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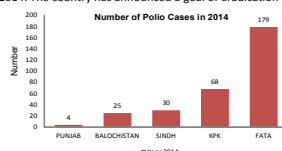
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Poliomyelitis High Risk Area in Pakistan The Battle Against Polio

Pakistan is one of the two remaining countries in the world where poliomyelitis (polio) is still categorized as an endemic viral infection, the other being Afghanistan. As of October 2015, there have been 38 documented cases of wild poliovirus in Pakistan in the past year. Though the polio immunization campaign in the country started in 1974, the efforts for eradication officially started in 1994. The infection remains endemic despite over 100 rounds of vaccination being carried out in the past decade. Pakistan had the world's highest number of polio cases in 2014, and as of October 2015, it has maintained this record. However, the number of cases in 2015 is a fraction of those recorded in 2014. The country has announced a goal of eradication by 2016.



Recent Government Efforts

In 2015, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government issued arrest warrants for 1,200 parents and guardians for refusing to administer vaccine to their children. 512 people were arrested on the charge but were later freed after signing an undertaking that they would not oppose vaccination. By 2015, new cases of polio had dropped by 70% as compared to 2014, due to increased vaccination in parts of the northwest Pakistan that had previously been under the control of militants. These areas were secured by Pakistani forces in the Zarb-e-Azb Campaign against Taliban militants. Previously, vaccination teams were forbidden by militants from vaccinating children in the area.

Anti Polio Drive in Pakistan January to April

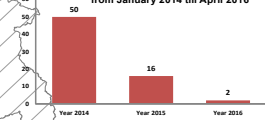
Date	Anti-Polio Drive
January 11, 2016	An anti-polio drive has been carried out in FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan & Punjab for 3 days.
February 15, 2016	Anti-polio drive in 15 districts of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Karachi started for 5 days.
March 14, 2016	Anti-polio drive in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab for three days drive Meanwhile, four-day anti-polio drive also started in FATA.
April 18, 2016	Dera Ismail Khan, Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA), Frontier Regions and three cities of Sindh and three days anti-polio campaign carried out from 25 April 2016 in 12 districts of Balochistan

High Risk Area

Pakistan polio workers under attack from January 2016 till April 2016
Efforts to eliminate polio in Pakistan have been complicated in recent years, as polio workers have faced attacks by militants who say the health teams are Western spies, or that the vaccines they administer are intended to sterilize children. On January 13, 2016, at least 15 people were killed and several injured after a bomb had exploded near a polio centre near Quetta. And now on April 20, 2016, or just 10 days after the World Health Organisation had expressed hope that polio was in its dying days and could be eradicated from Afghanistan and Pakistan within 12 months, seven police personnel, providing security to anti polio teams, were shot dead in Karachi.

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Province wise Number of Polio Cases 2009 to 2016

Province	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
PUNJAB	17	7	3	2	7	4	2	4
SINDH	12	27	33	4	10	30	12	4
KPK	29	24	23	27	11	66	15	4
FATA	20	74	59	20	65	179	16	0
BALUCHISTAN	11	12	73	4	0	22	7	1
GILGIT-BALTISTAN	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	69	144	196	68	93	306	54	9

Province	District	Polio Cases
KPK	Peshawar	1
	Nowshera	1
	Kangra	1
	Sanjwal	1
Sindh	Karachi	1
	Jacobabad	1
	Shikarpur	2
Balochistan	Quetta	1

Legend

Polio Risk Area in Pakistan
High
Medium
Low

No. of Polio Cases 2016
No Polio Found
1
4
Provincial Boundary

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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Expected heatstroke, arrangements made at govt services hospital
Pakistan Observer, May 2, 2016

Temperature on the rise in different cities
Dunya News, May 2, 2016

Sindh without a disease warning system since past 15 months
The News, May 2, 2016

DETAILS

KARACHI: Medical Superintendent (MS) of Sindh Government Services Hospital, Dr. Khalid Shaikh has said that to deal with the expected heat stroke, comprehensive arrangements have been made at the hospital. He said that two wards have been established in the hospital having capacity of 40 beds while new ceiling fans have also been hanged.

MS Dr. Khalid Shaikh told that instructions, how to save themselves from severe heat waves, had been displayed on panaflex in the hospital too. MS Sindh Government Services Hospital advised the people of Karachi not to go in the sun unnecessarily and if it was a must then keep water and wet towel with them.—INP

LAHORE: Temperature is on the rise in different cities with Okara topping the heat with 40 degrees Celsius while Lahore stands at 34°C, Dunya News reported Monday. According to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), dry and hot weather will maintain its course in different cities in the coming days. Temperature is likely to hit 47°C in Sindh's Dadu and Nawabshah. However, weather in Karachi will remain dry and hot in coming 24 hours. Karachi temperature will remain between 36°C to 38°C according to the department concerned.

Sukkur, Jacobabad and Larkana will have maximum temperature of 44°C–45°C today. Hyderabad's mercury will rise up to 44°C while that in Badin and Mirpur Khas to 43°C.

Earlier in April, two locals had lost their lives as temperature soared in Sindh's capital. The deceased belonged to Manghopir and Orangi Town areas of the metropolis. Seven persons were affected due to hot weather last month. Two of them were rushed to Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. According to an estimate nearly 1,200 people had died due to severe heat stroke last year.

KARACHI: WHO had wrapped up its disease warning system in December 2014, provincial health department had refused to take over the programme. Because of "criminal negligence" of the provincial health authorities, Sindh no longer has a disease warning system for the last 15 months as the World Health Organisation wrapped up its Disease Early Warning System (DEWS) programme in December 2014. The WHO offered to hand over the entire programme to the provincial health department but the latter refused to adopt it, The News has learnt. The WHO has not only wrapped up its disease warning system but also reduced its presence in the province and many of key positions including the provincial head of office, national professional officers for communicable and non-communicable diseases, and EPI officers are lying vacant for many months.

The DEWS was introduced by the WHO in Pakistan after the devastating earthquake of 2005 in the northern areas of Pakistan to collect reports, investigate and respond to the outbreaks of communicable diseases but later this programme was expanded to the entire country and DEWS coordinators were appointed in each province. "The DEWS was a successful programme which helped in containing and managing several outbreaks of communicable diseases after natural disasters including the 2005 earthquake and the super floods of 2010 and 2011," a former WHO official in Sindh told The News. "Outbreaks of many deadly diseases including diarrhoea, cholera, polio and viral infections were immediately reported to health authorities and with their support, effective measures were taken to control them," he added.

The ex-official said the WHO decided to wind up the DEWS in the entire country and asked the provincial governments, especially Sindh, to take over the programme but because of the latter's "criminal negligence", it was completely wrapped up. The former WHO official said in 2014, a PC-1 for the programme was prepared twice and sent to the provincial planning and development department but because of the lack of interest shown by the health department, it was not approved.

"Actually, the then Sindh health minister, Dr Sagheer Ahmed, was not interested in taking over the WHO-run programme and that's why, the PC-1 of the project wasn't approved." He said the absence of the DEWS in Sindh was a "great loss" to the people of the province. "The DEWS had its district coordinators in each and every district of the province, and they collected information about communicable and non-communicable diseases from public and private health facilities and reported it to the WHO country head and the government." He said the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments had set up their own disease warning systems by utilising their Expanded Programme on Immunisation infrastructures but there existed no such system in Sindh at the present.

"Now, at any given time, nobody in the health department is aware of the health situation in the 29 districts of Sindh," he added. Nobody exactly knows about the actual number of measles cases in Sindh in 2016, the number of deaths in the province, the status of neonatal tetanus cases and many other communicable diseases and because of that, no measures are being adopted to mobilise public and private health resources to contain disease outbreaks and provide healthcare services to the people. Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar, the national coordinator for the Emergency Operations Centre, Islamabad, also described the closure of the DEWS as an unfortunate event. "Because of the DEWS, government officials timely responded to disease outbreaks and prevented loss of lives in various parts of the country," he added. He said following warnings by DEWS officials, the federal and provincial governments mobilised their health resources in the areas which needed immediate attention while the WHO had also formed clusters of the non-governmental organisations working in the health sector to respond to health emergencies in the affected areas.

WHO officials in Pakistan said the organisation had wound up the disease early warning system

Monsoon 2016: SASCOF Forecast above normal rainfall in Pakistan

Radio Pakistan, May 1, 2016

Drought-related deaths in Thar continue

DAWN News, April 30, 2016

Albayrak commences dengue awareness campaign

Pak Observer April 30, 2016

Scattered Rain-Dust Storm Predicted During Coming Week

The News, April 29, 2016

Sindh govt to set up climate change, environment, coastal development dept

Dawn News, April 29, 2016

by the end of 2014 and decided to train local health authorities in detecting, investigating and responding to outbreaks of lethal communicable diseases. Maryam Younus, a spokesperson for the WHO in Islamabad, said now the organisation was running a system of "disease surveillance" in Pakistan and training health authorities in performing the role of DEWS as it was the responsibility of the local authorities to take care of the health needs of the public. She, however, had no answer as to why the WHO had minimised its presence in Sindh where several key position of the organisation were lying vacant. An acting head of the WHO office in Sindh, Dr Sara Salman, dispelled the impression that organisation had limited its presence in the province. She added that the process to fill the vacant posts was under way. She said many WHO projects including DEWS had ended in Sindh and people associated with these programmes had left.

It is being perceived that the WHO had abandoned Sindh, which is not true." Dr Salman said a disease surveillance and response unit was functioning at the office of the provincial health director general since the DEWS was wrapped up.

The South Asian Climate Outlook Forum has forecast above normal rainfall in South Asia including Pakistan during the upcoming Monsoon Season. The forecast was predicted during the eighth session of the Forum held in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Forum said that the analyses of historical observations indicate that normal to above-normal rainfall will occur in most parts of South Asia.

MITHI: Four infants died at the Mithi Civil Hospital on Friday 29th April, 2016 leading the death toll of children suffering from malnutrition and water-borne diseases in the drought-hit parts of Tharparkar to 305 since Jan 1, independent sources said.

Confirming the fresh deaths, official sources put the toll at 162. Two of the four children were identified as Sodhi and Sindhya. Over 30,000 children with similar diseases have been brought to six health facilities of the district for treatment over the past four months.

Parents of many children currently receiving treatment at various health facilities in Mithi, Islamkot, Diplo and Chahhacro were found complaining of the indifferent attitude of doctors and paramedics, shortage of medicines and unavailability of essential equipment and services.

RAWALPINDI: Albayrak commenced dengue awareness campaign vigorously in most vulnerable area of Cha Sultan on Saturday where an outbreak of dengue was happened during last year dengue season.

In this connection, a field camp was established at Cha Sultan and an awareness walk was held in the area to involve public awareness activities so that people should remain conscious about observing necessary precautionary measures to prevent themselves from the fatal ailment of dengue fever. Mr. Kenan Gulen GM Communication Albayrak, Senior Manage Operations Sabit Aiktanar, Chairman UC-30 Mumtaz Khan and Vice Chairman Muhammad Ifitkhar were prominent who led the walk started from Cha Sultan Main Road.

The participants of the walk raised carrying banners and play cards inscribing precautionary tips of dengue protection. On this occasion the officials of Albayrak distributed pamphlets and other dengue awareness related materials among shopkeepers and residents of the area. It was informed that the campaign would remain continued up the end of next month in which all segments of society would be associated in awareness activities. Mr. Kenan Gulen expressing his views said that Albayrak is committed to work hard and maintain the high standard of cleanliness. He said any kind of complaint about sanitation problems would be resolved on priority basis and exclusive sanitary staff had been deputed in all related localities. He also appreciated active participation of local body's representatives in public awareness campaign and said that with the support of community solid waste issues would be tackled efficiently. The Chairman UC 30 assured his full assistance to make the awareness campaign a real success.

Due to scattered rains/dust storms, the day temperatures are expected to fall on Tuesday and may remain 2-3°C below normal, particularly in Punjab, FATA, KP, GB& Kashmir during the coming week. Met Office informed that a fresh westerly wave is likely to approach Pakistan on Sunday evening/Monday that will produce rains with intermissions and gusty winds in plain areas of the country during the coming week. Under the influence of this westerly wave, scattered rain-dust storm is expected in Islamabad, FATA, KP, Punjab, GB and Kashmir during Monday evening to Thursday. While isolated rain-dust storm is also expected in Upper Sindh and NE Balochistan during Monday to Wednesday.

As hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country, the farmers should complete wheat harvesting and threshing. During the period evening dust-storms will be common in Punjab and KP, the farmers should not leave their harvested wheat unbound and threshed straw uncovered.

KARACHI: The Sindh government has decided to establish a department to handle all functions relating to environment, coastal development and climate change.

All the other departments have been directed to cooperate and support the newly created department, which will be called Climate Change, Environment and Coastal Development Department, as well as the environment protection agency (EPA) for clean and healthy environment. The directives were issued by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah while presiding over a meeting on climate change and environmental issues on Thursday. The meeting, which was held at CM House, was attended by provincial ministers Dr Sikandar Mandhro, Jam Mehtab Dahar, Jam Khan Shoro, chief secretary Siddique Memon, additional chief secretary (development) Mohammad Waseem, principal secretary Alamuddin Bullo, senior member of the board of revenue Rizwan Memon, health secretary Saeed Mangnijo, finance secretary Sohail Rajput, EPA Director General Naeem Mughal and others. The chief minister further directed the EPA to work out a comprehensive plan to control smoke-emitting vehicles, stop disposal of domestic and industrial waste into Phuleli canal and disposal of industrial waste into the Lyari and

Report on land loss caused by sea intrusion adopted

DAWN News, April 29, 2016

Commission calls for socio-economic uplift in Thar

The News, April 28, 2016

Malir rivers and its onward release into the sea. "We all are responsible for destroying our clean and healthy atmosphere, the industrial affluent and domestic waste is being released into the Arabian Sea in Karachi and a similar attitude has been adopted in Hyderabad where Phuleli Canal has been polluted.

"Today, the province of Sindh, particularly the major industrial cities are facing serious environmental issues because the industrialists have not adopted the environmental safety measures. We have to be responsible not only for ourselves but for our children and future generations," he added. Mr Shah also expressed concern over the felling of trees in the city. "What are the local agencies doing and why do the police remain tight lipped on this matter?" he asked and directed the relevant authorities to ensure that no tree is slaughtered without solid reasons and their prior permission.

Sindh Minister for Environment Dr Sikandar Mandhro despite being the environment minister, he was helpless because the drainage system belonged to local government, industries were governed by the industries department, land in coastal areas was owned by the forest department only. "Industrialists are uncooperative and there is lack of coordination among different departments and agencies," he complained. Expressing his displeasure over the current state of affairs, the chief minister said there should be close coordination among the departments concerned. For this, he said, Climate Change, Environment and Coastal Development Department would be created so that all the functions relating to environment and climate change could be handled by one department only.

Earlier, Mr Waseem said a combined effluent plant with five units had been proposed to be set up at the cost of Rs11 billion. He said this would help stop disposal of untreated industrial waste into the sea. "This scheme will be taken to the federal planning commission for approval," he added. He said the government was taking initiatives for the implementation of National Climate Change Policy. In this connection, a provincial implementation committee and working group had been constituted comprising all relevant departments, he said. The additional chief secretary added that 176 combat climate challenges had been identified.

ISLAMABAD: The Senate's Standing Committee on Planning and Development adopted on Thursday a report on how Pakistan had lost significant land mass along the coast due to sea intrusion and was going to rapidly lose more in the future. The report has been prepared by a three-member sub-committee assigned by the main committee to visit the coastal area of Sindh and Balochistan to take stock of the situation and frame recommendations on controlling erosion caused by sea intrusion. Assisted by the Pakistan Navy, National Institute of Oceanography (NIC) and Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (Suparco), members of the sub-committee, led by its convener Dr Karim Khawaja, recently flew over 770km coastline from Sir Creek in Sindh to Jiwani in Balochistan. The report describes the 254km belt from Sir Creek to Karachi as most vulnerable to sea intrusion.

"The physical features of the land are such that this stretch lies lower than the higher ground extending into Balochistan. This area has been affected the most," Senator Khawaja said. The report points out that more than 2.2 million hectares of land has been swallowed by the sea over the last 30 years or so. A meeting of the main committee learnt that it was the first time that scientific methods and satellite images had been used to identify the area lost to sea. It was told that climate change and particularly human interference with nature's course were main reasons for the coastal erosion.

Today less than 126 million tonnes of silt was deposited on the coast mainly by Indus River whereas 400m tonnes of sediment used to be amassed there in the past, extending land by 30 metres over the years. Loss of mangrove forests from 260, 000 hectares in the 1970s to 160, 000 hectares by the 1990s and further to barely 80,000 hectares in 2001 is a major cause of soil erosion along the coastal belt. Realising the gravity of the situation, PML-N Senator Saud Majeed told the committee that he would raise the issue of sea intrusion at the Prime Minister's Special Committee on Planning and Development, of which he was a member. In its recommendations, the sub-committee suggests that a 250km highway be constructed along the coast from Sir Creek to Karachi to serve as a wall against sea intrusion. The report notes a consensus among the sub-committee's members on the need to include sea intrusion in the "Vision-2025," an initiative of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms. It recommends that existing agreements on preservation of the coastal areas such as 1991's water accord should be implemented in letter and spirit to stop soil erosion in Sindh from Sir Creek to Karachi. It asks departments concerned such as Suparco, the NIO and navy to carry out frequent observations and scientific studies to identify lost areas and suggest mitigation measures to prevent soil erosion in the future.

KARACHI: The commission formed to probe the Thar drought issue, in its report submitted to the chief minister, has pointed out that lapses in inter-departmental coordination during relief work, pre-existing malnutrition and lack of health facilities have combined to aggravate the crisis that has claimed over 400 children's lives in the area.

The commission comprised Abdul Fatah Malik as the convener, Dr Tipu Sultan as a member, Sono Khangrani as member and DG Provincial Disaster Management Authority Commander (R) Salman Shah. The terms of reference for the commission included inquiring into the causes, response of the administration in current crises; fixing responsibility for the lapses on the departments concerned in mitigating the situation during drought in Tharparkar and finally recommending the remedial measures. Its report was discussed at length during a meeting chaired by Sindh Chief Minister with the relevant officials on Wednesday 27th April, 2016. The Commission for Thar Drought observed that there was a lack of coordination among the line departments for carrying out relief activities during the drought. It also found huge coordination lapses among TMAs, Special Initiative Department, NGOs and public health departments. It also found that the departments like social welfare, agriculture, environment, forest, population welfare, transport and tourism also

51 More Dengue Fever Cases Reported In City

Pakistan Today, April 28, 2016

October 2015 Earthquake Response

Pakistan Education Cluster, April 28, 2016

Pakistan and Climate Change

Daily Times, April 27, 2016

seemed to be underperforming.

The commission recommended setting up a provincial monitoring team having representation of departments including health, food, livestock, irrigation and meteorology, to report to the chief minister after every quarter. The drought commission called for preparing a comprehensive nutrition and drought policy and the related sectoral planning for it across issues ranging from poverty to education. It recommended that a structural home for nutrition could be developed in every union council. However, it said, the policy for responding to drought must be entirely independent of the nutrition policy. It stated that the Thar Development Authority (TDA) should serve as an umbrella organisation to manage any further drought crisis.

The commission also found that local population had been excluded from reaping the fruits of development schemes, and urged the government to pursue a loyalty system while excavating coal reserves by providing of compulsory employment to the local population. It also recommended devising a policy for using innovative cultivation methods in Thar to ensure protection of resources and the land quality. In its report, it was said that a single district hospital for a population of 1.3 million people, with majority vulnerable, was indicative of the underlying cause of current crisis. It was said that there were 309 posts of specialists, medical officers and others of BPS-17 to BPS-19 but were vacant. Responding to this health minister Jam Mehtab Dahar said selection of specialists and medical officers by the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) had begun. He said the written test was held yesterday and the entire process of selection would be completed within two months.

Secretary health Saeed Mangnijo said besides the District Headquarter Hospital, there were 189 union dispensaries in Tharparkar. He said a new District Headquarter Hospital has been approved and work will begin within a month. The commission in its report stated that there were 14 ambulances in the entire district, out of which six were being used by the Mithi Civil Hospital. The chief minister quipped that he had approved the purchase of ten 4x4 ambulances for Thar.

Members of the commission also pointed out the lack of any residential facility for doctors and said whatever accommodation was available, it was being used by non-medical officials. On this the chief minister ordered the health minister to get doctors' accommodation vacated. The commission also observed that doctors with domiciles of Thar were not willing to serve in the area and recommended the implementation of the Essential Services Act in true letter and spirit. The report urged the government for robust implementation of family planning and reproductive healthcare network in impoverished areas. The report also emphasised the practices of early marriages, and pre-existing malnourishment in mothers and children, combined with lack of immunization and access to antenatal care to have contributed greatly towards the grim situation in Thar and recommended resolving them as soon as possible.

Additional Chief Secretary Mohammad Waseem said that a nutrition program worth Rs8 billion for seven districts that included Tharparkar, had been launched with the assistance of European Union. The chief minister directed Secretary Agriculture Shahid Gulzar Shaikh to work out a special scheme for Thar and present him in the next meeting. The chief minister said findings of the commission needed to be reviewed thoroughly. "Findings of the commission are most important and they must be discussed and considered with an open mind," said the chief minister with directions to the chief secretary to meet with all secretaries of government departments on the report and come up with detailed proposal in the next meeting.

KARACHI: As many as 55 more dengue viral fever cases have been detected in Sindh province in a week, out of which 51 were reported from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 485 in the province since January 2016.

As per weekly report issued by the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Sindh, at least 55 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from 22 to 28 April 016, out of which 51 were reported from Karachi and one each from Thatta, Jamshoro, Tharparker and Umer Kot. At least 51 new dengue fever cases were reported in Karachi last week, out of which 14 were reported from District Central, 13 from District South, 12 from District West, nine from District East, two from District Malir and one from District Korangi. This year a total 485 dengue fever cases had been reported in Sindh province since January 2016, out of which 459 were detected from Karachi, five from Hyderabad, three from Sukkur, two each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Thatta, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas and Naushero Feroz, one each from Tharparkar, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Ghotki, Khairpur, Shaheed Benazirbad, Larkana, and Shikarpur, respectively. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far.

The Education Cluster developed a response plan to support education services in the earthquake affected areas of KP, particularly Chitral district. UNICEF supported the continuation of education for approximately 18,200 children of which 11,700 girls through provision of winterized tents and essential education supplies for the 2,517 (143 fully damaged and 2,374 partially damaged) schools affected by the earthquake in KP.

On April 22, 2016, representatives from more than 175 countries showed extraordinary support to the international initiative on climate change. In addition to inking the Paris Climate Agreement at a ceremony held at the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in New York, world leaders also declared their resolve to combat the relentless rise in global temperatures. The historic occasion was also acknowledged by Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Pakistan's Interior Minister, who described the accord as a "landmark in the history of our planet" to the international community.

The ceremonial acknowledgement was celebrated in a grand manner, which rightly suited the nature of this achievement. Nevertheless, now that the high-fiving is done with comes the hard stage: implementation of the promised reforms. The agreement calls for all countries to extensively work on their environmental agendas so that the emissions of global-warming, greenhouse gases can be reduced. Not only will it require the signatories to dramatically reform their economic

Red Crescent launches heatstroke treatment, awareness campaign

Daily Times, April 26, 2016

5.8 Magnitude Earthquake Jolts Part of KP

Pakistan Today, April 26, 2016

Disasters left negative impact on women's health, livelihood in Sindh, says study

DAWN News, April 26, 2016

policies, but also cost them a hefty investment of billions of dollars in researching new green energy techniques. Government of Pakistan should be applauded for taking the right call at the right time by signing the Paris Agreement. Amidst the present havoc the climate change is unleashing on the country, the authorities' decision to address this catastrophe was both timely and much-needed. The manner in which heat waves are being predicted to hit Pakistan with an increased intensity every summer has further aggravated the threat of frequent flooding and melting glaciers. Hence, Nisar's statement signals a stark shift in the official priority from ensuring an economic growth to developing a sustainable growth. Whether Pakistan amongst other developing countries will honour its pledge to reduce emissions or not solely depends on the administration's dedication to the agreement. If Pakistan aspires to be a trustworthy partner in the global collaboration formed last week, it has to immediately initiate projects to actively pursue the declared goals.

The agreement requires Pakistan to periodically report its progress on achieving its targets so that they can be updated in 2020. Therefore, both federal and provincial assemblies should now start discoursing over Pakistan's climate change policy, which will need both detailed strategies and concrete regulations with regard to the industrial sector. As UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon had rightly pointed out in his opening address, the world community has indeed showed its willingness to sign an indispensable covenant to save their own future. However, the faster this willingness converts into solid action by individual governments, the more successful this endeavour will become. The dilemmas of the energy sector will also prove to be a major obstacle to Pakistan's commitment. A significant gap already exists between the local electricity demand and the existing capacity of the hydropower units. In such times when thermal power is being regarded by many as the only viable solution of power crisis, the Paris Agreement has now coerced governments to act contrariwise and cut down such projects.

Debates over adaptations to climatic changes are already bouncing off many outlets, weighing their feasibility in the already economically distressed Pakistan. Yet again, it is not only the need of the international community but Pakistan's own climatic emergencies that a comprehensive set of policies must be put into place. It is hoped that the Paris Agreement will also make Pakistan's civil society to jump aboard the sustainability bandwagon so that they also influence the government machinery to start the green policies rolling.

KARACHI: Pakistan Red Crescent has established four heatstroke treatment centres in the city and provided awareness to more than 1,000 people from different occupations during a campaign launched on heatwave in the metropolis.

In a statement issued by PRC-Sindh on Mondya, provincial secretary Kanwar Waseem said, "Red Crescent has launched a campaign to create awareness to people on heatstroke and also established heatstroke treatment centres in the city, with almost all of them operating inside Red Crescent existing medical units," he said, adding these centres will provide free of charge quality treatment to those who are suffering from heatstroke." "The heatstroke patients are getting treatment at Red Crescent Diagnostic Centre Clifton, Red Crescent Medical Centre Guru Mandir, Red Crescent Medical Centre Orangi and Red Crescent Medical Unit New Karachi.

The Red Crescent own doctors are looking after the patients and in case a person needs further care, the Red Crescent ambulances took the patient to the nearest hospital as well," he added. Red Crescent Provincial Health Programme Manager Dr Ali Warsi said that the Red Crescent has printed thousands of brochures and banners on heatstroke to create awareness about symptoms and prevention of heatstroke. "Our volunteers are distributing the brochures at different public places, hospitals, traffic signals and Red Crescent medical centres," said Dr Ali Warsi. "More than hundred banners on heatwave information have been displayed in different hospitals and areas of the city." Dr Ali also appealed to the citizens to avoid going out during the heatwave and take all precautionary measures in this regard. Meanwhile, PRC-Sindh medical officer Dr Muzzamil Pervez conducted awareness sessions on heatstroke for Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC), city wardens, schoolteachers, students, boys Scouts, girls guide, junior brigade, Traffic police, Ambulance Service of KKF, Al-Khidmat and foreman of construction companies. In conducted trainings sessions, prevention from heat illness, treatment of heatstroke and heat exhaustion was explained to participants

An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale rocked different cities of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on early Monday 25th April, 2016 morning, local media reported.

The tremor was felt in Peshawar, Swat, Abbottabad, Chitral, Malakand, Bonair, Shagla, Swabi, Lower Dir and their surrounding areas. People came out of their homes in panic and started reciting verses from the Holy Quran. No loss of life was reported due to earthquake till filing of this report. According to National Seismic Monitoring Centre, the epicenter of the quake which struck at 02:43am on Monday was located in Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region at the depth of 116 kilometre.

KARACHI: A latest study says climate change induced disasters and left negative impacts on psychology and behaviour of people, in particular women, who bore the major brunt of various disasters that struck Sindh in recent years.

"There is evidence that shows interlinkages between climate change, health and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)," says the study titled 'Understanding climate change, impact on women's reproductive health: Post-disaster interventions in Sindh'. The study was carried out by the Sindh Community Foundation and Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW). The study selected Jacobabad, Shikarpur and Kashmore districts, which were among the worst affected areas in 2010 and 2011 floods. Besides, Thatta was taken for the 1999 cyclone and 2010 flood. It said that Pakistan had been experiencing the effects of climate change, flash floods, drought and cyclones over the years as the country fell within the disaster-prone zone of South Asia. The Global Climate Risk Index 1993-2012 released by German Watch ranked

Pakistan as the 12th on the list of the states most affected by extreme weather conditions. It said Sindh witnessed two consecutive floods in 2010 and heavy rains followed by flash floods in 2011.

"Of Pakistan's four provinces, the 2010 floods are widely acknowledged to have hit Sindh worst. More than seven million people were affected including around half of the province's rural population, and more than 2.5 million acres of agricultural land was flooded," it said. It said that nearly 350,000 homes were destroyed, leaving at least 1.5 million people homeless, causing displacement on a massive scale. The floodwaters also took longer to recede in Sindh than in other provinces. "These two events exposed weaknesses in the health system to cope with such situations." The study said that climate change incidences directly impacted human lives, and negatively affected general, sexual and reproductive health. It said disasters left the worst impact on women's health, access to food security, and reproductive health experienced psychological stress during the flood, in camps and even after returning home. The disasters did not rein in animosities among communities which was evident from the fact that three cases of honour killings were reported in Jacobabad. Climate change incidents also directly impacted general, sexual and reproductive health during floods and disturbed the reproductive health of women, men and young people. Some women staying in camps reported about one maternal and three infant deaths due to severe complications. Women also reported sexual harassment. Because of strong gender barriers and strict male dominance, women were not allowed to get food, access services at camps or even when they had returned home. It said Sindh had the highest level of malnutrition even before the floods. Due to floods, women who were involved in agriculture lost their livelihoods because floodwater took extraordinary time to recede.

That resulted in poor yield of crop for the next year, thus it increased food insecurity and impacted on women's and girls' health. Access to livelihoods of women decreased because of the lack of alternative livelihoods skills. "Girls and pregnant women are vulnerable to psychological fears. Women and girls felt insecure and psychologically fearful while staying in camps," it noted. Besides, women's access to health revived slowly in rural areas as government health outlets lacked health facilities. There was lack of resources for economic revival of home-based women. Their economic recovery got delayed. "Because of lack of proper shelter, women's insecurity increased and a few cases of sexual violence were reported," said the report. It said that mobility of rural women suffered because of damages to community infrastructure like roads, streets, etc. Distribution points by the NGOs and private sector was not gender sensitised and appropriate, so women received lesser relief.

The report blamed environmental organisations for not being attentive to incorporating sexual and reproductive health and rights or women's health in their regular programmes. The report quoted UNFPA, which estimated that at least 1.2 million women of reproductive age were among the people affected by heavy monsoon rains and floods across Pakistan in 2010. The maternal and child health services in at least 40 per cent of health facilities were disrupted. At least 115,000 were pregnant and every day close to 400 women went into labour, with at least 60 having life-threatening pregnancy-related complications.

Due to floods, women living in camps experienced difficulty in accessing reproductive health services and pregnant women did not get proper attention. Services for child delivery were not much provided by the government, NGOs and INGOs. Water for consumption was unhygienic; insecure environment in camps, lack of privacy for women especially pregnant women, in shelters and in toilets; faced waterborne diseases even after returning home; health-related infrastructure rebuilt slowly that increased maternal deaths; National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy did not have specific focus on reproductive health; and, in post disaster recovery, SRHR was not given focus even in rehabilitation and reconstruction phases by the government, NGOs and INGOs. The health outlets and reproductive health services were given low attention, very few NGOs and international organisations provided reproductive health services to women in the districts of the research. The report said that women's role and participation was low in early recovery interventions so these interventions did not address their actual needs.

PAKISTAN EDUCATION CLUSTER UPDATES

2016 Monsoon Contingency Plan

Updated on 28th April 2016

Item	School Tents
Blackboard	687
Hygiene Kits Per Student	15,200
Plastic Mats	3,792
Recreation Kit	288
School-in-a-box, 40 Students	187
Student Learning Kit	22,150
Trapaulin, Plastic, Roll	120
Tent	59
Water Cooler	679

NDMA UPDATES

Preliminary Damages/ Losses Due to Heavy Rain

From 2nd April, 2016 to 25th April, 2016

Provinces	Deaths				Injured	Houses Damaged		
	Male	Female	Child	Total		Partially	Completely	Total
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	-	-	-	97	76	713	237	950
GB	-	-	-	18	15	248	203	451
AJ & K	-	-	-	12	11	323	224	547
Grand Total	-	-	-	127	102	1,284	664	1,948

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

PM claims restoration of peace in major cities including Karachi

TimesofIslamabad, May 02, 2016

Police kill four Lyari gangsters in Karachi shootout

The News, May 2, 2016

Over dozen injured in hand grenade blast in Peshawar

The News, May 2, 2016

Four suspected gangsters killed in 'encounter' with Karachi police

Daily Dawn, May 1, 2016

Orakzai Agency: Repatriation of 2,800 families begins

The Express Tribune, May 1, 2016

10,000 surveillance cameras to be installed in Lahore

The Express Tribune, May 1, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has claimed that his government has succeeded to restore peace in all major cities of Pakistan including Karachi while better law and order situation would be helpful to create economic stability in Pakistan.

As per details, World Trade Organization's DG called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif here at today at PM House and exchanged views over the economic situation of country.

Speaking at the occasion, PM Nawaz said that Pakistan is keen to establish vast partnership with International Trade Organization while laws regarding trade are being improved by Pakistan.

Talking about CPEC project, PM explained that China is investing 46 billion dollar in Pakistan which would be helpful to improve the living standards of millions of people. CPEC would not only benefit Pakistan but entire region, PM added, stating that work is underway speedily over the economic corridor projects to enhance the contacts with all regional countries. PM further elaborated that trade laws would be helpful to deliver goods at international level while investors' confidence are growing on Pakistan.

KARACHI: Police killed at least four Lyari gang-war suspects in a shootout in Dalmia area of Gulshan-e-Iqbal early on Monday. Police said, on the information about presence of gangsters, search operation was launched in Dalmia where the suspects opened fire on police. In retaliatory fire, four suspects were injured who died before being shifted to hospital. Police recovered a Kalashnikov rifle, repeater gun, four rifle grenades, two hand grenades, two pistols, and a cache of bullets from the possession of the suspects. In a separate targeted operation in Gulshan-i-Maymar, law enforcers arrested a suspect belonging to the militant wing of a political party. Police caught the suspect, identified as Asif, over information provided by an under-custody suspect, sources said.

PESHAWAR: At least 13 people were injured when unidentified motorcycle riders threw a hand grenade in a busy city area here late on Sunday night. According to SP Cantt Kashif Zulfikar, the blast took place outside a private guest house in Tehkal Bala area of the city. He said two unknown motorcycle riders hurled the hand grenade. At least 13 injured people were shifted to Khyber Teaching Hospital, said SSP Operations Abbas Majeed Marwat, who confirmed the incident in Tehkal Bala neighbourhood. Marwat claimed the two suspected attackers were arrested and the nature of the explosion was being ascertained.

KARACHI: Police on Sunday night claimed to have killed four suspects in an encounter in Dalmia area of the metropolis, said an official of Aziz Bhatti police station. Acting on a tip off about presence of alleged gangsters linked with Lyari gang-war, contingents of police encircled the area in Dalmia where they came under attack, the official. In the retaliatory fire, as claimed by the police, four suspects got killed, said Gulshan SP Dr. Fahad Ahmed. Six grenades, one AK-47, one repeater and two pistols were recovered from the possession of suspects, the official said. The 'operation' against criminal elements in the metropolis is undergoing since September 2013 after the federal cabinet empowered Rangers to lead a targeted advance with the support of police against criminals already identified by federal military and civilian agencies for their alleged involvement in targeted killings, kidnappings for ransom, extortion and terrorism in Karachi. A high-level apex committee meeting chaired by the Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif on May 14, 2015 decided to implement effective policing and surveillance in the "vast suburbs of Karachi", to prevent what the military spokesperson said were "sneaking terrorist attacks".

PARACHINAR / HANGU: Repatriation of 2,800 families to Upper Orakzai Agency started on Saturday and will continue till May 9. Around 0.2 million IDPs, including women and children, from Peshawar, Kohat, and Hangu in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Fateh Jang in Attock, Punjab gathered at Shahu Khel checkpoint in Hangu for security clearance. While speaking to journalists on Saturday, Brigadier Imran Shirazi and Orakzai Political Agent Muhammad Zubair Khan stated that on the directives of the army chief, 2,800 displaced families of Upper Orakzai will be repatriated to their native land under full security. They pointed out that with the assistance of Fata Development Authority, each displaced family will be given Rs10,000 for transport fare and Rs25,000 for food. However, the brigadier and PA said unregistered families will only be given money for the rehabilitation of infrastructure. They stated it was necessary for the tribal elders and representatives to support and cooperate with the displaced families in order to maintain peace and stability in the region. Meanwhile, repatriation of displaced families from Kohat and other regions to Kurram Agency will be completed by May 9. This was announced by FATA Disaster Management Authority Coordinator Mujahid Ali Turi. He confirmed the closing of Durrani Camp from where around 54,000 individuals from 10,000 families were repatriated to their homes in Central Kurram Agency. He added, "Return of these displaced families became possible with return of peace and writ of the government in the region."

LAHORE: The government has awarded a contract to install 10,000 surveillance cameras in Lahore to a Chinese company, The Express Tribune has learnt. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Punjab Safe Cities Authority and Huawei. "There was a single bidder for the Rs16 billion contract. As per rules, you cannot negotiate with a single bidder. However, the company voluntarily reduced the bid to Rs12 billion. It will include operational and maintenance charges," an official said. "Scanners will be installed at entrances and exits of Lahore and satellite imagery will also be used in case of emergency. All the important spots will be monitored at a central control room," he said. The project will be completed in May 2017. "The first

Two arrested in Lahore for 'links' with TTP

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2016

TV channel team exposes 'poor security' at Sindh Assembly, gets arrested

Daily Dawn, April 29, 2016

Azerbaijan eyes warhead procurement from Pakistan

The Express Tribune, April 29, 2016

Taliban militant arrested in Sargodha

The News, April 29, 2016

phase will be completed before the start of Muharram. The installation of the cameras will be completed in City Division before October. This year, all Muharram processions will be monitored through these surveillance cameras," he said. A central control room of the authority in Lahore has been set up at Qurban Lines. The authority has an integrated command, control and communication system. "After Lahore, the project will be started in Multan. The authority is to have its separate fund. A special force will be recruited for the authority. Initially, staff will be borrowed from the police force," another official said.

The authority will work under the chairmanship of the chief minister. It will have a vice chairperson. Other members will include the finance minister, the chief secretary, the Planning and Development Board chairman, the home secretary, the finance secretary, the Punjab Information Technology Board chairman, police officials, three eminent people nominated by the government and lawmakers. "The project aims to use modern infrastructure to provide real-time information and intelligence. It will improve police's service delivery and also help in better traffic management," the official said. Punjab Safe Cities Authority (PSCA) Chief Operating Officer Akbar Nasir told The Express Tribune that the integrated command and control system had been developed for Punjab Police in Lahore. "The system will subsequently be established in other large cities of the province. The PSCA has identified 2,000 locations to install some 10,000 surveillance cameras. These cameras will be installed at all the entrances and exits of Lahore, at VVIP routes, public places, crime hot spots and key infrastructure sites, public institutions and markets," he said.

LAHORE: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has detained two persons, including the office-bearer of a religious party, on suspicion of having relations with the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). A senior police official, privy to the information, told Dawn the suspects, identified as Asim and Azhar, were running a madressah at Samanabad. He said they were taken into custody by the officials of the law enforcement agency on the basis of some intelligence reports. One of them – Asim – was also said to be the office-bearer of a religious party, the official said, adding that the CTD had detained him under the Anti-Terrorism Act. He said the joint investigation team (JIT) formed to probe the Gulshan-i-Park suicide attack would also grill the suspects.

KARACHI: A private television channel's team was arrested from Sindh Assembly premises on Friday after a team member took a gun inside the house apparently in order to expose substandard security arrangements at the building.

A team member concealed the weapon in his clothing and entered the house. Once inside, he presented the weapon before the speaker, shocking lawmakers.

Sindh Assembly opposition leaders were critical of the provincial government and those responsible for the building's security. Speaker Agha Siraj Durrani demanded an inquiry into the matter.

Provincial Interior Minister Suhail Anwar Siyal, instead of addressing the opposition's concerns requested the speaker to order the arrest of the armed man and the team behind the ARY News programme.

"I request you to order the assembly's security staff to keep them in detention until police arrive to arrest them for the crime," Siyal asked Durrani.

Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) MPA and Leader of the Opposition in the Sindh Assembly Khawaja Izharul Hasan questioned the speaker about insufficient security arrangements for the assembly building "which is already receiving threats from banned organisations".

"The Sindh government is spending millions for the security of the house but an armed man is not only able to sneak into the house but stay there with ease," Izhar remarked, outraged.

Earlier this month, an unclaimed bag wreaked havoc during a session of the Sindh Assembly, leaving lawmakers to wonder whether there was a bomb in the bag.

Interestingly, the speaker instead of calling in the security staff or Bomb Disposal Squad, ordered staff inside the house to put the bag in water.

The bag belonged to provincial minister Sharmila Farooqi, who left it unattended for a short while.

ISLAMABAD: Azerbaijan's Defence Industries Minister Yavar Jamalov has shown interest in procuring warheads from Pakistan. During a meeting with Minister for Defence Production Rana Tanveer Hussain, the Azerbaijan's minister called for speeding up procurement process. He asked for designing a special mechanism to avoid formalities that delay procurement. For this purpose, the Azerbaijani minister proposed appointing focal persons from the respective ministries of both the countries to speed up procurement process.

According to a press release, Tanveer expressed readiness for transfer of technology and joint ventures with the friendly country. Pakistan was among the first countries to recognise Azerbaijan and supports its claim over the Nagorno-Karabakh territory against Armenia. Owing to conflict with Armenia, Azerbaijan ranks 15th in the world list of arms importers. Azerbaijan, which is in war with neighboring Armenia over the latter's territorial claims during more than 20 years, keeps in focus the armament, working closely with leading companies and firms in various fields of military industry. The country purchased numerous weapons from foreign countries including Turkey, Russia and Israel, to modernise and upgrade its armed forces, and signed military contracts with over 20 countries which envisage a large-scale weapons supply.

SARGODHA: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Punjab on Friday claimed to have apprehended an alleged terrorist from Sargodha. The CTD conducted a search operation at Shaheenabad Road and nabbed the terrorist identified as Sohail. Police also seized a suicide jacket, maps of airbase and a pistol from him, sources said. The militant has alleged links with proscribed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). The terrorist has been shifted to undisclosed

Pakistan accords nuclear security highest priority: Gen Rashad

ARY News, April 28, 2016

COAS witness army manoeuvre exercise near Jhelum

The Express Tribune, April 28, 2016

Rangers recover arms from Shuhada graveyard Azizabad, arrest three

The News, April 28, 2016

'11 suicide bombers enter Pakistan'

Daily Dawn, April 28, 2016

Two 'militants' killed in raid on Panjgur camp

Daily Dawn, April 28, 2016

Three killed in Dera Bugti landmine explosion

The News, April 27, 2016

Sophisticated weapons seized in raid on train

Daily Dawn, April 26, 2016

location for further investigation.

RAWALPINDI: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Rashad Mahmood today visited Pakistan's Center of Excellence for Nuclear Security (PCENS) and inaugurated Physical Protection Exterior Laboratory (PPEL) that has been established in collaboration with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

During his visit, Gen Mehmood termed it to be a significant step in Pakistan's continued efforts towards strengthening nuclear safety and security culture. He also witnessed ongoing training activities of the SPD security force and visited other state of the art facilities. He appreciated the professionalism and dedication of the force and commended the focus on high standard of training for nuclear security. CJCSC emphasized that nuclear security being national responsibility is accorded highest priority by Pakistan.

Upon arrival at the institution, CJCSC was received by Director General Strategic Plans Division (SPD) Lieutenant General Mazhar Jamil and the Chairman of Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), Mr Anwar Habib.

NEWS DESK: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Thursday witnessed a manoeuvre exercise of Pakistan Army corps near Jhelum, the ISPR said. "The exercise is being conducted in an overall framework of effectively repulsing enemy offensive through integrated application of artillery, air combat aviation firepower," a communiqué issued by the military's media wing read. The army chief expressed satisfaction over the high standard of operation preparedness and appreciated the professional skills displayed by the participating troops. Earlier upon his arrival, General Raheel was received by Lt Gen Ikramul Haq, Commander 30 Corps, and Major General Sarfaraz Sattar, General Officer Commanding 8 Division.

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers arrested three accused and recovered large quantity of weapons from Shuhada graveyard Azizabad late on Wednesday night. The paramilitary force conducted targeted action on the lead provided by hitman Kashif alias David, who was arrested two days back and confessed to killing more than 30 people. Sources said during the action, Rangers cordoned off entrance and exit routes of the graveyard and apprehended three accused hiding there. The arrested men said to be affiliated to a political party. The law enforcers also seized huge cache of weapons including SMGs, buried in the cemetery. The accused have been shifted to undisclosed location for further investigation.

ISLAMABAD: As many as 11 suicide bombers entered Pakistan from Afghanistan for terrorism some 22 days ago, and two of them blew themselves up in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa recently, intelligence agency and police sources told Dawn on Wednesday. According to the sources, the bombers were affiliated with Sajna Group of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. The information about them and their entry in the country was gathered by the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and shared with the authorities concerned, they added. "They may strike in the Punjab, especially in Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Lahore," the sources revealed. The agency has advised the authorities concerned to improve security in and around hospitals, shopping centres, markets, parks, food streets and malls to prevent any terrorist activity, the officials added. A senior police officer on condition of anonymity told Dawn that after the intelligence report security of sensitive locations had been strengthened. Intelligence agencies have kept an eye on slums and rural areas for possible presence of terrorists, he added. "An information-based operation is being conducted by agencies and Rangers in these areas," he added.

GWADAR: Two suspected militants were killed and another was wounded in an operation carried out by security forces in the mountainous area of Prome in Panjgur district on Tuesday. A helicopter provided cover to the forces conducting the operation. According to sources, an intelligence agency informed security forces about the existence in Kanti Klug area of a camp being run by the banned Baloch Republican Army. Security forces started the operation which led to a gunbattle between troops and militants, an official said. During the exchange of fire lasting several hours, two suspected militants were killed and another was wounded and taken into custody. Arms and ammunition, including three Kalashnikovs, five 7mm rifles, hundreds of live rounds and two pistols and wireless sets and motorcycles were seized from the camp which was destroyed by security forces. The arrested suspect is being interrogated by special investigation teams.

QUETTA: At least three people were killed in a landmine explosion in tehsil Sui of Dera Bugti early on Wednesday. Levies sources said, the incident took place in Hamzani village. Three people were traveling on tractor when it hit the roadside bomb. In the explosion, all the three died on the spot. The bodies were handed over to the heirs after legal formalities.

SUKKUR: The railway police of Jacobabad on Monday claimed to have seized illegal sophisticated arms and ammunition in a raid on the Akbar Bugti Express and arrested one suspect. Speaking at a press conference at the Railway police station in Jacobabad, Sukkur Division Railways SSP Muhammad Atiq Malik said that with the help of intelligence agencies, the railway police recovered a large number of sealed boxes containing arms and ammunition being transported through the train coming from Peshawar at the Jacobabad railway station. When the boxes were opened, illegal sophisticated arms and ammunition were also found along with legal ones. The boxes were booked by Meero Khan Abro and Bashir Ahmed, who are arms dealers based in Dera Murad Jamali, under transport licence of another dealer, Sanauallah, based in Peshawar. He said the arms were brought from Peshawar and transported to Lahore by Khyber Mail from where they were dispatched to Dera Allahyar through Akbar Bugti Express.

He said the secret agencies and railway police in their joint action seized 298 repeaters of 12 bore, 284 pistols of 30 bore, 3,500 rounds, 20 non-prohibited bore rifles and its 500 rounds, six magazines of 9mm pistols, 84 magazines of different kinds of arms, 22 round magazines, 819

Army chief discusses regional security, defence collaboration with Jordanian leadership

The Express Tribune, April 25, 2016

Terrorism will be eliminated from Pakistan in 'a year or two', vows PM

The Express Tribune, April 25, 2016

PTI MPA killed over political rivalry, TTP claim false: KP police

Daily Dawn, April 25, 2016

Police Arrest 80 Suspects During Raids in Peshawar

Radio Pakistan, April 25, 2016

30 hideouts, bunkers destroyed near Darra

Daily Dawn, April 25, 2016

bullets of different bores. An accused namely Meero Khan Abro resident of Dera Murad Jamali (Balochistan) was also arrested. The SSP further told that the weapons recovered bore names of different countries, including China, Turkey and the US, adding that the weapons were illegal and the matter was being investigated. He said a case had been registered in which the name of Meero Khan Abro was also included. He said the weapons valued Rs5 million. Talking to Dawn, the SSP said he had sent complete information to the Sindh IGP who had also talked in this regard to his KPK counterpart for hold an inquiry against those police officials of Peshawar who had issued a sealed certificate about the consignment. But when the consignment was opened in Jacobabad, 40 per cent of the arms and ammunition were found in excess of the listed weapons.

NEWS DESK: Army chief General Raheel Sharif discussed on Monday regional security and defence collaboration with the Jordanian civil and military leadership. According to the ISPR, General Raheel arrived in Jordan on a two-day official visit. During his meetings with Prince Al-Hassan bin Talal and Chief of Royal Jordanian Air Force, Major General Mansour Al Jobour, the COAS discussed regional security, defence collaboration and military training exchanges. General Raheel held separate meetings with Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Jordanian armed forces Gen Mashal Al-Zaben and Lt Gen Prince Feisal Bin El Hussein.

Medal of merit

The army chief was also awarded Jordan's most prestigious medal of merit for displaying courage in leading the armed forces in the face of multiple threats, especially terrorism, and for his efforts to promote regional peace and stability, said the ISPR. Earlier, the COAS was received by Gen Mashal Al-Zaben and Major General Mansour Al Jobour. On April 18, Pakistan Army announced completion of the last phase of full-scale military offensive in North Waziristan after terrorists were driven out of the strategic Shawal Valley.

NEWS DESK: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said terrorism will be completely eliminated from Pakistan within two years while Karachi will also be restored to normality soon. "You will see terrorism being wiped off from Pakistan in no more than a year or two," the PM said while addressing a public gathering in Kali Sattian tehsil of Rawalpindi on Monday. The premier arrived in the tehsil to distribute cheques among those affected by recent landsliding and rains. "Our politics is the politics of development and elimination of poverty, and not focused on sit-ins, lies and destruction of the country," PM Nawaz said in a veiled jibe at PTI chairman Imran Khan. "I have a lot in my heart [against them] but I am not here for their character-assassination." Apparently responding to his alleged offshore wealth, the PM said he spent every rupee on this nation with utmost honesty and managed to save Rs100 billion from uplift projects. "We want to have terrorism, poverty, illiteracy and electricity load-shedding eliminated," added the premier.

The PM on the occasion announced to join the tehsil with Jhelum-Muzaffarabad motorway, besides repairing important roads and building hospitals and educational institutions. "Karachi will also be rid of terrorism, and witness a rise in business activities," he said. The visit came as the PM announced to launch a campaign to reach out to public amid calls from opposition to clear his position in the wake of Panama leaks. The leaks had revealed the premier's three children were among dozens of influential people across the globe having offshore companies in tax havens. He also announced forming a commission headed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan to investigate the revelations.

MINGORA: Malakand police on Monday claimed that Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) minority MPA Soran Singh was killed over political rivalry, and the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan's (TTP) claim to have killed him is false. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Malakand Azad Khan in a press conference claimed that a fellow PTI leader Baldev Kumar was behind the murder of Soran Singh as he wanted to avenge political rivalry. "Baldev Kumar wanted to contest the election instead of Singh... after failing to get the party ticket, Kumar planned the murder," said DIG Khan. The officer said police had arrested six people in connection with the murder including Baldev and the assassins hired to kill the PTI lawmaker, and registered cases against them. DIG Malakand further said that anti-terrorism clauses have been included in the cases as the murder invoked fear among the people of the area and minority community.

Answering a question about the police security provided to the slain MPA, the officer said Singh always refused to keep police guards with him in Buner, "as he felt safe enough in his hometown". Police had arrested Baldev on Sunday from Barikot tehsil of Swat and shifted him to an unspecified location for interrogation. Sardar Soran Singh, special assistant to chief minister KP on minorities' affairs and an MPA, was gunned down in a targeted attack near Pir Baba in Buner district on Friday. TTP had claimed responsibility for the assassination. Elected to the provincial assembly on a reserved seat and a Sikh by faith, the deceased was revered by minorities for promoting interfaith harmony, installing boxes in the streets to collect torn pieces of sacred scriptures, and promoting the country's soft image through speeches.

Drugs and ammunitions have also been recovered from suspects. Police have arrested eighty suspects including ten Afghans staying illegally during raids in Faqirabad and Pahari Pura areas of Peshawar. Drugs and ammunitions have also been recovered from their possession.

KOHAT: Security personnel destroyed more than 30 bunkers and caves during a search operation in an area between Darra Adamkhel and Orakzai Agency late on Saturday night. According to officials of the tribal administration, the security forces carried out the day-long operation after getting a tip that militants had turned the region, known as Tora Cheena, into a sanctuary from where they carried out attacks on security forces. And in Mohmand Agency, the security forces gunned down five suspected militants after fighting off an attack on a checkpoint on Saturday. In the search operation near Darra Adamkhel, the bunkers, caves and hideouts were demolished and a bomb disposal squad exploded the ammunition found there. The sources said the militants moved between the Frontier Region of Kohat and Lower Orakzai from their camp in Tora Cheena

and carried out terrorist activities. The place was also used for training militants. The operation was conducted following the repatriation of over 15,000 displaced families to their homes in Orakzai Agency after eight years. Fauzee Khan Mohmand adds from Ghalanai: At least five militants were killed as security personnel repulsed an attack on their post in Khwezai area of Mohmand Agency on Saturday night. According to officials, militants attacked the Yaqobi post in the border area with heavy weapons. Security personnel deployed at the post killed five attackers and injured several others. The other militants escaped.

SOLDIER KILLED: A soldier was killed and another injured after an improvised explosive device went off at Soran Darra, in Baizai area of Mohmand Agency. According to security sources, personnel of the army's bomb disposal squad were patrolling the area when the explosion killed Lance Naik Wazir Khan and injured Sepoy Khuram, who was airlifted to Peshawar. Later security forces conducted a search operation in nearby areas, but made no arrests.

CURFEW: Owing to worsening law and order situation, authorities and security forces imposed a curfew in Dawezai and Sagai areas and banned motorcycle riding in the tribal region. Announcements to this effect were made from mosques in various areas and bazaars.

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will launch the National Health Programme in Quetta on Monday. At least 76,000 poor families have been selected from Quetta through the data of Benazir Income Support Programme for giving them free healthcare facilities under the programme. Over 26,000 families have been enrolled and 50,000 will be enrolled soon.

The prime minister had launched the programme for Islamabad on Dec 31 last year. It will be expanded to all parts of Balochistan, Punjab, Azad Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments have declined to become part of the federal government's programme. Under the programme, a family gets Rs50,000 for secondary care treatment which begins as soon as a patient is hospitalised. It covers all kinds of diseases, including maternity care. Moreover, each family can get treatment of Rs250,000 under the category of priority diseases which include cancer, accident, burn injuries, diabetic complications, heart bypass and infections. The amount can be doubled in case of emergency and it will be contributed by the Pakistan Baitul Mal. The Minister for National Health Services, Saira Afzal Tarar, and a team of her ministry had earlier reached Quetta to finalise arrangements of the inaugural ceremony to be held at the Governor House. The Director of the National Health Programme, Dr Faisal Rifaq, told Dawn that there was a sense of deprivation among the people of Balochistan. "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has decided to inaugurate the programme in Quetta in order to give a feeling that the federal government cares about the people of Balochistan."

Over 130,000 families (7,80,000 individuals) have been enrolled and around 2,700 patients have received free treatment from the private and public sector hospitals in Islamabad and Muzaffarabad so far. As many as 3.1 million families (18m people), from 23 districts of the country, will be enrolled by the end of current year. Secretary of NHS Ministry Ayub Sheikh told Dawn on Sunday that the programme would give poor families access to treatment of secondary as well as priority diseases, through insurance paid by the federal and provincial governments. "About 51,000 families have been enrolled in Islamabad and 55,000 in Muzaffarabad. About 2,000 people have received treatment in Islamabad and 700 in Muzaffarabad," he said.

"During a survey 72 per cent patients said that they were fully satisfied with the scheme. Dr Faisal said five private hospitals were on the panel of hospitals in Quetta and efforts were being made to include the Combined Military Hospital.

The process had been started for launching the programme in district Kotli, he said.

FAISALABAD: About 137 people including 80 children were rushed to hospital when they fell ill after consuming toxic milk from a shop at Muradabad on Sunday. According to police, the shop owner gave out free milk-soda bottles to customers as part of its inauguration. After drinking the milk 137 people including 80 children were rushed to the Allied Hospital and General Hospital. District administration has sealed the factory while the shop owner and soda factory owner have been arrested, DCO Salman Ghani said. Samples of the milk and soda have been sent to the laboratory for tests, he added. At least 67 patients are still admitted at the hospital while others have been discharged.

42 health facilities in different areas of Orakzai Agency have been destroyed in the wave of terrorism since 2009 while 36 of them were still dysfunctional. According to Agency Surgeon, Orakzai Agency, Dr. Mohammad Idrees only 7 health units have been reconstructed under annual development programme (ADP). He said that arrangements for the provision of primary facilities for the phase-wise repatriated temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) have been completed. He said that during militancy period from 2009 to 2015, a total of 15 basic health units (BHUs), 21 Civil Dispensaries, 5 Community Centres and one Rural Health Centre were either destroyed completely or partially. Out of these facilities, he said 7 had been reconstructed under annual development programme while the remaining 36 were still dysfunctional. Regarding the provision of better health facilities to TDPs repatriating to their native area, he said that on the directives of the Directorate of Services FATA, steps under the supervision of the political administration are being taken to activate these health units.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) apprehended some 219 electricity thieves in the company's regions in various raids during its ongoing drive against power pilferers. The spokesman told APP here that some 53 culprits were caught red-handed from Islamabad, 58 from Rawalpindi, 24 from Attock and 42 each from Jhelum and Chakwal circles. He said the drive was launched on the directives of CEO, Dr Rana Abdul Jabbar Khan. All culprits were found involved in power theft through direct line (Kunda System) and by broken security strip of the meter, he added. He said FIRs had been lodged against the accused under the new electricity (Amendment) Act. He said the IESCO was committed to taking stern action against the power thieves across its all five regions. He also requested its valued customers to inform about power theft on IESCO's new Roshni 8398 SMS service. The spokesman said that the IESCO was committed to ending complete power theft cases from its region on CEO's directives. He said the new 'ROSHNI SMS Service 8398' was serving commendably in entire IESCO region including Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Chakwal and Attock circles. This service was getting massive response from its users, he said. He said complaints regarding tariff, temporary connection, late receiving of electricity bills, over billing and low voltage complaint could also lodge through this services beside information about power theft by sending SMS to Roshni 8398.

RAWALPINDI: The World Labour Day was celebrated across the city yesterday in commemoration

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of those who rendered sacrifices to protect rights and overcome challenges of labour class. In commemoration of these sacrifices, a number of rallies were taken out in various parts of the city by the labour unions who demanded the government to solve their problems on priority basis. The law enforcement agencies and police made tight security arrangements to guard the rallies. A rally was taken out by National Workers Union Utility Stores (CBA). The rally was led by union's President Abid Mehmood and General Secretary Raja Muhammad Maskin while attended by a large number of workers. Addressing the participants of the rally, the speakers paid glowing tribute to the labourers of Chicago. They said that the sacrifices given by labourers have proved it that they would never allow anybody to snatch their rights. They said that Utility Stores was a revenue generating department and the government should not privatise it. They demanded the government to upgrade the workers of the stores department and regularise the contractual employees. In Pirwadhai area, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Labour Wing, Pakistan Transport Welfare Association and Anjuman-e-Tajrian Pirwadhai Bus Stand also carried out a rally in connection with the day. The rally was attended by Chairman PML-N Labour Wing Raja Zafar Iqbal, Imran Khan, Faisal Abbasi, Malik Shehbaz, Khairul Rehman and Lala Mehar Khan Niazi, besides many other labourers.

Raja Zafar Iqbal, while speaking on the occasion, said that the labourers are the backbone of the country's economy and they rendered sacrifices for the country during hard times. He said that by rendering sacrifices, the labourers of Chicago have made the whole world the custodian of rights of the poor labourers. A ceremony was also organised at District Coordination Officer (DCO) Office to commemorate the day. The ceremony was attended by District Officer Labour Welfare Liaquat Ali, Assistant Commissioner Saddar Tasneem Ali Khan, Attock Refinery Employee Union Morgah President Hameed Khan Jadoon, General Secretary Labour Union Koohe-e-Noor Textile Mills Syed Sajjad Hussain Gardezi and other labour unions heads and workers. Addressing the ceremony, DO Labour Welfare Liaquat Ali said that the labourers are the backbone of the country's economy and the Punjab government is taking concrete steps for uplifting the life standard of the labourers. Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami Rawalpindi took out Corruption Free Rally under the leadership of JI Central General Secretary Liaquat Baloch. The rally started from Rawalpindi Press Club and culminated at Fawwara Chowk. The rally was attended JI District Ameer Shamas-ur-Rehman Swati, Malik Azam and other leaders. Addressing the rally, Liaquat Baloch paid rich tribute to labourers of Chicago and urged the government of Pakistan to pay attention towards the maladies of labourers in the country. He also criticised Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif for his sons' involvement in offshore companies and other assets. He asked the PM should resign until completion of inquiry of Panama Leaks by the judicial commission.

10 doctors served notices over prolonged absence

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KARACHI: Following the directives of Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, the provincial Health Department on Sunday issued final show cause notices to 10 doctors over prolonged absence. Earlier, the Sindh Health Department had called 19 long absent doctors for personal hearing but only nine appeared for personal hearing. The doctors who did not appear included Suresh Kumar Tulerja, Shaikh Imran, Kanesh Kumar, Zulfikar Ali Qutrio, Aijaz Ali, Naveed uddin, Hari Lal, Zaheer Ahmed, Azizu Nisa and Shehla Yasmeen. Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has warned them to join their duties as soon as possible otherwise they will be removed from their services. He said that a continuous screening system is in progress against absent employees in health department and no one would be spared in this regard.

Localised research essential for effective health care: Roghani

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PESHAWAR: Khyber Medical University (KMU) being the only such public varsity in the province shoulders a heavy responsibility of living up to the expectations of the government, public, policymakers, managers and patients. Dr Meher Taj Roghani said this during her address at the inaugural ceremony of the 7th annual health research conference organised by ORIC-KMU in Hayatabad on Saturday. ORIC is the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialisation. "The solutions found through localised research will empower us to overcome the obstacles in the health care delivery system," she said. Secretary health Abid Majeed, KMU VC Professor Dr Muhammad Hafizullah, Director Academics Professor Dr Muhammad Ilyas Saeedi, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences (IBMS) Director Professor Dr Jawad Ahmad and ORIC Director Dr Ziaul Haq, educationists, researchers, principals of medical and dental colleges, faculty members and students were also present at the ceremony. Roghani said, "I am very glad to know that in a very short period, KMU has grown tremendously and now it has eight constituent and 35 affiliated colleges and institutes which impart quality education to thousands of students in medicine, public health, nursing, paramedics, physiotherapy and basic medical sciences." She pointed out the secret behind the success of developed nations was hard work, dedication and research-based education. "If we are ambitious about becoming a developed nation, we should adopt a research culture at all levels" added Roghani. While praising KMU's research efforts, she said all these initiatives would be beneficial for the overall wellbeing and health of the general public. She hoped the recommendations of the conference would be shared with the health department. Roghani said she endorsed and supported the theme of the conference: From Therapeutics to Prevention; The Way Forward.

Patient burden

Earlier, while speaking at the inaugural session, Majeed commented he believed in practical measures. Actionable steps have to be taken to minimise the patient burden on large hospitals by strengthening the secondary and primary health care delivery system. He explained after introducing the health insurance scheme for four districts of the province, the scheme has now been expanded at a cost of Rs.3.1 billion to ten other districts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa.

This will help cover almost 50% population of the province. Majeed said a health care commission will also function on "war footing" to curb the menace of quackery and to implement the standards formulated by health department.

Later, a focus group was held on the sub-theme of 'Triple burden (Non- communicable diseases,

IP gas pipeline: US sanctions still a hurdle

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communicable diseases and injuries) and triple response'. This session was chaired jointly by the VC KMU and Majeed. Representatives of WHO, UNICEF, UNDP and international and local NGOs also attended the discussion.

LAHORE: The work on Iran-Pakistan gas pipeline cannot be restored yet due to the US sanctions on Iran, which are being lifted in phases. The banks are not still allowed to finance the Pak-Iran gas pipeline due to the US sanctions and as soon as the restrictions are withdrawn the work on pipeline will be started, said federal petroleum minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi while addressing a press conference here at APTMA house. "We have to build the pipeline as it's a contractual requirement," he said and added that Pakistan's deal with Iran requires us to pay penalty if we fail to import Iranian gas. The government will be able to take bank loans to finance the pipeline in Pakistani portion of which could cost up to \$2b. The Iranian section is almost complete. The minister said Pakistan plans to begin importing at least 250m cu ft of Iranian gas by 2017, rising to 750m by 2019. Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said that the govt will start providing new gas connections within six months as summary in this regard has been submitted to the cabinet which had put the ban on new connections due to shortage of gas in Punjab. He said that the government is committed to overcoming the energy shortages persisting in the country before 2018. The federal minister claimed that the energy crisis in Pakistan will end by 2018. The minister insisted that the federal government is dedicated towards ending the energy crisis in Pakistan for which the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Qatar was the intelligent option. "The solution to the energy crisis lies in gas addition," said the minister. He added that the government will ensure more relief in terms of petrol prices if the international prices of crude oil come down again. He also stated that Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) is costing the consumers 10 percent more than that of the gas that comes through the pipelines. He said that Pakistan provides an investment-friendly regime to foreign investors by offering lucrative fiscal incentives and conducive business environment, the minister said. Promoting the exploration of indigenous hydrocarbons is a priority for the government in overcoming the energy crisis of the country.

He said that foreign investors should come to Pakistan because lucrative opportunities. The minister said that after the arrival of first liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipment from Qatar in Pakistan, the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Limited had started supplying gas to the textile industry in Punjab for 24 hours after a long period of about six years. Punjab textile mills, which were earlier receiving gas just for four-six hours a day, started getting re-gasified liquid natural gas (RLNG) at a cost of \$6.66 per Million British Thermal Unit (MMBTU). APTMA former chairman and patron-in-chief Gohar Ejaz said that with the supply of RLNG, the Punjab industry's problem of disparity, affordability and viability has been resolved to a large extent, which the industry was facing for the last six years. He said that the industry had been asking for availability of energy at affordable price to compete regionally. Earlier, the government was supplying the RLNG at \$9.8 per MMBTU, which has been reduced to \$6.66 per MMBTU now. Gohar Ejaz said that a regular supply of RLNG on 24/7 would clear the production scenario ahead. Gohar Ejaz was of the view that injection of 400 mmcf LNG into Pakistan's gas transmission and distribution system will immediately stimulate economy, particularly the large scale manufacturing (LSM). He said that the textile industry is vying to reduce its cost of doing business, particularly the cost of energy, which is almost 60 percent higher as compared to the regional competitors. "Electricity to the textile industry in the region is not more than 9 cents per kilowatt hour against 14.5 cents per kilowatt hour in Pakistan at present," he added. APTMA Punjab chairman Amir Fayyaz said that only the continuity of textile industry operations can ensure exports and employment in the country. "If the government properly patronised the industry, we have the potential to convert our current value added exports of Rs 5 billion into Rs 15 billion per year."

Another polio case detected in Shikarpur

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SHIKARPUR: A new polio case was reported from Shikarpur district on Friday, taking the toll to four in Sindh in 2016. An official at the Provincial Emergency Operation Centre confirmed that year's fourth polio case had surfaced in Village Jungal Khan Jatoi, Union Council Shabirabad, Taluka Khanpur, Shikarpur district. He said that 54-month-old Ashiq Hussain, son of Ghulam Muhammad Jatoi, has become victim of polio virus. He informed that victim's boy received 0+7+ OPV doses. At total of nine polio cases have been reported across Pakistan in 2016, out of which four were detected in Sindh. Two were detected in Shikarpur, one each in Karachi and Jacobabad so far. In 2015, a total of 54 cases of polio were reported in Pakistan out of which 12 were reported from Sindh while seven from Karachi alone.

Patients suffer as young doctors' protest continues

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QUETTA: Patients in government hospitals in Quetta continue to suffer as protest of young doctors has entered the 10th day. The young doctors associated with Civil, BMS and other government hospitals have been observing a two-hour protest daily, resulting in exacerbating of patients' woes. The young doctors closed OPDs of several hospitals for two hours on Friday as well. The protesting doctors claimed that they have not been provided with basic facilities. They announced that the protest would continue till the government met their demands.

Over 125,000 kids to be vaccinated against polio in Peshawar

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PESHAWAR: The second phase of inactivated polio vaccination (IPV) campaign will start in the remaining 43 union councils of the provincial capital, including Afghan refugees camps, from May 2-9, an official said on Friday. Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Coordinator Muhammad Akbar Khan told reporters that the IPV campaign was being conducted in two phases in 97 union councils of Peshawar. He said that the first phase of the campaign was conducted in 54 union councils from April 4 to 11 while the 2nd phase would start from May 2. Akbar Khan said that the IPV campaign was being conducted along with routine oral polio vaccine (OPV) campaigns to boost the immunity of children against poliomyelitis and ensure that the virus transmission was stopped this year. He shared that around 127,266 children aged between 4 to 23 months would be vaccinated against polio during the upcoming IPV campaign. The official said that around 422 teams had been constituted to inoculate the children against the crippling disease. It merits a mention here that IPV is not a door-to-door campaign as the children

Peshawar school refuses admission to physically challenged child

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55 more dengue cases reported

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'Water, sanitation and hygiene challenges for Sindh local govt'

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Taxila-Rawalpindi bus service suspended

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would be vaccinated at the 57 health centres and 355 outreach sites in the 43 union councils of the provincial capital.

PESHAWAR (Web Desk): A Peshawar resident has urged Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervez Khatak to take strict action against a school which has refused admission to his younger brother for being a physically challenged child. In a request posted online, Haris Sultan accused that Peshawar Model School refused admission to his 9-year-old brother, Abdullah, because he can't walk like other children of his age group. Abdullah had undergone a brain-surgery at the age of 6 months and as a result he requires someone's support to walk on stairs. "Abdullah is very intelligent boy and has completed his grade 2 with distinction at school near our residence, and all of his teachers admire him for his performance. We decided to admit him at Peshawar Model School for further education, however the school refused admission despite the fact that Abdullah has cleared all required entry tests," Harris stated in a facebook post. According to him, the only reason behind cancellation of Abdullah's admission is that he needs someone's support to climb stairs to reach his class located at 3rd floor. The administration is not ready to accept Abdullah back at school despite multiple request of his family. "May be such children can revolutionise the nation one day," Haris said while requesting KPK government to look into the matter and take measurements for education of such physically challenged children.

KARACHI: As many as 55 more dengue viral fever cases have been detected in Sindh province in a week, out of which 51 cases were reported from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 485 in the province since January 1st. As per weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention and Control Programme, Sindh, at least 55 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from April 22nd to 28, out of which 51 cases were reported from Karachi and one each from Thatta, Jamshoro, Tharparker and Umer Kot.

KARACHI: The improvement in municipal service delivery is one of the many challenges confronting local government institutions in Sindh, a top official of Sindh government said. A statement by Sindh Additional Chief Secretary Muhammad Waseem appeared on the launch of survey related to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) said, "In some municipalities, the existing facilities for water supply, sewerage and solid waste management are dysfunctional and require major remedial interventions". The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in collaboration with Municipal Services Delivery Programme (MSDP), government of Sindh and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) released findings of Willingness to Pay (WTP) Survey in the provincial metropolis. The survey was a part of community mobilisation for improved WASH services and hygiene behaviours in Jacobabad city project. The survey was conducted to determine the factors and their influence on willingness of people to pay more for improved WASH services in Jacobabad. The survey aimed to support the government of Sindh in taking possible steps to ensure the effective running of MSDP by taking public opinion into account in devising necessary actions.

The WTP Survey revealed that the awareness regarding the need for clean water is present in Jacobabad city residents. However, people still do not realise the necessity of maintaining proper sanitation and hygiene. Therefore, they are not willing to pay for the latter, resulting in ever-reducing health standards. As majority of the population is willing to pay for safe drinking water, the experts of the study suggested that the base tariff should not be kept higher than Rs 500 while overall charges should be divided into three specific quartiles reflecting willingness of people to pay. The research proposed that along with public sector efforts to provide solid waste management services, a public-private-partnership model should be developed to involve the community in this drive to improve lives in Jacobabad. The Sindh additional chief secretary said, "Armed with the research findings of the WTP Survey and its recommendations, we are a step closer to alleviating concerns of the masses by setting up an effective and modern WASH services structure". He thanked USAID, UNICEF and UN-Habitat for their continuous support for the programme for improved municipal services in the city.

TAXILA: The much publicised air-conditioned bus service from Taxila to Rawalpindi, which was launched with much fanfare in August last year, has closed without an explanation. The bus service was inaugurated by Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, and was geared at hundreds of daily commuters. The contract was awarded to a private transporter, who initially ran 10 buses on the Taxila-Pindi route, and it was announced at time of the launch that the number would be increased gradually. Instead, the service was suspended without any announcement. Hundreds of commuters who travel to Rawalpindi every day are now relying on wagons that charge exorbitant fares. Muneeba Mukhter, a student at the Fatima Jinnah Women University, said the service was affordable and decent for women passengers. She said that along with other students who travel to Rawalpindi, she had been inconvenienced by the suspension of service. Bushra Perveen, an IT student, while lambasting the suspension of service, said local politicians made tall claims about serving the masses and launching various welfare projects but these were only cosmetic steps. She asked those who had inaugurated the project why the service had been suspended for the last month without any alternative arrangements. Naveed Ahmed, a city district government employee, said hundreds of people commute from Taxila and Wah for work or studies, and most are from the middle and salaried class. When contacted, Assistant Commissioner Shahid Imran said the contractor's buses were impounded by the customs department because they had defaulted on paying duties. He said the contractor had been asked to make alternative arrangements, and the service would be re-launched soon. Mr Imran said a memorandum of understanding to run the coaches between the two cities was signed between the private contractor and the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) Rawalpindi, and so the running of the service was the latter's responsibility. RTA secretary Khalid Yameen Sethi confirmed that the service was suspended after customs authorities impounded the coaches. He said the contractor had been asked to run alternative buses, and action would be taken against him if he failed to do

Pims to take in three children suffering from rare disease

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ISLAMABAD: Arrangements to treat the children with a rare disease, in which they wake up active and are paralysed by sunset every day, have been finalised by the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims). A nine member board has also been formed to conduct tests, samples of which may also be sent to the United States for diagnosis. Doctors believe that the three children, all from the same family, may be suffering from a congenital disease called Masthenia Syndrome, or MS for short, which is a rare illness with 600 cases reported all over the world so far. Last week, the case of three children of the same family in a village near Khuzdar in Balochistan came to light when they were reported to wake up active in the morning but were said to lose energy as the day progressed and end up paralysed by sunset, with the cycle repeating every day. The siblings have been named as 14-year-old Shoaib Hashim, nine-year-old Rasheed Hashim and Ilyas Hashim who is just a year old. Because they only remain active during the day, villagers have named the children 'solar kids'. Since Pims is researching into genetic diseases, and with this being the first reported case in Pakistan, it was decided to move the children to Pims. Shoaib and Rasheed have been moved to a Pims Satellite Lab in Lahore and all the siblings will be moved to Islamabad on Saturday. Family members accompanying the children will be staying at the Mehman Khana and their boarding expenses will be borne by Pims while three beds have been reserved for the brothers at the Children Hospital. Talking to Dawn, Molecular Biologist Prof Dr Riazuddin said he thought the three children were suffering from MS. "This disease makes the nerves weak because of which a patient wakes up normal, but within a few hours, the nerves become so fatigued that the patient becomes paralysed. It is all because of a disturbance in the neurological system," he explained. He said that MS is a very rare disease with an occurrence rate of one in 2.5 million families. He said that of the 600 reported cases, most have been from Europe and North Africa. "This is the first reported case in Pakistan, which is why we are giving so much attention to it," he said. "I think the parents would have one MS gene each, which is why they are not affected by MS though they are carriers. But their children are affected because they now have two MS genes, one from either parent," he said.

The doctor said that the parents are cousins, which means the MS gene runs in the family, but he hastened to add that MS is not caused by marriages between cousins and that occurrences occur only if two MS carriers reproduce. He said that screening for genetic diseases is important before marriages between cousins. "Right now, only the two older siblings are affected by the disease, and the one-year-old is not yet showing symptoms, but it is only a matter of time before he also faces problems", he added. Tests for nerve strength will also be carried out now, along with others in order to confirm MS and how far it has progressed, he said. Pims Vice Chancellor Dr Javed Akram told Dawn that it was decided to move the children to Pims because the hospital has experience in working on genetic diseases. "The boys' father is a farmer and he cannot afford expensive treatments and travelling, so it was decided that Pims will bear all the costs and after treatment and family profiling, a research study will be carried out, the findings of which will be shared with other hospitals and other medical institutions," he said. The vice chancellor suggested that the government should mandate the medical screening of every child after birth, much like the Sindh government has. "In the past, infectious diseases were more focused on, but in the future, genetic diseases will be given more attention due to which we will know at what age a patient will begin showing symptoms if he has a genetic disease. This is called neonatal screening," he added. The medical board constituted for the 'solar kids' includes Dr Javed Akram, Prof Dr Moazzam Nazeer Tarar, Prof Dr S. Riazuddin, Prof Dr Tayyab Husnain, Dr Muhammad Asif Naeem, Dr Muhammad Rauf Ahmad, Dr Mohsin Shahzad and Dr Zaman Khan.

Pemra directs cable operators to stop indecent ads

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Electronic Media Regularity Authority (PEMRA) Council of Complaints yesterday asked the cable operators to stop indecent advertisements of Hakeems and black magic. The 61st meeting Council of Complaints Lahore held under the chair of Dr Mehdi Hassan directed to stop indecent and offensive advertisements of Hakeems and Black Magic being shown on cable TV networks. The directives were issued while hearing a complaint of Mian Mehmood-ur-Rasheed referred to PEMRA by the Lahore High Court, Lahore regarding indecent advertisements on cable networks which are not only offensive to the Code of Conduct but also appears to be in violation of Indecent Advertisement Prohibition Act, 1963. The Council also recommended issuing advice to City-42 Channel in the matter of complaint lodged by Nabeela Ghazanfar, Director Public Relations for Inspector General of Police regarding telecast of false, baseless and defamatory news tarnishing the image of Punjab police. The matter of M/s Golden Star Cable Network, Kasur was adjourned with the direction to conduct ground verification. Whereas the M/s Mub Global (Pvt.) Ltd and Punjab TV were directed to clear all pending dues till 24-06-2016. Other Council members including Fauzia Viqar, Dr Sughara Sadaf, Dr Mubashar Nadeem, Dr Lubna Zaheer, Iftikhar Ahmad Tarar, Dr M. Safdar Rehman (RGM/ Secretary CoCs) were also present in the meeting.

Minor girl burnt alive in house fire

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OKARA: A four-year-old girl was burnt alive on Monday night as a fire erupted at a residential quarter of an Okara jail staffer. The fire erupted due to a gas leak in a room of the quarter as a result of which jail staffer Muhammad Dilshad's daughter Saima was burnt alive. Rescue 1122 and the Municipal Fire Brigade extinguished the fire. **PM'S VISIT:** The prime minister is likely to address two public gatherings here on April 29. Premier Nawaz Sharif on the invitation of PML-N MNA Syed Ashiq Husain Kirmani will visit Shergarh Town where he will inaugurate wheat harvesting at MNA's farm and address a public meeting. Thereafter, he will visit Okara city on the invitation of MNA Chaudhry Riazul Haq Juj and address a meeting. DCO Socrat Aman Rana and DPO Muhammad Faisal Rana are supervising arrangements for the visit.

'Pakistan on track to eradicate polio'

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ISLAMABAD: According to ministry officials, Operation Zarb-e-Azb allowed the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) and polio vaccination teams to vaccinate a large number of children. At a meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Government Assurances at Parliament House on Tuesday, which was chaired by MNA Afzal Khokar, NHS Minister Saira Afzal Tarar said that the successful military operation enabled polio vaccination teams to vaccinate

Court summons PTA, cellular firms

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children who could not otherwise be reached. She said the country made progress in 2015, which had also been appreciated by various international bodies. "Pakistan is now on track to eliminate polio. Before the virus can be interrupted from transmission, we need to maintain the status of being polio free for three years in order to be given an eradication certificate in 2019 in accordance with the global target," she said. The programme is now focusing on vaccinating those children who were not administered the vaccines during the campaign because they were not available or because their guardians refused the vaccinations, she said. The NHS minister added that because of concerted efforts, 97pc of the children who were recorded as 'missed' were vaccinated during the campaign in January and March. She said that the number of refusals to vaccinate has also decreased to 0.05pc of the targeted children. "The progress made towards the interruption of polio virus' transmission is evident from a reduction in polio cases by 82pc between 2014 with 306 cases recorded and 2015 when 54 cases were reported," she said. Though eight polio cases have been identified in 2016, it is still better than 2015 in which 23 cases had been identified at the same time in the year, the minister added. Members of the committee were told that the ministry has also increased the daily incentive to frontline workers from Rs250 to Rs400.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday issued notices to the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and three private cellular companies after hearing a petition filed against the suspension of mobile phone services in the federal capital. The petitioner requested the court to declare the suspension of mobile phone services illegal because it is usually done without meeting the threshold statutory requirement of the president issuing a 'Proclamation of Emergency'. The petition said that more than 70 million Pakistanis use mobile phones and almost 10 million people in the country use it for transferring money. It cites PTA, the secretary of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication and the chief executive officers of three private telecom companies as respondents. Mobile phone service remained suspended during sit-ins, some days during the months of Muharram and Rabiul Awal, Muntaz Qadri's funeral and chehlum and also on Fridays during the Lal Masjid's cleric's sermons. Citizens face difficulties when mobile phone services are suspended, it says. The petition maintains that the arbitrary suspension of mobile phone services by PTA is unconstitutional because it violates the fundamental right to telecommunication, which is derived from constitutional provisions. After the preliminary hearing, IHC Justice Athar Minallah issued the notices and asked PTA and the cellular companies to reply within a fortnight.

Doctors resume duties after YDA calls off strike

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LAHORE: After holding a meeting with the provincial health authorities on Tuesday, the Young Doctors' Association (YDA) Punjab chapter called off their strike after which doctors resumed their duties at all public health facilities. Earlier, the outpatient departments (OPDs) of all government hospitals across the province remained shut, leaving the patients and their attendants in a lurch. Despite the meeting between Additional Secretary (specialised healthcare & medical education) Najam Ahmad Shah and YDA office-bearers concluding on a positive note, the patients in good numbers were allegedly not allowed admission at the OPDs in all hospitals, including Sargodha District Headquarters Hospital. According to sources, the matter of torture of young doctors at the Lahore General and Sargodha DHQ hospitals came under discussion at the meeting. The meeting was informed that four suspects had been arrested in connection with an FIR lodged by DHQ hospital medical superintendent (MS) and that the suspended post-graduate trainee, Dr Moazzam Cheema, had been reinstated. The YDA was also informed the suspects involved in LGH incident were also detained by police and that the doctors at state-run hospitals would be provided full security cover. YDA office-bearer Dr Shabbir told reporters that an agreement was reached between the two sides to make legislation for doctors' security and resolve other issues. He said the YDA would announce its protest plan soon for increase in pay, enforcement of service structure and upgrade to next pay scale.

No delinquency to be tolerated in health sector: SC

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ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court yesterday directed the additional attorney general to submit complete details of government, private and semi-government medical and dental colleges and number of hospitals in the country after getting information from Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) in 10 days. The court also directed all the four provincial advocate generals to submit separate reports regarding medical colleges and hospitals in their respective provinces within two weeks. Justice Mian Saqib Nisar, heading a three-judge bench on a suo motu notice case regarding the deaths of 90 persons regarding death of more than 90 heart patients under treatment in Punjab Institute of Cardiology on account of spurious drugs, said: "The earth is all about life and we have to protect the life. The priority of the Supreme Court is to protect the life which means a healthy life and this case is directly related to right to life, which is a fundamental right. Justice Khilji Arif Hussain said the condition of the health sector was the worst and needed revamping. He said the rich could get treatment from anywhere, but the problem was for the poor. The court observed the whole health sector, encompassing public and private hospitals and colleges, needed to be revamped. Justice Nasir said the hospitals lacked basic equipment like incubators for infants and ventilators. Justice Saqib remarked doctors had an important role in the health sector and the court would examine the process of issuing no objection certificates (NoCs) for the establishment of medical colleges by PMDC. It would also check facilities provided by these medical colleges. He asked whether all facilities were being provided to public and private medical colleges and hospitals. "We have witnessed that spurious medicines were being supplied to hospitals in Lahore," he added.

The court expressed concern over the mushroom growth of medical colleges. It observed some medical colleges were working without hospitals and asked how they were arranging practical training for their medical students. A 500-bed hospital was necessary for registration of a medical and dental college, the court added. Justice Iqbal Hameedur Rehman remarked many people lost their lives in Layyah district due to poisonous sweets and no facility was available in the local hospitals for their treatment. Deputy Attorney General Sohail, on behalf of Pakistan Medical and Dental Association, submitted documents, but sought some time to furnish a complete data about the colleges. The court gave him 10 days for this purpose. King Edward Medical University Vice-

PFA targets water, beverage plants

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Officials fear gastro epidemic in Sialkot

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Toddlers at risk as schools lack in basic facilities

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Qila Saifullah surgeon

Chancellor Dr Faisal assisted the court in indentifying the issues in the health sector while the health secretary gave a demo. The judge said as the case was earlier heard in the Supreme Court, Lahore Registry, it remained dormant for some time. "Now priority will be given to this case, so we have decided to hear it at the principal seat of the Supreme Court, Islamabad," the acting chief justice said. During the hearing, the chief law officers of all the provinces appeared. The bench directed them to file separate statements within 15 days in the light of its earlier order. The acting chief justice told the advocate generals to inform their respective governments that the proceedings of this case would not be adversarial, but in the public interest. However, he made it clear that they would not ignore delinquency in the health sector

LAHORE: Punjab Food Authority (PFA) teams continued sealing on Monday bottled water plants, beverage factories and eateries for hygiene issues. According to a spokesperson, a special PFA team sealed Mustafa Drinking Water Plant in Manawan after its lab tests of the samples were not up to mark. Another team in Taxali Gate sealed New Jahangir Soda Water Factory and seized stock of about 2,400 bottles. Moreover, the officials in Data Ganj Bakhsh and Nishtar towns imposed a fine on Fazal Sweets on Jail Road and Apna Hotel in the area of Chungi Amar Sadhu and issued improvement notices to them. Also, price control magistrates on Monday got 73 shopkeepers arrested and imposed a Rs16,500 fine on others for overcharging, hoarding and selling substandard commodities in the open markets of the city.

SIALKOT: Health officials have feared gastro epidemic here due to the consumption of contaminated and sewerage-mixed water being supplied by the Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) through the rusted and damaged pipelines. They said that the gastro epidemic would soon be broken out if the Sialkot TMA did not take the preventive measure on emergency basis. Some TMA officials said that a sum of Rs45 million was required for changing the rusting and damaged pipelines. The water has already been declared contaminated and unhygienic by the Health Department. The use of unhygienic water has resulted in the rapid spread of hepatitis and other water borne disease in Sialkot city. Arshad Mehmood, former president of Sialkot District Bar Association, has termed the situation alarming, saying that the Health Department and TMA officials have already declared the underground water as unhygienic. He said that the sewerage lines underground had been broken in various residential and industrial areas of Sialkot city thus sewerage is mixed with the water pipelines underground. He alleged that the situation had been repeatedly brought into the concerned officials of Sialkot Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) but to no avail. Meanwhile, the local people expressed grave concern over the situation. They said that they have been rapidly becoming the victims of the diseases due to the use of the unhygienic and contaminated water. Sources in Health Department confirmed that the number of patients was rising day by day in the government and private hospitals and the situation now has become alarming. A large number of patients including women and children could also been seen at Govt Allama Iqbal Memorial DHQ/Teaching Hospital Sialkot and Govt Sardar Begum Memorial DHQ/Teaching Hospital Sialkot. Officials said that Environment Department recently collected the samples of water being supplied to Sialkot city by TMA through tube wells established in Sialkot. A Lahore-based laboratory declared the water contaminated. The citizens have been suffering water borne diseases including cholera, hepatitis A and gastro due to the use of this contaminated water, they said. The officials asked TMA to install ultra modern water filtration plants in all the congested and thickly populated areas of Sialkot city installing the chlorine machines along with all the water supplying tube wells for purifying the contaminated water. The affected urban areas include Mianapura, Model Town, Muzaffarpura, Imam Sahib, Karimpura, Hajipura, Ghouspura, Naikapura, Muhammadpura, Shahabpura, Roras Road, Gulshan Town, Pakka Garha, Muhallah Chah Tarkhaana and Muhallah Kashmiriyaan, the officials added. They said that the 600 feet deep water boring system is also direly needed for ensuring the provision of potable water in Sialkot city. As present, most of the water supplying turbines are only 300 to 350 feet deep, they added. When contacted, the TMA officials said that Public Health Engineering Department would soon launch a programme for ensuring smooth provision of drinking water to the people. Meanwhile, a research conducted by the experts of Govt College Women University (GCWU) Sialkot revealed that the water in Sialkot was adulterated and unhygienic due to which the people of Sialkot had been suffering from several diseases.

KARACHI: The parents and teachers are seriously concerned over non-availability of electricity connections, water supply and other basic facilities like washrooms at 10 government schools in the vicinity of Pakistan Steel Mills — Pipri and Shah Town areas. The students especially toddlers were at high risk to scorching heat which is feared to increase further in the coming days, they cautioned. During his visit to some of these schools including Government Boys Primary School at Sabu Goth, GBP School Roiddin Baloch at Rabnawaz Goth, GBP School at Mari Goth and GBP School Haji Umeed Ali at Jabli Goth, the APP correspondent found it very difficult for the students and the teachers to pass the academic hours in such a harsh environment. A teacher from Government Boys Primary School in Sabu Goth (Pipri) told that five students at the school fainted because of high temperature and suffocation on Saturday. There was no electricity or water supply arrangement at the school since its establishment 15 years ago. It also lacked washrooms and compound wall. The parents regretted that in absence of washrooms, the students had no option but to go outside at some isolated site which is extreme embarrassing and a security threat to them along with unhygienic environment. Most of these schools were without compound walls for the security. What could be expected from the students and the teachers to deliver in this very tough situation, they questioned the education authorities and the Sindh government. They demanded the authorities to resolve the issue on priority basis and to provide all basic facilities at these schools, as Sindh Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has recently announced to provide missing facilities to the schools. They also complained that such announcements were made several times in past but situation remained the same.

QUETTA: A girl seriously injured in an accident in Qila Saifullah district was brought here for treatment after a surgeon in the district's government hospital refused to treat her, saying that he

refuses to treat girl injured in accident

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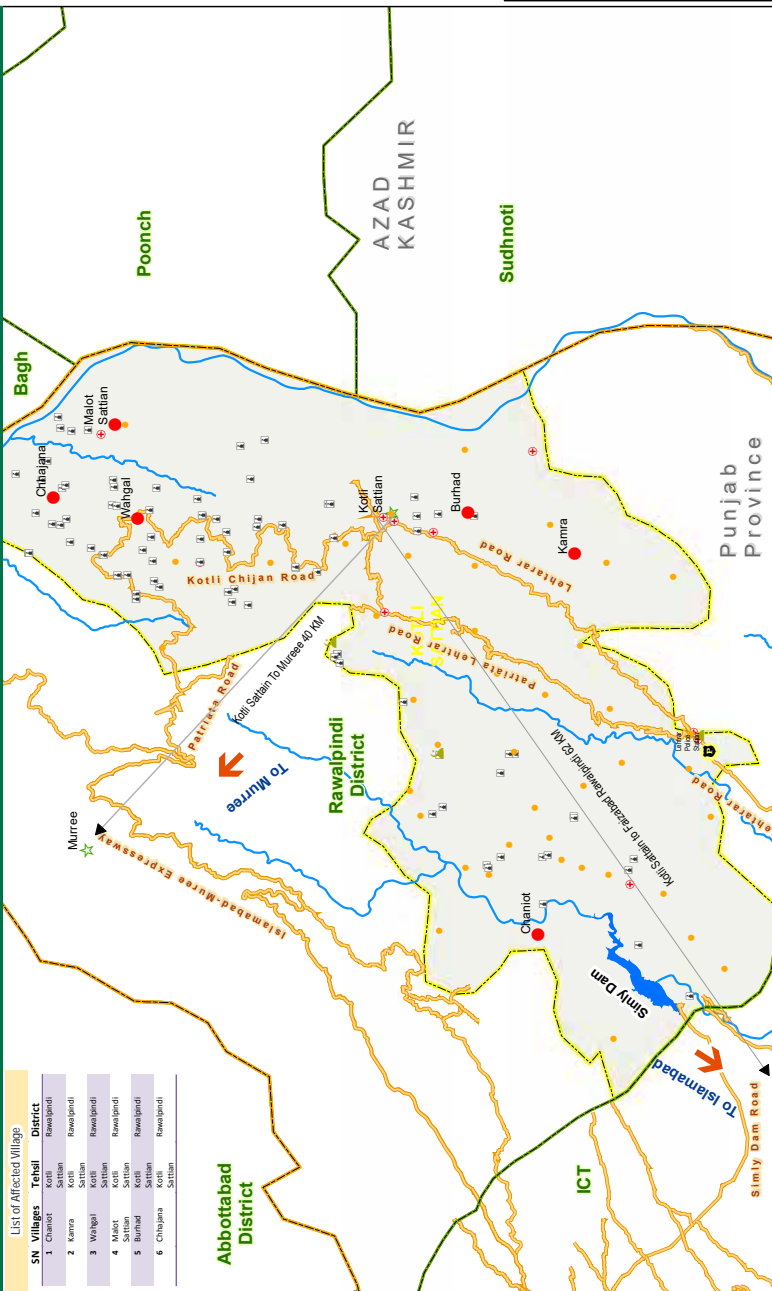
was not on duty. Police sources said that Naeema was seriously injured after being hit by a speeding passenger coach in Bandat Hamandzai area of Qila Saifullah district. Relatives of the girl first took her to the hospital in the area, but found doctors absent from duty. "They immediately took the injured girl to the house of surgeon Dr Bahauddin in the area and requested him to provide emergency treatment to the girl, but he flatly refused, saying it was duty time of another doctor. The blunt reply of Dr Bahauddin made the relatives of Naeema angry and they raised slogans and staged a protest against him over his callousness. Police rushed to the area and provided security to the surgeon. The sources said that the girl was brought to Quetta and hospitalised here, adding that her condition was now stable. "According to duty roster issued by the Medical Superintendent of the DHQ hospital, it was duty time of another doctor who was absent from duty," Dr Bahauddin told media. Provincial Health Minister Rehmat Baloch has ordered an inquiry into the incident. Absenteeism among doctors and para-medical staff is common in most of state-run hospitals across the province and the problem aggravates in emergency cases such as bomb blasts, accidents and fire. Most of them draw salary regularly from government hospitals, but actually work in private hospitals or clinics, leaving people high and dry.

Malaria awareness campaign launched in Balochistan

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QUETTA: Balochistan government has launched a campaign against malaria in 21 districts of the province under which awareness would be created about the disease and adequate measures would be taken for its control in view of the arrival of summer season. This was announced by provincial Health Minister Mir Rehmat Saleh at a press conference here on Sunday. He was accompanied by the provincial health secretary. The minister said that during the campaign people would be urged to adopt preventative measures to save themselves from the deadly disease. For creating awareness among the masses about the disease, seminars, walks and other programmes would be organised, he added. Mr Saleh said with the arrival of summer season the provincial government had devised a comprehensive plan to prevent the cases of malaria in the province. He said 660 centres were being established to diagnose malaria, adding that a 'Provincial Malaria Reference Centre' would monitor the performance of these centres. The minister said the provincial health department would organise programmes to mark the World Malaria Day falling on Monday. Over the past several years the department had organised programmes to mark the day. The department encouraged community-based activities for the prevention of malaria cases. People were informed about the disease and preventive measures, he added. He said anti-malaria fumigation drives would be launched in areas from where there were reports of stagnant water and presence of mosquitoes. The minister said around 1.6 million people in Pakistan were reported to be infected with malaria every year.

FLASH FLOOD/LANDSLIDING 2016 - AFFECTED VILLAGES MAP OF KOTLI SATTIAN, RAWALPINDI - PUNJAB



Recent Rain and Landslide in Kotli Sattian

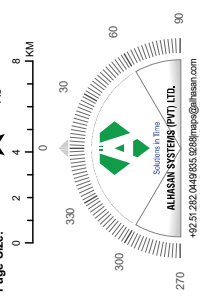
Recent rains which triggered the Landslide have damaged houses, infrastructure and link roads and uprooted hundreds of trees in several union councils of Kotli Sattian tehsil. The areas which are most affected by the landslide are Chaniot, Kamra, Wahgal, Malot Sattian, Burhad and Chajana.

On 26th April 2016 Prime Minister Nawaz Shareef visited Kotli Sattian to provide financial assistance to the people affected by floods and landslides. He also directed that victims who did not receive compensation should be provided with cheques within 24 hours and a report should be presented to him in this regard.

A Damaged House View in Village Malot Sattian, Tehsil Kotli Sattian

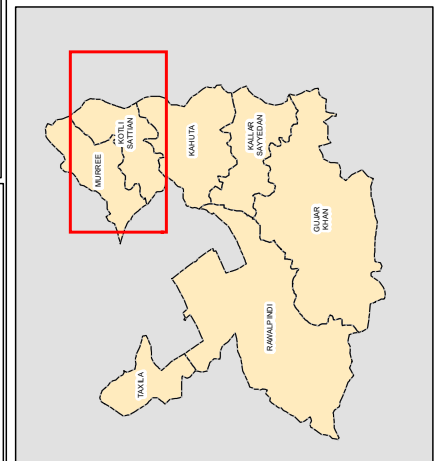


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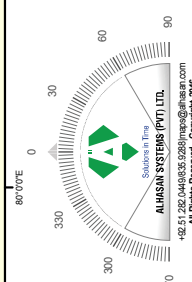
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High School	16	10	6
Middle School	19	9	10
Primary School	148	66	82
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Medical facilities are quiet inadequate			
Health Facilities			
RHU		2	
BHU		8	
SHC		6	

Location of Kotli Sattian
Kotli Sattian was earlier a part of Tehsil Murree. After declaration as Tehsil, some area of Tehsil Kahuta was also included in it. It is located at 50 km distance from Islamabad. It is situated with the bank of Jehlum river.

Area and Population of Kotli Sattian
Currently it is spread over an area of 304 Sq kilometer. The population of the villages now comprising Kotli Sattian Town (tehsil) was 83,255 in 1981 while the 1998 census shows the figure at 81,523, an increase of minus 0.12 percent. The negligible increase in population of Kotli Sattian can be explained by the fact that the enumeration was done during winter and early spring when the harsh weather in the hills forces a large number of people of the area to relocate in Rawalpindi, Islamabad and other areas in the plain.



Kotli Sattian Tehsil
Kotli Sattian is a Tehsil (subdivision) of Rawalpindi District in Punjab province of Pakistan. It was declared as Tehsil in 1990 (2nd February 1990). Its name is derived from the mountain town of Kotli and the Sati tribe.



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75076 According to reports, India has resumed the construction of the 1,000-Mw Bhatinda nuclear power plant, which is located about 100 km from the border with Pakistan. The plant is to be built on a 100-acre site, about 10 km from the town of Bhatinda. The plant is to be built on a site that is 10 km from the town of Bhatinda. The plant is to be built on a site that is 10 km from the town of Bhatinda.



Pakistan have already started to suffer growing water shortage. A timely resolution of the conflict is necessary.

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Detainment of RAW Agent - Operation Blue Bird



Kulbhushan Yadvav alias Hussain Mubtashir is an Indian national detained in Balochistan, Pakistan over charges of spying for the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) of India. The purpose of the preventive custody of intelligence agency RAW (Research and Analysis Wing) in Pakistan is to prevent any threat to the peace and stability of the country. He was arrested under the 'Blue Bird' Yadvav movements between bordering areas of Pakistan with Afghanistan and Iran were under observation by ISI, and with his arrest ISI successfully nulled down a major spy ring which was carrying out disruptive activities in the country. The Indian Foreign Ministry earlier confirmed that Yadvav was a former Indian Navy officer, but the Pakistani government claimed that he is an Indian spy who recovered travel documents and multiple fake identities of Yadvav, which prove that he entered into Balochistan through Iran – holding a valid Iranian visa. When Yadvav was arrested, he was shifted to Islamabad for cross questioning, during which it was revealed that he had purchased boats at the Iranian port in Chabahar to target Karachi and Gwadar ports in a terrorist plot. Yadvav was also involved in transporting 'anti-state elements' from Pakistan to New Delhi for training by RAW. After his arrest, Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale to lodge a strong protest over India's spying activities in Balochistan and Karachi.

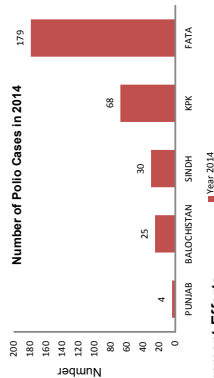


Future Water Threats

Water is a Present Issue of Pakistan. The country is facing an unpleasant situation regarding its fast depleting fresh water resources. Pakistan basically an arid/agrarian country and water becomes the most important of all the natural resources to be secured and managed. Pakistan being a single-basin country depends upon heavily on the Indus basin water to meet its agricultural, domestic and industrial needs. The growing population, rising temperature and poor management of water resources is adding pressure on the growing water demands.

Poliomyelitis High Risk Area in Pakistan The Battle Against Polio

Pakistan is one of the two remaining countries in the world where poliomyelitis (polio) is still categorized as an endemic viral infection, the other being Afghanistan. As of October 2015, there have been 38 documented cases of wild poliovirus in Pakistan in the past year. Though the polio immunization campaign in the country started in 1974, the efforts for eradication officially started in 1994. The infection remains endemic despite over 100 rounds of vaccination being carried out in the past decade. **Pakistan had the world's highest number of polio cases in 2014**, and as of October 2015, it has maintained this record. However, the number of cases in 2015 is a fraction of those recorded in 2014. The country has announced a goal of eradication by 2016.



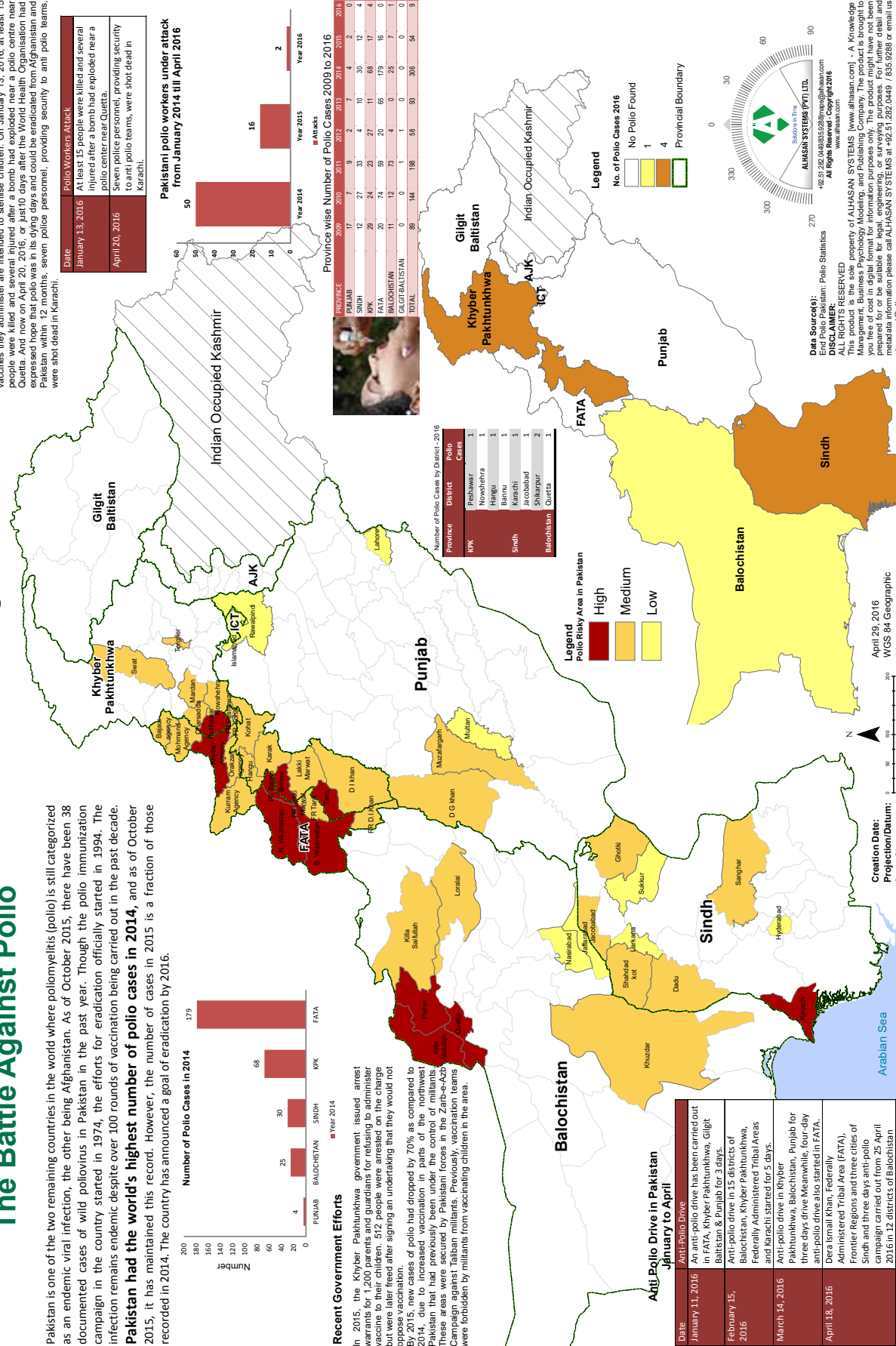
Recent Government Efforts

In 2015, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government issued arrest warrants for 1,200 parents and guardians for refusing to administer polio vaccine to their children. The government also announced that it would not oppose vaccination. By 2015, new cases of polio had dropped by 70% as compared to 2014, due to increased vaccination in parts of the northwest. These areas were secured by Pakistani forces in the Zarb-e-Azb campaign against Taliban militants. Previously, vaccination teams were forbidden by militants from vaccinating children in the area.

Anti-Polio Drive in Pakistan January to April

Date	Anti-Polio Drive
January 11, 2016	An anti-polio drive has been carried out in FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan & Punjab for 3 days.
February 15, 2016	Anti-polio drive in 15 districts of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Federally Administered Tribal Areas and Karachi started for 5 days.
March 14, 2016	Anti-polio drive in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan, Punjab for three days drive Meanwhile, four-day anti-polio drive also started in FATA.
April 18, 2016	Dera Ismail Khan, Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA), Frontier Regions and three cities of Sindh and three days anti-polio campaign carried out from 25 April 2016 in 12 districts of Balochistan

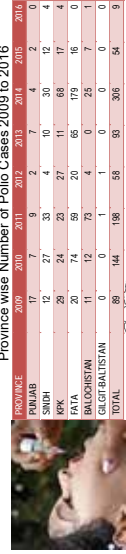
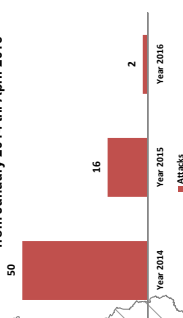
High Risk Area



Pakistani polio workers under attack from January 2016 till April 2016
Efforts to eliminate polio in Pakistan have been complicated in recent years, as polio workers have faced attacks by militants who say the health teams are Western spies, or that the vaccines they administer are intended to sterilize children. On January 13, 2016, at least 15 people were killed and several injured after a bomb had exploded near a polio center near Quetta. And now on April 20, 2016, or just 10 days after the World Health Organisation had expressed hope that polio was in its dying days and could be eradicated from Afghanistan and Pakistan within 12 months, seven police personnel, providing security to anti polio teams, were shot dead in Karachi.

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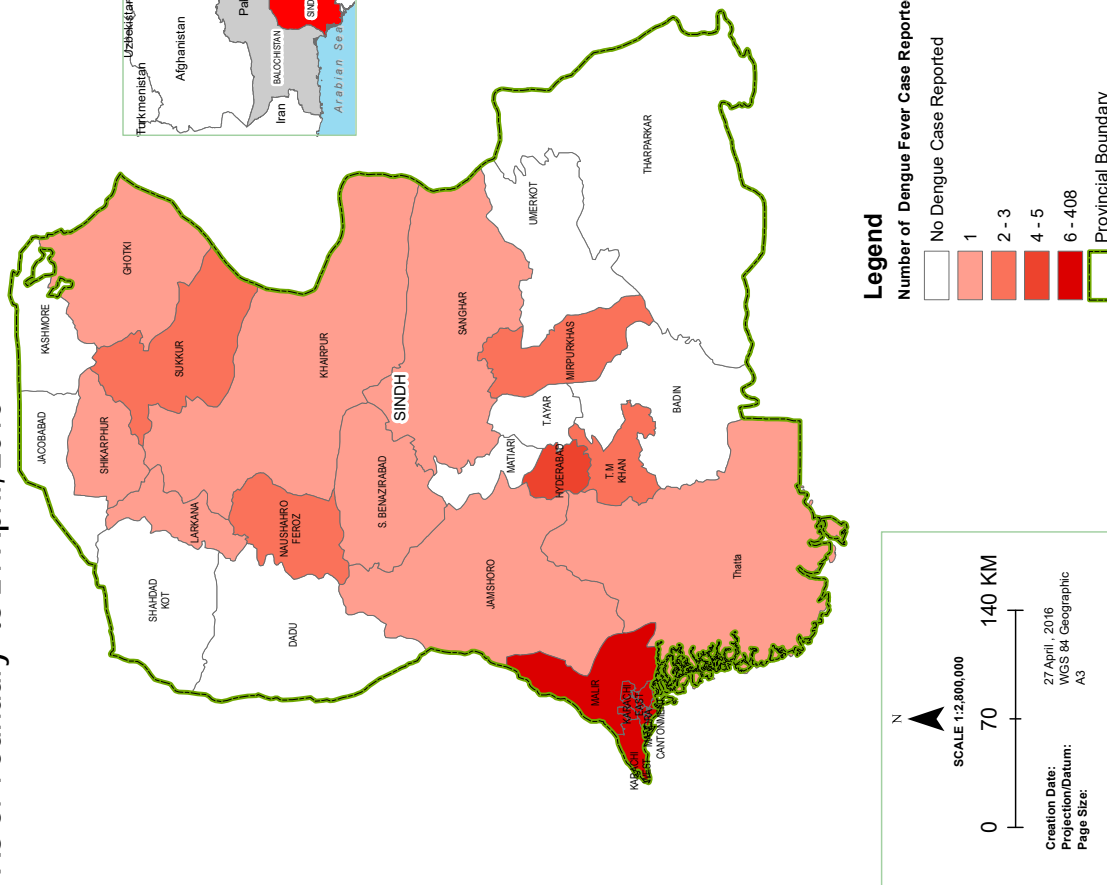
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	Nowshera	1
	Hangu	1
	Bannu	1
Sindh	Karachi	1
	Jacobabad	1
	Shikarpur	2
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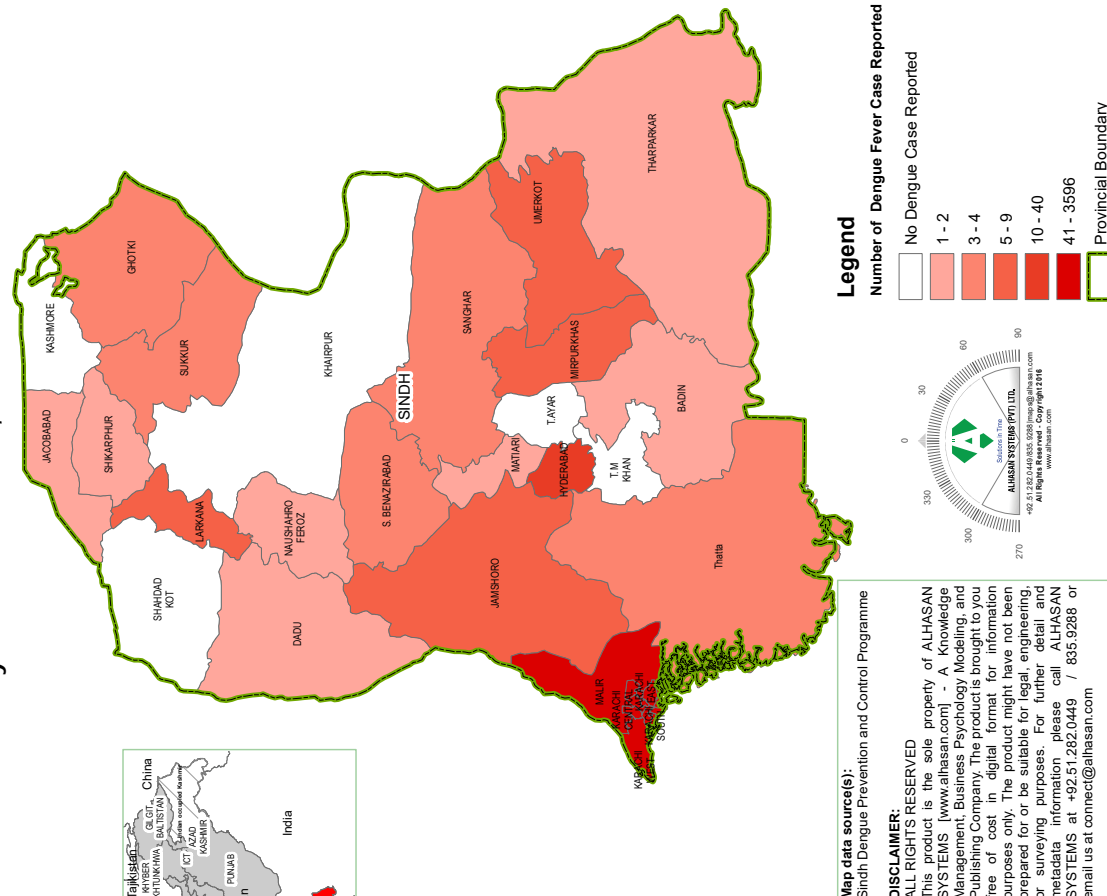
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As of 1 January to 21 April, 2016



As of 1 January to 31 December, 2015



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لاہور (ندیم ہسرا): لیسکو میں لائن مین کے بڑھتے ہوئے حادثات پر قابو پانے کیلئے تمام سب ڈویژنز میں ڈیوٹی شروع کرنے سے قبل اسمبلی اور دعائیہ تقریب سکيورٹی پالیسی کا حصہ بنادی گئی۔ ایس ڈی او صبح ساڑھے آٹھ بجے اپنے تمام دفاتر میں صبح کا آغاز تلاوت کلام پاک ترجمہ اور سیفٹی کی افادیت کے بارے میں لیکچر دیکر شروع کریں گے۔ ایکسین روزانہ اپنی کسی سب ڈویژنز میں اس تقریب میں شرکت کریں گے۔ سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئر بھی تمام دعائیہ تقریب میں روزانہ شریک ہوا کریں گے۔ صبح کی اسمبلی اور دعائیہ تقریب میں شرکت نہ کرنے کی صورت میں ایکسین اور ایس ڈی او کو معطل یا تبدیل کرنے کا اختیار آپریشن ڈائریکٹر اسد اللہ کے پاس ہوگا جبکہ سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئر کو تبدیل یا او ایس ڈی بنانے کی سفارش بھی آپریشن ڈائریکٹر، چیف ایگزیکٹو لیسکو کو کر سکے گا۔ بتایا گیا ہے کہ گزشتہ روز چیف ایگزیکٹو لیسکو قیصر زمان کی زیر صدارت اجلاس ہوا جس میں آپریشن ڈائریکٹر اسد اللہ، سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئر زاہد سلیم، ممتاز خان، مجاہد رانا، رمضان گھس سمیت تمام ایکسین نے شرکت کی۔ چیف ایگزیکٹو لیسکو قیصر زمان نے تمام سب ڈویژنز میں صبح کی اسمبلی اور دعائیہ تقریب کے حوالے سے بنائے جانے والے ایس اوپیز (SOP) کے بارے میں سب کو آگاہ کیا۔ اسمبلی میں بجلی کی لائنوں پر کام کے دوران مرنے والوں کیلئے دعا کی جائے گی۔ اس دوران تمام سٹاف ممبران کی حاضری لگائی جائے گی۔ سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئر کے دفاتر میں موجود ہجومن ریسورس کاشعبہ ان کی حاضری لگا کر روزانہ کی بنیاد پر آپریشن ڈائریکٹر اسد اللہ کے پاس رپورٹ کرے گا۔ اسمبلی میں ساڑھے 8 بجے تک شامل نہ ہونے والے ایس ای، ایکسین، ایس ڈی اور سمیت دیگر ماتحت عملے کو غیر حاضر تصور کیا جائے گا۔ افسران نے حفاظتی اور شعوری مہم کے دوران روزانہ کی اسمبلی میں شرکت نہ کرنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی کے حوالے سے چیف ایگزیکٹو لیسکو قیصر زمان کے پاس حتمی اختیار ہوگا۔ اس اقدام کا مقصد بڑی اور چھوٹی ٹرانسمیشن لائنوں پر کام کے دوران بڑھتے ہوئے لائن مین کے حادثات کو کنٹرول کرنا ہے۔ گزشتہ 3 ہفتوں کے دوران 5 لائن مین دوران ڈیوٹی جاں بحق ہو چکے ہیں۔ اسمبلی اور دعائیہ تقریب پر عملدرآمد آج سے پورے لیسکو میں ہوگا۔

لیسکو: بڑھتے حادثات پر آج سے سب ڈویژنز میں روزانہ دعائیہ تقریبات، لیکچر ہونگے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

25 اپریل 2016

اسلام آباد: پبلک اکاؤنٹس کمیٹی نے وزارت پانی و بجلی کو کے الیکٹرک کے مالیاتی معاملات کے آڈٹ تک بجلی کی فروخت کا معاہدہ اور ہر قسم کی ادائیگی سے روک دیا ہے۔ قومی اسمبلی میں قائد حزب اختلاف سید خورشید شاہ کی سربراہی میں پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس اسلام آباد میں پبلک اکاؤنٹس کمیٹی کا اجلاس ہوا۔ اجلاس کے دوران کے الیکٹرک کے ذمہ سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی لمیٹڈ کے واجب الادا 65 ارب روپے کے معاملہ پر وضاحت کے لئے چیئرمین نیپرا پیش ہوئے، اس موقع پر آڈٹ حکام نے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ گزشتہ 5 سال کے دوران وفاق کی جانب سے کے الیکٹرک کو 250 ارب روپے کی سبسڈی دی گئی۔ جس پر خورشید شاہ نے کہا کہ پی اے سی اجلاس کے الیکٹرک کو حکومت سے سبسڈی ملتی ہے، اس کے باوجود کے الیکٹرک کے ذمہ ایس ایس جی سی کے 65 ارب روپے کے واجبات تشویش ناک ہیں۔ سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈھاگانے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ کے الیکٹرک کی نیکاری کے وقت چیک اینڈ بیلنس کا نظام وضع ہی نہیں کیا گیا، کے الیکٹرک امیر علاقوں میں بلا قفل بجلی فراہم کرتا ہے اور غریب علاقوں کے مکینوں سے زیادتی کی جاتی ہے۔ کے الیکٹرک کو کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ سے 42 ارب روپے جبکہ سندھ حکومت سے مجموعی طور پر 50 ارب روپے لینے ہیں، کراچی الیکٹرک انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ سندھ حکومت واجبات ادا کر دے تو ہم بھی سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کو ادائیگی کر دیں گے۔ ارکان کی جانب سے کے الیکٹرک کو گیس کی فراہمی بند کرنے سے متعلق سوال کیے جانے پر یونس ڈھاگانے کہا کہ حکومت کے لیے کے الیکٹرک کو گیس فراہمی بند کرنے کا فیصلہ کرنا آسان نہیں، یہ فیصلہ سیاسی ہے۔ کمیٹی نے آڈیٹر جنرل کے ذریعے کے الیکٹرک کا آڈٹ ہونے تک سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی کو بجلی کی فروخت کا نیا معاہدہ کرنے سے روک دیا۔ کمیٹی نے سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی کو ہدایت دی کہ آڈٹ تک کے الیکٹرک کو ہر قسم کی ادائیگی بھی روک دی جائے۔

3 روز قبل سرگودھا ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال میں یوگ ڈاکٹر ون پر تشدد کے خلاف صوبے کے مختلف شہروں میں دو سرے روز بھی سرکاری اسپتالوں کی اوپی ڈیز بند ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق لاہور، راولپنڈی، فیصل آباد، ملتان اور سرگودھا سمیت دیگر شہروں کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں یوگ ڈاکٹر ز احتجاج کر رہے ہیں، احتجاج کے دوران یوگ ڈاکٹر ز نے اسپتالوں کی اوپی ڈیز پر تالے لگا دیئے ہیں جس کی وجہ سے مریض اور ان کے ساتھ آنے والے شدید مشکلات کا شکار ہیں۔ یوگ ڈاکٹر وں کا کہنا ہے کہ انہیں مریضوں کی مشکلات کا اندازہ ہے لیکن ان کے مطالبات جائز ہیں، جب تک سرگودھا میں ڈاکٹر وں پر تشدد کرنے والوں کے سرپرستوں کے خلاف مقدمہ قائم نہیں کیا جائے گا اور ذمہ داروں کے بجائے ڈاکٹر وں کی معطلی کا فیصلہ واپس نہیں لیا جائے گا وہ اپنا احتجاج جاری رکھیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ 3 روز قبل سرگودھا کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال میں یوگ ڈاکٹر وں کو مبینہ طور پر مقامی رکن پنجاب اسمبلی کے کارندوں نے تشدد کا نشانہ بنایا تھا۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران): ملک میں بجلی کی ڈیمانڈ بڑھنے اور پیداوار میں کمی سے شارٹ فال ایک بار پھر بڑھ کر چھ ہزار میگا واٹ سے تجاوز کر گیا۔ شارٹ فال اور پیداوار کا فرق آدھا سے بھی کم رہ گیا ہے۔ جس کے باعث بڑے بڑے بریک ڈاؤن کا خطرہ پیدا ہو گیا ہے جبکہ بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف قصور سمیت کئی شہروں میں احتجاجی مظاہرے کئے گئے۔ شارٹ فال بڑھنے کے باعث براہ راست گزڈ کی لوڈ شیڈنگ شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ شارٹ فال میں اضافہ کے باعث نہ صرف لوڈ شیڈنگ کے دورانیہ میں اضافہ کر دیا گیا جبکہ مرمت کے نام پر بھی بجلی کی بندش کا سلسلہ ایک بار پھر شروع کر دیا گیا۔ ڈیموں سے پانی کے اخراج میں کمی سے ہائیڈل کی پیداوار میں کمی ہوئی ہے۔ کئی شہروں میں بار بار ہونیوالی لوڈ شیڈنگ سے تنگ آئے لوگ سڑکوں پر نکل آئے اور انہوں نے احتجاج کیا۔ گزشتہ روز شہروں میں 12 سے 14 گھنٹے اور دیہی علاقوں میں 16 گھنٹے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔ شرچہ پور شریف سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرمی شروع ہوتے ہی بجلی اور گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ بڑھ گئی جس کیخلاف شہری سڑکوں پر نکل آئے۔ شہر کی مختلف تنظیموں، خواتین اور بچوں نے سوئی گیس اور بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاج کیا۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ روزانہ شام گیس بند کر دی جاتی ہے جس کی وجہ سے ان کے بچے بغیر ناشتے کے سکول جانے پر مجبور ہیں۔

کراچی: تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کی وجوہات کے تعین کے لیے بنائے گئے کمیشن نے سندھ حکومت کے ماتحت مختلف محکموں کو صورت حال کا ذمہ دار قرار دے دیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ ہائی کورٹ کے حکم پر سابق ایڈووکیٹ جنرل سندھ عبد اللہ کیٹ کی سربراہی میں تھر میں ہونے والی اموات کی وجوہات جاننے کے لیے کمیشن تشکیل دیا گیا تھا، کمیشن نے ایک ماہ کی مدت میں اپنی رپورٹ تیار کر کے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو پیش کر دی ہے۔ 300 صفحات پر مشتمل اس رپورٹ میں تھر میں ہونے والی اموات کی ذمہ داری براہ راست وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ یاسو بائی وزیرا پر عائد کرنے کے بجائے محکمہ تعلیم، صحت، آبپاشی، بہبود آبادی، لائیو اسٹاک اور دیگر محکموں پر عائد کی گئی ہے۔ کمیشن کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ خط زدہ ضلع میں صحت، بہبود آبادی اور بحالی سے متعلق محکموں کی کارکردگی ناہونے کے برابر ہے، اسپتالوں میں نا تو ڈاکٹر ہیں اور نانی دیگر طبی عملہ موجود ہے۔ تھر سے متعلق کمیشن کی اس رپورٹ میں 97 صفحات پر سفارشات کی گئی ہیں، جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ تھر کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں مقامی ڈاکٹر وں کو تعینات کیا جائے اور ان کی تنخواہیں کم از کم 4 لاکھ روپے مقرر کی جائے، اسی صورت میں ڈاکٹر اس دور افتادہ علاقے میں

کے الیکٹرک کو مالی معاملات کے آڈٹ تک ہر قسم کی ادائیگی روک دی گئی

ایکسپریس اردو

27 اپریل 2016

پنجاب میں یوگ ڈاکٹر کی ہڑتال، صوبے کے سرکاری اسپتالوں کی اوپی ڈیز دوسرے روز بھی بند

ایکسپریس اردو

26 اپریل 2016

بجلی کا شارٹ فال 6 ہزار میگا واٹ سے بڑھ گیا، لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف کئی شہروں میں مظاہرے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

26 اپریل 2016

حکومت سندھ کے مختلف محکمے تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کے ذمہ دار ہیں، کمیشن کی رپورٹ

ایکسپریس اردو

25 اپریل 2016

سٹی ڈسٹرکٹ گورنمنٹ گرلز ہائی سکول، علامہ اقبال روڈ گورنمنٹ پرائمری نیاز بیگ گورنمنٹ گرلز پرائمری سکول، مرید وال فرقان ماڈل ہائی سکول، قاضی پارک اقرار و روضہ اطفال، قاضی پارک لاہور کا وزٹ کیا۔ ایوان کارکنان تحریک پاکستان لاہور اور مذکورہ بالا تعلیمی اداروں میں مستفید ہونے والے اساتذہ اور طلبہ کی مجموعی تعداد 664 تھی۔

لاہور (اپنے نامہ نگار سے) اورنج لائن میٹرو ٹرین منصوبے کے تعمیراتی کاموں کے حوالے سے ڈیراں گجراں سے چورجی تک پیکج ون پر پلوں پر پہلا ٹرانزیم رکھ دیا گیا ہے۔ اورنج لائن کے ایلی ویڈ ٹریک کے لئے ڈیراں گجراں سے چورجی تک پیکج ون پر پہلا ٹرانزیم ڈیراں گجراں کے مقام پر مکمل ہونے والے ستون پر رکھ دیا گیا ہے۔ پیکج ون پرستونوں پر پری کاسٹ ٹرانزیم رکھنے کا کام آج سے شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اورنج لائن منصوبے کے انجینئرز کے مطابق ٹرانزیم رکھنے کے بعد ٹرین کے ایلی ویڈ ٹریک پر یو ب گارڈ نصب کئے جائیں گے جن کی تعمیر کا کام کاسٹنگ یارڈ میں چینی ماہرین کی نگرانی میں جاری ہے۔ اورنج لائن کے سول سٹرکچر کو مکمل کرنے کے لئے ایل ڈی اے کو ماہ دسمبر کا ہدف دے رکھا ہے۔ ایل ڈی اے کو گیارہ اہم مقامات پر عدالتی حکم امتناعی کا سامنا بھی ہے۔

لاہور (آئی این پی) نیپرانے 747 میگا واٹ کے گلد و پاور پلانٹ کے ٹیفر کی منظوری دے دی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق نیپرانے گلد و پاور پلانٹ کے ٹیفر کی منظوری 30 سال کیلئے دی ہے جبکہ منصوبے کی لاگت میں ساڑھے چار ارب روپے کا اضافہ مسترد کر دیا ہے۔ نیپرانے منصوبے کی لاگت 79 کی بجائے 74 اعشاریہ پانچ ارب روپے منظور کی ہے جبکہ گلد و پاور پلانٹ پر ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل سے پیدا ہونے والی فی یونٹ بجلی کی قیمت 9 اعشاریہ 55 اور گیس پر 6 اعشاریہ 16 روپے فی یونٹ منظور کی ہے۔

لاہور (نور پورٹر) بینک ڈاکٹر ز ایسوسی ایشن پنجاب نے تنخواہ میں اضافے سمیت دیگر مطالبات منظور نہ کئے جانے پر 11 مئی سے حکومتی ایوانوں کے گھیرائو کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ اس ضمن میں جناح ہسپتال میں وائے ڈی اے کے رہنماؤں ڈاکٹر اجمل، ڈاکٹر خرم شہزاد، ڈاکٹر عدنان گوندل، ڈاکٹر خزیمہ سمیت دیگر کا کہنا تھا حکومت کی جانب سے 2011ء میں وعدہ کیا گیا تھا تین قسطوں میں ڈاکٹر ز کی تنخواہیں عدلیہ کے برابر کر دی جائیں گی لیکن آج اس بات کو پانچ سال کا عرصہ گزر چکا ہے لیکن وعدہ ایفا نہیں ہو سکا۔ علاوہ ازیں ہیلتھ بجٹ میں 15 فیصد کمی کر کے اورنج ٹرین جیسے منصوبے شروع کئے گئے اور ادویات کی قیمتوں میں بھی اضافہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے مطالبہ کیا ڈاکٹر ز کو اپ گریڈ کر کے انکا ریڈ اشارہ کیا جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا ڈاکٹر ز کی جانب سے روڈ بلاک کر کے بھی احتجاج کیا گیا لیکن حکومت کو عوام کی تکلیف کا کوئی احساس نہیں ہے اسلئے گیارہ مئی کو ہر صورت حکومتی ایوانوں کی طرف مارچ ہو گا اگر حکومت نے گیارہ مئی تک مسئلہ حل نہ کیا تو پھر حکومت کو تماشہ دیکھنا پڑے گا۔

لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر) گورنر پنجاب ملک محمد رفیق رحمان نے کہا کہ میڈیا کو تعلیم اور صحت کے شعبوں پر خصوصی توجہ دینی چاہیے اور ان شعبوں میں موجود مسائل کی نشاندہی کرنی چاہیے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انھوں نے ایجوکیشن رپورٹرز ایسوسی ایشن (ایرا) کے وفد کے ساتھ خصوصی ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔

اسلام آباد: اوگرانے آئندہ ماہ کے لئے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 4 روپے 41 پیسے فی لیٹر اضافے کی سمری وزارت پیٹرولیم کی بجھوائی تھی جسے وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے مسترد کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے منسہرہ میں جلسہ عام سے خطاب کے دوران وزارت پیٹرولیم کی جانب سے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات میں اضافے کی سمری کو مسترد کرنے کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ قیمتوں میں اضافہ نہ کرنے سے حکومت کو 8 ارب کا نقصان ہو گا جسے عوام کی خاطر برداشت کرنے کو تیار ہیں۔ اوگرانے کی جانب سے وزارت پیٹرولیم کو بجھوائی گئی سمری میں ہائی اسپیڈ ڈیزل 4 روپے 41 پیسے، پیٹرول 3 روپے، لائٹ ڈیزل ایک روپیہ 34 پیسے، مٹی کا تیل ایک روپیہ 16 پیسے جب کہ ہائی آکٹین کی قیمت میں 2 روپے 25 پیسے فی لیٹر اضافے کی تجویز دی گئی تھی۔

اسلام آباد: یکم مئی سے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 3 روپے فی لیٹر اضافے کا امکان ظاہر کیا جا رہا ہے جب کہ اس سلسلے میں اوگرانے کی سمری کل کو وزارت پیٹرولیم کو ارسال کرے گی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اوگرانے عالمی سطح پر پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے پیش نظر مئی کے مہینے میں پیٹرولیم کی قیمتوں میں 3 روپے اضافے کی سمری تیار کر لی ہے جو کل وزارت پیٹرولیم کو ارسال کی جائے گی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق یکم مئی سے پیٹرول 2 روپے 67 پیسے، ہائی اسپیڈ ڈیزل 3 روپے فی لیٹر مہنگا ہو سکتا ہے تاہم ہائی آکٹین مٹی کا تیل اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمت پر قرار رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ قیمتوں میں اضافہ اضافی جی ایس ٹی کے باعث کیا جائے گا جب کہ عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل کی قیمت 40 ڈالر کے قریب ٹریڈ کر رہی ہے۔ واضح رہے حکومت نے گزشتہ ماہ بھی پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 3 روپے اضافہ کیا تھا۔

تعلیمی اداروں میں لیکچر

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اورنج لائن ٹرین منصوبہ پیکج ون کے تحت پہلا

ٹرانزیم رکھ دیا گیا

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نیپرانے 747 میگا واٹ کے گلد و پاور پلانٹ

کے ٹیفر کی منظوری دے دی

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30 اپریل 2016

مطالبات منظور نہ ہونے پر بینک ڈاکٹر ز کا

مئی سے حکومتی ایوانوں کے گھیرائو کا اعلان

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30 اپریل 2016

میڈیا تعلیم اور صحت کے شعبوں میں مسائل

کی نشاندہی کرے: گورنر پنجاب

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29 اپریل 2016

وزیراعظم نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں

میں اضافے کی سفارش مسترد کر دی

ایکسپریس اردو

28 اپریل 2016

یکم مئی سے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں

اضافے کا امکان

ایکسپریس اردو

27 اپریل 2016

پبلک سروسز

سرخیاں

تفصیلات

کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں

14 ارب کی مبینہ کرپشن کا انکشاف

ایکسپریس اردو

02 مئی 2016

کراچی: کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں 14 ارب روپے کی مبینہ بدعنوانیوں کا انکشاف ہوا ہے اہم ترین سیاسی شخصیت کے ایما پر قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کے ذریعے من پسند کمپنیز کو کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ دیکر نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے قومی خزانے کو اربوں روپے کا نقصان پہنچایا۔ جس کمپنی کو ٹھیکہ دیا گیا اس نے کبھی اتنا بڑا منصوبہ مکمل نہیں کیا، پاکستان کی تاریخ کا مشکل ترین قراقرم ہائی وے بنانے والے فرنیچر ورکس آرگنائزیشن کو نظر انداز کر دیا گیا، ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان نے بھی کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں مبینہ بے ضابطگیوں کی نشاندہی کر کے چیئر مین این ایچ اے کو خط لکھ دیا ہے۔ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ چائنہ ریلوے اور یڈ کے بی پاکستان جوائنٹ وینچر کو دیا گیا ہے۔ ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان کے چیئر مین سہیل مظفر کی جانب سے چیئر مین نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی شہداء شرف تارڑ کو لکھے گئے مکتوب میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ایک ہزار 33 کلومیٹر طویل کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں مبینہ بے ضابطگیوں اور غیر قانونی طور پر قواعد کو نظر انداز کر کے ٹھیکہ دیا گیا، مکتوب میں کہا گیا ہے کہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کیلئے فرنیچر ورکس آرگنائزیشن کو نااہل قرار دینے کا کوئی ٹھوس جواز نہیں دیا گیا جب کہ جوائنٹ وینچر چائنہ ریلوے کی بڈسیکیورٹی کو قبول کر کے نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے قانون کی خلاف ورزی کی ہے۔

مکتوب میں انکشاف کیا گیا کہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ جس کمپنی کو دیا گیا اس نے کبھی بھی 91 ارب روپے کے کسی منصوبے پر کام ہی نہیں کیا جبکہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کیلئے نظر انداز کیے جانے والے فرنیچر ورکس آرگنائزیشن پاکستان کا مستند ترین ادارہ اور کئی اہم تعمیراتی منصوبے کامیابی کیساتھ مکمل کر چکا ہے۔ ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان نے اپنے مکتوب میں کہا ہے کہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کیلئے نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی کے قوانین کے مطابق جوائنٹ وینچر پاک چائنہ اور یڈ کے بی جوائنٹ وینچر نے بڈسیکیورٹی نے جمع نہیں کرائی اور قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کے باوجود نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے پاک چائنہ جوائنٹ وینچر کو ٹھیکہ دیا ہے۔ ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان نے کہا ہے کہ نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے منظور نظر افراد کو نوازنے کے لئے خفیہ معلومات پاک چائنہ جوائنٹ وینچر کو فراہم کیں، ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان نے اپنے مکتوب میں کہا ہے کہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے کیلئے تمام تر قواعد کو بالائے طاق رکھا گیا ہے جبکہ بیہرہ قوانین کے تحت منصوبے کی لاگت کیلئے قیمت پر کوئی نظر ثانی نہیں ہو سکتی انتہائی اعلیٰ سیاسی شخصیت کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے کیلئے چائنہ گروپ کے پیچھے ہے اور اسی لیے نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے دباؤ میں آکر تمام بیہرہ قوانین کو بالائے طاق رکھ دیا ہے۔ ٹرانسپیرنسی انٹرنیشنل پاکستان نے چیئر مین نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی سے درخواست کی ہے کہ وہ کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں اربوں روپے کا نقصان پہنچانے کے الزامات کا جائزہ لے کر فراڈ روکیں کیونکہ قانون کی حکمرانی قائم کر کے ہی کرپشن کو روکا جاسکتا ہے۔

پانی کی فراہمی میں غفلت برداشت نہیں کی

جائے گی: ایم ڈی واسا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

01 مئی 2016

لاہور (سپیشل رپورٹر) واسا کے جیننگ ڈائریکٹر جوہری نصیر احمد نے کہا ہے کہ گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کی وجہ سے شہر یان لاہور کو شفاف پانی کی فراہمی میں کوئی غفلت برداشت نہیں کی جائے گی۔ ڈپٹی جیننگ ڈائریکٹر آپریشن اصغر علی بھٹی نے ایم ڈی واسا کی ہدایت کے مطابق پانی کے استعمال میں اضافے کے پیش نظر ٹیوب ویلوں پر نصب جزیروں کی کارکردگی کے متعلق ایک SOP جاری کر دیا۔ جس کے تحت آپریشن کے تمام ڈائریکٹر صاحبان اور ماتحت عملہ کو ضروری ہدایت دی گئیں ہیں کہ اس کے مطابق متعلقہ ایکسیسن اور ایس ڈی اوز جزیروں کی بہتر کارکردگی اور مرمت وغیرہ کے ذمہ دار ہوں گے۔ اگر کسی جزیر میں چالو حالت کے دوران کوئی نقص ظاہر ہوتا ہے تو ڈیوٹی سٹاف اس بارے میں فوراً اپنے انچارج کو آگاہ کرے گا اور ایس ڈی اوفوری اقدامات کرتے ہوئے قلیل وقت میں نقص رفع کرنے کو یقینی بنائے گا اس سلسلے میں انہیں ایک تربیتی چارٹ بھی مہیا کیا جائے گا۔ جزیروں کو صرف ضرورت کے وقت چلایا جائے گا۔ اس مقصد کے لیے فیول مہیا کیا جائے گا اور اسکی باقاعدہ لاگ بک مرتب کی جائے گی تاکہ فیول کا ناجائز استعمال نہ ہو۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) احمد پبلک سکول، بیدیاں روڈ کے طلباء طالبات اور اساتذہ کرام نے نظریہ پاکستان ٹرسٹ کے پاکستان آگہی پروگرام کے سلسلہ میں ایوان کارکنان تحریک پاکستان، شاہراہ قائد اعظم، لاہور کا مطالعاتی دورہ کیا اور تحریک پاکستان کی تصویریں گیلری بھی دیکھی۔ دریں اثناء موبائل نظریاتی تعلیمی یونٹس نے دو قومی نظریہ پر لیکچر دینے کے لیے سنار کالج آف آرٹس، شاہدرہ گورنمنٹ ایم پی ای ہائی سکول، شاہدرہ

پاکستان آگہی پروگرام: مقامی سکول کے طلباء

عوامی طالبات اساتذہ کا دورہ ایوان کارکنان

تحریک پاکستان موبائل یونٹس کے مختلف

ہیں۔ متعلقہ اعلیٰ حکام کو ہدایات کی گئی ہیں کہ بین الصوبائی سرحدوں کو سیل کر کے زمینی اور فضائی پٹرولنگ بڑھائی جائے، کسی بھی شخص یا گاڑی کو جانچ پڑتال کے بغیر پنجاب میں داخل ہونے کی اجازت نہ دی جائے۔ لاہور میں ڈی آئی جی آپریشن لاہور ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف نے دونوں جیلوں میں سیکیورٹی کے حوالے سے متعلقہ ڈویژنل ایس پی کو احکامات جاری کیے گئے ہیں کہ وہ جیلوں کا خود دورہ کریں اور سیکیورٹی کے حوالے سے موثر اقدامات کریں، اس کے علاوہ ایلیٹ فورس کو بھی حکم دیا گیا ہے کہ وہ کوٹ لکھپت اور کیمپ جیل لاہور کے ارد گرد گشت کریں اور مشکوک افراد پر کڑی نگاہ رکھیں۔

پشاور، جیکب آباد، پشاور اور جیکب آباد میں پولیس اور سیکیورٹی فورسز نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے بڑی مقدار میں اسلحہ اور گولیاں برآمد کر لیں ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ریلوے پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے جیکب آباد ریلوے اسٹیشن پر جعفر ایکسپریس سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ اور کارتوس برآمد کر کے ایک شخص کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایس ایس پی ریلوے سکھر ملک عتیق کا کہنا ہے کہ پشاور سے جعفر آباد کے لئے قانونی طور پر کچھ اسلحے کی ترسیل کی جارہی تھی لیکن جانچ پڑتال کے دوران معلوم ہوا کہ بھیجا گیا اسلحہ دی گئی اجازت سے کہیں زیادہ ہے اور اسے غیر قانونی طور پر بلوچستان بھیجا جا رہا تھا۔ برآمد کئے گئے اسلحے میں 298 رمیٹیئر، 284 ٹی ٹی پستول، مختلف اقسام کی 20 بندوقیں اور 35 ہزار سے زائد گولیاں شامل ہیں۔ اسلحہ اسمگل کرنے والے ملزم کی شناخت میروخان سے ہوئی ہے جس کا تعلق ڈیرہ مراد جمالی سے ہے۔ ملزم کے خلاف جیکب آباد تھانے میں مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب پشاور پولیس نے چغل پورہ میں ایک گودام میں چھاپے کے دوران بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کر کے ایک ملزم کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ پولیس کی اس کارروائی میں 300 کا شنکوف، 130 پستول، 72 بندوقیں اور 15 ہزار کارتوس قبضے میں لیے گئے ہیں جب کہ ملزم کو تفتیش کے لئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

جیکب آباد اور پشاور میں پولیس اور سیکیورٹی فورسز کی کارروائیاں، بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ

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دہشت گردی کی عدالت سے اشتہاری قرار دیا گیا تھا جبکہ کریم اللہ ان مشتبه افراد میں شامل ہیں جنہوں نے گذشتہ برس گلگت جیل پر حملہ کر کے وہاں سے متعدد قیدیوں کو چھڑا دیا تھا۔ ان تینوں ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے بعد خفیہ اداروں نے اس خدشے کا اظہار کیا تھا کہ یہ انتہائی اہم نوعیت کے مقدمات میں مطلوب ہیں اس لیے اس بات کے امکانات ہیں کہ شدت پسند ان ملزمان کو یا تو مارنے کی کوشش کریں گے اور یا پھر قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی تحویل سے چھڑانے کی کوشش کر سکتے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ قبائلی علاقوں سے گرفتار ہونے والے شدت پسندوں کی قابل ذکر تعداد کو بھی راولپنڈی کی ایڈیالہ جیل میں رکھا گیا ہے۔ سنہ 2013 میں ناٹکا پربت پر کالعدم تنظیموں سے وابستہ 12 سے زائد مسلح افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے 11 افراد کو ہلاک کر دیا تھا جن میں امریکہ، چین، سلوواکیہ، نیپال اور یوکرین کے شہری شامل تھے۔ ان غیر ملکیوں کو مناسب تحفظ فراہم نہ کرنے پر وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے گلگت بلتستان کی پولیس کے سربراہ اور چیف سیکرٹری کو بھی معطل کر دیا تھا۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع جعفر آباد میں بارودی سرنگ کے دھماکے میں تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ جعفر آباد پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ نامعلوم افراد نے گوٹھ پھلو گئی کے علاقے میں بارودی سرنگ نصب کی تھی۔ بارودی سرنگ اس وقت زوردار دھماکے سے پھٹ گئی جب ایک ٹریکٹر اس سے ٹکرا گیا۔ بارودی سرنگ کے دھماکے سے ٹریکٹر تباہ ہو گیا جبکہ اس پر بیٹھے تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے افراد اپنے کھیتوں میں کام کرنے جا رہے تھے کہ ان کا ٹریکٹر بارودی سرنگ سے ٹکرا گیا۔ بارودی سرنگ کا دھماکہ ملگزار پولیس سٹیشن کے حدود میں ہوا جو کہ ضلع ڈیرہ گئی سے متصل جعفر آباد کا سرحدی علاقہ ہے۔ ڈیرہ گئی اور اس سے متصل جعفر آباد اور نصیر آباد کے اضلاع کے سرحدی علاقوں میں گذشتہ کئی سال سے بد امنی کے واقعات رونما ہو رہے ہیں۔ ڈیرہ گئی اور اس کے سرحدی علاقوں میں پہلے بھی بارودی سرنگ کے دھماکوں کے واقعات پیش آتے رہے ہیں جن میں اب تک بڑی تعداد میں لوگ ہلاک اور زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ اگرچہ ان علاقوں میں کمی و بیشی کے ساتھ بد امنی کے واقعات کے رونما ہونے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے تاہم سرکاری حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ پہلے کے مقابلے میں ان میں علاقوں میں بد امنی کے واقعات میں کمی آئی ہے۔

محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب نے صوبے کے 10 اضلاع میں چینی شہریوں کی سیکورٹی غیر اطمینان بخش قرار دیتے ہوئے متعلقہ پولیس افسران کو موثر اقدامات کرنے کی ہدایات جاری کی ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق صوبے بھر میں جاری 79 منصوبوں سے 5 ہزار 925 چینی شہری منسلک ہیں، جن کی سیکورٹی کے لیے 9 ہزار 56 سیکورٹی اہلکار تعینات ہیں۔ چین سے تعلق رکھنے والے ماہرین اور دیگر افراد قوت کی سیکورٹی کے لیے فوج کے 462، ایف سی کے 42، ریجنل کے 323، پولیس کے 1 ہزار 413 اہلکار، اسپیشل برانچ کے 59 اہلکار اور عسکری گارڈ کے 302 اہلکار سیکورٹی کی ذمہ داریاں سرانجام دے رہے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ اسپیشل پروٹیکشن یونٹ کے 2 ہزار 385، ڈیپارٹمنٹل سیکورٹی کے 2 ہزار 259 اور نجی سیکورٹی کمپنیوں کے ایک ہزار 811 گارڈز بھی چینی شہریوں کے تحفظ کے لئے تعینات ہیں۔ محکمہ داخلہ پنجاب کی جانب سے پولیس افسران کو مراسلہ جاری کیا گیا ہے کہ 79 ترقیاتی منصوبوں میں سے 96 فیصد کے سیکورٹی انتظامات ناقص ہیں، ضلعی پولیس افسران ان منصوبوں اور وہاں کام کرنے والے چینی شہریوں کی سیکورٹی کو یقینی بنائیں۔

لاہور: انیکورٹ نے اورنج لائن ٹرین منصوبے کی تکمیل کے لیے چین سے ہونے والا معاہدہ پیش کرنے کا حکم دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ بادی النظر میں دیکھ رہا ہے کہ منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ شفافیت پر مبنی نہیں۔ لاہور ہائیکورٹ کے جسٹس عابد عزیز شیخ کی سربراہی میں 2 رکنی بینچ کی عدالت میں درخواست گزار کے وکیل اظہر صدیق نے بتایا کہ فزیسیبلٹی رپورٹ میں تاریخی عمارتوں کو بچانے کے لیے 7 کلو میٹر زیر زمین ٹریک بچانے کی تجویز دی گئی تھی، نیپاک نے وزیر اعلیٰ کو فزیسیبلٹی رپورٹ تبدیل کرنے کے اختیارات دے دیئے جس سے تاریخی عمارتوں کا تحفظ خطرے میں پڑھ گیا۔ درخواست گزار کے وکیل نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ عالمی سطح پر ٹینڈر کھولنے کی بجائے چین کی من پسند کمپنی کو ٹھیکہ دیا گیا جس سے منصوبے کی لاگت کئی گنا بڑھ گئی اور منصوبے کی شفافیت مشکوک ہو گئی۔ وکیل کے دلائل پر عدالت نے بیمار کس دیئے کہ بادی النظر میں دیکھاٹی دے رہا ہے کہ اورنج ٹرین منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ شفافیت پر مبنی نہیں اس لیے انٹارنی جنرل پاکستان منصوبے کے معاہدے کی تفصیلات 2 مئی کو عدالت میں پیش کریں۔ عدالت نے کیس کی مزید سماعت 2 مئی تک ملتوی کرتے ہوئے فریقین کے وکلاء کو مزید بحث کے لیے طلب کر لیا۔

لاہور: حساس اداروں کی جانب سے دہشت گردی کے خدشے سے متعلق خفیہ رپورٹس جاری کیے جانے کے بعد پنجاب بھر میں جیلوں کی سیکورٹی کو انتہائی سخت کر دیا گیا ہے۔ خفیہ اداروں کی جانب سے بھیجی گئی رپورٹس کے مطابق جنوبی پنجاب سمیت دیگر مقامات میں پاک فوج اور ریجنل کے جاری آپریشن کے بعد دہشت گرد قبائلی علاقوں کا رخ کرنے کی بجائے بھیس بدل کر پنجاب میں داخل ہو چکے ہیں اور وہ پنجاب کی جیلوں کو نشانہ بنا سکتے ہیں لہذا صوبائی حکومت اس ضمن میں ترجیحی بنیادوں پر اقدامات کو یقینی بنائے۔ اٹلی جنس اداروں کی جانب سے فراہم کی گئی اطلاعات کی روشنی میں صوبائی محکمہ داخلہ نے صوبے بھر کی تمام جیلوں اور دیگر اہم مقامات کی سیکورٹی سخت کرنے کے احکامات جاری کر دیئے

جعفر آباد میں بارودی سرنگ کا دھماکہ، تین

افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

28 اپریل 2016

پنجاب کے 10 اضلاع میں چینی شہریوں کی

سیکورٹی غیر اطمینان بخش قرار

ایکسپریس اردو

28 اپریل 2016

لاہور ہائیکورٹ کا انٹارنی جنرل کو اورنج ٹرین

منصوبے کا معاہدہ پیش کرنے کا حکم

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27 اپریل 2016

پنجاب میں جیلوں پر دہشت گردوں کے حملے

کا خدشہ، سیکورٹی سخت

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26 اپریل 2016

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

کراچی ریجنر ز نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان سندھ ریجنر ز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقوں محمد کالونی، پرانا گولیمار، لاندھی، کالا بورڈ اور عزیز آباد میں خفیہ اطلاعات پر کارروائیوں کے دوران 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ گرفتار ملزمان کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ سے ہے جن کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کیا گیا ہے جب کہ ملزمان سے مزید تفتیش جاری ہے۔

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران 8 ملزمان گرفتار، ترجمان ریجنر ز ایکسپریس اردو 30 اپریل 2016

پشاور پولیس نے جی ٹی روڈ پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے سیکورٹی فورسز اور اسکول پر حملوں میں ملوث 3 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پشاور میں پولیس نے جی ٹی روڈ پر ترناب کے قریب مصدقہ اطلاعات پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے سیکورٹی فورسز اور اسکول پر حملوں میں ملوث 3 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار دہشت گردوں میں سے ایک کا تعلق مردان اور 2 کا جوڑا سمیٹنی سے ہے۔ پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار دہشت گردوں کے قبضے سے 5 کلو بارودی مواد، 2 ہینڈ گرنیڈ اور 2 سیفٹی فیوز سمیت کالعدم تنظیم کے چندہ باکس، لیٹر ہیڈ اور رسید باکس بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

پشاور سے سیکورٹی فورسز اور اسکول پر حملوں میں ملوث 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار ایکسپریس اردو 30 اپریل 2016

پاکستان کے شہر لاہور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ نے شہر میں شدت پسندی کے عمومی اور پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے سربراہ عمران خان کو درپیش خطرات کے پیش نظر تحریک انصاف کو یکم مئی کو لاہور کے مال روڈ پر جلسہ کی اجازت دینے سے انکار کر دیا۔ انتظامیہ نے جلسے کے انعقاد کے لیے متبادل جگہیں تجویز کی ہیں تاہم تحریک انصاف مال روڈ پر ہی جلسہ کرنے پر بضد ہے۔ پاکستان تحریک انصاف نے پانا لیکس میں وزیراعظم نواز شریف کے بیٹوں کے نام آف شور کمپنیوں کے ذکر پر ان کے خلاف تحریک چلا رہی ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کے راہنما عمران خان نے وزیراعظم نواز شریف پر دباؤ بڑھانے کے لیے رائے و نڈ میں ان کے گھر کے گھیراؤ کی دھمکی بھی دی تھی تاہم اس سے پہلے انھوں نے اتوار یکم مئی کو لاہور کے مال روڈ پر پنجاب اسمبلی کے سامنے احتجاجی جلسہ کرنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ مال روڈ پر جلسہ کی اجازت کے لیے تحریک انصاف نے لاہور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ کو درخواست دے رکھی ہے تاہم ضلعی حکومت تاحال اس کی اجازت دینے سے گریزاں ہے، اس سلسلے میں رکن پنجاب اسمبلی میاں اسلم اقبال کی قیادت میں تحریک انصاف کے ایک وفد نے جمعرات اور جمعہ کی درمیانی شب ضلعی انتظامیہ سے طویل مذاکرات کیے لیکن دونوں اپنی اپنی بات پر قائم رہے اور مذاکرات بے نتیجہ ختم ہو گئے۔

شدت پسندی کا خطرہ، مال روڈ پر جلسے کی اجازت نہیں ملی بی بی سی اردو 29 اپریل 2016

مذاکرات کے بعد لاہور کے ڈی سی او کی جانب سے جلسہ کے چیف آرگنائزر عبدالعلیم خان کے نام لکھے گئے خط میں ان سے کہا گیا ہے کہ تحریک انصاف کے نمائندوں کو لاہور شہر میں شدت پسندی کے خدشے اور خاص طور پر تحریک انصاف کے سربراہ عمران خان کو درپیش خطرے سے آگاہ کیا گیا۔ تحریک انصاف کے قائدین کو یہ بھی بتایا گیا ہے کہ لاہور ہائی کورٹ نے مال روڈ پر جلسے جلوس منعقد کرنے پر پابندی عائد کر رکھی ہے، اس لیے وہ جلسے کے لیے کسی متبادل بند جگہ کا انتخاب کریں جہاں انھیں بھرپور سیکورٹی فراہم کی جاسکے لیکن تحریک انصاف کے نمائندے اس سلسلے میں کوئی فیصلہ نہیں کر سکے۔ معلوم ہوا ہے کہ ضلعی انتظامیہ نے تحریک انصاف کو مال روڈ کے بجائے پنجاب فٹ بال گراؤنڈ، ناصر باغ یا سمن آباد ڈوگلی گراؤنڈ میں جلسہ منعقد کرنے کی تجاویز دی ہیں لیکن تحریک انصاف کے قائدین مال روڈ پر ہی جلسہ کرنے کے فیصلے پر قائم ہیں۔ خیال رہے کہ مال روڈ پر جس جگہ تحریک انصاف جلسہ کرنا چاہتی ہے وہاں گزشتہ اتوار کو جماعت اسلامی، عوامی دھرنے کے نام سے اپنا احتجاجی جلسہ منعقد کر چکی ہے۔

نانگا پربت حملے میں ملوث تین ملزمان اڈیالہ جیل منتقل بی بی سی اردو 29 اپریل 2016

پاکستان کے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے نانگا پربت میں دس غیر ملکیوں کے قتل اور گلگت کی جیل توڑنے کے الزام میں گرفتار کیے گئے تین ملزمان کو راولپنڈی منتقل کر دیا ہے۔ ان تینوں افراد کو قومی ایئر لائن کی پرواز کے ذریعے راولپنڈی منتقل کیا گیا۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کے ایک اہلکار نے نام ظاہر نہ کرنے کی شرط پر بتایا کہ ان تینوں ملزمان کو شدت پسندوں کی جانب سے ممکنہ حملوں کے پیش نظر راولپنڈی کی اڈیالہ جیل میں منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔ ان کے مطابق اڈیالہ جیل منتقل کیے جانے والے ملزمان میں کریم اللہ، حبیب الرحمن اور عرفان اللہ شامل ہیں جن کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان سے بتایا جاتا ہے۔ اہلکار کے مطابق ان میں سے دو ملزمان حبیب اللہ اور عرفان اللہ سنہ 2013 میں نانگا پربت کے بیس کمپ میں سیاحوں پر حملے کے مقدمے میں نامزد کیا گیا تھا تاہم ان کی گرفتاری عمل میں نہیں لائی گئی تھی۔ ان ملزمان کو انسداد

کے اندر مکمل کیا جاسکے۔ تھر کمیشن نے کہا کہ پورے ضلع میں صرف 14 ایبوی لینس ہیں جن میں سے 16 ایبوی لینس مٹھی سول اسپتال میں استعمال کی جارہی ہیں۔ اس پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے تھر پارک کر ضلع کے لئے 110 ایبوی لینس خریدنے کی منظوری دی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے کہا کہ تھر کمیشن کی رپورٹ بہت جامع ہے جس پر تفصیلی بحث مباحثہ کی ضرورت ہے کیونکہ اس کی تحقیقی رپورٹ اہم ہے اور اس پر کھلے ذہن کے ساتھ غورو فکر کی ضرورت ہے۔ انہوں نے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ اس رپورٹ کے حوالے سے تمام سیکریٹریوں کا اجلاس طلب کریں اور اگلے اجلاس میں تفصیلی تجاویز کے ساتھ شریک ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تھر پارک کر کے معاملے کو تمام کوششوں کے ساتھ حل کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔

کراچی (این این آئی) تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کی وجوہات کے تعین کے لئے بنائے گئے کمیشن نے سندھ حکومت کے ماتحت مختلف محکموں کو صورت حال کا ذمہ دار قرار دیدیا۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق سندھ ہائی کورٹ کے حکم پر سابق ایڈووکیٹ جنرل سندھ عبدالفتح ایڈووکیٹ کی سربراہی میں تھر میں ہونے والی اموات کی وجوہات جاننے کے لیے کمیشن تشکیل دیا گیا تھا، کمیشن نے ایک ماہ کی مدت میں اپنی رپورٹ تیار کر کے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو پیش کر دی۔ 300 صفحات پر مشتمل رپورٹ میں تھر میں ہونے والی اموات کی ذمہ داری براہ راست وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ یا صوبائی وزیر پر عائد کرنے کے بجائے محکمہ تعلیم، صحت، آبپاشی، بہبود آبادی، لائیو سٹاک اور دیگر محکموں پر عائد کی گئی ہے۔ کمیشن کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ قحط زدہ ضلع میں صحت، بہبود آبادی اور بحالی سے متعلق محکموں کی کارکردگی ناہونے کے برابر ہے، ہسپتالوں میں نا تو ڈاکٹر ہیں اور نائی دیگر طبی عملہ موجود ہے۔ تھر سے متعلق کمیشن کی اس رپورٹ میں 97 صفحات پر سفارشات کی گئی ہیں، جس میں کہا گیا کہ تھر کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں مقامی ڈاکٹروں کو تعینات کیا جائے اور ان کی تنخواہیں کم از کم 4 لاکھ روپے مقرر کی جائیں، اسی صورت میں ڈاکٹر اس دور افتادہ علاقے میں فرائض کی انجام دہی کر سکیں گے۔ کمیشن نے اپنی تجاویز میں کہا کہ حکومت کی جانب سے تھر میں پینے کے صاف پانی کی فراہمی کیلئے آراہنہ منصوبہ نصب کئے ہیں لیکن یہ پلانٹس مستقل حل نہیں۔

کراچی (کرائم رپورٹر) کراچی میں پیر کو بھی گرمی کی شدت سے ایک اور شخص جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ گزشتہ تین روز میں گرمی سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد 7 ہو گئی ہے۔

پشاور: (دنیا نیوز) زلزلہ پیامرکز کے مطابق سوات، مالاکنڈ، شانگلہ، لوئر دیر سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف شہروں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے۔ رات گئے آنے والے زلزلے سے لوگ کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کرتے گھروں سے باہر نکل آئے۔ زلزلے کی شدت پانچ اعشاریہ آٹھ جبکہ گہرائی 116 کلومیٹر ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ زلزلے کا مرکز افغانستان اور تاجکستان کا سرحدی علاقہ بتایا گیا ہے۔

تھر میں بچوں کی اموات “تحقیقاتی کمیشن” قائم علی شاہ انکے وزیر کو بچا گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

26 اپریل 2016

کراچی: گرمی کے باعث ایک اور شخص جاں بحق، 3 روز میں ہلاکتیں 7 ہو گئیں

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

26 اپریل 2016

خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف شہروں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے، شدت 5.8 ریکارڈ

دنیا نیوز

25 اپریل 2016

لاہور، سکھر (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پنجاب اور سندھ میں گرمی نے زور پکڑ لیا۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق رجم یار خان میں درجہ حرارت 46، سکھر اور نواب شاہ میں 45 ڈگری کو چھو گیا جس کے باعث لوگوں نے ٹھنڈے مشروبات کا استعمال بڑھا دیا۔ کوٹ ادو میں 45.2، ڈی جی خان میں 44.6، خان پور میں 45، ملتان اور بہاولنگر میں 43.5 جبکہ لیہ میں درجہ حرارت 40.3 درجے سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ دوسری طرف محکمہ موسمیات کی پیش گوئی کے مطابق آج بھی موسم گرم و خشک رہنے اور گرد آلود ہوا میں چلنے کا امکان ہے۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ہفتہ اور اتوار کے دوران ملک بھر میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہنے کی توقع ہے۔ خشک موسم کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے کاشتکار حضرات گندم کی کٹائی کا سلسلہ مکمل کریں۔ گرم اور خشک موسم کے باعث آج اور کل درجہ حرارت معمول سے دو سے چار ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ زیادہ رہے گا تاہم بارش اور تیز ہواؤں کے باعث منگل سے درجہ حرارت میں کمی آنا شروع ہو جائے گی اور اگلے ہفتے کے دوران پنجاب، فانا، کے پی، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں دن کا درجہ حرارت معمول سے دو سے تین ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ کم رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ مغربی ہواؤں کا نیا سلسلہ اتوار کی شام اور سوموار کے روز پاکستان میں داخل ہو گا جس کے باعث سو مواری کی شام سے جمعرات کے دوران اسلام آباد، فانا، کے پی، پنجاب، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں وقفے وقفے سے کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں، آندھی اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے جبکہ بالائی سندھ اور شمال مشرقی بلوچستان میں بھی سو مواری سے بدھ کے دوران گرد آلود ہواؤں کے ساتھ بارش کی توقع ہے۔ موسمیاتی ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ سو مواری سے جمعرات کے دوران پنجاب اور کے پی میں گرد آلود ہوا میں چلنے کی توقع ہے، جس کے باعث کسانوں کو کٹائی کی ہوئی گندم کی بھریاں باندھ کر کھڑی کر دینی چاہیے، جبکہ بھوسے کو مٹی سے ڈھانپ دیا جائے، آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے، جبکہ میدانی اور جنوبی علاقوں میں موسم شدید گرم اور خشک رہے گا، گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران بھی ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم خشک اور گرم رہا۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) سیکرٹری سپیشل انڈسٹریل اینڈ میڈیکل ایجوکیشن پنجاب نجم احمد شاہ نے موسم گرما میں ناقص اشیاء خورد و نوش اور غیر معیاری مشروبات کے استعمال سے پھیلنے والے پیٹ کے امراض فوڈ بورن ڈیزیز کی روک تھام اور علاج کے موثر انتظامات کے سلسلے میں تمام چیکنگ ہسپتالوں، خود مختار میڈیکل انسٹی ٹیوٹس کے پرنسپل اور چلڈرن ہسپتالوں کے سربراہان کو ہدایات جاری کر دی ہیں۔ جس کے لئے تمام ہسپتالوں کی انتظامیہ کو پوری طرح الرٹ رہے۔

پشاور۔ پاکستان کے شمال مغربی شہر چترال کے تقریباً چار سو سے زائد زلزلہ متاثرین تین دنوں سے میر کھنچی چیک پوسٹ کے قریب دھرنے پڑے ہیں جن سے احتجاج ختم کروانے کے لیے حکام کی بات چیت کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے۔ گزشتہ اکتوبر میں ایک طاقتور زلزلے کے باعث پاکستان کے شمالی علاقوں میں وسیع پیمانے پر نقصان ہوا تھا جس کا اندازہ لگانے کے بعد حکومت نے متاثرین کو امدادی رقوم فراہم کر دی تھیں۔ تاہم چترال کی تحصیل دروش سے تعلق رکھنے والے ان مظاہرین نے الزام عائد کیا ہے کہ انھیں ان کے تباہ شدہ گھروں کا معاوضہ نہیں دیا گیا اور بارہا حکام کی توجہ دلانے کے باوجود بھی ان کا مسئلہ حل نہیں کیا گیا۔

احتجاج کرنے والوں میں شامل عبدالباری نے وائس آف امریکہ کو بتایا کہ وہ لوگ اپنے مطالبات تسلیم نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے احتجاجاً افغانستان ہجرت کرنا چاہتے تھے لیکن چترال اسکاؤٹس نے انھیں میر کھنچی چیک پوسٹ سے آگے جانے سے روک دیا اور اسی بنا پر وہ سڑک پر ہی دھرنے پڑے۔ ہمارا مطالبہ ہے کہ یہ 425 لوگ دھرنے والے ان کو چیک دیں۔ دوسرا مطالبہ ہے کہ اگر ہمیں چیک نہیں دیتے ہو تو ہمیں ہجرت کرنے "ہیں۔" دوہم کہہ رہے ہیں کہ اگر گھر نہیں جائیں گے اگر یہ مطالبے آپ کو قبول نہیں تو یہاں جو فساد ہو گا ہم اس کے لیے بھی تیار ہیں۔

چترال کے ایڈیشنل سسٹنٹ کمشنر عبدالاکرم کہتے ہیں کہ مظاہرین کے مطالبات تسلیم کرنے میں کوئی حرج نہیں ہے لیکن اس کے لیے قواعد وہ کہہ رہے ہیں کہ ہمیں یہیں سڑک پر پیسے دیں۔ "ضوابط کے تحت ہی عمل کیا جائے گا جسے ماننے کے لیے فی الوقت احتجاج کرنے والے تیار نہیں۔ جو طریقہ کار ہے اسی طرح سے ہی مسئلہ حل ہو سکتا ہے، ہم ان کی معلومات این ڈی ایم اے، پی ڈی ایم اے تک پہنچائیں گے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ مظاہرین سے بات چیت جاری ہے اور انھیں امید ہے کہ جلد ہی احتجاج ختم ہو جائے گا۔

کراچی (وقائع نگار) تھر پارکر میں قحط سالی کے حوالے سے تھر کمیشن کی رپورٹ کے تناظر میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں ایک اعلیٰ سطحی اجلاس ہوا جس میں تھر کمیشن کی جانب سے دی گئی سفارشات کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے حکومت کی کوششوں میں حائل رکاوٹیں دور کرنے سمیت غربت اور قحط سالی کے شکار تھر کے عوام کے لئے پائیدار حل تلاش کرنے کے حوالے سے تفصیلی بحث مباحثہ کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے سید مراد علی شاہ کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ ضلعی اسپتال کے لئے زیادہ سے زیادہ فنڈ مختص کریں تاکہ اسے ایک سال

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تفصیلات

وادی کلام جانے والی اہم شاہراہ پہاڑی تو دوں کی زد میں آنے سے تقریباً دو ہفتے تک مسلسل بندرہ پاکستان کے صوبے خیبر پختونخوا کی وادی سوات میں گزشتہ چند سالوں سے یہ دیکھنے میں آیا ہے کہ جب بھی گرمیوں کے موسم کا آغاز ہوتا ہے اس سے پہلے علاقے میں کوئی بڑی قدرتی آفت آچکی ہوتی ہے جس سے ہوٹل مالکان کا کاروبار بری طرح متاثر ہو جاتا ہے اور دور دراز کے علاقوں سے آنے والے سیاح بھی مشکلات کا شکار ہو جاتے ہیں۔ اس سال بھی یہی کچھ ہوا، چند ہفتے قبل آنے والی طوفانی بارشوں کی وجہ سے سب زیادہ نقصان خیبر پختونخوا کے ملاکنڈ ڈویژن میں ہوا جہاں نہ صرف درجنوں انسانی جانیں ضائع ہوئی بلکہ بارشوں اور پہاڑی توڑے گرنے کے واقعات میں شاہراہوں اور مکانات کو بڑے پیمانے پر نقصان پہنچا۔ گزشتہ چند سالوں میں ہماری قسمت خراب ہی رہی ہے کیونکہ پہلے طالبان پھر دو سال تک مسلسل سیلاب آتے رہے اور اب بارشیں اور یہ مصیبتیں اور قدرتی آفات۔ افضل خان، ہوٹل مالک ضلع سوات میں بھی حالیہ بارشوں سے سیاحوں کی جنت کہلانے والی وادی کلام جانے والی اہم شاہراہ پہاڑی تو دوں کی زد میں آنے سے تقریباً دو ہفتے تک مسلسل بندرہ رہی۔ اگرچہ شاہراہ عارضی طور پر کھول دی گئی ہے لیکن تاحال اس پر صرف چھوٹی گاڑیاں جاسکتی ہیں جبکہ بڑی گاڑیوں کے لیے یہ شاہراہ بدستور بند ہے۔ کلام کے ایک سینئر صحافی رحمت دین صدیق کا کہنا ہے کہ لینڈ سلائڈنگ کے باعث کلام سڑک جن چار مقامات پر بند ہو گئی تھی وہاں سے اب گاڑیوں کا گزرنا ایک مشکل مرحلہ سمجھا جاتا ہے اور جو سیاح ایک مرتبہ اس سڑک سے جاتے ہیں وہ دوبارہ یہاں کا رخ نہیں کرتے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ وادی بحرین سے کلام تک 35 کلومیٹر پر مشتمل یہ سڑک گزشتہ چھ سالوں سے ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار ہے اور مختلف حکومتوں کی طرف سے وعدے بھی کئے گئے لیکن یہ شاہراہ مکمل طور پر بحال نہیں کی جاسکی ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ سڑک کی خرابی کے باعث اب بیشتر سیاح بالائی سوات کا رخ نہیں کر رہے جس سے ہوٹل مالکان کا کاروبار بری طرح متاثر ہوا ہے۔ وادی سوات میں عام طور پر اپریل کے مہینے میں سیاحوں کی آمد شروع ہوتی ہے اور اگست کے آخر تک یہ سلسلہ جاری رہتا ہے۔ سوات میں اکثریتی آبادی کاروبار سیاحت سے وابستہ ہے اور یہ صنعت وہاں کے عوام کے لیے ریزیڈنٹ کی حیثیت رکھتی ہے۔ ہوٹل مالکان نے اپنی مدد کے تحت بازار میں سڑک بنانے کے لیے چندہ اکٹھا کیا ہے سوات میں ایک مقامی ہوٹل کے مالک افضل خان کا کہنا ہے کہ وادی میں بد قسمتی سے سیزن کا آغاز ہی سڑکوں کی بندش سے ہوا ہے اور اس سال اگر ہوٹل مالکان اخراجات بھی پورے کر لیں تو غنیمت ہوگی، کمائی تو دور کی بات۔ گزشتہ چند سالوں میں ہماری قسمت خراب ہی رہی ہے کیونکہ پہلے طالبان پھر دو سال تک مسلسل سیلاب آتے رہے اور اب بارشیں اور یہ مصیبتیں اور قدرتی آفات۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ 2010 میں آنے والے تباہ کن سیلاب کی وجہ سے کلام بازار کا ایک حصہ مکمل طور پر پانی میں بہ گیا تھا اور وہ حصہ ابھی تک ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار ہے۔ ان کے مطابق حکومتی اور عوامی نمائندوں سے مایوسی کے بعد اب ہوٹل مالکان نے اپنی مدد کے تحت بازار میں سڑک بنانے کے لیے چندہ اکٹھا کیا ہے اور سڑک پر کام کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ افضل خان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ کلام میں گزشتہ چھ سالوں سے بجلی کا کوئی نام و نشان تک نہیں جبکہ سیلاب کی وجہ سے تباہ ہونے والے ٹیلی فون کا نظام بھی بدستور درہم برہم ہے۔ وادی سوات گزشتہ تقریباً ایک دہائی سے مسلسل شدت پسندی اور قدرتی آفات کی زد میں رہی ہے۔ علاقے میں چار سال تک شدت پسندی اور پھر دو سال تک تباہ کن سیلاب اور اب زلزلوں اور طوفانی بارشوں کی وجہ سے وادی کے بنیادی ڈھانچے کو ناقابل تلافی نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ تاہم ان کی بحالی کے لیے ابھی تک سنجیدہ کوششیں دیکھنے میں نہیں آرہی ہیں۔

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کراچی میں مئی اور جون میں اس سال بھی 'ہیٹ ویو' آئے گی۔ اس کی شدت پچھلے سال سے زیادہ ہوگی۔ 'ہیٹ ویو' ایک نہیں کئی بار آئے گی، محکمہ موسمیات نے خبردار کر دیا کہ کراچی میں پچھلے سال کی نسبت اس بار زیادہ دفعہ ہیٹ ویو آئے گی، دورانہ 4 سے 5 روز ہوا کرے گا، ہیٹ ویو کے دنوں میں درجہ حرارت 45 تک جائے گا، ہوا میں نمی زیادہ ہونے اور ہوا بند ہونے سے ہیٹ ویو زیادہ شدید ہوگی۔ ملک میں ماسندہ چند دنوں میں کہیں کہیں بارش تو ہوگی لیکن مئی میں موسم خشک اور گرم رہے گا۔ لاہور میں درجہ حرارت 42 ڈگری سنٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ چکا۔ اسلام آباد میں جلد محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ جون کے وسط میں پری مون سون بارشیں شروع ہو جائیں گی اور موسم کروت بدل لے گا۔ 40 تک جائے گا۔

تھرپارکر (این این آئی) تھرپارکر میں غذائی قلت اور بیماری کے باعث نومولود انتقال کر گیا۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں غذائی قلت اور بیماری کے باعث زیر علاج بچہ دم توڑ گیا جس کے بعد ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 310 ہو گئی۔ ہسپتال ذرائع نے بتایا کہ سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں اب بھی 46 بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔

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اردو کی خبریں

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سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں

پبلک سروسز سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں

نقشه جات

انگریزی کی خبریں

قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

پبلک سروسز سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

سُرخیاں

سوات پھر سے قدرتی آفات کی زد میں

کراچی میں شدید گرمی کی طویل لہر کا امکان

پنجاب اور سندھ میں بھی گرمی نے زور پکڑ لیا

تھر کمیشن رپورٹ پر کھلے ذہن کیساتھ غور کی ضرورت ہے

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں کاروائیوں کے دوران 8 ملزمان گرفتار

پشاور سے سیکورٹی فورسز اور اسکول پر حملوں میں ملوث 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار

پنجاب کے 10 اضلاع میں چینی شہریوں کی سیکورٹی غیر اطمینان بخش قرار

پنجاب میں جیلوں پر دہشت گردوں کے حملے کا خدشہ، سیکورٹی سخت

کراچی لاہور موٹروے منصوبے میں 14 ارب کی مبینہ کرپشن کا انکشاف

یکم مئی سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کا امکان

میڈیا تعلیم اور صحت کے شعبوں میں مسائل کی نشاندہی کرے: گورنر پنجاب



Detainmentment of RAW Agent - Operation Blue Bird



port Chabahar to target Karachi and Gwadar ports in a terrorist plot. Yadav was also involved in transporting 'anti-state elements' from Pakistan to New Delhi for training by RAW. After his arrest, Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale to lodge a strong protest over 'India's spying activities' in Balochistan and Karachi.

Future Water Threats

Water is a Present issue of Pakistan. The country is facing an unpleasant situation regarding its fast depleting fresh water resources. Pakistan basically an agrarian country and water becomes the most important of all the natural resources to be secured and managed. Pakistan being a single-basin country depends upon heavily on the Indus basin water to meet its agricultural, domestic and industrial needs. The growing population, rising temperature and poor management of water resources is adding pressure on the growing water demands.



Pakistan have already started to suffer growing water shortage

According to reports, India has resumed construction work on the Wullar Barrage. It is quite obvious that once the barrage completed, it would allow India to store, control and divert River Jhelum flowing downstream. It would be a clear breach of the 1947 Indus Waters Treaty. The barrage would reach this end, Pakistan also has contributed to it. Monotonous statements by Pakistan hardly criticize the Indian construction activity coupled with perfunctory talks have been the norm so far. First, it was the Kishanganga project whose case we lost, because of insufficient evidence. Second, it was India that again went away for the same reasons followed up by Nimoo Bargo hydroelectric plant and now Wullar Barrage. These are, as of now only some of the large dams in Pakistan. India plans to build a large dam in the Kishanganga valley in the Kargil area. Crops and agricultural lands inside the valley are under threat. A timely resolution of the conflict is necessary.



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