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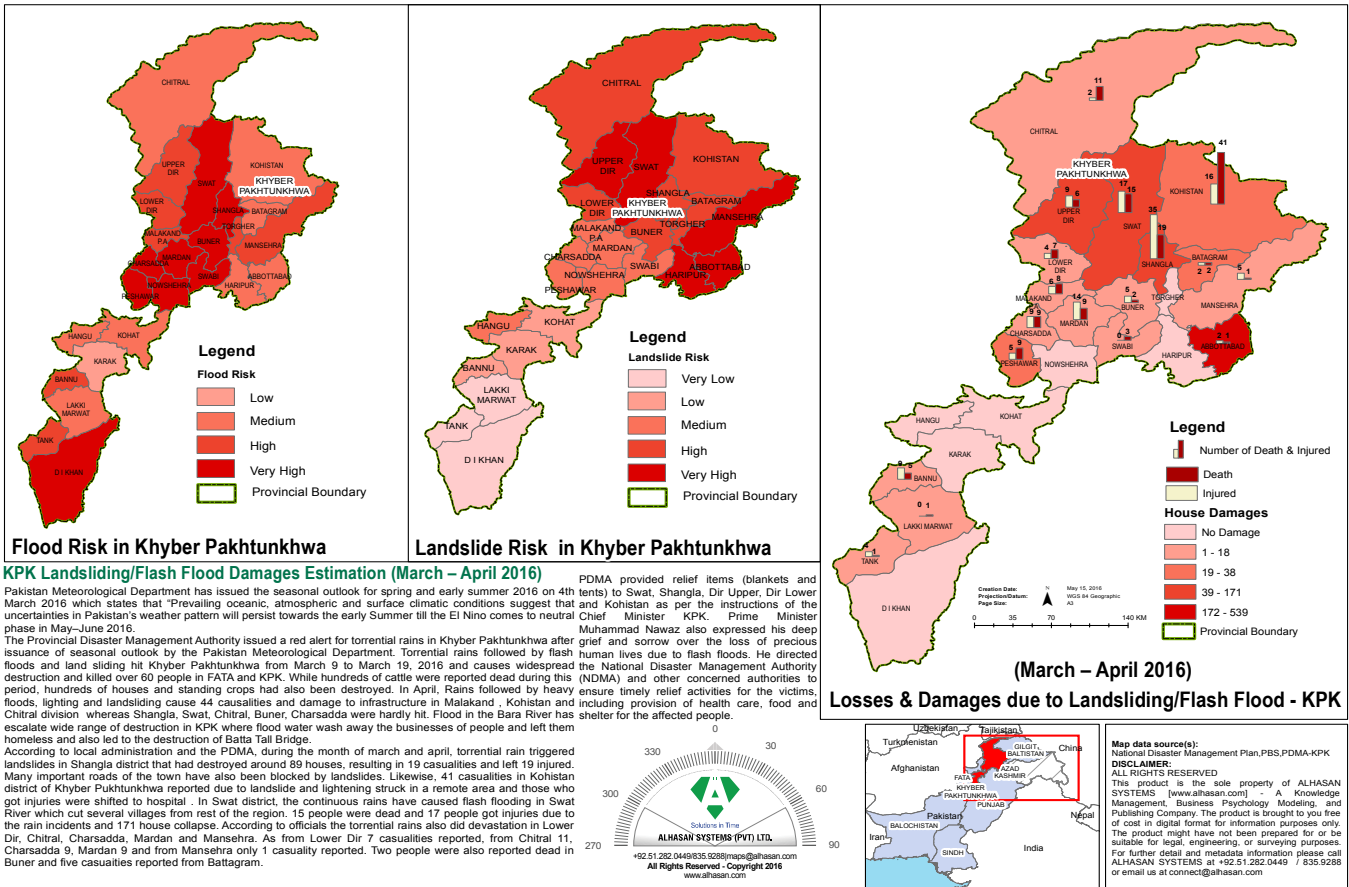
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Sindh Govt plans bed space for 12,752 people for possible heat wave victims

Daily Times, May 16, 2016

Girl killed in KP rain-related incidents

The News, May 16, 2016

Deforestation exposes Pakistan to natural threats

Daily Times, May 16, 2016

DETAILS

KARACHI: In connection with the preparations of much anticipated heat wave in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city with estimated population of 24 million people, authorities have allocated bed space for 12,752 persons in major hospitals, official document said.

As per arrangements by the Sindh government along with commissioner of Karachi for possible heat wave emergency, the administration has allocated 1,882 beds in major hospitals, which shows one bed for 12,752 patients according to the population of city.

The technical report on Karachi heat wave for June 2015 of the Ministry of Climate Change government of Pakistan confirms that the heat wave in Karachi during June 17-24 last year swallowed more than 1,200 lives including women and children. According to official record, more than 16,000 heat wave patients were hospitalised in two major hospitals of the city, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) and Civil Hospital (CHK) during 2015 heat incidents whereas, the estimated number of patients who were hospitalised in city's hospitals was much bigger. Unnumbered could not reach the hospitals on time and brought dead in hospitals.

Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah and Sindh Health Department, who came under criticism for responding poor and failing to address public sufferings. In reply, PPP leadership held the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) federal government and load shedding responsible for loss of human lives. However, this year, authorities limited to 1,882 beds in six districts of the city under the tag of Tertiary Referral Centres (TRC). As per plan, TRCs which consist of 54 major hospitals each with 27 government and private hospitals, 17 belong to East district, six in West, seven in South, seven in Central, five in Malir and 11 in Korangi district.

JPMC focal person Dr Jawaid Akhtar Jamali while talking to Daily Times said, "This year JPMC has arranged 250 beds for heatstroke patients in air-conditioned rooms." He said, "We could stretch 500 to 1,000 beds in case of emergency and make shift arrangement could be availed at Outpatient Department (OPD).

On the other hand, CHK has drawn 'Emergency Contingency Plan for Heat Wave Patients 2016, and out of total bed strength of 1,750, indoor admission beds available for heat affected patients are 80. Besides that 30 patients could also be admitted at Benazir Bhutto Trauma Centre. CHK Additional Medical Superintendent (General) Dr Abdul Qadir said, "We are upgrading the system including air-conditioners. The contingency plan would be functional if heat wave warning is issued. If needed, we could modify other departments for this requirement." According to CHK plan, Civil Hospital has divided heatstroke patients into different categories and 'learning from the last year's lessons' CHK has introduced different colours. CHK plan states, "The red coloured tag will elucidate heatstroke patients with co-morbidities. Yellow will show patients with severe heatstroke and Green tag will indicate patients with mild heatstroke while the black tag will be the sign of a dead."

Apart from TRCs, facilities also include establishing of 180 First Response Centres (FRC) and 100 to 200 Sabeel and Side Road Facilitation Centre (SFC) in six districts. Pakistan Meteorological Department, which is responsible for providing metrological services throughout the country, said that there is no chance of heat wave this year in June in the city.

The National Weather Forecasting Centre Director General Dr Muhammad Hanif while taking to Daily Times said, "There is no chance of heat wave intensity in this June. Heat wave could only be forecasted a week earlier. However, in the coming days, parts of Sindh and Balochistan could face moderate intensity of heat. Karachi could bear temperature between 35 degrees centigrade and 37 degrees centigrade." Last June, Metrological Department had been criticised for failing to forecast the calamity and issuing any warnings.

A public health physician Dr Suleman Otho said, "Heat stroke specific high dependency wards should be made available in case of any emergency." He said, "End stage management regarding how to treat heat wave stroke should also be improved in physicians, paramedics and related staff. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) template should be inscribed at relevant places to help out medical staff."

PESHAWAR: One person was killed and 10 others sustained injuries as rains and gusty winds hit parts of Khyber Pakhtun-khwa on Saturday 14th May, 2016. Police sources said a girl child was killed and 10 other persons sustained injuries in rain-related incidents in Dera Ismail Khan. They said a minor girl Faryal was killed while her brother Saqib sustained critical injuries when a tree uprooted by gusty winds fell on them in Basyakhel area in Dera Ismail Khan.

In Kot Baily in Dera Ismail Khan, a man identified as Kamran, Raidah Bibi of Sokri Zabta Khan area, a girl child Iqra Bibi and three other persons sustained injuries when the boundary walls of their houses collapsed in Turra Mir Alam village due to heavy rains. They said another person Shafidullah of Kotka Mir Alam sustained injuries as a tree fell on him. Meanwhile, Peshawar and adjacent areas received light and intermittent rain with strong gusty winds that turned the weather pleasant.

ISLAMABAD: Owing to rapid cutting of trees in the country, the adverse effects on climate change may take place if the government does not take timely measures for the safety of forests. As usual the federal government, instead of taking immediate solid and long term steps to save and improve forests, asked the provincial governments to do so. The Ministry of Climate Change released a framework policy report according to which Pakistan is the country, which has the most less forest

'Climate change to affect over 1 billion people by 2060'

Daily Pakistan, May 16, 2016

Climate change badly affecting agriculture in Pakistan

Daily Times, May 15, 2016

Met office forecasts heavy floods in July-August

The News, May 15, 2016

covered area in the world.

According to Forest Sector Master Plan Report Pakistan had 4.2 million hectares of land which were covered by natural jungles in 1992, which was 4.8 per cent of the whole terra firma. However unluckily no survey was conducted since long to ascertain the total area covered by forests in Pakistan. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of UNO had issued a report in 2007 which revealed that at that time Pakistan had 4.34 million hectares of land, which was 5 per cent of the total land. Out of the forest covered area some 3.44 million hectares of land was owned by the government whereas private sector owned 0.78 million hectares of forest land.

The country is facing the destruction of forests on 31658 hectares of land per annum which is 0.75 per cent of the entire land by virtue of high rate of increasing population, developing more and more housing colonies, due to which Pakistan is facing a speedy climate change, broadening the different diseases on human beings, assault of germs on agriculture cultivation and natural calamities especially exploding the floods with immense speed.

The federal government has directed the provincial government to conduct a scientific based research in collaboration with the international and national research institute on the species of trees which are going short in the jungles of Pakistan. The government also instructed provinces to commence a mass awareness programme on a war footing basis to save the forests and to plant trees.

LAHORE: By the year 2060, more than a billion people across the world will live in risk of catastrophic flooding as a result of climate change. According to a British charity, "Christian Aid", the people of the US, China and India will be at greater risk due to persistent climate changes.

The eight most vulnerable cities on the list are all in Asia and Indian cities Kolkata and Mumbai will be most at risk. The study says that reducing carbon emissions and limiting global temperature increase will require a transition from fossil fuels to low-carbon energy sources. The study also calls for international systems to help communities recover from devastating storms and floods.

ISLAMABAD: Climate change is impacting adversely the agriculture sector of Pakistan and it is need of hour that measures be taken on fast track basis to create awareness about climate change among the farming community. Within the policy framework of climate change federal government has issued directives to the provinces for protection of agriculture and improvement in livestock. Ministry of Climate Change has also directed the provinces to take steps to counter the negative fall-out of climate change with particular reference to agriculture and live stock.

Agriculture is backbone of Pakistan's national economy which contributes 21 percent to the GDP of the country. It is source of livelihood for 45 percent people and it constitutes 75 percent share of income accruing from exports. Land in Pakistan is divided into 10 categories in the perspective of climate change. Growth in production of crop is linked to temperature. Rise in temperature affects badly crops and fodder. The threat of cyclone and floods is looming large in Pakistan in the backdrop of climate change. This threat can impact severely food. Therefore it is need of hour to take steps to counter this threat.

Livestock is vital subordinate department of agriculture, which constitutes 12 percent of the GDP of the country and rural population ranging between 30 to 35 percent is attached with this sector. According to economic survey 2009-10, they earned 37 to 40 percent of their income from this sector. Climate change leaves its impacts particular on agriculture and livestock, therefore, such areas are selected for the production from these two sectors which are suitable in the perspective of climate and weather. Farming community should take precautionary measures to protect the crops against these hazards. They should ensure that fertile land is not used for any other purpose than agriculture.

Crops suitable to climate should be grown in the areas which receive high rain fall so that they could produce good yield. The provincial governments should ensure that in calamities prone areas such methods or adopted or crops are cultivated which are calamity resistant.

The farming community is persuaded to use modern methods of investment in the areas which are prone to climate change. Good fodder and availability of food be ensured on top priority basis for live stock. Information should be provided to people about fodder and food. The farmers be persuaded to grow grass for live stock in hilly areas. Arrangements be made for imparting training to farmers so that they could use the water in better manner. State of the art methods be preferred for energy production and use of biotechnology be increased so that carbon absorbing crops and seeds could be grown.

ISLAMABAD: Though floods have become annual feature for the last six years, the government has neither a 'flood protection plan' in hand since 2012, nor authorities look serious in taking it on priority amid forecast again of 'heavy floods' during July-August this year, 'The News' reliably learnt on Saturday 14th May, 2016. "There is forecast that in July-August, floods can again hit the country, but when there is no plan, then how action can be taken to cope with the calamity, a top official of the Meteorological Department told 'The News' on condition of anonymity.

"Since 2012, not a single penny has been released by the government to mitigate the challenge, because there is no plan in hand," he said. Floods normally affect the rural areas, while no government in the past has focused on it and is just allocating a billion rupees for it, but devastation and losses are in billions every year.

Interestingly, the Council of Common Interests (CCI) had also rejected the proposed Rs177.66 billion 10-year National Flood Protection Plan (NFPP) on the grounds of being 'cut-pasted' and having unrealistic financial demands, a top official told this correspondent on condition of anonymity. Officials who were given the job at the Federal Flood Commission (FFC) under the Ministry of Water and Power to formulate and typewrite the NFPP have apparently cut-pasted the previous plan's material, as a number of misrepresentation of facts have gone into the new one, an

'Women's health must be a priority in district disaster management plans'

The News, May 14, 2016

Green Pakistan Programme : Efforts afoot to boost forest cover, says official

Express Tribune, May 13, 2016

official who attended the CCI meeting said. Besides, the demand for the construction of politically-sensitive Kalabagh Dam went into the latest proposed plan that offended the chief ministers of the Sindh and KP, an official told The News.

Under the Water and Power Ministry, the commission formulated the ten-year plan through World Bank funding. Internationally renowned experts in water resources and flood management, "The Deltares" of Netherlands along with (Nespak) were engaged in this exercise. Chairman FFC Asjad Imtiaz Ali said, "We are consulting with the provinces and in a month, we will again submit the proposed plan to the CCI for approval. This is ten-year plan, while in routine, every year a billion rupees are allocated and the amount is spent in consultation with provinces to strengthen the dykes or building new ones and other activities." When asked whether the CCI had rejected the proposed plan for being cut-pasted and having unrealistic financial demands, Ali said, "There was no such issue, however, some typo errors were there. We will be taking it to CCI almost having the same financial demands, however can be a little bit changed after having meetings with provinces." This flood protection plan will span over 2015-16 to 2024-25 and aims at integrated flood management by focusing on non-structural measures such as reservoir operations, flood forecasting and early warning, flood risk zoning, watershed management, flood proofing and insurance, disaster management and other measures, he said.

Pakistan is in world's top ten countries which are most vulnerable to climate change. For the last six years in a row, floods have hit the country, devastating crops and properties, leaving thousands of people displaced and the economy suffering losses in billions. The frequency of extreme climate events, shift of monsoon rainfall zone from North-east to North-west, intense, concentrated monsoon rains in short time of interval, inconsistent behaviour of monsoon and erratic flash flood events are the major future challenges. Pakistan being an agricultural economy, this also adversely affects its food security. The 2010's historic devastating flood had affected one-fifth of Pakistan. It displaced 20 million people, destroyed a million houses, washed away infrastructure and one tenth of standing crops and killing innumerable livestock. It caused more devastation than combined damages of Asia's tsunami, 2005's earthquake in Kashmir and Haiti earthquake.

The World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) estimates, in money terms, the 2010's flood damages were to the tune of \$10 billion. After that, almost every year the flood hit Pakistan inflicting billions of dollars losses on economy. "During the past six years, overall damages due to floods are almost equal to total flood damages in preceding 60 years." Floods are the most devastating natural disasters and are generally caused by heavy concentrated rainfall in the catchments areas during the monsoon season (July through September).

KARACHI: As extreme climate change effects are being witnessed across the globe, Pakistan too has fallen prey to global warming and its consequences and has witnessed destructive floods, cyclones as well as severe heatwaves over recent years.

Though the affected people of all ages and genders, it was primarily women who bore the brunt of disasters struck in Sindh hence the inclusion of women in drafting Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and climate change policies remains essential. This was agreed upon by environment experts, civil society activists, academics and government representatives gathered at an advocacy workshop titled 'Dialogue on Impacts of Climate Change on Women Health; Sharing Policy Perspective' organised by Sindh Community Foundation (SCF) in cooperation of Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) at a local hotel on Friday.

In the workshop, findings of a latest study titled 'Understanding climate change, impact on women's reproductive health: Post-disaster interventions in Sindh' was also shared. The study had narrowed down Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Kashmore districts, which were among the worst affected areas during 2010 and 2011 floods.

Javed Hussain, a researcher who also heads the SCF, said Pakistan has been experiencing the effects of climate change, flash floods, droughts, and cyclones over the years as the country fell within the disaster-prone zone of South Asia. Referring the study findings, he said Pakistan has been facing climate severities since the last 20 years which has had adverse effects on the economy and development: "Prime Minister approved the National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy in February 2013. It was one step forward in considering DRR as a core issue in the country's development and covers the range of issues such as housing, gender sensitivity, infrastructure, WASH, health in general," Hussain said. "But the specific focus on reproductive health is not put in the focus regarding health," he added. After the 18th amendment, disaster management is a provincial subject but still provincial DRR policies have not been initiated, he maintained. Environment and gender expert Aafia Salam said that the study had identified the gaps in national disaster and climate change policies which needed to be addressed with gender concerns keeping the context of current ground realities and the intensity of the calamity in each region. District level disaster management authorities need to be functional and well equipped to address the issues of women particular health, she stated.

Mehtab Akbar Rashidi, a parliamentarian of the Pakistan Muslim League-Function, said that the women were oppressed by the patriarchal norms of this society so the perception on women issues was not line with the existing programs. Besides representatives of non-governmental organisations from ten disaster-hit districts of Sindh, Dr Shazia Zia, a leader of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and Zulfiqar Halepoto, a prominent civil society activist, also shared their views regarding the climate change and its impact on health, especially women.

ISLAMABAD: A Climate Change Ministry (MoCC) official on Wednesday 11th May, 2016 said that efforts were under way to boost forest cover across the country.

At a media briefing, Federal Climate Change Secretary Syed Abu Ahmad Akif said that the ministry in collaboration with the federating units had doubled its efforts to increase the forest cover to fight the impacts of climate change. He said that the prime minister had directed the ministry to take

Landslides block Kohistan-Dir road

The News, May 13, 2016

More dengue cases reported in city

Pakistan Today, May 13, 2016

5.3 magnitude earthquake jolts Balochistan

Pakistan Today, May 13, 2016

As drought shrivels crop, Pakistan cotton industry faces \$4bn bill

Geo News, May 12, 2016

provincial forest departments on board to check deforestation and increase forest cover to lessen Pakistan's climate vulnerability in case of a natural calamity. "The ministry would leave no stone unturned to utilise its available resources to actualise the prime minister's directives, as he has expressed serious concern over rapidly depleting forests resources, which has exposed the country to apocalyptic effects of climate-altering global warming," Akif said. The official said that the "Green Pakistan Programme" envisioned by the premier reflected his understanding of importance of forests in tackling climate change issues, and his seriousness towards re-invigorating the ailing forestry sector.

Present government's sincerity to the cause of protecting country's social and economic sectors from climate change impacts is reflected in the political will shown at the highest levels [to address the issue]," Akif said. He said that under the "Green Pakistan Programme", around 100 million trees would be planted in the next five years. "Containing deforestation and increasing forest cover is effective, viable and the only way to mitigate the impact of climate change," Akif said. "Forests hold key to tackle extreme weather patterns, which trigger floods, droughts, heat waves etc," he said. The officials also talked about multi-million-rupee projects the ministry has envisaged, to fight the threat of climate change.

Meanwhile, experts have called for creating mass awareness to tackle environmental degradation to achieve sustainable socio-economic development goals. They were speaking at a seminar titled "environmental education for controlling environmental degradation" organized by the Ministry of Climate Change in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute for Environment-Development Action Research (PIEDAR) held at Lok Virsa on Thursday. Climate Change Secretary, Akif, has said that awareness-raising at all levels is vital to coping with environmental degradation for achieving sustainable socio-economic development goals.

DIR: The main Kohistan-Dir road was blocked for traffic due to landsliding at various places Thursday night 12th May 2016. The area received heavy rain and hailstorm the other day. The road has been closed at Sheringal and Patrak areas. People of Upper Kohistan badly suffered due to closure of the road as they have to walk for hours to reach destinations. Passengers, especially women, children, elderly and others faced difficulties in reaching their destinations.

KARACHI: As many as 31 more dengue viral fever cases have been detected in Sindh province in a week, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 541 in the province since 1st January 2016. As per weekly report issued by the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Sindh, at least 31 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from 6th to 12th of May 2016, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Dadu and Shikarpur. A total of 28 new dengue fever cases were detected in Karachi last week, out of which 10 were reported from District Central, four from District South, three from District West, five from District East, three from District Malir and three from District Korangi.

This year a total of 541 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since 1st January 2016, out of which 507 were detected from Karachi, seven from Hyderabad, four from Sukkur, three from Tando Muhammad Khan, two each from Thatta, Jamshoro, Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Naushero Feroz, Larkana and Shikarpur, one each from Tharparkar, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Ghotki, Khairpur and Shaheed Benazirabad.

A 5.3 magnitude earthquake followed by stronger aftershocks was felt in various parts of Balochistan on Friday afternoon, leaving residents panicked and afraid. Tremors were felt in Quetta, Chaman, Killa Abdullah and Pishin. No loss of life or property was reported. The first earthquake recorded at a focal depth of 10 kilometres struck at 11:59am, followed by a 5.5 magnitude earthquake with a focal depth of 49km. The epicentre of both quakes was Chaman.

"[Our country is located] on an earthquake-prone belt, but this does not mean that things are dangerous for Pakistan all the time," Director General Met Dr Ghulam Rasul, the country's top meteorologist, said in January.

Small and frequent tremors are far less dangerous, he said, as they help dissipate seismic energy which, if stored up for too long, manifests itself in the shape of massive quakes that can cause widespread damage. This region has the highest rates of seismicity and largest earthquakes in the Himalaya region, caused mainly by movement on thrust faults. The PMD recorded about 851 seismic disturbances in 2015.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is spending \$4 billion a year on cotton imports to support its ailing textile industry, after erratic rainfall and drought in the country's cotton fields slammed growers and the country's economy, officials say. Bad weather has hurt both the quality and quantity of cotton harvested, leaving the country's textile producers — who account for almost nine percent of GDP — struggling as they face lack of supply and higher prices for imports, they say. "We are importing cotton from India and some other countries to fulfill our demand and this has increased to 20 percent in just six months," said Mehmood Aslam, operations manager at Fazal Group, one of the oldest and largest textile groups in Pakistan, with operations in cotton ginning, yarn and fabric manufacturing. He said turning to imports had led to a rise of up to 30 percent in the cost of the company's raw materials and hit the company's profits.

The quality of the Pakistani cotton still available also is declining as a result of the poor conditions, he said. "The local cotton contains a lot of trash and other contaminations due to the extreme weather conditions. Therefore its ginning yield has fallen and production costs have escalated," he said. He said problems sourcing good quality cotton and ongoing energy shortages in Pakistan had reduced his company's exports of finished textiles from more than 100 shipping containers a month over much of the last two years to about 30 containers today.

"We can't meet the deadline of 30 days to deliver our orders and the majority of our clients have

Governor for coordinated efforts to combat heatwave

Pak Observer, May 12, 2016

Averting losses: NDMA urges caution amid weather warnings

Express Tribune, May 12, 2016

Calamity strikes again: Torrential rain in K-P leaves six dead, nine injured

Express Tribune, May 12, 2016

Climate change experts urge Pakistan to come up with water management policy

turned to India, Bangladesh and China to get their orders done in time," he said. He urged the government to offer reductions in sales tax to help the struggling industry.

KARACHI: Governor Sindh Dr Ishratul-Ebad Khan on Wednesday 11th May, 2016 said that a comprehensive awareness campaign was needed to inform masses about the precautionary measures against possible heat-waves so as to avoid loss of precious human lives. Labourers and commuters must be given preference in this regard as 90% of deaths from heat-wave last years were reported on city roads.

This he said while speaking at 4th National Monsoon Forum and Heat- Waves awareness workshop here. Director General Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Dr Ghulam Rasul, Expert from Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) Thailand Ms Ruby Rose and Chairman National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Maj Gen (R) Asghar Nawaz were also present on the occasion. He said that last year's killer heat-wave is still in the memory of Karachiites due to which many precious human lives were lost. This year we have already experienced unprecedented hot weather in February and recently during the last week of April, while there is a forecast of hot and dry weather and also severe monsoon in coming summer which may result in urban flooding in Karachi, he observed.

Governor said that no one can fight or stop natural disasters but with better preparedness we can minimize the losses to a great extent. The role of media in informing the masses about the precautionary measures is very crucial as it can teach and guide the people in a convincing way, he added. He said it was commendable that the PMD is working in collaboration with RIMES and has also chalked out a comprehensive strategy in this regard, which is also being coordinated by Health Department, KMC and K-Electric. The establishment of Early Warning System Centre in Karachi by PMD is also a welcome step in right direction, he added.

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) alerted all departments concerned, urging them to take preventive measures after the Met Office warned of 'extreme weather events' to avoid human or property losses.

The Met Office has predicted that very unstable weather conditions are very likely to prevail in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Upper Punjab and Islamabad till Sunday while South Punjab, North-east Balochistan and upper Sindh were likely to face similar weather pattern till Friday. Rain and dust storms were also expected in FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. A fall in temperatures was likely between three and four °C in plains because of rains and strong dust storms, according to Met office. Meanwhile, an environmental expert, Pervaiz Amir, who was also a former member of the prime minister's taskforce on climate change, told The Express Tribune that over the past few years, Pakistan was consistently being hit by unusual weather events.

"Hailstorms coupled with strong dust storms and thunderstorms in the month of May are (part of an) unusual (weather pattern)," he said. According to him, El-Nino and weather patterns developing under the influence of climate change were among major reasons behind such unusual weather conditions.

CHARSADDA / LANDIKOTAL: At least six people died and nine people were injured after strong winds and heavy rains lashed Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. This resulted in flashfloods and caused a large number of roofs and walls of houses to collapse. Apart from loss of life, agricultural fields were damaged and outages increased, wreaking chaos in places that were already suffering from the menace of harsh weather.

Washed away: Four women of a family died and two others were injured during widespread flashfloods that were triggered by heavy rainfall in Loi Shalman, Landikotal. According to locals, six people were travelling in a car in Loi Shalman area on Tuesday night when their vehicle was washed away in floods that was soon followed by heavy rain and hailstorm. Four women – Waris Yousaf Khel's wife and his three daughters – were killed while two passengers, Maryam and Yousaf, were rescued by locals and rushed to the hospital where doctors said they are in stable condition.

Structures damaged: According to officials and locals, two people died and seven others injured in various areas of Charsadda on Tuesday night. A woman, along with her five-year-old son, was killed while two women and two men were injured when a thunderstorm caused the roof of their house to collapse in Para Jaranda area of Tangi, Charsadda. The woman and her son were crushed under the debris of the broken roof and succumbed to their injuries on the way to the hospital.

Extreme weather conditions also caused the wall of a house to collapse in Turangzai, injuring a man and his wife. Both of them were rushed to the hospital in Tangi where they were admitted. Solar panels, which are used excessively in Charsadda district because of continuous and prolonged load-shedding, broke away from their installments when heavy rain and strong wind engulfed many areas. In Haleemzai area of Shabqadar, a woman was injured when one of the solar panels hit her on Tuesday night.

Accentuating misery: The destructive weather also caused mud walls of many houses to fall and created havoc in many agricultural fields and fruit and vegetable gardens, particularly those of strawberries. The storm also increased suffering of locals when Pesco officials in Shabqadar and Tangi increased their load-shedding to 20 to 22 hours at a time when solar panels and power batteries were damaged by thunderstorms.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan needs to formulate and implement a management policy for its water resources, which would soon be surpassing value of petroleum, says Prof Patrick Shea, former director of the US Bureau of Land Management.

In his lecture on "Relevance of Environmental Laws to Coping Climate Change" at the Sustainable

Daily Times, May 11, 2016

Development Policy Institute (SDPI) on Tuesday, Shea said that establishing an institutional framework to handle the challenge had become all the more important, as Pakistan was turning from a water surplus to a water scarce country. Prof Shea said the point was this: "How we can together sensitise our fellow beings to value of water." Developing his lecture, he discussed three crucial issues related to the sustained use of water, as a right. He said that access to sweet water, clean water and predictable availability of water were three basic challenges. He said that accessibility, quality and predictability were three dimensions of the water problem. He said that association of water to climate change made its availability unpredictable. Giving example of five blind men defining an elephant each according to his own understanding, he described the Himalayan Range as the elephant and the governments and policymakers in South and South East Asia as blind men describing their part of the elephant.

"There is need for an integrated approach to move forward. Chinese, Vietnamese, Burmese, Pakistani and Indian policymakers are not sharing information, so there is little integration of information. There is need for bringing educated people of the region together, as 95% of the water has its regional sharing. Pakistan needs to categorise water resources on their availability. At the moment, there is no estimate available for the availability of groundwater and extent of invasion of seawater to the coastal aquifers. In Pakistan and India, melting of glaciers is an important phenomenon. According to an estimate, glaciers will melt by 2020. There is need for scientific monitoring of the melting glaciers," he said. There is need to overcome institutional fragmentation and promote coherence, he added. Shafqat Kakakhel, former ambassador and chair of the Board of Governors at the SDPI, said, "We started as a water affluent country with 5,500 cubic metres water per person per annum. Today, per capita availability has receded to 1,000 cubic metres that according to the UN is a condition of stress. It has various reasons attached to it like population explosion, unregulated urbanisation, decaying infrastructure and poor water management.

"There was protection on drawing of water until 1960s even until 1970s. Under the Indus Water Treaty 3,000 tube-wells were installed in Pakistan to compensate the loss of water coming from the eastern rivers. Today, it has reached more than one million. This has grown into exponential use of tube-wells in Pakistan; indigenous manufacturers are producing tube-wells in large number. There is no regulatory mechanism. Landlords believe that groundwater belongs to them and they have all rights to mine it," he said.

Tariq Banuri, professor of economics at the Utah University, Salt Lake City, said that Pakistan needed to protect its available surface water, protect and preserve groundwater and develop institutions for building policy and regulatory frameworks. "Melting of glacier is becoming unpredictable due to climate change. We need to find ways of slowing it down or reversing it."

Syed Abu Ahmad Akif, secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change, appreciated the work done by the SDPI. He said that Pakistan was among the seven most vulnerable countries due to climate change, though it was among the countries making lowest contribution to the Green House Gases. It stands at 135th position in terms of contribution. Pakistan is falling short on its water needs and "we don't have resources to convert seawater into drinking water. In last four to five years Pakistan has seen droughts and floods. No wonder the government has dedicated a ministry to handle this issue."

Climate change's threat

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The climate change has caused a considerable increase in the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, coupled with erratic monsoon rains causing frequent and intense floods and droughts in the country. According to an official report compiled by the Ministry of Climate Change, rising temperature resulted in enhanced heat and water stressed conditions leading to reduced agriculture productivity. Also, there are threats to coastal areas due to projected sea level rise and increased cyclonic activity due to higher surface temperature, besides having stress between upper riparian and lower riparian regions in relation to sharing of water resources. Pakistan is amongst the most vulnerable countries to climate change and it has very low technical capacity to adapt to its adverse impacts.

Climate change does not only threaten the country's food security, but it also poses a threat to its economic survival. Adapting and mitigating the impacts of climate change is a matter of economic survival of Pakistan since agriculture is the foundation of the economy.

Throughout the country's history, its economy is widely dependent on four seasons. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges faced by the agriculture sector. One of the best strategies to combat this challenge is developing climate zones and introducing supplementary irrigation for sustainable agriculture because our land is arid and rain fed.

In view of the above, Government of Pakistan must prioritise its response to climate change in order to mitigate environmental threats and prevent future calamities. Also, it is important that Pakistan makes climate change a priority. Failure to do so would jeopardise the country's national security. The historic Paris agreement in 2015 provides hope for global response to the threat of climate change. The agreement made it clear that the responsibility for climate change lies with all nations.

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DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: The Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz has said that Indian supersonic interceptor missile test will disturb the balance of power in the region. According to Radio Pakistan, Sartaj Aziz said, "Pakistan will raise its voice at the international level against these developments by India." He said Pakistan is not ignorant of its defence and will continue to upgrade its defensive capabilities, adding that "Pakistan will definitely acquire advanced technology to improve its defence." The advisor went on to say India is enjoying cooperation of the United States as Washington thinks a strong India is vital to contain China. Obsessed with arms race and war hysteria India on Sunday test fired its indigenously developed supersonic interceptor missile capable of destroying any incoming hostile ballistic missile from a test range off Odisha coast.

RAWALPINDI: The City Police Officer, Israr Ahmed Abbasi, has initiated an inquiry against three police officers including station house officer (SHO) of Wah Saddar for their alleged nexus with drug peddlers, gamblers, and other criminals, it has been learnt. The inquiry has been launched against SHO Tariq Mehmood Gondal and two constables Safdar and Abrar for their alleged connection with criminals. The CPO has appointed Senior Superintendent of Police (Operations) Karamtullah Malik as the inquiry officer after suspending the three cops. The proceedings against the three policemen were initiated on direction of Regional Police Officer (RPO) Wisal Fakhra Sultan Raja. The RPO, a few days ago received complaint against Sub-Inspector Gondal and the two constables that they had allegedly been patronizing criminal activities in their area. According to a senior police officer in the CPO office, the RPO gathered information about the activities of the three policemen through his own sources. He directed the CPO to initiate disciplinary action against the policemen after he gathered information about their activities. Tariq Gondal along with his close aides was allegedly staying at a local hotel on the GT Road where a prostitution and gambling den was being operated. According to the police officer, Gondal had allegedly strong links with criminal gangs, drug peddlers, gamblers and crooks, and those involved in the business of prostitution. The SI had also been alleged to have receiving illegal gratifications. When contacted, the CPO Abbasi confirmed that the inquiry had been launched against the three cops.

He, however, added that the picture would get further clearer after the inquiry was completed by the SSP. Meanwhile, a police officer has been accused of letting suspected drug peddlers go free after taking bribe, and instead implicating two innocent citizens in a narcotics case, *The Express Tribune* has learnt. An official working in the office of the CPO confided to this scribe that relatives of the two men implicated in the narcotics case had complained to the CPO Abbasi against Assistant Sub-Inspector Qaisar Riaz for the illegal act. According to the available information, Syed Irfan Hussain Shah, resident of Shamasabad, appeared before the CPO and lodged a complaint that his brother Syed Imran Hussain Shah along with a friend Hafiz Naqash Rashid were waiting at a petrol agency to get petrol for their motorcycle when a police team headed by ASI Qaisar Riaz raided the station. They arrested the owner of the agency along with an employee besides allegedly recovering hashish from them. The complainant added that the police also held the two men despite the statement of the agency's owner that they, Imran and Hafiz were not involved in drug peddling. However, the applicant said, the ASI locked all the detainees in police station. Later, the ASI released the actual drug peddlers after allegedly receiving Rs80,000 from them, and implicated Syed Imran and Hafiz Naqash in bogus narcotics case. Following the complaint, the CPO directed the Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Ameer Abdullah Niazi to initiate an inquiry against the ASI.

ISLAMABAD: The authorities have yet to initiate the registration process of seminaries under last year's uniform data collection project. Though the data forms have been drafted, they have still not been shared with the religious schools. While the majority of seminaries have expressed willingness to participate in the registration process, the government has not formally announced when the drive will commence. Around 25,000 seminaries are already registered with provincial governments, but many across the country have yet to be recognised. The syllabus of these seminaries has never been discussed at the government level. *The Express Tribune* has learnt that despite developing consensus among the seminary boards on uniform data registration form, the government has taken no step forward. The federal government first wants to take all provinces on board over this issue as the provincial governments are supposed to carry out the data collection drive, sources said. A meeting of all the provincial chief ministers was supposed to take place in April in Islamabad for getting their input on the subject. This meeting could not take place, however. The sources said the registration and data collection campaign could only be started after the meeting of chief ministers. Under the drafted "Uniform Registration and Data Forms of Madrassas", the religious schools are supposed to provide basic information about their institutions, including the number of students enrolled, the faculties, information of bank accounts and affiliations with a specific school of thought, among other relevant details.

Through the campaign, the government wants to make sure the seminaries are not involved in any sort of extremism besides getting to know about the type of education imparted. Mufti Muhammad Naeem, the principal of the influential Jamia Binoria seminary in Karachi, says the religious schools have no problems with registration forms. "About 98 per cent of such institutes have already been registered with the relevant authorities and have no issues in sharing the basic particulars about their functioning," he said. Naeem, however, added he had not yet seen the draft of the data and registration form. He has been assured the form will be shared with him in a few days. He also blamed the interior ministry and other relevant government department for delays in finalising the draft forms. Even though the exercise has been long overdue under the National

Army resumes laying barbed wire along Afghan border

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Turkey to modernise Pakistan's F-16s

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Passing out: Training completed, 39 women among 397 ANF recruits

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Military, security forces cite safety concerns for border closure

The Express Tribune, May 14, 2016

Action Plan (NAP), the government in February had decided to start much-awaited registration of seminaries in April. Under the NAP against terrorism devised after the 2014 Peshawar school massacre, the government had decided to streamline religious schools across the country. Last year, the government had also started digital mapping of madrassas on agreed parameters with different religious education authorities.

LANDI KOTAL: Personnel of the army's engineering corps resumed laying barbed wire at selected locations along the Pak-Afghan border on Saturday after the Torkham border crossing was reopened on Friday evening, sources said. The sources said that Inspector General of the Frontier Corps, Maj Gen Mazhar Shaheen, visited the border crossing and observed the situation there. On the occasion, they said, Maj Gen Shaheen instructed the border guards to show courtesy to the people crossing over into Pakistan or Afghanistan but keep a strict vigil on the movement of suspect people. He gave cash prizes to the border guards who worked overtime during the four days the Torkham border crossing remained closed. A great rush of people was seen at the crossing in the morning as thousands of Afghan nationals flocked to it after remaining stranded on the other side due to the four-day closure. Officials and clearing agents told Dawn that over 300 vehicles carrying export items, edibles and other goods were cleared at the Customs terminal for their journey into Afghanistan. A similar number of vehicles loaded with coal and marble, etc, crossed over into Pakistan, they said. The officials said the recently-installed human scanning machine remained busy throughout the day due to the large number of Afghans seeking to cross over into Pakistan. Restaurants, markets and offices of clearing agents in the area also reopened on Saturday.

ISTANBUL: Turkey has agreed to modernise the Pakistan Air Force's fleet of F-16s at a cost of \$75 million amid the controversy surrounding the purchase of new jets from the United States. A senior official of the Istanbul-based Foreign Economic Relations Board (DIEK) on Saturday told reporters both countries have struck a deal in an aviation project under which some Pakistani fighter planes have already been flown to Turkey. Volkan Yuzer, Asia-Pacific regional coordinator at DIEK, said Pak-Turkish multi-faceted relations were growing in the defence sector. He added Turkey was already manufacturing engines for F-16 jets in addition to making some of their spare parts. Talking about business opportunities in Pakistan, Yuzer said at least 100 Turkish companies were already operating successfully in the country and had invested \$2.7 billion in various projects by 2014. More investment, he added, is expected in the energy, infrastructure and beverages projects. Replying to a question on signing the Free-Trade Agreement between the two countries expected by September this year, Yuzer said both sides were working out the details of the agreement. According to the website of Turkish Aerospace industries (TAI), the Pakistan Air Force had awarded the tender of modernisation of its 41 F-16 aircraft to TAI in June 2009. The upgrade of jets started in the last quarter of 2010 when the first three aircraft were flown to Turkey.

ISLAMABAD: A batch of 397 including 39 female recruits of the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) completed their five-month training on Saturday at the Military Training Centre Attock. ANF Director-General Major-Gen Nasir Dilawar Shah was the chief guest while high ranking military and civil officers, foreign dignitaries and others were also present. The ANF chief congratulated the passing out recruits and pinned high hopes on their future performance and assignments. He thanked the army for making the training centre available and providing quality training to the recruits. DG's cane was awarded to Sub-Inspector Hafiz Tajwar Hayat for the overall performance and Commandant ANF Academy Medal to Assistant Sub-inspector Hira Hussain. The ANF had recruited 55 sub-inspectors, 52 ASIs and 290 constables including 39 females before seeking army's help for training at Mansar Camp, Attock.

The ANF recruits got training in firing, weapon-handling, unarmed combat, field craft, security, survival techniques, raids at inhabited areas and response to impromptu situations. They were also imparted training in fields of criminal law, police rules, criminal investigation, police station administration, narcotics studies, human rights, regional ethics and service rules. Special emphasis was laid on character building, discipline, dress and devotion to duty. Pre-course formalities included preparation of a thoroughly deliberated curriculum. Theoretical discourse was appropriately followed by practical exercises. Emphasis was also laid to confront crises situations, necessitating its independent handling.

ISLAMABAD: Afghanistan's objection to fencing the Pak-Afghan border in Torkham had forced Pakistan to close it for four consecutive days. However, on Friday evening, the Afghan ambassador met with Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif and agreed to resume cross-border traffic. Regardless, the closure has added to the miseries of thousands of people on both sides of the Durand Line.

Pakistan had officially confirmed closure of the border earlier and the foreign ministry spokesperson said the government decided to implement control measures at Torkham for proper management. "There were differences between the two sides on the implementation of measures to manage and regulate the border," Foreign Office Spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said at a weekly briefing on Thursday. "That is the reason it was temporarily closed." Defending the decision, Zakaria said illegal crossings and other associated issues were major challenges for both countries.

Army chief, Afghan envoy agree to reopen Torkham border crossing

Officials rejected Kabul's objection to the fencing, saying they had the right to either cordon off the border or build posts inside their territory to curb illegal cross-border movement. The phenomenon has long been a source of tension between the uneasy neighbours. Afghan officials always blamed Pakistan for "loose border control," which, according to Kabul, allows militants to enter their territory. The US and its NATO allies had similar reservations in the past but favoured a tough border monitoring system.

Biometric passports to be introduced in 2017

The Express Tribune, May 14, 2016

18 suspects arrested during raids in DI Khan

The Express Tribune, May 14, 2016

Pakistan, Afghanistan and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) had introduced border coordination centres at Torkham and Chaman as part of a tripartite effort in 2014. However, Pakistan and Afghanistan have not struck any deal on bilateral coordination centres. Both sides had reached an understanding in December 2014 to reactivate them, but no agreement has been finalised. Pakistani officials say they are ready to reactivate the centres but it requires Afghanistan's consent.

When Pakistan and Afghan militaries had reached an understanding on the reopening of the border coordination centres, the US Central Command (CENTCOM) said it would enable better cooperation and coordination among troops on both sides. He believed it would enhance the surveillance of militant movements across the border. Pakistani officials in Kabul have said it was important to "secure and strengthen" the porous border to stop the movement of terrorists. "[It has come to our notice that] between 18,000 to 25,000 people from Afghanistan cross the Torkham border every day and a majority do not have travel documents," Akhtar Munir, embassy spokesperson from Kabul, told The Express Tribune on Friday. "Our embassy and consulates issue only 1,500 to 2,000 visas. So we want to streamline the border to stop the entry of terrorists into both sides." Officials in Islamabad say they have floated several proposals to the Afghan government to agree to some sort of mechanism.

"We had strengthened security along the porous border with Afghanistan to stop the movement of the militants since 9/11," one of the officials said. "We had deployed army and established nearly 1,000 check posts, but the Afghan side has between 70 to 100 check posts. These are also far away from the border, giving space to terrorists."

Independent Pakistani analysts have disagreed with Islamabad's decision to close the border on the people of both sides.

Former ambassador to Afghanistan Rustam Shah Mohmand said it was difficult to stop those who want to carry out terrorist acts even if the border was closed. Mohmand recalled the agreement between the British government and Afghanistan which states people living within five miles on both sides will not be asked for any document and can cross over to the other side without restrictions.

Pakistan-Afghanistan border shut for third day

"This right has been recognised in the agreement. Why should we punish the people for the failure of our institutions?" Mohmand said. Although Pakistan may have a point when taking measures to strengthen border controls, it was perhaps not wise to shut the border on people, especially patients and traders. Anayat Safi, a journalist in Kunar, said the border closure had caused immense hardships for Pukthuns as they live on both sides. "Afghans are facing a lot of problems," he said. "Many patients who were supposed to cross the border for treatment in Peshawar have been to Jalalabad Hospital and are in bad shape."

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani citizens will be issued e-passports by the next year to curb rampant forgery of travelling documents and also human trafficking. The interior minister approved the launch of e-passport project while chairing a high-level meeting at the ministry office on Friday. The digital documents would be fully available by 2017. Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan observed that forgery and misuse of Pakistani travelling document was a matter of serious concern and had immensely damaged the national image. He said the methods and sophistication through which human traffickers were forging passports needed to be curbed. Introduction of e-passports that can neither be forged nor copied would be the most important step in this regard. "We will ensure the elimination of human trafficking from the Pakistani soil with the introduction of e-passports," Nisar believed. The Immigration and Passports director-general gave a detailed briefing to the interior minister on various features of the e-passport. A microchip with all biometric information of an individual would be embedded in each e-passport to help authenticate the identity of the traveller. The passport can also accept additional information that may be required in the future and can only be added by the Pakistani immigration and passport authorities.

Chaudhry Nisar directed the DG to acquire an in-house digital printing machine with the latest printing technology to cater to the needs of printing e-passports and to ensure quality control.

Weapon licences

The interior minister also announced a six-month extension in the deadline to revalidate manual weapon licences issued by Islamabad. The extension to commence from June 1 will be considered the final, and is aimed at allowing all genuine gun owners to get their licences validated via the National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra). After the deadline, all manual licences would automatically stand cancelled. By December last year, over 180,000 gun permits were computerised and validated by the interior ministry. Over 8,000 fake licences were detected during the revalidation drive. The minister directed the officers to register FIRs against fake-licence holders and initiate an inquiry with the Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) help.

S Arabia deports 43

Meanwhile, a batch of 43 Pakistanis arrived in Islamabad from Saudi Arabia after being deported from the Arab Kingdom. All of these deportees had lost their passports in Saudi Arabia and were issued emergency passports. Moreover, four people were offloaded from their flights by the immigration authorities over suspicious travelling portfolios. The men had no hotel bookings and insufficient funds to travel besides having low profiles, the FIA officers said. Three men were travelling to Brazil while another was leaving for Malaysia.

DI KHAN: At least 18 suspects were arrested by the police during search-and-strike operations in DI Khan on Friday. Separately, the counter-terrorism department (CTD) took four people into custody for assisting assailants who targeted four people in the district on sectarian grounds. The crackdown was carried out in three areas of the district. Officers of Gomal University police station

Apex body plans new strategy for sustainable peace in Karachi

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participated in the raids. The police shifted the suspects behind bars and seized a large cache of weapons from them. This includes a Kalashnikov, three pistols and hundreds of bullets. They also confiscated 30 litres of wine. Cases were registered against the suspects.

Nabbed

In another incident, CTD carried out raids in Madina Town, DI Khan and arrested four people who facilitated the murderers of two lawyers and the same number of teachers earlier this month. An official privy to the development told The Express Tribune, Nasim, Ehsan, Akram and Ilyas have been taken into custody. They have been shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. Last week, four people – two lawyers and two teachers – were shot dead in separate incidents in DI Khan. The first incident took place within the jurisdiction of Muryalli police station. Unidentified armed men on motorbikes opened fire on Mukhtar Hussain and Akhtar Hussain. Both men died on the spot. The second incident occurred on Grid Station Road. Unidentified men on motorcycles opened fire on senior lawyer Advocate Atif Zaidi and Advocate Ali Murtajiz Zaidi. The assailants managed to flee the site. After the targeted attacks, security was tightened and a ban was imposed on pillion-riding.

Woman stabbed to death

Separately, a man stabbed his wife in Luchra village of DI Khan on Thursday night. An official of Dera Town police station told The Express Tribune, Imran attacked Marai Bibi with a knife and killed her on the spot. Shahara Bibi, his mother, assisted him in committing the crime. After the incident, the police shifted Marai Bibi's body to District Headquarters and Teaching Hospital DI Khan. The remains were handed over to her relatives after an autopsy was carried out. Aslam, the deceased's father, registered a complaint with Dera Town police station. According to the police official, the incident was triggered by a family dispute. "However, nothing can be confirmed till investigation has been completed," he added.

KARACHI: The Sindh Apex Committee has decided to develop a new strategy for sustainable peace in the city and strengthen the police force by inducting 20,000 more personnel, including 8,000 personnel in Karachi, who will be trained by the army. Also, a special force comprising 2,000 ex-army personnel was being created for the security of the Chinese people working on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and on other projects, the committee was informed. The committee meeting, which was presided over by Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and attended by Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad, Corps Commander Lt Gen Naveed Mukhtar, Rangers Director-General Maj Gen Bilal Akbar, IGP A.D. Khwaja and others, further decided to provide necessary facilities to Rangers checkpoints set up at Sindh-Balochistan and Sindh-Punjab borders and also to the personnel of other departments such as police, Anti-Narcotics Force, Excise, National Database Registration Authority (Nadra) for verification and checking of every individual and vehicle through electronic and digital equipment. The apex committee also decided to help the Sindh police in getting federal government's permission to acquire latest technology, strengthen the special branch, counter-terrorism department, training centres of police, provide police access to Nadra's database related to criminals and their families, establish a forensic lab and install new closed-circuit television cameras.

Earlier, a detailed presentation on law and order was given by the Rangers and police authorities by highlighting their performance, current issues and challenges before them. The meeting was informed that there was at least 80 per cent reduction in targeted killing, kidnapping for ransom and extortion cases. It was told that when the operation against the Chhotu gang was launched in southern Punjab, the Rangers started extensive checking on the borders of Sindh-Punjab and Sindh-Balochistan by establishing checkpoints along the River Indus. The committee noted that property prices in Karachi increased by 23 per cent, sales during the last Ramazan jumped to Rs70 billion, sales related to Independence Day celebrations reached Rs5 billion, while trade and industry was flourishing due to the improvement in law and order in the metropolis.

The chief minister informed the committee that six of the 10 new antiterrorism courts would be established in the central jail. The buildings would be ready by the mid of June and the courts would start functioning in July, he said, adding that the Sindh High Court had assured his law team that they would appoint judges for the 10 ATCs by then. Also, he said, the government approved the appointment of 200 new prosecutors and on the committee's insistence the chief minister directed the law minister to explore the provision of appointing them as soon as possible at least for initial six months as the Sindh Public Service Commission by that time would finalise their appointments on a merit basis. The meeting gave a go-ahead to the police chief to upgrade their GSM of 2G locators to the level of 4G locators but the IGP said the federal government was reluctant to give them NOC for purchasing the 4G GSM locators. The chief minister, governor and corps commander assured him that they would use their good offices to equip the Sindh police with latest gadgets. The IGP said the installation of new CCTV cameras of 10 mega-pixel would cost Rs1.76 billion. Finance Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah said he would issue necessary directives to his department to arrange the funds for the purpose when the apex body allowed him to work out the issues with finance secretary under the guideline of chief secretary.

'Ghost' madressahs

The meeting was informed that 8,855 madressahs have been registered and the registration of 1,178 more madressahs was under way. During the registration, over 10,000 'ghost' madressahs had been unearthed through physical verification. Maj Gen Akbar informed the meeting that the Rangers had developed the National Action Plan (NAP) software which had consolidated database related to all places of worship, offices of non-governmental organizations, proclaimed offenders and other criminals in Larkana and Sukkur divisions. Similar software was being developed for Karachi and other parts of Sindh, he said, while offering the police to have access to their system for ready references.

Sabeen Mahmud, Safoora Goth killers to be hanged

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Thursday signed the death warrants of five "hardcore terrorists", said a statement released by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). An ISPR statement issued said the men were convicted for "perpetrating Safoora bus attack and were also involved in improvised explosive device (IED) blast near Saleh Masjid Karachi, killing of social worker Sabeen Mahmud and attacks on law enforcement agencies."

Details of convicts

- Saad Aziz alias Tin Tin - tried on nine charges
- Tahir Hussain Minhas alias Sain - tried on ten charges
- Asad-ur-Rehman alias Malik - tried on four charges
- Hafiz Nasir alias Yasir - tried on four charges
- Mohammad Azhar Ishrat alias Majid - tried on five charges

The convicts admitted their offences before the trial court, added the statement from ISPR.

Saad Aziz - the 'good kid'

That a student from one of Pakistan's finest and most prestigious business schools could become a "trained militant" who "provides funds for terror activities" in the city is difficult to understand for many. The assertion that Saad Aziz - a BBA graduate from the reputable Institute of Business Administration (IBA) - has confessed to masterminding the murder of rights activist Sabeen Mahmud has been met with disbelief by former schoolmates. "I remember him being a good kid. He played tennis and football. He had a good sense of humour," says one of Aziz's former schoolmates, requesting anonymity owing to the sensitivity of the case. He added that Aziz earlier studied at the Beaconhouse Schooling System, after which he went on to another elite institution, The Lyceum for his A' Levels and eventually IBA for his undergraduate degree. Another former schoolmate describes him as "a calm and a composed person". "He used to hang out in the company of boys as well as girls," he added.

'He grew religious over time'

One former IBA student, however, said Aziz may have grown religious over time. "I know he had become religious, grown a beard and started going on those four-month religious evangelical trips. This is what I know through mutual friends. Maybe he got involved with such people during his religious trips. But he didn't look the type of person who would be a mass murderer. We are all very shocked by this news." He added that no one has been able to contact Aziz' family. "He was also out of touch with his university friends for a while now. Though he did bump into an IBA class fellow at the Karachi Literary Festival. "According to a former schoolmate, Aziz is married and also has a child. He worked at The Cactus, a restaurant in Karachi's Sindhi Muslim that serves a variety of Mexican and continental dishes. An employee at the restaurant told Dawn that the joint is nearly a year old and is owned by Aziz's father, with his son holding an administrative position in the business venture. "Saad is not like that [militant] at all ...It is impossible. His character is not like that. He is a family man," an employee vouches.

Sabeen Mahmud's murder

In April last year, prominent rights activist and co-founder and director of The Second Floor (T2F), Sabeen Mahmud was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Karachi. Sabeen, accompanied by her mother, left T2F after 9pm and was on her way home when she was shot by unidentified gunmen in Defence Phase-II. She died on her way to the hospital. Doctors said they retrieved five bullets from her body. Her mother also sustained bullet wounds, but survived the wounds.

Safoora Goth massacre

Saad Aziz alias Tin Tin, Tahir Hussain Minhas alias Sain, Asad-ur-Rehman alias Malik, Hafiz Nasir alias Yasir and Mohammad Azhar Ishrat alias Majid were facing trial for their involvement in the killing of 45 Ismaili community members, including 18 women, in a targeted attack on a bus near Safoora Goth on May 13, 2015. At least 43 people were killed and 13 others wounded when armed men opened fire inside a bus carrying members of the Ismaili community near Safoora Chowk in Karachi. The armed men used 9mm pistols in the massacre, and managed to flee after the attack.

Military courts

In the wake of the APS carnage, military courts were set up for trying terrorists under amendments made to the Constitution and the Army Act. Political parties had unanimously agreed over the issue of setting up military courts to tackle terrorism cases in the country following the gruesome attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014, following which the Parliament passed the 21st constitutional amendment in Jan 2015 to set up the said courts. President Mamnoon Hussain had also promulgated an ordinance further revising the recently amended Army Act to ostensibly aid the functioning of military courts by allowing for trials in camera, i.e without the presence of the public or the media, and over video link if necessary. The Supreme Court in a majority ruling upheld the establishment of military courts in Pakistan. Petitions challenging the 21st amendment were dismissed in August last year in a majority 11-6 vote of the 17-member SC bench. Chief Justice Nasirul Mulk and Justice Dost Muhammad announced the verdict. In a 14-3 majority vote, petitions challenging the 18th amendment were also dismissed by the bench. Judges provided seven opinions and two additional notes on the ruling. In its editorials, Dawn has criticised the establishment of military courts for "simply not [being] compatible with a constitutional democracy." Earlier in December, the Ministry of Interior had approved the transfer and trial of 18 cases, including the Safoora Goth massacre and the murder of Sabeen Mahmud, to military courts.

KARACHI: As its plans against religious persecution and unregistered madressahs remain ineffective, the Sindh government's counterterrorism department, reportedly formed last year in

Counterterrorism dept

seeks funds to improve its performance

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compliance with the National Action Plan, has done little, it emerged on Wednesday. Officials said they were still waiting for adequate funds to structure the department and get it working to pre-empt and deter terrorism in the province. They said most of its offices were yet to be established while approval for the manpower needed was still pending with the senior authorities. Officials added that the Sindh counterterrorism department, with its headquarters in Karachi, and regional offices in Hyderabad and Sukkur, were to be equipped with sophisticated machines and brains which have not yet materialised. The sole purpose of its establishment was to devise means to combat terrorism, deter rampant targeted killings, and rein in street crime, on the rise in most Karachi localities. While notifying the counterterrorism department last year, the Sindh government had also signed an agreement with the National Database Registration Authority (Nadra) to create a central database to track criminals and to detect and prevent crime and terrorism in the province. The decisions were taken by the Sindh apex committee's sub-committee at a meeting chaired by the then-home secretary.

A senior police official said the standard operating procedures (SOPs) had long been formed for the counterterrorism department and it was working to its present potential. "Originally, we had planned to recruit heavily for the department, but there are certain hitches, which have not allowed us to do as per our plans," he said. One key hindrance was charges of graft against some members who envisioned the plan, which eventually resulted in heads rolling. The authorities were to recruit 1,000 personnel especially for the counterterrorism force with expertise in intelligence, operations and investigation. The then police chief, Ghulam Haider Jamali, had said that before the recruitment took places, the force would be launched with the existing team already present in the police with qualified commando-trained personnel. However, measures to upgrade the department are yet to be taken. Other plans included the establishment of special prisons where 'terrorists' and other prisoners belonging to lethal gangs and banned groups would be confined. However, despite their claims to notify such dedicated jails for 'terrorists', official summaries that took months to be written, and sent to the competent authority are yet to be approved. Apart from keeping hate speech in check, and deterring religious persecution the department has been given the task to ensure no mosque, seminary, or any other place of worship is built without permission from the government, for which legislation would be carried out. However, such checks are yet to be implemented. Similarly, against the plans envisaged then, no Afghan refugee camp has been shifted so far from Karachi to elsewhere in the province.

1,800 illegally appointed cops dismissed: IG

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KARACHI: Around 1,800 policemen, illegally appointed between 2012 and 2014, have been dismissed, said Sindh IG Allah Dino Khawaja on Wednesday. "These cops were appointed in the Sindh Reserve Police," he told the home department's standing committee, adding that 1,100 policemen were given the job in 2012, while 860 were inducted in 2014. "During our investigation, we learned that 80% of the cops belong to one district and 400 had identical height and chest measurements," he said, without identifying the district. "Some senior police officials, after receiving substantial amounts of money, issued fake orders to hundreds of cops who finished their training but unfortunately these cops have now been stopped from performing their duties," said Syed Owais Qadir Shah, chairperson of the meeting. "We want to know what action will be taken against those officials who have gotten bribes from these innocent people," he asked the IG, who responded that "exemplary punishment" will be given to those involved. The chairperson asked the IG why the Sukkur police purchased jet fuel worth Rs10 million. "Can you please inform us of the purchases during the tenure of the outgoing IG?" asked Shah. "Do you have any jets in the police department?" he asked. "There is misappropriation of police fuel but I cannot disclose the details in front of all the participants," said the IG, offering to brief the committee members during an in-camera briefing.

He said the police do not have sufficient vehicles and most of the vehicles are used for protocol and security of politicians as well as rallies or public meetings in Larkana. "There is a 10 litre petrol per day limit for every police station, which is insufficient. We are devising a mechanism to resolve this issue and hope the government will help us," he said. Regarding the law and order situation, the IG appreciated the role of the police and law enforcement agencies, saying, "There is not a single case of kidnapping pending in Sindh." When asked about short-term kidnapping cases, especially in Karachi, he said, "These cases have also been drastically reduced." He disclosed that international players are involved in worsening law and order in Karachi. "During investigations we found a lot of evidence of foreign players behind the unrest in the city," he claimed. MPA Ghulam Qadir Chandio raised the issue of compensation for families of martyred cops, to which the IG said 70% of the pending cases have been resolved. He said 12 cops have been killed in the last five months and 90 were gunned down last year. When asked about compensation to martyred cops' families, the IG referred to the Sindh government policy and said Rs2 million is being provided to the families. He proposed a raise in this to make it at par with the Punjab government's compensation of Rs4 million.

Khurram Zaki

Later, speaking to the media, Khawaja said there has been no breakthrough in the murder investigation of social activist Khurram Zaki. "It seems that a new group has become active in the city and has started targeting people. The weapon used in Zaki's murder has never been used in any earlier case," he said.

No casualties: IED explodes near govt colony in Jamshoro

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HYDERABAD: An improvised explosive device (IED) attached to a bicycle exploded near a government employees' residential colony in Jamshoro district on Tuesday. This was the second incident of IED explosions to have occurred in Hyderabad division. However, like Monday's blast at the railway track in Hyderabad, in which nine carriages of a cargo train were derailed, no casualty took place in Jamshoro. The blast occurred near the Right Bank Outfall Drain (RBOD) Colony, which is situated around a kilometre from the Kotri barrage. The IED ripped the bicycle into pieces. Eyewitnesses from nearby shops and a fuel station told the police that it seemed like a remote-controlled explosion. According to them, they saw one of the three persons in a car, which stopped

Karachi operation: 848 target killers arrested so far, Rangers claim

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Two killed, five injured in blast near Balochistan University in Quetta

The Express Tribune, May 10, 2016

Five TTP militants arrested near Sutlej

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4,000 high-definition CCTV cameras to be installed across Karachi

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at some distance from the bicycle, carrying a remote. Meanwhile, the Bomb Disposal Squad says it was a cracker that caused the explosion.

"Elements that are enemies of the country are involved in the attacks," said Hyderabad DIG Khadim Hussain Rind, while talking to media at the reception of Hyderabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industry. He said that a pamphlet from an unidentified organisation was found near the tracks in Hyderabad. In Jamshoro, he added, the explosives were attached to a bicycle. "These incidents bear hallmarks of previous such incidents in which IEDs exploded on the tracks," he said, adding that a large number of miscreants allegedly involved in such attacks have been arrested, basing his assertion on the long hiatus in IED attacks in Sindh. "Such elements get training from the enemies of Pakistan that don't want to see stability, peace and prosperity in Pakistan," said Rind. Meanwhile, the FIR of blast at the railway track was lodged at the Railway police station against unidentified miscreants on Monday night.

KARACHI: Pakistan Rangers Sindh have claimed to have arrested over 800 target killers involved in more than 7,000 cases of murder in the metropolis since the start of Karachi operation. "The Rangers troops arrested 848 target killers since the beginning of Karachi operation on September 5, 2013," the Rangers spokesperson said in a statement on Tuesday. "These target killers had killed 7,224 people in the metropolis." The paramilitary force initiated surgical operations against target killers and militant wings of different political, religious outfits in the wake of the decision taken by the Supreme Court, added the statement. Rangers also appealed the masses to be vigilant and inform the paramilitary force about criminal activities, assuring the complainant's name would be kept secret.

QUETTA: At least two policemen were killed while five others injured in an explosion near Balochistan University in Quetta on Tuesday. Talking to *Express News*, Balochistan Home Minister Sarfaraz Bugti confirmed the incident. "The attack targeted a check-post in which two police personnel lost their lives while five more are injured, including three police personnel," he said. "The injured have been shifted to the hospital and bomb disposal squad is carrying out investigation of the blast," the home minister added. However, he declined to disclose any further detail.

TTP claims responsibility

The outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan claimed responsibility for the attack. "The TTP's special unit MSG targeted the police through IED," the TTP spokesperson said in a statement. The banned TTP and Baloch insurgents frequently carry out attacks on security forces and government installations in the province which is home to a raging insurgency that has claimed the lives of hundreds of soldiers and militants since it re-ignited in 2004. The province's roughly seven million inhabitants have long complained they do not receive a fair share of its gas and mineral wealth. On May 3, at least five Rapid Response Group (RRG) personnel, including an officer, were injured as their vehicle came under attack by a roadside bomb in Eastern Bypass area of Quetta. Last month, a father and his son were killed in a landmine blast in the Lehri area of Sibi. The incident occurred when a motorbike ran over a landmine in the Goth Abdul Ghafoor neighbourhood, resulting in a huge blast, the Levies forces said in a statement.

BAHAWALPUR: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), in a major operation near the Sutlej river here, claimed to have arrested five militants of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ). A CTD spokesman said, on a tip-off teams rushed to railway's Empress Bridge over Sutlej and arrested Usman, Nauman, Abdul Hameed, Skindar Ilyas and Mohibullah. The spokesman claimed the alleged militants had planned a major sabotage activity in which they wanted to damage the railways bridge on the main Karachi-Lahore section. The officials' teams recovered five improvised explosives devices (IEDs) along with ammunition and arms. Civil defence officer Ms Fatimah said the bomb disposal squad rushed to the scene and defused the five IEDs.

KARACHI: The Sindh police have decided to install 4,000 high definition 12 megapixel closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras across Karachi in a major move to replace and augment the existing 2,200 cameras, which have become so obsolete that their footage provides little help in identifying suspects or even registration number of vehicles used in a crime. The decision was taken after investigators learnt the bitter fact time and again that the footage of different crime incidents recorded by the police cameras helped them understand the way a crime was committed, but gave almost no help in identifying the suspects. In many cases the National Database Registration Authority (Nadra) has turned down requests to identify suspects when police sent it footage or pictures grabbed from the police cameras. "At present, the Karachi police control around 2,200 CCTV cameras. Of them, 1,200 are owned by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) and the remaining 1,000 by the Sindh police. "They all are two-megapixel devices, which are good for monitoring purposes only but they do not record a clear enough picture that can be easily identified," said an official. The facts shared by the official were also intimated to the Senate Committee on Human Rights by Sindh police DIG (admin) Sarwar Jamali, who recently informed members of parliament that some 50 per cent of the 2,200 two-megapixel CCTV cameras in Karachi were not functioning.

The senate body was also told that the cameras that were functioning were of such poor quality that their footage did not help even in reading registration numbers of vehicle. The Sindh police required more than 10,000 cameras of at least eight megapixels for effective policing and surveillance, he said. "We've chalked out a comprehensive plan to replace the existing cameras and spot 2,000 new locations to install more cameras," said AIG security Maqsood Ahmed, who was tasked with management and operation of the Karachi police surveillance system. "This time we are going for 12 megapixel cameras and the project will be initiated in the next fiscal year starting from July 2016. The technology of the existing cameras has almost become obsolete and its high time we replaced them with the latest available." Besides police own surveillance system

Repatriation of Kurram IDPs complete

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set up the command and control centre at the CPO, the police authorities have also been supervising the KMC's system at Civic Centre since September 2013. Envisaged by former city nazim Syed Mustafa Kamal, the then city government had formally launched its command and control system in June 2008, which initially allowed surveillance of two signal-free corridors — Sharea Faisal to SITE and Surjani Town.

The Sindh police had launched 'video surveillance system' for Karachi in 2010 with an initial estimated cost of Rs500 million and currently it operates 1,000 CCTV cameras across the city. DIG Ahmed said that at the time the Sindh police and the KMC had launched their surveillance projects, they had chosen the best available technology for their systems. "But over the years, the technology has advanced at a much faster pace and choice of equipment availability has increased manifold," he said. "It's high time we enhanced technological support for effective policing on the pattern of many developed cities of the world. The plan to replace the two megapixel cameras with 12 megapixel ones and increase the number of locations is a step in the same direction."

PARACHINAR: The Fata Disaster Management Authority (FDMA) has said that return of internally displaced persons to central tehsil of Kurram Agency was completed on Monday. An official said a total of 13,979 displaced families (73,649 individuals) were repatriated to the area, which was cleared of militants and the government writ was established. The official said the last batch comprised 131 families, adding the displaced families belonged to Alisherzai, Mossozai and Ziamusht tribes. He said the return programme of IDPs to central tehsil of Kurram was started on April 20. However, fate of families who got displaced due to sectarian clashes in 2007 and before still hangs in balance. These families have been residing in Kurram and other parts of the country.

According to the official, the government paid Rs. 25,000 cash grant and Rs10,000 as transportation cost to the each returning family. He said after completion of the return process in Kurram, the FDMA has closed the New Durrani Camp which was established for IDPs from Kurram and Orakzai in 2011. The government has yet to start compensation to the families whose residential properties were damaged during the conflict. It had announced to pay Rs. 400,000 for fully damaged and Rs. 200,000 for partially damaged houses in Fata. Kurram Agency Political Agent Ikramullah Khan told media persons that after completion of return of IDPs the government would focus on the rehabilitation of militancy affected families and reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government extended on Monday Rangers' policing powers in Karachi for another 77 days. "Pursuant to the request made by the Home Department, Government of Sindh, dated May 3, 2016, and in continuation of this Ministry's Notification No 9/1/95-R (Sindh) dated Feb 3, 2016, the powers conferred upon Pakistan Rangers (Sindh) in Karachi Division, under clause (1) of sub-section-3 of section-4 of Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 (XXVII of 1997), are extended for another period of 77 days with effect from May 4, 2016," reads a notification issued by the interior ministry. The controversy over the extension of Rangers' policing powers had cropped up last year when the PPP-led Sindh government got a resolution passed in the provincial assembly to curtail their powers and moved a summary for conditionally extending their tenure in December last year. The summary had been rejected by the centre which asked the Sindh government to move a new summary. The special policing powers of Rangers had been without a legal cover for weeks after the expiry of their term in the first week of December until a unilateral notification was issued by the federal government extending the powers till February.

In February, things moved smoothly and a summary was received by the centre from Sindh. This time as well, the Sindh government has sent a summary to the federal government for the extension of Rangers' policing powers. The deployment of Rangers in Karachi is requisitioned under Article 147 of the Constitution and under Clause 1 of Sub-section 3 of Section 4 of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997, authorising the paramilitary force to prevent the commission of terrorist acts, or scheduled offences, in the notified area for the punishment of terrorists in accordance with the provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act.

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has given approval for the amendments to the Service Rules (Medical and Dental Teaching Posts) 1979. Presiding over a meeting with a delegation of Young Doctors Association (YDA), the chief minister formally approved the proposals. According to the proposals, an associate professor having three years of teaching experience will be eligible for the promotion as professor while an assistant professor having teaching experience of four years will be eligible for promotion as an associate professor. Earlier, five years teaching experience was mandatory for an associate professor to be promoted while seven years experience was required for an assistant professor to become eligible for the promotion. Sources said that Punjab Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Secretary Najam Ahmed Shah played a vital role for amendments in the service rules to provide better service opportunities to the medical teachers. In this connection, Najam Ahmad Shah said that government is taking solid steps for the promotion of medical education and improvement in healthcare delivery system for which provision of better service opportunities to the medical professionals is essential. He said that Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif wants development of health sector to provide best healthcare facilities to the poor patients. This is an unprecedented fast track promotion service structure which is not available in other services, Najam Shah added. Later, the chief minister said that Punjab government is providing all possible facilities to the patients at urban and rural health centres of the province. The chief minister also directed to provide free of cost medicines to all patients in the government-run hospitals, especially in remote areas of the province. He urged the doctor community to serve the ailing humanity with more dedication. Separately, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has congratulated newly elected office-bearers on their success in elections of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ). In a felicitation message to newly elected President Rana Muhammad Azeem, Secretary GM Jamali, Finance Secretary Ashfaq Sajid, other office-bearers and members Executive Council, the chief minister expressed the hope that newly elected leadership will come up to the confidence reposed by journalist community in it. He said that newly elected leadership of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists will play its active role for resolving the problems faced by the journalists. He said that journalist community has played a commendable role in the promotion of democracy and strengthening of democratic institutions in the country. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif reached Gillani House on Sunday and met former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gillani where he extended his greetings to Yousaf Raza Gillani over the safe recovery of his son. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Sunday went to the residence of Member National Assembly Nawabzada Iqbal Mehdi at Bahria Town and inquired after his health. The chief minister presented a bouquet to Iqbal Mehdi and prayed for his early recovery.

PESHAWAR: A three-day anti-polio campaign is going to start from tomorrow in FATA and Frontier region which will be followed by catch-up of missed children and surveillance activities. It will be the fifth round of anti-polio campaign of low transmission season closing this month. round 965633 children with the age below 5 years will be vaccinated by total 3078 teams; comprising 2718 mobile teams, 270 fixed teams and 90 transit teams, under the supervision and security provided by political agents, commissioners, paramilitary and military forces. Polio high risk areas, including Khyber Agency (Jamrud & Bara), South Waziristan, North Waziristan Agency and FR Bannu (Baka Khail, Jani Khail, Hindi Khail and Sintanga) will be of focus during the campaign. At the conclusion of previous (April) anti-polio campaign around 99% of the target children were successfully vaccinated, 0.3% children were missed and only 32 refusals were recorded.

In 2016, the average percentage of target children covered during past 4 anti-polio campaigns of low transmission season has been maintained around 98% by polio teams, with the refusal rate below 1%.

Last year only 16 polio cases were detected in FATA and FRs, whereas in 2016 no (polio) case has surfaced so far.

KOHAT / KARACHI: Five labourers died after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning the underground chemical tank of a factory without gas masks in Karachi on Sunday. The incident occurred at Maxen Plastic manufacturing factory in the Korangi Industrial Area. "It was a chemical tank. The 'boss' ordered us to clean the tank on Sunday," said Muhammad Fayyaz, one of the survivors. "At least nine labourers were called in for cleaning the tank. Initially, three workers descended down the underground tank, but they soon fainted. Then another team tried to rescue them, but they fared no better and fainted too." Six workers, including two factory employees fell unconscious. They were immediately rushed to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) but five of them died on the way to the hospital, while Fayyaz survived. Later, family members of the deceased staged a demonstration in protest against the incident, demanding the arrest of the factory owner. "The factory owner is responsible for the deaths because he made no arrangements for their safety," said Abdul Sattar, father of one of the victims, Mairaj. The incident occurred at about 11:45am within the 600-square-yard factory which was built a decade ago. The underground chemical tank measures 8x8 feet. An extra contingent of law enforcers, including Rangers and police, arrived at the site of the incident and initiated investigations. Police have registered an FIR No462/16 under Section 322 (unintended murder) of the Pakistan Penal Code on behalf of Abdul Kalam, father of one of the victims, Abdul Rahim.

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of National Health Services, as part of its strides to control prices of veterinary drugs and avoid dependence on imports, has ensured almost 70 per cent of their manufacturing at local level. The local manufacturing of veterinary drugs is generally encouraged by

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facilitating processing of drug registration application. Sources at the Ministry on Sunday said in particular drug registration application for new manufacturing licenses/new sections are processed on priority. The sources said all veterinary producer and sellers are encouraged to observe good manufacturing and storage practices for maintaining quality of veterinary drugs and added as a result of encouragement, almost 70 per cent of registered veterinary drugs are manufactured locally. Highlighting the steps taken by the government to improve production of veterinary drugs in the country, the sources said DRAP Act, 2012, which is new legislation, encourages local production of medicines including veterinary medicines and vaccines.

QUETTA: Three-day anti-polio campaign has begun in 640 union councils of 30 districts of Balochistan from today (Monday). Over 2.4 million children up to five years will be administered anti-polio drops during the campaign. About 6773 mobile teams have been formed while 825 fixed sites and 340 transit points have also been set up for the drive. Around 51,000 Afghan refugees' children will also be vaccinated. Strict security measures have also been adopted for campaign.

RAWALPINDI: The road construction projects announced by Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Sharif during visit of Kotli Sattian tehsil in Rawalpindi District were discussed in a meeting of highway officials held in the committee room of Solid Waste Management Company, Rawalpindi. The meeting was chaired by Punjab Minister for Labour and Manpower Raja Ishfaq Sarwar. Parliamentary Secretary Cabinet and Establishment Division Raja Javed Iklas, President PML (N) Metropolitan Sardar Muhammad Naseem Khan, Raja Muhammad Hanif MPA, MD, Solid Waste Management Company Irfan Qureshi, Secretary Mudassar Chaudhry, SE, Highways Ansar Mehmood, XEN Riaz Hussain Shah and Ghulam Hussain attended the meeting. Raja Ashfaq Sarwar said that in order to mitigate the transportation difficulties of local people as well commuters of Azad Kashmir, the Prime Minister during his public address at Kotli Sattian announced construction of four important link roads including Lower Topa Kohala, Chirah Chowk Kotli Sattian, Chira Chowk via Bun Karor and Kotli Sattian Gulehra Gali via Bun Roads. He asked engineers of provincial highway department to complete all the required formalities for allocation of funds so that the work on these roads could be started without any delay. The engineers brief about the progress and said that preliminary work is in progress. The Punjab minister said that people of the area are highly indebted to the prime minister and anxiously waiting for start of the work on the road construction projects. He said on the occasion that present elected government is committed to resolve the civic problems of people and in order to address the problems being faced by the masses; prime minister of Pakistan is visiting different far flung areas of the country. He said under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, provincial government is also committed to serve the people by bringing basic facilities of life at their door steps.

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court has directed the chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to ensure pursuing of large scale mega corruption cases in terms of monetary value and the recovery of ill-gotten gain through the voluntarily return and plea bargain and the cases which do not fall within this ambit be transferred to the appropriate agency under Section 18 of the NAB Ordinance. The direction came in a judgment recently issued on a petition of Amjad Husain, who sought quashment of his case with regard to default in Rs4.3 million in the accountability court and the grant of bail. The court, while hearing the petition, had also dealt the pecuniary jurisdiction of the NAB in respect of inquiry/investigation. "We expect the chairman NAB to act judiciously in fulfilling his functions to ensure that full intentions behind the promulgation of the NAO namely to pursue large scale mega corruption cases in terms of monetary value and recovery of the ill-gotten gain through VT and PB is prioritised," the court observed in its judgment, adding that, cases which do not fall within this ambit are in so far as legally permissible transferred to the appropriate agency under Section 18 (d) provided that it has jurisdiction to deal with the matter.

The court observed that it would also be prudent for the national accountability bureau, federal investigation agency and the anti-corruption establishment to share information regarding the targets of their inquiries and establish inter-anti-corruption agencies' coordination cells in each organisation to ensure that there is a little overlapping of inquiries/investigations possible as these cases can be transferred under Section 16(a) of NAO at the earliest, if deemed appropriate by the chairman NAB or if legally permissible, sent from NAB to the appropriate agency with the relevant jurisdiction. The court observed that the prosecutor general NAB had informed the court that new SOP in terms of pecuniary jurisdiction has only been in place since January 1, 2016 and as such there was likely to be a large number of inquiries and investigations launched prior to this time, which are still to be dealt with by the NAB. The court directed the chairman NAB to sift through all these inquiries and investigations and if they do not fall under the new SOP on pecuniary jurisdiction and can be tried by another agency to consider transferring such inquiries and investigations upon giving reasons to that other agency.

The court observed such action could not be considered as retrospective in effect as this was the legal position since the inception of NAB only to deal with large scale and mega corruption cases in term of monetary value. The court observed that if it is legally permissible, the chairman NAB considers transferring those references that have already been filed in accountability courts, which fall below the threshold of the SOP to other relevant courts provided that there was no prospect of a PB and the reference was not in the advanced stages. The court observed that passing judicial order in terms of NAB's SOP in respect of pecuniary jurisdiction is to ensure that NAB fulfills the function that was envisaged for it by the legislature to pursue large scale monetary and mega corruption where there was possibility of recovery through VR or PB rather than keeping it bogged down in small scale monetary value cases, which could be more appropriately dealt with under purely penal legislation. The court observed that such exercise would also help in ensuring that NAB's human resources and budget are freed up to pursue the large scale and mega cases of corruption in terms of monetary value and since there would probably be fewer of such cases enable the accountability courts to deal with them more expeditiously.

The court also dismissed the bail application and directed the accountability court to complete the

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trial expeditiously keeping in view the provisions of section 16 of the NAO and report compliance. Prosecutor General (PG) NAB Waqar Qadeer Dar had earlier submitted in his report that the National Accountability Ordinance is a special law and prevails over the other laws, general or special, whatever the case is, and nothing restricts NAB to take action even if the amount is below Rs100 million. The PG NAB submitted that there was no settled pecuniary jurisdiction provided in NAB Ordinance and it is clear that on complaints from superior courts, public accounts committees, federal and provincial governments or other government entity qua State Bank of Pakistan, the NAB can take action accordingly and nothing restricts NAB to take action even if the amount is below Rs100 million, the amount given in SOP. He submitted that standard operation procedure of NAB has no retrospective effect and inquiries/ investigation authorized and references filed prior to the SOP are saved and legitimate to carryout the same. The NAB prosecutor submitted that the chairman NAB, under the NAB Ordinance and SOP, is authorised to take action wherein the amount might be less than Rs100 million but involvement of public office holder or any person fall under public issue of national interest and any other case falling within the purview of the NAB, irrespective of the amount involved and status of accused person, with prior approval of the Chairman.

HYDERABAD: A large number of students and candidates seeking admissions and scholarships to local and international, public and private educational institutions visited the two-day Dawn Education Fair 2016 held at a local hotel on Saturday. Nabeel Ahmed, a final-year student of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, said that he had collected literature pertaining to foreign bursaries and admissions to Canadian universities as he wanted to pursue his higher studies from there. Alia Urooj, a second-year student of Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences, along with her two classmates visited the exhibition to seek opportunities for higher education in public sector universities. Earlier, after inaugurating the fair, Divisional Director Information Hyderabad Khursheed Ali Shaikh said that students with their families were keen to secure admissions as well as scholarships to famous educational institutions at local and international levels. "Such fairs provide a good platform under one roof." Despite sweltering heat in Hyderabad, several enthusiastic students of private and public schools, colleges, universities and institutes visited several stalls on the first day of exhibition. Public and private, local and international educational institutions have established around 20 stalls including US-Pakistan Centers for Advanced Studies in Water of MUET, Greenwich University, Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Habib University, Thomson River University Canada, SZABIST Hyderabad Campus, IBA Sukkur and others.

LAHORE: Teachers on Saturday held a sit-in outside the Punjab Assembly against the handing over of public schools to the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and non-government organisations (NGOs). The sit-in under the banner of the Punjab Teachers Association was going on until the filing of this report and caused a massive traffic jam on adjoining roads of The Mall. Comprising mostly of women teachers, the demonstrators torched pictures of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Speaking on the occasion, association President Syed Sajjad Kazmi said the teachers community was perturbed over the Punjab government's anti-teacher policies. He said the government instead of fulfilling its constitutional responsibility to impart quality education to children was shrugging it off by transferring the management to NGOs and the government autonomous body, PEF. The government was transferring the teachers of schools handed over to NGOs and PEF to far-off places, said another speaker. Rana Liaquat said the teachers would continue their protest till the government withdraws its decision of handing over the schools to NGOs.

LAHORE: So far since its inception, the Liver Transplant Unit of Kidney Centre of Shaikh Zayed Hospital (SZH) has performed over 70 liver transplants while over 300,000 patients of liver diseases are in need of a liver transplant due to which cadaver donation has become the need of the hour. These views were expressed by Associate Prof Dr Amir Latif of SZH Liver Transplant Unit of Kidney Centre. He claimed that if the required facilities are provided to their unit, they will be capable to perform 40 transplants per month. He said that this is the first time in the public sector where a liver transplant is being performed in the lowest cost of Rs 3.5 million while the same transplant is performed in India and other neighbouring countries for Rs 6.5 million. While responding to question, he said that after the liver transplant the survival ratio is 85 percent while the survival period might be different as some patients after the transplantation can live till 20 years. He said liver diseases were increasing with a sharp pace in the country, adding that hundreds of patients were on a waiting list for the transplantation. The operation theatres can not be used in full scale due to lack of staff and required facilities including, non existence of two separate operation theatres, 8 medical officers and a senior registrar, Latif added. He said the kidney of a donor could be transplanted to two persons. "The liver can be donated to two persons as 30 per cent is enough for a healthy body. Even an alive person can donate 50 per cent of the liver," he added. He said that lungs and hearts can also be donated to an ailing person. "According to the Cadaver Human Tissue Ordinance of 2009 and its passage in form of an act in the 18th Amendment, now it is a legal practice to transplant donated organs," he said. Latif was of his view that through cadaver donation, transplantations could be performed every year. "There is an urgent need to motivate people to donate their organs in the larger interest of ailing humanity," he added.

TOBA TEK SINGH: A 15-year-old boy lost his life after a quack allegedly gave him a wrong injection at Rehmanpura here on Saturday. Reports said Haseeb, son of Naseer Ahmad, went to the clinic of quack Mirza Amin who prescribed him a wrong injection. The boy bought the injection from a nearby medical store and he died instantly when the quack administered him the injection. District drug inspector Saqib Javed along with a team of a health department sealed the clinic while police arrested the quack. Meanwhile, the DDI also raided clinics of two more quacks, Imran and Rizwan, in Bakhshi Park locality and recovered used syringes and medicines stamped 'for only government hospitals' from their clinics.

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LAHORE (Dunya News) : Solar kids Shoaib and Abdul Rashid on Sunday visited Centre of Excellence Molecular Biology (CEMB) Lahore where a team of doctors would conduct few more tests, reported Dunya News. Medical specialist Dr. Zaman said that kids are getting better day by day. Their father said that he is extremely thankful to Dunya Tv for bringing up the case and making his childrens' treatment possible. Children would stay in CEMB for 3 days

SAHIWAL: Three students of the Sahiwal Comsats Institute of Information Technology have developed an environment pollution detector. The students -- Sohaib Hanif, Umairullah and Nadia Karim -- briefed the local people about the wearable detector on Friday. They say the detector won the innovation award at the HEC-Microsoft sponsored Imagine Cup of 2016. The trio, BS Computer Science final year students, began work on the project in September 2015. The gadget can detect the level of air pollution at any location. Ms Karim said the World Health Organisation declared air pollution one of the world biggest killers and in such scenario, such devices should be available to warn individual about the pollution. She said increase in carbon dioxide could create hypo ventilation, asthma and unconsciousness. Mr Hanif said they would present the detector in an online worldwide competition being hosted by Microsoft Company. In case they win a semi-final, the trio will be invited to the US to attend the final. He said they were improving the device along with Microsoft professionals and its final version would also read the percentage of gases, light, heat motion, moisture, humidity and air pressure. "The device can convert all sensors into readable displays," Mr Umairullah added. At a later stage, the device could be sent to social networks through a global App, centrally connected with Microsoft Azure Cloud App. The estimated cost will be around Rs7,000, Mr Hanif said, adding the outreach of the device would be global. That's not enough for the proud trio, who say they want develop such a gadget which meet the needs of different people in different regions.

Anti-polio campaign begins in six hundred forty union councils of Balochistan on Monday. More than two million children up to five years would be administered anti-polio drops. Meanwhile, a three-day national immunization campaign will kick off in Gilgit Baltistan on Monday. Two hundred and seventeen thousand children would be vaccinated against polio. Over fifteen hundred teams have been constituted to make the drive successful. Three-day anti-polio campaign will also begin throughout Azad Jammu and Kashmir. During the drive, anti-polio vaccine and vitamin A drops would be administered to over seven hundred thousand children of under five years age.

KARACHI: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) revealed on Friday that Telenor Pakistan has poorest internet speed in Pakistan's biggest city while the company provides pathetic internet services in Lahore as well. PTA conducted survey using NEMO Inxext-I in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi while it had already released results of the survey of Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Peshawar. PTA released Lahore and Karachi's surveys results on Friday. According to the user data throughput (Internet speed) quality test conducted by PTA recently in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi, Telenor and Ufone happened to be worst performers as Telenor is weakest with 1.78 Mbps internet speed in Karachi among four cellular operators and Ufone was the weakest in Rawalpindi, Islamabad, Lahore and Peshawar. PTA has recently conducted a survey in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi to ascertain whether next generation mobile services (NGMS) and cellular mobile operators (CMO) are providing services as per key performance indicators (KPIs) set in their license and applicable regulations. According to PTA, in terms of providing internet speed, Zong is the best, followed by Mobilink, whereas data throughput of Ufone is the lowest among all NGMS operators.

Country's biggest city, Karachi, having largest mobile broadband users database, is experiencing insufficient internet speed by almost all CMOs. Contrary to its claims of hefty investment in NGMS roll out, Telenor is the poorest network in Karachi while the company doesn't provide good speed in other cities too as in Islamabad, Telenor was third with 2.24 Mbps, in Rawalpindi, it has only 2.05 Mbps, in Peshawar the company followed similar trend with 1.53 Mbps internet speed and in Lahore, Telenor was ranked third with 2.23 Mbps, resulting in total average internet speed of the company in Pakistan standing at 1.97 Mbps. Top performer Zong has 7.57 Mbps average speed in all cities whereas Telenors lags behind from top company by 6 Mbps. However, user data 'throughput' of all NGMS operators is higher than the benchmark set in their respective licenses, PTA said. Similarly, in terms of 'Grade of Service', Telenor was poorest among all five CMOs in Karachi, as the company's grade of services stood at 0.40 percent according to PTA. Ufone topped grade of service test with 2.80 percent while Warid remained second with 2.40 percent ratio of network blocking. Mobilink stands fourth and Zong stands third with 0.98 percent and 1.80 percent grade of service ration respectively. According to overall grade of service quality of all CMOs in all major cities, Warid was on top while Telenor was weakest. However, PTA said that all CMOs are meeting grade of service. In Lahore, grade of service of Telenor was poorest with only 0.05 percent ratio and Mobilink topped in Lahore with 1.27 percent grade of service

ISLAMABAD (Staff Report): Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif said on Thursday that the CASA-1000 power project would help resolve the country's energy crisis. In an interview, he said the project would provide cheap electricity to Pakistan. The minister said that a historic agreement will soon be reached between Pakistan and other governments for the supply of 1,000 MW electricity from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan via Afghanistan. He said the project would bring a massive change in the energy sector, besides enhancing regional connectivity. Khawaja Asif said that power generation was on schedule to reach thirty-one thousand MW by 2018 due to the government's ongoing efforts. In response to an unrelated question, he said that Pakistan has achieved tremendous success in the war against terrorism.

KARACHI (Web Desk): Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police Allah Dino Khawaja dismissed over 1,800 illegally appointed cops on Thursday. According to details, IG Sindh told the home department's standing committee, headed by Syed Owais Qadir Shah that the dismissed cops were appointed in the Sindh Reserve Police. 1,100 policemen were given the job in 2012, while 860

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were inducted in 2014. "During our investigation, we learned that 80% of the cops belonged to one district while 400 had identical height and chest measurements," he said. "Some senior police officials, after receiving substantial amounts of money, issued illegal appointment orders to hundreds of cops upon the completion of their training. Unfortunately, these cops have now been stopped from performing their duties," said Syed Owais Qadir Shah, chairperson of the meeting.

KARACHI (Web Desk): Over ten thousand seminars exist in Sindh, a meeting of the apex committee chaired by Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Qaim Ali Shah was told on Thursday. The meeting was told that a number of non-registered madrassas had been identified during the geo-tagging exercise in the province, of which 8885 seminars are now registered with Sindh government. As per details, 1178 seminars are yet to be registered. The meeting also reviewed the progress made so far in the ongoing operation in Karachi.

DHAKA (Web Desk): Police in Bangladesh have detained a Pakistani school principal for "unknown reasons". Sources said Yasmin, principal of the City School System in Dhaka, was arrested in a police raid on the school at the behest of country's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajed. Initially, the Bangladeshi police denied the raid and arrest; however, later on, officials confirmed the arrest saying Ms Yasmin was being held for interrogation and would be released soon. Bangladeshi authorities have denied consular access to Ms Yasmin, Geo News reported on Thursday.

GWADAR: Balochistan Chief Minister Nawab Sanaullah Khan Zehri has said the resources of Gwadar belong to the people of this coastal city and nobody can deprive them of their rights. Nawab Zehri made the remarks in a speech at a function on Tuesday to mark the reopening of a hospital run by the Gwadar Development Authority. The hospital had been lying idle for the past eight years. The army chief had asked the authorities concerned to make it operational during his visit to Gwadar last month. "The government will protect the rights of people of Gwadar and strictly abide by its commitments," said the chief minister. Commander Southern Command, Lt Gen Amir Riaz, Chief Secretary Saifullah Chhattah, GOC Maj Gen Kizar Hayath, MPA Mir Hammal Kalmati and Gwadar Development Authority (GDA) Chairman Dostain Jamaldini were present on the occasion. "The hospital had been lying idle for the last eight years, but was made operational in a record period of eight days. We are serving the province and its people keeping aside our political and personal interests," Nawab Zehri said. He assured the people that the Gwadar college would soon be made functional. He said the other issues of this city would be addressed jointly by the civil and military leadership, asking the masses to cooperate with the army. Lt Gen Riaz said the functioning of GDA hospital was a vital progress in the development of this city. "It will be expanded in the coming days. The army will continue to play its role in the development of Gwadar and Balochistan," he added. He said that the hospital was a gift for the people of Gwadar on behalf of China and "I am thankful to Chinese friends". The chief minister was briefed on the hospital where more than 450 patients would be treated daily. Doctors and medical staff from the provincial health department and the army will provide the treatment facilities. The hospital, which currently consists of 50 beds, will be expanded to 350 beds in three phases.

ISLAMABAD: Lack of education and health facilities have detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of young people in Pakistan, international health journal Lancet says in a report. The journal released its global report on the youth health on Tuesday. The report also reveals major causes of death and the disability-adjusted life year (DALY) in Pakistan. DALY is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death. It was developed in the 1990s as a way of comparing the overall health and life expectancy in different countries. According to the report, the cause of death can be pre-determined from the youth years because of lack of education and health facilities. The biggest cause of death in Pakistani children aged 10-14 is intestinal infections that not only reflect lack of education but also lack of facilities. The major cause of death in the youth aged 15-24 is road accident which clearly shows the lack of education and civic sense. While the second big cause of death in the youth aged 15-20 is intestinal infections, the situation is alarming for the youth aged 20-24. In this age group, the second highest cause of death is interpersonal violence which again is highly reflective of lack of education and training. In case of DALY, the reason is mostly the deficiencies and infections of different kinds. Based on the data of 2013, the study shows that in children from 10 to 14 years of age in Pakistan as many as 3,029 died by intestinal infections, 876 by diarrheal diseases and 832 by tuberculosis. Road injuries and drowning claimed the lives of 1,137 and 644 children of the same category. Among the youth from 15 to 19 years of age, 2,865 died in road accidents, 1,447 by interpersonal violence, 2,556 by intestinal infections, 1,157 by tuberculosis and 880 poisoning.

In the category of 20 to 24 years of age, 4,363 died in road accidents, 2,204 in interpersonal violence, 2,063 by tuberculosis, 1,978 intestinal infections and 1,342 by chronic kidney diseases. According to the report, among children from 10 to 14 years of age as many as 238,459 were affected by the iron deficiency anemia and 227,240 by intestinal infection. Skin and subcutaneous diseases, depressive disorders and road injuries come on third, fourth and fifth rank, respectively. In the category of 15 to 19 years of age, road injuries, skin and subcutaneous diseases, depressive disorder, intestinal infection and low back and neck pain were five major problems. Among the youth from 20 to 24 years of age, road injuries, depressive disorder, low back and neck pain, interpersonal violence and tuberculosis were major reasons. Talking to Dawn, health expert Nadeem Hussain Alamgir said that the study could be useful for policy making. "Unfortunately health and education are neglected sectors in Pakistan. The database depicts that the youth of the country do not have awareness and that the way they are brought up they don't get basic information about their health," he said. "It is strange that a large number of youngsters lose their lives in incidents of violence. They are suffering from different types of deficiencies, such as iron. They are affected by water borne diseases." According to Mr Alamgir, findings of the study show that the youth in Pakistan need training and proper guidance.

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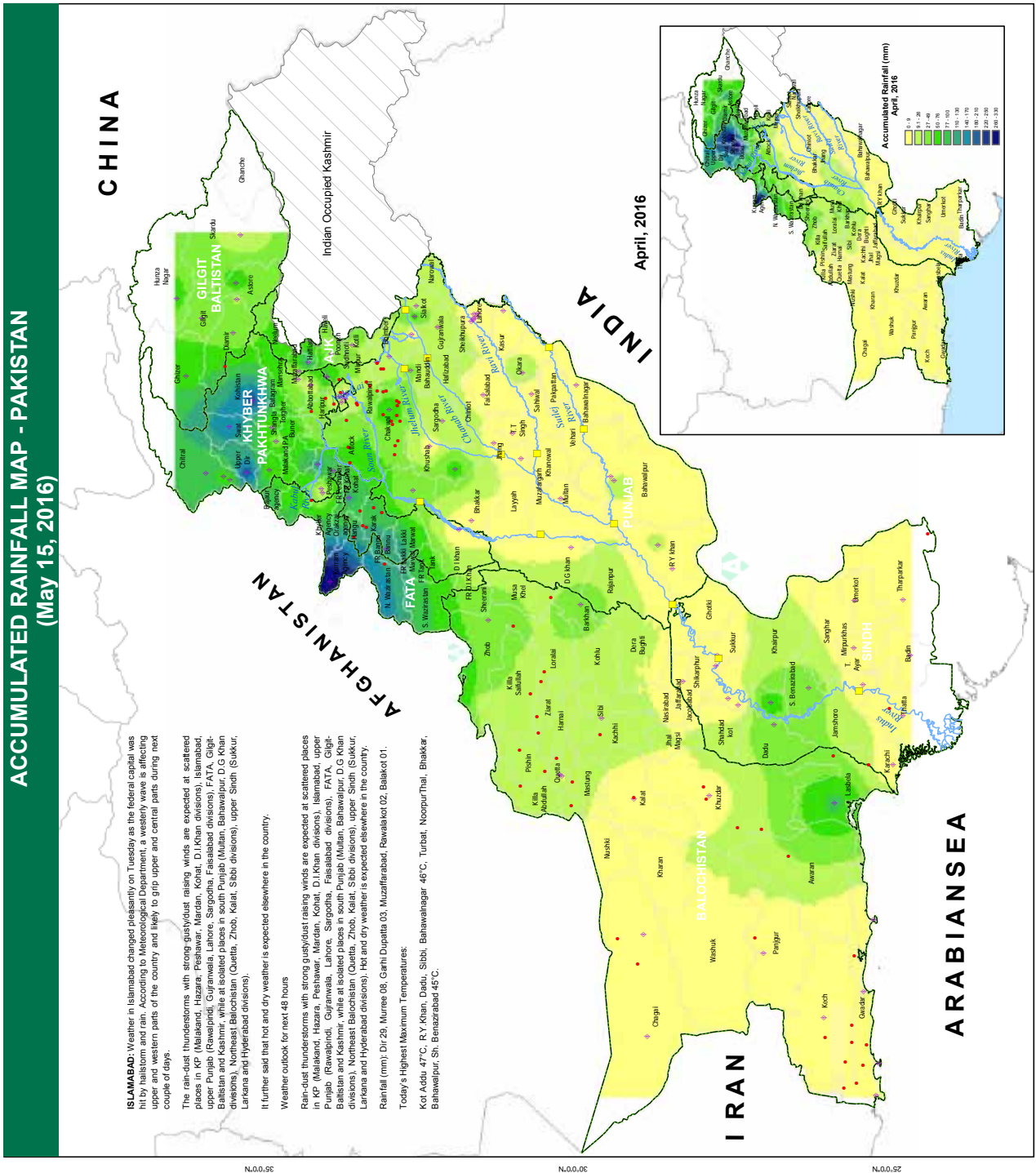
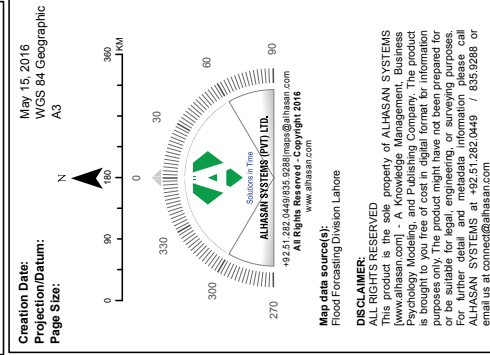
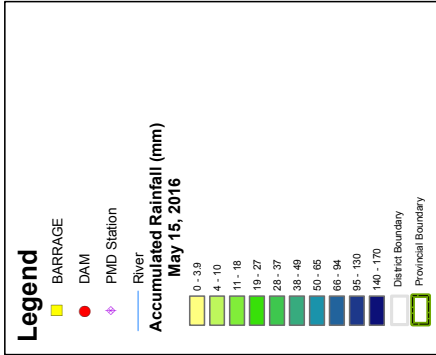
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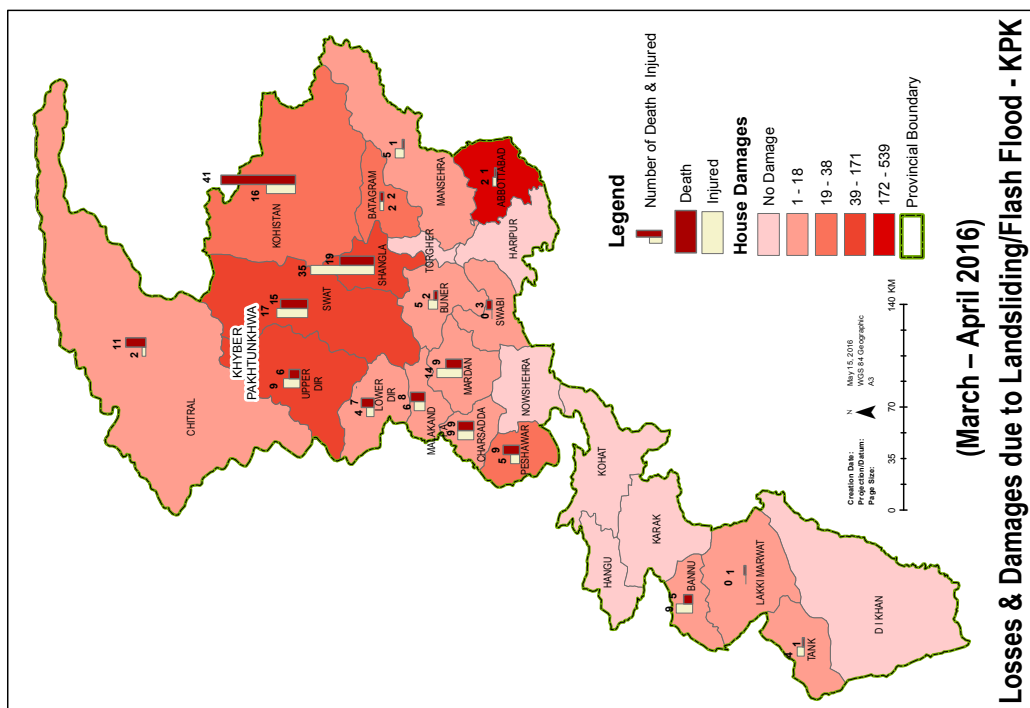
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BANNU (Staff Report) : Several PTI workers were reportedly injured during a political rally after a pillar at the main entrance of Jinnah Sports Complex on Wednesday. Soon after the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman Imran Khan finished his address to the large gathering in Bannu, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, party workers tried exiting the venue in a disorderly manner and prompted a stampede. One of the pillars of the main gate collapsed during the stampede, leaving over 10 people injured.

QUETTA: The Coordinator of the Emergency Operation Centre (EOC), Balochistan, Dr Saifur Rehman, has said a taskforce constituted last month will ensure that every child living in Afghan refugee camps is vaccinated against polio. A meeting held here on Monday to review the taskforce's preparation was attended by representatives of the United Nations refugee agency, the Afghan Refugee Commissioner's Office, Taraqee Foundation, World Health Organisation and the UN children's fund. The participants decided to hold meetings on a monthly basis and share information. "There are 12 Afghan refugees camps in six districts of Balochistan where 57,808 children are living," Dr Rehman said. "We are specially focusing on the camps for eradication of polio from Balochistan."

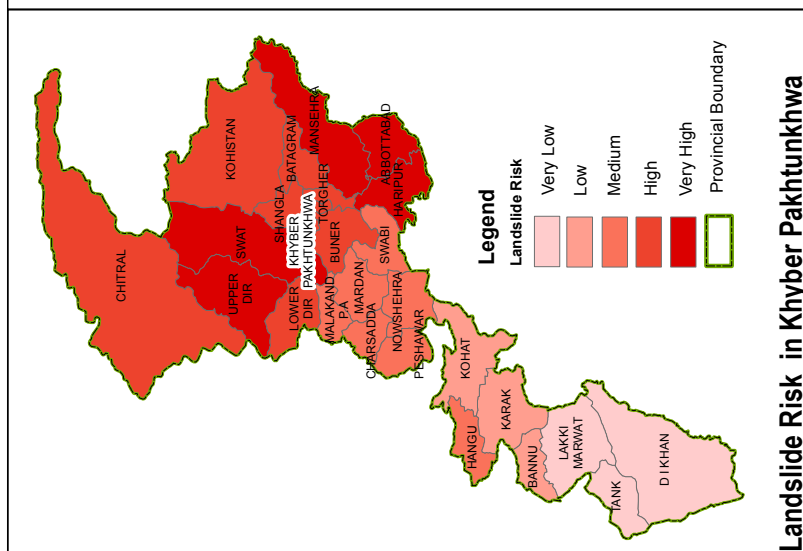
TOBA TEK SINGH: Eight students of the Government Girls High School, Chak 394, passed out on Monday due to the smoke billowing out from the fire when school's scrap and leaves were put on fire. Rescue 1122 staffers said when they arrived at the scene, 12 students were feeling difficulty in breathing while eight of them were semi-unconscious. They shifted Ayesha, Rimla, Hira, Nisha, Suman, Hinza, Eiman and Sania to village's rural health centre where doctors referred them to the Toba District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital while other four students were given first aid. MPAs Mian Muhammad Rafiq and Chaudhry Amjad Ali Javed and Executive District Officer (EDO) of health Dr Nawaz Ranjha visited the hospital and inquired after the students. District Coordination Officer Amer Ijaz Akbar and education EDO Rao Attique Ahmad visited the school.



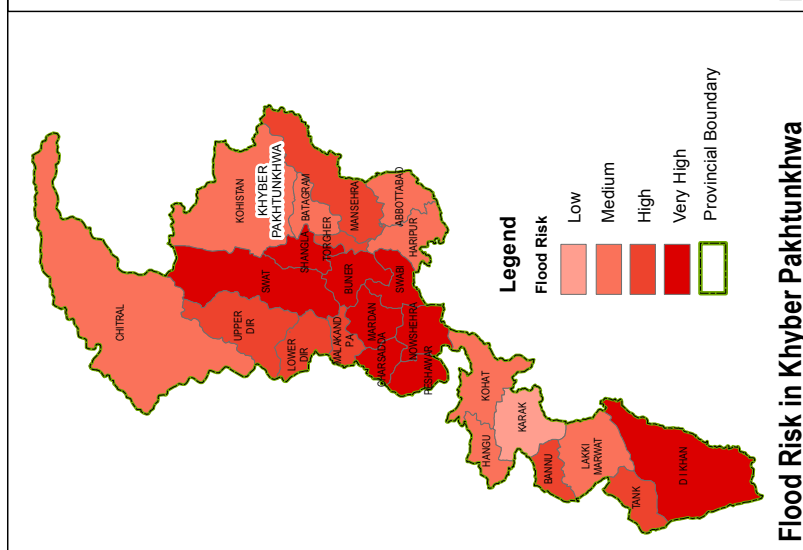
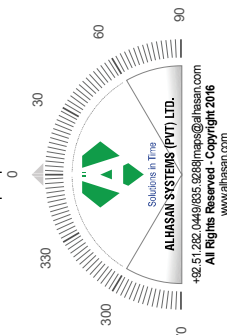


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PDMA provided relief items (blankets and tents) to Swat, Shangla, Dir Upper, Dir Lower and Kohistan as per the instructions of the Minister KPK. Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz also expressed his deep grief and sorrow over the loss of precious human lives due to flash floods. He directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and other concerned authorities to ensure timely relief activities for the victims, including provision of health care, food and shelter for the affected people.



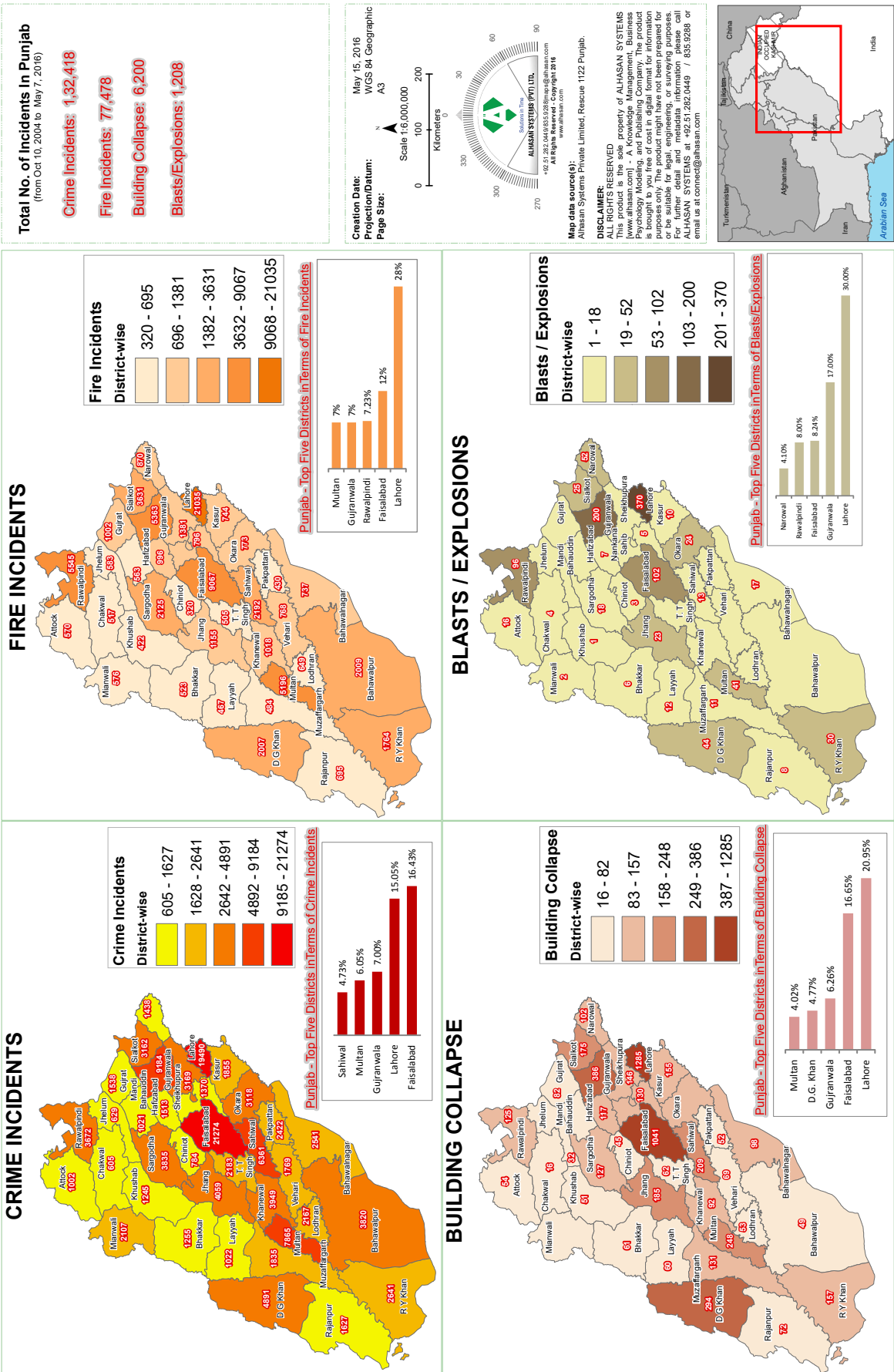
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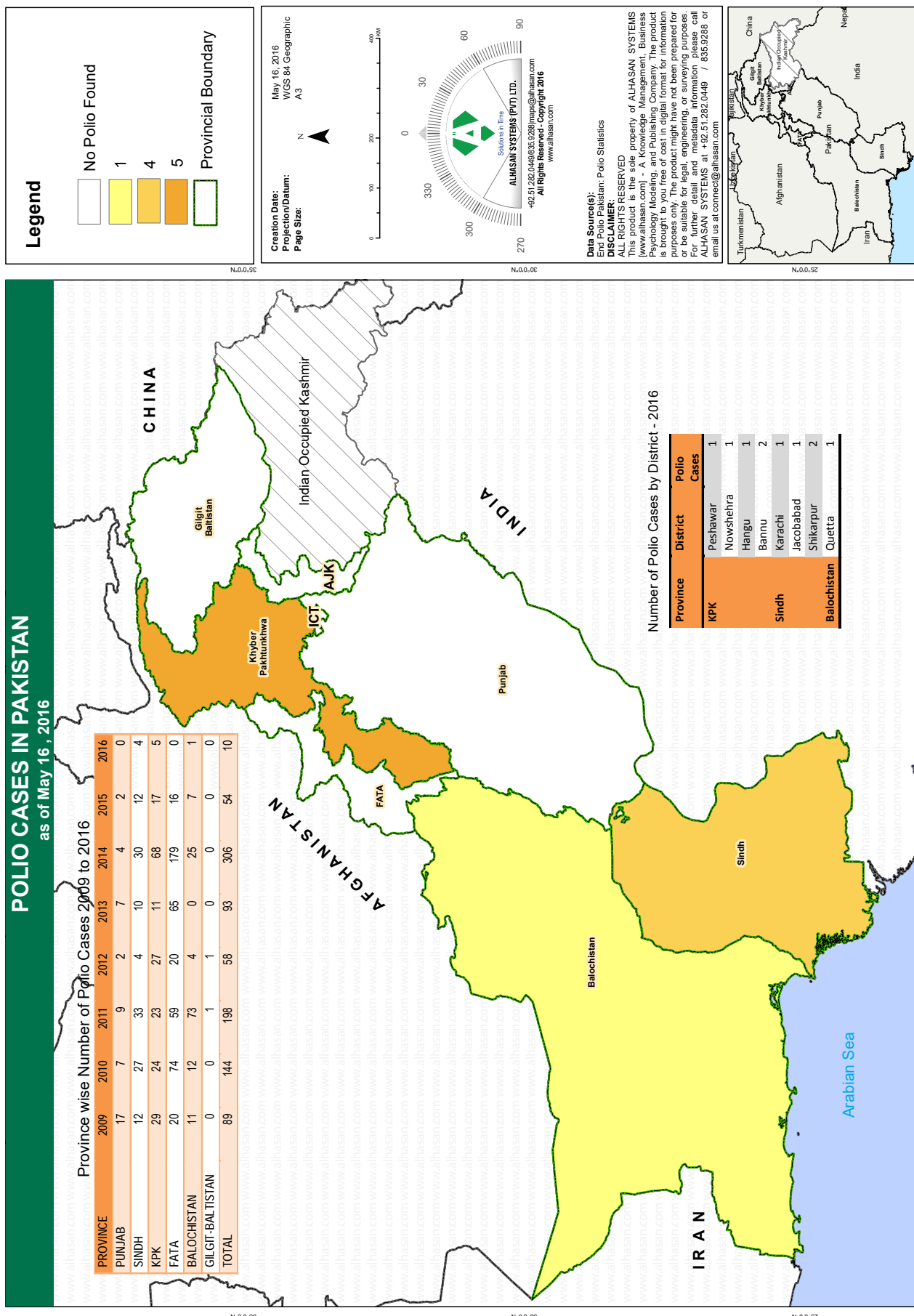
Pakistan Meteorological Department has issued the seasonal outlook for spring and early summer 2016 on 4th April. The report states that "Prevailing oceanic, atmospheric and surface climatic conditions suggest that the El Niño comes to neutral phase in May–June 2016."

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority issued a red alert for torrential rains in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa after issuance of seasonal outlook by the Pakistan Meteorological Department. Torrential rains followed by flash floods and landslides hit Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from March 9 to March 19, 2016 and causes widespread destruction and killed over 60 people in FATA and KPK. While hundreds of cattle were reported dead during this period, hundreds of houses and standing crops had also been destroyed. In April, rains followed by heavy destruction of infrastructure in Malakand, Kohistan and Chitral division, whereas Shangla, Swat, Chitral, Buner, Charsadda were hardly hit. Flood in the Bara River has escalate wide range of destruction in KPK where flood water wash away the businesses of people and left them homeless and also led to the destruction of Batta Tail Bridge.

According to local administration and the PDMA, during the month of March and April, torrential rain triggered landslides in Shangla district that had destroyed around 89 houses, resulting in 19 casualties and left 19 injured. Many important roads of the town have also been blocked by landslides. Likewise, 41 casualties in Kohistan district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reported due to landslide and lightning struck in a remote area and those who got injuries were shifted to hospital. In Swat district, the continuous rains have caused flash flooding in Swat River which cut several villages from rest of the region. 15 people were dead and 17 people got injuries due to the rain incidents and 171 house collapse. According to officials the torrential rains also did devastation in Lower Dir, Chitral, Charsadda, Mardan and Mansehra. As from Lower Dir 7 casualties reported, from Chitral 11, Charsadda 9, Mardan 9 and from Mansehra only 1 casualty reported. Two people were also reported dead in Buner and five casualties reported from Battagram.

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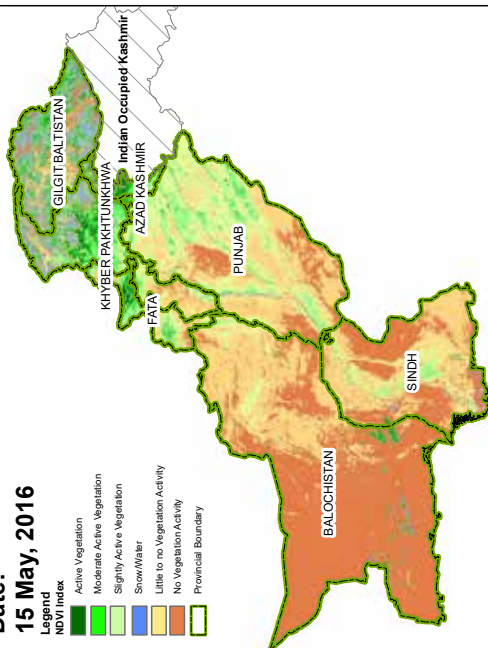




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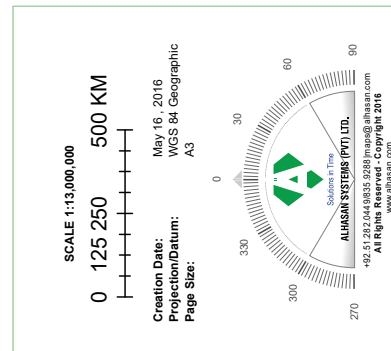
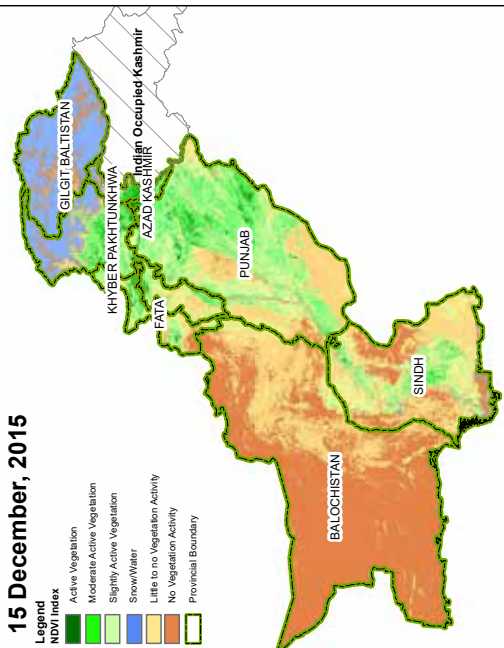
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اضافی 200 Gbps کی بینڈوڈتھ حاصل ہونے سے ملک میں انٹرنیٹ کی فراہمی میں انتہائی بہتری آئے گی جب کہ مستقبل میں مکمل ہونے والے اس منصوبے میں پاکستان کو اس سے زیادہ بینڈوڈتھ بھی حاصل ہونے کی توقع ہے۔ اس سے قبل پاکستان کو بین الاقوامی کیبلز جیسے کہ ٹی ڈیبلون سے 1.28 Tbps جب کہ Sea-Me-We سے بھی 1.28 Tbps اور I-ME-WE کے کیبل نیٹ ورکس سے 3.86 Tbps کی بینڈوڈتھ حاصل ہوتی ہے لیکن اس نئے نیٹ ورک سے حاصل ہونے والی بینڈوڈتھ سے ملک میں موجود انٹرنیٹ کمپنیز کی اجارہ داری کم ہوگی اور صارفین کو مزید سستے داموں تیز رفتار انٹرنیٹ حاصل ہوگا۔

دوشنبہ: وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے تاجک صدر ایملولی رحمان کے ہمراہ کا سا 1000 'توانائی منصوبے کا افتتاح کر دیا۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے تاجک صدر ایملولی رحمان کے ہمراہ کا سا 1000 'توانائی منصوبے کا افتتاح کر دیا ہے جس کے تحت پاکستان تاجکستان سے ایک ہزار میگا واٹ بجلی خریدے گا جب کہ افغانستان کو بھی 300 میگا واٹ بجلی فراہم کی جائے گی۔ اس موقع پر انجینئرز نے کا سا 1000 'منصوبے کے حوالے سے پاکستان، افغانستان اور کرغزستان کے اعلیٰ حکام کو بریفنگ بھی دی، حکام نے بتایا کہ 750 کلومیٹر طویل ٹرانسمیشن لائن افغانستان کے راستے پاکستان تک پہنچے گی اور منصوبہ 2018 تک مکمل ہوگا۔

عالمی بینک کے مطابق پاکستان کو تیز تر معاشی ترقی کے حصول کے لئے توانائی کے شعبہ میں اصلاحات کا عمل تیز کرنے اور زیادہ سے زیادہ خواتین کو افرادی قوت میں شامل کرنا چاہئے۔ عالمی بینک کے کٹری رپورٹز نیٹھو ایلا کو پانچا متھونے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان نے تیل کی عالمی قیمتوں میں کمی سے استفادہ اور سخت مالیاتی اقدامات سے گزشتہ سالوں کے دوران اپنی معیشت کو مستحکم کیا۔ تیز تر اقتصادی ترقی کے مطلوبہ اہداف کے حصول کے لئے توانائی کے شعبہ میں اصلاحات کی ضرورت ہے تاکہ اس شعبہ میں سرمایہ کاری کو بڑھایا جاسکے۔ حکومت نے چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری منصوبہ (سی پیک) کے تحت توانائی کے پیداواری منصوبوں پر 30 ارب ڈالر سے زائد کی سرمایہ کاری کے معاہدے کئے جس سے 2018ء تک بجلی کی قلت کے مسئلہ پر قابو پایا جائے گا لیکن اس حوالے سے بجلی کی ترسیلی کمپنیوں کی استعداد کار میں اضافہ کے لئے جامع اصلاحات کی ضرورت ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس حوالے سے بجلی کے بنیادی ڈھانچے کی ترقی کے لئے جامع اقدامات کی ضرورت ہے۔ عالمی بینک کے کٹری رپورٹز نیٹھو نے مزید کہا کہ تیز معاشی ترقی کے لئے مردوں پر مشتمل افرادی قوت میں مزید خواتین کو شامل کرنے کی بھی ضرورت ہے اس وقت پاکستان کی افرادی قوت میں خواتین کا حصہ 22 فیصد ہے۔ اگر پاکستان سالانہ 7 تا 8 فیصد کی شرح سے معاشی ترقی کا خواہشمند ہے تو افرادی قوت میں مزید خواتین کو شامل کرنے کے لئے مزید اقدامات کی ضرورت ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت): سپریم کورٹ کی عمارت میں شارٹ سرکٹ کے باعث آتشزدگی سے تین کمرے متاثر ہوئے، پہلی منزل پر واقع سپریم کورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن کے زیر استعمال ایک کمرہ سازو سامان سمیت مکمل طور پر خاکستر ہو گیا جبکہ ملحقہ کمرہ شدید طور پر متاثر ہوا، آتشزدگی سے پریس ایسوسی ایشن کے کمرے کو بھی جزوی طور پر نقصان پہنچا، تاہم پریس ایسوسی ایشن کے کمرے کا سامان محفوظ رہا، ڈپٹی رجسٹرار سپریم کورٹ کے مطابق معاملے پر انکوائری کمیٹی بنادی گئی جس کی رپورٹ چیف جسٹس آف پاکستان کو پیش کر دی جائے گی۔ سپریم کورٹ بلڈنگ کے داخلی گیٹ والے پورشن کی پہلی منزل پر واقع وکلاء کے زیر استعمال کمرے میں اتوار اور پیر کی شب آخری پہر شارٹ سرکٹ کے باعث آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس نے لحوں میں پورے کمرے کو لپیٹ میں لیا، آگ لگنے پر وہاں ڈیوٹی پر تعینات سکیورٹی سٹاف نے کنٹرول روم کو اطلاع دی جس نے فائر بریگیڈ سمیت تمام اداروں کو آگاہ کر کے پہنچنے کی ہدایت کی تو تھوڑی ہی دیر میں فائر بریگیڈ کی تین گاڑیاں موقع پر پہنچ گئیں آدھے گھنٹے کی کوششوں سے آگ پر قابو پایا گیا، سکیورٹی عملے کے مطابق آتشزدگی سے وکلاء کے کمرے میں رکھا گیا کمپیوٹر، فریج اور قیمتی فرنیچر راکھ ہو گیا ہے۔

نیب بلوچستان نے بلوچستان پبلک سروس کمشن کے سابق چیئرمین اشرف گمسی اور 2 ڈائریکٹرز کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ اشرف گمسی پر کروڑوں کی کرپشن اور مختلف تعیناتیوں میں بے قاعدگیوں کے الزامات ہیں۔ اشرف گمسی 2011ء سے 2014ء تک بلوچستان پبلک سروس کمشن کے چیئرمین کے عہدے پر تعینات رہے 2014ء میں کیس سامنے آیا تھا کہ اشرف گمسی نے محکمہ تعلیم میں بھرتیوں میں بے قاعدگیاں کی ہیں۔ اشرف گمسی نے اپنے ایک بیٹے دو بیٹوں اور اپنی بیوی کو بھی گریڈ 17 میں بھرتی کیا تھا۔ اشرف گمسی کے خلاف سول سوسائٹی اور طلباء نے پبلک سروس کمشن کے سامنے دھرنا بھی دیا تھا جس کے بعد نیب نے اس کا نوٹس لیا اور پبلک سروس کمشن کے دفتر پر چھاپہ مارا اور تمام ریکارڈ قبضہ میں لے لیا۔ اس کے بعد بلوچستان ہائی کورٹ کے ایک جج نے ان کے خلاف تحقیقات کی تھیں جس کے دوران ثابت ہوا کہ اشرف گمسی نے بھرتیوں کے دوران اپنے اختیارات کا غلط استعمال کرتے ہوئے نااہل افراد کو اہم پوسٹوں پر بھرتی کیا اور اس مد میں انہوں نے کروڑوں روپے حاصل کیے جس کے بعد گورنر بلوچستان نے 2014ء میں اشرف گمسی کو برطرف کر دیا تھا نیب نے اشرف گمسی کو گرفتار کر کے مزید تفتیش شروع کر دی ہے۔

وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے تاجک صدر کے ہمراہ کا سا 1000 'توانائی منصوبے کا افتتاح کر دیا

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چین دوستی دنیا میں بے مثال ہے جبکہ سی پیک کے تحت پنجاب سمیت پاکستان بھر میں منصوبوں پر تیز رفتاری سے کام جاری ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ سی پیک پاکستان کی ترقی و خوشحالی کا ضامن ہے، سی پیک کے تحت منصوبوں کی تکمیل سے خطے میں ترقی کا نیا دور شروع ہو گا۔ چینی قونصل جنرل کا کہنا تھا ترقیاتی منصوبوں میں دو سو پندرہ ارب روپے کی بچت ایک شاندار کارنامہ ہے جس پر شہباز شریف مبارکباد کے مستحق ہیں۔

اسلام آباد: سپریم کورٹ نے الیکشن ٹریبونل کی جانب سے قومی اسمبلی کے حلقے این اے 176 مظفر گڑھ میں دوبارہ انتخابات کرانے کے فیصلے کو کالعدم قرار دیتے ہوئے مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رہنما سلطان ہنجر والی رکنیت بحال کر دی۔ الیکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق این اے 176 مظفر گڑھ میں دوبارہ انتخاب کے فیصلے سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت سپریم کورٹ میں ہوئی۔ اس موقع پر جسٹس اقبال حمید الرحمان نے کیس کا فیصلہ سناتے ہوئے حلقے میں دوبارہ انتخاب کرانے کے فیصلے کو کالعدم قرار دے دیا اور مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رہنما سلطان ہنجر والی رکنیت بحال کر دی۔ واضح رہے کہ 2013 کے عام انتخابات میں این اے 176 سے مسلم لیگ (ن) کے سلطان ہنجر والی کامیاب قرار پائے تھے جسے فکشنل لیگ کے مصطفیٰ کھر نے چیلنج کیا تھا۔ الیکشن ٹریبونل نے مصطفیٰ کھر کی درخواست پر 18 جولائی 2014 کو (ن) لیگی رہنما کی رکنیت معطل کرتے ہوئے حلقے میں دوبارہ الیکشن کرانے کا حکم دیا تھا۔ مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رہنما نے الیکشن ٹریبونل کے فیصلے کو سپریم کورٹ میں چیلنج کیا تھا جس پر سپریم کورٹ نے 21 اپریل کو فیصلہ محفوظ کر لیا تھا۔

لاہور (خبرنگار) وزیر اعلیٰ محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ تیز رفتاری ترقی کا ہدف فروغ تعلیم سے ہی ممکن ہے۔ پاکستان کو درپیش غربت، بے روزگاری اور جہالت جیسے چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کا واحد ذریعہ تعلیم ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت نے صوبے میں شعبہ تعلیم کو پائیدار بنیادوں پر استوار کرنے کیلئے ٹھوس پالیسی اپنائی ہے۔ تعلیمی شعبے میں انقلابی اصلاحات کے جامع پروگرام پر عملدرآمد کیا جا رہا ہے اور تعلیمی شعبے کی ترقی اور معیاری تعلیم کے فروغ کیلئے اٹھائے گئے انقلاب آفریں اقدامات بار آور ثابت ہو رہے ہیں۔ قوم کے معماروں کو علم کے نور سے منور کرنے کیلئے ہر طرح کے وسائل حاضر ہیں اور ان میں کمی نہیں آنے دیں گے۔ دور دراز اور پس ماندہ علاقوں کے غریب گھرانوں اور خاک آلود گلیوں کے بچوں کو زور تعلیم سے آراستہ کرنے کیلئے سٹیٹ آف دی آرٹ ڈانس سکولز قائم کئے گئے ہیں۔ ڈانس سکولز معاشرے سے انتہا پسندانہ رجحانات کے خاتمے میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں اور ان سکولز کے باعث کم وسیلہ گھرانوں کے ذہین بچے بھی وہی تعلیم حاصل کر رہے ہیں جو کہ اشرافیہ کے بچوں کی میراث سمجھی جاتی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے ان خیالات کا اظہار منتخب نمائندوں سے گفتگو میں کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب ایجوکیشنل انڈومنٹ فنڈ کے ذریعے ذہین اور آگے بڑھنے کے جذبے سے سرشار وسائل نہ رکھنے والے طلباء و طالبات کو اربوں روپے کے تعلیمی وظائف دیئے گئے ہیں۔ پنجاب کے تعلیمی پروگراموں میں آزاد کشمیر، گلگت بلتستان اور پاکستان کے دیگر صوبوں کے طلباء و طالبات کو بھی شامل کیا گیا ہے جس سے قومی وحدت کو فروغ ملا ہے۔ بچوں میں تعلیم عام کرنے کیلئے پنجاب ایجوکیشن فائونڈیشن کا بھی نہایت اہم کردار ہے اور وائو چر سکیم کے تحت لاکھوں بچے تعلیم حاصل کر رہے ہیں۔ ”پڑھو پنجاب پڑھو پنجاب“ پروگرام کے تحت مقرر کردہ تعلیمی اہداف کے حصول کی جانب تیزی سے بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ محنت، عزم اور جذبے کیساتھ کام کرتے ہوئے سال 2018 تک پنجاب کے ہر بچے کے سکول داخلے کا ہدف حاصل کریں گے۔ علاوہ ازیں شہباز شریف نے ملت پارک شاہ کمال روڈ کے علاقے میں واساکے پائپ تلے آکر بچے کے جاں بحق ہونے کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے اس واقعہ پر دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے انتظامیہ اور سیکرٹری ہاؤسنگ سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے اور واقعہ کی تحقیقات اور غفلت کے ذمہ داروں کیخلاف کارروائی کا حکم دیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) تریمان دفتر خارجہ نے کہا ہے کہ ڈھاکہ میں پاکستانی سکول کی پرنسپل کو گرفتار نہیں کیا گیا۔ سکول پرنسپل کو بنگلہ دیش پولیس نے حفاظتی تحویل میں لیا ہے۔ پاکستانی ہائی کمیشن بنگلہ دیش حکام سے رابطے میں ہے، مسئلہ جلد حل ہو جائے گا۔ سکول انتظامیہ اور طلباء کے والدین میں تنازع پر پرنسپل کو حفاظتی تحویل میں لیا گیا۔

ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن کمپنی اومان ٹیل اور ملٹی نیٹ پاکستان نے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان 20 Tbps سبمرین کیبل نیٹ ورک پر کام شروع کرنے کا اعلان کیا ہے جب کہ اس نیٹ ورک کے ذریعے سب سے پہلے کراچی کو باراکا سے منسلک کیا جائے گا اور اس سے صارفین سستے داموں تیز رفتار انٹرنیٹ سروس سے فائدہ اٹھا سکیں گے۔ اس کیبل نیٹ ورک کو ”سلک روٹ گیٹ وے ون“ کا نام دیا گیا ہے، اس کیبل سسٹم کی لمبائی لگ بھگ 900 کلومیٹر ہوگی جس میں ڈھری فائبر کیبل استعمال کی جائے گی اور ایک کیبل کی گنجائش 10 Tbps ہوگی اس طرح پاکستان 20 Tbps یعنی 200 Gbps بینڈ ویڈتھ کا حامل سبمرین کیبل نیٹ ورک حاصل ہو جائے گا۔ اس منصوبے پر 24 ملین ڈالر کی لاگت آئے گی جب کہ اسے ڈیڑھ سال کے عرصے میں مکمل کیا جائے گا۔ دونوں کمپنیز اس کیبل کے تحفظ اور ترقی کے لیے ایک ترک کمپنی ایکسٹیرا کی خدمات حاصل کریں گی۔ اس منصوبے کی تکمیل پر پاکستان کو

این اے 176 مظفر گڑھ میں دوبارہ انتخاب کا فیصلہ کالعدم، (ن) لیگی رہنما کی رکنیت بحال

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13 مئی 2016

تعلیمی شعبہ میں انقلاب کی بنیاد رکھ دی، وسائل کم نہیں ہونے دیں گے:

شہباز شریف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 مئی 2016

ڈھاکہ میں پاکستانی سکول کی پرنسپل کو انتظامیہ اور طلبہ کے والدین سے تنازع پر حفاظتی تحویل میں لیا گیا، گرفتار نہیں ہوئیں: دفتر خارجہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 مئی 2016

پاکستان میں انٹرنیٹ کی رفتار مزید تیز کرنے کیلئے جدید ترین کیبل منصوبہ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ

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12 مئی 2016

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاء

فیڈرل بورڈ آف ریونیو نے سیلز ٹیکس میں اضافے کی تجاویز دی ہیں میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق حکومت اگلے مالی سال سے اضافی ٹیکس ریونیو کی مد میں ٹیکنالوجی اور چمڑے کی مصنوعات پر سیلز ٹیکس دوگنا کر سکتی ہے اور ان سیکٹرز کی جانب سے استعمال شدہ بجلی پر 5 فیصد کا وولڈنگ ٹیکس بھی خارج کر سکتی ہے ٹیکسٹائل، چمڑے، قالینوں، سپورٹس کے سازو سامان اور سرجیکل اشیاء پر ٹیکس کے اضافے کی تجویز سال 2016-17 کے نئے مالی سال کے ٹیکس اقدامات کا حصہ ہے اور ذرائع کے حوالے سے کہا گیا ہے کہ یہ تجاویز وزیر اعظم کو پیش کی جائیں گی۔

کراچی کے کورنگی انڈسٹریل ایریا میں نجی فیکٹری کے زیر زمین کیمیکل ٹینک کی صفائی کے دوران دم گھٹنے سے 5 مزدور جاں بحق ہو گئے، ایک کو بچا لیا گیا۔ پولیس نے فیکٹری کو سیل کر کے چوکیدار کو حراست میں لے لیا اور مقدمہ درج کر لیا۔ کورنگی انڈسٹریل کے قریب پلاسٹک دانہ بنانے والی نجی فیکٹری کے زیر زمین ٹینک کی صفائی کے لئے 11 مزدوروں کو بلایا گیا۔ ٹینک کی صفائی کے لئے ابتدائی طور پر 6 مزدور زیر زمین ٹینک میں اترے تاہم تمام ٹینک میں بے ہوش ہو کر گر گئے۔ مزدوروں کو تشویشناک حالت میں جناح ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں 5 مزدور دم توڑ گئے، تاہم چھٹے کو ڈاکٹر زبچانے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ ڈاکٹر جنرل ہسپتال سبھی جہاں کے مطابق دم گھٹ کر جاں بحق ہونے والے مزدوروں کی موت کسی کیمیکل سے ہوئی ہے یہ پوسٹ مارٹم کے بعد ہی معلوم ہو سکے گا۔ دوسری جانب پولیس کا کہنا تھا لاہور ایسٹرن سٹریٹ پر فیکٹری مالک کے خلاف کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی جبکہ فیکٹری کو سیل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والے مزدوروں کی شناخت عرفان، معراج، رحیم، ارباز اور عبدالغفار کے نام سے ہوئی ہے۔ مزدوروں کا کہنا ہے کہ فیکٹری مالک نے بتایا ہی نہیں کی ٹینک کے اندر کیا ہے۔

لاہور: پنجاب کے سرکاری اسکولوں کی نجکاری کے خلاف اساتذہ کے 2 روزہ دھرنے کے بعد حکومت سے مذاکرات کامیاب ہو گئے جس کے بعد اساتذہ نے دھرنہ ختم کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پنجاب کے سرکاری اسکولوں کی نجکاری کے خلاف صوبے بھر سے آئے اساتذہ گزشتہ روز لاہور میں پنجاب اسمبلی کے سامنے مال روڈ پر جمع ہوئے لیکن جب احتجاج کے باوجود کسی سرکاری نمائندے نے رابطہ نہ کیا تو اساتذہ نے فیصل چوک میں دھرنہ دے دیا جس کے بعد ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری تعلیم نے اساتذہ کے وفد سے ملاقات کی جس میں ان کے تمام مطالبات ماننے کی یقین دہانی کرائی۔ حکومت کی جانب سے مطالبات کی منظوری کی یقین دہانی کے بعد اساتذہ نے دھرنہ ختم کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا۔ اس سے قبل اساتذہ کے احتجاج کے باعث مال روڈ پر گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں جس سے شہریوں کو سخت پریشانی کا سامنا ہے جب کہ تحریک انصاف، پیپلز پارٹی اور بینک ڈاکٹر زلمیوسی ایشن کے نمائندے اساتذہ سے اظہار یکجہتی کے لئے ان کے کیمپ میں پہنچے۔

سندھ حکومت کی نااہلی اور بے حسی سے تھر میں اموات سلسلہ ختم نہ سکا۔ تھر میں بھوک و افلاس اور بنیادی سہولیات کے فقدان سے صورت حال ابتر نظر آتی ہے۔ پیاسے صحرا میں ہلاکتیں روز بروز بڑھتی جا رہی ہیں۔ بے رحم بھوک کے سامنے مائیں بے بسی کی تصویر بن چکی ہیں۔ مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں سہولیات کی عدم دستیابی بھی کسی مصیبت سے کم نہیں۔ ہسپتال میں زیر علاج غذائی قلت سے متاثرہ مزید دو ننھے بچوں مر چکے۔ سائیں سرکاری کی بے حسی اور عدم توجہی سے رواں برس تھر میں جاں بحق ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد تین سو ساٹھ تک جا پہنچی ہے۔

پنجاب حکومت کا گھریلو اور کمرشل پلاسٹ پر بھی ٹیکس لگانے کا فیصلہ آئندہ مالی سال سے محکمہ ایکسائز کو سالانہ 1 ارب روپے سے زائد کی آمدن ہوگی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق محکمہ ایکسائز نے گھریلو پلاسٹ پر سالانہ 1 ہزار اور کمرشل پلاسٹ پر سالانہ 1500 روپے ٹیکس لگایا جائے گا جبکہ پلاسٹ خریدنے والوں سے بھی ٹیکس وصول کیا جائے گا جس کے ذریعے محکمہ ایکسائز کو سالانہ 1 ارب کی آمدن ہوگی۔ اس حوالے سے محکمہ ایکسائز سری منظوری کے لئے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کا ارسال کر دی ہے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ اقتصادی راہداری چین کا پاکستان کیلئے ایک عظیم تحفہ ہے جسے پاکستانی قوم کبھی فراموش نہیں کر سکتی، سی پیک کے تحت منصوبوں پر تیز رفتاری سے کام جاری ہے، سی پیک پاکستان کی ترقی و خوشحالی کا ضامن ہے، مکمل سے خطے میں ترقی کا نیا دور شروع ہو گا۔ لاہور میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب سے چین کے قونصل جنرل بوہورن نے ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات کے دوران باہمی دلچسپی کے امور، پاک چین تعلقات کے فروغ، مختلف شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے اور سی پیک کے تحت منصوبوں پر جاری پیش رفت پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ پاک

نیامالی سال، ایف بی آر نے سیلز ٹیکس کی شرح میں اضافے کی تجویز دیدی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 مئی 2016

کراچی زیر زمین ٹینک کی صفائی کے دوران دم گھٹنے سے 5 مزدور جاں بحق، فیکٹری سیل

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 مئی 2016

پنجاب کے اساتذہ اور حکومت کے درمیان مذاکرات کامیاب، دھرنہ ختم کرنے کا اعلان

ایکسپریس اردو

15 مئی 2016

تھر: بے رحم بھوک نے مزید دو بچوں کی جان لے لی، رواں برس جاں بحق بچوں کی تعداد تین سو ساٹھ تک جا پہنچی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 مئی 2016

پنجاب حکومت کا گھریلو اور کمرشل پلاسٹ پر بھی ٹیکس لگانے کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 مئی 2016

سی پیک منصوبوں پر تیزی سے کام جاری ہے، ترقی کا نیا دور شروع ہو گا: شہباز شریف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

اور جمہوریت کے تحفظ کے لیے موجودہ حکمران اتحاد کے ساتھ اپنی مفاہمتی پالیسی کو جاری رکھنے کی درخواست بھی کی مولانا فضل الرحمان نے حکومت اور سیاسی جماعتوں کے درمیان مضبوط تعلقات کار کے حوالے سے بھی اپنی تجاویز سے سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری کو آگاہ کیا۔ پورٹس میں دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے کہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں میں پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کی قیادت کے درمیان براہ راست رابطہ بھی متوقع ہے اس ضمن میں مولانا فضل الرحمان پل کا کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں پاناما لیکس کے معاملے پر صاف شفاف تحقیقات کا طریقہ کار واضح کرنے کے لیے حکومت اپوزیشن کے درمیان مذاکرات میں پیشرفت اور دونوں اطراف سے کمیٹیوں کی تشکیل کا امکان بھی ظاہر کیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور حساس اداروں نے پنجاب کی جیلوں پر حملوں کا خدشہ ظاہر کرتے ہوئے مر اسلہ جاری کر دیا ہے جس کے بعد صوبے بھر کی جیلوں سمیت اہم مقامات کی سیکیورٹی سخت کر دی گئی ہے۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق حساس اداروں کی جانب سے ملنے اطلاعات کے بعد پنجاب بھر کی پولیس اور جیل حکام کو مر اسلہ جاری کیا گیا ہے جس میں جیلوں سمیت اہم مقامات پر حملوں کا خدشہ ظاہر کیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق مر اسلے میں حساس اداروں کے سیکیورٹی الرٹ کے بعد صوبے بھر کی جیلوں اور اہم مقامات کی سیکیورٹی مزید سخت کر دی گئی ہے جب کہ جیلوں کے ارد گرد ایلٹ فورس کی گاڑیوں کے گشت میں بھی اضافہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ خفیہ اداروں کی جانب سے ملنے والی رپورٹ کے بعد ڈی آئی جی آپریشن لاہور ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف نے صوبائی دارالحکومت میں موجود کیمپ اور کوٹ لکھپت جیلوں کی سیکیورٹی فول پروف کرنے کے احکامات جاری کر دیئے ہیں جب کہ ڈی آئی جی نے ڈویژنل ایس پیز کو جیلوں کے گرد نفری بڑھانے اور اطراف کے علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کی ہدایت جاری کر دی ہیں۔

بنوں تحریک انصاف کے جلسے میں اسٹیڈیم کے گیٹ کا ایک حصہ گرنے سے بھگدڑ مچ گئی جس میں 3 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ تحریک انصاف کے بنوں میں ہونے والے جلسے میں ایک بار پھر بد نظمی دیکھنے میں آئی اور عمران خان کے خطاب کے بعد کارکنوں کو کنٹرول کرنا انتظامیہ کے بس سے باہر ہو گیا۔ عمران خان کا خطاب ختم ہوتے ہی جب کارکنان نے گراؤنڈ سے باہر نکلنے کی کوشش کی تو اس دوران زور آزمائی میں داخلی دروازے کا ایک حصہ ٹوٹ گیا جس سے دروازہ نیچے گر گیا جب کہ واقعے کے بعد بھگدڑ مچنے سے 3 افراد بھی زخمی ہوئے جنہیں طبی امداد کے لیے اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا۔ واضح رہے کہ 9 مئی کو تحریک انصاف کے پشاور جلسے میں بھی بد نظمی دیکھنے میں آئی جب کہ 2 سال پہلے تحریک انصاف کے جلسے میں بھگدڑ کی وجہ سے 17 افراد جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے تھے۔

کراچی ترجمان رینجرز نے آپریشن کے اعداد و شمار جاری کر دیئے جس میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ آپریشن میں اب تک 848 ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ ترجمان رینجرز کی جانب سے کراچی آپریشن کے جاری کردہ اعداد و شمار میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ شہر میں 5 ستمبر 2013 سے ٹارگٹ کلرز کا آغاز کیا گیا جس میں سیاسی، مذہبی، کالعدم جماعتوں کے عسکری سباز اور ٹارگٹ کلرز کے خلاف کارروائیاں کی گئی۔ ترجمان رینجرز نے کہا کہ آپریشن میں اب تک 848 ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کیا جا چکا ہے جنہوں نے مجموعی طور پر 7 ہزار 224 افراد کو قتل کرنے کا اعتراف کیا جب کہ رینجرز نے ملزمان کو قانونی چارہ جوئی کے لیے پولیس کے حوالے کیا۔ ترجمان نے عوام سے اپیل کی کہ پاکستان رینجرز بلا تفریق کارروائیاں جاری رکھے ہوئے ہے لہذا عوام جرائم پیشہ عناصر کی اطلاع رینجرز کو دیں۔

حساس اداروں نے پنجاب کی جیلوں سمیت اہم مقامات پر حملے کا خدشہ ظاہر کر دیا

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تحریک انصاف کے جلسے کے بعد کھلاڑی قابو سے باہر، بھگدڑ مچنے سے 3 افراد زخمی

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رینجرز نے کراچی آپریشن کے اعداد و شمار جاری کر دیئے

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10 مئی 2016

کی گئی ہے۔ خیبر پختونخوا اور قبائلی علاقوں میں چند سال پہلے حکومت کی طرف سے شدت پسندوں کے اثر و رسوخ میں کمی اور امن عامہ پر قابو پانے کے لیے امن لشکروں اور کمیٹیوں کا قیام عمل میں لایا گیا تھا۔ تاہم اب بیشتر علاقوں میں امن کمیٹیاں غیر فعال ہیں یا ختم کر دی گئی ہیں لیکن اس کے باوجود سابق رضاکاروں کو نشانہ بنایا جا رہا ہے اور ایسے حملوں میں اب تک درجنوں رضاکار مارے جا چکے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں سیوری فرسز نے سرحدی ضلع چاغی میں ایک کارروائی کے دوران اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ کونڈہ میں فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کے مطابق یہ اسلحہ چاغی کے علاقے شایان سے برآمد کیا گیا۔ ایف سی کی جانب سے کونڈہ میں میڈیا کو فراہم کی جانے والی معلومات کے مطابق خفیہ اطلاع پر اس علاقے میں شریکین کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ اس آپریشن کے دوران بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کیا گیا جو کہ زیر زمین چھپایا گیا تھا۔ فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کے مطابق برآمد کیے جانے والے اسلحہ و گولہ بارود میں دس آر آر 75 گولے، تین دستی بم اور سب مشین گنز کی 240 گولیاں شامل ہیں۔ ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ شریکین نے اسلحے کا یہ ذخیرہ سیوری فرسز کے خلاف اور دیگر تحریکی سرگرمیوں میں استعمال کرنے کے لیے چھپایا تھا۔ ترجمان کی جانب سے جو معلومات فراہم کی گئی ہیں ان میں آپریشن کے دوران کسی گرفتاری کا ذکر نہیں۔ ضلع چاغی بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کونڈہ سے مغرب میں واقع ہے اور اس کی سرحدیں ایران اور افغانستان دونوں سے ملتی ہیں۔ اس ضلع میں سیوری ادارے پہلے بھی نہ صرف بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ برآمد کرنے بلکہ منشیات کی برآمدگی کا بھی دعویٰ کرتے رہے ہیں۔ ادھر بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کونڈہ میں اتوار کو ایک تاجر کے اغوا کا واقعہ بھی پیش آیا ہے۔ زرغون آباد پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے اس واقعے کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ عبدالستار نامی تاجر کو نامعلوم افراد نے کئی الماس کے علاقے سے اغوا کیا۔ اس اغوا کے محرکات تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکے ہیں۔ چند روز پیشتر کونڈہ سے ہی ایک سینئر ڈاکٹر کو بھی اغوا کیا گیا تھا جس کے خلاف ڈاکٹروں کا احتجاج جاری ہے۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) متحدہ اپوزیشن نے وزیراعظم نواز شریف کے پارلیمنٹ میں نہ آنے کے خلاف چوتھے روز بھی دونوں ایوانوں میں واک آؤٹ کیا۔ قومی اسمبلی میں پیپلز پارٹی کے پارلیمانی لیڈر نوید قمر نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم کی جانب سے 7 سوالوں کا جواب ملنے تک اپوزیشن بائیکاٹ جاری رکھے گی۔ سینٹ میں قائد حزب اختلاف اعتراف احسن نے کہا ہے کہ حکومتی صفوں میں مایوسی اور شکست دیکھی جاسکتی ہے، وزیراعظم نے پیر کو بھی ایوان میں آکر سات سوالوں کے جواب نہ دیئے تو اجلاس کا کوئی فائدہ نہیں، کوئی وزیراعظم کے دفاع کو تیار نہیں، وزیراعظم کو پہاڑ پڑھایا جا رہا ہے کہ پیر کو انہوں نے کیا بات کرنی ہے، وزیراعظم سوالوں کے جواب دیں گے تو ماحول میں بہتری آئے گی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق متحدہ اپوزیشن کی جانب سے قومی اسمبلی کے بائیکاٹ کے باعث ایک مرتبہ پھر کورم پورا نہ ہو سکا جس کے بعد اجلاس پیر تک کے لئے ملتوی کر دیا گیا۔ پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس کے باہر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے سینٹ میں قائد حزب اختلاف اعتراف احسن نے کہا کہ حکومت قومی اسمبلی کا کورم پورا نہیں کر سکی اور اب سینئر وزراء بھی ایوان میں نہیں آ رہے اور دیکھا جاسکتا ہے کہ حکومتی وزیر بھی وزیراعظم کا دفاع کرنے کو تیار نہیں، حکومتی صفوں میں مایوسی اور شکست دیکھی جاسکتی ہے، پانامہ لیکس کے معاملے پر سینئر وزیر بھی خاموش ہیں اور کوئی وزیراعظم کا دفاع کرنے کو تیار نہیں، آج چوتھا دن ہے حکومت قومی اسمبلی میں کورم پورا نہیں کر رہی اور آج بھی ہمیں سخت مایوسی ہوئی اور ایوان سے واک آؤٹ کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پیر کو ہونے والے قومی اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں نئی حکمت عملی تیار کی جائے گی، چاہتے ہیں کہ پیر کو وزیراعظم اپوزیشن کے 7 سوالات کے جواب لے کر آئیں اگر جواب نہیں ملا تو اجلاس بے معنی ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم کو پہاڑ پڑھایا جا رہا ہے کہ انہیں ایوان میں کیا بولنا ہے، جس طرح بچوں کو ماہیں سبق یاد کراتی ہیں اس طرح وزیراعظم کو تقریر یاد کرائی جا رہی ہے اور انہیں کہا گیا ہے کہ سونے سے پہلے تین بار اپنی تقریر پڑھ لیں۔ اعتراف احسن نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم کو پارلیمنٹ کے آداب کا علم ہی نہیں جب کہ سابق وزیراعظم راجا پرویز اشرف اور یوسف رضا گیلانی پابندی سے ایوان میں آتے تھے جب کہ حکومتی وزراء بھی ایوان کو اہمیت نہیں دیتے۔ وزیر قانون پنجاب سے متعلق پوچھے گئے سوال پر اعتراف احسن نے کہا کہ جس دن رانا ثنا اللہ کو سنجیدہ لے لیا تو ان کی سیاست ختم ہو جائے گی۔ قبل ازیں اعتراف احسن کی صدارت میں متحدہ اپوزیشن کا اجلاس ہوا۔

ملک کی سیاسی و جمہوری قوتوں کو قریب لانے کے لیے حکومتی اتحادی جمیعت علماء اسلام (ف) کے سربراہ مولانا فضل الرحمان سرگرم ہو گئے حکومتی اتحادی جماعت کے قائد نے پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی پارلیمنٹری لیڈرین کے چیئرمین اور سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری سے رابطہ کیا ہے اور ان سے موجودہ حکمران جماعت پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) کے ساتھ مقامی پالیسی جاری رکھنے کی درخواست کی ہے آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں میں پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے درمیان براہ راست رابطہ بھی متوقع ہے اس ضمن میں وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف کی سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری سے رابطے کا امکان ظاہر کیا گیا ہے رپورٹ کے مطابق مولانا فضل الرحمان نے آصف علی زرداری سے رابطہ کر کے حکومت اپوزیشن میں متوقع مذاکرات کے معاملے پر ان سے صلاح مشورہ کیا اور ان کی رائے معلوم کی اور ان سے کہا کہ سیاسی و جمہوری قوتوں میں قریبی رابطے برقرار رہنے چاہیں

ایف سی کا آپریشن، اسلحہ و گولہ بارود کی برآمدگی کا دعویٰ

ٹی بی سی اردو

15 مئی 2016

پارلیمنٹ سے واک آؤٹ جاری، وزیراعظم نے پیر کو 7 سوالوں کے جواب نہ دیئے تو نئی حکمت عملی بنائیں گے: متحدہ اپوزیشن

نوائے وقت

14 مئی 2016

مولانا فضل الرحمان سرگرم، آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں میں PML-N اور PPP کے درمیان براہ راست رابطہ متوقع

نوائے وقت

13 مئی 2016

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تفصیلات

سرخیال

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پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں سکیورٹی فورسز نے سرحدی ضلع چاغی میں ایک کارروائی کے دوران اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کے مطابق یہ اسلحہ چاغی کے علاقے شایبان سے برآمد کیا گیا۔ ایف سی کی جانب سے کوئٹہ میں میڈیا کو فراہم کی جانے والی معلومات کے مطابق خفیہ اطلاع پر اس علاقے میں شریکین کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ اس آپریشن کے دوران بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کیا گیا جو کہ زیر زمین چھپایا گیا تھا۔ فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کے مطابق برآمد کیے جانے والے اسلحہ و گولہ بارود میں دس آر آر 75 گولے، تین دستی بم اور سب مشین گنز کی 240 گولیاں شامل ہیں۔ ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ شریکین نے اسلحے کا یہ ذخیرہ سکیورٹی فورسز کے خلاف اور دیگر تخریبی سرگرمیوں میں استعمال کرنے کے لیے چھپایا تھا۔ ترجمان کی جانب سے جو معلومات فراہم کی گئی ہیں ان میں آپریشن کے دوران کسی گرفتاری کا ذکر نہیں۔ ضلع چاغی بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ سے مغرب میں واقع ہے اور اس کی سرحدیں ایران اور افغانستان دونوں سے ملتی ہیں۔ اس ضلع میں سکیورٹی ادارے پہلے بھی نہ صرف بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ برآمد کرنے بلکہ منشیات کی برآمدگی کا بھی دعویٰ کرتے رہے ہیں۔ ادھر بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ میں اتوار کو ایک تاجر کے اغوا کا واقعہ بھی پیش آیا ہے۔ زرغون آباد پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے اس واقعے کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ عبدالستار نامی تاجر کو نامعلوم افراد نے کالی لباس کے علاقے سے اغوا کیا۔ اس اغوا کے محرکات تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکے ہیں۔ چند روز پیشتر کوئٹہ سے ہی ایک سینئر ڈاکٹر کو بھی اغوا کیا گیا تھا جس کے خلاف ڈاکٹروں کا احتجاج جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ایران سے متصل ضلع کچ سے تین سرکاری ملازمین سمیت چار افراد کو اغوا کیا گیا ہے۔ کچ میں انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے اس واقعہ کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ چاروں افراد کو ضلع کے علاقے دشت سے اغوا کیا گیا۔ اہلکار کے مطابق اغوا ہونے والوں میں تین سرکاری ملازم اور ایک ٹھیکیدار شامل ہیں۔ مغوی ملازمین میں ایک ایس ڈی اور دو سب انجینیئر شامل ہیں۔ ان ملازمین کا تعلق محکمہ مواصلات و تعمیرات محکمہ آبپاشی سے بتایا جاتا ہے۔ ان افراد کے اغوا کے محرکات تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکے۔ ضلع کچ کا شمار بلوچستان کے ان علاقوں میں ہوتا ہے جہاں حالات کی خرابی کے بعد سے اغوا سمیت بد امنی کے دیگر واقعات کمی و بیشی کے ساتھ رونما ہونے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ ادھر کوئٹہ سے بھی سنیچر کی شب ایک تاجر کو اغوا کیا گیا تھا۔ زرغون آباد پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ تاجر کو کالی لباس کے علاقے سے اغوا کیا گیا جبکہ گزشتہ ہفتے کوئٹہ سے ایک سینئر ڈاکٹر کو بھی اغوا کیا گیا تھا۔ کوئٹہ سے تاجر اور سینئر ڈاکٹر کے اغوا کے محرکات بھی تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکے۔ بلوچستان سے اغوا کے واقعات کا سلسلہ طویل عرصے سے جاری ہے تاہم سرکاری حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ پہلے کے مقابلے میں ان میں کمی آئی ہے۔

پاکستان میں وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقے خیبر ایجنسی میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ طالبان مخالف امن کمیٹی کے دو گروپوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں چار افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع ٹانک میں بھی مسلح افراد کی فائرنگ سے طالبان مخالف سابق امن کمیٹیوں کے تین رضاکار مارے گئے ہیں۔ خیبر ایجنسی کی پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ وہاں فائرنگ کا واقعہ سنیچر کی شام لنڈی کوتل تحصیل کے دور افتادہ پہاڑی علاقے بازار ذخہ نیل میں پیش آیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ توحید اسلام نامی حکومتی حامی امن کمیٹی کے دو کمانڈروں کے حامیوں کے درمیان کسی بات پر جھڑپ ہوئی جس پر دونوں طرف سے ایک دوسرے پر بھاری ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ کی گئی۔ فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں چار رضاکار ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں تاہم یہ معلوم نہیں ہو سکا کہ مرنے والے افراد کا تعلق کس گروپ سے ہے۔ بعض مقامی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ مسلح جھڑپ توحید اسلام کے دو دھڑوں کے درمیان ہوئی ہے جن کے درمیان کشیدگی پہلے سے چلی آرہی تھی۔ ادھر سے بازار ذخہ نیل لنڈی کوتل تحصیل کا ایک دور افتادہ علاقہ سمجھا جاتا ہے جہاں چند سال پہلے تک کالعدم تنظیموں کا اثر رسوخ زیادہ سمجھا جاتا تھا۔ تاہم سکیورٹی فورسز اور امن لشکروں کی کارروائیوں کی وجہ سے اس علاقے سے اب شدت پسندوں کا صفایا کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اس علاقے میں شدت پسندوں اور امن لشکروں کے درمیان متعدد مرتبہ جھڑپیں ہو چکی ہیں جس میں بڑے پیمانے پر ہلاکتیں بھی ہوئی ہیں۔ ادھر خیبر پختونخوا کے جنوبی ضلع ٹانک میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے سابق امن کمیٹی کے تین رضاکاروں کو فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کر دیا ہے۔ پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق ایک رضاکار کی ہلاکت اتوار کی صبح ہوئی جبکہ دو کو سنیچر کی شب مارا گیا۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ سنیچر کو ٹانک کے علاقے جندر کے قریب مسلح افراد نے حکومت کی حامی سابق امن کمیٹی کے دو رضاکاروں پر اندھا دھند فائرنگ کی جس سے دونوں موقع ہی پر ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ابھی تک کسی تنظیم کی طرف سے ان حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول نہیں

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سرخیاں

ملک کے زیادہ تر علاقوں میں گرمی نے ڈیرے ڈال رکھے ہیں، شدید گرمی سے بچنے کے لئے کسی کو ٹھنڈے مشروبات بھارے ہیں تو کوئی سایہ دار جگہ کی تلاش میں ہے۔ سندھ اور پنجاب کے شہروں میں گرمی کا راج برقرار ہے، شدید گرم موسم میں برف اور ٹھنڈے ٹھار مشروبات کی طلب بھی بڑھ گئی ہے۔ بلوچستان کے میدانی علاقے دن بھر تپتے رہتے ہیں، اسی لیے دن کے اوقات میں لوگ سایا دار جگہوں اور گھروں میں رہنے کو ترجیح دیتے ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے اکثر علاقوں میں موسم خشک اور گرم جبکہ میدانی علاقوں میں شدید گرم رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ ملتان، فیصل آباد ڈویژن اور بالائی سندھ میں چند مقامات پر گرد آلود ہوائیں چلنے کی توقع ہے۔ بعض مقامات پر گرگن چمک کے ساتھ ہلکی بارش کا بھی امکان ہے۔

لاہور + اسلام آباد + چیک آباد (آن لائن + آئی این پی) لاہور میں جمعہ کی شام آنے والی تیز آندھی سے معمولات زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئے۔ گرد آلود تیز ہوائیں چلنے سے گرمی کا زور تو ٹوٹ گیا لیکن تیز ہوائوں نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں سائن بورڈز، بنیز اور فلیکسز اکھاڑ چھینکے۔ پنڈی سمیت کئی مقامات پر بارش ہوئی۔ سب کا درجہ حرارت 48 رہا۔

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) صوبائی دارالحکومت میں گرمی میں شدت میں اضافہ کے ساتھ ہی کے واسا کی نااہلی زیادہ شدت سے سامنے آنے لگی، شہری پینے کے لئے پہلے ہی پانی بازار سے خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں لیکن اب انہیں استعمال کیلئے پانی دستیاب نہیں، گنجان آباد علاقوں گاڑن ٹاؤن کے مختلف بلاکس خصوصاً بو بکر بلاک میں واسا حکام کی نااہلی کے باعث پانی کی فراہمی تقریباً بند ہو چکی ہے اور 24 گھنٹوں میں صرف صبح سویرے تھوڑی دیر کے لئے پانی سرکاری ٹنکوں میں آتا ہے۔

لاہور (خبر نگار) ڈی سی او لاہور کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان اور وائس چیئر مین واسا ایم پی اے چوہدری شہباز احمد کی زیر صدارت مون سون سے پہلے کے انتظامات کے حوالے سے ایک اہم اجلاس ناؤن ہال میں منعقد ہوا۔ اجلاس میں اسسٹنٹ کمشنر، ڈی ایم او، واسا، ایل ڈی او ایم سی اور دیگر متعلقہ محکموں کے افسران نے شرکت کی۔ ڈی سی او لاہور کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے واسا، ایل ڈی او ایم سی اور ناؤنز انتظامیہ کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ اپنے اپنے علاقوں میں نالیوں اور گٹر کی صفائی ستھرائی کے عمل کو تیزی کے ساتھ مکمل کریں۔

سوات (دنیا نیوز) سوات میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے، زلزلے کی شدت 14 اعشاریہ 5 ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ سوات اور گردونواح میں صبح زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے۔ زلزلے پیما مرکز کے مطابق زلزلے کی شدت 14 اعشاریہ 5 جبکہ گہرائی 90 کلومیٹر اور مرکز پاک افغان تاجکستان سرحدی پہاڑی علاقہ تھا۔ زلزلے کے باعث کسی قسم کے جانی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی۔

کراچی (خصوصی رپورٹر) ڈائریکٹر جنرل میٹرولوجسٹ غلام رسول نے کہا ہے کہ کراچی میں رواں اور آئندہ ماہ 2 ہیٹ ویوز پیدا ہونے کے امکانات ہیں، جس کے بعد موسم انتہائی خشک اور گرم رہ سکتا ہے۔ میڈیا سے بات چیت میں انہوں نے کہا کہ کراچی میں مئی اور جون کے مہینے میں 2 ہیٹ ویوز پیدا ہو سکتے ہیں تاہم اس حوالے سے وارننگ 3 روز قبل جاری کریں گے، بارشوں کے اعتبار سے کراچی میں اربن فلوڈ کا خطرہ ہے، شہر قائد کی بیشتر آبادیوں کی تعمیرات میں باقاعدہ منصوبہ بندی کا فقدان ہے۔ جاپان کے تعاون سے اسلام آباد اور کراچی میں 2 ریڈارز نصب کر رہے ہیں۔

ملک کے بیشتر علاقے گرمی کی لپیٹ میں

روزنامہ جنگ

15 مئی 2016

لاہور میں تیز آندھی، پنڈی سمیت کئی

مقامات پر بارش، سب کا درجہ حرارت 48

رہا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 مئی 2016

لاہور میں گرمی کی شدت، گاڑن ٹاؤن

کے ابو بکر بلاک اور دیگر علاقوں میں پانی

کی شدید قلت

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 مئی 2016

پری مون سون انتظامات کے حوالے سے

اجلاس

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 مئی 2016

سوات میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے، کوئی جانی

نقصان نہیں

اردو ایئر

12 مئی 2016

کراچی: مئی، جون میں دو مرتبہ قیامت خیز

گرمی کا امکان، تین روز قبل وارننگ جاری

کریک: ڈی جی میٹ

اردو ایئر

12 مئی 2016



بُلیٹن میں شامل

- اردو کی خبریں
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- پبلک سروسز سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
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سُرخیاں

- ملک کے بیشتر علاقے گرمی کی لپیٹ میں
- لاہور میں تیز آنڈھی، راولپنڈی سمیت کئی مقامات پر بارش
- پری مون سون انتظامات کے حوالے سے اجلاس
- ایف سی کا آپریشن، اسلحہ و گولہ بارود کی پرآمدگی کا وعدہ
- بلوچستان کے ضلع کیچ سے تین سرکاری ملازم اغوا
- حساس اداروں نے پنجاب کی جیلوں سمیت اہم مقامات پر حملے کا خدشہ ظاہر کر دیا
- رینجرز نے کراچی آپریشن کے اعدادوشمار جاری کر دیے
- نیا مالی سال، ایف بی آر نے سیلز ٹیکس کی شرح میں اضافے کی تجویز دے دی
- پنجاب حکومت کا گھریلو اور کمرشل پلانٹس پر بھی ٹیکس لگانے کا فیصلہ
- سی پیک منصوبوں پر تیزی سے کام جاری ہے، ترقی کا نیا دور شروع ہو گا
- پاکستان میں انٹرنیٹ کی رفتار مزید تیز کرنے کیلئے جدید ترین کیبل منصوبہ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ

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