'

The News, April 10, 2016

Heavy rains, landslides damage 600 houses in GB

The News, April 10, 2016

443 rescuers pass out of Emergency Services Academy

The News, April 10, 2016

Ali Nawazish, Spokesman of NAB, confirmed that the Chairman has ordered an inquiry against the NAB official. He said the final decision regarding the future of officer would be taken on the basis of inquiry report.

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has approved 236 new posts for Lahore General Hospital (LGH) for its new block, Post Graduate Medical Institute Principal Khalid Mahmood said on Saturday. He said Rs92.18 million would be spent annually on salaries of the new staff. He said the recruitment of employees from grade 1 to 18 would be done by the end of the year.

LAHORE: Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Secretary Najam Ahmad Shah has said the Punjab government is taking revolutionary steps for upgradation of the nursing field and the provision of higher education opportunities to nurses. For the purpose, the BSc (Nursing) degree programme is being introduced in Punjab and 45 nursing schools of the province would be converted into degree colleges. He stated this while presiding over a meeting to review arrangements for the up-gradation of nursing schools to degree colleges, according to a hand out issued here on Saturday. Besides, Vice Chancellor King Edward Medical University, (KEMU) Prof. Faisal Masood, Pro-Vice Chancellor University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore, Dr. Junaid Sarfraz Khan, Consultant TRF Dr. Ehsan Tareen, DG Nursing Nusrat Saeeda, Addl. Secretary Development Zaheer Abbas Malik, Addl. Secretary (Tech) Dr. Salman Shahid, Deputy Secretary Medical Education Dr. Nasir Shakir, Chief Planning Officer Abdul Haq Bhatti and Dr. Zahida Sarwar, Addl. Director PSPU attended the meeting. It was decided that in first phase 16 nursing schools would be converted into degree colleges, however, the target of converting the schools to degree colleges would be achieved within the stipulated period. Najam Ahmad Shah said that KEMU and UHS should immediately create 50 seats each for M.Sc Nursing classes to produce nursing teachers at local level.

GILGIT: Heavy rains, snowfall that continued for 48 hours has brought life to a standstill in parts of Gilgit Baltistan (GB) and Chitral, which triggered a series of snow avalanches, unusual flash floods and landslides damaging 600 houses with thousands of other homes reporting leaks in the roof. Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS) Pakistan, an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) immediately responded to the crisis. It has deployed its Disaster Assessment Response Team (DART) to conduct rapid assessments working with local communities. Over 100 affected households were immediately provided tents and blankets from community stockpiles setup by FOCUS Pakistan for emergencies. Water purification sachets have been provided to over 50 households in Oshikhandas and Sherqilla with support from the Aga Khan Planning and Building Service, Pakistan. Access continues to be a major challenge, as roads are blocked in multiple locations including the connection between Islamabad and Gilgit and the Gilgit-China section on the Karakoram Highway. Both entrances of the newly-constructed Attabad tunnel are blocked due to the debris flow and snow avalanche, said sources. According to Nusrat Nasab, FOCUS Pakistan executive officer, "The seriously injured are having difficulties in reaching tertiary care units in different parts of Gilgit Baltistan. We have deployed the AKDN helicopter to shift these individuals and bring doctors and medicine to the area to treat less critical." Over 50 people including patients, students and stranded persons have been airlifted from Aliabad, Gulmit, Gupis and the remotest valleys of Chipursan and Shimshal. However, any delays in opening the blocked roads will result in a major crisis across Gilgit Baltistan, he added. During the second week of March, FOCUS Pakistan had issued a red alert advising people living in areas at risk of avalanches to move to safer areas. As a result, about 200 households were evacuated before the onset of the disaster, which was triggered by torrential rains and snowfall. "FOCUS has been reminding us of the potential risks of avalanches and landslides," confirmed Masood Ali, a local weather informer from Shimshal village in the extreme north of Hunza district bordering with China. "Following the advisory, we evacuated about three households in March anticipating the risk of avalanches. Two days after the evacuation, a massive snow avalanche hit the houses. Fortunately there was no loss of life due to early evacuation," he said. The alerts are being provided to people based on the local weather data gathered through 50 local weather posts established by FOCUS Pakistan. In addition, FOCUS Pakistan maintains its stockpiles of emergency response material at 133 locations in Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral.

LAHORE: The pass out ceremony of 443 rescuers from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab was held at the Emergency Services Academy here on Saturday. Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan was the chief guest and Emergency Rescue Service (Rescue 1122) Director General Dr Asad Ali Khan was the guest of honour. Punjab Emergency Service Director General Brig (Retd) Arshad Zia, Emergency Services Academy Director General Brig (Retd) Amir Hamza and a large number of rescuers, their family members and friends attended the ceremony. At least 319 rescuers from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and 124 rescuers from Punjab successfully completed their professional training at the Emergency Services Academy. Hamza congratulated the rescuers on completion of their training and thanked Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif for his support. He said that professional training for rescuers boosted Rescue 1122's performance. Khan said that rescuers were the brave sons of soil who put their lives in danger to save the lives of others. He said that he himself witnessed the professionalism of rescuers during the catastrophic floods in Punjab, especially in the southern belt, in 2010, 2014 and 2015. He congratulated Zia, Hamza and their team for their devotion and struggle towards a safer Pakistan. He said the country was moving towards a safer Pakistan under the incumbent political leadership. He said the Punjab chief minister recently approved establishment of Urban Search & Rescue Teams in all divisions of the province. He said that two specialised teams in Lahore and Rawalpindi would be operational by July this year. He said the Punjab government deserved credit for expanding the emergency services to all districts and tehsils of Punjab. He assured the rescuers of Punjab that the government would approve service rules and allowances for them. Dr Khan thanked the Punjab government for its continuous support to the training programme. He said that this training institute was a great blessing for Punjab as well as other provinces because all rescuers were given professional training at the Emergency Services Academy. He appreciated Hamza's role in rescuers' training. On this occasion, the rescuers demonstrated their professional skills of emergency management during mock exercises.

Loot on rise in private educational institutions of Rawalpindi

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RAWALPINDI: Owners of mushrooming private educational institutions in the district Rawalpindi have started committing the robbery on the pockets of parents in the name of fines and inflated fees and causing loss to national exchequer of billion of rupees through evasion of income tax, property tax, professional tax and other taxes. Over 5,000 private schools and more than 500 private colleges are operating in district Rawalpindi. How ironical it is that record of 50 percent educational institutions among these is not available with Education Department. Acquiring hygienic certificate from EDO Health, building fitness certificate from government approved contractor, copy of registry of the building of the school if the land is owned by owner of the school, five years rental agreement with the owner of the building on judicial paper of Rs 100, details of the expenses of schools since its operationalisation, number of teachers and appointment letters issued to them are the pre-requisites for opening a private educational institution. It is mandatory for owner of the educational institution to fix salary at least Rs 7,000 per month to every employee, arrange fool proof security arrangements, obtain security certificate from police and respective institution and file them with the respective department. Middle school should have 10 rooms and high school should have 14 rooms. A library consisting 500 books to 1,000 books should be set up in middle and high school respectively. The school should be registered within three months of its functioning and fine worth of Rs 100 per day can be imposed if it is not registered within stipulated period of time. High school is required to deposit Rs 12,000 registration fee and middle school with Rs 7,500 in national treasury. These private educational institutions are running booty mafia network in connivance with officers and subordinate staff of Education Department. These private schools and colleges are serving as safe havens for booty mafia. There are several educational institutions in the district Rawalpindi, which are not AFFILIATED with Rawalpindi Education Board and Education Board is not having any record in respect of these institutions. According to statistics obtained from Rawalpindi Education Department, only 750 private educational institutions are registered with directorate of education in Rawalpindi. Rawalpindi Education Board sources said that 1,200 schools and colleges are affiliated with board throughout the Rawalpindi division. A good number of private educational institutions charge heavy fees to the students of nursery, middle, matriculation and intermediate classes but they send their examination forms through some other affiliated colleges and schools. There are countless educational institutions, which have set up more than one campus at district and divisional level in Rawalpindi division while their AFFILIATION and registration is limited to only one campus. The examination forms of the students of other campuses are sent through affiliated and registered campuses.

SC judge highlights flaws in healthcare system

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LAHORE: Justice Mian Saqib Nisar of the Supreme Court said on Saturday the healthcare system was not satisfactory and it was the duty of the state to provide good health facilities to people. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the first International Conference on Forensic Psychiatry here at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) on Saturday, Justice Nisar said that people had to run from pillar to post to get treatment in hospitals. He said that everything was shown good on papers, but there was no implementation of policies. "There are 24 fundamental rights in the constitution and the most important is the right to life," he remarked. He said it was the collective duty of the three pillars of the state — legislature, judiciary and executive — to focus on the right to life and health. Justice Nisar said that mentally ill people needed more care and protection as compared to normal people. "However, the society is cruel and does not lend a helping hand to such people," he said. He said there existed no law under which the cases of the people with some sort of mental illness could be dealt with. He urged medical experts and forensic psychiatrists to come up with suggestions and recommendations and convince the legislators to frame laws in this regard. "Give us laws and develop a proper system of assessment and evaluation of offenders with mental illnesses and, I assure you, the courts will always support you," he remarked. He said the case of patients' death at the Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) due to wrong drug was not over yet. The Supreme Court had taken suo motu notice of this issue. "The case has been shifted from the Lahore Registry to Islamabad and we have widened the scope. Now the revamping of the entire medical system has been included in it," he told the gathering. He welcomed the foreign delegates to the conference and asked them to visit Lahore without any fear. "If you have any concerns, tell me; I will accompany you myself," he said. The chief organiser of the conference, Prof Dr Mowadat Hussain Rana, said there existed a yawning gap in the forensic mental health services in the country. "There are no training institutions, nor formal qualifications in the field of forensic psychiatry, that can produce forensic psychiatrists," he said, adding that the UHS had taken the initiative to develop training programmes and set up scientific services in the field of forensic psychiatry by organising the conference. He said the Sindh government had adopted the Mental Health Act. Other provinces are trying to follow the suit. These efforts can only bear the fruit if a robust system of forensic psychiatric services is developed to implement the Mental Health Act 2001 in letter and spirit, he said. UHS Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Aslam, Board of Governors Member Prof Malik Hussain Mubbashar and forensic psychiatrist consultant Dr Sobia Khan also spoke.

Textbook writer wins AJK board's competition

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LAHORE: Lahore-based textbook writer Nadeem Asghar has won the competition of the Azad Jammu and Kashmir Textbook Board for the biology textbook for class 9. The AJK board held a competition for publishers to ensure quality and updated syllabus for schools. In the competition for the class 9 biology textbook, five publishers from across the country took part and the book written by Asghar and published by Caravan Publishers was selected. It is pertinent to mention here that most textbooks being published nowadays are authored by two or more authors, but Asghar was the single author of his book. He is currently a member of the National Curriculum Council along with the Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board chairman and the Punjab Examination Commission chief executive. He led a team of trainers for capacity building of curriculum developers and trainers of the Education Department of Balochistan in 2013 and was honoured with a Letter of Appreciation for this service. Earlier, he had been involved in the training of textbook authors and reviewers of Punjab. He served as a member of the team involved in the planning and execution of training to examiners of all examination boards of Punjab. Talking to Daily Times, Asghar said it was a moment of pride for him that the AJK board had selected his book. He said the book would be published in English and Urdu languages to facilitate students. He said the Sindh Education Department had contacted him for

Punjab govt to upgrade nursing schools to degree colleges

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Punjab-based textile industry thanks government for gas supply

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Increase in rent of outlets: PSO accused of harassing CNG operators

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Roshni Association in collaboration with PNCA, Shakir Ali Museum organises paintings exhibition for special persons

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training of its textbook reviewers and he would work with it soon.

LAHORE: The Punjab government has finalised the plan to upgrade all nursing school to degree colleges. In this regard, BSc (Nursing) Degree Programme is being introduced in Punjab. At least 45 nursing schools of the province would be converted into degree colleges. Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Secretary Najam Ahmad Shah stated this during a meeting, which reviewed the arrangements for the upgrade of nursing schools to degree colleges on Saturday. He said the Punjab government was taking steps to upgrade the nursing sector and provide higher EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES to nurses. It was decided that 16 nursing schools would be converted into degree colleges in the first phase and conversion of nursing schools into degree colleges would be completed within the stipulated period. On this occasion, King Edward Medical University (KEMU) Vice Chancellor Prof Faisal Masood, University of Health Sciences (UHS) Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Junaid Sarfraz Khan, TRF Consultant Dr Ehsan Tareen, Nursing Director General Nusrat Saeeda, Development Additional Secretary Zaheer Abbas Malik, Additional Secretary (Technology) Dr Salman Shahid, Medical Education Deputy Secretary Dr Nasir Shakir, Chief Planning Officer Abdul Haq Bhatti and PSPU Additional Director Dr Zahida Sarwar were also present. Najam Shah said that KEMU and UHS should immediately create 50 seats each for MSc Nursing classes to produce nursing teachers at the local level. He said the faculties of both universities should be expanded for this purpose and the services of highly qualified nursing teachers from Sri Lanka and Philippines should be hired. For this purpose, advertisements should be published in international newspapers. The Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education secretary directed the officials concerned to take all necessary steps in this regard without any delay.

The Punjab-based textile industry has thanked to the government for 24/7 gas supply on affordable price. The millers are appreciative of the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab Shehbaz Sharif and the Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi for bringing the cost of doing business down in Punjab by supplying Re-gasified Liquid Natural Gas (RLNG). In order to honour the efforts made by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited, the Punjab chapter of the All Pakistan Textile Mills Association invited Managing Director of the company Amjad Latif the other day. The APTMA Punjab Chairman AAmir Fayyas said the energy flow to the Punjab-based textile industry was intact in Punjab after a period of six years, for which the industry had literally cried tears of blood. "The availability as well as affordability of energy was a big issue for the Punjab-based textile industry," he added. "We appreciate the government for ensuring 24/7 gas supply to the industry." He said the textile industry, particularly the one based in Punjab, was facing a great disadvantage in the region and it was not able to compete with the competitors. The gas availability would now enable us to meet the challenges, he asserted. "I am hopeful that this supply of gas would continue uninterrupted ahead," he added. He said reports like positive developments on different Pipelines for port of gas from the region are very encouraging. "I'm sure the industry need would be preferred in future, as only a level playing field would enable us to compete internationally," he reminded to the visiting MD of the SNGPL.

He said the industry exports can be doubled in next few years from \$13 billion to \$26 billion subject to an uninterrupted energy supply on affordable rate. "It will also generate employment that may reach to 30 million from existing 15 million direct and indirect jobs." "Job creation must for a success in the war on terror and there is no other way out," he added. Chairman APTMA Punjab also thanked to the SNGPL management for solving energy issue on the operational level by prioritising the industry. He said the textile industry was consuming 160 MMCFD RLNG, which may reach to over 200MMCFD if gas connections are provided to the remaining mills. Speaking on the occasion, the MD of the SNGPL congratulated the industry for having full flow of gas, saying that the SNGPL was now in a position to supply gas to all sectors of the economy. He said 470MMCFD RLNG is available in the system and expressed the hope that it would reach to 1200MMCFD by the end of this year. "Out of it, 160MMCFD is being supplied to the textile industry, followed by 20MMCFD to the fertilizers sector, 50MMCFD to the CNG sector and remaining to the power sector," he added. He said a consortium of banks was providing Rs 70 billion loan for port of gas from different destinations. Regarding to new connections to the industry, he said a policy guideline would soon be finalised in this regard. He said a ratio of 6 percent Unfounded Gas is logical and the issue is pending with the Supreme Court right now. The SNGPL UFG was in a single digit and a new Gas Act is in place to expedite recovery of arrears. Replying to a query, he said the execution phase was under process on the Pak-Iran gas pipeline. Chairman APTMA Punjab also presented a memento to the MD SNGPL on the occasion.

Central Chairman of All Pakistan CNG Association (APCNGA) Abid Hayat has alleged that Pakistan State Oil (PSO) started harassing the CNG operators to extract more money by increasing the rent of the outlets established on PSO petrol pumps. The management of PSO has unilaterally increased rent of the CNG stations established on petrol pumps of PSO which has been challenged in the high court but the company has started extracting money before the court decision which is illegal and contempt of court, he said. Abid Hayat said that according to agreement between CNG operators and PSO, the supply of petrol pumps cannot be stopped due to any dispute between the parties. However, nation's largest oil retailer has cut supply of many petrol pumps to blackmail the operators which must be noticed. Abid Hayat said that PSO has extracted additional sum from almost one hundred CNG station owners which is Bhatta.

LAHORE - Roshni Association organised "Paint for Roshni" Art Exhibition in collaboration Shakir Ali Museum and Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA). A non-governmental organisation (NGO) Roshni Association for the welfare of special persons and has been working in this field since the 2001. The primary goal of Roshni Association is to nurture healthy development of special persons while providing a stable environment in calm surroundings. It teaches meaningful skills to them in its wood workshop, textile workshop, arts and crafts workshop, organic bakery and organic gardens. This exhibition is a continuation of a fundraising competition "Paint for Roshni 2016", organised for both normal and special students from different institutions of Lahore. The basic aim of the competition and exhibition is to promote the artistic talent of the special persons in Pakistan and to

Richness of Balochistan culture on display at 'Lok Mela'

The News, April 09, 2016

School enrolment campaign launched in FATA

The News, April 09, 2016

Unhygienic chicken meat sale rampant in Mirpurkhas

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Free screening camp organised to mark World Health Day

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develop an understanding among youth of Pakistan about the needs of such persons in our country. In this competition, the participants were divided in five different categories from A to E according to their needs and age groups. 68 special persons and 32 normal children participated in the competition and drew beautiful paintings on the theme of "Water-A Blessing" and "Colours of Inner Beauty". Special persons and normal children from Hamza Foundation Academy for the Deaf, Rising Sun Institute, Fountain House, Lahore School of Learning, Assisted Living, Falah Foundation, Charkha Foundation, Living Institute for Slow Learners, Green Earth Roshni School and Roshni Association participated in the competition. Shakir Ali Museum and PNCA Director Amna I Pataudi and Art Educator Rabeya Jalil and visual artists judged the competition and selected the best paintings from each category. A renowned artist Dr Ajaz Anwar inaugurated the exhibition. He is also a former teacher at National College of Arts (NCA) and holds Pride of Performance Award. A renowned cartoonist Javed Iqbal also attended the event. A total of 46 paintings including winning and selected from the competition and 10 other paintings made by special persons of Roshni Association were displayed in this exhibition. All paintings are available for sale as a donation for Roshni Association. The exhibition will continue till April 15.

ISLAMABAD – Folk Festival 'Lok Mela' continues in Islamabad in which provinces across Pakistan are showing culture of their provinces through show of arts and crafts in provincial pavilions. On Saturday, Balochistan pavilion outstood all provinces' pavilions in showing the rich culture and traditions of Balochistan at the festival. A lot of visitors visited the pavilion showcasing Balochistan's rich legacy. The pavilion showed rich culture of Balochistan through embroidery, dresses, music and food rare to be found in Islamabad. The pavilion has been set up by the Balochistan directorate of culture in collaboration with Lok Virsa. The Balochistan contingent included craftspeople, folk artists, folk musicians and dance groups. Master artisans were Daryan Khan in traditional 'saroz' making, Miral Khan in leather embroidery, Muhammad Akram in handloom work, Rozi Khan in 'Balochi chappal' making, Malookan in Balochi embroidery and others. Folk artists and musicians included Abdul Wahid, Talik/ 'dholak' player, Muhammad Shakir (blind), 'saroz' player, Faiz Muhammad, 'surnai' player, Shakeel Ahmad, fireworks artist, Dad Shah, 'saroz' player, Fida Ahmad, 'saroz' player and others. Famous Leva dance group also entertained the onlookers regularly with their distinctive attire and unique dance moves. The Balochistan musical night is scheduled on April 10, 2016 at 7 pm. wherein eminent folk artists, musicians and performers would perform live in a concert. A visitor, Afsheen Hassan, said "one can see the glimpses from every corner of Pakistan created in the lush green surroundings of the Shakarparian Hills, contributing significantly to enhance the stature, beauty and landscape of the federal capital". 'Lok Mela' is going on with all its festivities. Daily timings are from 11 am to 11 pm. The Award Ceremony of Lok Mela will take place on 10th April, 2016 at 5pm. Cash awards will be distributed among the winning master artisans and folk artists on the recommendations of a national jury constituted for the purpose.

KP governor says 140,000 children in tribal areas will be enrolled in schools

PESHAWAR – Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra on Friday launched an education campaign aimed at enrolling children in schools in tribal areas. According to the handout issued, the governor said at a prize distribution ceremony held for students in Governor House, "We have already announced an education emergency in the tribal areas". He urged tribal people to make sure 100% enrolment in the schools in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). He said that children between four and nine years of age would be enrolled as part of the campaign, adding that steps were being taken to start enrolment from April 8 till May 31, 2016. He said that over 400,000 children in the group would be enrolled during the drive. In the first phase, 140,000 would be enrolled in the tribal areas. Considering education a key to progress, Jhagra said that books would be provided to students without any delay.

MIRPURKHAS: Resentment and unrest have spread among the citizens after sale of unhygienic chicken meat in different areas of Mirpurkhas since last two weeks. Members of non-governmental organisations, civil society and commercial consumers have complained of selling unhealthy chicken meat openly in the city without officially checking, resulting in the surge of stomach diseases and allergy. A recently conducted survey has revealed that hundreds of existing poultry farms, in the suburbs of Mirpurkhas, have scores of reportedly ill chickens due to continued persisting heat, which was being supplied to sellers at comparatively less price amount, resultantly they were selling the unhealthy chicken meat on cheap rates at Rs 180 to 200 per kg. However, those selling healthy chicken meat is priced around at Rs 300 per kg. The sale of unhygienic chicken meat has caused panic among people, who are suffering from different kinds of stomach diseases and approaching doctors for medical treatment. People lamented that there was no government officer to check the sale of unhygienic chicken meat in the city and sellers were selling openly unhealthy meat on cheap rates without any fear. They demanded Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad, Sindh chief secretary, health secretary and local government secretary to take immediate notice of this matter, order strict checking of unhygienic chicken meat being sold in the city, ensure legal action and punish the responsible.

KARACHI: Patel Hospital organised a free-screening camp in connection with the World Health Day – "Beat diabetes" as the current year theme. An official of the facility said on Friday the camp was held to raise public awareness for stronger health systems to ensure improved surveillance, enhanced prevention and more effective management of diabetes. More than 300 people including women benefited from this camp and were screened free of cost for blood glucose and other parameters including handgrip strength (muscles test), blood pressure and body mass index. Patel Hospital endocrinologist Dr Muhammad Shahid said that diet is an important element responsible for the increase in patient's sugar level. It is important for the patient to schedule and monitor his/her eating timings as well need to be compliant with blood sugar monitoring and regular visit to the physician, he added. He said that exercise is the third most important factor in the management of diabetes. Consultant physician Dr Asif Jan Muhammad stated that foot problems are common complication in people with diabetes but most of these complications can be prevented with care.

Over 20m children out of school in Pakistan: NCHD

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He said that diabetes patients should look at their feet every day to check for cuts, sores, blisters, redness, calluses or other problems. He added that if diabetes patients cannot bend over or pull their feet up to check them then they should use a mirror. In his remarks, Patel Hospital Medical Director Dr Mazhar Nizam said that diabetes is treatable and it can be controlled to prevent complications. He said that Patel Hospital is aiming towards the ultimate goal of controlling this non-communicable disease through better awareness, prevention, early detection and care.

KARACHI: National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) Chairperson Razina Alam Khan has said that around 57 million adults are illiterate in Pakistan and 24 million children are still out-of-schools. She stated this while briefing a meeting held between the NCHD and steering committee of Pakistan Human Development Fund (PHDF). The meeting was chaired by National Commission for Human Development Chairperson Razina Alam Khan along with PHDF Chairperson Dr Nadira Panjwani, said a press release on Friday. The NCHD and PHDF are all committed to eradicate illiteracy from the country, the statement added. Razina Alam further briefed the meeting that under the Vision-2025, literacy rate is planned to be increased to 100 percent and enrolment rate to be increased to 90 percent and task to develop the plan of action in this regard has been given to NCHD by Ministry of Planning and Development. The meeting was informed that PC-1 to establish 12,000 literacy centres for adult education and basic skill training has also been approved. A proposal was submitted in the meeting by NCHD for the purpose of establishing a national training institute with the objective to train the master teachers of literacy centres and develop research-based modules and training materials, she said. The steering committee of Human Development Fund praised the working of NCHD and pledged full support for all projects. Moreover, Human Development Fund also ensured support in starting another 2,000 literacy centres for adult education by the National Commission for Human Development. Meanwhile, PHDF Chairperson Dr Nadira Panjwani said, "It is our collective failure that we missed Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and now it is our collective responsibility to eradicate illiteracy from the country."

Sindh-Hainan Universities forum begins next month

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KARACHI: Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) is organising a three-day "Sindh-Hainan Universities Forum" from May 2. The forum will focus on key aspects of educational partnership between Sindh and Hainan provinces under China-Pakistan partnership basis, said a SMIU press release on Friday. The forum will discuss many areas of interest including enhancing China-Pakistan partnership in education, and the opportunities for joint research in science disciplines, research collaborations in social sciences and management disciplines, prospects for joint/dual degree programmes and mechanism for quality assurance, especially between Sindh and Hainan provinces. Four universities of China from Hainan province including Hainan Tropical Ocean University, Hainan University, Hainan Normal University and Sanya University would participate in the programme. Besides inaugural and concluding sessions, there would be ten technical sessions on variety of subjects. Speaking on the occasion, Sindh Madressatul Islam University Vice Chancellor Dr Muhammad Ali Shaikh said that forum would bring China and Pakistan closer in the field of higher education. "It would also open doors of higher education for students and faculty members of both Sindh and Hainan provinces, the vice chancellor added. Dr Shaikh said that besides educational experts from China, the VCs and noted educationists from Sindh as well as rest of Pakistan would participate in the forum. Hainan province is located in southern part of China with one of the largest special economic zones that was established by Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping. It has an area of 33,920 sq km with some two hundred islands scattered.

'Utilising renewable sources essential to overcome energy crisis'

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that generation of electricity through renewable sources is essential to overcome energy crisis and there is a lot of potential in setting up of small biomass-based power plants in the province. While addressing a meeting to review the project of setting up of biomass-based small power plants through video link at the Civil Secretariat on Friday, he expressed indignation over the delay in setting up of small power plants based on biomass in the province and said that lip service would not be tolerated. Shahbaz said that practical measures would have to be taken in the right direction and he wants only results and work, adding that the concerned authorities should have furthered the project of biomass-based small power plants in an active manner as elimination of energy crisis is a national responsibility. He said that if billions of rupees are being spent on gas power plants projects then biomass based power plant project had not been delayed. He said that the concerned officials should discharge their duties efficiently while realising their responsibilities, as delay in the execution of power projects could not be tolerated at all. The chief minister said that the PML-N government is determined to overcome energy crisis and is struggling to ease the life of common man through low cost energy generation. Provincial Agriculture Minister Dr. Farrukh Javed, Punjab Biomass Energy Company Board of Directors Chairman Hamid Malhi along with agriculture secretary, energy secretary and concerned officials attended the meeting through video link from Civil Secretariat. **Dolphin Force:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting, which decided to enhance the scope of Dolphin Force to four more big cities of the province. Addressing the meeting, Shahbaz Sharif said that after Lahore, Dolphin Force would also be set up at Multan, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad and Gujranwala and setting up of Dolphin Force in big cities would help control street crime. He directed that immediate steps should be taken for the setting up of Dolphin Force in these cities, adding that the first contingent of Dolphin Force has started its work, which has increased sense of protection among Lahoris. The chief minister directed to evolve a comprehensive system for monitoring the performance of Dolphin Force and said that the officials of Dolphin Force would be encouraged on best performance and awarded Dolphin awards on the basis of performance. He said that Dolphin Force is a new face of Punjab Police and people have great expectations from it. He expressed hope that officials of Dolphin Force would come up to the expectations of the masses. **Meets Turk delegation:** A delegation led by chairman of a prominent investment group of Turkey, Abdul Kadir Toran, met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Friday. The Turk delegation condemned the Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park tragedy and expressed sorrow and grief over loss of precious human lives. Speaking on the occasion, Shahbaz Sharif said that Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park tragedy is the worst incident in the history of the province,

26 more dengue cases surface in city

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Preventive measures urged to check surge in diabetes

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adding that terrorists are common enemy of nations of the world and have no religion. He said that historical brotherly relations between Pakistan and Turkey are being transformed into useful economic cooperation. "A number of Turkish companies are making investment in different sectors of Punjab and Lahore Metro Bus Project is a living example of Pak-Turk friendship," he said, adding that Turk brethren have always stood with Pakistan in flood, earthquake or any other calamity. He said that cooperation of Turk brethren in the hour of distress could never be forgotten. The Turk delegation expressed interest towards investing in urban transport sector of Punjab.

KARACHI: At least 26 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported from the city last week, taking the patients toll 351 in the city since January 1st. According to weekly report issued by Sindh Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Sindh, as many as 26 new dengue fever cases were detected from the city since the start of the current year. A total 366 dengue fever cases had been reported in the province since January 1st, out of which 351 were detected from the provincial capital, five from Hyderabad, two from Sukkur, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Ghotki, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirabad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far. Spicy foods increase risk of developing piles. Meanwhile, renowned proctologist Dr Ghulam Mujtaba Memon on Thursday said as many as 10,000 piles patients, clinically known as haemorrhoid, have already been successfully treated by him at Civil Hospital Karachi. Dr Mujtaba said piles is a painful disease but is 100 percent treatable. Unfortunately such cases are increasing day-by-day due to excessive use of spicy foods and constant constipation. He said pile is probably the most common lifestyle ailment affecting men and women at any age. He said it often develops due to excess pressure on anal blood vessels, which later causes swelling and inflammation. He said chronic constipation, lifestyle factors such as improper food habits and less fluid intake are some of the common causes. He said treatment of such patients is available in three different methods and patient can recover from this painful disease in a month after proper treatment. He said unavailability of toilets at public places is also a major factor behind spread of piles cases and the government must establish toilets in markets and other public places to facilitate people.

KARACHI: Experts have urged citizens to adopt preventive measures to manage diabetes by choosing a simple lifestyle, daily exercise, walking, balanced diet and avoiding excessive sugar intake and smoking. They also said that the modern technology and lifestyle were amongst the main factors in spread of the disease. They were speaking at 25th International Children's Health conference jointly organised by Hamdard Public School and Hamdard Foundation Pakistan in connection with the World Health Organization (WHO.) theme "Beat diabetes" on the occasion of World Health Day, which was presided over by Dr Sara Salman, the head of WHO Sindh. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest of the conference and renowned diabetologist, Dr Fatema Jawad said that there were approximately 7.1 million (10.7%) diabetic patients in Pakistan and the numbers would increase by 11.1% by 2020. People must be encouraged to take preventive measures against this disease and government should provide facility of awareness centers for educating people in this regard, she said, adding that hitherto no case of child patients of diabetes could be found yet in the country. She said that there are few types of diabetes including gestational diabetes and pregnancy diabetes and usually caused by stressed; however, if people change their life style and manage balance diet, the situation could be changed in their favor. She further said that it has been observed that majority of people have become lazy, they eat more and got obesity, resulting in diabetes and abdominal fat resists insulin. "If diabetes is diagnosed, do not delay to consult a physician, avoid fast food, burgers and chips and other junk foods, but do not skip food and do not eat more but eat healthy diet, walk and exercise daily and that is the pillar and principle to control diabetes."

Highlighting the threats and consequences of diabetes, she warned that this disease could destroy gums and teeth, create swelling on face and foot, sever pain in body and lead to glaucoma, blindness and sudden death. Hamdard Foundation President Sadia Rashid said that quarter of a century had elapsed since Hamdard held its first international children's health conference and that ground-breaking event - the very first conference for and by children was the result of one of the innovative ideas of Shaheed Hakim Mohammed Said in Pakistan, and was one more proof of his determination to give children's voices a chance to be heard. Since then, it has become a tradition of Hamdard to hold this international children's health conference, she added. She said the modern technology and the lifestyle were the main factors in the growth rate of the disease. The car has reduced people's need to walk and television has replaced the necessity of more physical forms of entertainment as children are more occupied with watching cartoon or playing video games, resulting diabetes among juveniles, she added. "Research continues, not just for medicine, but also monitoring devices, but the best weapons are still simple – sensible food in sensible quantities and sufficient exercise to tone the muscles and burn the calories consumed," she maintained. Dr Sara Salman in her presidential address said, "Today 422 million adults have been affected in the world four times more than in 1980 and this disease was rising fastest in the world's low and middle income countries and Pakistan was one of them and in 2012 where diabetes caused 1.5 million deaths. WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Director Dr Ala Alwan said, "Actions are needed both by the government and people themselves." She said, while individuals are needed to take responsibility for their own health through maintaining a healthy lifestyle, governments are responsible for creating environments that promoted healthy living and for establishing measures that could reduce the exposure of the population to risk behaviour that could lead to diabetes.

WHO focus on diabetes would further raise awareness about challenges posed by diabetes and increase political commitment to prevention, management and surveillance of diabetes, she added. She congratulated Hamdard Foundation for arranging the important event and sensitising present and new generation about this important health matter. She also congratulated the two students of Hamdard Public School - Faizan and Eresha Nadeem – who won the WHO poster competitions respectively in 2015 and 2016 and gave away them certificates. She assured that WHO is there to provide technical support to the people of Pakistan in controlling the threat of diabetes. The conference was attended by a large number of students, WHO's officials and young speakers from Iran, Germany, Japan and Turkey and from major cities of Pakistan.

CM, US consul general inaugurate USAID-funded school

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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and United States Consul General Brian Heath in Karachi inaugurated a state-of-the-art school constructed under the USAID-funded Sindh Basic Education Programme (SBEP) at Kouro Goth, in Khairpur district. The consul general along with daughter of former president Asif Ali Zardari, Bakhtawar, Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Education Secretary Fazallulh Pechuho, paid visit of Garhi Khuda Bux Bhutto and placed floral wreaths on graves of former prime ministers Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto and offered Fateha. A US consulate statement on Thursday said that this school is just one of over 100 state-of-the-art facilities that USAID is constructing in partnership with the government of Sindh. US Consul General Heath pointed out that the United States government strongly supports education in Pakistan. He said that he was delighted that the school and others like it will provide young boys and girls with a space to learn and to grow so they can help Pakistan unlock its full potential. According to USAID Mission Director John Groarke, the USAID has helped rebuild or renovate more than 1,000 schools over the last five years. In many of the schools, the USAID has also supplied computers, science kits, books, and other educational materials. The USAID-funded SBEP will construct approximately 106 modern school buildings at a cost of approximately Rs16 billion over five years in seven districts of northern Sindh and five towns in the provincial capital. Currently over 50 schools are under construction. Ambassador Richard Olson and Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah broke ground at the Kouro Goth School in 2014. It is the first of four schools that will be completed and handed over this month. Aside from construction, the SBEP aims at increasing and sustain student enrollment in primary, middle, and secondary public schools in selected areas of Sindh. The Education and Literacy Department of the Sindh government is providing additional support of over Rs1 billion and the department has already signed agreements with two organisations to manage four schools in Khairpur and Sukkur districts. USAID Senior Policy Adviser and Programme Manager of SBEP Dr Randy Hatfield, teachers, students and members of the community along with senior provincial officers also attended the ceremony.

Power supply to five education offices cut off

Daily Dawn, April 07, 2016

LARKANA: The Sukkur Electric Power Company (Sepco), in an attempt to force a locality to clear dues, has disconnected power supply to five offices of the education department as well which happen to be in the same locality. Sources in the education department said on Wednesday none of the offices was not a defaulter. The Sepco engineer concerned removed links of transformer supplying electricity to the Christian Colony after having failed to stop power theft, said the sources. The education offices are; district education officer (elementary), district education officer (general), directorate of private schools and office of Reform Support Unit (RSU) which deals with biometric system and district office of the Sindh Education Management Information System (SEMIS) that deals with overall schools data of the region. The power supply to DEO (elementary) office and Reform Support Unit and other offices that were housed in a building had been cut off for five months, said a source. Moreover, electricity to Government Pilot Secondary School (GPSS) was also snapped in December 2015 on the pretext of dues. The Sepco had also increased outage timings as summer approached, said Aslam Shaikh, president of Larkana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI). The power outage ranged from eight to 18 hours and the LCCI believed the Sepco would attempt to cover leakages and power theft under the lame excuse of faults, he said.

Men set rival's house on fire

Daily Dawn, April 07, 2016

SHEIKHUPURA: Three men set on fire the house of their alleged rival in Kalsian Bhattian village early on Wednesday. Azam and his associates allegedly had an old enmity with Riaz. On Wednesday morning, they barged into Riaz's house and set it on fire. The entire house was reduced to ashes. However, Riaz's family escaped unhurt. Khanqah Dogran police started an investigation.

'More than 100 brands of bottled water unsafe'

Daily Dawn, April 07, 2016

ISLAMABAD: More than a 100 brands of bottled water have been identified as unsafe for human consumption in the Pakistan Council for Research in Water Resources' (PCRWR) quarterly report. PCRWR has been tasked by the government through the Ministry of Science and Technology to monitor the quality of bottled water and publish its results in an attempt to improve the quality of bottled drinking water. Samples of 111 bottled water brands were collected from across the country, including the federal capital, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Karachi and Peshawar. In a statement, the water quality monitoring body of the Ministry of Science and Technology said that the poor quality of drinking water is the reason many people are buying bottled water for drinking. Due to more demand, there has been an increase in the number of bottled water companies over the last few years. "However, many of the mineral water companies were found selling contaminated water," the PCRWR statement said.

According to the report for January to March 2016, 22 brands are unsafe for drinking due to chemical and microbiological contamination. These include ECO, Coral Water, HI-Fresh, New Nation, Pak Aqua, HFC, Total, NG Fresh Water, Al-Habib, Silver, ORION, Aqua Arabia, Well Care, Desert Dew, New Deep, Lite Aqua, Aqua Smart, Avalon Pure Water, New Smart Aqua, Mazan Pure, Royal Blue and Aqua National. The report says that from these, 12 brands had high levels of arsenic ranging from 12 to 85 parts per billion when the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority standard for arsenic is 10 parts per billion. These brands include New Nation, HFC, Total, Well Care, Desert Dew, New Deep, Lite Aqua, Aqua Smart, New Smart Aqua, Mazan Pure, Royal Blue and Aqua National among others. In their statement, PCRWR warns that excessive levels of arsenic can cause various types of skin diseases, diabetes, kidney diseases, hypertension, heart diseases, birth defects, black foot disease and multiple types of cancers. The water testing lab has said that three brands, including ECO, Coral Water and HI Fresh were found to be unsafe due to microbiological contamination which can lead to cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis and typhoid. Other brands were found to be unsafe due to the presence of high levels of sodium and potassium.

CNG, fertilizer, industrial sectors: LNG import enables government to supply round-the-clock gas

The import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) has improved gas supply/demand situation as it enabled the government to supply round the clock gas to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations, fertilizer plants, general industry and textile industry. According to Petroleum Ministry officials, Pakistan's indigenous gas production stood at 4 Billion Cubic Feet per Day (BCFD) against managed demand of 5.7 BCFD as a result the government was unable to supply gas to many sectors including power, fertilizer, CNG and others. With the import of 400 Million Cubic Feet per Day (MMCFD) of LNG the

Business Recorder, April 06, 2016

gas supply/demand situation has improved by 23.5 percent and now the management is in a position to supply gas to above mentioned sectors. Out of 400 MMCFD of LNG, on average 300 MMCFD is being supplied to different Independent Power Plants (IPPs), 50 MMCFD to fertilizer plants which remained closed for almost 4 years and 50 MMCFD to Punjab based CNG stations which also faced serious problems as a result of massive gas supply/demand gap during past five years, an official at Directorate General (DG) Gas Ministry of Petroleum told *Business Recorder* here on Tuesday. He said that as the major gas reserves including Sui Field of Balochistan, Qadirpur and Zamzama gas fields of Sindh are depleting rapidly, the supply-demand gap in the country is broadening and the country needs alternative sources of fuel to ensure the smooth functioning of local industries. The government of Pakistan on February 10, 2016 signed a 15-year agreement with Qatar, to import 3.75 million tons of LNG per year. Pakistan is an agricultural economy, fertilizer sector plays an essential role in enhancing agricultural output to produce to meet local requirements as well as exports but as a result of serious gas shortage the fertilizer industry suffered a lot and now with the arrival of LNG the situation was improving, he added. The official said that the Textile Industry has requested the government to allow it 300 MMCFD of LNG for Punjab based industrial units, while All Pakistan CNG Association has already acquired permission to import LNG for CNG sector and fertilizer industry is already using the imported fuel.

According to Ijaz Gohar, former president APTMA, the textile units in Punjab during past five years were facing worst kind of gas curtailment because of serious gas crisis as a result around 2 million people associated with the industry lost their jobs. He said that now when the government has started importing LNG, provision of the LNG to industry will help create jobs and enhance exports of the sector. The APTMA has requested the Petroleum Ministry for the provision of 300 MMCFD of LNG for 24/7 requirement of the Textile Industry. This will greatly help the industry to operate mills at optimum level of production. APTMA member mills have already registered their interest for using RLNG and necessary supplemental agreements have been provided to SNGPL According to officials and industry sources, the import of LNG from Qatar is stated to be the cheapest fuel which offers an instant solution for the energy starved the country. The LNG price agreed with Qatar is only 13.37 percent of international crude oil prices. According to energy experts, gas availability for domestic sector in next winter will increase up to 80 percent in the Punjab and other sectors of economy, including power, industrial and fertilizer. According to Ghayas Abdullah Paracha of APCNGA, LNG is being considered essential element of energy-mix of global emerging economies, as the world is turning towards it. He said global and emerging economies such as China, Korea, Japan, India, Thailand, Indonesia, European Union and Brazil were ensuring that LNG should remain part of their energy-mix requirements. He added that Japan was importing 80 million tons of LNG every year and India 15 million tons per annum due to favourable price and efficiency as compared to other fuels. He said that import of LNG has enabled 2,400 CNG stations of Punjab to operate 7 days a week after 2009 and at present LNG was available at Rs 42 per litre against Rs 65 per litre of petrol.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has refused to accept petrol supplies from a United Arab Emirates-based company because of poor quality, which may lead to delay in oil imports and spark fears of shortage. "A vessel of oil supplier Emirate National Oil Company (Enoc) carrying 50,000 tons of petrol has been sent back by PSO," an official told *The Express Tribune*.

Petrol consumption in Pakistan hit a record high of 550,000 tonnes in the single month of March due to several factors, including low prices, continuous sale of new motorcycles and cars and steady economic growth, according to industry officials. The recent one-month record was in October last year with 511,000 tonnes recorded. Marketing companies seem to be retaining sufficient stocks with 15-day requirements. A senior executive believes that increase in sales should be looked at in a positive limelight. Aftab Husain, CEO of Pakistan Refinery Limited claimed that "Growth in demand for petrol remains the same at between 10% and 15%. What happened in March was that retail outlets bought unusually more in anticipation of price increase." The vast growth in petrol consumption over the recent years has created a difficult obligation on marketing companies to ensure that fuel supply is not interrupted as most of it is imported. The lack of alternative auto fuel such as compressed natural gas (CNG) is the major reason for the increase in petrol sales. "LNG (liquefied natural gas) is now imported regularly. So there could be some impact but two-wheelers don't have a choice and that is from where a lot of growth comes," said Husain. Since 2009, Pakistan has been a net importer of petrol, before which it was responsible for its own fuel supply by local refineries. However, of recent, 60% of demand is acquired by imports. This has posed as a serious issue for the country. Early last year, the outrageous demand for fuel after the government cut fuel prices led to drastic shortages in the country and occasioned a political dilemma for Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government. According to the people in the industry, the government was eager to suspend senior officials of the state-run Pakistan State Oil (PSO), which is the largest marketing company in the country instead of dealing with the shortage of storage spaces. However, since that incident, collaboration between stakeholders has continued in order to avoid a repetition of such an episode. Pakistan crude oil refiners have also increased their petrol output.

RAWALPINDI: The women's park adjacent to Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) and Liaquat Bagh, the one which was destroyed during the metro bus project in March 2014, is now being used as a solid waste dumping point by the City District Government Rawalpindi (CDGR), without permission from the Punjab government. The park which spreads over two acres was constructed in 2005 at a cost of Rs4.5 million and was turned into a makeshift transfer station by the local administration. A model bazaar worth Rs27 million was constructed on a vacant piece of land near the park, and because the local administration did not manage to attract business owners to the market, the project failed. In January 2014, CDGR relocated the stalls in the bazaar to Committee Chowk to provide space for the construction of an elevated road for the portion of Murree Road from Committee Chowk to 6th Road as part of the metro bus project and the park was used to house building material for the construction.

PSO sends back ship carrying poor quality petrol

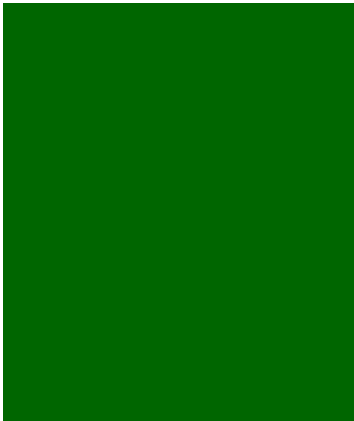
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Petrol Sales Last Month Highest Ever Recorded In Pakistan

News Pakistan, April 05, 2016

Women's park in Pindi turned into a garbage dump

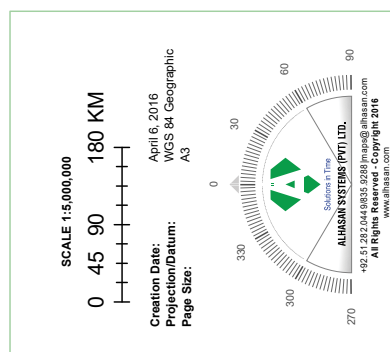
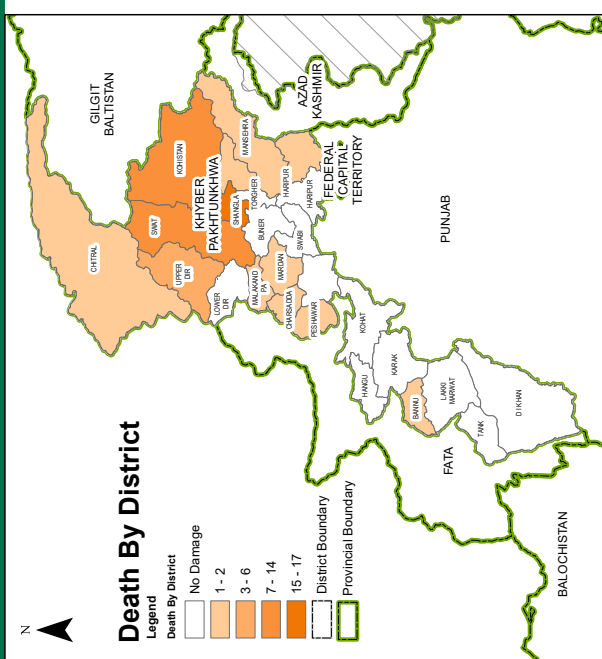
Daily Dawn, April 04, 2016



The then commissioner, Zahid Saeed, who is now Punjab chief secretary, had promised the park will be reconstructed after work on the metro bus project is completed. He was then promoted and stationed in Lahore and the local administration did not hand over the space to the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA). Talking to Dawn, PHA Director General Dr Malik Abid confirmed that the park had not yet been handed over to the authority. "PHA wrote a letter to the local administration asking them to show us any letter written by the Punjab government directing them to use the site as a dumping site for solid waste," he said. He said PHA was still waiting to be allocated funds for the park's redevelopment and said he hoped that the issue will soon be solved so that women have a recreational space once again. Local opposition politicians and citizens also criticised the move. PTI MPA Arif Abbasi told Dawn that the metro bus project and the Orange Line project have taken up a bigger portion of taxpayers' money on which, he alleged, the Punjab government earns commissions and that it has also now taken away recreational space from women. "The women's protection bill is nothing more than a political stunt. The PML-N led Punjab government wants to confine women to their homes. There are already few parks for women and the provincial government is taking even those away," he said. PPP city chapter spokesperson Shujaat Haider Naqvi said: "Where will our mothers and sisters go to walk in the evening? The government is destroying green areas in the garrison city."

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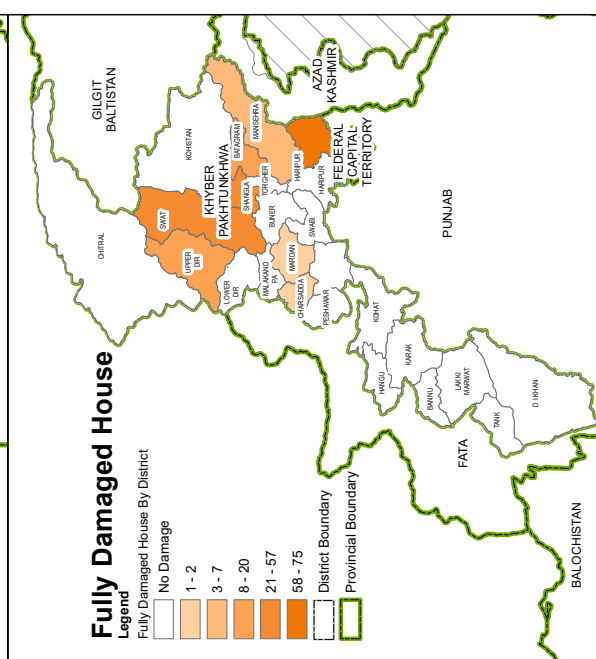
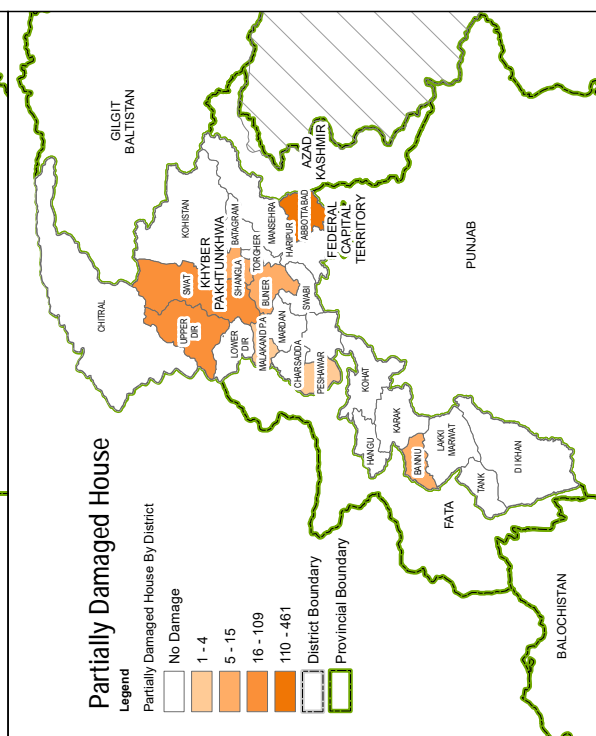


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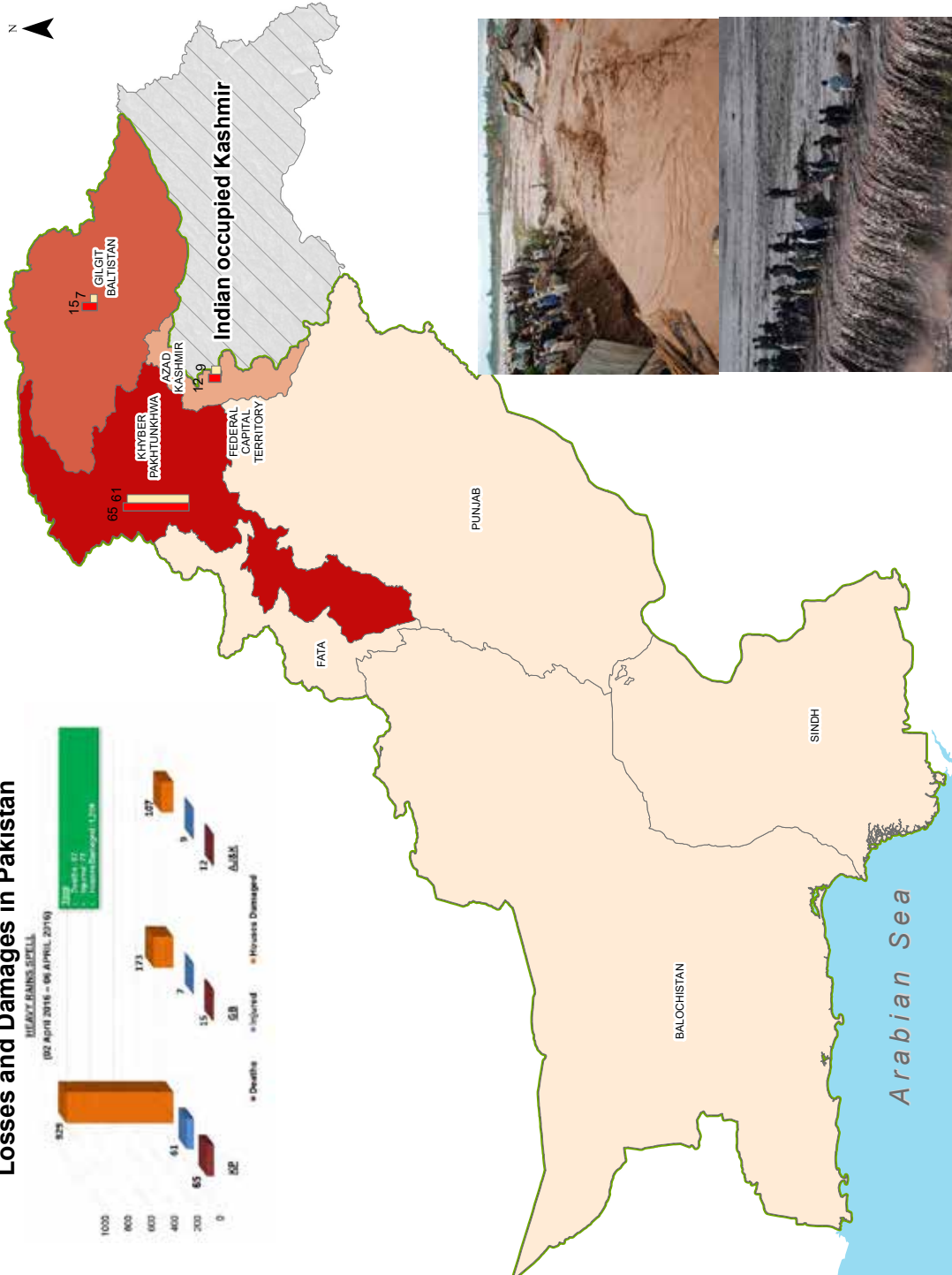
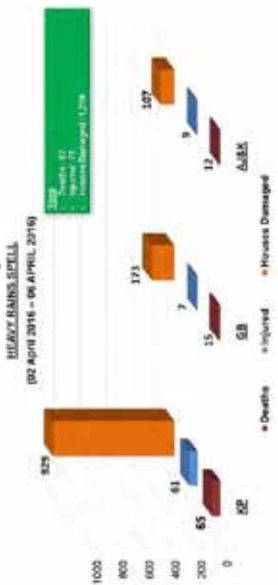
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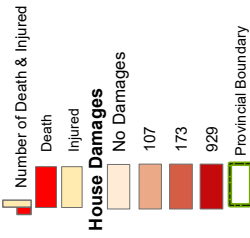
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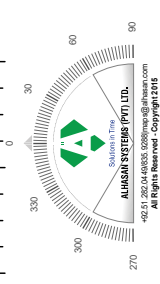
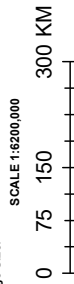


The weekend's heavy rains turned the streets on the outskirts of Peshawar in northern Pakistan (pictured) into rivers

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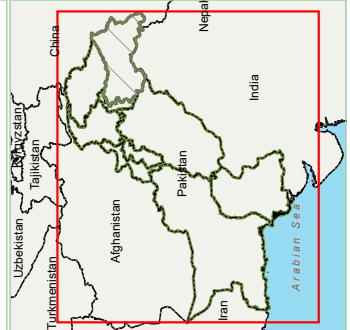


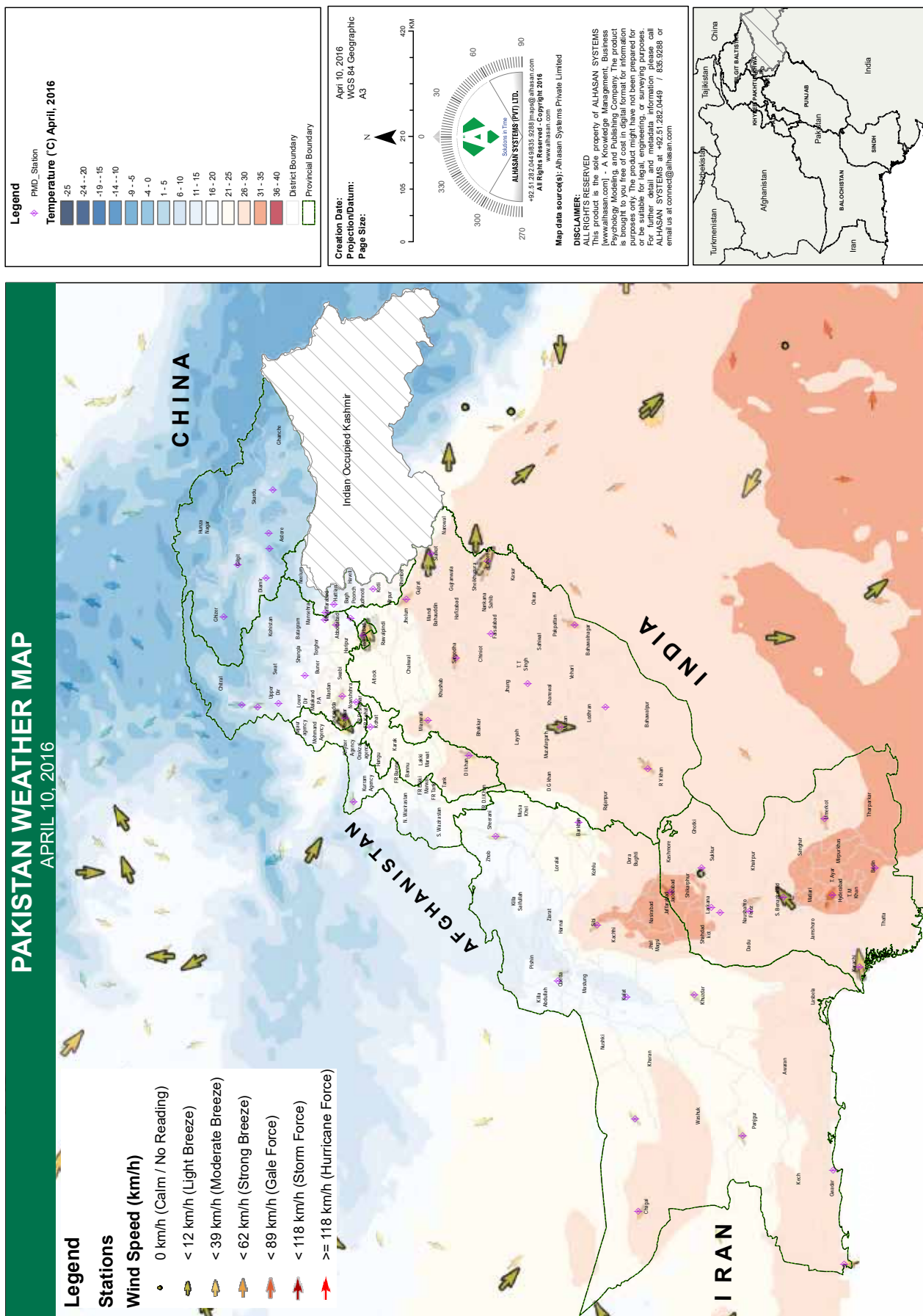
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Dec 21, 2014 to March 21, 2016



KARACHI: Police claim to have arrested 766 illegal Afghan refugees in districts central and west of Karachi during search operations carried out between Dec 21 and March 21, 2016. The statistics are part of a recently prepared report by the DIG-West which will be presented to the home department in the coming days. These arrests were made under the National Action Plan (NAP) prepared in January 2015 for a country-wide crackdown on terrorism and trafficking in persons.

The report says that the majority of the arrested Afghans were from the Balochistan border areas, specifically in the Camp Jareed and Afghan Bazar localities. Most of the arrested Afghans were sent either to Landhi jail or Gadan jil and then deported back home, a police official said. Out of the 766 arrested Afghans mentioned in the report, 541 were arrested in west district and 225 in central district. Around 730 were sent to jail, out of which 211 were released on bail at the same time, three cases were registered against 472 illegal Afghan refugees according to the office of the DIG-West. Afghan refugees in Camp Jareed said that they had been living there since the late 1970s. They also claimed that they had been registered as citizens under the Frontier Registration Act. Explosive material, weapons and fake literature were also recovered during these arrests and cases were registered against clerics who did not follow the recently promulgated Sound System Act. Speaking to Dawn, the DIG-West admitted that "not all of these arrests made it to the court, nor punishment was given to them". One such example is the 472 cases "registered" against illegal Afghan immigrants, who were never arrested. Of those cases in which arrests were made (766 in total), 211 suspects were released on bail.

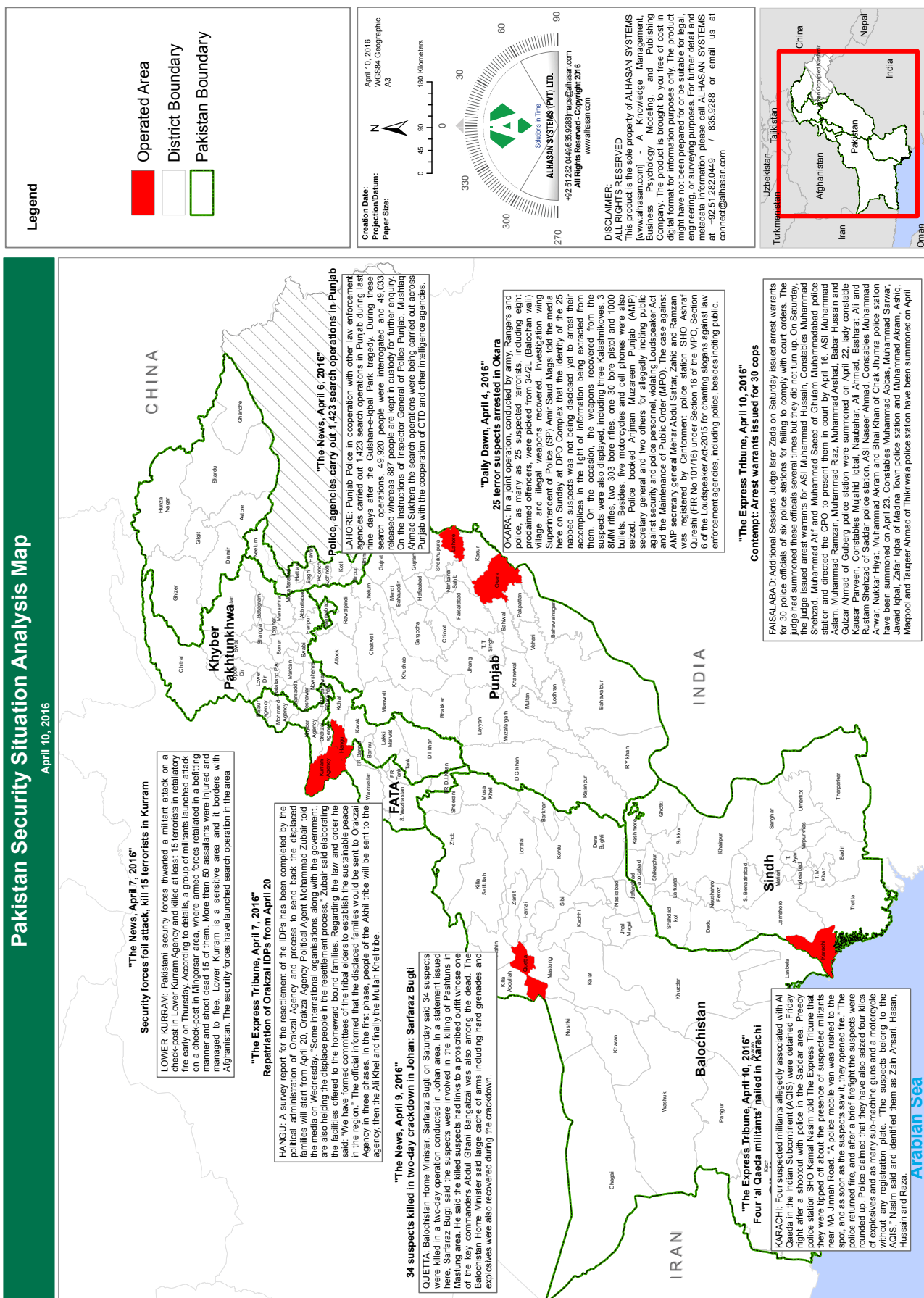
"The number of Afghan refugees has increased over the past 35 years leading discussions over the impact they have on the country's already diminishing resources," According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), around 15 million (registered) refugees are living in Pakistan. According to the UNHCR officials, these refugees were registered for the first time in 2005; some 28 years after the Afghan-Soviet War, which began in 1979, leading to the exodus of millions towards Pakistan through countless meetings, the UNHCR officials say. They have all the required documents, but not for the registered ones insisting that a distinction should be made between the illegal and the registered refugees. A UNHCR officer added that there were 67,000 refugees in Sindh, but that their number continued to increase and decrease depending on their constant entering and leaving Pakistan through the porous border. It shares with Afghanistan. He demanded the repatriate illegal Afghan refugees became kinder and more patient towards the regular Pakistani citizens.

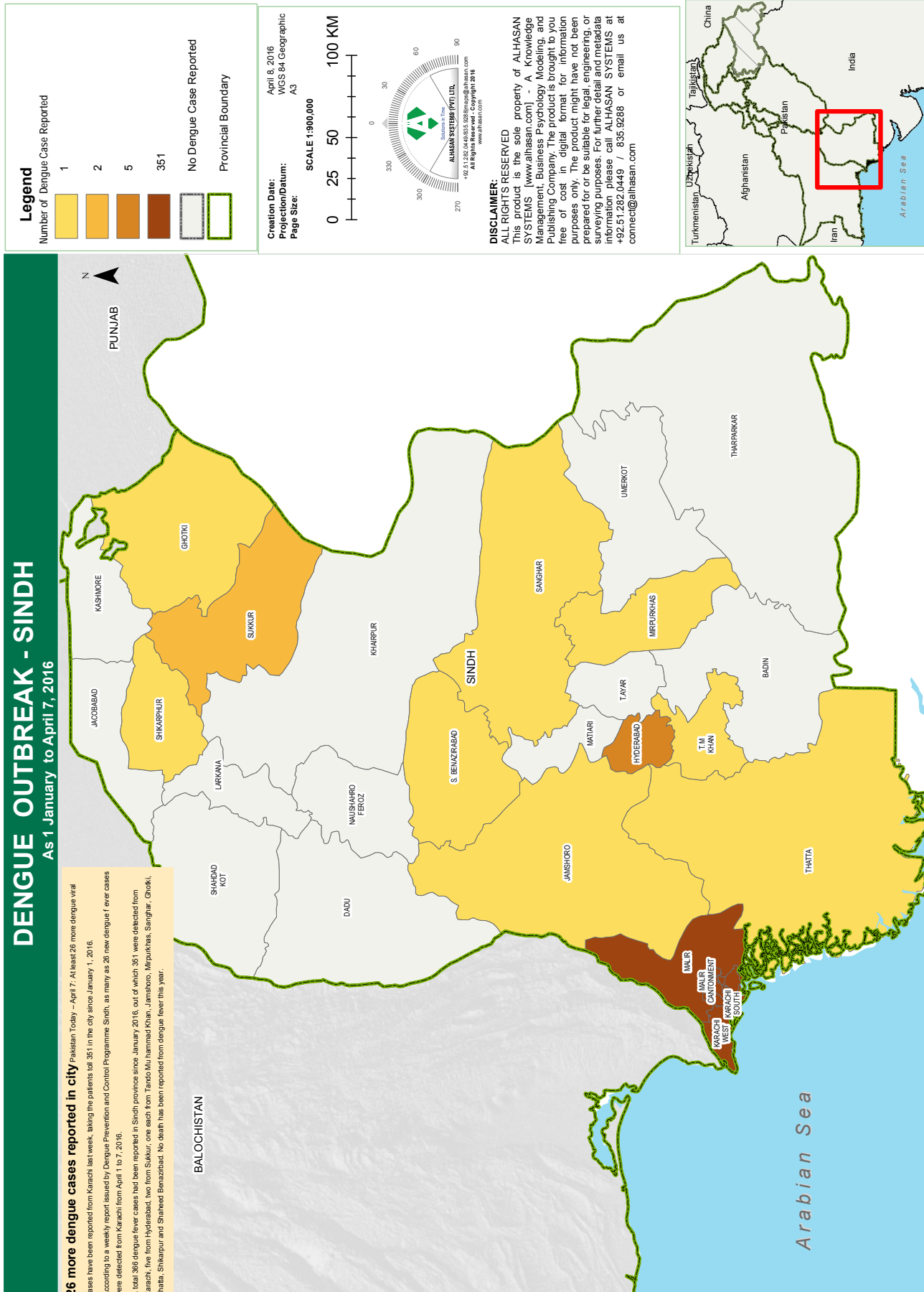
In 2016, 20,200 Afghans were registered with the regular Public School in Islamabad. In 2015, many of the Afghan refugees were uncertain about their future in the





April 10, 2016





POLIO CASES IN PAKISTAN

Upto January, 2016

POLIO CASES DISTRICT WISE 2016

Number of Polio Cases - 2016

Province	District	Polio Cases
Sindh	Shikarpur	1
	Jacobabad	1
	Karachi	1
KPK	Peshawar	1
	Nowshera	1
Balochistan	Hangu	1
	Quetta	1



POLIO CASES DISTRICT WISE 2015

Number of Polio Cases - 2015

Province	District Name	No. of Cases	Total Cases
FATA	Rhyndar	1	4
	South Waziristan	2	
Punjab	North	1	
	Western	2	
	Tank	2	5
	Rawalpindi	1	
	Islamabad	1	
Sindh	North	1	
	Chandni	1	
	Thatta	2	
	Quetta	1	
	Islamabad	1	
Balochistan	North	1	
	Quetta	1	
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Punjab	North	1	
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Pakistan	North	1	
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Polio Case Reported

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Provincial Boundary

Polio Cases in Provinces 2009 - 2016

Province	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Punjab	17	7	9	2	7	5	2	0
Sindh	12	27	33	4	10	30	12	3
KPK	29	24	23	27	11	68	17	8
Balochistan	31	32	73	4	0	25	7	0
Gilgit-Baltistan	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
FATA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	89	144	158	58	53	305	54	7

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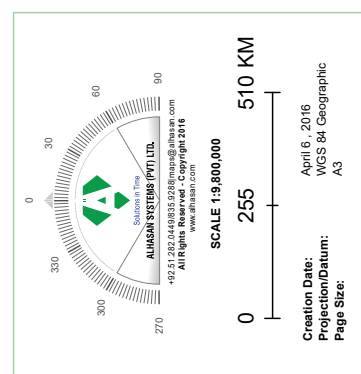
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217 ارب روپے درکار ہوں گے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ پنجاب 4.5 ملین ٹن گندم خریدے گا جس کے لئے 130 ارب روپے درکار ہوں گے۔ سندھ 1.10 ملین ٹن گندم کی خریداری کرے گا جس کے لئے 35 ارب روپے درکار ہوں گے۔ کے پی کے 35 ہزار ٹن گندم کی خریداری کرے گا اور اس پر 11 ارب روپے اور بلوچستان 10 ہزار ٹن گندم خریدے گا جس پر 3 ارب روپے لاگت آئے گی۔ مزید برآں ترکی کے کوٹ آف اکاؤنٹس کے ایک وفد نے نائب صدر اریان یاسا کی قیادت میں وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سے ملاقات کے آڈیٹر جنرل آف پاکستان رانا اسد امین بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔ وزیر خزانہ نے کہا پاکستان ترکی کے ساتھ تعلقات کو بہت اہمیت دیتا ہے۔ دونوں ممالک کے اداروں کا رابطہ حوصلہ افزاء ہے۔ دریں اثنا وزیر خزانہ سے نیشنل مینجمنٹ کالج کے وفد نے بھی ملاقات کی۔ وفد کی قیادت ریکٹر اسماعیل قریشی نے کی۔ وزیر خزانہ نے کہا حکومت اب معاشی گروتھ میں تیزی لانے کی اور روزگار کے مواقع پیدا کرنے پر توجہ مرکوز کئے ہوئے ہے، تمام مائیکرو واکٹناک اعشاریئے مثبت ہیں، حکومت نے 2016ء میں جاری ہونے والے یوروبانڈ کی ادائیگی کر دی ہے۔ این این آئی کے مطابق پاکستان اور ترکی نے آڈٹ، اکاؤنٹس اور دیگر شعبوں میں قریبی تعاون کو فروغ دینے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ یہ اتفاق رائے اسلام آباد میں اکاؤنٹس کے بارے میں ترک عدالت کے نائب صدر اور مین یاسا کے زیر قیادت وفد اور وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار کے درمیان ایک ملاقات کے دوران کیا گیا۔

بند ہونے کی وجہ سے امدادی کارروائیاں متاثر ہونے کا خدشہ ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ کوہستان میں مختلف منصوبوں پر کام کرنے والے جرمنی، چین اور جنوبی کوریا سے تعلق رکھنے والے 26 افراد محفوظ اور مقامی پولیس سے رابطے میں ہیں۔

پشاور / مظفر آباد: خیبر پختونخوا اور آزاد کشمیر کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارشوں کے باعث ہونے والی تباہی میں 53 افراد ہلاک اور 60 سے زائد افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ خبر رساں ادارے اے ایف پی کے مطابق پاکستان کے شمالی علاقوں میں بارشوں اور آزاد کشمیر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 53 ہو گئی ہے جبکہ ان واقعات میں زخمی ہونے والوں کی تعداد 60 سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے۔ خیبر پختونخوا حکومت کے ترجمان مشتاق غنی نے 45 ہلاکتوں کی تعداد کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ زیادہ تر نقصان لینڈ سلائیڈنگ اور چھتوں کے گرنے کے باعث ہوا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ خیبر پختونخوا حکومت نے ریلیف کے کام کا آغاز کر دیا ہے اور حکومتی مشینری ریکو سرگرمیوں میں مصروف ہے۔ بارش کے باعث ضلع شانگلہ میں متعدد گھروں کی چھتیں گر گئیں چھتیں گرنے اور بارش کے دوران دیگر حادثات میں 6 افراد ہلاک اور 6 زخمی ہوئے۔ چارسدہ کی تحصیل شہد در میں گھر کی چھت ز میں بوس ہو گئی، حادثے میں 9 سالہ بچہ عبداللہ ہلاک ہوا جبکہ ایک خاتون اور 11 سالہ شاہد زخمی ہوئے۔ چترال میں گرم چشمہ کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے ایک شخص ہلاک اور 5 افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ سوات میں بارش کے بعد دریائے سوات سے ملحقہ ندی نالے پانی سے بھر گئے۔ سوات میں کھل کے علاقے کلا گے میں 2 خواتین سیلابی ریلے میں بہہ گئی جن کی لاشیں نکال لی گئیں۔ خواہ خیل میں بھی ایک شخص برساتی ریلے میں بہہ گیا جس کی لاش تلاش فوری طور پر شروع نہیں کی جاسکی۔ شانگلہ میں طوفانی بارشوں کے بعد غور بند میں 30 گھروں پر مشتمل گاؤں سیلاب میں مکمل طور پر ڈوب گیا، غور بند اور کاڑنا میں 2 رابطہ پل بھی دریا میں بہہ گئے، پورے ضلع میں مواصلاتی نظام شدید متاثر ہوا۔ برساتی نالوں میں طغیانی اور مختلف مقامات پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے شاہراہ قراقرم بند ہو گئی۔ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث شاہراہ کی بندش سے متعدد مقامات پر مسافر بچھن گئے۔ پشاور میں مسلسل بارش کی وجہ سمیت متعدد دیہات زیر آب آ گئے۔ پانی کے ایک برے ریلے سے بڑے تل کے مقام پر رابطہ پل بری طرح متاثر ہوا، جس کی وجہ سے لوگوں کا رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا۔ بڑے تل پل کی ماریٹ میں سیلابی ریلہ داخل ہونے سے 70 سے زائد دکانیں بہہ گئیں جبکہ 100 سے زائد دکانیں متاثر ہوئیں۔ متاثرہ علاقے میں انتظامیہ فوری طور پر نہیں پہنچ سکی جس کی وجہ سے علاقہ مکینوں نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت امدادی کارروائیاں شروع کیں۔

نئی دہلی (کے پی آئی): بھارتی وزیر داخلہ راج ناتھ سنگھ نے اعلان کیا کہ جموں و کشمیر میں بی جے پی، پی ڈی پی مخلوط حکومت عوامی کسوٹی پر پورا اترے گی تاہم انہوں نے واضح کر دیا کہ گلہ جوڑ میں دونوں جماعتوں کو مجبوریاں ہوتی ہیں اور انہیں مجبوریوں کے باعث حکومت سازی کے عمل میں تاخیر ہوتی ہے۔ کنٹرول لائن پر مکمل تار بندی نہیں کی جائے گی۔ میڈیا سے بات چیت میں انہوں نے کہا شمال مشرقی ریاستوں میں شورش کا خاتمہ کرنے کیلئے تشدد کا راستہ ترک کرنے والوں کیساتھ بات چیت کیلئے حکومت تیار ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگرچہ ریاست جموں و کشمیر میں حکومت سازی میں تاخیر ضرور ہوئی ہے لیکن میں اسے یہ نہیں مانتا ہوں کہ اس سے ریاست میں کوئی غیر یقینی صورتحال پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ الائنس کے معاملے پر تاخیر ہو جاتی ہے کیونکہ دونوں جماعتوں کو اپنی اپنی مجبوریوں کا خیال رکھنا پڑتا ہے اور انہیں مجبوریوں پر قابو پانے کیلئے دونوں جماعتوں کے مابین مشاورت کی گئی جس کے بعد اب حکومت سازی کے حوالے سے امیدیں پیدا ہو گئی ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تشدد کیلئے کسی بھی جگہ کوئی گنجائش موجود نہیں ہے لہذا ہمیں اس بات کیلئے تیار رہنا ہو گا کہ ملک میں ایسی صورتحال پیدا کی جائے جس میں کسی بھی طرح کے تشدد کی اجازت نہ ہو۔ انہوں نے کہا کشمیر میں امن دشمن سرگرمیوں کی اجازت نہیں دی جائیگی اور اس سلسلے میں سیکورٹی ایجنسیاں بہتر طور پر کام کر رہی ہیں۔ کشمیر میں سرحد پار دراندازی پر تبصرہ کرتے ہوئے راج ناتھ سنگھ نے کہا کہ کشمیر میں سرحد پار دراندازی یقینی طور پر ایک خطرہ بنا ہوا ہے لیکن ابھی یہ خطرہ برقرار رہیگا کیونکہ سرحد پر مکمل طور پر تار بندی نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کنٹرول لائن پر مکمل طور پر تار بندی نہیں ہو سکتی ہے کیونکہ لائن آف کنٹرول پر ایسے بھی مقامات ہیں جہاں تار بندی کے بارے میں سوچا نہیں جاسکتا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی): اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی نے گندم کی آئندہ فصل سے سرکاری طور پر 70 لاکھ ٹن سے زائد گندم خریدنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ گندم چاروں صوبے اور پاسکو 31 اگست تک خریدیں گے۔ اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی کا اجلاس وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار کی صدارت میں ہوا۔ ای سی سی نے حویلی بہادر شاہ جھنگ اور بلوچی میں ایک ہزار سے 12 سو میگا واٹ کے بجلی پاور پلانٹ لگانے کے لئے حکومت پاکستان کی طرف سے دوسری گارنٹی فراہم کرنے کی بھی منظوری دیدی۔ اجلاس میں ایف بی آر کی تجویز پر بینکوں کی ٹرانزیکشن پر 0.4 فیصد ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس کے نفاذ کی مدت 30 اپریل تک بڑھانے کی منظوری دیدی۔ اجلاس میں 100 ایم ایم سی ایف ڈی گیس حکومت کے پی کے کے لئے مختص کرنے کی منظوری دیدی۔ کے پی کے کے پی کے کے گیس بجلی کے منصوبوں میں استعمال کرنا چاہتی ہے۔ اجلاس میں بینک الفلاح کی طرف سے پاور ہولڈنگ کمپنی کے لئے ٹرم فنانس فسیلیٹی کی رعایتی میعاد دو سال سے بڑھا کر 4 سال کرنے کی منظوری دیدی گئی۔ پاسکو اور صوبوں کو 70 لاکھ ٹن سے زائد گندم کی خریداری کے لئے

خیبر پختونخوا، آزاد کشمیر میں بارشوں کے

باعث 53 ہلاکتیں

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بحران سے نمٹنے کیلئے بجلی کے منصوبوں پر تیز رفتاری سے کام کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ترک سرمایہ کاروں کو ہر ممکن سہولتیں فراہم کریں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے متعلقہ حکام کو اس ضمن میں جلد حتمی پلان مرتب کر کے پیش کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔ علاوہ ازیں ڈینگی ڈبے پر اپنے پیغام میں وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا ہے کہ پنجاب حکومت نے ڈینگی سے بچانے کیلئے موثر اقدامات کئے ہیں، تاہم ڈینگی کے مرض سے نمٹنے کیلئے حکومت اور شہریوں کو مل کر تسلسل کے ساتھ کام جاری رکھنا ہے۔ دریں اثناء وزیر اعلیٰ سے گزشتہ روز چین کے قونصل جنرل یو بورن نے ملاقات کی جس میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور، تعلقات کے فروغ اور مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون مزید بڑھانے پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ چینی قونصل جنرل نے سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک کی مذمت کی اور سانحہ میں قیمتی انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم دکھ کی گھڑی میں پنجاب حکومت اور اس کے عوام کے ساتھ کھڑے ہیں اور دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے پاکستان کے ساتھ ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محمد شہباز شریف نے اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سفاک درندوں نے گلشن اقبال پارک میں بربریت کا گھناؤنا کھیل کھلایا اور اس سانحہ کے بعد پاکستانی قوم کا دہشت گردی کے خلاف عزم مزید پختہ ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دہشت گردوں کا کوئی دین ہے نہ مذہب، یہ وحشی درندے پوری انسانیت کے دشمن ہیں۔ چائے پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور چین کے صدر اور حکومت پاکستان کیلئے ایک عظیم تحفہ ہے۔ سی پیک کے منصوبوں پر تیز رفتاری سے کام ہو رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سی پیک کے منصوبوں سے پاکستان سمیت پورے خطے کو غیر معمولی فائدہ پہنچے گا۔

راولپنڈی (آئی این پی) پاک فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راحیل شریف نے پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے کی بروقت تکمیل کیلئے پاکستان کے عزم کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے راہداری منصوبہ خطے کے بہترین مفاد میں ہے، اس کی بروقت تکمیل کیلئے محفوظ ماحول فراہم کیا جائے گا۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف سے چینی کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے رکن پولیٹیکل بیورو ڈانگ چن زیان نے ملاقات کی جس میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور، علاقائی استحکام اور دوطرفہ تعاون پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ چینی کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے رکن نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابیوں کو سراہتے ہوئے دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان کی کوششوں کی تعریف کی۔ ڈانگ چن زیان نے کہا اقتصادی راہداری منصوبہ دونوں ملکوں کے عوام کیلئے یکساں مفید اور اہمیت کا حامل ہے، اقتصادی راہداری کے خطے پر دیر پا اور قابل اثرات مرتب ہوں گے۔ مزید برآں ترجمان دفتر خارجہ نفیس زکریا کے مطابق چینی کمیونسٹ پارٹی کے رکن سونگیاگ کیلئے پارٹی سیکرٹری ڈانگ چن زیان نے وزارت خارجہ میں مشیر خارجہ سرتاج عزیز سے ملاقات کی اس دوران مختلف امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ مشیر خارجہ سرتاج عزیز نے ملاقات میں کہا چین کے ساتھ دوستی پاکستان کی خارجہ پالیسی کا حصہ ہے، دونوں ممالک کی دوستی علاقائی امن و استحکام کا باعث ہے، پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری سے خطے میں ترقی کی نئی راہیں کھلیں گی۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کے مطابق دونوں ممالک میں وفود کی سطح پر بھی مذاکرات ہوئے۔ مذاکرات میں اقتصادی راہداری، تجارتی و سرمایہ کاری تعلقات اور عوامی رابطوں پر بھی بات چیت کی گئی، مذاکرات میں تعلیم، سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی، ثقافت کے شعبوں اور پاکستان کے ساتھ سکیناگ کے صوبائی سطح پر تعلقات پر بھی تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ ڈانگ چن زیان نے کہا پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان بھائیوں جیسے گہرے تعلقات ہیں، اقتصادی راہداری منصوبہ چینی صدر کے ون بیلٹ ون روڈوپن کا علمبردار منصوبہ ہے، پاکستان کے ساتھ اقتصادی راہداری کو چینی قیادت انتہائی اہمیت دیتی ہے، اس منصوبے سے نہ صرف دونوں ممالک بلکہ پورے خطے کو فائدہ ہو گا۔ انہوں نے پاکستان کی علاقائی، خود مختاری اور قومی سلامتی کیلئے غیر متزلزل حمایت کا اعادہ کرتے ہوئے دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان کی کوششوں اور قربانیوں کو سراہا۔ انہوں نے کہا پاکستان، چین، کرغزستان اور قزاقستان میں سڑک رابطے کا معاہدہ بہت اہم ہے، سڑک رابطے کے اس چار ملکی منصوبے سے پھر پور فائدہ حاصل کرنا چاہیے، پاکستان میں سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی، پارکس اور صنعتوں کے قیام کی وسیع گنجائش موجود ہے، سکیناگ کے سرمایہ کاران منصوبوں میں بہت دلچسپی لے سکتے ہیں۔ واضح رہے ڈانگ چن زیان کی قیادت میں سرمایہ کار اور حکام 3 سے 6 اپریل تک پاکستان کے دورے پر آئے ہیں۔ ڈانگ چن زیان نے کراچی اور گوادر بندرگاہ کا بھی دورہ کیا تھا۔ رہنما کمیونسٹ پارٹی چائے ڈینگ چنکیان نے سپیکر قومی اسمبلی ایاز صادق سے بھی ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات کی سردار ایاز صادق نے کہا کہ پاک چین دوستی پوری دنیا کیلئے لازوال مثال ہے۔ چینی رہنمائے کہا چین کی خارجہ پالیسی میں پاکستان کو بہت اہمیت حاصل ہے۔

مانسہرہ: ضلع کوہستان میں کم از کم سات مکانوں پر ایک بڑا مٹی کا تودہ گرنے سے 30 افراد زندہ دفن ہو گئے۔ کوہستان کے ڈپٹی کمشنر فضل خلیق نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ کنڈیا تحصیل کے علاقے تھورنالا بری علاقے میں مسلسل بارشوں سے ایک چوٹی کا بہت بڑا حصہ نرم پڑنے کے بعد نیچے مکانوں پر گر پڑا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ صورتحال کا جائزہ لینے کیلئے پولیس ٹیم علاقے میں بھیج دی گئی ہے۔ مقامی افراد مزید لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے خدشے کے پیش نظر امدادی سرگرمیاں شروع کرنے سے قاصر ہیں۔ فضل خلیق کے مطابق، دشوار گزار علاقہ اور حالیہ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کی وجہ سے متعدد سڑکیں ختم ہو جانے سے انہوں نے امدادی کارروائیوں کیلئے خیر پختہ خوا حکومت سے ہیلی کاپٹر مانگے ہیں۔ متاثرہ علاقے کے قریبی چار پولیس اسٹیشنز کے اہلکاروں سے کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ امدادی کارروائیوں میں حصہ لیں۔ ایک پولیس افسر نے بتایا کہ مانسہرہ اور کوہستان میں کئی جگہوں پر شاہراہ قراقرم

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خطاب کرتے ہوئے جسٹس ثاقب ثار نے کہا کہ ذہنی امراض میں مبتلا افراد جب کوئی جرم کرتے ہیں تو ان کا مقدمہ نارمل ملزموں سے مختلف ہونا چاہیے مگر اس حوالے سے کوئی قانون موجود نہیں۔ طبی ماہرین اس حوالے سے قانون ساز اداروں پر زور دیں

کراچی: اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان نے آئندہ 2 ماہ کے لیے شرح سود 6 فیصد برقرار رکھنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق ملک میں گزشتہ سال کی نسبت رواں سال سال بہ سال نسبت عمومی اور مدتی اوسط مہنگائی میں اضافے کا رجحان ہے تاہم مہنگائی میں ہونے والا یہ اضافہ متوقع تھا اور رواں مالی سال کے بقیہ مہینوں میں سازگار صورت حال بڑی حد تک برقرار رہے گی۔ مہنگائی کے یہ رجحانات مجموعی طلب میں اضافے کی علامت ہیں جب کہ امن و امان کی صورت حال اور آمدنیوں میں بھی بہتری آئی ہے۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ بہتر کاروباری احساسات، خام مال کی قیمتوں میں کمی اور توانائی کی دستیابی میں بہتری کے ساتھ ساتھ رسد کی صورت حال بھی بہتر ہوئی ہے۔ رواں مالی کے پہلے 6 ماہ کے دوران بڑے پیمانے پر اشیا سازی میں 4.1 فیصد نمو ہوئی جس میں گاڑیوں، سیمینٹ اور کھاد کے شعبے کا حصہ زیادہ تھا جب کہ گزشتہ مالی سال اسی دورانیے میں یہ شرح 2.5 فیصد تھی۔ اہم غذائی اشیا کے وافر ذخائر اور تیل کی قیمتوں میں کمی کے اثرات صارفین کو متیق ہوئے کے باعث مہنگائی میں کمی کے لیے دباؤ برقرار رہے گا۔ رواں مالی سال ترقیاتی اخراجات میں اضافے کے باوجود رواں مالی کی پہلی ششماہی میں مالیاتی خسارہ قابو میں رہا، اس دوران وفاقی ٹیکس محاصل میں 14.6 فیصد اضافہ ہوا جب کہ گزشتہ مالی اسی دورانیے میں یہ اضافہ 3.9 فیصد تھا۔ مالی سال 2015-16 کے ابتدائی 8 ماہ کے دوران مشینری اور ٹرانسپورٹ آلات کی درآمد کے باوجود تجارتی توازن گزشتہ مالی سال کے مساوی رہا تاہم ملک میں امن و امان کی بہتر صورت حال کے باوجود درآمدات میں مسلسل کمی ہو رہی ہے۔ مرکزی بینک کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں بیرونی براہ راست سرمایہ کاری کے لیے کئی خوش آئند امکانات موجود ہیں تاہم برآمداتی وصولیوں میں تخفیف پریشان کن ہے، پیش نظر حالات کی روشنی میں اسٹیٹ بینک کی زرعی پالیسی کمیٹی نے پالیسی ریٹ 6 فیصد برقرار رکھنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔

راولپنڈی: بے نظیر انہر پورٹ پر والدہ کے ہمراہ عمرہ پر جانے والے نوجوان کے سامان سے کروڑوں روپے مالیت کی ہیر وئن برآمد کر لی گئی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق راولپنڈی کے بے نظیر انٹر نیشنل ایئر پورٹ پر عمرے کی ادائیگی کے لیے والدہ کے ہمراہ جانے والے نوجوان فیاض خان کے سامان سے دوران تلاشی آئیں ہیر وئن برآمد کی گئی جس کی مالیت کروڑوں روپے بتائی جاتی ہے۔ ایئر پورٹ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ فیاض خان والدہ کے ہمراہ بی آئی اے کی پرواز پی کے 7855 سے جدہ جا رہے تھے جن کے کپڑوں کے بیگ سے دوران تلاشی ایک ہزار 400 گرام آئیں ہیر وئن برآمد کی گئی جس کے بعد ملزم کو حراست میں لے کر تحقیقات شروع کر دی۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت گزشتہ روز ایک اجلاس ہوا، جس میں صوبے میں آئل اینڈ گیس اتھارٹی بنانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ اتھارٹی مکمل طور پر خود مختار ہوگی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پنجاب قدرتی وسائل سے مالا مال ہے۔ صوبے کے عوام کی ترقی اور خوشحالی کیلئے ان وسائل کو بروئے کار لانا وقت کی ضرورت ہے۔ صوبے میں آئل اینڈ گیس کے شعبے میں سرمایہ کاری بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ سیکرٹری توانائی نے آئل اینڈ گیس کے امور اور دیگر معاملات بارے تفصیلی بریفنگ دی۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ سے علماء کرام کے وفد نے ملاقات کی جس میں حقوق تحفظ نسواں بل کے حوالے سے تبادلہ خیال ہوا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے وفد سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ قرآن و سنت کی تعلیمات کے برعکس قانون سازی کا سوچ بھی نہیں کر سکتے۔ حقوق تحفظ نسواں بل میں اصلاح کیلئے علمائے کرام کی آراء کو بھرپور اہمیت دی جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ علمائے کرام کی مشاورت سے بل میں ضروری تصحیح کرنے کے لئے تیار ہیں۔ علمائے کرام کے وفد نے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ حقوق تحفظ نسواں بل میں اصلاح کیلئے مکمل تعاون کریں گے۔ ملاقات کرنے والے علمائے کرام کے وفد میں چیئرمین پنجاب قرآن بورڈ مولانا غلام محمد سیالوی، چیئرمین پاکستان علماء کونسل حافظ محمد طاہر محمود اشرفی، ناظم اعلیٰ جامعہ نعیمیہ مولانا رغب حسین نعیمی، ایم پی اے سید محفوظ مشہدی، جمعیت علمائے پاکستان کے رکن مولانا محمد خان، شیعہ علماء کونسل کے رکن حافظ کاظم رضا، علامہ عارف واحدی، جمعیت اہلحدیث فیصل آباد کے رکن مولانا یوسف انور، جمعیت علمائے پاکستان کے صاحبزادہ سعید احمد، وفاق المدارس العربیہ پاکستان کے علامہ انور الحق مجاہد، شیخ الحدیث دارالعلوم عبیدیہ اسلام و چیئرمین دینی مدارس بورڈ مفتی قوی اور خطیب بادشاہی مسجد مولانا عبدالنیر آزاد شامل تھے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ کی زیر صدارت ایک اجلاس میں عوام کو معیاری طبی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کے حوالے سے اقدامات کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ صدر انور گل بل ہیلتھ (INVAR Global Health) الیگزینڈر رازنسکی (Mr. Alexander Razinski) نے راولپنڈی میں 500 بستروں پر مشتمل کارڈیک ہسپتال کے منصوبے میں سرمایہ کاری میں دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محمد شہباز شریف نے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہسپتالوں میں معیاری علاج معالجے کی فراہمی ہماری ترجیح ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ سے ترکی کے سرمایہ کاروں کے وفد نے گزشتہ روز ملاقاتوں میں سرمایہ کاروں نے پنجاب میں توانائی سیکٹر میں سرمایہ کاری کرنے پر دلچسپی کا اظہار کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے اس موقع پر کہا کہ توانائی

آئندہ 2 ماہ کے لیے شرح سود 6 فیصد برقرار

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تفصیلات

راولپنڈی (رضوان قاضی) موسمی تبدیلی کے ساتھ ہی شہر، گردونواح میں کھانسی اور بخار کی وبا پھیل گئی، سرکاری ہسپتالوں اور نجی کلینکس پر روزانہ سینکڑوں مریضوں کی آمد شروع ہو گئی۔ موسم تبدیل ہوتے ہی شہر اور گردونواح میں تیز بخار کی وبا پھیل گئی جس میں سر اور گرد، جسم گرم ہونا، آنکھوں کا بھاری پن کے علاوہ سینے کے انفیکشن کی شکایات عام ہیں، ہر تیسرے شہری میں یہ شکایات معمول بنتی جاتی ہیں، سرکاری ہسپتالوں کے علاوہ نجی طبی مراکز اور کلینکس پر روزانہ سینکڑوں مریض ایسی شکایات کے ساتھ اپنے علاج کیلئے رجوع کرنے لگے، مریضوں کی بڑھتی تعداد نے شہریوں میں تشویش پیدا کر دی، مریضوں کی تعداد میں مسلسل اضافہ کے باعث میڈیکل سٹوروں پر کھانسی اور اینٹی بائیوٹک ادویات کی مانگ میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا، معروف معالج ڈاکٹر اطہر تحسین کا کہنا ہے کہ موسمی تبدیلی کے دوران کبھی گرمی اور کبھی ٹھنڈی ہواؤں کے چلنے کے باعث ان امراض سے متعلق شکایات میں اضافہ ہوا، شہریوں کو چاہیے کہ ٹھنڈے مشروبات سے پرہیز اور متوازن غذا کا استعمال کریں۔

راولپنڈی (اپنے رپورٹر سے) پنجاب کے وزیر محنت و افرادی قوت راجہ اشفاق سرور نے کہا ہے کہ تمام صوبائی محکمے اور ادارے ڈیپنگی پر قابو پانے کے لئے جدوجہد جاری رکھیں، حالیہ بارشوں کے موسم میں ڈیپنگی ہاٹ سپاٹس، ان ڈور و آؤٹ ڈور ڈیپنگی سروسز کے ساتھ ساتھ قبرستانوں، کباڑ خانوں، نالوں اور جوہڑوں میں کھڑے پانی اور گھاس تلف کرنے اور ایس او پی کے مطابق لااروا کی افزائش کا عمل روکنے کے لئے سرگرمیوں میں تیزی لائی جائے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات کمشنر کے ہمراہ انسداد ڈیپنگی اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کئی اجلاس میں ڈی سی او ساجد ظفر، اراکین قومی اسمبلی ملک ابراہ، اسٹن یار، چوہدری سرفراز، سردار سلیم، جمال ناصر، راجہ حنیف، زیب النساء، تحسین فواد، ثوبہ سٹی، شکیل اعوان، حافظ عثمان، راحت مسعود قدوسی، راجہ عتیق سرور، عمران قریشی کے علاوہ سرکاری محکموں کے افسران اور اداروں کے نمائندوں نے شرکت کی۔

پشاور (دنیا نیوز) پشاور کے علاقے ٹنگی پچی روڈ پر گیس لکچ کے باعث چار افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے، اس حوالے سے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ سانحہ گزشتہ روز پیش آیا اور مرنے والے افراد کے بارے میں علم صبح کے وقت ہوا۔ پولیس نے جائے حادثہ پر پہنچ کر تحقیقات کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ مرنے والوں میں باپ اور بیٹا بھی شامل ہیں، مرنے والوں کی لاشیں پوسٹ مارٹم کیلئے مردہ خانے منتقل کر دی گئی ہیں۔

کراچی (خبر ایجنسیاں) اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان نے زری پالیسی صنعتکار سازگار ماحول سے فائدہ اٹھانے، آئندہ 2 ماہ کیلئے مانیٹرنگ پالیسی جاری کیٹی کے فیصلے کے شرح سود 6 فیصد پر برقرار رکھنے کا اعلان کیا ہے اور کہا ہے کہ حکومت اسٹیٹ بینک سے لیے گئے قرضے تو واپس کر رہی ہے لیکن ان قرضوں کی واپسی کے لئے جدولی بینکوں پر انحصار کیا جا رہا ہے جس سے حکومت کی جدولی بینکوں سے قرض گیری مسلسل بڑھ رہی ہے، صرف 6 ماہ میں مہنگائی کی شرح میں 2.6 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے، سال بہ سال مہنگائی جو ستمبر 2015 میں 1.3 فیصد تھی مارچ 2016 میں بڑھ کر 3.9 فیصد تک جا پہنچی ہے، ترقیاتی اخراجات میں اضافے کے باوجود مالی سال 16 کی پہلی ششماہی میں مالیاتی خسارہ قابو میں رہا ہے، اسی مدت میں وفاقی ٹیکس محاصل میں 14.6 فیصد اضافہ درج ہوا تاہم برآمداتی وصولیوں میں گراؤٹ پریشان کن ہے اور عالمی تجارت میں عمومی کمزوری سے یہ پریشانی مزید بڑھ جائیگی۔ بینک دولت پاکستان نے ہفتے کو آئندہ دو ماہ کیلئے جاری کردہ زری پالیسی رپورٹ میں کہا کہ مالی سال 16-2015 کے ابتدائی 8 ماہ کے دوران مشینری اور ٹرانسپورٹ آلات کی درآمد کے باوجود تجارتی توازن گزشتہ مالی سال کے مساوی رہا تاہم ملک میں امن وامان کی بہتر صورتحال کے باوجود برآمدات میں مسلسل کمی ہو رہی ہے جو تشویش کا باعث ہے

علاج کے لیے لوگوں کا دردر کی ٹھوکریں کھانا افسوس ناک ہے، صحت کی تمام بنیادی سہولتیں فراہم کرنا ریاست کا فرض ہے ذہنی امراض میں مبتلا افراد سے جرم سرزد ہو تو مقدمہ مختلف انداز سے چلانا چاہیے، لاہور میں بین الاقوامی کانفرنس سے خطاب میں لاہور (نمائندہ دنیا) سپریم کورٹ کے سب سے سینئر جج جسٹس میاں ثاقب نثار نے کہا ہے کہ ریاست عوام کو صحت کی بنیادی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے میں ناکام ہو چکی ہیں۔ کاغذات پر سب ٹھیک دکھایا جاتا ہے لیکن عمل درآمد نہیں ہو رہا۔ صحت کی اچھی سہولتیں دینا ریاست کا فرض ہے۔ افسوس کہ لوگوں کو علاج کے لیے دردر کی ٹھوکریں کھانا پڑتی ہیں۔ یونیورسٹی آف ہیلتھ سائنسز میں فرانزک سائیکیاٹری پر پاکستان کی پہلی بین الاقوامی کانفرنس کی افتتاحی تقریب سے

سرخیاں

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پارکوں میں شام 6 بجے جھولے بند
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ڈویژن پولیس نے اپنے علاقے میں لگائے جانے والے دونوں اتوار بازار مون مارکیٹ اقبال ٹائون اور مون مارکیٹ گلشن راوی کو بند کر دیا۔ ٹائون انتظامیہ نے اتوار بازاروں میں آنے والے دکانداروں کو پہلے سٹال لگانے سے منع کیا اور پھر وہاں گھس آنے والے ریڑھیوں اور گدھا گاڑیوں والوں کو بھی باہر نکال دیا۔ لاہور کے دیگر اتوار بازار معمول کے مطابق لگانے گئے مگر ماڈل ٹائون، شادمان، تاج پورہ کے بازاروں میں سکیورٹی نہ ہونے کے برابر تھی۔ سکیورٹی گیٹ واک تھرو گیٹ لگائے نہیں گئے اور نہ ہی میٹل ڈیٹیکٹرز کے ساتھ کوئی پولیس اہلکار تعینات تھا۔ سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک کے بعد لاہور کے چاروں بڑے پارکوں اور باغوں میں قائم بچوں کے پلے ایریا کو شام 6 بجے کے بعد بند کرنے کے احکامات جاری کر دیئے گئے تاہم پارکوں میں شہریوں کیلئے معمول کے مطابق رات 10 بجے تک داخلے پر کوئی پابندی نہیں، شہر کے چار بڑے پارکس جیلانی پارک، دہشت گردی کا شکار ہونے والے گلشن اقبال پارک، باغ جناح اور نیشنل پارک مین بلیوارڈ میں شام 6 بجے کے بعد بچوں کے جھولوں والے مقامات کو بند کر دیا گیا۔ ڈی جی پی ایچ اے ٹکلیل احمد کے مطابق سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر یہ فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے تاہم ان چار کے علاوہ کسی اور مقام پر کوئی پارک بند کرنے کے حوالے سے کوئی فیصلہ نہیں ہوا۔ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق اقبال ٹائون، گلشن راوی، اتوار بازاروں میں دکانیں کھولنے کی کوشش پر بعض دکانداروں کو پولیس نے تشدد کا نشانہ بھی بنایا۔ اس دوران کچھ شہریوں نے بھی ڈنڈے اور دھکے کھائے۔ پنجاب حکومت نے لاہور کے تمام پارک شام 6 بجے بند کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی۔ ذرائع محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب کے مطابق لاہور کے تمام پارک شام 6 بجے بند کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ہفتہ اور اتوار کو پارک شام 6 بجے بند کرنے کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔ ہدایات سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر جاری کی گئی ہے۔

گئے۔ ایف سی اور لیویز نے پورے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لیکر ملزمان کی تلاش شروع کر دی۔ دھماکے کے بعد لاہور سے کوئٹہ جانے والی اکبر بگٹی ایکسپریس اور کراچی سے کوئٹہ آنے والی بولان میل کو روک لیا گیا بعد ازاں متاثرہ ریلوے ٹریک کی مرمت اور سیکیورٹی کلیئر نس کی بعد ٹرینوں کی آمد و رفت بحال کر دی گئی۔ وفاقی وزیر ریلوے خواجہ سعد رفیق نے جعفر ایکسپریس پر حملے کی تحقیقات کا حکم دیدیا ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار نے کہا ہے کہ گزشتہ حکومت کے آخری سال میں نادرا ایک ارب خسارے کا شکار تھا، اب 6 ارب روپے منافع میں ہے، سرکاری اداروں میں کرپشن قابل قبول نہیں، رحمان آباد میں پاسپورٹ اور نادرا دفاتر کے افتتاح کے موقع پر میڈیا سے گفتگو کر رہے تھے۔ وزیر داخلہ نے نادر آفس کے مختلف شعبوں کا معائنہ کیا اور نادرا و پاسپورٹ دفاتر کے عملے کی کارکردگی کو سراہا۔ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے کہا کہ پورے ملک میں نادرا کے 6 میگا سینٹر بن رہے ہیں۔ ایک اسلام آباد میں اور 4 صوبائی دارالحکومتوں میں قائم کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ ان میگا سینٹرز کو عالمی معیار کے مطابق جدید سہولتوں سے آراستہ کیا گیا ہے، ان میگا سینٹرز کا مقابلہ دنیا میں کسی بھی پاسپورٹ آفس سے کیا جاسکتا ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ پچھلی حکومت کے آخری سال نادرا ایک ارب روپے خسارے میں رہا۔ ہمارے پہلے سال نادرا پانچ ارب فائدے میں رہا۔ اس سال چھ ارب کے فائدے میں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم نے ان پیسوں کے بار نہیں خریدنے یا حکومتی ٹیم کو مراعات دینے میں خرچ نہیں کئے یہ پیسے عوام کو بہتر سہولیات دینے کے لئے خرچ کئے ہیں، ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف پاسپورٹ میں اس سال قومی خزانے میں 22 ارب روپے جمع کرائے ہیں۔ میری خواہش تھی کہ وی آئی پی کلچر کا خاتمہ ہو لیکن ہمارا ہر شہری وی آئی پی ہے، میں نے سب سے پہلے کرپشن پر فوس کیا۔ سرکاری اداروں میں کرپشن قابل قبول نہیں ہے، پچھلے اڑھائی سالوں میں ایک لاکھ سے زیادہ جعلی شناختی کارڈز بلاک کئے جا چکے ہیں، نادرا کے 200 سے زائد اہلکار کرپشن کی وجہ سے اپنی نوکری سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے ہیں اور بہت سے جیل کی ہوا کھا رہے ہیں۔ افغانیوں کے ہزاروں شناختی کارڈ بھی بلاک کئے جا چکے ہیں، نہ صرف جعلی شناختی کارڈ بنانے والوں بلکہ غلط تصدیق کرنے والوں کے خلاف بھی مقدمات درج کریں گے، بد عنوان عناصر کوئی بھی ہو اس کے خلاف کارروائی ہوگی۔

پاناما پیپرز کے انکشافات پر چیئرمین تحریک انصاف عمران خان نے سماجی رابطوں کی ویب سائٹ ٹویٹر پر در عمل دیتے ہوئے شریف برادران کو آڑھے ہاتھوں لیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نواز شریف کے اثاثوں پر ان کی پارٹی کا موقف اب درست ثابت ہو گیا۔ نواز شریف کے اثاثے بے نقاب ہو چکے ہیں۔ ایف بی آر، نیب اور الیکشن کمیشن شریف برادران کیخلاف ایکشن لے۔ عمران خان کا کہنا تھا کہ گاڑ دین کے انکشافات کے بعد عالمی رہنما مستعفی ہو رہے ہیں۔ آئین لینڈ کے وزیر اعظم استعفیٰ دے رہے ہیں۔ الیکشن کمیشن کو یہ مثالیں سامنے رکھتے ہوئے کام کرنا چاہیے۔ چیئرمین تحریک انصاف عمران خان اس سے پہلے بھی شریف خاندان پر ٹیکس چوری کے الزامات لگا چکے ہیں جبکہ انہوں نے اس سے پہلے نواز شریف سے اثاثے ظاہر کرنے کا مطالبہ بھی کیا تھا۔

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) آپریشن ضرب عضب کے آغاز سے اب تک فوج نے 4304 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ کلیئر کر لیا۔ اس علاقہ سے لیکر فانا کے تمام دور دراز علاقوں میں حکومتی رٹ عملداری بحال کر دی گئی۔ وادی شوال میں 9 ہزار فٹ بلند چوٹیاں تک دہشت گردوں سے خالی کر لی گئی ہیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ جن علاقوں کو کلیئر کر لیا گیا۔ ان میں شوال کا 640 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ اور مگروٹائی کے علاقہ بھی شامل ہیں جو دہشت گردوں کے گڑھ سمجھے جاتے تھے۔ اسکے علاوہ دہشت گردوں کے مضبوط گڑھ سمجھے جانے والے علاقوں مانا، گرباز، لٹاکا، انز کاس اور مگروٹائی کو بھی کلیئر کر دیا گیا۔ ضرب عضب کے آخری مرحلے میں 252 دہشت گرد ہلاک اور 160 شدید زخمی ہوئے جبکہ شوال میں 8 فوجی شہید جبکہ 39 زخمی ہوئے۔ پاک افغان سرحد کے قریب آخری علاقہ کو کلیئر کرنے کیلئے لڑائی جاری ہے۔ دہشت گردوں کے کئی ٹھکانے تباہ کر دیئے گئے اور بھاری اسلحہ اور دھماکہ خیز مواد برآمد کیا گیا۔ آپریشن کے آغاز کے بعد سے نقل مکانی کرنے والے کئی افراد کے بارے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ 33012 خاندان جو نقل مکانی کر نیوالوں کا 36 فیصد بتا ہے، اپنے گھروں کو واپس جا چکے۔ 94 فیصد ترقیاتی کام بھی مکمل ہو چکے ہیں جبکہ تیسرے مرحلے میں 153 منصوبے زیر تکمیل ہیں۔ وادی شوال میں سرے سے ذرائع مواصلات موجود نہیں تھے۔ فوج نے دوران جنگ اس علاقہ میں ڈیڑھ سو کلومیٹر طویل سڑک تعمیر کی۔ شوال کے پہاڑ برف سے ڈھکے ہوئے ہیں۔ مناظر بے حد دھندلے ہیں۔ فوج نے دہشت گردوں کو مار بھگا دیا ہے۔ این این آئی کے مطابق پاک فوج کا کہنا ہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان اور فانا کے دور دراز علاقوں میں حکومت کی رٹ بحال کراتے ہوئے 4304 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ اور نو ہزار فٹ سے بلند تمام چوٹیاں دہشت گردوں سے کلیئر کر لیں۔ آپریشن کا آخری مرحلہ فوری 2016ء میں شروع کیا گیا۔ بیان کے مطابق پہلے سے منظور شدہ ماسٹر پلان کی روشنی میں چیف آف آرمی سٹاف جنرل راجیل شریف کی طرف سے شمالی اور جنوبی وزیرستان میں انفراسٹرکچر کے منصوبوں پر پیشرفت کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔

لاہور (خبرنگار + خصوصی نامہ نگار) گلشن اقبال پارک میں بم دھماکے کے اثرات ایک ہفتہ گزرنے کے باوجود برقرار رہے۔ علامہ اقبال ٹاؤن

سرکاری اداروں میں کرپشن قابل قبول نہیں، اڑھائی سال میں ایک لاکھ سے زیادہ جعلی شناختی کارڈز بلاک کئے: چوہدری نثار

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ایف بی آر، نیب اور الیکشن کمیشن شریف برادران کیخلاف ایکشن لے، غیر ملکی لیڈرز الزامات کے بعد مستعفی ہو رہے ہیں: عمران خان

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ضرب عضب کا آخری مرحلہ: 252 دہشت گرد ہلاک وزیرستان اور دوسرے قبائلی علاقوں میں حکومتی رٹ بحال کر دی: فوجی ترجمان

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گئے جبکہ ان کے تین دیگر ساتھی فرار ہونے میں کامیاب رہے۔ سی ٹی ڈی پولیس کا دعویٰ ہے کہ مارے گئے شدت پسند ملتان میں کسی بڑی دہشت گرد کارروائی کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہے تھے جن کے قبضے سے اسلحہ، بارود اور خود کش جیکٹس بھی برآمد ہوئیں ہیں۔ خیال رہے کہ رواں ہفتہ کے دوران سی ٹی ڈی پولیس کی پنجاب میں شدت پسندوں کے خلاف یہ دوسری بڑی کارروائی ہے چند روز قبل سی ٹی ڈی نے لاہور کے علاقے شیراکوٹ میں بھی اسی طرح کے ایک مبینہ مقابلے میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے استاد اسلم گروپ کے چھ مشتبہ شدت پسندوں کی ہلاکت کا دعویٰ کیا تھا۔ دونوں مقابلوں کسی بھی پولیس اہل کار کے ہلاک یا زخمی ہونے کی اطلاع نہیں ہے۔

جنوبی پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کا آپریشن جاری، آپریشن کے دوران 400 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق جنوبی پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 400 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لئے۔ گرفتار افراد میں افغان اور ایرانی باشندے بھی شامل ہیں۔ ملزموں سے اسلحہ اور کارتوس بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ ملزموں کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے اور مزید تفتیش جاری ہے۔

آپریشن ضرب عضب کے حتمی مرحلے میں فورسز نے دہشتگردوں کیخلاف گھیرائنگ کر دیا اور فورسز کی کامیاب کارروائیوں نے دہشتگردوں کو علاقے سے بھاگنے پر مجبور کر دیا ہے۔ بھاگتے دہشتگردوں کی جانب اپنے بچاؤ کیلئے فورسز پر حملے کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ کرم ایجنسی کے علاقے منگور سر میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی چیک پوسٹ پر دہشت گردوں نے حملہ کر دیا۔ فورسز نے بروقت جوابی کارروائی کر کے دہشتگردوں کا حملہ ناکام بنا دیا۔ دہشتگردوں نے چیک پوسٹ پر حملے کے دوران بھاری ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ کی۔ فورسز کی بھرپور جوابی کارروائی سے بارہ دہشتگرد مارے گئے جبکہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں کئی دہشتگرد زخمی بھی ہوئے۔ دہشتگردوں کے حملے کے بعد سیکورٹی فورسز نے علاقے کا محاصرہ کر کے سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا۔

راولپنڈی (بی بی سی + اے ایف پی) فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ نے کہا ہے کہ جنوبی پنجاب میں دہشت گردوں، جرائم پیشہ عناصر اور فراریوں کے خلاف رینجرز، پولیس اور انسداد دہشت گردی فورس فوج کے تعاون سے ایک مربوط آپریشن کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ایس پی آر کے مطابق دہشت گرد اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر نے دیگر صوبوں میں ضرب عضب کے تحت کی جانے والی کارروائیوں سے بچنے کے لئے پنجاب کے جنوبی اضلاع روجھان، کچھ اور رحیم یار خان کے علاقوں میں پناہ لے لی ہے۔ لاہور کے اقبال پارک میں خود کش حملے کے بعد پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں اور علاقوں میں فوج نے کارروائیاں کی تھیں۔ چند روز قبل پنجاب کے وزیر اناٹھانے کہا تھا کہ پنجاب میں دہشت گردوں کی خفیہ پناہ گاہیں نہیں ہیں اور نہ کوئی نوگواہی ہے، اگر کسی کے پاس کوئی ثبوت ہے تو سامنے لائے۔ اے ایف پی کے مطابق فوجی ترجمان کی طرف سے جاری بیان کے ساتھ ملٹری ہیلی کاپٹر کو پرواز کرتے ہوئے دکھایا گیا ہے اور ایک تصویر میں پیرامٹری فورسز کے جوان آپریشن کیلئے ٹرک میں اسلحہ اور سامان لوڈ کر رہے ہیں۔ ایک تصویر میں فوجی قافلے کی گاڑیاں جا رہی ہیں۔ کونین (ہیورورپورٹ + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) قلات کے علاقے میں فرنٹیئر فورسز کے بلوچستان اور حساس ادارے کے مشترکہ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 15 شدت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایف سی نے شدت پسندوں کے 2 کیمپوں کو تباہ کر کے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ قبضے میں لے لیا۔ فائرنگ سے 2 سیکورٹی اہلکار بھی زخمی ہوئے۔ حکومت بلوچستان کے ترجمان انوار الحق کاکڑ نے بتایا کہ قلات کے علاقے جوہان میں فرنٹیئر فورسز اور حساس ادارے کے اہلکاروں نے شدت پسندوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن شروع کیا تو شدت پسندوں نے فائرنگ شروع کر دی۔ دہشت گردوں کے کیمپوں سے کلاشنکوفیں، بم، دھماکہ خیز مواد اور دیگر تخریب کاری میں استعمال ہونے والا سامان قبضے میں لے لیا گیا۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے شدت پسند سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملوں، ٹارگٹ کلنگ، بم دھماکوں اور دیگر تخریبی کارروائیوں میں ملوث تھے۔

کونین (ہیورورپورٹ + بی بی سی) کونین کے قریب پیرک اور ڈنگڑا ریلوے سٹیشن کے درمیان ریلوے ٹریک پر ریوٹ کنٹرول بم کے حملے میں جعفر ایکسپریس میں سوار ایک مسافر جاں بحق جبکہ 4 زخمی ہو گئے۔ دھماکے کے بعد ٹریک پر ٹرینوں کی آمد و رفت معطل ہو گئی جسے مرمت کے بعد بحال کر دیا گیا۔ سیکورٹی فورسز کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ منگل کو پیرک اور ڈنگڑا ریلوے سٹیشن کے درمیان نامعلوم افراد نے ریلوے ٹریک پر نصب ریوٹ کنٹرول بم کے ذریعے راولپنڈی سے کونین آنے والی جعفر ایکسپریس کو نشانہ بنایا جس کے نتیجے میں ریلوے کارینائرڈ ملازم محبوب خان موقع پر ہی جاں بحق جبکہ 4 مسافر محمد ابراہیم، کریم داد، عرفان علی، محمد ذوالفقار زخمی ہو گئے۔ نقش اور زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر سہی ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا جہاں نقش ضروری کارروائی کے بعد ورثاء کی حوالے کر دی گئی۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ دھماکے سے جعفر ایکسپریس کی بوگی نمبر 3 کو شدید نقصان پہنچا جبکہ ٹریک کا 4 فٹ حصہ تباہ ہو گیا۔ دھماکے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی کمانڈنٹ سی۔ کانوٹ، ڈی آئی جی سبی اور دیگر حکام جائے وقوع پر پہنچے

جنوبی پنجاب میں سیکورٹی فورسز کا آپریشن جاری، افغان، ایرانی باشندوں سمیت 400 گرفتار

نوائے وقت

18 اپریل 2016

کرم ایجنسی میں دہشتگردوں کا سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملہ، جوابی کارروائی میں 12 دہشتگرد ہلاک جبکہ متعدد زخمی

نوائے وقت

17 اپریل 2016

جنوبی پنجاب میں مربوط آپریشن جاری ہے:

فوجی ترجمان

نوائے وقت

17 اپریل 2016

کونین: جعفر ایکسپریس پر ریوٹ کنٹرول بم سے حملہ، ایک مسافر جاں بحق، 4 زخمی

نوائے وقت

16 اپریل 2016

سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

راولپنڈی: بھارتی فوج نے ایک بار پھر فائر بندی کے معاہدے کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے لائن آف کنٹرول پر نیزہ پیر اور پوچھ سیکٹر میں بلا اشتعال فائرنگ اور گولہ باری کی۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق بھارتی فوج کی جانب سے لائن آف کنٹرول پر نیزہ پیر اور پوچھ سیکٹر میں بلا اشتعال فائرنگ کی گئی اور مارٹر گولے فائر کئے گئے۔ بھارتی فوج کی جانب سے فائرنگ اور گولہ باری کا سلسلہ رات گیارہ بجے شروع ہوا جو وقفے وقفے سے صبح ساڑھے 4 بجے تک جاری رہا لیکن پاک فوج کے جوانوں نے بھرپور جوابی کارروائی کر کے بھارتی توپوں کے منہ خاموش کرادیا۔ بھارتی جارحیت کے نتیجے میں کوئی جانی و مالی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ واضح رہے کہ 6 ماہ قبل بھی بھارت کی جانب سے لائن آف کنٹرول اور ورننگ باؤنڈری پر متعدد بار فائر بندی کے معاہدے کی خلاف ورزی کی جاچکی ہے۔

اسلام آباد: وفاقی دارالحکومت کے ایس ایس پی آپریشنز نے پولیس کو تمام اشتہاری مجرموں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن جاری رکھنے اور اشتہاری مجرموں کی 11 اپریل تک گرفتاری یقینی بنانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد ساجد کھانی نے وفاقی دارالحکومت کے پولیس افسران کو 11 اپریل تک اشتہاری مجرموں کی گرفتاری کا ناسک دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ شہر میں تمام اشتہاری مجرموں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن جاری رکھا جائے تاکہ جرائم کا خاتمہ یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وفاقی پولیس نے گزشتہ آٹھ دنوں کے دوران 160 اشتہاری مجرموں کو گرفتار کیا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز نے پولیس افسران کو ہدایات جاری کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اغوا، اغوا برائے تاوان، ذہنی اور قتل سمیت دیگر سنگین مقدمات میں اشتہاری قرار دیئے گئے مجرموں کا ڈیٹا پ ڈیٹ کر کے ان کی گرفتاری کو جلد از جلد یقینی بنایا جائے جب کہ تمام پولیس افسران اپنی کارکردگی کو بہتر بنائیں ورنہ ناقص کارکردگی والے افسران کے خلاف محکمہ کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ میر سرفراز بگٹی نے کہا ہے کہ قلات میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے ایک آپریشن میں ایک اہم کمانڈر سمیت 34 عسکریت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ حکومت بلوچستان کے ترجمان انوار الحق کا کڑے ہمراہ ایک پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ قلات کے علاقے جوہان میں خفیہ معلومات کی بنیاد پر سیکورٹی فورسز نے سرچ آپریشن کیا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ اس علاقے میں سانحہ مستونگ میں ملوث افراد کی موجودگی کی اطلاع تھی۔ سرفراز بگٹی نے کہا کہ تین روز تک اس علاقے میں جاری رہنے والے سرچ آپریشن میں ایک کالعدم تنظیم کے اہم کمانڈر سمیت 34 عسکریت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ عسکریت پسندوں سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ، بارودی مواد، مواصلاتی آلات، سونے کے بسکٹ اور 30 لاکھ پاکستانی کرنسی بھی برآمد کی گئی ہے۔ جب اس موقع پر ایک صحافی نے ان سے یہ پوچھا کہ لاپتہ افراد کے رشتہ داروں کی تنظیم کی جانب سے یہ کہا جا رہا ہے کہ لاپتہ افراد کو مار کر ان کو عسکریت پسند ظاہر کیا جاتا ہے جس پر حکومت کے ترجمان انوار الحق کا کڑے نے کہا کہ لاپتہ افراد کے معاملے کو ایک پروپیگنڈہ فرنٹ کے طور پر استعمال کیا جاتا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ’جو لوگ عسکریت پسندوں کے کیپوں میں ہوتے تھے ان کے ناموں کو میڈیا میں لاپتہ افراد کے طور پر ظاہر کیا جاتا تھا۔‘ انوار الحق نے کہا کہ ’جب یہ لوگ سیکورٹی فورسز سے مقابلے میں مارے جاتے ہیں تو اس کا فائدہ لینے کے لیے یہ کہتے ہیں کہ دیکھیں ہم پہلے ہی یہ رو رہے تھے کہ یہ لاپتہ افراد ہیں۔‘ تا حال کسی عسکریت پسند تنظیم کی جانب سے جوہان اور اس کے گرد و نواح کے علاقوں میں اپنے کسی کمانڈر یا ساتھی کی ہلاکت کی تصدیق نہیں کی گئی ہے۔ تاہم دوسری جانب قوم پرست جماعت بلوچ ریپبلکن پارٹی کے ترجمان شیر محمد بگٹی نے کہا ہے کہ جوہان میں آپریشن کے حوالے سے جولا شیں ہسپتال لائی گئی ہیں ان میں تین افراد کو چار سال قبل جبری طور پر لاپتہ کیا گیا تھا۔ انھوں نے دعویٰ کیا کہ ان افراد کا تعلق بگٹی قبیلے سے تھا جن کو ان کے بقول مار کر ان کی لاشیں پھینک دی گئیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ پنجاب کے ضلع خانیوال میں محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی نے مبینہ پولیس مقابلے میں القاعدہ اور کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے چار مشتبہ شدت پسندوں کی ہلاکت کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ صحافی اے این خان کے مطابق محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی کے ایک ترجمان نے لاہور میں میڈیا کو جاری کی گئی تفصیلات میں بتایا کہ مقابلہ خانیوال کی تحصیل جہانیاں کے علاقے لکھی ٹبی میں جمعے اور سنچر کی درمیانی رات ہوا جہاں پولیس نے مشتبہ شدت پسندوں کی اطلاع پر چھاپہ مارا اور ان کے ٹھکانے کا محاصرہ کر کے وہاں پر موجود شدت پسندوں کو ہتھیار پھینک کر خود کو پولیس کے حوالے کرنے کا کہا گیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق شدت پسندوں نے چھاپہ مار پولیس ٹیم پر خود کار ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے جواب میں پولیس نے بھی فائرنگ کی۔ اس دوران ایک شدت پسند نے خود کو بارود سے اڑا دیا جس کے باعث اس کے تین دیگر ساتھی بھی مارے

لائن آف کنٹرول پر بھارتی فوج کی بلا اشتعال فائرنگ اور گولہ باری

ایکپریس اردو
10 اپریل 2016

ایس ایس پی آپریشنز اسلام آباد کی پولیس کو 11 اپریل تک اشتہاری مجرموں کی گرفتاری کی ہدایت

ایکپریس اردو
10 اپریل 2016

بلوچستان میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی، 34 عسکریت پسند ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو
9 اپریل 2016

خانیوال میں مبینہ پولیس مقابلہ، چار شدت پسند ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو
9 اپریل 2016

خدا شہ ہے۔ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، پشاور، مردان، کوہاٹ، بنوں، ڈی آئی خان ڈویژن، فائنا، کوسٹ، ٹوب، قلات، سبی، مکران، نصیر آباد، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش ہو سکتی ہے۔ ڈی جی خان، لاہور، فیصل آباد، ساہیوال، ملتان، بہاولپور، سکھر، لاڑکانہ ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر گرد آلود ہواؤں اور ہلکی بارش کا بھی امکان ہے۔

کوہستان (دنیائوز) طوفانی بارشوں اور سیلاب سے متاثرہ خیبر پختونخوا اور کوہستان کی دنیائوز آواز بن گیا۔ ٹیم دنیائے لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کی پرواہ کی اور نہ ہی سیلابی ریلے انہیں روک پائے۔ دنیائوز نے سب سے آگے سب سے تیز کی اپنی روایت برقرار رکھی۔ بارشیں سیلاب لائیں اور کے پی کوہستان میں تباہی پھیلادی۔ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ، سیلابی ریلے، ٹوٹے پل، زندگی معطل ہو کر رہ گئی۔ اس مشکل کی گھڑی میں دنیائوز ایک بار پھر متاثرہ عوام کی آواز بنا۔ کچے کچے پتھر پر راستوں پہ چل کے ٹیم دنیائوز تک پہنچی جہاں کوئی نہیں گیا۔ پہاڑوں سے گرتے سیلابی ریلے بھی راہ نہ روک پائے۔ ٹیم دنیا کو اپنے ساتھ دیکھ کر کوہستانی بھی دکھ دردتا رہے۔ ٹیم دنیائے وہ سب دکھایا جو تھاب نہیں رہا، اور وہ بھی جو دوبارہ بن رہا ہے۔ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ، سیلابی ریلے، ٹوٹے پل جو تھے نہیں رہے اور جو دوبارہ بن رہے ہیں۔ گھر جو اب بنائے جا رہے ہیں۔ زندگی دوبارہ سے اپنے ہونے کا احساس دلارہی ہے۔ اجڑے مکین گھر آباد کرنے کیلئے مل بیٹھے ہیں۔ دنیائوز پہنچا ایسی جگہ جہاں کوئی نہیں پہنچا۔

لاہور (خبر کار) ڈی سی اولاہور کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے کہا ہے کہ شہر کے تمام ناؤنزمیں ضلعی انتظامیہ انسداد ڈینگی مہم کو پوری جانفشانی کے ساتھ جاری رکھے ہوئے ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ڈینگی لاروا کے خاتمہ کے لیے ان ڈور، آئوٹ ڈور سرویلنس میں کسی قسم کی کوتاہی یا غفلت ہرگز برداشت نہ کی جائے گی۔ انہوں نے ان خیالات کا اظہار ناؤن ہال میں ڈینگی کی روک تھام کے حوالے سے منعقدہ ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کیا۔

طوفانی بارشیں اور سیلاب، دنیائوز متاثرہ

علاقوں کی آواز بن گیا

دنیائوز

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ڈینگی لاروا کے خاتمہ کیلئے ان ڈور، آئوٹ

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لاہور (دنیا نیوز) ملک بھر میں زلزلے کے شدید جھٹکوں نے عوام میں خوف و ہراس پھیلا دیا، کسی جانی و مالی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی، تفصیلات کے مطابق تین بج کر پچاس منٹ پر زلزلے کے شدید جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے جس کی ریکٹر سکیل پر شدت چھ اعشاریہ چھ ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ زلزلے کے جھٹکوں کے نتیجے میں کسی جانی و مالی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی، زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس ہوتے ہی عوام میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا اور عوام کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کرتے ہوئے گھروں سے باہر نکل آئے۔ زلزلے کے جھٹکے پنجاب، گلگت، بلتستان، آزاد کشمیر، چلاس، خانیوال، گجرات، نارووال، سرانے عالمگیر، لوئر دیر، چیچہ وطنی، بہاولپور سمیت بھارت کے مختلف شہروں میں بھی محسوس کئے گئے۔ زلزلے کا مرکز کوہ ہندو کش کا پہاڑی سلسلہ تھا اور اس کی گہرائی 236 کلومیٹر تھی۔

ملک بھر میں زلزلے کے شدید جھٹکے، عوام میں خوف و ہراس

دنیا نیوز

10 اپریل 2016

پشاور / لاہور: پاکستان، افغانستان اور بھارت متعدد علاقوں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے جس کے بعد عوام میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا ہے۔ زلزلہ پیما مرکز کے مطابق زلزلے کی شدت 7.1 تھی اور اس کا مرکز کوہ ہندو کش میں تھا، زلزلے سے افغانستان اور بھارت کے علاوہ پاکستان کے میدانی اور بالائی علاقوں میں زلزلے کی شدت بمحسوس کی گئی۔ ڈائریکٹر زلزلہ پیما مرکز زاہد رفیع کے مطابق زلزلے کی گہرائی 326 کلومیٹر تھی، گہرائی زیادہ ہونے کے سبب وسیع رقبے پر زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے۔ زاہد رفیع کا کہنا تھا کہ مذکورہ علاقے میں زلزلے معمول کی بات ہیں اور اس قسم کے جھٹکے آتے رہتے ہیں، اگر گہرائی کم ہوتی تو خدا نخواستہ بڑا نقصان ہو سکتا تھا

پاکستان، افغانستان اور بھارت میں 7.1

شدت کا زلزلہ

اے آر وائی نیوز

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پی ڈی ایم اے کا کہنا ہے کہ خیبر پٹی کے میں بارشوں اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے جاں بحق افراد کی تعداد 90 ہو گئی ہے، پی ڈی ایم اے کا ایک بیان میں کہنا تھا کہ خیبر پٹی کے میں بارشوں سے 500 مکانات مکمل تباہ ہوئے اور 425 مکانات کو جزوی نقصان پہنچا ہے، بارشوں اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث 61 افراد زخمی بھی ہوئے ہیں، مزید بارشوں اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کا خدشہ ہے جس سے ہلاکتوں میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ دوسری جانب کوہستان میں پہاڑی تودہ گرنے سے جاں بحق ہونے والے 123 افراد کو سپرد خاک کر دیا گیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق 6 روز قبل کوہستان کے علاقے میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے نتیجے میں 123 افراد ہلے تھے۔ 6 روز تک ہلے تھے۔ دے افراد کی تلاش کی گئی تاہم کسی کی نعش کو ملے سے نہ نکالا جاسکا جس کے بعد مایوس ہو کر مقامی افراد نے لینڈ سلائیڈنگ والی جگہ کو قبرستان قرار دے دیا اور وہیں پر تمام افراد کی نماز جنازہ ادا کر دی۔ نماز جنازہ میں آرمی کے جوانوں سمیت کثیر تعداد میں لوگوں نے شرکت کی اور اس دلخراش سانحے پر ہر آنکھ نم نظر آئی۔ ادھر بارش کے باعث بشام میں کروڑہ کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ ہو گئی ہے، پی ڈی ایم اے کا کہنا ہے کہ مٹی کا تودہ گرنے سے شانگلہ بشام روڈ ٹریفک کے لئے بند ہیں، کروڑہ کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے 1 ہزار فٹ تک سڑک کو نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ اسلام آباد سمیت خیبر پٹی کے، پنجاب، بلوچستان، فانا، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش سے موسم سرد اور خوشگوار ہو گیا، سب سے زیادہ بارش مالم جبہ میں 44 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی، آج اور کل ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں مزید بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کی گئی، کشمیر، ہزارہ، سرگودھا ڈویژن اور خطہ پوٹھوہار میں بعض مقامات پر ژالہ باری کا بھی امکان ہے، بارشوں کے باعث مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں مزید لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کا خدشہ ہے۔

خیبر پٹی کے میں بارشوں اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے ہلاکتیں 90 ہو گئیں، 500 گھر تباہ

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محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں بادل چھائے ہوئے ہیں، جبکہ گلگت بلتستان، مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، کشمیر اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں بارش کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے۔ لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے بعض مقامات پر بھی ریم جھم جاری ہے۔ اتوار اور سوموار کے دوران ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں مزید بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے

ملک کے بیشتر علاقے بادلوں کی لپیٹ میں،

گلگت بلتستان، مالاکنڈ، کشمیر اور لاہور سمیت

کئی علاقوں میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری

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9 اپریل 2016

اتوار کے روز کوئٹہ، ڈوب، قلات، نصیر آباد اور سبی ڈویژن میں بھی چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی توقع ہے۔ اتوار سے سوموار کے دوران فانا، پشاور، مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، مردان، کوہاٹ، بنوں، ڈی آئی خان ڈویژن، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ کشمیر، ہزارہ، سرگودھا ڈویژن اور خطہ پوٹھوہار میں بعض مقامات پر ژالہ باری بھی ہو سکتی ہے

محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ ہفتہ اور اتوار کے دوران ڈی جی خان، ڈی آئی خان، ملتان، ساہیوال، فیصل آباد اور لاہور ڈویژن میں بھی چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی توقع ہے۔ بارشوں کے باعث مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کا بھی



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