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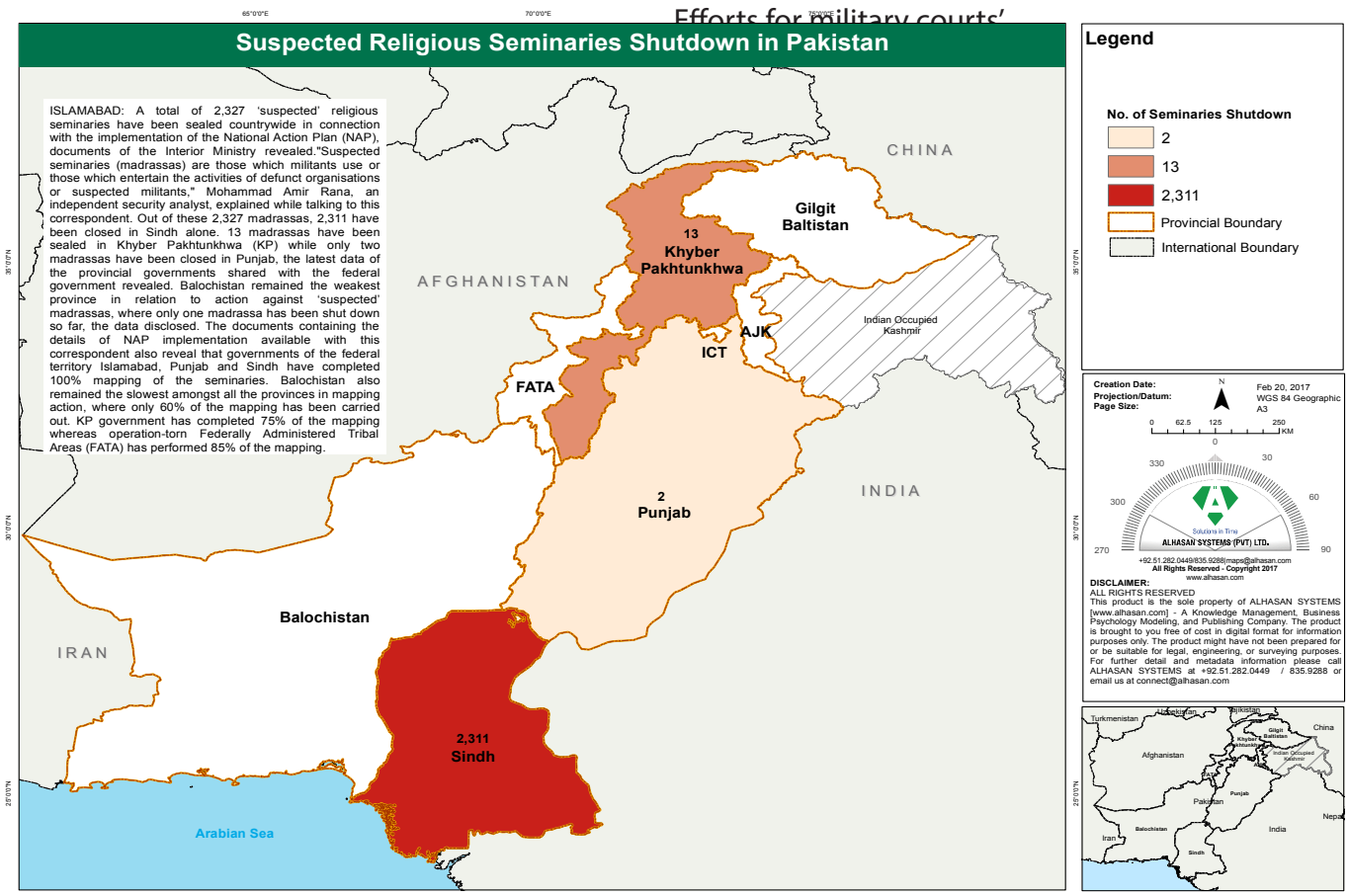
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Avalanche kills seven near Lowari Tunnel

*The Nation, February 20, 2017*

#### NDMA prepares framework for vulnerable, low-income communities

*Express Tribune, February 20, 2017*

### DETAILS

**CHITRAL:** At least seven labourers died and seven others sustained injuries when an avalanche hit an auto-workshop of a Korean company near Lowari Tunnel in Chitral on Sunday February 19, 2017.

According to deputy commissioner's control room in Chitral, an avalanche hit an auto-workshop of Korean construction company Sambo, burying several labourers busy working at the workshop. Rescue work was launched on emergency basis using the available machinery on the site. After hectic efforts, seven dead bodies were recovered, while seven injured were taken out from the site, official at the control room informed.

Deputy Commissioner Chitral Shahab Hameed Yousafzai informed APP that avalanche triggered by continuous heavy snowfall hit a nearby mountain rock on the top of the workshop of Korean company, working on construction of 8.5 km long Lowari Tunnel.

Workshop was hit by landsliding and avalanche at 11.00 am as a result 14 people were buried under the debris and heavy stones and rocks. Chitral Levies, Chitral Scouts and Chitral Police along with local volunteers took part in rescue operation.

The dead were identified as Rehmat Zada, Jalal and Rehmat Ghazi alias Ilyas, who were stated to be local residents of Daroosh village of district Chitral, while the other four labourers, who also died, belonged to Punjab. They were identified as Haji Iftikhar, Kamran, Asif and Nadeem.

The injured were identified as Zamurd Hussain, Altaf Hussain and Qaiser Hussain from Punjab, Shakeel, Gul Alam, Bahadar Shah and Mujeeb from district Chitral. The wounded labourers were taken to district headquarters hospital. However, two of them who are stated to be serious were referred to Peshawar for treatment.

According to AFP, four more labourers were trapped beneath the snow. Officials said the ill-fated labourers were technicians, who were busy in repairing heavy machinery being used for widening Lowari Tunnel. Despite the fear of more snow boulders falling from top of the mountains and continuous rain and heavy snowfall in the area, rescuers continued their work. Labourers working with Sambo, local administration and Provincial Disaster Management Authority took part in the rescue operation.

Earlier this month, at least 13 people had been killed and 20 homes were destroyed by avalanches and heavy rain which cut off district Chitral from the rest of the country. It is worth mentioning here that an avalanche hit Chitral Scouts post a few years back and as a result seven soldiers were killed. Another avalanche killed four people in 2014.

APP adds: When contacted District Police Officer Syed Akbar Ali Shah informed that heavy avalanche hit house and cattle house of Kabeeruddin, resident of Ajoon goal, Garamchishma area as a result 25 cattle died under the debris of avalanche but people of the house were survived miraculously.

DC Chitral informed that roads of Arkari Valley, Broghul Kan Khoun are still blocked due to heavy snowfall and we are trying our best to open them very soon. Former Nazim Union Council Khot Imran Ali Shah while talking to this agency said that Nazak Wali Shah was killed and two others injured. The injured were identified as Azam Khan and Qurban Sharif. Bodies of the victims were retrieved by local volunteers from the snow. Meanwhile, main roads and link roads remain closed due to heavy snowfall and landsliding in the valley leading to shortage of food and increasing problems for local residents. Snowfall also continued in Yarkhoun Lasht and Kankhoun Valley.

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is preparing to have a national disaster insurance network in a bid to protect vulnerable and low-income communities from risks and aftermaths of occurring natural disasters in the country.

According to an NDMA official, the framework would address the challenges of rehabilitating affected communities as a result of extreme weather adversities. "The Government is committed to develop a more proactive approach to cope with these climate challenges, by putting effective ex-ante and ex-post disaster risk management measures in place", said the NDMA official.

The project is being executed by NDMA in collaboration with Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) and the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII).

In the first phase of the "Developing a Disaster Insurance Framework for Pakistan" project, MCII undertook a detailed review of the current hazard data and approaches being practised in Pakistan on the management of natural hazard risks and disasters, the official added. It also reviewed existing national insurance funds worldwide and conducted an extensive stakeholder dialogue in the country that culminated in five possible fund design options. The government is also endeavouring to set up a national fund that has adequate resources before disaster strikes, said the NDMA official.

A total of 1410 households in Rawalpindi, Charsadda, Poonch, Ziarat and Tharparkar were surveyed to understand their awareness level about climate change and how they cope with floods and droughts. The prime focus of the initial phase of the project, the official explained, was on understanding and assessing the risk profiles of the aforementioned areas. It implied gathering, compiling, processing and analysing exposure data of affected communities and examining hazard patterns and their interrelationships, the official said. The NDMA official maintained that in order to become more resilient, countries were required to implement practical measures that would improve their ability to recover from ongoing and future climatic disasters and risks. In Pakistan,

## DGHS reviews vertical health programmes

*Pak Observer, February 19, 2017*

low-income communities are always more vulnerable to climate changes and disasters because the severity of the impacts they face is usually greater than their ability to respond and recover from it.

Dr Faisal Zahoor, Director General Health Services Punjab called internal review meeting of all the vertical programmes and other functional arms of the Directorate. All the programme managers were directed to review their annual development plan expenditure and future requirements for necessary action.

Dr. Faisal desired to develop innovative health interventions to improve the healthcare deliver services in the province. Dengue seasonal response preparedness was discussed in detail. He directed to complete staff refresher trainings, intensify surveillance, and launch dengue awareness campaign. Discussing the polio situation in the province, the DGHS reviewed the polio campaign in response to the polio case reported in Lodhran. Dr Faisal directed to improve routine EPI coverage which is core requirement to maintain immunity level in the children and prerequisite to polio eradication.

Meanwhile, Punjab AIDS Control Programme (PACP) has setup month-long free medical camp for truck and bus drivers at Okara Goods Transport Welfare Association Office.

Punjab AIDS Control Programme was providing free test facility for Hepatitis B & C, TB, Diabetes, Blood Group and HIV. PACP will also provide free treatment for Hepatitis and HIV positive patients. The event was inaugurated by Chairman Municipal Corporation District Okara Malik Ali Qadir. Punjab AIDS Control Programme representative Yasir Abbas Mirza facilitated the camp. Chairman Municipal Corporation District Okara Malik Ali Qadir said that the camp was an opportunity for truck and bus drivers to get free tests. The Programme would also start similar camps in other busy centers for truck drives in all key districts across the province.

## Wind, rain, heat: Health risks grow with extreme weather

*Pak Observer, February 19, 2017*

As climate change proceeds, there will be more extreme weather events, and these events pose a threat to people's health, experts say. The annual number of natural disasters appears to be increasing around the world, said Dr. Mark Keim, an emergency-medicine physician and the founder of DisasterDoc LLC. These include, for example, not only weather- and water-related disasters, but also geological disasters, such as earthquakes, and biological disasters, such as pandemics.

Data from the past 50 years show that 41 percent of all global disasters are related to extreme weather or water events, Keim said here on Thursday (Feb. 16), at the Climate & Health Meeting, a gathering of experts from public health organizations, universities and advocacy groups that focused on the health impacts of climate change.

Experts in climate change predict that extreme weather events will increase in either frequency or severity, and these events are a very serious public health burden, Keim told Live Science. Extreme-weather events fall into three categories: high-precipitation disasters (such as hurricanes and tornadoes), low-precipitation disasters (heat, droughts and wildfires) and sea-level rise disasters, Keim said. High-precipitation and low-precipitation disasters are currently affecting the United States, he added. High-precipitation disasters, which include storms, floods and landslides, can kill people in a variety of ways, Keim said. People can die from falls, electrocutions (from downed power lines), drowning (for example, during a hurricane) or asphyxiation (in a landslide), Keim said. In the United States, more deaths occur during the clean-up phase of hurricanes than during the actual storms, he added. Data show that among people with any type of severe injuries, 50 percent die immediately, and another 30 percent of severely injured people die within the first hour, Keim said. (These data apply to any type of severe injury, from car accidents to hurricanes, he said. That means that 80 percent of all deaths from severe injuries occur within 1 hour of the event, which is deemed "the golden hour," he said. But during a disaster, with winds blowing or the earth shaking, it's nearly impossible to reach victims within that golden hour, Keim said. So if doctors and experts want to reduce the number of deaths, they need to take a different approach: prevention, Keim said. Deaths from tornadoes, for example, have decreased tenfold over the past 30 years, thanks to improved communication about storms and education, he said. Improved forecasting and early warnings allow people to get out of the area, he added.

## New weather system lashes northern Pakistan with rain and snowfall

*Geo News, February 18, 2017*

**ISLAMABAD:** The recent rain and snowfall are expected to continue over the next 24-hours with rain and thunderstorms forecast over the next 48-hours according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD).

According to the latest PMD forecast, rain and snowfall to continue in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan, Kashmir while rain has been forecast for Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Lahore, Faisalabad division as well as in Quetta, Zhob divisions.

Isolated heavy rain and snowfall over the hills in Malakand, Hazara divisions and in Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan are also expected. The 48-hour forecast predicts rain with thunderstorms over the hills in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. Scattered rainfall has been forecast for Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Sargodha, Lahore, Faisalabad with the trend continuing in northern Balochistan as well as Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan.

## Babies starving as food runs low in Pakistan's drought-hit Tharparkar district

*ABC News, February 18, 2017*

**Pakistan's Tharparkar district is entering its third straight year of drought, with nearly 200 deaths since January — many of them children, writes Ashraf Ali.**

As I travel through the drought devastated Tharparkar district of Sindh province I am overcome in equal measure by shame and sorrow. Already, I have encountered Jamna, who was taken to hospital only after developing fits at home. "She started shivering and stopped her food intake to become weak day by day," Jamna's grandmother Kasturi said. "A day later she started coughing severely that prompted us to get her into a local health facility." Then Jamna, 18 months old, was shifted to the district hospital at Mithi, the regional centre, where doctors diagnosed her as suffering from severe acute malnutrition.



## Budgetary proposal of Climate Change Division discussed

*Pak Observer, February 17, 2017*

## 5000 houses to be checked daily

*Pak Observer, February 17, 2017*

Kasturi, who is 57, lives with 11 family members in a hut in the village of Moduru, located near the Pakistan-India border and 380 kilometres east of Karachi. She works at a farm along with her husband, Popu Chand, to feed their family. Jamna's mother, as custom dictates, must minimise her contact with men and attend to home duties. This is the third consecutive year of drought. Officially it has claimed 185 people, mostly children, since the beginning of January. Independent sources put the figure at well over 200.

**Locals left without food, drinking water:** The country's National Commission for Human Rights has demanded a report from the Sindh Government and will send in a team to assess the crisis. There are accusations more food aid should have been provided much earlier when the monsoon rains failed again. "Malnutrition was found to be the most common cause for the high death toll," Dr Sikandar Raza, a paediatrician at the district hospital, said.

Tharparkar is home to 1.4 million people and also contains Pakistan's largest desert. Water can be saline, causing abdominal pain, and is often only located in very deep wells. Crops are grown on the marginal lands and livestock, which have been depleted by the drought, are important to its rudimentary economy. There is also a significant number of nomadic tribes. Medical experts say the lack of safe drinking water, poor diet, poverty, low hygiene standards and ignorance all contribute to the malnutrition problem.

Water borne diseases such as diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera are common along with hepatitis B and C, hospital doctors said. Dr Raza said the lack of adequate health facilities was a problem. "Above all, the ill-equipped and poorly staffed health facilities at our disposal don't leave us in a good position to cope with the situation," he said after treating another round of malnourished children. "We have limited beds at the [nutrition stabilisation centre] — only seven. How can we cater to the needs of the patients coming from the whole district?"

### 40 per cent of Pakistani children malnourished: report

According to a National Nutrition Survey report, 40 per cent of children across Pakistan are malnourished and almost 50 per cent of women are iron deficient.

The severe drought in Tharparkar has only magnified these problems, further exacerbated by the fact that less than 40 per cent of people across the country have been immunised against serious diseases. Jamna's uncle Rai Chand has also been looking after his niece. He said he did not have access to a balanced diet. "We can hardly find some pulses or vegetables to eat with a piece of bread," he said. "It would be a luxury to find meat to eat at some point." The district hospital's data shows that children who have been admitted range in age from four days to 12 years. The majority of the newborn babies in the incubators at Mithi's hospital were suffering from birth asphyxia and other respiratory issues. Many were also premature deliveries. The hospital's doctors have a long list of equipment that is urgently needed — a trauma facility, a blood transfusion centre, a pathological laboratory, an ear, nose and throat specialist, a cardiac surgeon and more sophisticated incubators. When the drought devastates Tharparkar, Rai Chand, like many from his community, goes to Karachi, Pakistan's major commercial hub.

In Karachi, he earns money for food and supplies for his family, working at a market during the day and sleeping by the rail track under the Kala Pul bridge. He told me one day he will return with his earnings to his family in Tharparkar.

**ISLAMABAD:** National Assembly Standing Committee on Climate Change discussed the budgetary proposals of climate change division and its attached departments relating to Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for the financial year 2017-18.

The committee was met under the chairmanship of Hafeez-ur- Rehman Khan Drishak while Salman Hanif, Muhammad Moen Watto, Tahira Aurangzeb, Khalida Mansoor, Nighat Parveen Mir, Maiza Hameed, Imran Zafar Leghari, Mussarat Ahmed Zeb, Murad Saeed, Naeema Kishwar Khan and Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid also attended the meeting. The Committee directed to ministry for climate change to give details of all on-going and other projects in the next meeting. On the suggestion of Naeema Kishwar Khan committee recommended to have follow-up reports of green Pakistan Programme from the provinces. The Minister Zahid Hamid briefed the committee that, he himself wrote anticipatory letters to the Chief Ministers of the provinces, Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (for the FATA) & Prime Minister AJK to request preparation of PC-Is and provision of equal financial share for the programme.

All provincial projects were got approved from the respective development forums during July and August, 2016. The umbrella PC-I scheme was processed to the Planning Commission for approval from Central Development Working Party (CDWP) in September. All provincial governments have contributed towards the Green Pakistan Project that was recommended by CDWP was approved from Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) two weeks back with a total cost of Rs. 3.652 billion. He said, As per vision of Prime Minister of Pakistan, February 9, 2017 is also being celebrated as "National Green Day" throughout Pakistan.

Primary feature of National Green Day would be planting of hundreds of thousands of "indigenous and local" tree species in all provinces/AJK/GB by involving government departments, elected local leadership as well as students and civil society organizations. Chief Ministers of Balochistan, GB, KP, Sindh and Prime Minister of AJK have already communicated their willingness to inaugurate Spring Tree Planting Campaign on 9th February to coincide with launch of Green Pakistan by Prime Minister of Pakistan at federal level.—APP

**RAWALPINDI:** In order to prevent spread of dengue larvae 5000 houses would be checked daily in Rawal Town area, said Assistant Commissioner Maleha Lodhi.

Chairing a meeting to review anti-dengue arrangements, she said as dengue season starts from March -April, it has been decided that surveillance be carried out daily to detect larvae.

Maleeha said there is need to make collective efforts to implement strategies to check the spread

## New year, old appraisal: PDMA recycles 2015 weather review

*Express Tribune, February 15, 2017*

of larvae with cooperation of the community. She stressed on the need to compile data on dengue for ascertaining the actual position and effective monitoring be ensured by conducting door to door surveillance. She also directed that checking and surveillance of commercial plazas, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, school and colleges, junkyards, graveyards, under construction sites, parks, open plots, abandoned sites, petrol pumps and all other spots be ensured.—APP

**PESHAWAR:** Weather anomalies continued to haunt Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa in 2016, killing 300 people and damaging over 4,500 houses across the province. However, the government seems to be progressing at a slow pace to curb the damages.

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) K-P in its recently issued, "Disasters: overview of 2016", has called for tangible measures by the disaster management institutions by describing the province as geographically vulnerable to natural calamities. The PDMA has ironically learnt the same lessons from the natural calamities which it had learnt in 2015 and had mentioned it in its overview of 2015.

In its previous review, PDMA called for structural and institutional measures to reduce the risks and damages of the calamities which included "resilient structures by implementing building code, removal of encroachments to avoid flooding, improvement of town planning and municipal facilities and construction of check dams and reservoirs to reduce velocity of floodwater, establishment of divisional disaster management units."

**Calamities of 2016:** Unlike the previous year, 2016 remained safe from deadly earthquakes, however, torrential rains triggering landslides and heavy snowfalls causing avalanches and severe cold affected the people and their properties.

According to the report, the disasters started in March when an avalanche buried and killed 10 students at Susan village of Chitral who were on way to their school. April was considered to be the most brutal month of the year in which 100 people were killed in torrential rains and landslides in district Mansehra, Shangla and Kohistan and 950 houses were damaged. A cluster of houses and 25 people were buried under 40 meters of mudslide in Kandia village of District Kohistan where the government and locals lacked any resources to recover the bodies.

In July, glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) along with heavy rain hit Chitral district killing at least 29 people. PDMA issued weather advisories based on information received from the meteorological department and issued directions to its district offices.

Officials privy to the matter said the risk reduction measures of the authority have remained 'limited only to books.' "Every year people die in natural calamities exactly in the same manner," said an official requesting anonymity.

"The PDMA held survey of sensitive and disaster-prone areas in eight districts and vulnerable areas were identified. That survey was limited to books as nothing was done to protect the areas," said the official, adding that more than 90 per cent of the province is built without following building code and the PDMA has no plan to secure the already built areas. "Except for Hayatabad, entire Peshawar is built without proper building codes and the PDMA has no plan to secure it from earthquake," he added.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### CM approves shifting of eight ATCs from Clifton to Central jail

*Pakistan Today, February 20, 2017*

#### KP PA condemns terrorist incidents unanimously

*Pakistan Today, February 20, 2017*

#### Sindh govt fails to provide adequate security in Sehwan, says MQM, PML-F

*Daily Times, February 20, 2017*

#### Pakistan, Afghanistan to fight terror together: Gen Bajwa

*The News, February 20, 2017*

#### 250 Orangi residents booked under anti-terrorism act, 9 arrested

*GEO News, February 20, 2017*

#### Afghanistan hands list of terrorists to Pakistan

### DETAILS

**KARACHI:** Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah has approved the shifting of eight Anti-Terrorism Courts (ATCs) from Clifton to Central Jail.

Sources said that a meeting, headed by the Sindh CM, regarding the shifting of the ATCs from Clifton to central jail was held in Karachi on Monday. Murad Ali Shah said it was dangerous to take suspects from jail to the Anti-Terrorism Courts, due to present security conditions, the ATCs cannot be kept in Clifton.

During the meeting, the CM was also briefed that the two Anti-Terrorism Courts were already working in central jail while eight were working in the area of Clifton. The chief secretary, advocate general and other high officials were also present during the meeting.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Monday expressed deep grief and sorrow over terrorist incidents in different parts of the country and termed them highly condemnable. This was expressed through a joint resolution presented by Sardar Hussain Babak of ANP, which was adopted by the House unanimously.

The resolution further said that the growing incidents of terrorism were of high concern creating the environment of fear and terror and spreading the sense of the insecurity among peaceful citizens. It said that for the arresting of the growing terror incidents, all state agencies should have to perform their due role for durable solution to the problem and for this purpose bring all matters and causes into forefront to root out the cancer of terrorism.

**KARACHI:** Muttahida Qaumi Movement Pakistan (MQM-P) and Pakistan Muslim League Functional (PML-F) have submitted separate resolutions against the suicide attack on the shrine of Sehwan Sharif in the Sindh Assembly on Monday.

In MQM-P resolution, the party has protested over the attack on the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in the proximity of Sehwan. The attack was part of deep-rooted conspiracy that was hatched for creating law and order situation in the province. The resolution says that MQM condones with the families of all those who lost their lives in the Sehwan attack. The resolution further demanded that Pakistan Rangers authority should be expanded to the entire province for conducting targeted operations that were laid down in the National Action Plan (NAP) for the eradication of the menace of terrorism and extremism.

Meanwhile, PML-F also submitted a similar resolution through the parliamentary leader, Nand Kumar Goklani. In the office of the Secretary of the Sindh Assembly, he asserted that taking the lives of innocent people is not permitted in any religion. The house condoled with the brave families of deceased who lost their loved ones in the brutal suicide attack at the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar. The resolution further says that the attack disturbs the peaceful environment and harmony across the province. The resolution stressed that the provincial and federal government should implement the NAP in its true spirit. The suicide attack in Sehwan has also exposed the inadequate preparation of Sindh government for failing to provide security. The resolution states that the Sindh chief minister also failed to provide security to the people of his native city and further exposed the lack of adequate security arrangements.

**RAWALPINDI:** Chief of Army Staff Gen Qamar Bajwa on Monday said that Pakistan and Afghanistan have fought against terrorism and shall continue this effort together.

Chairing a meeting at the GHQ, the COAS reviewed the security situation and border management along the Afghan border. He said that enhanced security arrangements along Pak-Afghan border are to fight common enemy i.e. terrorists of all hue and colour. The army chief directed for more effective border coordination and cooperation with Afghan security forces to prevent cross border movement of terrorists including all types of illegal movement. He also welcomed recent proposals from Afghan authorities to take forward the mutual coordination or result oriented efforts against terrorism.

**KARACHI:** Police have registered a case under the anti-terrorism act against 250 residents of Orangi Town, a day after protests against increasing robbery cases turned violent. The police have included serious charges including attempt to murder and rioting. Nine people have been arrested and raids were carried out at various houses. Three people were injured when a protest by residents of Orangi Town over increasing number of robberies in their area turned violent. A man injured in the firing succumbed to his injuries today.

The demonstrators had staged the protest in Orangi Town's Islam Chowk area on Sunday. They alleged that the police are protecting the culprits involved in street crimes. The protesters had burnt tyres and closed down the road of their area. They also broke the windows of a police mobile van. After failed negotiations between the police and protesters, the police resorted to aerial firing and tear gas shelling to disperse the demonstrators. After the area situation turned worst, Rangers reached the site and dispersed the crowd. Later, the police resumed traffic to the area. After the protest, law enforcers conducted house-to-house search and arrested 15 people.

Speaking about the incident, District West SSP Nasir Aftab said that the residents of the area never report street crimes. He remarked that he is willing to listen to the complaints of the people.

**KABUL:** In what appears to be a tit-for-tat move, Afghanistan Ambassador to Islamabad has reportedly handed a list to Pakistan claiming existence of Taliban and Haqqani leaders and terrorist camps in the neighboring country, the spokesman for Afghan ministry of interior said. The

*Samaa TV, February 20, 2017*

### **Punjab sends summary to federal government for Rangers' deployment**

*Daily Pakistan, February 20, 2017*

### **650 suspected terrorists arrested in countrywide crackdown**

*The Nation, February 20, 2017*

### **Prime suspect for Sehwan bombing involved in several attacks in Sindh**

*GEO TV, February 20, 2017*

move comes after Pakistan pressed Kabul to take action against militants attacking Pakistan using Afghanistan's soil after a series of deadly terrorist attacks.

"AFG Ambassador in Islamabad handed over a list of 85 Taliban & Haqqani leaders, 32 terrorist training camps exist in Pakistan, awaits actions!," Sediq Sediqqi wrote on his Twitter account. "AFG gov & people demand immediate actions against 85 Taliban & Haqqani leaders & 32 Terr training camps in Pak which is behind all terr attacks n AFG," he added.

Last week, Pakistan army had demanded Afghanistan hand over 76 terrorists after a deadly suicide attack that killed 83 people and injuring over 300 people at the shrine of Sufi saint Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in Sehwan.

"Afg Embassy officials called in GHQ. Given list of 76 Ts hiding in Afg. Asked to take immediate action / be handed over to Pakistan," DG ISPR Major General Asif Ghafoor had written on Twitter.

Afghanistan rejected Pakistan's stance that the suicide attack was masterminded from Islamabad soil. The presidential palace said in statement Afghanistan has proven its honesty in fighting terrorism and now it is Pakistani's turn to destroy safe havens on its soil.

**LAHORE:** Seeking deployment of Rangers in province for 60 to 90 days, the Punjab Home Department on Monday forwarded a summary to the federal government.

The provincial government has made the request under Article 147 of the Constitution and Anti-Terrorism Act 1997. The powers to Rangers would be given under articles 7 and 10 of The Pakistan Rangers Ordinance, 1959, local media reported.

Under the Article 7, the paramilitary force "can assist the police in prevention and detection of crime in border area and reinforce the police for maintenance of law and order." The Article 10 allows the government to "confer or impose upon any member of the force powers or duties conferred or imposed on a police officer of any class or grade by any enactment."

A committee, comprising officials of interior ministry, Rangers and police, will be established to decide about the powers being given to Rangers in the province. The Punjab government has forwarded the request after a suicide attack in Lahore that killed 15 people and injured numbers of people.

Security forces across the country continued crackdown against terrorists on Monday, following a wave of terrorism last week which claimed over 100 lives. More than 650 suspects including a large number of Afghan nationals have been arrested. Police arrested 35 Afghan Nationals in Quetta and registered case against them in various police stations of the city. The Afghan Nationals were arrested in accordance with the Foreign Act for illegally staying in Pakistan.

In Kotli, Azad Kashmir, 60 Afghanis were arrested for their illegal stay and cases have been registered against them.

In Mianwali, 39 suspects were arrested in search operation by police and other agencies on Monday night while in Hafizabad, police and intelligence agencies conducted a combing operation arresting 16 suspects. Weapons and drugs were recovered from them.

In Mandi Bahauddin and Dera Ghazi Khan, security forces arrested 146 Afghan nationals, and recovered weapons and drugs from them. Raids in Mandi Bahauddin were conducted jointly by Counter-Terrorism Department and police in Afghan neighbourhoods.

In Rawalpindi, during raids in hotels and guesthouses security forces arrested 87 people for having incomplete documents. Additional police contingents have been posted at all entrance and exit points of the city.

In Lahore, Police conducted search operation in different parts of the city on Sunday-Monday night and apprehended at least 12 suspects

According to details, police conducted search operation in, Chong, Sher Shah Colony and Raiwind Road and adjacent areas during which identity documents of the residents were checked. Two hundred and forty-four suspects were arrested during search operations in different areas of Swabi on Monday morning. Police source said the arrests also include fifteen facilitators of terrorists. Arms and ammunition were also recovered from them.

Meanwhile, 86 suspects including Afghan nationals were arrested during search operations in Rawalpindi while nine suspected Afghans were arrested in Islamabad on Monday morning. Police, Rangers and other security forces personnel took part in the operations. Biometric device was also used for the identification. At least 12 people were taken into custody who failed to provide any identity document. Police sources said that the search operation was launched to maintain law and order situation in the area.

**KARACHI:** The prime suspect for the Sehwan bombing which killed 88 last week was involved in a string of attacks in rural Sindh, including a suicide attack in 2015 at an Imam Bargah in Shikarpur.

While the country reels from the impact of the bombing at Lal Shahbaz Qalandar's shrine the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are vigorously looking for the mastermind behind the attack. The name of Abdul Hafeez Pandrani, a resident of Abdul Khaliq Pandrani village of district Shikarpur, has surfaced in the investigation. He is the leader of the Hafeez Brohi group affiliated with the banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) but now is reported to have joined Daesh.

Speaking to journalists on Sunday, Sindh IG AD Khawaja said that Hafeez Brohi group's role in the recent bombing cannot be ruled out. Intelligence agencies have arrested six suspected of facilitating the Sehwan blast, according to reports. Police and intelligence agencies suspect Pandrani to be the mastermind of the recent bombing. He is also alleged to be involved in several high-profile terrorist attacks in interior Sindh. Pandrani, who belongs to the Brohi tribe, is named in



## Sehwan blast suspect appears to be Afghan national: IG

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the seventh edition of Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), Sindh, Red Book. The 35-year-old most-wanted terrorist, whose details are mentioned on page number 57 of the Red Book, is affiliated with banned LeJ. He was also the key contact of LeJ Chief Asif Chotu, who was killed in an alleged encounter with CTD Punjab on January 18, this year. Chotu and Pandrani were responsible for carrying out deadly attacks in Shikarpur and other parts of interior Sindh.

### Involved in 2015 Shikarpur blast which killed 61

Pandrani's name also came up in the suicide bombing inside the Imam Bargah Karbala-e-Mualla of Lakkhi Dar, Shikarpur, on January 30, 2015, which killed 61. CTD Sindh arrested a suspect, identified as Khalil Ahmed, for facilitating the attack. According to the interrogation report of Ahmed, a copy of which is available with Geo.tv, Pandrani provided him with a cart for the reconnaissance of Karbala-e-Muallah's surroundings.

Ahmed also confessed to the interrogators that the suicide bomber, Ilyas, stayed in Pandrani's village. Upon Pandrani's instruction, Ahmed dropped the suicide bomber and another facilitator, Rahim, near the Imam bargah. Later, Ilyas blew himself up killing 61 people who were offering Friday prayers. Pandrani also played an integral role in the failed terrorist attack during Eid-ul-Azha prayers in Shikarpur, last year.

On September 13, 2016, people spotted two suicide bombers sitting among the people who were observing Eid prayers at an Eidgah in Shikarpur. When prayer organisers and volunteers rushed towards them the two attempted to escape. During the scuffle, police gunned down one suicide bomber and the other, Usman, was put behind bars.

A joint interrogation team (JIT) was constituted to probe the matter. Before the JIT, Usman revealed that Pandrani used to visit a compound in Wadh, where Usman stayed with the other bomber for three months. A day prior to the attack, Pandrani and another man, Dilawar, shifted both the would-be bombers from Wadh to Shikarpur on two motorcycles riding on irregular routes. Pandrani provided them with suicide vests, which he collected from Wadh compound of Arif and Muaaz, and even helped them wear it, according to Usman. Later, Pandrani dropped the two terrorists to Eidgah. The First Information Report (FIR) of the same incident was lodged against would-be suicide bomber Usman, Pandari among others.

On November 11, a day before the deadly attack on Shah Noorani shrine in Balochistan, Arif was gunned down in an encounter with Sindh Rangers at Hub.

While probing the background of prime suspect of Sehwan bombing, another startling fact was unfolded. Abdul Hakim Pandrani, the brother of Hafeez Pandrani, carried out the first suicide attack in the history of interior Sindh. However, police officials thwarted his attempt. Hakim tried to sneak into an Ashura procession in Taluka Khanpur of Shikarpur district on December 19, 2010. But he was intercepted and was gunned down by policemen.

**KARACHI:** As investigation into the bomb attack on the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in Sehwan on Thursday evening is under way, Inspector General of Police A.D. Khowaja has said the suspected suicide bomber has been spotted in the footage of security cameras. He added that the suspect appeared to be an Afghan national who entered the shrine bypassing the security check at the gate.

Only one policeman could be seen in the footage searching visitors at the gate. However, the suspect managed to enter the shrine without being searched by the lone policeman. More than 80 people, including women and children, were killed and hundreds of devotees injured in the blast at the shrine.

Talking to a group of journalists at the IG House in Clifton on Sunday before proceeding to Sehwan, the Sindh police chief said the suspected bomber could be seen in the footage obtained with the help of a closed-circuit television (CCTV) camera installed there. The footage, which was also shown to the media, showed that the suspect, wearing waistcoat with a handkerchief on his shoulder, entered the shrine when the police guard was checking other visitors at the gate. The IG said the police investigators were '99 per cent' sure in their assessment that the suspect spotted in the footage was the suicide bomber. He admitted that the investigators faced difficulties in collecting evidence from the crime scene because the shrine was jam-packed with visitors.

Meanwhile, two suspects were arrested in Dadu and five in Sehwan town. They were kept at an unknown place. A joint team of police, the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) and law enforcement agencies also arrested two persons in Johi. They are said to be facilitators of the suicide blast. However, the IG said, police were taking different aspects into consideration while investigating the incident. The involvement of Hafeez Brohi-led militant group in the carnage could not be ruled out, he added.

Police sources told Dawn that Hafeez Brohi or Abdul Hafeez Pandrani, resident of Haji Abdul Khaliq Pandrani Goth in Shikarpur, had been providing shelter to militants of the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Lashkar-i-Jhangvi (Asif Chhotu group) and other militant outfits. Hafeez, in his mid-30s, had also done reconnaissance for terror acts in the past, they added. The police sources said the suicide bomber who had blown himself up in an Imambargah in Shikarpur two years ago had stayed with Hafeez Brohi, while his brother had carried out a suicide bombing in Afghanistan. "Hafeez Brohi has established a network of terror in Sindh," the IG said. Speaking to Dawn, Additional IG Dr Sanaullah Abbasi, who heads the CTD, said: "Hafeez Brohi had been found involved in almost all terror acts taken place in upper Sindh in recent past." The CTD is investigating the shrine bombing. The AIG said Hafeez had been declared an absconder in cases related to terrorist activities in Shikarpur and Jacobabad districts, including the deadly explosion in the Imambargah in Shikarpur that had left 65 people dead. He said the CTD was investigating the shrine blast case from different perspectives. "Apparently, the deadly bombing at the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar was linked with terror acts in other parts of the country during the past one week," said AIG Abbasi. Since this was the first such major terror incident in the Hyderabad region,

## Efforts for military courts' revival gather steam

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## Three facilitators of Sehwan attack arrested

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the investigators were also looking into the possibility of an attempt to destabilise the entire Sindh province, he added.

"Investigations into all previous terror acts in Shikarpur and Jacobabad revealed that terrorism in Sindh had links with Afghanistan because the suspects behind all the incidents had been trained in the neighbouring country," the officer said.

Besides, he added, Hafeez Brohi, who had both "ethnic and religious bonds" with the Mengals in Balochistan, was found involved in most of the terror cases in northern parts of Sindh. Hafeez Brohi studied at a seminary and had ties with militant outfits. "Some suspects have been detained for interrogation in connection with the Lal Shahbaz Qalandar shrine attack and the investigators have got some leads to the culprits involved in this deadly terror act," said the CTD chief.

**ISLAMABAD:** The government has stepped up its hectic lobbying for the revival of military courts following the deaths of over 100 people in six terrorist attacks across the country last week.

On Sunday, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq contacted parliamentary leaders from opposition parties and informed them about the government's intention to prepone their next meeting on the issue of the military courts from Feb 27 to Feb 23.

The finance minister called Dr Farooq Sattar of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM), Sahibzada Tariqullah of the Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), Ghulam Ahmed Bilour of the Awami National Party (ANP), Awami Muslim League (AML) chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed and Fata MNA Shahji Gul Afridi, according to a handout issued by the Ministry of Finance. In his conversation with parliamentary party leaders, the minister highlighted the significance of extending the working of military courts to ensure speedy trial of terrorists and stressed the need for consensus on this all-important issue. NA speaker, finance minister continue canvassing; govt looking to prepone parliamentary body meeting. The minister also telephoned the speaker, asking him to move back the date of the next meeting of the main parliamentary committee on the matter. Mr Dar advised the speaker that since the meeting of the sub-committee formed to review the draft of the constitutional amendment bill was scheduled to be held on Feb 22, it would be appropriate to convene the main committee to meet day after that, in order to facilitate a swift decision on the matter.

Following his conversation with the finance minister, the speaker also spoke to parliamentary leaders from various political parties. An official statement issued by the National Assembly Secretariat, however, did not mention who Mr Sadiq spoke to.

On Saturday, Mr Dar had spoken to parliamentary leaders from the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) and stressed the need for a "prompt decision" on the matter in the wake of renewed terrorist attacks. He also reached out to Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and his brother Senator Maulana Aftab Rehman, PPP's Syed Naveed Qamar, PTI vice-chairman Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Qaumi Watan Party chief Aftab Sherpao.

Referring to the recent incidents in Fata, Peshawar, Lahore, Quetta, Awaran and Sehwan Sharif, the minister had stated that an effective and well-coordinated response on part of the federal and provincial governments was need of the hour. The minister told the political leaders that revival of the military courts was essential for ensuring continuation of the momentum of anti-terrorism campaign and the political leadership in parliament needed to show unity as well as complete unanimity of views on this issue.

A senior PPP leader told Dawn that the urgency being shown by the government all of a sudden indicated that the ruling party had succumbed to pressure from "certain quarters", which wanted revival of military courts as soon as possible. The impression they got in previous meetings, the PPP leader said, was that the government itself was not serious in reviving the courts and was trying to pass the buck on to other parties to delay the matter. But in the wake of the recent terrorist attacks in all four provinces, the government had been prompted to take a swift decision on the matter.

The military courts were established and granted permission to try civilians charged with terrorism in January 2015, in the aftermath of the gruesome terrorist attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar. The courts were given constitutional cover for two years after parliament passed the 21st constitutional amendment, despite fears among lawmakers that the establishment of the military tribunals might undermine democracy in the country. The courts have been non-functional since Jan 7 after the expiry of two-year constitutional cover.

During a meeting of the parliamentary leaders chaired by the National Assembly speaker last week, the government had circulated a draft of a proposed amendment bill seeking a three-year extension for military courts. However, government members failed to break the deadlock over the issue as opposition parties refused to support the proposal without certain guarantees and before intra-party discussions. The opposition parties did, however, agree on the formation of a five-member committee, headed by Law Minister Zahid Hamid, to review the draft. The new subcommittee was scheduled to hold its first meeting on Feb 22, whereas the parliamentary leaders will meet again on Feb 27. Initially, apart from the PPP and the PTI, two government allies — JUI-F and the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party — had also refused the proposal to extend the term of military courts.

**KARACHI:** A political party member among three facilitators of the Sehwan Sharif suicide bomb blast incident have been arrested by the Counter-Terrorism Department of Sindh Police and Intelligence agencies, The News has learnt.

Sources in law-enforcing agencies informed The News that though many arrests have been made in connection with the Sehwan incident but the three suspects picked up from Khairpur, Johi district, Dadu, and Hyderabad conveyed useful information regarding the gory incident at the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in which nearly 88 people were martyred and some 250 people

**All parties united against terrorism: NA Speaker**  
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**Bilawal criticises Nisar over failure to implement NAP**  
*ARY News, February 20, 2017*

**No need for Rangers deployment in Punjab**  
*The Nation, February 19, 2017*

injured. Sources added that these three provided facilities to handlers and suicide bombers. Sources further added that the mastermind of the tragic incident of Sehwan is Hafeez Pindrani Brohi, a resident of Khanpur district Shikarpur, who was also wanted in a series of many suicide attacks in interior Sindh mainly in Shikarpur and adjacent Jacobabad district. Hafeez was once an active leader of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and now associated with ISIS. Sources said a person arrested from Hyderabad is a close relative of Hafeez Pindrani who disclosed that there were three suicide bombers along with handlers of the Sehwan blast and they stayed in Hyderabad for many days at his house before leaving for Sehwan Sharif, while Munir Jangwani Jamali arrested from Johi district, Dadu, is allegedly a smuggler of Iranian oil and involved in many criminal activities in Sindh and Balochistan including 'bhatta' collection from oil and gas companies working in the Dadu district. Munir Jamali is also associated with a political party and elected district council member for District Council, Dadu.

**ISLAMABAD:** National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq has said all political parties are on the same page against terrorism and parliamentary leaders have expressed resolve for steps against terrorists. In a statement in Islamabad Sunday, he said all political forces and people want that the menace of terrorism be eliminated from the country. The speaker said he has contacted with parliamentary leaders to discuss establishment of military courts. He said the meeting regarding establishment of military court will be held on 23rd of this month.

**NAWABSHAH:** Pakistan People's Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto on Sunday while lashing out at Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said that the National Action Plan has failed completely. The PPP chairman while visiting a hospital in Nawabshah to inquire about the health of the injured victims of the Sehwan terror attack called for renewed and concerted efforts between the Sindh and federal government against terrorism.

Bilawal strongly criticised the interior minister for failing to implement the NAP, and said it was not the appropriate time for politics or blaming others but rather to be united and steadfast in the war against terror. He once again reiterated his demand that the parliamentary body on national security should be restored. "Why was the National Action Plan not implemented," he questioned. He expressed profound grief over the loss of life in the Sehwan tragedy. He said that heart-wrenching and brazen attack was an attack on the culture of Sindh. He said despite the incident, there is a need to renew our efforts against terrorism. He vowed that the Sindh government will make its best efforts and struggle despite the limited resources.

**LAHORE -** The police are fully capable of curbing terrorism and there is no need to deploy Rangers in the Punjab, says former inspector general Shaukat Javed.

"Military or paramilitary forces are called in only when there is insurgency or when the enemy has occupied any part of the country, which is not the case at present. Peacekeeping in settled areas is the police job and they should be allowed to perform it," said Shaukat Javed in an interview to The Nation yesterday. He said since the police and the Counter-Terrorism Department had arrested those responsible for the blast on The Mall, there was no need for Rangers deployment in the province. He is opposed even to Rangers deployment in Karachi, saying the situation might have returned to normal for the time being, but it would be back to square one shortly after they are withdrawn. He recalled the Sindh police, with the help of Intelligence Bureau, had restored peace to Karachi in the 90s, which amply proved the law enforcers' competence to take on any challenge.

For a durable peace in any province, Shaukat Javed said, police in the Punjab and elsewhere should be given a free hand and there should be no political interference at all. About the situation in South Punjab, he said reforming seminaries is the federal government's job.

#### **ON 'BACK-BREAKING' CLAIMS**

Terrorist activities have come down, but it's not right to claim that the back of terrorists has been broken. Terrorists were driven out of certain areas because of the military-led operation Zarb-i-Azb, but now these elements have started operating from Afghanistan. Bomb blasts in Lahore and Sehwan Sharif reflect the presence of terrorists' sleeper cells in these areas. The fact is that from Gen Musharraf to the incumbent PML-N government no one showed the national resolve to crush terrorists. The resolve should be like the one shown by then US president George W Bush after the 9/11 cataclysmic attacks on the World Trade Centre. He had said in categorical terms that he would not like to see any such attack on the US again; and there was none perpetrated thereafter. This is called resolve. Then there is an example of Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka's army and the air force are not more capable or better equipped than Pakistan's forces. But because of their national resolve they crushed terrorists after a 25-year fight against them. The situation in Pakistan is quite different. We haven't been able to frame an internal security policy. The targets given by Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan could not be achieved by relevant departments. Then after the tragic incident of the Army Public School, Peshawar, a 20-point National Action Plan was worked out. But, unfortunately, 18 points of the NAP remain unimplemented even today. The only two points acted upon were about the establishment of military courts and some steps in FATA. The authorities had pledged to bring an end to moratorium on the execution of condemned prisoners. But not all of those awarded capital punishments have been taken to gallows. Only 12 out of 161 convicted by military courts have been executed and that too under army chief's pressure.

Religious seminaries have not been reformed; a decision on reforms in Fata remains unimplemented. Unlike other areas of the country where the situation is better, 60 percent people in Fata live below the poverty line. No medical and educational or medical institutions have been set up there. There is an urgent need for a national narrative, on which people from all walks of life agree. This should serve as a counter-narrative to deal with terrorists; mere statements issued by the prime minister or the army chief are not enough. It is also regrettable that Nacta was set up, but not activated. Under the law it is to be headed by the prime minister, but the interior minister is not willing to give its control to anyone. Not many people understand its implication. The point is that ISI and the IB report directly to the prime minister. If the interior minister stays as the Nacta

**Five terrorists gunned down in Layyah: CTD**  
 GEO TV, February 19, 2017

**Census to be held as per schedule: PBS**  
 The Nation, February 19, 2017

head, these intelligence agencies will not like to submit their reports to him (utterances to the contrary notwithstanding). The Nacta Board is supposed to meet at least twice a year under the chairmanship of the prime minister and give guidelines for national security. Nacta has been in existence for the past several years, but not a single meeting of the board has been held so far.

#### **ON CORRUPTION IN POLICE**

When the police are used for personal objectives, they get a leeway to do what they like. Police remained under the 1861 Act which was replication of the Irish Constabulary Act, till Gen Musharraf enforced Police Order 2002. But the lawmakers soon took the sting out of it. The amendments made by the Punjab government to the police laws are a step in the right direction. But the safety commission and the complaint authority have yet to be set up. The system of police accountability is also not working properly. If the army's system of accountability is implemented in police, the situation will improve remarkably.

The IGP (BPS-22) can dismiss a deputy superintendent. But the appeal against such an action goes to the home secretary who is a grade-20 officer. He normally refers such appeals to the additional secretary, who can set aside the IGP's decision. When a much junior officer reverses the IGP's decision, the latter feels insulted. The appeals against the IGP's decisions should be decided by someone holding a post higher than IGP's. The procedure for the selection of an IGP should also be reviewed. The police system working in KP is better than the system in any other province. Police should be autonomous both administratively and financially. In KP even the chief minister can't interfere in police affairs.

#### **ON POLICE'S ALLEGED PATRONAGE OF CRIME**

True that at some places police people may be patronising criminal activities, but this doesn't mean everybody is doing the same. The problem is that the guilty is not punished adequately. The fault lies with the system.

For example, the period the under trial-prisoners spend behind bars is, on conviction, considered as served out sentence. Many people manage to stay as under-trial for two years and then, on lawyers' advice, plead guilty when charge-sheeted. Then when the court sentences them, many are deemed to have already served out their term. And during the period they remain under-trial they are entitled to get food and clothes from home. In other words the day such people are sentenced they become entitled to being released. Thus, they don't really know what the rigorous imprisonment means. The sentence should start from the day an accused is convicted. The system of allowing concurrent terms should also go.

#### **ON POLITICAL INTERFERENCE, FREQUENT TRANSFERS**

This will come to an end only when the KP's police laws are enforced in the Punjab. In KP, the chief minister can only 'request' the IGP to do something. He has no powers to do anything by himself.

The IGP should not be transferred unless he completes his three-year term. Once this is ensured, every IGP will become as effective as the army chief. As for the allegation that police stations are sold in Punjab, it is not well-founded. There is nothing of the sort in the Punjab. The police force in Pakistan is not enough. There should be one cop for a population of 250 whereas in Pakistan it is one for 500. And then many of the police personnel have to perform security duties with the VIPs, as a result of which manpower available for real police functions comes down further.

**LAYYAH:** At least five alleged terrorists were gunned down by the personnel of counter-terrorism department in the wee hours of Sunday in Layyah.

According to CTD, three of their close associates managed to flee from the spot. The CTD personnel informed the press that immediate steps were being taken for their arrest, adding that a heavy cache of weapons and maps of sensitive sites were seized from them. Authorities said the terrorists, who were affiliated with proscribed organisation Jamat-ul-Ahrar, wanted to target a sensitive religious site at Multan.

Earlier, at least 73 suspects were taken into custody by the law-enforcement authorities after joint raids of Police and counter-terrorism department on Monday, said sources. A few Afghan nationals were also apprehended in the raid. The sources further said a heavy cache of weapons was also recovered during the raid. Meanwhile, in Lahore, CTD has claimed to gun down six terrorists at Chak 98 in Khanewal. According to a CTD spokesperson, acting on an information of presence of ten terrorists, the personnel raided the site, further adding that the deceased were affiliated with the banned terror group, Al-Ahrar – The said group took responsibility for suicide blast in Lahore in which at least 14 people, including senior police officers, were martyred. In Pasroor, near Sialkot according to authorities, six Afghan nationals were taken into custody in a raid, while at Larri Adda a bag full of bullets was recovered from a passenger, however, the suspect managed to flee. LEAs have started search for the man, meanwhile arrested six other Afghan nationals from the vicinity.

**ISLAMABAD** - The government would not postpone the much delayed population census in the country due to fresh wave of terrorism in the country, as it would start from March 15 2017.

The Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is all set to conduct population census from March 15, which would cost Rs30 billion to the national kitty, said Chief Statistician (PBS) Asif Bajwa while addressing a press conference along with other officials. The government had postponed the population census last year due to non-availability of army that was engaged in operation Zarb-e-Azb. However, the government on Saturday made it clear that census would not be postponed due to recent attacks of terrorists. The government is conducting census after a gap of 19 years, as the last time census was conducted in 1998. The first census in Pakistan was conducted in 1951, second in 1961, and third in 1972. Fourth census was held in March 1981 and fifth, which was due in 1991, was conducted in March 1998. "We have finalised the security plan with Pakistan army and other law enforcement agencies of the country," Bajwa said and added that 0.2 million army



**NAP held 198 terrorists,  
217 facilitators in two  
years: report**  
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attacks in Pakistan now?**  
*GEO TV, February 18, 2017*

personnel will perform their duties in conducting census exercise. One army man would be engaged with an enumerator, he informed. Bajwa said that census expenditures have enhanced to Rs30 billion as against the initial estimates of Rs14.5 billion. He said that census would be completed in two phases, first to begin from March 15 and conclude on April 15 and second phase of the census would start from April 25 and end on May 25. Population's result summary would be unveiled after 60 days and detailed report would come after one and half year, he added.

According to the plan, there would be 168,120 census blocks across the country, as one enumerator would be responsible for counting two blocks, each block consisting of about 200 blocks. Chief Statistician of the PBS further said that population census is important, as distribution of resources among federal government and provinces under National Finance Commission (NFC) award and numbers of seats in National Assembly and provincial assemblies are on the basis of census. He said that government would keep all information of the census secret. The PBS has requested NADRA to provide details of the blacked national identity cards, he informed. Talking about the overseas Pakistanis, Bajwa said, those Pakistanis would be counted who remained present in the country during census exercise. "A from 2A will be filled on sample basis after census exercise completes in June 2017, which will give details regarding migration, unemployment, fertility and disability," he added. The government has allocated Rs320 million for launching public awareness advertising campaign in the country.

Spokesperson of Pakistan Bureau Statistics Habib ullah Khattak said that training of all masters has completed and training of army personnel is underway. He said that March 18 has been fixed as reference day and whosoever is present at particular location on that day would be counted for census.

**ISLAMABAD:** As many as 26000 combing operations were conducted and 198 hardcore terrorists and 217 facilitators nabbed while 2.3 million persons were questioned since December 17, 2014 to February 14, 2017 under National Action Plan (NAP) introduced with consensus among all the political parties of the country, the sources told The News here on Friday.

According to a comprehensive report presented to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif about implementation of NAP to curb terrorism in Pakistan, some 20467 operations were conducted in Lahore where 1.3 million persons were asked questions during investigation. Similarly, 5784 operations were carried out in Sheikhupura during this period and 151825 persons were questioned on the basis of suspicion and intelligence reports. In all, 1275 cases were registered on alleged involvement in terror related activities. In Gujranwala division a total of 6865 operations were conducted and 88815 persons were subjected to questioning while 1514 cases were registered on various counts. Some 1305 cases were registered under Foreign Act and lethal weapons were recovered from 9662 persons during general hold-ups. A total of 7437 cases were registered on display of weapons and licenses of 38 Kalashnikovs, 63 rifles, 71 guns and 83 pistols were suspended. The police have registered 13975 cases for violation of Sound System Regulation Ordinance and 260 under MPO 1960.

National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) has made considerable progress in drafting a robust national narrative on terrorism and extremism. The first ever National Internal Security Policy (NISP) has been formulated to protect Pakistan's national interests by addressing critical security issues.

Initially, the combing operations were thoroughly conducted in various districts including Rajanpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Layyah, Muzaffargarh, Multan, Bahawalpur, Jhang, Rahimyar Khan, Bhakkar, Bahawalnagar, Rawalpindi, Lahore, Okara, Jafferabad, Nasirabad, Dera Bugti, Qila Abdullah, Kohlu, Khuzdar, Ghotki, Shikarpur, Kashmore, Jacobabad, Naushahro Feroze, Karachi, Kohat, Karak, Tank, Kohistan and Fata. There is a marked and undeniable reduction in sectarian violence across Pakistan while not completely eliminated; this level of mitigation is a positive sign. Meanwhile, the critics also pointed out that Pakistan has grown surgically adept at killing terrorists, but unable to kill the ideas that fuel them and every state organ clamors to claim the smallest of the limited victories and scramble to shift the blame for its failures.

A spate of audacious terror attacks claiming over hundred lives across Pakistan has left minds baffled as to what is behind it, after a relative calm in last two years. The Islamic State ISIS or Daesh and a relatively unknown Jamaat ul Ahrar (JuA) have claimed responsibility for attacks on the sufi shrine in Sehwan and the police attack earlier in Lahore respectively.

Pakistani leaders have consistently denied the presence of Daesh in the country, which is in the midst of battling various terror groups operating in the country for over a decade. Under June 2014 Operation Zarb-e-Azab military dismantled safe havens and terror infrastructure in North Waziristan and adjoining tribal areas mainly through aerial bombing and later capturing territory in ground operations. The results were immediate and there was a sharp decrease in the number of terror attacks including suicide bombings. Extortions and kidnapping for ransom also dropped considerably as a result of the operation.

So, what went wrong then in last few weeks?

We need to go back to the time when the operation intensified in the wake of the December 2014 Peshawar Army Public School carnage. As was the case in Swat and later South Waziristan operations, the same pattern continued in the counter-terrorism operation in North Waziristan -- the inability of law enforcement to capture or kill the leadership of the targeted terror outfits. For various reasons the failure did not appear in the public discourse and for entire part of Zarb-e-Azb there was no independent accounts available of what the operation achieved in terms of any high profile deaths among terror outfits operating in areas straddling the Afghan border. It was gradually revealed that the high profile targets had managed to escape into Afghanistan or traveled out of the troubled zone.

Later, it was public knowledge that the entire leadership of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and

### Three terrorists gunned down by security forces in Dera Ismail Khan

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### Eleven alleged terrorists killed in Rangers' operation

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### Over 29 militants killed after crackdown launched nationwide

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other groups were able to slip across the border and find refuge in Afghan border areas. The airforce did its job by dropping bombs and tonnes of ammunition from the air, and ground operations followed, but thrust was mainly to dismantle elaborated terror infrastructure and reclaim the territory.

TTP chief Mullah Fazlaullah and his operatives remain safe and free to plot and execute attacks from sanctuaries in Afghan border areas. Kabul has so far paid little heed to Islamabad's urging to arrest and hand over fugitives to Pakistan. It is playing its own game. The Islamic State or Daesh, whose territorial holdings in Iraq and Syria are under severe pressure, has also intruded into Afghanistan and believed to have created its cells in Pakistan. But Zarb-e-Azb and army in advance position at the border ensuring better controls of flow of goods have brought terror groups under financial pressure. It has reduced cash inflow to militants from narcotic trafficking and trade in smuggled goods, running into billions and insurgents taking a major take in that. In the words of a counter terror specialist, TTP and Jamaat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) are wary of losing donors and support like Al Qaeda did after its ability to mount terror strikes dwindled. Actions by terror outfits keep their recruitment and funding alive, said the expert. Thus the surge in attacks. Clearly the displaced terror leadership has retained somehow its linkages in mainland Pakistan. This should be the biggest challenge to crackdown on terror linkages, support networks in mainland Pakistan.

Second most important is that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's government needs to mount pressure on Kabul both bilaterally and diplomatically through contacts with key powers and United Nations – to act now against militants using Afghan soil for terrorism across the border. Sources have confirmed Pakistan troops fired mortars into Afghan territory Friday night to hit JuA targets but officials have declined to confirm or deny the attack. Meanwhile, Afghan government summoned the Pakistani ambassador and protested against firing across the border that apparently killed few people inside Afghanistan. This is a strategy that Pakistan needs to be very careful with because both Afghanistan and Indian officials had been blaming Pakistan of nurturing terror networks that bleed their two countries. Pakistan had rejected completely Indian claims of surgical strikes into Azad Kashmir. Pakistan oppose preemptive strikes that breach sovereignty of another country. The closure of the border with Afghanistan after the shrine carnage and telephonic messages to Afghan government by civil and military authorities are stepping up the pressure by Pakistan. And so is the handing of a list of 76 terrorists to officials of Afghan Embassy who were called in by the Pakistan military headquarter GHQ on Friday and told that the government in Kabul should act immediately against the named terrorists and deliver them.

**DERA ISMAIL KHAN:** Three terrorists were shot down near Golachi road in a clash between terrorists and security forces in the early hours of Saturday. The operation was conducted after security forces received a tip off about a terrorist hideout. The three terrorists killed in the encounter were involved in several terrorist activities and were linked to foreign terrorism networks.

Eleven alleged terrorists were killed in a raid carried out in Ziarat Mai Garhi, Manghopir area, on Friday, said a spokesman of Pakistan Rangers. Arms and ammunitions were also recovered from the possession of the alleged terrorists, said to be affiliated with a proscribed organisation. The Identity of some of them, killed during exchange of fire with the law enforcers, was said to have been confirmed through records available with the concerned agencies while details and information about remaining were still to be confirmed.

Malik Tassaduq Hussain, Naushad Khan alias Munna, Shiraz Ahmed and Shiraz alias Sajjad were said to be among the terrorists whose identity was established. Malik Tassaduq claimed to be affiliated with Lashkar e Jhangvi/Jamiat ul Ahrar, was allegedly involved in several terror attacks with a bounty of Rs.500,000 on his head.

According to available record, Malik Tassaduq had received training in a neighbouring country and was also involved in abduction and murder of foreign journalist Daniel Pearl. Extortion, sectarian killing, kidnapping for ransom besides being the brain behind plots to attack law enforcers were among the series of crimes allegedly committed by him.

Naushad Khan alias Mama was claimed to be most wanted in several of the terrorism-related incidents including target and sectarian killings, arms supply, kidnapping for ransom etc. He too was allegedly having close links with Jamiat ul Ahrar and Lashkar e Jhangvi.

Shiraz alias Sajjad was said to be a close confidant of Naushad Khan (Mama) with a strong association with the above mentioned banned organisations. Shiraz Ahmed was also among those whose identity could be confirmed through available records, He was said to be an expert in developing explosive.

**KARACHI:** At least 29 suspected militants were killed on Friday in overnight raids by law-enforcement agencies including the Pakistan Rangers, after a crackdown launched in wake of the terror attack at the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in Sehwan. Pakistan Rangers Sindh killed eighteen militants while two officials were injured in raids in Karachi and parts of Sindh.

According to Rangers, suspects in Kathore, Gadap Town near the Super Highway opened fire at a paramilitary vehicle returning from Sehwan. Seven militants were killed in response while heavy weapons were also recovered from their possession. The dead have been shifted to Karachi for identification. In Manghopir area, Rangers official launched a search operation after a tip-off, when militants fired on them. Eleven terrorists were killed in response while one official was injured.

Law-enforcement agencies also carried out raids in Dera Ismail Khan, Peshawar, Bannu of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Orakzai agency of FATA. Two militants were killed in D.I. Khan allegedly involved in carrying out an overnight attack on a police van which killed four officials and injured five others. In Bannu, four militants were killed near Marwat canal within the jurisdiction of Bakakhel police station. In Peshawar three suspects were killed in the Reggi area on the outskirts of the city. SSP Operations said that the suspects refused to stop at checkpoint and fired at the Police. Three were killed in the gunfire while explosive material was also recovered from their

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**Military courts likely to be extended for three years as Pakistan mulls to smash terrorism on war footing**  
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**76 massacred at Qalandar's shrine**  
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possession. In Quetta, the Frontier Constabulary killed one militant near Darakshan area on Sariab Road, while two officials were also injured. FC officials said that the suspect belonged to a proscribed outfit and was involved in several incidents of target killing. While in Punjab the counter-terrorism department carried out raid in Sargodha and killed two militants.

**ISLAMABAD:** The country's intelligence agencies have issued security alert over threats of terrorism to the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi following series of terrorist incidents in Lahore and Sehwan.

National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) issued a letter to Secretary Punjab Home Department.

According to the notification, a suicide bomber, Usama, has been primed for terrorism and a terrorist, Ghazali, holed up in Quetta, planned the sabotage activity. The letter also called upon the ministry to heighten the security of vital installations, buildings, hospitals and schools. –SAMAA

**ISLAMABAD –** The PML-N led federal government has sought a three-year extension in the term of military courts, in a bid to get rid of the scourge of terrorism.

According to details, the government has constituted a draft to execute legal amendments aimed at extending the tenure of military courts. A meeting of parliamentary leaders was convened by the government in which it distributed the copy of draft among the attendees. The copy as obtained by Dawn News suggests that according to the new definition of 'terrorist' now anyone can be termed a terrorist regardless of whether he was motivated by religion or not. Commenting on the probable extension, Pakistan People's Party Leader Naveed Qamar said they have not supported the extension of military courts yet.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leader Shah Mehmood Qureshi also addressed a press briefing and inquired, 'What surety is there that situation will get better if military courts are granted extension?' He went on and detailed that the meeting was briefed on the implementation of National Action Plan (NAP) by National Security Adviser Nasir Janjua. 'The security adviser also informed about the necessity of amending laws to try more terrorists,' Qureshi added. Shah Mehmood Qureshi expressed that the government wanted to pass the bill immediately but he added that doing anything in haste would not do any good. 'Ishaq Dar believes that if parliamentary leaders unanimously agree, then there will be no need of calling any APC with the premier in chair,' said Qureshi. Parliamentary leaders are also deliberating over calling an all parties conference under the chair of prime minister Nawaz Sharif to settle the matter. It is relevant to mention that following a recent spree of terror, social media buffs and analysts are stressing the need for extension in military courts which ceased to function earlier this year.

As many as 100 people were killed during the last five years as multiple cities including Lahore, Mohmand agency and Sehwan Sharif were targeted. The Sehwan blast on Thursday left 80 people dead while injuring 250 others. The military courts had been established through constitutional amendment following the attack on Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014.

"Special constitutional arrangements were made to effectively check the terrorists and terrorism," ISPR said in a statement. "Routine judicial system was under stress wherein judicial set ups and judges were also subjected to act of terrorism," the statement read while justifying the establishment of the said courts.

"During the period of its validity, 274 cases were referred to military courts. Of these 161 were awarded death penalty (12 executed) and 113 were awarded imprisonment of varying duration," it added. ISPR also claimed that the disposal through military courts yielded positive results towards reduction in terrorist's activities.

**SEHWAN/KARACHI:** At least 76 people were killed on Thursday when a suicide bomber attacked the crowded Sufi shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar in Sehwan Sharif, injuring up to 250 others, hospital and senior police officials said. The powerful blast took place inside the premises of the shrine as a dhamaal was taking place, with a large number of women and children said to be among the casualties.

"At least 76 were martyred," said senior police officer Shabbir Sethar, adding that the death toll was likely to rise. Faisal Edhi, the head of Edhi Foundation, confirmed the death toll. "Forty-three men, nine women and 20 children are among the dead," he said. Medical superintendent of Sehwan Hospital also confirmed the death toll. Emergency was declared in the hospitals of Hyderabad, Dadu and Jamshoro. Police and security forces have cordoned off the area after the incident. Meanwhile, Inspector-General of Sindh Police AD Khowaja earlier said 70 people were martyred. Deputy Inspector-General (DIG), Hyderabad, Khadim Hussain Rind, said as many as 250 people were injured in the explosion, the latest in a series of terrorist attacks in the country.

Officials confirmed the suicide bombing took place inside the complex of the shrine, with eyewitnesses saying the explosion caused people to panic and triggered a stampede inside the crowded shrine. A large number of people from different parts of the province had gathered at the shrine when the blast took place. Devotees throng the shrine of the revered Sufi saint every Thursday to participate in a dhamaal and prayers. According to reports, the explosion occurred after devotees had gathered inside the premises of the shrine. A high number of casualties were feared because of the crowd gathered at the shrine. This is not the first time a Sufi shrine has been hit by terrorists. In November last year, a suicide blast at the Shah Noorani shrine killed 52 people and injured more than 100. Daesh, the Middle East-based militant group which has a small but increasingly prominent presence in Pakistan, claimed responsibility for the attack, the group's affiliated news agency AMAQ reported. The high death toll at the shrine makes it one of the worst attacks in Pakistan in recent years. In August last year, at least 74 people, mostly lawyers, were killed in a suicide bombing of a hospital in the southwestern city of Quetta.

Lal Shahbaz Qalandar is Pakistan's most revered Sufi shrine, dedicated to a 13th-century saint

### **'Fighting terror is joint effort of state organs'** *The News, February 17, 2017*

### **Six suspected militants killed in Multan raid** *Daily Times, February 16, 2017*

whose spirit is invoked by devotees in ecstatic daily dancing and singing rituals in Sehwan Sharif. Thursdays are an especially important day for the local Sufis, meaning that the shrine was packed at the time of the blast. The political leadership condemned the suicide blast in Sehwan Sharif and loss of innocent lives in the attack.

PPP President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the attack on the shrine of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar and said the patrons, facilitators and planners of the attack will be apprehended at all costs. He directed the Sindh government to hold an inquiry into the incident and why the security situation was not addressed. He instructed the elected representatives, party office-bearers and workers of PPP to reach hospitals and donate blood for the injured. Zardari said the Bhutto family and the PPP are with the bereaved families in this hour of grief. He prayed for the martyrs and early recovery of the injured. The Ameer of JI expressed sympathies with the bereaved families who lost their relatives in the tragic occurrence. Punjab Governor Rafique Rajwana condemned the attack and said the terrorists' prime agenda was to weaken Pakistan but they wouldn't succeed in their nefarious designs. He said the entire nation was united against terrorism.

Ameer International Khatam-e-Nabuwat Movement Dr Saeed Inayat Ullah, MPA Maulana Ilyas Chinioti and others condemned the incident while describing it a conspiracy to trigger sectarian violence in Pakistan. In a joint statement, they called for unity to foil evil designs of anti-Pakistan forces.

Secretary Information PTI Syed Sumsam Bokhari, President Central Punjab Region Abdul Aleem Khan and other leaders of PTI voiced concern over the terror wave in Pakistan. The PTI leadership expressed profound grief over the deaths of army Jawans as a result of a mine blast in Balochistan.

Former governor Ch Sarwar said the National Action Plan should be implemented today instead of tomorrow for the eradication of terrorism. He said it is the responsibility of the rulers to arrest the facilitators of terrorism along with the terrorists. Sarwar said terrorist strikes have aggrieved the whole nation, but they can't dismantle the will of the whole nation and the entire nation is fighting against the terrorism and the time is not distant when terrorism will be eradicated from the country.

The PPP Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Governor Zubair Umar, Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar and Quaid-e-Millet-Jafariya Agha Hamid Ali Shah Moosavi also condemned the terrorist attack at the premises of Lal Shahbaz Qalandar's shrine.

In their separate statements, they expressed deep sorrow and grief at the loss of lives and injuries in the blast. They prayed that Almighty Allah rest the departed souls in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved families to bear the loss with equanimity.

**ISLAMABAD:** Reacting to media reports that quoted certain observations of a judge of the Supreme Court about the Ministry of Interior, the spokesperson for the Ministry has said that the security and law and order is a shared responsibility.

Blaming the Ministry of Interior for everything amounts to ignoring both the Constitution and the facts on ground. It is not fair or within the realm of law and the Constitution for anybody to pass observations against anybody in absentia. The spokesperson said that the performance of the Ministry of Interior during the last three and a half years has been placed before the Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Amir Hani Muslim. It would have been more relevant if the report was studied, absorbed and then commented upon. The spokesperson further said that Interior Ministry is not an operational body as it is an organ of the federal government with limitation on authority governed by the Constitution and it works in close coordination with the armed forces, security agencies, provincial governments and intelligence agencies of the country. It is a manifestation of the performance of all concerned that terrorism has taken a steep dip over the last three years. The spokesperson said that Jamaatul Ahrar was not an organisation based in Pakistan. It operated from across the border. It had been proscribed as per law. Jamaatul Ahrar was actually a cover organisation of TTP Mohmand, which was also proscribed a few years earlier. The spokesperson further said that the Ministry of Interior, in coordination with all security agencies, has made every effort to counter the nefarious activities of all the terrorist organisations and the record speaks for itself wherein hundreds of terrorists have been killed or arrested or have fled across the border into the neighbouring countries.

In the environment where the security situation is improving as a result of coordinated efforts and sacrifices of all stakeholders, such observation can cause frustration, despondency and discouragement amongst those who are fighting against the enemy on the ground.

**MULTAN:** The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of the Punjab Police raided a militant hideout and killed six suspected members of the proscribed Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, the group that has launched a new campaign of violence in the country, police said on Thursday.

The CTD said its officers surrounded a hideout of the Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of the banned Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), in Multan late on Wednesday and ordered the suspects inside to surrender. "But the terrorists started firing at the raiding party and threw explosives," a spokesman for the department, who the unit does not identify for security reasons, said in a statement.

Six militants were killed while three or four escaped under cover of darkness, the department added. Two hand grenades, two automatic rifles and two pistols were recovered. Police acted after getting information that the militants were planning to launch attacks on "vital installations" and the government in the area. The militant faction claimed responsibility for a suicide bomb attack near the Punjab Assembly in Lahore on Monday that killed 14 people and wounded more than 80.

Since then, militants have killed two bomb disposal squad officers in Quetta and a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a government office in Mohmand Agency on Wednesday, killing five



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people. Also on Wednesday, a suicide bomber on a motorbike attacked a group of judges in a van in Peshawar, killing their driver. The attacks have underlined the threat militants pose to the government, despite an army offensive launched in 2014 to push them out of their strongholds near the Afghan border. The Foreign Office said it had summoned Syed Abdul Nasir Yousafi, deputy head of mission at the Afghan Embassy in Islamabad, on Wednesday to voice concern about Jamaat-ul-Ahrar "sanctuaries" in Afghanistan. Pakistan said militants launch attacks from the Afghan side of the border.

"Afghanistan was urged to take urgent measures to eliminate the terrorists and their sanctuaries, financiers and handlers," the Foreign Office said in a statement.

Pakistan has urged the international community to take notice of grave human rights violations in Occupied Kashmir, reported Radio Pakistan.

Speaking at the weekly news briefing in Islamabad on Thursday, Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said Indian atrocities against Kashmiris are continuing unabated. He said India is also violating ceasefire on the Line of Control and Working Boundary resulting into loss of precious civilian lives. He said Pakistan has repeatedly lodged protest with India in this regard. He said India is desperately wants to divert attention of world community from atrocities being committed in Occupied Kashmir by the Indian forces. He urged the international community to play role to permanently resolve the dispute of Kashmir in accordance with the UNSC resolutions.

To a question, the spokesman said investigation is underway in Lahore bombing and some arrests have been made. He pointed out that India has been involved in terrorist activities in Pakistan. He said Pakistan has taken issue to the UN Secretary General about involvement of India in terrorist activities in Pakistan. He said Pakistan is biggest victim of terrorism.

About Pakistan China cooperation in the context of CPEC and threats emanating from India side, he said it is a regional economic development project and will benefits the entire region.

Answering a question, Nafees Zakaria said Indian defence build up is not in the interest of the region. It is a matter of grave concern and endangering the peace in the region and disturbing the strategic balance.

Replying to another question, the Spokesman said continuing instability in Afghanistan has created space for the non-state actors and terrorist organizations to find their foothold in that country. He said Jamatul Ahrar which is based in Afghanistan claims carrying out terrorist's incidents in Pakistan. He said we have raised the issue terrorist activities on Pakistan soil from across the border. He said we have also urged the Afghan leadership to take necessary steps to address our concern.

**LAHORE:** Afghans in Lahore are resilient against miscreants involved in terrorism and are fully prepared to help the authority in any way possible to help catch the culprits of Faisal Chowk blast that killed 14 people, Afghan Peace Committee Lahore Vice President Haji Asal Khan told The Nation on Wednesday.

"Afghans community in the Lahore comprises of 10,198 people who are duly registered for the last 34 years. The number of unregistered Afghans may have crossed the figure of 30000," Haji Asal said. He lives in the main locality of the Afghans at Saggian Bridge (Old Ravi Bridge) area on the outskirts of the city. There are about 1200 houses of Afghans in the locality. Haji Asal said complete list of members living in each locality of Lahore was prepared and given to concerned police stations a day prior to Lahore blast. "We condemn this inhuman act in strongest possible words. We are always ready to cooperate with police and concerned authorities and will provide each and every detail on demand," Haji Asal said. "Pakistan had opened its arms for us and we will never forget the hospitality of Pakistan and we will not be disloyal to Pakistan because this country has given us shelter and so many things," he was of the view. Haji Asal said Afghan people who have gone back to Afghanistan in current repatriation scheme are currently facing a lot of problems. Most of them are living in rented houses at the time when there has been 3 feet snow fall in Kabul.

Haji Mukhtiyar Khan, 80, who hails from Mizar-e-Sahrif is one of the tribal elders of the community. "We have a peaceful community living in Lahore and have never been involved in illegal activity. Pakistan welcomed us at that time when we were in hot waters in our country and living for 34 years in Pakistan we owe a lot to this country," he said.

The Afghans living at Old Ravi Bridge come from Afghanistan province Kunduz and from cities and villages Archi, Chahar Dara, Imam Sahib, Khan Abad and Qalay-i-Zal.

Sardar Khan, 77, hails from Khandhar province of Afghanistan said that terrorists involved in suicide bombing and other terror activities would not hide in any of our localities as we are peaceful people and committed to help Pakistan. "We keep a sharp look out on all people who even come near our houses. No miscreant can dare come near here as they know we will hand them over to police even on the slightest suspicion. "Our (Afghan) community owns its own business and that is waste-picking and we have complete record of all the members of the community, which is very closed knitted one. Even the guests that may come are under the notice of tribal elders," Sardar Khan said.

There are approximately three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan. Reportedly 36,328 Afghans have been repatriated from Punjab last year. In total, 380,045 registered Afghans refugees have returned to Afghanistan in the voluntary repatriation campaign. In recent report by Human Rights Watch, the voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees from Pakistan was criticized and termed as 'forceful'. The report also criticized the role of UNHCR offering \$400 to each Afghan on volunteering repatriation programme.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan condemned the Mohmand

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**Illicit weapons, explosives  
cases: MQM lawmaker  
Kamran Farooqui indicted**

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Agency blast which occurred on Wednesday morning and said that terrorism would not be rooted out of the country unless its root causes are addressed. He said that the need for coordination between the interior ministry, foreign ministry and national security policies has increased manifold.

Reacting to the suicide attack, Imran said that he was grieved over the loss of lives and property in this attack. He said that national level efforts are necessary to weed out terrorism. Imran said that the concerned departments should act in a timely manner for developing national level consensus to stop this wave of terrorism.

**KARACHI:** An anti-terrorism court (ATC) framed on Tuesday charges against Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) lawmaker Kamran Farooqui in illicit weapons and explosives cases, fixing March 7 as the date of the first hearing of his trial. MQM MPA Farooqui was picked up by law enforcers from his residence in North Nazimabad in a pre-dawn raid on December 15, his party claimed.

The police, however, maintained that he was arrested during routine snap checking in Garden's Shoe Market area on December 17 as an unlicensed pistol, hand grenade and stolen motorcycle were found in his possession.

During the hearing, the ATC-IX judge read out the charges to the lawmaker and asked, as per formality, whether he confessed to these. Farooqui labelled them false and opted to contest. The two cases are registered at the Nabi Bakhsh police station under Section 23(1)a of the Sindh Arms Act, 2013, sections 4 and 5 of the Explosives Substances Act, 1908, read with sections 6 and 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2013. Police had also accused Farooqui of being involved in targeted killings of political rivals and terrorist activities in the city, particularly in the May 12, 2007 mayhem when around 50 people were killed and several others were injured. The police also recorded his confessional statement before a judicial magistrate on December 20 last year in which he implicated MQM-Pakistan chief Farooq Sattar as one of the perpetrators behind the May 12 mayhem. He had also admitted to his role and that of other top leaders of his party in the April 2008 Tahir Plaza incident in which a lawyer and five other citizens were burnt to death. Meanwhile, MQM-Pakistan denied the allegations and asserted that the MPA's statement was taken under duress and was part of the victimisation campaign launched against the party.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

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#### **PIMS directed to provide free medicines from March 24**

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#### **Drap CEO to file cases against pharmaceutical companies**

*Daily Dawn, February 20, 2017*

#### **Senate asked not to pass 'ineffective' anti-smoking amendment**

*Daily Dawn, February 20, 2017*

### DETAILS

**ISLAMABAD**-In a bid to facilitate patients at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS), Federal Ombudsman, M Salman Faruqi has directed the country's largest hospital's administration to ensure provision of free of cost medicines to patients from March 24. The Mohtasib expressed the confidence that if the recommendations of Ombudsman Committee on PIMS reforms are implemented in true letter and spirit the institute would become a role model for the whole country. He said this while chairing a high level meeting to review the implementation on recommendations of Ombudsman's Committee on PIMS reforms. The recommendations by the Ombudsman's Committee are vital to bring reforms in the functioning of PIMS which needed to be implemented as these recommendations are prepared after hard work by the committee members, Faruqi said. Wafaqi Mohtasib Salman Faruqi directed the PIMS administration that provision of free of cost medicines to patients was an important issue which should be resolved and gave a deadline of March 24 for this purpose. Briefing the meeting, Hafiz Ahsaan Ahmed Khokhar, Senior Advisor Wafaqi Mohtasib said that the committee gave 50 suggestions for the betterment of the hospital which should be implemented as soon as possible. He apprised the meeting that currently 901 vacancies were lying vacant in the hospital and suggested that if these posts are filled properly most of the issues could be resolved amicably. Upon which, Federal Ombudsman directed the PIMS administration to fill these posts at earliest. While briefing the meeting, Dr Fiaz Ranjha, Health Advisor of Wafaqi Mohtasib gave a detailed look into the matters of PIMS and said that there are 19 such issues which could be resolved without spending a single penny which include security arrangements, Biometric system, betterment in Emergency services, cleanliness problems etc. He was of the view that with the implementation on Mohtasib recommendations, people's trust could be built on the hospital and it can earn better reputation. The meeting was attended by senior advisors of Wafaqi Mohtasib and PIMS top administration.

**ISLAMABAD:** After receiving a damages case, the CEO of the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Drap) Dr Mohammad Aslam has decided to file cases against companies which have time and again taken the authority to court. "I have been trying to ensure the quality of the medicines, and the improvement is quite obvious. But some companies that have been making fake and substandard medicines have been trying to defame me and pressure me through court cases," Dr Aslam told Dawn. "Being the head of a government entity I have many limitations due to which I cannot give my point of view properly at different forums. But now I have gotten the go-ahead from National Health Services (NHS) Minister Saira Afzal Tarar," he said. Dr Aslam was appointed to Drap, which was ineffective for almost two years after its establishment, as its permanent head at the start of 2015. Since then, the authority has taken steps to address the issue of quality and pricing of drugs, while also facing controversies and the intervention of the National Accountability Bureau and the Federal Investigation Agency. Dr Aslam said he is trying to address the issue of substandard medicines, but is facing resistance and pressure from public offices and political figures. "Providing quality medicines to the masses is a matter of national interest," he said. "Pharmaceutical companies that are making quality products are supporting me, but those that manufacture substandard medicines have been trying to pressure me using different methods." High Court advocate Hafiz Ahsan Aslam told Dawn Drap has favoured some companies while sealing others. "Drap registered two FIRs against my client's company, but both were quashed by the Islamabad High Court (IHC). Then Drap issued an order of void ab initio [to be treated as invalid from the outset] regarding the registration of medicines, and alleged that the company managed to change the minutes of a meeting held in Drap," he said. "The court rejected the argument that a company can change the minutes of Drap meetings. Due to which, now I have filed for Rs550 million in damages against the head of Drap, and the court has also directed Drap not to take any action against the company," he added. When contacted, Dr Aslam said the matter was about the wrong registration of a drug, was before an IHC double bench and has not yet been decided.

**ISLAMABAD:** A draft bill tabled last year that would ban tobacco product advertisements, even by tobacco retailers inside shops, will be laid before the Senate on Monday. However, civil society representatives who helped draft the bill have asked the upper house to reject it, arguing that it lost its effectiveness after input from the tobacco industry. They have also praised the prime minister for opposing the bill. The Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-Smokers Health (Amendment) Bill 2016 was tabled by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed from the PML-Q. The upper house referred the bill to the Senate Standing Committee on National Health Services (NHS), which then referred it to a subcommittee chaired by Senator Nauman Wazir. During the subcommittee's hearings, tobacco companies were also asked to give their input, and the attention of the hearings remained mainly on smuggled cigarettes rather than tobacco product advertisements.

The head of The Network for Consumer Protection, Nadeem Iqbal, who helped draft the bill, said the main thrust of the amendment to the existing tobacco law was to ban tobacco advertisements inside shops that attract children. "However, the Senate committee the amendment was referred to in its report took pains to defend the tobacco industry," he said. "The committee has suggested that the ban on interior displays will deprive retailers dealing in tobacco products of their right to carry out a legitimate business. It has also suggested that the ban on advertising would hamper the consumer's right to freedom of choice." The ground reality is different, he argued. He referenced a survey conducted by The Network in six cities, which revealed that 83pc of shops have powerwalls or cigarettes behind the cash counter, 52pc have cigarettes inside glass counters, 50pc place cigarettes with snacks, 14pc of shops have 'limited time offers' and free gifts on the purchase of cigarettes, and 89pc do not display signs stating no sales to minors. The Coalition for Tobacco Control Pakistan (CTC-Pak) has also expressed serious reservations about the bill. CTC-Pak National Coordinator

## PM approves project for screening of newborns

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Khurram Hashmi said the bill has become controversial because it lost its essence. He said it was ironic and unfortunate that the people's representatives, who pledge to serve the people, defended the tobacco industry instead of ensuring good national health. "We demand that the members of the committee retain and pass the bill in its original form. We hope Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed will defend the bill as per his commitment to protect our youth from exposure to tobacco products. Dissecting the bill to accommodate the interests of the tobacco industry will greatly jeopardise the decade-long efforts by tobacco control advocates and actions taken by the government in this regard," he said. An official statement issued by The Network said that as a signatory to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control – binding on all member states with the World Health Organisation – banning advertisements of tobacco products was one of the major steps every country has to take, in addition to increasing taxation and banning tobacco use in public places.

**ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has approved the establishment of newborn screening project and it has been made part of the Prime Minister National Health Programme (PMNHP) for the needy. The whole country will come under the scope of the screening phase by phase. The system will help check certain disabilities right in the beginning of the life of the child making it easy to overcome it at the early stage. Highly placed sources told The News that it would be the first project in the country that would facilitate screening of newborns and identify any disease particularly relating to hearing and speech of the child soon after birth. It is likely that the project would start working next month as the matter is with the Ministry of Finance for fiscal sanction. In case of hearing and speech deficiencies, the screening would help the doctor to determine therapy/treatment of the newborn. In certain cases hearing aides are fitted while others need cochlear implant. In both the cases the child could be saved from lifelong disability. One single unit of the project would cost less than rupees one million and screening could be conducted by the lady health visitors (LHV) after brief training even by visiting the home of the newborn. The government has planned to set up pilot project of the unit in Islamabad where Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif is associated with the PMNHP for steering it on volunteer basis. The idea of having newborn screening was also floated by Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif and she took interest personally in the development of the project. State Minister for CADD Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary has been assigned to install the project, the sources said. Number of units will be established in different parts of the country one it is set up in the federal capital. The needed technical knowhow has been gathered from abroad and trained staff would be available as the screening projects are established on massive scale in the country, the sources added. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had asked the ministry concerned to start work on the project within shortest possible time so that chances of disability should be reduced up to maximum extent.

## Health minister orders medical superintendents to achieve targets

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**LAHORE:** Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Health Khawaja Imran Nazir has directed the medical superintendents of district headquarters (DHQs) and tehsil headquarters (THQ) hospitals to make efforts for achieving the set targets, besides maintaining the minimum service delivery standards (MSDS). Addressing the monthly conference of medical superintendents of DHQ and THQ hospitals in the committee room of the Directorate General of Health Services on Sunday, he said that medical superintendents should ensure that quality healthcare was being provided to the patients. He said that the revamping of these hospitals should also be expedited. Imran Nazir reiterated that the target of revamping of 40 DHQ/THQ hospitals should be achieved during the current financial year. Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan informed the minister that emergency medical officers (EMO) were being posted at all district headquarters hospitals and their salary package would be up to Rs 250,000 if they were posted at far-flung areas, like Rajanpur. He said that for those posted at nearby district like Kasur and Sheikhpura, the salary package would be Rs 100,000. He further said that the EMOs would be exempted from medico-legal duties.

The minister said that information technology would be used and android applications be introduced to monitor the performance of medical superintendents. He said that on the directives of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the primary and secondary healthcare system was being further strengthened to ensure healthcare facilities at the doorsteps of the people. He said that apart from appointment of specialist doctors, intensive care units (ICUs) consisting of five beds would also be established in each DHQ hospital, along with ventilators, to provide best medical care to critical patients at local level for saving their lives. He said that an integrated referral system had been introduced for which pool of ambulances had been set up under the control of Rescue 1122 for immediate shifting of any serious patient from a small hospital to a tertiary-level hospital for advanced treatment without any delay. He said that this pool had been set up at the district level. The minister issued directives for ensuring biometric attendance of the staff, availability of medicines and maintaining the standard of cleanliness at the hospitals. Special Secretary and Health Director General Dr Faisal Zahoor, directors of Vertical Health Programmes and senior officers of the department also attended the meeting.

## Ogra serves notices on LPG companies

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**LAHORE:** The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) has again sought information from 14 public and private companies, including the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) and the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC), by Feb 21 to determine the justification of LPG prices in the light of the Lahore High Court directions. Ogra served reminders after the companies failed to provide information to it earlier. The companies give notices are: the OGDCL, the SSGC, MOL Pakistan Oil and Gas Company, Byco Oil Pakistan Limited, Jamshoro Joint Venture Limited, United Energy Pakistan Limited, Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited, Ocean Pakistan Limited, Pakistan Petroleum Limited, Pak Arab Refinery Limited, National Refinery Limited, Pakistan Oilfields Limited, Pakistan Refinery Limited and Attock Refinery Limited.

The authority seeks information regarding monthly sales, price per metric ton, annual sales revenue and detail of direct and indirect expense of the last three years. The authority warned of penalty if the orders are not followed. After industry's concerns, the authority on Friday said it would come up with another 'reasonable price' for the LPG next week after completing internal assessment and consultation process with stakeholders. In a press conference, Ogra authorities conceded that the



### Polio victim dies

*Geo News, February 19, 2017*

### 3 fake food inspectors arrested in Lahore

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### After deregulation: CNG price hike goes unchecked

*Pakistan Today, February 19, 2017*

### Punjab AIDS control program sets up psychological support unit

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### 2,327 'suspected' madrassas shut down countrywide, NAP implementation documents reveal

*Geo News, February 18, 2017*

### Walk for Education

*Geo News, February 18, 2017*

### Govt asked to collect data of five major diseases in census

*Daily Dawn, February 18, 2017*

regulator notified previous LPG prices in line with the existing LPG policy without making a fair analysis. "We are examining the fresh LPG price proposed by the petroleum ministry and have sought comments and records from stakeholders before notifying it," said Orgra's Noor Haque. Orgra Executive Director Misbah Yaqub said the LPG market was still deregulated as rules were not amended. He, however, said the regulator had set the price in line with the existing policy, which allowed it to determine a reasonable price.

**BADIN:** A six-year-old boy, Imran Jat, who was paralysed by the polio virus, died late on Friday evening at his home in Qasim Jat village of Shaheed Fazil Rahu (previously Golarchi) town of Badin district. The boy had been under treatment at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre in Karachi for some time and was discharged a few weeks ago.

**LAHORE:** Three fake food inspectors were arrested in Lahore on Sunday. The vigilance cell of Punjab Food Authority (PFA) in Lahore made the arrests and handed the accused over to the police. According to the PFA officials the food inspectors were arrested from Gawalmandi. They added the accused would call themselves food inspectors and extort money from restaurant owners. According to the PFA officials, the food inspectors were arrested from Gawalmandi. They added the accused would call themselves food inspectors and extort money from restaurant owners.

**PESHAWAR:** Following the deregulation of the CNG sector by the ministry of petroleum and natural resources, CNG stations in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa hiked the gas prices by Rs4.08 per Kilogram. The prices were raised by the CNG stations to Rs82.90 per kg in first week of February following the notification of the sector's deregulation. The K-P government has taken up the issue with the ministry of petroleum raising objections over the deregulation of the sector and limiting the role of Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA).

The Punjab AIDS control program (PACP) has set up a psychological support unit (PSU) for counselling HIV/AIDS and hepatitis patients. The announcement was made by the PACP Program Director Dr Adnan Zafar in a meeting of the PACP managers at the primary and secondary healthcare department office. The PSU will provide behavioural therapy and mental state examination services and will be based at the Institute of Public Health. The PACP is providing free test and treatment facilities to bus and truck drivers at key locations across Punjab. Free medical camps for drivers have already been organised in Lahore, Sheikhupura, Sargodha, Gujranwala, and Okara. The PACP also provides free treatment to all AIDS patients at treatment centres in Punjab.

**ISLAMABAD:** A total of 2,327 'suspected' religious seminaries have been sealed countrywide in connection with the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP), documents of the Interior Ministry revealed. "Suspected seminaries (madrassas) are those which militants use or those which entertain the activities of defunct organisations or suspected militants," Mohammad Amir Rana, an independent security analyst, explained while talking to this correspondent. Out of these 2,327 madrassas, 2,311 have been closed in Sindh alone. 13 madrassas have been sealed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) while only two madrassas have been closed in Punjab, the latest data of the provincial governments shared with the federal government revealed. Balochistan remained the weakest province in relation to action against 'suspected' madrassas, where only one madrassa has been shut down so far, the data disclosed. The documents containing the details of NAP implementation available with this correspondent also reveal that governments of the federal territory Islamabad, Punjab and Sindh have completed 100% mapping of the seminaries. Balochistan also remained the slowest amongst all the provinces in mapping action, where only 60% of the mapping has been carried out. KP government has completed 75% of the mapping whereas operation-torn Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) has performed 85% of the mapping.

**KARACHI (Dunya News):** The locals on Sunday inaugurated the Korangi flyover in Karachi after Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Murad Ali Shah did not arrive for the ceremony. The flyover had to be inaugurated by Sindh CM, Mayor Waseem Akhtar and Minister for Local Government Jam Shoro Khan. KMC officials and public kept waiting for them as none of them appeared on the scene. At last, one man among the public cut the ribbon and inaugurated the flyover after which the traffic started moving on it. "Sindh CM should have come for the inauguration. But the right should be given to the public as it is theirs and made for them," said the man. The flyover was constructed way before but had not become operational as it was not inaugurated causing severe problems for the people.

**KARACHI:** A health research organisation and cardiologists on Friday asked the government to collect data of five major diseases — diabetes, hypertension, obesity, hepatitis and cardiac ailments — as part of the coming national population census to ascertain the burden of such major diseases in Pakistan for future policymaking. "Upcoming national population census is the best opportunity for our policymakers to collect data of these five major diseases," said a statement issued by the leaders of the Pakistan Health Research Advisory Board (PHRAB) and the Pakistan Cardiac Society (PCS) at a press conference held at a local hotel. Dr Abdul Basit of the PHRAB said he had met the federal secretary for health services in Islamabad two weeks ago and asked him to include questions regarding five major diseases in the national population census so that burden of these diseases in Pakistan could be determined and policy could be devised to tackle them at the national level.

"At the moment, we have no concrete data so we cannot devise any strategy to prevent and tackle diabetes, hypertension, hepatitis, cardiac ailments and obesity in the country," he said, adding that at present no one actually knew the number of patients with diabetes, hypertension and heart diseases. He claimed that every third or fourth patient coming to hospitals and doctors was diabetic and at this ratio, around 25 to 33 per cent population in the country was diabetic, meaning they were prone to have heart diseases and other health issues related with diabetes. "Around 10 million children in Pakistan are obese, who are likely to become diabetics and heart patients in the next 10 years, which is also an alarming situation and needs immediate attention of authorities," he

## Polio resurfaces in south Punjab

*Daily Dawn, February 18, 2017*

## 'Mysterious' fire at shrine

*Daily Dawn, February 18, 2017*

## 24 patrolling vehicles off road due to fuel shortage

*Daily Dawn, February 18, 2017*

## First polio case of 2017 surfaces in Lodhran

*Geo News, February 17, 2017*

## 'Education, science budget less than amount spent on Orange Line in

said. President-elect of PCS Prof Naeem Aslam said doctors in Pakistan were not in the habit of keeping records of their patients, their diseases, prescriptions and other details, which, if kept, could help in preventing and lowering burden of many diseases. Prof Feroz Memon said heart ailments were a leading cause of death in Pakistan but unfortunately no solid data about that was available with the authorities, which could have helped formulate preventive measures.

**BAHAWALPUR:** As a four years old minor boy from Lodhran has tested positive for polio, health authorities describe it the first such case of 2017 in Punjab. No polio case was reported in the province in 2016. Ali Hasan s/o Muhammad Afzal of Chak 15-M, Duniyapur tehsil of Lodhran district, was admitted to the Civil Hospital here a week ago. Doctors sent his samples to the National Institute of Health (NIH) in Islamabad which found them positive. Lodhran's Chief Executive Officer (Health) Tariq Gilani confirmed the report. The minor was brought to the Civil Hospital on Jhangiwali Road here a few days ago for the treatment of chest infection. During treatment, doctors suspected abnormality in his right leg. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Rana Muhammad Yousaf said child specialist Dr Amir Malik noticed some abnormality in the movement of Raza's right leg. According to the SOP in such cases, the MS informed the district health officials concerned in Bahawalpur who collected boy's blood samples and dispatched them to the NIH for pathological analysis.

The MS said the findings were received by the local health officials on Thursday. As the report went public, there was panic among the civil hospital staff and parents of other minor patients. The MS said when parents took away Hasan to their home, health officials in Lodhran were informed about the positive report. The MS further said after the receipt of positive report from Islamabad, an emergency was declared in the civil hospital last night where a special anti-polio counter was established and all the admitted children were administered anti-polio drops. He said the immunization in the hospital would continue for another two days. The MS said according to laboratory reports, the infant had the attack of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP), which could be curable after continuous treatment. The MS further stated that the Punjab government had also moved fast and decided to launch a three-day anti-polio campaign as a preventive measure in the districts of Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar and Bahawalpur as the minor remained admitted here for about a week. Answering a question, he said health authorities in Lodhran would take preventive and curable measures as well. Shakeel Ahmad adds from Multan: The district health authorities in Lodhran have requested re-investigation into the case. Lodhran's Health CEO Dr Tariq Gilani said though the National Institute of Health (NIH) in Islamabad had declared the boy was polio positive, he had doubts and requested for another test. "It is unbelievable as six doses of anti-polio vaccine were administered to Hasan and other children in the same vicinity but no other child contracted the virus," he said.

**BAHAWALPUR:** The shrine of Syed Roshan Ali Shah Gilani mysteriously caught fire in Mohallah Aaam Khas here on Friday. It was claimed that the roof of the shrine was completely destroyed and collapsed. The Rescue 1122 personnel extinguished the fire. The DPO's public relations officer Jam Sadiq said the main shrine did not catch fire but the mysterious fire erupted in shrine's adjacent 'hujra' which was damaged. He said the Kotwali SHO suspected some foul play and asked caretaker Syed Hussain Ali Shah to visit the police station for the registration of an FIR on his behalf.

**RAWALPINDI:** A severe fuel shortage has hit the Punjab Highway Patrol Rawalpindi Region due to shortage of funds, and 24 police patrolling vehicles had been off road for two weeks, prompting the police to contain its mobility. Of the 30 police double-cabin vans, allocated to 30 patrolling posts, 24 had been off road for more than two weeks due to a lack of funds to pay fuel charges, said a senior police official, adding that patrolling has been the salient feature of Punjab Highway Patrol (PHP). The purpose of establishing the PHP was to make highways safer and remake the image of police. PHP posts were constructed along highways across the province during the PML-Q regime and were made operational in 2005. Initially, 498 patrolling vehicles were provided to the PHP, a large number of which have either outlived or crossed the 300,000km mileage. Since the PHP was made operational, as many as nine new vehicles were inducted in the Rawalpindi region.

A police official said since the police vehicles have been off road, police officials have been doing their duty by establishing police check posts instead of patrolling on vehicles. "We use private motorcycles to reach the crime scene, and we don't patrol in the area because foot patrolling has not been possible in a vast area, especially at night," he said. When contacted, PHP Rawalpindi region Senior Superintendent of Police Mohammad Yousuf Malik told Dawn that the fuel shortage had been a routine issue but funds had been released by the authorities concerned and all of the vehicles would be made operational very soon. "It has not affected police performance, since there has been no terrorism or any other emergency situation," SSP Yousuf said and added: "We do change our strategy in such circumstances and continue our working." The SSP said that the police establish check-posts and change their strategies to cope with the situation whenever necessary. "Whenever there is any emergency, we deal with it very well," he said. The police claimed that a considerable decrease in highway robberies, vehicle snatching and other crimes had been reported due to the PHP. A police official revealed that the patrolling police were tasked with conducting foot and mobile patrols within an area of 220 feet on either side of the highway. However, the PHP cannot register cases and does not have a mandate for investigations, and can only serve as a reporting centre and provide emergency assistance to victims of crimes or accidents.

**LAHORE:** The first polio case of 2017 has surfaced from Lodhran in Punjab. The affected child is a four-month-old boy. Although the child has been immunised four times, he contracted the disease. Pakistan is among the only three polio-endemic countries in the world, the other two being Afghanistan and Nigeria.

**KARACHI:** Eminent scientist and former science minister Dr Atta-ur-Rehman on Thursday called for coordination between social and natural scientists to adopt ways and means to bring about peace in the world. "Technology is a double-edged sword and it needs to be used for the betterment and welfare of mankind and not for their destruction," he said delivering a lecture at the Distinguished Lecture Series organised by Karachi University's faculty of social sciences at the varsity's Arts

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Auditorium. "To earn peace for human beings," said the former chairman of the Higher Education Commission and professor emeritus, "coordination between social scientists and [experts in] natural sciences is essential," he said while responding to a question about why scientists had not done much for establishing peace in the world. The lecture was titled 'Science, technology and innovation: imperatives for socio-economic development'. Dr Rehman compared the GDP and economic growth rate of Singapore and China with Pakistan and attributed their development to the effective utilisation of human resources through quality education. "If Singapore's exports are \$400 billion, it is unfortunate that Pakistan's exports are only \$22bn because Pakistan lacks in exporting technology and value-added goods." He said limited budget spent on education, science and technology in Pakistan was less than the amount spent on construction of Orange Line in Lahore. He emphasised the need to focus on developing creative minds so as to bridge the gap in knowledge, science and technology. "Universities are measured on the basis of research work that is done and not on the basis of the high enrolment or buildings." He stressed the importance of developing research culture by providing incentives to faculty members and students. He said that instead of increasing the number of universities, emphasis should be laid on ensuring quality control and standard education to students.

Dr Rehman shared some steps that were taken by the HEC under his leadership when 11,000 students were sent abroad for higher studies. He also talked about the steps that were taken by the HEC in terms of ranking universities to develop a spirit of competition among them. He expressed grief over dramatic decline of HEC in the recent years. Despite this, he was happy to share the 'threat' Pakistan had posed to India in the field of science and technology. He said new innovations would revolutionise the world, which included quantum computing, tailoring of new animal and plant species, 'golden rice' with pro-vitamin A to compensate for vitamin-A deficiency, growth of crops round the year, identification of obesity genes, reversal of aging process, re-engineering of polio virus to cure cancer, and 3D printing/bio-printing of human organs, including kidneys and liver. He spoke about the availability of devices through which blind people could see and drive cars, real-time translation devices through which communicating with a speaker of any language was possible even if one did not know that language. He also introduced the audience to nanotechnology, e-textiles, and ebb textiles. Dr Atta-ur-Rehman talked about the inventions of other countries, but also shared his ongoing research on human brain, sharing one interesting discovery that thoughts were not abstract but actually made up of atoms and molecules. According to him, education was being revolutionised in the form of video books. He emphasised the need to realise the importance of science and technology for economic empowerment. He also encouraged young scholars to play an active role in their field to promote research culture in Pakistan. In his concluding remarks, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr Moonis Ahmar said the thirst for knowledge was seemingly missing among the people of Pakistan. He advised the youth to focus on education and make efforts to excel in their field without wasting their time as "we cannot afford to remain poor and backward". Dr Ahmar paid tribute to Dr Rehman who he considered a real source of inspiration for the country and the University of Karachi. Later, the dean presented a plaque to Dr Atta-ur-Rehman.

## Minister says missionary schools providing quality education

*The Nation, February 17, 2017*

**KARACHI:** Provincial Minister for Education and Literacy Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar said on Thursday that the missionary educational institutions were playing a positive role in imparting quality education to the students and they deserved to be appreciated for that. While speaking at the Annual Sports Day at St Joseph College Saddar Karachi as a chief guest, he said that beside curricular activities, extracurricular activities were also must. "Especially the girls must be provided more such opportunities so that they could also shine in other fields besides their studies," he asserted. He added, "All educational institutions should hold sports day regularly as such events develop confidence in the students." The minister for education said he believed that girls were second to none in showing their talents. "It is our duty to provide them equal opportunities in order to enable them to make progress," he stressed. Dahar further said that he would talk to the CM for sanctioning special grants for improving infrastructure of the college besides for provision of IT facilities and scholarships for the students. On the occasion, the minister also distributed prizes among the winning students. Principal St Joseph Sister Roohi Ghouri also spoke on the occasion.

## Student dies after being hit by Sindh University bus in Jamshoro

*Pakistan Today, February 16, 2017*

**HYDERABAD:** A student was killed in a fatal accident on Thursday when a Sindh University Jamshoro bus hit her at Zero Point. Saima Memon, a third-year student at the Physics Department, was shifted to Civil Hospital Jamshoro, where she was declared dead. Soon after the enraged students protested by chanting slogans against the university administration. This is the second fatal accident involving a Sindh University Jamshoro bus in eight days. Earlier on February 8, a student lost his life after he fell off from the university's bus.

## Medical store owners call off strike after talks with Punjab govt

*Pakistan Today, February 16, 2017*

The owners of medical stores and pharmaceutical companies in Punjab agreed to end their strike after they reached an agreement with the provincial government on Wednesday evening. Law Minister Rana Sanaullah, speaking at a press conference together with representatives from pharmaceutical companies here, said that a committee had been formed to oversee amendments in the Drug Act 1976. He announced that a consensus on various issues had been reached with representatives of the pharmaceutical companies. "The pharmaceutical companies have agreed to support the campaign against counterfeit drugs," he added. "We want to eliminate fake drugs from Punjab. It is our responsibility to ensure the provision of quality medicines to people," said Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique, who was also present alongside Sanaullah.

## Factories making substandard cooking oil sealed in Dir

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**TIMERGARA:** The Lower Dir food department on Wednesday sealed three factories for manufacturing substandard cooking oil. After getting complaints from the public, a team led by district food controller Shahabuddin raided different markets on Timergara bypass road. The team sealed three cooking oil outlets and registered cases against the owners under sections 273, 269 and 3/6 food act. Several litres of substandard cooking oil and animals' waste were also recovered from the factories. Talking to journalists the food controller said chicken and animals' waste, especially fur and intestines, were being used to manufacture the product. He said the product was being supplied to hotels in the city. He said the government had already banned sale of such oil as it contained



### '48,210 patients treated for mental illnesses'

*Daily Dawn, February 16, 2017*

### Over 200 makeshift shops burnt in Lunda Bazaar fire

*Daily Dawn, February 16, 2017*

### Petroleum prices likely to increase up to Rs16 per litre

*Pakistan Today, February 15, 2017*

### Fire at Rahim Yar Khan market extinguished after five hours

*Pakistan Today, February 15, 2017*

### Inactivated polio vaccination drive begins

*Daily Dawn, February 14, 2017*

### 6 dead in cylinder blast inside house in Bahawalnagar

*Pakistan Today, February 14, 2017*

### Vegetables grown with sewage causing diseases: report

*Pakistan Today, February 14, 2017*

substances injurious to health. The food authority directed the tehsil municipal staff to properly dispose of animals' waste so it could not be misused by selfish elements.

**ISLAMABAD:** As many as 48,210 people with mental health issues received treatment at four government hospitals of the federal capital since Jan 1, 2016. This information was provided on Wednesday by the Ministry of Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) while replying to a question from Senator Dr Jehanzeb Jamaldini. The ministry, in a written reply, informed the upper house that 15,961 people were treated at Capital Hospital, 14,433 at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences, 11,816 at Polyclinic and 6,000 at National Institute of the Rehabilitation Medicine. It further informed the house that four seats of psychiatrists were vacant at Pims and one at Polyclinic. Replying to a calling attention notice tabled by Senator retired Col Tahir Hussain Mashhad, Commerce Minister Khurram Dastgir informed the house that medicines for tuberculosis patients were available at the government outlets. He said some unregistered medicines were not available in the market but government has nothing to do with them.

**RAHIM YAR KHAN:** A fire erupted at Lunda Bazaar on Tuesday night, reducing to ashes more than 200 makeshift shops set up on railway land near the Sadiqabad railway station, 30km from here. The blaze damaged a nearby mosque, a few shops in a commercial building and a poultry shed. On Wednesday, many shopkeepers of the flea market blocked rail traffic for hours against the incident. Assistant Commissioner Syed Abbas Nasir told this correspondent that the cause of the blaze would be ascertained after investigation. He said DC Jamil Ahmed Jamil and DPO Zeeshan Asghar had visited the site and the loss would be worked out after collecting details from traders. According to Rescue 1122 spokesperson Adnan Shabbir, the fire broke out due to a short circuit and 11 vehicles controlled the blaze after nine-hour efforts. He claimed that valuables worth Rs30 million were burnt while personnel saved belongings to the tune of Rs40m. Railways Divisional Superintendent (Sukkur division) Ijaz Burro told Dawn that the railway authorities had conducted four major anti-encroachment operations in the past, but an alleged mafia managed to grab land and some people obtained stay from the Board of Revenue. He claimed that the railway land would be cleared of encroachments in 15 to 20 days. The same flea market had caught fire in March 2015, reducing around 100 shops to ashes.

The federal government is likely to hike prices of petroleum goods up to Rs16.71 per litre. According to a news channel, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) has suggested the federal government increase petrol prices by Rs1.91 per litre, recommending a hike of Rs2.03 per litre on diesel. An increase of Rs 16.71 per litre has been recommended by the regulatory authority. OGRA has also suggested the federal government increase light diesel's cost by Rs12.53 per litre. The federal government will announce the final prices by tonight (Wednesday). On February 1, the government had announced to readjust prices of petroleum products by Rs2.25 per litre.

**RAHIM YAR KHAN:** At least 400 makeshift shops turned into ashes as a fire broke out near Sadiqabad Bazaar in the wee hours of Wednesday, confirmed rescue officials. Although, no casualties were reported by the authorities, however, it took more than five hours for the firefighters to douse the fire. The flames spread. The flames spread to the meat market. At least thirteen fire tenders reached the site. The elected union council chairman and member provincial assembly of the area was present at the site of the incident, supervising the relief efforts. Interestingly the market suffers inferno every year. Police has registered a case of the incident and initiated investigations.

**KARACHI:** The first phase of the injectable IPV (inactivated polio vaccine) campaign in selected districts of Sindh was launched on Monday, which would continue till Feb 21, officials said. Launched by the provincial emergency operations centre (EOC) for polio in Sindh, the first day of the drive remained peaceful and was 'positively' responded to by parents, they added. The officials said 136 union councils of Karachi had been selected for the campaign. Besides, Thatta, Badin, Sujawal and Tando Mohammad Khan, where the polio virus had either recently been discovered or its traces were found, had been included in the current scheme. "This measure is being taken to protect children from the polio virus and is a special intervention in addition to the oral polio vaccine (OPV) campaigns which are critical to interrupt the circulation of the virus in the country," said an official in the provincial government. Eight of the 20 cases reported in the country last year were from Sindh. Of them, two each had been reported from Sujawal and Badin districts in the last four months of 2016. "This prompted us to take extra measures to keep children in these areas safe from the crippling virus," said the official. Fayyaz Jatoti of the Sindh EOC said there were two major factors for launching the IPV campaign in those particular areas — malnutrition and low routine immunisation. He said malnourished children had low immunity; hence, it was important to give them an extra dose to save them from the virus.

At least six people were killed on Tuesday after a cylinder exploded inside a house in Bahawalnagar, *Express News* reported. The explosion also caused several houses to collapse in the South Punjab city, leading to panicked scenes of people rushing out of their houses.

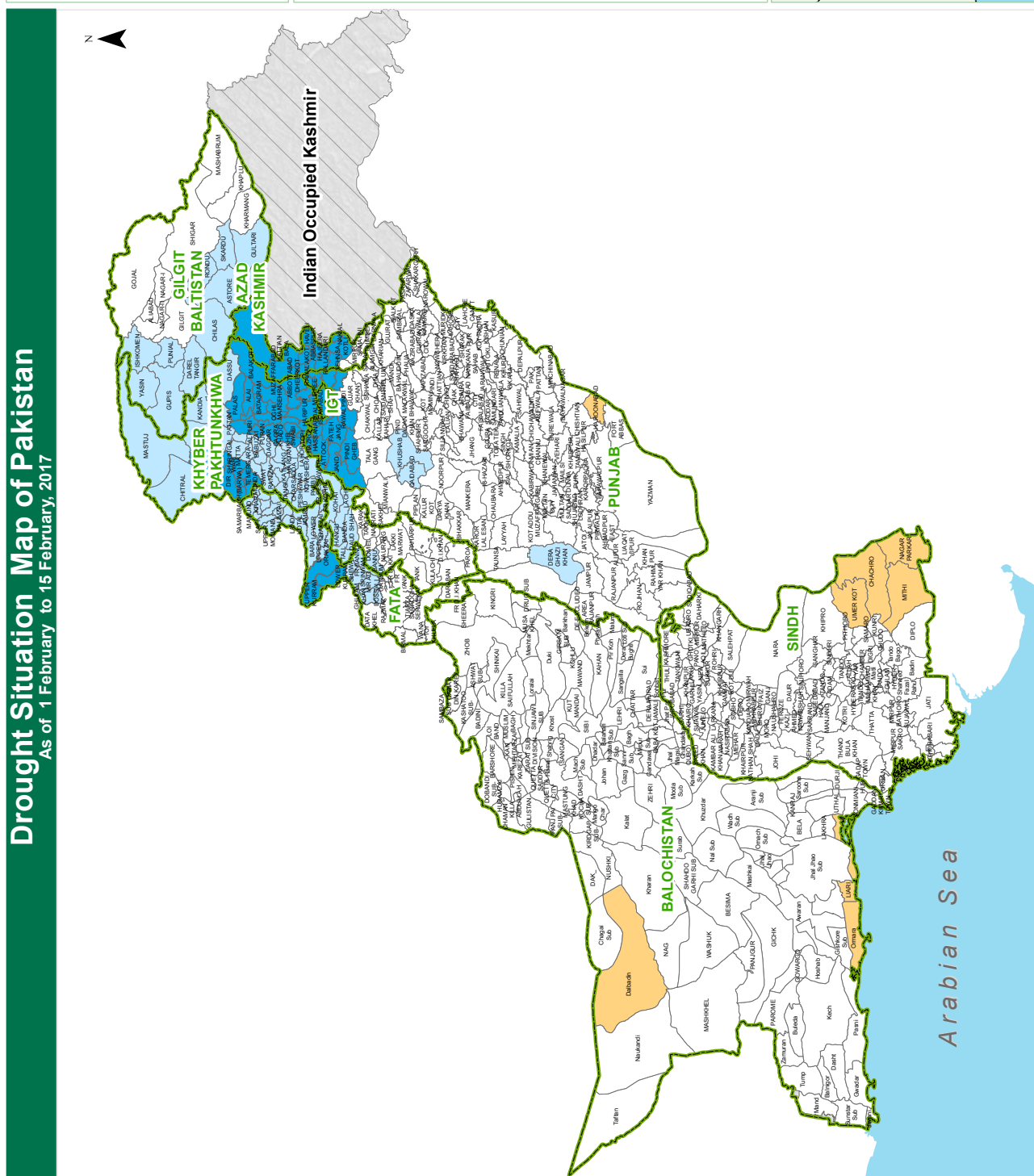
**SARGODHA:** Use of sewage water for cultivation of vegetables is causing a number of diseases, including hepatitis and cancer, a report by Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) revealed on Monday. The report stated the use of sewage water for cultivation of vegetables as well as for wheat and other crops was hazardous for human health. According to the report, sewage water was not only hazardous in itself, but the use of cleaning acids in homes and chemicals in factories make the water more dangerous. Authorities have yet to take action against such people who were playing with the lives of the citizens. The vegetables produced in such yields were being sold in local markets on daily basis but the people were unaware of the hazards. The main reason for using sewage water for cultivation was the unavailability of clean water, farmers said. A spokesperson of Tehsil Municipal Administration said several notices were served to such people, adding, a comprehensive strategy





was devolved to deal with such elements. He disclosed that water treatment plants were also being planned which would make sewage water suitable for cultivation.





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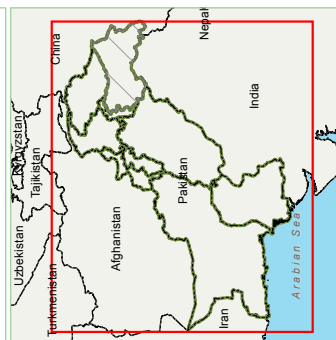
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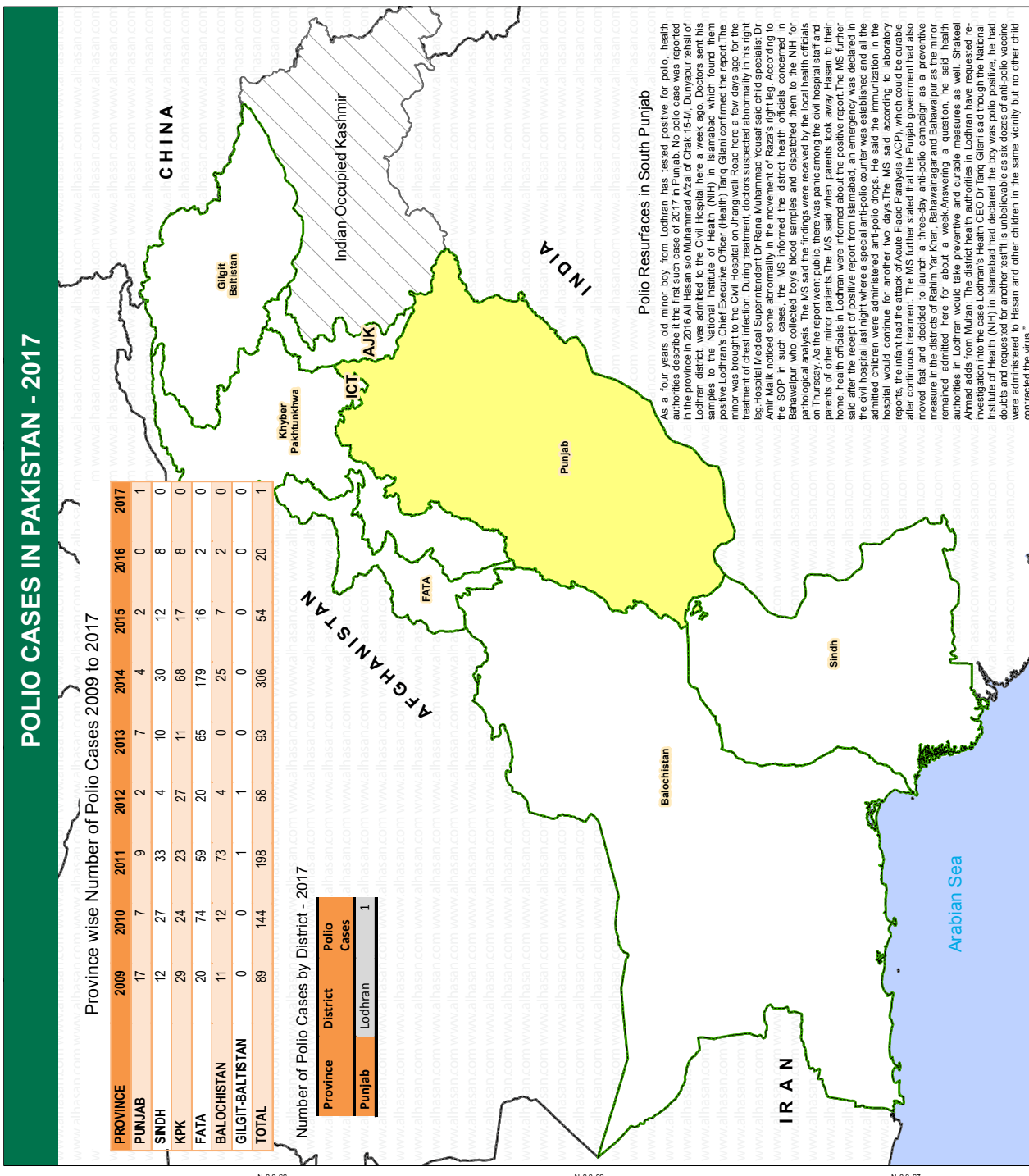
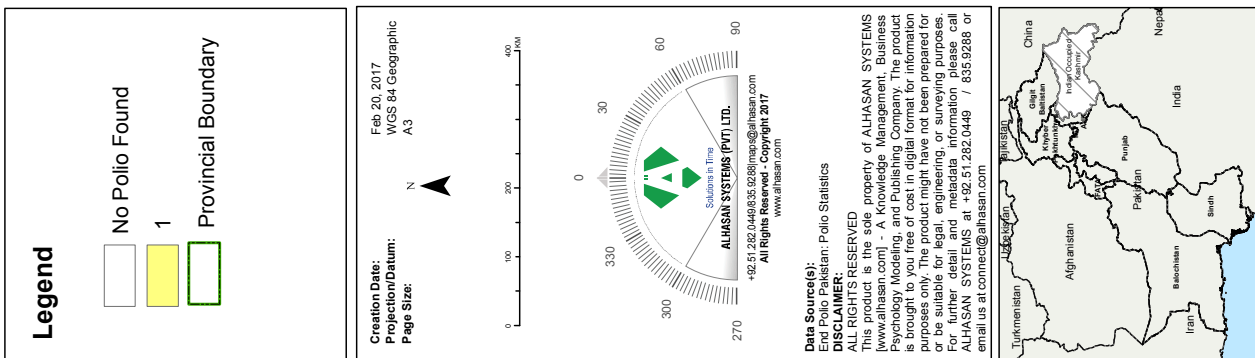


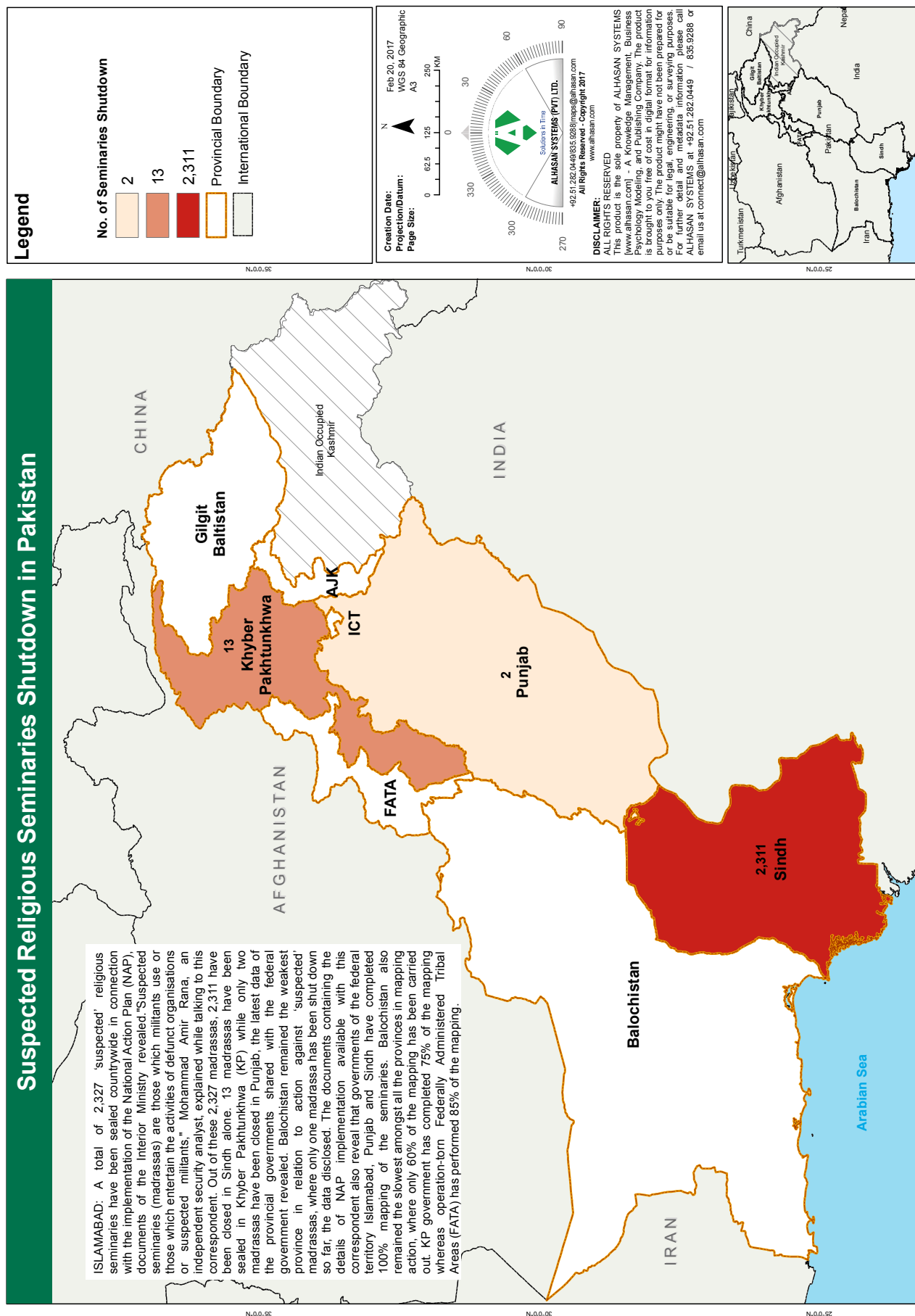
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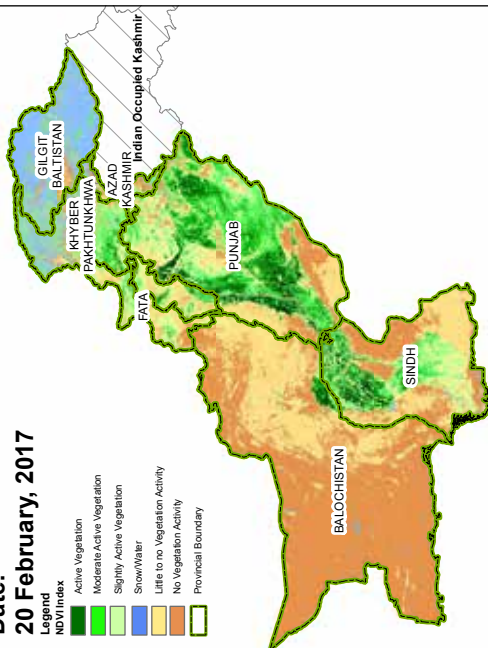




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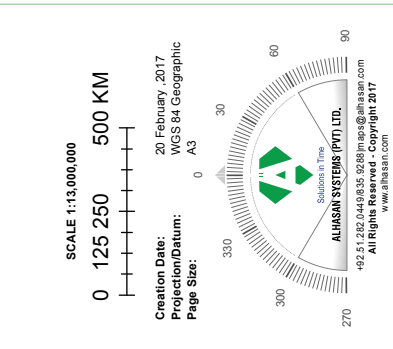
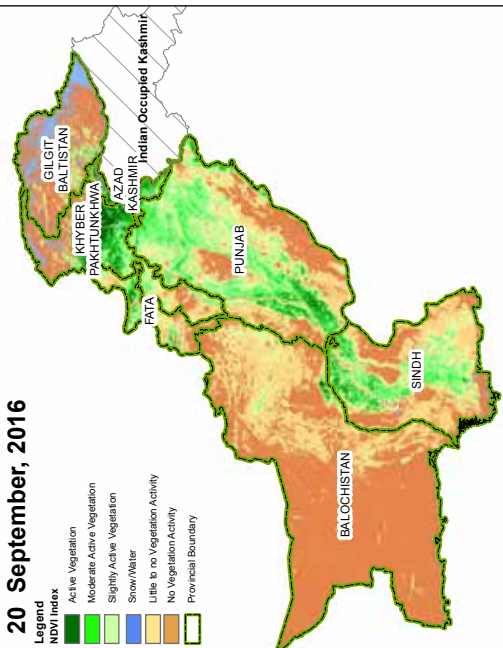
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Legend  
NDVI Index  
Active Vegetation  
Moderate Active Vegetation  
Slightly Active Vegetation  
Snow/Water  
Little to no Vegetation Activity  
No Vegetation Activity  
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## سے تجاوز کر گئی

جیو اردو

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کرچکی ہے جن میں سے اکثریت کو علاج معالجے کی سہولیات میسر نہ ہونے کے باعث معذوری اور غیر یقینی مستقبل کا سامنا ہے۔ بد قسمتی سے وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتیں مرگی کے مرض پر قابو پانے کے لیے خاطر خواہ اقدامات نہیں کر رہیں، مرگی کے علاج کے لیے ادویات اکثر ناپید ہو جاتی ہیں جبکہ جو ادویات میسر ہوتی ہیں ان کی قیمت انتہائی زیادہ ہے، حکومت کو چاہیے کہ وہ مرگی کے علاج کے لیے ادویات کی فراہمی کو یقینی بنائے۔ وہ مرگی کے عالمی دن کی مناسبت سے کراچی پریس کلب میں پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر دماغی امراض کے ماہر پروفیسر عارف ہر بیکر اور نیورولوجی ایویرنس اینڈ ریسرچ فائونڈیشن کے سیکریٹری ڈاکٹر عبد المالک بھی موجود تھے۔ پروفیسر محمد واسع نے کہا کہ حکومتی بے بسی کے سبب مرگی قابل علاج ہونے کے باوجود اس سے متاثرہ افراد میں معذوری بڑھ رہی ہے اور مرگی سے متاثرہ افراد کی اکثریت موت کے منہ میں چلی جاتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سری لنکا جیسے ممالک کی حکومتوں نے اس بیماری کی روک تھام کے لیے ناسک فورس قائم کر لی ہیں، بھارت نے مرگی کے مریضوں کے لیے ووکیشنل ٹریننگ سینٹر بنائے ہوئے ہیں تاکہ متاثرہ مریضوں کو معاشرے کا کارآمد شہری بنایا جائے۔

پنجاب حکومت اور دوا ساز کمپنیوں کے درمیان مذاکرات کامیاب ہو گئے، ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ دوا ساز کمپنیاں ہڑتال ختم کرنے پر رضامند ہو گئی ہیں۔ فریقین نے جعلی دوائیں بنانے والوں کو سخت سزائیں دینے پر اتفاق کیا ہے، صوبائی ڈرگ ایکٹ میں ترمیم کے لیے کمیٹی بھی تشکیل دی گئی ہے جو ترمیم کے لیے سفارشات تیار کرے گی۔ دوا ساز کمپنیاں اور میڈیکل اسٹور مالکان ڈرگ ایکٹ کے خلاف تین روز سے احتجاج کر رہے ہیں اور میڈیکل اسٹورز بند ہونے سے مریضوں کو دواؤں کے حصول میں سخت پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا

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ڈرگ ایکٹ میں ترمیم کے خلاف پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں میں دوا ساز کمپنیوں اور میڈیکل اسٹورز کی ہڑتال جاری ہے۔ مریض دواؤں کیلئے پریشان ہیں۔ حکومت نے بلیک میل ہونے سے انکار کر دیا۔ لاہور، ملتان، چنیوے، وطنی، حافظ آباد، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ، خانیوال سمیت دیگر شہروں میں بیشتر میڈیکل اسٹورز بند تاحال کھل نہ سکے۔ میڈیکل اسٹور بند ہونے سے مریض دواؤں کے لیے پریشان ہیں۔ پنجاب حکومت نے بلیک میل ہونے سے انکار کر دیا اور ڈرگ ایکٹ پر عمل درآمد کرانے کا عزم کیا ہے۔

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پشاور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ کا پولیو سے انکاری والدین کے خلاف 3 ایم پی او کے تحت کارروائی کا آغاز آج سے ہو گا۔ انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران بچوں کو قطرے یا ٹیکے نہ لگوانے والے والدین کو گرفتار کیا جائے گا۔ قائم مقام ڈپٹی کمشنر پشاور شاہد محمود نے جونیوز کو بتایا کہ دس روزہ خصوصی انسداد پولیو مہم کا آج آخری دن ہے۔ جن بچوں کے والدین نے آج پولیو سے بچاؤ کے انجکشن یا قطرے بچوں کو نہیں پلائے تو انہیں گرفتار کر لیں گے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ شہر میں پولیو قطرے سے انکاری والدین کے بچوں کی تعداد ساڑھے آٹھ ہزار سے زیادہ ہے۔ محکمہ صحت، یونیسیف، ڈیولپمنٹ اوپن، پولیس اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کے اہلکاروں پر مشتمل بارہ سو ٹیمیں پولیو مہم چلا رہی ہیں۔ شاہد محمود نے کہا کہ دیہہ بہادر، یکہ، قوت، کاکشال، شاہین مسلم ٹاؤن ون، ٹو اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں والدین بچوں کو پولیو ٹیکے اور قطرے پلانے سے انکاری ہیں

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لاہور میں میڈیکل اسٹورز دوسرے روز بھی بند رہنے سے شہریوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ لاہور دھماکے کے بعد شہر میں رات گئے میڈیکل اسٹورز کو کھول دیا گیا تھا، تاہم پنجاب کیسٹ کونسل کی جانب سے ہڑتال کی کال پر آج دوبارہ بند کر دیئے گئے۔ اس کے بعد بعض کھلے اسٹورز کو زبردستی بند کر لیا گیا، شہریوں کو ادویات نہ ملنے پر شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے حکومت سے سخت نوٹس لینے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب گورنر پنجاب نے ڈرگ ایکٹ 2017 کی منظوری دیدی ہے، جس کے بعد ڈرگ ایکٹ کا مسودہ محکمہ قانون کو بھیج دیا گیا ہے۔ فارماسیوٹیکل مینوفیکچررز گزشتہ روز سے اس ایکٹ کیخلاف احتجاج کر رہے ہیں۔ پنجاب حکومت کے ڈرگ ایکٹ کے تحت ادویات کے حوالے سے کوئی بھی جرم ناقابل ضمانت قرار دے دیا گیا ہے۔ فارمیسی یا میڈیکل اسٹورز میں ادویات کیلئے مخصوص نمبر پچر نہ ہونے پر دس سال قید اور 3 کروڑ روپے جرمانہ ہو گا۔ غیر معیاری یا جعلی ادویات کی صورت میں لائسنس یافتہ کمپنی ہو یا غیر لائسنس یافتہ، دونوں کو ایک جیسی کارروائی کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا۔ کم وزن ادویات پر ساڑھے 7 کروڑ روپے جرمانہ اور پانچ سال قید رکھ دی گئی ہے۔ ڈرگ انسپکٹر کے ساتھ ناروایہ پر تین ماہ سے سات سال قید کی سزا ہو گی۔ ڈرگ انسپکٹر کے ساتھ ساتھ ایف آئی اے اور پولیس کو بھی کارروائی کا اختیار دے دیا گیا ہے۔ ڈرگ ایکٹ کے خلاف پنجاب کیسٹ کونسل اور فارماسیوٹیکل ایسوسی ایشن نے جیر کے روز ہڑتال کی اور پنجاب بھر میں بیشتر میڈیکل اسٹورز بند رہے جس سے مریضوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔

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پنجاب بھر میں ڈرگ ایکٹ میں ترمیم کے خلاف میڈیکل اسٹورز کی ہڑتال آج بھی جاری ہے۔ فیصل آباد، ملتان، راولپنڈی، وہاڑی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا، بہاولپور میں میڈیکل اسٹورز بند ہیں، عام لوگوں کو دوائیں حاصل کرنے میں مسائل کا سامنا ہے۔ کیسٹ اینڈ ڈرگٹ ایسوسی ایشن پنجاب کے رکنوں کا کہنا ہے کہ لاہور میں احتجاج کے دوران دھماکے کی ساری ذمہ داری پنجاب حکومت پر ہے۔ سلمان رفیق کے مستعفی ہونے تک مذاکرات نہیں ہوں گے۔ چیئرمین کیسٹ اینڈ ڈرگٹ ایسوسی ایشن پنجاب زاہد بختاوری نے راولپنڈی پریس کلب میں ہنگامی پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے لاہور دھماکے کی تمام ذمہ داری پنجاب حکومت پر ڈال دی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ کسی صورت اپنے مطالبات سے پیچھے نہیں ہٹیں گے۔ جب تک ترمیمی بل واپس نہیں لیا جاتا ہڑتال ختم نہیں کریں گے۔ کیسٹ اینڈ ڈرگٹ ایسوسی ایشن کے رہنما باسط عباسی نے کہا کہ آج یوم سوگ منایا جائے گا۔ تمام اسپتالوں کی فارمیسیز میں ایمر جنسی کے مریضوں کو دوائیں مہیا کی جائیں گی۔ احتجاج اور شٹر ڈاؤن مطالبات کی منظوری تک جاری رہے گا۔

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لاہور میں میڈیکل اسٹورز دن بھر بند رہنے کے بعد رات کو کھل گئے، جس پر شہریوں نے سکھ کا سانس لیا ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت کے ڈرگ ایکٹ کے خلاف پنجاب کیسٹ کونسل اور فارماسیوٹیکل ایسوسی ایشن نے ہڑتال کی، جس کے باعث دن بھر لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے دیگر شہروں میں دن بھر میڈیکل اسٹورز بند رہے۔ جس سے مریضوں کو ادویات کے حصول میں مشکلات کا سامنا رہا، تاہم رات گئے میڈیکل اسٹورز مالکان نے ہڑتال ختم کر کے اسٹورز کھول دیے، جس پر مریضوں اور اسکے لواحقین نے سکھ کا سانس لیا ہے۔

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نیورولوجی ایوبیرنس اینڈ ریسرچ فائونڈیشن کے صدر پروفیسر محمد واسع شاکر نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں مرگی کے مریضوں کی تعداد 20 لاکھ سے تجاوز

پنجاب حکومت اور دوا ساز کمپنیوں کے

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کمپنیوں کی ہڑتال جاری

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خلاف کارروائی کا آغاز

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اسٹورز دوسرے روز بھی بند

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دوسرا روز

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رات کو کھل گئے

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مرگی کے مریضوں کی تعداد 20 لاکھ

ہوگا کیونکہ پاکستان کو یہ فیصلہ کرنا ہے کہ کیا حالات ایسے ہی چلتے رہیں گے یا ان کو مستقل بنیادوں پر حل کرنا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اندرونی طور پر جو اقدامات کیے گئے ہیں وہ ٹھیک ہیں لیکن بیرونی کارروائیاں مناسب نہیں ہیں۔ بریگیڈیئر ریٹائرڈ سعد نے کہا ایک فوجی کی حیثیت سے انھیں معلوم ہے کہ شیلنگ سے کیا نقصان ہوتا ہے تو اس کا کوئی فائدہ نہیں ہے اور ایسا کوئی چانس نہیں ہے کہ آپ افغانستان کو فتح کریں یا اندر جا کر کوئی کارروائی کریں۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف کی ہدایت پر پنجاب انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف نیوروسائنسز لاہور جنرل ہسپتال کا فیز 30 III جون 2017 تک مکمل کر لیا جائے گا۔ محکمہ سیشلز ہسپتال کثیر ایجنڈ میڈیکل ایجوکیشن نے مذکورہ منصوبے کیلئے رواں مالی سال کے دوران ایک ارب 67 ہزار روپے کی مجموعی رقم مختص کر رکھی ہے۔ منصوبے کی بروقت تکمیل میں کسی قسم کی سستی یا غفلت برداشت نہیں کی جائے گی۔ پرنسپل پی جی ایم آئی پروفیسر ڈاکٹر غیاث النبی طیب نے جائزہ اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ شعبہ نیوروسائنسز متعلق تمام وارڈز، ایمرجنسی آپریشن تھیٹر اور آئی سی یوزنوں تعمیر انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں منتقل کئے جا چکے ہیں۔ تمام شعبوں کو مرحلہ وار اپ گریڈ کیا جائے گا اور ادارے کو سٹیٹ آف دی آرٹ بنانے میں کوئی کسر اٹھا نہیں رکھی جائے گی۔

لاہور میں پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے ایکشن پلین ہونے ناقص، غیر معیاری اور مضر صحت غذائی اشیاء تیار کرنے والے سوادری ریسٹورنٹ کو سیل کر دیا، فرانسیسی چکس اور بندو خان کو جرمانہ کیا گیا۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیم نے گلی سڑی سڑیوں اور زائد المیاد تیل کے استعمال پر سوادری ریسٹورنٹ کو سیل کر دیا۔ صفائی اور چوہوں سے بچاؤ کا انتظام نہ ہونے پر بندو خان ریسٹورنٹ 50 ہزار جرمانہ جبکہ ناقص اشیاء خورد و نوش پر فرانسیسی چکس کو ایک لاکھ روپے جرمانہ کیا گیا

کراچی کے عباسی شہید ہسپتال کا گیس کنکشن منقطع کر دیا گیا۔ گیس بند ہونے سے آج ہونے والے آپریشن ملتوی کر دیے گئے۔ اسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق دو کروڑ سے زائد کے گیس کے واجبات ادا کرنا ہیں۔ گیس بند ہونے سے آلات کی اسٹرلائزیشن بھی بند ہوگئی

سال 2017 کا پہلا پولیو کیس سامنے آگیا، لودھراں کے چار سالہ بچے علی حسن میں پولیو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوگئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے مطابق لودھراں کی تحصیل دنیا پور کے چک نمبر 15 کے رہائشی محمد افضل کے چار سالہ بیٹے علی حسن کو پولیو ویکسین کی چار خوراکیں دی گئیں لیکن اس کے باوجود اس میں پولیو کے وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے حکام نے لودھراں سمیت کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیو کی روک تھام کے لیے کارروائیاں تیز کر دی ہیں

جنوبی وزیرستان ایجنسی کی تحصیل شکی میں خسرے کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی، دو سے تین روز کے دوران مختلف اسپتالوں میں خسرے سے متاثرہ 300 بچوں کو داخل کر لیا جا چکا ہے۔ تحصیل شکی کے علاقے مانتہ میں خسرے کی وبا نے پانچ سالہ بچے کی جان لے لی جبکہ گزشتہ دو سے تین روز کے دوران ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال وانا، کینگری ڈی اسپتال ساعلم، بی ایچ پو اگور اڈا اور بی ایچ پو شکی میں 300 کے قریب خسرے سے متاثرہ بچوں کو داخل کر لیا گیا۔ خسرے کی وبا پر قابو پانے کیلئے ایجنسی سرجن ڈاکٹر جہانزیب داؤڑ نے ٹیمیں روانہ کر دی ہیں۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + سیشنل رپورٹر) پنجاب حکومت نے 4 میڈیکل کالجز میں پرنسپل اور 2 نیچنگ ہسپتالوں میں میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ تعینات کر دیئے۔ پوسٹ گریجویٹ میڈیکل کالج میں پروفیسر غیاث النبی طیب اور علامہ اقبال میڈیکل کالج میں پروفیسر راشد ضیائی، ساہیوال میڈیکل کالج میں پروفیسر ظفر حسین تنویر جبکہ شیخ زید میڈیکل کالج رحیم یار خان میں پروفیسر مبارک علی کو پرنسپل تعینات کر دیا ہے۔ اسی طرح ڈاکٹر سمیل ثقلین کو جناح ہسپتال اور سرسبز ہسپتال میں ڈاکٹر امیر حسین کو بطور ایم ایس تعینات کر دیا ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں حکومت پنجاب نے محمد اسلم ایڈیشنل کمشنر کو آرڈی نیشن بہاولپور کو تبدیل کر کے محکمہ سروسز جنرل ایڈمنسٹریشن میں رپورٹ پیش کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔

لاہور (واقع نگار خصوصی) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے پنجاب یونیورسٹی سمیت 4 جامعات میں قائم مقام وائس چانسلر کی تقرریوں کو کالعدم قرار دینے کے سٹگنلج کے فیصلے کے خلاف دائر اپیلوں پر کارروائی مکمل ہونے پر فیصلہ محفوظ کر لیا۔ چیف جسٹس سید منصور علی شاہ کی سربراہی میں دور کنی بنج نے سٹگنلج کے فیصلے کے خلاف دائر اپیلوں پر ساعت کی۔ اپیل میں ہائیکورٹ کے سٹگنلج کے فیصلے کو چیلنج کرتے ہوئے اسے کالعدم قرار دینے کی استدعا کی گئی۔ ایڈووکیٹ جنرل پنجاب شکیل الرحمن خان نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ صوبائی حکومت کو جامعات کے وائس چانسلرز تعینات کرنے کا اختیار ہے۔ اس لیے سٹگنلج کے فیصلے کو کالعدم قرار دیا جائے۔ سٹگنلج کے فیصلے کے خلاف پنجاب حکومت اور متعلقہ جامعات نے اپیلیں دائر کر رکھیں۔

## جنرل ہسپتال: پنجاب انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف نیوروسائنسز کا فیز تھری 30 جون تک مکمل ہوگا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

18 فروری 2017

## لاہور، غیر معیاری، مضر صحت کھانوں پر ریسٹورنٹ سیل

جیو اردو

18 فروری 2017

## عباسی شہید ہسپتال کا گیس کنکشن منقطع کر دیا گیا

جیو اردو

18 فروری 2017

## لودھراں: سال 2017 کا پہلا پولیو کیس سامنے آگیا

جیو اردو

17 فروری 2017

## جنوبی وزیرستان: خسرے کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی، 300 بچے متاثر طلب

جیو اردو

17 فروری 2017

## پنجاب حکومت نے 4 میڈیکل کالجز میں پرنسپل اور 2 نیچنگ ہسپتالوں میں میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ تعینات کر دیئے

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## ہائیکورٹ نے 4 یونیورسٹیوں میں قائم مقام وی سی کی تقرری بخلاف اپیلوں پر فیصلہ محفوظ کر لیا

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## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

**لاہور (فیوژن رپورٹر)** صوبائی وزیر برائے پرائمری اینڈ سیکنڈری ہیلتھ خواجہ عمران نذیر نے کہا ہے کہ چھوٹے ہسپتالوں سے بڑے ہسپتالوں کی طرف مریضوں کو ریفر کرنے کے لئے باقاعدہ ریفرل سسٹم تشکیل دیا جا رہا ہے اور وزیر اعلیٰ کی ہدایت پر ریسیو 1122 کے زیر اہتمام ایک مربوط ایسیو لینس سروس کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے تاکہ ضرورت پڑنے پر تشویشناک حالت کے مریضوں کو ہسپتال منتقل کرنے میں دشواری پیش نہ آئے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات ڈی ایچ کیو اور ٹی ایچ کیو ہسپتالوں کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹس کے اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع کی سطح پر ایسیو لینسز کا پل بنایا گیا ہے۔

**لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر)** پنجاب یونیورسٹی کا 125 واں جلسہ عطاءے اسناد آج 9 بجے فیصل آڈیٹوریم نیو کیپس میں منعقد کیا جائے گا اس سلسلے میں فیصل آڈیٹوریم میں فل ڈریس ریہرسل کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔

**لاہور (مندیم بسرا)** محکمہ صحت پنجاب نے صوبے بھر کے تمام سرکاری ہسپتالوں کے پرنسپل اور چیف ایگزیکٹوز کے پرائیویٹ پریکٹس پر پابندی عائد کر دی۔ پرائیویٹ پریکٹس کی بجائے ادارہ جاتی پریکٹس کی اجازت ہوگی۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب نے صوبے بھر کے میڈیکل کالج اور ہسپتالوں کے سربراہ پرنسپلز اور چیف ایگزیکٹوز کے پرائیویٹ کلینک پر پریکٹس پر مکمل پابندی عائد کی ہے۔ اس حوالے سے محکمہ صحت پنجاب نے حکمت عملی وضع کر دی ہے۔ تمام ہسپتالوں / میڈیکل کالجز میں تعینات ہونے والے نئے اور پرانے چیف ایگزیکٹوز / پرنسپلز کو تحریری طور پر آگاہ کیا ہے وہ پرائیویٹ کلینک کی بجائے جس ادارے میں کام کر رہے ہیں وہ اس ادارے میں بھی شام کو پرائیویٹ کلینک کر سکتے ہیں۔ حکومت کے اس احکام کو نہ ماننے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ معطلی یا پیڈ ایکٹ ہو سکتی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے سیکرٹری نجم احمد شاہ نے بتایا تمام پرنسپلز اور چیف ایگزیکٹوز سے تحریری طور پر ضمانت لی گئی ہے وہ پرائیویٹ کلینک نہیں کر سکتے۔ جس ادارے میں سربراہ کے طور پر کام کرتے ہیں وہیں پریکٹس کر سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا پنجاب انسٹیٹیوٹ آف کارڈیالوجی میں یہ تجربہ کامیاب رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا تمام پرنسپلز / چیف ایگزیکٹوز کو ایم پی ون (MP1) سکیل دیا گیا ہے۔ اس سکیل کے تحت ادارے کے سربراہ کو 5 لاکھ روپے تک تنخواہ دی جائیگی۔ اس کے ساتھ ہسپتالوں میں پرائیویٹ پریکٹس کرنے والے پرنسپلز / چیف ایگزیکٹوز اپنی پریکٹس کی آمدنی کا 45 فیصد حکومت کو جمع کرائیں گے اور 55 فیصد خود رکھیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا اس اقدام کا مقصد ادارے کے سربراہ کا زیادہ سے زیادہ ہسپتال میں رہنا ہے تاکہ سینئر ڈاکٹرز کی دستیابی کا مسئلہ حل ہو سکے۔ واضح رہے ابھی پرنسپلز / چیف ایگزیکٹوز پر پرائیویٹ کلینک کرنے پر پابندی عائد کی ہے۔ اگلے مرحلے میں پروفیسرز، ایسوسی ایٹ اور اسسٹنٹ پروفیسرز کے پرائیویٹ کلینک کرنے پر پابندی عائد کی جائیگی۔

سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کی جانب سے بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے سب سے بڑے عباسی شہید اسپتال کی گیس بحال کر دی گئی۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے سینئر ڈائریکٹر ہیلتھ سروسز ڈاکٹر محمد علی عباسی کے مطابق سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کو واجبات کی ادائیگی کی یقین دہانی اور مریضوں کو درپیش مسائل کے پیش نظر گیس کی بحالی کر دی گئی ہے۔ پیر سے تمام آپریشنز معمول کے مطابق ہو گئے۔ ترجمان سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کے مطابق عباسی شہید اسپتال دو کروڑ روپے سے زائد کا نادر ہندہ ہے، عدم ادائیگی پر گیس کنکشن منقطع کیا گیا تھا۔

پاک افغان سرحد آج دوسرے روز بھی بند رہی جبکہ پاکستان میں سکیورٹی اہلکاروں نے سرحدی علاقوں میں گولہ باری بھی کی ہے۔ لعل شہباز قلندر کی درگاہ پر خود کش حملے کے بعد پاک افغان سرحد پر کشیدگی برقرار ہے۔ خیبر ایجنسی سے سکیورٹی ذرائع نے بتایا ہے کہ پاک افغان سرحد پر لوئے شلمان کے علاقے میں بمباری کی گئی ہے جس میں شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں کو نشانہ بنایا گیا ہے۔ ایسی اطلاعات ہیں کہ سرحد پار افغانستان کے علاقے ربی پر چاؤ میں بھی شدت پسندوں کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی ہے جس میں ہلاکتوں کی اطلاع ہے۔ لوئے شلمان کا علاقہ پاک افغان سرحد ہر وہاں واقع ہے جہاں افغانستان سے دریائے کابل پاکستان میں داخل ہوتا ہے۔ پاک افغان سرحد خیبر ایجنسی میں طورخم کے مقام پر جنوبی وزیرستان میں انگور اڈا اور بلوچستان میں چن کے مقام پر بند کی گئی ہے۔ عسکری امور کے ماہر بریگیڈیئر ریٹائرڈ سعد نے بی بی سی سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ افغانستان کے ساتھ سرحد کی بندش یا افغانستان کی حدود میں شدت پسندوں پر حملے کرنا اس مسئلے کا حل نہیں ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ سرحد کی بندش سے نقصان پاکستان کا ہی

### سرخیاں

**چھوٹے سے بڑے ہسپتالوں میں مریضوں کو ریفر کرنے کے لئے سسٹم تشکیل دیا جا رہا ہے: عمران نذیر**

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**پنجاب یونیورسٹی کا 125 واں جلسہ**

عطاءے اسناد آج ہوگا

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**سرکاری ہسپتالوں کے پرنسپل، چیف ایگزیکٹوز کی پرائیویٹ پریکٹس پر پابندی**

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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**کراچی: عباسی شہید اسپتال کی گیس**

بحال

جیو اردو

19 فروری 2017

**پاک افغان سرحد دوسرے روز بھی بند**

بی بی سی اردو

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ہے جس میں گنگرام کے 12، میو ہسپتال کے 4 اور سرسبز کا ایک زخمی شامل ہے، سب سے زیادہ زخمی گنگرام ہسپتال میں 45، میو ہسپتال میں 28، سرسبز میں 8 اور جناح ہسپتال میں 2 زخمیوں کو لایا گیا۔ دھماکہ کے بعد لاہور کے تمام سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ایمر جنسی لگا دی گئی، زخمیوں کو بروقت امداد دینے کیلئے ڈاکٹر زکو ڈیوٹی پر بلا لیا گیا، صوبائی وزیر صحت خواجہ سلمان رفیق، خواجہ عمران ندیر، سیکرٹری صحت نجم احمد شاہ، علی جان موقع پر ہسپتال پہنچ گئے اور زخمیوں کے علاج معالجے کی نگرانی کرتے رہے۔ فیصل چوک دھماکے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد میں سے 8 کی نعشیں گنگرام ہسپتال لائی گئیں، جس میں راوی پارک لاہور کے 30 برس کے بلال امجد، ملک پارک لاہور کے 20 برس کے عمر، شیخوپورہ کے 25 برس کے محسن ارشاد، قصور کے ایلین فورس کے محمد اسلم، گلاب سنگھ پنڈ اوکاڑہ کے 30 برس کے ایلین فورس کے الہکار عرفان محمود، دو نامعلوم افراد اور ایک نامعلوم خاتون شامل ہے۔ فیصل چوک دھماکے میں 8 کے قریب زخمی پولیس اہلکاروں کو ہسپتال لایا گیا، سانحہ فیصل چوک میں زخمی ہونے والے پولیس اہلکاروں میں شاہیار، لاہور کے حافظ ٹکلیل احمد، سپیشل برانچ لاہور کے 24 برس کے ادریس، سپیشل برانچ لاہور (باغبانپورہ) کے محمد اویس، نشاط کالونی (ایلین فورس) کے 38 برس کے محبوب شاہ، ایس ایس پی آفس کے جبار خان، ایس پی سول لائن کے حارث شامل ہیں۔

میو ہسپتال میں زخمیوں میں محمد یاسین، شیخوپورہ کے محمد عمر، فیصل ٹاؤن کے عمر رفیق، علی پارک ایئر پورٹ لاہور کے ڈاکٹر ایاز شاہین، وی آئی پی ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹی لاہور کے شاہد ملک، شاہدہ لاہور کے محمد قاسم یونیورسٹی آف ویٹرنری اینڈ سائنسز کے زمان علی، شام نگر چورجی کے وقاص محمود، موہنی روڈ کے نعیم بٹ سمیت دیگر شامل ہیں۔ زخمیوں میں سول لائن کے جبار خان، سمن آباد کے 47 برس کے وجاہت کاظمی، شیخوپورہ کے 16 برس کے عمیر ریاض، لاہور کے 37 برس کے ذوالفقار، 30 برس کے شفیق، سنگھ پورہ لاہور کے 30 برس کے محبوب شاہ، چوگنی امر سدھو کے 40 برس کے مہمان شاہ، سول لائن لاہور کے کیمبرہ مین حارث، آج ٹی وی کے 32 برس کے عون جعفری، راوی پارک کے 30 برس بلال امجد، شیخوپورہ کے 25 برس کے محسن ارشاد، ملک پارک لاہور کے 20 برس کے عمیر، قصور کی ایلین فورس کے محمد اسلم، ایلین فورس سنگھ پورہ اوکاڑہ کے عرفان محمود، جڑانوالہ کے 25 برس کے محمد فاروق، اوکاڑہ کے 28 برس کے حکیم منصور، اچھرہ لاہور کے 28 برس کے ملک وقاص، سپیشل برانچ لاہور کے 24 برس کے اویس ادریس، شیخوپورہ کے 33 برس کے مشتاق، سبزہ زار سکیم کے 39 برس کے حکیم محمد ساجد، ملک پارک کے 20 برس کے عمر ملک، دھرم پورہ کے 32 برس کے اظہر اسلم، باغبانپورہ کے 25 برس کے حیدر، 50 برس کے وجاہت شاہ سمن آباد، جڑانوالہ کے 28 برس کے رضوان، باغبانپورہ کے 24 برس کے چائنہ سکیم کے حیدر عباس، لاہور کے 18 برس کے ندیم، 15 برس کے بلال نشتر کالونی، 19 برس کی اندیہ گل، چائنہ سکیم کراول گھاٹی کے 17 برس کے شہباز وحید، چائنہ سکیم کراول گھاٹی کا بادشاہ چیمہ، جیاموسی کے 24 برس کے سمرن، نشتر کالونی ایلین فورس کے 38 برس کے محبوب شاہ، جلو کے 32 برس کے محمد زاہد سمیت دیگر بھی شامل ہیں۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے لاہور دھماکے پر آج ایک روزہ سوگ کا اعلان کر دیا، سرکاری عمارتوں پر قومی پرچم سرنگوں رہے گا۔

اپنے نامہ نگار کے مطابق وکلاء نے آج ہڑتال کا اعلان کیا ہے، وکلاء عدالتوں میں پیش نہیں ہوں گے اور سوگ منائیں گے۔ آل پاکستان پرائیویٹ سکولز میجمنٹ ایسوسی ایشن نے لاہور خود کش دھماکہ کے بعد آج سکول بند رکھنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ کلچرل رپورٹر کے مطابق چیئرنگ کراس پر بم دھماکے میں جاں بحق ہونے والوں کے سوگ میں الحمرا آرٹ سنٹر، الفلاح تھیٹر بند کر دیئے گئے، ان تھیٹروں میں سٹیج ڈرامے نہیں ہوئے۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق وزیر قانون پنجاب رانا ثناء اللہ نے کہا ہے سی سی ٹی وی ویڈیو کی مدد سے حملہ آور کو شناخت کر لیا ہے، نجی ٹی وی سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا حملہ آور پیدل تھا اور اس نے پولیس افسروں کو نشانہ بنایا، دھماکے کے حوالے سے مزید تحقیقات جاری ہیں، حملہ آور ہجوم میں داخل ہوا اور خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا دیا، دھماکے کے مقام پر ایک وین تھی جس نے دھماکے کا زور برداشت کیا اور نہ جانی نقصان اور بھی زیادہ ہو سکتا تھا، آئی جی پنجاب مشتاق سکھیرا نے کہا ہے مال روڈ پر ہونے والا دھماکہ خود کش تھا لاہور دھماکے میں 6 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 13 افراد شہید ہوئے شہداء میں ڈی آئی جی ٹریفک احمد مبین، ایس ایس پی زاہد گوندل شامل ہیں، ایلین فورس کے دو جوان بھی دھماکے میں شہید ہوئے، میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے دھماکے وقت ڈرگ ایسوسی ایشن اور پولیس کے مذاکرات جاری تھے، شام 6 بج کر 10 منٹ پر خود کش دھماکہ کیا گیا، 83 زخمیوں کو مختلف ہسپتالوں میں طبی امداد دی جا رہی ہے، ڈی آئی جی کے گن مین نے حملہ آور کو روکنے کی کوشش بھی کی۔ زخمی ہونے والوں میں آج ٹی وی کے 3 کارکن شامل ہیں۔ ایس پی سی ٹی ڈی ڈاکٹر اقبال نے کہا دھماکہ خود کش تھا، نشانہ پولیس فورس تھی۔ جائے وقوعہ سے شواہد حاصل کر لئے گئے ہیں۔ دہشت گردی کے خدشات پہلے سے موجود تھے۔

کے لئے وقوعہ کی جگہ پر پھول رکھنے کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ پولیس کی اہم عمارتوں کو چیئرنگ کر اس دھماکے میں شہید ہونے والے پولیس افسروں کے نام سے منسوب کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پولیس لائنز قلعہ گجر سنگھ کو شہید ایس ایس پی آپریشنر زاہد محمود گوندل کے نام سے منسوب کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے اسی طرح لاہور میں بنائی گئی نئی پولیس لائنز کو شہید ڈی آئی جی ٹریفک پولیس کیپٹن (ر) سید احمد مبین کے نام سے منسوب کیا جائے گا۔ اس سلسلہ میں جلد باضابطہ اعلان کر دیا جائے گا۔ تحقیقات کا دائرہ وسیع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے گرفتاری کے لئے ہال روڈ اور ٹمپل روڈ پر لگے کیمروں کی فوٹیجز حاصل کر لیں۔ علاوہ ازیں دھماکے میں شہید ہونے والے ڈی آئی جی ٹریفک کیپٹن (ر) سید احمد مبین کی رسم قل ان کی رہائشگاہ پر ادا کی گئی، سابق چیف جسٹس سپریم کورٹ افتخار چودھری، سابق گورنر پنجاب چودھری سرور، ایڈیشنل آئی جی سندھ میر زبیر، ارسلان افتخار، سی سی پی او لاہور کیپٹن (ر) امین ونیس، ایس ایس پی رانا ناز سلیم، ایس پی ندیم عباس، ڈی آئی جی چودھری سلطان، ایس پی حسنین حیدر، ڈاکٹر زاہد پرویز، ڈی آئی جی آپریشنر ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف، ایس ایس پی میسر میمن سمیت پولیس افسروں، اہلکاروں، مرحوم کے عزیز واقارب سمیت مختلف شعبہ ہائے زندگی سے وابستہ نمایاں شخصیات کی شرکت کی۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنر حیدر اشرف نے بعد ازاں دھماکے کے زخمیوں کی گنگرام اور می ۱۱ ہسپتال میں جا کر عیادت کی۔

لاہور (واقعہ نگار خصوصی) پنجاب میں رینجرز کی تعیناتی کیلئے لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں متفرق درخواست دائر کر دی گئی ہے۔ درخواست گزار شہری منیر کی جانب سے اظہر صدیق ایڈووکیٹ نے مؤقف اختیار کیا ہے پنجاب حکومت میٹنل ایکشن پلان پر اس کی روح کے مطابق عمل درآمد نہیں کر رہی۔ حکومت پنجاب نے پلان کے بیس میں سے صرف آٹھ نکات پر عمل درآمد کیا۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) دہشت گردی کے حملے کے پیش نظر محکمہ صحت نے تمام اضلاع کے چیف ہیلتھ افسروں کو سیوریٹی الارٹ جاری کر دیا جس کے تحت چین، ترکی اور ازبکستان کی شدت پسند تنظیمیں پاکستانی کالعدم تنظیموں کیساتھ ملکر سی پیک منصوبوں کو نشانہ بنانے کیلئے حملے کر سکتی ہیں۔ مراسلے میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ دہشت گرد تعلیمی اداروں اور ہسپتالوں سمیت حساس عمارتوں اور تنصیبات کو نشانہ بنا سکتے ہیں۔ اس حوالے سے تمام ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتالوں میں سیوریٹی انتظامات کو یقینی بنایا جائے اور اس حوالے سے رپورٹ جمع کرائی جائے، مراسلے کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کی بڑی تعداد شام اور عراق سے انڈونیشیا، کراچی، کابل اور اس دوران پاکستان اور افغانستان میں غیر ملکی دہشت گرد گروہ بمشتر گروپ کی جانب سے حملے ممکن ہیں۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار + اسٹاف رپورٹر + نیوز رپورٹر) لاہور میں پنجاب اسمبلی کے سامنے ڈرگ ڈیلرز کے دھرنے میں خود کش دھماکے سے ڈی آئی جی ٹرے کب لاہور کے بیٹن (ر) احمد بے اور قائم مقام ڈی آئی جی آپرے شہزادے س اے س پی زاہد محمود گوندل اور 6 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 18 افراد شہید جبکہ 187 افراد شدہ زخمی ہو گئے، شہداء میں ایلٹ فورس کے دو جوان بھی شامل ہیں۔ ہر طرف لاشیں، انسانی اعضا، خون، دھواں اور آگ پھیل گئی جبکہ زخمی چیخ و پکار کرتے رہے۔ وہاں کھڑے مظاہرین کے ٹرک، آج ٹی وی بچے مل کی ڈی اے س اے ن جی، متعدد موٹر سائیکلوں کو نقصان پہنچا اور متعدد دکانوں و عمارتوں کے شے شے ٹوٹ گئے۔ ٹی وی گاڑیوں کو آگ لگ گئی۔ قفصہ لات کے مطابق پنجاب اسمبلی کے سامنے فاصلہ چوک مے کے مٹ اے سوسی اے شن کا اپنے مطالبات کے حق میں احتجاجی مظاہرہ جاری تھا۔ جہاں پولیس افسران کے مظاہرے سے مذاکرات جاری تھے کہ اے ک موٹر سائیکل سوار خود کش حملہ آور نے خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا لے۔ ہر طرف لاشیں، انسانی اعضا، خون، دھواں اور آگ پھیل گئی۔ دھماکے کے باعث وہاں موجود افراد خوفزدہ ہو کر بھاگ کھڑے ہوئے۔ ہر طرف افرا تفری اور بھگدڑ مچ گئی جبکہ زخمی چیخ و پکار کرتے رہے۔ دھماکے کی آواز مے لوں دور تک سنائی دی۔ واقعہ کی اطلاع ملنے پر پولیس، ریسکیو 1122، ایڈھی، خدمت انسانیت فاونڈیشن، ایم ڈی اسپتال سکواڈ سمیت دیگر امدادی ٹیمیں موقع پر پہنچ گئیں۔ امدادی ٹیموں نے نعشوں اور زخمیوں کو ہسپتال پہنچا لے۔ شہادتوں میں اضافے کا خدشہ ہے۔ پولیس و قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں نے فیصلہ چوک پر موقع کے اطراف کو تارے اور پھر قفصہ لات لگا کر سے ل کر دے جبکہ فرائزنگ اہلکار وہاں سے شواہد اکٹھے کرتے رہے۔ موقع پر لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد اکٹھی ہو گئی جنہیں پولیس اہلکار موقع سے ہٹاتے رہے۔ ہسپتال مے زخمیوں مے دھر پورہ کا اطہر، شادباغ کا اے س، ن س، سکھ کا شفق، بے گم کوٹ کا شعب، بورے والہ کاروان، فضل، خرم، رے اض، علی، سلم، عبدالرحمن، محسن عباس، شاہد، کامران، احسن رضا، عون جعفری، عتیق، اے س اے س پی زاہد محمود گوندل کا آپرے ٹر عباس، کانٹے بل غلام مصطفیٰ وغیرہ شامل ہیں۔

عینی شاہدین کے مطابق زوردار دھماکوں کے بعد آگ کا شعلہ بند ہوا، اس کے بعد کچھ پتہ نہیں چل سکا کیا ہوا۔ دھماکے ہوتے ہی زمین لرز گئی اور دھماکے کی شدت سے کانوں کے پردے شل ہو گئے۔ نیوز رپورٹر کے مطابق مال روڈ دھماکے میں لاہور کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں 86 زخمیوں کو لایا گیا جس میں سے زیادہ تر کی حالت خطرے سے باہر تھی تاہم ایک درجن سے زائد شدید زخمی بھی موجود تھے، ڈاکٹر زکا کہنا ہے زخمیوں میں 17 کی حالت تشویشناک

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گیا۔ دوسری جانب باجوڑ ایجنسی کی تحصیل ماموند میں سکیورٹی فورسز نے سہولت کارانوار الحق کے 2 بھائیوں حمید اللہ اور خلیل اللہ سمیت متعدد افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کے مطابق مال روڈ دھماکے کے خود کش بمبار کولنڈ بازار میں واقع ہوڑی کے گودام میں ٹھہرا گیا۔ سہولت کارانوار الحق دو روز قبل خود کش حملہ آور کولنڈ بازار لایا تھا۔ لٹنڈ بازار میں گودام باجوڑ ایجنسی کے جمعہ خان نے کرائے پر لے رکھا تھا۔ جمعہ خان کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا گیا ہے۔ جمعہ خان کی زیر استعمال موٹر سائیکل بھی قبضے میں لے لی گئی۔ گودام میں دو کمرے اور ایک ہال ہے۔ سہولت کار بالائی کمرے میں رہائش پذیر تھا۔ خود کش بمبار کو اسی گودام میں خود کش جیکٹ پہنائی گئی۔ حساس اداروں نے انوار الحق کے گھر سے دو خود کش جیکٹس برآمد کر لیں۔ وہ اپنی اہلیہ اور چار بچوں کے ساتھ شاد باغ کے علاقہ بھگت پورہ میں کرائے کے مکان میں رہائش پذیر تھا اور خود کش بمبار نے بھی افغانستان سے آنے کے بعد اس گھر میں کچھ روز قیام کیا۔ باجوڑ ایجنسی تحصیل ماموند کا رہائشی انوار الحق تین ماہ قبل شاد باغ کے علاقہ بھگت میں آکر رہائش پذیر ہوا اور اس نے یہاں پر دس ہزار روپے ماہانہ کرائے پر گھر لیا۔ گھر میں موجود سامان سے ایسا لگتا ہے کہ مہینہ سہولت کار اس رہائش گاہ میں زیادہ دیر تک قیام کرنے کا ارادہ نہیں تھا۔ حساس اداروں نے مالک مکان احمد جان کو بھی حراست میں لے رکھا ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ پنجاب کے وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ لاہور میں 13 فروری کو ہونے والی دہشت گردی کی کارروائی میں ملوث دہشت گرد گرفتار ہو گئے ہیں اور دہشت گردوں کا مرکز افغانستان میں ہے۔ لاہور میں جمعے کی شام پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے میاں شہباز شریف نے بتایا کہ اب تک ہونے والی تفتیش کے مطابق دہشت گرد گروہ کا مرکز افغانستان میں ہے۔ دہشت گردوں کا یہ نیٹ ورک افغانستان میں بیٹھ کر پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کی کارروائیاں کرتا ہے۔ لاہور میں ہونے والی دہشت گردی کا ذمہ دار بھی یہی نیٹ ورک ہے، انھوں نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے خود کش بمبار کا تعلق افغانستان سے ہے جب کہ دوسرے حملہ آور کا تعلق پاکستان کے علاقے باجوڑ ایجنسی سے تھا۔

لاہور / کراچی (نامہ نگار + آن لائن) لاہور میں دہشت گردوں کے داخلے کی اطلاع پر گزشتہ روز پولیس و قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے کوریٹیو ہائی الرٹ کر کے شہر بھر میں ناکے لگائے تھے آج نماز جمعہ کے وقت مساجد، امام بارگاہوں اور نماز جمعہ کے اجتماعات کی سکیورٹی کے لئے سخت انتظامات کئے جائے گے۔ حساس اداروں کی اطلاع ہے کہ لاہور میں دہشت گرد دوبارہ کوئی بڑی کارروائی کر سکتے ہیں، شہر کے داخلی راستوں کی کڑی نگرانی اور اہم سرکاری عمارات، بس ونگین سٹینڈز اور کاروباری و تجارتی مراکز اور بازاروں میں سفید پارچات میں نفری تعینات تھی۔ لاہور پولیس نے گزشتہ روز ہر تھانے کی حدود میں لوہے کے بے رے لگا کر ناکے لگائے تھے۔ جہاں تعینات اہلکار مشکوک اور بڑی گاڑے والے کورک کرچے کرتے رہے جبکہ شہر میں پولیس گشت میں بھی اضافہ کر دیا گیا تھا۔ مزاحمتوں پر بھی سکے ورنٹی بڑھادی گئی تھی۔ آج نماز جمعہ کے وقت مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں میں پولیس کی بھاری نفری تعینات کی جائے گی۔ نمازوں کو مے ٹل ڈلے کٹھڑے سے تلاشی لے کر اندر داخل ہونے دے جائے گا۔ دے نی در سگاہوں، مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں کے قریب گاڑے والے موٹر سائے کلوں کی پارکنگ کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ ہم مساجد سے ملحقہ اونچی عمارتوں پر ماہر نشانہ باز تعینات کئے جائے گے اور ان کے پاس دور بے ن س بھی ہوں گی۔ دریں اثنا سائبر پشاور کے بعد سندھ میں عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی مزید سخت کر دی گئی ہے، عدالت کے احاطے میں داخلے کے وقت شناخت کرانا اور تلاشی دینا لازمی قرار دے دیا گیا ہے۔ اعلیٰ و ماتحت عدالتوں میں پولیس کی بھاری نفری تعینات کر دی ہے۔ حفاظتی انتظامات کے پیش نظر سائیلن، وکلا اور متعلقہ افراد کے لئے شناخت کرانا اور تلاشی دینا لازمی قرار دیا گیا ہے، مخصوص سٹیکر والی گاڑیوں کو ہی عدالتی پارکنگ میں آنے کی اجازت ہوگی۔ یہ احکامات ممکنہ خدشات کے پیش نظر عمل میں آئے ہیں۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ + ایجنسیاں) لاہور میں مال روڈ پر پنجاب اسمبلی کے باہر ہونے والے خود کش دھماکے میں قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے اہم پیشرفت کرتے ہوئے خود کش حملہ آور کے سہولت کار کو سکھر سے گرفتار کر کے تفتیش کے لئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔ بتایا گیا ہے کہ خود کش حملہ آور اور سہولت کار دونوں جنوبی پنجاب کے راست لاہور آئے۔ ادھر دھماکے میں زخمی ظفر وال کار ہائشی ریاض ولد اسحاق گنگرام ہسپتال میں گزشتہ شام دم توڑ گیا اس طرح سانحہ میں جاں بحق افراد کی تعداد 14 ہو گئی۔ بتایا گیا ہے کہ 36 سالہ ریاض لاہور میں ادویات کا کاروبار کرتا تھا دھماکے کے وقت وہ احتجاج کرنے والوں کے ساتھ تھا۔ دوسری طرف پنجاب اسمبلی کے باہر ہونے والے خود کش حملے کی تحقیقات کے لیے کافٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ کی درخواست پر ہوم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے جوائنٹ انویسٹی گیشن ٹیم تشکیل دے دی جس میں قانون نافذ کرنے والی دو ایجنسیوں کے افسران، کافٹر ٹیرازم کا ایک اور ڈی ایس پی سول لائنز کو شامل کیا گیا۔ ایڈیشنل آئی جی سی ٹی ڈی ٹیم کے سربراہ ہوں گے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق سی ٹی ڈی نے چیئرنگ کراس چوک میں ہونے والے دھماکے کی واقعہ کی درج ایف آئی آر کی روشنی میں تحقیقات شروع کر دیں۔ اس سلسلہ میں 113 افراد کے بیانات قلمبند کئے گئے جن میں پولیس اہلکار اور وارڈنز بھی شامل ہیں۔ خود کش دھماکے کے تیسرے روز بھی فضا سوا رہی، جبکہ سرکاری و نجی دفاتر، تجارتی مراکز میں بھی اس سانحہ پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا جاتا رہا۔ علاوہ ازیں شہریوں کی طرف سے شہداء کو خراج عقیدت پیش کرنے

## بازار کے گودام میں ٹھہرایا

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18 فروری 2017

## لاہور: پاکستانی پیٹزر گرفتار، خود کش

بمبار افغان تھا

بی بی سی اردو

17 فروری 2017

## لاہور میں دہشت گرد داخل ہونے کی

اطلاع، آج نماز جمعہ کے اجتماعات کی

سخت حفاظت ہوگی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 فروری 2017

## لاہور: دھماکے کا زخمی دم توڑ گیا، خود

کش حملہ آور کا سہولت کار سکھر سے

گرفتار

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16 فروری 2017



کے صدر قمر زمان کائرہ کا کہنا ہے کہ لاہور سمیت وسطی پنجاب کے علاقے میں دہشت گردوں کے سہولت کار موجود ہیں اور پنجاب بھر میں دہشت گردوں کے خلاف بھرپور آپریشن کیا جانا چاہیے۔ ان کے مطابق پنجاب میں رینجرز کو کراچی کی طرز کا آپریشن کرنے کے اختیارات ہونا چاہیے۔

پنجاب کی حکومت نے ملک میں حالیہ دہشت گردی کی لہر کے بعد انسداد دہشت گردی کے لیے جاری آپریشن میں رینجرز کی مدد لینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے جبکہ ملک بھر میں جاری کارروائیوں میں اب تک 1100 سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے۔ اتوار کو لاہور میں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت صوبائی انٹیکس کمیٹی کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں اعلیٰ سول و عسکری حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کے بعد جاری ہونے والے سرکاری بیان میں رینجرز سے مدد لینے کے فیصلے کا اعلان کیا گیا لیکن اس کی تفصیلات کے بارے میں کچھ نہیں کہا گیا۔ بیان کے مطابق رینجرز سے مدد لینے کے طریقہ کار کے بارے میں تفصیلات علیحدہ سے طے کی جائیں گی۔ انٹیکس کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں طے ہوا کہ اندرونی اور بیرونی چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کیلئے تمام اینٹیلی جنس اداروں کے درمیان تعاون مزید بہتر بنایا جائے گا اور صوبائی اینٹیلی جنس کمیٹی کا اجلاس باقاعدگی سے منعقد ہوگا۔ دوسری جانب ملک میں حالیہ دہشت گردی کی لہر کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے ملک بھر میں ساڑھے چھ سو سے زائد کارروائیوں میں 1100 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا ہے۔ نامہ نگار شہزاد ملک کے مطابق پولیس اور رینجرز نے سب سے زیادہ کارروائیاں پنجاب میں کی ہیں اور حراست میں لیے گئے مشتبہ افراد میں افغان شہری بھی شامل ہیں۔

پاکستان میں حالیہ حملوں کی لہر کے بعد ملک بھر کے مختلف حصوں میں سیورٹی فورسز کی کارروائیوں میں کم از کم 16 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں جب کہ بیسیوں کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا ہے۔ سرکاری ذرائع ابلاغ کے مطابق کرم ایجنسی کے مقام پارہ چکنی میں سیورٹی فورسز اور شدت پسندوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ ہوا جس میں 11 شدت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے، جب کہ دو سیورٹی اہلکار زخمی ہوئے۔ پنجاب کے قصبہ لیہ کے قریب ہونے والے ایک پولیس مقابلے میں پانچ شدت پسند مارے گئے۔ اس کے علاوہ پنجاب پولیس کے انسداد دہشت گردی ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے صوبے میں مختلف کارروائیوں میں درجنوں افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ سرکاری ذرائع ابلاغ کے مطابق پولیس نے سیالکوٹ میں غیر قانونی طور پر رہنے والے 42 افغان شہریوں کو گرفتار کر لیا، جب کہ گزشتہ ہفتے لاہور کے چیپنگ کراس پر ہونے والے خودکش حملے کے سہولت کاروں کو پکڑنے کی غرض سے کیے جانے والی اسی طرح کی ایک اور کارروائی میں وزیر آباد میں 40 سے زیادہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا۔ لاہور پولیس نے سوشل میڈیا ویب سائٹ ٹوئٹر پر خبر دی ہے کہ لاہور بھر میں بھی 'کوہنگ آپریشن' کیے گئے ہیں، جن کے دوران شہریوں کی شناخت بائیومیٹرک آلات کی مدد سے کی جا رہی ہے۔ لاہور پولیس نے کہا ہے کہ اس دوران متعدد مشکوک افراد کو مزید تفتیش کے لیے حراست میں لیا گیا ہے۔ ریڈیو پاکستان کے مطابق اسی طرح کی ایک اور کارروائی میں پشاور میں 35 افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا جن میں افغان شہری بھی شامل ہیں۔ گزشتہ روز افغان وزارت خارجہ نے ایک بیان میں پاکستان کی جانب سے ایک سو کے قریب افغان شہریوں کی پکڑ دھکڑ پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ ادھر پاکستان اور افغانستان کی سرحد آج تیسرے روز بھی بند اور تمام گاڑیوں کی آمد و رفت معطل ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ جمہوریت کی شام صوبہ سندھ کے شہر سیہون شریف میں لعل شہباز قلندر کے مزار پر خودکش حملے میں 80 سے زیادہ افراد ہلاک اور ڈھائی سو سے زیادہ زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔ اس کے بعد سے سیورٹی وجوہات کی بنا پر پاکستان افغانستان سرحد غیر معینہ مدت کے لیے بند کر دی گئی تھی۔ اس کے علاوہ لاہور کے مال روڈ پر واقع چیپنگ کراس پر ایک خودکش حملے میں اعلیٰ پولیس افسران سمیت 14 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ پنجاب کے وزیر اعلیٰ میاں شہباز شریف نے جمعے کی شام پولیس کانسفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ اب تک ہونے والی تفتیش کے مطابق دہشت گرد گروہ کامرکز افغانستان میں ہے۔ دہشت گردوں کا یہ نیٹ ورک افغانستان میں بیٹھ کر پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کی کارروائیاں کرتا ہے۔ لاہور میں ہونے والی دہشت گردی کا ذمہ دار بھی یہی نیٹ ورک ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ چیپنگ کراس میں 'ہلاک ہونے والے خودکش بمبار کا تعلق افغانستان سے ہے جب کہ دوسرے حملہ آور کا تعلق پاکستان کے علاقے باجوڑ ایجنسی سے ہے۔'

سندھ کے شہر سیہون میں لعل شہباز قلندر کی درگاہ پر ہونے والے خودکش حملے کے بعد سیورٹی فورسز نے 24 گھنٹے کے دوران ملک بھر میں مختلف کارروائیوں میں 100 سے زیادہ شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے جبکہ زائرین نے جمعہ کو مزار کے احاطے میں دھماکا ڈالا۔ دوسری جانب لعل شہباز قلندر کی درگاہ کے احاطے میں زائرین جمع ہو گئے ہیں اور انھیں وہاں دھماکا بھی ڈالا ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق خودکش حملے میں ہلاک ہونے والے افراد کی تعداد 80 سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے اور سندھ بھر میں سرکاری سطح پر تین روزہ جبکہ پنجاب اور خیبر پختونخوا میں بھی ایک دن کے سوگ منایا جا رہا ہے۔ پاکستانی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جمعے کو جاری کیے جانے والے بیان کے مطابق گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں ملک بھر بشمول پنجاب میں کیے جانے والے کوہنگ آپریشنز میں 100 سے زائد شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک کیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور (اپنے نامہ نگار سے + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ + آئی این این) انسداد دہشت گردی کی خصوصی عدالت نے لاہور دھماکے کے سہولت کار انوار الحق کو 30 روزہ جسمانی رہائش پر سی ڈی ڈی حکام کے حوالے کر دیا ہے۔ انوار کو سخت سیورٹی حصار میں انسداد دہشت گردی عدالت میں پیش کیا

پنجاب میں کارروائیاں جاری، رینجرز سے مدد لینے کا فیصلہ

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سیہون دھماکے: زائرین کا دھماکا، ملک بھر میں سخت کریک ڈاؤن، 100 سے زیادہ شدت پسند ہلاک

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## سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاں

پاکستان کی بری فوج کے سربراہ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان اور افغانستان کی سرحد پر سیکورٹی مشترکہ دشمن سے لڑنے کے لیے بڑھائی گئی ہے۔

’افغان سرحد پر سیکورٹی مشترکہ دشمن سے مقابلے کے لیے ہے‘

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پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ کی جانب سے پیر کو جاری کیے جانے والے ایک بیان کے مطابق آرمی چیف کا کہنا تھا کہ سرحد پر ہر طرح کی غیر قانونی نقل و حرکت روکی جائے گی۔ بیان کے مطابق آرمی چیف کا کہنا تھا کہ تمام شدت پسندوں کے خلاف بلا تفریق رنگ و نسل کارروائی ہوگی۔ جنرل باجوہ کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان اور افغانستان دہشت گردی کے خلاف لڑ رہے ہیں اور ان مشترکہ کوششوں کو جاری رہنا چاہیے۔ آرمی چیف نے افغان حکام کی جانب سے شدت پسندی کے خاتمے کے لیے دی جانے والی حالیہ تجاویز کا بھی خیر مقدم کیا۔ خیال رہے کہ پاکستانی فوج کے سربراہ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے جمعے کو افغانستان میں امریکی کمانڈر جنرل جان نکلسن سے رابطہ کر کے پاکستان میں ہونے والی شدت پسندی کی حالیہ کارروائیوں پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا تھا۔ آئی ایس آئی کی جانب سے جاری ہونے والے ایک بیان میں آرمی چیف نے امریکی کمانڈر جنرل نکلسن کو افغان حکام کو فراہم کی گئی شدت پسندوں سے متعلق فہرست سے بھی آگاہ کیا۔ بیان کے مطابق جنرل باجوہ نے امریکی کمانڈر سے کہا کہ پاکستان میں شدت پسندی کارروائیوں کی منصوبہ بندی افغانستان میں ہوتی ہے۔ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ کے مطابق پاکستان میں ہونے والی شدت پسندی کے حالیہ واقعات کی ذمہ داری قبول کرنے والی تنظیموں کی قیادت بھی افغانستان میں ہے۔

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پنجاب کی اسپیکس کمیٹی کا اجلاس آج طلب کر لیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف صدارت کریں گے۔ کور کمانڈر، خفیہ اداروں کے سربراہ، آئی جی، سربراہ سی ٹی ڈی سمیت دیگر افسر شریک ہوں گے۔ دہشت گردی کیخلاف لائحہ عمل طے کیا جائیگا۔

پنجاب اسپیکس کمیٹی کا اجلاس آج طلب دہشت گردی کیخلاف آئندہ لائحہ عمل

طے کیا جائیگا

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پاکستان کے صوبے پنجاب کی حکومت نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جاری آپریشن میں رینجرز کی مدد لینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے لیکن مبصرین اس فیصلے پر شکوک شبہات کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں اور ان کے خیال میں پنجاب حکومت رینجرز کو کراچی والے اختیارات دینے پر تیار نہیں ہوگی۔ مبصرین جہاں رینجرز کی مدد حاصل کرنے کے فیصلے پر شکوک شبہات کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں وہیں بعض ماہرین کا خیال ہے کہ شدت پسندی کے مسئلہ کو سنجیدگی سے نمٹنے کے لیے ملک میں ’سیکیورٹی ایمر جنسی‘ نافذ کی جائے اور جس کی سربراہی یا قیادت وزیر اعظم خود کریں۔ پاکستان انسٹی ٹیوٹ فار پیس سٹڈی کے تجزیہ کار عامر رانا نے بی بی سی ریڈیو کے پروگرام سیرین سے بات کرتے ہوئے ملک میں سیکورٹی ایمر جنسی نافذ کرنے کی تجویز دی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ قومی ایکشن پلان کا المیہ یہ رہا کہ وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں نے اس پر سنجیدگی سے عملدرآمد نہیں کیا۔

پنجاب میں بھی کیا رینجرز کو کراچی

والے اختیارات ہوں گے؟

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پنجاب میں انسداد دہشت گردی کے آپریشن میں رینجرز کی مدد لینے کا فیصلہ اسپیکس کمیٹی میں کیا گیا لیکن انھیں کس حد اختیارات دیے جائیں گے، اس بارے میں تفصیلات فراہم نہیں کی گئیں۔ رینجرز سے مدد لینے کے فیصلے پر عامر رانا کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ ایک جلد بازی اور سیاسی دباؤ میں لیا گیا فیصلہ ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب میں دو کام کرنے کی ضرورت تھی۔ ایک تو تمام تنظیموں کی طرف عدم برداشت کی پالیسی اختیار کی جانے چاہیے تھی تو دوسری طرف خفیہ معلومات کی بنیادوں پر ٹارگنڈ آپریشن کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ان کے خیال میں پنجاب میں اس طرح کے پاکٹس یا گڑھ نہیں ہیں جہاں نیم فوجی دستوں یا فوج کی ضرورت پڑے۔ حزب اختلاف کی سیاسی جماعتیں اور مبصرین پنجاب اور خاص طور پر جنوبی پنجاب کے ان علاقوں میں جہاں مبینہ طور پر پنجابی طالبان نے جنم لیا اور پروان چڑھے وہاں کراچی کی طرز پر رینجرز کا آپریشن کرنے کا مطالبہ کرتے رہے ہیں۔ بظاہر سیاسی مصلحتوں کی بنا پر پنجاب حکومت ان علاقوں کو رینجرز کے حوالے کرنے سے کتراتی رہی ہے لیکن ایک ہفتے کے دوران دہشت گردی کے پے درپے ہونے والے واقعات نے پنجاب میں رینجرز کی زیر نگرانی آپریشن کا جواز پیدا کر دیا ہے۔ تجزیہ کار ڈاکٹر حسن عسکری رضوی کے خیال میں پنجاب حکومت کے لیے رینجرز کو مکمل اختیار دینا مشکل ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ’پنجاب حکومت کبھی بھی یہ تاثر نہیں دینا چاہے گی کہ ان کے علاوہ صوبے میں کسی اور کے پاس بھی اختیارات ہیں کیونکہ یہ ان کی انتخابی سیاست کے لیے نقصان دہ ہے۔ اس لیے پنجاب میں رینجرز کو کراچی آپریشن کی طرز کے اختیارات ملنا مشکل ہے۔‘ ڈاکٹر حسن عسکری کے مطابق پنجاب حکومت مخصوص حالات میں ہی رینجرز کو آپریشن کے لیے بلائے گی۔ پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے پنجاب

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### سُرخیاں

بارش اور برف باری کا نیا سلسلہ شروع ہو گیا۔ گلگت بلتستان اور بلوچستان میں بارش کا امکان ہے۔ غدر، استور اور دیامر کے بالائی علاقوں میں وقفے وقفے سے بر فباری اور میدانی علاقوں میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ کوئٹہ میں بھی رات گئے بادل برس پڑے۔ چمن میں رات سے جاری موسلا دھار بارش سے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آ گئے۔ گلگت بلتستان کے ضلع دیامر، استور اور غدر کے بالائی علاقوں میں وقفے وقفے سے برف باری اور میدانی علاقوں میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ آزاد کشمیر کے شمالی اور وسطی اضلاع میں وقفے وقفے سے بارش اور بالائی علاقوں میں ہلکی برف باری جاری رہی۔ مری میں بارش سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ ادھر شمالی بلوچستان میں بارش برسانے والی ہوائیں داخل ہونے سے چمن، پشین، زیارت، کان مہتر زئی اور قلعہ عبداللہ میں وقفے وقفے سے بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ بارش کے ساتھ ہی شہر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں بجلی کی سپلائی معطل اور ٹھنڈ میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ وفاقی دار لگو مت اسلام آباد میں موسم ابر آلود رہا۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے خیبر پختونخوا، فانا اور کشمیر میں بارش کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ راولپنڈی اور سرگودھا ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش ہو سکتی ہے۔

راولپنڈی (روزنامہ اوصاف) راولپنڈی اسلام آباد میں اتوار کو موسلا دھار بارش کی پیش گوئی۔ واسانے راولپنڈی میں رین ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی سیوریج کے تمام عملے کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دی گئیں شہریوں کی سہولت کے لیے رین ایمر جنسی یونٹس قائم کیے جا رہے ہیں موتی محل، لیاقت باغ، کمرشل مارکٹ، باغ سرداراں اور خیابان سرسید میں یونٹس قائم کیے جائیں گے نالہ لٹی کے کناروں اور نشیبی علاقوں میں خصوصی اختیارات کیے جائیں گے،

کراچی میں سردی کی نئی لہر آگئی۔ جنوبی ساحلی پٹی سے آنے والی تیز ٹھنڈی ٹھنڈی ہوائیں ہفتہ کی شب کراچی میں داخل ہو گئی اور درجہ حرارت میں بھی 4 سے 5 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ کم ہوا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے ریجنل ڈائریکٹر میٹرولوجیکل سینٹر کراچی شاہد عباس کے مطابق کراچی میں کل اتوار اور پیر کو سردی میں اضافے کا امکان ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ افغانستان میں بر فباری سے ٹھنڈی ہوائیں جنوبی ساحلی پٹی سے ہوتی ہوئی کراچی میں داخل ہوں گی۔ کراچی میں جو درجہ حرارت میں 3 سے 4 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ اضافہ ہوا ہے اس میں 4 سے 5 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ کم ہونے کا امکان ہے اور سردی بڑھ جائے گی۔ شاہد عباس کے مطابق کراچی میں داخل ہونے والی ہوائیں 35 کلومیٹر فی گھنٹہ کی رفتار سے چلیں گی۔

کوئٹہ (روزنامہ اوصاف) کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے بالائی علاقوں میں مطلع آبر آلود ہے جس سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق قلات میں کم از کم درجہ حرارت منفی 2، کوئٹہ میں 9 سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ بارکھان 12، الدبدرین 11، گوادریں 17 خضدار میں 3 نوکٹری اور پٹنی میں 16، جیوٹی 17، لسیلہ اور تربت میں 15 جبکہ ژوب میں کم سے کم درجہ حرارت 7 سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے، محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے 24 گھنٹے کے دوران کوئٹہ میں ہلکی بارش کا امکان ہے جس سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو جائے گا۔

ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش اور برف باری کا نیا سلسلہ شروع

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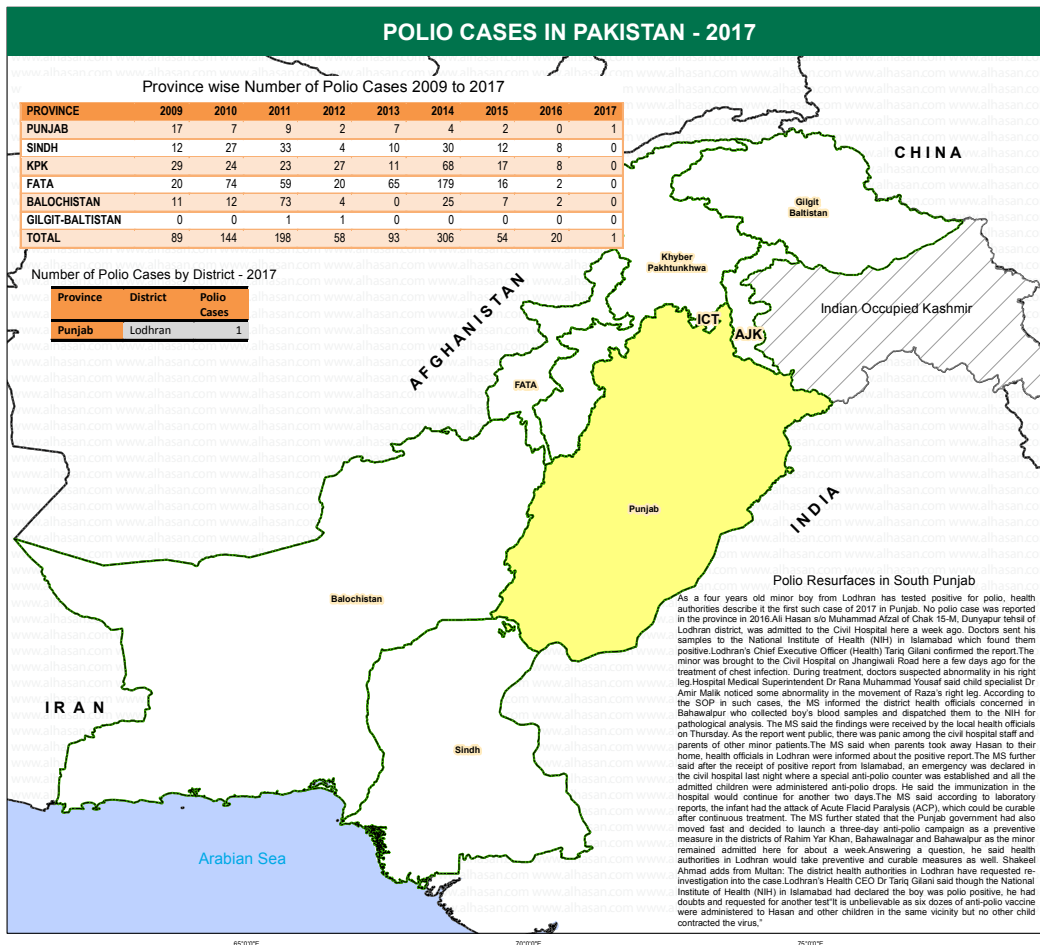
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