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### REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED MADRASA IN SINDH

**KARACHI:** Twenty per cent of the seminaries functioning across the province are situated in Karachi west district alone. It emerged on Friday as the home department carried out an exercise aimed at establishing a database of madrassahs and streamlining their registration process.

According to a report compiled by the home department, more than 4,000 registered and unregistered seminaries are functioning across the province, while 799 of them have been spotted only in west district.

With the help of the database, the industries department will register seminaries and decide about grant of permission for the construction of others only after obtaining NOCs from the home department, deputy commissioner concerned and the Sindh Building Control Authority.

The industries department has been asked to make necessary amendments to its relevant rules in this regard.

One of the key points the home department report mentioned was identification of the madrassahs having links with 'terrorist groups/organisations' by collecting tangible evidence so that legal action could be initiated against them.

The report identified a total of 4,021 madrassahs in Sindh, of which 2,598 were registered and 1,423 were unregistered. However, it added, unregistered seminaries were still being counted and their list was being prepared by police.

The district-wise number of madrassahs documented by the home department identifies Tando Allahyar as having the least number of seminaries (30) and Karachi west district with the maximum number of madrassahs (799).

The report said 388,327 students were enrolled with all the madrassahs in Sindh and 205,325 of them were enrolled with the 2,598 registered madrassahs.

579 unregistered seminaries in city

Of the 4,021 seminaries across the province, Karachi has as many as 1,887 madrassahs. With 1,308 of them registered with the government, at least 579 have been spotted functioning here unregistered.

The home department found 10 foreign students enrolled with unregistered seminaries, while a total of 663 foreign students were enrolled with different madrassahs across the province.

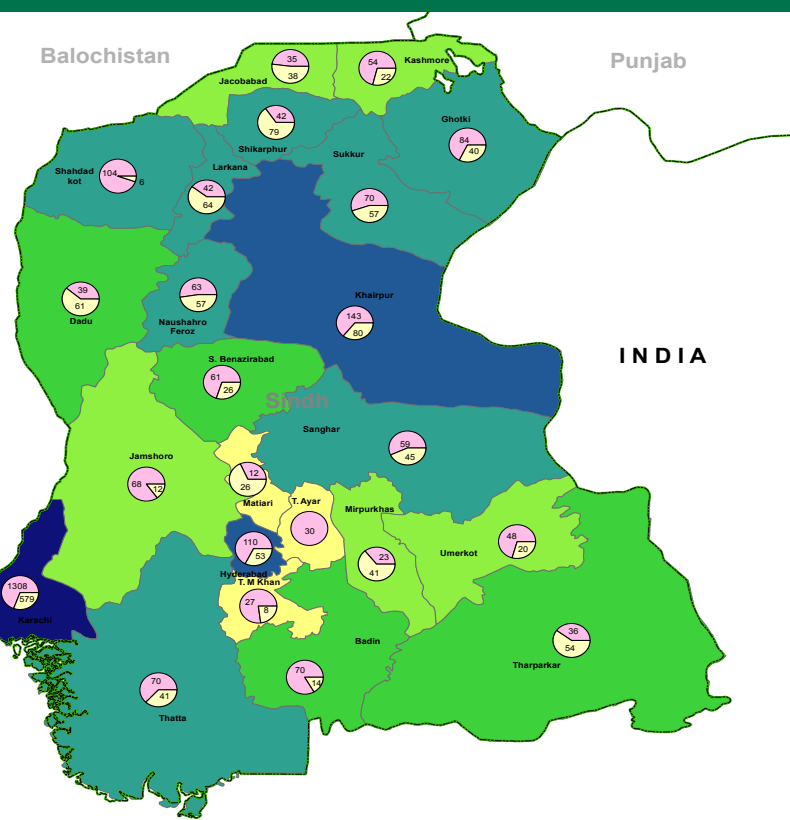
Enrollment

The figures indicated that there were at least 119,002 students enrolled with 1,423 unregistered madrassahs across the province.

The report said a dominant majority of madrassahs were owned by Wifaq-ul-Madaris Arabia (Deoband), followed by Tanzeem-ul-Madaris Ahle Sunnat (Barelvi), Wifaq-ul-Madaris (Firoz Jafri) and Wifaq-ul-Madaris (Ahle Haqqi). Officials said the Sindh apex committee, which supervises the ongoing targeted operations, finalised a pro forma for the registration of seminaries in the province.

For registration, they said, the management of madrassahs would be required to complete the pro forma by providing details of their students, teachers and sources of fund, if any, they received.

However, a time frame for completing the exercise would be decided by the apex committee in their next meetings, said an official.



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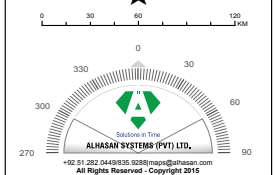
Number of Registered & Unregistered Madrasa

- Registered
- Unregistered

Total No. of Madrasa

- 30 - 38
- 39 - 80
- 81 - 100
- 101 - 127
- 128 - 223
- 224 - 1887

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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Punjab To Help Sindh Computerise Land Record

DAWN News, April 4, 2015

#### Three More Killed as Heavy Rain, Hailstones Continue To Hit Sindh

DAWN News, April 4, 2015

#### Five Killed as Heavy Rain, Hailstones Batter Upper Sindh Region

DAWN News, April 3, 2015

#### Heavy Rains Wreak Havoc In Balochistan

DAWN News, April 3, 2015

### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** A delegation of senior officers led by Senior Member Board of Revenue, Sindh, Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqi, visited the Board of Revenue, Punjab, here on Friday. Punjab BoR Senior Member Nadeem Ashraf informed the delegation that the Land Record Management Information System Project was being speedily completed for the provision of transparent and easy services of land record in the province, says a handout. He said the computerised sale and mutation deeds were being provided to hundreds of thousands of land owners within 30 and 50 minutes, respectively, through land record centres set up in 143 tehsils of the province.

According to an estimate, more than Rs735 million have been deposited to the government exchequer as a result of issuance of 77,601 computerized sale deeds and 24,809 mutation deeds through these centres during the last one month. Mr Ashraf said the land record of 186 mauzas out of 363 had been computerized, adding the land record computerization was completed in 20 districts of Punjab. He said the performance of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority had improved after its up-gradation. He said the institute would forecast any natural calamity in the future and relief arrangements could be completed before time. Mr Ashraf said that relief items had been stored to cope with any emergent situation in the province.

Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqi requested Nadeem Ashraf to extend help in computerizing the land record in Sindh so as to eliminate the land mafia from his province. Mr Ashraf assured all-out cooperation to Mr Shoaib Ahmed and his team and said the Punjab government would provide technical expertise at every level.

**SUKKUR:** Three people died and 25 suffered injuries in rain-related incidents while dozens of sheds of filling stations were blown away and standing crops suffered widespread damage as intermittent heavy rain accompanied by strong winds and hailstones continued to batter upper Sindh region on Friday. Five people had died and scores injured when the downpour and hailstones preceded by a strong dust storm had started lashing the area a day ago. It struck again Sukkur, Larkana, Khairpur, Naushahro Feroze, Kandhkot, Kashmore, Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Ghotki, Daharki and Pannu Aqil, causing widespread damage to standing crops of wheat, harvested wheat lying in fields and pulses and a surge in water level in the River Indus and canals. Dust storm was also reported from many towns in the afternoon which dropped visibility level and stranded many vehicles on roads. Due to slipperiness caused by rain, two buses coming from Punjab overturned on the National Highway near the Pannu Aqil cantonment causing injuries to 25 passengers. Met officials told Dawn the current spell of rain was expected to continue for the next three days. The strong winds accompanying the rain blew away sheds of dozens of CNG and petrol filling stations along the National Highway in Khairpur, Shikarpur and Kashmore, causing injuries to several people and damaging many vehicles.

**KHAIRPUR:** Two shepherds were struck to death by lightning and a minor boy was buried alive when his mud-thatched house caved in on him during heavy rain in different areas of the district. Toto Bheel and another Bheel boy were killed when they were hit by lightning in different areas of Nara taluka while grazing herds of goats while six-year-old Rehan died when his mud-thatched house collapsed on him near Pipri area in Gambat taluka.

**NAUSHAHRO FEROZE:** Heavy rain coupled with hailstones caused damage to standing crops in Naushahro Feroze and adjoining towns of Kandiaro, Halani, Kotri Kabir, Khan Wahan and Tharo Shah. Farmers were not so happy at the rain at this time of the year and said it would harm standing wheat crop and orchards.

**SHIKARPUR:** Five people, among them four of a family, died and 11 suffered injuries in rain-related accidents on roads in Shikarpur district when two successive dust storms with strong winds followed by hailstones and heavy rain battered almost entire upper Sindh region on Thursday.

People ran for shelter when it lashed Shikarpur and its adjoining towns of Garhi Yasin, Dakhan, Madeji, Khanpur, Lakhi Ghulam Shah, Chak and Rustam. The dust storm made visibility so low that it caused a number of accidents. About 15 kilometres from here in Garhi Yasin, four children who were related to each other and a man who was their co-villager were killed when a concrete signboard, weakened by strong winds and rain, caved in on them. They were identified as Babar Shah, 18, Zakir Shah, 4, Hina Bibi, 6, Mehrab Shah, 16, who belonged to Zaman Shah family of Juman Shah village, and Hamadullah Abro, 17.

In another accident near Jahan Khan village, 11 people were seriously injured when their motorcycles collided with one another. The dust storm followed by rain and hailstorm also hit Sukkur and adjoining towns uprooting signboards, trees and electricity poles. The dust storm and heavy rain landed once again on the upper Sindh region at around 9:00pm with more ferocity and the downpour continued to lash the area till the last report was filed a little before midnight.

**QUETTA:** Torrential rains played havoc in Quetta and other areas of northern, eastern and central Balochistan where two people were killed and at least six injured, while several mud houses were washed away and landslides took place at a number of places on Thursday. Heavy rains that started on Wednesday night kept lashing Quetta and adjoining areas throughout the day, paralysing life in the city, as all main roads were flooded with rainwater and sewage after the sewerage system collapsed.

Heavy rains and landslides were also reported in Pishin, Qila Abdullah Chaman, Khanozai, Ziarat, Muslim Bagh, Zhob, Harnai, Mastung, Kalat, Noshki, Kuchlak, Hanna and UraK. Several areas



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## 48,076 Rescued by 1122 in One Month

*The News, April 2, 2015*

## PDMA Balochistan DG Visit to PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

*PDMA, April 2, 2015*

## Hailstorm, Rain Claim Four Lives in KP, FATA

*DAWN News, April 2, 2015*

faced flash floods which washed away mud houses. Some areas were cut off from rest of the country as traffic was suspended because of landslides and inundation of roads. Several roads in Bolan, Sibi, Jaffarabad, Nasirabad, Harnai, Ziarat, Rod Mullazai, Pishin, Noshki, Mastung and adjoin districts were flooded and storm water streams overflowed. Seasonal rivers, including Bolan and Balanari, were in high flood after heavy rains in their catchment areas.

According to the Dawn Correspondent in Dera Murad Jamali, heavy rains continued in Nasirabad division. At least six people were injured when walls and roofs of mud houses collapsed because of the rains. Two men, Abdul Baqi and Arshad Ali, died when lightning hit them in Goth Bashkia area of Balanari in Bolan district. The roofs and walls of several mud houses in the slums of Quetta also collapsed. Almost all the main city roads were inundated and adequate number of rescue and sanitary workers was not seen. The Quetta Metropolitan Corporation had not ensured cleaning of the major drains and mud and garbage resulted in rainwater flowing on the roads and streets. "The Met Office had forecast the heavy rains but the local government did not carry out de-silting of the storm water drains and cleaning of the sewerage system," a citizen, Shahbaz, said. The rainwater entered shops, houses, schools and hospitals, causing hardship to people, especially because of absence of the sanitary staff of the metropolitan corporation.

Official sources said the corporation had over 900 sanitary workers. They said about 450 Muslim sanitary workers had been recruited by political parties from Pishin, Chaman, Muslim Bagh and other areas and some of them did not attend their duties in Quetta but received salary. The sources said the situation regarding the workers from other communities was also not very different. The Met Office advised farmers in the province to keep themselves abreast of daily weather reports and forecast to minimise damage to crops during the Rabi harvesting season.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Director General Rescue Dr Rizwan Naseer carried out a performance review of emergency operations in all 36 districts of Punjab to ensure uniform standard of service and smooth emergency services delivery without discrimination. The emergency data showed that 48,076 victims of different emergencies were rescued by the Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) by conducting 50,191 rescue operations in March all over the Punjab while maintaining its average response time of 07 minutes.

The emergency calls to which Rescue 1122 responded include 19,072 road traffic accidents, 23,881 medical emergencies, 718 fire incidents, 1,636 crimes, 68 drowning incidents, 92 building collapses, 14 explosions and 4,710 miscellaneous operations. Chairing a meeting of rescue officers/ officials at Rescue 1122 Headquarters, DG Dr Rizwan Naseer said after saving lives of over 3.1 million emergency victims through effective emergency management system, now "we are moving towards Changing Minds by Community Action for Disaster Response Emergencies (CADRE), training Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) for Community Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) & implementation of safe community development initiatives so that we can establish socially responsible, healthy, resilient and safer communities in Pakistan". Medical camp for acid victims: Renowned artists Abrar-ul-Haq, Resham and many others will gather at the inauguration of a free medical camp for women sustaining kerosene and acid burns organised by a foundation at Defence on Thursday (today). According to a statement by Mussarat Misbah, chief executive of the foundation, a four-member team of doctors from Spain will hold a free check-up of 40 women victims of acid and kerosene burns and will provide them free operations and treatment facility.

On April 2nd, 2015, a delegation from PDMA Baluchistan headed by Director General visited Provincial Disaster Management Authority Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The participants were given presentation on the activities, operations and future initiatives of PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Lessons learnt from previous disasters faced by PDMA were shared. Later on the officers / officials visited PDMA different sections while a briefing was given in Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) on emergency operations. Delegation from PDMA Baluchistan headed by Director General visited Provincial Disaster Management Authority Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The participants were given presentation on the activities, operations and future initiatives of PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Lessons learnt from previous disasters faced by PDMA were shared. Later on the officers / officials visited PDMA different sections while a briefing was given in Provincial Emergency Operation Center (PEOC) on emergency operations.

**PESHAWAR:** Four people were killed and six suffered injuries in roof collapses caused by strong winds and hailstorm in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and adjoining Federally Administered Tribal Areas on Wednesday. Strong winds coupled with hailstorm played havoc in parts of Bannu district damaging crops and electricity lines.

Roof of a house collapsed in Domail area of the district killing two women. Local volunteers recovered bodies from under the debris. The deceased were daughter and daughter-in-law of Hawaldar Khan. Local residents said strong windstorm followed by rains and hailstorm lashed parts of Bannu causing severe damages to standing crops. The inclement weather also damaged power transmission lines and uprooted trees. Domail was the worst-affected area, where people said hailstones piled up on roofs and streets as high as three feet. The hailstorm plunged the area into darkness due to electricity suspension. Also, it caused the mercury to drop considerably.

The bad weather also caused deaths in tribal areas. Two deaths were reported from Orakzai Agency. A local official said a house collapsed in Samm village in the wee hours of the day killing Qamar Zaman's wife and one-year-old son. He said the people retrieved bodies from under the debris. In another incident, the lightning struck the house of Abdur Rehman in Bagun area of Kurram Agency leaving four children and two women injured. It also caused a portion of the compound to collapse.

Heavy rain began in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA late on Monday and continued on Tuesday intermittently. The Met Office said heavy rains had been recorded in different parts of the province and adjacent tribal areas. It said Peshawar received 21mm rain, Timergara 52mm, Parachinar

### Four Children Killed in Landslide

DAWN News, April 2, 2015

### Changing Patterns: Rain Contributes To Low Pollen Count

DAWN News, April 1, 2015

### NDMA Issues Flood Warning For Areas in Punjab

DAWN News, April 1, 2015

### Ignore climate change, welcome disaster:

Mushahid Ullah Khan

Pakistan Today, April 1, 2015

40mm, Saidu Sharif 35mm, Balakot 33mm, Malam Jabba 37mm and Kohat 35mm. Kalam hill station in Swat district received two inches snowfall. The Met Office forecast more rains during the next 24 hours in the area. Also, it rained heavily in upper parts of Hazara division for third consecutive day. The rain began on Monday evening and continued intermittently in Mansehra, Batagram, Kohistan and Torghar districts. In Bajaur, the heavy downpour paralysed life on the second consecutive day. The rain began on Tuesday and continued on Wednesday evening without break disrupting power supply to parts of the tribal region. Several houses and boundary walls collapsed due to heavy rains. However, no damage to human life was reported. Most commercial plazas and shops remained closed in agency headquarters, Khar, due to heavy rains. Also, thin transport was seen on the roads.

**QUETTA:** Four seminary students were buried alive in landsliding incident in an Afghan refugee camp in Saranan area of the Pishin district on Wednesday. Those killed in the incident were identified as Shafiullah, Hafizullah Muhammad Tahir and Idress Khan. "All victims were Afghan refugee children who were studying in a seminary in the refugee camp," a senior official of the Pishin administration told Dawn.

Levies Force officials said the children were playing when the incident took place. Ages of the children ranged between 10 and 12 years. The incident was triggered by heavy rains which have been falling in the area over the last one week. People of the area launched the rescue work and took out bodies of the children.

**ISLAMABAD:** The ongoing spell of rain has contributed to the lower pollen count in Islamabad this year, with hospitals also receiving fewer pollen allergy sufferers than normal. Owing to above-average rains this year, sprouting and budding of trees has relatively been slow, which has contributed to less pollen in the air providing the much needed respite to the patients suffering from respiratory diseases. "Despite heavy rainfall this year, the paper mulberry pollen count is 10,185 per cent, which is still very high," said a Met official. He said that though pines, grasses, cannabis and other flora also affect allergy sufferers, paper mulberry had the largest impact in Islamabad, with the peak season being March and April.

Meanwhile, wheat growers in upper parts of the country, especially in arid and semi-arid areas in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Azad Jammu and Kashmir have welcomed the new rain spell amidst forecast of more rains by the Met Office in wheat growing areas during the next two days. Experts, however, have said that if the rain spell were prolonged, it could damage wheat and rice and other seasonal crops. "At the moment, a very good wheat crop is expected in arid and semi-arid areas as well as in irrigated areas of central and southern Punjab and in Sindh, however, the crop could damage if the rain spell prolongs," said Dr Sikandar, a wheat crop researcher at the National Agriculture Research Centre. "In irrigated areas, wheat crop is one month ahead of arid areas and at this stage, the crop needs more heat to ripen, while the presence of excess water bacteria could damage the roots of the crop," said NARC researcher Dr Muhammad Sohail.

"Rains with thundershowers accompanied with gusty winds and isolated hailstorms at scattered places of Sukkar, Larkan, Jacobabad, Ghotki, Khairpur, Nausharofero districts will enter into Sindh on the afternoon of Thursday and Friday which can damage standing wheat crops and mango trees," Chief Met Officer Dr Ghulam Rasool told The Express Tribune. He advised wheat growers in Sindh to follow advisories of the Met office to avoid losses due to rain. The Met Office has also forecast more rains with thunderstorms and gusty winds and isolated hailstorm at scattered places of Balochistan including Quetta, Zhob, Kalat, Sibbi, Dera Bugti, Naseerabad, Musakhel, Jhalmagsi and Kohlu Districts on Thursday. The Met Office has also forecast rain accompanied with gusty winds at scattered places of Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, DG Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Multan, Bahawalpur, Lodhran, Vehari, Bahawalnagar, Khanewal, Sahiwal and Pakpattan districts between Thursday and Friday. Rain and thunderstorm has also been forecast at scattered places of Peshawar, Malakand, Swat, Buner, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, DI Khan and Haripur during the next couple of days.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) issued a weather advisory on Wednesday warning that the area around Punjab's Chenab River could be hit with a flood within a day's span (April 1-April 2). According to the press release issued by the NDMA, a strong westerly wave is likely to hit the upper catchments of the Chenab River due to which moderate to heavy rainfall can be expected in Chenab River's catchment areas. As a result of the rain, Chenab River at Marala is likely to rise and attain "medium to high flood level".

As per the weather advisory, labelled "most immediate", water levels in the Chenab River may jump to 140,000 to 210,000 cusecs during the period 12:00 Pakistan Standard Time (PST) on April 1, 2015 to 12:00 PST on April 2, 2015. In wake of the looming flood possibility, NDMA has warned the government in its advisory to take all "necessary measures to avoid loss of life and damage to property". According to sources, due to the torrential rains around the Chenab River area, drains in many towns, including Sialkot, are rising to the point of overflowing. Floods in Sindh and Punjab provinces in the last decade have caused immense damage to the infrastructure and economy of the country. Earlier in 2011, devastating floods affected over seven million people in Sindh and as a result, 1.36 million homes were destructed. Close to 2000 people were killed due to the catastrophic floods which hit the Indus River Basin area in 2010.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister for Climate Change Mushahid Ullah Khan warned that failing to adapt to rapidly changing weather patterns for countries like Pakistan and mitigating the carbon emissions would badly hurt the countries' efforts meant for achieving sustainable development goals. These goals include poverty eradication, increased and improved access to clean drinking water and safe sanitation, access to adequate health facilities, gender equality, education, energy, economic growth, sustainable consumption and production of natural resources, biodiversity and marine conservation. He was speaking as the keynote speaker at the inaugural session of the three-day high-level policy workshop on "Intended Nationally Determined Contributions" (INDCs) –

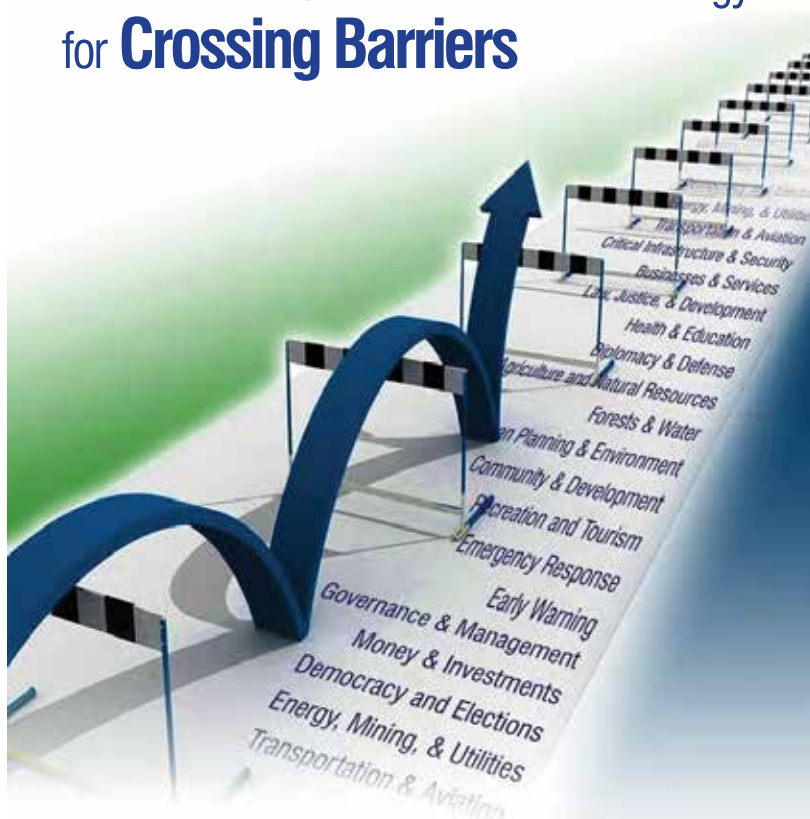


an initiative meant to put the world on the carbon-free pathway that leads to sustainable development – here at a local hotel on Tuesday. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan said that global warming, which continue to unleash devastating impacts in different parts of the world, including Pakistan, has emerged to be the biggest challenge of the present century.

Pakistan is reportedly ranked among the ten most vulnerable countries in the World by the German Watch Index 2014, a German-based prestigious think-tank on Climate Change. “The very existence of mankind has been at stake because of the climate change, for it has increased frequency of flash floods, forest fires, erratic and torrential rains and led to sea-level rise, melting of glaciers at a higher pace, erratic and irregular and depleting river flows and overall environmental degradation,” he highlighted. The event was attended by top key government officials from environment, water, energy, forest, health ministries and departments and international and local non-governmental organisations. Climate Change and Environmental scientist, researchers, academicians, policymakers and planners also attended the event.

The minister said that though every country has become vulnerable to the delirious effects of climate change, unfortunately, developing countries like Pakistan and the least developed like Nepal are the ones likely to be hit the hardest by the unpredictable climatic conditions. Talking about the topic of the workshop, the minister said that today's event on the INDCs would contribute towards firming up Pakistan's contributions towards climate change and provide a roadmap on how the country can further enhance its contributions if additional funding is made available under international climate finance. The one single event of devastating 2010 flooding eroded away 6 per cent of our GDP, he stressed. As per the initial assessment of Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review Mission of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the climate change-related activities are costing Pakistan 5 to 7 per cent of its annual federal budget every year, he underlined. Given the grave scenario regarding climate change impacts, Pakistan, hand-in-hand with other countries of the world, is striving hard to devise a mechanism to keep the increase in our earth's temperature below two degree centigrade as a part of the global climate change agreement to be reached later this year in Paris among the 198 countries that will be organised by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), he said.

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## WEEKLY SITUATION ANALYSIS REPORT BY PDMA/PEOC, KP as of APRIL 2, 2015

Weekly Weather Alert		More Rains predicted in Nest Couple Days
<b>Synoptic Situation:</b> A westerly wave is affecting upper and central parts of the country and likely to persist during next 24 hours.  <b>Significant Weather Update:</b> Nil		As per PMD, rain thundershowers accompanied with isolated hailstorm expected at scattered places of Peshawar, Malakand, Swat, Buner, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, DI Khan, and Haripur districts on Thursday (evening/night)/Friday. Rain/thundershowers also expected at few places in rest of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the period. howers over the same areas of the country is predicted during the next week.
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2-4-2015</b>	Rain-thundershowers associated with gusty winds is expected at scattered places in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA. Isolated heavy falls are also expected in Malakand and Hazara divisions.	<b>DAMS POSITION (0600 PST)</b>  TARBELA Max Level: 1550.00 Feet  TARBELA Level : 1449.83Feet  Max Conservation Level:1204.05 Feet  MANGLA Level: 1130.90 Feet
<b>Friday</b> <b>3-4-2015</b>	Rain-thundershowers is expected at scattered places in upper KhyberPakhtunkhwa.	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>4-4-2015</b>	Mainly dry weather is expected in most parts of the country; however, partly cloudy weather conditions with rain-thunderstorm is expected in Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar divisions.	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5-4-2015</b>	Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country.	
<b>Monday</b> <b>6-4-2015</b>	Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country.	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>7-4-2015</b>	Mainly hot and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country.	

Source: PDMA KP, [http://pdma.gov.pk/recent\\_updates/wr\\_weekly\\_26.3.15.pdf](http://pdma.gov.pk/recent_updates/wr_weekly_26.3.15.pdf)



## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Curbing terrorism: 'Counter-terror stations to start probes in two weeks'

*The Express Tribune, April 5, 2015*

#### Counter-terrorism: Terror bid foiled

*The Express Tribune, April 5, 2015*

#### Roadside blast kills two bomb disposal officers in South Waziristan

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

#### Police gear up for Easter Day protection against terrorism

*Pakistan Today, April 4, 2015*

### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Sukhera said on Saturday that five recently established Counter Terrorism Department police stations will start investigation of terrorism cases within two weeks. He said these stations had been set up in Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Multan and Rawalpindi districts. He was speaking at the passing out ceremony of the second batch of the Counter Terrorism Force (CTF) comprising 424 corporals, of which 401 were men and 23 women. He said like the Pakistan Army and various law enforcement agencies in the country, the Police Department was fully prepared to combat terrorism. He said with the graduation of 424 more corporals, the CTF strength now stood at 1,180 officials. He said the second batch had graduated after a nine-month training programme that covered intelligence collection, operations and investigation. He said the training was overseen by experts from the Army and from other countries. He said the force had been equipped with the latest weapons and trained in the use of information technology. He said a refresher courses programme had already been designed for CTF corporals to ensure that they continued to be equipped with latest counter terrorism techniques.

Answering questions after his address, the IGP said no innocent person would be penalised in the Youhanabad lynching incident. He said only those found involved in the incident would be taken to a court for a trial. The ceremony, where Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was the chief guest, also included a demonstration of skills by the new graduates. The chief minister congratulated the graduates and said that he expected them to lead the fight against terrorism in the province. He said the establishment of the CTF was undertaken in view of the need for a dedicated force to combat terrorism. He said countries like Turkey, Sri Lanka and Indonesia had successfully combated terrorist organisations. He said he was confident that Pakistan would very soon get rid of the menace of terrorism. "Officers of the Army, police and other government agencies have performed great deeds in the fight against terrorist organisations operating in the country," he said. Home Minister Col (Retd) Shuja Khanzada, the home secretary and the Rangers director general also attended the ceremony.

#### CTD police stations

A senior police official told The Express Tribune that 45 per cent of the CTF corporals would be assigned intelligence collection duties. He said the remaining would take care of the day-to-day operations and investigation-related tasks. The five CTD police stations are each operating in three-storey buildings with a covered area of two-and-a-half kanal. Each station has four watch towers and space for offices of SPs, DSPs, SHOs and IOs and barracks that can accommodate up to 50 corporals. Each station has eight lock-ups which are monitored round the clock using surveillance cameras.

**MULTAN:** The Counter Terrorism Department foiled a terror bid and recovered a bomb from a water tank at Imam Bargah Ali Hussain Shaheed in Alipur on Saturday morning. DSP Iqbal Chandia said police had detained three terrorists in various raids in Multan and Khanewal last week. He said they had revealed that they had planted a 14 kilogramme bomb in a water cooler at the imam bargah. He said they had planned to attack a Friday congregation. Chandia said Omar Baloch was arrested from Khangarh Doma. He said information gleaned from him had led to another raid at a house from where two remote control bombs, a seven-kilogramme bomb and other weapons were recovered. He said Baloch's brothers Razzaq Muawia and Usman Riaz were also detained.

**PESHAWAR:** Two bomb disposal technicians died in a roadside bomb explosion Saturday as they cleared a route for troops in the Barwand area of South Waziristan near the Afghan border, officials said. The incident took place in the Barwand area of South Waziristan tribal district, one of Pakistan's seven semi-autonomous tribal regions, which is considered a stronghold of Taliban militants. "Two bomb disposal officials were clearing the route for troop movement when an improvised explosive device went off, killing both of them," a senior security official told AFP. The semi-autonomous tribal areas on the Afghan border have for years been a hideout for Islamist militants of all stripes, including Al Qaeda and the Pakistani Taliban as well as foreign fighters such as Uzbeks and Uighurs.

Pakistan began a long-awaited push to clear insurgent bases from North Waziristan last June after a bloody Taliban attack on Karachi airport finally sank faltering peace talks. Washington has pressed Islamabad for years to wipe out the sanctuaries in the North Waziristan tribal area, which militants have used to launch attacks on Nato forces in Afghanistan. Air strikes, artillery, mortars and ground troops have all been used to take back territory.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Police in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad have prepared comprehensive plans to ensure complete security on the occasion of celebration of Easter Day on Sunday. According to police sources in the two cities, on special directives of the higher ups they have enhanced deployment of police at Churches for three days. "The security is on high alert around churches," a police official at a church in Rawalpindi said. The police officers would remain on duty for 24 hours so as to avoid any untoward incident in and outside the Churches.

The sources said that in addition to the deployment of police force, police patrol in the cities particularly in the vicinity of churches would be increased. Similarly, police in other districts of Punjab has been asked to remain on high alert to avoid any repetition of attacks on two churches in Lahore last month. It is worth mentioning that terrorists particularly target churches and places of worship of other minorities to gain publicity at the national and international level and bring a bad

## Punjab CM reiterates commitment against terrorism

*Pakistan Today, April 4, 2015*

## Performance: Police bust 82 gangs in three months

*The Express Tribune, April 4, 2015*

## Security forces arrest 76 suspects in Peshawar raid

*The Express Tribune, April 3, 2015*

## No country for old Afghans: 'Post-1951 immigrants to be considered illegal'

*The Express Tribune, April 3, 2015*

name to the country.

**LAHORE:** Presiding over a meeting of the Punjab Apex Committee which decided to eradicate terrorism, extremism and sectarianism from the country, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif Friday said that all resources are being utilised to protect lives and property of masses under the National Action Plan (NAP). The meeting was attended by Lahore Corps Commander Lieutenant General Naveed Zaman, Rangers Punjab Director General Major General Umar Farooq Barki, General Officer Commanding 10 Division Major General Aamir Abbasi and other senior officials. The meeting examined the implementation of NAP in detail and reiterated its resolve to rid Pakistan of terrorism. It also agreed to take more effective measures as well as renewed the determination to eradicate terrorism, extremism and sectarianism.

Briefing the participants, Shahbaz said that entire nation stands with armed forces to deal with terrorism. He that modern information technology was being used for curbing terrorism. "Additional chapters related to endurance, tolerance and brotherhood were being introduced in the curricula of the schools, colleges, universities and seminaries," he added. The chief minister said that the whole nation is united against terrorism, extremism and sectarianism and the war against these menaces will be fought on all fronts. He said that Pakistan Army is the best trained and disciplined force of the world. He said that officers and soldiers of army, police and common citizens have rendered supreme sacrifices in the war against terrorism which are unprecedented in the history of the nations. Shahbaz further said that all segments of the society will have to play an active role in the war against terrorism for defeating terrorists and their facilitators on every front. He said that it is the mission of every citizen to make Pakistan a safe and peaceful country. He said that the ruthless elements will find no place in the country. The meeting was informed that the process of geo-tagging of seminaries has been completed in Punjab and all concerned institutions are working with close coordination for the implementation of the NAP.

**ISLAMABAD:** Islamabad police on Friday claimed to have busted 82 gangs and arrested 234 gangsters so far this year. A spokesperson said the suspects were involved in burglaries and car and bike theft. The police also arrested 385 proclaimed offenders during the first three months of the year. They were wanted to police in murder and kidnapping cases. Police also said that they completed investigation and submitted challans of 936 cases in respective courts during this period. "Likewise, eight cases of blind murders were traced and 12 suspected assassins were arrested. Police nabbed 21 foreigners residing in the country illegally and registered cases against them," said the press release.

**PESHAWAR:** At least 76 suspects including two Afghan nationals were arrested on Friday in Peshawar, Express News reported. The law enforcement agencies carried out a raid in areas of Hayatabad and recovered six pistols, eight Kalashnikovs and 300 live cartridges during the operation. On March 11, around four militants and one policeman were also killed during a four-hour shootout in Peshawar. Heavily armed militants attacked local police in the Shawa area of Swabi district, occupying a house and trading fire with officers for nearly four hours, district police chief Muhammad Saeed Khan told AFP.

**PESHAWAR:** All those Afghan nationals who immigrated to Pakistan before civil unrest erupted in 1979 in their country would be treated as illegal residents and deported, said an official of the Special Branch Police. He told The Express Tribune relevant officials had been issued directives to not consider any [proof of immigration] from the 60s or 70s as valid and report such documentation so CNICs of these individuals be blocked. "We do not know who took the decision, but the new policy is that any Afghan family which migrated after 1951 will be considered illegal immigrants and their CNICs will be blocked after separate verification from the Special Branch and Intelligence Bureau (IB)," he said. "The decision was probably taken after reports emerged that several refugees who managed to get CNICs had purchased land using backdated documents," he said.

"The instructions are clear cut. Any document from 1951 onward will not be accepted and all those who migrated subsequently will be considered illegal immigrants," he reiterated. Talking to *The Express Tribune*, an IB official, requesting anonymity, said a notification from October last year clearly mentioned that as per the Pakistan Citizenship Act 1951 (and Pakistan Citizenship Act Rules 1952), all those people who migrated to Pakistan before April 18, 1951 are automatically Pakistani nationals. The Act added that those who moved after this date would have to apply for nationality as per the procedures set by the government.

"After the introduction of this act, no person could automatically become a Pakistani national by purchasing land or obtaining a CNIC," the intelligence official stated. "Now all Afghan refugees are being verified." The notification was issued by the Federal Ministry of Interior after queries from NADRA sought clear-cut instructions from the government. A number of the Afghan refugees have married local women, purchased land and run large businesses in the country. However, after these directions, a large-scale crackdown was initiated and even government officials are being verified. "Two constables with eight years of service have been fired from the police because they are Afghan nationals and others are being verified," he said. The official added a number of other government employees were actually "illegal immigrants". In the wake of the devastating Army Public School massacre which resulted in the death of over 150 people, mostly children, the government intensified its crackdown against Afghan refugees illegally residing in Pakistan. "We consider unregistered Afghan refugees a security threat, that is why law-enforcement agencies have been directed to push them back home," a senior official of the Ministry of Interior said last month. Even diplomats are not immune to the government's crackdown. Towards the end of February 2015, four of them were detained with 28 other Afghans and locked up in the University Town police station. Several citizens of the neighbouring country are being kept in different jails owing to the lack of proper transportation facilities to deport them to Afghanistan via the Torkham border in Khyber Agency. There are around 1.6 million Afghan refugees registered with authorities, while around 1 million were residing in Pakistan illegally. Of the latter, it is estimated that up to

## First Decision: Military Courts Award Death Penalty to Six Hardcore Terrorists

*Pakistan Tribune, April 3, 2015*

## WB extends financial help of \$75m to Fata TDPs

*The News, April 3, 2015*

## Free the streets: SHC orders law enforcers to continue action against barriers

*The Express Tribune, April 2, 2015*

200,000 have managed to obtain CNICs without even having registered.

**RAWALPINDI:** Announcing their first decision since being set up, the speedy trial military courts on Thursday awarded death penalty to six hardcore terrorists involved in the suicide bombings, beheadings of security personnel, kidnappings for ransom and other heinous crimes. According to a press-release Inter-Services Public Intelligence (ISPR), the punishments have been awarded under Army Amendment Act 2015 and Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif has endorsed the decision. DG ISPR Major Asim Saleem Bajwa said that the terrorists have the right to appeal against the decision in the concerned appellate court. The terrorists sentenced to the death include Haider Ali, Noor Saeed, Murad Khan, Inayatullah, Israruddin and Qari Zaheer. Another terrorist — Abbas — has received life imprisonment sentence. Nine military courts were set up in the country under National Action Plan (NAP) following Taliban attack on Peshawar's Army Public School in December last year, which left 150 people dead, including 132 schoolchildren. Three courts each were set up in Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, two in Sindh and one in Balochistan. Sources said that in the next few weeks, the military courts would be also set up in Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir.

**ISLAMABAD:** World Bank Vice President (South Asian Region) Annette Dixon Thursday pledged to help out the internally displaced persons (IDPs) and ensure their resettlement. The pledge came during her meeting with Finance Minister Muhammad Ishaq Dar here. Dar said the government was committed to help restore the lives and livelihoods of IDPs affected by the ongoing crisis in Fata which caused more than 300,000 displaced households. The return of Fata IDPs had already started from 15th March, 2015 and in the first phase 113,000 families would return to their homes. "We appreciate the World Bank for joining hands with the government and offering financial support of \$75million for Fata TDPs. Both the Operation Zarb-e-Azb and the rehabilitation of TDPs would likely require 1.7 billion dollars."

Annette Dixon took up the issue of increasing the tax to GDP ratio of Pakistan. Dar remarked that there existed a strong political will to enhance revenues and, therefore, the government had initiated key administrative and policy measures to improve Tax-GDP ratio which included rationalization of concessionary regime (SROs), tariff reforms, broadening of tax base, tax payers facilitation and a number of other steps. The visiting senior WB official had in-depth exchange of views with the minister on progress regarding World Bank-funded projects and appreciated the headway made in different spheres, particularly lauding the macro-economic management by the present government which had helped realize economic stability in the country.

"We share with you the common vision of alleviating and eliminating poverty, and bringing prosperity to Pakistan. We would continue our support to Pakistan in its efforts for economic development, she remarked. Giving an overview of the state of economy, the finance minister said Pakistan had successfully completed six reviews with the IMF, made a successful return to the world financial market through Euro bonds, launched Sukuk and achieved the criteria to be eligible for IBRD economic packages. All the important economic indicators were positive, he said and added that it was all the result of strict economic reforms agenda that the government had followed ever since assuming responsibilities back in 2013. The finance minister pointed out that international rating agencies had accorded stable rating to Pakistan's economy and Moody's had recently enhanced its rating for Pakistan from stable to positive.

The minister added that the government had set 4Es — Energy, Economy, eliminating Extremism and Education — as its priorities and the World Bank's Country Partnership Strategy (CPS 2015-19) was aligned with the government's economic development priorities i.e. transforming the energy sector; supporting private sector development; reaching out to the vulnerable/poor and leveraging regional markets. Dar appreciated the World Bank's support in energy sector, especially mentioning Dasu Hydropower Project and CASA-1000. He also acknowledged the bank's support of US\$1 billion for Development Policy Credits (DPCs-I) for Fiscally Sustainable and Inclusive Growth, and Power Sector Reform. He added that the government had met all the prior actions for the Growth DPC-II, and had made significant progress on various prior actions agreed to in Power DPC-II; and remaining reform actions would soon be completed. The minister was informed that for the next tranche of DPCs on growth and power the Operations Committee meeting would be held on 10th April.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh High Court (SHC) directed on Thursday the Rangers and police to continue the operation for the removal of the barriers and barricades illegally installed in streets and roads in various parts of the metropolis. The law enforcement agencies have also been directed to submit their respective reports regarding the compliance of this order to the high court through its Member Inspection Team-II (MIT). A division bench, comprising justices Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Abdul Maalik Gaadi, passed these directions while disposing of a constitutional petition seeking the removal of illegally erected barriers in streets across the city.

### Verdict

During Thursday's proceedings, commissioner Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui submitted a report regarding barriers in the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) and West zone. The judges observed that "the law enforcement agencies have taken massive action for the removal of the barriers." They added that barricades had been removed from various streets and roads in Karachi in compliance with the orders of the Supreme Court and the SHC. The petitioner, Rana Faizul Hasan, who was present in court, acknowledged and confirmed such action taken by the law enforcement agencies. The bench ordered, however, that the law enforcement agencies continue the operation across Karachi. The Rangers and police were directed to submit their respective compliance reports to the high court through the MIT. The bench disposed of the petition and the pending miscellaneous applications in these terms.

### Commissioner's report

## AJK to expel 11,000 Afghans; bans 63 outfits in the region

*Daily Dawn, April 2, 2015*

## Police standards: Sindh IG promotes counter- terrorism education

*The Express Tribune, April 2, 2015*

The report pointed out that for the security of Nine Zero, the residence of Muttahida Qaumi Movement chief Altaf Hussain, the roads at Mukka Chowk roundabout and Fawara Chowk roundabout leading towards Jinnah Ground have been barricaded. It also stated that the outer and inner streets around Nine Zero were blocked. The entrance of a street in Metroville has been closed because the Awami National Party (ANP) general secretary, Bashir Jan, who is under threat and has already escaped several attempts on his life, resides there. Police guards are also deployed at the site. One track of the road has been blocked with iron barriers in front of the house of MQM MNA Mehboob Alam in Mustafa Colony, Orangi Town. The report maintained that permanent barriers have been removed from DHA East Street No. 8, and have been replaced by moveable barriers that are managed by guards round-the-clock. Several streets where imambargahs are located have been barricaded for the security of the places of worship as well as that of the residents. In North Nazimabad Block F, streets were barricaded at night due to the presence of government offices and safety of residents.

The streets around the Bohri Jamaat Khana in North Nazimabad Block C are blocked for security of this place of worship place and the Bohri community residing there. The streets around the State Bank of Pakistan in Block A are blocked for the residents' security. The streets around the Rangers Headquarters and school in Block A are blocked for security of the school, offices of the force as well as inhabitants living in the area. Streets in Mominabad have been barricaded to prevent crimes and for the security of residents and a school. The report added 16 barriers have been installed on the main entry and exit points in Nazimabad Block 4 and its inside streets. The main entrance of Rizvia Society has also been blocked. In Samanabad, streets in Block 20 of the Federal B Area have been blocked for the security of the community and an imambargah.

**MUZAFFARABAD:** Azad Jammu and Kashmir is set to expel some 11,000 illegal Afghan refugees under a national anti-terror plan announced in the wake of the country's worst ever militant attack, police said on Thursday. There are an estimated three million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan, either officially or unofficially, most of whom left their country to escape conflict in the 1980s and 1990s. However, they are viewed with deep suspicion inside Pakistan and routinely accused by authorities of harbouring militants. "Under the National Action Plan against terrorism, some 11,000 Afghans will be expelled from Azad [independent] Kashmir," Additional IG Police Azad Kashmir Faheem Ahmed Abbasi told a press conference in Muzaffarabad. The plan, which involved the outlawing of militant groups, registration of seminaries and crackdown on hate speech, was announced in the wake of a Taliban massacre that killed 154 people, many of them school children, in December.

Pakistan also lifted a six-year moratorium on the death penalty and announced the establishment of military courts in the case of terror offences. Twelve suspects have so far been arrested over the school attack in Peshawar, most of them Pakistani nationals, according to the army. The killings have hardened prejudices toward Afghan refugees, with more than 30,000 leaving Pakistan between January and the first week of February, according to figures released by the International Organisation for Migration. Pakistan plans to register the 1.4 million Afghan refugees currently living in the country illegally over the next four months, with a view to eventually repatriating them.

### AJK govt bans 63 terrorist organisations

The AJK government on Thursday issued a notification to ban the activities of 63 terrorist organisations under the National Action Plan (NAP). In accordance with the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2014, the AJK Home Department issued the notification to ban 63 organisations within the jurisdiction of Kashmir including Al Qaeda, Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, Lashkar-i-Taiba, Sipah-i-Sahaba Pakistan and Lashkar-i-Jhangvi whereas the activities of Jamat-ud-Dawa will be under observation. As per the notification, no individual is permitted to cooperate with these banned organisations. Senior police official, Faheem Ahmed Abbasi, said the ban will come into effect on May 1 under the NAP. During a press conference, DIG Yaseen Qureshi, SP Shafqat Tanveer — along with other police officers — said that under the NAP, a counter-terrorism department is being established which will recruit 500 highly trained personnel who will be equipped with modern weapons.

The Additional IG said an apex committee was formed in AJK and a 20-point agenda was set which will be implemented from May 1, adding that there will be no exceptions during this period. In the wake of the deadly attack on Peshawar's Army Public School on Dec 16, 2014, the government constituted the NAP. In response to a question, the Additional IG said that the counter-terrorism department will form seven units from the 500 personnel who will be recruited. Abbasi added that the 1861 Police Act is still being implemented in AJK, adding that it has been 12 years since the act in Punjab was revised. He said the police's legal structure needs to be fixed. On the other hand, Abbasi also noted that AJK's law and order situation and police performance is much better than other parts of the country. He further said that NAP is of utmost importance and through its implementation, peace and order can be established. He also said that an action-packed initiative will be taken against banned organisations in AJK.

**KARACHI:** The establishment of an Institute of Peace and Policing Studies is in progress to cater to the counter-terrorism educational needs of the Karachi police, said Sindh IG Ghulam Hyder Jamali. Talking to a visiting delegation of the country study tour of the 42nd batch of common training programme at the Central Police Office, he said the institute will offer courses on counter-terrorism techniques to improve the entire policing system. Experts and professionals of the armed forces and former police officials will be invited to conduct courses to enhance the operational skills of the police. He said that help and police facilitation centres are being set up in Karachi to assist people. A Dispute Resolution Committee at these centres will help resolve all disputes in a fair and friendly manner. The underlying idea is to resolve minor issues at the centres without involving the police station and limit frivolous matters being brought in for FIR registration, he added. The IG said that initially 10 centres will work round the clock at different locations in Karachi and citizens



### Three TTP suspects arrested in Jamshoro

*Daily Times, April 2, 2015*

may simply walk in and get the required help.

**HYDERABAD:** The Jamshoro Police claimed to have arrested three activists of the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's (TTP) Shaharyar group in a pre-dawn raid on Wednesday. Police also claimed the recovery of hand grenades, weapons and explosives with chemicals from the arrested men. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jamshoro Tariq Wilayat confirmed that the raid was conducted in Sikandarabad area of Jamshoro district's Kotri taluka, where three men – Gul Zareen, Bahauddin and Shahuddin – were nabbed. Five hand grenades, two TT pistols, 10kg of explosives, 10kg of chemicals and a bundle of detonating cords were also seized. The raid was conducted in the area that is predominantly inhabited by the Pakhtun community. According to the SSP the activists had been living in the locality for the past two months. Gul Zareen was facilitating the other two, who had arrived from South Waziristan Agency, he disclosed. "Bahauddin and Shahuddin belong to South Waziristan's Kot Kai area and both are associated with TTP Shaharyar group," Wilayat said. He explained that Shahuddin is the TTP's deputy commander of Kot Kai while Bahauddin has been allegedly involved in extortion activities as he used to distribute extortion chits in Kati Pahari and Sohrab Goth in Karachi. "Shahuddin is also an expert in planting mines and preparing improvised explosive devices (IEDs)," the SSP claimed while quoting the initial disclosures of the arrested suspects.

A police source claimed one Najeebullah, said to be a TTP commander, had left for South Waziristan 15 days back from Jamshoro. Police had first picked up Bahauddin, three hours before the raid, and on the basis of the information provided by him, the other two suspects were arrested separately. Gul Zareen, who teaches the holy Quran at a seminary, was picked up from a shop. The arrested men initially told police that they were working as truck drivers but police dismissed their statements and cross-questioned them. A formal investigation will also be initiated and a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) will be formed to interrogate the arrested men. The raid and arrests followed information sharing between police and intelligence agencies. SSP Wilayat disclosed that a Bomb Disposal Squad team has been called to examine the chemical, which is in solid form, in order to identify it. The SSP said that the investigation would also help in identifying who facilitated the activists in obtaining a rented house.

### IDPs' return to North Waziristan begins

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2015*

**BANNU / TANK:** Repatriation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to North Waziristan started on Tuesday. A caravan of 26 vehicles carrying 219 IDPs belonging to 62 families left Bannu for Spin Wam and Shahmeri in North Waziristan on the first day. Stringent security arrangements were made on the Miramshah road from the Mirzail checkpost to North Waziristan. Political Agent Atifur Rehman and other government functionaries saw the families off at Mirzail near Bakkakhel IDP camp in Bannu and Maj Gen Jamil Akhtar Rao and other military officers received them at the historical Babul Islam near Kajuri checkpost.

About 1,200 families had been registered at the sub-camp of the political agent from March 18 to 20. They will return to their homes in Sin Wam, Shamiri, Mirali and Bubali areas in the first phase of repatriation which will continue till April 24. Besides the Pakistan Army, the political administration and the Fata Disaster Management Authority are facilitating the process. About one million registered IDPs are living in camps and rented houses in Bannu district. Officials said that each family had been given Rs. 25,000 as cash assistance and Rs. 10,000 as transportation expenses at Mirzail. They said that food ration for six months and a kit containing non-food items would also be given to each household. Children under five years of age were administered anti-polio vaccines and under 10 measles vaccines.

#### RETURN OF IDPs TO S. WAZIRISTAN COMPLETE

The 12th phase of IDPs' return to South Waziristan from Tank was completed on Tuesday with the departure of the last caravan of 720 families for their homes. A total of 5,122 IDP families were repatriated in this phase which began on March 16. About 79,000 Mehsud families had to leave their homes when security forces launched the Rah-i-Nijat operation against the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in the region in June 2009.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has sought data regarding drug-addicted personnel in the police from Inspector General Police Islamabad, and is vying to clean up the forces so that the capital police teams can become a model for the rest of the country. The inspector general Islamabad Police in turn has demanded a list from intelligence agencies of police personnel used drugs. A list will be formulated of 19 police stations with information on the exit and entry routes, check posts and checkpoints, and residences of the police officers that are part of the list.

According to reliable sources, special teams have been given the task of handling respective police stations, and the teams will be submitting their reports directly to the IG office. The reports of the federal interior ministry will be judged against the reports of IG office. The ministry officials informed that usage of drugs has increased in the police staffers. Apart from that, criminal activities have also increased in Islamabad, which is also damaging the reputation of the police and affecting the ongoing National Action Plan (NAP).

**RAWALPINDI:** Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif said on Wednesday that the Pakistan Army would not stop short of accomplishing its mission to eliminate terrorism, irrespective of the cost. A press release issued by the ISPR quoted Gen Raheel as saying that the military is fully prepared to deter and defeat any form of aggression. The army chief visited Tilla Ranges near Jhelum on Wednesday, and witnessed the culmination of large-scale maneuver exercises by formations of Central Command in "near-real environment". He appreciated the professional skills and motivation of troops involved in the exercises and emphasised that the whole nation was firmly standing alongside its armed forces to root out the menace of terrorism from across the country. He exhorted troops to fully focus on training and professional pursuits as the strenuous training and highest standard of preparedness in peacetime were the only guarantors of peace. Earlier, on his

### Nisar to 'sweep' police clean of druggies

*Pakistan Today, April 1, 2015*

### Army will accomplish mission to eliminate terrorism irrespective of cost: Gen Raheel

*The Express Tribune, April 1, 2015*

## Govt approves purchase of 8 Chinese submarines, six ATRs aircraft for Pakistan Navy

Daily Times, March 31, 2015

arrival at the exercise area, the army chief was received by Commander Central Command Lt Gen Muhammad Hilal Hussain.

**ISLAMABAD:** National Assembly Standing Committee on Defence was told on Tuesday that the army would follow the policy of the government relating to Saudi–Yemen conflict. The meeting was also told that the government has approved the purchase of eight submarines from China while negotiations are also being held with different countries including Germany, Britain and France for the purchase of second hand submarines. Meeting of the standing committee was held here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Shaikh Rohail Asghar. It was attended by the secretary defence, the additional secretary defence, the director general military land and other senior officials. Additional Defence secretary Rear Admiral Mukhtar Khan said that National Security Committee has approved in principle the project to acquire eight Chinese submarines. Financial negotiations for the same are in advance stages. He further said that Pakistan navy requirement of special funds of \$ 294 million to upgrade/induct ATRs aircraft has been approved by Ministry of Defence in consultation with the finance division. Summary has been submitted for approval of National Security Committee.

To a question, he informed that Pakistan Navy is also participating in the operation to bring the Pakistani Nationals from Yemen and for this purpose one ship of Pakistan Navy has already been moved towards Yemen and the second ship is ready for departure. The defence secretary said that different options are under consideration for evacuation of Pakistanis in Yemen. One option is to take the Pakistanis to Djibouti and then bring them by air to Pakistan. There were heated exchanges between Pakistan Muslim League-N's Junaid Anwar Chaudhry and Muttahida Qaumi Movement's Kashwar Zehra over Pakistan's support to Saudi Arabia. Chairman of the Committee said that Pakistan army should follow those who have destroyed peace in Pakistan and other Islamic countries. The committee members expressed their strong resentment for not being invited to Pakistan Day Parade. Mahmood Khan Achakzai said that matter of acquisition of land in Swat for establishment of Cantonment be settled with the local people as there is great concern because their crops are being destroyed. The standing committee formed a sub committee comprising Mahmood Khan Achakzai, Musarrat Zeb and Saeed Khan to help settle the matter while Director General Military Lands promised to submit a report soon to the committee.

## PRCS TDPs Response Operation

Situation Report No.24, April 2, 2015

The details of Food Distribution from August 2014 to March 2015 is as under:

### Bannu - 3

Month	Total Target	Total Distributed Families	Male Headed	Female Headed	Total Food Distributed in Mt's
November	11,000	11,000	10,465	535	1,191.505
December	11,000	11,000	10,374	626	1,083.374
January	11,000	11,711	10,980	731	1,065.337
February	12,000	12,579	11,792	787	1,176.765
March	12,000	12,000	11,327	673	1,122.600
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,000</b>	<b>58,290</b>	<b>54,938</b>	<b>3352</b>	<b>5,639.581</b>

### Bannu – 4

Month	Total Target	Total Distributed Families	Male Headed	Female Headed	Total Food Distributed in Mt's
August	10,000	9,077	8,651	426	885.482
September	10,000	10,000	9,524	476	978.007
October	10,000	10,000	9,569	431	972.88
November	11,000	11,000	10,478	522	1,193.50
December	11,000	11,000	10,437	563	1,041.150
January	11,000	11,000	10,284	716	999.030
February	13,000	14,077	13,151	926	1,318.588
March	13,000	13,000	12,206	794	1,216.150
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,000</b>	<b>89154</b>	<b>84300</b>	<b>4854</b>	<b>8604.787</b>

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Ranking of Pakistan in education

*Pakistan Observer, April 4, 2015*

#### Compensation package for people affected by Mirani dam approved

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

#### Good water availability expected this year

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

### DETAILS

Pakistan stands at a very low position in the world in its educational background. Many underdeveloped and poor countries are far ahead of Pakistan. We are lagging behind them. It can happen here because more money is allocated on the expenditures of MNAs and Ministers than in education sector. Especially in Sindh and Baluchistan, the situation is even worse. Education is the sector, which if developed then no one can hinder countries' progress and development.

Irresponsible behaviour of government and lack of schools is the main reason of backwardness in education sector. First of all we do not have schools but if we do those are non-functional and if schools are functional there are no teachers to teach. May be ours is the only country where schools have been converted into godowns and cowsheds. Especially in Sindh copy culture has become such a poison, which has destroyed our education completely.

Everyone here is self-concentrated, all blame others and nobody is prepared to take any corrective action. Now is high time for government to work for betterment of education sector. We ourselves should also come forward to work for betterment of education, we should own the schools in our neighbourhood village, town or city because it is our duty and this is nation's cause. Education is the only weapon, which we can be used to change the world.

**ISLAMABAD:** Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday approved a compensation package for people of three union councils who were affected by the backflow of Mirani dam water in 2007 when the cyclone Yemyin hit the coast of Balochistan. An official source in the finance ministry told Dawn that the minister had asked top officials of his ministry and representatives of Balochistan government to reconcile the figures of claims regarding the compensation. On Wednesday, Balochistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch demanded an amount of Rs5 billion as compensation for the affected people. Citing a report, the chief minister said about 35,000 people had lost their homes and livelihoods. But contrary to this, the finance ministry estimated a loss of Rs4 billion. Mr Dar asked officials of his ministry to reconcile figures of claims at earliest. These decisions were taken in a meeting headed by Mr Dar where a committee presented its report.

The committee headed by Secretary Finance Dr Waqar Masood Khan was tasked to resolve, among other issues, the matter regarding payment of compensation to Mirani Dam affectees. It submitted its report on Friday. An official statement issued after the meeting said that the finance minister during his meeting with the chief minister said that payment of compensation to affectees would be carried out after reconciliation of figures of damage estimates. Mr Dar said it was after eight years that this problem was being addressed, adding that both federal and provincial governments would make efforts to solve the problems of affectees on emergency basis. It may be recalled that an amount of Rs1.5 billion has already been paid to affectees over time. Rest of the amount would be paid in due course.

The minister also apprised the chief minister about the establishment of 18 new, modern passport offices throughout the length and breadth of Baluchistan to facilitate people at large. The Ministry of Planning & Development (CDWP) has approved the PC-1 of this project which would soon be submitted to the Ecne for consideration. During the meeting, FBR Chairman Tariq Bajwa briefed the chief minister about customs checkpoints functioning at different key locations in Balochistan. There was complete consensus among participants of the meeting for activating the Gwadar Port to its full potential.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan is expected to have best water availability this year in more than a decade, leading to enough power generation, good crops and surplus water flows into the sea. According to estimates finalised by advisory committee of the Indus River System Authority (Irsa), provinces were currently utilising less than half of their allocated shares. The just concluding Rabi season has also ended on a zero shortage after many years. Irsa spokesman Khalid Idrees Rana told Dawn that provinces utilised about 33 million acre feet (MAF) of water and concluded with a carryover of two MAF against 10-year average of 1.8 MAF. Because of recent rains, the carryover stock in dams increased to 2.7 MAF.

"Even today, about 150,000 cusec water is being stored in dams and storage in dams has reached 3.4 MAF on April 3 against 2.2 MAF last year and 1.3 MAF of 10 year average", he said adding that the total river flows currently stood at 300,000 cusec against last year's 120,000 cusec. He said Punjab was currently drawing only 20,000 cusec water against its allocated share of 90,000 cusec while Sindh was utilising only 43,000 cusec against its share of 66,000 cusec. About 17,000 cusec water is currently flowing into the sea.

Responding to a question, Mr Rana said that about 2.2 MAF water had so far flowed into the sea by now, but added that current rains were not beneficial for wheat crop, which was in its last leg of maturity. During the upcoming Kharif season, about 112 MAF of water has been estimated to flow in the river system. The Irsa has decided to store about 9.7 MAF of water for the next Rabi, leaving behind net water availability of about 86 MAF after accounting for conveyance losses of 16.4 MAF.

"We are expecting wet cycle for Kharif," said Mr Rana, adding that about 14.8 MAF of water was anticipated to flow uncontrolled down the sea. About 71.3 MAF water would be distributed among the four provinces. This would include 35.5 MAF for Punjab, 32.24 MAF for Sindh, 2.06 MAF for Balochistan and 0.82 MAF for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chashma Right Bank Canal. Last year, total water shared by provinces stood at 69.3 MAF against 10-year average of 64.5 MAF. The flows into Chenab River had also gone beyond 85,000 cusec at Punjnad that would increase to 100,000 cusec at Guddu barrage in a few days and about 50,000 cusec would flow down the sea.

## Polio case reported from Peshawar

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

Because of surplus water in the system at present, there was no need for discharges from Tarbela dam but authorities were releasing about 10,000 cusec on the demand of power sector authorities to avert collapse of the energy system. Sources said the Sindh government had raised objections over the opening of Chashma-Jhelum Link canal but were rejected with majority.

It was reported that excessive releases were made during recent Rabi season on the desire of Wapda authorities for repair works under an agreement signed by representatives of all the four provinces and then authenticated by all the Irsa members. The agreement required reduced releases from Tarbela dam and higher from Mangla dam with the condition that Mangla filling would be facilitated later through link canal to recoup excessive withdrawals from Mangla dam.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Polio Virology Laboratory of the National Institute of Health has confirmed a fresh polio case from Peshawar, taking the countrywide number to 21 in the first three months of this year. "Though the one-and-a-half-year-old is a resident of Hayatabad in Peshawar, the patient is reported to have travelled frequently between Pakistan and Afghanistan," sources said. The child received polio vaccine six times in both countries and at border posts but a gap of three to four months between the doses was the cause of affliction, the sources said, adding that a child should be vaccinated every month because the efficacy of the oral vaccine starts decreasing after four weeks.

**BALUCHISTAN:** On the other hand, the Baluchistan government has been advised in a meeting held in the federal capital to take stern action for ensuring 100 per cent implementation of anti-polio campaigns. Though the province reported 73 cases in 2011 and reduced the number to four in 2012 and zero in 2013, complacency resulted in the emergence of 25 cases during 2014 and three this year.

Polio cases are repeatedly being reported from Quetta, Kila Abdullah and Pishin, perhaps due to the presence of the virus in environmental samples, while its epicentre appears to be in Kila Abdullah. Naseerabad and Jaffarabad districts need special attention in context of circulation of the virus in northern Sindh. Baluchistan advised to ensure 100pc vaccination. Prime Minister's Focal Person on Polio Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq informed Baluchistan Chief Secretary Saifullah Chattha at a meeting that only 20 to 25pc of Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) had been cleared in the province. The random sampling methodology is conducted soon after polio vaccination campaigns. Reasons behind low quality campaigns were reported to be inappropriate selection of teams which lacked women members or included those under the age of 18 and inadequate security measures which resulted in cancellation and staggering of the efforts, a government statement revealed. Zhob missed three campaigns, Sherani two and Quetta one, while campaigns scheduled for last month were delayed because of security concerns. A March campaign in Loralai was also delayed, while micro plans could not be updated and filed regularly, a press release said. Another factor increasing the incidence was the geographical location and population movement to and from southern Baluchistan and Iran, it stated.

Senator Farooq recommended regular post-campaign reviews by the chief secretary and punishment over negligence. "The Baluchistan government should also hold an overdue provincial taskforce meeting." She also called for strengthening permanent transit points to ensure vaccination of travellers and involvement of women community volunteers in problematic areas of Quetta. The National Emergency Operation Centre's Coordinator Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar told Dawn that there had been improvement in Karachi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Fata but vaccination campaigns in some areas of Baluchistan, rural Sindh and Peshawar still faced hurdles.

A polio case in Loralai had been reported after a gap of three years and fears persist about emergence of more cases because environmental samples are continuously coming positive for the virus. "It has been decided not only to improve the quality of campaigns but that they should not be delayed," Dr Safdar said. He said in reply to a question that there were many options under consideration to control the issue of missed children. "One of the options is online monitoring through mobile phone tracking because during every campaign a number of areas are missed as teams try to shift responsibility towards each other," he said.

## Baluchistan facing water scarcity, World Bank official informed

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

**QUETTA:** Baluchistan Chief Minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has urged the World Bank and other donors to help improve the province's socio-economic and development indicators through technical and financial assistance. He was talking to Annette Dixon, Vice-President of World Bank for South Asia, during a meeting in Islamabad on Friday.

The chief minister informed the World Bank delegation that Baluchistan was facing water scarcity. He invited the bank's vice-president to visit the province for a better insight about issues emerging because of the water scarcity. He said the government wanted to improve the law and order situation and security-related incidents had decreased by 40 per cent. Besides, declaration of an education emergency has resulted in 23 per cent increase in the budget for the sector. An awareness campaign for maximum enrolment in schools, ensuring attendance of teachers and students and involvement of the National Testing Service in teachers' appointment had also paid back, he said. He also mentioned the setting up of new medical colleges and universities. The government wanted to wipe out corruption for good governance, he said. He said recent studies by foreign and local analysts bore testament to the government's efforts in curbing corruption. Chief Secretary Saifullah Chattha praised the services of the World Bank in Baluchistan. Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Naseebullah Khan Bazai briefed the World Bank officials about the completed, ongoing and new projects. There were seven development projects under way worth Rs 109.7 million, whereas eight new projects were in the pipeline, he said.

Ms Dixon said that Baluchistan was already in the sight of the Country Partnership Strategy formulated for Pakistan by the World Bank for the next four years. She said the private sector could play a vital role in fisheries and mineralogy. "The World Bank can play a catalytic role in this regard, however, Baluchistan should stabilise itself for development," she said, adding that the province should increase its revenue and manage public finance in a more effective and efficient



## Village dogged by waterborne diseases and deaths

*Daily Dawn, April 4, 2015*

## Scheduled and unscheduled load shedding increases in Lahore

*Dunya News, April 3, 2015*

## Punjab CNG sector being destroyed intentionally: APCNGA

*Daily Times, April 3, 2015*

## OCAC warns govt of a situation similar to January petrol crisis

*Dawn, April 3, 2015*

manner. She said water management was important because of its connection to livelihood and economic growth.

World Bank Executive Director Nasir Mehmood Khosa, who is a former chief secretary of Balochistan, said the province had to be understood with a different perspective. He said the theory of economic development for the private sector where economic rate of return and cost-benefit ratios were calculated might not be applied in case of Balochistan and the matter should be perceived beyond that. He said fisheries, mining and livestock offered great opportunities and might be tackled tactfully through the private sector. WB Country Director Rashid bin Masaud said the province had conducted the Balochistan Development Forum with the bank's help and almost 600 stakeholders actively participated in it for two days.

**TOBA TEK SINGH:** Frustrated with the consumption of canal water and subsequent deaths and diseases, the residents of Pirmahal's village, Chak 321-GB, blocked traffic on Faisalabad-Multan Road at Allah Hoo Chowk on Friday. They arrived in Pirmahal on tractor-trolleys, rickshaws, motorcycles and bicycles. They raised slogans against the government and parliamentarians for ignoring their village in water supply schemes.

Their leaders, including Punjab irrigation and drainage authority water course chairman Qasim Bhatti, said in their speeches that their village was just 1.5km from Pirmahal but the residents had no access to potable water supply. They said subsoil water in the area was brackish, so they were forced to use canal water for drinking and cooking. At least two persons from each family were suffering from abdominal diseases. They also claimed that every year more than two dozen people of this village died from hepatitis.

The latest casualties, they mentioned, are Barkat, Ashiq, Noor Muhammad, Khadim, Allah Ditta, Tasleem Kausar, Rab Nawaz, Ghulam Fatima, Shabbir, Haji Ramzan and Abdul Ghaffar. They demanded their village be connected with a Rs. 290 million water supply scheme being executed in the area. They also demanded that they be provided free-of-cost hepatitis diagnose test and treatment. They warned if their demands were not accepted in 10 days, the villagers would stage a sit-in outside the Punjab Assembly. No official held talks with the protesters, and they ended their protest on their own after one hour.

**LAHORE—** Load shedding in Lahore has increased as the summer approaches. A load shedding of at least 8 hours was recorded in Lahore on Friday. There was unscheduled load shedding as well in many areas of the provincial capital. Citizens are facing trouble in their businesses and other everyday activities due to load shedding. There was a shortage of water supply as well in some areas. According to National Transmission and Dispatch Authority the demand of power supply was 13 thousand 200 megawatt while the production was only 9 thousand 200 me

**ISLAMABAD:** All Pakistan Compressed Natural Gas Association (APCNGA) expressed dismay over closure of CNG stations in Punjab for the last five months. Central Chairman APCNGA Captain (retd) Shuja Anwar said this act was done intentionally and it was hitting investments and labour. He said poor people were being forced to use costly fossil fuel, which was contributing to pollution and enhanced oil import bill. At a press conference he said government has restored supply of natural gas to all sectors but CNG sector despite change in weather was still waiting. This has left us with no option but to opt to go on protest.

He said every person in country has a right to operate any business but our basic rights have been snatched forcefully and many CNG business owners went into bankruptcy while tens of thousands workers deprived of their employment. CNG sector has helped government a lot to transform import of Liquefied Natural Gas into a reality therefore we deserve support on merit. CNG industry operated 17 percent in 2014 in Punjab replacing 1.28 billion litres of petrol and 100 percent operation could have saved billions of foreign exchange while supporting environment and poor commuters. Gas utilities are harassing CNG operators while authorities have pushed us to the wall putting CNG industry in unprecedented trouble. Issuing a one-week deadline for resumption of supply of natural gas to Punjab CNG sector, we would be free to launch massive protests and take to the streets. APCNGA leaders Abdul Basit, Zulqar Hussain, Munir Asghar, Athar Awan, Naveed, Fahim and others were also present on the occasion.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) – a representative body of the oil marketing companies and refineries – has warned the government of a looming 'dry out situation' of petroleum products because of looming port constraints in the wake of imports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). The warning is a reminder of the severe petrol crisis which hit major parts of the country, including the Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in January this year. The OCAC has urged the government to give preference in berthing to oil tankers along with fresh standard operation procedures (SOPs) and undertake massive development activities at port if it wanted to avert another crisis. The OCAC warning supports fears expressed by Port Qasim Authority (PQA) a few days ago regarding likely berthing delays and explains how a major operation of importing LNG to meet energy needs was undertaken without proper homework.

The OCAC conveyed its concerns after a meeting of the major oil marketing companies held with chief operating officer of Fauji Oil Terminal Company (Fotco) Hassan Sobuktageen to discuss key operational issues. "There are a number of factors associated with the handling of LNG tankers at PQA which could have a potential impact on planning, scheduling and handling of oil tanker traffic at Fotco and POL vessel berthing delays could be experienced once LNG offloading activities commence at Port Qasim", wrote OCAC to the federal government. At the heart of the problem is the location of Fotco terminal at 3.5 kilometres before Engro's LNG terminal and 1.5 km before the vessel turning point. While the said offloading activity would not hinder POL vessel berthing activity, the outbound POL vessels could experience delay and would not be allowed to exit once the LNG vessel is entering the port through the 42 km long channel since crossing an LNG vessel and other vessels is not permitted.

### Loadshedding duration to be 6 hours only: PM

*Pakistan Observer, April 3, 2015*

### Power shortfall decreases to 3,400MW

*Dunya News, April 3, 2015*

Around 3.5 million tons of LNG will be brought annually or 290,000 tons per month. Keeping in view international safety requirements, it was possible that small size cargoes of around 40,000-45,000 tons could be brought, instead of Q-Flex of 80,000 tons capacity. This would, however, result in increase in the number of incoming LNG vessels – roughly about seven ships a month. International safety requirements of SIGTTO (Society of International Gas Tankers and Terminal Operators) further make it mandatory to maintain a minimum distance of one kilometer between an LNG vessel and any other vessel seeking entry into the port at the same time. On an average, three vessels enter the port during high tide period and it is estimated that berthing or port exiting delays in the order of 8-10 days could be experienced in case POL vessels were not given priority at port entry and exit. This in turn affects vessel turnaround times and disturbs POL product distribution activities “which if not addressed may lead to a potential dry out situation especially in upcountry locations”, said OCAC chief executive officer Dr Ilyas Fazil.

On top of that, night navigation facility would not be available for LNG carriers. The OCAC has asked the government to give priority to POL vessels both at port entry and exit timings over all other vessels including non-POL and LNG and provide monthly LNG vessels schedules at least a week in advance for next month to revised berthing SOPs. The PQA has also raised concerns over operational, technical and regulatory constraints over normal LNG imports due in a few days and told the government that unless required dredging was not undertaken “other shipping traffic will be hampered and delayed by 9 to 10 hours which will result in heavy financial claims on PQA by other port terminal operators or the LNGC will be delayed, waiting for arrival and departure transit”.

Besides, during monsoon LNG operation cannot take place in these circumstances. Thus, it has been proposed by the PQA to ensure that these arrangements were in place before May 15, 2015. The PQA has officially raised concerns over preparations for proposed LNG imports later this month and sought top -level intervention from the federal government to resolve the issues before formally ordering LNG imports from Qatar. As a short cut, the PQA has asked the government to ensure that Qatar Gas gives up utilising Q-Flex – a larger ship – and instead use smaller ships for the time being but that would entail higher transportation cost per MMBTU. In a series of letters to the federal government, the PQA has pointed out that “substantial dredging is required in PQA navigational channel because of the requirement of Qatar Gas for anchorage area, provision of passing bays for shipping traffic widening of two related bouys (8a/9 and 12/12a)”.

Besides, “this in long term depth of 14 meters is required throughout the channel”, it said adding that the cost of dredging shall have to be borne by Qatar Gas as it is their requirement for large size LNGC. “Dredging in front of EETPL (Engro Elengy Terminal Pvt Ltd) is also required and the cost of the same will be borne by EETPL. As per implementation agreement, PQA is only required to allow vessels which can safely operate within the existing port parameters”, it added.

**ISLAMABAD** — Prime Minister said government is taking all steps necessary to meet energy shortage which includes generation through solar, wind, hydro, nuclear as well as through LNG. He was chairing a meeting to review energy crisis. He said PML-N government is focusing on development and is confident that increased availability of electricity would not only provide relief to the common man by reduced load-shedding but also give a boost to the industrial and agricultural sectors.

The Prime Minister was informed that the country is currently facing a shortfall of around 5000-6000 MW which is expected to rise with the passage of time and was given briefing on the progress on power generation projects being undertaken to meet the shortfall. The Prime Minister directed the Ministry of Water and Power that load-shedding in summers should not be more than six hours in urban areas and eight hours in rural areas.

The Prime Minister said the present government has set the priorities such as Energy, Education, Economy and eliminating Extremism. Talking to a World Bank delegation, Nawaz Sharif said Pakistan’s macro-economic situation is improving, inflation is at the lowest level in past 13 years, and foreign exchange reserves are considerably up while fiscal deficit is down.

He thanked World Bank for its continued support for Pakistan. The Prime Minister said government has taken decisive steps against terrorism and extremism. Pakistan has suffered enormously at the hands of terrorism both in terms of financial losses as well as loss of human lives. We have broken the back of terrorists by destroying their sanctuaries and hideouts. About Temporarily Displaced Persons, he said the government is committed to restoring livelihoods of people affected by Operation Zarb-e-Azb. He appreciated World Bank’s financial support for the TDPs.

The World Bank delegation congratulated the Prime Minister on economic progress and said there is huge potential in Pakistan’s economy especially in agriculture and dairy sectors. The delegation said the World Bank has scaled up its support for Pakistan due to better economic conditions in the country. Leader of the WB delegation Ms Annette Dixon appreciated the steps taken by the government in improving relations with Afghanistan and said this would contribute towards lasting peace in the region. The visiting World Bank Vice President (South Asian Region), Annette Dixon assured Finance Minister Ishaq Dar Thursday that the Bank would continue its support to Pakistan in its efforts for economic development. “We share with you the common vision of alleviating and eliminating poverty, and bringing prosperity to Pakistan”, she said while talking to Finance Minister, Ishaq Dar here.

**LAHORE** - The demand of electricity has decreased due to the rains leaving the shortfall at 3,400 Megawatt (MW). According to the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) sources, the electricity demand stands at 12,900 MW while earlier during past few days of scorching heat it was more than 14,000 MW. The decrease in the shortfall has caused lessening of power outages duration. The duration of outages in rural and urban areas is nine and seven hours respectively. Moreover, the unannounced outages have decreased significantly. According to the authorities, the hydal power would increase if the outflow is increased within coming weeks.

## New cybercrime bill tough on individuals' rights, soft on crime

*Daily Dawn, April 3, 2015*

## Biometric devices at high court

*Daily Dawn, April 3, 2015*

## 4,373 sanitary patrols amid dengue threat

*Daily Dawn, April 3, 2015*

## PM chairs meeting on energy situation

*Pakistan Herald, April 3, 2015*

## Fire breaks out in Hum TV building, no casualties

*The Statesman, April 3, 2015*

## Expensive equipment rusting in Lakki hospital

*Daily Dawn, April 2, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** The government's latest bill aimed at regulating Internet usage is tougher, curbs civil liberties and focuses more on moral aspects of Internet use than cybercrime itself. At least this is how most information technology experts describe the new Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill 2015, which was sent to the National Assembly Standing Committee on IT and Telecom on Thursday. While Internet Service Providers Association Convener Wahajus Siraj described the bill as "draconian", Pakistan Software Houses Association Board Member Afaq Ahmad termed it "wrong and senseless".

*FBI's most wanted cyber criminal arrested in Karachi* "In its current form, the bill is a disaster. It was not made by an expert draftsman with adequate knowledge of the nuances of language, a comprehension of technicalities and technologies, someone who understands international laws. This is a hard combination to find," Mr Ahmad said. Mr Ahmad spent three years drafting what he calls "the original bill" alongside a group of IT experts and lawyers. He said that the government had sidelined all the relevant stakeholders from the process of drafting the law.

**LAHORE:** Biometric identification devices are being installed at the entry points of the Lahore High Court (LHC). The Lahore High Court Bar Association has forwarded data on 24,000 lawyers to the National Database and Registration Authority. The bar had passed a resolution to instal biometric identification gadgets at the LHC to provide security to lawyers and litigants. Security agencies have declared the LHC a sensitive building.

**LAHORE:** Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has approved the recruitment of 4,373 sanitary patrols in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Sheikhupura. As many as 2,956 sanitary patrols will be recruited in Lahore, 1,067 in Rawalpindi and 350 in Sheikhupura, says a handout. "The government is going to spend Rs750 million on the project as extraordinary rains in Punjab have increased the risk of dengue larva breeding. All the government departments must accelerate indoor and outdoor dengue surveillance activities," said Adviser to Chief Minister Khwaja Salman Rafique while presiding over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Dengue Control at the Civil Secretariat on Thursday.

Elected public representatives, Health Secretary Jawwad Rafique Malik, DG Health Dr Zahid Pervaiz, Additional DG Dengue Control Dr Islam Zafar and DCO Muhammad Usman were present while the commissioners of Rawalpindi, Gujranwala and Multan participated in the meeting via video link. The departments presented their progress reports regarding dengue and vector surveillance, public awareness seminars, walks, special monitoring of graveyards, junkyards, tyre shops and construction sites.

Khwaja Salman asked the Gujranwala commissioner to ensure monitoring of dumping grounds of ceramic industries so that they could not be converted into dengue breeding spots. He also directed that the larva reported from any place should be sent to the Institute of Public Health for analysis. The meeting was informed that dengue larva had been reported from a number of places in Lahore, Rawalpindi Gujranwala and Multan. The Lahore DCO said the surveillance teams had been reactivated and strict indoor and outdoor monitoring was being carried out. He said 42 FIRs had been lodged on the violation of dengue regulations.

Officials said the teaching hospitals had been directed to set up dengue wards and reactivate the HDUs and special counters for dengue patients. Dr Somia Iqtidar of the Dengue Expert Advisory Group informed the meeting that training had been imparted to 998 doctors in clinical management of dengue patients. She said general practitioners were not taking due interest in this training programme. Chief Entomologist Prof Waseem Akram observed that due to the forecast of more rains, all the departments had to intensify their anti-dengue activities.

**ISLAMABAD -** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Thursday directed the Ministry of Water and Power not to exceed load-shedding more than six hours in urban areas and eight hours in rural areas during summers.

Chairing a meeting on energy situation in the country here at the PM House, the prime minister said that the government was taking all steps necessary to meet energy shortage in Pakistan during its tenure. He said that the government expects to add around 10,000 MW of electricity to the national grid during this time period, which includes generation through solar, wind, hydro, nuclear as well as through LNG. He said that PML-N government is focusing on development and was confident that increased availability of electricity would not only provide relief to the common man by reduced load-shedding but also give a boost to the industrial and agricultural sectors.

The prime minister was informed that Pakistan was currently facing a shortfall of around 5000-6000 MW which was expected to rise with the passage of time and was given briefing on the progress about power generation projects, being undertaken to meet the shortfall. He also directed the Ministry to take steps for conservation of electricity including considering closure of shops and markets earlier. The meeting was attended by Federal Ministers for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Petroleum Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Water and Power Secretary Younus Dhaga and Petroleum Secretary Arshad Mirza.

**KARACHI:** A fire broke out at the Hum TV office situated in Karachi's II Chundrigar road on Thursday. No casualties were reported, a HUM TV employee said, as the fire broke out early in the day. The employee added that the equipment on the third floor of the building, where the programming department is located, was damaged in the fire which started at 8:30 am and was put out within an hour. He added that employees have been told not to come to the office, and that the channels regular transmission will continue uninterrupted.

**LAKKI MARWAT:** Unused medical equipment and machinery worth millions of rupees have been rusting at the district headquarters hospital, Tajazai, for the last several years. It was revealed during inspection of the hospital by officials of anti-corruption establishment (ACE) on Wednesday. ACE team, headed by assistant director Abdul Hai Baber and circle officer Shahid Adnan, visited the hospital following public complaints about absence of doctors and paramedics



### **‘Child malnutrition serious threat for country’**

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### **Upfront tariff for small hydro plants okayed**

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### **Sindh Education Dept bars board from holding exams in eight schools**

*Dunya News, April 2, 2015*

### **Reaching out to every missed child, a game changer in polio programme**

*The Statesman, April 2, 2015*

from duty. However, during the visit all the doctors, including the medical superintendent, paramedics and other employees, were found present. The ACE officials were told that several posts of specialists had been vacant since long, causing problems for patients.

**FAISALABAD:** Child malnutrition is the serious threat for the country, responsible for half of total deaths in children under-five-year-old. This was stated by the speakers at 2-day International Workshop on Bio-fortification of staple crops: a solution to combat malnutrition organized by the Department of Agronomy University of Agriculture Faisalabad on Monday. The workshop was presided over by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan while British University Nottingham Prof. Martin Broadley and FC College University Lahore Scientist Dr. Kausar Abdullah Malik were guests of honor. Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arshad, Chairman Agronomy Prof. Dr. Ehsan Ullah, Dr. Sardar Alim Cheema and others spoke on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan said that two billion people in the world are suffering from various forms of malnutrition and it accounts for 11% of the global burden of despond and is considered top risk to human health worldwide. - APP

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday approved a maximum of Rs8.32 per unit upfront tariff for small hydropower generation projects (up to 25MW installed capacity). The upfront tariff for small hydropower projects was offered under Section 31 (4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997. The power regulator said it had allowed Rs8.32 per kWh for low head power plants having foreign finance and plant factor of 65 per cent and below. Likewise, high head plants with foreign financing and plant factor of 50pc and below have been offered Rs7.62 per unit.

Hydropower is recognised as an environment-friendly source of energy required for self-reliance and overcoming power crisis besides providing carbon credits from the UN. Small hydropower projects are considered a viable source in Pakistan as they do not require building of large dams and do not pose problems of deforestation, submergence or rehabilitation. However, sponsors of such projects have been facing interface problems from the government owned power companies because of their reluctance to build transmission lines. The NEPRA said comparatively small capital investment and short gestation periods are required to complete these projects and hence it had also provided an ease of doing business to small investors with procedural improvements.

The upfront tariff is introduced with an objective of simplifying the tariff process, providing certainty to the potential investors, fast-tracking the development of commercially attractive small hydropower sites, allowing material risk coverage to the investor. The economic attractiveness of the upfront tariff was further enhanced as the tariff will be adjusted for each site depending upon the plant factor. The upfront tariff would facilitate in reducing the project development period considerably. Simultaneously, while considering issues faced by small hydropower projects in evacuation of electricity, the regulator also decided that small hydropower generation companies would have the option to sell electric power to either central power purchase agency or national transmission and dispatch company on behalf of distribution companies at any voltage level or to the relevant distribution company at 132 kV or below. In order to provide clarity on the matter, the regulator has notified the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Sale of Electric Power by Renewable Energy Companies) Guidelines, 2015, which are also applicable to small hydropower projects of 50MW or less capacity.

**KARACHI –** The future of the students put at risk as the Sindh Education Department writes letter to the matriculation board five days ahead of exams barring it to hold examinations in at least eight schools.

The matriculation board has received a letter from the education department mentioning eight schools in which examinations cannot be held. The alternatives have not been decided yet which may put the future of matriculation students in jeopardy. The education department has sent the letter as many as five days ahead of holding of exams' due date. The latter states that construction work is ongoing in the said eight schools. However, the board had informed the education department at least a month ago about the details.

**PESHAWAR:** Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq said to have the verifiable information regarding missed children in the High Risk Union Councils (HRUCs) of Pakistan, the mechanism for collecting information directly from the vaccinator, tally sheets has been put in place. While reviewing the impact of the initiative on recommendations of the National Advisory Group, she observed that a paradigm shift was seen in the Polio Eradication Initiative where chronically missed children were being tracked for vaccination through all possible interventions. The goal of Polio Eradication relies on reaching out 5-6% missed children that remain unapproachable in each campaign. The National Emergency Operations Centre is exploring all means to track these missed children including vaccination at permanent transit points, installation of health camps in high risk areas, and inclusion of female community volunteers in the programme, said a press release.

In order to have reliable information regarding missed children in the high risk UCs of Pakistan, a need of a mechanism was felt to collect information. Therefore, National Emergency Operations Centre has taken an initiative to track all missed children in high risk Union Councils of the country through specialized "Data Support Centre" to facilitate the collection, collation and data entry across the high risk districts. The data collection has been initiated during the recent National Polio campaign, of March 16-18, 2015. During the National Polio Campaign of March, the establishment and operationalization of 11 Data Support Centers (DSC) in 39 districts was formalized across the country, to collect the tally sheets from the 554 HRUCs.

High Risk UCs identified in Balochistan were from district Quetta, Mastung, Nasirabad, Zhob, Killa Abdulla, Pishin. High Risk UCs of Punjab were identified from Districts of Lahore, Faisalabad, Pakpattan Rawalpindi, Rajanpur, Multan and attack, In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA, high risk



## Budget for Health Insurance Scheme cut to Rs9 billion

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UCs were distributed among Khyber, Peshawar, Charsadda, Bannu, FR Bannu, North Waziristan, Lakki Marwat, Hangu, DI Khan, FR DI Khan, S.Waziristan, Tank, Mardan, Buner, Swabi, and Nowshera while data is being sent to Data Support Centre from entire Sindh. These data centers manned by over 400 data entry clerks serve as the central repository and collection point for recording and data entry of the vaccinator tally sheets on daily basis.

The Data Support Centre record all missed children regardless of reason. Dr. Rana Muhammad Safdar, National EOC Coordinator opined that efficient transmission of specific Missed children data directly from the field will facilitate timely coverage and will thus be instrumental in delivering high quality SIAs across the HRUCs. During the National Polio Campaign of March, tally sheets from front-line workers were computerized and set online by the data operators of the Data Support centre for real time response and follow ups. During last campaign (16th-18th March 2015) as of 29th March 2015, data from 19,694 tally sheets have been entered into the database at the 11 DSCs. Total number of households visited are 717,506 and the number of children recorded are 1,457,287. Of the 1,457,287 children, 1,382,212 were vaccinated and 75,075 not vaccinated. - APP

**ISLAMABAD:** While the PML-N government has managed to complete Rs44-billion Metro Bus Project in Islamabad, it is still unable to even start work on its much touted landmark National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) for 100 million poor patients despite reducing its budget to Rs9.2 billion, The News has learnt. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had approved the scheme in June 2014 and it was expected to be launched on March 23rd but "budget constraints" have hampered the progress on the project that was seen as a ray of hope for underprivileged people who are unable to afford expensive medical care at the private hospitals.

The scheme was supposed to provide a blanket for cash-free treatment to the underprivileged for major diseases like cardiovascular diseases, Diabetes Mellitus, Burna and RTA (Life and limb saving treatment, implants, prosthesis), end stage renal diseases and dialysis, chronic infections (Hepatitis), organ failure (Hepatic, Renal, Cardiopulmonary) and cancer treatment (Chemo, Radio, Surgery). Sources said that the initial PC-1 for the project was rejected by the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) last month as its budget estimates of Rs43 billion were considered too high. Sources added that CDWP also asked the Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination to seek the consent of all the provinces as they had to bear cost for major parts of the scheme.

Sources said a revised PC-1 has been prepared for the scheme by reducing cost of the project to Rs9.2 billion for the initial phase of three years. Sources also added that the Ministry had written letters to all four provinces to seek their consent but government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has expressed reservation over the schemes while three other provinces have hinted at supporting the scheme with minor changes. According to revised PC-1, 23 districts will be included in the scheme from Punjab, Sindh, KP, Balochistan, and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Around 1287608 families from Punjab's districts of Narowal, Khaniwal, Sarghoda and Rahim Yar Khan will benefit from the scheme. The families have already been identified through a survey conducted by National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) and Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

In Sindh 978044 families from Shikarpur, Badin, Benazirabad, and Sanghar will be included in the scheme. Four districts of KP, Sawabi, Noshehra, DI Khan and Haripur will be part of the scheme and a total of 816819 families will benefit. In Balochistan, the scheme will be implemented in districts of Quetta, Lora Lai, Lasbila, Kech with 244810 families. The scheme will also be implemented in Muzaffarabad and Kotli districts of AJK and 100324 families of Islamabad will also be part of the scheme in first phase.

When contacted Director General Health Asad Hafeez said that a steady progress was being made on the NHIS. "We are currently in the planning phase as it is being discussed in CDWP. We will soon start the implementation stage after the consultation process is completed with the provinces," he said. While announcing the scheme last year, the prime minister had said: "Health insurance programme is the only way forward to provide healthcare protection to economically deprived people of the society. The scheme is the first of its kind to introduce a grievance redressing system as well as social security safety net for the poor people of Pakistan. The programme will not only give the vulnerable sections of the society an access to cash-free health facilities but will also help to develop and revolutionise the health infrastructure across Pakistan."

**Karachi:** The Sindh High Court on Wednesday directed health officials to file comments on a petition seeking fulfilment of vacant posts and provision of adequate medical facilities at the Civil Hospital Shikarpur (CHS). Petitioner Shahab Usto submitted that several victims of the Shikarpur Imambargah had to be shifted to hospitals in Sukkur and Larkana, due to lack of proper medical facilities and specialised doctors adding that many lives could have been saved had adequate facilities been available at the CHS. He maintained that many of the injured were shifted to hospital in rickshaws, police mobiles etc as there was no ambulances available in the city.

Usto further submitted that medical facilities available were not enough to cater to the needs of around one million population of the city; several posts for specialised doctors and other staff were lying vacant despite an annual budget allocation of Rs. 22.3 million. The court was prayed to direct the government to fill in as well as order an inquiry regarding non-fulfilment of posts of senior doctors and specialised surgeons in the hospital. Provincial law officer and officials of health department requested for some time to file their comments. The division bench headed by Justice Sajjad Ali Shah granting time to the officials, the next hearing was set for April 23.

Following Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's approval, the federal government has increased petroleum prices by Rs 4 from Wednesday (today). Federal Minister for Finance Senator Ishaq Dar has said that petrol price has been increased by Rs 4 per litre, High Speed Diesel by Rs 3 per litre while prices of Kerosene Oil, High Octane Diesel and Light Diesel Oil will remain unchanged. Earlier, Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) had forwarded a summary to prime minister

## Health officials told to explain poor medical facilities in Shikarpur

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## Petrol price increased by Rs 4

*Pakistan Today, April 1, 2015*

### Multan: Owners close down petrol pumps due to forthcoming price hike

*Dunya News, April 1, 2015*

### Khan terms petrol price hike as 'sheer extortion'

*Samaa TV, April 1, 2015*

### No reinstating OGRA chair, federation appeals IHC decision

*Pakistan Today, April 1, 2015*

### Private educational institutes fees to be regulated

*Dunya News, April 1, 2015*

### Water shortage to hit eco growth: speakers on water conservation

*Daily Times, April 1, 2015*

seeking an increase in prices of petroleum products which was duly approved by him. After the recent increase of Rs 4 per litre, petrol price has reached Rs 74.29 per litre while High Speed Diesel is now available for Rs 83.61 per litre. Long queues of vehicles were witnessed at petrol pumps before implementation of new prices while owners of various filling stations closed the sale to sell the old stocks on increased prices.

**MULTAN** – Several pumps in the city on Tuesday have been reported to be closed in connection with the forthcoming increase in the petroleum products' prices. The government has increased the petroleum prices by at least Rs 4/litre. Most of the petrol pump owners closed seized the supply late at night and have not placed a new supply order as yet. The people are facing problems due to the shortage. However, the pump owner maintained that the petrol supply at the oil depot is limited which has led to the closure of pumps. The customers have demanded the district administration to take notice of the staged shortage.

**ISLAMABAD:** Chairman PTI Imran Khan on Wednesday termed the federal government's decision to raise prices of key petroleum products as 'sheer extortion'. "Overnight raise in fuel prices by PMLN govt is condemnable & sheer extortion," Khan said in a statement on micro-blogging site Twitter. Last evening, the government raised the price of petrol by Rs4 a litre and diesel by Rs3 effective from today. Prices of kerosene oil, high octane diesel, and light diesel oil were, however, remained unchanged

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has adjourned, for a day, the hearing of an appeal plea filed by the federation against its single-bench decision for the suspension of the notification on sending chair OGRA on forced leave by the government during petrol crisis. The hearing has been adjourned due to the absence of Additional Attorney General (AAG) Afnan Karim Kundi due to his personal engagements. A division bench of IHC comprising Justice Athar Minullah and Justice Amir Farooq took up for hearing appeal plea filed by federation against IHC single bench verdict in OGRA chairman case. Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Malik Faisal Rafiq and barrister Jahangir Jadoon appeared on behalf of federation, advocate Babar Sattar, and advocate Saira Rehman represented the OGRA chair in court.

Babar Sattar told the court that a single bench of IHC during the course of hearing the case had issued orders for his reinstatement on his office besides suspending the notification regarding his forced leave. The federation has filed appeal plea against the single-bench decision. The counsels for federation told the court that AAG Afnan Karim Kundi could not appear in the court due to his personal engagements and he has to complete his arguments by himself. The court put off hearing of case for one day. The federal government had sent OGRA chair Saeed Ahmad Khan on forced leave for three months while holding him responsible for the petrol crisis. The Secretary Establishment Division is conducting an inquiry against Saeed Ahmad Khan on petrol crisis. Justice Noor ul Haq Qureshi while suspending the notification on forced leave had issued orders for his reinstatement on his office.

**LAHORE** – Lahore High court's Justice Shahid Jamil ordered to regulate the rules of fees and charges applied by private educational institutes. Secretary schools education said that a bill to regulate the school fees of private sector schools will be presented in Punjab Assembly's next session. Applicant Muhammad Naeem's Lawyer Sheraz Zaka told the court that private schools have become business centres and citizens are being looted by them on the name of education.

There is no maximum fees limit in Punjab Private Institution Regulation, which is against constitution's article 25-A. He said that there is no law which could stop private institutes from raising fees and charging heavy amounts in name of different dues.

**LAHORE:** Water shortage can directly hit economic growth of Pakistan when country was throwing away more than 35 million acre feet water into the sea. Water is not only cheapest source of power generation but also lifeline of agriculture sector. It is a matter of concern water scarcity is increasing with every passing day. Speakers of a seminar on 'Water Conservation' at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry said Pakistan could hardly escape from becoming a big desert, unless drastic measures were taken instantly.

They said sufficient availability of water was must for sustainable development but in Pakistan per capita availability of water was decreasing though we have water but not enough reservoirs for storage. LCCI President Ijaz Mumtaz said with every passing year, Pakistan was getting close to brink of mass starvation because of a drastic cut in water availability from 5,000 cubic meters per capita in 1950s to 1,000 cubic meters in 2010. He said as per World Bank analysis, our storage capacity has gone down to 150 cubic meters per capita whereas Ethiopia stood at 50 cubic meters per capita. He said India has improved its per capita storage up to 200 cubic meters per capita, which would get further better once under-construction dams started operating. These facts call for establishing water reservoirs in country, which will enhance capacity of water storage. He said same reservoirs would come handy in case of low and medium floods. After every two to three years we have to face emergency situation due to floods in Pakistan that adversely affected our economy and pushed us back many years.

LCCI senior vice President Nauman Kabir said Pakistan's economy was heavily reliant on agriculture sector. This sector engages almost 45 percent of our work force. Our leading manufacturing sector textile, which gets basic input from agriculture. Without water, there is no survival of agriculture. Government has to take steps for water conservation and its effective use and efficient use of water through water conservation will reduce capital and operational costs leading to economic stability and growth. There is no second opinion on it that most of challenges we are facing today are result of poor planning done to manage water resources. It is said it never too late to mend. If we come up with a joint strategy on water conservation, we can evade severe or may be insurmountable challenges of future. LCCI vice President Mahmood Ghaznavi said LCCI would continue its untiring efforts to highlight important issue of water scarcity in larger interest of

## Indian power producers keen to import Thar coal

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the country.

**KARACHI:** The Thar fields have attracted attention from the country's arch-rival as several independent power producers in neighboring India have shown their keen interest in buying coal from the newly discovered world's seventh largest reserves in Sindh, official sources said. "Top management of several Indian independent power producers has formally expressed their keenness to procure Thar coal, which is technically feasible for utilizing in some of their existing plants and also ready to set up new plants," a source in provincial Sindh government said. "(They) have shown keen interest in its import from Pakistan mainly due to the proximity."

Coal-fired plants contribute over 65 per cent in power generation in India and high demand of this primary fuel is increasing day by day. Despite having domestic coal reserves, Indian imports of coal have seen tremendous increase in last ten years, ranking neighboring country among top three importers. Ahmadabad, the capital city of Gujarat is closer to Thar coal reserves. There are scores of medium to ultra-mega coal-fired power plants operational in Gujarat state that supplies power to large swath of their country up to Punjab state in addition to other such plants in pipeline.

Being a leading miner and user of coal in the world, Indian energy entities conveyed their readiness to mine and import coal from Thar field. Though Indian companies are not yet allowed to mine in the Thar but options are still open for exporting coal from Pakistan. Insiders said strained relation between two countries has been one of the main hurdles in establishing trade ties in the field of energy. Sources said a series of meetings in this connection were also held during visit of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to India in May 2014, while parleys held with federal ministries and management of mining companies currently working at Thar coal. "Representatives of these companies also showed willingness to visit Thar coal, however, this visit is yet to be given green signal by Pakistan authorities," a source said.

Referring to scale of coal mining and prospects of its future uses, Chaudhary Abdul Qayyum, CEO Sino Sindh Resources Ltd said coal production from Thar is planned to reach about 10 million tons per annum (mtpa) in three years and 25-30 mtpa in as little as five years, which will be sufficient to meet requirements of both mine-mouth power plants in Block-I and Block-II and other planned power projects in Karachi and Hyderabad. "In the post-2020 period or next five to seven years, we are expecting doubling of coal production from 25-30 mtpa to 50-60 mtpa.

Half of this annually produced coal, having approximate export value of one billion dollar, could be offered for export markets including India," he said while talking to a select group of Lahore-based journalists about promising development of Thar coal. Qayyum said as drying process for Thar coal is developed with initiation of large-scale mining to make it more economical for transportation, Pakistan will be able to push huge quantities of coal for export market. He said transportation of coal can be made possible via sea and land route, including rail and road links through necessary infrastructure and specific technology of coal handling.

Sino Sindh is currently in process of launching mining at Block-I while a joint venture of Sindh government and Engro Corporation has been allotted lease of Block-II or Thar coalfield and initial phase of mining has been started. Agha Abbas Shah, Secretary Sindh Energy was also fascinated by the glittering prospects being offered by black gold discovered in Thar Desert. "Thar field provides abundant domestic source of coal which is vital for ensuring energy security of the country," he said and adding it will also bring prosperity keeping in view enormous export potential of coal to world markets.

"Obviously, we will look towards export market of coal after meeting our power generation needs in next few years," Shah said, while adding that low Thar coal price makes it possible to open up export market while competing with other coal producers in the world. Talking about the possibility of coal exports to India, Shah said, decision in this respect will be reached while taking into account geopolitical situation and strategic issues associated with it. He said Sindh government is developing the Thar coalfield as an emerging hub of petrochemicals. "As we kick start work on mining and power projects at Thar coalfield, which is now part of the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor, the entire energy scenario is going to change in next few years." "Naturally, we have to find markets for future coal selling as there is a limit to its use for electricity generation," Abbas said.

**KHAR:** The health experts on Tuesday emphasised on use of iodised salt to reduce risks of several chronic diseases among the tribal people. They expressed these views while addressing a sensitisation seminar on the importance of iodised salt organised by the Maternal and Neonatal Child Healthcare (MNCH) programme, Fata Secretariat, at the Agency Headquarters Hospital here. Tribesmen, elders, political workers, media persons, salt factories owners, traders and officials of local health department and representatives of MNCH showed up. Additional agency surgeon Dr Ikramullah Safi, senior public health nutritionist Dr Iftikhar Ahmed, MNCH representative Dr Sohail Ahmed Khan, social activists Haji Habibullah Khan Asi and Child Rights Committee's agency coordinator Hanifullah Jan spoke on the occasion.

Dr Ahmed said the purpose of the seminar was to make people aware about the importance of iodised salt. He said that currently over half of the country's population suffered from iodine deficiency, affecting their physical and mental health. He noted that iodine deficiency in the tribal areas, especially in the remote and hilly regions, was high compared to other parts of the country. Other speakers highlighted the importance of iodised salt among pregnant women for their and newborns' better health. They said that iodine deficiency could significantly affect the learning ability of children. They asked the participants to ensure use of iodized salt in their respective areas especially among the expectant women. The speakers urged the government to launch awareness campaigns about the importance of iodised salt in daily life. They also called upon the factory owners and traders to sell only iodised salt to people.

**KOHAT:** The district drug control authority fined nine medical store owners and sealed two others

## Health experts for promoting use of iodised salt in Fata

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## Two medical stores

## sealed, nine owners fined in Kohat

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2015*

## Rural health centre lacks facilities

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2015*

## Young doctors take to streets

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2015*

## Campaign against polio begins in Balochistan

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2015*

## Unlawful buildings of

during checking here on Tuesday. When contacted, Kohat drug control inspector Younis Khan said that there was no qualified person like pharmacist or doctor in most of the medicine shops. He said that ironically almost all the medical stores had submitted an affidavit along with a certificate of a qualified pharmacist or doctor to the authority for issuance of licence to open a store.

In fact, they paid monthly payments to those doctors and pharmacists who sell their certificates and also come to the office at the time of issuance of licence. However, they never come to those shops and unqualified persons usually run the medical stores, he added. He regretted that people also encouraged such illegal stores by purchasing medicines from them. He said that according to rules a pharmacist must be present in the hospitals for checking the prescriptions, but the government did not appoint them, which was a wrong policy. Mr Khan said that some sedative syrups, injections and tablets were freely available and even sold in bulk to drug addicts. Even local homeopaths bring alcohol from Darra Adamkhel and sell it in their shops, he claimed. The drug inspector said that there were thousands of medical stores in the district and he had been trying to reach maximum of those.

**MURREE:** Over 8,000 people living in Phagwari, Murree, are facing lots of hardship as the only Rural Health Centre (RHC) in the area lacks basic facilities. The RHC was established in early 60s to provide basic health facilities to the inhabitants of the area. The health centre also catered to people from AJK and adjoining areas of KP such as Berote Abbasiyan etc.

The RHC was considered to be the largest health facility in the area. But now it faces a host of problems. Currently, the health centre is functioning without basic facilities since the concerned department never paid any attention towards its maintenance. Owing to the absence of basic facilities, patients are forced to approach private medical centres. Besides the shortage of specialist doctors, two posts of dressers, one post of X-ray technician, two posts of laboratory technician and three posts of sweepers and as many dispensers are vacant at the RHC. In the absence of sweepers, the hospital waste could be seen scattered on its premises. The stinking smell from the building is also causing inconvenience to the visitors as well as the hospital staff.

The X-ray machine, which was installed eight years ago, remains non-functional for the last five years after its power generator got damaged during heavy rains. "We are receiving five to seven patients on a daily basis for X-ray. Due to the unavailability of the facility, we have to ask the patients to go to private medical centres," said a senior doctor on the condition of anonymity. He said the hospital administration had lodged several complaints with the authorities concerned but to no avail. Kamran Abbasi, the vice president of the PML-N youth wing Murree, added that due to the absence of specialist doctors and paramedics the hospital was unable to provide services to the residents.

The hospital has a well-equipped laboratory but there is no staff to run it. An ambulance, which was provided to the hospital 22 years ago, now needs an urgent replacement. The authorities concerned should also fill the vacant posts of specialist doctors as well as a surgeon who can carry out minor surgeries, he added. Rehan Ahmed, a resident of Phagwari, said provincial minister for labour and manpower Raja Ashfaq Sarwar had assured the local people in 2009 that the vacant posts at the centre would be filled. However, there is no progress even after about five years.

Former nazim Haq Nawaz Abbasi, who is responsible for supervising the provincial government's projects in Murree, admitted that there was a shortage of doctors and premedical staff in the centre. "We have raised the issue with the executive director health who has assured us that the vacant posts would be filled soon," he added. District health officer Dr Khalid Mahmood Randhawa said he was aware of all the vacant posts at the district and tehsil level. The provincial government has lifted the ban on recruitments so the department will soon advertise the vacant positions across the district, he added.

**LAHORE:** Young doctors registered a strong protest on Tuesday across the province by blocking several major roads to press the government to accept their legitimate demands. In Lahore, hundreds of young doctors from all teaching hospitals took to the streets. They gathered on the call of the Punjab Young Doctors Association (YDA) that had issued a protest schedule, alleging the bureaucracy had forced them to take such an extreme step. The association also alleged that some senior officials in the health department were deliberately delaying implementation of the service structure that had been finalised by all stakeholders two and a half years ago. They also held Adviser to the Chief Minister on Health Khwaja Salman Rafique responsible for the differences between the Punjab administration and the young doctors, saying he was the only government representative who had attended all "crucial meetings" when the service structure was finalised.

The YDA was of the view that Rafique did not play a decisive role in materialising their demands. The protesting doctors also included in the list of demands immediate removal of the adviser from his position. Heeding the protest call, the young doctors withdrew their services in the morning, locked several departments of all teaching hospitals and marched on roads. Doctors from Lahore General and Children's hospitals blocked Ferozepur Road and their colleagues from Mayo, Sir Ganga Ram and Punjab Dental hospitals gathered on The Mall to protest. Similarly, the Lahore Canal was blocked by doctors from Jinnah and Shaikh Zayed hospitals, while Jail Road was blocked by those from Services Hospital and the Punjab Institute of Cardiology.

**QUETTA:** A rescheduled three-day polio vaccination campaign faced yet another snag and could not begin in some parts of Quetta on Tuesday because of inadequate security arrangements. The campaign in other districts of Balochistan was said to be going on under tight security. "The campaign did not start in some parts of Quetta due to lack of security arrangements," an official of the health department told this correspondent. He said the campaign was being carried out amid tight security in most areas of the city.

**QUETTA:** District administration of Quetta has decided to seal unlawful buildings constructed in violation of the building codes. Construction work on eight under-construction plazas were also



## private hospitals to be sealed

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halted following their non-compliance of the building codes. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Quetta, Dawood Khan Khilji said on Tuesday that private hospitals, dozens in number, were built in violation of the building codes, with many of them in the heart of the city causing great inconvenience to the citizens. "Notices were issued to them by the administration, couple of days back to clarify, why they did not spare place for car parking and to meet other necessary requirements while constructing the building," he said and added that so far we did not receive their reply and in next couple of days many hospitals would be sealed.

The DC deplored that private hospitals were constructed worth billions of rupee with no parking place. As a result of the negligence, patients and attendants park vehicles on the road which has created traffic mess. "Administration has lately halted construction of a hospital owned by an office bearer of the Pakistan Medical Association, in the best interest of dwellers of the provincial capital," Khilji said. The owners of the eight under construction plazas were also directed not to resume work unless building codes are not fully complied with.

He said that Metropolitan Corporation has been asked to share data of the small shops built around the City Police Station. "Due to these shops, only 8 feet road out of 22 feet is left for the vehicles and pedestrians. The permits of illegal shops would also be seized," the DC further said. "To minimize the environmental hazards caused by the polythene bags, several shops were sealed while Provincial Environment Department has also been asked to furnish details of the retailers and dealers of the polythene bags". He noted that during the drive against profiteers Rs 0.2 million were recovered in last couple of days while dozen of shopkeepers were also detained found selling daily commodities on high prices. - APP

## Young doctors protest in different parts of Lahore

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**LAHORE:** Members of the Young Doctors Association (YDA) held protest demonstrations in favour of their demands on Tuesday, blocking four main roads and disrupting traffic for several hours in Lahore. The doctors protested at main thoroughfares including Mall Road, Jail Road, Canal Road and Ferozpur Road. Patients faced problems due to the unavailability of doctors in hospitals, while the blockage of traffic for several hours caused inconvenience to citizens. The organisation of medical workers has been protesting against the Punjab government in recent months, demanding increase in salaries, improvement in service structure, and provision of fool-proof security at hospitals. The YDA called off its protests at 1 pm, saying that it will announce its future course of action at a press conference on Monday

## D.G. Khan: Wapda suspends power supply to TMA for not paying bill

*Dunya News, March 31, 2015*

**DERA GHAZI KHAN ()** – Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) officials on Tuesday have suspended electricity connection of Tehsil Municipal Administration (TMA) for not paying Rs2 crore electricity bill, creating water scarcity in the metropolis. While giving up the patience, residents staged a protest against TMA for not paying electricity bill of Rs2 crores as they are facing difficulties due to disrupted water supply. The protesters further appealed to the Chief Minister of Punjab (CM) Shahbaz Sharif to restore water supply as early as possible.

## AEDB approves construction of five wind projects in Sindh of Pakistan

*Renewablesbiz, March 31, 2015*

The Pakistan Alternative Energy Development Board (AEDB) has approved government guarantees for construction of five 230 MW wind power projects worth \$600 million in Sindh. The projects will be completed in 18 months by five companies, including the Master Wind Energy, Tenaga Generasi, Gul Ahmed Wind Power Company Tapal Wind Energy and Hydrochina Dawood Power in Thatta. The plants are expected to begin producing electricity by the end of 2016. Five wind power projects from this area are already providing 256 MW of electricity to the national grid. The construction of the new projects will help reduce load shedding in the country. Thatta has the potential to produce 50,000 MW of wind power. In another development, Pakistan will soon receive \$501.4 million loan from International Monetary Fund (IMF).

IMF has completed the sixth review of Pakistan's economic performance under a 36-month program with the support of Extended Fund Facility (EFF) arrangement. The Board's decision will help in the immediate disbursement of \$ 501.4 million, bringing total disbursements under the arrangement to about \$3.5 billion. The latest disbursement is part of about 6.12 billion dollars 36-month program supported by an Extended Fund Facility arrangement, which Pakistan secured in September 2013. Recently, the National Transmission and Despatch Company Limited (NTDCL) of Pakistan signed three agreements for the output of 129.5 MW of energy from Jhimpir wind farm. The plan calls for Tapal Wind Energy to build a 30 MW facility, Master Wind Energy to install a 49.5 MW plant and Gul Ahmed Wind Power construct an additional 50 MW wind park. The PPAs have received the green light from NTDCL authorities and all three wind power producers will close their financing till 31 March 2015. The farm will start production by the end 2016.

## NEPRA Cuts The Price Of Electricity For End Consumers

*Pakistan Tribune, March 31, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD** – Following the furnace oil price adjustment, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) decreases in electricity rates for K-Electric consumers up-to Rs2.08 per unit and more or less same for other companies, PakistanTribune reported. Companies received Rs 13 billion in fuel adjustment which will be passed on to consumers. Rs 1 billion would be adjusted with K-Electric and 12 billion for others. The relief will be given in the bills of April and also those who consume more than 50 units a month will be given this concession. Pakistan is one of those countries where electricity is produced by furnace oil mainly, the change in furnace oil prices directly affects the prices of electricity. Pakistani government has also imported natural gas for the production of electricity and to meet the other energy needs of the country.

## Pakistan Shelves Six Coal-fired Power Projects

*Counter Current, March 31, 2015*

**Pakistan** has halted work on six coal-fired power projects of some 14,000 megawatts due to environmental concerns, lack of needed infrastructure and foreign investment. Prime minister Nawaz Sharif and former president Asif Ali Zardari broke ground of the first mega coal power project in January 2014 to help the country overcome its energy crisis. The cost of the entire project was estimated at US\$6-8 billion and it was scheduled to be completed in 2017. The government was expecting to generate 6,600 MW of electricity from the project. Separately, Pakistan's Punjab provincial government announced five coal-based power projects of 7,400 megawatts to be installed in different cities, but they have also been stalled.

Omar Rasool, a top official in the water and power ministry, confirmed the projects have been put

## Doctors vow to struggle for rights

*Daily Dawn, March 31, 2015*

## Hospitals' board of governors to be empowered

*Daily Dawn, March 31, 2015*

## Health minister claims infants' death ratio drops

on the back burner and the government was now planning to use liquefied natural gas (LNG) to generate electricity. "The government is well aware of the environmental hazards of the coal-fired power projects; therefore it is planning to use alternative sources like the natural gas to produce electricity," he said. However, Rasool said the government was still negotiating with the Chinese government to secure investment for at least two coal-based power projects. "A viable energy mix solution may help Pakistan overcome its energy crisis but we need foreign investment to execute these projects," he said. First shipment of 60,000 tonnes of the LNG arrived in Pakistan on March 26 from Qatar and the government would supply this to four independent power producers, he said. "The LNG would help generate around 1,000 megawatts additional electricity and the government would further boost supply of the gas to increase the generation in summer," he said.

According to government data, Pakistan has coal resources of more than 185.5 billion tonnes. If half of these resources were exploited, it would be enough to generate 100,000 megawatts of electricity for 30 years. Syed Jamshed Rizvi, president of The Institution of Engineers Pakistan, said the government's tall claims about the coal-fired power projects stand completely exposed as it is now accepting the disadvantages of its overambitious schemes. "We have numerous coal reserves available but they are useless for us unless extracted and used for generation of electricity," he said. He suggested the government start only viable projects to address the energy crisis and avoid overblown rhetoric, which only erodes its credibility with the public.

"The government was planning to import coal from China for the initial three years but now it realized that it has neither the funds to import the coal nor the needed infrastructure to transport it to plants in different cities," he said. Pakistan faces a year-round electricity crisis which rises to around 7,000 megawatts in summer. The government was planning to bridge the shortfall by building coal-fired power plants with help of foreign investment, especially from China, but failed to do so. Arshad Abbasi, an energy expert at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, said the government should have conducted basic environmental studies before launching the projects. In South Asia, the total coal consumption in 2012 remained around 685 million tonnes, of which 98% was used in India, with the highest share consumed in the power sector, he said.

"The share of electricity generated by coal in India is 71%, the highest in the region, but at the same time the coal-based thermal power plants are the single biggest source of air pollutants, causing trans-boundary fog in winter, change of weather patterns, including monsoon rainfall," he said. Being a signatory to the Minamata Convention on Mercury, Pakistan is required to control and reduce emissions of mercury and mercury compounds from point sources including coal-fired power plants, he said. "The coal-fired power plants are the largest contributors to mercury emissions worldwide, so the government should think twice before initiating such projects," he said. Pervaiz Amir, an environmental expert and former member of the prime minister's Task Force on Climate Change, wants the government invest the coal funds in hydro power sector to reap multiple benefits.

"If the government uses the coal funds to make a canal from its Chenab river, this would help irrigate the country's two biggest deserts, Cholistan and Thar, besides overcoming energy crisis and food-insecurity," he said. He accused China of offering obsolete technology to Pakistan for its coal-fired projects, which would only add to the country's environmental woes. "The coal-based power projects will spread different diseases like tuberculosis in the respective areas besides polluting our water resources," he said, suggesting the government to turn to clean energy sources like wind, sun and hydro-power.

**TAXILA:** The local chapter of the Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians (PAFP) on Monday vowed to work for the resolution of issues faced by doctors, including security threats, exorbitant taxation and discriminatory rules promulgated by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC). Addressing a meeting of the PAFP's local chapter through a video link, central president PAFP Dr Tariq Mahmood Mian said all issues being faced by health practitioners in the rural areas would be resolved. He said due to the prevailing situation, doctors were facing security threats, especially in Karachi and Peshawar, besides the unjustified taxation.

The meeting was presided over by PAFP local chapter patron-in-chief Dr Shahid Nawaz while president of the PAFP Taxila, Dr Syed Asad Ali, and general secretary Dr Ellahi Bux were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Syed Asad Ali, the president of the local chapter, said strict laws were in place for doctors in both the public and private sectors but millions of quacks were playing havoc with the health of the people and there was no law to take action against them. Patron-in-chief PAFP Dr Shahid Nawaz said the organisation would continue working for the resolution of the problems being faced by doctors in Taxila and Wah Cantonment.

**PESHAWAR:** As part of reforms, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa health department has decided to fully empower the relevant board of governors to manage all four teaching hospitals of the province in line with market dynamics. However, they will be answerable to the government for their performance, according to the relevant officials.

The officials told Dawn on Monday that the selection of BoG members was underway for Peshawar's Khyber Teaching Hospital, Lady Reading Hospital and Hayatabad Medical Complex and Abbottabad's Ayub Medical Complex. "The BoGs have been given all powers to take independent decisions in line with the dynamics of the market. Simultaneously, they've been made answerable to the government for their performance. They will regularly submit performance report to the government," an official said. According to another official in the know, the Health Reforms Act 2015, which was passed by the provincial assembly to utilise the infrastructure and human resource for the benefit of patients, is also being extended to Bannu, Mardan and Kohat in the next phase.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar on Monday said the provincial health department had decided to celebrate April as the Health Sindh Month by organising a three-day Sindh Health & Nutrition Festival in Mithi from 8th April 2015. Addressing a press conference at the

## in Tharparkar

*The Statesman, March 31, 2015*

## 4th round of anti-polio drive kicked off in KP

*The Statesman, March 31, 2015*

## Citizens advised to adopt preventive measures against seasonal diseases

*The Statesman, March 31, 2015*

Committee Room of Health Department Sindh Secretariat, the health minister said the aim of organizing the festival is to create awareness and educate local population about the three basic themes - nutrition, family planning and immunization or vaccination. Special Secretary Public Health Sindh Dr Khalid Shaikh and Special Initiative Dr Ahsanullah Khan Wazeer were also present. He said the festival will be inaugurated by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah in Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Cultural Complex at Mithi. The health minister claimed that death ratio in infants dropped in Thar during last few months due to government's positive initiatives. The festival will continue till April 10th 2015.

Dahar said overall situation have been improving in district Tharparkar due to the efforts of health authorities and development partners. He said major issue remains to be the lack of awareness among the local populace about the importance of nutrition, health and family planning issues. He said health department and many other governmental and non-governmental agencies and stakeholders have been making all out efforts to address the situation arising from the drought-stricken region. He said, "We will celebrate whole month to create awareness among public and improve health facilities at union council level." He said diseases like hepatitis, malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and others should be prevented through raising public awareness. While responding to a question, Dahar said his department will make Sindh polio-free this year and claimed infant mortality rate had decreased in Thar and other districts of Sindh as compared to Punjab districts. - PPI

**PESHAWAR:** Under the "Sehat ka Ittehad" Programme the 4th round of anti-polio campaign kicked off in 22 districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday. During the three-days special campaign, 1.204 million children will be administered oral polio drops for which a total of 3616 polio teams have been deputed. According to a report of Polio Emergency Operation Centre Peshawar, the campaign will be carried out in 215 selected union councils which are considered to be high risk areas with regard to polio virus.

District Peshawar and Bannu are excluded from the campaign on the ground that a week long Injectable polio vaccination (IPV) campaign has just been concluded in both the districts where as polio campaign has been postponed in District Mansehra due to terrorist attack on polio team over there during the last campaign. A meeting of the relevant quarters has been convened on Tuesday to resume polio campaign in the district. Vaccines and other logistics have been delivered to the 22 districts, and 883 motorcycles and 121 vehicles have also been provided for the mobility of polio teams in these districts. Last week, Philanthropist and Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates wrote to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, lauding his efforts for polio eradication in Pakistan and expressing interest in his initiative to use mapping technology as part of the eradication campaign. "I am encouraged by your personal commitment to eliminate this disease in Pakistan. Your strong leadership comes at a critical time in our global efforts," he said in the letter.

Earlier this month during a telephonic conversation with Imran Khan, the chairman of the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation appreciated Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's initiatives, particularly those pertaining to polio eradication. He congratulated Imran on conducting a successful anti-polio campaign, 'Sehat Ka Ittehad' (United for Health), in the province and expressed grief and sorrow over the killing of 131 students in a Taliban attack on an army-run school in Peshawar. "I am interested in your opinion on the use of mapping technology in Pakistan — a technology which has helped Nigeria get close to eradicate polio. I know there are sensitivities around this type of technology, and I look to your guidance on what is appropriate. I've asked Dr Waqar Ajmal to follow up with your team during his current mission," said the letter. It is encouraging to see the army, federal and provincial governments working together under your banner "United for Health". This initiative is key to interrupting transmission, and it highlights how polio is truly a humanitarian priority above political and partisan differences, it added. "I have no doubt that your discussions with the chief secretary and chief minister of KP will help encourage the implementation of IPV campaigns and the revitalization of quarterly and monthly review meetings," he said.

**PESHAWAR:** Health experts Monday advised citizens of twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi to take special preventive measures to protect them from seasonal diseases in prevailing changing weather. They said that some health problems, such as asthma, sore throat, cough and flu were triggered or worsened by present weather, however, with adoption of special precautionary measures citizens could avoid such medical complications. Dr Wasim Khawaja from Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) told APP that sore throats were common in this season, which were caused by viral infections.

Change in outer temperature, such as going from a centrally air-conditioned room to hot and dry outdoor could also affect the human health, he added. He said an easy remedy for sore throat was to gargle with warm salty water. It won't heal the infection, but it had anti-inflammatory properties and could have a soothing effect, he added. Dr Khawaja said, "In this season when pollen count is high, air is a major trigger of asthma symptoms such as wheezing and shortness of breath." He advised the people with asthma to be extra careful. Such people, he said, should stay indoor on windy days and wear a mask or scarf over nose and mouth. They should also be more vigilant about taking regular medications, and keep rescue inhalers. He said several types of virus remained active in the season, particularly in polluted areas where there was a sanitation issue or plenty of garbage.

The people living in such areas should be vigilant and consult medical practitioners in case of occurrence of any seasonal disease like symptoms. He said when people were ill with vomiting and diarrhoea, it was important to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. He said that young children and the elderly were especially at risk. By drinking oral re-hydration fluids, people could reduce the risk of dehydration. Dr Wasim Khawaja said people with seasonal allergies, who could not avoid pollen, the symptoms could be controlled with medication on advice of physicians, including antihistamines, corticosteroids, and cromolyn sodium, any of which could be used alone or in combination.



### LNG injected into gas supply network

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2015*

### Anti-polio drive in eight UCs begins today

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2015*

### Lack of free cancer treatment causing deaths in Fata

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2015*

### Attendants, doctors scuffle in hospital

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2015*

### Man suffocated by leaking gas

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2015*

### Anti-quackery drive continues in Karachi

A public health expert, Dr Saba Faisal, advised pollen allergy patients to adopt precautionary measures to avoid any complication. She said as pollen count was gradually increasing in the air, the allergy patients should take medicine regularly, besides taking other measures. She said allergy patients should avoid moving at places having the offending plant growth and presence of its pollen in the air. She asked the pollen patients, who worked outside, to wear face masks designed to filter pollen out of the air reaching their nasal passages. She said during periods of high pollen levels, the patients should avoid unnecessary exposure to irritants such as dust, insect sprays, tobacco smoke, air pollution, and fresh tar or paint. Any of these things could aggravate the symptoms of pollen allergy and when pollen allergy was not treated, complications might occur, she warned. - APP

**ISLAMABAD:** The government injected recently-imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) into the country's gas supply network. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, told Dawn on Sunday that with this release, the prevailing gas shortage in the country would be mitigated. The financial burden of the added cost of importing the LNG would not, the minister insisted, be transferred to domestic consumers, but would be borne by three major sectors: power plants, fertiliser manufacturers and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) pumps. CNG rates are expected to go up as a result of this move.

**KARACHI:** Around 250,000 children aged less than five years would be inoculated with polio boosters by female community volunteers in the city's eight high-risk union councils from Monday (today). The campaign will continue for the coming full week, officials said on Sunday. It will be the first of a series of week-long anti-polio campaigns, which will be carried out after a fortnightly gap as decided at a meeting held at the office of Karachi Commissioner Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui. The meeting was attended by the administrative, police and health officials of the city and representative of the World Health Organisation and Unicef. The officials said 100 female community volunteers would spearhead the polio campaign instead of mobile polio teams as a general practice. The high-risk union councils are: Muzaffarabad, Muslimabad, Gujro, Songal, Manghopir, Ittehad Town, Chishti Nagar and Islamia Colony.

**PESHAWAR:** The cancer patients hailing from Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) have been developing more complications which lead to their deaths from the curable form of cancer due to non-availability of free treatment, according to sources. The provincial health department has launched free cancer treatment programme at the government hospitals to enable 90 per cent of the persons, who can't afford expensive diagnosis and medication.

The government released an amount of Rs500 million to the health institutions in July 2014 for treatment of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-domiciled patients due to which doctors refused the facility to Fata people. About 1,000 beneficiaries of the programme have been getting free treatment at the designated health facilities. These facilities received 25 per cent of the total cancer patients from Fata who were not entitled to free treatment from the funds allocated for the residents of the province only, sources said. The only option the Fata patients have is to approach Baitul Maal and Zakat departments to get an amount too little to bear cost of cancer treatment. Per patient cost of the treatment is between Rs1.5 million to Rs3 million which can only be paid from the free cancer programme as it offers complete treatment.

**FAISALABAD:** Doctors and paramedics of the Allied Hospital and attendants of a patient of the emergency ward scuffled on Sunday. The attendants also manhandled a female doctor, broke the windowpanes of the emergency ward. After the patient's death, they staged a protest demonstration also on the Jail Road. Nadeem Ahmed, 35, had sustained injuries in an accident at Toba Tek Singh and was brought to the hospital where doctors detected internal bleeding. A female doctor reportedly gave a cut on his body to make way to bleeding. This move of the doctor to save life of the patient infuriated his attendants who allegedly started thrashing the doctor and also manhandled another doctor, identified as Kamran, who rushed to rescue her. They broke the windowpanes of the emergency also, disrupting service for a while.

Other doctors reached the emergency, managed to capture an attendant and gave him a sound thrashing. Qasim Ali, attendant of another patient, told reporters that during the clash neither police nor the security guards of the hospital turned up to control the situation. He said clash between the doctors and the attendants frightened the patients, especially the females and children. As the scuffle was going on, Ahmed breathed his last and his attendants gathered on the Jail Road in protest, alleging that he had passed away owing to the negligence of doctors. They said they kept requesting the doctors for proper attention and treatment but in vain. Police reached there and dispersed the protesters.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Medical Association President Rai Arif and Secretary Dr Muhammad Irfan said attendants of the deceased had damaged medical equipment and windows of emergency ward. They said almost two dozen people had entered the emergency which showed the hospital administration, police and the Punjab government had no security plan to avoid any untoward incident on the hospital premises. The administration completely failed to protect the doctors. The PMA office-bearers demanded arrest of the culprits and registration of a case against them, warning of holding a protest in all hospitals of Faisalabad.

**QUETTA:** A man suffocated and his wife fell unconscious on Saturday night after gas from a heater filled their bedroom. The couple was married last week and settled in Killi Geo area near the city. Sources said they went to bed without switching off the gas heater. They were found unconscious and taken to the Bolan Medical College Hospital where doctors said the man, Abdul Qadir, has died. His unconscious wife was admitted to hospital.

**KARACHI:** The Health Department Sindh has launched full-fledged crackdown against quack health practitioners across city and issued directives to all doctors to display their certificates properly in their clinics. Sources at health department Sindh wished not be named said high-ups of



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### **Gutter water in 20-bed hospital for two months**

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### **Punjab's electricity demand decreases due to rains**

*Dunya News, March 30, 2015*

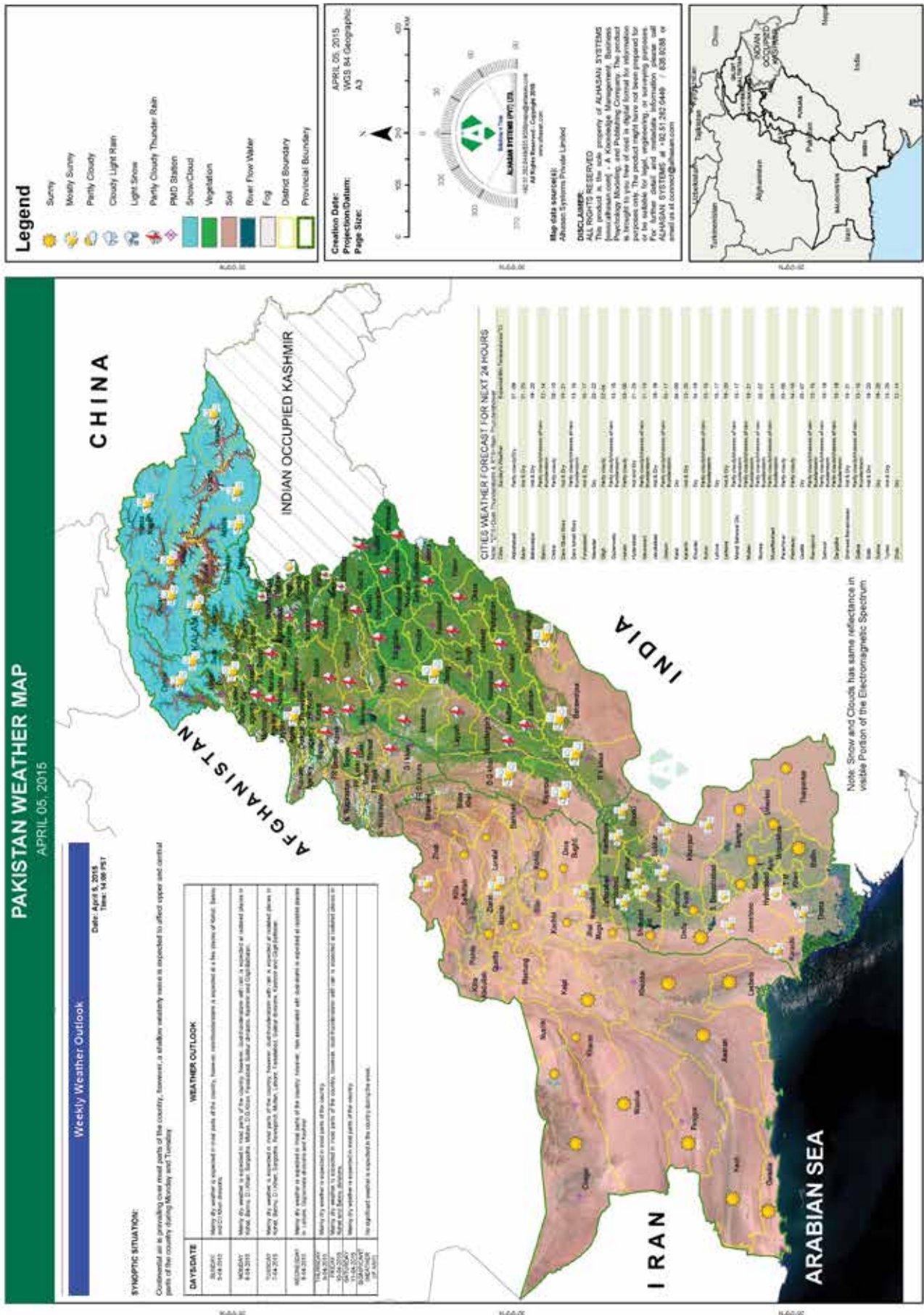
department have launched a comprehensive crackdown against quack doctors across the city who are playing with lives of citizens. These sham doctors have become the real source of spreading Hepatitis, AIDS and other fatal diseases amongst people.

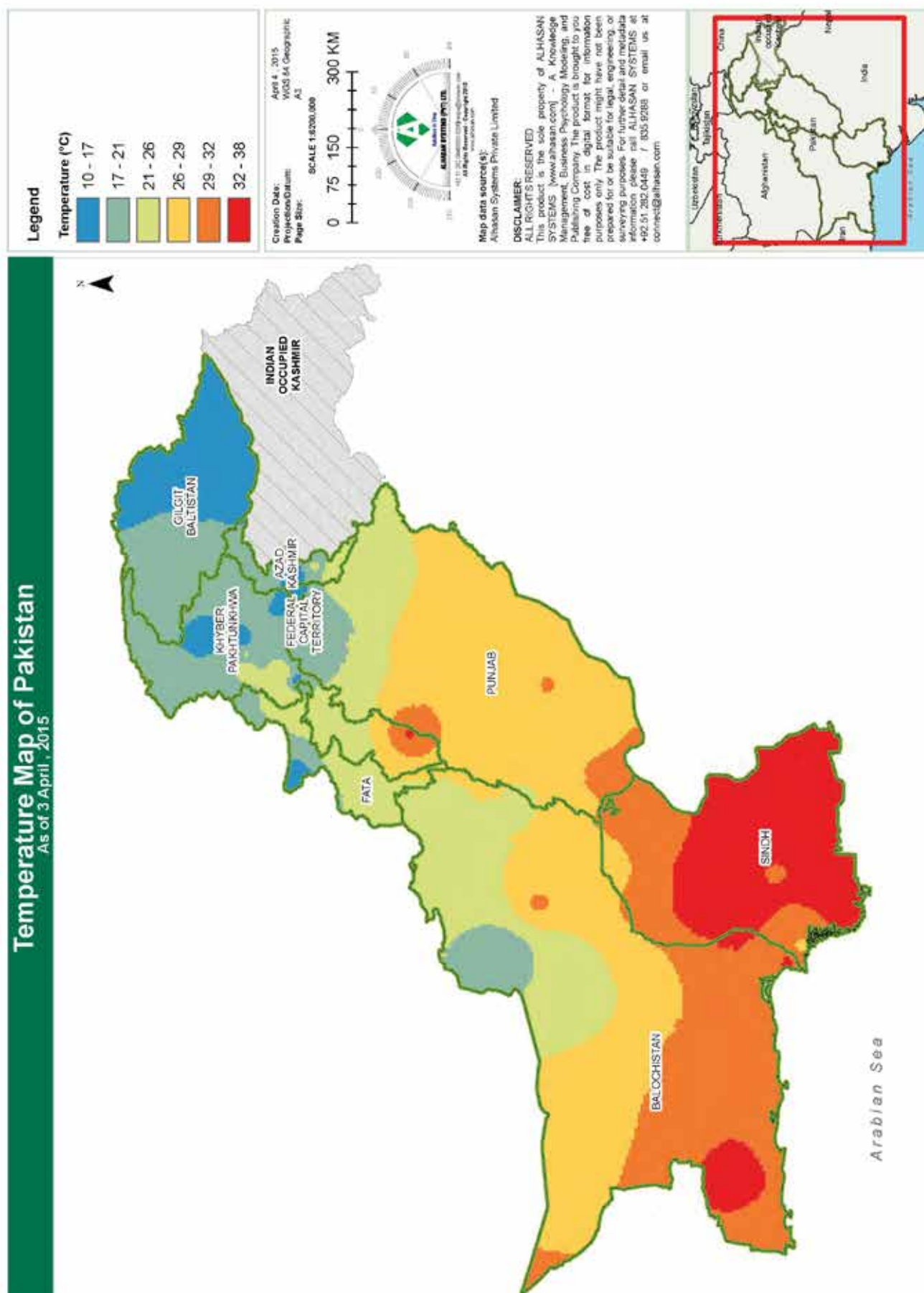
In this connection, the health department has issued necessary directives to all doctors and maternity practitioners to display the Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC) licenses and attested copies of their MBBS certificates in their clinics and maternity homes. The health department has planned a comprehensive drive against quack healthcare practitioners with the coordination of direct administration. The vigilance teams have been formed for crackdown on quack doctors and these teams will take stern actions against fake health practitioners under PMDC Degree Act 1982, who are running the clinics and maternity homes in the city, illegally.

According to Pakistan Medical Association over 0.6 million quacks are operating across the country, a one-third of them in Sindh province. It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan Medical & Dental Council (PMDC) has authorized Executive District Officers and Town Health Officers to register FIRs against quack doctors, while, EDOs and THOs have not been authorized to seal or fine the illegal clinics. Director Health Karachi Zafar Ejaz, a comprehensive anti-quackery drive has been launched across the city under the supervision of Town Health Officers (THOs) and district administration. He said teams will take strict action against quack doctor who are running the clinics and maternity homes without any certificate and license. - PPI

**Pangrio, Sindh:** The lone government hospital at Pangrio has been in bad condition after remaining in accumulated gutter water for two months. The 20-bed health centre was established in Pangrio with an aim to provide healthcare facilities to large population of Pangrio and its surrounding areas; however, corruption and lack of maintenance has now pushed this hospital to verge of collapse. The building's condition is poor and precarious due to continuous standing of water of leaked water and gutter lines in it and lives of patients and paramedical staffs are in danger. Several cracks have already developed in the structure of hospital building. Strangely, the hospital that should have been the most hygienic building of the area has remained under gutter water for two months and there could not be a better commentary on the governance in Sindh in general and the performance of the Sindh health department in particular. District Health Officer Badin Aijaz Ahmed Ursani when contacted told PPI news agency that he has already written a letter to the relevant department to pump out the stagnant gutter water from the hospital and the issue is expected to be resolved soon. - PPI

**LAHORE –** The rains in different parts of Punjab have caused de-escalation in the electricity shortfall which now stands at at least 3,600 Megawatt (MW). According to the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) sources, the electricity demand in the province has decreased due to the rains in different cities. The production and demand now are 9,700 MW and 13,300 MW respectively. However, several areas reported technical faults due to storm on March 29 night. According to the sources, the duration of electricity outages in rural and urban areas is eight and six hours respectively.

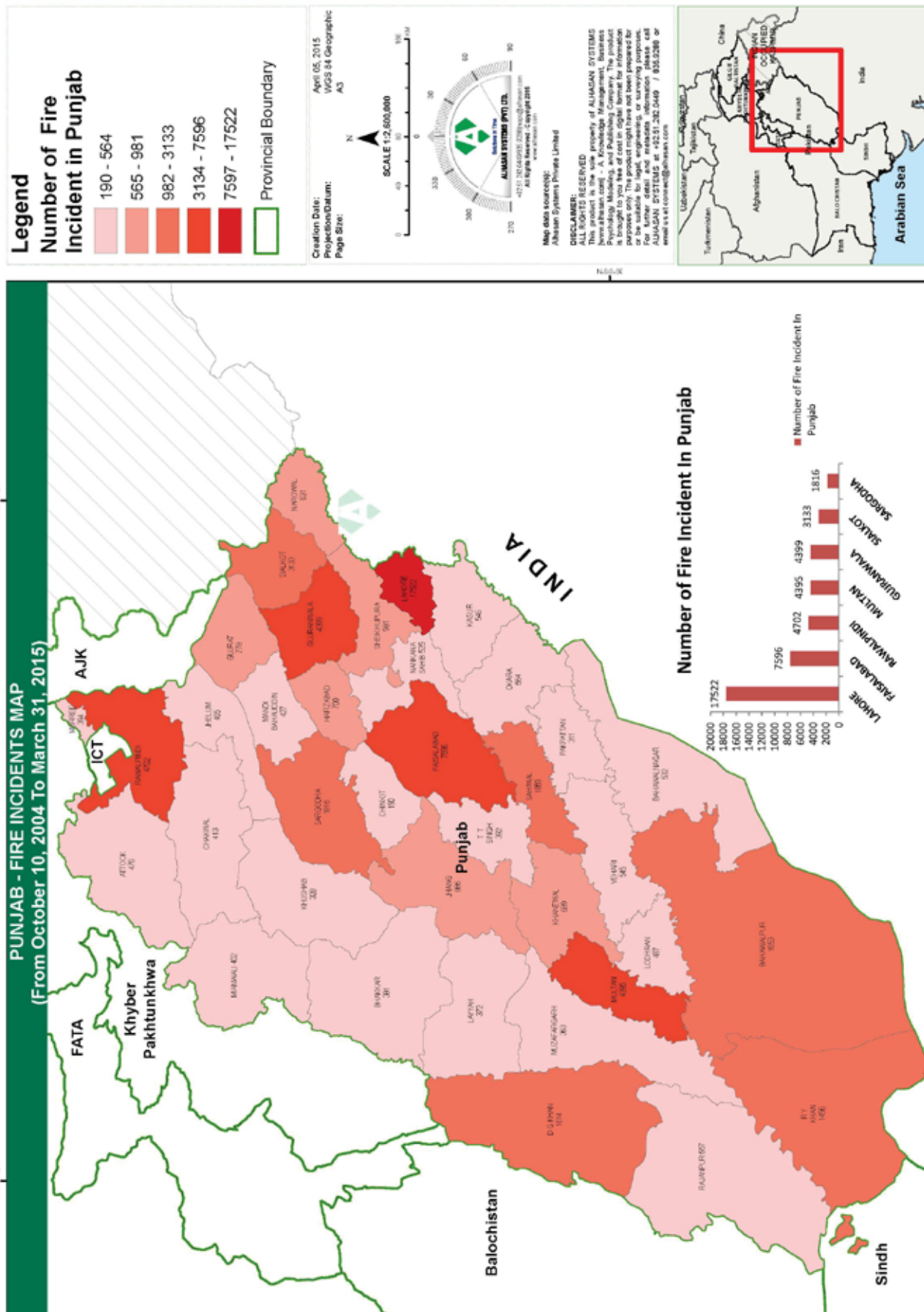


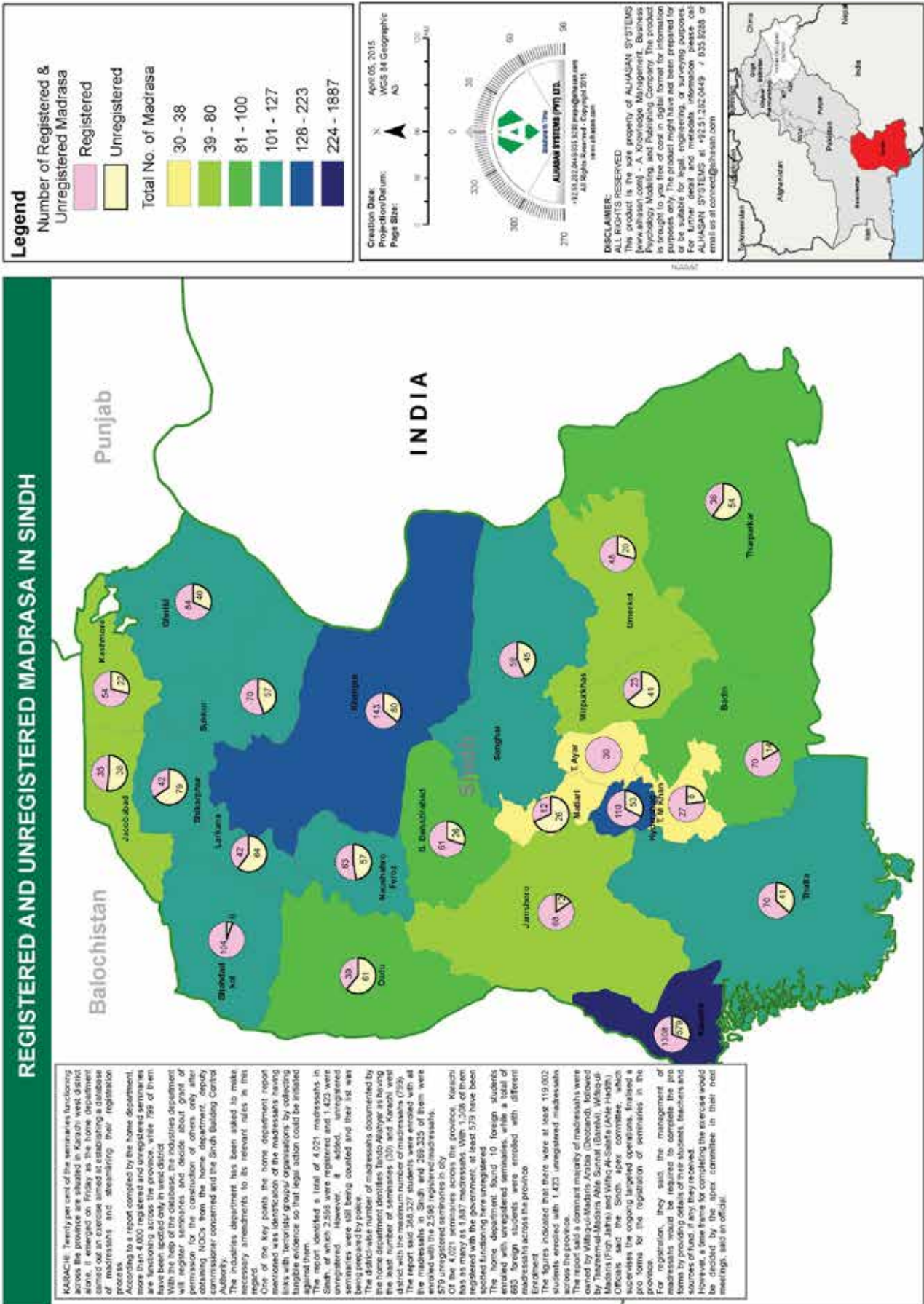




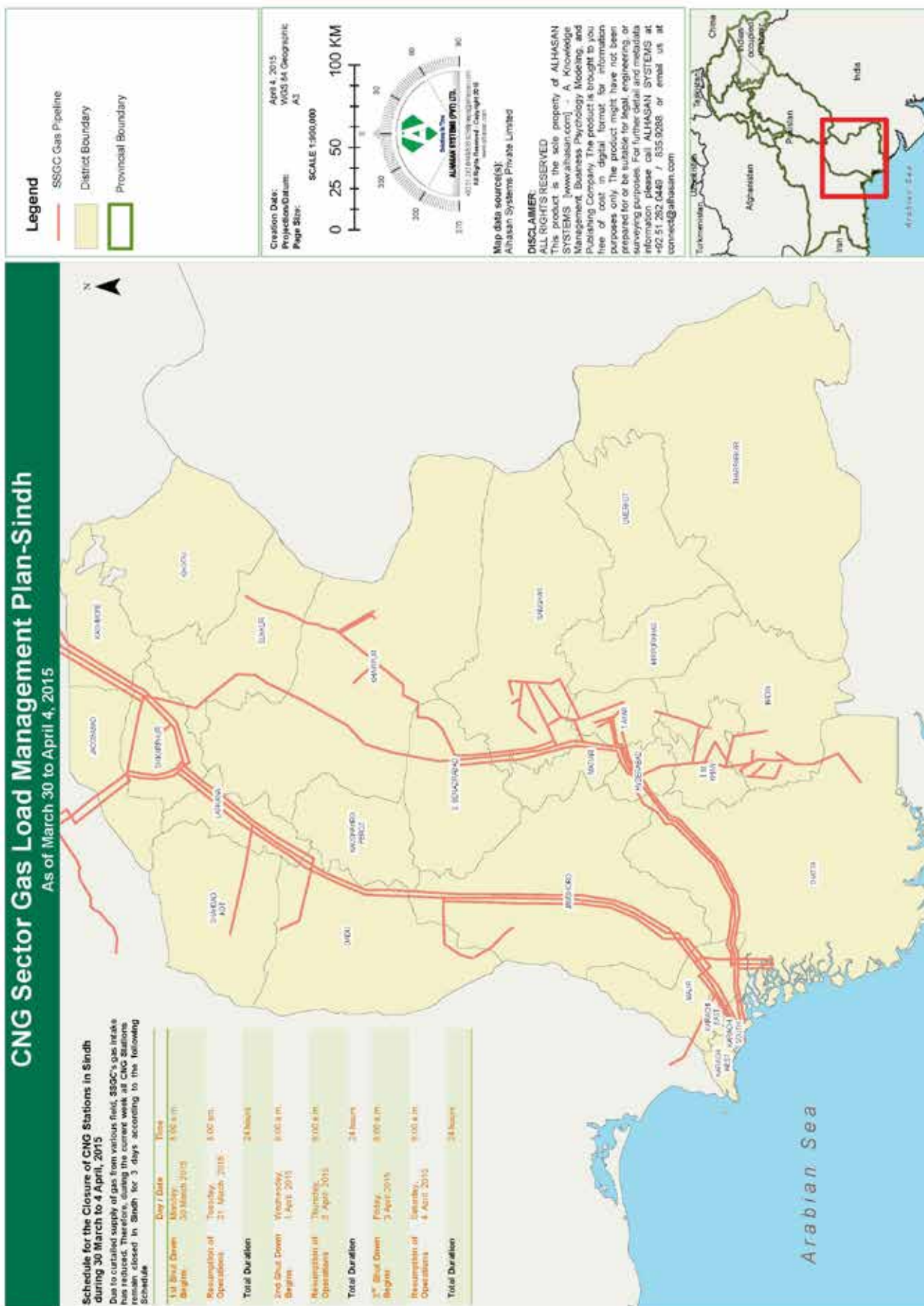










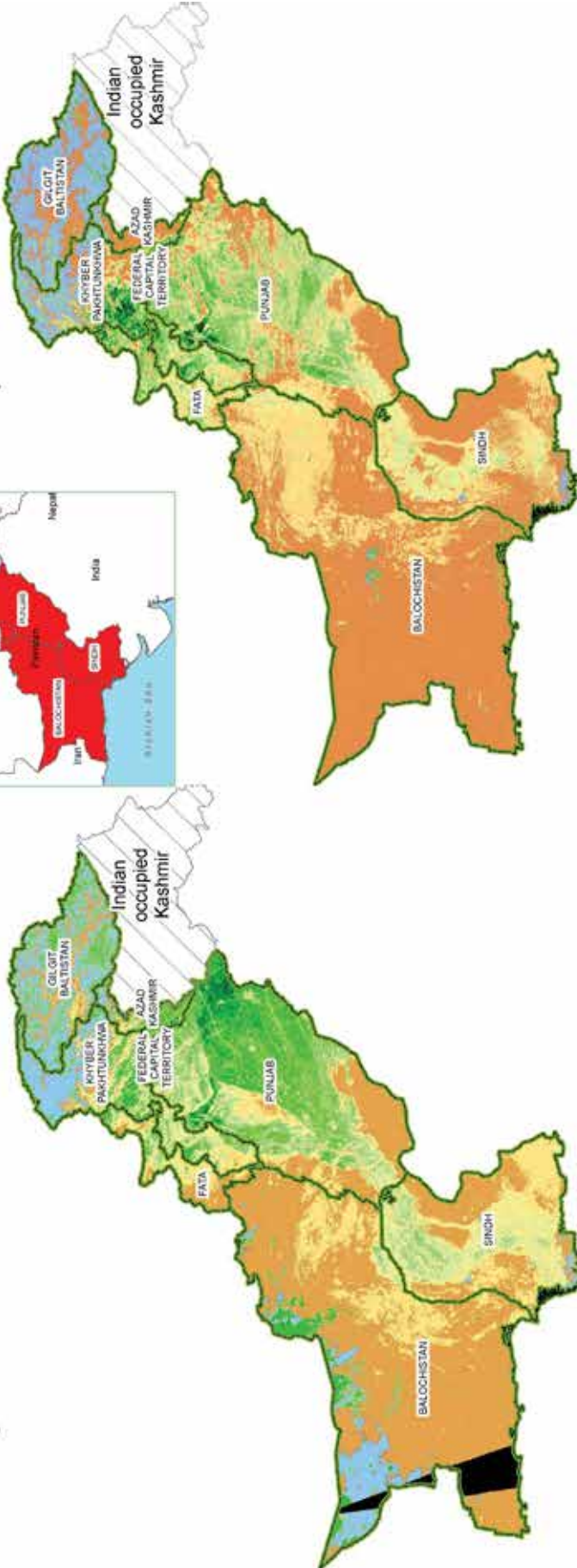


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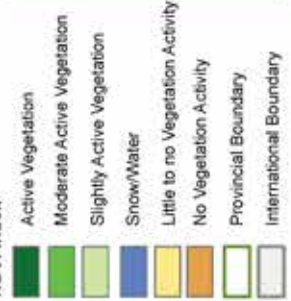
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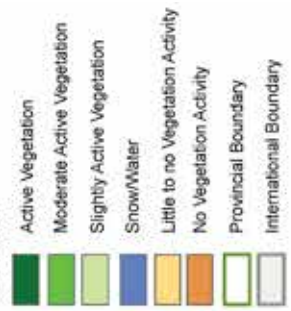
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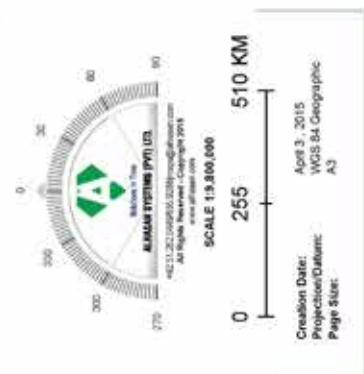


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جانب سے کسی بھی ممکنہ کارروائی سے قبل خواتین کی بڑی تعداد پولیس کی بھاری نفری کے سامنے ہاتھوں میں ہاتھ ڈال کر کھڑی ہو گئی جس پر پولیس نے کسی بھی کارروائی سے گریز کیا۔ بعد ازاں کئی گھنٹوں تک جاری رہنے والے احتجاج کے بعد پولیس نے مشتعل افراد کو مذاکرات کے بعد منتشر کر دیا جس پر ٹریفک پولیس نے ٹریفک کی روانی بحال کرادی۔ مظاہرین سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے انجمن فلاح انسانیت و بلیفیر کے جنرل سیکریٹری محمد انیس قریشی نے کہا کہ لائنڈھی میں جاری لوڈشیڈنگ سے پانی کا بھی بحران پیدا ہو گیا ہے، عوام مہنگے داموں ٹینکرز خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں، کے الیکٹرک کی معمول کی لوڈشیڈنگ کے علاوہ رات 10 تا 1 بجے کی لوڈشیڈنگ سازش محسوس ہوتی ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں اورنگی ٹاؤن سیکٹر 13، 14 اور 15 کے سیکڑوں مکین پورے علاقے میں 5 دن سے بجلی نہ ہونے پر مشتعل ہو کر سڑک پر نکل آئے اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف مین ڈسکو موڑ پر دھرنا دیا۔ احتجاج کے باعث مین شاہراہ قذافی پر ٹریفک معطل ہو گیا اور گاڑیوں کی طویل قطاریں لگ گئیں۔ مشتعل افراد نے سڑک پر نائز جلانے اور نعرے بازی کی، ہنگامہ آرائی کی اطلاع ملتے ہی پولیس کی بھاری نفری موقع پر پہنچ گئی اور مشتعل افراد کو مذاکرات کے بعد منتشر کر دیا۔ کئی گھنٹوں تک جاری رہنے والے احتجاج کے باعث شاہراہ قذافی اور اس کے اطراف میں بدترین ٹریفک جام رہا اور گاڑیوں کی طویل قطاریں لگ گئیں۔ دریں اثناء کے الیکٹرک کے ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ لائنڈھی اور اورنگی ٹاؤن کے مذکورہ علاقے ”ویری ہائی لاس“ زون میں آتے ہیں، ان علاقوں سے بجلی کے بلوں کی ریکوری نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے اس لیے پی ایم ٹی سے بجلی اس وقت تک منقطع ہے جب تک خاص حد تک ریکوری نہ ہو جائے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق ان علاقوں میں بجلی کی چوری عام بات ہے، کئی بار کنڈے ہٹائے جا چکے ہیں لیکن لوگ دوبارہ کنڈے لگا لیتے ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں نیو کراچی اور نار تھ کراچی کے کئی علاقوں سے بھی بجلی کے طویل تعطل کی شکایات ملی ہیں۔ اکبر آباد سمیج دہلوی کالونی سیکٹر فائیو ای سندھی ہوٹل، سیکٹر فائیو ایف، فائیو جے، فائیو ڈی میں چار روز سے بجلی غائب ہے جس کی وجہ سے پانی کی قلت پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ نار تھ کراچی رشید آباد میں بھی بجلی کے بار بار تعطل نے عوام کا جینا دو بھر کیا ہوا ہے۔

**اسلام آباد.....** اوگرانے یکم اپریل سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کی تجویز حکومت کو بھجوا دی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق تجویز پٹرولیم منسٹری کو بھجوائی گئی ہے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ اوگرانے پٹرول 4 روپے 40 پیسے، ہائی اسپیڈ ڈیزل 6 روپے 25 پیسے، ہائی اوکٹین 7 روپے 66 پیسے، لائٹ ڈیزل 2 روپے 56 پیسے اور مٹی کا تیل 1 روپے 56 مہنگا کرنے کی تجویز دی گئی۔

**اوگرا کی پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں**

**اضافے کی تجویز**

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میدان میں اس بہتری کے باوجود، یہاں صحت اور تعلیم کا آج بھی خستہ حال ہے۔ تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کی شرح ملک کے باقی حصوں سے زیادہ ہے۔

ڈاکٹر اور نرسیں دستیاب نہیں ہوتے۔ تھر کے اپنے پڑھے لکھے اور قابل لوگ، یہاں کی بجائے کراچی اور حیدرآباد جیسے بڑے شہروں میں رہنے کو ترجیح دیتے ہیں۔ تھر میں بہت سے گاؤں ایسے ہیں جہاں سکول نہیں۔ سکول ہے تو استاد نہیں۔ یہ سب ایک خراب طرز حکمرانی کا نتیجہ ہے جو ہمیں سندھ میں ہر جگہ نظر آتا ہے۔ تھر جیسی جگہ پر یہ ناقص طرز حکمرانی زیادہ واضح دکھائی دیتی ہے۔ لیکن اپنی کارکردگی کے دفاع میں حکومت سندھ کہتی ہے کہ اس نے تھر کو صاف پانی مہیا کرنے کے لیے جو نئی سکیم متعارف کی ہے، وہ اس خطے کی تقدیر بدل سکتی ہے۔ تین کروڑ روپے سے زائد کی مالیت سے جاری اس منصوبے کے تحت زیر زمین پانی صاف کرنے کے لیے دیہاتوں میں سات سو پچاس فلٹر پلانٹ لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔ اس پروجیکٹ کو چلانے والی کمپنی پاک اوئیس کا کہنا ہے کہ اب تک تین سو کے لگ بھگ پلانٹ کام کر رہے ہیں اور باقی لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔

اس سکیم کے تحت زیر زمین پانی نکالنے کے لیے ڈنمارک کے واٹر پمپ لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔ پانی کو صاف کرنے کے لیے امریکی ممبرن ٹیکنالوجی استعمال میں لائی جا رہی ہے۔ فلٹریشن کے اس عمل کو رپورس او سوسس (آر او) کہتے ہیں۔ یہ ان آر او پلانٹس چین سے درآمد شدہ سولی پینل یعنی شمسی توانائی پر چلتے ہیں۔ سب سے بڑا آر او پلانٹ ضلعی ہیڈ کوارٹر مٹھی کے قریب ایک پہاڑی پر واقع ہے۔ اس میں روزانہ 20 لاکھ گیلن پانی صاف کرنے کی گنجائش ہے، جس سے مٹھی اور اسلام کوٹ کے تقریباً تین لاکھ افراد مستفید ہوں گے۔ اس منصوبہ کا افتتاح اس سال جون میں ہونا تھا لیکن پیپلز پارٹی کی حکومت کو تھر میں اموات پر شدید عوامی تنقید کے بعد اس کا افتتاح چھ مہینے پہلے ہی جنوری میں کر دیا گیا۔ اس منصوبے پر کچھ ابتدائی تنقید بھی سامنے آئی کہ جو پلانٹ لگے ان میں سے کچھ چلے نہیں لیکن کمپنی حکام اس تاثر کو رد کرتے ہیں۔

مٹھی میں آر او پلانٹ کمپنی کے ترجمان ارشاد حسین نے کہا کہ ہمارے پلانٹس میں کوئی مسئلہ نہیں۔ ہاں اگر روکاوٹیں آرہی ہیں تو وہ مقامی سٹاف کی وجہ سے جن میں سے کچھ ان پلانٹس کو چلانے میں پارہے۔ حکام کہتے ہیں کہ آر او پلانٹس کس گاؤں میں کہاں لگانا ہے اور اس کی دیکھ بال کے لیے کس شخص کو رکھنا ہے، اس کا فیصلہ حکومتی لوگ سیاسی بنیادوں پر کرتے ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اس میں بعض فیصلے تو خبیث نہیں ہوتے۔ جس کا اثر یہ ہوتا ہے کہ کبھی کبھی ہمیں ایسے لوگوں کو ملازمت دینی پڑ جاتی ہے جن میں نہ صلاحیت ہوتی ہے نہ قابلیت۔ تھر میں ریلیف کے کام پر نظر رکھنے کے لیے فیاض ربانی مٹھی میں جج تعینات جج ہیں، ان کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر یہ منصوبہ اچھے طریقے سے چلایا جائے تو یہاں کے لوگوں کا معیار زندگی بدل سکتا ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا ذرا سوچئے! صاف پانی کی فراہمی سے انسانوں اور جانوروں کو بچایا جاسکتا ہے۔ اس پانی کو کھیتی باڑی کے لیے استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے اور دیہات خوراک میں خود کفیل ہو سکتے ہیں۔ شرط صرف یہ ہے کہ حکام افتتاح کرنے کے بعد اس منصوبے کو بد انتظامی کی نظر نہ کر دیں بلکہ اس سے صحرائے تھر کے لوگوں کی جو امید بندھی ہے، اُسے ذمہ داری سے پورا کر کے دکھائیں۔

کونسلر کوئٹہ کی 18 یونین کونسلز میں سے متعدد میں سکیورٹی اہلکاروں کی عدم دستیابی کے باعث پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی۔ پولیو ذرائع کے مطابق کونسلر کے نواحی علاقوں پشتون باغ اور خروٹ آباد، خیزی، کلی برات، اور اس سے ملحقہ علاقوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی کیونکہ انسداد پولیو مہم میں متعلقہ علاقوں کے متعلقہ پولیو ورکرز کو سکیورٹی فراہم نہ کئے جانے کی بناء پر شروع نہیں ہو سکی۔ پشتون باغ اور خروٹ آباد میں 25 پولیو ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی تھیں جبکہ شہر کی دیگر مختلف یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو کی مہم آج سے شروع کی گئی ہے۔

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شدید گرمی میں مسافروں کی حالت غیر، اورنگی سیکٹر 13، 14 اور 15 کے مکینوں کا 5 روز سے بجلی نہ ہونے پر ڈسکو موڈ پر دھرنا، ان علاقوں کے مکین بل ادا نہیں کرتے، کے الیکٹرک کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) لاندھی نمبر چار کے مکین غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ، زائد بلنگ اور پانی کی قلت کے خلاف اتوار کی دوپہر سڑک پر نکل آئے، مظاہرین نے لاندھی نمبر 4 کی مرکزی سڑک پر رکاوٹیں کھڑی کر کے ٹائز جلانے اور ٹریفک کی روانی روک دی جس کے باعث بائرمارکیٹ اور ملحقہ سڑکوں پر بدترین ٹریفک جام ہو گیا، 5 روز سے بجلی غائب رہنے پر اورنگی ٹاؤن سیکٹر 14 ڈسکو موڈ میں شاہراہ قذافی پر بھی احتجاج کیا گیا جس کے باعث ٹریفک کی روانی معطل ہو گئی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق لاندھی کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ اور زائد بلنگ پر سیکٹروں علاقہ مکین مشتعل ہو کر لاندھی نمبر 4 بائرمارکیٹ کی سڑک پر نکل آئے اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف احتجاج شروع کر دیا۔ مظاہرین میں خواتین، بچے اور بوڑھے بھی شامل تھے۔ مظاہرین نے ڈنڈے اٹھا رکھے تھے، انہوں نے سڑک پر رکاوٹیں کھڑی کر کے ٹریفک کو روک دیا اور ٹائز نذر آتش کیے جس کے سبب بائرمارکیٹ اور ملحقہ سڑکوں پر ہزاروں گاڑیاں پھنس گئیں، شدید گرمی کے عالم میں ٹریفک جام میں پھنسے مسافروں کی حالت غیر ہو گئی۔ ہنگامہ آرائی کی اطلاع ملتے ہی پولیس کی بھاری نفری موقع پر پہنچ گئی اور لوگوں کو مذاکرات کے ذریعے منتشر کرنے کی کوشش کی تاہم مظاہرین نے مذاکرات سے انکار کر دیا۔ اس دوران پولیس کی

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خیرپور (ہیورپورٹ) واپڈا آپریشن فورس کا نارامی سید کے خلاف آپریشن، سرکاری چینل کی بجلی منقطع، 8 باثر شخصیات کے ٹرانسفارمر ضبط کر لیے گئے۔ سید 70 کروڑ روپے کا نادمہند ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق خیرپور واپڈا آپریشن فورس نے نارامی پولیس کے ہمراہ سندھ ایمریگیشن ڈولپمنٹ اتھارٹی کے خلاف آپریشن کر کے سرکاری چینل کی بجلی منقطع دی جبکہ 8 باثر شخصیات کے ٹرانسفارمر ضبط کر لیے۔ ڈسٹرکٹ آفیسر واپڈا خیرپور پرویز احمد چھلپوٹو نے نارامی سید اور باثر شخصیات کے خلاف آپریشن کے متعلق بتایا کہ سید واپڈا کا 70 کروڑ روپے کا نادمہند ہے سید اکو بار بار بقایا جات ادا کرنے کے لیے نوٹس جاری کئے گئے لیکن ادائیگی نہ کرنے پر پولیس فورس لیکر سید کے خلاف آپریشن کیا گیا اور سید کے نارامیٹال پر لگے ہوئے چینل کی بجلی منقطع کر دی گئی جبکہ 8 باثر افراد واپڈا کے پانچ کروڑ روپے کے مقروض ہونے کے باوجود چوری کی بجلی استعمال کر رہے تھے اور انہوں نے چوری چھپے ٹرانسفارمر لگا رکھے تھے ان کے ٹرانسفارمر بھی ضبط کر لیے گئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے وارننگ دی کہ کوئی چاہے کتنا ہی باثر کیوں نہ ہو اس کو چوری کی بجلی استعمال نہیں کرنے دی جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سید اوجب تک بقایا جات کی ادائیگی نہیں کرے گا سرکاری چینل کی بجلی بند رہے گی۔ انہوں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ سید اسے بقایا جات کی وصولی کا کیس نیب کو بھیجا جائے گا۔

حکومت سندھ کے جاری اعلامیہ کے مطابق اندرون سندھ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے طویل دورانیہ کو کم کرنے کے لئے سندھ حکومت نے صوبے میں گیس سے چلنے والے دو غیر فعال پاور پروجیکٹس کو فعال بنانے کے لئے 370 ملین روپے کی سبسڈی فراہم کرنے کی تجویز دی ہے اور عمل پر آمادگی کا اظہار کیا ہے

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) یہ سبسڈی حکومت سندھ کی جانب سے پاور پلانٹس کو دی جائیگی کیونکہ انہیں ٹیرف ریٹ کم ہونے کے باعث نقصانات کا سامنا ہے، اس تجویز کے مطابق سندھ حکومت پاور پروجیکٹس کی انتظامیہ کو پاور ڈسٹری بیوشن کمپنیوں سے ان کی ادائیگی کے حوالے سے گارنٹی بھی فراہم کرے گی تاکہ وہ بلا خوف اپنی پیداوار کر سکیں۔ سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے یہ تجویز صوبائی وزیر انرجی و خزانہ سید مراد علی شاہ نے وزیر اعلیٰ سید قائم علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں منعقدہ پبلک پرائیویٹ پارٹنرشپ کمیٹی کی پی پی کالیمسی بورڈ کے 14 ویں اجلاس میں پیش کی گئی جس پر بحث مباحثہ کے بعد اس پر اتفاق کیا گیا اور فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ یہ تجویز وفاق سے منظور کر کر اس پر عمل کیا جائے۔

مٹھی سے چند کلومیٹر کے فاصلے پر واقع ہندوؤں کے ایک گاؤں مٹھور خانجی میں لکشمی بھیل مٹی کا گھڑا اٹھا کر اپنے سر پر توازن کے ساتھ رکھتی ہیں۔ سبز چادر اور اسی سے ہم آہنگ چولی اور لمبا لنگا پہنے وہ ننگے پاؤں ریت پر چلتی ہوئی پاس کے ایک کنویں پر جاتی ہیں۔ اس خطے میں دور دراز کے کنوؤں پانی لانا عورتوں کا ہی کام سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ لکشمی کے لیے بھی یہ روز صبح شام کا معمول ہے۔ جب وہ کنوئیں پر پہنچتی ہیں تو ایک لمبی رسی اور دو خچروں کی مدد سے دو سو سے تین سو میٹر نیچے زیر زمین پانی کھینچتی ہیں۔ یہ خاصا مشقت کا کام ہے اور اس کے بعد چو پانی وہ گھر لاتی ہیں وہ نہ صرف کھارا ہوتا ہے بلکہ فلورائیڈ سے آلودہ بھی۔ لیکن یہاں کے لوگ یہی پانی پینے پر مجبور ہیں۔

تھرپارکر کا شمار پاکستان کے سب سے زیادہ نظر انداز کیے جانے والے علاقوں میں ہوتا ہے۔ یہاں تین سال سے ٹھیک سے بارشیں نہیں ہوئی ہیں۔ خشک سالی نے پہلے سے مصیبت زدہ لوگوں کی مشکلات اور بڑھادی ہیں۔ لکشمی ایک لاغر بکری کو سہلاتی ہوئی کہتی ہیں: 'اب کھانے پینے کو کچھ بچا نہیں۔ بازاروں میں تو خوراک مل رہی ہے، لیکن ہمارے پاس خریدنے کے لیے پیسے نہیں۔ مال مویشی مر رہے ہیں۔' لکشمی ایک پسماندہ ہندو گھرانے میں پیدا ہوئیں۔ انھوں نے کبھی سکول کا منہ نہ دیکھا اور انھیں یہ پتہ نہیں کہ ان کی عمر کتنی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ 'نشاہد 40 یا 50' میں نے پوچھا آپ کے بچے ہیں؟ وہ کہتی ہیں 'ہاں تقریباً چھ' اور پھر وہ کہتی ہیں 'کل 11 ہوئے تھے باقی بیارہوں میں مر گئے۔' تھر میں خشک سالی ہو یا نہ ہو، غربت یہاں عام ہے۔ پانی کے امراض اور غذائیت میں کمی یہاں اموات کی اہم وجوہات ہیں۔

خشک سالی کوئی بریکنگ نیوز نہیں۔ یہ یہاں کی زندگی کا حصہ ہے جہاں ہر چند سال بعد خاندانوں کے خاندان اپنے مال مویشیوں سمیت ہریالی والے علاقوں کا رخ کرتے ہیں۔ اس سے قبل میں سنہ 2000 میں تھرپارکر خشک سالی کی کورتج کے لیے آیا تھا۔ 15 سال بعد بعض معاملوں میں بہت حد تک تبدیلیاں آئی ہیں۔ تب مٹھی سے ننگر پار جانے میں کئی گھنٹے لگ جاتے تھے۔ ریتیلے راستوں پر سست رفتار کیکڑے کا ایسا ہی ایک سفر مجھے آج بھی یاد ہے۔ ٹرک پیچھے مال مویشیوں اور دیہاتیوں بھرا ہوا تھا، اوپر تاروں سے بھرا آسمان اور نیچے دور دور تک صحرا ہی صحرا۔ لیکن آج یہاں باقاعدہ سڑکیں بن چکی ہیں جو تھر کے اکثر بڑے قصبوں کو آپس میں ملاتی ہیں۔

اُس وقت ریڈیو خبر کا سب سے بڑا ذریعہ تھا لیکن اب تھر کے قصبوں میں موبائل فون سگنل نے اس خطے کے لوگوں کو نہ صرف ایک دوسرے سے بلکہ باقی دنیا سے جوڑ دیا ہے۔ یہ تبدیلیاں کسی انقلاب سے کم نہیں۔ تھر میں بجلی کے تار اور کھمبوں کا آج بھی فقدان ہے، لیکن سورج کی روشنی کے استعمال کو خاص فروغ حاصل ہوا ہے۔ اب تھر کے علاقے میں سفر کرتے ہوئے آپ کو سڑک کے کنارے مقامی افراد چھوٹے چھوٹے سولر پینل کندھے پہ اٹھائے نظر آ جاتے ہیں جو کچھ پیسوں کے عوض آپ کا موبائل فون چارج کر دیتے ہیں۔ لیکن مواصلات کے

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لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ کم کرنے کیلئے سندھ حکومت کی 370 ملین روپے کی سبسڈی دینے کی تجویز

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قطر زدہ تھر کے لیے امید کی نئی کرن

بی بی سی

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سے اب تک پولیو کا کوئی کیس رپورٹ نہیں ہوا جبکہ دادو، قمبر اور سکھر سمیت اندرون سندھ سے پولیو کے 4 کیس رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں۔ اس سال سندھ حکومت نے کراچی میں خاص طور پر ہائی رسک والی تمام یونین کو نسلز میں پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے محروم رہ جانے والے تمام بچوں تک پہنچنے کیلئے تمام ضروری انتظامات کیے ہیں جن میں خواتین رضا کاروں، مہم کے دوران پولیو ورکرز کو سیکیورٹی کور اور ہائی رسک یونین کو نسلز میں ہیلتھ کیسپس کا قیام شامل ہے۔

**لاہور (خبرنگار)** ضلعی انتظامیہ نے شہر کے تمام سرکاری سکولوں سے پانی کے نمونہ جات لیکر ان کا ٹیسٹ کروانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ اس ضمن میں ڈی سی او کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے ای ڈی او (فنانس) اور ای ڈی او (ایجوکیشن) لاہور کو اس پراجیکٹ پر جلد کام کرنے کی ہدایت جاری کر دی ہیں۔ ڈی سی او کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے بتایا کہ پانی کو چیک کرنے کیلئے پانی کے نمونہ جات کو متعلقہ سکول کے ٹل اور ٹیوب ویل سے لیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کی خصوصی ہدایت پر ضلعی انتظامیہ نے اس پراجیکٹ پر کام شروع کیا ہے جس کو جلد مکمل کر لیا جائیگا۔

**اسلام کوٹ (نامہ نگار)** تھر پار کر کے بنیادی مسئلے صاف پانی کی فراہمی کے لئے اربوں روپے کی لاگت سے آروپلانٹ کے میگا پروجیکٹ پر کام شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار پیپلز پارٹی کے سینئر انجینئر گیلان چند نے سماجی ادارے اسکار فاؤنڈیشن کی جانب سے پانی کے بنیادی مسئلے کو حل کرنے کے حوالے سے شہید بے نظیر کمپلیکس میں منعقد سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پیپلز پارٹی عوامی پارٹی ہے جس کی قیادت کو عوامی مسائل کا مکمل علم ہے، تھر میں قحط کے دوران ہماری حکومت نے ہر ممکنہ کوشش کی ہے کہ تمام مسائل کو حل کیا جائے، تھر میں پانی کے بنیادی مسئلے کو حل کرنے کے لئے میگا پروجیکٹ شروع کیا گیا ہے، پیپلز پارٹی کی قیادت نے تھر کے عوام کی نمائندگی کے لئے مجھے منتخب کیا ہے، ہم پر تنقید کی جاتی ہے جو ہم خوشی سے برداشت کرتے ہیں، آمروں کی حکومتوں نے عوام کو نظر انداز کیا اور ہماری حکومت نے عوامی خدمت میں کوئی کسر نہیں اٹھا چھوڑی، چیف منسٹر سندھ کی کوآرڈینیٹر حنا سنگھ نے کہا کہ تھر میں پانی کا مسئلہ صدیوں پرانا ہے جس کو کافی حد تک حل کرنے کی کوشش کی ہے۔ سیمینار میں شریک مقامی سماجی رہنماؤں عابد چنہ، کرشن شرما، اشوک سوٹھر، ناتھو خان راحموں، مرتضیٰ انصاری، کملا پونم، محمد خان مری، اعجاز بے نے کہا کہ تھر میں حکومت کے تمام پروجیکٹ عارضی حل ہیں، تھر میں پینے کا پانی کا بڑا مسئلہ ہے، اس مسئلے کے مستقل حل کے لئے دریائے سندھ سے تھری عوام کو نہری نظام کے تحت پانی فراہم کیا جائے۔ سیمینار میں بڑی تعداد میں شہریوں اور دیہی علاقوں سے خواتین نے شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر مختلف شخصیات کو ایوارڈ دیئے گئے۔

**شکارپور (نامہ نگار)** شکارپور میں رستم کے علاقے اور قریبی دیہات مبارکپور، گاؤں ابراہیم سومرو، گاؤں محمود باغ اور گاؤں عامل مہر میں مویشیوں میں موہاڑو نامی بیماری پھیلنے سے 40 سے زائد مویشی مر چکے ہیں۔ دودھ فروخت کر کے گزر بسر کرنے والے مویشی مالکان کا کہنا ہے کہ متعدد بار شکایات کرنے کے باوجود لائیو اسٹاک کا عملہ نہ پہنچنے کے باعث ہمارے مویشیوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گزشتہ 5 برس سے مویشیوں کی کوئی ویکسینیشن نہیں ہوئی، انہوں نے ضلع انتظامیہ سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ ہمارے مویشیوں کو بچانے کی تدابیر کی جائیں۔

**خیبر پور (ہیڈ رپورٹر)** آباد گاروں، زرعی ماہرین ریونیو اور اسکارپ افسران کا اہم اجلاس ایڈیشنل کمشنر سکھر احمد بخش گھمرو کی صدارت ہوا۔ سابق صوبائی وزیر رئیس غلام قاسم جگانی، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے پولیٹیکل سیکریٹری لال بخش منگی، ڈپٹی کمشنر خیبر پور منور علی مٹھانی، ڈاکٹر غلام سرور مرکھنڈ، مشتاق احمد سومرو، پرنسپل ایاز حسین ابڑو، پی ضمیمہ منمن اور آباد گار رہنماؤں مولانا صدر الدین پھلوٹو، عبدالعزیز بھنیرو، رئیس عبدالحمید حسین مری، رئیس الطاف حسین مری، غلام حسین چانگ اور دیگر اجلاس میں شریک ہوئے۔ اجلاس میں خیبر پور ضلع میں چاول کی فصل کے نقصان کی وجہ سیم و تھور کو قرار دیا گیا اور اسکارپ پروجیکٹ کے ٹیوب ویلوں کی بندش اور سیم نالوں کی صفائی نہ ہونے پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا گیا۔ آباد گاروں نے اس موقع پر کہا کہ خیبر پور ضلع کی وسیع اراضی سیم و تھور کا شکار ہے۔ ہزاروں ایکڑ زرعی اراضی روپڑی کینال کے پستوں سے سیم کا پانی رسنے سے متاثر ہوئی ہے۔ اس لیے سیم و تھور کا ہمیشہ کے لیے خاتمہ کرنے کے لیے روپڑی کینال کے دونوں پستے پختہ کئے جائیں جب تک پستے مضبوط نہ ہوں تب تک خیبر پور ضلع میں چاول کے فصل کی کاشت نہ کی جائے۔ آباد گاروں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ حکومت نے سیم و تھور پر قابو پانے کے لیے اسکارپ پروجیکٹ قائم کیا لیکن اسکارپ پروجیکٹ کے بیشتر ٹیوب ویل برسوں سے بند پڑے ہیں اور سیم نالوں کی بھی بھل صفائی نہیں ہو رہی جس کی وجہ سے سیم و تھور نے تباہی مچا رکھی ہے آباد گاروں نے اسکارپ کے بند ٹیوب ویل فوری چلانے اور سیم نالوں کی صفائی کرانے کا مطالبہ کیا۔ ایڈیشنل کمشنر احمد بخش گھمرو نے کہا کہ وہ آباد گاروں کے مطالبات حکام بالاتک پہنچائیں گے جبکہ انہوں نے اسکارپ پروجیکٹ حکام کو ہدایت دیں کہ وہ اسکارپ کے بند ٹیوب ویل چلانے اور سیم نالوں کی صفائی کے ہنگامی بنیادوں پر اقدامات کریں۔

**سرکاری سکولوں سے پانی کے نمونے لیکر ٹیسٹ کروانے کا فیصلہ**

روزنامہ دنیا

2 اپریل 2015

**تھر پار کر کیلئے آروپلانٹ کامیگا پروجیکٹ شروع کر دیا گیا، گیلان چند**

روزنامہ جنگ

1 اپریل 2015

**شکارپور: بیماری پھیلنے سے 40 سے زائد مویشی ہلاک**

روزنامہ جنگ

1 اپریل 2015

**خیبر پور: سیم و تھور کے باعث ضلع بھر میں چاول کی فصل کو نقصان**

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3 اپریل 2015

جائیں گے۔ حکومت کو 75 کروڑ روپے سے زائد اضافی اخراجات برداشت کرنا ہوں گے۔ غیر معمولی بارشوں کی وجہ سے ڈینگی لاروا کی افزائش گزشتہ سال کی نسبت رواں سال زیادہ دیکھنے میں آ رہی ہے لہذا تمام محکمے انسداد ڈینگی کیلئے ان ڈور اور آؤٹ ڈور ڈینگی سرویلنس کی سرگرمیوں میں تیزی لائیں۔ یہ بات مشیر صحت پنجاب خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے گزشتہ روز سول سیکرٹریٹ میں کابینہ کمیٹی برائے ڈینگی کے اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔

کوہاٹ..... کوہاٹ ڈویژن میں پیٹرول پمپ مالکان کی ہڑتال  
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کوہاٹ..... کوہاٹ ڈویژن میں پیٹرول پمپ مالکان نے ضلعی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے پیٹرول کی پرائس چینگنگ کے دوران جرمانے عائد کرنے اور گرفتاریوں کے خلاف مکمل ہڑتال کر دی۔ پیٹرول پمپیں بند ہونے سے شہریوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ گزشتہ روز اسسٹنٹ کمشنر کوہاٹ علی اصغر نے عوامی شکایات پر مختلف پیٹرول پمپیں پر چھاپے مار کر زیادہ قیمت وصول کرنے والے چھ پمپیں منجمد کر لیا تھا جبکہ متعدد پمپیں پر جرمانے بھی عائد کیے گئے۔ آج کوہاٹ ڈویژن میں تمام پیٹرول پمپیں بند ہیں جس کی وجہ سے شہریوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے، پیٹرول پمپیں ایسوسی ایشن کے سرپرست حاجی فدا کا کہنا ہے کہ پمپیں اس وقت تک نہیں کھولیں گے جب تک گرفتار افراد کو رہا نہیں کیا جاتا۔

نیویارک..... ایرانی جوہری پروگرام پر چھ عالمی طاقتوں سے معاہدہ طے پا جانے کی وجہ سے عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل کی قیمتیں گر گئیں۔ مرکناکل ایکسچینج میں امریکی بیچ مارک ڈبلیو ٹی او کے مئی کے سودے 95 سینٹ کمی سے 49 ڈالر 14 سینٹ فی بیرل میں ہوئے۔ یورپی بیچ مارک برینٹ نارٹھ کے سودوں میں 2 ڈالر پندرہ سینٹ کمی ہوئی اور مئی کے سودے 54 ڈالر 95 سینٹ میں ہوئے۔ ماہرین کا کہنا ہے ایران اور عالمی طاقتوں کے مذاکرات کی وجہ سے گزشتہ دو دن منڈی میں قیمتیں بڑھیں۔ معاہدہ طے پانے کی وجہ سے ایران پر پابندیاں ختم ہونے سے ایرانی تیل منڈی میں قیمتوں میں مزید کمی کی توقع ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) نیپرانے پہلی بار 25 میگاواٹ تک پن بجلی منصوبوں کیلئے بیٹنگ ٹیئر کی منظوری دیدی۔ پمپیں میگاواٹ تک چھوٹے پن بجلی منصوبوں کیلئے بیٹنگ ٹیئر کی منظوری دی گئی۔ کم اونچائی پر لگنے والے پن بجلی منصوبوں کیلئے 8 روپے 31 پیسے فی یونٹ ٹیئر مقرر کر دیا گیا۔ زیادہ اونچائی والے پن بجلی منصوبوں کیلئے 7 روپے 61 پیسے فی یونٹ ٹیئر مقرر کیا گیا۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹ) اور لیسکو کے بعض افسران کے خلاف اعلیٰ سطح پر تحقیقات شروع کر دیں، ذرائع کے مطابق ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹیوں کے اندر 5 منزلہ پلازہ اور ایک شادی ہال کو غیر قانونی طور پر بجلی کی سپلائی دی گئی تھی۔

لاہور (اپنے نامہ نگار سے) حکومت نے ڈسٹرکٹ و تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹرز ہسپتالوں کے انفرا سٹرکچر کی مرمت کے لئے ایک ارب روپے کے فنڈز جاری کر دیئے ہیں اور تمام ای ڈی اوز ہیلتھ کوہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ مذکورہ ہسپتالوں کی عمارت کی تعمیر و مرمت کا کام 30 دن تک مکمل کر لیں۔ چیف منسٹر ہیلتھ روڈ میپ پروگرام پر عملدرآمد سے ضلع کی سطح پر ہیلتھ کیئر ڈیلیوری سسٹم میں بہتری آ رہی ہے۔ یہ بات مشیر صحت پنجاب خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے ڈائریکٹوریٹ جنرل ہیلتھ پنجاب کے کمیٹی روم میں تمام اضلاع کے ای ڈی اوز ہیلتھ کی کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ سیکرٹری ہیلتھ جوڈ رفیق ملک نے تمام ای ڈی اوز کو ضلعی حکومتوں کی جانب سے ادویات کی خریداری کے لئے فراہم کردہ بجٹ کے بارے فوری طور پر رپورٹ پیش کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔

لاہور (خبر نگار) ضلعی انتظامیہ لاہور نے شہر کے تمام سرکاری سکولوں سے پانی کے نمونے لے کر ان کا ٹیسٹ کروانے کا فیصلہ کر لیا ہے۔ ڈی سی او لاہور کے پٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے بتائے کہ پانی کے نمونوں کو چھپک کرنے کے لئے پانی کے نمونوں کو متعلقہ سکول کے ٹل اور ٹے وب سے لے آجائے گا۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ دنیا) وفاقی حکومت نے پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے رہ جانے والے بچوں تک پہنچنے کے سلسلے میں سندھ حکومت کی کوششوں کو سراہا ہے، گزشتہ 18 ماہ کے دوران خمیسو گوٹھ، مچھر کالونی اور سہراب گوٹھ سے لیے جانے والے نمونوں میں پولیو کا وائرس نہیں پایا گیا لہذا اس کی بنیاد پر وفاقی حکومت نے سندھ حکومت کی کارکردگی کو سراہا ہے۔ سینیٹر عائشہ رضا فادوق نے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو لکھے گئے خط میں کہا ہے کہ گڈ اپ ٹاؤن کراچی کے حالیہ ماحولیاتی نمونوں میں پولیو وائرس کی عدم موجودگی سے پتا چلتا ہے کہ کراچی میں پولیو کے خاتمہ کی صورت حال میں بہتری آئی ہے۔ گڈ اپ ٹاؤن اور کراچی کی دیگر ہائی رسک یونین کونسلز پولیو وائرس پھیلاؤ کے حوالے سے خطرناک تھیں۔ اس سال کراچی

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عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل کی قیمت میں کمی کا

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نیپرانے پہلی بار 25 میگاواٹ تک پن بجلی منصوبوں کیلئے بیٹنگ ٹیئر کی منظوری دیدی

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ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹیوں میں بجلی چوری پکڑی

روزنامہ دنیا

3 اپریل 2015

ہسپتالوں کے انفرا سٹرکچر کیلئے ایک ارب

کے فنڈز جاری

روزنامہ دنیا

2 اپریل 2015

ضلعی انتظامیہ کا تمام سکولوں کے پانی کے

ٹیسٹ کرانے کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ دنیا

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انسداد پولیو کیلئے سندھ حکومت کی کارکردگی

قابل تحسین ہے، وفاق

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## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاء

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) شہر میں بجلی کی بندش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا، حالیہ بارشوں اور درجہ حرارت کم ہونے کی وجہ سے بجلی کی تقسیم کار کمپنیوں نے عارضی طور پر بجلی کی غیر علانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ روک دیا۔ نیشنل ٹرانسمیشن اینڈ ڈسٹری بیوٹن کمپنی (این ٹی ڈی سی) کے ذرائع کے مطابق گزشتہ روز بجلی کی مجموعی پیداوار 9 ہزار 800 میگاواٹ جبکہ بجلی کی طلب 12 ہزار 700 میگاواٹ ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ شارٹ فال کم ہونے سے شہری علاقوں میں 8 گھنٹے جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں 10 گھنٹے تک بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔

لاہور (این این آئی) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) کے دور حکومت میں توانائی کے متعدد منصوبوں پر تیز رفتاری سے کام جاری ہے، پنجاب میں گیس سے 3600 میگاواٹ بجلی کے حصول کی منصوبہ بندی کی گئی ہے، گیس سے 1200 میگاواٹ پنجاب حکومت جبکہ 2400 میگاواٹ کے منصوبے وفاقی حکومت لگائے گی۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم شہباز خان عباسی سے ملاقات کے دوران کیا، ملاقات میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور اور توانائی کے منصوبوں خصوصاً گیس سے چلنے والے پاور پلانٹس کے پراجیکٹس کے حوالے سے بات چیت ہوئی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے کہا کہ ہمارا ہر قدم توانائی بحران کے خاتمے کیلئے اٹھ رہا ہے، توانائی کی کمی کے مسئلے پر قابو پانے کیلئے ہر ممکن وسائل بروئے کار لائے جا رہے ہیں، سستے ذرائع سے بجلی کے حصول کے منصوبوں پر بھی تیزی سے کام کر رہے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹر) سپر انے کہا ہے کہ فروری کیلئے فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں فی یونٹ بجلی 4 روپے 37 پیسے سستی کرنے کی تجویز موصول ہوئی ہے۔ سینٹرل پاور پراجیکٹس انجینیئر نے درخواست کی تھی نیپرا 9 اپریل کو سی پی اے کی درخواست کی سماعت کریگا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق جو فیصلہ بھی ہوا وہ ”کے الیکٹرک“ کے سوا ملک بھر کے صارفین پر لاگو ہوگا۔

لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی وزیر تعلیم پنجاب رانا مشہود احمد نے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کی نئی داخلہ مہم کے دوران پنجاب بھر کے سکولوں میں ایک کروڑ دس لاکھ بچوں کو تعلیم دلوائیں گے پنجاب حکومت سکولوں کی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے پر اربوں روپے خرچ کر رہی ہے اور ٹیچرز کی کمی کو پورا کر کے میرٹ پر کام کیا جا رہا ہے پنجاب میں دنیا کا بہترین سکول سسٹم موجود ہے۔ پڑھو پنجاب بڑھو پنجاب مہم کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پانچ سال سے سولہ سال تک کے تمام بچوں کو پنجاب حکومت مفت تعلیم دے رہی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کا مقصد معیار تعلیم کو بڑھانا ہے۔

لاہور (واقعہ نگار خصوصی) ہائیکورٹ کے مسٹر جسٹس شہباز جمیل نے طلباء سے منہ مانگی فیسیں وصول کرنے پر نجی تعلیمی اداروں کو قانونی دائرہ اختیار میں لانے کے حوالے سے قانون سازی کا حکم دیدیا۔ درخواست گزار کے وکیل نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ نجی تعلیمی ادارے کاروباری مرکز بن چکے ہیں، تعلیم کے نام پر شہریوں کی جیبوں پر ڈاکہ ڈالا جا رہا ہے، نجی تعلیمی ادارے کسی قانونی ضابطے میں نہیں، پنجاب پرائیویٹ انسٹیٹیوٹن ریگولیشن میں طلباء سے فیس وصولی کی کوئی حد مقرر نہیں ہے جو آئین کے آرٹیکل 25 / A کی سنگین خلاف ورزی ہے، آئین کے تحت مفت تعلیم فراہم کرنا حکومت کی آئینی ذمہ داری ہے۔ سرکاری وکیل نے عدالت کو آگاہ کیا کہ حکومت اس حوالے سے اسمبلی میں بل لارہی ہے جس پر عدالت نے درخواست نمٹاتے ہوئے حکومت پنجاب کو پنجاب اسمبلی کے آئندہ اجلاس میں نجی تعلیمی اداروں کو قانونی دائرہ اختیار میں لانے کیلئے قانون سازی کی ہدایت کر دی۔

کراچی کراچی سمیت اندرون سندھ کے 18 اضلاع میں 3 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم 6 اپریل سے شروع کی جائیگی۔ مہم میں 39 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائینگے۔ محکمہ صحت سندھ کے مطابق پہلے مرحلے میں سندھ کے 18 اضلاع میں 3 روزہ مہم 6 سے 19 اپریل تک جاری رہیگی۔ دوسرے مرحلے میں کراچی کے 18 ناؤز میں 13 سے 16 اپریل تک جاری رہنے والی مہم میں 86 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائینگے۔ کراچی میں پولیو مہم امن وامان سے مشروط کی گئی ہے، پولیس اور رینجرز کی نگرانی میں پولیو رضا کار گھر گھر جا کر بچوں کو بیماری سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائینگے۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے لاہور، راولپنڈی اور شیخوپورہ کیلئے ڈینگی اور دیگر وبائی امراض کی روک تھام کیلئے 4373 سینٹری پٹرولز کی بھرتی کی منظوری دے دی جس میں سے 2956 اہلکار لاہور کیلئے، 1067 راولپنڈی اور 350 شیخوپورہ کیلئے بھرتی کئے

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گے جو دہشت گردوں اور شدت پسندوں کے خلاف کارروائیاں کریں گے۔ ان ذمہ داروں سے احسن طریقے سے عہدہ برانہ ہونے پر قبائل کے خلاف کارروائی کی دھمکی بھی دی گئی ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان میں فوجی آپریشن ضرب عضب گذشتہ سال جون میں شروع کیا گیا تھا جس کے نتیجے میں تقریباً دس لاکھ افراد بے گھر ہو کر مختلف علاقوں میں پناہ لینے پر مجبور ہو گئے تھے۔ ان متاثرین کی بڑی تعداد ضلع بنوں میں کیپوں میں مقیم ہے۔ ان متاثرین کے لیے واپسی کے اعلانات پہلے بھی کیے گئے تھے لیکن ان پر عمل نہیں ہو سکا تھا۔



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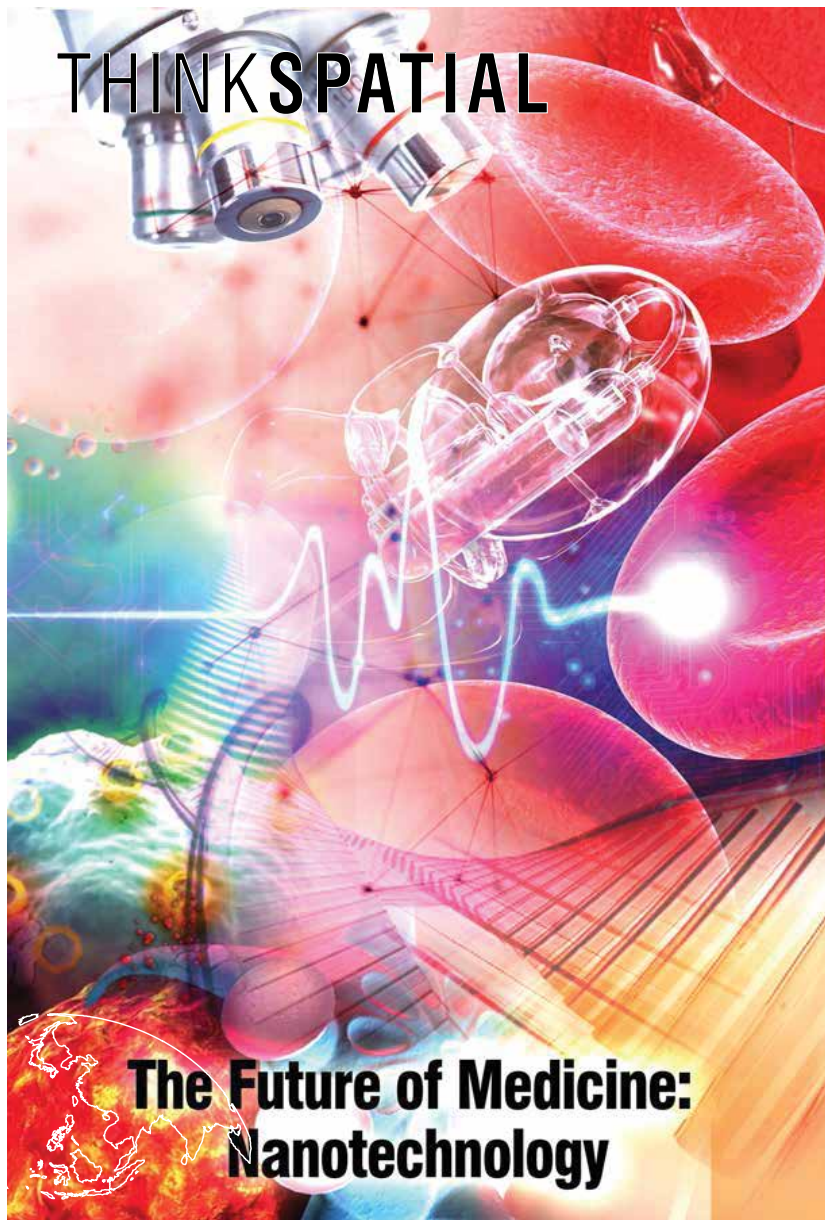
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان رینجرز سندھ نے ملیر کے مختلف علاقوں میں ٹارگٹڈ آپریشن کر کے گینگ وار سے وابستہ دہشتگردوں کو حراست میں لے کر بڑی مقدار میں اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد کر لی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق پاکستان رینجرز سندھ نے ملیر میں کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کر کے لیاری گینگ سے وابستہ متعدد ملزمان کو حراست میں لے کر تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا ہے۔ حراست میں لیے گئے ملزمان کی نشاندہی پر رینجرز نے تین کلاشنکوف، دو پستول، 32 بورے 2 رپو اور ایک خنجر، 436 شراب کی بوتلیں، اور بڑی مقدار میں منشیات برآمد کر لی ہے۔ حراست میں لیے گئے ملزمان کو مزید تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

ٹنڈو جام (نامہ نگار) اسسٹنٹ کمشنر تعلقہ حیدرآباد (دہلی) سید عنایت علی شاہ کی نگرانی میں پولیس اور رینجرز کی مدد سے ٹنڈو جام میں حیدرآباد میرپور خاص روڈ پر موجود تمام غیر قانونی طور پر بنائی گئی دکانیں اور دیگر تعمیرات سمار کردی گئیں اور غیر قانونی ٹیکسی اسٹینڈ پر موجود 17 ٹیکسیوں اور 10 چنگچی رکشاؤں کو چالان کیا گیا، آپریشن میں ٹی ایم اوشا جہان بہنور، مختار کار تعلقہ حیدرآباد نور مصطفیٰ لغاری، اینٹی انکروچمنٹ کمیٹی آفیسر، بلدیہ کے عملے، کمانڈو پولیس فورس اور ٹریفک پولیس نے حصہ لیا۔ آپریشن کے دوران عملے کو مختلف مقامات پر مزاحمت کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ اینٹی انکروچمنٹ عملے اور دکانداروں میں سخت تلخ کلامی بھی ہوئی جس کے بعد انتظامیہ نے رینجرز کو بھی طلب کر لیا۔ ناکہ اسٹاپ پر لکڑی کی آرا مشین پر موجود عملے کی جانب سے مزاحمت کرنے پر پولیس نے دو افراد محمد آصف اور محمد وسیم کو گرفتار کر لیا جن کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے۔ آپریشن کے دوران دکان کا چھپرہ اگرنے سے ایک شہری بھی زخمی ہو گیا۔ اس موقع پر اسسٹنٹ کمشنر سید عنایت علی شاہ نے میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ٹنڈو جام میں بڑھتی ہوئی تجاوزات کی وجہ سے شہری بہت پریشان ہیں آپریشن بلا کسی امتیاز کے شروع کیا گیا ہے کیونکہ تجاوزات کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کی روانی میں بھی سخت مشکلات ہو رہی ہیں۔

میہڑ (نامہ نگار) پولیس نے جرائم پیشہ عناصر کیخلاف کارروائی کے دوران مختلف مقامات پر چھاپے مار کر 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا اور جھینگی گئی 24 موٹر سائیکلیں اور کاریں برآمد کر لیں۔ ایس ایس پی دادو نے گاڑیوں میں سیاہ شیشے لگانے پر پابندی عائد کر دی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ضلع دادو میں بڑھتی ہوئی بد امنی، ڈکیتی اور رہزنی کی وارداتوں کے بعد پولیس نے جرائم پیشہ ملزمان اور ڈاکوؤں کیخلاف کارروائی شروع کر دی ہے۔ ضلع دادو پولیس نے مختلف مقامات پر چھاپے مار کر جھینگی ہوئی 24 موٹر سائیکلیں اور کاریں برآمد کی ہیں، جبکہ 3 ملزمان کو بھی گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے، اینٹی کارٹنگ سیل دادو کے انچارج نے میڈیا کو بتایا کہ خفیہ اطلاع پر مختلف مقامات پر چھاپے مارے گئے اور چھاپوں کے دوران 3 جرائم پیشہ ملزمان دیدار، کلیم اللہ اور رفیق کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے، جبکہ کراچی اور حیدر آباد سمیت دیگر علاقوں سے جھینگی گئی 3 کاریں اور 21 موٹر سائیکلیں بھی برآمد کی گئی ہیں، گرفتار ملزمان جھینگی گئی گاڑیوں کے جعلی کاغذات بنا کر گاڑیاں فروخت کرتے ہیں، دوسری طرف ایس ایس پی دادو و خسر احمد کھاڑو نے ضلع دادو میں کاروں اور دیگر گاڑیوں میں سیاہ شیشے لگانے پر پابندی لگا دی ہے، جبکہ قانون پر عمل نہ کرنے والے ڈرائیور اور گاڑیوں کے مالکان کیخلاف کارروائی کی جائیگی اور ڈرائیوروں کو جیل بھیجا جائیگا، انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع میں امن وامان کی صورت حال بہتر بنائی جائیگی۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقہ شمالی وزیرستان میں پاکستانی فوج کے آپریشن کے نتیجے میں وہاں سے نقل مکانی کرنے والے تقریباً دس لاکھ متاثرین کی واپسی کا عمل شروع ہو گیا ہے۔ متاثرین کی واپسی کے پہلے مرحلے میں منگل کو خیبر پختونخوا کے شہر بنوں میں بکاخیل پناہ گزین کیمپ سے 62 خاندانوں کا قافلہ اپنے علاقوں کی جانب روانہ ہوا۔ پناہ گزین کیمپ سے شامیری قبائل کے افراد فوج کی نگرانی میں سخت سیوری میں اپنے اپنے گھروں کو پہنچے۔ پہلے مرحلے میں 13 اپریل تک شامیری کے بعد میر علی اور سہیل و ام قبائل کے افراد کی واپسی ہو گی۔ بنوں سے پہلے دن 62 سے خاندانوں کے 1219 افراد اپنے آبائی علاقوں کو واپس گئے ہیں۔ واپس جانے والے ہر خاندان کو 35 ہزار روپے اور ایک ماہ کا راشن بھی دیا جا رہا ہے۔ انتظامیہ کے مطابق دیگر علاقوں کے متاثرین کی واپسی کا اعلان و قفا فو ق کیا جائے گا اور اس کے لیے تیاریاں آخری مراحل میں ہیں۔ شمالی وزیرستان سے تقریباً دس لاکھ متاثرین نقل مکانی کر کے ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں پناہ لیے ہوئے ہیں۔ متاثرین کی شمالی وزیرستان واپسی سے قبل حکومت کی جانب سے ایک سماجی معاہدہ بھی سامنے آیا ہے جس کی شمالی وزیرستان کے قبائلی رہنماؤں نے مخالفت کی ہے۔

یہ سماجی معاہدہ 2015ء پیکس کے پولیٹیکل ایجینٹ نے گورنر خیبر پختونخوا کے نمائندے کے طور پر جاری کیا ہے۔ معاہدے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مقامی رسم و رواج اور قبائلی علاقوں کے قانون ایف سی آر کے علاوہ آئین پاکستان کے بھی پابند ہوں گے۔ اس معاہدے میں جہاں حکومت کی جانب سے قبائل کو سیاسی و معاشرتی آزادی دینے اور ان کے علاقے میں ترقیاتی کاموں کے وعدے کیے گئے ہیں وہیں ان پر سرکاری اہلکاروں اور اداروں کے تحفظ سمیت 17 ذمہ داریاں بھی ڈالی گئی ہیں۔ قبائلی رہنماؤں سے یہ بھی کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ مقامی سطح پر لشکر ترتیب دیں

پاکستان رینجرز کی ملیر میں کارروائی، گینگ وار کے متعدد کارندے گرفتار

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ٹنڈو جام: تجاوزات کے خلاف آپریشن، مزاحمت پر 2 افراد گرفتار

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ہے کہ فوجی عدالتوں سے سزا پانے والے 6 دہشت گرد فوجی عدالت کے فیصلے کے خلاف ایپلٹ کورٹ سے رجوع کرنے کا حق رکھتے ہیں۔

راولپنڈی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ + صبح نیوز) پاک فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے کہا ہے کہ دہشتگردی کے خاتمے کا مشن ہر قیمت پر مکمل کریں گے، ملک بھر سے دہشتگردی کی لعنت کے خاتمہ کے لیے قوم افواج پاکستان کے ساتھ ہے، پاک فوج کسی بھی جارحیت کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لیے مکمل تیار ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے یہ بات ملہ فائرنگ رینج کے دورے کے دوران مشقوں میں شریک جوانوں سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ آرمی چیف نے ملہ فائرنگ رینج کا دورہ کیا اور حقیقی جنگی ماحول میں جاری وسطی کمان کی فوجی مشقوں کا مشاہدہ کیا۔ آرمی چیف نے مشقوں میں شریک جوانوں کے پیشہ وارانہ اعلیٰ معیار کو سراہا اور جوانوں کو پیشہ وارانہ تربیت کے معیار پر توجہ مرکوز رکھنے کی ہدایت کی۔ جوانوں سے خطاب میں آرمی چیف نے کہا کہ زمانہ امن میں کی جانے والی تیاریاں جنگ روکنے کی ضامن ہیں۔ پاک فوج کسی بھی قسم کی جارحیت کا مقابلہ کرنے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہے۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے شمالی وزیرستان میں گزشتہ سال جون میں آپریشن ضرب عضب کے نتیجے میں بے گھر ہونے والے تقریباً 5 لاکھ سے زائد متاثرین کی واپسی کے عمل کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے تاہم حکومت کی طرف سے تمام متاثرین کی واپسی کو ایک سال کے طویل عرصے میں مکمل کرنے پر مختلف حلقوں کی جانب سے تنقید کی جارہی ہے۔ منگل کو شمالی وزیرستان کے متاثرین کیمپ بکاخیل سے سچین وام تحصیل کے گاؤں شامری کے 62 خاندانوں پر مشتمل 219 افراد کے ایک قافلے کو فوج کی سخت حفاظت میں ان کے گھروں کی جانب روانہ کیا گیا۔ اس قافلے کی کوریج کرنے کے لیے مختلف اداروں سے تعلق رکھنے والے صحافیوں کی ایک ٹیم کو بھی شمالی وزیرستان کی تحصیل میر علی تک جانے کی اجازت دی گئی۔

صحافیوں کا قافلہ جب صبح کے وقت بکاخیل سے میر علی کی جانب روانہ ہوا تو سڑک کے دونوں جانب فوج، ایف سی اور خاصہ دار فورس کے اہلکار بھاری اور ہلکا اسلحہ ہاتھوں میں لیے مستعد نظر آئے۔ بکاخیل سے کھجوری چیک پوسٹ تک، جہاں سے شمالی وزیرستان کی حدود کا آغاز ہوتا ہے، وہاں تک کچی اور قدرے کشادہ سڑک بنائی گئی ہے اور راستے میں چند مقامات پر نئے تعمیر شدہ پل بھی نظر آئے تاہم اس کے ساتھ ساتھ علاقے میں تباہ شدہ مکانات بھی دکھائی دیے جو بظاہر گلتا تھا کہ یا تو بم دھماکوں یا بمباریوں میں تباہ کیے گئے ہیں۔ میر علی تحصیل کی حدود میں داخل ہوئے تو وہاں دور دور تک فوجی اہلکاروں کے علاوہ اور کوئی نظر نہیں آیا۔ صحافیوں کو وہاں بنائے گئے پوائنٹ سے اگے جانے کی اجازت نہیں دی گئی۔ شمالی وزیرستان کے دو اہم علاقے اور تجارتی مراکز میر علی اور میران شاہ میں آپریشن ضرب عضب کے دوران بڑی بڑی کارروائیاں کی گئیں جس کی وجہ سے ان علاقوں سے سو فیصد نقل مکانی ہوئی تھی۔ تاہم اب واپسی کا عمل سچین وام تحصیل سے شروع کیا گیا ہے جہاں مقامی افراد کے مطابق باقاعدہ آپریشن نہیں ہوا تھا جس پر بعض متاثرین کی جانب سے شکوک و شبہات کا اظہار بھی کیا جا رہا ہے۔ زیادہ تر متاثرین کا موقف ہے کہ حکومت کو پہلے ان علاقوں کے افراد کو بھیج دینا چاہیے تھا جہاں سے سو فیصد نقل مکانی ہو چکی ہے جن میں میر علی، میران شاہ اور دتہ خیال کے چند مقامات شامل ہیں۔ تاہم اس کے باوجود شمالی وزیرستان کے بے گھر افراد واپسی کے عمل کا آغاز ہو جانے پر انتہائی خوش نظر آ رہے ہیں۔

تحصیل سچین وام کے ایک باشندے صابر شاہ کا کہنا ہے کہ جب سے انھیں اپنے علاقے میں واپس جانے کا کہا گیا ہے اس کے بعد سے ان کے گھر میں ایک جشن جیسا سماں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ دن میں نہیں بھول سکتا جب میں اور میرے خاندان نے شدید گرمی کے موسم میں بے سروسامانی کے عالم میں گھر بار چھوڑا اور پھر شدید سردی اور بارشوں کا موسم بھی متاثرین کیمپوں میں برداشت کیا۔ ان کے مطابق: 'یہ خوشی اب عارضی نہیں ہونی چاہیے بلکہ پائیدار امن کی صورت میں تمام وزیرستانیوں کے مرجھائے ہوئے چہروں پر دوبارہ خوشیاں واپس آ سکتی ہیں۔' انھوں نے کہا کہ انھیں اندازہ ہے کہ وزیرستان میں تباہی کے باعث مشکلات ضرور ہوں گی لیکن یہاں بھی مسائل کم نہیں ایسے میں اس سے بہتر ہے کہ اپنے وطن میں تو رہیں۔ ادھر دوسری طرف حکومت کی طرف سے شمالی وزیرستان کے تمام متاثرین کی واپسی کا عمل ایک سال کے طویل عرصہ میں مکمل کرنے کے اعلان پر کڑی تنقید کی جا رہی ہے۔

وزیرستان کے نمائندہ جرگہ کے ایک قبائلی مشر نثار علی خان نے بتایا کہ متاثرین کی واپسی قابل کاسب سے پہلا اور بڑا مطالبہ تھا۔ ان کے مطابق حکومت کو چاہیے کہ واپسی کے عمل کو زیادہ طویل عرصہ تک جاری نہ رکھا جائے ورنہ اس سے غلط فہمیاں پیدا ہوں گی جس سے حکومت ہی کو نقصان پہنچنے کا خدشہ ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ متاثرہ علاقوں میں بحالی اور تعمیر نو کا کام اس وقت تک بہتر طریقے سے نہیں ہو سکتا جب تک وہاں مقامی افراد موجود نہ ہوں۔ شمالی وزیرستان کے متاثرین کی واپسی تو شروع ہو گئی ہے لیکن اپنے پیچھے وہ یہ سوال ضرور چھوڑے جا رہے ہیں کہ ان علاقوں میں حکومت نے کیا کوئی انتظامی ڈھانچہ کھڑا کیا یا صرف شدت پسندوں کی بے دخلی اس کا روائی کا واحد ہدف تھا؟

قوم فوج کیساتھ ہے، دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کا  
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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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شمالی وزیرستان متاثرین کی واپسی کا طویل منصوبہ

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ہیلپ لائن 1101 پر دیں۔ ڈی جی رینجرز کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں امن کے لیے اقدامات اٹھائے جا رہے ہیں اور شریک عناصر کے خلاف سخت اور مکمل کارروائی کی جائے گی۔

**کراچی:** محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر شہر میں دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق صوبائی محکمہ داخلہ نے شہر میں سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر دفعہ 144 نافذ کرتے ڈرون، کیمروں، کوڈ کا پٹر اور ہیلی کیم کے استعمال پر بھی پابندی عائد کر دی ہے۔ محکمہ داخلہ کی جانب سے جاری نوٹیفکیشن کے مطابق دفعہ 144 کراچی کے حلقہ این اے 246 میں ضمنی انتخاب کے موقع پر پیدا ہونے والی کشیدگی کے باعث لگائی گئی ہے جس کا اطلاق یکم اپریل سے غیر معینہ مدت تک کے لیے ہو گا۔ محکمہ داخلہ کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر میں دفعہ 144 وفاقی وزارت داخلہ کی ہدایت پر نافذ کی گئی ہے جب کہ ہیلی کیم اور ڈرون کیمروں کے ذریعے دہشت گردی کے خدشات ہیں جن کی بنا پر جلسے جلوسوں میں ان کے استعمال پر بھی سختی سے پابندی ہو گی۔ واضح رہے کہ کراچی کے حلقہ این اے 246 میں ضمنی انتخابات کے موقع پر ایم کیو ایم اور تحریک انصاف کے کارکنوں میں شدید کشیدگی پائی جاتی ہے جب کہ گزشتہ روز کریم آباد میں دونوں جماعتوں کے کارکنوں میں شدید نعرے بازی ہوئی جس کے بعد مشتعل افراد نے تحریک انصاف کا انتخابی کیمپ بھی اکھاڑ دیا تھا۔

**لاہور (سینٹرل رپورٹر):** طاہر القادری نے کہا ہے کہ فوجی عدالت کی طرف سے دہشتگردوں کو پھانسیوں کی سزا سنانے کے پہلے فیصلہ کا خیر مقدم کرتے ہیں، قومی ایکشن پلان کا اعلان ہوئے تین ماہ گزر گئے عملدرآمد کی رفتار غیر تسلی بخش ہے۔ سست روی کا فائدہ دہشت گرد اور ان کے سہولت کار اٹھائیں گے۔ پنجاب میں بھی فوجی عدالتیں تشکیل ہونی چاہئے۔ سب سے زیادہ گڑبڑ پنجاب میں ہے۔ میڈیا ایڈوائزر سے کینیڈا سے ٹیلی فون پر گفتگو میں طاہر القادری نے کہا کہ معاشی دہشت گردی بھی ایک بہت بڑا مسئلہ ہے، معاشی دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے کیلئے بھی آپریشن ناگزیر ہے۔ ملکی خزانے پر ہاتھ صاف کرنے والوں کو کٹہرے میں لانا ہو گا۔ معاشی دہشت گردوں کو ان کے انجام تک پہنچانے کیلئے فوجی عدالتوں کی طرز پر خصوصی عدالتیں قائم ہونی چاہئیں۔ نیب کے تیار کئے گئے سینکڑوں کرپشن کے ریفرنس نیب اور عدالتوں کی الماریوں میں گل سڑ رہے ہیں۔ کرپشن کیسز نمٹانے کیلئے الگ سے عدالتیں ہونی چاہئیں۔ اگلی معرکہ آرائی معاشی دہشت گردی کے خلاف ہونی چاہیے۔ وطن واپسی پر معاشی دہشت گردی کے قلع قمع کا پلان دوں گا۔

**پشاور (صباح نیوز):** آئی ڈی بی کی واپسی کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، متعدد خاندان اپنے گھروں کو روانہ ہو چکے ہیں نو ہزار ایک سو تہتر خاندان باڑہ خیبر ایجنسی روانہ ہو گئے ہیں، ان خاندانوں کو چھ ہزار آٹھ سو اٹھارہ اے ٹی ایم کارڈز جاری کئے گئے ہیں۔ چار ہزار سات سو نواسی خاندان جنوبی وستان اپنے گھروں کو کوچ کر گئے ان خاندانوں کو دو ہزار چار سو انہتر سبز کارڈ اور دو ہزار نو سو اے ٹی ایم کارڈز جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ ستر خاندان شمالی وزیرستان چلے گئے جبکہ ان کو باسٹھ اے ٹی ایم کارڈز جاری کئے گئے ہیں، واپس جانے والے ہر خاندان کو فیملی ٹینٹ اور چھ ماہ راشن دیا گیا ہے۔ سرکاری حکام کے مطابق اے ٹی ایم کارڈ کے ذریعے متاثرہ خاندان پچیس ہزار کی رقم نکال سکتے ہیں۔

**لاہور (شہزادہ خالد):** لاہور کی انسداد دہشت گردی کی خصوصی عدالتوں نے ایک ماہ میں 46 مقدمات کے فیصلے کئے۔ پنجاب میں انسداد دہشت گردی کی 14 خصوصی عدالتوں میں سے چار لاہور میں ہیں۔ لاہور کی انسداد دہشت گردی کی خصوصی عدالت نمبر ایک نے ایک ماہ میں 7، عدالت نمبر 2 نے 9، عدالت نمبر 3 نے 14 اور عدالت نمبر 4 نے 16 مقدمات کا فیصلہ کیا۔ انسداد دہشت گردی کی خصوصی عدالتوں کے سروے کے دوران عدالتی اہلکاروں نے نوائے وقت کو بتایا یہاں انتہائی خطرناک مجرموں کے کیس آتے ہیں، ہماری جانوں کو خطرہ لاحق ہوتا ہے لیکن ہمیں رسک (risk) الاؤس نہیں دیا جاتا۔ 14 میں سے 8 خصوصی عدالتوں کے اہلکاروں کو جوڈیشل الاؤنس، یوٹیلیٹی الاؤنس دیا جا رہا ہے جبکہ لاہور کی 4 عدالتوں سمیت 6 عدالتوں کے اہلکاروں کو الاؤنس دیا جا رہا ہے اور ٹائم اہلکاروں سے 10 گھنٹے سے زائد کام لیا جا رہا ہے۔ عدالتی اہلکاروں کا پروموشن کے حوالے سے بھی کوئی سروس سٹرکچر نہیں بنایا گیا۔ لاہور کی چار خصوصی عدالتوں میں 32 عدالتی اہلکار فرائض سرانجام دے رہے ہیں۔ انسداد دہشت گردی کی عدالتوں میں انتہائی حساس اور خطرناک نوعیت کے کیس آتے ہیں جن کے باعث اہلکاروں کی رہائش عدالتوں کے قریب ہونی چاہئے اور ان عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی انتہائی سخت کی جائے کیونکہ عدالتوں کے قریب رہائش پذیر شہریوں نے سکیورٹی کو ناکافی قرار دیا ہے۔

**راولپنڈی:** آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے فوجی عدالتوں سے سزا پانے والے 6 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق فوجی عدالتوں سے سزائے موت پانے والے 6 دہشت گرد سنگین دہشت گردی کی وارداتوں میں ملوث تھے جب کہ تمام مجرم معصوم انسانوں کو ذبح کرنے، خود کش حملوں اور انسانی جان و مال کو نقصان پہنچانے میں ملوث تھے تاہم آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے تمام دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی۔ ترجمان پاک فوج میجر جنرل عاصم باجوہ کا کہنا

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کراچی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) کراچی کے علاقے کریم آباد میں تحریک انصاف کا کیمپ لپیٹ دیا گیا جس پر عمران اسماعیل نے الزام لگایا ہے کہ یہ کیمپ ایم کیو ایم نے اٹھوایا، وہ دوبارہ کیمپ لگائیں گے۔ تحریک انصاف کے رہنماؤں اور کارکنوں نے انتخابی کیمپ کی جگہ پر دھرتا دیا اور حملے کے خلاف احتجاج کیا۔ عمران اسماعیل نے کہا ہے کہ جنہوں نے حملہ کیا مسلمان بھی انہوں نے ہی اٹھایا ہے۔ ایم کیو ایم خوف و ہراس پیدا کر کے خوفزدہ کرنا چاہتی ہے۔ قتل ازین این اے 266 کے علاقے کریم آباد میں جمعہ کی رات تحریک انصاف کے انتخابی دفتر پر حملے کا مقدمہ تھانہ گلبرگ میں درج کر کے 7 افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا تھا۔ مقدمہ میں دہشت گردی کی دفعات بھی لگائی گئی ہیں جبکہ متحدہ کے ارکان پارلیمنٹ گرفتار افراد کی رہائی کیلئے تھانہ پہنچ گئے اور احتجاج کرتے ہوئے دھرتا دیا۔ مقدمہ درج ہونے کے خلاف رشید گوڈیل، آصف حسنین، ریحان ہاشمی اور دیگر ایم کیو ایم رہنما گرفتار افراد کے رشتے داروں کے ساتھ گلبرگ تھانہ پہنچے۔ گیٹ کے باہر ایم کیو ایم کے ارکان اسمبلی میں سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے رہے۔ گرفتار افراد کی رہائی کیلئے ارکان پارلیمنٹ نے دھرتا دیا ہے۔ تحریک انصاف نے کراچی حلقہ این اے 246 میں ہونیوالے ضمنی انتخاب کو غیر جانبدارانہ اور شفاف بنانے کیلئے حلقہ میں فوج اور رینجرز تعینات کرانے کا مطالبہ کر دیا۔ ہفتہ کو تحریک انصاف کراچی کی مرکزی نائب صدر ناز بلوچ کی جانب سے الیکشن کمیشن کو لکھے گئے خط میں کہا گیا ہے کہ کراچی کی مخصوص صورتحال میں پولیس کیلئے ممکن نہیں کہ وہ پولنگ ڈیسے پر امن و امان برقرار رکھ سکے اور غیر جانبدارانہ انتخابات کا انعقاد یقینی بناسکے اس لئے انتخاب والے دن پولنگ سٹیشنوں کے اندر اور باہر فوج اور رینجرز کے جوان تعینات کئے جائیں گے۔ ایم کیو ایم رہنما اور حلقہ این اے 246 میں امیدوار کنور جمیل نے پریس کانفرنس میں پی ٹی آئی کا کیمپ اکھاڑنے کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ الطاف بھائی نے پی ٹی آئی کو ویکلم کیا۔ ایم کیو ایم ہمیشہ این اے 246 پر جیتی، پی ٹی آئی کا پہلے دن سے رویہ جارحانہ رہا ہے۔ عمران خان نے کراچی کے لوگوں کو زندہ لاشیں کہا، آزاد کشمیر تقریر میں الطاف حسین بکٹاف نازیبا الفاظ کہے گئے، پی ٹی آئی والوں نے خود اپنے کیمپ پر حملے کا ڈرامہ کیا، پی ٹی آئی والوں کی ایف آئی آر فوری کاٹ لی جاتی ہے، ہمیں ایف آئی آر کی کاپی بھی خیرات میں دی جاتی ہے۔ ایم کیو ایم والے پولیس سٹیشن جاتے ہیں تو دروازہ بھی نہیں کھولا جاتا۔ عمران خان کارکن سرکاری ٹی وی میں گھس کر نشریات بند کر دیتے ہیں۔ عمران خان کے کارکن پولیس سے اپنے کارکن چھڑا کر لے گئے، ہمارے کارکنوں پر دہشت گردی کی دفعات لگادی گئیں۔ کراچی میں سیکورٹی خدشات پر دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی گئی، پابندی وفاقی وزارت داخلہ کی ہدایت پر لگائی گئی، ڈرون کیمروں اور ہیلی کپم کے استعمال پر پابندی لگائی گئی ہے، پابندی غیر معینہ مدت کیلئے ہوگی۔ ایم کیو ایم کے رہنما قمر منصور نے کہا ہے کہ عمران خان سمیت پی ٹی آئی کی قیادت آئین کے آرٹیکل 62 اور 63 پر پوری نہیں اترتی، جن لوگوں نے پی ٹی آئی وی اور میڈیا پر حملہ کیا ان کے خلاف ایف آئی آر نہیں کاٹی گئی۔ ایم کیو ایم کے لوگوں کے خلاف تھوڑی سی بات پر ایف آئی آر کاٹ دی جاتی ہے۔ دریں اثنا کراچی کے علاقے کریم آباد سے گرفتار افراد کو رہا کر دیا گیا، گرفتار افراد کو ایم این اے کی ضمانت پر رہا کیا گیا۔ مقدمے سے دہشت گردی ایکٹ کی دفعات بھی واپس لے لی گئیں۔ ایس پی انویسٹی گیشن سنٹرل نے کہا کہ گرفتار افراد بکٹاف کوئی ثبوت نہیں ملے۔ دریں اثناء ضمنی انتخابات کے حوالے سے ایم کیو ایم کی جانب سے جناح گراؤنڈ میں بسنت فیملی فیسٹول کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ خواتین اور بچے خوشگوار موسم میں پیننگ بازی سے لطف اندوز ہوتے رہے۔ فیسٹیول میں بچوں اور خواتین نے فیس پیننگ بھی کرائی جبکہ خواتین میں مفت چوڑیاں بھی تقسیم کی گئیں۔

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دہشت گرد ہلاک، 13 زخمی

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04 اپریل 2015

خیبر ایجنسی: وادی تیراہ میں شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں پر بمباری سے 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ 11 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے شدت پسندوں کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاع پر خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقے وادی تیراہ میں گن شپ ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے بمباری کی جس کے نتیجے میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ 11 زخمی ہو گئے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق فضائی بمباری میں ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان اور لشکر اسلام سے ہے۔

کراچی: ڈائریکٹر جنرل سندھ رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کا کہنا ہے کہ جرائم پیشہ افراد اور دہشت گردی سیاسی و سماجی شعبوں میں موجود ہیں عوام شر پسند عناصر پر کھڑی نظر رکھیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ڈی جی رینجرز بلال اکبر نے عوام سے تعاون کی اپیل کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ عوام شر پسند عناصر پر نظر رکھیں کیونکہ جرائم پیشہ افراد اور دہشت گرد سیاسی و سماجی شعبوں میں موجود ہیں لہذا شہری ایسے عناصر کی اطلاع

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شعبوں میں موجود ہیں، ڈی جی رینجرز

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

کوئٹہ..... کوئٹہ کی 18 یونین کونسلز میں سے متعدد میں سکیورٹی اہلکاروں کی عدم دستیابی کے باعث پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی۔ پولیو ذرائع کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے نواحی علاقوں پشتون باغ اور خروٹ آباد، خیزی، کلی برات، اور اس سے ملحقہ علاقوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی کیونکہ انسداد پولیو مہم میں متعلقہ علاقوں کے متعلقہ پولیو ورکرز کو سکیورٹی فراہم نہ کئے جانے کی بناء پر شروع نہیں ہو سکی۔ پشتون باغ اور خروٹ آباد میں 25 پولیو ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی تھیں جبکہ شہر کی دیگر مختلف یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو کی مہم آج سے شروع کی گئی ہے۔

کوئٹہ: بلوچستان میں ایمر جنسی سیل کے رابطہ کار افسر ڈاکٹر سیف الرحمان نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرنے والے مدارس اور اسکولز کی انتظامیہ کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کرے گی۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت 'یونیسف' اور دیگر بین الاقوامی اداروں کے حکام کی موجودگی میں ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے ڈاکٹر سیف الرحمان کا کہنا تھا کہ ان تمام اقدامات کا مقصد ملک کو پولیو سے پاک کرنا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت کی جانب سے سنگین قسم کی بیماریوں سے نمٹنے کے لئے ملک میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی ہے اور مہم کے دوران کسی بھی انتظامیہ خفلیت کو برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا۔

اجلاس کے دوران ڈاکٹر سیف الرحمان نے اعلان کیا کہ جو مدارس اور اسکول انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کریں گے ان کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ویلکینیشن پلانے کے عمل میں مداخلت کرنا یا اسے روکنے کی کوشش کرنا جرم ہے اور اس میں ملوث لوگوں کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ سیف الرحمان کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت یونین کونسلز کے ان میڈیکل افسران پر بھی مقدمات قائم کرے گی جو بچوں کے گھر میں غیر موجودگی کے حوالے سے جعلی دستاویزات جمع کروائیں گے۔

تھریپار کر..... تھریپار کر میں مبینہ غذائی قلت اور قبل از وقت پیدائش سے مزید دو بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ رواں ماہ مریو لوں کی تعداد 39 ہو گئی۔ تھریپار کر کے سول اسپتال مٹھی میں قبل از وقت پیدائش اور مبینہ غذائی قلت کا شکار کئی بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔ آج ان میں سے مزید دو بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق رواں غذائی قلت اور قبل از وقت پیدائش سے انتقال کر رہیوں کی تعداد 39 ہو گئی ہے۔

نئی دہلی: ہندوستان کے زیر انتظام کشمیر میں مسلسل بارش کے بعد دریائے جہلم میں سیلابی ریلہ خطرے کے نشان سے اوپر بہہ رہا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق، بڈگام اور پونچھ میں نچلے علاقوں میں پانی بھرنے کے بعد وہاں سے لوگوں کو نکالنے کا کام شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جموں کشمیر ایک بار پھر سیلاب کا سامنا کر رہا ہے اسی کے ساتھ ہی محکمہ موسمیات نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ آنے والے 72 گھنٹے تک موسم میں بہتری کا امکان نہیں ہے۔ ہفتہ کی شام سے جاری موسلا دھار بارش کی وجہ سے جہلم سمیت تمام بڑے ندی نالوں کی سطح بلند ہونے کے بعد وادی میں تقریباً چھ پلوں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے، اس کی وجہ سے کئی علاقوں کا رابطہ ضلعی ہیڈ کوارٹر سے منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔

جموں کشمیر کے وزیر تعلیم نعیم اختر نے بتایا کہ گزشتہ سال آئی آفت سے سبق لیتے ہوئے حکومت سیلاب کنٹرول اور انتظام کے لیے ضروری قدم اٹھا رہی ہے۔ نعیم اختر کا کہنا ہے کہ کشتی اور ریت کی بوریوں کا انتظام کیا جا چکا ہے اور وادی میں جگہ جگہ چوبیس گھنٹے نگرانی کی جارہی ہے۔ جموں کشمیر حکومت نے سری نگر اور سنگم میں جہلم کا پانی کی سطح خطرے کا نشان پار ہونے کے بعد سرکاری طور پر سیلاب کا اعلان کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ساتھ ہی حکومت نے لوگوں سے کہا ہے کہ وہ محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہو جائیں۔ جہلم دریا میں پانی کی سطح بڑھنے کے بعد اتوار کی رات ہندوستانی خبر رساں ایجنسی، کو سیلاب کی وارننگ جاری کی گئی تھی۔ ریاست کے کئی علاقوں میں گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں سے مسلسل بارش ہو رہی ہے پریس ٹرسٹ آف انڈیا کا پولیس کے حوالے سے کہنا ہے کہ شدید بارش کی وجہ سے 18 گھروں سمیت 44 عمارتوں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے انتباہ جاری ہونے کے بعد سے سری نگر اور جنوبی کشمیر میں دریائے جہلم کے نزدیکی علاقوں سے لوگ محفوظ مقامات کے لیے نکل چکے ہیں۔

جموں کشمیر میں امتحانات ملتوی کر دیے گئے ہیں اور اسکولوں میں دودن کی چھٹی کا اعلان کیا گیا ہے۔ گزشتہ سال بھی ستمبر میں سیلاب نے جموں کشمیر میں بڑے پیمانے پر تباہی مچائی تھی اور دارالحکومت سری نگر کو تو تقریباً برباد کر دیا تھا۔ ہزاروں لوگ بے گھر اور تباہ ہو گئے تھے۔ کم سے کم 200 افراد اس میں ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

کوئٹہ: متعدد یونین کونسلز میں انسداد پولیو مہم شروع نہ ہو سکی

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پولیو ویکسین سے انکار، مدارس واسکولوں کے خلاف کارروائی

ڈان نیوز

31 مارچ 2015

تھریپار، مبینہ غذائی قلت، رواں ماہ مریو لوں کی تعداد 39 ہو گئی

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30 مارچ 2015

جموں کشمیر میں شدید بارش اور سیلاب سے تباہی

ڈان نیوز

30 مارچ 2015



نقصان ہوا ہے۔ بتایا جائے کہ آئندہ کے لئے کیا ممکنہ اقدامات اختیار کئے جارہے ہیں۔ جسٹس میاں ثاقب نثار کی سربراہی میں 3 رکنی بنچ نے کسی کی سماعت کی۔ اس دوران ماروی میمن نے عدالت سے استدعا کی کہ تمام تر اعداد و شمار اکٹھے کر لئے گئے ہیں فلڈ کمیشن کی رپورٹ اور سفارشات پر عملدرآمد کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اب وہ کیس کی مزید سماعت نہیں چاہتیں جس پر عدالت نے درخواست نمٹانے سے انکار کر دیا اور کہا کہ آپ کے حکومت میں آنے سے سب اچھا ہو گیا ہے آج بھی لوگوں کو مسائل کا سامنا ہے جو جانی و مالی نقصان ہوا ہے اس کی ذمہ داری کون لے گا۔ اس کیس کی سماعت کریں گے اور جون میں اس کا فیصلہ بھی دیں گے۔ عدالت نے بعد ازاں وفاق اور صوبوں سے ممکنہ اقدامات کے بارے میں رپورٹس طلب کر لیں اور سماعت جون تک ملتوی کر دی ہے۔

کراچی.... کراچی سمیت اندرون سندھ کے 18 اضلاع میں 3 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم 6 اپریل سے شروع کی جائیگی۔ مہم میں 39 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ محکمہ صحت سندھ کے مطابق پہلے مرحلے میں سندھ کے 18 اضلاع میں 3 روزہ مہم 6 سے 9 اپریل تک جاری رہیگی۔ دوسرے مرحلے میں کراچی کے 18 ڈائریکٹریٹس میں 13 سے 16 اپریل تک جاری رہنے والی مہم میں 86 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ کراچی میں پولیو مہم امن وامان سے مشروط کی گئی ہے، پولیس اور رینجرز کی نگرانی میں پولیو رضاکار گھر گھر جا کر بچوں کو بیماری سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائیں گے۔

سندھ کے 18 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم

6 اپریل سے شروع ہوگی

روزنامہ جنگ

3 اپریل 2015

تھریپارکر (آئی این پی) تھریپارکر کے مختلف علاقوں میں غذائی قلت کے نتیجے میں بچوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ کسی طور پر بھی رکنے میں نہیں آ رہا، سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں مزید تین نومولود دم توڑ گئے، 17 کی حالت تشویشناک، رواں ماہ ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 144 ہو گئی، مٹھی کے علاوہ دیگر علاقوں کے ہسپتال بند اور ادویات نہ ہونے کا انکشاف، تھریپارکر کے باسیوں نے سندھ حکومت سے واقعہ کانٹھس لے کر انتظامیہ کے خلاف کارروائی کا مطالبہ کر دیا۔ تھریپارکر کے مطابق بدھ کو سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں غذائی قلت کے نتیجے میں بیمار تین نومولود دم توڑ گئے، ہسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق ابھی بھی غذائی قلت سے بیمار ہسپتال میں زیر علاج سترہ بچوں کی حالت تشویشناک ہے جن میں سے پانچ کو حیدر آباد ہسپتال منتقل کیا جائے گا۔ تین نومولود دم توڑنے کے بعد رواں سال میں جاں بحق ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 226 ہو گئی۔ اپریل کے پہلے ہی دن تین بچوں کے دم توڑنے کے بعد اس بات کا خطرہ ظاہر کیا جا رہا ہے کہ اگر اس ضمن میں اقدامات نہ اٹھائے گئے تو اپریل کے مہینے میں ہلاک ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد اس سے بڑھ سکتی ہے۔ دوسری طرف مقامی ذرائع نے انکشاف کیا ہے کہ سوائے سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں ارد گرد کے دیگر ہسپتالوں میں سرے سے ادویات ہی نہیں ہیں اور بعض قصبوں میں تو ہسپتال بند ہی رہتے ہیں۔ مقامی لوگوں نے اس صورتحال کانٹھس لے کر سندھ حکومت سے انتظامیہ کے خلاف کارروائی کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

تھریپارکر: غذائی قلت سے مزید 3 نومولود دم توڑ گئے، 17 کی حالت نازک

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 اپریل 2015

بھارت کے زیر انتظام کشمیر میں چاڈورہ قصبے میں مٹی کا تودہ گرنے سے ایک ہی خاندان کے 12 افراد سمیت 15 افراد طبع تلے دب جانے سے ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ اس دوران دریائے جہلم میں پانی کی سطح سیلاب کے خطرے سے نیچے آ گئی ہے۔ اس سے قبل حکومت نے سیلابی کے خطرے کے پیش نظر تمام سکولوں اور کالجوں کو بند کر دیا تھا۔ سڑکوں اور شاہراہوں پر بارشوں کا پانی جمع ہونے کی وجہ سے عام تجارت بھی بری طرح متاثر ہوئی ہے۔

کشمیر میں مٹی کا تودہ گرنے سے 15 افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی

31 مارچ 2015

دریائے جہلم میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہونے اور مسلسل بارشوں کے باعث کم سے کم 200 خاندانوں کو محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل کیا گیا۔ اس سے پہلے کشمیر میں چھ ماہ قبل ہی آنے والے صدی کے بدترین سیلاب میں کم سے کم 250 افراد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔ پولیس کے مطابق مٹی کا تودہ سری نگر سے 15 کلومیٹر دور واقع چاڈورہ نامی علاقے میں مکانات پر گر گیا۔ امدادی کارکنوں نے طبع تلے سے 15 لاشیں نکال لی ہیں۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ انھوں نے 20 کے قریب امدادی کیمپ قائم کیے ہیں اور نشیبی علاقوں کے لوگوں سے وہاں منتقل ہونے کو کہا ہے۔

قدرتی آفات اور موسمی تبدیلیوں کے ماہر شکیل رامشو کا کہنا ہے کہ گذشتہ برس ستمبر میں جو سیلاب آیا تھا اس کی وجہ سے زمین کے اندر پانی کی سطح بڑھ گئی ہے اور نیپانی جذب کرنے کی صلاحیت ابھی موجود نہیں ہے۔ شکیل رامشو کہتے ہیں 'ویسے بھی جب ایک صدی بعد کوئی سیلاب آتا رنج آباد کے شہری عبدالغفار نے بتایا 'تو اُن کو دن بھر حکومت کہتی رہی ہے اور ایک ہی سال میں دوسرے سیلاب کا خطرہ موجود رہتا ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے 'خطرے کی کوئی بات نہیں ہے اور پھر رات کو 12 بجے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجادی۔ گذشتہ برس بھی لوگوں کو دھوکے میں رکھا گیا۔ کہ سرینگر اور اس کے گرد و نواح میں عارضی رہائش اور کھانے پینے کی تیاریاں رکھا جا رہا ہے۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق گذشتہ برس آنے والے سیلاب کی وجہ سے جموں و کشمیر کی مجموعی اقتصادیات کو ایک لاکھ کروڑ روپے کا نقصان پہنچا ہے۔ ابتدائی تخمینوں کے مطابق سیلاب کی وجہ سے ساڑھے تین لاکھ مکانات گر گئے تھے۔

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آزاد کشمیر: بارشیں جاری، طغیانی کے باعث طالبہ ہلاک، دوسری کو بچالیا گیا

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راولاکوٹ (آن لائن + آئی این پی) آزاد کشمیر میں بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری۔ راولاکوٹ کاراولپنڈی سے دوسرے روز بھی رابطہ منقطع شاہراہ غازی ملت پر مختلف جگہوں سے لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث ٹریفک تعطل کا شکار رہی مضافاتی و نواحی علاقوں میں شدید بارش۔ نواحی گاؤں دو تھان میں پانی کے نالہ میں طغیانی کے باعث کالج جاتے ہوئے نجی کالج کی ایف ایس سی کی طالبہ سدرہ کمال بے رحم موجوں کی نذر، دوسری طالبہ طاہرہ سلیم کو بچالیا گیا۔ مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھی حالیہ بارشوں سے لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث 52 گاؤں متاثر ہوئے۔ ہزاروں افراد کو محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق گزشتہ صبح پڑکٹ کی رہائشی دو طالبہ سدرہ کمال دختر مصطفیٰ کمال، طاہرہ سلیم ولد محمد سلیم خان سکندر پڑکٹ کالج جاتے ہوئے دو تھان کے مقام پر حادثہ کا شکار ہو گئیں۔ دونوں ایف ایس سی کی طالبہ تھیں اور شاہین ماڈل کالج میں زیر تعلیم تھیں، سدرہ کمال نالے میں بہنے کے باعث موقع پر ہی جاں بحق ہو گئیں اور دوسری طالبہ طاہرہ سلیم کو شدید زخمی حالت میں شیخ زید ہسپتال راولاکوٹ لایا گیا جہاں ابتدائی طبی امداد کے بعد طاہرہ سلیم کو راولپنڈی ہسپتال میں ریفر کر دیا گیا۔ حکومت اور ضلعی انتظامیہ سے سرکاری اور پرائیویٹ تعلیمی اداروں میں مقبوضہ کشمیر کی طرح تعطیلات کا مطالبہ معمولات زندگی بری طرح مفلوج ہیں تجارتی مراکز سنسان اور میٹرک کا امتحان دینے والے طلبہ و طالبات کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے، شدید بارشوں سے اکثر شاہراہات پر ٹریفک کا عمل بھی بُری طرح متاثر ہوا ہے اور لینڈ سلائیڈنگ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ گزشتہ روز دن بھر آزاد کشمیر کو پاکستان سے ملانے والی مصروف ترین شاہراہ غازی ملت بند رہی، یہ شاہراہ ہر سال بارشوں میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کی نذر ہو جاتی ہے جس سے عوام کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ سعودی حکومت کے تعاون سے نو تعمیر گرلز ہائر سیکنڈری سکول چیروٹی کی عمارت لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کی زد میں آگئی جو فوری طور پر حفاظتی اقدامات نہ اٹھائے جانے پر مکمل طور پر تباہ ہو سکتی ہے راولاکوٹ ارجہ شاہراہ کے بعض مقامات خطرہ کا الارم بجا رہے ہیں جن پر سے بمشکل گاڑیاں گزر رہی ہیں اور یہ کسی بھی وقت بند ہو سکتی ہے جبکہ محکمہ موسمیات نے مزید بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کر رکھی ہے تحریک انصاف ضلع پونچھ کے صدر عاطف خان نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ پونچھ کو آفت زدہ قرار دیا جائے۔ اور شاہراہ غازی ملت کو فوج کے حوالہ کیا جائے اور سرکاری اور نجی تعلیمی ادارہ جات کو مزید جانی نقصانات سے بچنے کے لیے تعطیلات کا اعلان کیا جائے۔

پولینڈ: پاک افغان سرحد کی نگرانی کا اعلان

ڈان نیوز

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کوسٹ: پاکستان کو پولینڈ سے مکمل طور پر پاک کرنے کے حوالے سے مزید اقدامات اٹھاتے ہوئے پاک افغان سرحد کی نگرانی شروع کرنے کا اعلان کیا گیا ہے جس کی مدد سے پولینڈ سے متاثرہ بچوں کے پاکستان میں داخل ہونے کے امکانات کو کم کیا جاسکے۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر کے رابطہ کار ڈاکٹر سیف الرحمان نے پولینڈ مسائل کے حوالے سے منعقدہ ایک اجلاس میں کہا کہ اس اقدام کا مقصد افغانستان سے پاکستان میں داخل ہونے والے ہر بچے کو پولینڈ سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے کے انتظامات کو یقینی بنانا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پانچ سال سے کم عمر ہر بچے کو پولینڈ سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین پلائی جائے گی۔

اجلاس میں طے پایا کہ اپنے بچوں کو پولینڈ کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرنے والے افغان خاندانوں کو پاکستان میں آنے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ جبکہ ملک سے باہر جانے والے بچوں کو بھی ویکسین پلانا لازمی قرار دے دیا گیا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر سیف الرحمان کا کہنا تھا کہ بچوں کو ویکسین پلانا اور ان کے اس حوالے سے تصدیق نامے کی موجودگی کو یقینی بنانا انتظامیہ اور سرحد پر موجود سیکیورٹی گارڈز کی ذمہ داری ہوگی۔

بلوچستان کی فرنٹیئر کانسٹیبلری سے سرحد پر بچوں کو پولینڈ سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین پلانے کے لیے پیر امیڈیکل اسٹاف کی تعیناتی کے حوالے سے درخواست کر دی گئی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ انتہائی افسوسناک امر ہے کہ پاکستان ان تین ممالک میں سے ایک ہے جو اب بھی اس خطرناک وائرس سے چھٹکارا حاصل کرنے کے لیے جدوجہد کر رہے ہیں۔

سندھ میں سیلاب کی تباہ کاریاں، سپریم کورٹ نے

وفاق، صوبوں سے رپورٹس طلب کر لی

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اسلام آباد (آن لائن) سپریم کورٹ نے سیلاب کی وجہ سے ہونے والی تباہ کاریوں، سندھ میں سڑکوں کی حالت زار سمیت دیگر معاملات اور اقدامات کے بارے میں وفاقی حکومت اور صوبوں سے جون تک رپورٹس مانگ لی ہیں۔ جسٹس شیخ عظیم سعید نے بے نظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کی چیئر پرسن ماروی میمن سے مخاطب ہو کر کہا ہے کہ آپ حکومت میں ہیں اس لئے سب اچھا ہو گیا ہے آگے مومن سون کا موسم آ رہا ہے اس کی ذمہ داری کون لے گا۔ عدالت آپ کے کہنے پر اب مقدمہ نہیں نمٹا سکتی۔ سندھ میں دریاؤں پر تجاوزات کی وجہ سے کافی جانی و مالی



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