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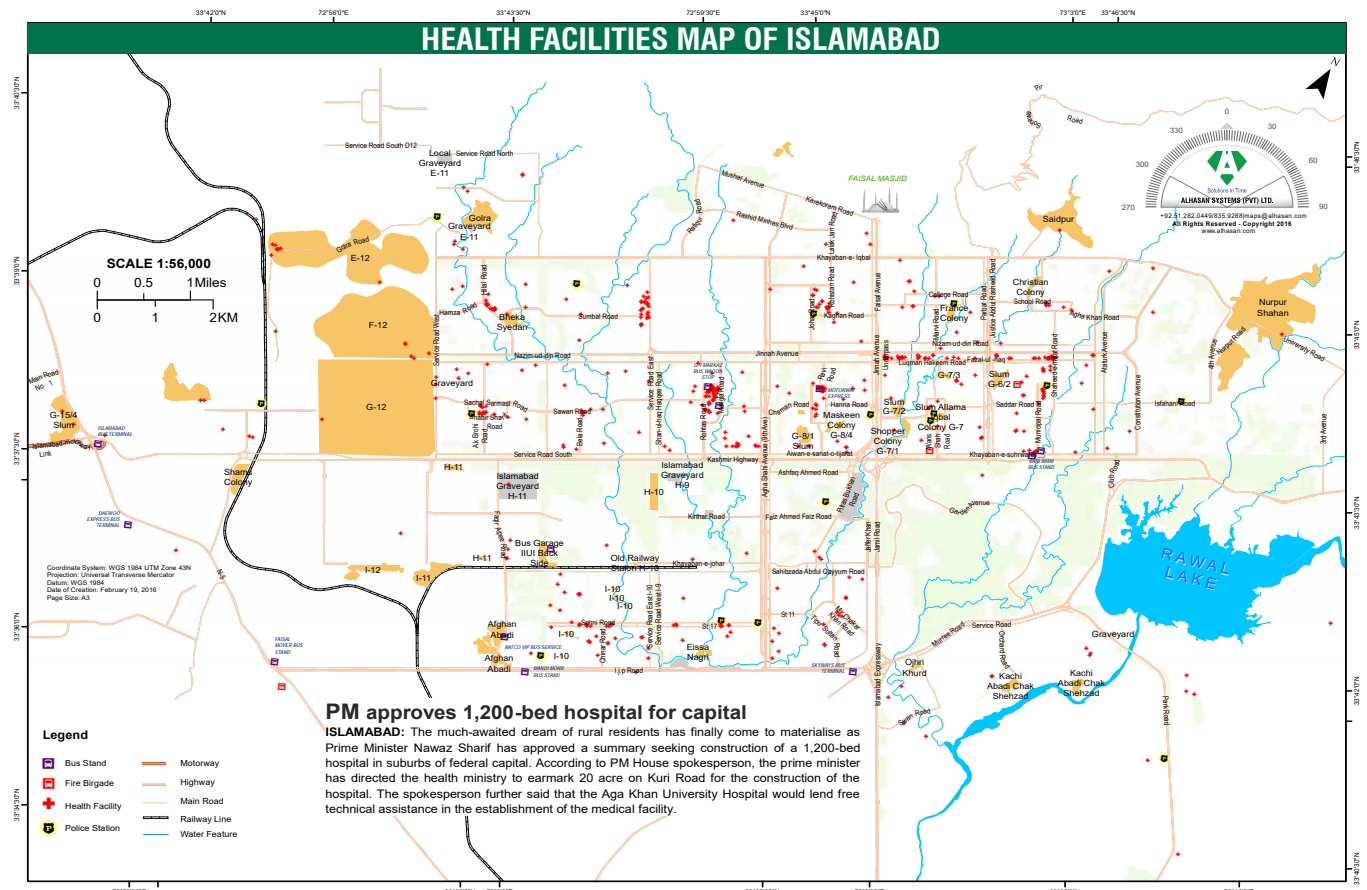
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Flood season ahead: G-B government plans to install early warning system

Express Tribune, February 21, 2016

NDMA reviews progress on 2015 projects

The News, February 20, 2016

Swine Flu Outbreak- An Alarming Situation For Pakistan

Daily Times, February 19, 2016

DETAILS

GILGIT: In a bid to prevent losses caused by floods, the Gilgit-Baltistan government has planned to install an early warning system in valleys prone to landslides and flash floods. An official statement issued from the chief minister office on Saturday read the system will be installed by G-B Disaster Management Authority in Bagrote and Hunza valleys with technical support from Nepal-based organisation International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). "ICIMOD will also train officials to deal with emergencies relating to natural disasters," read the statement.

The decision was taken in a meeting held between G-B Chief Minister Hafeezur Rahman and ICIMOD Director General Dr David James Molden in Kathmandu, Nepal. Rahman is on an official visit to the country. "The objective of the CM's visit is to learn from Nepal and adopt measures to deal with climate issues," Adviser to G-B Chief Minister Abid Baig told The Express Tribune. Baig said besides early warning systems in G-B, other modern machinery used for clearing roads would also be purchased ahead of the flood season. "There is a complete plan to deal with floods and other natural calamities this time around," Baig added, saying every district would be provided with necessary machinery and funds beforehand to ensure flooding does not affect lives and properties of people.

Frequent occurrence

"It is for the first time in G-B that we have allocated sufficient funds in our budget to deal with floods," Baig said.

Flooding has been a regular phenomenon in G-B. In 2015, at least 15 people were killed and over 40 injured in rain-related incidents across the region. In addition, heavy rainfall and flash floods resulted in losses worth Rs1.5 billion to the region, damaging roads and bridges in various valleys. The floods damaged 42 hydel power stations in the region. Of the total, 26 powerhouses were damaged in Baltistan alone. Pakistan is suffering losses worth billions of dollars due to climate change. According to the Global Climate Risk Index 2012, the country has been ranked third among the countries worst affected by this phenomenon.

Islamabad: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has planned major initiatives in collaboration with UNDP for the year 2016. In this connection, Project Review Board (PRB) meeting was held at NDMA Islamabad to review progress on 2015 projects and those that will be jointly implemented by NDMA and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Pakistan, as part of the Annual Work Plan for the year 2016.

During the PRB meeting, detailed discussions were held on broad areas of collaboration including Public Private Partnership, Human Resource support to NDMA, capacity building of National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), support to Provincial Disaster Management Authorities and Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) initiatives in vulnerable districts. NDMA Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz thanked UNDP for its enduring support.

Diseases that are transmitted from human to animals and animal to humans are called "Zoonotic Diseases" and this phenomenon is called "Zoonosis".

Whereas, the diseases that are transmitted from humans to animals are sometimes called "Reverse Zoonosis or Anthroponosis". Different animals possess different potential to carry these diseases to humans. The diseases which are transmitted from animals to humans, they pose a serious threat to the communities of human populations particularly in unhygienic and those areas where sanitation services are poor. The mode of transmission of these diseases is through several ways including meat, milk, infected blood, direct contact and indirectly by infected environment of farm.

In 2005, it has estimated that there are 1407 infectious pathogens species in human and 58% of these species are common in animals and humans. These infectious species includes Bacteria, Viruses, Protozoa and Fungi. Some of the most common zoonotic diseases are Toxoplasmosis, Haemorrhagic fever, Malaria, Q-fever, Crimean-Congo etc. The latest outbreak spreading in Pakistan nowadays is also a zoonotic disease and life threatening i.e "Swine flu infection".

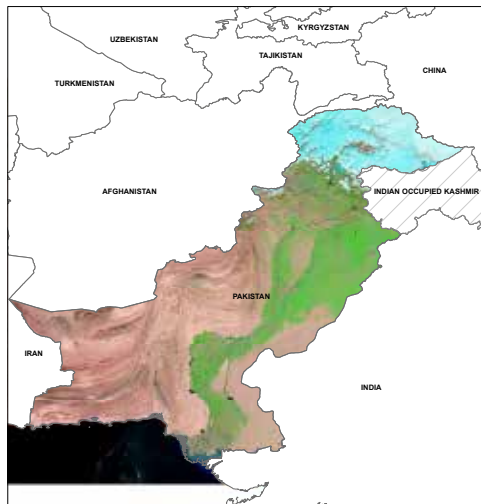
Swine flu is very common nowadays. It is also known as H1N1 virus. It is recognized as swine flu because it is originated in pigs, and is highly contagious. It was first discovered in humans in 2009 and became headline. It was spreading fast around the world, so the WHO & UN CDC categorised it as Pandemic. Pandemics- are infectious diseases affecting people all over the world. It raised its pandemic alert level to "Phase-5" out of 6 maximum. The most effected areas of Pakistan nowadays are Punjab and few areas of Sindh.

Around 55 cases has been reported in Punjab so far and 15 deaths. Five deaths have been reported in Rawalpindi, four in Multan and one each in Lahore, Chakwal, Gujranwala and Sahiwal since 1st January 2016 and doctors claimed that the infection and death may increase.

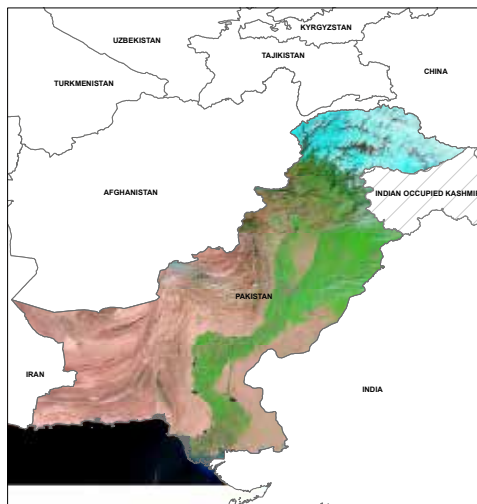
According to the census of past few years the infection and death rates due to the deadly swine flu are: In June, 2009 the health ministry confirmed the country's first swine flu case in a young boy of 14 years old (Dawn News). In Sindh, 52 cases positive for swine flu were reported on Dec 24, 2009. In April, 2010 the ministry data showed 76 patients positive for this virus while nine deaths occurred. In 2011, 108 positive cases for swine flu were reported in Swabi and Karachi (Dr. Rashid Juma Said in Central Asia Online). In 2014, swine flu outbreak is again seen in Multan, Khanewal, Taunsa and DG Khan districts of Southern Punjab. More than 10 cases of swine flu have been seen in these districts resulting in 5 mortalities (Dawn News: March 10, 2014). Swine Flu has been

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (February 14, 2016 to February 21, 2016)

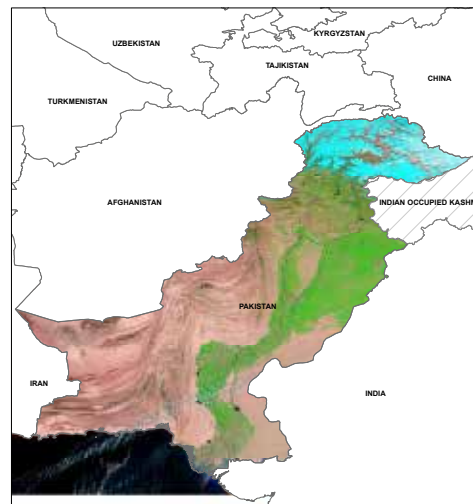
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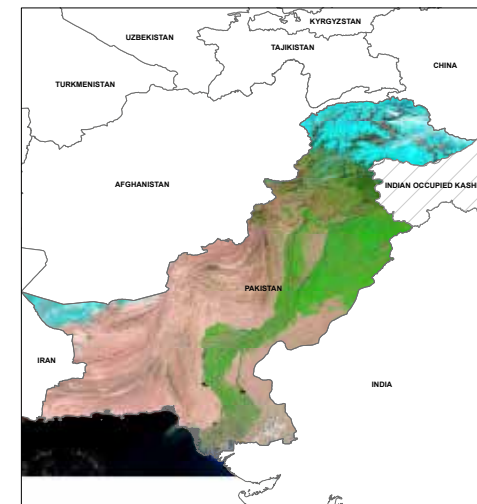
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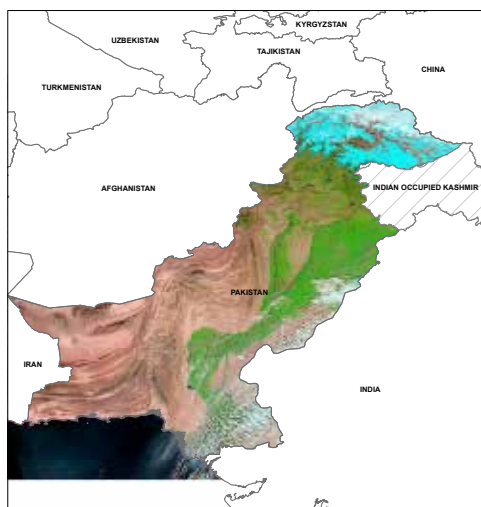
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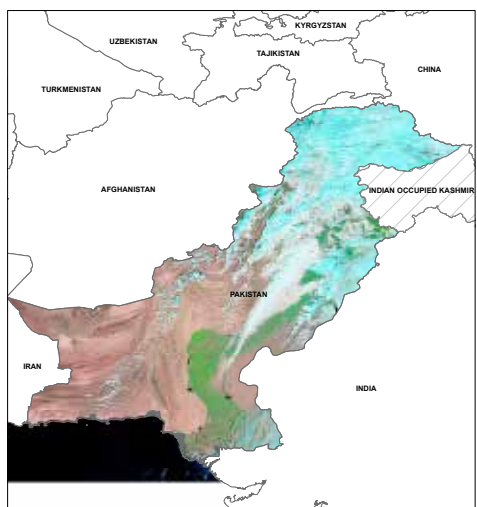
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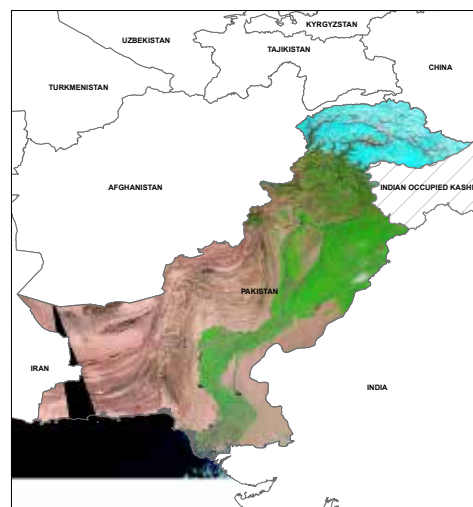
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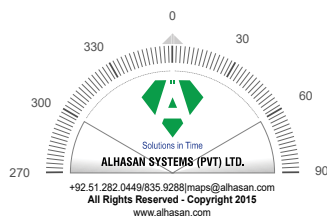
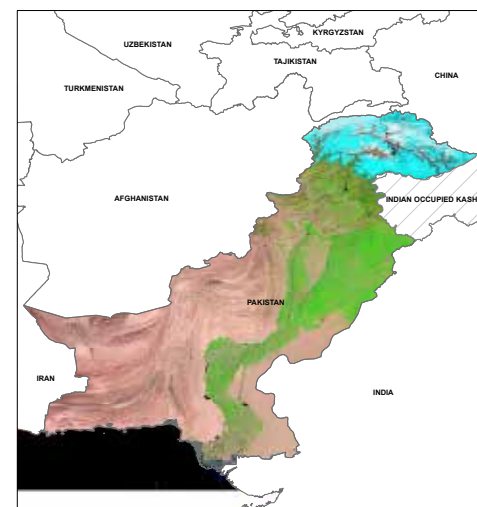
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declared as pandemic by WHO and US CDC. In a Muslim country like Pakistan where there is no as such source of transmission of this virus, but the only source is, the migrant people from abroad. So where we are lacking of medical, technical and diagnostic facilities in developing country like Pakistan, to report such cases are really alarming situation and needs urgent action.

TRANSMISSION OF SWINE FLU:

The transmission of this virus from pigs to human is almost uncommon. It is believed that swine have receptors for attachment of both avian and mammalian influenza viruses, which increase the potential in viruses to exchange their genetic material and produce new re-assorted sequences of viral genomes which results in formation of a new virus strain i.e Swine Influenza Virus. In 1974, the zoonotic nature of this virus was confirmed when "classical swine influenza virus infections" were documented in U.S with fatal consequences.

Swine flu is basically an RNA (Ribo Nucleic Acid) based viral respiratory infection of pigs. It is caused by different strains of Swine Influenza Virus (SIV). This virus belongs to Influenza-A viruses from Orthomyxoviridae family. The most common subtypes of this virus are H1N1, H1N2, H3N2, which are present in swine. Among these H1N1 is relatively stable subtype, mostly causing swine influenza. This Influenza virus is able to infect Human, Swine and Avian (Birds) species. Virus comes from the infected pig/hog handlers into the environment and then it attaches to the surface of nose, throat, and lungs through aerosol/cough and can infect other humans through aerosol.

MECHANISM OF INFECTION IN HUMAN CELL:

- 1- After attachment, these viral particles are engulfed by the host cell.
- 2- Inside the cell they overtake the function of cell and release their own genome for replication.
- 3- They make their own viral proteins with the help of viral mRNA.
- 4- These proteins and RNA then migrate to the cell surface, assemble into new virus particle.
- 5- The new virus then comes out from the cell surface and released in the body causing infection.
- 6- This viral infection is then again transmitted through cough and sneezing to other surrounding people. It is one of the highly contagious disease in human.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

Symptoms of swine flu is same as common Influenza includes, headache, fever, chills, muscle aches, nasal congestion, In 25% diarrhoea and vomiting also been reported. An infected person can be contagious till 10 days of infection.

Adults above 65 and children under 6 years are at high risk, pregnant women, immunosuppressed patients, smokers and heart patients are also at risk.

TREATMENT:

Antibiotics can cure swine flu. Tami flu- an anti viral drug is also available in Pakistan for swine flu.

PREVENTION FROM SWINE FLU:

- Ensure washing hands frequently.
- Avoid large gatherings especially children and adults above 65.
- Carry a tissue pack to use it on sneezing and coughing.
- Clean all the surfaces with antiseptic liquids.
- If someone is infected with flu, he/she stay at home and limit the interaction with other household things and family members and immediately consult a doctor.

SUGGESTIONS TO GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN:

- Government should conduct workshops for the awareness of doctors and people.
- Media should play a vital role in mushrooming the awareness about the swine flu.
- International Airports must adopt preventive measures for the passengers coming from abroad.
- Government should facilitate and train doctors.

Islamabad: At least four more children lost their lives in the drought-hit Thar Desert on Thursday, raising the death toll to 172 in 49 days while more than 250 children have been admitted to several hospitals of the district for treatment. Two children died at Civil Hospital Mithi, while two others lost lives in Nagarparkar and its adjoining area, private news channel reported.

The deceased included an eightmonthold Yaqoob, oneyearold Sunita and two infants. On the other hand, two children have been shifted to Hyderabad in critical condition. Meanwhile, Malnourished families have started migrating to Badin and other areas as Tharparkar no longer has fodder for their cattle. The locals are migrating to Thar's adjoining areas for fodder and due to Sindh government's inadequate measures.

Tharparkar is a home to more than 60 lac cattle which provide source of income to residents. However, locals have started migrating to other areas as fodder for their cattle is all consumed before the expected time. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, if the Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate among children and women is above 15 percent, it is to be considered an emergency situation. During the National Nutrition Survey conducted in 2011, the GAM rate in the province of Sindh is 17.5 per cent and the Severely Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is 6.6 percent.

Meanwhile, the Sindh Government has distributed free of cost wheat to overcome food shortage in Thar region. Talking to media, Sindh Govt spokesman said 143,973 drought affected families are being provided relief wheat during current phase. He said that under the instructions of Chief

Famine Claims 4 More Lives In Thar, Death Toll Mounts To 172

Pak Observer, February 19, 2016

Deaths in Thar: SHC seeks judicial commission's report

Pakistan Today, February 19, 2016

Pakistan sends relief goods to Tajikistan quake affectees

Channel 24, February 19, 2016

Disaster management workshop held

Daily Times, February 19, 2016

PTA and MoIT Jointly Organizes A workshop on Regulatory Framework for Disaster Management

Phoneworld, February 18, 2016

Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah one lakh fortythree thousand nine hundred and seventythree drought affected families are being provided relief wheat during current phase.

He added that during relief each of a total of 220 families have received one wheat bag weighing 50 kg. To a question about medical facilities, he said that fortyfour mobile teams of doctors, trained nurses and lady health workers with essential medical care have been deployed in remote areas of Thar region to provide health care to mothers and to newborn within their villages.

It is also reported that the Sindh Minister for Health, Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has directed to vacate hospitals' premises from illegal occupants. Antiencroachment drive is in full swing in the province these days and all medical superintendents of government hospitals should take advantage of the launch and all illegal occupants should be removed, he said. This he said while presiding over a meeting in his office on Thursday here, said a statement.

He said that the standard of residential areas in hospitals to be improved and residences should be provided to doctors and paramedics on priority basis. While, directing the PD, EPI Sindh, the minister told that a campaign against viral diseases would be launched in April, May and November in three phases and during these drives three million pregnant women from 15 to 49 years of age would be vaccinated.

The meeting was informed that 12 high risk districts Badin, Tando Allahyar, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Shaheed Benazirabad, Ghotki, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Sukkur, Hyderabad and Shikarpur would be given special attention. He further directed to pay special focus on slums and less privileged areas because usually these viral diseases affect these areas. Awareness and advocacy seminars should be held in all big cities of the province and cold storage facilities needed to be of international standard, he concluded. Secretary Health, Dr. Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo and PD, EPISindh Dr. Agha Ashfaq also attended the meeting.

Headed by Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, the SHC bench was hearing identical petitions filed by the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education & Research (PILER), Sindh High Court Bar Association and Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. The petitioners requested the court to direct the authorities concerned for taking immediate measures to deal with situation in Thar.

In Friday's hearing, the government's lawyer informed the court that a judicial commission, headed by Justice (r) Ghulam Sarwar, has been formed to probe unabated deaths of children in drought-hit parts of Thar desert. "The commission has started working but its report has not been received as yet. The report will be submitted in the court soon after it will be received," he added.

The court directed to furnish the comprehensive report of the judicial commission by 17th March.

Earlier, the PILER had submitted that over 200 people including children and women had died in Tharparkar due to malnutrition, diseases and criminal negligence of the government authorities. The NGO had submitted that most areas of district Tharparkar including Talukas of Mithi, Chachhro, Diplo, Islamkot and Nagarparkar are facing a famine-like situation.

3 MORE MINORS DIE OF MALNUTRITION IN THAR, TOLL RISES TO 162

At least three more minors on Thursday fell prey to famine in drought-hit Tharparkar, taking the death toll to 162. Maryam, 13, died in Civil Hospital Mithi, three-months-old Mushtaq Samejo and one-year-old Sara Samejo lost their lives in the drought-hit Thar Desert. At least 81 children are under treatment in Civil Hospital Mithi and Chachro Talqa Hospital. As per details, hundreds of children are under treatment in different hospitals as lack of government response and health care facilities had triggered a wave of deaths in Thar.

The Sindh government is resorting to mere announcements while death toll in Tharparkar is rising as four more minors died at Civil Hospital Mithi. Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari had formed a committee last month comprising of Information Adviser Maula Bux Chandio and Food Minister Nasir Shah to look into the situation of Thar but to no avail.

Pakistan has sent humanitarian assistance for the earthquake affected people of Gorno-Badakhshan region of Tajikistan, Radio Pakistan reported.

According to details, Pakistan Ambassador to Tajikistan Tariq Iqbal Soomro handed over the assistance to Tajik deputy minister in Tajikistan. The relief assistance is part of the one million dollar humanitarian assistance comprising wheat, winterized kits and tents announced by Pakistan for the earthquake affected population of Gorno-Badakhshan region of Tajikistan. The deputy minister of Tajikistan thanked the government and the people of Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: In order to assess the current and future requirements of critical telecommunication infrastructure and services, Ministry of Information Technology (MoIT) and Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) organised a workshop on 'Regulatory Framework for Disaster Management', using ICTs' in collaboration with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) at PTA Headquarters on Thursday. ITU expert Dr Tamer Demir from Turkey shared international best practices and standards on disaster management, emergency telecommunications and business continuity management. Representatives from MoIT, national and provincial disaster management authorities, PTCL, mobile operators and PTA attended this workshop.

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Dr. Tamer Demir, ITU expert, BCM. Global, Turkey shared international best practices and

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Karachi most vulnerable city to future quakes, Senate body told

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The Ministry of IT & T has undertaken an initiative to develop "Regulatory Framework for Disaster Management using ICTs" as part of a comprehensive National Disaster Telecommunications Plan. For the purpose, ITU, a United Nations Body, is providing technical assistance to Pakistan for preparation of an Emergency Communication Regulatory Framework. Pakistan has been prone to natural disasters like floods, earthquakes and other calamities that result into loss of life and property.

The workshop has facilitated interaction of the ITU experts with the stakeholders of disaster management in Pakistan. The workshop also provided a platform for the stakeholders to share their views, ideas and ground realities of disaster management in Pakistan.

PESHAWAR: Strong Earthquake has jolted Peshawar and surrounding areas on Thursday, TheNewsTribune.com reported. According to initial reports, magnitude of earthquake was 4.8 on richter scale and depth was 216 Km. Epicenter of earthquake was Hindukash range in Afghanistan. No casualty has been reported so far. It is a developing story, will be updated accordingly.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice was told on Tuesday that the junction of three Tectonic plates located in Karachi make it one of the most vulnerable cities of the world for future earthquakes. The other city in the list of two most vulnerable cities for earthquakes is Los Angeles.

A briefing by the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) on draft 'Penalty Provisions and Implementation Mechanism of Building Code of Pakistan' was an eye opener for the senators as they listened to the faults committed in the construction of buildings all over the country. They were informed that Margalla hills also falls in a fault zone but the Capital development Authority has not conducted any study on this issue.

PEC representative Tahir Shamshad briefed the senators about the need of strict implementation of new building codes and the draft proposal prepared by the PEC as a guiding tool to prepare the law on this issue. He said that the only Tehsil safe from earthquake danger is Bahawalpur whereas all other tehsils require to adjust their building rules according to the geographical conditions. While identifying major mistakes in the construction of buildings, he said that unsupported columns, unsupported brick structure, poor design detailing, construction in episodes, poor reinforcement detailing, undefined load paths, layman designs and not properly anchored walls are some of the major mistakes committed in construction.

The PEC suggested three-step procedure for administration and implementation of Building Code of Pakistan-Seismic Provisions 2007. The procedure mainly includes amendment in by-laws, establishment of Structural Safety Cell (SSC) with powers to vet structural designs and carry out site visits besides creating awareness on structural safety and formulation of Standard Operating Procedure. The SSC will also have the power to demolish to stop construction of any building violation and shall be compensated with increased allowances and 10 per cent of penalty amount as incentives. Penalties will be imposed on structural design engineer, vetting design engineer and architect in case of the violation of building code.

Chairperson Standing Committee Senator Javed Abbasi appreciated the work of PEC and directed the Ministry of Law and Justice to prepare a comprehensive law around the work of PEC so that damage can be avoided in case of any major earthquake in future. Senator Saeed Ghani suggested taking provincial governments on board before the formulation of legislation so that the law can be passed and adopted in the provinces as well.

On illegal housing schemes, the committee was informed that there are four housing schemes in Islamabad where serious violations of law were identified which includes Soan Gardens, Pak-Medical Housing Scheme, Multi Gardens and Jammu and Kashmir Cooperative Housing Scheme where construction was carried out in areas reserved for schools, gardens and other public facilities. The representative of Capital Development Authority (CDA) said that FIR has been registered against the owner of one housing schemes.

Javed Abbasi asked the CDA and ICT administrations to take strict action against the culprits and provide details of violations done by private housing societies and the penalties imposed on CDA officials for their involvement in those violations as the committee was of the opinion that no violation can be done without the involvement of government officials. The committee also approved an amendment in Patent Ordinance 2000 and Unattended-Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Act 2013. The Unattended-Orphans Act defines unattended children as children with unknown parentage, abandoned and not in the legal custody of anyone. Under this act, the relevant government departments will be bound to maintain a register of such children and establish a child abode to provide free boarding and lodging of such children.

In his remarks on new legislation, Secretary Ministry of Law and Justice said that Ministry of Human Rights in the process of bringing a comprehensive Child Protection Bill which will cover all these aspects. They said that the draft bill is under consideration in the Legal Reform Committee and will be presented in parliament in one month. Responding to the update, Senators Aitazaz Ahsan, Ali Khan Saif and Saeed Ghani said that every issue related to children must be addressed immediately. They said that the legislation to protect unattended children is already late and the bill should proceed to parliament.

On Senators Saeed Ghani's proposed amendment in the Constitution to reserve four seats for workers, the Standing Committee formed a three member sub-committee to discuss the possibilities and repercussions of introducing such a change in the Constitution. The committee

'Two environment monitoring stations shut since 2012'

The News, February 17, 2016

also held discussions on amendments in Pakistan's Standard and Quality Control Authority Act 1996 and asked the representatives of Pakistan's Standard and Quality Control Authority to submit the final bill to the legal branch of the Senate.

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly was informed on Tuesday that the environment monitoring stations installed in two major industrial zones of Karachi with Japanese assistance in 2007 to the check levels of air pollution were closed since 2012.

Environment and coastal development minister Dr Sikandar Mandhro was responding to a query during a question hour related to his department. The lawmakers expressed their concerns over the increasing pollution especially because of the constant discharge of industrial and domestic effluent into the sea without any treatment.

The minister conceded that pollution was increasing in the province, but added that the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) alone could not reverse the damage as all government departments concerned should take responsibility and take measures on an emergency basis for mitigating the situation. The House was informed that the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) had conceived a plan of building the environment monitoring system in Pakistan at a cost of Rs1.23 billion. The JICA's share was 79 percent (Rs 973 million) in the project while the Pakistani government had to bear 21 percent (Rs 260 million) of the cost in the project. The Sindh government's share was 17 percent in cost in the shape of provision of technical assistance and environmental monitoring equipment.

Two environmental monitoring stations and one mobile monitoring station were provided under this project to SEPA. One of the stations was installed at the premises of SEPA in Korangi to monitor the air quality in Korangi Industrial Area. The second station was installed at the premises of the office of the deputy-commissioner of the Central district in North Nazimabad to monitor SITE Industrial Area.

The basic purpose of these stations was to measure the presence of harmful gases and pollutants in the air of major industrial zones of the city. After 18th Constitutional Amendment, the liabilities of the project were shifted to Sindh without any financial assistance from the federal government, the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency or the donor agency JICA. At present, these stations are closed since 2012 because of the unavailability of funds required for their operations and maintenance. It was estimated that an amount of Rs6 million would be required to run the stations.

The SEPA took the initiative of making these stations functional and prepared a PC-1 at a cost of Rs146 million. The PC-1 was approved during the financial year 2013-14 by the Planning and Development Department of Sindh while Rs 55 million were released for the current financial year 2015-16. The process for the procurement of equipment for reviving the project has been initiated in accordance with the Sindh Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules. Dr Mandhro maintained that the environmental monitoring stations in Karachi would be become functional again in the next few months. The minister also said the provincial government would soon propose a law under which there would only the manufacturing of bio-degradable plastic bags would be allowed in the province. He added that after the adoption of the law, all units involved in manufacturing of substandard plastic bags would be sealed. The minister also told the House that around 450 million gallons of untreated sewerage water was being discharged into the sea from nine major sources in Karachi alone every day. At present, 32 cases are being adjudged at the level of provincial environmental tribunals, 81 at the level of high court, nine at Supreme Court, and 15 by the provincial ombudsman in complaints pursued by SEPA against industrial and commercial establishments. The minister said that for the last two years, a strict policy had been enforced under which new industrial units were required on mandatory basis to build waste water treatment and recycling facilities of their own. These private firms have set up 25 treatment plants so far.

KARACHI - Mithi, district headquarter of the drought-hit desert district of Tharparkar, is facing wheat flour shortage since last week which resulted in price hike of this essential commodity. Reports reaching from Mithi revealed that the Sindh Food Department has stopped supplying wheat to 'flour chakkis' of Mithi as the quota allocated for the desert headquarter was sold to flour mills of Karachi on credit which created shortage of flour. Keeping in view of the shortage, shopkeepers and traders have exploited the situation and increased Rs50 per 40-kg of flour.

Senior journalist of Mithi, Khatau Jani said 2,000 wheat bags were daily required for 15 flour 'chakkis' of Mithi which has a population of 0.1 million souls. Mithi is also catering to the need of adjoining villages which has no electricity. Wheat was transported to Mithi from the godowns of Diplo and Islamkot talukas for the last one month but now that wheat stock in these two talukas has also exhausted, the food department has yet to restore wheat supply which resulted in shortage. He said last year, government had distributed 50-kg of wheat per family for three months after the district was declared as calamity hit area. But this year, government has not declared Tharparkar as drought-hit so far despite the reports from the local administration. On the other hand with the death of four more children on Sunday, the death toll in Tharparkar reached 191 since January.

Reports said two newborn babies died in a village of taluka Diplo while one each died in Mithi and Islamkot. In Islamkot taluka also, one Ms Kamla, wife of Daulat Meghwar, died along with her newborn baby in her womb due to lack of healthcare facility. According to health department, 16 newborn babies died in the two weeks of February while 85 children were referred to Hyderabad hospitals.

Tharparkar region, one of the most neglected areas of the country, was facing drought spanning on four years which is taking the toll on women, children and elderly people but Sindh government is in a state of denial. Meanwhile, the number of population with "No food stock" in Tharparkar has

Drought-hit Mithi runs short of wheat

The Nation, February 16, 2016

Two more children died of malnourish in Mithi

The Nation, February 16, 2016

Another man dies of swine flu in city

Dawn News, February 14, 2016

decreased from 76 per cent in March 2014 to 64.8 per cent in January 2016. According to a statement, the data has been collected by the Health and Nutrition Development Society (Hands), a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO). The objective of the study was to assess the current situation and state of drought-affected communities in Tharparkar. Hands Chief Executive Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed said, "Current study indicates that food stock has increased for more than one month as compare to March 2014 position."

The data has been collected by using both qualitative and quantitative techniques. At least 88 affected villages were randomly selected in four talukas of Tharparkar. During the data collecting process 704 male and 698 female were the key informants." Currently, the NGO is focusing on 20 Union Councils of Tharparkar under the Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) project. The food stock position has improved and the number of population with "No food stock" has decreased. In March 2014, there were 315 villages where basic health facilities were available out of those 67.9 per cent were functional and 32.1 per cent were not functional.

MITHI: Two more children died of malnourishment taking the death toll to 165 within 47 days on Tuesday. Two more minor children suffered with starvations were under treatment in Mithi Civil Hospital have died, doctor sources said. People of drought stricken Tharparkar including women and children have also started migrating to Badin and other areas as fodder for their cattle is near to expire before the expected time due to Sindh government's inadequate measures. Tharparkar is a home to more than 6 million cattle which provide source of income to residents.

KARACHI: Health authorities on Saturday confirmed the death of an elderly man from swine flu at a private hospital.

The 65-year-old man was the third victim who died of swine flu in the city since Jan 1. Officials said he was admitted to the hospital early this month and he died three days ago though the death was confirmed only on Saturday. "His tests confirmed that he died from the complications caused by swine flu with other medical reasons," said an official while speaking to Dawn. He said swine flu was a form of influenza, which was not fatal if its patient did not suffer other medical complications and had strong immunity.

Senior officials in the ministry of health made it clear that swine flu of H1N1 strain was not lethal, as its mortality rate was 0.5 per cent. It should be taken as seriously as influenza, they said. Explaining deaths of people suffering from swine flu, they said the infection could become lethal for the patients with low immunity or the ones already suffering from serious medical complications. A total of 35 cases of swine flu have been reported so far this year. The patients include those who came from other parts of the country. They were tested and treated as outdoor patients as they didn't need admission. The first alert for swine flu had been issued in Karachi after deaths from the infection were reported in Punjab.

After dozens of cases were reported in the city, the Karachi administration sought assistance of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to equip all the hospitals to check swine flu. But isolation wards equipped with ventilators and other related facilities were being set up in some large hospitals. The staffs in the public and private sectors are being trained for the disease as a capacity building measure.

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96 more police officials

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: The country's top counterterrorism body seeks around Rs1.86 billion for the fiscal year 2016-17, and has asked the authorities to consider its suggestion while preparing the next federal budget. The National Counter Terrorism Authority's (Nacta) proposed budget allocation from the finance ministry is Rs0.8 billion higher than the funds released to the body three months ago in order to make it functional. The ministry had released Rs1.06 billion — the heftiest amount released to Nacta since its creation in 2009. In its budgetary estimation, Nacta placed the allocation of around Rs1.03 billion for the joint intelligence directorate (JID), a head that has superseded all the other accounts in its consideration of the budget. This amount would be used for setting up the directorate, purchasing security equipment, technical equipment, physical assets such as vehicles, and for recruitment and other purposes. The Express Tribune has learnt that efforts are being made to expedite the establishment of the JID, which is expected to be operational within the next three months. Nacta and the Federal Board of Revenue's (FBR) wing of the Pakistan Customs, as agreed, will establish the JID to counter terrorism and allied activities across the country. The top counterterrorism body has already asked the taxman to nominate three customs officers for establishing the directorate.

According to sources, the JID would serve as a seamless coordination platform for exchange of information between Nacta and Pakistan Customs. The directorate will consist of 30 desks, one of which will be headed by a grade-18 customs officer, who will primarily serve as the channel of information exchange. According to the budget proposal, Rs100 million of the total funds would be used for Nacta's Research and Development Fund. Sources said the counterterrorism body needs a total staff of 300, including around 85 officers of grade-17 or above, whereas at the moment it has a total strength of 67, including 17 officers. They said that as provincial governments were reluctant to extend their support to meet Nacta's workforce demand, the prime minister had to intervene to ask the provinces to supply the required workforce for the body. Nacta will soon establish in every provincial capital a regional directorate, each of which would be headed by a grade-18 officer, added the sources.

ISLAMABAD: Around 336,762 families of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) might have to continue living in temporary camps even beyond the current year, mainly because of law and order issues and financial constraints. These families were uprooted because of militant presence in the tribal areas and the military's operation, codenamed Zarb-e-Azb, launched in June 2014 to rid the region of militancy. Conversations with relevant top security officials suggest that it would not be possible to ensure complete rehabilitation of the displaced persons even by the end of this year. "It would not be possible to complete the process of returning the IDPs this year," said an official in the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (Safron) and cited financial constraints and stalled work on Fata reforms as the major reasons. Last March the federal government had chalked out a five-phase plan — from March 2015 to December 2016 — to return the displaced families back to their homes, with the exercise expected to cost the exchequer Rs175 billion. "The military leadership is also in close contact with the federal government on this particular issue," said an official in the interior ministry. According to the Safron ministry, work on phases three, four and five is under way. "We shall try to ensure repatriation of all families despite all the constraints," said an official. He shared with The Express Tribune the breakup of the remaining three phases. But the plan's success relies mainly on two factors: availability of the required funds and security clearance in the five tribal agencies.

North Waziristan Agency

The total number of IDP families from North Waziristan Agency is 68,700. According to the Safron ministry, the return of approximately 12,000 to 15,000 has been planned until the end of the next month, while the remaining will be sent home by the year-end.

South Waziristan Agency

The stated number of IDP families in South Waziristan Agency is 57,127. The return of around 30,000 has been planned until March, while the remaining will be sent home until December in the fourth and fifth phases.

Orakzai Agency

There are 19,721 IDP families that belong to Orakzai Agency. The return of around 3,000 from the lower and central parts of the agency has been planned to be completed between March and April, while the government is optimistic that the remaining IDP families from upper Orakzai will be sent home by May or June.

Khyber Agency

The number of displaced families from Khyber Agency, which borders with Peshawar, is 9,834. According to the official scheme, the return of 5,320 families from Zakha Khel, Stori Khel, Kuki Khel and Adam Khel will be started in April-May.

Kurram Agency

The return of around 5,000 displaced families from the upper and lower parts of Kurram Agency is slated to be completed between March and April, while the remaining 12,000 from central Kurram will be sent home by May or June.

RAWALPINDI: Implementing the Supreme Court order, the Rawalpindi regional police officer

demoted*Daily Dawn, February 20, 2016*

(RPO) on Friday demoted 96 police officials in the second phase by withdrawing their out-of-turn promotions and benefits and submitted a report to the Punjab IG. A seven-member committee headed by SSP Sikandar Hayat, citing the legal position of police officials, in compliance with the court's judgment, withdrew all the out-of-turn promotions and benefits granted by the previous officials in the Rawalpindi region. The consequential benefits and seniority will be reconfigured. In an order issued on Jan 26, 2015, the Supreme Court had directed the Punjab government to withdraw all out-of-turn promotions granted to the police personnel or gallantry award within four weeks. Their seniority would be re-fixed with their batch mates'. The court had also directed the Punjab IG to submit a compliance report within four weeks. Based on the recommendations of the aforementioned committee, RPO Mohammad Sultan Raja issued a notification on Friday on the withdrawal of out-of-turn promotions and benefits. Among the 96 demoted officials were 40 who had already retired and one who had been dismissed from service. The 96 officials include 16 DSPs, 16 inspectors, 42 SIs and 22 ASIs.

Among the DSPs who were demoted were some who had been posted at sensitive locations, such as DSP Azam Mehmood who was posted with the police's special branch, DSP Abdul Waheed with the Rawalpindi Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), DSP Khan Zaman from the City Traffic Department, DSP Tahir Sikander and DSP Mohammad Iftikhar from Punjab Highway Patrolling, DSP Iqbal Hussain Kazmi who was posted as the circle in-charge at Rawalpindi Cantonment, and DSP Zaman Raza who had been appointed circle in-charge at Waris Khan. All the officials have been demoted to the same rank they had been serving prior to their promotions. The RPO's notification read: "In case of any order regarding out-of-turn promotion/benefits of any police officer/official of Rawalpindi region is over-looked, he should consider himself demoted. However, the seniority of affected police officers will be decided later." On Wednesday, the Rawalpindi city police officer demoted 197 officials after withdrawing their promotions on the same ground. The move sparked unrest within the police community, and some police officials alleged that some police officials in the same position as those who were demoted had been ignored by the committee. SSP Hayat said that all the police officials had been demoted in line with the court's orders, and would remain at their existing positions until their seniority is determined, which would take time.

Five suspected militants killed in Mohmand Agency*The Express Tribune, February 20, 2016*

MOHMAND AGENCY: Security forces on Saturday killed five suspected militants during a search operation in Mohmand Agency's Karapa area, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) confirmed in a statement. "Following the two attacks in Mohmand Agency on Wednesday which killed nine Khasadar force officials, Frontier Corps (FC) carried out a search operation in Karapa area of Pandiyali, in Mohmand Agency," an FC official said. Suspected militants launched the attack on security forces in the early hours of Saturday, to which the forces responded with retaliatory firing; leaving five of the attackers dead. A large cache of explosives and other weapons was also recovered from suspects in various parts of the agency. Further, bodies of the militants were handed over to political administration. Concerned authorities have increased the level of security in the area, including all entrance and exit points. Meanwhile, people living in the area have been asked to limit their movement between 8am to 8pm.

35 Afghan nationals arrested in Quetta*Radio Pakistan, February 20, 2016*

FC spokesperson says two suspects were also arrested during search operation in Eastern Bypass area. The Frontier Corps Balochistan and Police have arrested thirty-five Afghan nationals in a search operation in Eastern Bypass area of Quetta. The FC spokesperson told Radio Pakistan Quetta correspondent that the two suspects were also arrested in search operation. He told that pistols and laptops were also recovered from their possession. They have been handed over to police for further interrogation.

New government school blown up in South Waziristan*The Express Tribune, February 20, 2016*

DERA ISMAIL KHAN: Militants blew up part of a newly constructed government school in South Waziristan late Friday night, a spokesperson for a wing of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) said on Saturday, the latest in a string of attacks on educational institutions. No one was hurt in the blast in Pakistan's restive tribal belt, but 18 labourers working on the site were abducted, said Azam Tariq, a spokesperson for an arm of the TTP known as the "Sajna" group, which claimed responsibility for the attack. He said the workers were released a short time later. "We have blown up the school because it was a government installation," said Tariq, warning the group would continue to attack government targets. Twenty people were killed and dozens wounded last month when militants launched an attack on Bacha Khan University in K-P, a little more than a year after Taliban gunmen massacred 134 students at the Army Public School in Peshawar. The Peshawar school attack was seen as having hardened Pakistan's resolve to fight militants along its border with Afghanistan. Officials in South Waziristan said the girls' wing of the school in the Tehsil Tiarza area was damaged in Friday's blast, as well as some heavy machinery being used for ongoing construction at the site.

In a separate incident in Mohmand tribal area to the north, security officials killed five militants during a clash near Mohmand Agency's administrative headquarters on Saturday. The militants were planning an attack in the area, a security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. A generation of Pakistani militants have used the tribal region to launch attacks on the Pakistani state and US-led forces in Afghanistan. The Pakistani Taliban are fighting to topple the government and install a strict interpretation of Islamic law. They are loosely allied with the Afghan Taliban who ruled most of Afghanistan until they were overthrown by US-backed military action in 2001.

Managing threats: Security agencies directed to check growth of seminaries in Thar*The Express Tribune, February 19, 2016*

KARACHI: Chief Minister (CM) Qaim Ali Shah said on Friday that he had received reports of the emergence of religious seminaries in the desert areas of Tharparkar district. Under the cloak of social work, outsiders have started building seminaries and are bringing in students from poverty-stricken areas of the country, he informed a meeting held to discuss security of educational institutes at CM House. "How are these seminaries being established by outsiders for non-local students," he asked, and directed all security agencies' representatives in the meeting to keep an eye on the matter and report back to him. He informed that it was decided in an apex committee

Round up: Monthly stats suggest decline in reported crime

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Extension of Afghan refugees' stay under consideration, Senate told

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meeting that no new seminary would be allowed to operate without the prior permission of the Sindh home department.

Securing schools and colleges

During the meeting, the Sindh government decided to increase security of educational institutes by taking several preventive and protective measures, which include strengthening of the intelligence network, patrolling along Sindh's borders, and deployment and patrolling of police and Rangers around schools. "We have to work out a concrete plan to protect public and private educational institutes," said Shah. It was pointed out in the meeting that around 180 educational institutes have been termed 'sensitive' in terms of security. Therefore, police and Rangers personnel assigned to secure schools have started coordinating with the schools' administrations. Moreover, a framework for the security of schools has been devised, which includes, installation of CCTV cameras, fire extinguishers, having a first-aid box, checking of every employee and those who come to pick and drop children, raising of schools' compound walls, developing barriers on the way leading to the premises and coordination with relevant police stations. Rangers DG Major-General Bilal Akbar said he has deployed Rangers personnel at around 108 schools. The incharge of the relevant Rangers unit is also holding meetings with school managements to develop close coordination with them.

The meeting also decided to deploy scouts in schools for security purposes, and suggested that parents may also be involved in providing security. Private schools which can afford their own security are being guided in the matter as well. Moreover, it was decided that personnel of law enforcement agencies (LEA) in plain clothes will keep on visiting the schools. It was also decided to start self-defence training in schools and developing confidence among children and teachers. Karachi Additional IG Mushtaq Maher said he had developed an alarm system between the school and relevant police station. This system has been developed through Ufone and would start functioning from next week, he explained. Shah urged the Rangers DG, police and Karachi commissioner to keep holding meetings on the issue of educational institutions' security. The meeting was attended, among others, by ministers Nisar Khuhro, Jam Khan Shoro, Maula Bux Chandio, and senior police and government officials.

PESHAWAR: Around 34 people have been killed in 2016 compared to 43 people killed in the same time period last year in the provincial capital, showing a 9% decline. The monthly crime report issued for January by the police puts the number of attempted murders and people injured at 45 and 27, respectively, compared with 41 attempted murders and 24 injured in January 2015.

Abduction

Only one case of kidnapping for ransom was registered in the time period while no kidnappings over disputes or child abduction cases were reported. Two women were abducted in January compared with nine last years. There was one rape registered in the city compared with three last years. Three cases of assault on police were registered compared with 13 in January 2015.

Theft

Only three burglary cases were reported compared with 13 last January. Similarly, eight car lifting, three car snatching, four motorcycle lifting and two motorbike snatching cases were reported to police in the same month. There was a rise in the number of fatal accidents in the district – at least 11 cases were reported compared with seven last years. Non-fatal accidents rose to 40 compared with 26 last years. Speaking to *The Express Tribune*, a police official said although there was a decrease in crime, street crimes were becoming a serious problem in parts of city along with assault on police and civilians. He added they were trying their level best to control it. "Terrorists are down but not out and they still pose a major security threat to not just the city but the entire country," he said, adding, the evidence lies in the recent target killings of police personnel and Shias.

ISLAMABAD: The Minister for States and Frontier Regions, retired Lt Gen Abdul Qadir Baloch, informed the Senate on Thursday that a summary for extension of Afghan refugees' stay in Pakistan till Dec 31 next year was under consideration of the federal cabinet. In reply to a question by Samina Abid of the PTI, the minister said the Afghan refugees who had obtained national identity cards by any means would be considered Pakistanis and they would stay here till the cancellation of their cards and grant of refugee status. Mr Baloch said he had held a number of meetings with the Afghan authorities on the repatriation of refugees, but Kabul was not ready to accept them because of its poor economic condition. According to him, the Afghan government said it could not accommodate over three million refugees without having a proper infrastructure and other required arrangements.

Last month, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif granted six months of "temporary" extension to the Afghan refugees whose legal stay in Pakistan expired in December last year. Pakistan has been hosting millions of documented and undocumented Afghan nationals for 35 years and granting extension to the registered refugees since 2009. At a tripartite commission meeting held in Kabul in August last year, the Afghan government had requested Islamabad to extend the stay till Dec 2018. Qadir Baloch told the house that repatriation of the registered Afghans was guided by the principle of "voluntarism" as embedded in the tripartite agreement signed by the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan and UNHCR. Pakistan cannot forcefully send the refugees to their country. At present, he said, 1.55 million registered Afghan refugees with Proof of Registration cards were living in Pakistan. He said he could not provide an exact number of unregistered Afghan refugees, but added that their number was much higher than the registered refugees.

LAND REFORMS: In reply to a question by Karim Ahmed Khawaja of the PPP, Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid said the government wanted to review the Land Reforms Act 1977 and the issue would be on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council of Common Interests (CCI). Mr Rashid, who also holds the portfolio of law ministry, explained that since certain provisions of

118 extortionists, 73 most wanted criminals held in one year in KP: report

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Sindh govt extends Rangers' special powers for 90 days

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Pakistan, with 324 executions in 2015, ranks third worldwide: report

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Hate material: Man sentenced to 10 years behind bars

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the Act were held repugnant to the injunctions of Islam by the Shariat Appellant Bench of the Supreme Court in 1999, there was a proposal to make the law in conformity with the injunctions of Islam in the light of Article 203-D of the Constitution. It was proposed that the Act be amended in consultation with provincial land commissions through a bill. A summary and an amendment bill had been placed before the federal cabinet at a meeting in Jan 2005. It was decided that the law minister would look into the matter and hold consultations with the stakeholders concerned. Mr Rashid said a revised summary and an amendment bill had been pending with the Law Division since 2013. However, he said, the Workers Party had filed a petition against the federation seeking to set aside the SC judgment by which certain provisions of the law were declared repugnant to Islam. "The matter is of supreme importance and has great implications at the national level and the acceptance of the petition of the Workers Party will reinvigorate the presently stalled process of land reforms. Therefore, for a common stand at the national level involving all the provincial governments, it has been decided to place the matter before the CCI for consideration so that a unanimous stand could be submitted to the SC," the minister said.

The issue generated a debate of sorts and senators asked the minister to categorically state whether or not the Land Reforms Act 1977 was in force after the SC judgment. The minister said the Act was very much intact. PPP's Farhatullah Babar said he wondered how a review petition could be filed in court 12 years after the judgment. Karim Khawaja said he differed with the minister's contention that the law was intact, saying that under the Act, no one could possess more than 100 acres of land. "But there are people who own thousands of acres." The minister asked him to name the persons so that he could place the details before the house. The PPP senator asked Chairman Raza Rabbani to refer the issue to a special committee. But Mr Rabbani said he would issue any such directive after waiting for a decision by the CCI.

PESHAWAR: A total of 73 most wanted criminals and 118 extortionists were arrested in one year in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said an official annual report on Thursday. The report says a total of 68 target killings took place in a year while 22 suspects were arrested. It further said that 196 incidents of extortion happened in one year and cases for 19 were registered. It disclosed that mobile SIMs of Afghanistan were being used for taking extortions.

KARACHI: The Sindh government has finally issued a notification granting 'unconditional' powers to Rangers in the province, endorsing the decision of the federal government. The special policing powers to the paramilitary force, which is conducting a surgical operation in Karachi, have been extended for 90 days starting from February 4, read the notification issued on Thursday. The powers extended are 'unconditional', similar to the authority given in 2013 at the start of the operation, allowing the paramilitary force to question any person suspected to be involved in terrorism directly or indirectly, according to sources. The issue of granting special powers to Rangers took a controversial turn when the Sindh Assembly adopted a resolution in December 2015, limiting the powers of the paramilitary force in the province. According to the resolution tabled by Sindh Home Minister Sohail Anwer Siyal, the paramilitary force could neither arrest anyone under the allegations of financing terrorists without prior approval of Sindh government or the chief minister nor raid any provincial government office or authority, without approval of the Sindh chief secretary. The federal government, however, had rejected the summary, making it clear the paramilitary force would continue to operate in the province with full powers.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan hanged 324 people last year to rank third worldwide in terms of executions, but the vast majority of those put to death had no links to militant groups or attacks, rights groups said in a report seen by Reuters. Pakistan lifted a moratorium on executions in late 2014 as a measure to deter militancy, after a Taliban gunman attacked a school and killed 134 students and 19 adults. Of the 351 executions that followed, only 39, or about 1 in 10, involved people linked to a known militant group or guilty of crimes linked to militancy, Reprieve, an international human rights group, and Justice Project Pakistan said in a report. Pakistan now ranks after China and Iran, carrying out 324 hangings in 2015 alone, the report showed. Juveniles, mentally ill prisoners, and prisoners who had been tortured or had not received fair trials were among those executed, the report found in an analysis of media reports and data from courts, prisons and legal teams. "The numbers show that the Pakistan government's claims do not match reality," said Maya Foa, director of the death penalty team at Reprieve. "Those going to the gallows are too often the poor and vulnerable," she said in a statement. "It is hard to see how hanging people like this will make Pakistan safer."

A spokesman from Pakistan's interior ministry did not respond to requests for comment. The government initially said the unofficial moratorium was only being lifted in cases connected to militancy, but it was later broadened to cover all cases, the report said. The hangings have drawn condemnation from international partners but have been broadly popular at home. Government officials told Reuters last year that the policy had been helping to deter militant attacks. Militant, insurgent and sectarian attacks have fallen since 2014, though it is unclear whether the decline is linked to the change in execution policy, as it has also coincided with a military crackdown on militant strongholds. Last year, attacks in Pakistan by militant, insurgent and sectarian groups were down 48 percent from 2014, an independent think-tank, the Pak Institute for Peace Studies, says.

RAWALPINDI: An anti-terrorism court (ATC) on Wednesday sentenced a man to 10-year imprisonment for selling hate material in Jehlum. ATC Special Judge Rai Muhammad Ayub Marth convicted Sheikh Saifullah for spreading sectarian hatred and raising funds for terrorism after he was arrested selling hate material in Jehlum. The judge granted five years' jail for selling hate material and five more years for raising funds for terrorism. The convict has to pay a Rs50,000 fine for each offence. Failure to do so will add two more months to his jail term. According to available details, the Counterterrorism Department CTD arrested Saifullah from Mission Mohalla outside Akram Shaheed Park on May 22, 2015 while he was selling CDs containing hate speech.

Pakistan Army to establish HQ in Diامر district to ensure CPEC security

The Express Tribune, February 18, 2016

Sindh CM, corps commander discuss NAP

The Express Tribune, February 18, 2016

Nine Khasadar officials killed in Mohmand Agency

The Express Tribune, February 18, 2016

Two police constables gunned down in Lahore

The Express Tribune, February 17, 2016

NACTA compiling red book of terrorists

The Express Tribune, February 17, 2016

The CDs contained speeches by Maulvi Hassan Dogra, which have also been banned the Muttahida Ulema Board of Punjab. The convict was on post-arrest bail, granted by the same court. He was arrested by the police after the ATC announced its verdict. The police later shifted Saifullah to Adiala jail.

GILGIT: The Gilgit-Baltistan government has decided to allocate a substantial piece of land to Pakistan Army in Diامر district so it can set up headquarters and ensure security for the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The site is situated in Thak Das, a barren piece of land near Chilas, where a brigade will be stationed. Speaking to The Express Tribune, Diامر Deputy Commissioner Usman Ahmad said, "The army will make its headquarters in Thak Das; this will help provide security to CPEC installations." Another official told The Express Tribune the army will soon take over the land formally and start work immediately so it can assume responsibilities.

Convoy issue

Referring to reports that Kohistan police continues to force passenger buses to travel in convoys on Karakoram Highway, Diامر DC Usman said the issue has been discussed with the Kohistan DC and will be addressed at the earliest. The boundary issue was also discussed to avoid violence between people of Thore Valley in Diامر and Harban in Kohistan. Both sides have taken to protesting and stopping construction work along KKH as each claims rights over land near Basri check post. In addition to officials, five jirga members from each side attended the meeting and decided to continue negotiations to avoid bloodshed and extend ceasefire that was reached last year.

KARACHI: Karachi Corps Commander Lt-Gen Naveed Mukhtar called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah on Wednesday to discuss issues pertaining to law and order, including the operation against terrorists, cases forwarded to military courts and the arrest of a terrorist involved in the Safoora Goth massacre. "In a one-on-one meeting, Lt-Gen Mukhtar and CM Shah discussed the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) in its true letter and spirit," a spokesman for the Chief Minister's House said. According to him, both of them expressed commitment to continuing the targeted operation in Karachi and lauded the role of police, Rangers and intelligence agencies. The Sindh government has so far held 13 apex committee meetings in which many key security decisions were taken. The implementation of those decisions is being monitored at the government level. Lt-Gen Mukhtar also discussed prosecution issues with Shah and was told that the appointment of new prosecutors was in process. "With the establishment of 10 more anti-terrorism courts and appointment of new prosecutors, pendency in terrorism cases will come down and they will be disposed of in time," the CM House spokesman said. The chief minister also lauded the role of intelligence agencies and the army in thwarting the Hyderabad jailbreak conspiracy.

SHABQADAR: Nine Khasadar force officials were killed as suspected militants launched two attacks in Mohmand Agency late Wednesday night. Two separate groups of militants struck almost simultaneously at a police checkpoint in the Pandiyali area of Mohmand district where they killed seven, and at a solar-powered tube well in Michni area of the same region where they shot dead two police who were standing guard. "The attacks came at around 1:00 am. It was pitch black and the policemen were caught unaware. The militants struck suddenly and killed them without giving them a chance to fight back," Naveed Akbar, an administration official in the region, told AFP. Akbar said that the attackers also torched the police post and destroyed the tube well. Another senior administration official, Mehmud Aslam, confirmed the incidents, which were later claimed by the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar faction of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militant group. "We claim responsibility for both the attacks," TTP JA said in a statement emailed to the media. Mohmand is one of Pakistan's seven tribal districts which border Afghanistan and have been home to al Qaeda and Taliban led militants. Political administration officials and security forces arrived at the site and began a search operation.

NEWS DESK: Unidentified armed men riding a motorbike gunned down two police personnel on Wednesday as they attacked a police check post deployed in the Iqbal Town area of Lahore. According to Express News, the police personnel deployed in the area asked the bikers to stop for frisking, but the latter instead opened fire, killing the two policemen. The deceased were identified as Mubashair and Asif, who were shifted to a hospital. DIG Operations Haider Ashraf said three teams were formed to investigate the killings, while officials were also deployed to arrest the culprits. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif took notice of the killing, and expressed his condolences for the bereaved.

ISLAMABAD: The top counter-terrorism body is developing its own 'red-book' of terrorists compiling data from all provinces on terrorists. The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta) has started compiling a manuscript to exclusively maintain the names and profiles of most-wanted terrorists and militants, sources told The Express Tribune. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and the Punjab government have already shared their data with Nacta. All provinces are supposed to share their information on militants that is available with their law enforcement agencies. The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan governments have yet to share their data on terrorists with Nacta for preparing the red book. The FIA has been publishing its own red book of wanted criminals for the past many years. This is, however, the first attempt to compile a list of terrorists in the country wracked by terrorism for years. Nacta is also planning to set up a 'data centre' of terrorists. The lack of coordination among the provinces and the federal government is apparent when it comes to taking collaborated actions against anti-social elements. But, officials believe, all provinces would benefit from the information hub. Working under the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism devised after the Peshawar school massacre, the counter-terrorism body has also started working on the registration of religious seminaries throughout the country.

The sources said the federal government and all were on the same page on the policy to register

Seven militants en route to launch attack killed near Sheikhpura

The Express Tribune, February 17, 2016

Vacant slots: Police stations remain under-staffed

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Terror bids averted: Huge weapons cache found in vehicles at two pickets

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madarssas and progress was expected within two weeks. Under the revised anti-terror policy agreed upon by all stakeholders, Nacta was to be made fully operational to fight terrorism. The body has come under immense criticism for being 'inactive' and being unable to formulate a comprehensive policy against terror. Cooperation among different departments still seems a far-fetched idea and even the Nacta's board of governors has not met in the past 13 months. The sources say this is all up to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to call the meeting of the board of governors. The seriousness of the government to make Nacta fully operational can be gauged from the fact that the top anti-terror body still has no permanent address to work from. Currently it is housed in the building of National Police Safety Commission situated near the notorious Lal Masjid in Islamabad. Before switching over to this location, the body was operating out of the offices of the interior ministry at Pakistan Secretariat. The Nacta office is currently relying on private security companies to reinforce its own security besides depending on a few police personnel who have been deployed over here.

LAHORE: Seven militants who were on their way to launch an attack in Punjab were killed after an exchange of gunfire with police, officials said Wednesday. The incident took place around midnight in the Sheikhpura district, according to a statement from the provincial Counter Terrorism Department, which said the men belonged to Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the anti-Shia Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) groups. The Pakistani Taliban have been waging an insurgency against the state since 2007, while LeJ is believed to have been behind some of the most high-profile terror incidents in recent years including the 2009 attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team. But so-called "encounter" killings like Wednesday's incident have long aroused suspicion among rights activists in Pakistan. They say police use them to dispose of suspects without going through the courts.

The police statement said that a dozen or so militants were riding motorcycles and were on their way to attack police when they were intercepted. "When the firing stopped, seven unknown terrorists were found dead," it said, adding that the men were killed "by firing from their accomplices who fled from the scene taking benefit of darkness". Shahzad Sultan, a senior local police official confirmed the incident death and toll. Last year, in late July the detained leader of LeJ was killed in a similar shootout. Malik Ishaq was shot dead along with fellow LeJ militants, including senior commanders, in Punjab as his cadres tried to free him from custody, police said. Police said they had recovered explosives, a detonation cord, guns and ammunition from the slain men. No police were killed or injured in the encounter.

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly (NA) was informed on Monday that 482 sanctioned posts were lying vacant in 10 police stations of Islamabad. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan submitted the reply to a question by PTI lawmaker Munaza Hassan. The minister said that only 831 police officials were currently working against the total sanctioned posts of 1,313 in the 10 police stations in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). The police stations in question are Aabpara, Women Police Station, Secretariat, Kohsar, Bhara Kahu, Sihala, Margalla, Golra, Tarnol and I-9 (Industrial Area). According to the documents, 18 posts of sub-inspector, seven of assistant sub-inspector, 55 head constables, 368 constables and 34 lady constables are vacant. Margalla Police Station has the highest number of vacant posts, 96. It is followed by Aabpara Police Station at 85. Around 34 lady constables are required for Women Police Station Sector G-7 along with five head constables, assistant sub-inspectors and sub-inspectors each. Kohsar Police Station has 81 vacant posts. The interior minister said the posts would be filled soon.

Search operations in ICT

Another reply by the interior minister said that a total of 534 search operations were conducted in ICT during the two years of 2014 and 15. A total of 3,487 suspects were arrested during these search operations. Of them, around 615 were arrested in criminal cases and 2,872 were held in preventive action.

SIALKOT / DERA GHAZI KHAN: Police seized huge caches of arms being transported to Silakot and Dera Ghazi Khan districts on Monday. An SHO and a terrorism suspect died in a shootout at a picket in Dera Ghazi Khan. Dera Ghazi Khan Saddar police stopped a truck (with the licence number TKB 728) at a picket in Kot Chutta early morning on Monday. Police said that they had received a tip-off about a weapons smuggling bid on the Indus Highway late at night on Sunday. They set up a picket in Kot Chutta. When they tried to stop the truck, the men riding it started shooting at the police. A shootout ensued and one of the men in the truck, later identified as Muhammad Rizwan, was killed. Saddar SHO Imran Nawaz Barohi was injured in the shootout. Police said they took him to the Dera Ghazi Khan district headquarters hospital but he passed away on the way there. Police said Rizwan's accomplices managed to flee into the dark, but they seized the truck and found a large cache of weapons. They said the truck had carried around 5,000 bullets for G-3 assault rifles, 900 bullets for Kalashnikov rifles, 44 hand grenades and two RPG shells among other arms. Funeral prayers for SHO Barohi were offered at the Police Lines on Monday morning and he was given a guard of honour.

The body was then sent to his native town Taunsa Sharif. A large number of policemen including the RPO and the DPO attended the funeral prayers. Police said they had registered cases against the suspects under various sections pertaining to terrorism, attempted murder and carrying explosives. Police said they were investigating the case. In Sargodha, district police said they had foiled a terror bid and had seized a sizeable quantity of weapons. Police said during snap checking a squad stationed at Salam Chowk, Bhalwal check post, stopped a vehicle (with the licence plate LEB 831). They found 12 Repeater guns, 28 pump-action shotguns, 9,000 bullets for 9mm pistols, 11,000 bullets for 0.30 bore pistols and 3,360 bullets for 0.444 bore Marlin rifles. They arrested the driver and his companion. Both of them hailed from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Police said that Akhtar Nawaz and Fazal Karim had confessed that they were transporting the weapons to Sargodha. Police said they had registered a case against them on

Deputy of Mangal Bagh killed in drone strike

The News, February 16, 2016

Four outlaws killed in police shootout in Shikarpur

The News, February 16, 2016

No implementation of NAP in interior parts of Sindh: report

The News, February 16, 2016

IED blast in South Waziristan kills security man

Daily Dawn, February 15, 2016

Terrorists have no base in Pakistan to fall back on: ISPR

The Express Tribune, February 15, 2016

terrorism charges and were investigating the case.

PESHAWAR: At least 14 terrorists including Deputy Commander of banned outfit Lashkar-e-Islam were killed in drone strike in Afghanistan, security sources said. Sources said Zakir Kambar Khel, deputy commander of proscribed Lashkar-e-Islam was involved in attacks on security forces in Khyber Agency and Peshawar. Zakir and his aides were killed in the drone strike in Nazian area of Afghanistan. The sources added that Zakir Kambar Khel was deputy of Lashkar-e-Islam Ameer Mangal Bagh.

SHIKARPUR: At least four miscreants were killed in exchange of fire during the operation launched by police against criminal elements in Shikarpur. According to the SSP Nasir Aftab, one police personnel was martyred and two others sustained injuries in exchange of fire in Gari Tego of Khanpur. The exchange of fire between police and criminal elements has been continuing for more than 16 hours.

KARACHI: An important security institution of the country has expressed concern over what it termed the non-implementation of National Action Plan (NAP) in the interior parts of Sindh province. "The National Action Plan is non-existent in the interior Sindh," said a report issued by the institution. Sources told Geo News that the above institution has underscored need for effectively broadening the scope of NAP with an aim to restoration of peace in Karachi and the rest of Sindh province. The report further said that proscribed outfits have made safe havens in the province, adding the non-implementation of NAP is posing a major threat to the security. It stressed that in order to establish complete peace in Karachi and rest of Sindh the safe havens and sleeper cells of criminal elements present in the interior parts of the province will have to be eliminated. The report said a well-organized plan had been made to storm a prison in Hyderabad but it was foiled by a swift action conducted by the intelligence agencies. It stressed upon the provincial and federal authorities to effectively expand implementation of NAP to the interior parts of Sindh province.

PESHAWAR: One security personnel was killed and another sustained injury in an improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Wana, a town in South Waziristan, security sources said. An IED planted on the roadside struck a security forces' vehicle in Talai area of South Waziristan, killing one security official. The injured was taken to Combined Military Hospital Peshawar for treatment. Security forces cordoned off the area after the explosion and started a search operation to apprehend suspects involved in the attack. Homemade roadside bombs are a major weapon of militants who attack government forces in the northwestern province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and tribal districts. Pakistan's army largely cleared militants from South Waziristan in a 2009 operation. Soldiers now are fighting militants in North Waziristan in operation Zarb-i-Azb that began in June 2014. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Monday's blast.

ISLAMABAD: Terrorist groups don't have a base in Pakistan to fall back on, according to the chief military spokesperson, who also said that sporadic attacks by frustrated terrorists could not dent the military's resolve to eliminate the malady once and for all. "We have seen how the rate of terrorist incidents declined during the past one and a half years, and how it brought dividends to the entire nation," Lt Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa, the director general of the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), told The Express Tribune in an exclusive interview. The recent uptick in terrorist violence in the country came after a long hiatus, triggering a media guessing game about the effectiveness of the new national strategy against terrorism and extremism. Lt Gen Bajwa, however, said the military has the upper hand in the fight against terrorism since the launch of Operation Zarb-e-Azb in mid-June, 2014. "We have dislodged them [terrorists] from their sanctuaries, from their bases, from where they carried out things without any hindrance. Their sanctuaries have been destroyed." He cautioned that terrorists would continue to find loopholes in the system. "Whenever we get these terrorists, we have seen they may use facilitators in society." Asked about an impression in the Western world that Pakistan pursues a nexus with terrorism despite the fact the country has rendered unmatched sacrifices in the war against terrorism, the military spokesperson said it would be regrettable if someone levelled such wild allegations. "This [such allegations] is absolutely unjustified and absolutely unfair. About some [terrorist] organisations still present here, I would say a strategic direction has been taken to eliminate terrorism without any discrimination," he added.

He added that the people of Pakistan have sacrificed the most in the war against terrorism. "There is an acknowledgement here. There is also an acknowledgement when we go abroad and meet people," he said. "Everyone who comes to Pakistan acknowledges our successes," he added. "The world needs to study our model and learn a lot." Lt Gen Bajwa said the Pakistani nation and security forces would fight terrorism in the country but the world should realise that terrorism is a global threat and it needs a global response. "All that we need now is the support of the entire world in our endeavours. And we are absolutely convinced we are heading in the right direction. We want a terror- and extremism-free Pakistan and for that we need the world's help," he said. The military spokesperson said those who had a role in the creation of the monster of terrorism should help Pakistan eliminate it. "This monster was created by everyone together. We are fighting it and we expect the whole world to stand by us and help us in eliminating this monster." He was asked did the Western nations and previous Pakistani governments shared the blame for creating the 'jihadi' groups who later turned on Pakistan and the West. Since the establishment of military courts, scores of have been convicted and hanged, triggering criticism from some rights groups and Western nations. "People just want terrorism to end in Pakistan. Now this death penalty, we have seen that it has brought dividends because it is only hardcore terrorists who are being presented before the military courts," he said. "Pakistan respects civil liberties as we are living in a healthy society and an evolving society, and there is the state which is taking care of all these things," he added. "All the cases have been referred through a mechanism from the provincial governments and the federal government to the military courts.

56 geo-tagged seminaries suspected of terrorist links

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They have been tried through a fair and due process of law and they have been given sentences."

LAHORE: As many as 56 of the 13,849 religious seminaries geo-tagged by the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) have been put in Category A for their suspected links with banned organisations, The Express Tribune has learnt. Documents available with The Tribune show that most of these seminaries identify themselves with the Deobandi sect. A Home Department official said that updated information on seminaries across the province was now available to the authorities concerned. "We have information about their sectarian affiliation and number of students and teachers at each facility," he said. Information compiled in this regard included the caretaker/administrator's photograph and contact details; source(s) of income; and number of students and teachers.

Monitoring Afghan refugees

The provincial government is also working on geo-tagging all of 256,000 Afghan refugees in the province. A PITB official said that so far geo-tagging of 66,100 Afghan refugees had been completed. He said the process involved information gathering using biometric technology. He said most refugees had moved away from addresses available with the government. This was delaying the completion of the task, he said. "The geo-tagging of seminaries and Afghan refugees is part of the National Action Plan against terrorism," said PITB Chairman Umar Saif. He said the provincial government was using the latest technology to improve efforts for maintenance of law and order. "The Police Department is taking keen interest in use of the latest technology and gadgets," he said. Saif said records of most police stations had been digitised. Parliamentary Secretary for Home Mahar Ijaz Ahmad Achlana said use of technology had helped bring down crime in several regions in the province. "There is still room for improvement," he said.

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Fata schools lack toilets, accommodation for staff
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Though inconvenient, teachers Gulab Din and Yar Mohammad live in a classroom at their Government Middle School, Mastak, in Tirah valley of Khyber Agency after duty hours due to unavailability of proper accommodation. The absence of toilets on the premises adds to their misery. Gulab Din told Dawn that he went into the fields to relieve himself. "Those willing to teach children despite uncomfortable circumstances have two options either to use classrooms to lodge or request local residents for accommodation in their houses," he said. The teacher insisted the local political administration had adequate funds and vehicles at its disposal but had turned its back on the sufferings of the teaching community. Woman teacher Fauzia Sultan (name changed on request) made a similar complaint. She said unavailability of toilets and residential quarters and insecure environment stopped teachers especially women from joining government schools in Fata, especially those located in far-off areas. Though given show cause notices three times for refusing to serve in distant areas, she asked how she could go to schools, which had no boundary walls or had broken windows and doors. "I feel highly vulnerable at such schools," she said. Fauzia Sultan said her repeated requests to the education department and local administration for transport facility fell on deaf ears. She said unlike male colleagues, women teachers could neither live on campus after school hours nor could they lodge at the houses of local residents due to the strong opposition of family members. "It is impossible for us, the women teachers, either to live in classrooms devoid of basic facilities and proper security or stay with strangers," she said. In the recent past, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, in a bid to attract schoolteachers to serve in remote areas of the province, announced a lucrative 'Hard Areas Allowance' for both men and women. The policy turned out to be a huge success. Both Gulab Din and Fauzia Sultan strongly feel a similar initiative could contribute a lot to the promotion of education in Fata, especially in its far-flung areas.

The woman teacher also complained about harassment by local residents. "In the absence of transport facility, we (women teachers) have to cover long distances on foot between schools and bus stops. Youths chase us and pass taunts to our distress," she said. Though the Fata education department complained about the women teachers absenting themselves from schools, Fauzia Sultan insisted the officials harassed female teaching staff in the name of the 'habitual absenteeism'. "Not only women teachers are harassed by male colleagues but their basic right to promotion and posting at choice locations is usurped by the education department officials," she said. According to official figures, teachers at over 5,000 government educational institutions across Fata total around 42,000 and 32,000 of them both men and women are eligible for post upgradation. In 2012, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government had announced and later implemented a policy of the upgradation of the posts of all eligible schoolteachers in the province. However, the Fata teachers await the implementation of the policy for themselves. The All Fata Teachers Association took up the matter with the Fata secretariat and Safron ministry many times, but to no avail. President of the association Khan Malik said 32,000 teachers, both men and women, had been denied post upgradation for four years. "Teachers feel highly insecure and vulnerable," he said. Khan Malik said ironically, most of the senior positions tribal teachers were eligible to occupy were given to senior teachers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Naseer Shah, another office-bearer of the teachers association, believed by inviting applications for 1,700 vacant posts of science and mathematics teachers in tribal areas, the Fata education department had denied the due promotion to senior teachers of the same subjects. "It blatantly goes against our service structure. We intent to challenge it in the court of law," he said. Gulab Din insisted teachers could claim rights by getting together. He said unregistered organisations had done great harm to the struggle of teachers for rights. "At present, two to three parallel organisations are operating in all seven tribal agencies and six Frontier Regions with no unified leadership and mutually agreed agenda. It is time that we shun differences, disband all unregistered organisations, and unite under the banner of the All Fata Teachers Association for the repeal of an unjustified ban on teacher unions," he insisted. Teachers also complained they struggled to benefit from the free medical care which they're entitled to, and get their medical bills cleared from the directorate of education in Fata secretariat. According to them, Mehrab Khan, a teacher at a government school in Bara, Khyber Agency, died of renal failure in 2013 but his family has yet to get his medical allowance despite repeated requests to the relevant authorities. Another teacher, Bahadar Khan, was denied free treatment of his wife at a Peshawar hospital lately with doctors insisting he and family were entitled to free care in Fata hospitals only. He said his wife suffered from a cardiac problem but Fata didn't have any hospital, which offered treatment to her. "I borrowed money from friends and relatives to foot the bill of my wife's treatment," he said. The teacher insisted the Fata education directorate refused to refund the bill saying the treatment was carried out in a Peshawar hospital.

KE signs 100 MW power purchase agreement
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KARACHI: In its efforts to mitigate the power crisis of metropolis, K-Electric has entered into principle understanding on power purchase agreement with Sindh Nooriabad Power Company (SNPC) for indigenous gas-based power supply of 100 MW. This power project, situated at Nooriabad, is a jointly sponsored venture of Technomen Kinetics (Pvt) Limited and the Sindh government under a private-public partnership. The ceremony of initialling the power purchase agreement between K-Electric and SNPC was witnessed by the Provincial Finance Minister Murad Ali Shah, Secretary Energy GoS Agha Wasif along with the senior management of SNPC and KE. The 100 MW power from Nooriabad will be relayed to KE's KDA grid via a specialised transmission set up being established by the Sindh Transmission Dispatch Company (STDC). Successful implementation of the project will add affordable and sustainable electricity into KE's generation mix and strengthen the power supply in the provincial capital and adjoining areas of interior Sindh and Balochistan. Speaking on the occasion, K-Electric Chief Executive Officer Tayyab Tareen said the K-Electric and its consumers will benefit from

'27 percent of budget being spent on education'

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Ombudsman directs NH&MP to prepare road safety plan

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29 shrines without security

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14 sustain burns after van's cylinder explodes

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the additional power supply from Nooriabad project. This initiative has begun a new era of strategic alliance between KE and Sindh government in the energy sector, which will further expand through similar future ventures, he said adding, this agreement will further augment the confidence level of local and foreign investors in K-Electric. Najmul Hassan, the chief executive officer of SNPC, added it was a great sense of accomplishment. SNPC views this understanding of power purchase agreement as a major milestone. He acknowledged the support of the Sindh government during the course of development of this project.

LAHORE: The Standing Committee on Education in the Punjab Assembly (PA) has best performed to help promote the education sector on sound footings. Punjab Assembly Standing Committee on Education Chairman Qamarul Islam Raja said this while addressing a round-table dialogue on legislative governance of education in Punjab at a local hotel on Saturday. He said the provincial government was working hard to promote education so that every child could have equal access to schooling, adding that it's praise-worthy in every respect. He pointed out that 27 percent of the total provincial budget was being utilised for the education sector alone. The Punjab government is working hard to put every child in school by 2018, as education is a big 'change-agent' and a way forward to the right direction, he said. "This will help the children to excel in life through learning as economic policies have been designed in such a way to facilitate the educated youth to fully exploit their potential and alleviate poverty," he added. Different members of the Standing Committee on Education also spoke on the occasion and expressed their viewpoints.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Ombudsman Secretariat has directed National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) to prepare Annual National Road Safety Plan (ANRS) within 30 days. According to reports, Senior Adviser Law and Grievance Commissioner for Overseas Pakistanis Hafiz Ahsaan Ahmed Khokher has asked secretary communications, NHA Chairman and Motorway Police IG to prepare and submit Annual National Road Safety Plan in Federal Ombudsman Secretariat within next 30 days for Motorways and National Highways. He said that it should include all rectification measures for road safety and improving of roads infrastructure including facilities and awareness mechanism to commuters. It was also urged to use electronic and print media for success of this awareness campaign. He also stressed that a National Transport Policy (NTP) should be formulated with the consultation of all stakeholders along with a safety plan. Khokher also suggested to conduct short courses for heavy vehicle drivers so that they should have good traffic ethics as well as awareness. He said that the preparation of Annual Road Safety Plan would be helpful in further improving the road infrastructure and ensuring safety of commuters. He hoped that it would minimise traffic accidents in the country and help for overall traffic discipline in the country. As per directives of Federal Ombudsman Salman Farooqi, he said that all measures would be taken in public interest for road safety in the country.

RAWALPINDI: At least 29 shrines across the Rawalpindi district have been vulnerable to various threats as no proper security arrangements have been put in place by the local administration for their protection. The shrines have no walk-through gates, metal detectors and razor wire on walls as a large number of devotees flock around these shrines to pay their respect to the saints. Rawalpindi Auqaf Department (RAD) gets millions of rupees in budget for the upkeep and security of these shrines but they have been left to various threats. RAD Administrator Abdul Hameed said that the provincial government has not released additional funds for the security of the shrines. He claimed "We are incurring security expenses from our own resources."

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has launched an operation against encroachments and illegally constructed buildings in the city by razing some 11 buildings built in the area surrounding the Lahore High Court Rawalpindi Bench that were built without any approved map. The RDA officials led by Enforcement Director Jamsheed Aftab initiated the operation on the directives of acting RDA Director General Sajid Dal using heavy machinery. The residents of illegally constructed buildings resisted the operation. However, the RDA officials carried out razing down the structures. Similarly, the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) sealed an illegally built hospital on Peshawar Road. Meanwhile, the RCB land branch issued notices to 80 owners of the houses in Naseerabad, Awan Town, Qasimabad, Saddar, Quaid-e-Azam Colony, Chamanabad, Marble Factory area, Dhoke Mustaqeem, Illahabad and Banaras Colony for carrying out illegal constructions.

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Information Technology would be offering 3,000 ICT internships by summer of this year to create jobs for IT graduates. The Information Technology (IT) graduates would take a test under National Testing Service (NTS) and top 1,500 students would be placed in departments of non-IT companies in first phase. The second phase would also involve placement of another 15,00 interns. Official sources on Saturday said that PC-1 of CMMI Training and Certification Programme had been approved by Ministry of Planning under which five local CMMI auditors would be trained and certified. The sources said that it would be cost effective to use these local auditors for CMMI certification instead of using foreign auditors that are very expensive. Moreover, the sources said that Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) has launched a new counseling centre to guide and mentor IT startups, SMEs as well as IT graduates and also placed contact information for counseling centre on PSEB's website. The board would also prepare a summary for tax exemption on IT exports beyond June 2016 to motivate IT companies to remit more of their earnings to Pakistan instead of relocating to another country and keeping their earnings abroad.

BADIN: More than a dozen people sustained burns when the gas cylinder of the van they were travelling exploded and triggered a fire that engulfed the vehicle near Nizamuddin Arain village, some 63 kilometres from here, on Friday. Ten of the victims are women who hail from Mir Khan Arain village and hired the van to travel to Ghulam Arain village of Matli taluka to attend a funeral ceremony. The other victims were two children accompanying them and the driver and the cleaner of the van. Onlookers rushed to their rescue and shifted all the victims to a Tando Ghulam Ali hospital, where doctors referred three of them, Ms Zarina, Ms Asiya and Ms Siyani, to the Hyderabad Civil Hospital due to their precarious condition. Initial investigation suggested that the van passed by a field

Consensus to curb water theft from Marwat canal

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near Nizamuddin Arain village where farmers had torched dry sugar cane to prepare the land for the next crop. Flying sparks from the burning cane caused the van's cylinder to explode, some of the rescuers suggested.

LAKKI MARWAT: The district government authorities and elders of nine union councils here have agreed to launch concerted efforts to curb water theft from the Marwat Canal to ensure water flow to the tail-end lands. The consensus came at a meeting held at the District Headquarters Complex, Tajazai, on Friday. District nazim Ishfaq Ahmad Khan Meenakhel, naib nazim Haji Arab Khan, deputy commissioner Mohammad Bakhtiar Khan, DPO Ali Akbar Shah, assistant commissioner Sher Alam Khan, SDO irrigation Ismail Khan, former MNA Ghulamuddin Jabukhel and district councillors were in attendance. The elders said water theft through illegal leakage points in Marwat Canal had turned their lands barren, causing huge losses to them. They said over 89,000 acres of land could be made fertile if flow of water was ensured.

The elders made clear that the law and order situation could worsen if quarters concerned failed to curb water theft from the canal. They also alleged that irrigation department employees (beldars) posted at the canal often remained absent from duty thus paving the way for water thieves to set up illegal leakage points. Ishfaq Meenakhel said the provincial irrigation minister had approved over Rs8 million for repair of the damaged portions of the canal. He said irrigation department would take appropriate action to ensure presence of beldars and removing silt from the canal. "All-out efforts would be made to ensure flow of water to the tail-end areas as it is the matter of life and death for the residents of the nine union councils," Mr Meenakhel assured, saying all available resources would be utilised to strengthen the canal infrastructure in the district. He said the administration and police of Bannu district would also be requested to take action against water thieves in their respective area of jurisdiction. The district nazim said the irrigation department would provide a list of the people who had damaged the canal for initiating legal action against them. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Bakhtiar and DPO Ali Akbar Shah assured action against water thieves.

Shortage of teachers at Karak school protested

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KARAK: The residents of Kurd Sharif, Shownaki and adjacent localities on Friday protested the shortage of teachers at the Government Middle School for Boys. Led by former union council nazim Ikhtiar Rehman and Parent-Teacher Council chairman of the school Ahmad Nawaz, the protesters blocked a major road in the area. Shouting slogans, they demanded the immediate appointment of teachers to the school in adequate number and upgradation of the school. On the occasion, the speakers said the middle school, the only of its kind in the district, had many vacancies of teachers. They complained the school had four teachers only, including those teaching students drawing, Arabic, physical education and theology. The speakers said unfortunately, the post of secondary school teacher, who worked as headmaster, and two posts of certificate teachers had been lying vacant for four years adversely affecting the studies of children. They said many local residents had enrolled children in Mianwali schools due to the absence of teachers in native district. Protesters block road, call for filling of vacancies, school upgradation. The speakers said their repeated requests to the education department for the filling of school vacancies fell on deaf ears. They demanded the appointment of teachers to the school before the start of the new academic session to the benefit of students. The speakers also called for the upgradation of the school to the high standard. They also demanded the early completion of work on a girl's primary school for the start of classes in the next academic session. The speakers warned if their demands were not met, they would protest in the district headquarters. Later, the protesters dispersed peacefully opening the road.

Year's first polio case of KP confirmed

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ISLAMABAD: This year's first polio case from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been confirmed, with Polio Virology Laboratory of the National Institute of Health reporting onset of paralysis in a 19-month-old child of Nowshera district. With the new case, the total number of polio cases to be reported this year in the country has reached two. An official of the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) said sample from the child had been collected in January. "The child, Abdullah son of Jehad Khan, is 19 months old and is resident of Shireen Khotay village, in tehsil and district Nowshera," he said. He said the child belonged to an Afghan family and was administered at least 10 doses of polio vaccine during different vaccination campaigns.

The country's first polio case for the year was reported on Feb 5 from Gadap Town, Karachi. The affected child, Ijaz Khan, was 34 months old and belonged to a Pakhtun family. "Malnutrition is emerging as a major reason for the disease because the immunity of the affected child from Karachi was very low," said the NHS official. Last year, 54 cases of polio were reported in the country. "We are still hopeful that polio will be eradicated from the country this year," he said. "We are not going to miss any child during the vaccination campaigns," he added. Pakistan and Afghanistan are now the only countries in the world which have been reporting polio cases. When contacted, chief of the National Emergency Operation Centre, Dr Rana Safdar, said that though children were being regularly vaccinated against polio in Pakistan they were still vulnerable to the crippling disease if they had low immunity.

CDA kickstarts construction work on Koral Interchange

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has formally started the construction work on the interchange of Koral Chowk as part of Islamabad Expressway signal free corridor. During the first phase, civic body started work for trimming gross and cleaning the roads while laboratory testing and installation of concrete plants also been initiated. Project Director Shahid Mehmood said that CDA had short-listed five contractors for the construction of Koral Interchange while tender was awarded to the firm Zahir Khan and Brothers which met the criteria. He said that the tenders for the construction of Khanna and Sohan Interchanges would be opened next month while tender for Japan Road and GT Road would be issued after two months. He further said that the construction work on the Koral Interchange would be completed within eight months and Rs 1.70 billion would be spent on this interchange. Shahid Mehmood said that five interchanges would be constructed at five different localities including Sohan, Khanna, Karal, Japan Road and GT Road on Islamabad Expressway adding that this project includes expansion of 8.5-kilometre road from Faizabad to Karal chowk to five lanes and construction of four lanes of 12.5 kilometre road from Koral to GT Road. A 25-kilometre

GCU to train 400 female entrepreneurs

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Water filtration plants to be installed across Punjab

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19 dengue cases reported in a week in Sindh

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Unruly traffic on Islamabad Expressway goes unchecked

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Tunnel in Leepa valley sought

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road would be completed from Zero Point to Rawat as part of Islamabad Expressway signal free corridor. This project would be completed at the cost of Rs 21.8 billion.

LAHORE: Government College University's Management Studies Department (GCU MSD) in collaboration with the World Bank and a noted organisation, ENCLUDE, has launched a special women entrepreneurship programme titled 'WomenX' to train 400 women entrepreneurs running small sized enterprises in Lahore and its surroundings. Seema Aziz, an inspiring eminent entrepreneur and social worker, chaired the opening ceremony of the training programme that was designed to provide business education and support services to women entrepreneurs. As many as 36 entrepreneurs comprised the first batch. However, under the Project, GCU MSD would provide business education to 400 female entrepreneurs over the period of next two years. "We are pleased that the World Bank and ENCLUDE has trusted GCU to provide business education to female entrepreneurs and help them improve efficiency, effectiveness and profitability of their businesses" said MSD Director Najaf Yawar Khan in his inaugural address. The participants would be provided extensive knowledge and practical training in accounting, entrepreneurial finance, marketing, operations management, leadership and team building, information technology, laws and regulations and project planning during the four month certification course, which also included a practical assignment of designing a business project.

LAHORE: On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, state-of-the-art water filtration plants worth millions of rupees are being installed in rural and urban areas across the province to provide safe drinking water to communities. As many as 80 water filtration plants would become functional, benefiting over 250,000 residents of the priority districts including Bahawalnagar, Lodhran, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan. Punjab Saaf Pani Company CEO Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry on Friday said that the Punjab chief minister is determined to serve the people of the province. "Provision of safe drinking water is bound to reduce the health expenditures of the benefiting communities while they would live a healthy life. Besides, women would be able to better utilise the time they used to spend in fetching water from far off places," he added. Access to safe drinking water is one of the basic human rights but there is also a need to create awareness among the masses regarding judicious use of this blessing, he said, adding that as a special initiative aimed at providing the safe drinking water to the people, the government of the Punjab has undertaken this initiative for the larger public interest. In the course of next two to three years, he said the entire rural Punjab would be provided with the facility of safe drinking water. However, he said greater awareness in terms of health and hygiene and use of clean containers would help improve the life expectancy in the area. "Public and private participation is the need of the hour to prevent contamination of fresh water resources while water aquifers must be protected for healthy future generation," Chaudhry added.

KARACHI: As many as 19 dengue cases have been reported, out of which 17 patients belonged to provincial capital while one each was reported from Hyderabad and Shaheed Benazirabad and so far 219 patients affected by dengue fever have been registered from all over Sindh in this year. This was told in a meeting, chaired by Sindh Health Minister Sindh Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar in his Sindh Assembly building office on Friday. Dengue Control Programme Manager Dr Masood Solangi also attended the meeting. The minister said that all stakeholders should be taken on board to control dengue because Health Department could not do the job alone. "Unless we all gathered on one platform we would not be able to achieve our desired goal," said the minister. Solangi told the meeting that he was in close liaison with other stakeholders and a massive awareness drive was launched last year over dengue and awareness seminars and walks would also hold this year as well. The minister directed the programme manager to prepare a comprehensive plan in this regard.

ISLAMABAD: Meanwhile, unruly traffic on Islamabad Expressway especially between the Koral Chowk-Rawat sections has become a constant nuisance for motorists using the artery on daily basis. Heavy traffic plying at the section is in the habit of non observing the lane rules, frequent and wild overtaking besides keeping occupied the fast lane as their drivers know that there is no traffic police check except deployment of one or two wardens at the signal near PWD Housing Society. A visible difference in traffic discipline can be observed when one crosses the Koral Chowk leading towards Rawat and Islamabad. Loaded trucks, long vehicles and buses are seeing moving in two extreme lanes between the Faizabad-Koral section of Expressway in a most disciplined manner but these roads become rowdy soon after crossing the Koral Chowk. Zaheer Ahmed who is a motorist and lawyer by profession told that traffic congestion at the Faizabad-Koral section is justified due to the ongoing development work on the road but both lanes are occupied by heavy traffic between Koral Chowk to Rawat in the absence of traffic police. He said that the journey for passengers travelling in vans and other small vehicles had become 'risky' at this section due to careless and undisciplined movement of heavy traffic. Another motorist Zahid Khan said that there is a need for regular deployment of traffic police in the area so that drivers could have the feeling of being checked. He suggested to build the proposed Ring Road to divert heavy traffic and ban entry of heavy vehicles on the city roads especially in day time. A government servant Ahmed Ali who daily commutes between Rawat and Islamabad using the Expressway said that he and his colleagues had to pass through the traffic mess to reach their destination. He said that it is beyond their understanding that why the department concerned is oblivious of these problems. SSP Traffic Malik Matloob rejected the impression of traffic police non-regular deployment on the Koral Chowk-Rawat section of the Expressway and said that two inspectors for Lohi Bher and Sihala have been designated to regulate traffic in the section. He was of the view that the road is two-lane and in dilapidated condition and movement of heavy traffic is a tough task. He said, "Technical fault develops in most of loaded trucks due to the road condition and it takes seven to eight hours to remove the faulty vehicles."

MUZAFFARABAD: Civil society activists from the Leepa valley in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) on Thursday protested to remind Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of his commitment to the construction of a tunnel to allow year-long access to their area. Home to around 80,000 people, some 100 kilometres southeast of Muzaffarabad, Leepa valley is only accessible by two narrow roads and one

20 medical stores' cases sent to court

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Minister directs removal of illegal occupants from hospitals

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Sindh govt legalises Karachi slums

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Capital to get 180 revamped parks of int'l standard

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pedestrian track beyond Reshian village. These tracks run through an altitude of around 10,000 feet. All three routes are frequently blocked by the heavy winter snowfall, forcing residents to take a perilous journey on foot. Valley residents have been demanding a tunnel for some time, and their hopes were rekindled when Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif announced its construction in June 2011. After the elections the executive board of the National Highway Authority cleared the PC-1 for the construction of a 3.79 kilometre tunnel, with realignment of the access road for Central Development Working Party (CDWP)/Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) approval meeting on September 14. The project was cleared by CDWP at a cost of Rs7.3 billion, and Rs50 million were allocated in the federal Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for 2014-15 for the project.

LAHORE: The City District Government of Lahore sent on Thursday the cases of 20 medical stores to courts for trial. The decision was taken at a meeting of the district quality control board at the Town Hall. The participants also extended sealing period of another 11 medical stores. It issued warning notices to six others.

KARACHI: Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has directed to vacate hospitals' premises from squatters and illegal occupants. Presiding over a meeting in his office on Thursday, the health minister said the standard of residential areas in hospitals should be improved and residences be provided to doctors and paramedics on priority basis. Provincial Health Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo and Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Project Director Agha Ashfaq also attended the meeting. The minister said that these days anti-encroachment drive was in full swing in the province and all medical superintendents of government hospitals should take advantage of the situation and remove all illegal occupants. While directing EPI project director, the minister said that a campaign against viral diseases would be launched in April, May and November in three phases and during these drives, three million pregnant women from 15 years to 49 years would be vaccinated. The meeting was informed that 12 high-risk districts Badin, Tando Allahyar, T M Khan, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Shaheed Benazirabad, Ghotki, Khasmor, Jacobabad, Sukkur, Hyderabad and Shikarpur would be given special attention. Dahar further directed to pay special focus on slum and less privileged areas because usually these viral diseases were broken out in these areas. Awareness and advocacy seminars should be held in all big cities of the province and cold storage facilities of international standard be established, he concluded.

KARACHI: Thousands of innocent Karachiites are being deprived of their hard-earned lifetime saving in shape of properties encroached upon by the 'katchi abadis'. The most "controversial notification" for granting lease to a number of slums (katchi abadis) illegally established on the land, pending for the last seven years, has now been issued. Legal experts said that if the notification gives encroachers right to possess and obtain lease of encroached land, the lawful owners who had purchased this land would be deprived. The Sindh Assembly had passed a law on regularisation of slums all over Sindh in 2009. Accordingly, the cut-off date was extended from 1987 to 1997, which means all residents of all slums established up to 1997 were to be awarded leasehold rights. Owing to opposition's objection and administrative problems, the then provincial government could not notify the decision of the assembly. Now, the government has notified this law and "a new war of political skirmishes and land grabbing is about to start". Sources said that when late Muhammad Khan Junejo-led government first time announced to regularise slums on March 23, 1987, total number of registered slums were 1,276, which has now increased to 2,360 according to 2009 survey. On the other hand, Sindh Katchi Abadi Authority (SKAA) has said that by now the number of slums have been increased to more than 3,000 since the law was passed in 2009. It is pertinent to mention that Sindh Governor Ishatul Ebad Khan had refused to sign this law in 2009 due to opposition of Muttehid Quami Movement (MQM) but now the present Sindh government has decided to regularise all slums as Sindh Assembly Speaker Agha Siraj Durrani has signed the notification. Sindh Minister for Katchi Abadi Tariq Masood Arain said that after the notification to regularise slums, he has announced emergency in SKAA to prepare action plan for the regularisation of all slums in the province within short span of the time so as to award leasehold rights to the dwellers of all katchi abadis. Talking to Daily Times, Tariq Masood said that there would be no leasehold right encroached or disputed land whether it was established before 1997. He said that his directorate would carry out a fresh survey of the slums and any such illegal slums that was established on Karachi Development Authority (KDA) land would not be given lease.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) would revamp all 180 parks of the federal capital of international standard and all missing facilities would be provided for the park of the capital city. A miniature garden would also be developed in the famous F9 Park to further add to the beauty of the capital city. CDA Member Environment Sanaullah Aman said that the authority has chalked out a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate all 180 parks of the federal capital. He said that during the first phase of the project; mega parks including Lake View Park, Kachnar Park, Rose and Jasmine Garden, Daman-e-Koh and Zoo area will be up-graded. Uplift of children play areas, refurbishment of different installation, up-gradation of footpaths and provision of proper lightening system are under the scope of this project, he added. CDA member environment said that a special focus has been given to the uplift of children parks and in this context 15 children parks in the capital city would be upgraded with added facilities. He said that in addition to the renovation of parks facilities, different walking tracks in the federal capital would also be up-graded to ensure state-of-the-art recreational and healthy facilities in all parts of the city. He further said that in addition to the developed parks, different facilities like walking tracks and small parks in the green areas would be also uplifted. The project of miniature garden has also been envisaged and it has been planned to establish capital's first miniature garden in F9 Fatima Jinnah Park. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal has directed the environment wing to complete codal formalities at the earliest so that the project could be executed. He said that federal capital is in phase of revamping as CDA's up-gradation and rehabilitation plan is being successfully carried out in the capital city along with the revamping and uplift of this basic facilities that will add more beauty and aesthetic uplift to capital city. He directed to explore innovative

PM approves 1,200-bed hospital for capital

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E-squad for educational institutions

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ERRA yet to resume work on New Balakot City

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Iran inks MoU with Sindh govt for 130-bed hospital

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Untreated sewage water being dumped into sea

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and modern ideas for further beautification of the federal capital.

ISLAMABAD: The much-awaited dream of rural residents has finally come to materialise as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has approved a summary seeking construction of a 1,200-bed hospital in suburbs of federal capital. According to PM House spokesperson, the prime minister has directed the health ministry to earmark 20 acre on Kuri Road for the construction of the hospital. The spokesperson further said that the Aga Khan University Hospital would lend free technical assistance in the establishment of the medical facility.

RAWALPINDI: An Educational Squad (E-Squad) consisting of 50 members would perform security duties around all the educational institutions in the city and Cantonment areas, District Coordination Officer (DCO) Sajid Zafar Dall said on Thursday. The DCO said that with the collaboration of civil defense and district police a 50-member E-squad including 30 male and 20 females would be recruited to perform duties in the city. Those selected will be trained in Police Lines Rawalpindi through a specific training module. The aspirants are advised to submit their forms in the office of District Officer, Civil Defence, near Commissioner Office Rawalpindi by 3 pm till February 23.

RAWALPINDI: Enforcement and Building Control Department of Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has launched an operation to eliminate illegal speed breakers. On the public complaints, RDA DG and Rawalpindi Acting Commissioner Sajid Zafar Dall directed building department of Pothohar Town and RDA to uproot illegal speed breakers. The anti-encroachment teams of both the departments conducted operation and eliminated 25 road humps on Dhamial Road, Chakri Road and Girja Road that were illegally raised by the owners of plazas and shopkeepers on the roads in front of their plazas and shops without seeking permission from the concerned authorities. RDA team said that stern action would be taken against those found involved in erecting illegal speed breakers.

ISLAMABAD: A team of the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) on Wednesday visited New Balakot City to review progress on the over-delayed new city project. Brig (Retd) Abu Bakr Bajwa, acting deputy chairman of the authority, led the ERRA team to New Balakot City.

The October 8, 2005 earthquake flattened most part of Balakot because the city was located right on three fault lines. Experts recommended relocation of Balakot to Bakriyal due to its high vulnerability to future earthquakes. ERRA needed encumbrance-free land to start reconstruction of the new city. The project was halted due to illegal occupation of land. As a result, people of Old Balakot have not been rehabilitated so far. The matter was discussed at highest forums for six months and finally the federal government formed a Senate Standing Committee on Balakot.

The local and provincial administrations are working to get encumbrance-free land for the project. The negotiations last week resulted in a breakthrough. The ERRA team reached Balakot on Wednesday to resume work on the new city project, but the local residents expressed reservations about the project and refused to hand over the land to the ERRA team.

Talking to the media, Bajwa sympathised with the residents of Old Balakot and said it was indeed very unfortunate that ERRA was not being handed over land for the new city project. He expressed the hope that the civil administration and ERRA officials would resolve the issue soon.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has said that the people of Sindh are thankful to the Iranian government for constructing a hospital at Ketu Bandar. "After Khairpur hospital, this is another gift from the Iranian government for the people of Sindh who are grateful to the Iranian governments." He was addressing a MOU signing ceremony with the government of Sindh, Bonyad-e-Maskan of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Pakistan National Forum on Women health (PNFWH) at the CM house. Qaim said, "The Iranian government was very generous," and had started construction of a 130-bed hospital at Ketu Banadar, Thatta at a cost of Rs 130 million, keeping in view the devastation brought by the floods of 2010. The hospital consists of 130 beds, an OPD, administrative units and other relevant portions and residential units. The Bonyad-e-Maskan of Iranian government is also going to provide initial equipments for the hospital and afterwards would be taken over by the Sindh government and then it would handed to the PNFWH to operate the facility. The Sindh government would bear the expenditures of the operation of the hospital. Health Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar lauded the efforts and commitment of Iranian Consul General Mehdi Subhani that he prepared the project just to serve the people of rural areas of Thatta district. "This hospital would serve the poor population of the entire belt," he said. Mehdi Subhani said that the floods of 2010 had wreaked havoc in the entire province, particularly in the lower Sindh. "The Iranian government wanted to play its due role to help the people of poverty-stricken areas by providing them health facilities but, it was the leadership of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah, under whose guidance and support realised this project in the first place," he said. Dr Sher Shah Syed of PNFWH thanked the chief minister and the Health Department for demonstrating confidence in his organisation for running such a big hospital in Ketu Bandar. "Your trust has not only developed more confidence in me but it has also put more responsibility on my shoulders to run the hospital to facilitate the poor people of Thatta district. PNFWH will accomplish more than what the government expects," he said. The MoU was signed by Health Secretary Saeed Mangnijo on behalf of the Sindh government, Ahmed Fathi on behalf of Bonyad-e-Maskan of Iran and Dr Sher Shah on behalf of PNFWH. The chief minister, Health Minister Jam Mehtab, Environment Minister Dr Sikandar Mendhro, Principal Secretary to CM and others witnessed the signing ceremony.

KARACHI: The two sewage treatment plants operating under Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) administration were shut down abruptly on Tuesday, putting millions of people's lives at stake. Both the sewage treatment plants located at SITE and Mehmoodabad, established in the city for catering to the Karachi residents' safety from hazardous sewerage, stopped working a couple of days ago but to the horror of the citizens, KWSB high-ups have yet to consider its seriousness of the matter as the entire sewage produced by the city is being dumped untreated into the sea. The Daily Times has learnt that these plants were treating only a small part of total sewage produced in the city.

KE cuts 1,300 connections due to non-payment

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Swine flu death toll rises to three

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Lyari Hospital dialysis unit operational after three months lapse

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Revenue record almost computerized

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Two policemen gunned down; polio team comes under attack in Lahore

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The rest of the sewage was being dumped into the Arabian Sea through Malir and Layari Rivers and other channels. Dumping of raw sewage into the sea created several problems of pollution and a serious threat to the local marine ecology besides destroying the environment at an unimaginable level. Experts said that the most devastating part of the issue was that the provincial government and KWSB ignored it despite the fact that the raw sewage passing through the disposal pipelines contained dangerous chemicals, particular heavy metals and industrial waste, which are largely used by leather processing and other industries.

KARACHI: Under K-Electric's Operation Burq, the power utility conducted 70 raids across the city. Around 3,500 hook connections, weighing about 1,000kg, were removed from areas including Orangi, Lyari, Bahadurabad, Saddar, Garden, Liaquatabad, Gadap, Johar, Malir and Korangi. K-Electric's team disconnected more than 1,300 connections because of outstanding dues worth Rs 74 million in Clifton, Bahadurabad, Saddar, Garden and Tipu Sultan. In Federal B Area, a commercial stitching unit was raided and found involved in power theft whereas a multi-storey commercial building was caught red-handed for adding extra load than the fixed electricity usage via power theft. The team disconnected the supply line immediately and charged its owner with on the spot penalty. "We have ensured not to leave any stone unturned and our recent raids prove our commitment towards rooting out power theft from core," KE spokesperson said. During recent raids, 1,000 hook connections were pulled down from different locations in Surjani Town alone. Similarly 580 illegal connections were removed in Lyari, 300 in Malir, 650 in North Karachi and 200 from Bahdurabad area. Eleven people were taken into custody who were involved in stealing electricity from Allah Wala town, Al-Wasay town, Bilal, Christian town, Sharifabad and Awami Colony.

KARACHI: Swine flu claimed another life in the metropolis, increasing the H1N1 influenza death toll to three in 2016. A 50-year-old man, Arshad Mehmood, died of swine flu in a private hospital. He was brought to the hospital a couple of days ago, where he was diagnosed with swine flu. The patient expired during treatment. Three people, including a baby girl, succumbed to swine flu in Karachi so far while 25 other patients were also tested positive for swine flue in the city. Karachi Health Services Director Dr Zafar Aijaz, when contacted, confirmed the death of Arshad from swine flu. Health experts said that swine flu virus mostly attacks weaker and less immune people. H1N1 virus of swine flu contains a combination of genes from swine, avian (bird) and human influenza viruses. Mild symptoms of the disease may include fever, sore throat, cough, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea and vomiting or diarrhoea.

KARACHI: The Dialysis Unit at Lyari General Hospital has been made operational again on Wednesday, after a three-month lapse. An administrative official at Lyari General Hospital said that the eight-bed Dialysis Unit was temporarily closed down three month back after developing a fault. The closure of this unit has badly affected the patient care in the nephrology department and compelled registered patients to visit other healthcare centres. Dozens of patients seeking dialysis treatment from Lyari and other parts of Karachi visit the hospital everyday. The administration of the hospital did not bother to repair the unit or install a new one to provide patients with dialysis facility at the earliest. Another official said dialysis unit had been closed down over some minor fault and the hospital administration could not detect the fault properly. The registered patients remained deprived from dialysis facility due to incompetence of management. The official said, "There are eight dialysis machines in the hospital performing eight to 10 dialysis everyday but due to its closure, patients with dialysis requirements remained deprived from such services for over three months." Lyari General Hospital Nephrology Department Head Qurban Sheikh, when contacted, said the dialysis unit has been made operational again in the hospital and added that the registered patients had been already called for dialysis treatments.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah congratulated the provincial Revenue Minister Makhdoom Jameel Zaman for almost completing automation of the revenue record also known as the computerisation of revenue of rights. "It was your personal interest that computerisation of the records has become possible," the chief minister said and added that the automation would not only protect the rights of the genuine owners but would also help to simply the procedure of mutation, transfer and other issues for the general public. The chief minister said this when Makhdoom Jameel Zaman called on him on Wednesday at the CM House. Makhdoom Jameel also discussed the issues of the Revenue Department, particularly the relief work being carried out in Thar. He said that he would shortly invite the chief minister for the formal inauguration of the automation system of revenue record.

LAHORE: Two police constables were killed when four motorcyclists opened fire at a police picket in the Iqbal Town police precincts on Wednesday. The assailants managed to flee from the crime scene after the attack. According to details, police constables Asif and Mubashar of Iqbal Town Police Station were performing their routine duty at a picket near Bhekhay Wala Chowk along with other police personnel when four masked men riding two motorcycles came there and opened fire at them. As a result, constables Asif and Mubashar were injured seriously. They were taken to a nearby hospital where they succumbed to their wounds. Dr Haider Ashraf, deputy inspector general of police for operations, senior superintendent of police for investigation and other police officials reached the scene and reviewed the situation. The police high-ups visited the hospital where doctors informed them that both policemen had succumbed to their wounds. According to the doctors, one policeman received two bullets in his chest and the other received two bullets in his head. Later, police shifted the bodies of the dead policemen to the city mortuary for their autopsies. Police had not registered the case till the filing of this report. Ashraf said that three police teams had been formed to investigate the matter. He said that police cordoned off the area and launched a search operation. He said that four masked men opened indiscriminate fire at the policemen. He said the culprits would be arrested soon. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif took notice of the firing at the police picket in Iqbal Town and sought a report from the capital city police officer. He expressed a deep sense of sorrow and grief at the death of the police constables in the firing incident and offered his condolences to the bereaved families. The chief minister told the authorities to arrest the culprits as soon as possible.

Conference on English writing kicks off at KC

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OMT case : LHC restrains govt from acquiring land of school

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CDA approves plans for seven high-rise buildings

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Rs 140m for new emergency ward in Benazir Hospital

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No approved rules for parking space in Islamabad

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Separately, a polio worker was injured when two motorcyclists opened fire at a polio team near Chauburji in the Sanda police precincts on Wednesday. Police said that two gunmen fired shots at the polio team, leaving polio worker Umar Khan injured. Khan was shifted to Mayo Hospital for treatment. Police said they were not informed about the polio campaign in the area.

LAHORE: Highlighting the intellectual, creative and critical aspect of Pakistani English writings, a two-day first international conference on 'Pakistani Writing in English' kicked off at Kinnaid College for Women on Wednesday. The inaugurating session was attended by number of writers across the world and Pakistan as well. KC Principal Dr Rukhsana David, International Centre for Pakistani Writings in English (ICPWE) Director Athar Tahir and renowned writer Muneeza Shamsi addressed on occasion. The conference was organised by ICPWE in collaboration with Kinnaid College for Women. While addressing on opening session, Dr Rukhsana David was of the view that KC had not only provided its students the quality education but all the activities and opportunities too which brought out the real talent inside them. She added that this conference where gathered some of the finest English writers at a place, this also provided students to have interaction with these writers and learn the best techniques.

LAHORE: A division bench of Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday stayed acquisition of a portion of Anjuman Himayat-i-Islam School, Multan Road for the construction of Orange Line Metro Train. The bench restrained the government from acquiring the land of the school and sought replies from the authorities concerned. The bench also issued notices to the government on another petition against pollution hazards caused by the OMT project. The school's management moved the petition submitting that the project authorities changed its original plan of the train's track and acquired the land of the school. The petitioner counsel submitted that the school had a historical significance, adding that the school building would be destroyed by this project. He requested to restrain the government for acquiring the school land.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has approved seven private and public high-rise buildings plan in the federal capital. The approval was given in the meeting of CDA design vetting committee. A six-storey building plan was approved for the construction of Islamabad High Court building on Constitution Avenue in sector G5. A 10-storey building plan for the construction of private power infrastructure board building in sector G11/1, building plan for construction of a 15-storey tower in plot A-4 in Blue Area, building plan for construction of a 15-storey tower in plot No 5 in sectors G8 and F8, building plan for construction of a four-storey plaza in plot 1-D of Jinnah Super market in sector F-7 Markaz, building plan for construction of a four-storey plaza at plot no 24 of super market in F-6 Markaz. The design was also approved for the construction of a two-storey building on a plot at Murree Road in federal capital.

RAWALPINDI: Medical Superintendent of Benazir Bhutto General Hospital Rawalpindi has said that Punjab government has released grant worth of Rs 140 million for the construction of a new emergency ward in Benazir General Hospital in the city. He further stated that this ward would be made functional in the month of March. The process for up gradation of Urology Department of this hospital with 10 new dialysis machines would be completed till February 20th. Civil work for Gyne and Paeds Filter Clinic located in Committee Chowk would be completed soon and its building would be handed over to Benazir General Hospital on February 27. This clinic will be made functional by the last week of March.

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) is working in absence of parking space requirement regulations, as there is no thumb rule for parking requirement in the capital city to get approval for the building plan for commercial and mixed use like plazas, hotels, restaurants and skyscrapers. According to reports, the CDA has no clear-cut rules and regulations regarding parking space requirements in codified shape for the approval of building plan whereas the capital city managers are free to approve building plans by their own wish and discretion as no thumb rule exists. Most of the old building plans were approved by the CDA without the availability of proper parking space that are now causing several problems like disturbance in the flow of traffic. The absence of parking space regulations is a question mark on the performance of policy makers who claim the federal capital as one of the most planned cities in the world. While talking to the Daily Times a high level official of CDA's planning wing on the basis of anonymity accepted that there is no written or previously approved general rules regarding parking space requirements. He said that there are some precedents in which CDA board had approved building plans having specified parking space in the plan but he was unable to state a uniform code or regulations in this regard. On the other side, CDA building control wing Deputy Director Nadeem Arif has also the same point of view and he argued that usually we give approval for the building plans in the meeting of a high level committee which includes the representatives of all relevant departments. He said although, we do not have written or approved regulations to place parking space as per requirement in the plan but we try to ensure that we force owners to leave suitable space for parking in their buildings. It is quite clear under the light of aforementioned statements that the capital's civic authority has no clear-cut rules and regulations regarding parking space and current practice is based on the sole discretion of said committee or persons who approves the building plans. While looking into the matter, Daily Times has learnt that the CDA is not only functioning in absence of parking space regulations but also ignoring the international standards and practices while approving the projects. A brochure of the auction of proposed five star hotels in the federal capital available on the website of CDA has specified three conditions for parking spaces as requirement; one car space for every three rooms, one car space for every 500 sq feet area for restaurant and halls and one car space for every 1000 sq feet of commercial use area. Unfortunately, by comparing this preconditions with official requirements of three biggest cities of the world; The Houston, city of Texas, Utah city in Western United States and the London city, it has become clear that CDA is clearly violating and ignoring the international parking standards. The data obtained from the official websites of three international cities states average car parking requirements as; one car parking space for one room, five car parking spaces for 500 sq feet area of restaurant and hotels and three car parking space for every

Qaim Ali Shah wants uninterrupted water supply to small villages

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1000 sq feet for commercial use area. This comparison indicates that the CDA's required car parking is five times less than international standards. If the capital's civic authority would proceed further in the same way than it would create huge traffic issues in future as already many buildings in capital are creating problems in the flow of traffic by occupying the roads in front of these hotels as their parking like. Marriot Hotel, Islamabad Hotel, Hill view Hotel and Bahria University Islamabad etc. An insider briefed the Daily Times that the CDA's management feel more convenient without the parking regulations as currently they are free to give benefit to any blue-eyed person by reducing parking space area in the building plan which will not be possible in case of the specified rules and regulations.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has directed Public Health Engineering (PHE) and Rural Development Department (RDD) to convert their water supply schemes on solar system so that water supply to small villages could be made uninterrupted. This he said while presiding over a meeting regarding the development schemes of PHE and RDD here at the Cm House on Tuesday. Those who attended the meeting include Senior Minister for Finance and Energy Syed Murad Ali Shah, Special Assistant to CM for PHE and RDD Fayaz Butt, Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Aijaz Ali Khan, Principal Secretary to CM Alamuddin Bullo, PHE and RDD Secretary Imran Atta Soomro, chief engineers and other staff. PHE Chief Engineer Nafees Shaikh said that over all 139 schemes, including 66 water supply and 73 drainage schemes were going on at cost of Rs 1.99 billion against which the Finance Department has released Rs1.7 billion and so far the utilisation of the released funds is Rs 0.88 billion. He said that 59 new schemes, including 27 water supply and 32 drainage schemes have been identified for which the government has allocated Rs 490.659 million. "These schemes are at the final stage of the approval and would be launched shortly," he said. Talking about rehabilitation of non-functional schemes, the chief engineer said the rehabilitation cost has been approved at Rs 2.9 billion, out of which Rs 1.82 billion have been released. Over Rs 916 million have been utilised out of the released amount. Replying to a question, the chief engineer said that 57 water supply and drainage schemes would be completed by the end of 2015-16. On this, the chief minister directed the Aijaz Ali Khan to conduct inspection of each and every scheme being completed by the end of current financial year. "Most of the schemes of PHE are not up to the mark in terms of their quality and utility," he said. PHE&RDD Secretary Imran Atta Soomro said that PHE construct schemes and then handover to the concerned community. The community usually fails to operate the scheme due to lack of funds. The chief minister directed the chief secretary to work out a proposal either to hand over the schemes to local government to create a repair and maintenance wing in the PHE so that community could take benefit from these schemes. The chief engineer said that in the different sectors this year 26 schemes have been launched. The chief minister said that the scheme of mobile drinking water testing and safety measures advisory project would be of great importance. "In this way the government would be able to collect data of the areas where unhealthy water exists. This would help the government to formulate new schemes according to the data collected RDD," he said. Talking about solar streetlights, the chief minister said that solar streetlights schemes have become so popular in the rural areas that every one asking was for such schemes. Finance Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said that the companies installing solar light must have a complete infrastructure to main them round the year. CM's Adviser on PHE and RDD Fayaz Butt said that he was making such contracts with the companies which not only install solar lights but keep them maintaining. "In order to avoid theft of the lights and ensure quality work, I have involved deputy commissioners by constituting monitoring committees under them," he said. The chief minister in his concluding remarks urged the ACD (development) to further strengthen his monitoring system to ensure quality of the schemes and keep him sending reports with necessary recommendation.

Capital's 422 schools to get biometric attendance system

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ISLAMABAD: The Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) is going to introduce biometric attendance system for the teaching and non-teaching staff of its 422 schools. A human resources management system (HRMS) is also being established by administration to enhance the functioning of capital's educational body. According to reports, the FDE has decided to increase the use of information technology (IT) for the monitoring and centralised control over 422 educational institutions in the federal capital. Employees' attendance, time response, productivity, performance and profile management will be recorded through new IT system. The convergence of attendance from manual to automatic system will enhance the FDE's capability on decision support and evaluation of an employee against the defined key performance indicators. The biometric attendance system would also cater the attendance report of the employees of schools and colleges that are working under the FDE whereas the HRMS will use to collect and organise the profiles of employees of FDE. The FDE administration has already floated a tender to seek bids from the qualified IT firms. The tender sought the expertise of the firms to develop a comprehensive HRMS software, biometric attendance and distribution, installation, configuration of biometric machines at educational institutions across the federal capital. While talking to the Daily Times the Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Secretary Khalid Hanif said, "The bidding process is under progress and the FDE administration has opened the received bids on February 11th but the contract would be granted to the successful IT firm after the scrutiny and comparison of all received proposals." The biometric attendance system would also ensure the time and attendance against the employees' job shifts and responsibilities and also enhance the control of administration over the work force by monitoring them on regular bases. The HRM system will empower the administration to effectively manage the transfers, leave applications and shifts of the staff. The steps to convert attendance of the teachers and staff on biometric system and development of HRM system are being proceeded under the Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme (PMERP). This is a step, which is being initiated by administration to restructure the FDE whereas other steps like installation of biometric system in FDE head office, formulation of revised recruitment rules are also under process.

ICT to ban kite flying

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration is going to ban kite flying from the last week of February in federal capital. An official of ICT said on Tuesday that decision has been taken for safety of the people, adding that some people are flying kites in the residential areas of the city

WASA needs to replace 20,000 outdated metres

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which are creating problems in various areas. He said that the administration would implement ban on kite flying till month of April. The official further said that the parents also need to cooperate with administration and not allow their children for kite flying due to which number of incidents were reported in previous years in various parts of the country. The official said, "Kite-flying is a cultural festival which is misused by applying copper wire and metallic strings causing number of incidents as large number of people had lost their lives adding that if kite-flying was used in a proper way then ban would have not been imposed by the authorities concerned."

LAHORE: As many as 20,000 water metres have gone out of order and the Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Lahore immediately needs to replace these out dated devices causing huge financial loss monthly to the organisation. WASA was already facing a big challenge of thousands of illegal water connections across the provincial capital and a strategy was also prepared to regularise these connections by installing smart metres in different phases. Under this project, as many as 12,050 new metres on illegal water connections were installed with an aim to overcome water theft and reduce financial deficit. Well-placed sources in WASA said on Tuesday that WASA had total 40,000 metres on water connections across the city, most of which were declared dead. These dead metres do not show reading due to which, WASA has to issue estimated bill causing financial losses to the agency. WASA needed to install 650,000 water metres, out of which 12,050 were installed so far and the rest of task will be completed in next phases throughout the city. It may be noted that WASA is initiating the task with the grant of Punjab government in order to manage revenue deficit and an initial amount of Rs 300 million was approved recently. The sources added that WASA installed most of the metres, out of 12,050, on 'commercial connections', while domestic connections would also be regularised through installation of efficient metres. WASA is expecting total receipts of Rs 13.79 billion by the Lahore Development Authority (LDA) and the Punjab government in the financial year 2015-16, while it will spend Rs 13.93 billion, including Rs 5.1482 billion for development schemes. An amount of Rs 115 million will be spent on preparation of master plan of water supply, sewerage and drainage system for Lahore.

US embassy welcomes 200 students to English access programme

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ISLAMABAD: The US Embassy Public Affairs Counselor Jeffrey Sexton on Tuesday welcomed a new cohort of 200 students from Sir Syed Public School, Rawalpindi to the English Access Micro Scholarship Programme in a ceremony. The students between 13 to 16 years of age will participate in a two-year programme to develop English language skills that would lead to better educational prospects and future job opportunities. Sexton said that English is the language of opportunity in the 21st century adding that English is a skill that will help you in your future work life no matter what job you choose. Nearly 3,000 students across Pakistan currently participate in the US Embassy's English Access Micro scholarship Programme. Since the programme's launch in Pakistan in 2004, more than 11,000 talented 13 to 20 year old students from all over Pakistan have received after-school English language classes and other intensive training through the programme. Participants would gain the ability to compete for and will also participate in future exchanges and study in the United States. Sir Syed Public School also hosted two previous access cohorts from 2007 to 2009 and 2012 to 2014. Access alumnus Syeda Urooj Haider from 2007-2009 also addressed the new students praising the commitment of her teachers in the programme. She said, "Access teachers do a marvelous job," adding "They support you and motivate you. She said, "I thank my teachers for their continuous support." More information about the US State Department Office of English Language Programmes including free resources for teachers and students can be found at AmericanEnglish.state.gov.

Ebad inaugurates anti-polio drive

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KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan said on Monday that female workers from local communities have been hired to ensure every child gets the polio vaccine during the anti-polio campaign. He said this while inaugurating a three-day anti-polio campaign across the province. Karachi Commissioner Syed Asif Hyder Shah was also present on the occasion. Ebad said the polio workers are also engaged in clearing the misconceptions and reservations regarding the vaccine as they have better access to their local communities. While replying to a question regarding polio workers security, he said that it was being ensured according to the needs and requirements of various areas of the metropolis. Responding to another question regarding refusals, the Sindh governor said that resistance has considerably decreased as parents now understand the importance of vaccine and that anti-polio drops are pivotal to save their children from disability for life. Ebad replied to a query regarding effectiveness of the polio vaccine by saying that the matter was being looked into. It was our collective responsibility to create awareness about the benefits of polio drops in our respective circles, he added and said that people belonging to all walks of life have been approached during the initiative. "It is worth mentioning that the operation in tribal areas has minimised the emergence of polio cases from those area as more children are being administered with polio drops," he added. Commissioner Karachi informed the Sindh governor that 2.2 million children would be administered polio vaccine during the campaign for which more than 6,000 teams have been constituted.

City to pile up 16,000 tonnes of garbage daily by 2020

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KARACHI: In view of constant population growth Karachi is expected to pile up 16,000 tonnes of garbage daily by 2020, said Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SSWMB) Managing Director Roshan Sheikh on Monday. Talking to a delegation of investors, comprising both foreign and local, interested in the series of schemes chalked-out by the board, he said the metropolis was currently producing 12,000 tonnes of garbage. "We are predominantly interested in providing a disease-free and clean environment to the citizens," SSWMB chief said, adding that we are also equally conscious of the fact that the garbage can be turned into an efficient source of income as well as energy generation." Roshan Sheikh acknowledging that presently not much of the garbage is being collected on scientific lines from the metropolis and said yet 27 percent of the waste collected has a potential to produce 500mw of electricity. "One can easily decipher the existing potential, not only in terms of electricity generation but also in context of other viable recycling options," he said. Sheikh said schemes developed under Sindh Solid Waste Management include door to door garbage collection, construction of garbage transfer stations (GST) and energy generation schemes. Each of these have drawn tremendous attention from the investors, he said mentioning that short term as well as long term schemes are being developed for the purpose. Sheikh reiterated that provision of a healthy and

CDA asked to repair water filtration plants at G7

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Work on two colleges in Rawalpindi stalled for years

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Plan to launch motorcycle medical service proposed

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Refusal cases biggest challenge for polio vaccinators in Balochistan

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disease free environment for the city's residents is the top priority of the government and all out measures are being taken to ensure that garbage is collected on daily basis to avoid a back log. He said that 12 multi-national companies have expressed their willingness to invest in the schemes related to solid waste management in the metropolis.

ISLAMABAD: Citizens on Monday complained that water filtration plants in sector G7 were out of order for last several months, creating hardship to residents in fetching potable water. They said the faulty filtration plants in the sector need immediate maintenance but unfortunately authority concerned was not giving proper attention to the problem despite many complaints lodged by them. "These water plants have become problematic for residents as they come to get water but go with empty hands. Mainly all filtration plants at G7/1, G7/3 and G7/4 are out of order," they complained. The residents demanded the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to repair these plants on urgent basis for ensuring better health to the residents. Residents of G7/1 sector said that it was the fundamental right of every citizen to have clean drinking water but sector G7 were still lacking this facility as there was an immediate need for installation of water filtration plant. Raza Haroon, a resident of G7 said, "Problem of clean drinking water still persists in our sector, as daily I had to go to long way to bring clean water." When contacted, Capital Development Authority (CDA) Director Jabbar Khan said the authority repairs filtration plants after every three to four months. He assured that concerns regarding filtration plants will be addressed shortly.

ISLAMABAD: Work on two degree colleges in Dhok Syedan has been in doldrums for the last eight years, adding to the sufferings of the youth, who have to travel for miles to reach colleges in town. Given the gravity of the situation, PTI lawmaker Asif Mehmood has submitted an adjournment motion in Punjab Assembly to highlight the matter. According to details, the construction work on two degree colleges of Dhoke Syedan in Rawalpindi was initiated by the government of Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi under the supervision of then law minister Muhammad Bsharat Raja in 2007. The government has spent Rs 42 million on the construction of these colleges, but unfortunately these colleges are still uncompleted. The issue was first highlighted by a NGO, Sustainable Social Development Organisation (SSDO), which launched a massive public awareness and counselling campaign in this regard. Talking to Daily Times, SSDO executive director Syed Kausar Abbas said, "Education is not the priority of incumbent government as we can see in the case of the colleges of Dhoke Syedan where government has failed to start classes from last eight years." The drug peddlers have turned the under-construction buildings into their abodes, he mentioned. "The government had spent Rs 42 million on the construction work of these buildings during 2007-2009, but later the PML-N's government in Punjab stopped the funds for these colleges due to political biasness," alleged an official of Education Department on the condition of anonymity. A resident of the area Malik Atif was of the view, "We have approached our elected representatives' number of times for the completion of these projects but they just make fake commitments with us which could not be materialised." Former Punjab law minister Raja Bsharat considered it as a "political victimization" saying, "The project is being neglected just because it was our initiative. This project was supposed to be completed in 2009 and ninety percent construction work was completed before the end of our government. We demanded the government to conduct a judicial inquiry on such a huge loss to public exchequer as these colleges are not the sole example of Shahbaz Sharif's political victimisation but 90 other colleges are facing same situation," he maintained. When contacted, Rawalpindi Colleges Director Prof Humayun Iqbal said, "The development work on the buildings of said colleges was stopped due to unavailability of funds but now Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has approved the funding for these colleges and it will be released in coming days."

LAHORE: Scottish Parliamentarian Hanzala Malik proposed the idea of launching a Motorcycle Medical Service (MMS) in the provincial capital as a pilot project during his visit to the Rescue 1122 Headquarters on Monday. He said that MMS would be helpful in managing effective response time of rescue 1122 for which he also pledged to arrange motorbikes and emergency kits. He said that rescue 1122 must be prepared to handle the orange line emergencies as well. On the occasion, Rescue 1122 Director General Brig (r) Dr Arshad Zia along with senior rescue officers briefed him about the measures taken towards enhancing the operational capacity of emergency service. The DG apprised him that in line with the vision of the chief minister, nine dedicated Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams have been approved. Latest rescue equipment and recruitment of staff is currently under process, which will greatly enhance the capacity of Rescue 1122 in the field of USAR, he added. Zia said service rules have been submitted to the Home Department for approval, as lack of promotion and job security were the main concerns of the rescuers. Moreover, the case of admissible allowances for rescuers has also been submitted to the Home Department, he added. The DG said that the problem of shortage of staff would be addressed shortly, as the summary for recruitment of over 700 staff has already been approved by the government. Arshad Zia thanked Hanzala Malik for his continuous support and contribution in establishing Rescue 1122 on modern lines like developed countries. Hanzala Malik assured that he would discuss the salary and service structure issues of Rescue1122 in his upcoming meeting with the chief minister. He lauded the performance of Punjab Emergency Service and extended his sincere cooperation in the capacity building of Rescue 1122 by offering training of Rescue personnel, especially in the emergency management for OMT.

QUETTA: As a three-day vaccination campaign against polio in 15 high-risk districts of Balochistan got under way, the toughest task of vaccinators in the province is to deal with parents who refuse to get their children vaccinated against the crippling disease. According to a report of Pakistan Demographic Health Survey, there had been 2,821 refusal cases during a similar campaign launched in the province last month. Around 15,232 other children did not receive polio drops because they were not available when vaccinators visited their homes. The cases of refusal were high in Quetta as compared to other parts of the province. The report said for addressing the issue of missed children and improving the trust of parents over vaccinators, the provincial government set up 119 health camps in high-risk areas — 48 in Quetta, 45 in Qila Abdullah and 26 in Pishin. These health camps provided diagnosis and treatment services, vaccination facilities for polio and other diseases and

Dead van driver blamed for fatal train accident

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Fourth Pakistan Mountain Culture Festival on 19th

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PU team unearths 1.1m-year-old elephant tusk in Gujrat

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Capital to get first mayor, three deputy mayors today

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antenatal care services to pregnant women. The report portrayed a very grim picture of healthcare situation in Balochistan. According to the Pakistan Demographic Health Survey 2012-2013, the under-five child mortality rate was 111 deaths per 1,000 live births in Balochistan and infant mortality rate 97 per 1,000 live births. It said 60 per cent of these children died of vaccine preventable diseases. Only 16 per cent children in the province are fully immunised against nine deadly diseases.

HYDERABAD: Police have registered a case against the deceased van driver following Sunday night's accident in Matari area involving the van and a train. Seven other people were also killed and four others suffered injuries. The case has been registered on the complaint of Shahpur Darpur SHO Imdad Lashari against Qadir Bukhsh, the driver. The complainant has also held 'negligence of the Railways department' partly responsible for the accident. The van was crushed under the wheels of Lahore-bound Fareed Express at an unmanned railway crossing near Allah Dino Sand station. The deceased included Sawan Nahiyoan, Chandsar, his wife Shama and brothers Dev, Harchand, Parbhu and Jay Mal. One Bhooro miraculously survived as he managed to jump off the van before it was hit by the train.

ISLAMABAD: The Fourth Pakistan Mountain Culture Festival will be celebrated from February 19 at Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) and Open Air Theater. Initiative for Promotion of Pamiri Arts and Culture (IPPAC) in collaboration with PNCA, Shandur Welfare Organisation and Idara Baraye Talim o Taraqi (IBT) will arrange the three-day mega cultural event on the theme of 'Culture for Peace and Pluralism' to mark 'International Mother Language Day 2016' and celebrating the culture of the mountain communities of Karakoram, Hindukush, Himalayas and Pamir. Renowned artists, musicians and poets from Gilgit Baltistan, Chitral and Swat Kohistan will perform colorful regional dances and singing shows while poetry recital and a conference will also be part of the event. IPPAC aims at contributing in the projection of a soft image of the country through sustainable development of art and culture. "Through various cultural activities, which are the need of hour, we can develop the regions as one of the potential tourist destination and hence generate economic activities in the region," said an official of IPPAC. The initiative aims at building a network and providing a platform to the artists and artisans of the region to exhibit their talent to the outside world and transfer their skills to the young generation through training. IPPAC also aims at creating an endowment fund that strives to work for the well being of the artists and artisans and cater to their financial needs so that they could live a respectable life, he added. The three-day event will feature language conference, mushaira and folk musical performance by 40 renowned artists, poets and artisans coming from different ethnic backgrounds from Gilgit Baltistan and Chitral region representing their diverse languages. During the event, the unique handicrafts and cuisines of these regions will also be showcased.

LAHORE: Punjab University's (PU) palaeontological team has recovered 1.1 million-year-old elephant tusk from Pabbi, Gujrat. Investigating team comprising Prof Dr Muhammad Akhtar, Dr Muhammad Akbar Khan, Dr Abdul Majid Khan, Dr Abdul Ghaffar, research scholar Sayyed Ghyour Abbas, Muhammad Asim, Muhammad Khalil Nawaz, Khalid Mahmood, Shabina Gull and Muhammad Ameen and several students were sent to the area on recommendations of Department of Zoology Chairman Prof Dr Iqbal Qazi. Tusk belongs to extinct genus of elephant family named 'Stegodon' and measures approximately eight feet long and eight inches in diameter. It is the largest tusk of the elephant species ever found in Pakistan. Bovid skulls with associated isolated teeth were recovered from Punjan Sher Shahana, Gujrat from where the elephant skull was recovered previously. Prof Dr Muhammad Akhtar mentioned that these fossils will essentially be helpful in understanding classification and evolution of animals and play a significant role in deciphering past life of this area (Siwaliks) and its relationship with the living animals of above said family.

ISLAMABAD: The first ever mayor of the federal capital will be elected today (Monday). Islamabad Metropolitan Corporation has 50 elected union council chairmen and 27 members on reserved seats. As many as 77 elected office-bearers of Islamabad Metropolitan Corporation (IMC) will elect first-ever mayor and three deputy mayors of the federal capital today. The polling will be held at Jinnah Convention Centre and the elections will be held through secret ballot, said a spokesman of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Sunday. He said that the polling timings are from 9am to 5pm. The already elected chairpersons from 50 union councils of federal capital along with 27 members from reserved seats would elect a mayor and deputy mayors, he added. He said that there would be electoral college of 77 members for this election. The aspirant candidates of different political parties had filed their nomination papers for the seats of mayor and deputy mayors. Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N's) Sheikh Ansar Aziz had filed nomination papers for the office of mayor of the federal capital along with his three deputy mayors Zeeshan Ali Naqvi, Chaudhry Rifhat Javed and Muhammad Azam. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI's) Raja Khuram Nawaz would contest for the seat of mayor while Ali Nawaz Awan, Raja Zulfqarnain Haider and Fozia Arshad would contest for the seats of deputy mayors respectively, he added. The PML-N, which is far ahead of its competitors, is expected to sweep the election of mayor. Capital Development Authority (CDA) had already proposed the offices for the mayor and deputy mayors in CDA's revenue building (Iqbal Hall) and old Navel Headquarters. Meanwhile, the ECP also issued the code of conduct for the elections of a mayor and deputy mayors of ICT barring federal executive authorities to influence elections in favour of a particular candidate or a political party. The spokesman further said that the decision was taken to ensure that elections in Metropolitan Corporation are conducted freely and fairly. The ECP directed that all executive authorities in the federation that it will not use state resources in local government (LG) elections with the aim to influence elections in favour of a particular candidate or a political party, he added. The ECP spokesman said that if any person in government service misuses his official position in any manner in order to influence results of elections than he shall be liable to be proceeded against under section 60 of the Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Act, 2015. Any holder of public office, who is found to have violated any provision of election laws or the instructions issued by the Election Commission of Pakistan shall be proceeded against as mandated in law, he added. Moreover, the office of the ECP as well as the offices of district returning officer and

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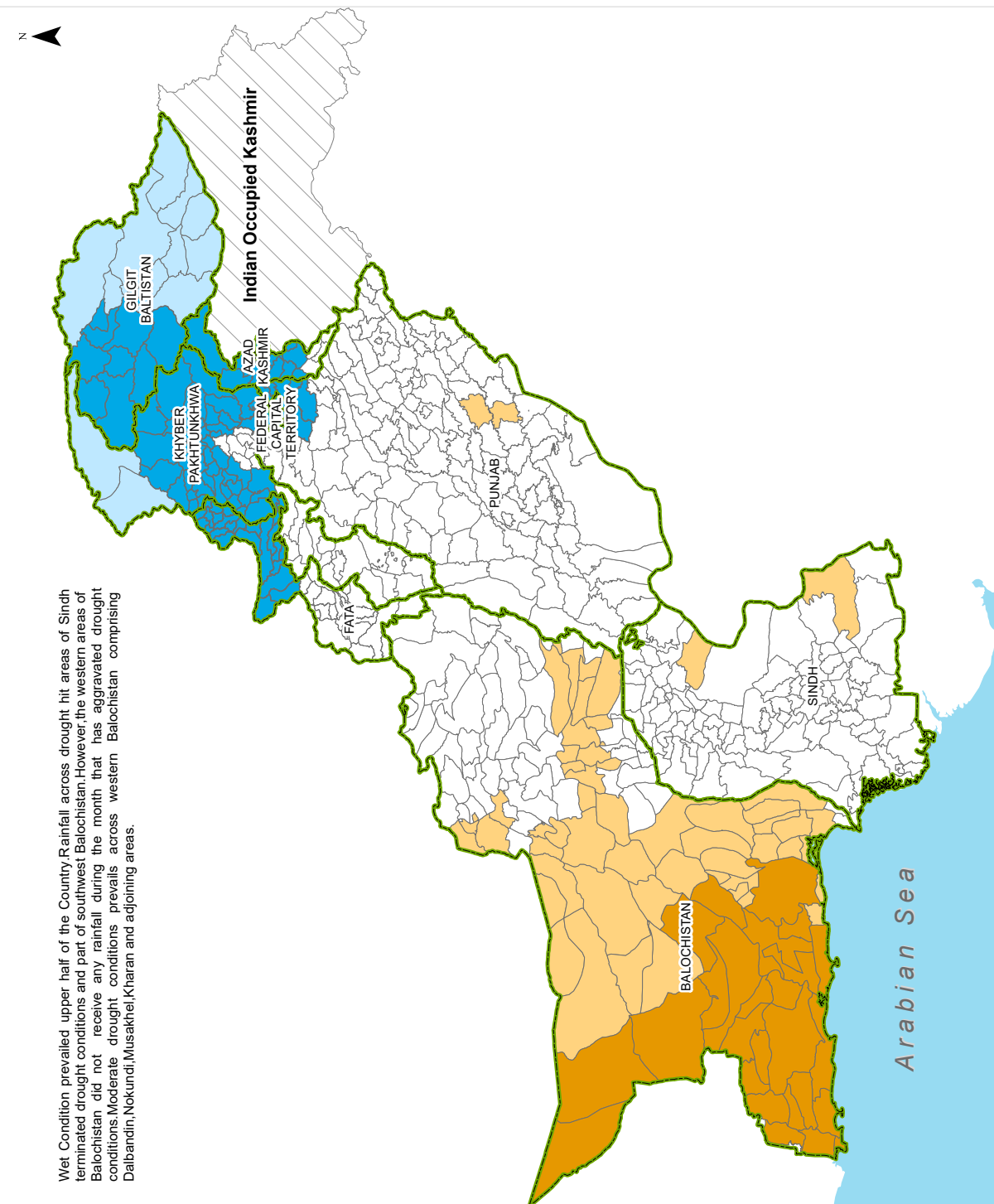
returning officer shall remain open on all public holidays during the schedule period.

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Compressed Natural Gas Association (APCNGA) on Sunday expressed confidence that the government's recent deal to import Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Qatar would help revive the CNG sector, which was bearing the brunt of prevailing energy crisis in the country. Pinning high hopes with the LNG import agreement and the government's sincere efforts to overpower the energy shortage, APCNGA Chairman Ghiyas Paracha said that the deal would pave the way for reopening of hundreds of CNG outlets which had been closed due to prolonged gas suspension over the past several years. He said CNG was an environment-friendly fuel and claimed that it was 30 per cent cheaper as compared to petrol at the existing rates, adding that CNG was being sold at Rs53 per litre and Rs 82 per kilogram. Answering a question, he said the purpose behind selling the CNG in litre was to do its comparison with petrol so that consumers could feel the difference. But, he said, efforts would be made to end the prevailing CNG price disparity in provinces and bring its prices to Rs 47 per litre from Rs53 in consultation with the government.

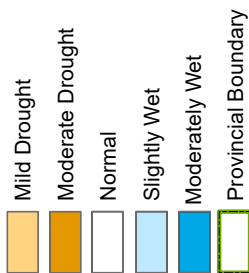
Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

As of 1 February to 15 February, 2016

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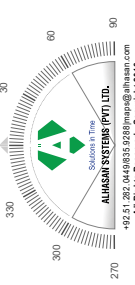
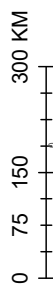


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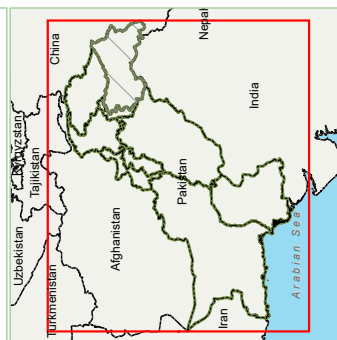


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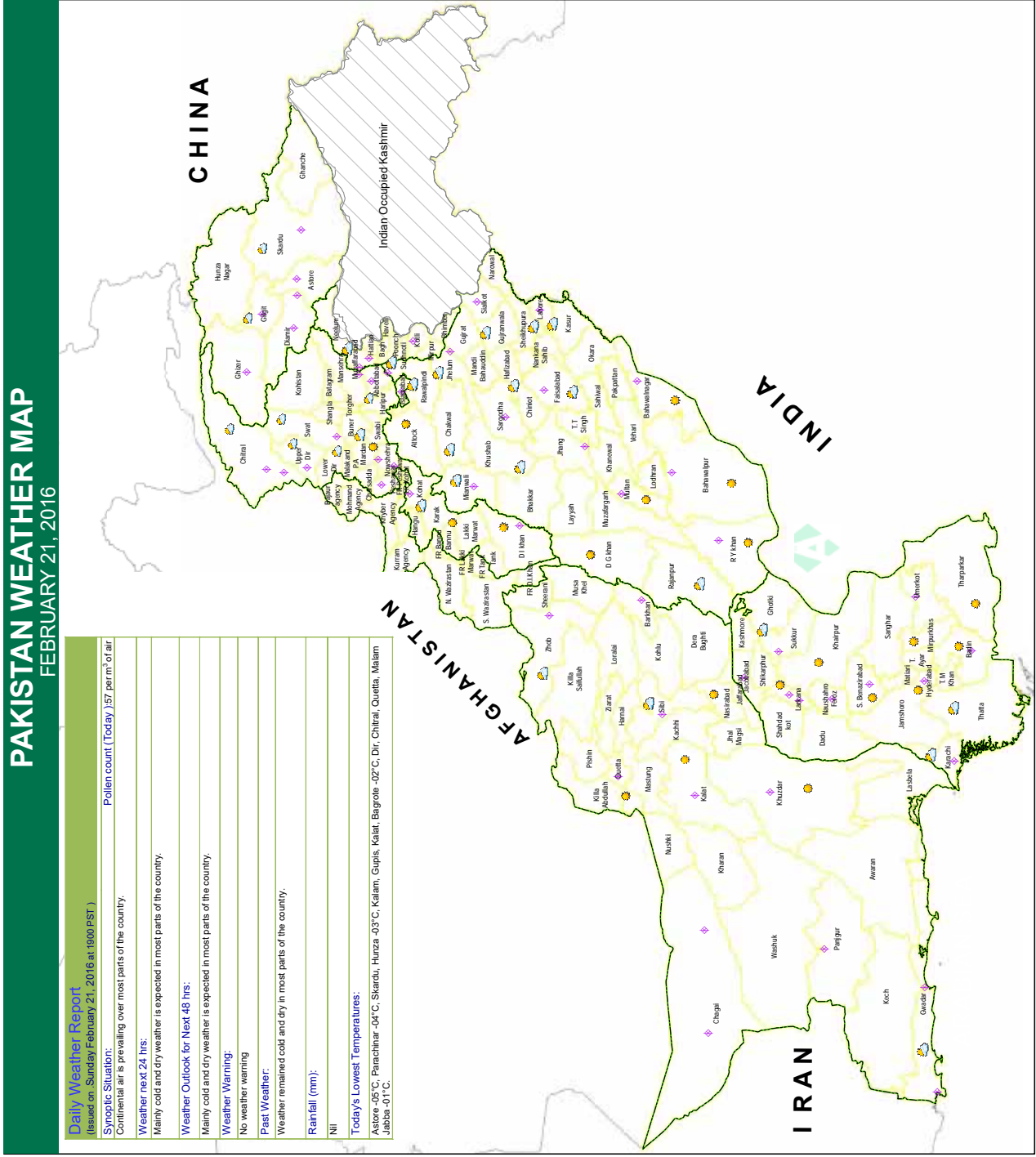
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SWINE FLU OUTBREAK IN KARACHI-SINDH

Another swine flu death in Karachi KARACHI-Karachi's health authorities said on Wednesday that a man had died of swine flu in the city a day earlier, the third death caused by the disease in the metropolis this year. Dr Zafar Aliqaz, the city's health director, said Ghulam Rasool, 53, a resident of PECHS, tested positive for the H1N1 influenza, passed away at a private hospital on Tuesday. Earlier this month, a baby girl and an elderly man had died of swine flu in the city. Two other people had died of flu this month too, but the health authorities were unable to determine the type of the influenza virus that had caused their death.



Weekly Accident Map of Pakistan (From Feb 15, 2016 to Feb 21, 2016)

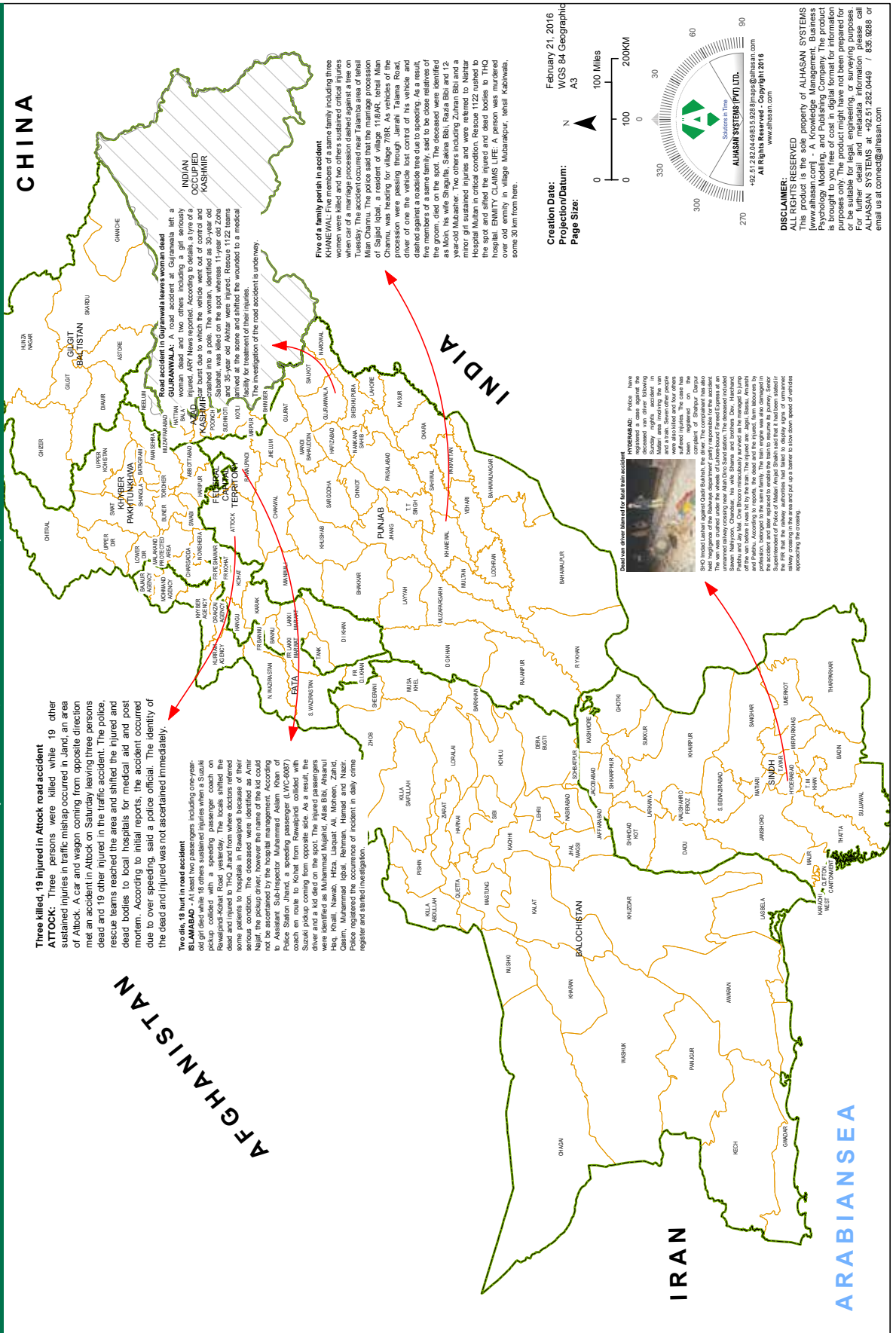
Three killed, 19 injured in Attock road accident
ATTOCK: Three persons were killed while 19 other sustained injuries in traffic mishap occurred in land area of Attock. A car and wagon coming from opposite direction met in an accident in Attock on Saturday leaving three persons dead and 19 other injured in the traffic accident. The police, rescue teams reached the area and shifted the injured and dead bodies to local hospitals for medical aid and post mortem. According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to over speeding, said a police official. The identity of the dead and injured was not ascertained immediately.

Two die, 18 hurt in road accident
BLAMABAD: At least two passengers including one-year-old girl died while 18 others sustained injuries when a Suzuki pickup collided with a speeding passenger coach on Saturday in a road accident in Islamabad. The coach was carrying 20 passengers and was heading towards the city. The accident occurred near the intersection of the main road and a side road. The coach was speeding and failed to stop in time. The pickup was also speeding and failed to stop in time. The accident resulted in the death of two passengers and 18 others sustained injuries. The police, rescue teams reached the area and shifted the injured and dead bodies to local hospitals for medical aid and post mortem. According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to over speeding, said a police official. The identity of the dead and injured was not ascertained immediately.

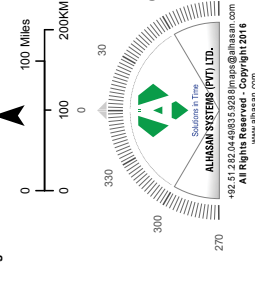
Five of a family perish in accident
A five-member family including three women were killed and two others sustained critical injuries when car of a marriage procession crashed against a tree on Tuesday. The accident occurred near Tamba area of tehsil Man Charnu. The police said that the marriage procession of Sajid Iqbal, a resident of village 1104K, tehsil Man Charnu, was heading towards the village. The procession was passing through Jirah Tamba Road, and driver of one of the vehicle lost control of his vehicle and crashed against a roadside tree due to speeding. As a result, five members of a same family, said to be close relatives of Sajid Iqbal, were killed. The deceased were Sajid Iqbal, his wife Shabir, Sajid's son Sajid, Sajid's daughter Sajid, and Sajid's daughter Sajid. The accident occurred on a narrow road. The police, rescue teams reached the area and shifted the injured and dead bodies to local hospitals for medical aid and post mortem. According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to over speeding, said a police official. The identity of the dead and injured was not ascertained immediately.



Dead van driver blamed for Mar train accident
HYDERABAD: Police have accused van driver following a train accident in Hyderabad. The van was moving in the wrong direction and hit the train. The accident resulted in the death of a van driver and injuries to several people. The police, rescue teams reached the area and shifted the injured and dead bodies to local hospitals for medical aid and post mortem. According to initial reports, the accident occurred due to over speeding, said a police official. The identity of the dead and injured was not ascertained immediately.



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PAKISTAN - Arrested Suspected People

5 suspected militants killed in Mohmand Agency

MOHMAND AGENCY: Security forces on Saturday killed five suspected militants during a search operation in Mohmand Agency's Karapa area, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) confirmed in a statement. "Following the two attacks in Mohmand Agency on Wednesday which killed nine Khasadar force officials, Frontier Corps (FC) carried out a search operation in Karapa area of Pandyal. In Mohmand Agency," an FC official said, "suspected militants launched the attack on security forces in the early hours of Saturday, to which the forces responded with retaliatory firing, leaving five of the attackers dead. A large cache of explosives and other weapons was also recovered from suspects in various parts of the agency. Further, bodies of the militants were handed over to political leadership. Concerned authorities have increased the level of security in the area, including all entry points. Moreover, people living in the area have been asked to limit their movement between 8am to 8pm."

35 Afghan nationals arrested in Quetta

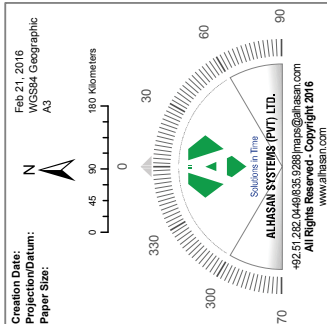
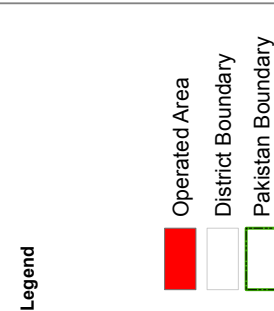
FC spokesperson says two suspects were also arrested during search operation in Eastern Bypass area. The Frontier Corps Balochistan and Police have arrested thirty-five Afghan nationals in a search operation in Eastern Bypass area of Quetta. The FC spokesperson told Radio Pakistan Quetta correspondent that the two suspects were also arrested in search operation. He told that pistols and laptops were also recovered from their possession. They have been handed over to police for further interrogation.

Seven militants en route to launch attack killed near Shekhnupura

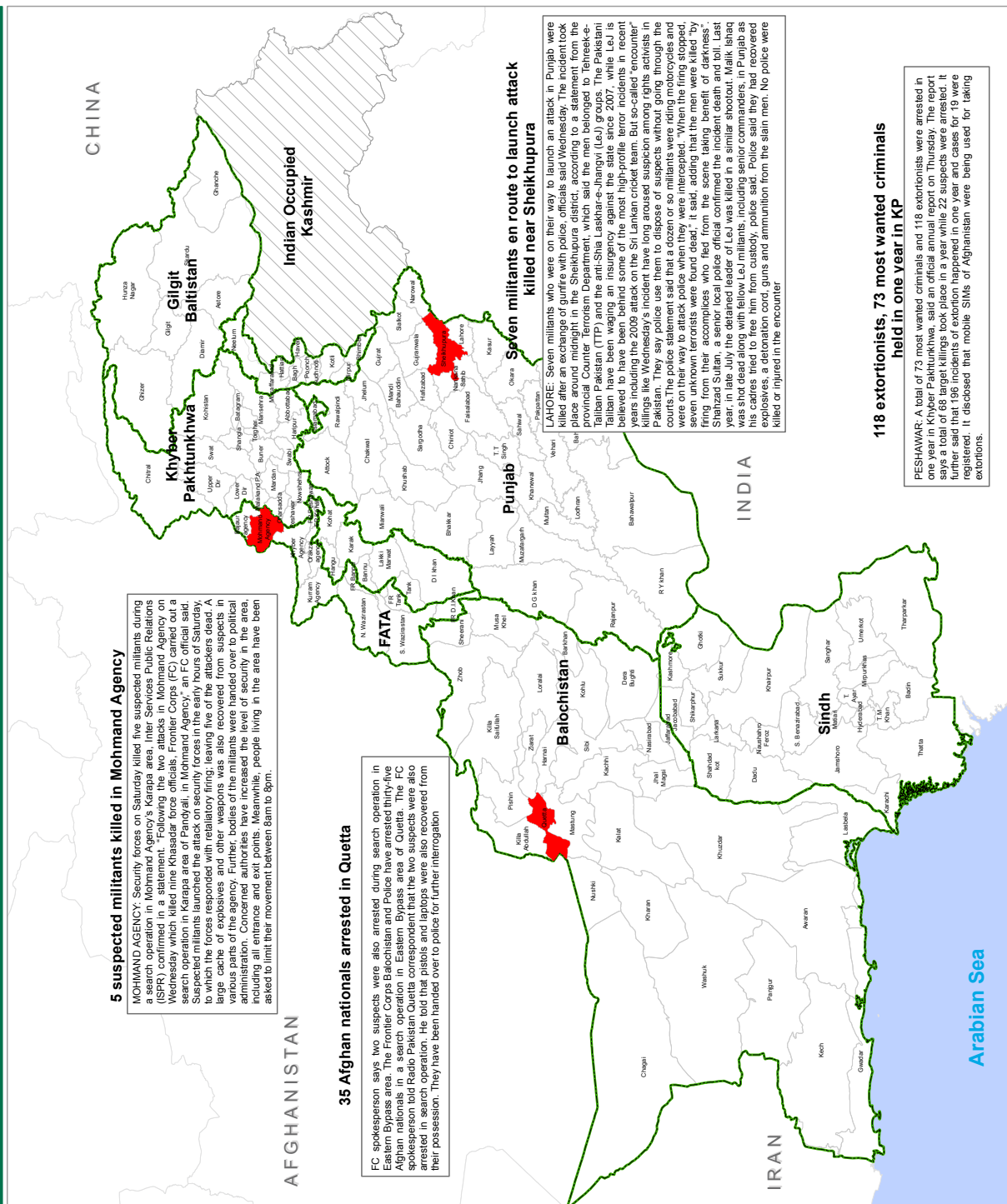
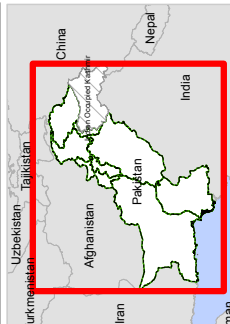
LAHORE: Seven militants who were on their way to launch an attack in Punjab were killed after an exchange of gunfire with police officials said Wednesday. The incident took place near Shekhnupura, a village in the district of Faisalabad. The militants were en route to launch an attack on a police station in the area. The police officials said that the militants were carrying weapons and explosives. They were killed after a prolonged gun battle with the police. The police officials said that the militants were carrying weapons and explosives. They were killed after a prolonged gun battle with the police. The police officials said that the militants were carrying weapons and explosives. They were killed after a prolonged gun battle with the police.

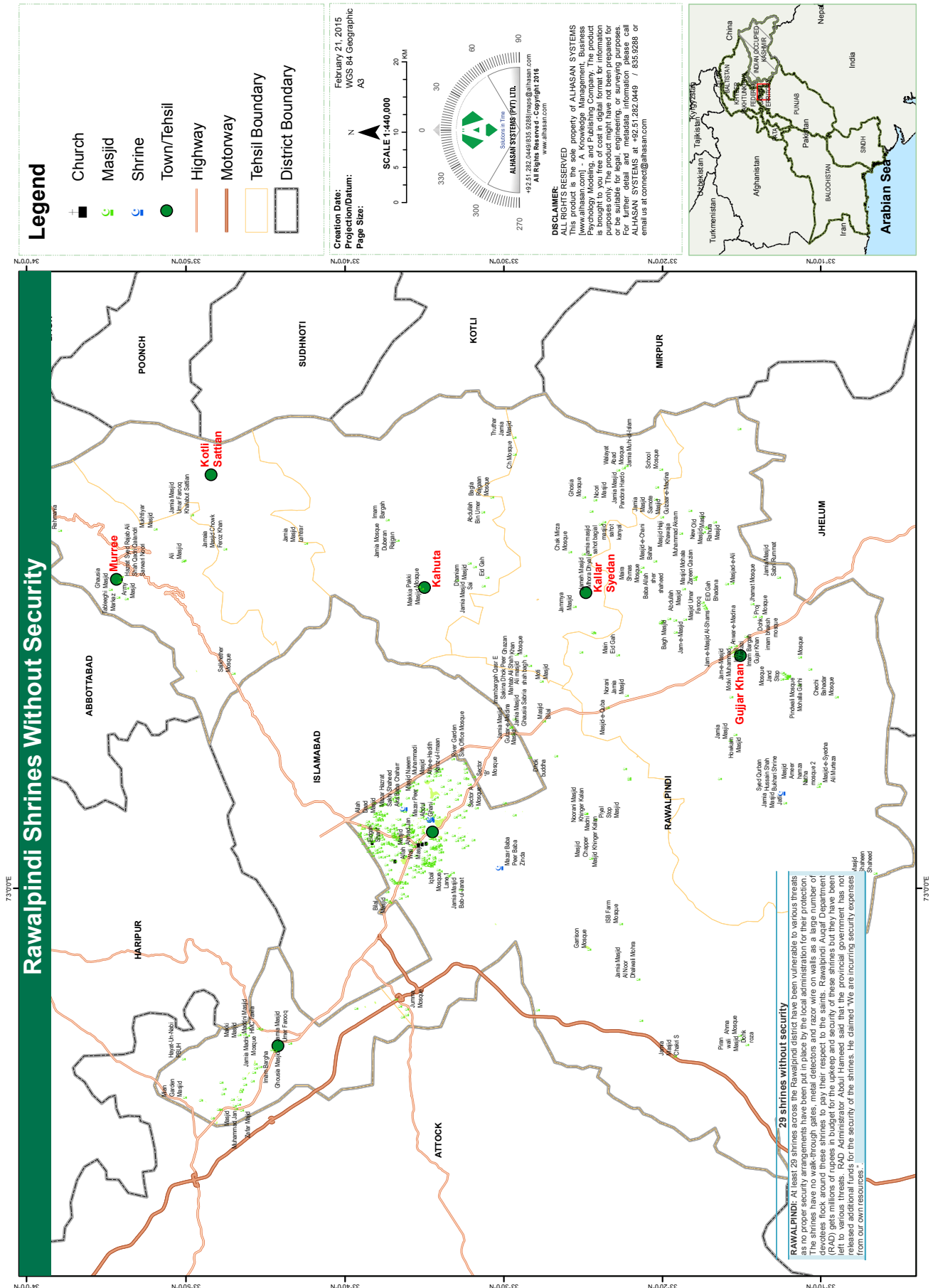
118 extortionists, 73 most wanted criminals held in one year in KP

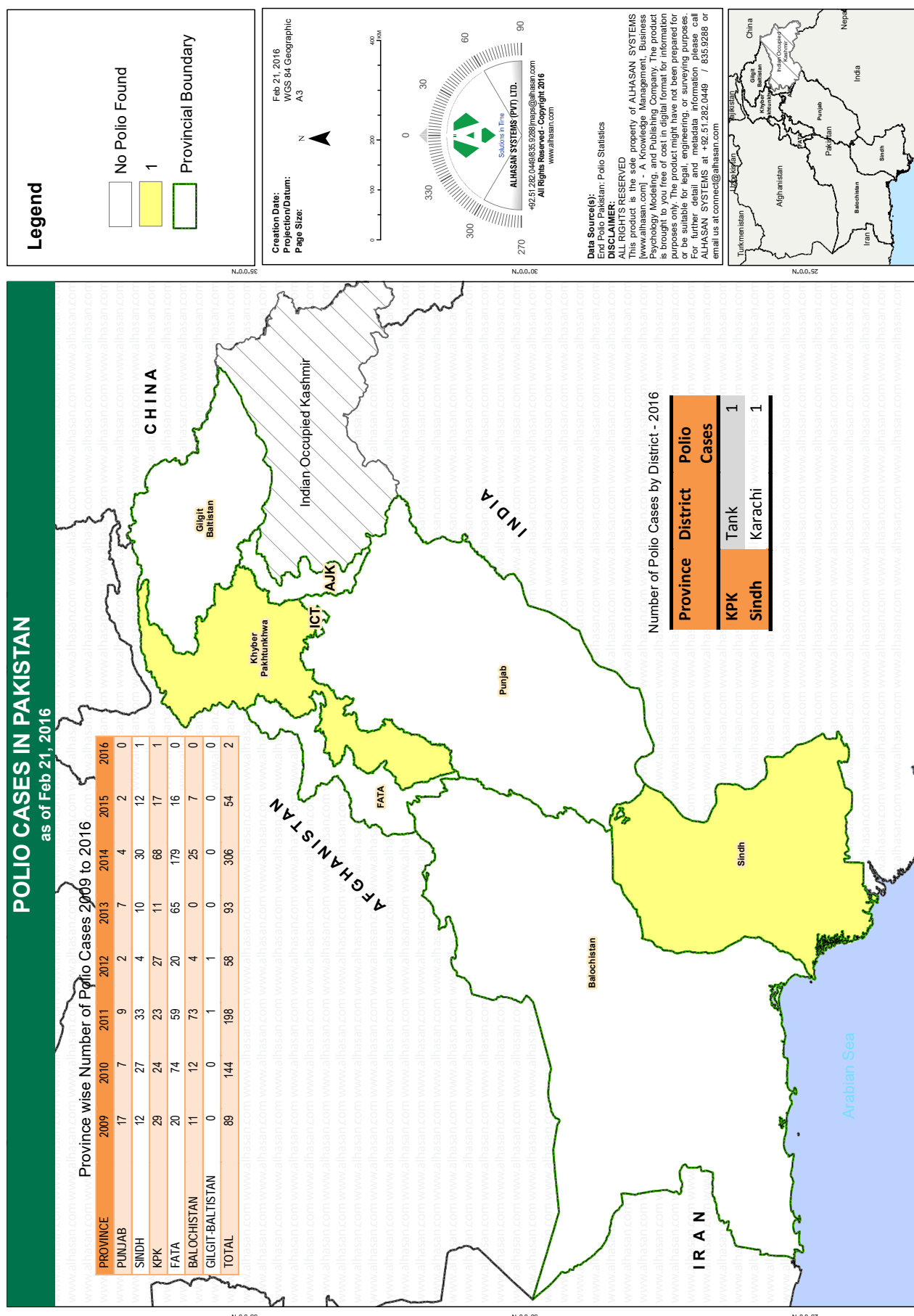
PESHAWAR: A total of 73 most wanted criminals and 118 extortionists were arrested in one year in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said an official annual report on Thursday. The report says a total of 68 large killings took place in a year while 22 suspects were arrested. It further said that 196 incidents of extortion happened in one year and cases for 19 were registered. It disclosed that mobile SIMs of Afghanistan were being used for taking extortions.



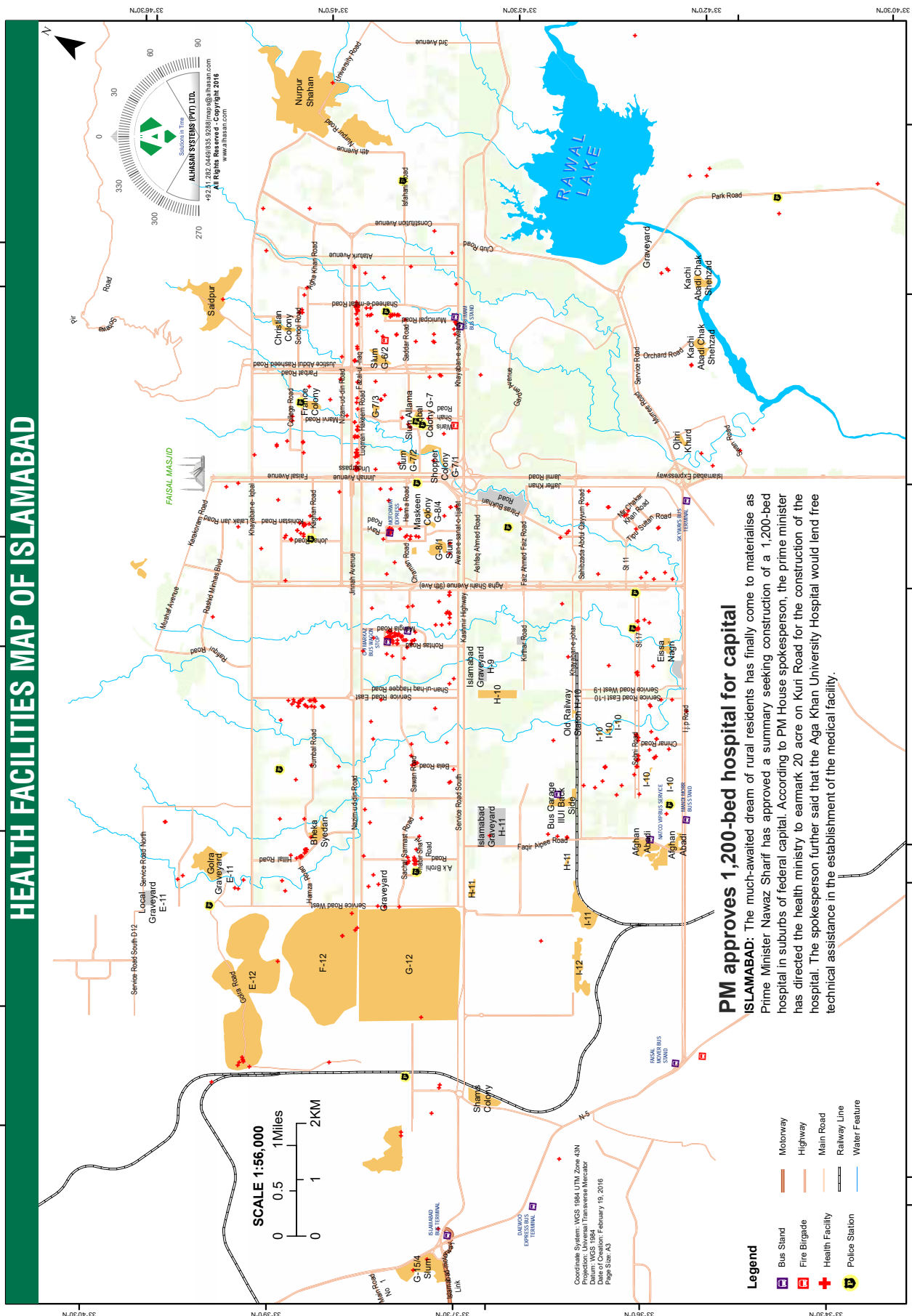
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HEALTH FACILITIES MAP OF ISLAMABAD



PM approves 1,200-bed hospital for capital

ISLAMABAD: The much-awaited dream of rural residents has finally come to materialise as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has approved a summary seeking construction of a 1,200-bed hospital in suburbs of federal capital. According to PM House spokesperson, the prime minister has directed the health ministry to earmark 20 acre on Kuri Road for the construction of the hospital. The spokesperson further said that the Aga Khan University Hospital would lend free technical assistance in the establishment of the medical facility.

Revamped Park in Capital of Pakistan

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- Fire Brigade
- Police Station
- Motorway
- Highway
- Main Road
- Railway Line
- Water Feature
- Park
- Slum & Kachi Abadi

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Capital to get 180 revamped parks of int'l standard

Islamabad (The Capital of Pakistan) is a city of 1.5 million people. It is a city of parks and green spaces. The Government of Islamabad has approved a plan to revamp 180 parks in the capital city, bringing them up to international standards. The project is part of a larger initiative to improve the urban environment and provide better recreational facilities for the residents of Islamabad. The map shows the layout of the parks and urban areas. The parks are color-coded in green, and the urban areas are color-coded in orange. The map also shows the Rawal Lake and the Islamabad Expressway. The project is a major initiative to improve the quality of life in the capital city and to provide a better environment for the residents of Islamabad.

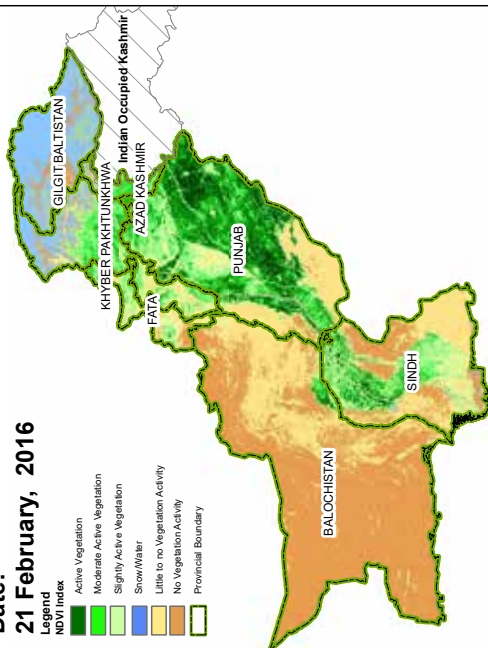
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Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan 21 February, 2016

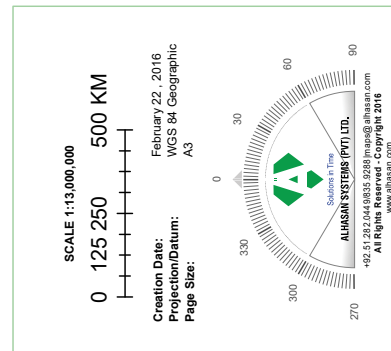
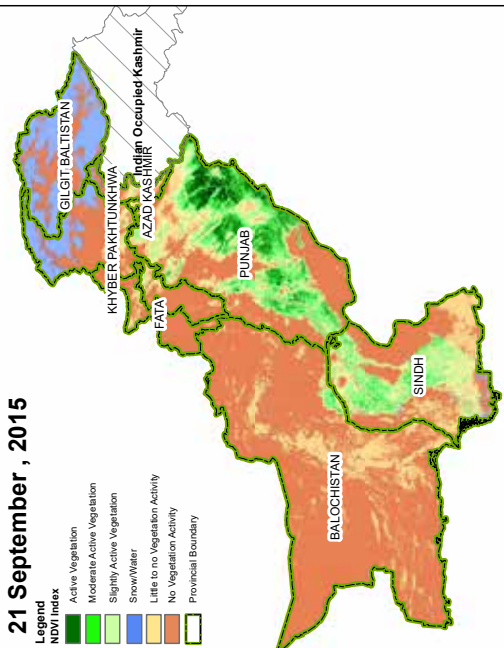
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سکھر (پور پورٹ) سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید منگنیو نے کہا ہے کہ سندھ میں پبلک سروس کمیشن کے تحت تین ہزار ڈاکٹروں کی اسامیوں پر بھرتیاں کی جائیں گی جس سے بڑی حد تک ڈاکٹروں کی کمی کو پورا کیا جاسکے گا، غیر حاضر رہنے والے 450 ڈاکٹرز کے خلاف کارروائی شروع کی گئی ہے، جن ڈاکٹروں کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی ہے ان میں زیادہ تر ڈاکٹرز عرب امارات اور دیگر ممالک میں موجود ہیں۔ 100 ڈاکٹرز کو نوکریوں سے برطرف کیا گیا ہے جبکہ 350 ڈاکٹروں کے خلاف کارروائی مختلف مراحل میں ہیں، وہ سکھر سول اسپتال میں دورے کے موقع پر میڈیا سے بات چیت کر رہے تھے، انہوں نے کہا کہ جو ڈاکٹر غیر حاضر رہتے ہیں ان کے خلاف کارروائی کے لئے ٹھوس بنیادوں پر حکمت عملی مرتب کی گئی ہے۔

کوٹری (نامہ نگار) سینئر صوبائی وزیر تعلیم نثار احمد کھوڑو نے کہا ہے کہ سندھ میں گھوسٹ اساتذہ اور اسکولز کو ہر گز برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا، بائیو میٹرک سسٹم کے تحت گھوسٹ اساتذہ اور اسکولز کا سراغ لگایا جا رہا ہے۔ وہ سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ میں درسی کتب کی مفت فراہمی کے سلسلے میں منعقدہ تقریب اور صحافیوں سے بات چیت کر رہے تھے۔ انہوں نے اساتذہ پر زور دیا کہ وہ سندھ کے تعلیمی معیار کو بہتر بنانے پر توجہ دیں، سندھ میں دوہری سرکاری ملازمت کرنے کے حوالے سے صحافیوں کی جانب سے پوچھے گئے سوال کے جواب میں صوبائی وزیر تعلیم نے کہا کہ ایسے ملازمین یا تو صحافت کریں یا ملازمت انہوں نے صحافیوں پر زور دیا کہ وہ گھوسٹ اساتذہ اور اسکولز کی نشاندہی کریں ان کے خلاف سخت کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے صوبائی وزیر نے کہا کہ سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ ترقی کی راہ پر گامزن ہے اور ادارے کی جانب سے اس سال 48 لاکھ 7 ہزار 4 سو 21 کتابیں شائع کی گئی ہیں۔ وزیر تعلیم نے افسران پر زور دیا کہ سندھ کے ذمہ دار افسران سندھ کے تمام سرکاری اسکولوں میں درسی کتب کی فراہمی کو یقینی بنائیں۔ سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کے چیئرمین سید ذاکر علی شاہ نے بتایا کہ بورڈ 1972 سے درس کتب کی اشاعت کا کام انجام رہا ہے اور گزشتہ 13 سالوں سے سرکاری تعلیمی اداروں میں طلباء و طالبات کو مفت درسی کتب کی فراہمی کی جا رہی ہے، تقریب سے ڈائریکٹر اسکولز حیدر آباد سید رسول بخش شاہ، ڈائریکٹر پرائمری اسکولز اللہ بچا پوٹھانہ، ڈائریکٹر اعلیٰ اسکولز نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

ACCESS (کراچی اسٹاف رپورٹر) امریکی حکومت کے زیر اہتمام انگریزی زبان کی تربیت کے منصوبے انگلش ایکسیزانیکرو اسکالرشپ پروگرام کے تحت فارغ التحصیل 200 طلباء کے لئے تقریب منعقد کی گئی تقریب میں قونصل جنرل برائن ہتھ نے طلباء میں اسناد تقسیم کیں اس موقع پر انہوں نے کہا کہ آپ پاکستان کا مستقبل ہیں انگریزی سیکھنے کے لئے آپ کا جوش و جذبہ قابل تعریف اور دوسروں کے لئے روشن مثال ہے، پاکستان میں جاری پروگرام دنیا بھر میں اپنی نوعیت کا سب سے بڑا منصوبہ ہے اس پروگرام کے تحت کم آمدنی والے علاقوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے 13 ACCESS 17 سال کے پانچ ہزار سے زائد طلباء کو انگریزی کی تربیت دی جا رہی ہے یہ طلباء معمول کی کلاسوں اور گرمیوں کی تعطیلات میں اپنی انگریزی کی صلاحیتوں کو بہتر بناتے ہیں کورس کی کوئی فیس نہیں جبکہ کتابیں کامیاب مفت فراہم کی جاتی ہیں

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) آئی جی سندھ نے پولیو مہم کیلئے پولیس کو فول پروف سیکورٹی انتظامات کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق آئی جی سندھ غلام حیدر جمالی نے پانچ روزہ مہم کے دوران پولیو ورکرز، ڈاکٹروں اور دیگر اسٹاف کو خصوصی سیکورٹی فراہم کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ آئی جی سندھ نے تمام زونز کے ڈی آئی جیز کو فول پروف سیکورٹی بنانے کی ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ حساس علاقوں میں پولیس کمانڈوز تعینات کئے جائیں، پولیو مہم کے دوران شہر کے داخلی و خارجی راستوں پر بھی سخت نگرانی کی جائے جبکہ انسپکٹنگ اور گشت کو بڑھایا جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پولیو مہم کیلئے پولیس کا بارہ ہزار سے زائد اہلکار تعینات کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے، سات ہزار پولیس اہلکار کراچی پولیس کی جانب سے تعینات کئے جائیں گے، پانچ ہزار پولیس اہلکار اور کمانڈوز ایس آر پی، سی ٹی ڈی، کرائم برانچ، اینٹی انکروچمنٹ سیل اور پولیس ٹریننگ اسکول اور کالج سے تعینات کئے جائیں گے۔ پولیو مہم میں چار سو دس موبائلیں، دو سو چالیس موٹر سائیکلیں سیکورٹی کے فرائض انجام دیں گے۔ مہم کے دوران دو سو چالیس پولیس کمانڈوز، ریپڈ رسپانس فورس اور اسپیشل سیکورٹی یونٹ کے دو سو کمانڈو بھی فرائض انجام دیں گے۔ پولیو مہم آج سے شروع ہو رہی ہے

16 فروری 2016

ڈاکٹروں کیخلاف کارروائی شروع 450 کر دی ہے، سیکریٹری صحت

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15 فروری 2016

گھوسٹ اساتذہ اور اسکولز کا سراغ لگا رہے ہیں، صوبائی وزیر تعلیم

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انگریزی سیکھنے کے لئے طلبہ کا جذبہ قابل تعریف ہے، امریکی قونصل جنرل

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انسداد پولیو مہم، حساس علاقوں میں پولیس کمانڈو تعینات کئے جائیں گے، آئی جی سندھ

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جس سے پاؤں کی ہڈی رفتہ رفتہ سیدھی ہو جاتی ہے اور بچہ بغیر معذوری کے اپنی زندگی گزارتا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار جناح اسپتال کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر اور شعبہ امراض ہڈی و جوڑے کے سربراہ پروفیسر انیس الدین بھٹی نے جنگ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں ہر سال 8 ہزار ایسے بچے پیدا ہوتے ہیں جن کے پاؤں پیداؤشی ٹیڑھے ہوتے ہیں۔ ہر 800 میں سے ایک بچہ اس میں مبتلا ہوتا ہے۔ 50 فیصد بچوں کے دونوں پیر جبکہ 50 فیصد کا ایک پیر ٹیڑھا ہوتا ہے۔ بچوں کے پیر اندر کی جانب مڑے ہوتے ہیں اور بہت زیادہ ٹیڑھے ہوتے ہیں۔ یہ نقص اتنا نمایاں ہوتا ہے کہ پیداؤشی کے وقت ہی پتہ چل جاتا ہے اور جب بچہ بڑا ہوتا ہے تو سیدھے پیروں کے بجائے پیروں کی سائیڈ (ایک جانب) پر بوجھ ڈال کر چلتا ہے۔ اس کا علاج 8 سال کی عمر تک ممکن ہے لیکن بہتر ہے کہ پیداؤشی کے ایک ہفتے بعد ہی علاج شروع کر دیا جائے۔ اس کا علاج پلاسٹر آف پیرس سے کیے جانے والے مخصوص طریقے کے ہینڈ پیسٹ (پلستر) سے ہوتا ہے۔ بچے کے کم از کم 5 اور زیادہ سے زیادہ 60 ہینڈ پیسٹ (پلستر) کیے جاتے ہیں۔ جس کے بعد 3 ماہ تک دن میں بچے کو مخصوص جوتے پہنانے جاتے ہیں جبکہ 3 سال تک راتوں کو مسلسل مخصوص جوتے پہنانے جاتے ہیں جس سے بچے کے پیر بالکل سیدھے ہو جاتے ہیں۔ یہ 98 فیصد کامیاب طریقہ علاج ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) حکومت سندھ نے سینئر میڈیکل آفیسر ڈاکٹر جمیل احمد صدیقی کو سول اسپتال کراچی کا میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ تعینات کر دیا ہے۔ نوٹیفیکیشن کے مطابق ڈاکٹر جمیل احمد صدیقی جو اسکن ڈیزیز اسپتال کے ڈائریکٹر کی حیثیت سے خدمات سرانجام دے رہے تھے ان کا تبادلہ کر دیا گیا ہے اور تاحکم ثانی سول اسپتال کراچی کا میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ تعینات کیا گیا ہے جبکہ انیس سول اسپتال کراچی کے ٹر اسیسٹنٹ کے پراجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر کا اضافی چارج بھی دیا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل سول اسپتال کے ایم ایس کا اضافی چارج پروفیسر سعید قریشی کے پاس تھا تاہم 12 فروری 2016 کو ان سے یہ چارج واپس لے لیا گیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی کے ڈائریکٹر ایڈمیشن پروفیسر ڈاکٹر خالد عراقی کے اعلامیہ کے مطابق چینی زبان کے سرٹیفیکٹ کورسز لیول 01 تا 04 لیول چار کے لئے داخلہ فارم حاصل / جمع کرانے کی تاریخ میں ایک دن کی توسیع کر دی گئی ہے۔ خواہشمند طلبہ آج روز منگل 16 فروری کو داخلہ فارم صبح 9:00 تا شام 4:00 بجے تک جامعہ کراچی کے سلور جوبلی گیٹ پر واقع یو بی ایل بینک کا کونٹر سے حاصل / جمع کر سکتے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ میں پیٹائٹس کے مریضوں کی رجسٹریشن دوبارہ شروع کر دی گئی ہے، جو پیٹائٹس کی دواؤں کی خریداری کا کس عدالت میں ہونے کی وجہ سے روک دی گئی تھی۔ یہ بات سندھ کے وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈاہر نے پیر کو سندھ اسمبلی میں وقفہ سوالات کے دوران بتائی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کیس کی وجہ سے کچھ مسائل پیدا ہوئے تھے۔ نئے مریضوں کی رجسٹریشن روک دی گئی تھی تاکہ پہلے سے رجسٹرڈ مریضوں کو دواؤں فراہم کی جاسکیں لیکن اب کیس کا فیصلہ ہو گیا ہے، اس لیے نئے مریضوں کی رجسٹریشن بھی شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ وزیر صحت نے بتایا کہ پیٹائٹس۔ اسے کے مریضوں کا کوئی ریکارڈ نہیں ہے۔ یہ مرض ایک مخصوص مدت کے بعد از خود ختم ہو جاتا ہے۔ حکومت سندھ کی طرف سے پیٹائٹس کنٹرول پروگرام جاری ہے۔ لوگوں میں آگہی کے لیے مہم بھی چلائی جاتی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ تعلیم سندھ نے اسکولوں و کالجوں کے ٹیچنگ و نان ٹیچنگ ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن کیلئے منگل 16 فروری کی ڈیڈ لائن مقرر کر دی ہے۔ سینئر وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑنہ نے کہا ہے کہ آج تک بقیہ ملازمین اپنی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن کرالیں اور ملازمین بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن نہیں کرانینگے انہیں گھوسٹ قرار دے کر ان کی تنخواہیں بھی بند کر دی جائیں گی۔ سندھ کے سینئر وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑنہ نے کہا ہے کہ سندھ میں اسکولوں کے 2 لاکھ 27 ہزار 25 ٹیچنگ اور نان ٹیچنگ ملازمین میں سے ایک لاکھ 90 ہزار 4 سو 65 ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن مکمل ہو چکی ہے اور ابھی تک 12 ہزار 2 سو 60 ملازمین نے اپنی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن نہیں کروائی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ بھر کے کالج سائنڈ کے 18 ہزار 207 ٹیچنگ و نان ٹیچنگ اسٹاف میں سے 14 ہزار 552 ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک کر لی گئی ہے اور کالجوں کے 3 ہزار 655 ٹیچنگ و نان ٹیچنگ اسٹاف نے ابھی تک اپنی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن نہیں کرائی ہے اور اسی طرح 15 ہزار 915 اسکولز اور کالجوں کے ٹیچنگ و نان ٹیچنگ اسٹاف نے بائیومیٹرک نہیں کروائی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں اسکولوں اور کالجوں میں اساتذہ کی حاضری کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے بائیومیٹرک کا عمل شروع کیا گیا تاکہ اسکولوں اور کالجوں میں اساتذہ کی موجودگی کی وجہ سے طلباء و طالبات کی انفرولمنٹ میں اضافہ ہو سکے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے کہا ہے کہ پولیو مہم سے بہتر نتائج حاصل کرنے کے لئے مقامی کمیونٹیز کی خواتین کو ان میں بھرپور طریقہ سے شریک کر کے ذمہ داریاں دی جا رہی ہیں تاکہ وہ اپنی اپنی کمیونٹیز میں بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جانے کو یقینی بناسکیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پیر کو بلال احمد اسپتال کلفٹن میں تین روزہ پولیو مہم کا افتتاح کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر کمشنر کراچی سید آصف حیدر شاہ نے گورنر سندھ کو بتایا کہ تین روزہ مہم کے دوران کراچی میں 22 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے جس کے لئے 6 ہزار سے زائد

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چینی زبان کے سرٹیفیکٹ کورسز کے

داخلہ فارم جمع کرانے کی تاریخ میں توسیع

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پیٹائٹس کے مریضوں کی رجسٹریشن

شروع کر دی ہے، وزیر صحت

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اسکولوں و کالجوں ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک

رجسٹریشن کی آخری تاریخ

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پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جانے کے باوجود

بچوں کے متاثر ہونے کا جائزہ لے رہے

ہیں، گورنر

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ہوتی ہے کہ وہ اپنے متعلقہ بورڈز سے منسلک تعلیمی اداروں کے امتحانی نتائج پر بھی گہری نظر رکھیں اور ان کی مسلسل نگرانی کریں تاکہ اسکے نتائج کو مزید بہتر بنایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کراچی آپریشن کے باعث شہر میں امن و امان کی صورتحال نمایاں طور پر بہتر ہوئی ہے اور یہی وجہ ہے کہ شہر میں ثقافتی، سماجی، تعلیمی اور تفریحی سرگرمیاں پھر سے فروغ پا رہی ہیں، جو کہ نہایت خوش آئند بات ہے۔ انہوں نے ملک کے دیگر شہروں سے آئے ہوئے چیئر مینز سے کہا کہ وہ شہر میں اپنے قیام کے دوران اس بات کو واضح طور پر محسوس کریں گے کہ کراچی اب ایک پرسکون شہر ہے جس کی رونقیں پھر سے لوٹ رہی ہیں۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبے کے کسی سرکاری اسپتال میں چیئٹ سرجری کا شعبہ موجود نہیں جس کے باعث مریضوں اور زخمیوں کو نجی اسپتالوں سے علاج کرانا پڑتا ہے اور علاج کی مد میں لاکھوں روپے ادا کرنے پڑتے ہیں جو انہیں بیماری اور پریشانی کے ساتھ معاشی مسائل میں بھی مبتلا کرتا ہے لیکن اس سلسلے میں محکمہ صحت سندھ کی جانب سے کوئی اقدامات نہیں کیے جارہے۔ ماہرین امراض سینہ کے مطابق اگر کسی کا پیچھے پھرتا پھرتا جائے، اس میں سوراخ ہو جائے، پیچھے پھرتے ہوئے کی جھلی خراب ہو جائے، سینے میں گولی لگ جائے، سینے میں جھری کا وار لگے، ہم دھماکے کے نتیجے میں سینے میں گہری چوٹ آئے، روڈ ایکسیڈنٹ میں پسلیاں ٹوٹ جائیں تو ایسے مریضوں اور زخمیوں کا علاج اور آپریشن عام سرجن نہیں کرتے بلکہ اس کے لئے چیئٹ سرجن کی ضرورت پڑتی ہے تاہم پورے صوبے میں سرکاری سطح پر صرف ایک چیئٹ سرجن ڈاؤن یورسٹی اوپن ہسپتال میں موجود ہے اس کے علاوہ جناح اسپتال، سول اسپتال اور عباسی شہید اسپتال سمیت دیگر کسی اسپتال میں نہ چیئٹ سرجری کا شعبہ موجود ہے نہ ہی چیئٹ سرجن موجود ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق جناح اسپتال کراچی میں چیئٹ سرجری کا شعبہ موجود تھا جو 4 سال سے بند ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیجھو کا کہنا تھا کہ صوبے کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں چیئٹ سرجری کے شعبہ جات اور چیئٹ سرجن نہ ہونے کی بات درست ہے اسی ضرورت کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے سول اسپتال کراچی کے ٹراماسیٹر میں چیئٹ سرجن تعینات کیے جائیں گے۔

ڈگری (نامہ نگار) ڈگری سب ڈویژن کے شہر جھڈو میں الجزمٹ فائونڈیشن کے تحت آنکھوں کے علاج اور آپریشن کا اینیو فری آئی کیپ "دی سوسائٹی فار دی پریزیرویشن اینڈ ریسٹوریشن آف وٹن کراچی" کے تعاون سے 19 تا 21 فروری کو رولر ہیلتھ سینٹر (تعلقہ اسپتال) جھڈو میں لگایا جائے گا۔ الجزمٹ فائونڈیشن ضلع میرپور خاص (دیہی) کے صدر اظہر جمیل آرمی کے مطابق فری آئی کیپ میں ماہر ڈاکٹر ایک بورڈ مریضوں کی آنکھوں کا معائنہ، علاج اور آپریشن کرے گا۔ آئی کیپ میں مریضوں کو معائنہ اور آپریشن کے علاوہ کھانا دوا دیا اور دیگر سہولیات بالکل مفت فراہم کی جائیں گی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) اعلیٰ ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ کراچی کے تحت بورڈ آف گورنرز میں ہائر سیکنڈری اسکولوں اور کالجوں کے نمائندے کے چناؤ کیلئے انتخاب منگل 23 فروری 2016ء کو صبح 9 بجے سے دوپہر 2 بجے تک انٹر بورڈ کی لائبریری میں ہو گا۔ ممبر بورڈ کے انتخابات میں جو پرنسپلز حصہ لے رہے ہیں ان میں آئیڈیل گرام ہائر سیکنڈری اسکول کے پرنسپل غلام عباس بلوچ، آدم جی گورنمنٹ سائنس کالج کے پرنسپل محمد نسیم حیدر، اور رونق اسلام گورنرز ہائر سیکنڈری اسکول کی پرنسپل سہلی واحدی بلوچ شامل ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے سینئر وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کوٹھونے کہا ہے کہ محکمہ تعلیم کے ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن کی تاریخ میں 29 فروری تک آخری بار توسیع کر دی گئی ہے اور یہ توسیع سینئر زپر ملازمین کے رش کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے کی گئی ہے اور اس ڈیڈ لائن کے بعد جانے والے ملازمین کو گھوسٹ ملازم قرار دے کر ان کی ملازمت ختم کر دی جائے گی۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے بدھ کو آدھی سائنس کالج میں میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ محکمہ تعلیم کے کالج اور اسکولز سائنڈل 2 لاکھ 2 ہزار سے زائد ملازمین میں سے ایک لاکھ 90 ہزار سے زائد ملازمین نے بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن کر لی ہے اور تاحال 12 ہزار ملازمین نے خود کو بائیومیٹرک کے ذریعے رجسٹرڈ نہیں کروایا ہے اس لئے انہیں آخری موقع دیا جا رہا ہے کہ وہ 29 فروری تک اپنی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن کروائیں انہیں تو ان کی ملازمت ختم کر دی جائے گی۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں سالانہ 8 ہزار بچے کلب فٹ ڈس ایسٹیلیٹ کے ساتھ پیدا ہوتے ہیں۔ کلب فٹ ڈس ایسٹیلیٹ ایک ایسی بیماری ہے جس میں بچوں کے پیر پیر انٹی ٹیڑھے ہوتے ہیں۔ بچوں کے پاؤں کے جوڑوں میں ٹیڑھاپن ہوتا ہے جس میں تکلیف نہیں ہوتی لیکن وقت گزرنے کے ساتھ یہ ٹیڑھاپن بے آرامی کا باعث بنتا ہے اور نمایاں معذوری میں تبدیل ہو جاتا ہے۔ یہ از خود ٹھیک نہیں ہوتا اگر علاج نہ کرایا جائے تو ٹانگ کی ہیئت تبدیل ہوتی ہے اور اکثر و بیشتر ٹانگ جھوٹی رہ جاتی ہے۔ والدین عموماً اس بیماری پر توجہ نہیں دیتے نہ علاج کرتے ہیں نتیجتاً بچہ پوری زندگی معذوری میں گزارتا ہے۔ چند سال قبل تک پاکستان میں اس بیماری کا علاج آپریشن کے ذریعے کیا جاتا تھا تاہم اب اس کا علاج آپریشن کے بغیر بھی ممکن ہے۔ اس کا آسان اور جدید علاج ایک مخصوص بینڈج سے کیا جاتا ہے بچے کے پاؤں پر مسلسل مخصوص طریقے سے بینڈج کی جاتی ہے

سرکاری اسپتالوں میں چیئٹ سرجری کا شعبہ موجود نہیں

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ڈگری، الجزمٹ فائونڈیشن کے تحت کل سے تین روزہ فری آئی کیپ لگایا جائیگا

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بورڈ آف گورنرز میں اسکولوں اور کالجوں کے نمائندوں کا چناؤ منگل کو ہو گا

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محکمہ تعلیم کے ملازمین کی بائیومیٹرک رجسٹریشن میں 29 فروری تک توسیع

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پاکستان میں ہر سال 8 ہزار بچے کلب فٹ ڈس ایسٹیلیٹ کے ساتھ پیدا ہوتے ہیں

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مربوط لائحہ عمل ترتیب دے رہا ہے جس میں طلبہ کی تعداد اور تحقیقی کارکردگی کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے گرانٹ کی تقسیم کو عمل میں لایا جائے گا اور یقیناً اس میں جامعہ کراچی سرفہرست ہوگی۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جامعہ کراچی کے شعبہ معاشیات کے زیر اہتمام کلیہ سماجی علوم کی ساعت گاہ میں منعقدہ سیمینار بعنوان ”صوبائی بجٹ کی حکمت عملی“ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر شعبہ معاشیات کے چیئرمین پروفیسر ڈاکٹر خالد مصطفیٰ، پروفیسر ڈاکٹر صفیہ منہاج اور ڈاکٹر وقار حسین نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ سیکریٹری فنانس نے مزید کہا کہ سندھ حکومت کی معاشی کارکردگی دیگر صوبوں سے کافی بہتر ہے۔ وفاقی حکومت 80 فیصد ٹیکس ریونیو وصول کرتا ہے جبکہ صرف 20 فیصد صوبوں کے پاس آتا ہے، سندھ حکومت کو یہ اعزاز حاصل ہے کہ وہ دیگر صوبوں کے مقابلے میں بہتر ٹیکس کی وصولی کے نظام کی وجہ سے 20 فیصد ٹیکس ریونیو کے ہدف کو پورا کرتے ہوئے بجٹ مرتب کرتی ہے جبکہ دیگر صوبے وفاق سے آنے والے ریونیو پر انحصار کرتے ہیں۔ بین الاقوامی فورم سے قرضے لینے کا اختیار حال ہی میں مشروط اور جزوی طور پر صوبوں کو حاصل ہوا ہے جس سے صوبائی معیشت کو استحکام ملے گا۔ حکومت سندھ میں چالیس شعبہ جات ہیں جس میں سب سے اہم شعبہ فنانس ڈیپارٹمنٹ ہے، شعبہ فنانس کی سب سے اہم ذمہ داری قومی آمدنی کی نگرانی ہے۔ صوبائی بجٹ تقریباً 740 ارب روپے پر محیط ہے جس میں سے 235 ارب روپے صرف تنخواہوں کی فراہمی کی مد میں خرچ ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس موقع پر چیئرمین شعبہ معاشیات پروفیسر ڈاکٹر خالد مصطفیٰ نے خطبہ استقبالیہ پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس طرز کے سیمینار کا انعقاد وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے جس کے انعقاد سے شعبہ معاشیات کے طالب علموں کو بجٹ کی تفصیل جیسے پیچیدہ عمل کو سمجھنے میں بھرپور مدد ملے گی۔ اسٹنٹ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر وقار حسین نے کہا کہ حکومتی کارکردگی پر تنقید کرنا ایک آسان کام ہے مگر حکومتی عہدوں پر فائز ہو کر ذمہ داریوں کو ایمانداری سے نبھانا انتہائی مشکل اور کٹھن مرحلہ ہے۔ حکومت کی سب سے بڑی ذمہ داریوں میں شہریوں کو غیر ملکی یلغار سے بچانا اور عدل و انصاف اور امن و امان کی فراہمی شامل ہے۔ آخر میں شعبہ معاشیات کی پروفیسر ڈاکٹر صفیہ منہاج نے کلمات تشکر ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ میں امید کرتی ہوں کہ مذکورہ سیمینار کے انعقاد سے ہمارے طلبہ کو بجٹ جیسی پیچیدہ دستاویز کو مرتب کرنے کے طریقہ کار کو بہتر طریقے سے سمجھنے میں مدد ملے گی اور مستقبل میں عصر حاضر کے معاشی تقاضوں کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے معاشیات کے دیگر اہم موضوعات پر بھی آگاہی سیمینار کے انعقاد کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی کے ڈائریکٹر ایڈمیشن پروفیسر خالد عراقی کے اعلامیہ کے مطابق بورڈ آف انٹرمیڈیٹ ایجوکیشن کراچی سے تصدیق کرانے پر مارنگ پروگرام برائے سال 2016 کے 07 جبکہ ایوننگ پروگرام کے 05 طلباء و طالبات کی مارکس شیٹ جعلی ثابت ہوئیں جس کی بناء پر ان کے داخلے فوری طور پر منسوخ کر دیئے گئے ہیں جن طلباء کے داخلے منسوخ کئے گئے ہیں، ان میں مارنگ پروگرام کے شعبہ کرمنا لوجی کے بی اے (آنرز) کے انس الدین احمد ولد و سیم الدین احمد، فارم نمبر 28738، سیدہ فرواتول نقوی بنت سید محسن عامر نقوی فارم نمبر 35555 اور میزہ وجاہت بیگ بنت مرزا خالد بیگ فارم نمبر 26949، ایلانڈ کیمسٹری اینڈ کیمیکل ٹیکنالوجی بی ایس سی (آنرز) کے مرزا بشیر احمد بیگ ولد مرزا جواد بیگ فارم نمبر 27586، بانیو کیمسٹری بی ایس سی (آنرز) کے شفیع اللہ ولد حبیب اللہ فارم نمبر 34207، انٹرنیشنل ریلیشنز بی اے (آنرز) کے نیاز الحق ولد کریم داد فارم نمبر 1676 اور اسٹیشننگس بی ایس سی (آنرز) کی ثناء راشد بنت راشد حسین فارم نمبر 30578 شامل ہیں جبکہ ایوننگ پروگرام کے انسٹیٹیوٹ آف اسپیس سائنس اینڈ پلینٹری اسٹرو فزکس بی ایس سی (آنرز) کی رابعہ ہارون رشید بنت ہارون رشید صدیقی فارم نمبر 46631، مینجمنٹس بی ایس سی (آنرز) کے رحمت علی ولد عبد الغنی ترکانی فارم نمبر 51049، ایلانڈ کیمسٹری اینڈ کیمیکل ٹیکنالوجی بی ایس سی (آنرز) کے دانش بیگ ولد زاہد بیگ فارم نمبر 52051، کرمنا لوجی بی اے (آنرز) کے محمد فراز خان ولد محمد حسین فارم نمبر 49215 اور پبلک ایڈمنسٹریشن بی اے کے انس طارق ولد طارق بشیر فارم نمبر 47150 شامل ہیں۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے کہا ہے کہ یکساں نصاب، نظام تعلیم اور امتحانات کے طریقہ کار کے حوالے سے انٹر بورڈ کمیٹی آف چیئرمین (آئی بی سی سی) ایک اہم ادارہ ہے جس کی سفارشات سے حکومت کو ان شعبوں میں مسلسل رہنمائی حاصل ہوتی ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے آئی بی سی سی کے اجلاس سے شرکاء سے گورنر ہاؤس میں ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ اس موقع پر آئی بی سی سی کے چیئرمین پروفیسر انوار بھی موجود تھے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جدید ترین تقاضوں اور ضروریات کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے تعلیمی نصاب پر مسلسل نظر ثانی کی ضرورت ہو تی ہے تاکہ اسے طلبہ کے لئے مزید مفید اور کارآمد بنایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہر تین ماہ بعد آئی بی سی سی کے اجلاس کا انعقاد ان تمام شعبوں میں مشاورت اور یکساں سفارشات کی تیاری میں مددگار ثابت ہوتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ موجودہ دور انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کا دور ہے اور تمام دنیا سٹ کر حقیقی معنوں میں گلوبل ویلج بن چکی ہے کیونکہ انٹرنیٹ کی بدولت صرف ایک کلک کے ذریعہ دنیا کے کسی بھی حصہ تک رسائی حاصل کی جاسکتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نصاب میں طلبہ کی ذہنی صلاحیتوں کو جلاء بخشنے والا مواد شامل کرنا ضروری ہے تاکہ وہ ریسرچ کے لئے نئے میدان تلاش کر سکیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ امتحانات کے انعقاد اور نتائج کی تیاری کے پورے عمل کے دوران انسانی عمل دخل کو کم سے کم کرنا ہو گا اور آؤٹیشن کو فروغ دینا ہو گا تاکہ طلبہ کو ملک کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے عمل میں شریک کیا جاسکے۔ گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے مزید کہا کہ تمام بورڈز پر یہ ذمہ داری بھی عائد

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سرخیاں

تھرپارکر.... تھرپارکر کے سول اسپتال مٹھی میں غذائیت کی کمی اور مختلف بیماریوں کے باعث آج 4 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ 50 دنوں کے دوران انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 161 ہو گئی ہے، تھر کے صحرائیں بچوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، آج بھی سول اسپتال مٹھی چار بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والے بچوں میں دو ماہ کا بچہ، تین ماہ کے دو بچے اور ایک، ایک سال کی بچی شامل ہیں۔ ڈیپلو، اسلام کوٹ، چھاچھر اور نگرپارکر کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں بھی غذائیت کی کمی کے باعث مختلف امراض میں مبتلا بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔

سڈنی..... جدید ریسرچ میں سائنسدانوں نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ ہو میو پیٹھک ادویات مختلف بیماریوں میں اتنی موثر نہیں ہیں جتنا سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ بوئڈ یونیورسٹی آسٹریلیا کے پروفیسر پال گلیسز یو کا کہنا ہے کہ نیشنل ہیلتھ اینڈ میڈیکل ریسرچ کونسل نے 68 مختلف بیماریوں کے لیے ہو میو پیٹھک ادویات کے 176 تجربات کیے، جس سے یہ بات سامنے آئی کہ ہو میو پیٹھک دوائیں معمولی بیماریوں میں استعمال کی جانے والی بے ضرر ادویات کے مقابلے میں زیادہ موثر نہیں ہیں۔ ریسرچ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ہو میو پیٹھک ادویات کے مختلف بیماریوں میں فائدے مند ہونے کے ثبوت نہیں ملے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) اسپیشل چلڈرن ایجوکیشنل انسٹیٹیوٹ کے تحت خصوصی بچوں کے لئے فیسیول 27 اور 28 فروری کو کراچی کے مقامی ہوٹل میں منعقد ہو گا۔ فیسیول میں کھیلوں کے مقابلے، پوسٹر بنانے کا مقابلہ، بوٹ رائیڈنگ اور میوزیکل پروگرام ہو گا جبکہ بازار بھی لگائے جائیں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پینڈیمک فلو (سوائن فلو) سے بچاؤ کی موثر اور محفوظ ویکسین دنیا بھر میں گزشتہ 60 سالوں سے استعمال کی جا رہی ہے جسے پاکستان میں بھی استعمال کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت کی سفارشات کے مطابق سوائن فلو سے بچنے کے لئے حاملہ خواتین، 6 ماہ سے 5 سال تک کی عمر کے بچوں، عمر رسیدہ افراد، دائمی امراض (دل، جگر، گردے، پھیپھڑے، خون اور ذیابیطیس کے امراض) میں مبتلا افراد، کمزور قوت مدافعت رکھنے والوں اور ہیلتھ کیئر ورکرز کو سالانہ ویکسینیشن کرانی چاہیے، یہ مرض ایک فرد سے دوسرے کو لگتا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اس کی علامات میں نزلہ، زکام، سر میں درد، ناک بند ہو جانا، ناک سے پانی گرنا، جھینگیں آنا، گلے میں درد، گلے میں خراش، خشک کھانسی، سانس تیز آنا، سانس اکھڑنا، جسم میں درد اور بخار ہونا شامل ہے۔ حکومت کو عوام اور طبی عملے میں اس بیماری سے متعلق آگاہی پھیلانے کے لئے اقدامات کرنے چاہئیں تاکہ اس مرض کو پھیلنے اور اس سے ہونے والی اموات کو روکا جاسکے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین امراض اطفال نے قومی ادارہ صحت برائے اطفال اور پاکستان پیڈیاٹرک ایسوسی ایشن کے تعاون سے این آئی سی ایچ میں سوائن فلو پر منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ این آئی سی ایچ کے پروفیسر خالد محمود نے ”بچوں میں نزلہ، ہمیں کیا جاننے کی ضرورت ہے“ پر جبکہ آغا خان یونیورسٹی اسپتال کے ڈاکٹر اسد علی نے ”پاکستان میں پینڈیمک فلو: علاج اور تدارک“ پر لیکچر دیا۔ اس موقع پر نیشنل ڈسکشن کا بھی انعقاد کیا گیا۔ پینالسٹس میں پروفیسر عبدالغفار بلو، پروفیسر ڈی ایس اکرم، پروفیسر اقبال مین، پروفیسر عائشہ مہناز، پروفیسر جمال رضا اور پروفیسر جلال اکبر شامل تھے۔ ماہرین امراض اطفال کا کہنا تھا کہ سوائن فلو سے دنیا بھر میں سالانہ 5 سے 10 فیصد بالغ اور 20 سے 30 فیصد بچے متاثر ہوتے ہیں اور سالانہ ڈھائی سے 5 لاکھ اموات بھی ہوتی ہیں جبکہ ترقی پذیر ممالک میں ہر سال ہزاروں بچے اس سے متاثر ہوتے ہیں۔ زیادہ آبادی والے ملکوں میں اس کے پھیلنے کے زیادہ امکانات ہوتے ہیں اس لیے خطے کے دیگر ممالک کی طرح پاکستان میں بھی اس کے پھیلنے کے قومی امکانات ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے سیکریٹری فنانس محمد سہیل راجپوت نے کہا کہ اٹھارویں ترمیم کے باوجود وفاقی وزارت تعلیم اور ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن بدستور کسی نہ کسی شکل میں کام کر رہے ہیں۔ وفاق سے صوبوں کو اعلیٰ تعلیم کے شعبہ کے اختیارات کی منتقلی اب تک نامکمل ہے، وفاق سے جامعات کے لئے مختص کی گئی گرانٹ کی مکمل ادائیگی تاحال سندھ حکومت کو نہیں کی گئی جس کی وجہ سے سندھ حکومت سندھ کی سرکاری جامعات کو ان کی ضروریات کے مطابق فنڈز دینے سے قاصر ہے لیکن اس کے باوجود صوبائی حکومت نے صوبائی بجٹ میں پانچ ارب روپے سندھ کے 19 سرکاری جامعات کے لئے مختص کئے ہیں جن میں سے ہر جامعہ کو سو ملین روپے کی گرانٹ کی ادائیگی کی جا چکی ہے اور اس ضمن میں حکومت سندھ ایک جامعہ اور

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سلامی دی۔

لاہور میں علامہ اقبال کے مزار کو سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر بند کئے جانے کے بعد اب اقبال میوزیم پر بھی تالے لگا دیئے گئے ہیں، انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ سکیورٹی خدشات اپنی جگہ، میوزیم کو ضروری مرمت کے لئے بند کیا گیا ہے۔ حکومت پنجاب نے کچھ عرصہ قبل سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر شاعر مشرق ڈاکٹر علامہ اقبال کے مزار کو عام افراد کے لئے بند کر دیا تھا، اب لاہور ریلوے سٹیشن کے قریب علامہ اقبال روڈ پر واقع اقبال میوزیم کے داخلی دروازے کو تالے لگا کر سیل کر دیا گیا ہے، جس سے میوزیم دیکھنے کے خواہش مند افراد کو مایوسی ہو رہی ہے۔ اقبال میوزیم کے کاپورچ کی چھت توڑ دی گئی، مرکزی دروازے سے ملحقہ برآمدے اور کمرے کی چھت بھی گرا دی گئی ہے، انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ میوزیم کی چھتیں کافی خراب ہو چکی تھیں، اقبال میوزیم کی چار دیواری اونچی کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ اس پر خار دار تار بھی لگائے جائیں گے، مرکزی دیوار پر بھی لوہے کے جھنگلے لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔

سی ٹی وی ذرائع کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کی 12 رکنی گروہ موٹر سائیکلوں پر شتر پور جا رہا تھا کہ خفیہ اطلاع پر کارروائی کی گئی۔ کارروائی کے دوران دہشتگردوں نے فائرنگ کر دی۔ سی ٹی وی سے مقابلے میں سات دہشتگرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ سی ٹی وی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ہلاک دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان اور لشکر جھنگوی سے ہے، ذرائع کے مطابق پانچ دہشت گرد رات کی تاریکی کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ سی ٹی وی کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گردوں سے 2 کلو دھماکا خیز مواد، ایک کلاشنکوف، ہینڈ گرنیڈ، دو موٹر سائیکل اور ایک گاڑی بھی برآمد کی گئی ہے۔ پولیس نے فرار دہشتگردوں کو پکڑنے کے لیے علاقے کی ناکہ بندی کر کے سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا ہے۔ پولیس نے مارے جانے والے دہشتگردوں کی لاشیں ڈی ایچ کیو ہسپتال شینو پورہ منتقل کر دی گئیں ہیں۔

چار سدہ کی باچا خان یونیورسٹی پر حملے کے بعد تمام صوبائی حکومتوں کی جانب سے ناصرف سرکاری بلکہ پرائیویٹ سکول مالکان کو سکولوں کی سکیورٹی کو فول پروف بنانے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔ پشاور میں کچھ سکولوں کی ناقص سکیورٹی کی اطلاع پر انتظامیہ حرکت میں آگئی ہے۔ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے پچاس سے زائد سکولوں کی انتظامیہ کو فوری طور پر سکیورٹی کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے حتمی نوٹسز جاری کئے گئے ہیں۔ حکام کے مطابق سکولوں کی سکیورٹی بہتر نہ بنائیے سکول انتظامیہ کیخلاف کارروائی ہوگی۔ انتظامیہ سات روز میں متعلقہ تعلیمی اداروں کے سکیورٹی انتظامات کا دوبارہ جائزہ لے گی۔ پولیس کے مطابق سکیورٹی بہتر نہ بنائیے سکولوں کو سیل کر دیا جائے گا۔

بلوچستان میں دہشتگردوں اور ملک دشمن سرگرمیوں میں ملوث غیر ملکیوں کی گرفتاریوں کیلئے حساس اداروں اور ایف سی کی جانب سے آپریشن کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ کونسل میں سکیورٹی فورسز نے سریاب اور گردو نواح میں مشتبہ افراد کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر سرچ آپریشن کیا۔ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران پچاس سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن کے دوران پکڑے گئے ملزمان سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ گرفتار افراد کو تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ جرائم پیشہ افراد کے دیگر ساتھیوں کی تلاش کا کام بھی جاری ہے۔

لاہور: سکیورٹی خدشات پر مزار اقبال کے بعد اقبال میوزیم پر بھی تالے لگا دیئے گئے

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18 فروری 2016

شینو پورہ کے علاقے شتر پور روڈ پر سی ٹی وی سے مقابلے میں 7 دہشتگرد مارے گئے جبکہ 5 فرار ہو گئے

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17 فروری 2016

پشاور میں سکیورٹی بہتر نہ بنانے والے پرائیویٹ سکولوں کیخلاف کارروائی کا فیصلہ کر لیا گیا

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16 فروری 2016

کونسل میں سکیورٹی فورسز کے سرچ آپریشن میں پچاس سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا گیا

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15 فروری 2016

کی بتائی گئی ہیں۔ ضیا الرحمن کی عمر 30 سے 35 سال اور شایان کی عمر 22 سے 23 سال تک بتائی جاتی ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نیٹ نیوز + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) ملک بھر میں فور تھ شیڈول میں شامل مشتبہ دہشت گردوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی اور ریاستی سہولیات ختم کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا گیا ہے۔ نیکیا نے صوبائی حکومتوں کو 8 ہزار 300 مشتبہ افراد کی فہرستوں کا از سر نو جائزہ لینے کی ہدایت کر دی ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق نیکیا 1.6 ارب روپے کا بجٹ ملنے کے بعد متحرک ہو گیا ہے، ملک بھر میں انسداد دہشت گردی کے لئے صوبائی حکومتوں اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کو ہدایات دینا شروع کر دی ہیں۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ نیکیا کے فیصلے کو آرڈینیٹر احسان غنی کی طرف سے جاری ہدایات پر چاروں صوبوں، آزاد کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان کی حکومتوں نے فور تھ شیڈول کی فہرستوں میں شامل 8 ہزار 300 مشتبہ افراد کی فہرستوں کا از سر نو جائزہ لینا شروع کر دیا ہے۔ یہ جائزہ ڈسٹرکٹ انٹیلی جنس کمیٹیوں میں لیا جا رہا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق کہ نیکیا کی ہدایت پر غیر متحرک مشتبہ افراد کو فور تھ شیڈول سے نکال دیا جائے گا، جس کے بعد ایسی جامع فہرست تیار ہوگی جس میں مشتبہ انتہا پسند اور دہشت گردوں کے نام شامل ہوں گے، پھر ریاستی کارروائی کے طور پر ان کے شناختی کارڈز، پاسپورٹ، اسلحہ و ڈرائیونگ لائسنس منسوخ کیے جائیں گے، مشتبہ دہشت گردوں کے بینک اکاؤنٹس منجمد کئے جائیں گے اور ان پر سفری پابندیاں بھی عائد کی جائیں گی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق یہ دشوار کام ہے کہ ہر مشتبہ شخص کی ایک جائزہ رپورٹ تیار کی جائے جس میں حالیہ برسوں میں اس کے چال چلن اور سرگرمیوں کا ذکر ہو، اس لیے اس پر عملدرآمد کے لئے چند ماہ لگیں گے، تاہم اس پر کام کا آغاز ہو چکا ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق 8300 مشتبہ افراد کے شناختی کارڈز، پاسپورٹ اور اسلحہ لائسنس منسوخ کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق نیکیا کی ہدایت پر ملک بھر میں 8 ہزار 300 مشتبہ افراد میں سے انتہائی مشکوک افراد کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی، ان کے شناختی کارڈز، پاسپورٹ، ڈرائیونگ لائسنس، اسلحہ لائسنس منسوخ کر کے بینک اکاؤنٹس منجمد کئے جائیں گے۔ نیکیا کی طرف سے مشتبہ دہشت گردوں کی حاصل ریاستی سہولیات ختم کرنے کے لئے آزاد کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان سمیت چاروں صوبوں کو ہدایات جاری کر دی ہیں جس پر صوبوں نے انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیز کو ذمے داریاں دے دی ہیں۔ ضلع کی سطح پر فور تھ شیڈول میں شامل مشتبہ افراد کی فہرستوں کا جائزہ لیا جا رہا ہے غیر متعلقہ افراد کو فور تھ شیڈول کی فہرستوں سے نکال دیا جائے گا۔

18300 انتہائی مشکوک افراد کے شناختی

کارڈ، پاسپورٹ، اسلحہ لائسنس منسوخ

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مہمند ایجنسی + لاہور (بی بی سی + اے ایف پی + نامہ نگار + خصوصی رپورٹر) مہمند ایجنسی میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ خاصہ دار فورس پر دو الگ الگ حملوں میں 9 اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ فائرنگ کے دونوں واقعات بدھ اور جمعرات کی درمیانی شب مہمند ایجنسی کی تحصیلوں یکہ غنڈہ مچنی اور پنڈلی میں پیش آئے۔ پہلا واقعہ مچنی میں اس وقت پیش آیا جب شمس توانائی سے چلنے والے ٹیوب ویل پر تعینات خاصہ دار فورس کے اہلکاروں پر مسلح افراد نے فائرنگ کی جس میں دو اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ فائرنگ کا دوسرا واقعہ یکہ غنڈہ سب ڈویژن کے علاقے کڑاپہ میں رات گئے ہوا جب مسلح افراد نے خاصہ دار فورس کی ایک چیک پوسٹ پر اندھا دھند فائرنگ کر دی جس سے وہاں ڈیوٹی پر موجود سات اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ اہلکاروں کی نعشیں ایجنسی ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال منتقل کر دی گئیں۔ دونوں حملوں کی ذمہ داری کا عدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان جماعت الاحرار گروپ نے قبول کر لی۔ حملوں کے بعد علاقے میں سیوریٹی فورسز کی جانب سے بڑے پیمانے پر سرچ آپریشن کا آغاز کر دیا اور کئی مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ اے ایف پی کے مطابق طالبان کے گروہ جماعت الاحرار نے فرانسیسی خبر رساں ادارے کو ای میل کے ذریعے دونوں حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول کی۔ خیال رہے کہ مہمند ایجنسی میں سیوریٹی فورسز کی طرف سے کارروائیوں کے بعد سیوریٹی کی صورت حال پہلے کے مقابلے میں کافی حد تک بہتر بتائی جاتی ہے۔ تاہم سیوریٹی فورسز اور حکومتی حامی قبائلی سرداروں کو ہدف بنا کر قتل کے واقعات مسلسل ہوتے رہے ہیں۔ یہ امر بھی اہم ہے کہ مہمند ایجنسی میں ایک ہی رات میں دو واقعات میں 9 اہلکاروں کی شہادت کا واقعہ بھی کافی عرصے کے بعد پیش آیا ہے۔ اے ایف پی کے مطابق سرکاری اہلکار نوید اکبر نے بتایا کہ دہشت گردوں نے رات کی تاریکی میں چیک پوسٹ پر اچانک حملہ کیا اور پوسٹ پر موجود جوانوں کو جوابی کارروائی کرنے کا موقع نہیں ملا۔ حملہ آور فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ حملہ آوروں نے پوسٹ کو جلادیا جبکہ پہلے واقعہ میں دہشت گردوں نے 2 سیوریٹی اہلکاروں کو شہید کر کے شمس توانائی سے چلنے والے ٹیوب ویل کو بھی تباہ کر دیا۔ واقعہ رات تقریباً ایک بجے کے قریب پیش آیا۔ کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان (ٹی ٹی پی) سے الگ ہو کر شدت پسند تنظیم داعش کی حمایت والے عسکریت پسند گروہ جماعت الاحرار نے دونوں حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول کی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ جماعت الاحرار میں طالبان کے مہمند ایجنسی کے شدت پسند شامل ہوتے تھے جبکہ سیوریٹی ذرائع کے مطابق اب اس کے تمام کمانڈرز اور عسکریت پسند سرحد پار افغانستان میں موجود ہیں۔ صدر، وزیر اعظم، وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے جیلے کی مذمت کی ہے۔ شہید ہونے والوں کے نام خاصہ دار ملتانے ولد زرین، داد خان ولد لعل میاں دین، نصیر خان ولد مومین، بنیامین ولد محمد خان، ذاکر ولد زرے خان اور انوار ولد احمد خان، شمس توب ویل پر حملہ میں 2 اہلکار بلال خان اور تاج علی شہید ہوئے۔ کڑپہ پیکٹ میں شہید ہونے والے سات اہلکاروں کی اجتماعی نماز جنازہ 11 بجے ہیڈ کوارٹر غلشنی میں ادا کی گئی۔ جنازے کے بعد شہداء کو لیویز فورسز کے ایک چاق و چوبند دستے نے

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لاہور سینٹرل جیل اڈیالہ میں اس وقت 364 مجرم سزائے موت پر عمل درآمد کے منتظر ہیں۔ 2 ماہ قبل راولپنڈی کی اڈیالہ جیل میں سزائے موت کے 404 قیدی موجود تھے تاہم لاہور ہائی کورٹ کے راولپنڈی ڈویژن بنج نے اس عرصے میں مجموعی طور پر 45 سزائے موت کے قیدیوں کی اپیلوں کے فیصلے سنا دیئے ہیں، عدالت عالیہ نے 4 مجرموں کی اپیلیں مسترد کرتے ہوئے ان کی سزائے موت بحال رکھی ہے جب کہ 6 کی پھانسی کی سزا کا اعدام قرار دے کر انہیں بری کر دیا ہے، اس کے علاوہ 35 مجرموں کی پھانسی کی سزائیں ختم کر کے عمر قید میں تبدیل کر دی گئیں ہیں۔ اب اڈیالہ جیل میں مجموعی طور پر پھانسی کی سزا کے 364 مجرم رہ گئے ہیں ان میں سے 8 کی رحم کی اپیلیں صدر مملکت پاس زیر التواء ہیں، 73 کی اپیلیں سپریم کورٹ جبکہ 278 کی لاہور ہائی کورٹ کے راولپنڈی بنج میں زیر سماعت ہیں، ان میں 6 خواتین قیدی بھی شامل ہیں۔

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پاکستان کے صوبے خیبر پختونخوا کے 23 اضلاع میں 356 بلدیاتی نشستوں پر انتخابات کے لیے پولنگ کی جارہی ہے۔ پولنگ کا عمل اتوار کی صبح آٹھ بجے سے شروع ہو گیا ہے جو شام پانچ بجے تک بغیر کسی وقفے کے جاری رہے گا۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے مطابق صوبے میں 356 خالی نشستوں کے لیے 828 امیدوار مد قابل ہیں جن کے لیے 609 پولنگ سٹیشن قائم کیے گئے ہیں۔ مجموعی طور پر چھ لاکھ 93 ہزار 502 ووٹر زاپنارے حق دہی استعمال کریں گے۔ صوبے کے 232 پولنگ سٹیشنز کو حساس اور 289 کو انتہائی حساس قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ جبکہ بعض علاقوں میں موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری پر بھی پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے ضمنی بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوران مانیٹرنگ کے لیے ٹیمیں تشکیل دی ہیں جو انتظامات اور ضابطہ اخلاق پر عمل درآمد کریں گی۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے مطابق 574 نشستوں پر امیدوار بلا مقابلہ منتخب ہو چکے ہیں جبکہ اقلیتوں کے دو نشستوں پر چار امیدوار میدان میں ہے تاہم اقلیتوں کے لیے مختص پیشتر نشستیں خالی رہ گئی ہیں جن کے بارے میں بلدیات کے صوبائی وزیر عنایت اللہ نے بتایا ہے کہ ان نشستوں سے متعلق قانون میں ترمیم کی جائے گی۔ صحافی انور شاہ کے مطابق بتایا گیا ہے کہ ضلع شانگلہ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے دوران پولنگ نہیں ہو رہی کیونکہ اس ضلع میں نو نشستیں خالی رہ گئی تھیں جن کے لیے نو امیدواروں نے ہی کاغذات جمع کرائے تھے جو بلا مقابلہ منتخب ہو گئے ہیں۔ ضلع دیروڑ میں ووٹر لسٹوں کے کم ہونے پر دو تحصیلداروں سرن زیب اور غلام سعید سمیت دفتر کے پانچ اہلکاروں کے خلاف مقدمات درج کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ پولنگ سٹیشنوں کو نئی ووٹر لسٹیں فراہم کی گئی ہیں۔ سوات میں خواتین اور اقلیتوں کی یونین اور وچ کونسلوں کی 240 نشستوں کے لیے کوئی امیدوار میدان میں نہیں آیا تاہم ضلع کی چھ یونین کونسلوں میں 347 نشستوں کے لیے 107 امیدوار میدان میں ہیں۔

خیبر پختونخوا: ضمنی بلدیاتی الیکشن کے لیے

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پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے مہمند ایجنسی میں سیکورٹی افواج اور شدت پسندوں کے درمیان جھڑپ میں پانچ شدت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے۔ یہ واقعہ جمعے کی رات ایجنسی ہیڈ کوارٹر غلغلی کے جنوب میں کوئی تین کلومیٹر دور پیش آیا۔ پاکستانی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ کی جانب سے جاری ہونے والے بیان کے مطابق اس علاقے میں شدت پسندوں کی نقل و حرکت جاری تھی جس پر انھیں روکا گیا تو شدت پسندوں نے فائرنگ شروع کی گئی جس پر سیکورٹی افواج نے بھی جوابی فائرنگ کی۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ اس علاقے میں 150 سے 200 سیکورٹی اہلکار تعینات ہوئے ہیں جبکہ شدت پسندوں کی تعداد آٹھ سے دس تک تھی۔ فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کچھ دیر تک جاری رہا جس کے بعد خاموشی ہو گئی۔ اس جھڑپ میں پانچ شدت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے بیان کے مطابق شدت پسندوں کی لاشیں پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے حوالے کر دی گئیں۔ ایسی اطلاعات بھی ہیں کہ چند شدت پسند فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہوئے جن کی گرفتاری کے لیے علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مہمند ایجنسی میں حالات ایک مرتبہ پھر کشیدہ ہیں۔ گذشتہ روز تحصیل حلیم زئی میں بارودی سرنگ ناکارہ کرتے ہوئے بم ڈسپوزل سکواڈ کے ایک اہلکار زخمی جبکہ تحصیل صافی میں بارودی سرنگ کے دھماکے میں باجوڑ ایجنسی کے ایک رہائشی ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ اس سے پہلے جمعرات اور بدھ کی درمیانی شب نامعلوم افراد نے مہمند ایجنسی میں پنڈیالی اور یکہ غنڈہ میں دروازگی کے مقام پر دو علیحدہ واقعات میں خاصہ دار فورس کے نو اہلکاروں کو فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کر دیا گیا تھا۔ اس حملے میں پنڈیالی میں سات اور دروازگی میں دو اہلکاروں کو مارا گیا تھا۔ اس حملے کی ذمہ داری کا اعدام تنظیم تحریک طالبان جماعت الاحرار کے ترجمان احسان اللہ احسان نے قبول کی تھی۔ دوسری جانب صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع نوشہرہ میں دو افراد کی لاشیں ملی ہیں جنھیں تشدد کے بعد فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کیا گیا۔ یہ لاشیں نوشہرہ اور پشاور کے سرحدی علاقے اکبر پورہ کے قریب داؤد زئی کے جنگل سے ملیں۔ نوشہرہ پولیس کے اہلکار نے بتایا کہ انھیں اطلاع ملی کہ دو افراد کی لاشیں جنگل میں پڑی ہیں۔ پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ یہ لاشیں پشاور کے علاقے موسی زئی کے رہائشی ضیا الرحمان اور پشاور میں بڈھنی کے رہائشی شایان

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مٹھی (نامہ نگار) تھر پر موت کے سائے برقرار ہیں۔ ہفتے کے روز مزید 6 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ ان میں تحصیل چھاچھرو کے گاؤں میکھے جو ہڑ میں 4 ماہ کا بچہ بدھو، تحصیل ڈیلو کے گاؤں سوڈھی بھہ میں 15 دنوں کی عبدالغفار کی بچی، تحصیل ننگر پار کر کے گاؤں دیر پودل میں ایک برس کا فاروق اور رازق ڈنودل کی 9 ماہ کی بچی حسینہ اور گاؤں کھاروڑو غلام شاہ میں ایک برس کا وسیم شامل ہیں۔ اس طرح ماہ جنور سے لیکر اس وقت تک فوت ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 188 ہو چکی ہے۔ اسکے علاوہ سول مٹھی میں شکر راجپوت کا ایک دن کا بچہ چل بسا۔

تھر: مزید 6 بچے جاں بحق، رواں سال مریدالوں کی تعداد 188 ہو گئی

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ملک کے اکثر علاقے سردی کی لپیٹ میں ہیں۔ شمالی علاقوں میں برقیاری سے معمولات زندگی بھی بری طرح متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ آج استور میں درجہ حرارت منفی پانچ تک گر گیا ہے۔ پاراچنار میں درجہ حرارت منفی چار، سکردوار ہنزہ منفی تین، جبکہ کالام، گوپس، قلات اور بگروٹ میں منفی دو ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے جبکہ فیصل آباد، بہاولپور، محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ آئندہ چند روز کے دوران بھی ملک، ملتان اور ساہیوال ڈویژن میں رات اور صبح کے اوقات میں دھند پڑنے کی بھی توقع ہے کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہنے کا ہی امکان ہے۔ گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران بھی ملک کے اکثر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہا تاہم گلگت بلتستان میں چند مقامات پر ہلکی بارش بھی ہوئی۔

ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے، شمالی علاقہ جات میں برقیاری کا سلسلہ بھی جاری

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دریاخان (آن لائن) خوشاب میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے 4 خواتین، 2 بچوں سمیت 17 افراد جاں بحق، 19 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جن میں سے 7 کی حالت تشویشناک بتائی جاتی ہے، وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے واقعہ کی رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے، تفصیلات کے مطابق گزشتہ رات محلہ نمند گراں میں شدید بارش اور مکان پر زور دار دھماکے سے آسمانی بجلی گر گئی بجلی کے گرنے سے دو جڑواں مکان مسمار ہو گئے، گھر میں سوئے گئے 17 افراد مسمار ضیعی بی بی، اس کے نو عمر بچے سونی بی بی 17 سال، ثوبیہ بی بی 16 سال، عبدالرؤف 15 سال، محمد فاروق 12 سالہ اور ملحقہ گھر میں کنز ال بی بی 13، نعمان رمضان عمر 7 سال جان کی بازی ہار گئے زخمی ہونیوالوں میں عمر حیات، خالد محمود، صوبہ بی بی، نسرین اختر، ثریا بی بی، ظفر، پروین بی بی اور مرثیہ بی بی شامل ہیں۔ ڈی ایس پی جوہر آباد پرویز احمد خان کے مطابق آسمانی بجلی اور بارش کے باعث چہارہ نمایہ مکان جو کہ انتہائی پرانے تھے گر گئے جس کے باعث 17 افراد جاں بحق اور 9 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ ریسکیو 1122 نے جاں بحق اور زخمی ہونیوالے افراد کو آپریشن کر کے طے سے نکالا، زخموں کو ڈی ایچ کیو اسپتال جوہر آباد منتقل کر دیا گیا، دوسری جانب صوبائی وزیر روزنامہ جنگلات اینڈ فشریز ملک محمد آصف بھابھو وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف کے حکم پر فوری طور پر جائے وقوعہ پر پہنچے اور بعد ازاں اسپتال میں زخموں سے عیادت کی، صوبائی وزیر ملک آصف بھاکے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے واقعہ پر دلی دکھ کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے متاثرہ خاندانوں سے اظہار ہمدردی کیا ہے۔

خوشاب، گھر پر آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے 4 بچوں سمیت 17 افراد جاں بحق

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لاہور + ننگانہ + فیصل آباد + چشتیاں + ساہو کا (نامہ نگاران + نمائندہ خصوصی + ایجنسیاں) لاہور اسلام آباد سمیت پنجاب کے بعض علاقوں میں بارش ہوئی۔ آسمانی بجلی گرنے اور حادثہ میں 13 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ سردی پھر لوٹ آئی۔ سیالکوٹ، صفدر آباد، وہاڑی، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ اور گردونواح میں بارش کے بعد موسم ایک بار پھر ٹھنڈا ہو گیا۔ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران بہاولپور، ساہیوال، فیصل آباد، سرگودھا، گوجرانوالہ، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں بارش کا امکان ہے۔ ننگانہ صاحب اور گردونواح میں بوند باندی سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا، زمینداروں کا کہنا ہے کہ اس بارش سے ان کی فصلوں پر بہت اچھا اثر پڑے گا، بصیر پور اور گردونواح میں موسلا دھار بارش جل تھل ہو گیا۔ فیصل آباد انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف کارڈیالوجی کے سامنے بارش کے سبب پھسل کر گرنے والا موٹر سائیکل سوار نوجوان غلام محی الدین نامعلوم گاڑی تلے آکر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ چشتیاں میں محنت کش محمد یار کے احاطہ مویشیاں میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے اس کا جواں سال بیٹا ندیم بری طرح بھلس گیا۔ ہسپتال لایا گیا جہاں وہ دم توڑ گیا جبکہ 2 بھینسیں بھی ہلاک ہو گئیں۔ ساہو کا میں سیف اللہ کھیتوں سے چارہ کاٹ رہا تھا کہ آسمانی بجلی گر گئی جس کی زد میں آکر وہ موقع پر جاں بحق ہو گیا مرنے والا تین بچوں کا باپ تھا۔ اٹک میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے محلہ مہر پورہ شرقی میں بجلی کا نظام درہم برہم ہو کر رہ گیا۔ میانوالی کے نواحی علاقہ پانی خیل میں بعد نماز جمعہ آسمانی بجلی جامع مسجد کی خیل سٹی پانی خیل کے مینار پر آگری جس سے مینار کو کافی نقصان پہنچا۔

لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں بارش، آسمانی بجلی گرنے، حادثہ میں 13 افراد جاں بحق

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- 50 تھر: مزید 6 بچے جان بحق، رواں سال مرئیوالوں کی تعداد 188 ہو گئی
- 50 ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے، شمالی علاقہ جات میں برفباری کا سلسلہ جاری
- 50 لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں بارش، آسمانی بجلی گرنے، حادثہ میں تین افراد جان بحق
- 48 8300 انتہائی مشکوک افراد کے شناختی کارڈ، پاسپورٹ، اسلحہ لائسنس منسوخ، بینک اکاؤنٹ منجمد کرنے کا فیصلہ
- 47 سیکورٹی خدشات پر مزار اقبال کے بعد اقبال میوزیم پر بھی تالے لگا دیئے گئے
- 45 جدید تقاضوں کے پیش نظر تعلیمی نصاب پر نظر ثانی کی ضرورت ہے
- 43 چینی زبان کے سرٹیفیکیٹ کورسز کے داخلہ فارم جمع کرانے کی تاریخ میں توسیع

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اردو کی خبریں

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قدرتی آفات سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں

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سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں

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پبلک سروسز سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں

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قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

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سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

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پبلک سروسز سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

