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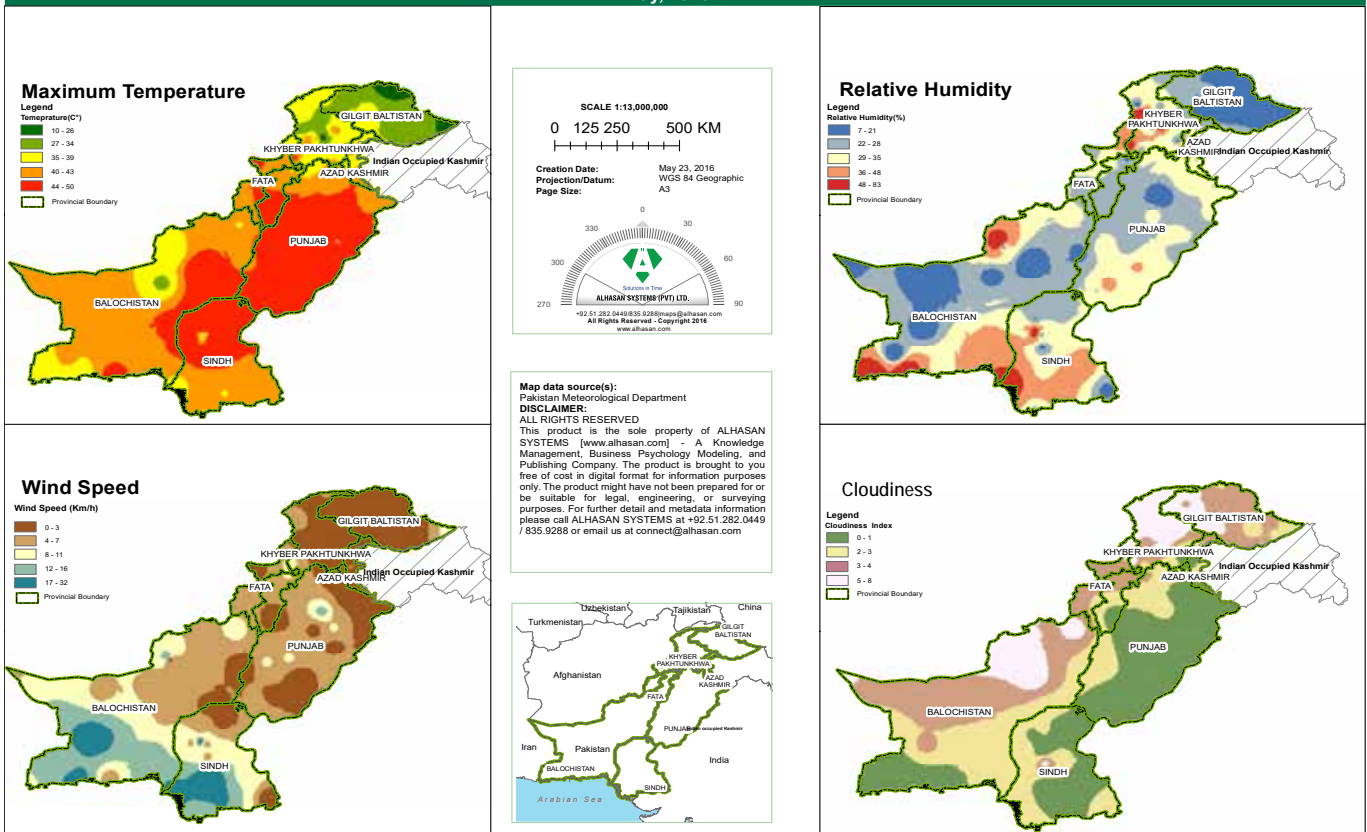
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Temperatures rising

The News, May 23, 2016

Heatwave subsides as rain lashes parts of Punjab

Dunya News, May 23, 2016

Climate change : Biodiversity loss alarming: official

Express Tribune, May 23, 2016

DETAILS

The heat this summer is not unique to Pakistan. People around the world are beginning to feel the effect of climate change in the form of a blazingly hot 2016. We already know that temperatures in a number of cities in Pakistan will soar above 50C. In Canada, extreme heat has contributed to a major forest fire. The heatwave in neighbouring Delhi shows little signs of respite. For now, we can turn to science for an answer. The last month was apparently the hottest April in recorded global history. The six months preceding it also broke temperature records. This temperature increase is at least 1C more than that recorded in 1951-80. The reality is that climate change is impacting our lives in the here and now – not the distant future. The damage to the earth's environment caused by rapid industrialisation and the emissions of greenhouse gas are now beginning to show. Scientists say that this hardly a surprise. The rapid increase in global temperatures also puts into question whether the 1.5C temperature increase target set in the Paris climate change conference last year is actually achievable. Some say that even if emissions were stopped today, it would be difficult to reach the said target.

Data confirms that the last 150 years in global history have seen a constant increase in temperatures around the world. According to the World Bank, climate change puts 1.3 billion people and economic activity worth \$158 trillion at risk. What is needed right now is action to counter the effects of climate change and to ensure we don't contribute further to damaging the earth. And this action has to be now – not after the five-year period it is predicted for the Paris climate change deal to get into motion. The tragedy is that short-term policies continue to dominate our thinking. If the weather gets hotter, we turn on more air conditioners. More air conditioners require more power, which is usually generated via fossil fuels. On the flip side, climate change denial continues to get more supporters. US Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has already said he would renegotiate the Paris climate change deal. This is hypocritical. Most of the effects of climate change are being borne by developing countries, whose carbon emissions remain far lower than the developed world. This is why richer countries will need to bear the brunt of the cost of fighting climate change. It is they who are responsible. However, at our own end, there is much that we can do. Re-forestation and bringing back green space into our cities and villages would be a much needed start as we attempt to mitigate climate change effects.

LAHORE: Heavy rain in most parts of country including Islamabad and Murree has turned weather pleasant while drizzling has also been predicted in Lahore, reported on Monday 23rd May, 2016. The heat-stricken Punjab residents took a sigh of relief as weather that was extremely hot, became pleasant after a spell of rain. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), most parts of Punjab, including Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, and Islamabad have received rainfall.

Sialkot, Chakwal, Sargodha and Gujrat have also received downpour that has subsided the hot weather. Natives have come out of their houses to enjoy the rain. Meanwhile, Lahoris are also observing cloudy and windy weather as rain is likely in the evening. The maximum temperature in Lahore would reduce to 42 degrees while the minimum would be expected as 27 degrees.

In Multan, dry and hot weather is recorded while the weather experts said that rainy season would be started in July and August in the metropolis. On the other hand, rain-thunderstorm with strong gusty winds is expected at scattered places of upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) (Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Mardan divisions), Islamabad, upper Punjab (Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Lahore divisions), FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. Rain-thunderstorm raising duststorm is predicted at isolated places of Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Quetta, Zhob, Sukkur, Larkana and Shaheed Benazirabad divisions.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Climate Change Secretary Syed Abu Ahmad Akif has pledged to stem biodiversity loss in the country in collaboration with all provincial forest and wildlife departments and non-governmental organisations. "We must realise that loss of biodiversity in all parts of the country has sped up alarmingly and many wildlife and plant species are on the verge of extinction," Secretary Syed Abu Ahmad Akif stressed, while addressing a concluding ceremony of the three-day national awareness-raising and training workshop on "Biodiversity conservation, access to genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of their benefits under the United Nations' Nagoya Protocol".

He was speaking at a gathering of biodiversity, wildlife, forest, water department experts, and conservationists.

Akif said halting biodiversity loss should be taken as a national duty. "We must understand that biodiversity is the foundation for the life and for the essential services provided by ecosystems. It underpins peoples' livelihoods and sustainable development in all realms of socio-economical activity, including agriculture, forestry, fisheries and tourism, among others. By halting biodiversity loss, we are investing in people, their lives and their well-being," he emphasised.

While counting causes of the biodiversity loss, Akif listed increasing population, spontaneous, reckless urbanisation, deforestation and overexploitation of natural resources as the main factors. However, the climate change secretary urged the biodiversity experts to prioritise prevention of threatened species first from becoming extinct by protecting them from threats such as habitat loss due to unplanned urbanisation, population growth and pollution.

Climate Change Ministry Inspector General of Forests Syed Mahmood Nasir said that biodiversity was an important cross-cutting issue in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The goal 15 explicitly recognises the significance and benefits of putting an end to the biodiversity loss and

Survey to set up flood warning system starts

The Nation, May 23, 2016

recognising the importance of biological diversity for fighting poverty, providing food and fresh-water, and improving the life, he pointed out. "It is critical that we make progress in mainstreaming biodiversity and transforming how societies value and manage it," Nasir stressed.

Climate Change Ministry Director Biodiversity Raja Naeem Ashraf informed the participants that the ministry had hammered out a draft National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). Talking about aims of the draft plan, Ashraf said, "The draft plan or NBSAP aims to check the biodiversity loss by conserving and protecting the wildlife and plant species, restore ecosystems and promote sustainable use of natural resources for the wellbeing of the present and the future generations."

SIALKOT: The Irrigation Department and Flood Control Authority have started a survey for establishing a flood warning system at Head Marala Barrage over River Chenab near Sialkot. The advanced system would be established before the arrival of the coming monsoon and recurring flood.

According to officials, the flood warning system will warn about flood situation in advance which would be helpful in saving the River Chenab from floods and people living along the banks of the river. The flood warning system would be linked with satellite system, which would be monitored round the clock jointly by the district administration, Pepco and Flood Control Authority.

Officials said the total length of River Chenab is 731km which originates from Sialkot after entering into Pakistan near Sialkot from neighbouring Occupied Jammu and Kashmir in India. They said that the length of all the paved dykes along the River Chenab was 1330km.

The officials added that warnings by the system would help the district administrations save the people living in the areas along the banks of River Chenab. Meanwhile, the Irrigation Department issued special directive to the officials concerned to make effective measures at Head Marala, Head Khanki, Head Qadirabad, Head Tarimu and Head Punjnad over the River Chenab, besides.

Government hammers out strategy on climate change

Daily Times, May 22, 2016

ISLAMABAD: The government has evolved a strategy to counter the likely impact of climate change. Under this mechanism water resources will be arranged and institutions and technology will be identified which will prove conducive to both fertile and arid areas.

Such human habitats will be identified which can endure the immense threat of sandstorm. Small dams will be constructed on local rivers and research will be conducted for growing food and fodder in arid lands. Basically Pakistan is a country of arid land. 68 million hectares which constitutes 80 per cent of total land, is arid and semi arid. 41 million hectares land is arid and 11 million hectares fall in deserts where extreme cold and hot weathers reign. The hottest areas in Pakistan are Thar having 4.3 million hectares, Cholistan 2.6 million hectares, Thal 2.3 million hectares and Chaghi-Kharan 1.8 million hectares. Thar Desert is the seventh largest desert in the world and its climate is not conducive for human beings.

In the past this area extended help to the ancient civilisations of the world including Harrapa and Mohenjo Daro. In summer season the temperature of Thar soars above 50 centigrade and in winter season temperature descends to freezing point. Ten per cent area of desert consists of sand mounds and 90 per cent of uneven rocks. It is an abode of human life despite the extreme cold weather. Livestock is a major source of income for most of the people residing therein but grass and fodder is needed for breeding livestock.

These cattle graze the grass growing in Thar which further impacts the climate. The source of income of these people is likely to change in the future. Cholistan desert starts at a distance of 30 kilometres from Bahawalpur and this area is stretching over 16,000 square kilometres upto the Thar Desert in Sindh. This area receives 166 millimetres of average rainfall per annum and the temperature soars to 50 degrees centigrade in summer. 25 million livestock lives in Cholistan and most of the livestock comprises goats and camels. Underground water is saltish in Cholistan which is not fit for drinking by human beings. The government has devised a framework for taking practical measures to avoid the likely impact of climate change.

The carbon in the air

Express Tribune, May 22, 2016

LAHORE: The Last Word on Friday kicked-off its summer line-up with a screening of This Changes Everything—an acclaimed documentary on climate change. The work—based on a bestseller by Naomi Klein—draws a connection between the carbon in the air and the economic system that placed it there. The film furthers Klein's controversial message on how the existential crisis can be seized to radically transform the enshrined economic system for the better. "It is a wake-up call. A potent message—delivered through fires, floods, droughts and extinctions—impressing the need for a new economic model and better ways of sharing the planet, Klein says.

Filmed on location over 211 days across nine countries in five continents This Changes Everything attempts to re-imagine the formidable challenge of climate change. Helmed by Avi Lewis, the film presents portraits of seven communities grappling with climate change. The locales include Montana's Powder River Basin, Alberta's Tar Sands, the coastal regions of south India, Beijing and austerity measures put in place by Greece, Italy and Spain much to the detriment of the environment.

While development at a cost makes for no news, Klein presents the argument that capitalist consumer culture has proven to be a pernicious way of bringing about social prosperity and reaching development milestones. This Changes Everything is on people who have refused to quietly relinquish their properties and holdings and have instead opted to fight for them. The documentary is also a testament to how community ownership and participation can promote sustainable lifestyles. Klein also sheds light on how anti-capitalist communities epitomise a new wave of successful environmentalism activism. She maintains that indigenous people do not see losing their lands to mining corporations as a lucrative economic opportunity. Using such examples, Klein also posits the argument that tackling climate change does not merit a major overhaul as governments and corporations can create jobs by implementing a few smart policy shifts. She says

Minister orders steps against dengue

Pakistan Today, May 21, 2016

environment-friendly means of producing energy can generate as many jobs as coal mining does.

Klein argues that relocating communities in connection with mining initiatives does not constitute a long-term investment. Rather, she believes, it is a calculated move on part of the government and multinational corporations to exploit short-term economic benefit at the expense of natural resources. She says the majority is stuck in a quandary as it is held hostage by an economy, political process and media that are dominated by a minority.

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Minister for Labour and Manpower Raja Ashfaq Sarwar has said that dengue situation in Rawalpindi is under control at the moment. However, he warned that the presence of larvae in overhead bridges, underground water tanks, junkyards, graveyards, under construction buildings and open plots is a matter of concern and all departments and organisations should discharge their responsibilities to tackle the situation efficiently.

He issued these directives while presiding over a meeting in the committee room of Rawalpindi commissioner's office. DCO Talat Mehmood Gondal, assistant commissioners Isphanyar Bhandara, Raja Muhammad Hanif, Zaibun Nisa Awan, Sobia Satti, MPAs Sardar Mumtaz Khan, Malik Shakeel Awan, Haji Pervez Khan, Mirza Mansoor Baig, Raja Atiq Sarwar, Shoukat Janjua, Hafiz Usman, Rahat Masood Qudoosi, Director Local Government and Rural Development Mian Najeeb Aslam and representatives of other departments attended the meeting.

Raja Sarwar asked to ensure desilting of all nullahs, elimination of wild growth and lifting of garbage from open plots before monsoon season sets in. He also directed to include dengue larvae data of Gujar Khan, Wah Cantt, Taxila and other adjoining areas in the report. The DCO told the meeting that government departments having poor performance of dengue larva detection had been warned to improve their performance.

Director Local Government Mian Najeeb Aslam informed the meeting that additional teams for surveillance had been deputed in Rawalpindi.

ISLAMABAD: Temperatures recorded across Pakistan this week were the highest for the year with the mercury in several cities in the central region hovering around 50 degrees Celsius. On Saturday, the highest temperature of 51 degrees was recorded in Jacobabad and Dadu districts of Sindh.

Throughout Pakistan, the temperature has been fluctuating between 45 degrees to 52 degree Celsius since Thursday and will continue to do so today (Sunday), according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). The mercury is even expected to rise by a degree or two as the ongoing heat wave is likely to persist.

Like many people in the port city of Karachi, he was caught out by the severity of last summer's heat wave which killed more than 1,300 people, and has hired a digger to excavate three elongated trenches big enough for 300 bodies. "Thanks to God, we are better prepared this year," said Baloch, 28, who works with three brothers at the vast Karachi cemetery run by the charitable organization Edhi Foundation. When the heat wave struck in the summer of 2015, hospitals, morgues and graveyards in the city of 20 million people were overwhelmed, and drug addicts, day laborers and the elderly were the biggest victims of the searing heat.

Temperatures hit 44 degrees Celsius (111 Fahrenheit), their highest since 1981 and above normal summer levels of around 37C (99F). Intervention by the army and charity groups staved off an even worse disaster, locals said, but the crisis exposed the shortcomings of Pakistani emergency services in coping with environmental disasters that scientists say will become more common in the future.

Pakistan's meteorological office is not predicting a repeat of last year's extreme conditions, but, like Baloch in the cemetery, officials are preparing for the worst just in case. "It will not get out of control the way it happen last year," said Karachi Commissioner Asif Hyder Shah, adding that nearly 60 hospitals now have spare capacity for 1,850 heat wave patients.

Last summer patients slept on ward floors and long queues formed outside Karachi's main state hospitals at the peak of the heat wave. Shah said nearly 200 first response centers have been set up across the city, offering basic heat-stroke treatment to swiftly stabilize patients. There are also 700 makeshift relief centers, dishing out drinking water and rehydration salts. "This will save lives. It's a comfort," said street vendor Muhammad Mahmood, 32, after downing a cup of water at one center. Next to him, children in school uniforms queued to quench their thirst.

Edhi Foundation, at the heart of efforts to limit the suffering caused by the heat wave last year, said it was expanding its huge fleet of ambulances, anchoring extra shelves in its morgue freezer and buying ice machines to keep patients and corpses cool. Last summer, the Edhi morgue ran out of freezer space after about 650 bodies were brought in the space of a few days. Ambulances left decaying corpses outside in sweltering heat.

ISLAMABAD: Two children are dying every day of malnutrition-related causes in Tharparkar which has the lowest Human Development Index in the Sindh province. More than 1,380 children died of malnutrition, hunger and famine since 2014 in this district while a total of 2,800 children have died of poor nutrition, measles and other epidemics in Pakistan during this period. "Lives are at stake. Food insecurity is at the root of the crisis. 76% population has no food stocks at their home, not even for a single day. Hundreds of thousands of livestock have died as the crisis progressed," stated a 32-page report prepared by the National Commission of Human Rights (NCHR), which warned both the federal and provincial governments of a serious danger to children's lives in Tharparkar in coming months. The collected data revealed that 1,380 children died of malnutrition-related issues in Tharparkar in the last 30 months. An estimated 329 children died this year, 670 in 2015 and 381 died of malnutrition, famine and poor nutrition in 2014 in the district.

Pakistan sizzles in hottest week of year

Express Tribune, May 20, 2016

Karachi readies graves, hospitals, in case heat wave hits again

Dunya News, May 20, 2016

Two children die of malnutrition in Thar every day

The News, May 20, 2016

Pakistan faces deficit of 2 trillion trees

Pak Observer, May 20, 2016

"State organisations like top disaster control bodies — National Disaster Management Authority and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities and metrological departments, etc — remained callous so far which is unfortunate. Thar has one district hospital, two rural health centers and three Taluka hospitals to handle a population of 1.3 million people," reads the report titled: "The Haunting Footprints of Drought, Hunger and Poor Governance," exclusively obtained by Geo News. Around half of the population falls below the poverty line in this district where only 250 of 2,300 villages have road access, revealed the report submitted to the National Assembly on Wednesday.

"Occupation of Chachro Hospital by Pakistan Rangers, proliferation of madressahs and religious outfits like Jamat-ud-Dawa in Tharparkar are also key issues," read the report but Senator Taj Haider of Pakistan Peoples Party said "provincial government is keeping any eye on banned outfits operating in district." As many as 189 dispensaries established across districts were not functioning since months, even government doctors refused to serve in Tharparkar, revealed the commission's report which also sensed mismanagement in a contract worth Rs5 billion where Pakistan Oasis Ltd. was supposed to be installed 750 water plants by last year. It also recommended immediate termination of this contract.

The case of recent drought in Tharparkar illustrates deficits in functioning of these bodies as well as inadequacies in the relief operations on account of political rivalries, corruption and poor governance, members of the commission observed.

It is plausible to imagine that there is a deep nexus of negligence, incompetency and lack of political will and commitment to citizens' human rights behind the crisis, observed Chairman of the commission Justice (R) Ali Nawaz. "Thar crisis was in every way preventable because there was never any dearth of data, information and updates on developments in the area. It says much about provincial and federal government along with entire state machinery failed to take note of successive deaths, crumbling of the healthcare infrastructure, decline in access to food, rapid loss of livelihoods."

The commission also asked federal government that it may divert allocation of Rs750 million given to ministry of human rights besides its regular budget to Tharparkar for relief of suffering people. It also recommended immediate transfer of local administrators who are doing no service to the suffering population. The commission further observed that on the one hand "lives are at stake in Thar" and on the other there are elements in bureaucracy, political set up and state machinery that have criminally neglected their duties. "If they will not be taken to task, it will be clear message to those running the government and the citizens that playing with lives of people is completely tolerated by state of Pakistan," it observed.

The commission also recommended that the Essential Services Act should be imposed to compel doctors to serve in Tharparkar and doctors must stop their private practices. In its recommendations, the commission further recommended that a university must be established with departments that are specifically relevant to Tharparkar peculiar conditions be established which may include centers on arid zone, engineering, development, agriculture, science and social sciences among others. Colleges and vocational training centers also need to be opened.

Proliferation of religious intuitions is serious concern in Thar despite fact that it has vast majority of Hindu community, rather than Muslim population, reads the report. "We watch this situation with utmost alarm as state exercises limited control over functioning of madressahs over there," observed members of the commission.

KARACHI: Pakistan needs to plant between 1.5 and 2 trillion saplings to reverse the deforestation, says a report. Pakistan braves increased deforestation which has threatened the environmental as well as economic survival of the country. Life is tough in Pakistan, even for a tree. The country hills were once home to endless stretches of pine and fir, but these days Pakistan forest cover is somewhere below 2 percent. In the United States, that number is roughly 33 percent and in India 23 percent.

In an ambitious plan to counter this deforestation, which ecologists say is a major cause of deadly landslides, the government of a province along Pakistan's restive border with Afghanistan says it is a quarter of the way to a goal announced last year: planting 1 billion saplings. The so-called Billion Tree Tsunami campaign was recognized by the Bonn Challenge, a global partnership of forestry ministries to regain green cover.

Landslides killed 140 this April alone and destroyed hundreds of villages in northern Pakistan. Trees' roots help to keep soil in its place. Without them, hillsides more easily erode, and heavy mountain rain can bring whole slopes down — trees, boulders and all. "The KP government has committed to not only reversing the high rate of deforestation but also shifting the current philosophy of treating forests as 'revenue' machines towards preserving them as valued 'natural capital,'" Malik Amin, an environmentalist who advises the government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, explained thethirdpole.net.

"Timber mafias," as well as Afghan refugees and local themselves, have chopped down immense swaths of forest. Many in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (once known as Northwest Frontier Province) don't have electricity, or don't get it regularly, and use wood fires for lighting, cooking and warmth. The so-called mafia refers to those who cut trees without a permit, and allegations that politicians engage in that business are common in Pakistan. The provincial government has reportedly given \$150 million to the project, which has raised 250 million saplings, and is shooting for a billion.

"Undoubtedly, the tree plantation campaign is a wonderful initiative, but our main concern is that the PTI-led government has identified wrong species for wrong places," Lal Badshah, an ecologist and assistant professor in the Botany Department at the University of Peshawar, told News Lens Pakistan. Non-native species, he said, could negatively impact surrounding flora, and birds were unlikely to use the trees for nesting.

Climate Change

Pak Observer, May 20, 2016

Recent climatic changes show that our current agricultural practices need to be changed with the increase in day temperature. For example, if there is a rise of two-three degree Celsius in the day temperature then instead of watering the plants every 21 days, watering at every 15 days will prove to be a better option, in order to minimize the heat effect on the yield of the crop.

However, the best option remains the cultivation of temperature tolerant varieties of plants under these circumstances. Though the situation is not much serious now a days, but the things many turn out to be cumulative and very severe if we do not take appropriate measures to combat this change in the climatic conditions and to minimize its effect of the agriculture production.

On the available previous database of the temperature changes, in particular peak temperature during the day, and current year temperature, government can look forward to take appropriate suggestive or executive measures. I think this step will be in a direction to at least sustain if not increase current crop production.

Qaim inaugurates humanitarian response facility

Pak Observer, May 19, 2016

SUKKUR: The United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) launched the 6th Humanitarian Response Facility (HRF) here on Wednesday.

Chief Minister Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan, Ms Margaret Adamson, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan to Pakistan Yunya Matsuura, Sindh Minister for Food Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, WFP Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific David Kaatrud and WFP Pakistan representative Ms Lola Castro jointly opened the facility.

The newly established HRF will cater the needs of the affected population during and after disaster, said Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah while addressing the inaugural ceremony. The Chief Minister said that Sindh was continuously facing natural and human induced disasters after super flood of 2010. It is a moment of immense pleasure for the people of Sindh that International Humanitarian Partners have established HRF according to international standards, which will cover the needs of relief activities during and after disaster.

The Director General PDMA Sindh said that PDMA always acknowledged the role of WFP and other humanitarian partners in providing support to the people of Sindh in most difficult times since last several years in different emergencies. He said, we look forward that our relation with WFP and all other donors will further foster in the times to come. The US\$3.5 million response facility in Sukkur covers 8.7 acres. It features three large warehouses for general cargo and one smaller, climate-controlled warehouse for more sensitive items such as medicines and ready to use foods, as well as office space and staff facilities.—APP

37 new dengue cases appear in city

Pakistan Today, May 19, 2016

KARACHI: At least 37 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported in Sindh province in a week, out of which 27 were detected from Karachi, taking the toll of patients to 578 in the province since January 2016.

According to the weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP) Sindh, as many as 37 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from 13th to 19th of May 2016, out of which 27 were reported from Karachi, three from Hyderabad, two each from Badin and Tharparkar, one each from Dadu, Umer Kot and Sanghar, respectively. A total 27 new dengue fever cases were reported in Karachi last week, out of which six were reported from District Central, six from District South, seven from District West, four from District East, three from District Malir and one from District Korangi.

In 2016, a total 578 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since January 2016, out of which 534 were detected from Karachi, 10 from Hyderabad, four from Sukkur, three each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Dadu and Tharparkar, two each from Thatta, Badin, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Naushero Feroz, Larkana and Shikarpur, one each from Ghotki, Khairpur and Shaheed Benazirabad.

Saudi Arabia announces \$60m relief projects in Pakistan

Daily Times, May 18, 2016

ISLAMABAD: Saudi Arabia announced \$60 million new projects for the people affected by natural disasters in Pakistan as well as for Afghan refugees. This announcement was made by Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan Abdullah M Ali-Zahrani during a press conference. Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) Lt Gen (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, and Regional Director of Custodian of the two Holy Mosques Relief Campaign for Pakistan Dr Khalid M Al-Othmani were also present on the occasion.

Zahrani said it was a happy juncture that the first phase of \$20 million rehabilitation projects in Pakistan, initiated by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the wake of earthquake and floods, had been completed. He reaffirmed the kingdom's support to Pakistan. Under the leadership of Custodian of Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud and the people of Saudi Arabia, we will always stand by Pakistani brothers and take this friendship to new heights, he said. He said that Saudi Arabia was a leading donor to Pakistan. It instantly responds to humanitarian disasters and natural calamities worldwide without any religious or ethnic discrimination, he added. In addition to providing economic and financial aid to the developing countries, it is the largest donor in the world in terms of ratio to its GDP and scope of its donations. The ratio of Saudi global donations constitutes 1.9 per cent of its GDP against the United Nations' target of 0.7 per cent of the GDP.

"Our relations with Pakistan are distinct and it is an honor for us to be in a position to extend our hand of friendship and support to our Muslim brothers in Pakistan in their hard times," the Saudi ambassador said. "Time bears testimony that Saudi has proved itself an all-weather friend to Pakistan. I assure you that this time tested friendship is destined to strengthen further in the years ahead." He thanked SAFRON, NDMA, ERR, provincial governments and the UN for cooperation received from them in completion of projects. "We stood by you in the past, we stand by you today and tomorrow," he said.

In his remarks, Baloch appreciated efforts of the Saudi government in providing assistance and support to Pakistan after the natural calamities. Baloch said almost 2.5 million people were

Red Crescent brings clean water to villagers' doorsteps in Pakistan

IFRC, May 18, 2016

displaced in FATA alone, adding that more than half of them returned to their respective areas. With Saudi assistance, the government is building schools, providing water, dates and other facilities for the affectees.

Dr Khalid M Al-Othmani said keeping in view the destruction caused by these natural disasters, the leadership of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on every single occasion, had ordered rescue, emergency relief, and rehabilitation and reconstruction activities in the affected areas of Pakistan.

For Gul Bibi and the other residents of Chittabatta and Gulhatra Villages in Mansehra District, clean water has always been a luxury. All her life, Gul Bibi had to walk for hours to reach the mountain top spring far from her village, just to get a pitcher of drinking water. Now, she gazes contentedly at the many containers sitting in her courtyard, filled with clean water. The rehabilitation of two water supply schemes has meant that about 2,800 people in these villages now receive clean water at their doorsteps.

The rehabilitated water supply schemes are a micro-mitigation project undertaken by the Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC) as part of its Integrated Community Based Risk Reduction (ICBRR) programme. The programme has been piloted in five districts in Pakistan with the aim of developing the resilience of local communities in the face of disasters and other hazards. Mansehra is one of the five pilot districts in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province along with Sanghar and Tharparkar Districts in Sindh province and Bagh and Neelum Districts in the state of Pakistan-Administered Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistan frequently experiences large-scale natural disasters that have a high humanitarian impact. The impact on local communities can be severe when coupled with rapid population growth, inadequate health care facilities, the burden of diseases, unsustainable environmental practices and limited natural fresh water resources.

The Red Crescent's ICBRR initiative, supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Norwegian Red Cross, involves a community-based approach that incorporates disaster risk management alongside health and first aid, while also developing the capacity of the National Society's local branches. Local communities highlighted the rehabilitation of the water supply schemes as a local development priority. At the inauguration of one of the schemes in Gulhatra Village, Nawab Khan, Chairman of the local community based organisation said, "We are very thankful to the Pakistan Red Crescent who involved the community every step of the way. They did not force ideas on us and we feel ownership of this water supply scheme as our own community asset".

The four kilometre long water supply schemes were established more than 30 years ago but had fallen in to disrepair which resulted in contamination of the water supply. Once they had been rehabilitated, the Red Crescent provided trainings to community members on how to maintain the supply lines and ensure the cleanliness of the water storage tanks. They also organised hygiene promotion sessions for men, women and children to ensure good hygiene practices in their daily lives. At the inauguration ceremony, Gorkhmaz Huseynov, Head of Country Office for IFRC Pakistan, expressed his pleasure at the community's involvement in the project by contributing manpower and construction material for the rehabilitation process. "I am very happy to see the enthusiasm and commitment with which the community came forward and put the effort into making this initiative a success."

Mr. Mohammed Hamid Khan, Chairman of the Pakistan Red Crescent's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Branch, commented on the positive change the water supply schemes have brought to the lives of local women. "The time these women save due to easy access to water can now be spent on more productive activities with their children." The Red Crescent has also served as a bridge between communities and the local authorities. As a result of the advocacy role they have played as part of the ICBRR approach, local communities are now aware of their rights and are in direct contact with the local authorities to claim and utilise the 20% community share of government development funds.

Pakistan, WFP discuss parameters of zero hunger programme, SDGs

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ISLAMABAD: David Kattrud, Regional Director, World Food Programme called on the Minister for National Food Security and Research, Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan here and discussed various activities of his organization in Pakistan. He particularly enunciated the broader parameters of Zero Hunger Programme, as well as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Pakistan. Kattrud appreciated the role of Pakistan as it was the largest contributor among host governments to World Food Programme (WFP) globally.

The Minister appreciated the role of World Food Programme in Pakistan. He however, pinpointed the disconnect between various donors with the result that the ultimate goal of achieving the target of poverty reduction was elusive. In order to place all the initiatives on one page, it was decided that Minister would call a meeting of the Provincial Agriculture Ministers so that issues which encompasses the priority laid down by SDGs are adequately addressed. The Minister extended his appreciation for the assistance provided by WFP in conducting Food Security Analysis of Pakistan and formulation of National Food Strategy. During the meeting there was a detailed discussion on SDGs and Zero Hunger programme; it is told to the delegation that Pakistan is not losing any time in getting to translate the global SDGs into National Action Plan.

The Minister underlined the importance of agriculture and stressed that unless appropriate attention was given to this sector, other problems such as climate change health, education and poverty reduction would be difficult to address. Additional Secretary and Director General National-Animal-and-Plant-Health-Inspection-Service (NAPHIS) were also present in the meeting.

KARACHI: The recurring disaster since 2005 inflicting huge human and financial losses being sufficient evidence that climate change is a direct threat to human security and is impacting and even destroying jobs and livelihoods, the situation demanded multiple actions to address the threat. There is an urgent need to develop national policy to combat labour market implications of climate change. This was the consensus developed in the Focus Group and 9th Business Talk

Policy sought to tackle climate change implications on labour market

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Sustainability meeting organised by the Employers' Federation of Pakistan (EFP) in collaboration with ILO and the Global Compact Network Pakistan which was participated by experts and intellectuals drawn from business, government, NGOs, workers federations, academia besides the representatives of three agricultural employers including small landlords, associations and agricultural workers unions of Mehar and K N Shah in Dadu and Mirpurkhas.

The EFP President Khawaja Muhammad Nauman while welcoming the experts and intellectuals in the focus group meeting termed it as the most appropriate time for the stakeholders to develop a comprehensive policy to combat the implications of climate change on labour market as a part of a holistic employment oriented labour and industrial policy at the federal and provincial levels.

The focus group discussion identified the risk posed by the climate change to the employment conditions and emphasised upon the need to enhance awareness on climate change and its adverse impact on farmers' communities throughout Pakistan and particularly in the province of Sindh. The focus group also addressed the threats to business and labour markets from the fast unfolding challenges of the climate change and water management and discussed measures to be taken at the policy level including a water policy for Sindh. The focus group in its recommendations called for land reforms, need for consistent policy with national consensus on labour, agriculture, water scarcity, food security and other issues related to climate change, employment generation, removal of disconnect between policy, communication and implementation, shift from loan based economy with structural changes, imposition of agricultural tax, interaction of parliamentary standing committees with stakeholders, promotion of public-private partnership in design and implementation of projects to combat adverse impact of climate change on employment with particular emphasis on promotion of alternative and agro-based skills in rural women and youth.

Global Compact Network Pakistan President Ahsanullah Khan, PILER Executive Director Karamat Ali, NTUF General Secretary Nasir Mansoor, Agricultural Employers (Small Landlords) Association Dadu President Qazi Wajid Mahesar, Research, Agricultural Research Centre TandoJam Director General Noor Muhammad Baloch, Skill Development Council CEO Nazar Ali, Home-Based Women Workers Federation General Secretary Zehra Khan addressed the focus group and business talk sustainability meeting. The meeting was attended by a good mix of stakeholders which included the presidents, secretaries and members of agricultural employers associations and agricultural worker unions of Mirpurkhas and Mehar, K N Shah of Dadu, Department of Agriculture Sindh Deputy Secretary Abdul Aziz Channa, Toshio Fujita of Saita Pakistan Limited, Zeenat Hussain of PILER, sociologist and consultant on gender and environment, Mehar Marker Noshirwani also participated in the event.

The Employers' Federation of Pakistan Secretary General Fasihul Karim Siddiqi in his closing remarks called for strong bilateral dialogue between employers and workers for developing a consensus strategy with a view to evolve an employment and productivity oriented labour, industrial and agricultural policy which can create conducive climate for responsible investments in industry and agriculture for employment generation, implementing labour standards and promoting social dialogue and decent work approaches. A special task force was formed at the conclusion of the meeting to develop a policy framework in the light of discussions and suggestions made in the focus group meeting which will be placed for discussion before the forthcoming National Industrial Relations and Provincial Tripartite Labour Convention being organised by EFP on May 19th and 20th at Karachi.

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DETAILS

PESHAWAR: Peace committee member Muhammad Khan and his police guard were shot dead by suspected militants in Swat's Bara Bandai area on Monday. Another guard and a passerby sustained injuries during the attack, police said. Station House Officer (SHO) Kangu Rahim Khan said the peace committee member was targeted near his house, and his police guards Bakhtbedar and Bilal were also shot at. The injured were taken to the hospital where Bakhtbedar succumbed to his injuries. Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan spokesman Muhammad Khorasani claimed responsibility for the attack in an email sent to journalists. Police have started a search operation in the area, the SHO said.

QUETTA: At least five people were killed on Monday as unidentified men opened fire at them in Kech District's Mand area near the Pakistan-Iran border. "A vehicle was on its way when unidentified armed men opened fire at them near a river in Mand," Balochistan Levies official Mohammad Rizwan Baloch said while speaking to The Express Tribune. The victims were identified as Kareem, Qayum, Nadir, Ameen and Muyeed. "The suspects threw the bodies out of the car and then set the vehicle on fire," Mohammad Rizwan said, while adding that the reason for the attack is yet to be ascertained. Further, Balochistan levies officials stated that according to relatives of the victims, they did not have enmity with anyone. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. Earlier this month, at least two policemen were killed while five others injured in an explosion near Balochistan University in Quetta. 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.

KARACHI: Police arrested three suspects, two of them in an injured state, from Karachi's Surjani Town and Baldia Town. Police also recovered a dead body from Manora's coast. According to police, an operation was conducted at Surjani Town's Gulshan-e-Shiraz area. Two suspects named Amjad Khan and Abbas were critically wounded when an exchange of fire took place between them and the police. The injured suspects were shifted to a nearby hospital for medical treatment. Police also confiscated weapons from the suspects. On the other hand, police conducted a raid at Baldia Town's Madina Colony area and were able to take into custody a fugitive named Imam Bakhsh. Police had operated on the basis of intelligence it received. Imam Bakhsh was a fugitive from the anti-terrorism court. A drowned body was also recovered from Manora's coast. The deceased was identified as 18-year old Habib, who had drowned a day earlier when he had gone to swim in the sea. Habib was a resident of Lyari's Bakra Piri area.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has expressed reservations over the handover of a purpose-built border crossing facility in South Waziristan Agency to Afghan authorities. The development came a day after the military said that the Angoor Adda border crossing facility was handed over to the Afghan authorities "to strengthen brotherly relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan and with a strategic intent to improve border management". "It was reiterated during the process, that all border-related issues will be amicably resolved through mutual consultations subsequently," the military's media wing said in a statement on Saturday. However, a source told *Daily Express* that the interior minister has voiced his reservations over the move in a letter to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. All constitutional and legal procedures set for such decisions have been violated blatantly, reads the letter. "There are very clear rules which should be followed before taking such important decisions," Nisar said in the letter that the interior ministry was a big stakeholder in matters related to border management, border control or protection of borders. Notwithstanding, the ministry was ignored while handing over the Angoor Adda border crossing facility to Afghan authorities.

The minister said he had a lot of questions about how the facility was handed over to Afghan authorities. "The government is the custodian of each and every inch of the motherland. We must follow the legal procedures if we have to take such decisions," he said in the letter. Nisar added that he would wait anxiously for the prime minister's return to take up the matter with him. On May 13, Kabul and Islamabad agreed to reopen the Torkham border crossing which was closed after Afghan forces blocked a move by Pakistani authorities to fence the border, leaving thousands of people and vehicles stranded on both sides of the Durand Line. Pakistan has repeatedly floated proposals for better border management in order to curb illegal movement, but the response from Kabul has always been lukewarm. Cross-border movement of militants is one of the key sticking points in Pak-Afghan relations. The two countries accuse each other of failing to maintain strict border controls.

KARACHI: Sindh police have acquired six drones equipped with 25-megapixel high-definition cameras, sources and officials said on Saturday. The move will strengthen the law enforcement agency's surveillance system, mainly in those areas where human movement is tough due to dangerous terrain or higher risk to its personnel. It is for the first time in Pakistan that such technological support for policing has been obtained. The Sindh police have already initiated a project to install around 4,000 high-tech 12-megapixel closed-circuit TV (CCTV) cameras across Karachi as the existing 2,200 equipment in the city were found ineffective in identifying people and recognising suspects captured in the footage. "These six drones would be handed over to different ranges of the Sindh police each to Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, Larkana and Sukkur," said a source. "Each drone is tagged at around Rs1.5 million and a team of some 23 policemen comprising personnel of different ranges has been trained to operate the machines. The drones with cameras have been acquired by only a few countries, including

40 bomb disposal teams proposed for Karachi to combat terrorism

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Pakistan, for policing.” When asked about any example of use of drone cameras for policing in the country, the source said the Sindh police had already 13-megapixel drone cameras, but they could not operate for more than 20 minutes with maximum flying of 1,000 metres and one-kilometre coverage area. “The recently acquired drones, however, can fly for 45 minutes at a stretch up to 2,000 metres and can cover footage and photographs of around 10-kilometre area,” he said.

“Each drone has an advanced GPS technology which can also help the operators on ground track its location and activity even if it's not in sight. This machine is called third generation of Skycam, which is primarily designed for surveillance and intelligence job.” When asked about its primary utility, the source said that the idea to acquire such technology emerged after the police, mainly in rural parts of Sindh, found it hard to track terrorists and armed bandits due to terrain of their strongholds and high risk to lives of the personnel when it came to human intelligence and surveillance. “So it would help during police operation to get a real-time idea about those no-go areas before launching an operation or designing a strategy,” he said. “Similarly, in a city like Karachi it could also be used for air surveillance and monitoring of traffic movement, rallies and public places apart from their use for intelligence for any police operation.” He said at present the Karachi police controlled around 2,200 CCTV cameras. Of them, 1,200 were owned by the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and the remaining 1,000 by the Sindh police and they all were two-megapixel devices, which “are good for monitoring purposes only but they do not record a clear enough picture that can be easily identified”.

KARACHI: The Police Special Branch has proposed at least 40 bomb disposal teams for Karachi among several other measures to revamp the Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS), laying emphasis on increasing its manpower and procuring latest equipment to make it an equal to the challenge of terrorism, it emerged on Friday. As terrorism hit other parts of the province, an urgent need was felt to enhance the capacity of bomb disposal units (BDUs) in other districts. “The present strength of BDS is not sufficient to deal with the current terrorism challenge,” said Additional Inspector General of Police's Counter-Terrorism Department Dr Sanaullah Abbasi. Mr Abbasi, who is also head of the special branch, told Dawn that at present there were 71 personnel, with ranks of DSP to constable, working at a BDS though the sanctioned strength was stated to be 143. “The manpower must be increased,” he said. He said that it had been proposed that strength and resources be augmented in two stages, namely short term and long term. In the short term, resources were required to enhance capacity of BDU at zonal and district level. It had been suggested therefore that each range district headquarter must have at least two BD teams and each district one BD team in the rest of the province, he said. “Karachi, however, requires at least 40 BD teams to be positioned in three zonal headquarters and seven districts to be able to combat terrorism in the provincial capital,” he said.

They had also proposed at least 12 BD teams for Hyderabad, five for Sukkur, six for Larkana and five for Mirpurkhas, which totaled 68, including Karachi, he said. It has also been recommended that each team of the BDU should comprise at least 12 police personnel from constable to sub-inspector rank, according to the copy of proposals reviewed by Dawn. For this purpose, total 795 police personnel with rank of DSP to constable would be required to be recruited to increase manpower strength. Of them, 279 police personnel have been proposed to be recruited for Karachi, 226 for Hyderabad, 90 for Sukkur, 110 for Larkana and 90 for Mirpurkhas. The BDUs would require additional vehicles and other equipment. It had been recommended therefore that a BDU needed 45 vehicles, which included six vehicle jammers and four bomb response vehicles. Besides, 31 explosive detectors, 10 mine detectors, four bomb locators, 85 metal detectors, 37 bomb protection suits, 24 bomb suppression blankets, seven IED robots, seven outdoor standoff screening system for detection of suicide bombers, 11 hand-held body scanning equipment and 10 portable board-band jammers were needed on an urgent basis in order to equip the BDUs, said the officer.

AIG Abbasi said that to achieve long-term goals resources needed to be multiplied to enhance capacity at the sub-divisional level. The teams and equipment provided to districts should be placed at the sub-divisional level throughout the province. “A well-equipped laboratory dealing with explosions should be developed besides a bomb disposal training school to impart necessary training and conduct refresher courses.” There were also many types of equipment, which required immediate repair. Dr Abbasi said that at present, there were only four BD teams and all were posted in Karachi only. They had proposed to expand the network of BD teams initially at divisional level with the provision of adequate manpower and technical resources. Besides, he said there was an urgent need to establish ‘explosive lab’ in Sindh on the pattern of Punjab to enhance capacity of bomb experts. For the time being, Sindh police officers would go to Punjab to get training in skills to deal with terrorism, he said. He said that these proposals had been sent to the departments of home and finance to be taken up in forthcoming provincial budget for next financial year.

KARACHI: Two traffic police wardens were shot dead here Saturday in an attack near Ayesha Manzil by unknown armed assailants riding a motorbike. According to the police the martyred traffic policemen Shakil Ahmed and Muhammad Akram were shot in the chest and head. They were shifted in critically injured condition to Abbassi Shaheed Hospital where they were declared dead by the doctors the police added. Meanwhile Inspector General Sindh Police A D Khwaja has taken notice of the incident and asked the DIG West and SSP Central to submit report. The IG office's spokesman informed that the IG directed the police officials to collect all evidences from the crime scene and record statements of the eye witnesses. The spokesman told that the IG asked the officials to find out the culprits and their facilitators who were involved in the attack and bring them to justice. The Sindh Home Minister Suhail Anwar Siyal also took notice of the incident and asked the police officials to submit report.

BIBAK TOP: With the completion of the final phase of the operation Zarb-i-Azb in Shawal, the army has shifted its focus to the repatriation of internally displaced persons (IDPs), which will be

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Waziristan IDPs repatriation to complete by

December: army

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initiated very soon in order to end by December, said senior military officers. Eighty per cent of the displaced population will be back in their homes in North and South Waziristan by September, said an officer while briefing the media on Friday. Also, the army has focused on development of infrastructure, provision of basic facilities as well as employment in the areas. Briefing media persons at Bibak Top adjacent to the Afghan border in the remote Shawal Valley, Brigade Commander Brig Shabir Nariju said areas up to zero-line had been fully secured and at least 312-square-kilometre area was cleared. Bibak Top at 9,400 feet is the central point of Shawal, dominating the entire valley. Security forces had launched an operation in February 2016 and killed 100 to 120 suspected terrorists while the army lost six personnel and 26 others wounded. He said that one key leader of militants had surrendered to the security forces in Shawal, but declined to disclose his name. He added that Taliban leaders Sajna and Shaheryar had sanctuaries in Shawal.

Militants had developed an elaborate tunnel system housing their command and communication centres in Daber Miami, where security forces had set up their base camp, he explained. Media was shown the underground facility which is 300 metres long and 15 to 35 feet deep, having washrooms and a hand pump. The centre had been established inside a residential compound. However, the military commanders expressed ignorance about the owner of the compound. Brig Nariju said the facility was immune to any artillery or air strike and probably "high-value targets" lived there. "The army does not have ordnance to bust such a deep tunnel," he said. A US army Humvee was also recovered during the operation that belonged to Mullah Sungeen, a commander of the Haqqani network, who was killed in a US drone strike. The militants had abandoned this armoured vehicle which is still in running condition. Weapons and ammunition, including a piece of US-made Stinger missile, were also put on display at Daber Miami where security forces had combed all houses. Brig Nariju said that individual infiltration from the Pakistan side was impossible because the security forces deployment was so heavy that they could visually communicate with each other and the border had been sealed. "Any visitor can go to any part of the Shawal valley," said Brig Nariju when a journalist asked him whether the area was safe for outsiders.

He said the return of the IDPs to Shawal would start very soon, while the army was also planning to start construction of basic facilities in the area. He said their priority was the construction of a highway that would pass through the valley. He said the estimated cost of the highway was Rs1.3 billion and it would be completed within two years. Earlier, military officers during a briefing at Shakai-Tiarza in South Waziristan said work on 285 projects including basic health units, schools, roads and drinking water facilities was in progress in South Waziristan Agency, particularly in the Mehsud tribe area. The total cost of these projects was Rs3.85 billion. In his briefing, Lt-Col Imran said that repatriation of all the IDPs would be completed by December, while 80 per cent of the displaced populations would be back in their homes by September. "Now the army has population-centric approach," he said. Elaborating, the officer said the army was focusing on development of infrastructure, provision of basic facilities as well as employment. Apart from constructing roads, schools, health facilities and completing water supply projects, the army was constructing shops which would be given to the local people on a nominal rent, he said. Besides, the officer said, 149 mosques had been reconstructed in the area.

14 militants killed in encounters were 'in custody of agencies'

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LAHORE: Al Qaeda leader Bilal Lateef alias Yasir Punjabi and 13 other suspected militants who were killed in two 'encounters' with the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police in Multan and Muzaffargarh this week had been in the custody of law enforcement agencies for the past four months, sources said on Friday. CTD personnel gunned down eight suspects in Nawabpur, Multan, during a shootout late on Wednesday night and six, including Yasir Punjabi, in Mondka Chowk, Muzaffargarh, in the early hours of Friday morning. A source in an intelligence agency told Dawn on Friday that the suspected terrorists were arrested by the Bahawalpur CTD in joint operations with the Military Intelligence (MI) and the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) from different parts of Punjab during winter. The sources claimed that Yasir Punjabi, a resident of Lahore, was head of the Punjab chapter of Al Qaeda and the interior ministry had proposed a reward of Rs1 million on his head. His name was also listed in the police's Red Book. Yasir Punjabi and his associates were alleged to be involved in masterminding, facilitating, training, provision of logistics and reconnaissance of targets in different parts of the country.

Yasir Punjabi was wanted in several terrorist attacks on police installations like the CIA headquarters, police rest house and Special Branch buildings in Gujranwala. He was involved in attacking Ahmadis' worship places in Lahore in 2010 in which more than 90 people were killed. Yasir Punjabi and his associates were also involved in targeted killing of police officers in Uch Sharif, Muzaffargarh, D.G. Khan and Layyah, and in the assassination of Brig Fazal Qadri. They were also blamed for attacking a religious gathering in Sargodha in September 2014. The sources further contended that the suspects were interrogated by the CTD, MI and ISI to their satisfaction. Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Sukhera claimed on Friday that all the heads of terrorist organisations in south Punjab had been eliminated. He termed the killing of Yasir Punjabi and his associates an important development in the operation against terrorism.

Pakistan formally applies to join nuclear suppliers club

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday submitted a formal application for membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), a club of nuclear trading nations. In a letter addressed to the NSG chairman, Pakistan's ambassador in Vienna, stated that the country has the expertise, manpower, infrastructure, as well as the ability to supply NSG controlled items, goods and services for a full range of nuclear applications for peaceful purposes. "Pakistan attaches high priority to nuclear safety and security. It has taken legal, regulatory and administrative measures to bring nuclear safety and security at par with international standards," reads the letter. Foreign office spokesman, in a statement, said that Pakistan's NSG membership will further the club's non-proliferation objectives as the country has nuclear supply capabilities and it also adheres to NSG guidelines. The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) is a 48-nation club dedicated to curbing nuclear arms proliferation by controlling the export and re-transfer of materials that could foster nuclear weapons

Army clears last militant stronghold in North Waziristan

The Express Tribune, May 20, 2016

2,393 Pakistanis languishing in Saudi jails, Senate told

Daily Dawn, May 20, 2016

Premature blast kills three attackers in Peshawar: police

The Express Tribune, May 20, 2016

Pakistan to issue biometric passports to curb human trafficking to Europe, Gulf

The News, May 19, 2016

development. Pakistan's application is likely to lead to a showdown in the group which has also been facing calls to induct India as a member. China could also insist, as a condition of India's membership, that Pakistan also be allowed to join. The NSG, which was created in response to India's first nuclear test in 1974, is expected to hold its next meeting in June.

SHAWAL: Pakistan Army said on Friday it had cleared the last militant stronghold in the country's northwestern tribal area after a three-month long operation. In February troops began the final phase of Operation Zarb-e-Arb in North Waziristan. "We have cleared the Shawal valley completely of militants," Brigadier Shabbir Narejo told reporters at a briefing. Troops, helicopter gunships, tanks and jets were deployed in the operation, during which Taliban militants put up "stiff resistance", Narejo said. "There were up to 2,000 trained militants in the valley, but we surprised them by launching the operation in the peak of winter in minus 12 degrees Celsius," he said. He said that six soldiers and up to 120 militants died in the fighting. Reporters were shown weapons and missile launchers that were seized and also huge tunnels where militants had been hiding in the thick, forested valley. Narejo said some militants had fled to Afghanistan, but that troops had set up around 15 posts on the border to intercept any movement. "We have eliminated the threat and it would pave the way of the return of some 150,000 people of North Waziristan to their homes soon," he added. The army launched the operation under US pressure in mid-2014 in a bid to wipe out militant bases in the area and end the near decade-long Islamist insurgency that has cost Pakistan thousands of lives. The operation was intensified after the Taliban massacred more than 150 people, the majority of them children, at a school in Peshawar in December 2014.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate was informed on Thursday that 2,393 Pakistanis were languishing in jails of Saudi Arabia. During the question hour, the ministry of foreign affairs told the house that there were 1,621 Pakistani prisoners in Jeddah and 772 in Riyadh. The ministry said that Pakistan's mission in Saudi Arabia had taken various steps, including consular visits to meet the prisoners, and extend them every possible assistance. It said that emergency travel documents were issued to those who had completed their sentences to return to Pakistan. The cases of those who were nearing completion of their sentences had been raised with the Saudi authorities to ensure that they were set free without any delay, it added. The house was informed that translation services were being provided on request in the labour court. The problems coming to the notice of the missions related to detainees were raised with relevant authorities.

Spurious drugs: The ministry of national health services and regulations informed the Senate that more than 4,000 prosecutions were launched in drug courts last year as part of the efforts to eradicate spurious and substandard drugs from the country. More than 1,600 cases were decided by courts imposing a fine of more than Rs40 million. The drug regulatory authority of Pakistan suspended production activities of 20 firms and issued show-cause notices to 18 others for non-compliance of standards. Recently, the authority cancelled registration of 41 drugs. The house was briefed about the raids conducted at various pharmaceutical sale points, recovery of smuggled and unregistered drugs from them and the status of action taken against those responsible.

A suicide bomber in Peshawar on Friday accidentally detonated his vest while riding a motorcycle on an empty road, killing himself and two other militants also on bike, police said. The incident took place in the Sufaid Sang suburb just northwest of Peshawar, where the trio were likely planning an attack, a senior local police official told AFP. "Their plan was foiled when the suicide vest of one suicide bomber detonated prematurely," Kashif Zulfiqar said. "Their target was not known but they were moving towards a crowded area where there are several police and military check posts," he added. Police defused a jacket fitted on the dead body of a second would-be bomber and recovered a Kalashnikov rifle, eight hand grenades and hundreds of live bullets. Mubarak Zeb, Peshawar police chief confirmed the incident to AFP. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and other militant groups regularly target military and civilian installations as part of an insurgency, which has claimed tens of thousands of lives since it began in 2004.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan plans to issue biometric passports from next year to halt the thousands of people who are being trafficked overseas, largely to European and Gulf nations, officials said. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan approved the move last week after a meeting with officials from the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on tackling human trafficking and migrant smuggling in the South Asian nation. "We will start issuing biometric passports from 2017," Sarfraz Hussain, the Interior Ministry spokesman, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation late on Wednesday. Pakistan in 2004 adopted computerised passports that can be read by scanning machines, he said, but the passports do not contain a microchip, which contains the holder's biodata. This is useful as it will help authorities detect forged travel documents used by traffickers who lure poor people from rural areas with the promise of a good job overseas, Hussain added. A combination of poverty, natural disasters and insecurity caused by a long-running Islamist insurgency has forced thousands of Pakistanis to flee in search of a better life in Europe and the Middle East. There are no accurate figures on how many people are being trafficked or smuggled outside the country, but the United Nations says government data on deportations of Pakistanis due to illegal migration have risen in recent years. There were 66,427 Pakistanis deported from countries such as Spain, Greece, Turkey, Oman and Iran in 2013, up from 46,032 in 2010, according to a 2014 report by the U.N. Office for Drugs and Crime.

Many trafficking victims are detected at border posts in Iran and Turkey as they attempt to travel on to Europe, where they often have to risk their lives on board dangerously inadequate vessels run by people smugglers, said the report. Others are deported from Oman - often en route to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where they take up low-skilled employment as maids, construction workers or drivers, and are often subjected to labour abuses. A FIA official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the media, said more than 1,000 trafficking networks were operating across the country, the majority in the central Punjab province. These organised criminal gangs primarily use Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan province, which shares a border with Iran, as a trafficking route to Europe and the Middle East.

Multan: CTD kills 8 terrorists in operation

The News, May 19, 2016

One policeman killed, seven injured in Quetta IED blast

Daily Dawn, May 19, 2016

Panjgur: FC foil terrorism plot, seize arms cache

The News, May 19, 2016

'346 FC personnel have lost their lives in militancy-related incidents'

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K-P, federal govts asked for sensitive records of APS massacre

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From Iran, the trafficking victims are either taken to Turkey where they continue on to Europe, or sent to Oman and then on to the UAE, he added. More than a million migrants and refugees crossed into Europe in 2015, sparking a crisis as nations struggled to cope with the influx, and created division in the EU over how to resettle people. According to the U.N. Refugee Agency, about 3 percent of these migrants and refugees were Pakistani nationals.

MULTAN: The Counter-Terrorism Department conducted an operation in which eight terrorists, including key Al-Qaeda commanders, were killed. According to details, CTD recovered weapons, explosive belts and hand grenades from the slain terrorists, who had planned to target a university in Multan. However, their nefarious designs were foiled by the Counter-Terrorism Department's timely operation, which was conducted at village Nawabpur near River Chenab. CTD proceeded to take action after receiving information that Al-Qaeda members were present in the area. A gun battle ensued in which eight terrorists were killed. Among the terrorists, three were identified as Tayyab alias Abdul Mateen, Muneeb Razzaq alias Abdul Rahman and Zeeshan alias Abu Dajana. During the operation, five or six terrorists including Yasir Punjabi and Muneeb Javed managed to escape. Sources revealed that Muneeb and Zeeshan were involved in the murder of Brigadier Fazal Qadri in Sargodha. Tayyab alias Hafiz Abdul Mateen was the mastermind of Rawalpindi Preedy Lane blast and was an active member of Al-Qaeda. For the banned organisation, Tayyab used to look after the matters of finance and logistics. One suicide vest, two Kalashnikov rifles, two pistols and three hand grenades were seized from the slain terrorists. Bodies of the killed terrorists have been shifted to Nishtar Hospital for postmortem.

QUETTA: An improvised explosive device (IED) killed one policeman and wounded seven others in a roadside attack in the eastern Bypass area of Quetta Thursday morning, police said. The injured have been taken to Civil Hospital Quetta, where a state of emergency has been imposed. The blast also damaged a police mobile van. There has been no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack yet. Police and Frontier Corps are investigating the attack. The attack comes a day after two remote-controlled roadside blasts killed one constable and injured at least 17 others in Peshawar.

PANJGUR: The Frontier Corps foiled a terrorism bid in the district by seizing a huge cache of arms. According to details, the FC carried out an operation with cooperation from intelligence agencies and confiscated a huge amount of arms cache in a compound. The arms stockpile, which included weapons and explosives, was recovered from Panjgur District's area of Sabzab, according to FC spokesperson. The weapons seized by FC during their raid included 26 rockets, ready for use IEDs, 1,350 bullets, 2 rifles, hand grenades and several rounds were also recovered. However, no arrests were made in connection with the illegal weapons that were seized.

SHABQADAR: At least 346 personnel of the Frontier Constabulary (FC) have lost their lives while 498 others have been wounded in militancy-related incidents. FC Commandant Liaqat Ali shared these views during the passing-out ceremony of 1,975 recruits at Shabqadar Fort on Wednesday. According to Ali, FC personnel have played an integral role during times of both war and peace. "Under the National Action Plan, 191 FC platoons have been deployed in major cities and on the frontier regions of Pakistan," he said. The FC commandant hoped the new recruits will play their role in eliminating militancy. "FC personnel have played a key role in restoring stability in the country," Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said. "Peace has been restored in the country through the efforts and sacrifices of FC personnel." He added militancy had resulted in widespread chaos and devastation in the country. The governor said the country must recognise efforts of security forces as they have brought the region out of a spiral of unrest. The governor announced a grant worth Rs3 million for FC personnel. Shops and private schools remained closed for security reasons on account of the governor's visit.

PESHAWAR: Peshawar High Court Chief Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhel asked the governments' representatives to inform the court about any sensitive records about the Army Public School massacre it might possess. He said the records could be examined by the bench inside the chamber if they are unwilling to disclose them to the public. The bench, comprising the chief justice and Justice Muhammad Daud Khan, was hearing a petition filed by parents of APS victims on Wednesday. The chief justice remarked that their sympathies were with the parents and the case would be decided on merit and within legal and constitutional limits. Ajun Khan, the petitioner, said respondents have submitted their replies. He requested the bench to allow him to submit a rejoinder before the court. The bench accepted the plea and allowed him to submit his rejoinder at the next hearing. Deputy Attorney General Manzoor Khalil, who represented the federal government, and Additional Advocate General Mujahid Ali, who represented the provincial government, appeared before the bench. The chief justice asked them to inform the bench if there were any sensitive documents which the government did not want to divulge to the public. He said the bench could go through them inside the chamber. The chief justice also asked the deputy attorney general and additional advocate general about their opinion on applications filed by civil society representatives and parents who wanted to become party to the petition. Both of them said they have no objections if civil society representatives and parents are made party to the petition. The chief justice asked them to assist the court legally, saying the bench has to decide the case as per the law. "As the petitioner has sought relief for all parents, the case can be decided even in their absence and the judgment would be applicable to all of them," the chief justice said. He then disposed of the application. The bench adjourned the case till June 2.

Government's reply

In its reply, the provincial government said the threat was communicated to schools and all other relevant organisations after they were issued by the National Counter Terrorism Authority on August 28, 2014. They had asked the relevant authorities to take appropriate security steps. The government's representative said administrations of all schools were informed about the threats.

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"No laxity has been shown and coordinated efforts are being made to root out terrorism," it said in its reply. The government's representative added there were around 15 army-run schools in Peshawar and 88 across K-P. As per the reply, after the APS attack, the police registered 1,461 cases, 2,816 Afghans were arrested while 911 search operations were conducted.

PESHAWAR: Two bomb blasts targeting a police patrol Wednesday killed at least one policeman and wounded 19 others in Peshawar. The first bomb planted on a roadside exploded when a police petrol vehicle passed in Aslam Dheri neighbourhood of the city. The second blast came some 20 minutes later, as police, rescuers and others were trying to help the casualties. "A policeman embraced martyrdom and three others were wounded in two bomb blasts," senior police official Sajjad Khan told AFP. SSP Abbas Majeed confirmed the attack, saying three policemen were among those injured. Rescue 1122 officials claimed to have shifted six injured to the hospital. A DSNG van of Express News and Rescue 1122's vehicle were also damaged in the blasts.

LAHORE: The counter-terrorism department (CTD) of Punjab Police claimed to have killed four alleged terrorists in a shootout near Aiman Abad area on Tuesday night. Sources in CTD Punjab said three terrorists fled the scene after the encounter. Three pistols, one rifle, two rocket launchers, four hand grenades and 1 kilogram explosives were recovered from their possession, said the sources, adding that the 'terrorists' were planning to blowup sensitive government installations in the city.

PESHAWAR: Police rounded up as many as twenty-five suspicious individuals in a search operation conducted across various parts of the city. As many as two hundred houses were searched with the assistance of a contingent of ladies' police. Areas which were searched included Phando, Jamil Chowk, Christian Colony and surrounding areas. During the search operation, twenty-five suspicious persons were taken into custody which also included an Afghan national. The search operation was conducted by the ladies' police who also took help from sniffer dogs. Eight cases were also registered for violation of traffic rules and regulations. On the other hand, a blast took place outside the residence of a retired customs officer, however, no loss of life was reported. According to Bannu police, the blast had occurred outside the house of retired officer Akhtar Khan. The intensity of the blast managed to damage the structure of the house however, no loss of life was reported. Police have arrived on the scene and are currently conducting a probe regarding the incident.

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DETAILS

LAHORE: Hundreds of Mayo Hospital's patients faced massive power outages due to construction work of the Orange Line Metro Train (OMT) project, said a press release issued on Sunday. Load shedding was observed from 10am to 12pm on Sunday, which badly affected the treatment services to the patients. When contacted, spokesman of YDA Mayo Hospital Dr Zaffarullah said that there was load shedding from 10 am to 12pm not only in Mayo Hospital but also in the hostels of male and lady doctors. He lamented that the government should close hospitals instead of keeping patients in so much agony and congested environment. Zaffarullah said air-conditioners were not working in the emergency department, where electricity was supplied by generators. "Due to non-availability of electricity, the patients have to face a lot of difficulties as doctors were unable to extend treatment on electricity-driven equipment, he added.

LAHORE: The Lahore General Hospital (LGH) administration has decided to constitute a new policy to ensure transparent provision of medicines to patients, which would save their attendants from botheration of going to hospital dispensary. Instead, the staff would provide the same at their beds. This decision was taken during a meeting held at LGH on Sunday under the chairmanship of Post Graduate Medical Institute and Lahore General Hospital Principal Prof Khalid Mehmood. According to the new policy, the concerned in-charge head-nurse would write down the details of medicine required by the patient in the indent book, which would be duly verified by the senior registrar. The availability report about the medicines must be signed by the pharmacist or administrative doctor, which would be followed by delivery of medicine at patient's bed by concerned head-nurse after receiving it personally. Prof Khalid Mehmood said that medicines would not be directly handed over to the patients or their attendants and instead, the hospital staff would perform this duty. "The leftover medicines would be returned to the store. At the end of the shift, record of issued medicine would also be given to next shift after verification by the additional medical superintendent," he added. Mehmood said that in order to improve medicines' delivery system, packing and wrappers of used medicines must have to be deposited to the duty pharmacist so as to enable him check and monitor the record. "This packing material could not be spoiled without entering it in the record," the principal made it clear to the participants of the meeting. He said that in case some hospital medicine is recovered from any department without record, stern action would be taken against the responsible. He said that DMS and duty pharmacists would be bound to implement this policy in letter and spirit, adding that strict actions would be taken against the violators.

LAHORE: A last minute notification by the Punjab Education Department declared Monday (today) as the last school day before summer vacations. Schools in Punjab will remain closed from May 24 till August 14, the notification said. Earlier it was decided that summer vacations will be start from June 1. The education department warned private schools from taking fee for three months in one go from parents. Private schools which violate the notification will risk having their registration cancelled, the notification said.

LAHORE: A polio campaign will be run across the province from May 23 to 25, Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khwaja Salman Rafique said on Saturday. He said the drive was part of National Immunisation Days observed across the country. He said 18.4 million children of less than five years of age would be vaccinated in 3,550 union councils across the province. He said the provincial Emergency Operation Centre had been directed to coordinate with district administrations regarding arrangements for the campaign, including vaccine supply and mapping of population at a greater risk to the virus. Primary and Secondary Healthcare Secretary Ali Jan Khan said polio had been declared a national emergency. He said the DCOs concerned must make efforts to make anti-polio efforts successful. He said more than 43,000 polio teams had been formed. Of these, more than 36,000 were mobile teams and 4,340 stationery teams, the secretary said. Health Services Director General Mukhtar Hussain Syed said, "During previous campaigns, we have identified some union councils that need to be given more attention. The health EDOs concerned have been asked to focus more on these union councils," Syed said. He said the authorities had been monitoring movement of people along the provincial borders. He said districts in southern areas of the country would be their focus. Emergency Operation Centre coordinator Munir Ahmed urged parents to ensure that their children got polio drops. He said parents might also take their children to vaccination centres for vaccination against nine preventable diseases. He said if a polio team did not visit an area, this could be reported at helpline 0800 99000 during the campaign days. Health units Medi-Urge, tasked with operating mobile health units in remote areas of southern districts, told Rafique on Saturday that the units had provided treatment to more than 18.17 million people. He was informed that 562,663 laboratory tests had been conducted at these units. Medi-Urge Managing Director Manzoor Ahmad Chaudhry and officials from the Health Department were also present on the occasion. Chaudhry said that in December 2010, mobile health units had started providing healthcare services to people in Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, Mianwali, Dera Ghazi Khan, Bahawalpur and Bahawalnagar. Rafique learnt that the units had also provided health services to the people displaced from Bannu and some earthquake victims. He said the project would be expanded to other districts. For the purpose, he said, bids would be opened on May 27.

KARACHI: An anti-measles vaccination campaign, which was scheduled to begin from May 25, was postponed on Saturday due to its overlap with anti-polio campaign. The campaign against polio will start on May 24 and culminate on May 26, informed Extended Programme on Immunisation (EPI) project director Agha Ashfaq. "Since the anti-polio campaign is in a critical stage, we have decided to focus on it, as it is the priority of the federal and provincial governments." According to him, the measles campaign will be launched after Ramazan from July 25 onwards. The eight-day campaign

Mayo Hospital CT scan machine out of order

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will be held across six districts of Karachi, he added. Speaking about the availability of the measles vaccine, Ashfaq said it is procured from the federal government. EPI will get the vaccination in July before the launch of the campaign, he claimed. Around 650 cases of measles have surfaced in Karachi this year, said Dr Raj Kumar from EPI.

LAHORE: A computed tomography (CT) machine at Mayo Hospital has been out of order since last year, *The Express Tribune* has learnt. "The machine was installed at the hospital on October, 2015. Within a few months, it became out of order," said Dr Talha Sherwani of Mayo Hospital. He said that the machine had been imported from Japan at a cost of Rs40 million. "Unfortunately, the private firm that had imported it could not fix it," he said. He said that the hospital had another CT scan machine. "This machine had been installed in the '80s. Due to its age, we are unsure about the accuracy of its results. For eight months now, we have been referring most of our serious patients to Ganga Ram and Jinnah Hospitals for CT scans," he said. He said that a patient had died on Thursday while being taken to Ganga Ram Hospital for a CT scan. Mayo Hospital Medical Superintendent Amjad Shehzad said that one of the two CT scan machines installed at the hospital had been out of order. "The dysfunctional parts of the CT scan machine have been imported. We are working on repairing it. Hopefully, it will become functional by next Monday," he said. The MS said that punitive action would be taken against the supplier for the delay in repair. Health Department Spokesman Akhlaq Ali Khan said that the supplier was responsible for the maintenance of machine for five years after its installation. "The department has initiated an inquiry. Strict action will be taken against them," he said. Salman Kazmi of Mayo Hospital said that the CT scan machine was important for helping detect a variety of diseases. "It is fast, painless, non-invasive and accurate in emergency cases. It can reveal internal injuries quick enough to help us save lives. It is also an accurate tool to detect cancer in the lungs, liver or kidneys," he said..

Summer vacations in Punjab schools to start from May 24

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LAHORE (Web Desk): The Punjab Education Department today (Sunday) announced that all educational institutions in the province will remain closed for three months, *Dunya News* reported. All the government and private schools will remain closed from May 24th till August 15th in the wake of extremely hot weather in the province. Provincial education minister Rana Mashhood said that the government cannot compromise on the health of children however, the schools which are undergoing examination will remain open. On the other hand, Met Office has warned about very hot and dry weather over the country. The plain areas of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Sindh will be the centre of heat where day temperatures will cross over 45°C and central parts will touch a critical level of 50°C. Temperatures in mountainous areas of GB and AJK will also rise by 4-5°C above average resulting into rapid melting of snow and glaciers.

NHS to launch national health insurance scheme in five more districts

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ISLAMABAD: After launching the Prime Minister's National Health Programme (PMNHP) in Islamabad, Muzaffarabad and Quetta, the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) has decided to inaugurate the scheme in five other districts within a month. Their launch, however, could be delayed if Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif decides to inaugurate the schemes himself. A ministry official said that they had launched the scheme in three districts and now had the necessary experience to introduce the programme in many districts at the same time. "We have started arrangements to launch the programme in five districts," he said, adding that the districts are Skardu in Gilgit-Baltistan, three districts of Balochistan — Loralai, Lasbela and Kech — and Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab. He explained that if the ministry was allowed to inaugurate the schemes on its own, then they could do so in all five districts within a month by holding inaugural ceremonies at the same time in all districts. However, he said, if the prime minister decided to inaugurate these schemes like the last three, then there would be a delay. He added that due to the prime minister's busy schedule, it would be impossible to get five different dates. "We have requested the prime minister to give us some dates in mid-June to inaugurate the scheme in Skardu," said the official, adding that there were around 30,000 families in Skardu and around 40,000 families in Loralai who would be able to use the health scheme. The distribution of the health insurance scheme cards has started in both districts. "Arrangements for the three other districts will also be finalised within a month," said the ministry official. NHS Secretary Ayub Sheikh told Dawn that the scheme will provide families with a daily income of less than \$2 (Rs200) with free of cost access to secondary as well as priority diseases treatment, through insurance paid by the federal and provincial governments. He said that they had learnt a lot from the first launch of the health insurance scheme. According to Mr Sheikh, they had planned to launch the scheme district by district. "We have requested the prime minister to give us a date to inaugurate the scheme in Skardu in mid-June," he said, adding that as many as 3.1 million families from 23 districts of the country would be signed up for the programme by the end of the year.

Committees at hospitals to avoid doctors' strikes

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LAHORE: In order to end 'unnecessary strikes' of young doctors, the health department has constituted Institutional Conflict Resolution Committees at all teaching hospitals of Punjab to resolve violent incidents at the institute level. Another high-powered board - Appellant Committee - at the provincial level has also been constituted for the purpose and the Punjab chief secretary mandated to finalise its composition. A notification to this effect was expected within a couple of days, a senior official privy to the information told Dawn. In case of successful implementation, this model will likely be replicated in all district headquarters hospitals of Punjab. The official said it was a longstanding demand of the Young Doctors Association (YDA) Punjab since attacks on doctors by attendants or relatives of patients had increased manifold at state-run hospitals. Both patients and doctors on duty would benefit from this first mega initiative, the official claimed. He said strikes in outpatient department (OPD) and indoor by young doctors had become almost permanent at government hospitals in Punjab. This crime was going unreported and patients were suffering a great deal. "Now this chapter is over as office-bearers of the Young Doctors Association Punjab have been taken on board in this regard," he added.

The official added that the Institutional Conflict Resolution Committees were formed after a series of meetings with the stakeholders, mainly the YDA Punjab. Principal/vice chancellor, medical superintendent, two professors and two representatives from young doctors would be members of each committee. After any violent incident, a committee shall probe it within 48 hours and doctors of

Power shortfall beyond 6,000MW

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the institute in question would not go on strike before finalisation of a decision. In case the committee failed to address the grievance of doctors or the rival party, the matter would be referred to the Appellant Committee for re-investigation. The official said that no one from either party would react at any level before the outcome of the probe. To a question, he said protecting patients' rights would also be main focus of the committees. Patients or their attendants would be given a sympathetic hearing by the committees. The main task or purpose of the committees would be to resolve a conflict rather than penalise the suspects/assailants. About nurses, paramedics or other employees of hospitals, the official said initially the committees were meant for doctors only. Later, other medics and employees would be accommodated in the proposed scheme, he said, adding that terms of reference of the committees were being formed.

LAHORE: As most of the country sizzles in scorching heat, national power shortfall soars beyond 6,000MW, necessitating loadshedding of over eight hours throughout the country and even more in the rural areas of the country – stoking protests in some areas. The Ministry of Water and Power, however, sticks to its claim of being in complete control of the situation and carrying out six hours loadshedding in the cities and eight hours in rural areas, with no unscheduled loadshedding in any part of the country. It concedes merely 3,614MW deficit even during peak hours. According to its figures, total national demand, excluding Karachi, peaked at 19,500MW against the generation of 15,886MW. As per its details, thermal sector generated some 9,900MW, hydle 4,850MW and wind 175MW. But insiders of the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC), an entity that transmits power to cities, admit a deficit close to 6,000MW. According to them, the ministerial claim has three loopholes; exaggerated thermal generation, reduced demand and additional loadshedding in areas of high losses. All three reasons, especially the last one, are open to as much rigging as one wants to. "To begin with, thermal generation has never gone close to 10,000MW, as claimed by the ministry," says an official of the company.

"It has historically been around 7,500MW. Where from 2,500MW have been added to the tally needs some explanation. The normal demand during such a high temperature is well over 21,000MW, which has been recorded in last few years, even if yearly increase is not taken into equation. The ministry's calculation has at least 2,000MW hole. On top of both, the ministry claims to have been carrying out additional loadshedding in areas of high losses. "It is not only additional loadshedding for high losses areas, but the ministry has also added another dimension – local problems, which are bound to happen in high temperature and could be used as an excuse for any load management," says an official of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco). He said the supply of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) had eased the situation a bit, but hike in temperature in May and drop in hydle generation (against its peak contribution of 6,600MW, it is now generating only 4,800MW) have neutralized the RLNG impact. "Though overall situation is not as panicky as it used to be in the last three summers, but it is not as controlled as being projected by the ministry," he said.

Schools, colleges close for summer vacation today

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KARACHI: Keeping in view the rising temperatures in Sindh, education and literacy department secretary Fazlullah Pechuho, with the approval of education minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, announced the start of summer holidays for all schools and colleges across the province with immediate effect. All public and private educational institutions in Sindh will remain closed from May 20 [today] till Sunday, July 24. "Summer vacations for all public and private educational institutions of Sindh are hereby rescheduled from May 19 till July 24 instead of June 1 till July 31 due to prevailing heatwave. All the educational institutions shall open on July 25," reads the notification.

HEC forms body to look into TTS teachers issue

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LAHORE: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has constituted a six-member committee to look into the matter of teachers hired under the Tenure Track System (TSS) but are currently holding administrative posts. Some public sector universities in Punjab and other provinces are not complying with the instructions of the HEC regarding removing the TTS teachers from administrative posts. "A six-member committee comprising HEC members and teachers will look into the matters related to the TTS teachers working on administrative posts and submit their recommendations to the HEC shortly," Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association General Secretary Dr Mahboob Hussain told Dawn on Wednesday. He said the HEC had constituted the committee after meeting with the newly-elected office-bearers of the association. The HEC, in a letter written to public universities last month, said: "It has been noted that some faculty members on tenure track without completing their probation period have started working on such positions. Moreover, some faculty members on tenure track assume the administrative posts such as registrar, director human resource, treasurer and controller examination openly or under the cover of 'acting', 'look after' or 'additional charge'." Dr Mahboob Hussain said the autonomy of the universities would not be compromised and efforts would be made in fixing superannuation age of teachers at 65 years. He said the HEC, on the demand of the federation, had postponed condition of publication of research articles in 'W category journals' for a period of one year, as this deadline was nearing in June this year. He said a joint committee consisting of HEC and teachers' representatives had been formed for up-gradation of research periodicals and incentives. The association's newly-elected president Prof Dr Humayun Khan and vice-president Dr Kaleemullah Bareech also demanded reinstatement of 75 per cent rebate on income tax, which was reduced to 40pc about two years back by the government. Dr Mukhtar Ahmed has also supported their demand and assured them that a voice would be raised for the reinstatement of the tax rebate.

School improvement programme MoU signed

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QUETTA: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed to launch a 'School Improvement Programme' in Quetta and Harnai districts of Balochistan. Under the agreement reached between Mari Petroleum Company Ltd (MPCL) and the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), an alliance will be formed to embark on interventions in the fields of education, infrastructure, renewable energy and social sector services. The pilot project includes rehabilitation of two government schools, including the Government Girls and Boys School Astangi in Margat, Quetta, and the Government Girls High School in Harnai. MPCL managing director retired Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed and PPAF chief executive officer Qazi Azmat Isa spoke on the occasion.

Schools in Sindh to close a week earlier for summer vacations

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Peshawar anti-polio drive disrupted by twin blasts, injuring 9 police

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Three liver transplants performed at DUHS

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Telecom services suspended on Telecom Day

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PTCL, Ufone services interrupted in different areas across the country

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Managers of 28 Peshawar eateries arrested for selling expired, unhygienic food

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Three burnt alive in oil

KARACHI: As blistering heat continues to hit across the country, Sindh's Education Department on Thursday announced to close public and private education institutes a week earlier than the routine schedule. Given the extreme weather conditions, Sindh's Education Secretary Fazlullah Pechuho announced schools will shut a week earlier for summer vacations this year. All educational institutions in the province will remain closed from May 19 (today) to July 25, the education secretary said. The decision comes after a meeting between Pechuho and the provincial minister for education, and a notification will soon be issued in this regard, sources said. Meanwhile, Private Schools Management Association (PSMA) rejected the announcement. "The secretary education should have consulted the private schools management association before announcing the decision," PSMA chairman Sharfuz Zaman said. "All private institutes will remain open until Monday (May 23) or Tuesday (May 24) to complete work on the home study schedule for summer vacations," he said, adding the decision was taken to address the concerns of the parents.

PESHAWAR (Staff Report) – A policeman was killed while nine sustained injuries in twin blasts in Mathra area of Peshawar on Wednesday. The blasts were said to be targeting a polio team administering drops to children in the area, according to police officials. According to the police, unidentified men had placed improvised explosive device (IED) near Professor Dr Akbar's residence. As soon as polio vaccination team reached the site, the devices exploded, injuring two people. Police and Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) reached the scene immediately, but were caught off guard when a second bomb went off during their inspection of the area, resulting in the casualties of eight people including a police officer and a Edhi worker. One of the injured policemen succumbed to injuries on way to hospital. Several vehicles were also destroyed in the second explosion. Police cordoned the area off after the attack, however no arrests have been made yet in connection to the blasts. The bombs disrupted the last day of a three-day anti-polio campaign in Peshawar and its suburbs. As a result of concerted efforts by the government and frequent anti polio immunization campaigns, the number of polio cases has declined in the recent years in Pakistan. 2015 witnessed 54 cases in the country which was an 80 percent fall from the earlier figures. Reach of polio teams to remote areas in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of the country was supported by successful Operation Zarb-e-Azb that was launched in mid 2014 to eradicate militancy. At least 98 percent of children were vaccinated against the crippling virus in FATA in March which was a big leap for health authorities compared with previous years when teams could not reach different areas owing to threats and insurgency.

KARACHI: The Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) on Tuesday announced that its surgeons accompanied by a team of surgeons from the Apollo Hospital of India performed three consequent liver transplants. A spokesman for the hospital said team leader Dr Subhash Gupta, who had successfully performed nearly 2,000 liver transplants, helped the DUHS team with other team members in the transplants. "The donors do not need ICU care and they will be shifted to the ward soon," said the spokesman, adding that the three recipients of liver were absolutely fine. Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad, who sponsored the first 10 patients of liver transplant at the DUHS, visited the hospital, met the transplant team and gave shields of appreciation to the Indian surgeons.

LAHORE: Telecom services remained suspended for an hour in different cities, including Lahore and Islamabad, on Telecom Day on Tuesday. The call and Internet services of PTCL, Ufone and Telenor remained suspended as the optic fiber of the PTCL was damaged at two points. A source in the PTCL told Dawn the fiber optic was damaged at two points -- Peshawar to Kohat and Rawalpindi to Gujar Khan. "Owing to this, PTCL, Ufone and Telenor services remained suspended for 45 minutes on Tuesday afternoon. The PTCL and Ufone services remained suspended in different parts of Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujar Khan and Kohat while the Telenor's in Kohat," he said, adding the services were restored after the PTCL teams fixed the problem. Subscribers faced inconvenience due to suspension of call and Internet services. "Due to optical fiber cuts between Peshawar to Kohat and Rawalpindi to Gujar Khan, the Telenor's service remained suspended in Kohat between 1:13pm and 1:57pm," a Telenor official said. PTCL General Manager Imran Janjua said: "On Tuesday morning a civic agency working on an unplanned activity damaged PTCL's underground long haul fiber cable in Kohat being used as part of its core national network. This cut was followed by another cut caused by a civic agency in Rawalpindi. The dual cuts caused outages for PTCL and a few of its customers in some parts of Punjab. PTCL staff reacted immediately and were able to restore backbone connectivity within 45 minutes and all services were normalised."

LAHORE (Staff Report) – Update: Services of PTCL and Ufone have partially been restored after some thirty-minutes of interrupted services in many parts of the country. Users from different parts of country reported a prolonged interruption in PTCL and Ufone services on Tuesday. Online reports about the interruption in services were received before noon from all major cities, including Lahore, Karachi, Islamabad and Hyderabad. Some netizens even complained that they were unable to access the PTCL website and or lodge a complaint on its helpline as well.

PESHAWAR (Web Desk): Managers of 28 famous eateries in Peshawar were arrested for selling expired and unhygienic food items after Additional Assistant Commissioner Imran Khan and Assistant Commissioner University Town Mughees Sanaullah paid a surprise visit to different restaurants on Monday night. According to the Peshawar district administration, all of the arrested managers were previously warned about substandard conditions of their restaurants. However, they ignored such notices and failed to improve the standards in their kitchens. The managers of Chief Burger, Dam Pukh Khorak, Students' Restaurant, Khorak Mahal, Khyber Friends, Ahmad Jan Lazeeza Tikka Shop and Chaman Ice Cream were among those taken into custody. During the same visit, AAC Imran Khan arrested another 20 people for their involvement in encroachments at Board Bazaar. The Peshawar district administration has announced that notices have been issued to several traders and shopkeepers to remove encroachments before May 18, after which the administration would take action.

CHINIOT: Three people were burnt alive as an oil-tanker caught fire after it overturned near

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35 BHUs non-functional for want of doctors, PA told
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19 medical reps arrested
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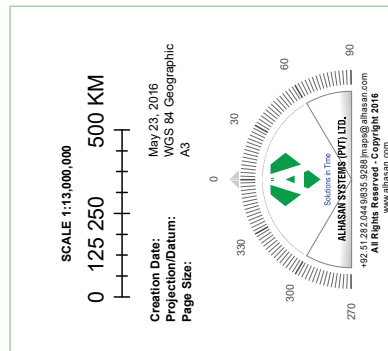
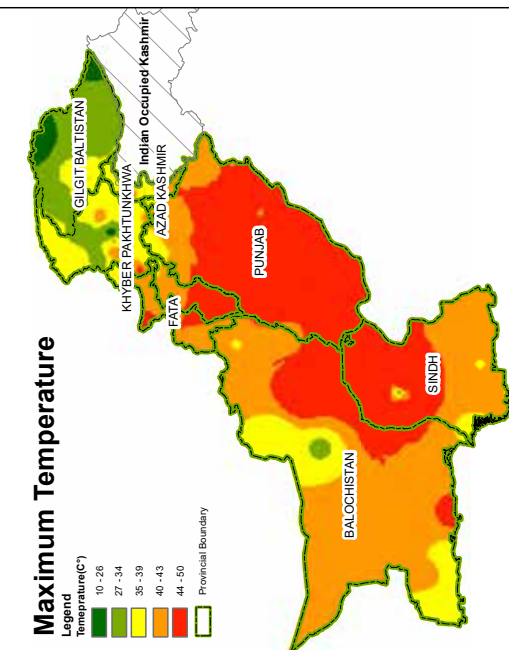
Dolowala, some 20kms from here, on Sunday. Reports said that the oil-tanker was going to Pindi Bhattian from Chiniot when it overturned and caught fire. Consequently, the driver and two others were burnt alive in the vehicle. The Rescue 1122 personnel extinguished the fire. Bodies were shifted to the DHQ Hospital.

LAHORE: The treasury must have been feeling embarrassed on Monday as it failed to take up its business due to lack of quorum for the sixth time out of seven sittings of the 21st session and the proceedings had to be adjourned for Tuesday (today) morning. Following the question hour and taking up of adjournment motions, Speaker Rana Muhammad Iqbal began the government business by asking finance department parliamentary secretary Rana Babar to present the annual report of the Punjab Pension Fund for the years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 for discussion. When Mr Babar started reading the report, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf's Saadia Suhail Rana pointed out quorum. Though her move seemingly did not come as a surprise both for the treasury and opposition, PTI's Mian Aslam Iqbal was awestruck and asked her why she had done so. Leaving the floor of the House, the PML-N's Malik Ahmad Khan also admonished the opposition, terming it "such an incompetent opposition". Mian Aslam Iqbal told him that the move was surprise for him as well because he had submitted his name to participate in the debate. The PTI's Aslam Iqbal and Shoaib Siddiqui kept sitting in the house till the speaker asked for counting and adjourned the session till Tuesday (today) morning. When contacted in the lobby, Shoaib Siddiqui said the quorum was pointed out due to lack of coordination within his party. Earlier, at the conclusion of the question hour, the PTI's Murad Rass protested against the taking up of the opposition's questions while accommodating treasury benches' members. "The opposition submits questions and then prepares to discuss the issue but its' members rarely get a chance to put up supplementary questions," he said. Speaker Rana Iqbal brushed aside Rass' complaint, telling him the question hour was held according to rules and procedures of the assembly.

During the question hour on health department, parliamentary secretary for health Khawaja Imran Nazir said some 35pc basic health units (BHUs) in the province were non-functional as most of the doctors did not want to serve in rural areas. He said the government was making efforts to make all the BHUs functional. He said the government would not establish new BHUs until all the existing BHUs were made functional. About sending doctors to the rural areas, Mr Nazir said the chief minister had held a meeting with young doctors and a breakthrough was expected in this regard. He said the government had also requested the Punjab Public Service Commission to give age relaxation to such doctors. Responding to another question, he said, the government had launched a crackdown on the quacks and the Punjab Healthcare Commission was also sealing such clinics but now the Lahore High Court (LHC) had barred it from sealing such clinics. He said the government would write a letter to the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) to stop airing Hakeems' unethical messages on radio channels. The parliamentary secretary said two phases of Institute of Neuro Sciences at General Hospital had been completed and the third phase would be completed next year. He said the government had allocated funds of Rs2.3bn out of which Rs1.6bn had been utilised. With regard to a question on irregularities in the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital, Toba Tek Singh, the speaker referred the matter to the Standing Committee on C&W and sought a report in two weeks.

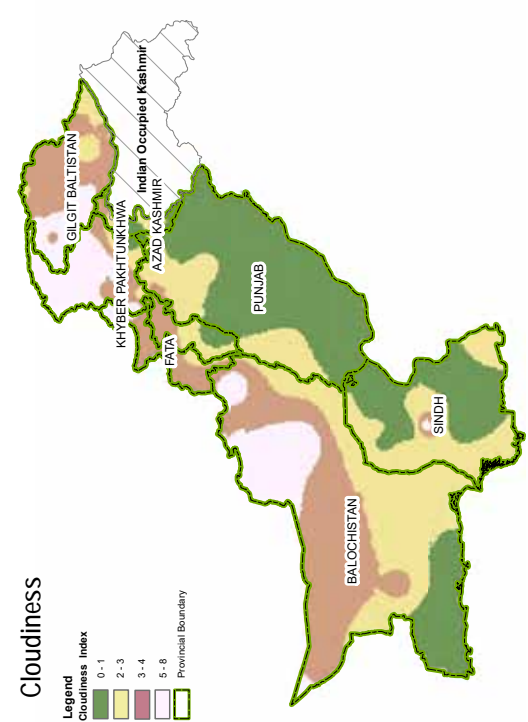
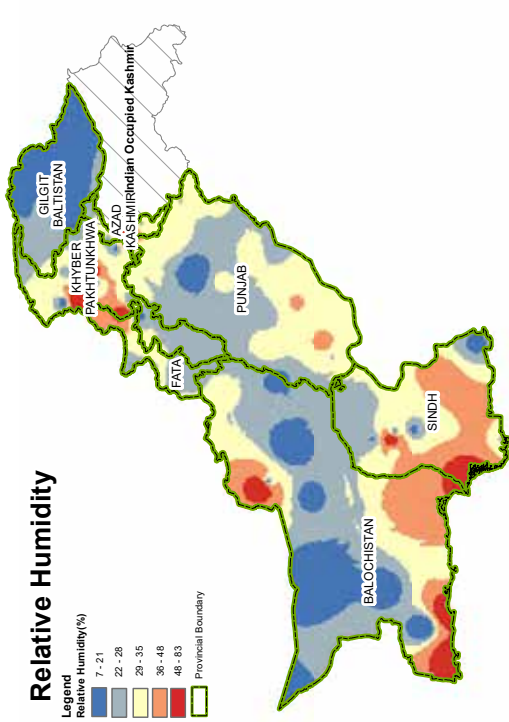
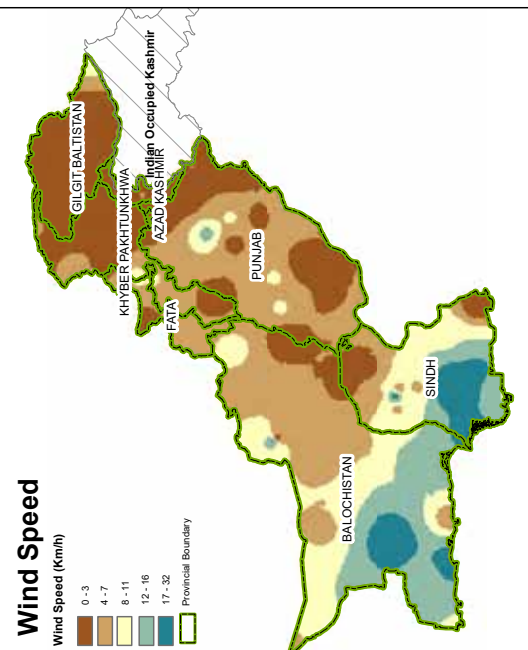
SUKKUR: Jacobabad Deputy Commissioner Agha Shah Nawaz Babar made a surprise visit to civil hospital on Monday and got 19 medical representatives arrested for violating a ban on meeting doctors during OPD timing. The medical representatives who were found in the hospital during the visit were immediately sent behind bars, sparking a protest by members of Pharma League who took out a rally from the civil hospital. The protesters were stopped by police and the situation was about to take an ugly turn when PPP MNA Mir Farooq Khan Jakhrani arrived there and persuaded the protesters to end the protest. Later, the arrested medical representatives were freed after they gave an assurance in writing that they would visit the civil hospital after 12.00 noon.

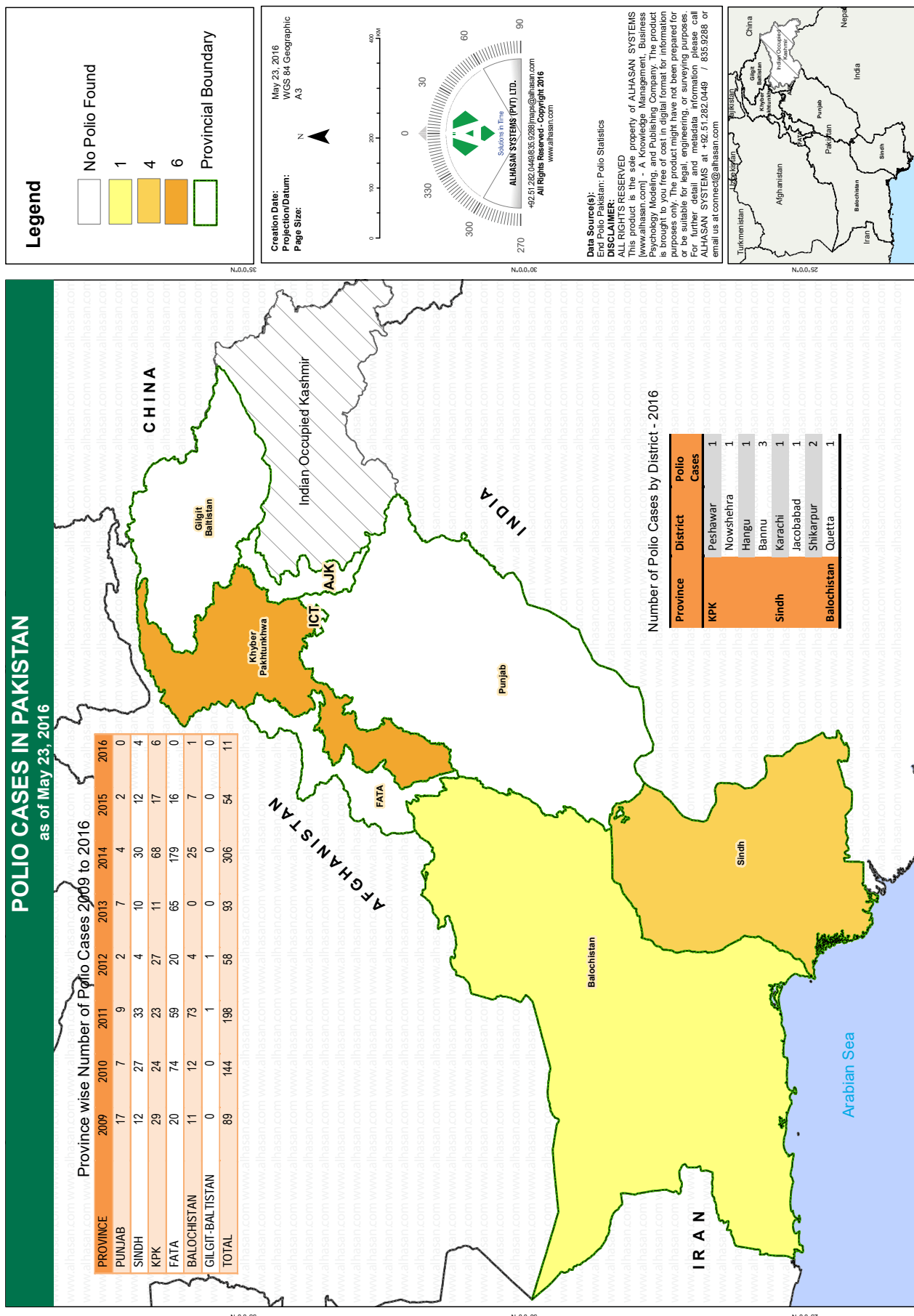
Weather Parameters Map of Pakistan 22 May, 2016



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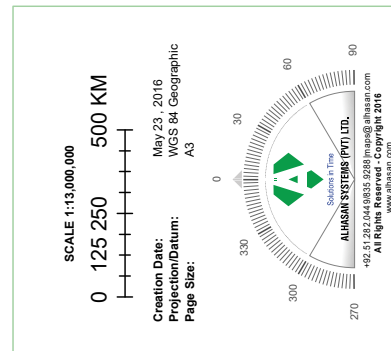
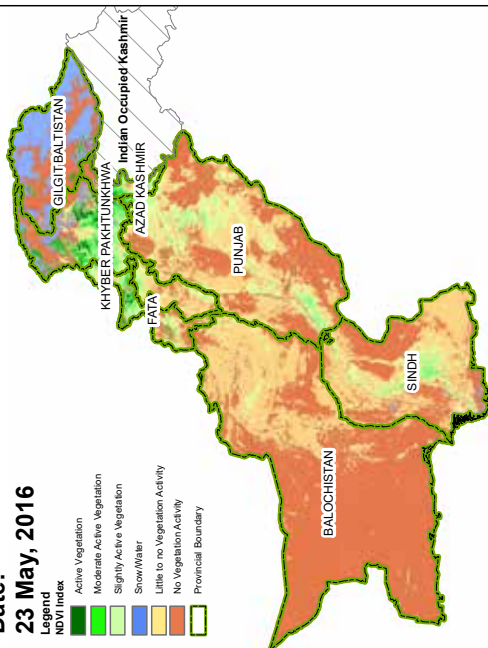


Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

23 May, 2016

Date:
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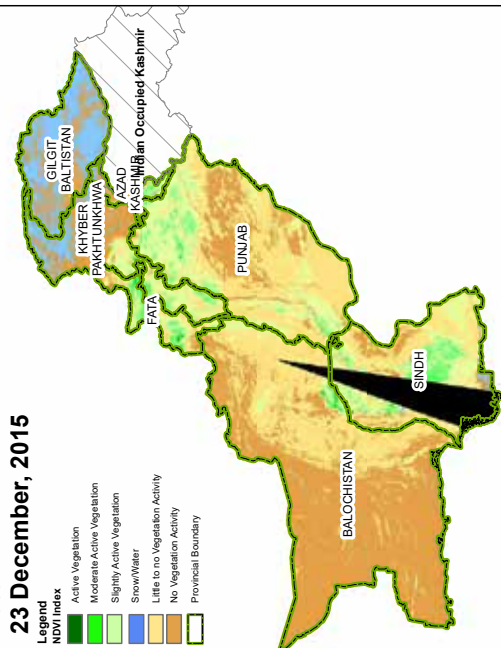
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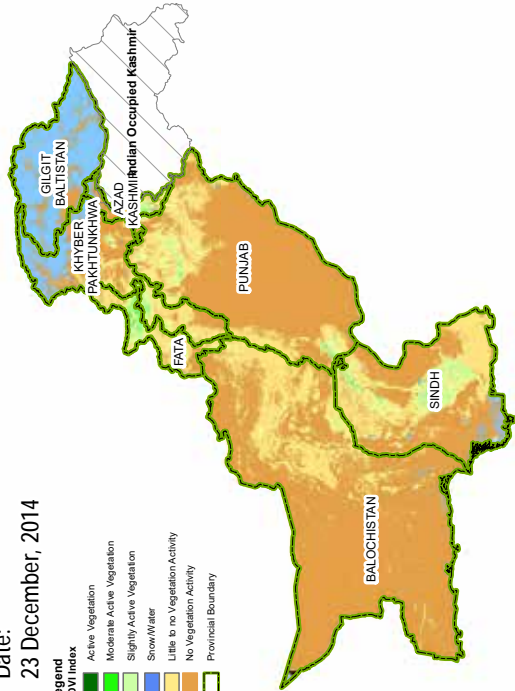
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ہیں۔ یاد رہے کہ پمز کے میل نرس 'کرسن کمار' نے ہسپتال میں ہی زیر علاج لڑکی کو زیادتی کا نشانہ بنا ڈالا تھا اور دوران تفتیش انکشاف کیا کہ اس کیس سے دو عرصے قبل اس کی شادی ہوئی 3/4 ہسپتال میں بھی کئی لڑکیوں کی زندگیاں پہلے ہی برباد کر چکا تھا 3/4 سی آئی اے تھانے میں تفتیش کے دوران ملزم نے نماز پڑھنا بھی شروع کر دی تھی اور دعویٰ کیا تھا کہ وہ مسلمان ہو چکا ہے اور اس کا نیا نام 'کبیر' ہے۔



19 مئی 2016

راولپنڈی سے خنجراب تک 820 کلومیٹر طویل کینل بچھائے گا جب کہ منصوبے کی تکمیل کے بعد پاکستان اور چین کے درمیان مواصلات کا ایک متبادل روٹ دستیاب ہو گا اور اس منصوبے سے گلگت بلتستان میں 3 جی اور 4 جی کی سہولت میسر ہو گی۔ منصوبے کے افتتاح سے قبل وزیر مملکت انوشہ رحمان کا اپنے خطاب میں کہنا تھا کہ منصوبہ پاکستان کی تاریخ میں کلیدی حیثیت رکھتا ہے، وزیراعظم کی ہدایت پر وائٹ ٹریفک شروع کی، آزاد کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں جلد تھری جی اور فور جی سروس شروع ہو گی، معاشی ترقی کے لیے انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی بنیادی اہمیت رکھتی ہے۔

کراچی: حکومت سندھ نے شدید گرمی کے پیش نظر صوبے بھر کے تعلیمی اداروں میں قبل از وقت ہی موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ سندھ حکومت نے صوبے بھر کے سرکاری و نجی تعلیمی اداروں میں قبل از وقت ہی موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کا اعلان کر دیا ہے، صوبائی محکمہ تعلیم کی جانب سے جاری کردہ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق سندھ بھر کے تمام سرکاری و نجی اسکول اور کالج 19 مئی سے 24 جولائی تک بند رہیں گے، موسم گرما کی قبل از وقت تعطیلات کا اعلان شدید گرمی کے پیش نظر کیا گیا ہے تاہم انٹرمیڈیٹ کے امتحانات اپنے شیڈول کے مطابق جاری رہیں گے۔ دوسری جانب بلوچستان کے محکمہ تعلیم نے گرم علاقوں کے تعلیمی اداروں میں کم جون سے 14 اگست تک موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ سندھ بھر میں ہر سال کم جون سے 31 جولائی تک موسم گرما کی تعطیلات ہوتی ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) چین کی بڑی توانائی فرم نے پنجاب میں کوئلے سے 330 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے والے منصوبے سے ہاتھ کھینچ لیا ہے۔ منصوبے سے 2017 کے آخر تک بجلی کی پیداوار کا آغاز ہونا تھا۔ 59 کروڑ کی لاگت سے تعمیر ہونے والا یہ منصوبہ 46 ارب ڈالر کے پاک-چین اقتصادی راہداری (سی پیک) منصوبے کا اہم حصہ تھا جس کا سنگ بنیاد وزیراعظم نواز شریف اور چینی صدر شی جن پنگ نے گزشتہ سال رکھا تھا۔ پنجاب کے پنڈدادن خان میں مقامی کوئلے سے بجلی کی پیداوار کے اس منصوبے کی تعمیر کی ذمہ داری چینی فرم کو سوچی گئی تھی۔ میڈیا رپورٹ کے مطابق چائنا مشینری انجینئرنگ کارپوریشن (سی ایم ای سی) کی منصوبے میں دلچسپی 330 میگاواٹ بجلی کا منصوبہ چلانے کے لیے توانائی کی ناکافی ضروریات کے باعث کم ہوئی جبکہ سپر ایکی جانب سے مقررہ ٹیرف بھی فرم کی توقعات سے کم تھا۔ سی ایم ای سی 4 ارب ڈالر کی لاگت سے آزاد جموں و کشمیر میں تعمیر ہونے والے 969 میگاواٹ کے نیلم جہلم ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ کا بھی اہم کنٹریکٹر ہے، مذکورہ منصوبے کے لئے فی یونٹ ٹیرف 11.67 سے 12.4 سینٹس کرنے کے لیے لائینگ کر رہا تھا جو تھر میں کوئلے کے منصوبے کے اپ فرنٹ ٹیرف سے کئی گنا زیادہ ہے۔ سپر ایکی 330 میگاواٹ بجلی کے اس منصوبے کے لیے 30 سال کے لیے 8.55 سینٹس فی یونٹ مقرر کرنے کی اجازت دی تھی۔ پرائیویٹ پاور اینڈ انفراسٹرکچر بورڈ کے ترجمان سمجھ ریفیج صدیقی نے بھی پراجیکٹ آگے نہ بڑھنے کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پی پی پی آئی بی، شرائط کے مطابق کام نہ کرنے پر پراجیکٹ سپانسر سے پہلے ہی پرفارمنس گارنٹی کی مدت میں 3 لاکھ ڈالر وصول کر چکی تھی تاہم انہوں نے مزید تفصیلات بتانے سے انکار کیا۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ (وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چودھری نثار علی خان نے وفاقی دارالحکومت میں ہائوسنگ سوسائٹیز کے قیام کیلئے زمین کے حصول پر پابندی لگاتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ مخصوص طبقے کے فائدے کیلئے سرکاری قوانین کا غلط استعمال کرنے اور غریبوں کی زمین سے داموں ہتھیلے کی اجازت نہیں دی جاسکتی۔ فیڈرل گورنمنٹ نے کوئی سکیم بنانی ہے تو اسلام آباد کے دیہی کمینوں سے مارکیٹ ریٹ پر زمین خریدی جائے، قبضہ گردپ سرکاری ہوں یا پرائیویٹ انکومیرے دور وزارت میں اسلام آباد میں کسی سے زمین ہتھیلے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ ترجمان وزارت داخلہ کے مطابق وزیر داخلہ نے وفاقی دارالحکومت میں ہائوسنگ سوسائٹیز کے قیام کی غرض سے سرکاری قوانین کے تحت لینڈ ایکوزیشن پر پابندی لگا دی۔ ترجمان کے مطابق چودھری نثار نے بارہا کہو میں ہائوسنگ فائونڈیشن کے لئے سیکشن فور کے تحت حاصل کی گئی زمین کینسل کرنے اور سیکشن سیکرٹری داخلہ کو انکوائری کرنے کا حکم دیدیا۔ وزیر داخلہ نے چیف کمشنر کو بھی ہدایت کی ہے کہ اسلام آباد انتظامیہ کی ایسے عمل کا حصہ نہ بنے۔ وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ ایک مخصوص طبقے کے فائدے کیلئے سرکاری قوانین کا غلط استعمال کرنے اور غریبوں کی زمین سے داموں ہتھیلے کی اجازت دی جاسکتی۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق وزیر داخلہ چودھری نثار نے سرکاری قوانین کے تحت زمین کے حصول پر پابندی عائد کی۔ زمین سیکشن فور کے تحت حاصل کی گئی۔ غریبوں کی زمین سے داموں ہتھیلے کی اجازت نہیں دی جاسکتی۔ وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ مخصوص طبقے کے فائدے کیلئے سرکاری قوانین کا غلط استعمال نہیں ہونے دیں گے۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) پاکستان انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف میڈیکل سائنسز (پمز) میں دوران علاج میل نرس کی زیادتی کا نشانہ بننے والی معذور مریضہ دو ماہ بعد انتقال کر گئی جس کی تصدیق متاثرہ فیملی نے بھی کر دی۔ نجی ڈی وی کے مطابق اپریل کے دوسرے ہفتے کے شروع میں زیادتی کا نشانہ بننے والی صوبائی معذور لڑکی کو ونٹی لیٹر پر دو ماہ زندگی کی جنگ لڑنے کے بعد بالآخر انتقال کر گئی 3/4 پمز کے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر جاوید اکرم نے موقف اپنایا کہ مریضہ کے انتقال کا زیادتی سے تعلق نہیں 3/4 اس کا دماغ کام کرنا چھوڑ گیا تھا تاہم زیادتی کے حوالے سے ڈی این اے ٹیسٹ کی رپورٹ آنا ابھی باقی ہے 3/4 رپورٹ کے مطابق لڑکی کے لواحقین میڈیا پر آنے سے پہلے ہی گریز کر رہے تھے تاہم اب انتقال کے بعد بات کرنے سے انکاری

شدید گرمی، سندھ کے تعلیمی اداروں میں

قبل از وقت موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کا اعلان

ایکسپریس اردو

19 مئی 2016

چینی فرم کا پنجاب میں کوئلے سے 330

میگاواٹ بجلی کے منصوبے پر کام کرنے سے

انکار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

19 مئی 2016

وزیر داخلہ نے اسلام آباد میں ہائوسنگ

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18 مئی 2016

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 مئی 2016

ایک تقریب میں بتائی۔ پاکستانی سفیر نے کہا کہ یہ وظائف وزیراعظم، سیکٹر کے تحت دیئے جارہے ہیں۔ پاکستان میں تعلیم کے حصول کے لئے آنے والے افغان طلبہ کے لئے ایک الوداعی تقریب پاکستانی سفارت خانہ میں منعقد ہوئی۔ پاکستانی سفیر نے کہا کہ پاکستان افغانستان میں تعلیم کے فروغ اور معاشی ترقی میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہا ہے۔ پاکستان بلخ میں لیاقت علی خان انجینئرنگ یونیورسٹی تعمیر کر رہا ہے۔ ننگرہار یونیورسٹی میں سرسید پوسٹ گریجویٹ فیکلٹی برائے سائنس اور کابل یونیورسٹی میں علامہ اقبال فیکلٹی آف آرٹس تعمیر کر رہا ہے۔ پاکستانی سفیر نے بتایا کہ اب تک 35 ہزار سے زیادہ افغان طلبہ پاکستان میں تعلیم حاصل کر چکے ہیں۔

وظائف دے گا

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22 مئی 2016

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) پیمرانے ٹی وی چینل پر انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی، شخصی وقار کو مجروح اور خودکشی کے مناظر دکھانے پر پابندی لگادی ہے۔ ان قوانین کی پابندی نہ کرنے والے ٹی وی چینل کو بند کر دیا جائیگا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار چیئر مین پیمرانے البصار عالم نے پریس کانفرنس میں کیا۔ چیئر مین پیمرانے کہا کہ ٹی وی چینل کو خودکشی کے ڈرامائی مناظر، ڈانس اور پروگرام دکھانے پر پابندی لگادی گئی ہے، ٹی وی چینل پر چادر اور چار دیواری کے تقدس کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کرائم شو اسٹے آگے چلے گئے ہیں کہ پابندی لگانا پڑ رہی ہے۔ رمضان المبارک کی آمد آمد ہے اور رمضان شریف کے تقدس کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے ایسے پروگرامز نہ کئے جائیں جن میں متاثرہ شخص کی تصویر اور انٹرویو جاری ہوں، اس میں کسی کے شخصی وقار کو آج آج آئے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جرائم کی ڈرامائی تشکیل والے پروگرام پر کم رمضان سے پابندی لگائی جائے گی۔

پیمرانے ٹی وی چینل پر انسانی حقوق کی

خلاف ورزی، خودکشی کے مناظر دکھانے

پر پابندی لگادی خلاف ورزی پر چینل بند

کر دیا جائیگا: چیئر مین

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

21 مئی 2016

جھنگ: خوشاب روڈ پر ٹریفک حادثے میں 10 افراد جاں بحق اور 12 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق خوشاب روڈ پر ناصر آباد کے قریب بس اور ٹرک میں تصادم کے نتیجے میں 10 افراد جاں بحق اور 12 زخمی ہو گئے۔ امدادی ٹیموں کے اہلکاروں نے زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر فوری طور پر قریبی اسپتال منتقل کیا جہاں انھیں طبی امداد دی جا رہی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے جھنگ کے قریب ٹریفک حادثے میں قیمتی انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر گہرے دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے لواحقین سے دلی ہمدردی کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے حادثے میں زخمی ہونے والوں کو بہترین طبی سہولیات فراہم کرنے کی بھی ہدایت کی ہے۔

جھنگ کے قریب ٹریفک حادثے میں 10

افراد جاں بحق اور 12 زخمی

ایکسپریس اردو

21 مئی 2016

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) حکومت جاپان نے پاکستان میں پولیو وائرس کے خاتمے اور پاکستانی بچوں کو پولیو سے محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے تقریباً 59 ملین امریکی ڈالر (6.29 ملین یورو) کے آسان شرائط پر قرض کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ پاکستان میں جاپان کے سفیر تاکاشی کورائی اور اقتصادی امور ڈویژن کی ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری مسز امین انجم اسد نے اس سلسلے میں ایک معاہدے پر دستخط کئے اور دستاویزات کا تبادلہ کیا۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ سنیتھ محمد اسحاق ڈار بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔ جاپان کی طرف سے فراہم کئے جانے والے اس قرض سے پولیو خاتمہ مہم کے لئے اول پولیو یونیکس میں 273 ملین خوراکیں حاصل کی جائیں گی۔ حکومت جاپان 1996 سے پاکستان میں پولیو خاتمہ مہم میں امداد فراہم کر رہی ہے جس میں پولیو یونیکس کا حصول، کولڈ چین سسٹم کے ذریعے لاجسٹکس کی مضبوطی، جاپانی طبی مائزین کی فراہمی، ویکسینز کی ٹرینٹ میں بہتری لانا وغیرہ شامل ہیں۔ پاکستان میں جاپانی سفیر تاکاشی کورائی نے اس موقع پر اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج فراہم کی جانے والی 6.29 ملین روپے کی امداد حکومت جاپان کی طرف سے پاکستان کو اب تک فراہم کی جانے والی امداد میں سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ انہوں نے اس امداد کا اظہار کیا کہ فراہم کی جانے والی امداد پاکستان سے پولیو وائرس کے مکمل خاتمے کے لیے سنگ میل ثابت ہوگی۔

جاپان کا پاکستان میں پولیو کے خاتمے کیلئے

آسان شرائط پر 59 ملین ڈالر قرض کا

اعلان

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

20 مئی 2016

کراچی: وفاقی حکومت نے گرین لائن میٹرو منصوبے کے روٹ میں مزید توسیع کی منظوری دے دی ہے جس کے تمام تراخراجات وفاق ہی برداشت کرے گا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وفاقی حکومت نے کراچی کے شہریوں کے لئے سرکاری ٹاؤن سے شروع ہونے والے میگا ٹرانزٹ منصوبے کے روٹ میں توسیع کی منظوری دے دی ہے جو پہلے ایم اے جناح روڈ سے سیدھا ٹاور جارہا تھا تاہم اب روٹ میں تبدیلی کر دی گئی جو برنس روڈ، پاکستان چوک اور سندھ سیکریٹریٹ سے ہوتا ہوا ٹاور جائے گا۔ انجینئرز نے گرین لائن میٹرو منصوبے کے توسیعی روٹ اور ڈیزائن کی منظوری دے دی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ بورڈ آف چورنگی پر واقع کلاک ٹاور کو مسمار کر کے نیا کلاک ٹاور تعمیر کیا جائے گا جس کے تمام تراخراجات وفاق حکومت برداشت کرے گی۔ گرین لائن کے روٹ میں توسیع کے بعد بسوں اور اسٹاپس کی تعداد میں بھی اضافہ ہو گا اور مسافروں کی گنجائش بھی بڑھ جائے گی، 16 ارب روپے کی لاگت سے تیار ہونے والے میٹرو منصوبے کی لاگت میں 9 فیصد تک اضافے کا امکان ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گرین لائن میٹرو منصوبہ سرجانی سے گرومندرتک منظور کیا گیا تھا اور پھر جب وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے منصوبے کا سنگ بنیاد رکھا تو اس کے روٹ کو گرومندرتک ٹاور تک بڑھانے کا اعلان کیا تھا لیکن اب منصوبے کے روٹ میں مزید توسیع کر دی گئی ہے۔

وفاقی حکومت نے کراچی گرین لائن میٹرو

منصوبے کے روٹ میں توسیع کی منظوری

دید

ایکسپریس اردو

19 مئی 2016

گلگت بلتستان: وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے گلگت میں پاک چین آپٹیکل فائبر کیبل منصوبے کا سنگ بنیاد رکھ دیا جو 2 سال میں مکمل ہو جائے گا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے گلگت بلتستان میں پاک چین آپٹیکل فائبر کیبل منصوبے کا سنگ بنیاد رکھ دیا۔ پاک چین آپٹیکل فائبر کیبل منصوبہ 2 سال میں مکمل کیا جائے گا جس پر 4 ارب 40 کروڑ روپے لاگت آئے گی۔ خصوصی مواصلاتی ادارہ (ایس سی او)

گلگت میں پاک چین آپٹیکل فائبر کیبل

منصوبے کا سنگ بنیاد

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پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

لاہور (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے 36 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم آج بروز پیر سے شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ 43 ہزار سے زائد ٹیمیں گھر گھر جا کر موذی مرض سے بچنے کیلئے انسداد پولیو کے قطرے پلائیں گی۔ محکمہ صحت کے ذرائع کے مطابق صوبائی دارالحکومت سمیت 36 اضلاع میں ایک کروڑ 83 ہزار بچوں کو انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ قطرے پلانے کیلئے صوبہ بھر میں 43 ہزار سے زائد تشکیل دی گئی ہیں جو اپنے اپنے مقرر کردہ علاقوں میں فرائض سرانجام دیں گی۔

خیال رہے کہ پولیو پاکستان اور ہمسایہ ملک افغانستان میں وبائی صورتحال اختیار کیے ہوئے ہے جس پر عالمی اداروں کی جانب سے کئی بار تشویش کا اظہار کیا گیا تھا لیکن گزشتہ دنوں پاکستان میں عالمی ادارہ صحت کے نمائندے مائیکل تھیٹرن نے کہا ہے کہ اگلے چند ماہ میں پاکستان اور افغانستان سے پولیو کا خاتمہ ممکن ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سال ان دونوں ملکوں سے پولیو کے بہت کم کیس سامنے آئے۔ پولیو کے خاتمے کی مہم بھی پوری قوت سے جاری ہے اس لیے امید کی جاسکتی ہے کہ اگلے چند ماہ میں پاکستان اور افغانستان کو پولیو فری قرار دے دیا جائے۔ یاد رہے کہ اس وقت پوری دنیا میں پاکستان اور افغانستان ہی ایسے ممالک ہیں جہاں سے پولیو کو مکمل طور پر ختم نہیں کیا جاسکا ہے۔ ان دونوں ملکوں سے پولیو کے خاتمے کے بعد دنیا کو پولیو فری قرار دیا جاسکے گا۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) کثیرالجہتی فنڈ مونٹریال پروٹوکول نے پاکستان کے لئے 5.68 ملین ڈالر کی منظوری دے دی ہے کلین ٹیکنالوجی کے حوالے سے یہ دوسرے مرحلے کی رقم ہے۔ اس فنڈنگ کی منظوری دو ہفتے قبل فنڈ کے ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی نے دی تھی اس سے پاکستان کو ہائیڈروکلوروفلورو کاربن کے استعمال میں کمی لانے میں مدد ملے گی اور اس کے مکمل نفاذ سے 685000 ٹن کاربن ڈائی آکسائیڈ کے برابر گیسوں کا اخراج روکا جاسکے گا۔

صوبہ پنجاب میں گرمی کی غیر معمولی لہر کے باعث صوبائی حکومت نے 24 مئی سے تمام تعلیمی اداروں میں گرمیوں کی چھٹیوں کا اعلان کر دیا ہے تاہم نجی سکول مالکان نے حکومتی فیصلے پر تحفظات کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ لاہور سے صحافی عبدالناصر کے مطابق گرمی کی شدید لہر کی وجہ سے پنجاب حکومت نے اس سے قبل تعلیمی اداروں کے اوقات کار کم کر دیے تھے۔ پنجاب بھر کے تعلیمی اداروں میں قبل از وقت گرمیوں کی چھٹیوں کا فیصلہ وزیر تعلیم رانا مشہود احمد خان کی صدارت میں اتوار کو منعقدہ ہنگامی اجلاس میں کیا گیا جس کے مطابق پنجاب بھر کے تعلیمی اداروں میں 24 مئی سے 14 اگست تک موسم گرمیوں کی تعطیلات رہیں گی۔

اجلاس کے بعد پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب میں رانا مشہود احمد خان کا کہنا تھا کہ گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کی وجہ سے فوری چھٹیاں شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کیونکہ تعلیمی اداروں میں شدید گرمی کے باعث بچے سکولوں میں بے ہوش ہو رہے تھے، جبکہ محکمہ موسمیات کی پیشین گوئی کے مطابق 15 جون تک گرمی کی شدت میں کمی کا امکان نہیں ہے۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) بینظیر بھٹو انٹرنیشنل انرپورٹ کارن وے 23 مئی کو دوپہر 1 بجے سے شام 6 بجے تک 5 گھنٹے بند رہیگا۔ سول ایوی ایشن ترجمان نے بتایا کہ بینظیر انٹرنیشنل انرپورٹ کو مرمت کی غرض سے بند کیا جا رہا ہے اور اس دوران تمام پروازیں معطل رہیں گی۔

اسلام آباد (روزنامہ نوائے وقت میوزک) وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم شاہد خاقان عباسی نے کہا ہے کہ یکم جون سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی سے گفتگو کرتے شاہد خاقان عباسی نے بتایا کہ ہماری کوشش ہوگی کہ اضافے کا فیصلہ عالمی مارکیٹ کے مطابق کیا جائے گا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم روس اور ایران کے ساتھ مل کر گیس کے منصوبوں پر کام کر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ اس وقت ملک میں گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے۔ آف شور کمپنی سے متعلق ان کا کہنا تھا کہ آف شور کمپنی بنانا جرم نہیں لیکن غیر قانونی طریقے سے رقم منتقل کرنا جرم ہے۔

اسلام آباد (سپیشل رپورٹ) پاکستان چھ سو افغان طلبہ کو پاکستان میں تعلیم کے حصول کے لئے سکالرشپ دے گا۔ یہ طلبہ سال رواں کے دوران تعلیم کے حصول کے لئے پاکستان آئیں گے۔ یہ بات افغانستان میں پاکستان کے سفیر سید ابراہیم حسین نے کابل میں پاکستانی سفارت خانہ میں منعقدہ

پنجاب کے 36 اضلاع میں پولیو مہم کا آغاز، 43 ہزار ٹیمیں گھر گھر جا کر موذی مرض کی دوا دیں گی

روزنامہ پاکستان

23 مئی 2016

مونٹریال پروٹوکول فنڈ نے پاکستان کے لئے 5.68 ملین ڈالر کی منظوری دے دی

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23 مئی 2016

پنجاب میں شدید گرمی، سرکاری سکولوں میں چھٹیوں کا اعلان

بی بی سی اردو

22 مئی 2016

اسلام آباد: انرپورٹ کارن وے کل 5 گھنٹے بند رہیگا

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یکم جون سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے: شاہد خاقان عباسی

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پاکستان رواں سال 600 افغان طلباء کو

ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کانٹریبیوٹرز ڈیپارٹمنٹ (سی ٹی ڈی) نے خفیہ اطلاع پر دریائے چناب کے کنارے پر کارروائی کی جہاں دہشت گردوں سے مدد بھیڑ ہوئی جس کے نتیجے میں سی ٹی ڈی کی جوابی کارروائی میں 8 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کا عدم تنظیم القاعدہ سے ہے اور وہ ملتان یونیورسٹی پر حملے کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہے تھے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گردوں میں القاعدہ کے اہم کمانڈرز بھی شامل ہیں جن کی شناخت منیب جاوید عرف قندھاری، طیب نواز، رزاق، ذیشان اور ابو دجانہ کے نام سے ہوئی جب کہ دیگر ہلاک دہشت گردوں میں یونیورسٹی پر خود کش حملے کے لیے تیار دہشت گرد بھی مارا گیا ہے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام نے بتایا کہ دہشت گردوں کے قبضے سے 2 خود کش جیکٹس، 2 کلاشنکوف، 2 پستول، متعدد رائفلز اور 3 ہینڈ گرنیڈز برآمد ہوئے جب کہ کارروائی کے دوران دہشت گردوں کے 6 ساتھی رات کی تاریکی کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے فرار ہو گئے جن کی تلاش کے لیے سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: الیکشن کمیشن نے قومی و صوبائی اسمبلیوں کے ضمنی انتخابات میں پہلی بار الیکٹرانک ووٹنگ مشینوں کو تجرباتی بنیادوں پر استعمال کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ترجمان الیکشن کمیشن کے مطابق قومی و صوبائی اسمبلیوں کے ضمنی انتخابات میں الیکٹرانک ووٹنگ مشینوں کو تجرباتی بنیادوں پر استعمال کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے جب کہ الیکشن کمیشن نے بائیو میٹرک مشینوں کی خریداری کے لیے ٹینڈر جاری کر دیا ہے جس کی تفصیلات الیکشن کمیشن کی ویب سائٹ پر جاری کر دی گئی ہیں۔ ترجمان الیکشن کمیشن کے مطابق 400 الیکٹرانک ووٹنگ مشینوں اور 300 بائیو میٹرک ڈیوائسز خریدیں جائیں گی جو پائلٹ پراجیکٹ کے طور پر استعمال ہوں گی۔

8 دہشت گرد ہلاک، سی ٹی ڈی

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19 مئی 2016

الیکشن کمیشن کا ضمنی انتخاب میں پہلی بار

الیکٹرانک ووٹنگ مشین کے تجربے کا فیصلہ

ایکسپریس اردو

18 مئی 2016

ہلاک اور زخمی ہونے والی خواتین وہی تھیں جنہیں قبائلی علاقے سے یہاں لایا گیا تھا۔ مقامی لوگوں نے بتایا کہ حملہ آوروں میں ان خواتین کے رشتہ داروں کے ہمراہ بڑی تعداد میں شدت پسند بھی تھے۔ پولیس اس واقعہ کی تحقیقات کر رہی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ کئی مروت کی تحصیل نورنگ میں مسجد کے قریب ایک دھماکے سے ایک بچہ معمولی زخمی ہوا ہے۔ پولیس نے بتایا کہ یہ دھماکہ بچوں کے کھلونے سے ہوا تھا کوئی تخریبی کارروائی نہیں تھی۔ ادھر صوابی میں پولیس کو اطلاع موصول ہوئی تھی کہ کچھ شدت پسند ایک مکان میں روپوش ہیں جہاں چھاپا مارنے پر شدت پسندوں نے پولیس پر حملہ کیا۔ صوابی پولیس کے مطابق یہ واقعہ خزانہ گاؤں میں پیش آیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پولیس کے جوابی کارروائی میں دو شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے اور ایک سپاہی زخمی ہوا ہے۔

دشمن: شامی فوج کی وسطی علاقے الحولہ اور رستن میں فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں 7 بچوں سمیت 21 افراد ہلاک اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ غیر ملکی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق شام کے وسطی قصبے الحولہ اور اس سے ملحقہ علاقوں پر شامی فوج کی جانب سے ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے بیرل بم برسائے گئے جس کے نتیجے میں 4 بچوں سمیت 14 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ رستن پر فضائی بمباری سے 3 بچوں سمیت 7 افراد ہلاک ہوئے۔ برطانیہ میں قائم شامی رصدا گاہ برائے انسانی حقوق کے ڈائریکٹر رami عبد الرحمان نے واقعے کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ شام کی فوج نے وسطی قصبے الحولہ اور رستن سے ملحقہ دیگر علاقوں پر بیرل بم برسائے جب کہ انسانی حقوق کی تنظیمیں شامی فوج کو ان بیرل بموں کی وجہ سے متعدد مرتبہ تنقید کا نشانہ بن چکی ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ صوبہ حمص میں واقع رستن وہ واحد قصبہ ہے جس پر اب بھی باغیوں کا قبضہ اور 2 روز قبل اسی قصبے میں شامی فوج کی بمباری سے ایک ہی خاندان کے 13 افراد مارے گئے تھے جس میں 8 بچے بھی شامل تھے۔

اسلام آباد: سینیٹ میں مطلوبہ تعداد میں ارکان موجود نہ ہونے کے باعث 22 ویں آئینی ترمیم کی منظوری کو مؤخر کر دیا گیا جسے اب آئندہ اجلاس میں منظور کیا جائے گا۔ سینیٹ کا اجلاس چیرمین رضاربانی کی زیر صدارت ہوا جس میں وفاقی وزیر قانون زاہد حامد کی طرف سے 22 ویں آئینی ترمیم کا بل زیر غور لانے اور منظوری کے لیے ایجنڈے میں رکھا گیا تھا تاہم وزیر قانون نے کہا کہ اس وقت سینیٹ میں مطلوبہ تعداد میں ارکان نہیں ہیں اس لئے بل پر غور مؤخر کر دیا جائے جس پر پیٹل آف پرزائیڈنگ آفیسر زکے رکن سینیٹر جاوید عباسی نے بل پر غور مؤخر کر دیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اب 22 ویں آئینی ترمیم آئندہ اجلاس میں منظور کرائی جائے گی جو جلد بلائے جانے کا امکان ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ قومی اسمبلی میں گزشتہ روز 22 ویں آئینی ترمیم کو منظور کیا گیا تھا جس کے تحت الیکشن کمیشن کی تشکیل نو بھی کی جائے گی۔

کراچی: الیکشن کمیشن نے کراچی کے حلقہ پی ایس 127 میں ضمنی انتخاب کا شیڈول جاری کر دیا جس کے مطابق پولنگ 13 جولائی کو ہوگی۔ الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے جاری کردہ شیڈول کے مطابق کراچی کے حلقہ پی ایس 127 میں پولنگ 13 جولائی کو ہوگی جس کے لیے کاغذات نامزدگی 9 اور 10 جون کو وصول کیے جائیں گے جب کہ ان کی جانچ پڑتال 13 اور 14 جون کو ہوگی۔ واضح رہے کہ کراچی کے حلقہ پی ایس 127 کی نشست ایم کیو ایم کے سابق رہنما اشفاق منگی کے استعفیے سے خالی ہوئی تھی جو انہوں نے پاک سرزمین پارٹی میں شمولیت کے بعد چھوڑی۔

کراچی: الیکشن کمیشن نے 8 جون کو سندھ بھر کی مخصوص نشستوں پر بلدیاتی نمائندوں کے چناؤ کے لئے ہونے والی پولنگ ملتوی کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق الیکشن کمیشن نے مخصوص نشستوں پر انتخابات ایک بار پھر ملتوی کر دیئے ہیں جس کے بعد کراچی کے میئر، ڈپٹی میئر، چیرمین اور وائس چیرمین کا انتخاب ایک بار پھر کھٹائی میں پڑ گیا ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے سندھ ہائیکورٹ کے 4 اور 8 مئی کے فیصلوں کو جو ازناتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ عدالتی فیصلوں کی روشنی میں سندھ کی 448 مخصوص نشستوں پر انتخابات فی الوقت نہیں ہو سکتے۔ واضح رہے کہ 2 روز قبل الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے ریٹرننگ افسران کو بلدیاتی اداروں کے میئر، ڈپٹی میئر، چیرمین اور وائس چیرمین کے انتخابات کے لئے 20 مئی تک شیڈول جاری کرنے کا حکم دیا تھا جس کے لئے 8 جون کو پولنگ ہونا تھی تاہم سندھ ہائی کورٹ کی جانب سے حکم امتناع کے بعد سندھ میں میئر، ڈپٹی میئر، چیرمین اور وائس چیرمین کی 448 نشستوں کے لئے جاری انتخابی شیڈول کو ایک بار پھر مؤخر کر دیا گیا۔

کراچی: محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے شب برأت کے موقع پر کراچی سمیت صوبے بھر میں دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی جس کا نوٹی فیکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے شب برأت کے موقع پر صوبے بھر میں دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی جس کا نوٹی فیکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ نوٹیفیکیشن کے مطابق کراچی سمیت صوبے بھر میں دفعہ 144 کے تحت آتش بازی کرنے اور آتش بازی کا سامان فروخت کرنے پر پابندی ہوگی جب کہ ہر قسم کے کھلونا نام کا استعمال کو بھی ممنوع قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ محکمہ داخلہ سندھ کا کہنا ہے کہ دفعہ 144 کمشنر کراچی کی درخواست پر لگائی گئی ہے۔

ملتان: سی ٹی ڈی نے دریائے چناب کے کنارے کارروائی کے دوران القاعدہ کے اہم کمانڈروں سمیت 8 دہشت گردوں کی ہلاکت کا دعویٰ کیا

شام کے وسطی علاقوں میں فوج کی فضائی کارروائی، 7 بچوں سمیت 21 افراد ہلاک

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20 مئی 2016

سینیٹ میں ارکان کی مطلوبہ تعداد نہ ہونے پر 22 ویں آئینی ترمیم کے بل کی منظوری مؤخر

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20 مئی 2016

کراچی کے حلقہ پی ایس 127 پر پولنگ 13 جولائی کو ہوگی

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20 مئی 2016

سندھ بھر کی مخصوص نشستوں پر بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے پولنگ ملتوی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

20 مئی 2016

کراچی سمیت سندھ بھر میں شب برأت کے موقع پر دفعہ 144 نافذ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

19 مئی 2016

ملتان میں کارروائی کے دوران القاعدہ کے

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

کراچی (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) ریجنل زونل کھارادر اور سیٹائی میں کارروائی، 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

روزنامہ پاکستان

23 مئی 2016

ریجنل زونل کھارادر اور سیٹائی میں کارروائی، 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

روزنامہ پاکستان

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پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے وزیر بلدیات سردار مصطفیٰ خان ترین کے بیٹے کے اغوا کے سلسلے میں اب تک 18 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ہفتے کی شب جاری ہونے والے ایک اعلامیے کے مطابق یہ بات بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ میر سرفراز بگٹی کی زیر صدارت ایک اہم اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس کو بریفنگ کے دوران بتائی گئی جو پشین میں منعقد ہوئی۔ وزیر بلدیات کے صاحبزادے اسد خان ترین کے اغوا کا مقدمہ جمعے کے روزانہ کے بجائی کی مددیت میں پشین پولیس اسٹیشن میں درج کیا گیا تھا۔ 27 سالہ اسد خان ترین کیڈٹ کالج پشین میں آفیسر کے عہدے پر فائز ہیں۔ انھیں جمعے کے روز سہ پہر تین بجے نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے اس وقت اغوا کر لیا تھا جب وہ کیڈٹ کالج سے گھر جانے کے لیے نکلے تھے۔ رات دس بجے تک گھر نہ پہنچنے اور اس دوران گھر کے لوگوں سے رابطہ نہ ہونے پر جب ان کی تلاش شروع کی گئی تو ان کی گاڑی پشین شہر کے قریب کلی ترائے سے ملی۔ اس لحاظ سے سات گھنٹے گزرنے کے بعد ان کے رشتہ داروں اور سرکاری حکام کو یہ معلوم ہوا تھا کہ وہ اغوا ہوئے ہیں۔ بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے وزیر داخلہ نے بتایا کہ اغوا کاروں نے اس سات گھنٹے کا فائدہ اٹھایا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ ایک بڑا واقعہ اور حکومت کے لیے چیلنج ہے۔ مغوی کی بازیابی کے لیے بڑے پیمانے پر کوششیں شروع کر دی گئی ہیں۔ پشین کوئٹہ شہر سے تقریباً 50 کلومیٹر کے فاصلے پر شمال میں واقع ہے۔ وہاں کی آبادی مختلف پشتون قبائل پر مشتمل ہے، اور وہاں کے بڑے قبائل میں ترین اور کاثر شامل ہیں۔ بلوچستان کے وزیر بلدیات پشین اور اس سے متصل ضلع قلعہ عبداللہ میں آباد ترین قبائل کے سردار ہیں۔ اہم قبائلی شخصیت ہونے کے علاوہ ان کا شمار قوم پرست جماعت پشتونخوا ملی عوامی پارٹی کے اہم رہنماؤں میں بھی ہوتا ہے۔ وزیر داخلہ نے بتایا کہ یہ بتانا قبل از وقت ہو گا کہ اس واقعے میں کون سے عناصر ملوث ہیں تاہم وہ قانون کی گرفت سے نہیں بچ سکیں گے۔ میر سرفراز بگٹی نے بتایا کہ افغانستان سے متصل سرحدی علاقوں میں بھی گمرانی سخت کر دی گئی ہے۔

پاکستان کے شہر کراچی میں نامعلوم افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے دو پولیس اہلکاروں کو ہلاک کر دیا ہے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ ملزمان فائرنگ کے بعد فرار ہو گئے ہیں۔ سینجر کوٹریٹک پولیس کے اہلکاروں کو کراچی علاقے عائشہ منزل کے قریب نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ نامعلوم افراد نے ٹریفک پولیس کے اہلکاروں کو قریب سے کئی گولیاں ماری اور فرار ہو گئے۔ اس واقعے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار موقع پر ہلاک ہو گیا جبکہ دوسرا ہسپتال لے جاتے ہوئے دم توڑ گیا۔ فائرنگ کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لینے کے بعد سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا۔ پولیس کو جائے وقوعہ سے نان ایم ایم کے خول ملے ہیں۔ یاد رہے کہ کراچی میں اس سے قبل بھی کئی مرتبہ شدت پسندوں نے پولیس اہلکاروں کو نشانہ بنایا ہے جبکہ کچھ ماہ قبل کراچی میں تعینات ریجنل زونل کھارادر کو نامعلوم افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کر دیا تھا۔ کراچی میں شدت پسند اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف آپریشن سنہ 2013 میں شروع ہوا تھا۔ آپریشن سے شہر میں امن و امان کی صورت حال قدرے بہتر ہوئی ہے لیکن پولیس سمیت دیگر افراد کی نارگٹ کلنگ کے واقعات رپورٹ ہوتے رہے ہیں

خیبر پختونخوا کے جنوبی ضلع کی مروت کے علاقے میں نامعلوم افراد نے ایک مکان میں گھس کر خاتون سمیت دو افراد کو ہلاک کر دیا جبکہ ایک خاتون زخمی ہوئی ہیں۔ حملہ آور دو افراد کو مغوی بنا کر ساتھ لے گئے ہیں۔ سینجر کوٹریٹک مروت میں پیش آنے والا یہ اپنی نوعیت کا ایک منفرد واقعہ ہے۔ پولیس اہلکاروں نے بتایا کہ سیکورٹی اہلکاروں کی وردی میں ملبوس 20 سے 25 افراد نے تجویزی میں سگنی کے مقام پر ایک مکان کو گھیرے میں لیا اور ایسا تاثر دیا گیا جیسے سیکورٹی اہلکار سرچ آپریشن کر رہے ہیں۔ سگنی گاؤں نیم قبائلی علاقے ایف آر کی کے قریب واقع ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق مسلح افراد نے ایک مکان میں گھس کر وہاں کینیوں کے شناختی کارڈ دیکھے اور اس کے بعد فائرنگ کر کے ایک خاتون سمیت دو افراد کو ہلاک کر دیا جبکہ ایک خاتون زخمی ہوئی اور دو افراد کو مسلح افراد اغوا کر کے ساتھ لے گئے۔ ایسی اطلاعات ہیں کہ گاؤں کے لوگوں نے مسلح افراد کا پیچھا کیا اور ایک شخص کو گرفتار کیا جس کے بعد دونوں مغویوں کو بازیاب کر لیا گیا ہے لیکن سرکاری ذرائع سے اس کی تصدیق نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ کچھ عرصہ پہلے قبائلی علاقے بکھیل سے دو خواتین کو اغوا کر کے یہاں کی مروت لایا گیا تھا جن سے دو مقامی افراد نے ان سے شادی کر لی تھی۔

کراچی: نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے دو پولیس اہلکار ہلاک

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کلی مروت: نامعلوم افراد کا چھاپہ، دو افراد اغوا

بی بی سی اردو

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نوٹیفکیشن پر عمل نہ کر نیوالے سکولوں کی رجسٹریشن منسوخ ہو سکتی ہے۔

لاہور (دنیا نیوز) گرمی سے نڈھال بچوں کو مکمل نہیں تو آدھا ریلیف مل ہی گیا، اسکول کے اوقات کار تبدیل ہونے سے بچے خوش ہیں، جلدی جائیں گے، جلد واپس آئیں گے۔ گرمی نے بچوں کی بس کرا دی، چھٹیوں کے مطالبے نے زور پکڑا تو آل پاکستان پرائیویٹ اسکولز فیڈریشن نے نئے اوقات کار جاری کر دیے۔ نئے اوقات کار جاری ہونے کے بعد پہلے دن تمام نجی اسکولز میں تو اس پر عملدرآمد نہیں ہو سکا۔ تاہم شیڈول تبدیل ہونے کے بعد پوری نہ سہی، آدھی چھٹی ہی سہی۔ پنجاب بھر کے سرکاری سکول بھی ساڑھے سات بجے کھلے جہاں چھٹی گیارہ بجے ہو کرے گی۔ بچے خوش ہیں کہ

پنجاب: شدید گرمی کے باعث سرکاری اور
نجی اسکولوں کے اوقات کار تبدیل

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کے دوران موسم گرم اور مرطوب رہے گا، کراچی سمیت ساحلی علاقوں میں مطلع جزوی ابر آلود رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ کراچی میں 10 سے 22 نات کی رفتار سے ہوائیں چلنے کا امکان ہے۔ کراچی میں درجہ حرارت 35 سے 37 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ دوسری طرف راولپنڈی اسلام آباد میں سورج آگ برسا رہا ہے، موسم کا حال بتانے والوں نے آج شام رات کو اسلام آباد، فانا، راولپنڈی، پشاور، کوہاٹ، فیصل آباد، لاہور ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ ہلکی بارش کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ صبح کے وقت جڑواں شہروں میں درجہ حرارت 33 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا جو دن میں 43 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچنے کا امکان ہے۔ گزشتہ روز سب سے زیادہ گرمی دادو اور جیکب آباد میں پڑی جہاں پارہ 51 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا، جبکہ سی، لاڑکانہ، کوٹ ادو، تربت، سکھر، 50، مونیو، دادو، رحیم یار خان، نور پور قتل، بہاولنگر، بہاولپور 49، پٹنہ، بھکر، ڈی جی خان 48، اوکاڑہ، شہید بینظیر آباد، روہڑی، ملتان، ڈی آئی خان، خانیو، کوہاٹ میں درجہ حرارت 47 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

لاہور + اسلام آباد (نیوز پورٹر + نامہ نگاران + نیوز ایجنسیاں) شدید گرمی کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا جس کے باعث مزید 6 افراد دم توڑ گئے جبکہ درجنوں افراد بیہوش ہو گئے جبکہ گرمی میں طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری رہا جس کے باعث کاروبار زندگی شدید متاثر رہے اور لوگ سراپا احتجاج بنے رہے۔ کئی علاقوں میں پانی کی بھی شدید قلت رہی۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ کی خلاف لاہور میں احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا اور لیسکو آفس کا گھیراؤ کر کے مظاہرین نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔

پراونشل ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی (پی ڈی ایم اے) پنجاب نے صوبے میں رواں ہفتے گرمی کی شدید لہر کا الرٹ جاری کر دیا جبکہ لاہور میں درجہ حرارت مئی میں ہی 48 سنٹی گریڈ ہو گیا ہے۔ پنجاب کے بعض میدانی علاقوں میں درجہ حرارت 50 ڈگری تک پہنچ سکتا ہے۔ دوسری جانب ذرائع کے مطابق شہری علاقوں میں 6 سے 8 گھنٹے، دیہی علاقوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 12 سے 16 گھنٹے تک جا پہنچا ہے۔ لاہور کے علاقے کوٹ لکھپت میں بجلی کی طویل غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے ستائے شہریوں نے لیسکو کے سب ڈویژن کا گھیراؤ کر لیا اور شدید نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔ شیخوپورہ سے نامہ نگار خصوصی کے مطابق شہر اور اس کے نواحی علاقوں میں شدید ترین گرمی پڑی جس کے باعث ایک محنت کش کام کے دوران دل کا دورہ پڑنے سے دم توڑ گیا، حیدر آباد قتل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق حیدر آباد قتل اور گرد و نواح میں سورج آگ برساتا رہا۔ شدید گرمی کے باعث ایک شخص دم توڑ گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہی۔ گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کے بعد گرڈ سٹیشن اور لوڈ ہوسٹا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ جس کی وجہ سے بجلی کی بندش کے دورانیے میں اضافہ ہو کر 10 گھنٹے تک پہنچ گیا ہے۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی کی ٹرپنگ اور ووٹنگ کے ڈراپ ہونے کا مسئلہ بڑھ گیا ہے۔ اقبال ٹاؤن (گلشن بلاک) الحمد کا لوئی، جوہر ٹاؤن، سمن آباد، پاکستان منٹ، داروغہ والا، کوٹ لکھپت و دیگر میں ٹرپنگ کا مسئلہ شدت اختیار کر گیا ہے۔

نمائندگان کے مطابق منڈی فیض آباد میں مسلسل آٹھ گھنٹے بجلی بند رہنے کی وجہ سے لوگ سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ ادھر گھڑ منڈی میں گرمی کی شدت برداشت نہ کر سکتے پر 70 سالہ نسیم حسن صدیقی سکنہ محلہ عثمانیہ دل کا دورہ پڑنے سے جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں 2 خواتین بیہوش ہو گئیں۔ گوجرانوالہ میں سورج کے آنکھیں دکھاتے ہی گیسپکونے بھی اپنا رنگ دکھانا شروع کر دیا۔ شہری علاقوں میں 8 سے دس بجہ دیہی علاقوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ دس سے بارہ گھنٹے تک جا پہنچا۔ حافظ آباد میں گرمی کی شدید لہر کے باعث درجنوں طلبہ و طالبات ہڑتال ہو گئے۔ کامو کے میں شدید گرمی سے لوگ بے حال ہو گئے۔ بجلی کی مسلسل 2-2 گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ سے ہر شہری سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ ادھر سکھر کی تحصیل روہڑی میں شدید گرمی کے باعث ایک خاتون سمیت 3 افراد دم توڑ گئے۔ ادھر نارنگ منڈی و گرد و نواح میں بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ سیکنڈ لوگ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث نماز جمعہ بھی ادا نہ کر سکے اور سراپا احتجاج بنے رہے۔ محلہ صدر بازار میں گرمی کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے دو عورتوں سمیت پانچ افراد بے ہوش ہو گئے۔

ادھر مرید کے میں شدید لوڈ شیڈنگ کی خلاف لوگوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا اور نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔ نکانہ صاحب میں بھی شدید گرمی رہی اور لوگ گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ بچکی میں شدید گرمی سے ایک سرکاری سکول میں انجم جماعت طالبہ بیہوش ہو گئی جبکہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری رہا۔ آئی این پی کے مطابق وزارت پانی و بجلی نے کہا ہے کہ ملک میں شدید گرمی کے اوقات میں کہیں بھی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہو رہی۔ ترمہان وزارت و بجلی نے جمعہ کو اپنے ایک بیان میں کہا کہ بیک آورز میں کہیں بھی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں کی جارہی۔ شہری علاقوں میں چھ گھنٹے جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں آٹھ گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جارہی ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں سکھر میں طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کی خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا اور پیکٹیک کی خلاف شدید نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔ این این آئی کے مطابق کراچی میں گرمیوں کی چھٹیوں کے اعلان کے باوجود کچھ نجی سکولز جمعہ کو بھی کھلے رہے۔ سیکرٹری تعلیم نے نجی سکولوں کے کھلنے کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ تمام نجی سکول حکومتی فیصلہ ماننے کے پابند ہیں، تعطیلات کے اعلان کے بعد کھلنے والے سکولوں کی خلاف کارروائی کی جائیگی۔ دوسری جانب ڈائریکٹر زپر ایجوکیشن سکولز کا کہنا ہے کہ طلبہ کو ہیٹ اسٹروک سے بچانے کے لئے تعطیلات کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا،

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لاہور/ساہیوال/واشنگٹن (نیوز رپورٹر + نمائندہ خصوصی + نامہ نگاران) ملک بھر میں گرمی کی شدید لہر جاری ہے جس کی وجہ سے ساہیوال میں لوگنے سے 11 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ درجہ حرارت رواں سال کی بلند ترین سطح 48 سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا۔ 15 سالہ شمن، 60 سالہ ریاض، 30 سالہ رحمت بی بی، 90 سالہ شگفتہ اور 60 سالہ ظہور لوگنے سے بے ہوش ہو گئے، جنہیں سول ہسپتال ساہیوال لایا گیا جہاں وہ دم توڑ گئے جبکہ کھیتوں میں کام کرنے اور زیر تعمیر عمارتوں میں مزدوری کرنے والے درجنوں افراد گرمی کے سبب بیہوش ہو گئے، راسے ٹاؤن کا ٹرانسپارمر بھی جل گیا، بجلی کی سپلائی کئی گھنٹے سے معطل ہے۔ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران گرمی کی شدت میں اضافہ کا امکان ہے۔ ٹھنڈے مشروبات اور شربتوں کی مانگ میں اضافہ ہو گیا، گرمی کی شدت کے ساتھ ہی بجلی کی بندش کے دورانیے میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا جس کی وجہ سے کاروبار زندگی بھی متاثر ہوا۔ سرکاری سکولوں میں بچوں کا براہ حال تھا والدین نے حکومت سے فوری طور پر تعطیلات کا مطالبہ کر دیا۔ سیالکوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرمی میں شدت آنے کے ساتھ ہی بجلی کی لوڈشیڈنگ سے شہری مشکلات کا شکار ہیں۔ دیہات میں 10 سے 11 گھنٹے بجلی بند ہو رہی ہے۔ ٹیوب ویل نہ چلنے کی وجہ سے پانی کی بھی متعدد علاقوں میں قلت ہے۔ سمبڑیال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرمی کے باعث سڑکیں، بازار، گلی محلے سنسان رہے، سکولوں میں بچوں کی حاضری بھی معمول سے کم رہی۔ نوجوانوں نے نہروں، دریاؤں، ٹیوب ویلز اور سونٹنگ پوز کا رخ کر لیا ہے۔ گوجرانوالہ سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق گیسکو کے تمام تردد عموں کے باوجود بجلی لوڈشیڈنگ کا دورانیہ بے قابو، کئی علاقوں میں گھنٹوں طویل بریک ڈاؤن سے کاروبار زندگی ٹھپ، پینے کا پانی نایاب ہو گیا، ہفتہ کے روز شہر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں تقریباً 6 گھنٹوں کا بریک ڈاؤن رہا۔ گرمی کی شدت نے جہاں معمولات زندگی کو مفلوج کیا وہاں پاکستان ریلویز کے انجنوں نے بھی جواب دینا شروع کر دیا۔

لاہور میں گرمی کی شدت کی وجہ سے گیسٹر اور ڈائریا کی وبا پھیلنے سے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ان بیماریوں میں مبتلا مریضوں کا رش بڑھ گیا گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ان بیماریوں میں مبتلا 2 ہزار کے قریب مریض مختلف ہسپتالوں میں آئے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج شام کے بعد درجہ حرارت میں کمی اور بارش کے امکانات ہیں۔ لاہور میں گرمی کی شدت کے بعد بجلی کی بندش کا دورانیہ بڑھ گیا۔ بجلی کا خسارہ بڑھنے کی وجہ سے بجلی کی جزیں میں کمی ہے۔ لوڈشیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 10 گھنٹے تک ہو گیا۔ لاہور میں بجلی کی وولٹیج میں مسلسل کمی بیشی سے صارفین کی قیمتی الیکٹرونکس اشیاء جلنا شروع ہو گئی ہیں۔ مرید کے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرمی سے سکولوں کے متعدد بچے اور اساتذہ بے ہوش ہو گئے جس پر والدین نے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا اور فوری چھٹیوں کا مطالبہ کیا ہے اور کہا اگر بچوں کو کچھ ہو تو مقدمہ درج کرائیں گے۔ شیخوپورہ سے نامہ نگار خصوصی کے مطابق آسمان سے آگ برستی رہی، اس دوران سرکاری اور پرائیویٹ سکولوں میں لوڈشیڈنگ کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 43 طلباء و طالبات کے بے ہوش ہونے کی اطلاعات ملی ہیں۔ نارنگ مٹی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق کئی مقامات پر شدید گرمی کے باعث بجلی کے ٹرانسپارمر جل گئے۔ پتوکی سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ کی وجہ سے صنعتی و تجارتی سرگرمیاں ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گئیں۔ واشنگٹن میں نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق امریکی قومی ادارے نیشنل کے مطابق دنیا بھر میں درجہ حرارت میں فروری 2015 سے مسلسل اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا ہے۔ (NOAA) اور نیشنل اینڈ ایڈمیٹریٹو سفیر ایڈمنسٹریشن ادارے کے مطابق دنیا میں زمین اور ساحل سمندر کا اپریل 2016 میں درجہ حرارت 1.10 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ 1.98 فارن ڈگری 20 ویں صدی کا اوسط زیادہ درجہ حرارت ہے اس سے قبل 137 سال قبل 1880 میں درجہ حرارت میں ایسا اضافہ دیکھا گیا تھا۔ شدید گرمی کی تاب نہ لا کر نواحی گاؤں پیر بخش کھوسو کا رہائشی 65 سالہ ساون بھیل اور گاؤں جاتی چروار کی رہائشی خاتون حسینہ میاں جاں بحق ہو گئی۔ ٹنڈو جام میں گرمی سے ایک شخص ہلاک اور درجنوں بے ہوش ہو گئے۔ خیبر پور میں شدید گرمی 3 سالہ بچی فوت ہو گئی۔ ادھر شہداد کوٹ میں شہر گرمی کے نتیجے میں دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔

ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں گرمی کی شدت

آج بھی برقرار

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لاہور (دنیا نیوز) ملک کے میدانی علاقوں میں گرمی کی شدت آج بھی برقرار رہے گی، سورج آنکھیں دکھائے گا مگر گرمی کا زور آج رات ٹوٹ جائے گا، موسم کی خبر دینے والے کہتے ہیں اتوار کی رات سے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش کا امکان ہے۔ لاہور کا موسم آج بھی گرم اور خشک رہے گا، درجہ حرارت 45 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچے گا۔ موسم کا حال بتانے والوں کے مطابق زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت 45 ڈگری اور کم سے کم 29 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ہو گا۔ تاہم ہلکی ہوا سا رادن چلتی رہے گی، ہوا میں نمی کا تناسب صرف 26 فیصد تک رہ جائے گا جس سے موسم قدرے بہتر ہونے کا امکان ہے۔ جبکہ کراچی سمیت ساحلی علاقوں میں مطلع جزوی ابر آلود رہنے اور تیز ہوائیں چلنے کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں آئندہ 24 گھنٹے



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31 پنجاب شدید گرمی کے باعث سرکاری اور نجی اسکولوں کے اوقات کار تبدیل

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29 کراچی سمیت سندھ بھر میں شب برات کے موقع پر دفعہ 144 نافذ

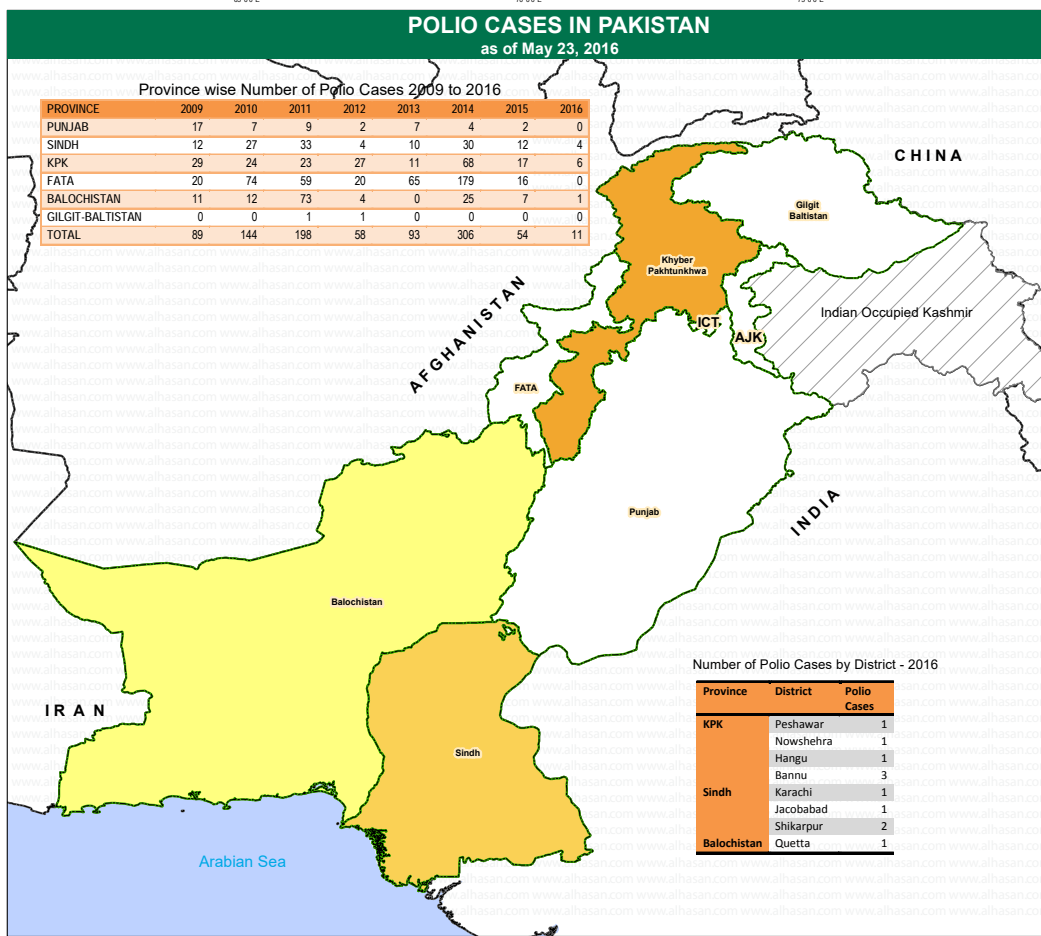
28 الیکشن کمیشن کا ضمنی انتخاب میں پیپل بارالیکٹرانک ووٹنگ مشین کے تجربے کا فیصلہ

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