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**LAHORE:** The Pakistan Railways has provided another good offer for its passengers on the tourism season as announced extension on low fares for another 3 months. The largest government department of transportation has lowered its fares up to 7 to 42 per cent on railway tickets for all passengers till 31st March of next year. Describing the decision railway sources said low fare rates initiative have increased the passengers traveling through railway and subsequently it raised railway income. Passengers will get concession of 7 to 42 % on tickets for another 3 month till the Month of March next year. Railway ministry had offered low fare rates from October this year for 3 months.

The issue of devolution of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) to the provinces under 18th Constitutional amendment has not been resolved yet by federal government and its federating units and salaries of PTDC employees are pending for the last 12 to 14 months.

While discussing the issue of PTDC, Senate Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Co-ordination has recommended that privatisation policy regarding all state-owned-enterprises should be discussed in the Parliament before privatising them. The Committee met with Senator Mrs Farah Aqil in the chair at parliament house on Tuesday. Senators Dr Saeeda Iqbal, Mrs Kalsoom Parveen, Dr Karim Ahmed Khawaja, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Co-ordination Secretary Ijaz Chaudhry, Addition and Joint Secretaries of IPCC and others official participated in the meeting.

The Additional Secretary PTDC, while briefing the Committee, told the members that around Rs 26 million per month were required for salary dispensation, whereas the non-development grant available was only Rs 6.6 million per month, which was extremely inadequate. Resultantly, 12-14 months salaries to PTDC employees are pending for payment. The pending liabilities of the employees till date had accrued to the tune of Rs 930 million, he added. He said revenue generating by PTDC through tourism had been declined massively due to law and order situation in the country, adding that during that transitional period, international domestic tourism, especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, had declined due to terrorism and law and order situation. He said PTDC hotels/motels had been closed particularly in Malakand Division and very negligible revenue could be earned which was not sufficient to pay the salaries. He said that management of PTDC had been transferred to the provinces however the Ministry had moved a summary to the Prime Minister in which it described two ways for payment of pending salaries of the employees. He said that one option could be that federal government might sanction onetime special grant of Rs 930 million to clear pending salaries and legal benefits accrued to the employees before their transfer to the province, while the second option was that the Prime Minister might approve in principle, the sale/mortgage of PTDC properties located in Islamabad to clear the liabilities and the salaries of the employees, and authorised Secretary IPC, assisted by Finance Division and Privatisation Commission to carry out that activity including exploring the possibilities of raising funds through joint venture with domestic and international investors on its properties. However, Senator Kalsoom Parveen said she was not in favour of selling the land however joint venture was good option, adding that a bill regarding all state own enterprises should be discussed in both the Houses before privatising them. The other members also supported the views of Kalsoom Parveen.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan and Turkey Tuesday resolved to increase bilateral cooperation against terrorism and organised crime, besides consulting each other bilaterally as well as multilaterally to promote regional peace and security.

According to a joint statement issued by the ministry of foreign affairs following the visit of Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to Pakistan, both the countries also expressed their desire to

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enhance cooperation in social sectors especially culture, education and tourism.

The Turkish premier had a meeting with his Pakistani counterpart, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Mamnoon Hussain besides delegation level talks. The two prime ministers exchanged views across the whole gamut of bilateral, regional and international issues and expressed their satisfaction on the progress in strategic partnership. They reaffirmed their abiding commitment for the socio-economic development of the people and to follow policies that bring improvement in the quality of people's lives and prosperity to their respective countries. They pledged to intensify cooperation in energy, trade, urban development, infrastructure and housing sectors besides inking agreement to operationalise the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul ECO Container Train. The two prime ministers termed it a "comprehensive review" of bilateral relations. "We have just concluded a comprehensive review of our bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of mutual concern. Our discussions were marked by unanimity of views on all issues," said PM Sharif. The two sides also expressed their desire to enhance cooperation in social sectors especially culture, education and tourism. Improved cooperation in social sector fields will also serve as a vehicle for greater people to people relations between the two countries.

During the visit, three MoUs and one Cooperation Protocol were signed between Pakistan and Turkey. Pakistan and Turkey agreed to maintain active political consultative process as well as regular exchange of high level visits alongside visits of parliamentarians, businessmen, civil society and media representatives. The two sides also agreed on the follow up implementation of decisions taken at the High Level Strategic Cooperation Council Forum and conclude Pakistan-Turkey Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) by the first half of 2014. Both the sides also resolved to facilitate investments by the private sector in both countries. Pakistan would especially encourage Turkish private sector for investments in the key sectors of energy, especially coal, hydroelectric and wind, infrastructure including motorways, roads and airports, low-cost housing and urban development and municipal services like public transport and solid waste management. It was also agreed to encourage respective state and private banks to open branches in Pakistan and Turkey, besides ensure regular operations of Istanbul-Islamabad Container train for enhanced on-land connectivity between Pakistan and Turkey. Further deepening of defence cooperation through exploring the possibility of joint defence production and allied research and development was also resolved. The two sides also vowed to enhance cooperation between educational institutions of the two countries and increase the number of students' scholarships and promote cooperation in fields of tourism and preservation and restoration of historical and archaeological sites. Prime Minister Erdogan also invited PM Sharif to visit Turkey which the latter accepted. On the first leg of his tour on Monday, the Turkish PM visited Lahore where he addressed a Business Forum attended by leading business community from Turkey and all across Pakistan.

The same evening, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif hosted a reception for the visiting premier and his delegation.

## PM Nawaz invites Turkey to invest in Pakistan diverse sectors

*The Frontier Post  
December 23, 2013*

**LAHORE:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has invited Turkish businessmen to invest in energy, agriculture, textile tourism and infrastructure building sectors in Pakistan.

Addressing Pak-Turk Business Forum in Lahore on Monday night, he said his Government would ensure full protection and support to the Turkish investment. The Prime Minister asked Turkish entrepreneurs to explore the possibility of investment in the energy sector in Pakistan which has wide-ranging potential in thermal, hydel and alternative sources. He said Pakistan has also embarked upon an ambitious programme of infrastructure development and Turkish cooperation would be welcome. He said the programme includes construction of motorways, highways, airports, theme parks and Economic Corridor linking Pakistan and China.

The Prime Minister noted that Turkish businessmen have expressed their desire to invest in Diamer-Bhasha and Bunji dams, Lahore-Karachi motorway and Gaddani Power Park. He said Board of Investment of Pakistan is also working with Pak-Turkey Business council in promoting cooperation in textile, automobile and communication sectors. He said there is vast potential in tourism development in Pakistan and Turkish firms can join their Pakistani counterparts for the purpose. Pakistan is a strong and resilient nation of 180 million people. With a broad agricultural base, diverse manufacturing and booming services sectors, Pakistan is endowed with a wealth of human and material resources.

"Our geographical location at the cross-roads of West, South and Central Asia, places Pakistan at the hub of major energy and transportation corridors," he said. Mian Nawaz Sharif also recounted the incentives that Pakistan offers to foreign investors including repatriation of the capital, profit, and tax breaks, concessions in custom duties and special economic zones where one window facility is offered. The Prime Minister said economic prosperity of people remains the top priority of the present government. He said our economic framework is based on sound macro-economic policies and accelerated economic growth; alleviate poverty and creating new jobs. He said with 75 billion tons of coal reserve in Pakistan, one of the largest in the world, it is but natural that coal-fired power projects are forming an increasingly important component of our energy matrix. The 6600 Megawatt Gadani Power Park is another important initiative in this respect. Likewise, increasing attention is being placed on the hydel, nuclear, wind and solar energy sectors.

"From large projects of over 5000 MW to small and medium sized projects, the opportunities for investments are wide-ranging. I am happy to note that the wind energy sector already provides concrete and tangible evidence of cooperation between Pakistan and Turkey. I invite Turkish

businessmen to explore the opportunities in energy sector ranging from wind, thermal and hydel power generation and Government of Pakistan shall ensure full protection and support to your investment," he remarked. He said Pakistan ranks among top ten producers of the world for at least 25 agricultural commodities and the agro-based industry including food processing. Pakistan is also amongst the top Milk producers in the world with immense potential for a productivity improvement. Turkish agro companies with their expertise in food processing technology would find this sector very attractive for value addition and conversion of this "white gold" into cheese, butter and dry milk products. Similarly, the opportunities in the export of high quality citrus and mangoes is unmatched and Turkish firms may consider corporate farming to boost the productivity in this sector.

Addressing the Pakistan-Turkey Business Forum, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey attaches great importance to its relations with Pakistan. He said Turkey will take benefit of investment opportunities in Pakistan. The Turkish Prime Minister said with the visit of Turkish businessmen to Pakistan, a new chapter of trade will be opened between the two countries. He said he is thankful of the Pakistan Government for encouraging the Turkish businessmen. He said people of Turkey and Pakistan are brothers and the Turkish people take Pakistan as their second home. Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey wants to enhance trade volume with Pakistan. He said his country to increase cooperation between Turkey and Pakistan in different fields including agriculture and tourism.

Three MOUs were signed on the occasion for cooperation between the two countries in different fields.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif recalled the close and historic bonds between the two countries but emphasized the need to go beyond to forge a strong economic partnership to the mutual advantage. He said Turkey has achieved all round progress and Pakistan has much to learn from the brotherly country. He thanked Turkey for extending meaningful assistance in the implementation of Metro Bus project in Lahore.

Addressing the forum, Turkish Minister for Economy, Zafar Shayalan said Turkey accords high priority to its economic and trade relations with Pakistan. He said Turkey is going to open up more corridors of engagement with Pakistan to enhance trade cooperation. Turkish Minister said their exports to Pakistan are worth two hundred and seventy six million dollars. He said there is less budget deficit in Turkey as compared to European countries. Shalayan said Turkey is exporting twenty thousand products to the world.

Addressing the forum Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said the structural reforms and the macroeconomic stability programme of the government have shown impressive results during the last five years. He said tax collection grew by seventeen percent, remittances increased by seven percent and stock market capitalization increased by twenty seven percent. The Finance Minister said international credit rating agencies are projecting positive outlook for Pakistan and all major donors are happily dealing with Pakistan. He pointed out that Pakistan has recently been given GSP plus status by the European Union and the country certainly has an edge over many countries of the region as far as labour cost is concerned. NNI

## For the Adventurous

*The News*  
December 23, 2013

Pakistan once used to be among the top 25 percent tourist-attracting countries of the world. It is common knowledge what led to the tragic flight of curious foreigners along with the comfort of the millions in revenue that these travelers brought with them. While it is tempting to lament the many losses Pakistan has faced in recent years, a far more profitable way to pass time would be by coming up with a remedy. We cannot wipe away the real fears of potential tourists since even the most adventurous are not adventurous enough for the security threats awaiting them here. We can, though, at least clutch at a straw and begin anew. If one market is exhausted, we should find another, but we should never stop selling. Can this be a viable solution for Pakistan's tourism industry? Perhaps if we looked to people whose countries are more like ours in terms of security conditions, we might be able to find lucrative markets in neighbouring Asian countries. Tourism is an important source of revenue for a country that has the sort of natural beauty that Pakistan does. We must try to revive this industry. (Irma Masood)

## Reviving tourism

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Pakistan, as a whole, has enormous potential as a tourist destination, but from a high point in the early 1990s, it has been downhill all the way since. Hunza and Gilgit-Baltistan, generally, have been magnets for tourists and mountaineers for decades. There are still a handful of mountaineering expeditions every year but security concerns have driven away foreign and domestic tourists alike. The mountainous north is not the only place to enjoy the considerable delights of a diverse, and for the most part, safe country — a reality often overlooked in the unending stream of bad news.

The Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) has now unveiled proposals, which would allow visitors to get the best out of the many sites of interest in south Punjab. The tourist season is limited to the cooler months and there are, at least, 27 potential destinations, some of them truly spectacular. The Derawar Fort is one of the finest pieces of historical military architecture in the subcontinent. The Cholistan Desert has an eerie tranquillity and emptiness. Tours will be arranged of Bahawalpur City and by boat to sight the Indus dolphins. Jeep and camel safaris can be organised and there is plenty to beguile anglers and ornithologists, in particular the variety in winter migratory birds. There are also many sites of religious or spiritual interest in the itinerary on offer. The TDCP tours appear aimed at the domestic market and for them to be successful, there is going to have to be an unequivocal undertaking regarding the security of those who book them. There is a wealth of cultural heritage in south Punjab that is ripe for integration into the tourism portfolio that



## Punjab CMs set Pakistan, India Agenda

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Pakistan has to offer. Despite this, the area is often overlooked, with the international desert jeep rally in February or March each year being the only major regional event that attracts tourists in large numbers. The TDCP initiative is thus to be welcomed and it is hoped it will provide the spark of revival for a much-neglected sector of the economy.

**NEW DELHI:** If India-Pakistan talks appear to have hit the doldrums, the chief ministers of Punjab provinces on both sides would have none of it. They issued instead a joint statement on Sunday that, in a limited sense, goes beyond the stymied ambitions of their national bureaucracies, possibly even their political masters.

The joint statement, believed to be the first such exercise between any two provinces of India and Pakistan, has proposed the free movement of academicians, students and interns, an idea that the home ministry in India would have none of. The ministry openly discourages academics and intellectuals from almost any country to travel and communicate freely inside the world's largest democracy. But India's Punjab could prove to have the clout to make this change. During the interaction between Pakistan's Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and his Indian counterpart Parkash Singh Badal, "it was mutually agreed to promote cooperation for the common interest of peace, harmony, economic growth and leveraging each other's potential," said their statement. It was issued in Amritsar at the end of Mr Sharif's five-day tour of India during which he met Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and other high-ranking officials in Delhi.

During the trip to Punjab, Mr Sharif visited the Punjab Agriculture University Ludhiana and also addressed the 'Conference on Punjab-Punjab Cooperation' organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). He also held meetings with Mr Badal and Deputy Chief Minister Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal and their delegation. Recognising the benefits of mutual cooperation both sides agreed to facilitate exchange of academicians, experts and researches and to promote community contacts and understandings through exchange of delegation consisting of professionals and practitioners from different sectors, including agriculture, trade, industry and commerce. The two would encourage exchange of students and interns from different educational institutions; that would "promote people to people contact through encouragement, development and participation in sports, cultural and tourism activities". A favourite subject of the two Punjabs, the chief ministers focused on the promotion of cooperation and sharing of learning in livestock sector, including dairy development, breed improvement, vaccinations, animal husbandry, veterinary sciences and water management. They would encourage holding of joint workshops, training programmes and R&D projects in agriculture and allied sector, especially crop improvement. Manufacturing of agriculture machinery and implements, exchange of knowledge and experiences in health and education sectors were the other topics mentioned in the statement. The two provinces would share each other's experience and good practices in land administration and public service delivery systems for improvement of governance and public facilitation. They would pursue policies for easy access for people of both sides to religious places of their respective faith. They would press for policies to reduce trade barriers for promotion of business and encourage new routes of trade.

Both the chief ministers resolved to pursue with their respective central governments to facilitate enhanced cooperation and formulate supportive policies in this regard.

## Mountain Day marked in GB

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**LAHORE** - World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-Pakistan) along with GB Tourism Department, Social Economic and Environmental Development (SEED) Project for the Central Karakoram National Park (CKNP) and Serena Hotel Gilgit, joined hands to celebrate International Mountains Day in Gilgit by organising a seminar on "Mountains: key for sustainable future" attended by people from different walks of life including academia, government departments, civil society organisation and media.

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 11<sup>th</sup> December as the International Mountain Day to raise awareness on importance of mountains to life. Experts in the seminar highlighted numerous functions and services of mountain ecosystems of the world in general and of Gilgit-Baltistan – the home of mountains – in particular.

Sadia Danish, Information Minister and Advisor to the Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan on Tourism, Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs attended the occasion as Chief Guest and applauded efforts of organisations and individuals for showcasing significance to its inhabitant for providing life sustaining goods and services. "The world mountainous ranges, spread over 24% of the earth's surface and supporting about 26% of the global population, are facing ecological destruction creating serious implications for the local communities, most of which are poorest and highly vulnerable people in the world", says Dr Babar Khan, Senior Manager Conservation Gilgit-Baltistan, WWF-Pakistan. He added that the mountainous landscapes of GB are the primary watersheds of Indus River and almost 75% of water into Indus River System is contributed by its tributaries including Shango, Shyok, Shigar, Hunza, Ghizer, Astore, emanating from the northern mountains. Hasan Sadpara, a renowned mountaineer whose claim of fame is to be the fastest climber on Everest (8848m) by summiting the peak in four days without using supplementary oxygen, shared his experience of mountaineering highlighted various issues that he faces while promoting mountaineering in Gilgit-Baltistan. He aimed to transfer his skills to the youth of Gilgit-Baltistan through establishing a mountaineering school in Skardu and Advisor tourism assured him to benefit from his rich experiences for promotion of high-altitude hiking and climbing in Gilgit-Baltistan. "Tourism sector of Gilgit-Baltistan in the presence of the highest concentration of peaks such as K-2, Gasherbrum-I, Gasherbrum-II, Broad Peak and Nanga Parbat possesses huge potential for

## Promotion of tourism?

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## Pakistani delegation Sohail Lashari says bold steps needed to forge business relations

*The Economic Times (India)*  
December 9, 2013

## Railways to establish tourist spots in Lahore: minister

*Business Recorder*  
December 09, 2013

economic upliftment, not only in Gilgit-Baltistan but entire Pakistan" said by Akhter Hussain Rizvi, Secretary Tourism, Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs of Gilgit-Baltistan. For this purpose "the tourism department, though newly established in Gilgit-Baltistan in 2006 has taken important steps like developing tourism policy for the region", he added.

The Deputy Director Tourism Yassir Hussain shared possible initiatives for promotion of tourism in Gilgit-Baltistan such as improving road access by developing alternative of Karakoram Highway; operations of all-weather domestic flights; international transit flights and establishing proper tourism facilities. He emphasized to brand Gilgit-Baltistan as the "Jewel of Pakistan" to portray the natural beauty of this area.

Asghar Khan, Assistant Director, Serena Hotels shared the initiatives of Serena Hotel Chains in promoting responsible tourism in Gilgit-Baltistan. He mentioned community development projects undertaken by Shigar and Khaplu Fort Residencies managed by Serena Hotels.

This refers to a letter by Maaz Baig, 'Tourism in the north' (December 7). The fact is that the tourism industry is in ruins, not only in the northern areas and KP but the whole of Pakistan.

In the past, I had a chance to visit Mohenjodaro in Sindh. I can't describe the condition of this invaluable site. To say that it was in a terrible condition would be an understatement! And this site was located at a distance of 25km from Larkana, which has produced two prime ministers of the country. A long time back, I happened to go to Naran and Jheel Saif-ul-Muluk. The condition of the road leading to Jheel Saif-ul-Muluk was so dangerous that the experience cannot be described in words. The names of all the drivers driving their 1945 vintage jeeps on this road should have been added to the Guinness book of world records. In these conditions, how will the tourism industry flourish in this country? To attract tourism, we'll have to provide cheap and clean accommodation with hygienic food. It looks as if the people entrusted with the responsibility of managing tourism industry don't know even the basics of this vital industry. (Air-Cdre (r) Azfar A Khan, Rawalpindi)

**NEW DELHI:** A Pakistani delegation led by Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) said there is a need to take bold steps to forge business relations and sought changes in investment laws in both the countries. "It is time to take action and to take bold steps. Tourism is an important sector and there is a need to promote tourist movement. There is the need to change the existing investment laws in both the countries," Sohail Lashari, President Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) said during an interactive session organised by PHD Chamber here. Lashari said that elaborate customs procedures and difficult visa regimes act as hindrances on economic cooperation between the two countries. "Communication hindrances need to be tackled immediately and there should be specific rules and regulations between India and Pakistan. There is a need to create awareness about each other's trade policies, business and regulatory procedures," he said. He also said that whichever commodity is not produced in Pakistan should be allowed to be imported from India. The LCCI delegation is on a eight day India visit from December 6-13 to facilitate trade ties between the two countries.

Salman Bashir, High Commissioner of Pakistan to India said that both India and Pakistan are connected by culture, geography and sentiments. "The connectivity that both nations share should transcend into a prosperous future for both the nations. It is time to capitalise on strengths such as technology, knowledge and capital," Bashir said. He also said developing cordial trade relations with India is a priority for the government of Pakistan. "We need to build of course mutual stake. My message to you which you perhaps already know, is to assure you that the people of Pakistan, the leadership of Pakistan, all political parties and in particular Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his government have prioritised in terms of foreign policy, improvement of relations with India," he added further. He also said that business chambers can play a very crucial role in organising business delegations which serves as a stepping stone towards improving economic and commercial relations between India and Pakistan. "A lot can be learnt from the existing cooperation among the other Asian economies. South Asia, particularly India and Pakistan should also follow the example. Also, private sector needs to show the way towards increased economic cooperation," he said.

In order to enhance the revenue and decrease the financial constraints of the organisation, Pakistan Railways (PR) will establish and develop various tourist points with the co-operation of the Punjab government in different areas of the provincial metropolis and vicinities. This was disclosed by Railways Minister, Khawaja Saad Rafique, while talking to the media after his visit to Changamanga Railway Station. Punjab Tourism minister, Rana Mashhood, was also with him. He said a comprehensive plan would be chalked out to promote Changamanga National Park for captivating the attention of the tourists from all over the country.

Saad Rafique said Changamanga Park has a great potential to attract national and international tourists that is why the government has decided to promote tourism. All available resources would be used to develop it as a modern visiting spot he added. When asked about the time span Khawaja said Changamanga Tourist Park would be restored at the earliest as it would also create more opportunities for employment in the area. To a question about failure of two safari trains in the park, he said the PML-N government was working on to fulfil all promises made by it during election campaign. Talking about Karachi operation, he said it had no political goals so the result was in front of the nation as the city has started regaining its peace after years. He said the government has initiated the Prime Minister's Youth Loan Programme with a big amount of Rs 100 billion. He said loan distribution would be transparent and on merit. Loan would be distributed among youth

## Tourist points connected to PR to be developed: Minister

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without their political affiliation.

Answering a question about energy crisis, the minister said the government could not provide electricity on cheaper rates as it was producing it on higher cost. The government had paid circular debt of Rs 500 billion in this regard and again the debt was rising due to provision of subsidy on the energy sector. Saad claimed the prices of electricity would be reduced after three years when the new projects start generating electricity. In response to a question, he said the PR had reduced fares for five times during the current year and passengers gave very positive response taking full advantage of this move. The occupancy rate has increased manifold and strengthened the weak financial health of Pakistan Railways.

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique said on Sunday that the PR would develop tourist points with the help of the provincial government. Talking to the media along with Punjab Minister for Health and Tourism Rana Mashhood after his visit to Changamanga Railway Station near here, the minister said a comprehensive plan would be made to promote Changamanga National Park to attract visitors from all over the country. He said the park had a potential to attract people but, unfortunately, it was ignored by the previous governments, adding the present government would promote the point according to its importance. Khawaja said Changamanga Tourist Park would be restored at the earliest, adding that it would also create more opportunities for employment in the area.

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To a question about the PR, he said the department had successfully reduced fares for five times during the current year. Later, Provincial Minister Rana Mashhood said, in his talk, the Punjab government would also support the PR for the development of the Changamanga Tourist Park, adding that all concerned officers were along with them and after the visit a complete and comprehensive strategy would be formed to develop the park.

## SC takes notice of 'corruption' in PTDC

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December 8, 2013*

**ISLAMABAD:** The Supreme Court has taken notice of alleged corruption in Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) by its former head Mir Shah Jahan Khetran and removal of two senior officers without following the required procedure to do so. The notice has been taken on media reports and a complaint lodged by the removed officials – Managers (finance) Saeed Ansari and Abdul Rasool Zahidi.

Sources in the PTDC said on Sunday the court had sent a notice to the secretary of the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, seeking clarification why the two managers had been removed. It is learnt that the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has initiated an investigation into the alleged irregularities by Mr. Khetran. The sources said the present management of the corporation was allegedly hiding wrongdoings of Mr. Khetran and it had not conducted a departmental inquiry against him. Mr. Khetran was removed as PTDC managing director last week. They said that instead of exposing illegal decisions taken for misuse of funds, hundreds of appointments and leasing out of PTDC property, the ministry and the present management of the corporation were trying to make the two managers scapegoats despite the fact that they had opposed illegal decisions allegedly taken by Mr. Khetran. NAB, which has been looking into the PTDC matter for a couple of months, on Wednesday gave approval for a formal investigation. The sources said that NAB had initiated the investigation after receiving a letter from the Prime Minister's Office, suggesting stern notice over the alleged corruption. The letter, a copy of which is available with Dawn, did not mention the name of any other official for his involvement in the alleged irregularities by Mr. Khetran. The sources said names of the two managers were later sent to NAB by some officials in the ministry. The letter read: "The contract [of] Mr Shah Jahan Khetran as managing director PTDC be terminated with immediate effect. An inquiry be held to determine as to how Mr Khetran was allowed...charge of post of MD on May 28, 2013. An audit of the accounts of PTDC during the tenure of Mr Khetran be conducted and an inquiry be held into the various malpractices, including appointments committee during his tenure." It is learnt that some officials of the ministry, who allegedly wanted illegal handover of PTDC's assets (motels and resorts) worth trillions of rupees to provinces, had sent the names of Mr Ansari and Mr Zahidi to NAB. The reason was that the two officials had opposed handing over of the precious assets to provinces without proper liquidation process. Since the devolution of tourism ministry under the 18th Amendment, the fate of the PTDC is hanging in balance.

## Unpaid salaries:

**ISLAMABAD:** More than 400 disgruntled employees of the Pakistan Tourism Development



## Disgruntled PTDC employees to protests outside parliament

*The Express Tribune*  
December 8, 2013

Corporation (PTDC) who have not been paid salaries for the last two years have threatened to stage protest rallies outside parliament and across Pakistan from Monday. Over 450 employees of PTDC including PTDC motels, Pakistan Tours Limited and PTDC Tourist Information Centres have been working without salaries for the last two years.

PTDC Employees' Union President Majid Yaqoob Awan while talking to The Express Tribune said that it was increasingly becoming difficult, especially for lower grades employees to make both ends meet without salaries. "Their very survival of the employees is at stake, but the government and the PTDC management are turning a deaf ear to the issue," said Awan. He alleged that illegal appointments were made in different departments during the tenure of former PTDC managing director Mir Shahjahan Khetran, which led it to decadence and bankruptcy.

A PTDC official requesting anonymity said that National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has recently given a go-ahead to start investigation against Khetran and other former and current PTDC officials who were allegedly involved in financial mismanagement, illegal recruitment and illegal leasing of PTDC properties. Awan said that on one hand, the PTDC management has failed to pay salaries of its employees, while on the other, it has opened three new offices in the twin cities, including one in Flashman's Hotel in Rawalpindi, one in F-6 Markaz, and one in the Pakistan Sports Complex. He said that Minister for Interprovincial Coordination Riaz Hussain Pirzada ignored the requests of the affected employees when he was approached to help resolve the issue.

PTDC Managing Director Furqan Bahadur said the management was still facing a funds shortage. He said that a total of Rs39 million was released by the government to run PTDC, but the amount is not sufficient to pay past salaries. He said that the PTDC management has requested that the government approve a special grant of Rs500 million to clear outstanding dues and salaries of its employees.

## Tourism in the north Maaz Baig, Islamabad

*The News*  
December 07, 2013

The tourism industry in Pakistan has been badly affected by terrorism and political instability. In the northern areas and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa especially, tourism really is the main source of livelihood. But now many tourist attractions are on the brink of closure. The hotel industry in these areas is also dying. Local businesses remain closed or in ruins because of the threat of militancy and the resulting loss of tourism. The government needs to launch initiatives like a media to restore past glory and attract tourists. The government must also obviously ensure the security of foreign and local tourists

## NAB board authorises another four probes

*The Nation*  
December 05, 2013

**ISLAMABAD-** The Executive Board Meeting (EBM) of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Wednesday authorized to open four investigations and three inquiries in different cases of corruption amounting to billions of rupees including two investigations in the rental power plants (RPPs) case.

Executive Board Meeting (EBM) of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) was held under the chairmanship of Acting Chairman NAB Rear Admiral (Retd) Saeed Ahmad Sargana here. The first investigation was authorized against officials and government functionaries of rental power plant (RPP) installed at Summanderi, Faisalabad. Allegedly corruption has been committed and a loss of Rs. 2.8 billion was caused to the national exchequer in the case. The second investigation was authorized in RPP case of Walters Power International, Naudero-I, Larkana. The accused allegedly caused a loss of Rs. \$28.423 million to the national kitty. The third investigation was authorized against Shah Jehan Khetran, Ex-MD Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC), Saeed Abbas Ansari, GM Finance PTDC and Abdul Rasool Zaidi, Manager Accounts PTDC. In this case, the accused persons are allegedly involved in financial mismanagement, illegal recruitments and illegal leasing out of PTDC properties. And, the fourth inquiry was authorized against Zahoor Khattak, Chief Controller Purchase, Paksitan Railways; Saeed Akhtar, former GM Pakistan Railways; Muhammad Naeem Malik, former GM Pakistan Railways; Sohail Sana Qazi, Dy Chief Engineer Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM); Jawad Ahmad, Contractor Pakistan Steel Traders, Lahore and Zeeshan Ahmad, contractor Pakistan Steel Traders, Lahore. The accused persons committed corruption causing loss of Rs. 48.85 million to the national exchequer.

The board authorized three inquiries. The first one is against Shahid Hussain Asad, Additional Secretary Economic Affairs Division and others for misuse of authority and granting illegal favour to M/s Pak Arab Fertilizers Ltd and M/s Fatima Fertilizers Ltd. The accused persons allegedly reduced sales tax rates for these companies through issuing SROs and are accused for causing loss of Rs 1 billion to the national kitty and case has been shifted to the NAB Punjab. The second one is against officers and officials of OGDCL, OGRA and others. The accused persons are alleged for corruption and corrupt practices in marketing, distribution and royalty of hydrocarbon products in KPK and are alleged for causing loss of Rs 375 million to the government. The Peshawar High Court in a suo moto case has directed NAB and FIA to probe this case. The third inquiry is against officers and officials of the KPK government for illegal reinstatement of a convicted person Zahid Arif, Assistant Director Communication and Works Department. The accused person was involved in a corruption case and he had paid Rs. 17 million to NAB through plea bargain in year 2000.

In the Board meeting, the acting Chairman has also authorized three complaint verifications (CVs). First one is against Dr. Nazir Hussain, Vice Chancellor University of Sindh Jamshoro and its Registrar Muhammad Nawaz Narejo. Both the persons are accused for misuse of authority and embezzlement of government funds amounting to Rs. 9.6 million. Second is against officers and officials of Labour and Workers Welfare Board Balochistan. The accused are suspected of corruption and corrupt practices and causing loss of Rs. 8.00 million to the national exchequer. The

## Tourism and terrorism

*The Nation*  
 December 05, 2013

last one is against officers and officials of Food Department, Quetta and others. The accused persons are suspected of corruption and corrupt practices.

Pakistan has been blessed with many resources and among them is our beautiful landscape, we have beaches in Karachi, mountain areas in the North West such as Hunza and Swat valleys but our tourism industry is facing severe crisis, the major reason being terrorism. Pakistan has been a victim of terrorism since 9/11 when Pakistan agreed to join the US in the war on terror, the incidence of terrorism in the country increased substantially. Tourists do not feel safe coming to Pakistan anymore. There have been incidents when tourists were targeted by the terrorists.

The diverse culture, traditions, historical places, beautiful valleys are all pearls that can make Pakistan an attractive tourist spot. There are historical places such as Mohenjo-Daro, Harappa, Taxilla, which attract archeologists from all over the globe. Other than that the valleys of Pakistan have been able to attract tourists for a long time. There are valleys such as Swat, Hunza, Naran, Kaghan and beautiful hills like Murree, Nathia Gali, Changa Gali etc.

Lahore is remembered by historians for its monuments of various Mughal emperors and Mughal architecture such as the Badshahi Mosque, the tomb of Jahangir, Lahore Fort, and Shalimar Gardens. The beautiful valleys of Naran, Kaghan, and Swat were totally destroyed after the 2005 earthquake and terrorism. The people should join the government in efforts to crush terrorism. We all hope that government will improve the law and order situation soon. It is time Pakistan does something to revive its tourism industry which has been marred by terrorism and natural disasters, once the country is able to put a stop to terrorism, the tourism industry would again flourish.

## No policy issue holding up group tourist visas: Envoy

*Business Standards*  
 December 4, 2013

**KARACHI:** India today said Pakistan's failure to furnish a list of authorised tour operators was holding up the implementation of a group tourist visa scheme. The scheme is not being delayed by any policy issue, Indian High Commissioner T C A Raghavan told a group of reporters here.

"We have given the list of tour operators from our side. We await the response of the government of Pakistan. Once they give a list of tour operators from their side, the agreement can be implemented immediately," he said. Raghavan, on an official visit to Karachi, said: "There is no policy issue holding up group tourism. I think your government has to decide who should be the tour operators who can use that facility."

The group tourist visa scheme is part of a liberalised visa agreement signed by the two countries last year. The new regime, the first major overhaul since 1974, eased travel restrictions for businessmen, tourists and senior citizens. Visas will be offered for 30 days to groups of 10 to 50 tourists organised by approved operators or travel agents. The group tourist visas were to be launched from March 15 but the scheme could not start as Pakistan failed to send its list of authorised tour operators. The scheme also ran into rough weather after bilateral tensions escalated following clashes along the Line of Control. It was only in April this year that the visa on arrival scheme for senior citizens, which was supposed to start on January 15, was put in place.

## 4th Vintage Car rally from Karachi to Khyber held

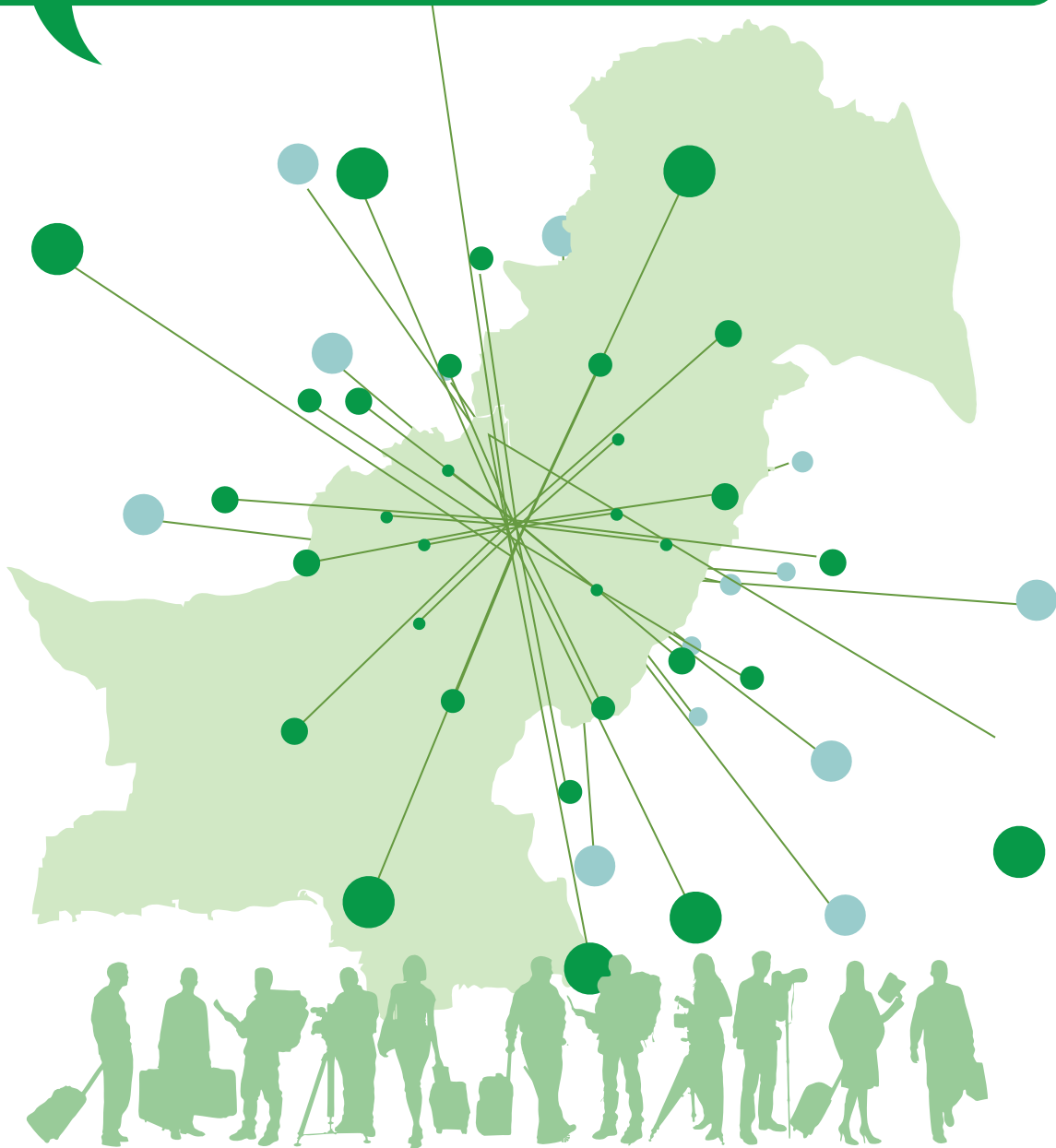
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The 4th annual Vintage Car rally was organised by Vintage and Classic Car Club of Pakistan, Asim Durrani of Classic Land Rover with sponsorship of Tourism Corporation Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Karachi to Peshawar, which was ended here on Saturday. This year, 15 classic cars have headed out from Karachi, to be joined by another 20 from Lahore and Islamabad. Going through, Bahawalpur, Lahore, and Islamabad, the festivities will end in Peshawar. Amongst the participating cars were a 1948 MG and a Mustang, a Morris MG and 1957 Humber Hawk, all of them lovingly restored and eased back on the roads. In Peshawar, participants of the car show will include members of the Vintage Car show, Frontier Vintage 4 by 4 and several others.

In this regard, Asim Durrani said: "Though it is the 4th Annual Karachi to Khyber Vintage Car rally, but it was organising 3rd consecutive time here in provincial metropolis Peshawar. He informed that the rally was ended at Islamabad, due to security reason there. He explained said the objective of organising the Vintage Car rally, was to give a platform to the car lover, especially the classic car enthusiasts of Pakistan in general and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular a guest for their ardour. The Managing Director TCKP, Mustaq Ahmad Khan said that the TCKP was sponsoring second time for organising the car rally, after great response and increasing popularity of this show during last year. TCKP has always introduced innovative events in the province and keeping its record it will do the same in future also with the same zeal and endeavour. The MD further stated that the Khanpur Water Sports Extravaganza is also in the pipeline and very soon the date will be announced. Another highly weighted event is the inauguration of ferry cruise at D I Khan in January next year, and the Safari Train Tour will be also arranged to Attock Khurd, Asim said.

Sharing his views on Vintage Car rally, the Minister for Tourism Mehmood Khan said this is a great initiative and such should be encouraged in future also, which was aimed at to create awareness among the younger generation about classic and old models Car, and to encourage their owners. The Minister further said it was a healthy activity and is our social responsibility to provide such fun filled events to general masses. Vintage Car shows try to relieve some of the great events of the past when man and machine were often alone for hour and even days with little support. Cars have now expendable parts and a gearbox which can be changed minutes.

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## HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTIONS IN TOURISM SECTOR IN PAKISTAN

### Sindhi Cultural Celebration Dekhi Aap Ne

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Dec 22nd, 2013

Alhumdolillah, 20th dec 2013 ki shaam, Islamabad 'Jiye Mehran' aur 'Jiye Lateef' ke naaron se goonj utha. International Islamic University Islamabad ki Mehran Students Association (MSA) k organize kiye hue event 'Sindhi Cultural Celebrations and Tribute to World's leading poet Shah Abdul Lateef Bhitai (R.A)' ko Shah Abdul Lateef Bhitai ki taraf mansoob kia. H-8/1 main Shah Lateef Auditorium main hone wala is program main Sindhi aur non-Sindhi logon ne shrikat ki.

#### Miss Shahida Rehmani (MNA)

Pakistan ke har koney ki saqafat ne is event main MSA ki invitation par hazri di. MNA Miss Shahida Rehmani ne apne tight schedule se waqt nikal ker khususi shirkat ki. Apni speech main Chairman MSA, Fayaz Hussain Chhachhar, ne is din 'aik mini sindhi' ke khuwab ko 'aik mini Pakistan' ki soorat main tabeer kia.

#### Fayaz Hussain Chhachhar (Chairman MSA)

Sindhi, Punjabi, Pashtoon, Gilgit-Baltistan, Balochi, Siraiki aur degar bhaion ne apna rivayti aur saqafati dance pesh kia jis se event main chaar chand lag gaye. IIUI main parhney wala foreign students aur teachers bhi is taqreeb main shamil hue aur is taqreeb se mehzoos hue.

#### Cultural Dance:

International Islamic university ke students ne mazahiya aur sabaq amooz tableaux pesh kiye.

Aakhir main Chairman MSA ne Bhattai sahib ke kalam par ikhtitam karty hue tamam aaney wala Pakistani aur Gair mulki bahiyon, Media aur is event to mumkin banany wala MSA ke organizers ka tah-e-dil se shukriya ada kia, Ajrak ka tohfa aur certificates bhi pesh kiye.

Awaken Pakistan ne karwayi free movie screening "Girl Rising" jo kay dekhai gai Khiva Lounge Islamabad men. Ye movie na sirf aik feature film thi balkay global action campaign bhi hai aur is movie ka basic aim tha Girls ki education aur rights kay liay awareness create karna. Is movie men 9 different girls ki real stories se inspiration di gai aur dekhaya gaya kay kese unhon ne halaat ka muqabla kartay huay taleem hasil ki.

Is event kay head thay Awais Abbassi jo kay hen CEO Awaken Pakistan kay isk ilawa opening speech di gai thi Kashmala Illyas ki taraf se. Is event kay Chief Guests men shamil thay MNA Nafeesa Khatak, MNA Siraj Khan, Senator Saeeda Rahman, IHRC Ambassador Shafiq Ur Rehman Yousufzai aur President All Pakistan Private Schools Dr Afzal Babar. Different universities kay students nay bhi is free movie screening ko dekha aur mili unhen bhi inspiration.

Movie screening kay bad Sub guests ne apnay apnay khiyalaat ka izhaar kia aur is cause ko bhi suraha. Is kay bad hui refreshment aur phir sub apnay apnay ghar ko chal diay :)

Mr. Fahad Javaid and Mr. Zaryab Sheikh organized a Seminar on "Seminar to Promote Tourism in Pakistan". Mrs. Tahia Noon MPA and Advisor Tourism to Chief Minister (CM) Punjab, Mr Habib ur Rehman Gilani, Managing Director TDCP, and Mr. Leo, a German Consultant engaged by CM Punjab to develop tourism promotion strategy for Punjab, Ms. Sarah Quereshi Manager Operations TDCP, and Mr. Agha Moosa Raza Key Account Manager Ufone delivered their talk at 11:30am to 1:30pm in A-Block Seminar Room. This seminar while urging students to see Pakistan also helped them to identify the entrepreneurial and job opportunities in tourism industry. Mr Habib ur Rehman Gilani, Managing Director TDCP offered different free and discounted opportunities to visit Pakistan for COMSATS students.

Cholistan desert, also known as Rohi, sprawls thirty kilometers from Bahawalpur and covers an area of 26,300 km<sup>2</sup>. The people of Cholistan lead a semi-nomadic life, moving from one place to another in search of water and fodder for their animals. The dry bed of the Hakra River runs through the area, along which many settlements of the Indus River civilization have been found. Derawar Fort is a large square fortress in Pakistan near Bahawalpur. The forty bastions of Derawar are visible for many miles in Cholistan desert. The walls have a circumference of 1500 meters and stand upto 30 meters high. The nearby mosque was modeled after that in the Red Fort of Delhi. There is also a royal necropolis of the Abbasi family, which still owns the stronghold.

#### MAIN ATTRACTIONS:

La Sohanra National Park, Derawar Fort and historical Shahi Masjid, camel safari, shrines of Uch Sharif and necropolis of the Abbasi family.

#### SERVICES INCLUDED:

Transport, accomodation in camps on twin sharing, camel safari, three meals a day, evening tea, electric generator, first aid and services of camp counselor and wilderness guide.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Sports Festival 2013-14 is gaining momentum as 160,000 youngsters participated in a variety of healthy sports activities throughout the province on its fourth day.

Provincial Minister for Education, Sports and Youth Affairs Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan inaugurated the events and encouraged the participating youth by playing cricket, volleyball and arm wrestling at Samnabad Town.

Almost 13,000 sports grounds of the province thronged with players as competitions of cricket tapeball, tug of war, athletics, billiard, badminton, volleyball and arm wrestling were held and 18,000 players qualified for the next level in their respective games.

Addressing the youth, Rana Mashood said: "We have taken youth away from drugs and other harmful activities and brought them to sports grounds. The objective of Punjab Youth Festival is to provide a door opportunity to the youth to envision their bright future and to build a respectable image of Pakistan." He urged the general public to take part in Punjab Youth Festival's activities

### Awaken Pakistan nay karwayi movie screening, GIRL RISING :)

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Dec 29th, 2013

### Seminar to Promote Tourism in Pakistan

<http://www.ciitlahore.edu.pk>

### WWF Tour to Cholistan Dessert Safari

[www.pakreviews.com](http://www.pakreviews.com)

December 19, 2013

### Punjab Youth Festival 2013-14

[www.awaztoday.com](http://www.awaztoday.com)

27 December 2013



with full passion and avail the opportunities and sports facilities being provided by the government.

In this regard, government is taking all necessary measures to provide good sports facilities to people as stadiums and gymnasiums are being established throughout the province. MPA Saiful Malook Khokhar and other political and social personalities present at the occasion also enjoyed the talent displayed by the youth.

In Lahore Division, various competitions were held in six towns. More than 3,812 players from 94 union councils took part in 416 events and 1,642 of them were declared winners. In districts Sheikhpora, Nenkana Sahib and Kasur, 4375 players from 162 Union councils participated in 801 events, 2,335 of them were declared winners. In Gujranwala division, 3,027 players from 157 union councils played in 358 events, 1,530 of them were announced winners.

In Faisalabad division, 990 players from 28 union councils took part in 165 events and 330 of them were the winners.

In Rawalpindi division, 1,037 players from 31 union councils participated in 49 events, 401 of them were winners. In Sargodha division, 5,833 players from 142 union councils took part in 1,120 events, 1,791 of them were declared winners. In DG Khan division, 6,755 players from 285 union councils participated in 467 events, 3,242 of them were victorious. In Multan division, 7855 players from 271 union councils took part in 921 events, 4,911 of them were winners while in Sahiwal division, 381 players from 16 union councils participated in 45 events, 94 of them were the winners.

## TOURISM PROFILE – CITY DISTRICT KARACHI

### Introduction:

Karachi is Pakistan's biggest as well as most populous city of Pakistan. As of 2013, according to Population Reference Bureau it is the 8th mega city of the world with an estimated population of 22.7 million. Forbes reports it as the World's fastest growing Megacity in the world and according to the Economist Intelligence Unit of The Economist; Karachi is the cheapest place to live on the list of 131 cities selected for the survey. Karachi is the backbone of Pakistan's economy, serving as a financial, trading and manufacturing hub. The city is home to the biggest international airport and the main sea port of the country. It is known as the "City of Lights", situated in the south of Pakistan along the coastline of Arabian Sea. In the absence of National Census since 1998; Karachi District population is estimated at 17 million with a growth rate of 3.75% per annum which is higher than the national growth rate of 2% per annum.<sup>1</sup> Some of the population rise is attributed to migration within the country, owing to migrant influx from rural areas of Pakistan due to economic reasons and also because of the conflict hit areas of Federally Administered Tribal Areas [FATA] & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the last decade.

### Short History:

Due to its strategic location, Karachi has always played an important role in the history of subcontinent. It is believed that Alexander the Great camped here to prepare his fleet army for Babylonia after his campaign in Indus Valley; 'Morontobara' port (probably the modern Manora Island near Karachi harbor). The first interaction of Muslims with Karachi dates back to 712 AD when Muhammad Bin Qasim conquered Sindh. When British invaded the subcontinent, Karachi was a village but its location and prominence of its natural port attracted the British. Thus the British who saw the potential of this small fisherman village to become one of the most important seaports of South Asia laid the foundations of the great vibrant Karachi that we see today. The development of paved roads, district level hospitals, railway, sanitation and the now defunct intercity trams are all credited to the British rule. After Pakistan independence in 1947, Karachi was named as the capital of the country.<sup>2</sup>

### District at a Glance:

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS		SEX RATIO	
House Unit	Facility %	Male	Female
Pacca Housing Units	1394192 (95.68%)	117	100
Water Piped Housing Units	1083742 (74.38%)	Literacy Rate % 2010-2011	
Electricity Housing Units	1366638 (93.80%)	Male	Female
Gas Having Housing Units	1178620 (80.90%)	83	75
Registered Voter 2012		Electricity Demand (MWs) 2013	
Male	Female	Maximum	Minimum
3,912,589	2,939,359	2,778 Mws	1,115 Mws
<b>Total = 6,851,948</b>		<b>Total Demand = 3,893 MWs</b>	

### Religions:

- Muslims - 96.45%
- Hindu - 2.42%
- Qadiani/ Ahmadi - 0.17%
- Other (Parsis, Sikhs, Bahai, Jews & Buddhist) - 0.10%

### Culture:

Karachi is a cosmopolitan city in the true sense with a rich cultural diversity. The culture of Karachi embodies eastern, western and religious influences. Karachi saw the largest influx of immigrants at the time of independence. The city used to be a harmonious place where people from all walks of life came to better their lives. However, during the last decade, the law and order situation and ethnic conflicts has affected the city's vibrant lifestyle.

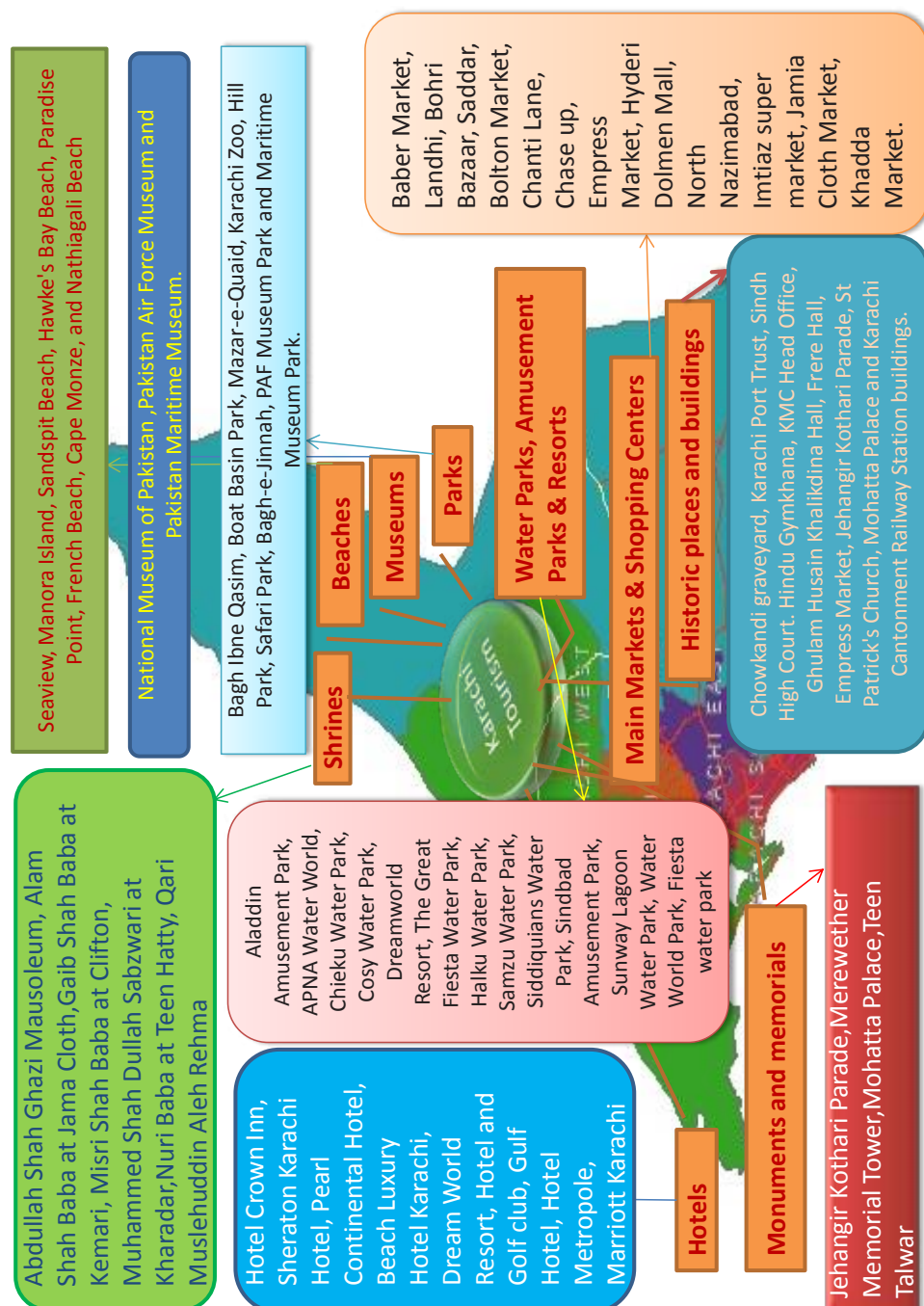
<sup>1</sup> City District Government Karachi

<sup>2</sup> Pakistan Development Perspective By AIHASAN System Pvt Ltd

## Cuisine:

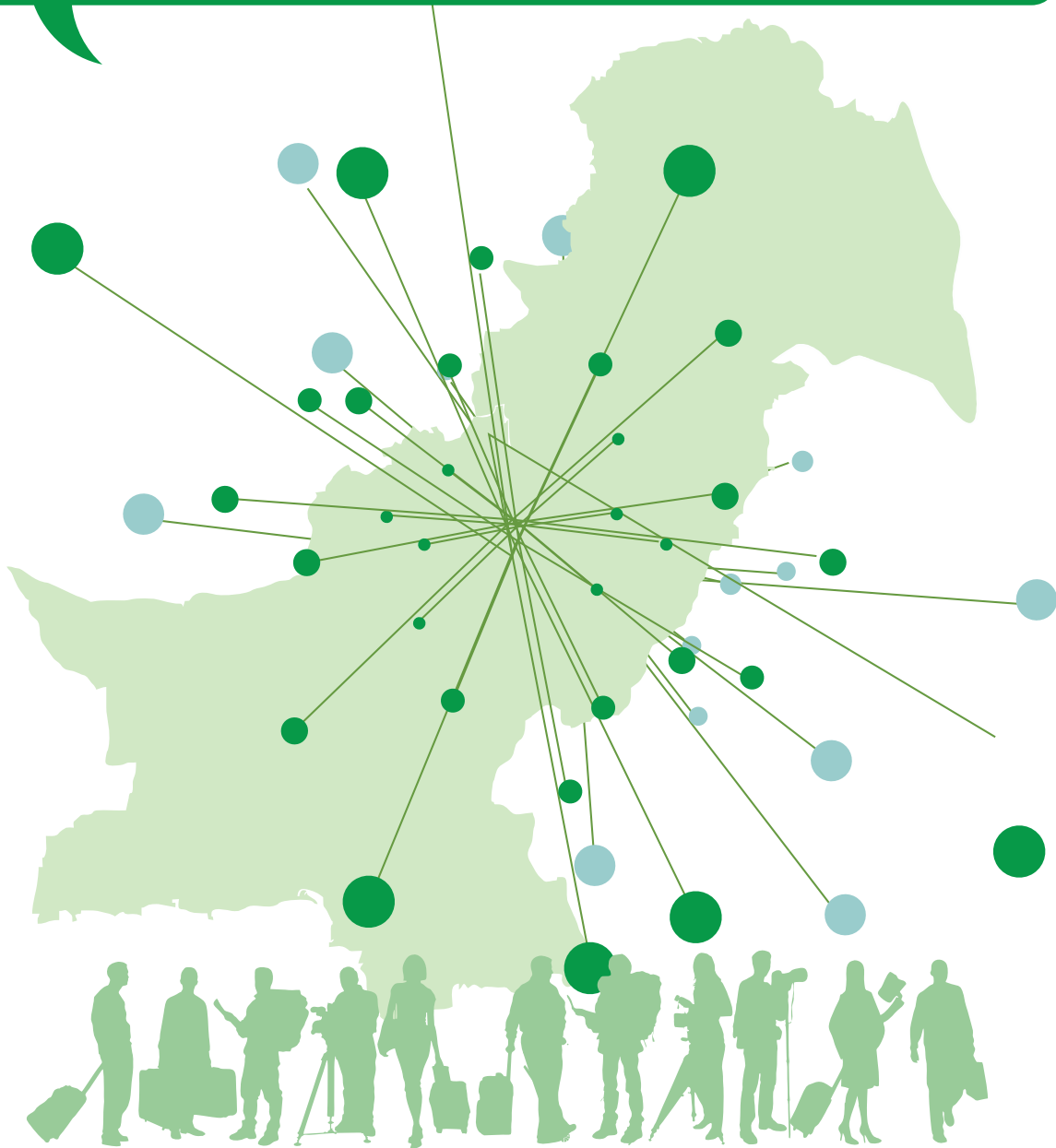
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## Tourist Attractions:



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## Impact of Gilgit incident on economy

The Frontier Post, December 12, 2013  
 By: Muhammad Asad

Pakistan has facing loss of 100 billion dollar against war on terror. This damage has a lot of aspects, first is the tourism industry that has irreparably been damaged. According to a statistical report by Pakistan Association of Tourism before 2000, more than 1 million tourist visited Pakistan.

But after 9/11 this number remains 10, 000 which is quite lesser. Just only in Gilgit-Baltistan before 9/11 20 to 25 thousand tourists visited Gilgit Baltistan. But after the incident of 9/11 it remains to 5 thousand per year. During effluent year this number was again reaching 10 to 12 thousand, Says Mirza Riaz, secretary general of Pakistan Economy Watch, a think tank. In 2007, revenue from tourism was \$151 million. By 2012 it had declined to \$101 million, according to data from the group. After 2007 when the situation was bit appropriate tourists from China, Russia, east Europe, east Asian countries used to visit as well.

"Our economy is already going down due to terrorism and security," says Mr. Riaz, "But this latest incident will have a grave impact. The government is doing its best to invite foreign businesses to Pakistan but the embassies in Islamabad are now giving advice not to come."

Tourism and trade with China is the only livelihood in Gilgit-Baltistan. In every season one tourist guide was earning 20 dollars (2000 rupees) per day, which is 2 times greater than normal daily wage. After Gilgit incident tour operator Ghulam Nabi, who belongs to the Fairy Meadows, said after many years ,it is the first time when tourist were reaching again to twelve thousand, but don't know Nanga Parbat is afflicted by the evil eye as now the tourist remains 5 to 6 thousand. It is a great damage for the tourism industry of Pakistan. On the other hand extremist measures of government, curfew and not giving permit on searching made the situation worse than the terrorist. Government needs to stop these unwanted acts.

Dayamar, a nightmare for lodging and tourism industry ten tourists were murdered by terrorist were wearing Gilgit Scouts uniforms, late on June 22nd, Saturday night at Nanga Parbat tourists' Base camp near Bunar Nullah in the middle heart of Karakorum. Gilgit D.I.G Ali Sher said that the incident occurred on Saturday night at around 1.00 A.M. at Fairy Meadows in Dayamar area, where unknown armed assailants killed nine foreign tourists camped at the Nanga Parbat Base Camp. The foreigners include 4 Chinese, 5 Ukrainians and 1 Russian climber.

The killing of the tourists in Gilgit Baltistan seems to be the killing of the foreigners, but this incident has a severe negative impact on the economy of Pakistan and Gilgit Baltistan.

Whatever is the cause of the incident although it seems to be the play of foreign agents or it is the sweep of terrorism but whatever it is, it has a list of detrimental impacts. Without

considering the geographical importance of these specific areas if we consider the loss of tourism, we come to know that it has been affected adversely although Gilgit Baltistan is not a point of the killing of tourists. About 300, 000 people of Gilgit Baltistan have direct or indirect relations with the tourism sector. TTP is quick enough to claim responsibility for this high profile attack, expound that their bunch, Junud-e-Hafsa, was the main assassin of the attack. According to them, the attack was in response to the drone attacks that killed Waliur Rehman, a momentous TTP leader.

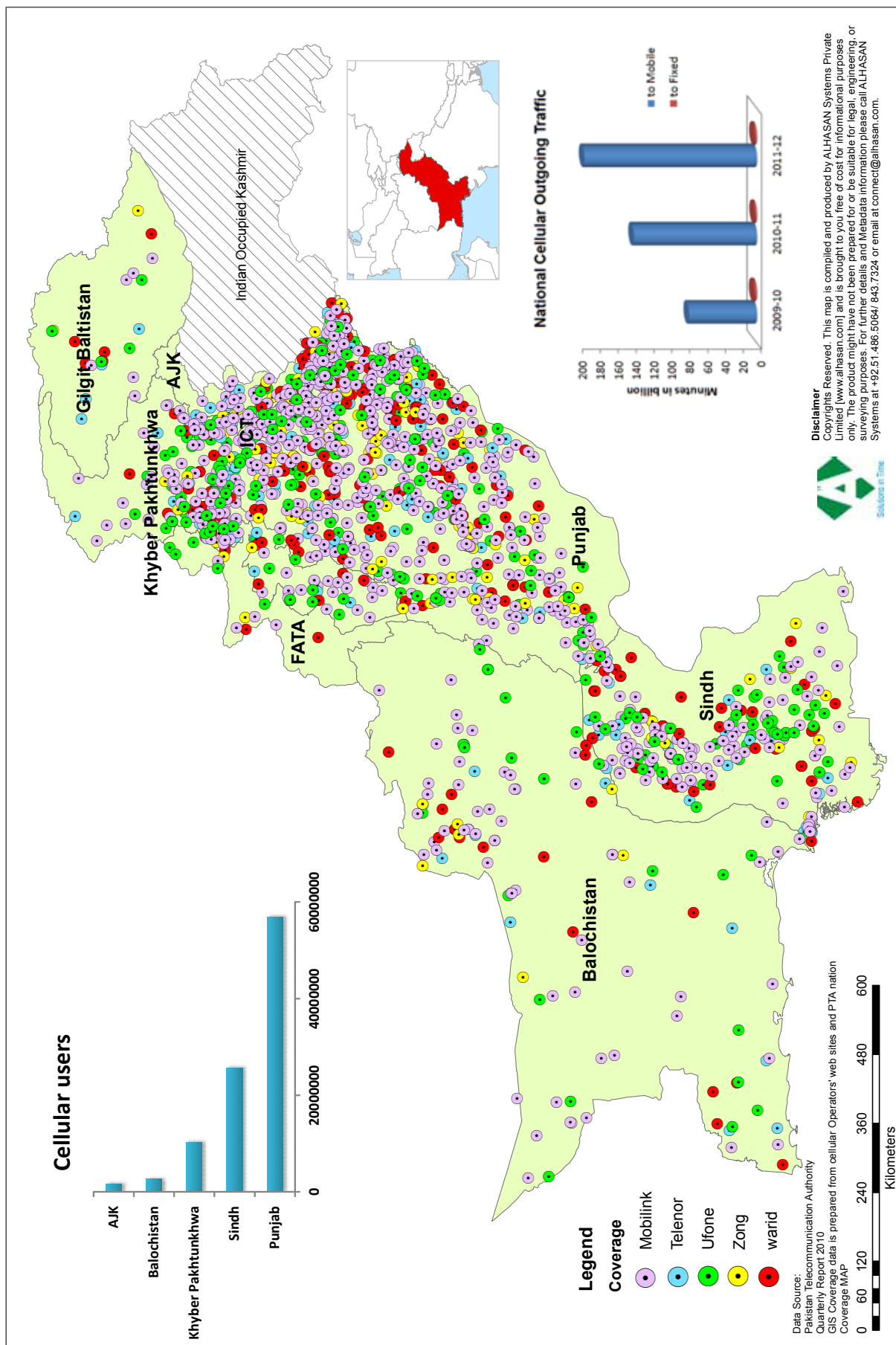
But it is not always the Taliban who claim for the incident and security agencies are stop doing anything about other aspects.

They need to look all around, is their TTP involved in the incident or whether the foreign-hand. Is there any country who used to take revenge, or they want to destroy our tourism sector, not even this they can't bear any single positive implementation in Pakistan. So why don't we search out these people who are the real enemies behind it. The first fact is that know your enemy then search out and find evidence against them. in terms of current atmosphere, when it comes to such incidents, affirmation are laid on the TTP, involved in any incident, without thinking about any other odds. And even if you raise a debate acquaint towards other possibilities, it is rejected as a plotting theory.

If they are the Taliban then why did the Taliban go all the way to Nanga Parbat, kill some random foreigner tourists and then disappear into thin air? TTP said that killing was revenge against the US drone attacks and killing of TTP chief Waliur Rehman. One wonders why they have targeted Gilgit Baltistan, when they have easy targets considering their past record. Even if they decided to attack on a mountain, why did they choose foreign tourist from countries like Ukraine, China that had no connection with the war on terror or drone attacks? Why they didn't attack Americans which are greater in number in Pakistan like they have attacked them in Peshawar before? Nanga Parbat is a tough terrain peak. According to a story published by foreign news outlet, the president of the tour operator Amjad Ayub said that the spot where the incident took place was more than 4,000 meters high with no population or hiding spots in the around area. How can they disappear just a few hours of the incident? Strange!! The region has endorsed cross border infiltration from the Afghan side of the border, which thus bring the feasibility of the involvement of the Afghan Taliban in this incident.

Yes, the Taliban may be involved, but one must conclude only after answering the above questions, and who they feel would benefit from devastating the tourism industry of Gilgit Baltisatan a region whose primary source of income depends on tourism.

## Cellular Coverage Map-Pakistan





## A VISIT TO PAKISTAN SHATTERS MANY MISCONCEPTIONS

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I still remember my first M. Phil. class in which Prof. Uma Singh instructed everyone to develop an objective understanding of the subject. Since that day I've had a dream of visiting Pakistan and meeting people. It took me more than four years to realise that dream. In between, so many people told me that it is almost impossible for an Indian to visit Pakistan and how even eminent scholars and faculties in reputed institutions have been denied visas.

With all this in mind, I began working towards my goal, starting with getting the necessary information for obtaining the visa. The next step was to get an invitation from Pakistan. I contacted various people in Pakistan, expressing my desire to visit and get a firsthand experience. Soon, the impossible became possible. Prof. Ishtiaq Ahmed, to whom I am greatly indebted, helped me acquire a scholarship at the Lahore University of Management Sciences.

On October 1, 2013, I submitted my visa application at the Pakistani High Commission, New Delhi. The first myth, that Indians don't get visa, was broken within three days. I was pleasantly surprised to get the visa stamped on my passport on October 3, 2013. This was just the beginning. Despite tough resistance from my family, I left for Lahore, landing on December 9. Within four days so many positive things happened; I am at a loss for words to explain them. Suffice it to say that who ever I met, wherever I went, a myth was waiting to be broken.

Most people with whom I requested a meeting either came personally to pick me up or sent someone to bring me to their office or home, and dropped me back.

Many had warned me that an ISI guy would follow me everywhere. I didn't find anyone doing that. I was told that security situation in Pakistan is so bad that there are armed guards everywhere. There were some but not as many as I'd expected.

At an international conference at Forman Christian College, I was pleasantly surprised that Pakistanis were raising the same questions that we raise about Pakistan in India - questions of identity, military-mullah-terrorist nexus, over emphasis on Indian threat etc.

I was told that Indians are hated widely, which is not true. My Indian identity has in fact been an advantage for me.

I've been well received wherever I went, even meeting some high profile people without any difficulty, including high ranking retired military officials, a former ambassador and a former federal minister. And even on my last day in Lahore (Dec 17th), I have a number of appointments.

When I went to Ferozsons, wanting to buy books from a local publisher, I was given an additional discount when they learnt I was Indian. The same thing happened when I went to Vanguard.

At a shopping centre, looking for Pakistani products, when the journalist Kiran Nazish who was with me told the shopkeeper that I am an Indian and going back to my country, he refused to take the money for it.

"You are my guest and you are leaving," he said. "Take this as a gift."

Now, after spending some time in Pakistan, I can comfortably claim that there are more similarities and fewer differences between the people of India and Pakistan. When I was roaming in Lahore, I found that in cars people were listening to either Indian radio channels or playing Bollywood music. Rikshaw drivers thought I was a Karachiite.

There are similar stories on the other side as well. Before coming to Pakistan, I discussed the issue, in great depth, with one of my hostel-mates, a Pakistani pursuing his doctoral study from JNU's Arts and Aesthetics School, who was having a very positive experience in India. We both agreed that our governments must seriously consider easing visa restrictions. The policy of granting city-specific visa should end now. I've seen many Pakistanis in Delhi who couldn't visit Taj Mahal in Agra, as their visa was for Delhi only.

It is time to take some positive steps to address the issue. I'm more than convinced that if people from both sides of the border are allowed to visit each other freely, things will improve for better. This will at least reduce the intensity of mistrust and enmity, if not fully resolve some outstanding and complicated issues.

Nehruvians in India and pragmatic liberals in Pakistan should be given a chance to make things better. I always admire people like Mani Shankar Aiyar and Javed Jabbar who are constantly engaged in working for a noble cause and often come under attack, due to their views, from the hyperrealists and radicals from both sides.



Saidpur Village Community Map  
Islamabad



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## تفصیلات

**سوات...** سوات میں بر فباری کے بعد وادی میں سیاحوں کا رخ لگ گیا جنہوں نے برف کے کھیل کھیل کر بر فباری کا لطف دو بالا کیا۔ میاندم وادی سوات کی ایک سحر انگیز وادی ہے۔ بر فباری کے بعد اس حسین وادی کی خوبصورتی میں مزید نکھار آ جاتا ہے۔ جنگلات اور بلند و بالا پہاڑوں کے طویل سلسلوں کے دامن میں واقع، وادی میاندم نہایت صحت بخش، خوبصورت، پرسکون اور دل کش وادی ہے۔ یہاں کا موسم انتہائی معتدل ہوتا ہے۔ موسم گرما کے اختتام کے ساتھ ہی برف باری موسم سرما کی نوید دیتی ہے۔ ایسے حسین نظاروں سے لطف اندوز ہونے سیاحوں کی بڑی تعداد بھی وادی میاندم کا رخ کرتی ہے۔ سیاحوں کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ انتہائی خوبصورت علاقہ ہے اور انتہائی پر امن بھی۔ مچلے نوجوانوں نے ایک دوسرے پر برف کے گولے پھینکے اور بھنگڑے ڈالے۔ ڈھلے سورج کی شعاعیں جب برفیلے پہاڑ کی چوٹیوں سے منعکس ہو کر آتی ہیں تو منظر دیکھنے والا ہوتا ہے۔ وادی سوات کے پر فضا مقام وادی میاندم میں بر فباری کے بعد ملک کے سیاحوں نے اس حسین وادی کا رخ کرنا شروع کیا ہے جس سے یہاں کے رونقیں دوبالا ہو گئیں ہیں۔

**لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر)** وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ ترک وزیر اعظم رجب طیب اردگان کی قیادت میں ترکی نے بے مثال ترقی کی ہے۔ ترک عوام، حکومت اور ترک وزیر اعظم کی انتہک محنت اور جدوجہد کی بدولت ترکی دنیا کی عظیم معاشی قوت بن چکا ہے۔ ترکی کی معاشی ترقی کسی جادو کی چھڑی کی مرہون منت نہیں بلکہ ترک لیڈر رجب طیب اردگان کی کرشمہ ساز شخصیت اور ولولہ انگیز قیادت، ان کی محنت اور جدوجہد کا ثمر ہے۔ جس پر میں ترک قیادت کو سیلوٹ کرتا ہوں۔ پاک ترک بزنس فورم کی تقریب سے خطاب میں شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور ترکی کے مابین تہذیبی، تاریخی اور ثقافتی تعلقات قائم ہیں اور دونوں ممالک کے عوام کے درمیان اخوت اور بھائی چارے کا رشتہ قائم ہے۔ پاکستان اور ترکی کے عوام کے دل ایک ساتھ دھڑکتے ہیں۔ 2010ء میں پاکستان کو تاریخ کے بدترین سیلاب کا سامنا تھا، تو نہ صرف ترک وزیر اعظم نے سیلاب زدہ علاقوں کا دورہ کیا بلکہ ہزاروں ترک بزنس مینوں نے عید الفطر اور عید الاضحی کے مذہبی تہوار بھی اپنے مصیبت میں گھرے پاکستانی بھائیوں کے ساتھ گزارے۔ یہی نہیں بلکہ ترک وزیر اعظم اور ان کی اہلیہ استنبول، انقرہ، قونیہ اور دیگر شہروں میں گئے اور سیلاب زدگان کے لئے 100 ملین ڈالر فنڈز اکٹھے کئے۔ میں نے اخوت اور بھائی چارے کی ایسی شاندار مثال اپنی زندگی میں کبھی نہیں دیکھی۔ سیلاب ہو یا زلزلہ یا اور کوئی قدرتی آفت، ترک حکومت، ترک قیادت اور عوام ہمیشہ پاکستان کے ساتھ کھڑے رہے ہیں پاکستانیوں کی مدد ایک خاندان کی طرح کی ہے جسے ہم کبھی فراموش نہیں کر سکتے۔ پاکستان اور ترکی کے مابین برادرانہ اور دوستانہ تعلقات موجود ہیں لیکن وقت کا تقاضا ہے کہ ان تعلقات کو معاشی و اقتصادی تعاون میں بدلا جائے۔ پاکستان اور ترکی کے مابین تجارت کو فروغ دیا جائے۔ ترکی جسے کبھی یورپ کا مرد بیمار کہا جاتا تھا وہ اب رجب طیب اردگان کی قیادت میں جدید ترکی بن چکا ہے اور آئی ایم ایف کا بڑا کسٹری بیوٹر ہے۔ ہم بھی ترکی کی ترقی اور ٹیکنالوجی سے استفادہ کر کے آگے بڑھ سکتے ہیں اور پاکستان کو معاشی طور پر مضبوط ملک بنا سکتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ میں خود کو ترک ماڈل کا طالب علم سمجھتا ہوں لیکن کبھی ایسا بھی ہوتا ہے کہ طالب علم استاد سے آگے نکل جاتے ہیں۔ ترکی نے استنبول میں میٹروپس کا منصوبہ اڑھائی سال میں مکمل کیا ہے جبکہ ہم نے میٹروپس کا عظیم منصوبہ صرف 11 ماہ کی ریکارڈ مدت میں مکمل کیا ہے۔ ترکی پاکستان کا برادر اسلامی ملک ہے جس نے ہر مشکل وقت میں پاکستان کا ساتھ دیا اور اب پاک ترک دوستی نئے دور میں داخل ہو چکی ہے۔ ترکی سے پاکستان کے سماجی، سیاسی، مذہبی اور تجارتی روابط صدیوں پر محیط ہیں۔ ترک وزیر اعظم رجب طیب اردگان کی آمد سے تعلقات مستحکم ہوں گے۔

**چترال (قدرت نیوز)** بین الاقوامی اہمیت کے حامل کیلاش قبیلہ کا سالانہ مذہبی تہوار چھتر مس جسے مقامی زبان میں چھتر مس بھی کہا جاتا ہے نہایت جوش و خروش سے اختتام پذیر ہوا۔ یہ تہوار ہر سال 7 دسمبر کو شروع ہوتا ہے جس میں کیلاش قبیلے کے مذہبی رہنماء (قاضی) کے کہنے پر نوجوان ڈھولک بجا کر مختلف وادیوں میں پھرتے ہیں اور اس جشن کا اعلان کرتے ہیں۔ کیلاش خواتین نے کپڑے پہنتے ہیں اور مختلف قسم کے روایتی کپڑاں تیار کر کے رات کے اندھیرے میں ایک دوسرے کے گھروں کو بھیجتے ہیں ایک مخصوص قسم کی اخروٹ ماروٹی دن کے وقت رشتہ داروں کو تحفے کے طور پر بھیجتے ہیں جبکہ بچیاں رات کو مذہبی گیت گاتی ہیں۔ کیلاش مرد اس تہوار کے دوران صرف تین دن تک مویشی خانوں میں گزارتے ہیں اور عورتیں گھروں میں رہتی ہیں۔ اس دوران کیلاش لوگ جانوروں کے گردن (پیچھے کی طرف سے) جھکا کر کے مارتے ہیں جبکہ عام دنوں میں وہ مسلمانوں کا ذبح کردہ جانور کی گوشت کھاتے ہیں مگر اس دوران وہ خود جانور کو الٹی طرف سے مار کر اس کا گوشت کھاتے ہیں اور دہی شراب بھی پیتے ہیں تاہم ان تین دنوں کے دوران کسی مسلمان کو ان کے وادی میں جانے کی اجازت نہیں ہوتی نہ کیلاش لوگ کسی سے ہاتھ ملاتے ہیں حتیٰ کہ دوسرے گاؤں میں رہنے والے کیلاش لوگ بھی ان کے گھروں میں نہیں جاسکتے ہیں اور نہ ان سے مصافحہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ کیلاش لوگ مسلمانوں سے ہاتھ ملانے سے گریز کرتے ہیں کیونکہ ان کے عقیدے کے مطابق اس وقت وہ ناپاک ہوتے ہیں اور حرام گوشت کھا کر مسلمانوں سے ہاتھ ملانا مناسب نہیں سمجھتے۔ مگر جب یہ دورانہ حتم ہوتا ہے تو کیلاش لوگ مویشی خانوں سے نکل آتے ہیں اور ایک دوسرے سے ملنے ہیں اور اس کے بعد مسلمان بھی ان کے گھروں میں جاسکتے ہیں۔ یہ رسم کیلاش کے تینوں وادیوں رمبور، بمبوریت اور بریر میں منایا جاتا ہے۔ 21 دسمبر کو رمبور وادی میں چھتر مس اختتام پذیر ہوتا ہے تو وہاں کے لوگ بمبوریت جاتے ہیں اور 22 دسمبر کو بمبوریت میں یہ جشن منایا جاتا ہے جبکہ 23 دسمبر کو بریر وادی میں یہ تہوار اختتام پذیر ہوتا ہے جشن کے دوران کیلاش مرد ڈھولک بجاتے ہیں جبکہ خواتین روایتی رقص پیش کرتے ہوئے مذہبی گیت گاتے ہیں اور ساتھ ساتھ خوشی کی گیت بھی گاتے ہیں۔ اس دوران گاؤں کے چند نوجوان پہاڑی پر چڑھ کر لومڑی ڈھونڈ نکالتے ہیں اور اسے بھگاتے ہیں اگر لومڑی یا گیدڑ دریا کے اُس پار چلی جائے تو کیلاش لوگ اسے بنگ شگون تصور کرتے ہیں۔ کیلاش لوگ اس رسم کے دوران ایک عجیب منظر بھی پیش کرتے ہیں مرد حضرات خواتین کے کپڑے پہن کر منہ ڈھانپ کر رقص کرتے ہیں جبکہ خواتین مردوں کی کپڑے پہن کر سر پر ٹوپی رکھ کر ڈانس کرتی ہیں۔ مختلف دیہات سے لوگ ٹولیوں کی شکل میں ڈھولک کی تھاپ پر رقص کرتے ہوئے رقص گاہ آتے ہیں یہ رقص گاہ برون گاؤں میں قائم ہیں۔ چند نوجوان گدھے پر سوار ہو کر کتے کو اٹھا کر لاتے ہیں جبکہ دوسرا گدھا سوار کبری کا چھڑا، سپنگ اور اس گدھے کے اوپر لادھ کر لاتا ہے تاکہ یہ تاثر دے کہ وہ جنگل سے شکار کر کے آ رہا ہے اور دوسرا

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گدھاسوار کتے کو بطور لومڑی یا شیر پیش کرتا ہے۔ دونوں مکمل طور پر شکار کی لباس پہن کر چہرے کو کالا کرتے ہیں اور رقص گاہ میں آکر لوگ ان کو کھانے پینے کی چیزیں پیش کرتے ہیں۔ کیلاش قبیلے کے مذہبی رہنماء جن کو قاضی کہا جاتا ہے وہ نئے سال کیلئے پیش گوئی کرتے ہیں اور اس کی نیک شکوئی کیلئے دعائیں کرتے ہیں یہ تہوار سال کا آخری رسم ہوتا ہے اور کیلاش لوگ نئے سال کی آمد کا انتظار کرتے ہوئے ان کیلئے تیاری کرتے ہیں۔ مختلف گاؤں سے کیلاش خواتین اور مرد اپنے مقامی سطح پر بھی رقص کر کے بالا جہڑوں کے مرکزی رقص گاہ کی طرف ٹولیوں کی شکل میں آتے ہیں۔ چند نوجوان جوڑے شادی کی بندھن میں بندھنے کیلئے تیاری کرتے ہیں اور اپنے دوست (لڑکی) سے بھاگنے کی تیاری کا منصوبہ بناتے ہیں کیونکہ کیلاش لوگ ان تہواروں کے دوران بھاگ کر شادی کا اعلان کرتے ہیں۔ ایک مقامی ہوٹل مالک شیر وزیر نے کہا کہ ماضی میں یہاں سیکڑوں مکی اور غیر مکی سیاح آتے تھے مگر 9/11 کے بعد ہمارا سیاحت بری طرح متاثر ہوا جس سے ہماری معیشت پر بھی برے اثرات پڑتے ہیں۔ چار سہ سے تعلق رکھنے والے فیاض مشعل نامی سیاح نے کہا کہ کیلاش لوگوں کا یہ تہوار، ان کی لباس، ثقافت دنیا بھر کی توجہ کا مرکز بنا ہوا ہے اگر حکومت ان کی سڑکوں اور مواصلاتی نظام کی بحال بہتر کرے تو اس سے ہم بہت زیادہ زرمبادلہ کماسکتے ہیں۔ ہزارہ یونیورسٹی کے آرکیالوجی ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے چیئر مین پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عبدالصمد نے کہا کہ کیلاش کئی ہزار سالوں سے یہاں آباد ہیں اور یہ مذہبی ہم آہنگی کا پیغام دیتے آ رہے ہیں تاہم بہت زیادہ سیکورٹی فورسز کی تعیناتی ان کو سڑب کرتے ہیں اور یہ بین الاقوامی طور پر بھی غلط سمجھا جاتا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ کیلاش کا یہ نہایت مخصوص ثقافت پورے دنیا میں کہیں نہیں ہے یہ صرف پاکستان میں آباد ہیں۔ اس جشن کو دیکھنے کیلئے یونان، جاپان وغیرہ سے غیر ملکی سیاح بھی آئے تھے۔ برف باری کے باوجود بھی یہ جشن جاری رہا اور ان کی مخصوص رقص اور گیتوں سے سیاح محفوظ ہوتے رہے۔ اگر حکومت وادی کی کیلاش کی سڑکوں کی حالت بہتر کرے اور مواصلاتی نظام کو ترقی دے تو بہت زیادہ غیر ملکی سیاح یہاں کارح کریں گے جسے ہمیں بہت زیادہ زرمبادلہ مل سکتا ہے۔

خیبر پختونخوا کے وزیر سیاحت، کھیل، میوزیم اور امور نوجوانان محمود خان نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان تحریک انصاف نے ملک اور صوبے کی سلامتی، بقاء، غربت، جہالت اور بے روزگاری کے خاتمے اور نوجوانوں کو روزگار کے بہتر مواقع فراہم کرنے سمیت عوامی حقوق کی تحفظ کا جو پختہ عہد کیا ہے اس کو عملی جامہ پہنانے کیلئے ٹھوس منصوبہ بندی کر رہی ہے اور انسانی اللہ قوم ہمارے ہی دور اقتدار میں واضح اور مثبت تبدیلی محسوس ہوگی۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے مختلف علاقوں سے آئے ہوئے وفد سے ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ اس موقع پر اراکین صوبائی اسمبلی محب اللہ خان اور فضل حکیم خان بھی موجود تھے۔ محمود خان نے کہا کہ پی ٹی آئی کی صوبائی حکومت عمران خان اور وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پختونخوا پرویز خٹک کی قیادت میں صوبے کو جدید دنیا کے برابر لانے کیلئے انتھک جدوجہد میں مصروف عمل ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے وزرائی کے عوام کی خدمت کیلئے دروازے ہر وقت کھلے ہیں اور عوام ہمارے ٹوک اور امتیاز کسی بھی جملے کے ذریعہ اپنے مسائل سے آگاہ کر سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ اپنے کردار سے ثابت کریں گے کہ حقیقی معنوں میں عوام کے خادم ہیں حاکم نہیں۔ صوبائی وزیر نے کہا کہ آئندہ بلدیاتی انتخابات میں بھی پی ٹی آئی صوبے میں یکنون سوپ کرے گی۔ صوبائی وزیر نے وفد کے مسائل سننے اور ان کی حل کی یقین دہانی کرائی۔

**پشاور (اردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین۔ 21 دسمبر 2013ء)** خیبر پختونخوا کے وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک کی خصوصی ہدایت پر وادی ناران اور سیف الملوک کی دیوالائی شہرت یافتہ جمیل کے درمیان 18 کلومیٹر مسافت کو سیاحوں کیلئے آسان بنانے کی غرض سے ایشیاء کی منفرد و جدید چیز لٹ لگانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے جسکی بدولت گاڑی کے ذریعے ایک گھنٹہ کا سفر آئندہ صرف پانچ منٹ میں طے ہونے کے علاوہ سیاحوں کو اس نیم فضا کی سفر میں حسین اور دلکش نظارے بھی دیکھنے کو ملیں گے اسی طرح سوات کی وادی مالم جبہ میں ایک کلومیٹر اور تحصیل بالا کوٹ میں شوگراں سے سری پائے تک چیز لٹ لگانے کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا ہے جبکہ مالم جبہ سمیت اہم سیاحتی مقامات کیلئے ہیلی کاپٹر سروس شروع کرنے کا جائزہ لینے کی ہدایت بھی کر دی گئی ہے اس ضمن میں وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک کی زیر صدارت پشاور میں منعقدہ اجلاس میں صوبے کے تمام پر فضاء علاقوں کو سیاحوں کیلئے زیادہ سے زیادہ پرکشش بنانے اور تحصیل سطح پر کھیلوں کی سہولیات میں اضافے کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا گیا اور ضروری فیصلے کئے گئے اجلاس میں صوبائی وزیر کھیل و سیاحت محمود خان، سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کے وائس چیئرمین اور ممتاز صنعتکار حسن عزیز، وزیر اعلیٰ کے مشیر اقتصادی امور رفاقت اللہ بابر، سیکرٹری سیاحت و کھیل احمد حسن خان، ٹورازم کارپوریشن کے ایم ڈی مشتاق خان اور کھیل و سیاحت، بلدیات اور دیگر متعلقہ محکموں کے اعلیٰ افسران نے شرکت کی وزیر اعلیٰ نے اس موقع پر حکام کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ ہر کام کی تکمیل کیلئے ڈیڈ لائن مقرر کریں اور نتائج کی رپورٹ کے ساتھ اجلاس میں شریک ہوں کیونکہ اب تک باتیں بہت ہو چکیں عوام کو ان باتوں اور پالیسیوں کے نتائج دکھانا بھی ضروری ہے وزیر اعلیٰ کو بتایا گیا کہ انکی ہدایت پر ناران تا تحصیل سیف الملوک چیز لٹ کیلئے کنسلٹنٹ کی خدمات حاصل کر لی گئی ہیں جس نے منصوبے کی فوڈ بلٹی کا نظر ثانی شدہ بی سی ون بھی تیار کیا ہے اور پیر تک پیش کر دیا جائے گا وزیر اعلیٰ نے اسے دیکھنے کے اندر عالمی معیار کے مطابق مشتہر کرنے اور پبلک پرائیویٹ پارٹنرشپ کے تحت ٹورازم کارپوریشن، ایس ڈی اے اور سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کے اشتراک سے پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچانے کی ہدایت کی اسی طرح مالم جبہ میں بھی اسی طریقہ کار کے تحت چیز لٹ اور بین الاقوامی معیار کے تھری سٹار ہوٹل کی تعمیر کا منصوبہ آگے بڑھانے اور اس ضمن میں پی اے ایف اور آسٹریلیا کی حکومت کی معاونت کی پیشکش سے استفادے کی ہدایت کی گلیات میں تھیم پارک کے قیام سے متعلق بتایا گیا کہ اس مقصد کیلئے جی ڈی اے نے چھانگہ گلی کے مقام پر چالیس کنال اراضی مہیا کرنے کی پیشکش کی ہے تاہم ضرورت اسی تا سو کنال کی ہے جس پر وزیر اعلیٰ نے یہ معاملہ تین دن میں حل کرنے اور عملی پیشرفت کے ساتھ اگلے اجلاس میں لانے کی ہدایت کی جبکہ گلیات ترقیاتی ادارہ کو چیز لٹ کی تینوں سکیمیں گلیات کے مجوزہ ماسٹر پلان میں شامل کرنے کی ہدایت کی انہوں نے وزیر کھیل کی تجویز پر سوات کا تاریخی سیرینہ ہوٹل محکمہ مواصلات سے لیکر ٹورازم کارپوریشن کی نگرانی میں دینے کی منظوری بھی دی اور اس مقصد کیلئے سری انجینیر پیجی کی ہدایت کی انہوں نے تمام سیاحتی علاقوں میں پی ٹی ڈی سی کے موٹل صوبائی حکومت کی تحویل میں لینے کا معاملہ جلد نمٹانے کیلئے متعلقہ وفاقی وزارت سے فیصلہ کن بات چیت کی ہدایت کی نظامت کھیل نے صوبے میں تحصیل کی سطح پر سپورٹس سٹیڈیم قائم کرنے سے متعلق وزیر اعلیٰ کی گزشتہ ہدایت سے متعلق

**صوبائی وزیر سیاحت، کھیل،**

**میوزیم اور امور نوجوانان سے**

**مختلف وفد کی ملاقات**

خیبر پختونخواہ سرکاری ویب سائٹ

22 دسمبر 2013

**وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک کی**

**زیر صدارت اجلاس میں فضاء**

**علاقوں کو سیاحوں کیلئے پرکشش**

**بنانے کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا**

**گیا، سیاحوں کی سہولت کیلئے**

**ناران اور سیف الملوک کی**

**دیوالائی جمیل کے درمیان**

**چیز لٹ لگانے کا فیصلہ**

اردو پوائنٹ

21 دسمبر 2013



رپورٹ پیش کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ 33 تحصیلوں میں پہلے سے موجود سٹیڈیم مزید بہتر بنائے جائیں گے جبکہ 36 تحصیلوں میں نئے سپورٹس سٹیڈیم تعمیر کرنے کیلئے تقریباً چار ارب روپے کا پی سی ڈی بنایا گیا ہے جس پر وزیر اعلیٰ نے منصوبے پر تیزی سے عمل درآمد کی ہدایت کی انہوں نے سرمایہ کاری بورڈ کے انس چیئرمین محسن عزیز کی تجویز پر خالص پور کے وسیع گراؤنڈ پر بھی سپورٹس سٹیڈیم قائم کرنے اور محکمہ خوراک کے متروک گوداموں کو بھی کھیلوں کے مقاصد کیلئے بروئے کار لانے کی ہدایت کی وزیر اعلیٰ نے سیاحت اور کھیلوں سے متعلق دیگر معاملات نمٹانے اور تجاویز و سفارشات کا مستحیدگی سے جائزہ لینے نیز ان پر عملی پیشرفت کر کے نتائج سامنے لانے کی ہدایت بھی کی

**میرپور (مردو پوائنٹ تازہ ترین اخبار- 20 دسمبر 2013ء)** پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی برطانیہ کے راہنما چوہدری محمد یونس آف لیڈز نے کہا ہے کہ آزاد کشمیر کے سینئر وزیر چوہدری محمد سلیم کا دورہ برطانیہ نہایت ہی کامیاب رہا ہے۔ سینئر وزیر نے اپنے دورہ کے دوران پاکستانی و کشمیری سرمایہ کاروں کے ساتھ ساتھ دیگر بیرونی سرمایہ کاروں کو آزاد کشمیر میں ہائیڈرو، ٹورازم، صنعت و حرفت سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری کرنے کی دعوت دی ہے جس کو بیرونی سرمایہ کار قدر کی نگاہ سے دیکھتے ہیں اور وہ آزاد کشمیر میں سرمایہ کاری کرنے میں دلچسپی لے رہے ہیں۔ کشمیری اور سیزنر انہیں دولیا جٹاں تحصیل، آزاد کشمیر میں تین میڈیکل کالجز کے قیام اور پورے آزاد کشمیر میں بلا تخصیص تعمیر و ترقی پر ان کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے میڈیا کے نمائندگان سے ٹیلی فون پر بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آزاد کشمیر کے سینئر وزیر چوہدری محمد سلیم کا برطانیہ آمد پر پی پی پی کارکنان نے پرتپاک اور والہانہ استقبال کر کے ثابت کر دیا ہے کہ کشمیر تارکین وطن کو پیپلز پارٹی کی حکومت پر بھروسہ اور اعتماد ہے۔ سینئر وزیر چوہدری محمد سلیم نے اپنے دورہ کے دوران اور سیزر سرمایہ کاروں کو آزاد کشمیر میں زیادہ سرمایہ کاری کرنے کی دعوت دی ہے ان کی دعوت سے برطانیہ سمیت دیگر بیرون ممالک کے سرمایہ کار آزاد کشمیر میں سرمایہ کاری کرنے میں دلچسپی لے رہے ہیں۔ بیرونی سرمایہ کاری سے آزاد خطہ کی معاشی و اقتصادی ترقی پر گہرے اثرات مرتب ہونگے اور ریاست ترقی کرے گی۔

اگرچہ بلاول زرداری کی پرورش ملک سے باہر مغربی ماحول میں ہوئی مگر ماں باپ کے خون اور وطن سے محبت کا اثر ہر شخص کی جبلت میں شامل ہو جاتا ہے۔ سندھ محبت اور امن کی سر زمین ہے، یہاں کا ثقافتی رنگ صوفیائے کلام اور پیغام میں چاربا ہوا ہے۔ حضرت بکھل سرمت ہوں شاہ عبداللطیف بھٹائی یا حضرت لعل شہباز قلندر ان کا انسان دوستی اور صلہ جوئی کا فلسفہ آج بھی زندہ و توانا ہے۔ ممکن ہے کچھ دوست بسنت کو ہندو تہوار دیں، اسے پینگ انٹرنیٹ کا نام بھی دیا جاسکتا ہے۔ اب اگر بلاول جیسے نوجوان بھی اسی صلہ و آشتی کے رنگ میں اپنے کورنگ رہے ہیں اور انہوں نے تمام سیاسی قائدین کو سندھ میں بسنت منانے اور ثقافتی میلے میں شرکت کی دعوت دی ہے تو اسے رد کرنے یا ٹھکرانے کی بجائے سب کو چاہئے کہ اس میں شرکت کریں اس طرح دوریاں کم ہوتی ہیں، دلوں کی نفرتیں ختم ہوتی ہیں۔ کیا اچھا ہو کہ ”جے ہمالو“ کی مدھرتان پر نواز شریف، عمران خان، اسفندیار ولی، محمود چکری، اختر مینگل، بلاول زرداری، فاروق ستار مل کر جھوٹے اور نفرت کی سیاست سے دور ہٹ کر محبت کی راہ دکھائیں۔ اس کے جواب میں شہباز شریف بھی فروری میں پنجاب کے روایتی بسنت فیسیٹول کا اعلان کریں جو کھلے صحراؤں کی سر زمین چولستان میں منایا جائے۔ دنیا بھر سے شائقین کو مدعو کیا جائے جنہیں پنجاب کا ثقافتی رنگ لاہور تاملتان کا روایتی طرز زندگی دیکھنے کا موقع ملے گا اور شہری آبادی سے دور یہ میلہ انسانی زندگیوں کیلئے خطرہ بھی نہیں ہو گا اور لاکھوں افراد کی آمد سے چولستان، تھر کے علاقے میں سیاحت کے مواقع پیدا ہوں گے، وہاں کی غربت و افلاس میں کمی ہوگی اور پنجاب کا اپنا تہذیبی، تمدنی و ثقافتی رنگ سلطان باہو، وارث شاہ، حضرت غلام فرید، مادھو لال حسین اور بلیے شاہ کی صوفیانہ تعلیمات دنیا بھر میں پاکستان کے امیج کو مزید بہتر سے بہتر بنائے گی۔

**کراچی:** پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے چیئرمین بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کل بروز اتوار کو وزیر اعظم سمیت اپنے تمام سیاسی حریفوں ایک غیر سیاسی سندھ فیسیٹول میں شرکت کی دعوت دی، جو اگلے سال فروری میں منعقد ہونے جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے ایک تقریب میں اس فیسیٹول کے منصوبے کا انکشاف کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ”میں وزیر اعظم نواز شریف، ان کی صاحبزادی مریم نواز شریف، عمران خان اور ان کے ساتھ دیگر کو دعوت دیتا ہوں کہ وہ ہمارے سندھ فیسیٹول میں شرکت کریں۔ تمام پاکستانی اس فیسیٹول میں مدعو ہیں۔“ کلفٹن میں موہڑہ پبلیس میں منعقدہ ایک رنگارنگ تقریب، جس میں قومی اور بین الاقوامی شخصیات اور پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنماؤں نے شرکت کی، بلاول نے اپنی بہن بختاور کے ہمراہ اس تقریب کی میزبانی کے فرائض انجام دیے۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے کہا کہ برسوں میں یہ پہلی مرتبہ ہو گا کہ کراچی بسنت کی میزبانی کرے گا اور وہ بھی ساحل سمندر پر۔ ساتھ ہی انہوں نے اس بارے میں بات کی کہ صوبائی حکومت نے اس تہوار پر کس طرح پنجاب میں پابندی لگا دی تھی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ”پاکستان آہستہ آہستہ ”سینستان“ بننا جا رہا ہے۔ اگر ہم یوٹیوب پر کچھ ناگوار چیز دیکھتے ہیں تو ہم اس ویب سائٹ پر پابندی لگا دیتے ہیں۔ اگر ہم ہندی سینما سے مقابلہ نہیں کر سکتے تو ہم ہندوستانی فلموں پر پابندی لگا دیتے ہیں۔“ ”ندھ اسمبلی کے اسپیکر اور قائم مقام گورنر آغا سراج وڑائی اور وزیر اعلیٰ قائم علی شاہ جہاں بیٹھے ہوئے تھے، انہوں نے اس جانب مسکراتے ہوئے دیکھا اور بولے ”اور اگر ہم دیکھیں گے کہ لوگ شادیوں میں تفریح حاصل کر رہے ہیں تو ہم شادیوں پر بھی پابندی لگا دیں گے۔“ اس تقریب کا آغاز بلاول بھٹو کی ایک تقریر سے ہوا، جس میں انہوں نے آثارِ قدیمہ کا مقام موئن جو دڑو کے بندر تہذیب و تمدن کی بات کی، انہوں نے کہا کہ ”یہ دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے ہماری آنکھوں کے سامنے سے غائب ہو رہا ہے۔“ اس کے بعد جرمنی کے ایک پروفیسر اور اس موضوع پر سندھ جانے والے اسکاڑاکٹر مائیکل جانسن نے وادی سندھ کی تہذیب پر ایک مختصر لیکن جذباتی تقریر کی۔ بلاول نے اعلان کیا کہ سندھ فیسیٹول 2014ء کی افتتاحی تقریب موئن جو دڑو میں منعقد کی جائے گی۔ وادی سندھ کی تہذیب کی شان و شوکت کے ساتھ۔ بلاول نے کہا کہ پاکستانی پیچھے کی طرف گھٹتے جا رہے ہیں، وہ زیادہ رجعت پسند ہوتے جا رہے ہیں اور تاریک دور کی جانب بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ”ہماری ثقافت اور مذہب کے حوالے سے خلیہ ایچ جیسے آدمروں اور ان کے پالکوں کی جانب سے منحنہ تارخ سکھائی گئی۔ وہ ہمارے سروں پر بندوق رکھ کر ہم پر اپنے قوانین نافذ کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ لیکن ہم انہیں ایسا نہیں کرنے دیں گے۔“ اس تقریب میں دوروزہ فیسیٹول کا

## آزاد کشمیر کے سینئر وزیر چوہدری محمد سلیم کا دورہ برطانیہ نہایت ہی کامیاب رہا چوہدری محمد یونس

اردو پوائنٹ

20 دسمبر 2013

## بلاول کا بسنت منانے کا اعلان، نواز شریف اور مریم نواز کو سندھ ثقافتی میلہ میں شرکت کی دعوت!

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 دسمبر 2013

## پاکستان ”سینستان“ بننا جا رہا ہے: بلاول بھٹو زرداری

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16 دسمبر 2013

تعارف کرتے ہوئے بختاور نے کہا کہ یہ سندھ اور پاکستان کی پیشکش ہے جو سب سے بہتر ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس فیسٹیول میں مونیٹورنگ کی دوڑ، گدھا گاڑی کی ریس، گہرے سمندر میں مانی گیری کے ٹورنامنٹ اور ایک شاندار مشاعرہ منعقد کیا جائے گا۔ یہ سندھ اور کراچی کے مختلف حصوں میں منعقد کیا جائے گا۔ دستکاروں کی اور غریب دستکاروں کے کام کی نمائش کا اہتمام کراچی میں باغ ابن قاسم میں کیا جائے گا، جس میں سندھ کے دستکاروں کو فری اسٹال فراہم کیے جائیں گے، جس میں وہ اپنے ہنر کے نمونے پیش کر سکیں گے۔ بلاول نے کہا کہ ”ہمیں ان سے بدلے میں کچھ نہیں چاہتے۔ جو کچھ وہ فروخت کریں گے انہیں اس کی پوری رقم واپس مل جائے گی۔“ بلاول نے فنکاروں کی ایک بڑی تعداد اور کرکٹروں سمیت اختر کا تعارف کرایا کہ وہ اپنے حصے کے پروگرام کا اعلان کریں۔

**کراچی (اردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین۔ 15 دسمبر۔ 2013ء)** پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے سرپرست اعلیٰ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے سندھ کی تہذیب، ثقافت اور ورثے کو محفوظ بنانے اور اسے اجاگر کرنے کے لئے آئندہ برس فروری کے مہینے میں سندھ فیسٹیول کے انعقاد کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ یہ میگا ایونٹ دو ہفتے تک جاری رہے گا۔ اس فیسٹیول کے تحت صوبے بھر میں 15 ایونٹس (فیسٹیولز) منعقد کئے جائیں گے۔ ان فیسٹیولز میں پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر سے فنکار، ادیب، شاعر، موسیقار، گلوکار، کھلاڑی سمیت زندگی کے تمام شعبوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے نامور افراد اور عام عوام شرکت کرے گی۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے اعلان کیا ہے کہ اس فیسٹیول میں وزیر اعظم میاں محمد نواز شریف، تحریک انصاف کے سربراہ عمران خان سمیت تمام سیاسی جماعتوں کے قائدین کو مدعو کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسلام امن و آشتی کا مذہب ہے۔

طالبانائزیشن سے اسلام کا کوئی تعلق نہیں ہے۔ ہم کسی کو جبری طور پر اپنے ملک میں درآمدی اسلام کو نافذ کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دیں گے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے اتوار کی شب مہتابیلس میں سندھ فیسٹیول کے انعقاد کے حوالے سے منعقدہ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر ان کی ہمشیرہ بختاور بھٹو زرداری بھی موجود تھیں۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کہا کہ میں اپنی بہن بختاور کا شکر گزار ہوں جو تین گھنٹے کے مختصر نوٹس پر اس تقریب میں شرکت کے لئے کراچی پہنچ گئیں۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری انوکھے انداز میں اس تقریب میں شرکت کے لئے اسٹیج پر آئے۔ اسٹیج پر ایک بڑی اسکرین نصب تھی، جس میں اس فیسٹیول کے حوالے سے جھلکیاں دکھائی جا رہی تھیں۔ انہوں نے اسٹیج پر اپنی بہن بختاور بھٹو زرداری کو مدعو کیا۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری اور بختاور بھٹو زرداری نے مل کر اس فیسٹیول کے حوالے سے تقریب کے شرکاء کو آگاہ کیا۔ اس فیسٹیول کی تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کہا کہ سندھ ایک قدیم ترین دھرتی ہے۔ اس دھرتی کو یہ اعزاز بھی حاصل ہے کہ اس کو باب الاسلام کہا جاتا ہے۔ اس دھرتی کو یہ بھی اعزاز حاصل ہے کہ یہاں سے محمد بن قاسم گزرے اور انہوں نے ہزاروں لوگوں کو مسلمان کیا۔ اس دھرتی کو یہ اعزاز بھی حاصل ہے کہ اس کی اسمبلی نے سب سے پہلے پاکستان کے قیام کی قرارداد منظور کی۔ اس دھرتی میں تاریخی ورثہ مومن جوڈو بھی موجود ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ دھرتی اپنی ثقافت، تہذیب اور ورثے کی وجہ سے دنیا بھر میں منفرد مقام رکھتی ہے۔ ہمیں یہ بھی اعزاز حاصل ہے کہ مجھ سمیت آپ سب اس دھرتی کے بیٹے ہیں اور ہمارا تعلق پاکستان سے ہے۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی نے ہماری تہذیب اور ثقافت کو بہت نقصان پہنچایا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسلام کا دہشت گردی اور طالبانائزیشن سے کوئی تعلق نہیں ہے۔ کچھ رجعت پسند عناصر اسلام کو بدنام کرنے کے لئے دہشت گردی کی وارداتیں ایک سازش کے تحت کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سابق آمر ضیاء الحق نے نہ صرف جمہوریت کو نقصان پہنچایا بلکہ انہی کے دور میں فرقہ واریت پروان چڑھی، جس سے مذہب اور ملک کی

نے اسلام کی اور حضرت نبی زینب تہذیب و ثقافت کو ناقابل تلافی نقصان پہنچا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسلام میں خواتین کے لئے تنگ نظری نہیں ہے۔ حضرت عائشہ رضی اللہ عنہا میں اہم کردار ادا کیا ہے جو ہمارے لئے رول ماڈل کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسلام کے اصل تشخص کو اجاگر کرنے، دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے، ملک کی تہذیب و تمدن، ثقافت اور ورثے کی حفاظت کے لئے ہم سب کو مل کر کام کرنا ہو گا اور اپنے ملک کو محفوظ بنانا ہو گا۔ بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے کہا کہ سندھ فیسٹیول ایک تاریخ ساز میگا ایونٹ ہو گا جس پر ایک ارب 80 کروڑ روپے کے اخراجات آئیں گے۔ اس ایونٹ میں حکومت کا ایک روپیہ بھی خرچ نہیں ہو گا بلکہ اس فیسٹیول سے سندھ حکومت اور سندھ کی عوام کو فائدہ ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس فیسٹیول کے اخراجات کے لئے ہیر شیخ (ورش) کاڈراجا آگیا کیا جائے گا اور کارڈ خریدنے والوں کو قرعہ اندازی کے ذریعے بڑے انعامات دیئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے یو تھ فیسٹیول پر 2 ارب روپے خرچ کئے تھے، تاہم ہم اسپانسرز کی مدد سے یہ فیسٹیول منعقد کریں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کی افتتاحی تقریب مومن جوڈو میں منعقد ہو گی جبکہ اختتامی تقریب کینجھر جھیل پر منعقد ہو گی۔ اس موقع پر

بختاور بھٹو زرداری نے فیسٹیول کے حوالے سے تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس فیسٹیول میں فلم فیسٹیول، گدھا گاڑی ریس، سندھ کرکٹ ٹورنامنٹ، کیٹل شو، فلم فیسٹیول، میوزک فیسٹیول، محفل سماج، کراچی لٹریچر فیسٹیول، وائس آف پاکستان، فوڈ فیسٹیول، چلڈرن فیسٹیول، سندھ لینیوٹیج انٹرنیشنل کانفرنس، عالمی مشاعرہ، گہرے سمندر میں مانی گیری فیسٹیول سمیت دیگر ایونٹس منعقد کئے جائیں گے۔ بختاور بھٹو نے کہا کہ ان فیسٹیولز میں عوام کی کثیر تعداد شرکت کرے گی، اس موقع پر بلاول بھٹو زرداری نے اعلان کیا کہ فیسٹیول کے موقع پر کراچی میں عالمی بسنت میلہ منایا جائے گا، جس میں پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر سے لوگ شرکت کریں گے اور یہ میلہ ساحل سمندر پر ہو گا۔ تقریب سے آرٹس کونسل کے صدر احمد شاہ، وسیم اکرم، فخر عالم دیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ تقریب کے بعد وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قاسم علی شاہ نے کہا کہ اس فیسٹیول سے نہ صرف صوبے کی ثقافت اجاگر ہو گی بلکہ امن و امان کے قیام میں بھی یہ فیسٹیول معاون و مددگار ثابت ہو گا۔

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**محفوظ بنانے اور اسے اجاگر**

**کرنے کے لئے آئندہ برس**

**سندھ فیسٹیول کے انعقاد کا اعلان**

اردو پوائنٹ

15 دسمبر 2013

**دادو: حکومتی عدم توجہ سے**

**تفریحی مقام گورکھ مل پر**

**سیاحوں کی آمد کم**

**ہوئی**

15 دسمبر 2013



آئے گی۔ جبکہ گورکھ پر آنے والے شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر حکومت گورکھ پر سیاحوں کو ہر سہولیات میسر کرے تو بہت بڑی تعداد میں لوگ یہاں تفریح کے لیے آئیں گے، اور کوہ مری کی طرح گورکھ بھی ایک سیاحتی اور معاشی طرفتی کا وسیلہ ہو گا۔ دادو کے عوام کا مطالبہ ہے کہ حکومت اس تفریحی مقامات پر توجہ دے اور گورکھ پر تفریح کے لیے آنے والوں کو بنیادی سہولیات دی جائیں تاکہ لوگ اس خوبصورت مناظر سے لطف اندوز ہو سکیں۔

اسلام آباد (اردو پوائنٹ اخبار تازہ ترین۔ 15 دسمبر۔ 2013ء) سینٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے بین الصوبائی رابطہ کمیٹی کا اجلاس (کل) ہو گا جس میں پاکستان ٹورازم ڈویلپمنٹ کارپوریشن کی صوبوں کو منتقلی کے عمل کا جائزہ لیا جائیگا اجلاس چیئر پرسن سینیٹر فرح عاقل کی سربراہی میں پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں ہو گا۔ اجلاس میں خیبر پختونخوا میں بی ٹی ڈی سی کے ہوٹل، موٹلز، ہاسٹلز اور اس کی کارکردگی کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔ اجلاس کے دوران گزشتہ دو اجلاسوں میں دی گئی سفارشات پر عملدرآمد پر پیش رفت کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے گا۔

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(کل) ہو گا

اردو پوائنٹ

15 دسمبر 2013

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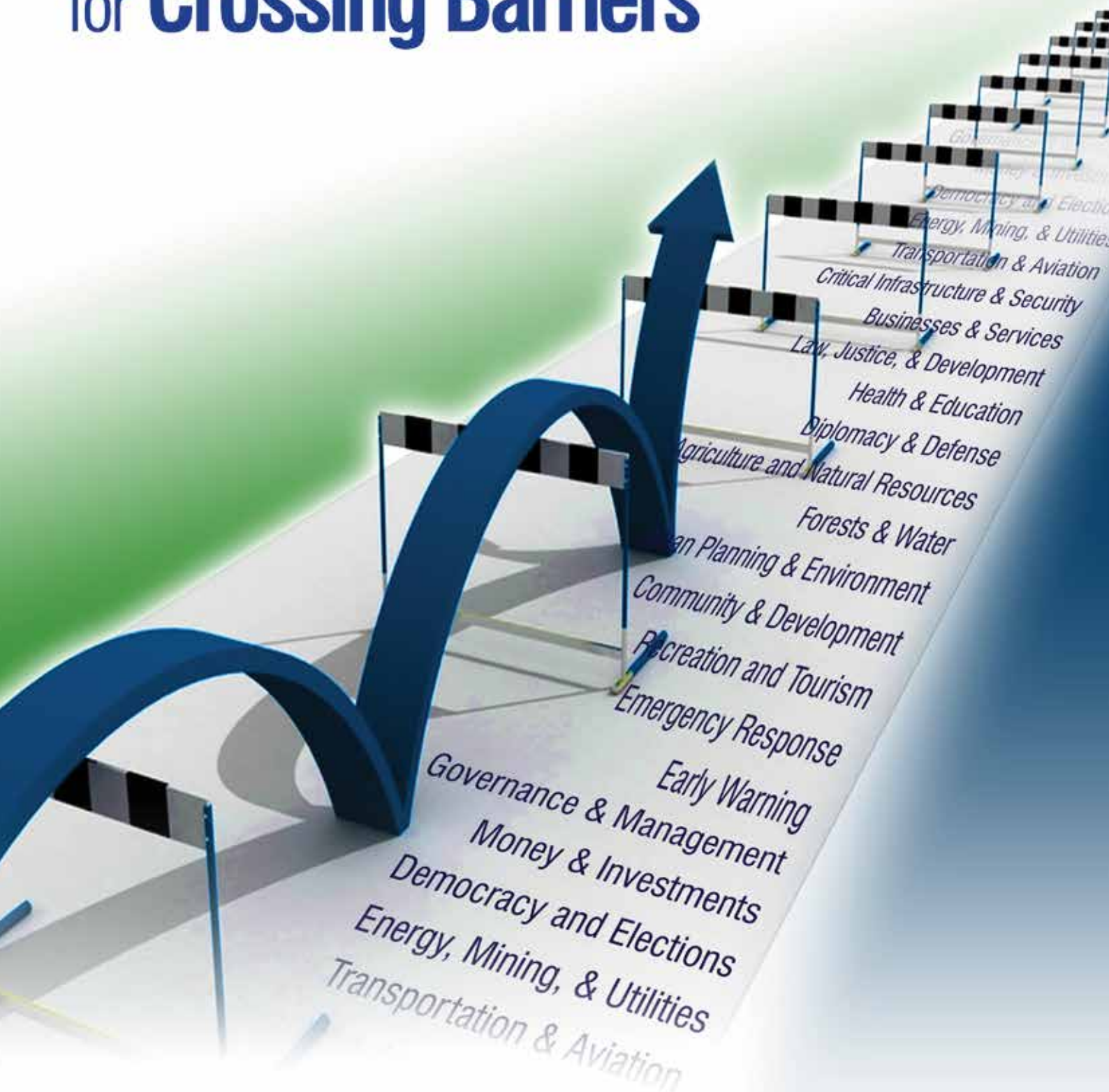
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