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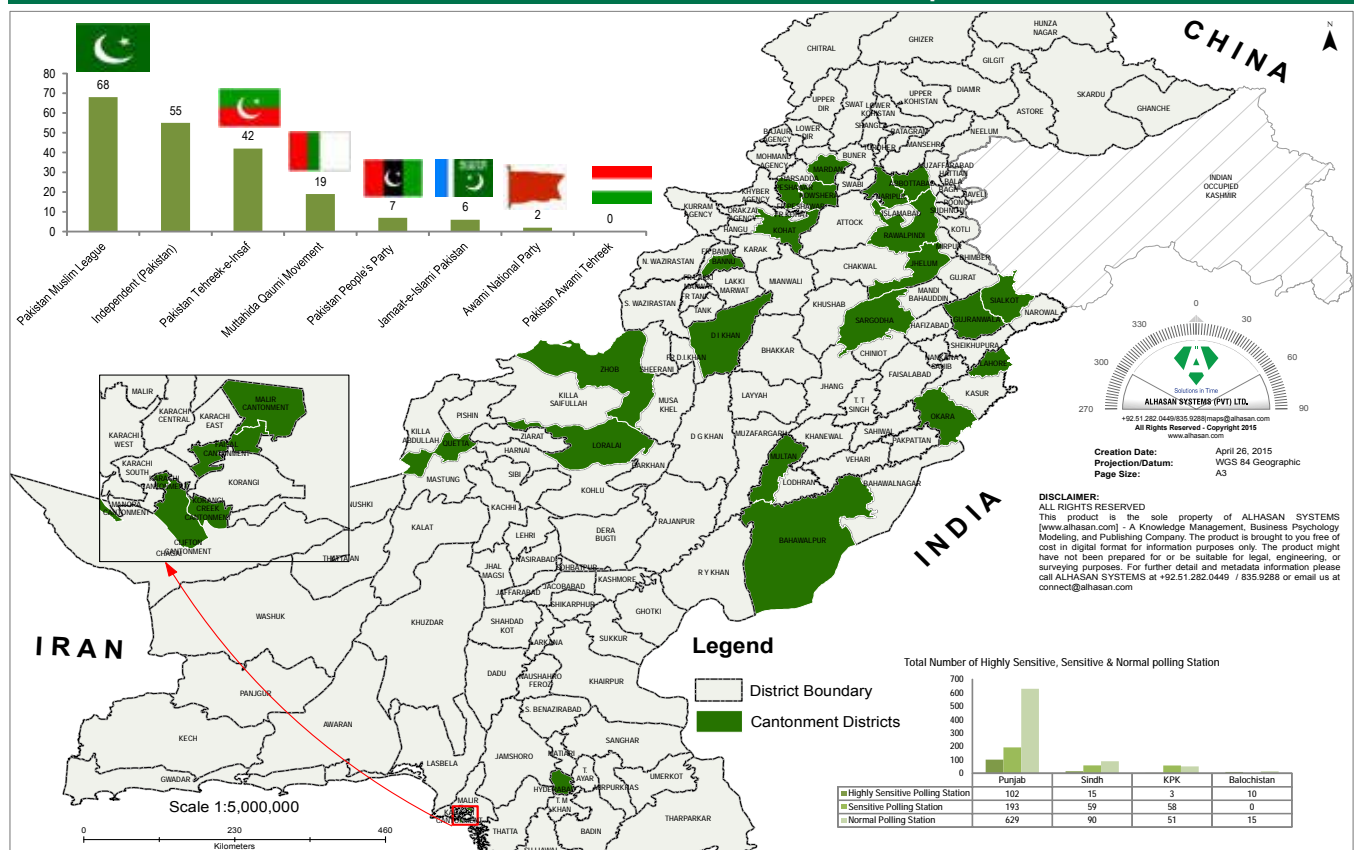
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

SHC Takes Notice Of Non-Provision Of Relief Goods In Drought-Hit Areas

The News, May 2, 2015

Development Assistance: ADB To Lend \$225m For Flood Relief In Punjab, AJK

Express Tribune, April 30, 2015

DETAILS

KARACHI: The Chief Justice of Sindh High Court has taken notice of media reports pertaining to not providing relief goods to the drought-affected areas in Tharparkar and issued a notice to Advocate General to submit a reply. The SHC registrar had placed an official note before Chief Justice Faisal Arab along with media reports regarding non-provision of wheat and other relief goods in drought-affected areas.

Media reports said nearly 55,000 bags of wheat provided by the provincial government were still lying in warehouses and the delay was attributed to the availability of relief commissioner and revenue board member. The SHC chief justice ordered to convert the media reports into constitutional petitions and directed the provincial authorities concerned to file reports regarding the suspension of official food supply to the families affected by famine in Thar. They were also directed to file reports by May 4, explaining the wastage of official wheat and suspension of its further supply to affected parts of the deserted region. It is pertinent to mention that some constitutional petitions had already been filed to the SHC by different non-governmental organisations, seeking court's directives for the provincial government to mitigate the situation where over 300 deaths reportedly took place due to hunger and lack of basic health facilities. The petitioners submitted that most areas of Tharparkar district, including Mithi, Chachro, Diplo, Islamkot and Nagarparkar were facing a famine-like situation and over 200 people, most of them being malnourished children, died in its wake. They said around 175,000 families were reported to have been affected and some of them were forced to leave their homes due to the famine. They stated that the Sindh chief minister had reportedly acknowledged negligence and failure of local administration in the tragedy and said that lives of children could have been saved if doctors, paramedical staff and health department officials had taken the matter seriously and shifted them to hospitals of Hyderabad for timely treatment and proper distribution of wheat bags.

Theft of constitution document: The SHC once against directed the federal law officer, secretaries of law, justice and parliamentary affairs and the National Assembly to file comments on a petition seeking the registration of a case against the theft of original document of the Constitution of 1973. The direction came on petition by the Raah-e-Raast Trust which cited reports on news websites stating that the original constitution manuscript bearing signatures of all constituent assembly members and the then president had been lost. The petition, filed through Agha Syed Attaullah Shah, claimed that parliamentary sources had also confirmed that the original document was not available in the records of the National Assembly. He said it was an undeniable fact that during the late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's first government, the National Assembly of Pakistan had approved the first constitution of the country on April 10, 1973, and on April 12, 1973, the National Assembly in its special session held at the State Bank Building in Islamabad had marked the signing ceremony on the new constitutional draft. After signing the document, members of the National Assembly, headed by Abdul Hafeez Pirzada, then law minister, had gone to the President House in Rawalpindi where Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (President at that time) signed the new constitution.

The petitioner citing parliamentary sources, however, claimed that the authenticated document of the Constitution of 1973 had never been seen in the records of the Parliament House since then. He submitted that the outgoing speaker of National Assembly, Dr Fehmida Mirza, at the time of approval of the 18th Constitutional Amendment had wanted to see the original document of the constitution, but she was told that it was not present in the assembly record. He said the incident was not an ordinary act of dereliction of duty but "a glaring act of rebellious disloyalty to Pakistan and criminal breach of trust" by all those concerned, who were responsible to preserve and protect the important document.

Shah stated he had requested the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to register a case within a week and initiate investigation to identify the "rebellious criminals" involved in this conspiracy. However, he complained, no action was taken by the FIA and he was forced to approach the court seeking orders for the registration of an FIR. He submitted that since it was a matter of public importance and related to the federation as well as all provinces, therefore the court may take cognizance of the matter whereas notices be issued to federal and provincial law officers for filing their comments. Citing the interior ministry and the Islamabad IGP as respondents, the plaintiff appealed to the court to declare the original document of the constitution "the most important and authentic document" and any conspiracy to play with its validity, credibility, authenticity and genuineness should be dealt with stern legal action. He also requested the court to direct the respondents to immediately register a case and ensure the recovery of the genuine manuscript on priority basis. It is pertinent to mention that petition had been pending since 2013 and despite several notices to the respondents no comments have yet been filed by the official respondents.

ISLAMABAD: The Asian Development Bank is expected to approve a \$225 million loan for reconstruction work in the flood-affected areas in Punjab and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) under a proposed Pakistan Fund for Disaster Management aimed at strengthening the country's capabilities in disaster prevention and management. The Manila-based lending agency's country head, Werner Liepach, on Wednesday informed Finance Minister Ishaq Dar that ADB's board would consider the approval of the \$225 million loan on May 28. The funds will be released after the board's approval. The ADB had committed \$367 million at a donors conference the government had convened to seek foreign assistance to carry out relief and rehabilitation work

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Modi Proposes SAARC Team To Tackle Natural Disasters... As Pakistan's PM Commends India's Nepal Mission

Daily Mail, April 30, 2015

Centre Takes Relief Steps For KP Rain Victims

The Nation, April 29, 2015

Windstorm Likely In Punjab, KP Areas, High Alert Issued

Dunya News, April 29, 2015

Natural Disasters: IDA Mulling Providing \$150 Million

Business Recorder, April 28, 2015

in the flood-hit areas and for assisting internally displaced persons (IDPs). Most of these funds are diverted from slow moving projects. Out of the \$367 million, the ADB had promised \$17 million for the proposed Pakistan Fund for Disaster Management as seed money. The remaining \$350 million had been committed as a soft loan for infrastructure reconstruction projects in Punjab and AJK for flood-related projects.

The \$225 million loan will be utilised in Punjab and AJK, said a finance ministry official. Punjab's total flood-related financing requirements have been estimated at \$412 million while AJK's requirements have been assessed at \$28.5 million. The government has proposed to set up the Disaster Management Fund to enhance the country's resilience to future climate disasters. The fund will support disaster prevention, disaster risk finance, reconstruction and rehabilitation and livelihood restoration. The fund's secretariat will be set up by the ADB, which will screen all projects proposed to be funded from this pool. Dar said it was a priority of the government to create a disaster risk fund on a permanent basis to deal with future natural calamities. Pakistan is expected to take up the issue of the \$400 million ADB loan for the energy sector during the visit. The ADB complains about slow movement on projects that often result in cancellation of its loans. However, Pakistan also has serious issues and is not happy with ADB's approach of forcing its preferred projects on Pakistan, irrespective of the country's needs. Liepach said he would like to give a detailed presentation to the minister on different schemes ADB had in mind that could help Pakistan in its development and uplift. He said that ADB was interested in helping Pakistan in energy sector projects and the plan to get extra allocations approved for the energy sector was the priority of the ADB team.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has suggested that Saarc countries conduct joint training exercises to deal with natural disasters. He shared the idea for future relief diplomacy with his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif, who had called him to commend India's efforts in the rescue operations in earthquake-hit Nepal. "Got a call from PM Nawaz Sharif. He expressed condolences on the loss of lives in various parts of India due to the earthquake," the Prime Minister tweeted. Sharif also commended India's efforts in the rescue operations in Nepal, Modi said, adding that he thanked the Pakistan leader for his kind words. During the conversation, Modi said he suggested to Sharif that South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) nations should conduct regular joint exercises on disaster relief and rescue. "SAARC Nations can come together & hold annual exercises of rescue teams, doctors etc on how we can minimise damage during natural disasters," the Indian Prime Minister said.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has responded swiftly to the rain disaster in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province by announcing relief package for the affected persons and providing assistance in reconstruction of damaged infrastructure. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has approved a package of Rs500,000 for the family of each deceased and Rs.50,000 for each injured person hit by severe thunderstorm.

The PM, who is on an official visit to the United Kingdom, announced the package to provide relief to the affected people. He also asked the provincial and disaster management authorities to gear up rescue efforts so as to control the damage, a PM Office statement said. The PM extended condolences over the loss to life and property. The federal government will also assist the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in rebuilding the infrastructure damaged by the natural calamity. Also, directives have been issued to the authorities concerned for proper food arrangements for the victims. At least 45 persons lost their lives and over 96 sustained injuries in structures collapse and other incidents triggered by a windstorm coupled with heavy rain that lashed the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa capital on Sunday.

ISLAMABAD: Issuing severe weather warning, the Pakistan Meteorological Department on Wednesday reported that windstorm and rain may occur at one or two places in Kohat, Bannu, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Chakwal Districts during evening or night. After warning by the PMD, Rescue 1122 issued an official notification and directed the staffers to carry out double shifts in case of emergency. Rain- thunderstorm (associated with gusty winds) is expected at scattered places including Malakand, Hazara, Peshawar, Kohat, Bannu, Mardan divisions, FATA, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Sargodha divisions and Kashmir, while at isolated places in Dera Ismail Khan, Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad divisions and Gilgit- Baltistan during evening and night.

Dust-storm may also occur at isolated places in DG Khan, Multan and Sahiwal divisions. Hottest places recorded during last 24 hours include Turbat 46°C, Lasbella, Sibbi 45°C, Chhor, Dadu 44°C, Jacobabad, Mithi, Larkana, Hyderabad, Moenjodaro, Badin and Shaheed Benazirabad 43°C. Earlier on Sunday, at least 45 people were killed and nearly 200 injured when devastating windstorm coupled with heavy rain and hail hit Peshawar in northwest Pakistan. The storm also pulled out electricity poles that caused power suspension to Peshawar and its adjoining areas, and disrupted the telecommunication system in most parts of the city.

International Development Association (IDA) is considering to providing US \$150 million for Disaster and Climate Resilience Improvement Programme in Pakistan. The project aims to support restoration of resilient flood protection infrastructure and strengthening government capacity to manage disasters and climate variability.

According to an update project report of World Bank, Building Disaster and Climate Resilience is essential to supporting the World Bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. Disaster events can undermine hard-earned development gains, potentially trapping vulnerable groups into poverty. Therefore, activities contributing to resilience are directly linked to sustained development and allow the poorest-the most affected by such disasters-to escape cycles of poverty. The WB report revealed that Pakistan is vulnerable to a number of adverse natural events and has experienced a wide range of disasters over the past 40 years, including floods, earthquakes, droughts, cyclones and tsunamis. These hazards are due to an active floodplain fed by snow and glacial melt from three mountain ranges-Himalayas,

NA Expresses Grief Over KP, Nepal's Natural Calamities

Radio Pakistan, April 27, 2015

Karakoram and Hindu Kush, its location on a seismically active geological plate, a predominantly semi-arid landmass and a coastline frequented by cyclonic events.

The WB report mentioned that exposure and vulnerability to hazards is further exacerbated by a rapid population growth, growing urbanisation, environmental degradation and shifting climatic patterns that can result in the occurrence of increasingly severe natural disasters. Over the past decade, damages and losses resulting from natural disasters in Pakistan have exceeded US \$18 billion; as the population and asset base of Pakistan increases, so does its economic exposure to natural disasters.

Haris Khan, Senior Disaster Risk Management Specialist of WB pointed out that Pakistan faces a major financing challenge arising from natural catastrophes, with flooding causing an estimated annual economic impact of between 3 and 4 percent of the Federal Budget. On average, approximately 3 million people are affected by natural catastrophes each year in Pakistan, which equates to approximately 1.6 percent of the total population. According to an analysis of historical natural disaster data, since 1973 approximately 77 percent of all the people affected by natural disasters were impacted by flooding events. The annual economic impact of flooding is estimated between US \$1.2 billion and US \$1.8 billion, equivalent to between 0.5 percent and 0.8 percent of national GDP, he added. The report stated that Punjab's population, geographic location and climatic conditions make it one of the most exposed provinces to natural disasters. Over the past 30 years, 66.6 percent of all people affected by natural disasters in Pakistan were Punjab residents. Floods remain the dominant hazard in Punjab, despite a history of other disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, and droughts in the province. Floods in 1992, 1994, 1997, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014 have led to the loss of precious human lives and caused significant damages to public and private property. Floods in 2014 resulted in 286 deaths, with approximately 100,000 houses damaged and 2.47 million people directly affected due to inundation and/or displacement.

These disaster events have continuously led to the disruption of economic activity and service delivery, in addition to burdening the public exchequer to provide for relief, recovery and rehabilitation. The low-lying areas close to the banks of the Indus River and its tributaries experience regular flooding on an almost yearly basis during annual monsoon season which takes place from July to September. Snowmelt from the Karakoram, Hindu Kush and Himalayan mountains further feeds the flood-plains during this period, especially the catchment areas of Indus River. As a result, several districts in the north and centre of the province have become prone to floods. Further, WB report mentioned that flash floods and hill torrents are also a regular feature in southern Punjab as is the risk of urban flooding in major cities due to various human factors such as rapid urbanisation, unplanned development and settlements, encroachments on waterways and solid waste dumping. Several northern districts are at risk from flooding, landslides, earthquakes and avalanches because of its mountainous terrain, geographic location and climatic conditions. Floods in 2014 resulted in 56 deaths, with approximately 30,000 houses damaged and 60,000 people affected in the eight (8) districts of Neelum, Hattian, Bagh, Poonch, Haveli, Kotli, Bhimber and Muzaffarabad (the "Northern Districts"). Extreme weather events have had an adverse impact on agriculture productivity and the average per capita income of the rural household. Landslides, mudslides, and rockslides throughout the Northern Districts cause frequent injuries, deaths, road closures, and can disrupt economic activities for months.

The National Assembly was informed that a new fast train would shortly be introduced from Margallah in Islamabad to Karachi. Parliamentary Secretary for Railways Dewan Ashiq Hussain Hokhari told the house during question hour that Mehran Express between Karachi-Mirpurkhas is also being restored. To another question, he said Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) project could not be revived due to encroachments and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is reluctant to fulfil its commitments about financial assistance due to delays. He said the project does not fall within the domain of the Pakistan Railways but it is ready to assist the provincial government for its revival.

To a supplementary, he said KCR project in Karachi and Orange Train project in Lahore are totally different and have no linkage with each other. Minister-in-Charge of Aviation Division told the house that the remaining work of New Islamabad International Airport is likely to be completed by October next year. He said as it would be a state-of-the-art facility having five level of security and efficient operational benefits, more international airlines are likely to commence their operations with consequential increase in international estimations. Minister for Education and Professional Training informed the house that 44 government officials and 106 faculty members and employees of universities were sent abroad for higher education during the last two financial years. To another question he said six thousand nine hundred and five foreign students were studying in Pakistani universities as of last year. The visiting Imam-e-Kaaba Sheikh Khalid al-Ghamdi witnessed proceedings of the National Assembly in Islamabad this evening. The Minister for Religious Affairs, Sardar Muhammad Yousaf said it is an honour for us that the Imam is visiting Pakistan and also witnessing the proceedings of the House. He said the Government and people of Pakistan have welcomed the Imam wherever he went during his current visit. Members representing different parties welcomed the Imam and assured that they would stand by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at this hour of trial. Members representing different parties welcomed the Imam and held out assurance that they would stand by the Kingdom at this hour of trial. The National Assembly adopted two unanimous resolutions expressing deep condolences over loss of lives in cyclonic rain in Peshawar yesterday and Nepalese earthquake. The house assured that it would ensure provision of all humanitarian aid to the victims of cyclone in Peshawar. It directed the Federal Government to provide assistance and aid to the KPK Government. Through other resolution, the house assured people of Nepal that people of Pakistan stand with them in the time of suffering and in providing all humanitarian assistance through government of Pakistan. The house was adjourned to meet again on 10:30 a.m.

Pak-Army Teams Take On Relief Works In Peshawar

Pakistan Herald, April 27, 2014

At Least 45 Dead As Rainstorm Hits KP

ARY News, April 27, 2015

\$7.4m USAID relief: Ready-to-use food for children 'untraceable'

Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

tomorrow.

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Army teams have kicked off relief works in rainstorm-hit areas of Peshawar, ARY News reported citing the DG Inter-Services Public Relations. DG ISPR, Major General Asim Salim Bajwa, in his message on micro blogging site Twitter, said that an emergency has been imposed at Combine Military Hospital (CMH) Peshawar, wherein Pak-Army doctors and paramedics are available to treat the injured. He said that the Pak-Army teams will assist the local administration in relief activities. Meanwhile, a spokesperson with the Bahria Town told that the Bahria Town administration has dispatched relief teams for affected masses. The teams included a mobile hospital, doctors and paramedics, he added. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the acting President Raza Rabbani have expressed immense grief over the loss of lives due to a windstorm followed by heavy rains in Peshawar and adjacent areas. The premier advised provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for taking immediate measures to console the affectees.

PESHAWAR: At least 45 people have been killed and nearly 150 injured due to heavy rains and windstorm in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) ARY News reported. As the unrelenting rain continued to pelt certain cities of KPK, mostly Nowshera, Charsadda and Peshawar, the death toll rose to 45 people in different incidents across the city. Hospitals were filled with the injured, as it continued to rain down during intervals. Poles, signboards and trees were uprooted by fierce winds blowing at the speed of 110km/hr. Numerous buildings also collapsed due to the thundering rain. The provincial capital, Peshawar, bore the brunt of the storm. Electricity and communication system throughout the city faced disruption, as Peshawar motorway also got damaged. Charsadda, Nowshera and neighboring areas were also affected by the rain and windstorm. Roofs of houses were blown away and buildings were razed to the ground by the deadly rain. According to earlier reports, severe storm hammered different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa including Peshawar, Charsadda and Naushera, followed by heavy rains on Sunday April 26, 2015. Roofs were blown off several houses as heavy winds hit parts of the province today, collapsing walls and poles there. As a consequence, at least 35 people were killed and nearly 150 injured in different incidents yesterday. However, officials of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) were reported absent and people were said to be carrying out relief activities on their own. Our correspondent told that so far 17 millimeter rain is recorded in Peshawar and adjacent areas, while heavy winds ran as high as 110 km/hr.

Imran calls CM Khattak: PTI chairman, Imran Khan telephoned Chief Minister Perviz Khattak and inquired about the recent situation in KP. He expressed immense grief over the loss of lives due to the calamity and advised the CM to ensure best medical facilities to the injured. Khan also extended his heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families.

Emergency at hospitals: Provincial authorities have imposed an emergency at all hospitals in affected areas. Police, rescue teams and people on their own are busy shifting the injured to hospitals.

Power cut & communication drop: Due to the storm and heavy rains, power cut is being witnessed in numerous areas, while communication systems also failed. However, concerned authorities are striving to restore power and communication links at the earliest.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal health ministry has sought an explanation from provincial governments especially from the Sindh government and its international donor agencies over the distribution of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF) supplies worth \$7.4 million for children suffering from chronic malnutrition across the country. Earlier in February last year USAID handed over 1,330 metric tons of RUTF supplies to Unicef to address the needs of 80,000 children suffering from acute malnutrition aged between six to 59 months by distributing it in coordination with the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination (NHSRC). "It is almost a year now and thus far the federal government has not received any details regarding the distribution of RUTF supplies from provincial governments and international donor agencies," said Dr Baseer Achakzai, Head of the Nutrition Directorate, Ministry of NHSRC.

Talking to The Express Tribune, he said the federal health ministry has called a meeting in the first week of May in Islamabad with the provincial government to seek details regarding the distribution of RUTF supplies. The focus of the meeting will be more on Sindh government in relation to the ongoing drought in Tharparkar where the situation is still worrisome, he said. "The federal government has no clue whether the children in Tharparkar have been given this ready-to-use food or not," he said. Meanwhile talking to The Express Tribune Pertab Shivani, executive director of Search, a local organisation working for the relief of famine-hit population in Tharparkar said the situation in the region is worsening instead of improving. So far this year around 231 children have reportedly died from chronic malnutrition and other related causes taking the death toll since March last year to this year to 2,455, he said. He said after March this year wheat has not been distributed among the people in the region and it has become very difficult to survive. Moreover, last year Sindh Chief Minister announced that all the families who had lost their children due to chronic malnutrition would be given Rs0.2 million but only 200 families were given only Rs0.1 million and the remaining 2000 families are still waiting to receive the promised cash, he said. When contacted Mustafa Khoso, tehsildar Mithi, Tharparkar said, the Sindh provincial government is making all-out efforts to improve the situation in the region and so far things are under control.

TORNADO AND WIDSTORM DAMAGES REPORT

PDMA KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA RELIEF RELATED UPDATES IN PESHAWAR DIVISION AS OF APRIL 30, 2015

ESTABLISHMENT OF PDMA RELIEF CAMPS

PDMA with the assistance of humanitarian partners has established 06 relief camps in worst hit areas of Peshawar Division as per following details:

District	Location of Camp	Partner Organization	Focal Person & Contact
Peshawar	Government High School PakhaGhulam	IDEA	Mr. Nafees ur Rehman, 0333-9283460
	Village Tawda	FRD	Mr. Hadi, 0345-9669376
	Village Yaseenabad near Budnai	BEST	Mr. Hamid Ali, 0301-8592738
	Dalazak Road	SRSP	Mr. Farman, 0334-9135125
	Opposite Seena Public School	PEACE	Mr. Khalil, 0333-5799116
Nowshera	Pabbi near Nadra Office AmanKot.		
Charsadda	Village Tarkha Union Council Hajizai, Charsadda	Islamaic Relief	Mr. Said Usman, 03008521566

The process of distribution of tokens amongst the affectees has started. The process of distribution of relief goods in the camps is expected to start from tomorrow. Affected public may contact the focal persons of relief camps on their mobile phones for any kind of assistance and help. PDMA Control Room may also be contacted at 091-9213845 & 091-9213959 in case of any query or help.

INFRASTRUCTURE RELATED DAMAGES

District	Name of Moza/Area	Houses Damages	
		Fully	Partially
Peshawar	Survey completed. Verification in process		
Charsadda	Survey completed. Verification in process		
Nowshera	Jalozai, Qasam, WazirGhari, Zakhai, Chowki Drab, Banda	91	1,064
	Mulhan, JalozaiMahal, Banda Sheikh Ismail, Kuri and KandiTaza Din		

PDMA has mobilized teams of humanitarian workers/volunteers in all three districts for detail assessment and verification of infrastructure related damages.

DEAD/INJURED TOLL

Deaths/causalities report did not vary during the past 24 hours and all figures as following remained the same as reported yesterday:

District	Died		Total	Injured		Total
	Male	Female		Children	Male	Female
Peshawar	12	19	31	69	78	56
Charsadda	6	5	11	-	12	9
Nowshera	4	3	7	-	20	23
Grand Total	22	27	49	69	110	88

FUNDS AVAILABILITY & DISBURSAL OF COMPENSATION AMOUNT

Additional funds amounting to Rs.36.500 million have been released to the district administration Peshawar, Charsadda and Nowshera as per detail given below:

Name of District	Funds Released (in Million)
Deputy Commissioner, Peshawar	Rs. 25.500
Deputy Commissioner, Nowshera	Rs. 6.400
Deputy Commissioner, Charsadda	Rs. 4.600

Details of payments made to affectees are given as under;

District	No. of Cheques Issued	Amount per Cheque	Total Amount Disbursed (in Rs.)
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Peshawar	12	300,000	3,600,000
Nowshera	7	300,000	2,100,000
Charsadda	6	300,000	1,800,000
Grand Total			7,500,000

Compensation rates as revised by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are given as under;

Dead	300,000
Full Damaged House of two rooms and above	100,000
Fully Damaged one room and fallen boundary wall	80,000
Fully Damaged one room only	50,000
Fallen Boundary wall only	30,000
Government of Sindh	Relief Items of Rs. 20 Million

RELIEF RELATED ACTIVITIES BY DIRECTORATE OF LIVESTOCK

Livestock and Dairy development relief activities in the rain/ thunderstorm affected districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 29.04.2015

Districts	No. of teams	No. of Mobile Veterinary Clinics	No. of Birds Vaccinated	No. of Animals Vaccinated	No. of Animals Treated	Mortality	No. of Animals Sprayed
Peshawar	3	1	311	233	364	3	188
Nowshera	2	1	174	430	143	15	73
Charsadda	2	1	142	188	353	-	241
Mardan	1	1	200	1,712	1,066	-	387
Total	8	4	827	2,563	1,926	18	889

OTHER RELIEF ACTIVITIES/ACTIONS BY PDMA/DISTRICT DISASTER MANAGEMENT UNITS (DDMUS)

Activity	Action By
Distribution of 880 Tents, 100 Blankets, 100 Hygiene Kits & 100 Mosquito Nets	PDMA through DDMU Peshawar
Distribution of 150 Degr on 26 & 27 th April	PDMA through DDMU Peshawar
Distribution of 350 Food Packages	DDMU Peshawar
Distribution of 21 Degr	DDMU Charsadda
Tents & Food Packages Distribution	-do-
Distribution of 30 Degr on 27 – 29 th April	DDMU Nowshera
Distribution of Tents & Food Packages	-do-
Supervisory Visits by DG & other PDMA Teams to affected areas of Peshawar Division	PDMA
District Administrations put on high alert	PDMA
Emergency declared in Hospitals	DDMUs Concerned

PDMA KP Special Report, http://www.pdma.gov.pk/recent_updates/Special%20Report%20on%2030.04.2015.pdf Published on 30-4-2015

NDMA UPDATES ON RELIEF PROVIDED IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AS OF APRIL 29, 2015

Details of relief provided are as under:

Districts	Tents	Blankets	Food Packs	Mosquito Nets	Hygiene Kits	Cooked Degr
Peshawar	880	100	350	100	100	150
Charsadda	5	-	-	-	-	21
Npwsheera	3	-	-	-	-	20

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DETAILS

FAISALABAD/LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Saturday that rural development, provision of potable water and overcoming the energy shortfall were the government's chief priorities. Sharif made the remarks during his eight-hour-long tour of Faisalabad. The chief minister reviewed several development projects and attended the ground-breaking ceremony of the Punjab Bio-Energy Institute and a girls' hostel for 1,000 students at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad during his tour. He said the Safe City Project would be replicated in Faisalabad, Rawalpindi, Multan and Gujranwala next year. Sharif said model cattle markets were being established across the province to eliminate the contractor mafia. The chief minister viewed the Canal Expressway project from the air and inspected progress on the Jhaal Chowk Underpass and Flyover on the occasion. Sharif said the Canal Expressway project had great economic significance for the people of the city. He said Rs6 billion would be spent on the initiative. Sharif said the three-lane expressway would stretch 25 kilometres. The chief minister said underpasses and flyovers would be constructed at important locations along the route of the expressway. He said five tehsils of Faisalabad would be linked to a motorway following the project's completion. Sharif said the project was a fitting gift for the people of the city. He ordered officers to complete the project as quickly as possible. A briefing regarding the project was also given to the chief minister on the occasion.

A number of lawmakers from Faisalabad also called on Sharif during his visit. Sharif told them that all resources were being used to secure citizens' lives and properties. Sharif said rural development, provision of potable water and overcoming the energy shortfall were the government's chief priorities while speaking at the ground-breaking of the institute and hostel at the UAF. He said agriculture constituted the backbone of the national economy. Sharif said the nation had been blessed with a plenty of resources including fertile land, all the four seasons and ingenious minds. He said poverty alleviation was inextricably linked to rural development. The chief minister said the government had initiated the farm-to-market roads project to remedy farmers' problems. He said citizens had been facing severe water problems. The chief minister said the problem was particularly acute in rural areas. He said this had resulted in a widespread proliferation of diseases. The chief minister said work on the provision of potable water in these areas was underway and would be completed in three years.

Sharif praised China for initiating the \$45 billion Pakistan-China Economic Corridor project. He said the project would help raise standards of living and open new avenues of trading and employment. Sharif urged students to learn Chinese. He said \$20 billion was being invested in the power sector to overcome the energy shortfall. The chief minister said development projects costing Rs10 billion had been initiated across Faisalabad to enable the provision of state-of-the-art facilities to citizens at their doorstep. He said the projects included the construction of the Canal Expressway, two underpasses, a hospital for children and the Haseeb Shahid Hospital. Sharif praised the UAF for being counted among the 100 best universities in the world. He expressed hope that the varsity would be counted among the world's 50 best universities in the following years. UAF Vice Chancellor Iqbal Ahmad Khan said the government had allocated record funds for the varsity in the last five years. He praised the initiatives taken by the government in the education, rural development and agriculture sectors.

RAHIM YAR KHAN: Members of a criminal gang kidnapped at least seven policemen on Sunday morning near Rahim Yar Khan, Express News reported. According to police, around 30 members of Chooto Bakhrani and Shiltoo gang attacked a check post in Ronti, an area on the Sindh-Punjab border. The abducted police officials included an assistant sub inspector and a head constable. Soon after the incident, District Police Officer Rahim Yar Khan Sohail Zafar Chatta arrived at the Mashtha police station and ordered the personnel to carry out a search operation in the area. He said that all efforts will be made to arrest the miscreants. For the past 20 days, Rahim Yar Khan police have been conducting an operation against the criminals in the city.

WEB DESK: At least 44 suspected militants were killed on Saturday in precise aerial strikes in North Waziristan and Khyber Agency. According to Inter Services Public Relations, 16, mostly foreign militants, were killed in Datta Khel area of North Waziristan. While 28 militants were killed in Tirah area of Khyber agency. On April 30, five months into the military operation in the troubled spots of the Khyber tribal region, the military claimed a 'huge success' after 'intense fighting' that left 27 terrorists dead.

The Khyber-II operation was launched in mid-October last year following reports that some militants had fled the ongoing military offensive in North Waziristan Agency to seek shelter in the strategic Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency. The army launched an offensive Operation Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan against militants in June 2014. Tirah Valley, which shares borders with the tribal agencies of Khurram and Orakzai and also with the eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, had become a stronghold of the banned extremist outfit Lashkar-e-Islam, led by its elusive chief Mangal Bagh Afridi. Bagh later announced the merger of his group with the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan.

PESHAWAR: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Friday it was the government's top priority to ensure establishment of peace because it was vital to make progress, prosperity and development in real terms. "We are striving to establish peace across the country as it will bring about prosperity, attract investment and help check poverty, unemployment and illiteracy," he said while addressing a ceremony held in Peshawar to distribute cheques among the families of rainstorm victims. The prime minister said he had just come from Khajuri checkpoint in Mirali area of North

Afghan refugees evicted

The Express Tribune, May 2, 2015

Police, CTD arrest two suspected terrorists with 320kg of explosives

The Express Tribune, May 2, 2015

DSP among three cops killed in Gulshan-e-Hadeed

Waziristan where he met internally displaced persons (IDPs) who were returning homes after spending about one year in camps because of the Zarb-i-Azb military operation. He said the sanctuaries of terrorists had been destroyed and eliminated in North Waziristan and peace restored there.

The prime minister said the Karachi operation was part of the government's efforts to eliminate terrorism from the country. "The people of Karachi are now more satisfied as the incidents of street crimes, terrorism, extortion and targeted killing have decreased. The lights of Karachi are being restored," he said, adding that with peace returning, a marked reduction in incidents of terrorism across the country was witnessed. Referring to the government's development agenda, Mr Sharif said the entire region would benefit from fast development of infrastructure and construction of roads and motorways network in the country. He mentioned the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project in this respect and said all the provinces as well as Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan would benefit from it. He said road networks would be established from Gwadar to Khunjerab and the former would be developed as an international city and there would be a lot of development in Balochistan. The prime minister said LNG (liquefied natural gas) would be used to generate electricity which would help eliminate loadshedding. "For achieving all this, peace is an important factor," he said and vowed to tackle all challenges, including terrorism and energy problems. He said Pakistan had rendered immense and unmatched sacrifices in the war against terrorism and lost lives of thousands of innocent people, civil and armed forces personnel and even political figures. Besides, he added, economy had suffered a lot and incurred losses of \$100 billion over the past few years. The prime minister stressed that focusing on internal and external matters was important to achieve success. He highlighted the importance of good relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan and said the two countries should enhance cooperation to fight and eliminate terrorism from the region. Expressing grief and sorrow over the losses and damages caused by the mini-cyclone in Peshawar division, he said the entire nation stood by the affected families in this hour of trials and tribulations. "We all equally share our grief and sorrow with the families who lost their near and dear ones in the natural calamity." The prime minister said cash compensation was no alternative to the life, but it could help soothe sufferings and miseries of the victims to some extent. He praised the provincial authorities for relief and rescue efforts after the rain-storms.

Earlier, Peshawar Division Commissioner Munir Azam said the mini-cyclone, which played havoc in Peshawar, Charsadda and Nowshera districts, had claimed 49 lives, injured 267 people and damaged 8,827 houses and other infrastructure. He said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government also provided relief, including medical treatment, to the affected families. Later, Prime Minister Sharif distributed compensation cheques of Rs. 500,000 each among 24 heirs of victims of the thunderstorm. KP Governor Sardar Mehtab Abbasi, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak, Minister for States and Frontier Regions retired Lt Gen Abdul Qadir Baloch, Political Secretary to the PM Dr Asif Kirmani, Benazir Income Support Programme Chairperson Marvi Memon and parliamentarians attended the ceremony.

IDPS' RETURN: Earlier, addressing the IDPs of North Waziristan upon their return to their native areas, Prime Minister Sharif lauded their sacrifices and said the government would provide all resources for their rehabilitation in their areas. "We will provide resources for the reconstruction of your houses. It is our duty as you have shown courage and tolerance and given sacrifices for the establishment of peace in the area." The process of IDPs' return to their homes has been continuing since March. The prime minister said schools, colleges and hospitals would be constructed in the area so that local people have health and education facilities on doorsteps. He praised the services and sacrifices of the officers and jawans of the armed forces for eliminating terrorism, establishing peace in tribal areas and looking after the IDPs during their temporary stay in camps. He said the government and the armed forces would ensure security of the people returning to their homes as well as their areas. He said he would also visit North Waziristan soon and meet the people of the area. Later, the prime minister distributed gifts among the IDPs who were returning to their homes. Chief of the Army Staff General Raheel Sharif was present on the occasion.

PESHAWAR: The district administration demolished an Afghan refugee camp at Pajjagi Road on Friday. Around 1,200 houses were razed to the ground during the drive. Peshawar DC Riaz Mehsud told journalists the deadline to evacuate the camp was April 30. After the deadline went by unmet, Assistant Commissioner Fawad Khan, Additional Assistant Commissioner Muhammad Shoaib, Peshawar Afghan Refuge Administrator Saddique Ahmad and local police reached the site on Friday and directed the refugees to vacate their houses. All construction, which was on approximately 500 kanals of land, was then demolished. Mehsud explained nearly 1,200 houses had been constructed on valuable land. The DC said local police officials were directed to cordon off the area using barbed wire after the eviction and to restrict anyone from settling back on the land. Those who try to violate this will be arrested, added Mehsud. Officials of the DC's office could not be contacted for comments on alternative arrangements made for these refugees.

PESHAWAR: Two suspected terrorists were arrested from the provincial capital on Friday. Acting on a tip-off, the police and counter-terrorism department (CTD) raided a house in City Town, Paharipura and arrested both men. They were Afghan nationals and were allegedly involved in the assembly of explosive devices. At least 30 bags of explosives, 11 detonators, 72 prima-cords, a bag of urea nitrate, 62 electronic cables, a UPS and a toy bomb were found in the house. Other equipment used to manufacture explosive devices was also found on the premises. "This is an important development as the group was involved in recent attacks on law-enforcement agencies in the city," a police official told *The Express Tribune*. According to the official, both terrorists have been shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. "We hope to identify other members of the gang during the investigation process," he added.

KARACHI: A deputy superintendent of police and two constables serving as his security guard and driver were gunned down in Gulshan-e-Hadeed on Friday morning. The Tehreek-e-Taliban

The News, May 2, 2015

PEMRA Bars TV Channels from Telecasting Hateful Speeches

Pakistan Tribune, May 2, 2015

For peace: Entire nation is united against terrorism, says CM

The Express Tribune, May 1, 2015

Pakistan has claimed responsibility for the attack. DSP Abdul Fateh Sanghri, 55, who was a sub-divisional police officer in Bin Qasim and lived in Steel Town, was heading towards the Gulshan-e-Hadeed market in his car when around five or six men riding motorcycles fired gunshots at his vehicle. Steel Town SHO Mohammad Haroon Korai said the DSP, his security guard, constable Mohammed Farooq, and driver, constable Nazeer, were rushed to the Jinnah hospital where they were pronounced dead. IGP Ghulam Hyder Jamali and DIG East Munir Ahmed Sheikh reached to the scene and ordered a thorough inquiry into the incident. The IGP told reporters that the DSP's murder was probably in response to the law enforcement agencies' ongoing crackdown against criminals. Replying to a query, Jamali said SSP Rao Anwaar had played an important role in the operation against terrorists and other criminals.

The DSP's autopsy report revealed that he had suffered nine bullet wounds to his upper torso. Constables Farooq and Nazeer had each suffered eight bullet wounds. DIG Munir Sheikh told The News that empty bullet shells of 9mm pistols were found at the scene. He added that the attackers had also taken away the official sub-machine gun of the DSP's security guard. "We have recorded the statements of witnesses and trying to develop the assailants' sketches with their help," he said. "We are also going through the CCTV footage captured by the cameras installed near the crime scene." The DIG said the police had managed to find some solid leads and were working on them. Counter-terrorism department chief Raja Umer Khattab told The News that the assailants' modus operandi confirmed the involvement of a banned outfit in the attack. "The terrorists knew exactly where the DSP was headed and that means that they had been monitoring his movements for some time," he said.

The funeral prayers of constables Farooq and Nazeer were offered at the police's Saudabad headquarters. The DSP's heirs took away his body from the Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth to his hometown in Pir Jo Goth, Dadu. DSP Abdul Fateh Sanghri had joined the Sindh police as an ASI in 1983, and was promoted to the rank of DSP on March 21. He was going to be promoted as an SP during an upcoming departmental promotion committee meeting. He was the younger brother of retired IGP Bachal Sanghri and SP Sukkur Abdul Ahad Sanghri. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has condemned the murder of the DSP and the two constables and offered his condolences to their families. Ordering an inquiry into the attack, he said restoring peace in Karachi was his government's topmost priority.

Search operation

Later in the evening, the law enforcement agencies conducted a search operation in Bin Qasim. According to a statement, the search operation was conducted under the supervision of two SSPs, four DSPs, 12 SHOs, 80 commandos of the special security unit, three platoons from the police headquarters, paramilitary soldiers and personnel from the Malir Constabulary.

ISLAMABAD: Issuing a new advice to TV channels in the wake of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) chief Altaf Hussain's recent criticism on security institutions, the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) on Friday barred them from broadcasting hateful speeches against national security and integrity. According to reports, PEMRA, in an advice issued to TV channels under section 27 of the PEMRA Amendment Act 2007, has stated that the broadcasting of any spiteful material against judiciary, Pakistan Army or any other security institutions is strictly prohibited. The federal government, in a letter written to Acting Chairman PEMRA Pervez Rathore, had expressed deep concern over the live telecast of MQM chief's derogatory remarks against security institutions by some media channels and sought stern action against them.

In the letter, written by federal Information Secretary Mohammad Azam on the directives of Information Minister Senator Pervaiz Rashid, the government had also asked not to allow live broadcast of hateful speeches by political leaders. The regulatory body, subsequently, issued showcase notices to 14 news channels late on Friday night. PEMRA spokesperson, in a statement issued to media, said that the channels have been directed to only broadcast a live address after making sure that the national security institutions would not be targeted and demeaned in it.

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Thursday the National Action Plan had yielded positive results. "The entire nation has taken a united stand against terrorists. There is no room for terrorism and sectarianism in the country," the chief minister told a meeting with assembly members from various districts. He said the government was doing its best to steer the country out of crisis. He said all-out efforts were being made to raise the citizens' standards of living. A number of programmes have been started for the welfare of the poor, he said. Sharif said a large number of people were benefiting from such schemes, including the Metro Bus Service in Lahore, the educational endowment fund and the Apna Rozgar programme. He said billions of rupees had been spent on the provision of education, health and transport services.

He said the government was focusing on the development of infrastructure. The Khadim-i-Punjab Rural Roads Programme has been launched to construct and repair rural roads, the chief minister said. "Public funds are being spent for people's welfare," he said. The chief minister said development projects were being completed speedily and in a transparent manner. "A corruption-free culture is being promoted. Even our opponents have been unable to level allegations of corruption against us," he said. Sharif said Chinese President Xi Jinping's recent visit to Pakistan would prove a game changer for the regional economy. He said projects worth \$46 billion had been announced during the visit. The investment would bring about prosperity in Pakistan, he said. The chief minister said completing energy projects on time was the government's priority. He said the outcome of recent cantonment board elections was a strong reply to those who had been calling the 2013 general elections rigged. "People have chosen those who serve them instead of those who are known for agitation," Sharif said. Participants of the meeting congratulated the chief minister on securing the Chinese investments and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's victory in the cantonment board elections.

Protest: Tribesmen decry unfair treatment by political administration officials

The Express Tribune, May 1, 2015

National Action Plan is yielding positive results: Shahbaz

Daily Times, May 1, 2015

Pakistan to seek extradition of top Baloch insurgents

The Express Tribune, April 30, 2015

LANDI KOTAL: Scores of tribesmen from Landikotal and its surrounding areas held a demonstration on Thursday to protest the "indifferent attitude" of senior officials of the Landikotal political administration. Tribal elders and representatives of traders, shopkeepers and transporters gathered at Bacha Khan Chowk and then proceeded to Landikotal Press Club shouting slogans against Assistant Political Agent Muhammad Tayyab, political tehsildar and other officials. The protesting tribesmen complained that officials are more unjust and indifferent towards them than any of their predecessors. "These officials mint money in the name of taxes and if we refuse, we are put behind bars," a protester said. The agitated tribesmen passed a resolution in the protest rally, demanding that the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa governor take notice of problems tribesmen were facing, and replace the political administration officials at the earliest. They threatened to hold a similar protest in Peshawar if their demands remain unheard. Members of Afridi, Shinwari, Shalmani and Mullagori tribes took part in the rally.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that effective implementation of National Action Plan against terrorism is yielding positive results and the whole nation has displayed unprecedented unity for the eradication of this menace. He said that a decisive action is being taken against terrorists and their facilitators. He said that there is no room for extremism, terrorism and sectarianism in the country and 180 million people of Pakistan will root out terrorism with the force of unity and transform the country into a haven of peace and tranquillity. He was talking to Assembly Members of various districts who met him, here today. The Chief Minister said that Pakistan Muslim League-N government is striving to steer the country out of quagmire of problems and is providing relief to the masses in the real sense. He said that every effort is being made to raise the living standard of the deprived segments of the society and a number of programme are being implemented successfully for the welfare and uplift of the poor and less-privileged people. He said that a large number of people are benefiting from metro bus service, educational fund, self-employment scheme, Apna Rozgar programme and other public welfare projects. The Chief Minister said that PML-N is serving the people of the province selflessly for the last seven years and this process will continue in future as well.

He said that billions of rupees are being spent on education and health sectors, potable water projects and provision of modern transport facilities to the citizens. He said that special attention is being paid to the development of infrastructure in the province and a splendid project for the construction and rehabilitation of rural roads has been started under Khadim-e-Punjab Daihi Roads Programme. Shahbaz Sharif said that funds are the trust of the masses and are being spent on their progress and uplift. He said that all development projects are being completed speedily and transparently while a high standard of construction is also being maintained as it is the policy of Punjab government. He said that a corruption-free culture has been promoted in the province and even the opponents of the government cannot level allegation of corruption of a single penny in this regard. The Chief Minister further said that the visit of Chinese President to Pakistan was a game changer and the historic economic package of 46 billion dollars given by China will usher in a new era of progress and prosperity in the country. He said that no effort will be spared for the speedy completion of energy projects and the promise to remove darkness from the country will be fulfilled under the leadership of Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif.

He said that the results of Local Bodies elections in Cantonment Boards have given a befitting reply to those who were leveling allegations of rigging in Elections 2013. He said that people have elected those who could serve them selflessly while rejected the elements who believed in the politics of protest. Assembly members congratulated Chief Minister on the economic package of 46 billion dollars given by China and the thumping success of PML-N in Local Bodies elections. They expressed the confidence that the serious efforts of the PML-N leadership to resolve energy crisis will be successful. Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that labourers play a key role in strengthening of economy and the targets of development cannot be achieved without prosperity and empowerment of labourers as well as giving them a respectable status in the society. He said that International Labour Day is celebrated to pay homage to the supreme sacrifices of martyrs of Chicago and there is a need to pledge on this occasion that no effort will be spared for the welfare of labourers and protection of their genuine rights. In a message on International Labour Day, the Chief Minister said that due to the heroic struggle and unprecedented sacrifices of labourers they were granted those rights which had been denied to them for centuries. He said that Islam declares labourer as a friend of Allah and as such acknowledges his dignity. Shahbaz Sharif said that Punjab government is taking solid measures for the welfare of labourers and workers and set up labour colonies, social security hospitals and dispensaries besides quality educational institutions for their children. He said that labourers are fully benefiting from the labour-friendly policies of the government and the measures for the welfare and uplift of labourers will continue in future as well.

ISLAMABAD: The government is all set to approach five countries and the United Nations to seek extradition of top Baloch insurgents accused of fomenting unrest in Balochistan which has been in the throes of a low-profile separatist insurgency since 2006. The security agencies have identified 161 training camps of Baloch insurgents, nearly two dozen of them are believed to be located in Afghanistan and two in Iran. "We are taking up the issue of Baloch insurgents with five countries [India, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Iran and Afghanistan]," said a top security official, who did not want to be named in this report. Dr Allah Nazar, Hyrbyair Marri, Brahmdagh Bugti, Javed Mengal and some other wanted insurgents are commanding their fighters in the province, he added. Hyrbyair Marri, the head of the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), has been living in self-exile in the United Kingdom where he has been granted political asylum. The BLA has been responsible for most violence in Balochistan.

Army chief General Raheel Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan had taken up Marri's issue with British officials and sought his repatriation to Pakistan, the security official said. Brahmdagh Bugti, the founder of the Baloch Republican Army (BRA), has been living in

Army chief vows to crush all mafias' in Karachi

Daily Times, April 29, 2015

FC arrest 4 suspected terrorists in Quetta search operation

The Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

Manning Mohmand: 195 levies personnel complete training conducted by PMA

The Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

British PM Cameron hails Pakistan's efforts in terror war

The News, April 28, 2015

Switzerland seeking political asylum. The BRA has been involved in attacks on security forces, national installations and civilians in Balochistan. The security official said Islamabad through diplomatic channels was also in contact with Swiss authorities to bring Brahmdagh back to Pakistan. "The Afghan government has assured Pakistan its full support to stop Baloch insurgents from operating from its soil," he added. The government has requested Iran through its Deputy Foreign Minister Hassan Qashqavi to make maximum efforts to block the influence of some Baloch separatists operating from Iranian soil, he added. "Pakistan is considering taking up the issue of Indian involvement in Balochistan unrest at the United Nations," he added. Earlier this month, the government quietly expanded the scope of a targeted military operation in Balochistan with the consent of the provincial government in an effort to dismantle the training camps of insurgents, the security official said. "We have expanded the military operation in Balochistan."

The paramilitary Frontier Corps is assisting the military in targeted operations against separatists. "IGFC Balochistan Maj Gen Sher Afgun had briefed Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on such operations earlier this week," he added. The expansion of the operation came under the National Action Plan against terrorism, which is being executed by the armed forces across the country to wipe out militancy from the country, another senior official of the interior ministry told The Express Tribune. The FC has been tasked to expedite operations against anti-state elements as well as to enhance border security, security of important places and state properties, said the official who is familiar with the meeting between the IGFC and Chaudhry Nisar. The IGFC also floated the idea of bringing police from Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar and Lahore under the federal government for the time being to restore peace in the country's metropolitan cities, he added. "The IGFC also requested the interior minister for more funds to expand the scope of the operation."

ISLAMABAD: Army chief General Raheel Sharif vowed on Wednesday to finish 'all mafias' in Karachi and made it clear that across the board and indiscriminate operation in the port city would continue till its logical conclusion. During his visit to the Corps Headquarters in Karachi, the army chief said the ongoing operation in Karachi was bringing relief in terms of target killings and extortion, Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Major-General Asim Bajwa quoted him as saying on Twitter. General Raheel said restoring peace in Karachi was a top priority as it would help revive economic activities and bring relief to the people. "We will continue to work with the people and the government to finish all mafias," he said. General Raheel also appreciated the efforts of law enforcement agencies, including Rangers for a holding a peaceful by-election in NA-246.

'Recent killings indicate design'

General Raheel termed the recent target killings, including human rights activist Sabeen Mahmud as planned. "Latest pattern of killings in Karachi indicates a design, which needs to be checked," he said, directing intelligence agencies and Rangers to "trace out, apprehend and expose perpetrators." The army chief expressed his satisfaction over intelligence input and progress so far achieved in the operation in Karachi.

QUETTA: Frontier Corps arrested one "most wanted" terrorist along with four suspected criminals on Wednesday morning in the Ghahi Khan Chowk near Sariab road in Quetta, officials said. Acting on a tip-off, the suspected militants were arrested during an FC search operation in the area. Meanwhile, in Pasni, upon receiving intelligence reports, officials arrested three suspected militants. Further investigation into the matter is currently underway.

GHALLANAI: Around 195 Pakistan Military Academy (PMA)-trained levies personnel attended their passing out parade at Ghallanai, the headquarters of Mohmand Agency on Tuesday. This is the first time in Fata that levies personnel have been trained by the military academy. Frontier Corps (FC) Commandant Major General Tayyab Azam was the chief guest, while North Sector Commander Brigadier Ziaul Islam and other high ranking military and civilian officials were present. On the occasion, 195 levies officials, who were trained in different categories such as traffic control, bomb disposal, Quick Response Force, VIP protocol and intelligence, passed the training. FC commandant Major General Azam inspected the march past and distributed medals to those who topped their bomb disposal, physical education, drill and firing training.

He administered oaths to the jawans and praised the sacrifices rendered by FC personnel, khasadars, levies and tribal elders in the fight against militancy. He was confident that militancy would soon be uprooted thanks to their efforts. The commandant said Mohmand tribal maliks played a pivotal role in eliminating terrorism from the agency. He added the sacrifices of as many as 600 tribal leaders and 100 Mohmand levies and khasadar officials has brought peace to Ghallanai. He said the nation recognised such sacrifices and would soon eliminate the scourge of terrorism from the country. Mohmand Agency Political Agent Waqar Ali Khan later told the media that no-go areas have ceased to exist in the agency. He added polio teams were now visiting all parts of the agency which shows peace had been restored.

Visit to Bajaur

Major General Azam also visited Bajaur Agency where he took part in the passing out parade of around 400 scouts who had completed their training. Beside others, North Sector Commander Brigadier Ziaul Islam, Political Agent Mohmand Agency and Bajaur Count Commandant Mir Ameer Ali were present. Also in attendance were a large number of tribal elders.

LONDON: British Prime Minister David Cameron has praised Pakistan's efforts in the war against terror and said everyone has to play a role to eliminate the 'cancer' of terrorism. In an exclusive interview with Geo News correspondent Asif Dar, the British Premier said, "There is a need for joint efforts to cope with terrorism." He added UK was assisting Pakistan in the military operation Zarb-e-Azb. Cameron said recently he held a meeting with Pakistani PM Nawaz Sharif in a pleasant atmosphere. He went on to say that IS and other terror groups were twisting teachings of Islam,

Peace in and around Pakistan top priority: Army chief

The Express Tribune, April 28, 2015

'Good year in Pakistan': Dutch stand by Pakistan in war on terror, says envoy

The Express Tribune, April 28, 2015

Security forces must adopt coherent strategy to meet challenges: Nisar

Dunya News, April 27, 2015

adding that every segment of society has to play its role to distant the Muslim youth away from these organisations.

WEB DESK: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif said on Tuesday peace in and around the country is the army's top priority, in the country. "Peaceful environment in and around the country is the army's top priority," Director General ISPR quoted the army chief as saying on Twitter. Addressing army officers at Bahawalpur Cantt, General Raheel said stability was returning to FATA as a result of the military operation. "Can't take focus away from targeting terrorism in FATA, breaking their linkages in rest of country," the army chief said. The army chief paid tribute to the resilience, professionalism and the sacrifices of armed forces in the continuing operation against militants. General Raheel said no challenge was impossible, saying that Pakistan's greatest asset – the youth – should be encouraged. Pakistan's armed forces are fighting the Taliban militants in the tribal belt as part of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, which began in June 2014.

ISLAMABAD: The Dutch government has assured Pakistan that it stands ready to work with the country in the fight against extremism. Its top diplomat in Pakistan, Marcel de Vink, pointed out that the improved security situation will help in attracting new investors to the country. "It is not an easy task and the fight against extremism will be long and hard. But Pakistan is not on its own, the Netherlands stands ready to work with Pakistan in this field," Marcel de Vink, ambassador of the Netherlands, told *The Express Tribune* during an interview on the occasion of the King's Day celebration marked as a 'Good year in Pakistan'. "Improving the security situation will be helpful in attracting new investors," he said, adding that as Pakistan's exports to the Netherlands have increased 24% in the past six months, the focus had to shift from aid to trade for further improving the bilateral trade and investment in Pakistan. The envoy recalled that the Netherlands had recognised Pakistan very early and established an embassy in Karachi in 1948. Since then, he said, as the Dutch grew to be among the 20 biggest economies in the world, it has also become the 9th largest trading partner of Pakistan.

Vink said while security challenges are well known to foreign investors they are also aware of encouraging steps taken by Islamabad in the fight against terrorism and extremism from which the country and its people have suffered so much. "Looking back," he said, "It has certainly been a good year for Pakistan-Dutch relations. Our trade figures went up considerably," adding that Dutch demand for Pakistani textiles has increased by almost a third while planeloads of Dutch dairy cattle have started to arrive in Pakistan. The envoy said an agricultural trade mission and the Dutch minister for Development Cooperation and International Trade are also scheduled to return to Pakistan soon. The Netherlands government is not just focusing on strengthening the economic relationship between the two countries but also actively extending its efforts in areas such as human rights and building technical and vocational training centres for reproductive health and rights. "I strongly believe in a broad relationship between both our countries," he said. The Netherlands will also continue to engage with the government of Pakistan and civil society in the area of women empowerment, human rights and labour rights in the context of GSP Plus," he added.

Marcel de Vink said in the recent years, a series of high level engagement between Amsterdam and Islamabad has resulted in ties flourishing between the two. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had visited the northwestern European country last year for the nuclear security summit and premiers of the two nations also met in September in New York, he added. He went on to say that where high level political engagement was important, the relations between the two countries were shaped with an increased people-to-people contact. Vink had visited Pakistan for the first time in 2005 as a tourist. "I was drawn to the country and wanted to see for myself. It was a great experience," he recalled. At the dinner reception hosted in Islamabad to celebrate the King's Day, Vink said the many positive results of the past year would not have been possible without the countless friends of the Netherlands in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has on Monday advised all the security agencies to adopt a coherent strategy to meet challenges, reported *Dunya News*. Heading a high level meeting on security in Islamabad, Chaudhry Nisar was briefed on security forces' performance, problems and recommendations to improve their performance. Stressing upon improving cohesion among the security agencies, Interior Minister said that all will have to work together to meet security challenges. He said that the civil security institutions were doing a good job in guarding the life and property of the common people. Nisar said that he salutes the police officers who embraced martyrdom while performing their duties. He said that he was fully aware of the problems faced by the security agencies. "I consider the expenditure on security as investment in the security. Government has allocated Rs. 30 billion for security this year", he said. Expressing complete confidence in the leadership of the civil armed forces, Interior Minister said that the media and the general public must be kept informed about the success achieved by the security institutions. The meeting was attended by DG Anti-Narcotics, IG FC Balochistan, IG FC Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, DG Rangers Sindh, DG Rangers Punjab, DG Coast Guards, DG Scouts Gilgit-Baltistan, DG Civil Defence and officials of the interior ministry.

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ISLAMABAD: The country's economic managers were hesitant to revoke an oil supply contract between Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC), which has been accused of causing delay in bringing oil shipments, leading to its shortage in the country. The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet, in a meeting held on April 23, discussed the row between the two state-owned companies and constituted a committee comprising secretaries of petroleum, finance, law and ports and shipping to address the matter, say officials aware of the development. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar asked the secretaries of ports and shipping and law and justice to resolve the issue between the two companies. "I don't want to put PNSC in the privatisation list by letting PSO lose its business following cancellation of the contract between them," Dar said. In the meeting, PNSC said it had the capacity to bring 23 million tons of oil products from abroad annually and was handling 5 million tons for PSO.

The Ministry of Petroleum told the ECC that PNSC delayed 40 oil ships, which sparked problems for PSO in smooth supply of oil in the country. In a summary sent to the ECC, the ministry held PNSC responsible for petrol shortage that hit Punjab and other parts of the country earlier this year. It said the shipping company was utilising carriers of other companies to bring oil consignments for PSO, which was a clear violation of the federal government's instructions, and asked the ECC to implement the actual decisions taken by the government in 2012. The ministry sought permission to allow PSO to import oil through a bidding process and ensure uninterrupted and smooth supply of oil. Earlier, the ECC meeting held on November 22, 2012 allowed PNSC to bring oil supplies for PSO with the condition that whenever the shipping company had no carrier of its own, it would issue a no-objection certificate to the cargo importer. As a result, a contract was signed between PSO and PNSC in 2012 followed by an addendum dated January 8, 2013 for the transportation of premier motor gasoline and furnace oil. However, the petroleum ministry told the ECC last month that the oil marketing company had raised objections in relation to the business relations with PNSC. Because of an inadequate fleet and fewer vessels, PNSC chartered vessels from other shipping companies for the transportation of oil products, which was a violation of the guidelines given by the ECC, it said. "This practice leads to frequent disturbances and operational issues in the supply chain, due in part to the delay in reporting of PNSC vessels at respective ports," the ministry said. "A major reason for the fuel crisis in the country was the late arrival of two PNSC tankers despite timely establishment of letters of credit by PSO." One vessel was loaded with oil on January 12, though its arrival in Karachi was due January 6 and 8. It arrived on 15th of the month. Another vessel was supposed to reach the loading port in Singapore between January 3 and 5, which was also delayed and reached there on January 15. It subsequently arrived in Karachi on January 28 instead of January 16.

Work on twenty-four hundred megawatt coal based power plant is underway at Thar Coal Field at a cost of two billion dollars. Our Karachi correspondent Altaf Pirzado reports that the project is a joint venture of Sindh Engro Coal Company and the Sindh government and has also been brought under the umbrella of Pak-China economic corridor. The project is expected to become operational by 2017. Official sources informed that exploration of the Thar Coal has been accelerated to meet the national energy requirements. They said if Thar Coal is fully tapped and utilized it will help in overcoming current national energy crisis in the country.

KARACHI: In a major development, the government has appointed Elengy Terminal's CEO Sheikh Imranul Haque as the new managing director of Pakistan State Oil (PSO), triggering a debate in the industry about merits and demerits of the decision. "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif considered his name and approved it on Thursday night," two different industry sources close to the PM Secretariat told The Express Tribune.

The tenure of the previous PSO MD Shahid Islam expired on April 30. He had been heading Pakistan's largest fuel marketing company on a temporary basis since the government changed the management earlier this year following petrol shortage crisis, which was particularly severe in Punjab. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources sent a summary containing three names for the prime minister to consider on April 27, said Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Resources. "I cannot divulge these names. That is confidential information and something for the prime minister to decide," he said. "But Sidat Hyder (the management consulting firm) head hunted six people for us and we forwarded three names." Industry sources, including PSO officials, say the other top contender was Wasi Khan, who oversees Byco's oil trading business. Third person on the list was Qaiser Jamal, a former Byco official who is widely respected in the crude refining industry. The other three men recommended by Sidat Hyder included Irfan Qureshi, former managing director of PSO, Sohail Wajahat, who for a long time led Siemen's business in Pakistan and Shahrukh Hasan, the Group Managing Director of Jang and Geo TV. As the news of the high-profile appointment reached Karachi, anxiety spread among employees of state-owned PSO. "This is a terrible situation. Five managing directors have come and gone in as many years. We have lost sight of our strategic targets," remarked an employee. Imranul Haque's appointment is of particular concern for many. He comes from a private company, which has its fate closely linked to PSO. Engro's subsidiary Elengy Terminal Pakistan Limited inaugurated the country's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in March. Its purpose is only to operate the terminal whereas the government has designated PSO to arrange LNG shipments, which is a multi-million-dollar programme. Despite repeated attempts Haque did not respond to phone calls and messages.

Pakistan's largest company in terms of revenue, PSO has been dragged into the LNG business

Workers To Take To Street Today For Gas, Electricity

Dunya News, May 1, 2015

despite resistance from senior employees. "We must continue to focus on our core petroleum marketing business. There is so much potential in lubricant business and no company other than PSO with its 3,600 retail outlets can exploit it," a senior employee said.

Not a bad choice: But another senior PSO official said Haque might not be a bad choice, especially considering the need to immediately import LNG to counter the crippling energy shortage. "No one should doubt Haque's integrity. He rose among others in Engro and that should be enough about the man's credibility," the official said. Industry people also say Haque's appointment should not come as a surprise for those closely following the news surrounding the LNG terminal. The fact that the fast-track LNG project became operational despite so many hurdles is a testimony of support it had from the petroleum minister.

This is the first gas import project to see the light of day since efforts aimed at bringing LNG supplies began in 2005. All the previous projects were consumed by allegations of bad governance. Nevertheless, issues remain in the LNG supply chain. PSO imports almost all the furnace oil, which is used to run power plants. That involves hundreds of billions of rupees that often get stuck in the inter-corporate circular debt. "But at least PSO knows who owes the money and how much. All of that can be recorded on books. As things are at the moment, that's not the case with LNG," said the official.

LAHORE: The working class all over the world will commemorate the Labour Day on Friday (today) by staging rallies and holding meetings to pay a homage to Chicago martyrs while workers in Pakistan will take to street primarily for electricity and gas, non-availability of which has rendered hundreds of thousands of them jobless. Lack of recognition on the part of the government, denial of fundamental right of freedom of association besides the law and order situation will include the other challenges the working class will be highlighting during their May Day engagements. Electricity and gas outages resulted in partial or complete closure of scores of industrial units, especially in the textile sector. The situation also slowed down the economic growth, increasing unemployment rate to an alarming level. "Trade union is the basis of democracy but it has not been given its due recognition though it has always been on the forefront in every movement," says trade union leader Khurshid Ahmed.

The present regime has completed two years in office but it has yet to take measures to ensure fundamental rights of workers, especially women. There should have been measures to revive tripartite labour conference, include rural or agricultural sector workers in the minimum wages mechanism and revival of independent factory inspection machinery. Ironically, measures have also not been taken to ensure provision of free and uniform education to each child, jobs to the youth and 'decent' working conditions and rational wages to the workers along with social protection against sickness, accidents, old-age, elimination of abuse of child and bonded labour in society, says Mr Ahmed.

All Pakistan Workers Confederation President Rubina Jamil says a demonstration will be staged in front of Alhamra on The Mall on Friday to commemorate the historic struggle of the Chicago martyrs. She says the government should introduce measures for social and economic uplift of women who constitute more than half of the population, by ensuring equal opportunities of education and employment, elimination of discrimination against them and enforcement of the principle of equal pay for equal work. Pakistan, she says, has been a signatory to 36 conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). However, the government has yet to formulate laws in conformity with the eight core ILO conventions. Bonded Labour Liberation Front Pakistan Secretary-General Syeda Ghulam Fatima says a massive rally will be staged outside the Dyal Singh Mansion on The Mall that will pass through Charing Cross and culminate in front of a banquet hall near Mozang Chungi where a seminar will be held. "Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo, National Party president, and provincial minister Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman will be key speakers at the seminar on "GSP Plus Status and compliance of labour standards," she says. All Pakistan Trade Union Federation Information Secretary Yasir Gulzar says the workers will march from the federation office in Gulberg industrial area up to the Punjab Assembly building against "capitalism and exploitation besides for safe working conditions and dignity of work. May Day is a day to analyse the struggle of workers and trade unions for emancipation and what they gained and what they lost; to think over how to move forward against imperialist and capitalist oppression."

CNG dealers demand gas supply

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015

RAWALPINDI: The CNG dealers have called upon the government to start the supply of gas to the filling stations in Punjab which remained closed for the last six months. "Due to the closure of the filling stations, the CNG dealers in Punjab are faced with bankruptcy. The government had promised to resume the supply of gas to the CNG sector on March 15 but did not keep its promise," said Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha of the All Pakistan CNG Association at a press conference here on Thursday. He said the suspension of the gas supply to the CNG stations was contributing to the increased oil import bills, pollution and unemployment besides hurting the investment climate. He said the prime minister had assured the citizens that no one would have to take to the streets to get their issues resolved but this promise was also not materialised. Mr Paracha said a powerful lobby wanted to frustrate the plans of the government to resolve the energy crisis through the import of LNG by fixing high prices of the commodity which was discouraging the private sector. "The conspiracy is aimed at giving undue benefit to some influential people at the cost of the country," he said, adding the absence of transparency had resulted in apprehensions that the LNG import project would fail. He said the private sector was ready to import and use LNG to overcome the energy crisis. He said gas shortfall stood at 200 mcmcf, pipelines had the capacity for additional gas and regasification unit in Karachi was operational but even then the import of LNG was being delayed.

Pakistan's anti-polio efforts praised

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015

ISLAMABAD: 'Sehat Ka Ittehad' — the joint campaign being run by the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Pakistan Army and Fata Secretariat — saved the day for Pakistan at the 12th meeting of the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), which was held in Abu Dhabi on

Patients protest 'indifferent' doctors at BVH

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015

Medical camp for journalists, families

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015

Minister orders repair of faulty ACs at LRH

Daily Dawn, April 30, 2015

Three liver transplant centres in Sindh by June

The Statesman, April 30, 2015

KP govt not providing health facilities to injured: Mian Iftikhar

The Statesman, April 30, 2015

Electricity Shortfall Widens To 4300 MW

Dunya News, April 30, 2015

Energy Crisis? Shahbaz Has It Handled!

Pakistan Today, April 30, 2015

Wednesday. For the first time in recent years, the IMB appreciated Pakistan's efforts as the number of reported cases in the current year had dropped to 22 from the 58 that were reported during the same period last year. The IMB of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative works on behalf of international donor agencies and it issues performance reports after every six months.

BAHAWALPUR: Patients on Wednesday protested against the alleged lack of attention from doctors and technical staff of the department of radiology at Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH). According to kidney patients Allah Bakhsh and Naseeban, they were sent to the radiology department for examination. Head of the department Dr Shahid Manzoor was not present and the doctors concerned and technical staff also ignored them after making them wait for hours, they alleged. Later, the patients along with their relatives and attendants protested on a nearby road. They demanded the technical staff and doctors be issued a warning and directed to attend patients in the absence of the department head. The protesters said indoor patients sent for X-ray, MRI and Ultrasound should not be made to wait for hours and, after their examination, be sent back to their wards immediately.

PESHAWAR: A free medical camp was held at the Peshawar Press Club here on Wednesday for the media persons and their families, where over 200 people were treated and given medicines. The camp was organised by press club's health committee in collaboration with YDA Welfare and Academic Society Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, wherein free of costs tests were also conducted to diagnose different diseases. The camp was inaugurated by the provincial health minister Shahram Tarkai. Some 25 doctors, including five lady doctors, checked the patients in the camp. The minister visited different sections of the camp, talked to the doctors about the services they offered and also discussed with patients their health problems.

PESHAWAR: Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali on Wednesday directed immediate repair of the faulty air-conditioners at the surgical ward of the Lady Reading Hospital. The minister issued the directives to the Pesco chief executive during his visit to the hospital to enquire after the injured of the mini-cyclone which hit Peshawar and adjoining central districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday. The minister consoled the patients and prayed for their early recovery. During his visit to the surgical ward of the hospital the patients complained that despite repeated requests, the hospital administration didn't repair the faulty air-conditioners. Meanwhile, sources said that the Pesco officials started repairing the out of order air-conditioners as soon as the minister left the hospital.

KARACHI: Provincial Health Minister Mehtab Hussain Dahar has said that Liver Transplantation will be started in Sindh Institute of urology and transplantation, Dow Hospital/ University and Gambat Hospital from June 2015. He said that Cardiac Surgery and Kidney Transplantation were also being done in Sukkur Civil Hospital while Angioplasty was carried out in Civil Hospital Hyderabad. Mehtab Dahar added, 'Government of Sindh is fully prepared to fulfill the requirements of all public hospitals and the requirements of SIUT can be meted out upto Rs. 500 million.' He told that a three-member committee had been formed to look into the affairs of Civil Hospital Hyderabad, headed by Additional Secretary Health. He said that actions were being taken against absent doctors and no one would be spared if found guilty. 'Up-gradation of government hospitals is the part of forthcoming budget 2015-16 in order to provide facilities to the patients.' – PP

PESHAWAR: Central General Secretary of Awami National Party Mian Iftikhar Hussain on Wednesday said that provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has failed to provide health facilities to the injured in rain storm. Talking to media persons out side the Parliament, accompanied with the leaders of ANP he alleged that the KP government was not resolving the basic issue of the masses. He demanded probe into government's inability to take timely measures to protect lives and properties of the people from the recent rainstorm despite getting prior warning from the Met Office. Mian Iftikhar Hussain said the provincial government was answerable for not taking preventive steps to avoid losses. He also criticized the absence of government's representatives and said that presence of chief minister and other government officials was required on such occasions to console those affectees. Replying to a question, he said that the hundreds of employees of Worker Welfare Board were protesting out side the residence of the Imran Khan for regularizing their services, but of no avail. – APP

ISLAMABAD: Power outage continues in the country with electricity shortfall reaching to 4300 megawatt, Dunya News reported on Thursday 30th April 2015. According to National Transmission & Despatch Company s (NTDC) sources, urban areas are facing eight hours and rural areas 10 hours of loadshedding whereas the overall demand of electricity is 14,900 megawatt and the production is 10,600 megawatt. With the change in weather, a slight decline has occurred in the demand of electricity however; due to strong winds and rain, complaints regarding power tripping have increased with unannounced loadshedding in various areas of the country.

LAHORE: The government is working day and night to speedily complete the energy generation projects to meet the energy requirements and fully encouraging companies to invest in this sector, said Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Wednesday in a meeting with a delegation led by special envoy and US Department of State International Energy Affairs coordinator Amos J Hochstein. Matters of mutual interest and ongoing projects in energy sector were discussed during the meeting.

Talking to the delegation, the chief minister said that the government is taking all possible steps vigorously for overcoming the shortfall of electricity and timely completion of long and short term projects is being ensured. "Efforts are being made for resolving energy problems on priority basis for the durable development of the province and all possible resources are being utilised for this purpose," he said. The delegation appreciated the steps taken by the chief minister to curb the energy crisis. Meanwhile, presiding over a high-level meeting on solar energy projects being set up in the province; Shahbaz said that the government has set up Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park in Bahawalpur which is the first and the biggest solar power station of the country. He said that this

China Playing Vital Role In Overcoming Energy Crisis'

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100 megawatt project has been completed by Punjab government with its own resources within a record period and will soon be inaugurated. He said that the government is taking speedy measures for resolving the energy crisis being faced by the country and special incentives are being offered to foreign investors for increasing investment in energy sector in the province. He said that the solar power station to be set up in the desert of Cholistan is a big hope for a brighter future of the country. He said that a solar power project of 900 megawatt is being set up with the cooperation of China and every effort is being made for its completion by the beginning of 2016.

China is playing vital role in overcoming the energy crisis by extending technical support for the production of cheap, environment-friendly and sufficient electricity along with affordable financing through the Bank of China, said Xianqing Luo Director Sales Megawatt New Energy Technology Company. He was addressing a function held at FCCI office. The technical team was also present here on Wednesday. He said that this company is in the process of installing 10,000 solar pumps ranging from 4-7.5KW in Balochistan. "We have a scheduled meeting with Chief Minister Punjab also to discuss similar options for the province of Punjab", he added. He said that megawatt was offering solar irrigation, on-grid and off-grid system in addition to water purification plants. Regarding solar system, he said that this technology is very cheap and the existing system could also be converted on the solar system. This company has already installed solar system in 40 countries including Turkey, Botswana, China and Ghana, he added.

Engr Rizwan Ashraf welcomed the Chinese delegation and said that Pak-China friendship is time tested and recent visit of the Chinese President has clearly indicated that the new economic centres are emerging from this region. The investment of US \$45 billion has also changed the image of Pakistan as one of the most lucrative investment destination and now the international community was also considering investing in Pakistan. Introducing Faisalabad, he said that it is the hub of textile industry contributing 60 percent of the total textile exports of the country. However, during last few years, we are facing acute shortage of energy and most of our industries are working on half of their installed capacity. He said that Chinese investment will not only resolve energy crisis but also gear up the pace of development in this region. He said that Almighty Allah has blessed Pakistan with unlimited resources of sun, wind and water. There is need to channelise these resources and get maximum benefit from these gifts of the nature.

Amjad Saleem Group Director MAT Business Solution/Mega Engineering said that Chinese Company will not only provide technology but also extend loan on easy instalments through Bank of China. This will include 70 percent financing and 30 percent investment with a mark-up of rate of 9 percent. A presentation was also given on the various projects, technological breakthrough and financial offers of the Megawatt New Energy Technology Company. The function was also addressed by Sohail Ansari, President Sahiwal Chamber of Commerce and Industry who offered Chinese delegation to visit Sahiwal. Muhammad Amjad Khawaja of Khawaja Cotton also explained his personal experience of solar energy system in his factory and said that it is very beneficial but one time investment is a major problem for our industrialists. The function was also addressed by Zhao Yan Director Technical and Ms Chunjuan Nie General Manager Sales Megawatt New Energy Technology Company in addition to vice president Inaam Afzal Khan, Abdul Qayyum Sheikh and Mian Abdul Waheed.

US To Help Pakistan Get 3,000MW

Daily Times, April 30, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The United States and Pakistan on Wednesday announced to facilitate and accelerate private investment in clean energy projects in Pakistan. Under this initiative, the US government will work with Pakistan to advance reforms that will allow the US, Pakistani, and international private sector developers and investors to add at least 3,000 megawatts of clean power to Pakistan's national grid within the next 3-5 years. "This clean energy initiative will help address Pakistan's energy challenges," said US State Department's Special Envoy for Energy Amos Hochstein during the second US-Pakistan Energy Working Group under the broader US-Pakistan Strategic Dialogue framework. "It is a partnership to help alleviate Pakistan's energy challenges based on a set of goals shared by Pakistan, the United States, multilateral banks, donors, and the private sector." Special Envoy Hochstein, Deputy Chief of Mission Williams and a delegation from Washington met Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Khawaja Asif and a range of Pakistani government officials to discuss measures to increase cooperation in the clean energy sector. Energy demand in Pakistan is expected to double by 2020. Addressing this challenge will require significant action by the government to institute reforms that create space for private sector support, as well as the support of many countries and institutions.

To advance the goals of this common initiative, the US and Pakistani officials discussed steps to: strengthen regulatory institutions and develop market-based rules to attract private investment; develop an investment strategy for expanding the role of clean energy systems; expand transmission capacity for clean energy projects; and mobilise loans, grants, technical assistance and guarantees needed to manage and reduce private sector risks and leverage private capital into clean power projects. Helping the energy sector become more market-based is one of the best alternatives to ending the current crisis and ensuring that future demand can be met. Clean power investments in hydroelectric, wind, solar, biomass, and natural gas, combined with an expanded effort to improve the efficiency at all parts of the energy sector, will reduce Pakistan's dependence on foreign fuel sources, help address climate change, improve Pakistan's energy security, and promote innovation and growth. This initiative marks a new phase of US energy sector assistance to Pakistan, which since 2010 has contributed over 1,500 megawatts of electricity to Pakistan's national grid by refurbishing existing hydropower and thermal generation facilities, completing hydropower projects, and improving the operation and efficiency of Pakistan's transmission and distribution systems.

Foreign Investors Being Given Incentives In Energy Sector: CM

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting on Wednesday which reviewed solar energy projects being set up in the province. Addressing the meeting, the chief minister said that Punjab government has set up Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park Bahawalpur which is the first and the biggest solar power station of the country. He said that this

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100megawatt project has been completed by Punjab government with its own resources within a record period and will soon be inaugurated. He said that Punjab government is taking speedy measures for resolving the energy crisis being faced by the country and special incentives are being offered to foreign investors for increasing investment in energy sector in the province. He said that through planning of solar power station, important steps have been taken for eliminating load-shedding. He said that the solar power station set up in the desert of Cholistan is a big hope for a brighter future of the country. The Chief Minister said that a solar power project of 900 megawatt is being set up with the cooperation of China and every effort is being made for its completion by the beginning of 2016. He said that besides traditional methods, government is also striving for generation of electricity from alternative sources and energy projects are being executed without wasting any time. He said that power projects of 10400 megawatt are being set up in the whole country under Pak-China Economic Corridor and Investment agreements of 20 billion dollars have been signed only in energy sector during the recent historic visit of Chinese President to Pakistan. He said that work will be carried out round the clock for the completion of power projects with the cooperation of China as electricity is of vital importance for industrial and agriculture sector as well as strengthening of economy, creating job opportunities, increasing export and poverty alleviation. The Chief Minister further said that China has not announced such a big investment in any country so far and credit goes to the whole nation led by Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif that China has offered support to Pakistan at difficult time. The Chief Minister further said that the agreements with China will be implemented speedily and transparently as such historic opportunities are rare and the whole government machinery will work with honesty, commitment and hard work for giving a practical shape to these agreements. Provincial Home Minister Col.(R) Shuja Khanzada, Chief Secretary, Inspector General Police, Additional Chief Secretary Energy, Secretaries of Home, Energy and Information Departments, Chairman Punjab Power Development Company, Chief Executive Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park Bahawalpur and concerned authorities attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, a delegation led by Executive Director Lahmeyer International, Germany, associated with energy sector, Michael Wunnemann called on Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, here today. Matters regarding setting up of power stations operated with gas were discussed in the meeting. Talking to the delegation, the Chief Minister said that all out measures are being taken for controlling energy crisis. He said that the government has adopted short, medium and long term strategies for controlling load-shedding while attention is also being paid to generation of power from alternative and cheaper resources along with traditional methods. He said that planning has been made for generation of 3600 megawatt electricity from gas in Punjab. He said that federal government will set up gas-based energy projects of 2400 megawatt while Punjab government of 1200 megawatt with its own resources and this project will be set up near Sheikhpura. He said that a number of energy projects will be operational during next three years. He said that relief will be provided to the people by reducing energy crisis. He said that every moment of the nation is precious and power projects will be executed transparently and speedily. He said that the energy generation projects based on gas will be completed on fast track. Additional Chief Secretary Energy, Chairman Punjab Power Development Company, Secretary Energy, Secretary Agriculture, DG LDA and concerned authorities were also present on the occasion.

Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi met Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif in Islamabad on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that record decrease in the prices of petroleum products has resulted in substantial relief to the masses through. He said that ongoing projects in energy sector are being completed on priority basis. He said that huge funds have been allocated for the development of mineral resources. He said that living standard of the people is improving due to solid economic policies of the government.

Focus On Energy: CDWP Gives Nod To Projects For 2,400MW Supply To Punjab

Express Tribune, April 29, 2015

ISLAMABAD: In a bid to pacify the Punjab population amid a growing energy crisis in the province, the federal government on Tuesday approved two projects to transmit electricity from the 2,400-megawatt Liquefied Natural Gas-fired power plants that will be set up in the province. This was in addition to clearing half a dozen education sector schemes. Headed by Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, the Central Development Working Party (CDWP) approved 12 projects worth Rs30 billion and recommended another four schemes amounting to Rs14 billion for final approval of Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecneec). The cost of these projects was over Rs3 billion, which is the maximum benchmark for CDWP approval.

The CDWP approved Rs1.6 billion scheme to transmit power from 1200MW RLNG based combined cycle power plant that will be setup at Haveli Bahadur Shah District Jhang. The project will be completed in 18 months and mainly financed by international financing institutions. The CDWP recommended another project costing Rs3.5 billion to Ecneec for final approval, which will also be implemented in 18 months to transmit power from 1,200-MW RLNG Based Combined Cycle Power Plant at Balloki District Kasur. Under the Pakistan-China Economic Corridor, the government wants to set up three LNG-fired power plants in Punjab and is eager to complete them before the end of its term in order to fulfill the promise of bringing an end to load-shedding in Punjab. The CDWP cleared another project, Jagran-I Hydro Power transmission line, worth Rs4.7 billion to connect future projects in the Neelum Valley with the grid station. The project is located 90km from Muzafarabad. The project will help provide electricity to villages in Jagran and surrounding areas.

Educational Projects: The CDWP approved six schemes in the higher education sector. As many as 38 higher education projects have been approved during the last two years, which is a record, said Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal. He said this was an unprecedented number of HEC projects, showing the government's commitment towards higher education. He directed HEC to develop a 10-year human resource plan for Pakistan to guide PhD scholarship programmes. The project of developing a new campus of GC University Lahore at Kala Shah Kaku was approved a cost of

Sindh Govt Asked To Clear Rs66bn Electricity Dues

DAWN News, April 29, 2015

Government To Ensure Nothing Hinders Growth Rate

Pakistan Today, April 29, 2015

PTA to verify SIMs of Afghan refugees

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Rs982 million aimed at establishing the first ever sub-campus of the university. Prior to initiating academic activities at campus, a detailed academic feasibility study was carried out and 35 academic programs were identified which will be implemented in phases. The project will be completed in three years. The project of providing academic and research facilities at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University at Quetta was approved at a cost of Rs696 million with an estimate completion date of two years.

With an estimated cost of Rs209 million, the CDWP approved construction of a boys and girls hostel (100 capacity for each) at Islamia College University Peshawar. In addition, with the cost of Rs6.2 billion, the CDWP cleared 3,000 scholarships for Afghan students, a project aimed to be implemented in the next six years. The project will award scholarships to around 12,468 students in areas of engineering and technology, agriculture and veterinary sciences and other basic and social sciences. The CDWP also cleared a joint project of United States Agency for International Development and Higher Education Commission. The Fulbright Scholarship Support Program will cost Rs12.6 billion and 79% of the cost will be borne by the US government. As many as 816 Fulbright scholarships will be awarded, including 550 scholarships for masters/M phil and 266 PhD in priority areas. At a cost of Rs176 million, the CDWP approved to setup a Safe Blood Transfusion Services project in Gilgit-Baltistan.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif said in the National Assembly that the government and private consumers in Sindh owed large amounts in unpaid electricity bills and urged the PPP leadership to ask their government in the province to clear power dues of Rs66 billion. Earlier on a point of order, Ayaz Soomro of the PPP had complained against long and unscheduled loadshedding in Sindh.

The minister said: "Neither private sector nor public sector in Sindh is willing to pay electricity bills, but they always complain." The provincial government does not recognise Rs66bn, but it accepts owing Rs9bn, but still it is not ready to pay. Khawaja Asif said the Sindh government had so far paid only Rs600 million. He said the previous PPP government was responsible for the miserable state of affairs of Sindh-based power distribution companies. "The PPP government had signed contracts with nine captive power plants in Sindh in such a manner that the federal government will have to clear their bills." He said his ministry had decided in principle that it would provide electricity only to those consumers who would pay dues on time. "Whether it is Punjab, Sindh or Khyber Pakhtunkhwa only those consumers will get electricity which have good record of paying their bills." The minister said the government was facing a daunting challenge in Balochistan where tubewell subsidy was misused. "People are running marriage halls and other business in the name of tubewells and the government is made to cough up a subsidy of Rs100bn." Leader of the Opposition Khurshid Shah assured the house that he would take up the matter with the Sindh government.

LAHORE: While talking to a delegation of business community led by Patron-in-Chief of United Business Group (UBG) of the FPCCI, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said government will not allow anything, including energy crisis, to shrink growth rate. National Assembly Member Pervaiz Malik was also present on the occasion. He said that economic development is linked to the cooperation of business community therefore, the government is trying its best to provide them an enabling environment. He said that the economic policies and achievements are being acknowledged across the country and abroad which will change the fate of the nation. He said that we are pinning high hopes on FPCCI and UBG to trigger exports and furnish effective budget proposals for the betterment of the economy. SM Muneer said that agreements worth billions of dollars with China, positive developments on KASA 1,000 project and LNG imports have gone down very well with the business community and masses in general. One can see that Karachi is getting better as lawlessness has drastically declined, he said.

Pull Up Your Socks Education Department: Meanwhile, addressing a high level meeting through video link, the chief minister declared the incident of caving in of roof of a dilapidated primary school building in Mujahid Abad, Dera Ghazi Khan, very tragic on Tuesday. Chief Minister's Inspection Team chairman presented an enquiry report about the incident. "Why didn't the authorities shift the children to another building when the school building was declared dilapidated," the chief minister questioned. Where was the monitoring system of Schools Education Department, he questioned. He directed that the flaws in the system of inspection and monitoring of the education department should immediately be removed.

PESHAWAR: After the biometric verifications of SIMs, the government is planning to authenticate local SIMs used by Afghan refugees. "SIMs of people of Afghan origin having refugee cards will be verified," Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Chairman Ismail Shah told a seminar. The SIMs used by Afghan refugees will be brought under biometric system on the cards issued by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Shah said in a statement. The biometric verification process of SIMs of about 1.2 million Afghan refugees may be initiated soon, the PTA chairman said. He said by 2025, there will be need of about two billion SIMs of all mobile operators and the government is properly planning for it. He said that after biometric verification the total number of active verified SIMs reached 108 million on April 12, however, about 0.2 million blocked or unverified SIMs were being verified on daily bases. In this way, he said the number of verified SIMs would rise with the increase in the verification process. - APP

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) would soon introduce an application to help subscribers check their mobile internet speed and experience they may have with their operators. The basic objective of this application is to ensure prompt redressal of consumers' complaints with regard to Internet. First the application would be checked at the internal level of PTA and later it would be offered to subscribers, Chairman PTA, Dr Syed Ismail Shah said. He was talking to reporters at a 3rd National Workshop on Telecom Reporting, organized by PTA for capacity building of mediapersons, covering telecommunications sector. The Chairman said the

Baby stolen from hospital found

Daily Dawn, April 27, 2015

Increase in child health allocation advocated

Daily Dawn, April 27, 2015

Fire hits Umerkot municipal office ahead of NAB hearing

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application can also give to users a quick confirmation of maximum speed they can achieve from their respective operators. The users can use this App to ensure if they are connected to the Internet. He said the application logs the network preference mode and the operator of the users which can educate them to understand and differentiate among other operators. Dr Ismail Shah said having any speed related issue, the users can give their feedback which would help the operators to understand their governed issues. He said the other initiative, the authority going to take is establishment of internal exchanges province wise in order to regulate national traffic itself rather than relying on international exchanges. He said PTA would make sure about Quality of Experience rather than just Quality of Services. Earlier, in his presentation, he said about 0.25 million blocked or unverified SIMs are being verified on daily basis. He also highlighted vision of PTA and said by 2025, there will be need of about two billion SIMs of all mobile operators and the government is properly planning in this direction.

RAWALPINDI: The newborn baby stolen from the labour room at the Military Hospital (MH) on April 17 was reunited with his parents, on Sunday. Four members of a family including two teenage girls were arrested for kidnapping the infant. The baby's father, Shahzad Ahmed, received a phone call from the police at 2:30am who informed him that his baby had been found. He rushed to the R.A. Bazaar police station with his wife where a doctor was waiting to conduct a DNA test to confirm the baby was theirs. "We recognised the woman who kidnapped our son, in an instant, because she had spent hours with us at the hospital, pretending to be an attendant for one of the other patients," Mr Ahmed said. The military intelligence (MI) had used footage from the CCTV cameras installed at the hospital to identify the kidnappers and then traced them through the Nadra database. Later, the police was involved to conduct a raid at a house in Bangash Colony, Pirwadhah, where the baby was found with the kidnapper's family. The kidnapper is a native of Sukkur and was living with her family in a rented house in Bangash Colony.

LAHORE: A pre-budget advocacy seminar was organised by Policy & Strategic Planning Unit (PSPU) of the Punjab Health Department in collaboration with Save the Children, Pakistan, here on Sunday. One of the major purposes to arrange the activity was to secure government commitment for increased multi-sectoral budgetary allocations for child health especially for diarrhoea prevention and control in Punjab. Health Special Secretary Salman Mufti, Local Government & Community Development Director Najeeb Aslam, Dr Zahida Sarwar from PSPU, Zulqarnain Fida from Public Health Engineering Department and Dr Irshad Danish of Save the Children also attended the seminar. "We realise that the government is already making efforts in the health sector, but this is not enough; we cannot let children die of diseases, which can be prevented easily," said Salman Mufti. He said recommendations prepared by the health managers and experts would definitely help government functionaries introduce reforms. Representatives from various departments presented analysis of the 2014 budget along with recommendations for the upcoming budget to have an optimum utilisation of the health allocation for child survival and growth.

The participants brought to light the fact that the preventable disease like diarrhoea was claiming more than 27,000 lives of children under five alone in Punjab each year. Resource allocation and utilisation were also discussed. On the basis of analysis, various departments gave their recommendations to increase health budget particularly to address mortality rate due to preventable diseases. They agreed that more budgetary allocation should be made for preventive child healthcare than the curative. The budget of primary healthcare should be increased as it may automatically decrease the burden on tertiary healthcare allocation. Talking to the media, Dr Irshad Danish from Save the Children, Pakistan, said, "Before the budget 2015, we together with the public decision makers of the Punjab government want to highlight the severity and seriousness of diarrhoea-related deaths among children under five." "This mortality rate is unacceptably high. There is a need to work in a public-private partnership mode in the worst-affected areas for giving communities much-needed relief." "A good example of this partnership is Save the Children's diarrhoea control programme in Hafizabad and Khanewal. The success of this initiative depends on Punjab government's support and ownership."

UMERKOT: A mysterious fire on Saturday night partially damaged the five-year record of the Umerkot Municipal Committee (UMC) a day before a National Accountability Bureau (NAB) team from Karachi was scheduled to arrive in connection with a corruption case against certain UMC officials. The Karachi NAB had started an investigation after a complainant, Kirshan Khatri, claimed misappropriation of large amounts released to various contractors out of the Rs12 billion funds put at the disposal of the UMC, previously known as the taluka municipal administration. It was claimed that payments had been made to contractors against work that had never been carried out. It was also alleged that several development schemes were revised in violation of the prescribed rules. The NAB team had asked the officials concerned to appear before it on Monday along with the financial record pertaining to the allocation for uplift schemes and expenditure over the last five years. Chief Municipal Officer Ameer Bukhsh Junejo said on Sunday that a fire broke out due to electrical short circuit while the staff was sorting out the record in preparation for the investigation. Although the record was damaged, the files sought by the NAB team were intact, he claimed. Police were looking into the cause of the fire and extent of the damage caused by it, said Umerkot SHO Atta Mohammed Leghari. Lal Malhi, the MNA belonging to the PTI, however, alleged that evidence of corruption had been destroyed and demanded an inquiry into the "deliberately caused" fire. He argued that the fire caused no other damage to the office except for the record "sought by the NAB".

ISLAMABAD: The Disciplinary Committee of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) has announced different punishments from suspension to warning to 50 doctors. According to PMDC, a meeting of the Disciplinary Committee was held to address complaints of people and patients against negligence and misconduct of doctors. The committee issued suspension orders to 10 doctors, censure to four doctors. The Committee issued warnings to 10 doctors for their minor

Use of substandard sunglasses causing eye diseases

The Statesman, April 27, 2015

AIDS patients on the rise

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Governor for extending help to kidney patients

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misconducts. Similarly, 19 doctors were exonerated for not proven guilty. The council has fined five doctors up to Rs. 50,000 for their misconduct and other negligent acts. Addressing the committee members,

Chairman Disciplinary Committee Dr Asim Hussain said that PMDC will not tolerate any negligence or misconduct on the part of any doctor and no doctor will be allowed to play with the lives of innocent patients. He said "We are going to hold disciplinary committee meetings in all the provinces of the country to safeguard public at large." He said that it is prior duty of all the hospitals and clinics to display patient rights at prominent places which is available at the PMDC rule book Code of Ethics, also available at PMDC website i.e www.pmdc.org.pk He said that most complaints are lodged by the patients and their relative due to lack of counselling by the doctor.

He emphasized that there is a process of filling a consent form by the doctors while undertaking any procedure. These consent forms should be properly narrated and should be in Urdu. In case patient is not literate, he should be read out the consent. As it is his right to know about the procedure and his or her permission will also save the doctors later on. He advised the general public and patients to lodge a complaint to PMDC if they had any type of complaint with the doctor regarding misconduct or negligence. He added that the complaint could be lodged with PMDC on a stamp paper and for any other complaints they could email to president@pmdc.org.pk or send sms at 03025051222. The cases were decided by committee members including Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan, Prof. Dr. Syed. M. Awais, Prof. Dr. Fakhar Imam, Prof. Dr. Faisal Masood, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shad, Prof. Dr. Jameel Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Gulshan Ali Memon, Prof. Dr. Rahat-un-Nisa, Prof. Dr. M. Aneel Aslam and Prof. Dr. M. Parvez Anjum. – APP

ISLAMABAD: The sale and purchase of low-priced sunglasses have increased manifold in Summer season but people are ignorant of their side effects. Many customers while choosing sunglasses, prefer style, colour which suits their facial structure and feature but compromise the quality of sunglasses. Besides, the low rate of these goggles is also a matter of attraction. However, eye specialists have different opinion regarding sunglasses being sold by the vendors on roads and streets. An eye specialist, Dr. Anjum Khawar said that low quality material glasses resulted in visual distortion, such as headaches, dizziness, blurred vision and other symptoms. She suggested people to purchase sunglasses from qualified optical shops to ensure health of their eyes. Salim Raza, a customer, admitted that the matter of selecting good-quality sunglasses is not easy either, as the sale-and-purchase of imperfect, faulty or substandard sunglasses during the summer season always goes unchecked and causes many eye diseases.

He said these vendors selling substandard sunglasses are busy in their business in various main and small markets of all sectors including Super Market (F-6), Jinnah Super (F-7), Ayub Market (F-8), F-10, F-11, G-6, G-7, G-8, G-9, G-10, G-11, H-9 Sunday Bazaar, I-8, I-9, I-10 Markaz, and on traffic signals and roadside of Fatima Jinnah Park (F-9) offering a wide range of sunglasses that attract a number of customers because of its cheap prices. Dr. Zeba Matin, an eye specialist said that it is appropriate to use sunglasses in Summer but warned that low-quality sunglasses are causing various eye diseases among the citizens, who usually focus on cheap prices instead of quality. Another customer, Adnan Khan said that China-made sunglasses ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 500 are available in the markets. He claimed that most of the roadside and footpath vendors purchase defective sunglasses at cheaper rates from dealers, who import sunglasses from abroad. Awais Abid, a customer informed that last summer, he spent Rs. 100 to get sunglasses from a vendor on a roadside in a bid to save himself from the sizzling heat and the temperature. However, after using the glasses for a couple of days, the symptoms quickly arise as he started feeling drowsiness and his vision get blurred and water started pouring out of his eyes. The vendors are of their opinion that they were selling high quality imported sunglasses that could not harm eyesight of users.

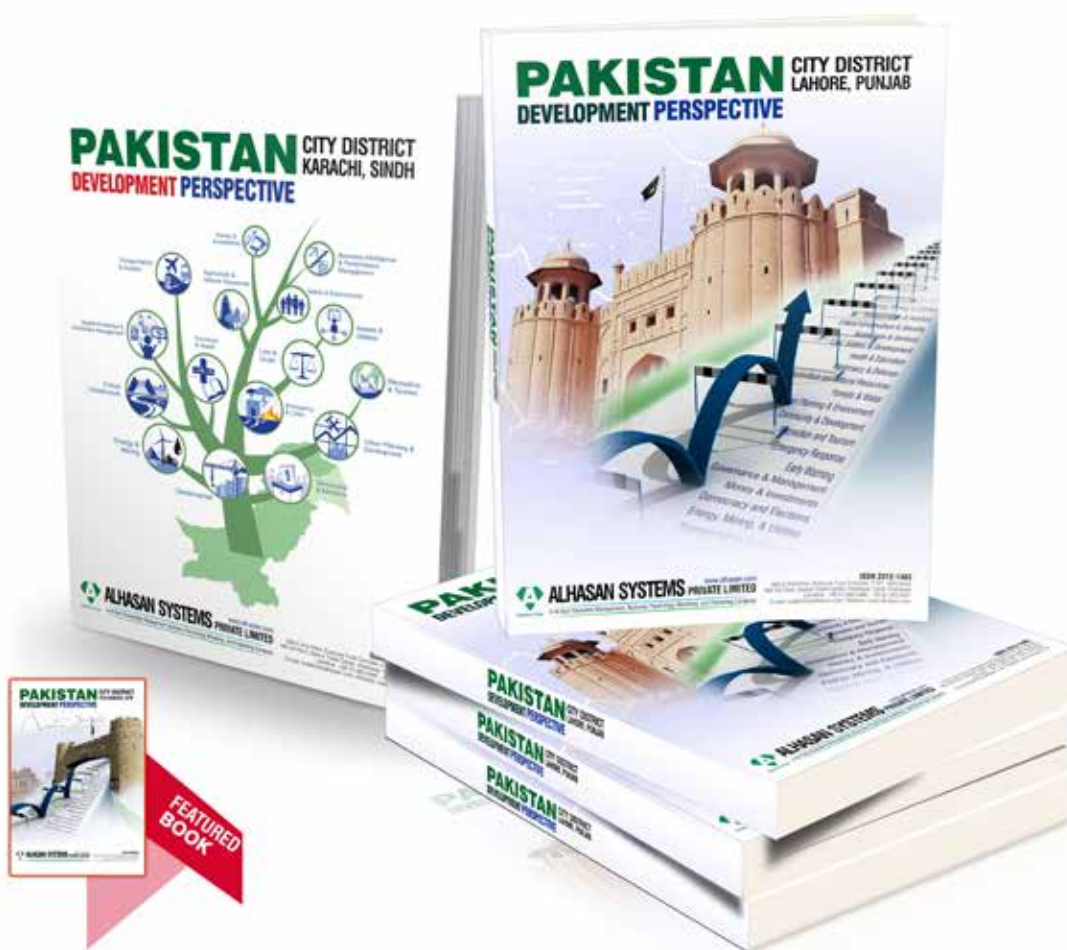
LARKANA: In Pakistan AIDS patients figure has reached between 68,000 to 100,000. This was disclosed by Dr Younis Chachar, Provincial Program Manager, HIV/AIDS Control Program (SACP) here on Sunday while addressing a seminar organized at a hotel. He said between 35 to 50 million people have been infected with this disease world over, out of which 1.3 million have died by 2013. Chachar claimed that there are only 7,950 registered AIDS confirmed patients in Sindh who are being given complete treatment free of cost. He said that treatment of positive HIV/AIDS cases is very costly. He said that Intravenous Drug Users (IDUs) are main cause of spreading HIV/AIDS in Sindh specially in Larkana along with eunuchs who are acting as sex workers. He said that unsafe blood transfusion and hair saloons are another factors from where this disease is spreading among the those people who are unaware of this disease for which awareness is must to made among the masses. – PPI

PESHAWAR: Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan has lauded the role of the non-government organizations and institutions in the fight against various diseases especially kidney diseases and called upon the well-to-do segment of the society to encourage such bodies who are out to come to work for elimination of human diseases. He was addressing the opening ceremony of Renal Dialysis Unit and OPD services in the Pakistan Kidney Centre, Mansehra, which is working under the supervision of the Pakistan Welfare Society Trust, Abbottabad. The governor said due to lack of education thousands of people are affected by kidney diseases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and proper implications could help escape from this disease. He said no body could deny the importance of human kidneys which expel the unnecessary and harmful chemical emissions during continuous chemical processes in the human body.

He said the role of humanitarian organizations like Pakistan Kidney Centre in this remote area was very commendable in the services to the ailing humanity particularly patients of kidney diseases. He said they owned very limited resources and facing lot of problems that was why only the government could not come up to the needs of the people alone without proper involvement of the private sector. He said the proportion between resources and problems was being increased day

by day. He said the main reason behind this imbalance was failure of the social sector and also lack of knowledge to utilize the resources in proper way. He said the country was in the grip of war on terror from the last 10 years and it was a general phenomena that doctors and other educated class of people were shifting abroad. He said there also existed some good people who were saving a part of their earning and sending to their country where the same money was being utilized on the people welfare projects and the Pakistan Kidney centre was one of the examples in this regard. He announced a donation of Rs. 2 million for the Pakistan Kidney Centre and assured his full cooperation in the future for the larger interests of the ailing humanity.

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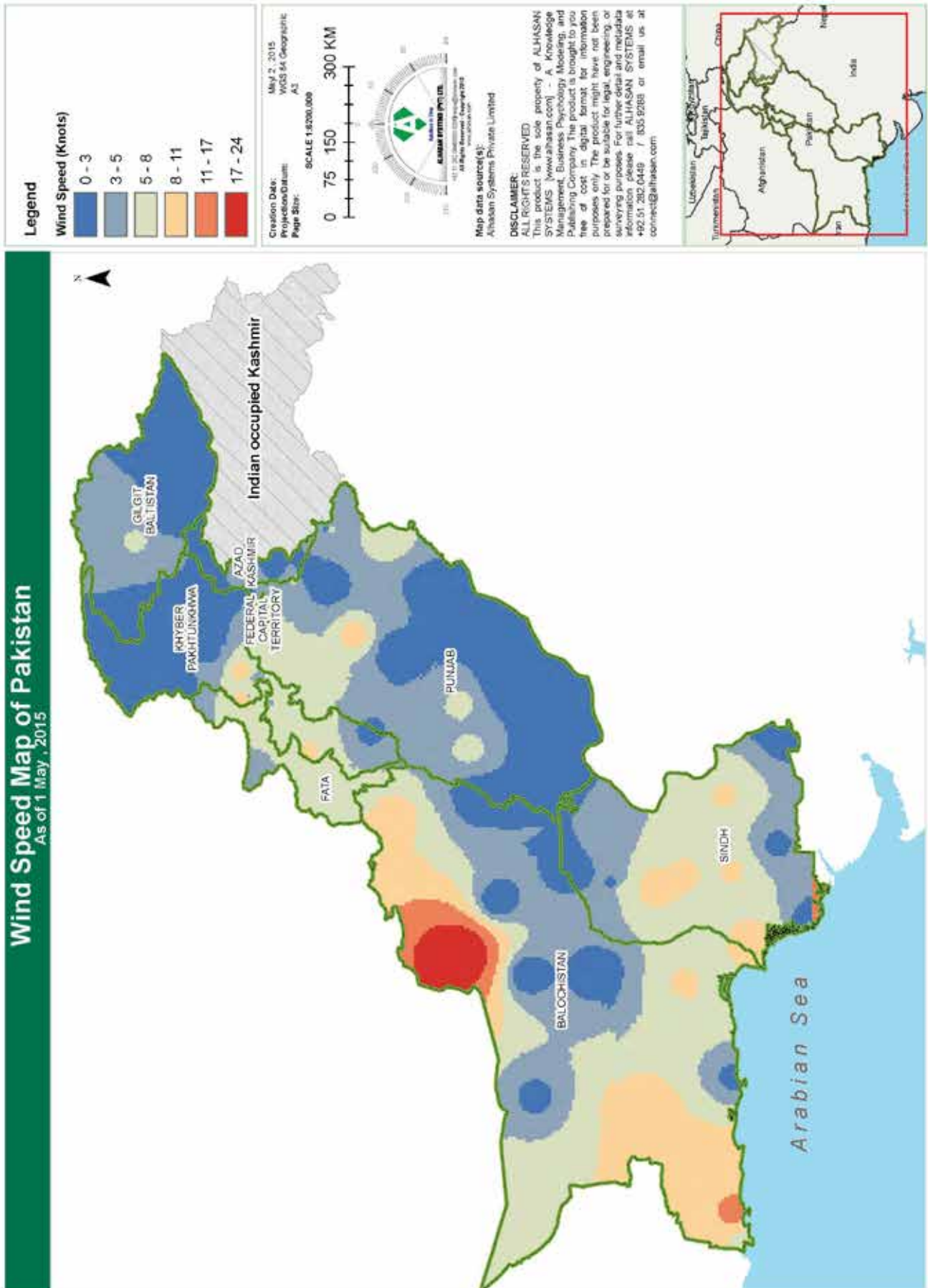
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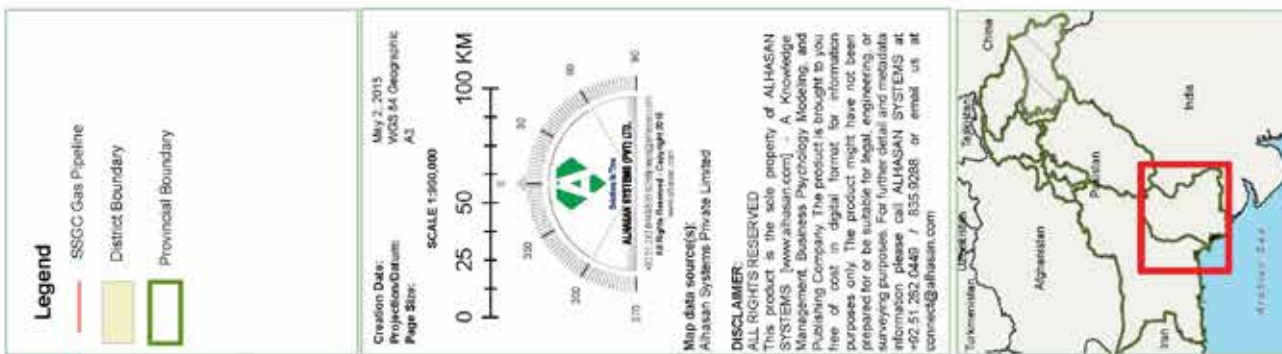
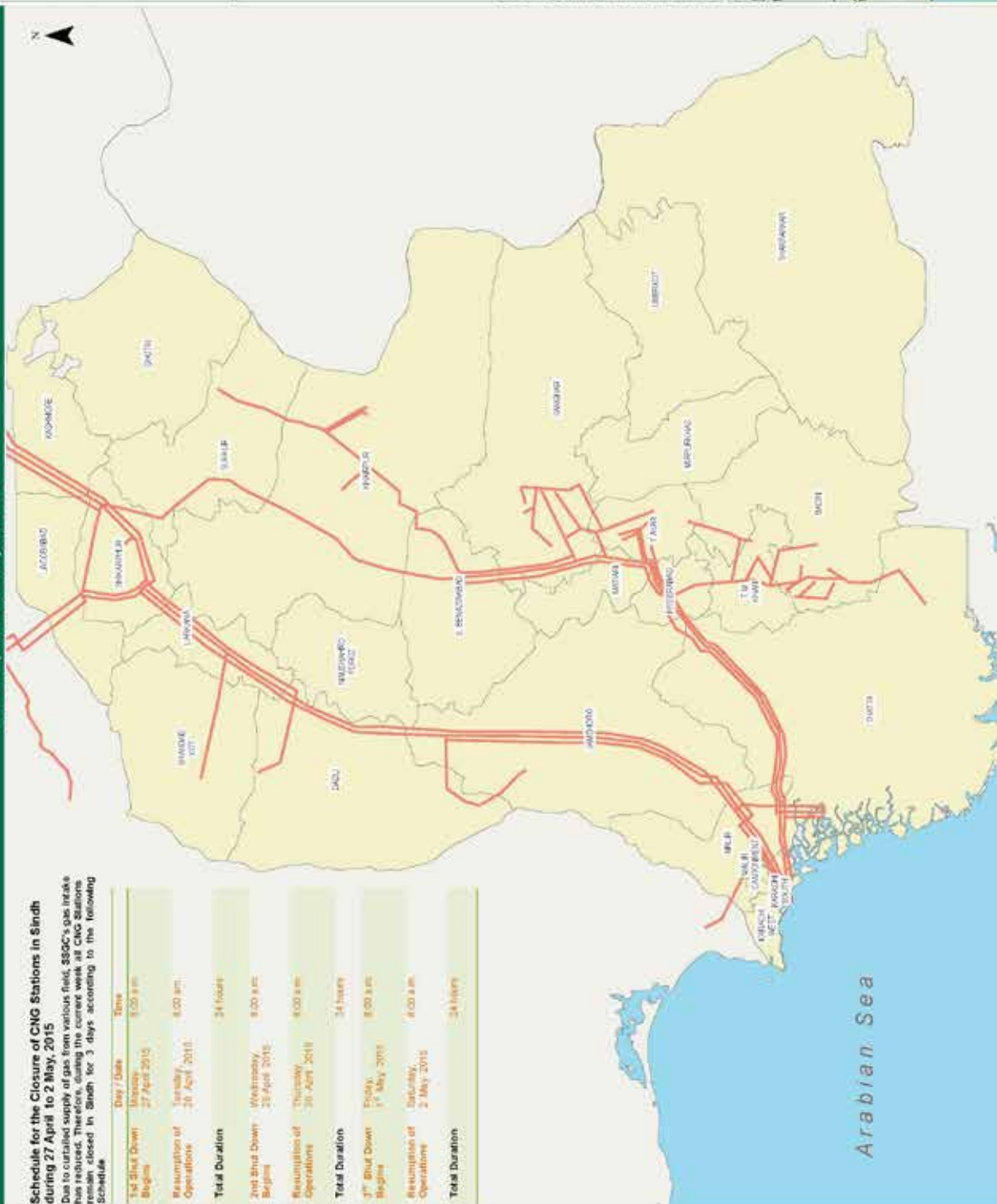




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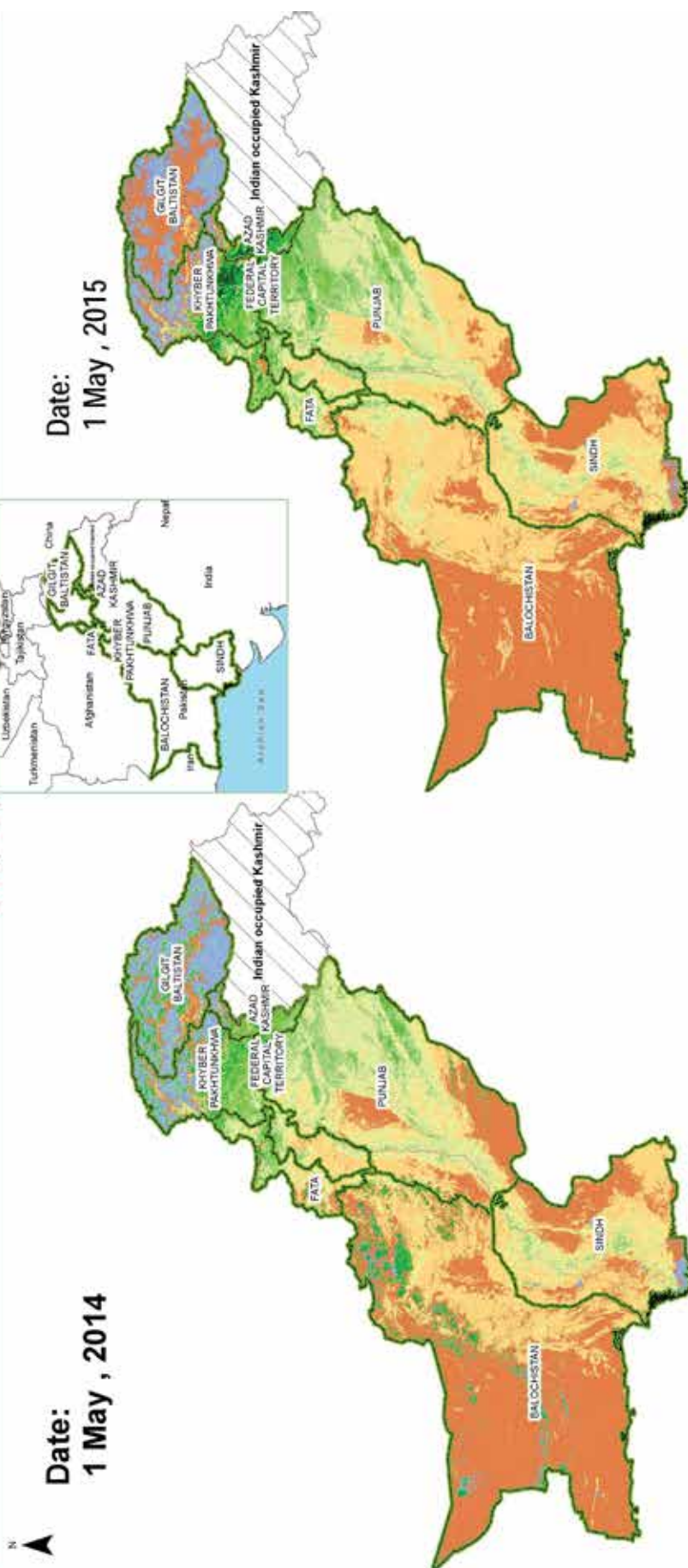
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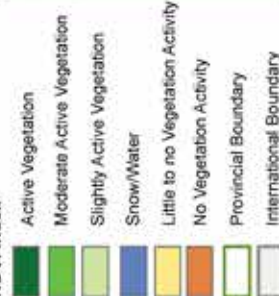
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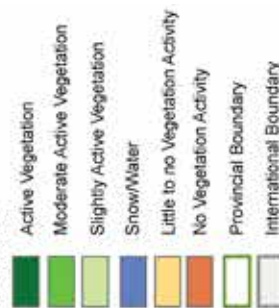
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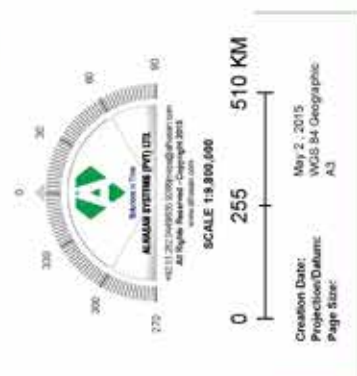


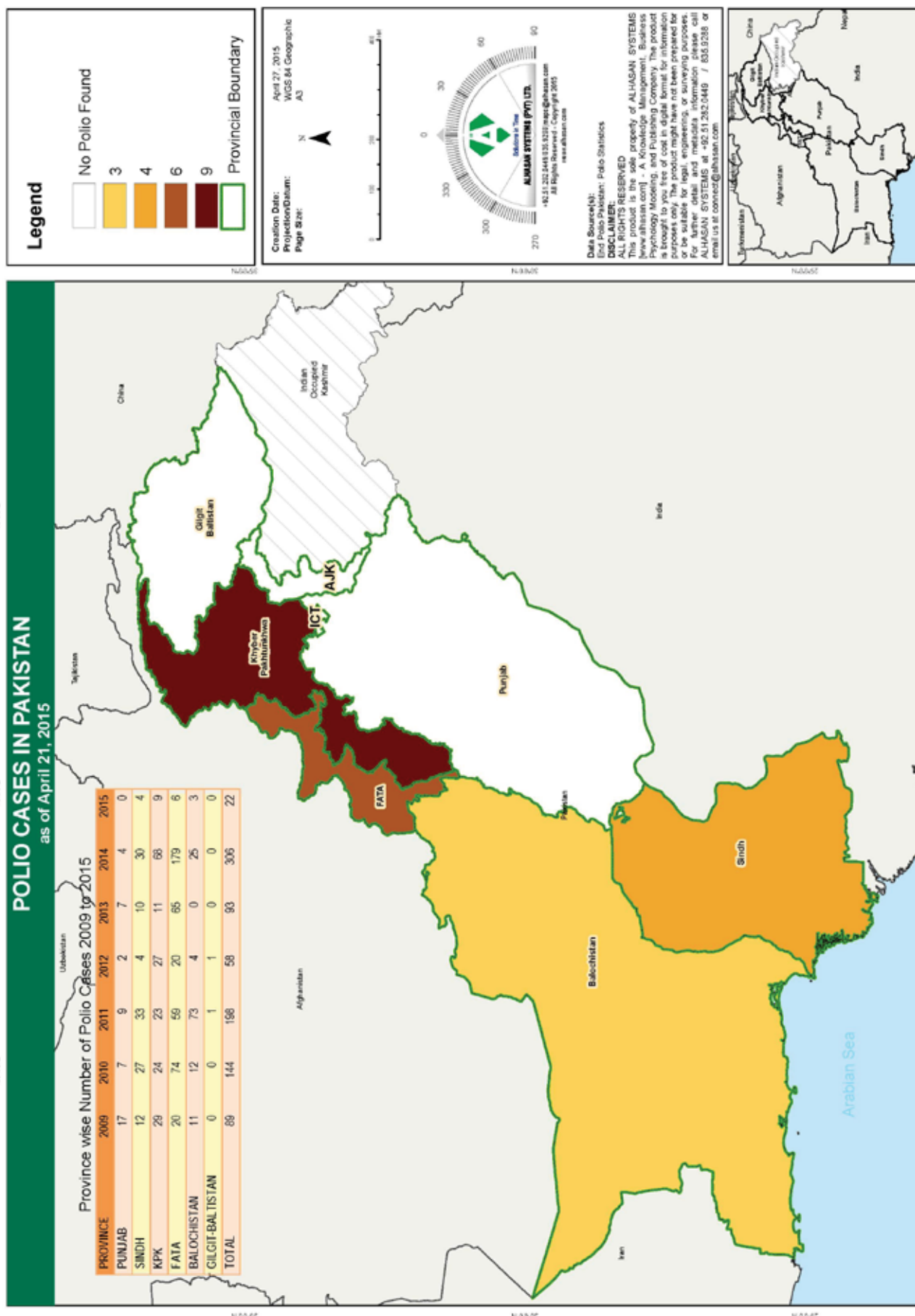
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Bar Chart: Total Number of Highly Sensitive, Sensitive & Normal polling Station

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Haryana	109	58	8
Rajasthan	629	90	15

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کراچی نگیر یا ایک ایسا جرثومہ ہے جو پانی کے ذریعے انسانی دماغ تک پہنچتا ہے اور اسے متاثر کرتا ہے۔ ماہرین طب کے مطابق نگیر یا کی علامات میں جسم میں شدید درد، متلی، بخار، زبان کا ذائقہ تبدیل ہو جانا سر فہرست ہیں۔ ماہرین کا کہنا ہے نگیر یا کی افزائش درجہ حرارت میں مسلسل اضافہ کے باعث ہوتی ہے۔ گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کے ساتھ ہی پانی میں موجود نگیر یا کا جرثومہ متحرک ہونا شروع ہو جاتا ہے۔ اسی لئے سونٹنگ پول، تالاب اور کھلے آسمان کے نیچے پانی میں اس کی افزائش سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ خاص طور پر تیراکی کے باعث لوگ نگیر یا کا شکار ہوتے ہیں۔ ماہرین کے مطابق نگیر یا سے بچاؤ کے لئے لوگ گھروں میں موجود، چھتوں اور زیر زمین پانی کے ٹینکوں کو صاف رکھیں، نہاتے اور وضو کرتے وقت پانی اہال کرنا کہ اس مرض سے بچا جاسکے۔ ماہرین طب کے مطابق نگیر یا علاج مرض نہیں خاص طور پر تیراکی کے دوران لوگ اپنی ناک اور منہ کو پانی سے اوپر رکھیں تو بآسانی اس مرض سے بچا جاسکتا ہے۔

اسلام آباد وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے موبائل فون سموں کی بائیو میٹرک تصدیق کی مدت میں 15 مئی تک کے لئے توسیع کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وفاقی وزیر داخلہ کی زیر صدارت پاکستان ٹیلی کام اتھارٹی (پی ٹی اے) کا اجلاس منعقد ہوا جس کے دوران حکام نے بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ ملک بھر میں اب تک 7 کروڑ سموں کی تصدیق اور 2 کروڑ غیر رجسٹرڈ سمیں بند کر دی گئی ہیں جب کہ سیلولر کمپنیز کی جانب سے سموں کی تصدیق کی مدت میں توسیع کی اپیل پر چوہدری نثار نے سموں کی بائیو میٹرک تصدیق کی مدت میں 15 مئی تک توسیع کا اعلان کیا۔ اجلاس کے دوران وفاقی وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ ملک کی سکیورٹی پر کوئی سمجھوتا نہیں کیا جائے گا، 15 مئی کے بعد غیر تصدیق شدہ سمیں بحال نہیں کی جائیں گی اور دہشت گردی کے کسی واقعے میں غیر رجسٹرڈ سم کے استعمال ہونے پر متعلقہ کمپنی کے خلاف کارروائی ہوگی۔

رحیم یار خان رحیم یار خان کے شیخ زاید اسپتال میں گیسٹرو کی وباء میں 3 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ یومیہ 10 سے 15 مریض داخل ہو رہے ہیں۔ شیخ زاید اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کے ساتھ ہی گیسٹرو کے مریضوں میں بھی اضافہ ہوتا جا رہا ہے گیسٹرو کے مریض میں مبتلا 22 سالہ شاہینہ، محمد یاسین اور محمد اکرم جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق یومیہ 10 سے 15 افراد کو گیسٹرو کے مرض میں داخل کرایا جا رہا ہے جہاں انہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔

کراچی ای ڈی او ہیلتھ سندھ ڈاکٹر ظفر اعجاز نے ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ کو خط لکھا ہے کہ کراچی میں نگیر یا کے خلاف جامع حکمت عملی بنائی جائے، پانی میں کلورین کی مقدار پوری کرنا واٹر بورڈ کی ذمہ داری ہے۔ خط کے متن میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ 20 اپریل کو نگیر یا کے باعث گلستان جوہر کی رہائشی خاتون انتقال کر گئیں، سونٹنگ پولز، واٹر پارکس، گھروں سمیت واٹر ٹینکس کی جانچ پڑتال کی جائے، پانی میں کلورین کی کمی کے باعث انسان نگیر یا کا شکار ہوتا ہے۔

نگیر یا کا جرثومہ پانی کے ذریعے انسانی دماغ تک

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موبائل فون سموں کی بائیو میٹرک تصدیق کی

مدت میں 15 مئی تک توسیع

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رحیم یار خان: شیخ زاید اسپتال میں گیسٹرو کی وباء

3 افراد جاں بحق

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کراچی میں نگیر یا، ای ڈی او ہیلتھ سندھ کا ایم ڈی

واٹر بورڈ کو خط

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لوگوں کو نفرت انگیزی پر اکسایا گیا، تقریر عوام میں نفرت پھیلانے کے زمرے میں آتی ہے لہذا بیہرمانا اتفاق پھیلانے والے عناصر کی حوصلہ شکنی کرے اور ان چینلز کے خلاف بیہرمانا ایکٹ کی دفعہ 27 کے تحت کارروائی کی جائے۔ خط میں میں مزید کہا گیا کہ وفاقی حکومت میڈیا کی آزادی کے عزم پر قائم ہے جب کہ حکومت معاشرے میں نفرت پھیلانے والے عناصر کی بھی شدید مذمت کرتی ہے اور ان عناصر کی حوصلہ شکنی چاہتی ہے۔ وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے بھیجے گئے خط کے بعد پاکستان الیکٹرانک میڈیا ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (پیمر) نے 14 نیوز چینلز کو شوکاز نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے نیا ہدایت نامہ جاری کر دیا ہے جس کے مطابق ملکی سلامتی اور وقار کے خلاف نفرت اور انگیز نشریات و پروگراموں پر پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے، نفرت اور اشتعال انگیز تقریر یا انٹرویو پر بھی پابندی ہوگی جب کہ عدلیہ، فوج اور قومی سلامتی کے اداروں کے خلاف نشریات کو بھی ممنوع قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان بیہرمانا کے مطابق ہدایت نامہ بیہرمانا آرڈیننس کی شق 27 کے تحت جاری کیا گیا ہے جس پر عمل نہ کرنے کی صورت میں چینلز کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے گی۔

پشاور (آن لائن) ڈپٹی کمشنر پشاور نے گزشتہ روز ڈیڈ لائن ختم ہونے کے بعد خصوصی کمیٹی نے پہلی روڈ باچا خان مرکز کے قریب پانچ سو کنال پر آباد غیر قانونی افغان مہاجر کیمپ خالی کروانے اور فوری مسامری کا حکم دیدیا۔ بارہ سو گھروں کو مسمار کر کے پانچ سو کنال کو اربوں کی سرکاری زمین واگزار کرالی۔

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1 مئی 2015

تانڈلیانوالہ (نامہ نگار) فیکٹری میں بجلی کی سپارکنگ سے 14 ایکڑ پر کھڑی گندم کی فصل جل کر خاک ہو گئی۔ متاثرین کا فیکٹری مالک وزیر مملکت عابد شیر علی کینال احتجاج۔ تفصیل کے مطابق چک 411 گ ب میں دو زمینداروں ہالک وٹو اور نواسیال نے اپنی اراضی پر گندم کاشت کی ہوئی تھی اور گندم مکمل طور پر تیار تھی گزشتہ روز وزیر مملکت بجلی عابد شیر علی کی گتہ فیکٹری سے بجلی کی سپارکنگ کی وجہ سے چنگاریاں گندم پر پڑیں جس کے باعث گندم کو آگ لگ گئی اور لاکھوں روپے کی گندم جل کر راکھ ہو گئی فائر بریگیڈ تانڈلیانوالہ اور سمندری نے آگ پر قابو پا کر باقی گندم کی فصل کو آگ لگنے سے بچا لیا اس موقع پر اسسٹنٹ کمشنر محمد طیب خان اور تحصیل کونسل کا تمام عملہ بھی وہاں پر مدد کیلئے موجود تھا۔ آتشزدگی کینال متاثرین نے فیکٹری مالکان کینال شدید احتجاج کیا۔

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1 مئی 2015

بنوں (نامہ نگار) پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے سربراہ عمران خان کی اہلیہ اور سٹریٹ چائلڈ کیلئے خیبر پی کے حکومت کی سفیر ریہام خان نے کہا ہے کہ اس وقت آپریشن ضرب عضب کے نتیجے میں بے گھر ہونے والے نوجوانوں اور بچوں کو سب سے زیادہ ضرورت تعلیم کی ہے کیونکہ تعلیم یافتہ قوموں کو کوئی بھی اپنے مفاد کیلئے استعمال نہیں کر سکتا ہے، وزیرستان کے بچوں کی تعلیم کیلئے بھی اگر دھرنے پڑے تو دریغ نہیں کریں گے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے بنوں میں گورنمنٹ ہائی سکول نمبر 4 بنوں میں متاثرین کیلئے باچا خان فری ایجوکیشن سنٹر کی افتتاحی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ ریہام خان نے کہا کہ آپریشن کی وجہ سے شمالی وزیرستان کے لوگ ایک سال تعلیم سے محروم رہے اور میں نے نوکری سے استعفیٰ دیکر متاثرین کے بچوں کی تعلیم کیلئے کام میں حصہ لیا اور محسن داوڑ کے تعاون سے وزیرستان کے بچوں کی تعلیم کے سلسلے میں باچا خان پرائمری ٹرسٹ سکول میں شروع کیا گیا جس میں وزیرستان کے بچوں کو مفت تعلیم دی جاتی ہے اور 10 اساتذہ فی کلاس 80 طلباء کے حساب سے پانچویں سے 12 ویں جماعت تک وزیرستان کے بچوں کو رضا کارانہ پڑھاتے ہیں، ہم سب پاکستانی ہیں اور وزیرستان کی لوگوں نے بڑی قربانیاں دی ہیں اپنی تعلیم، گھر بار، کاروبار سب کچھ ملک کیلئے چھوڑ کر لاوارثوں کی طرح ہجرت کرنے پر مجبور ہو گئے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیرستان کے لوگ واپس کیسے جائیں کیا وہاں سکول، ہسپتال اور دیگر سہولیات میسر ہیں کہ وہ جلد واپس چلے جائیں جب تک وزیرستان کے لوگ ہمارے مہمان ہیں ہم سب کو تمام شعبوں میں انکی مدد کرنی چاہئے، انہوں نے کہا دنیا سمجھتی ہے کہ وزیرستان کے لوگ اردو نہیں بول سکتے ہیں اور تعلیمی لحاظ سے پسماندہ ہیں لیکن آج کی اس تقریب میں وزیرستان کے طلباء نے ثابت کر دیا کہ وہ اردو اور انگریزی بول سکتے ہیں، ہمیں تعلیم کے ذریعے وزیرستان کے بچوں کے ہاتھوں سے کلاشکوف کلچر کو ختم کرنا ہوگا۔ تقریب سے محسن داوڑ، پرنسپل اسحق ودیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ اس موقع پر ریہام خان نے شمالی وزیرستان کے بچوں میں کتابیں اور سکول بیگز و دیگر سامان بھی تقسیم کیا اور انکے مسائل بھی سنے۔

تھر (نوائے وقت نیوز) صحرائے تھر میں ایک بار پھر موروں پر موت منڈلانے لگی۔ ذرائع محکمہ وائلڈ لائف کے مطابق تحصیل چھاچھروں کے دور دراز دیہاتوں میں ایک دن میں 10 مور مر گئے۔ موروں میں رانی کھیت کی علامتیں موت کا باعث بن رہی ہیں۔ رانی کھیت کی بیماری نے پچھلے سال سینکڑوں موروں کو نگل لیا تھا۔

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30 اپریل 2015

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاء

جیوٹی (اے ایف پی) اقوام متحدہ کا کہنا ہے کہ جنگ زدہ ملک یمن میں ایندھن کی قلت سے پانی، صحت کے ادارے اور مواصلات کا نظام تباہی کے دہانے پر کھڑا ہے۔ اقوام متحدہ کے عہدیدار جوہانز وین در کلائیو کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں موجود صحت، پانی اور غذائی سہولیات تیزی سے بند ہونا شروع ہو گئی ہیں کیوں کہ ملک میں مزید ایندھن کی نہیں لایا جا رہا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایندھن کے بغیر اسپتال کام نہیں کر سکتے، ایسولنسز نہیں چل سکتیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پانی بھی پمپ کے ذریعے سے فراہم کیا جاتا ہے جبکہ مواصلاتی نیٹ ورک بھی بند ہونے کا خدشہ ہے۔

یمن، ایندھن کی کمی سے پانی، صحت اور مواصلاتی نظام تباہ ہو سکتا ہے، اقوام متحدہ

روزنامہ جنگ

3 مئی 2015

بھارتی انٹیلی جنس ایجنسی 'را' سے مدد طلب کرنے کے بارے میں ایم کیو ایم کے رہنما کا بیان نشر کرنے پر پاکستان کی میڈیا ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی پیرانے ملک کے 14 نشریاتی اداروں کو اظہار وجوہ کے نوٹس جاری کیے ہیں۔ دوہری شہریت رکھنے والے متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کے رہنما الطاف حسین نے لندن سے اپنے ایک روایتی ٹیلی فونک خطاب میں پاکستان کی فوج اور قومی سلامتی کے اداروں کو شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا تھا اور اس میں انھوں نے بھارتی خفیہ ادارے اسے مدد طلب کرنے کی بھی بات کی تھی۔ اس بیان کو کئی ٹی وی چینلوں پر براہ راست نشر کیا گیا تھا۔ جس کے بعد حکومت پاکستان اور فوج کی جانب سے شدید رد عمل سامنے آیا ہے۔ وفاقی حکومت کی درخواست پر ججہ کو پاکستان الیکٹرانک میڈیا ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی نے ملک کے ان چودہ نیوز چینلز کو اظہار وجوہ کے نوٹس جاری کیے ہیں جنہوں نے متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کے قائد الطاف حسین کی تقریر کو براہ راست نشر کیا تھا۔ وفاقی حکومت کی طرف سے لکھے گئے خط میں حکومت نے ایم کیو ایم کے خطاب کو عوام کو ریاستی اداروں کے خلاف آکسانے کے مترادف قرار دیا ہے۔ اس خط میں کہا گیا ہے کہ وفاقی حکومت آزادی صحافت کی حامی ہے لیکن معاشرے میں اختلافات پھیلانے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ پیرانے پاکستان کے تمام نشریاتی اور ابلاغ کے اداروں کو یہ ہدایت بھی جاری کی ہے کہ جیمز کے قواعد و ضوابط کی شق 27 کے تحت ملکی سلامتی، فوج اور عدلیہ کو کسی طور بھی تنقید کا نشانہ نہیں بنایا جاسکتا۔ پیرانے کے ایک ترجمان کے مطابق نوٹس میں ان چودہ چینلز سے کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ ایسے پروگراموں میں 'ڈیلے ڈیوائس سسٹم' کا اطلاق کریں جس میں نفرت انگیز مواد ہو یا پھر معاشرے میں منافرت پھیلانے کی بات کی جا رہی ہو۔

پیرانے کی طرف سے 14 چینلوں کو اظہار وجوہ کا نوٹس

بی بی سی اردو

2 مئی 2015

فوج کے ترجمان میجر جنرل عاصم سلیم باجوہ نے الطاف حسین کے بیان کو کڑی تنقید کا نشانہ بناتے ہوئے کہا کہ فوجی قیادت کے خلاف اس طرح کے بیان کسی طور پر بھی برداشت نہیں کیے جاسکتے۔ وفاقی وزیر دفاع خواجہ آصف کی طرف سے جاری ہونے والے ایک بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ الطاف حسین کا بیان کسی طور پر بھی کسی پاکستانی کا بیان نہیں ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ بھارتی خفیہ ایجنسی کی مدد طلب کرنے کے بیان پر ان لاکھوں افراد کے جذبات کو ٹھیس پہنچی ہے جنہوں نے پاکستان کے لیے ہندوستان سے ہجرت کی تھی۔ خواجہ محمد آصف کا کہنا تھا کہ ایم کیو ایم ایک سیاسی جماعت ہے اور اس کی قیادت کو ملک دشمنوں کی زبان استعمال نہیں کرنی چاہیے۔

ایم کیو ایم کی رابطہ کمیٹی نے اپنے بیان میں کہا ہے کہ الطاف حسین نے فوجی قیادت کے خلاف کوئی بیان نہیں دیا بلکہ آرمی چیف سے کہا ہے کہ وہ انھیں انصاف دلائیں۔ ادھر حکومت نے ایم کیو ایم کے قائد الطاف حسین کی فوجی قیادت کے خلاف بیان اور لوگوں کو ریاستی اداروں کے خلاف آکسانے کا معاملہ برطانوی حکومت کے ساتھ اٹھانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ایک اہلکار کے مطابق وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان جلد ہی پاکستان میں برطانوی ہائی کمشنر سے ملاقات کریں گے اور ان سے الطاف حسین جو کہ ایک برطانوی شہری ہیں، کی طرف سے فوجی قیادت کے خلاف تقریر کرنے کا معاملہ اٹھائیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے پہلے بھی الطاف حسین نے ریجنل حکام کے خلاف سخت زبان استعمال کی تھی جس پر الطاف حسین کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کیا گیا تھا اور وزیر داخلہ نے یہ معاملہ بھی برطانوی ہائی کمشنر کے ساتھ اٹھایا تھا اور سوال کیا تھا کہ ان کا ایک شہری لندن میں بیٹھ کر پاکستانی سکیورٹی فورسز کے خلاف تقاریر کر رہا ہے اس بارے میں برطانوی قانون کیا کہتا ہے۔

پیرانے کی سلامتی کے خلاف اور نفرت انگیز نشریات پر پابندی عائد کردی

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

2 مئی 2015

اسلام آباد وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے گزشتہ روز نفرت انگیز تقریر نشر کرنے پر بعض چینلز کے خلاف کارروائی کی سفارش کے بعد پیرانے 14 نیوز چینلز کو شوکاژ نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے نیا ہدایت نامہ جاری کر دیا ہے جس کے تحت ملکی سلامتی کے خلاف اور نفرت انگیز نشریات پر پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزارت اطلاعات کی جانب سے قائم مقام چیرمین پیرانے کے نام بھیجے گئے خط میں موقوف اختیار کیا گیا کہ گزشتہ روز بعض چینلز کی جانب سے نفرت انگیز تقریر نشر کرنے پر حکومت کو شدید تشویش ہے، ٹی وی چینلز پر تقریر سے

ہے کہ گرفتار دہشت گردوں کا تعلق ایم کیو ایم سے ہے اور انہوں نے پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کے لیے بھارتی ایجنسی ”را“ سے تربیت حاصل کی۔ کراچی میں پولیس کانسٹبل کرتے ہوئے ایس ایس پی ملیر راؤ انوار نے بتایا کہ پولیس نے گزشتہ رات 2 اہم دہشت گردوں طاہر عرف لمبا اور جنید کو گرفتار کیا جن کا تعلق ایم کیو ایم سے ہے، دونوں ملزمان کے ایم سی کے ملازم ہیں اور ان کے قبضے سے باروی مواد اور اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے جب کہ ملزمان نے پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کے لیے بھارتی ایجنسی ”را“ سے تربیت حاصل کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایم کیو ایم کے ہر سیکٹر کے لوگ ٹریننگ کے لیے بھارت جاتے ہیں ملزمان بھی بنکاک کے ذریعے دلی جاتے رہے، ایم کیو ایم لوگوں کو نوکریاں دے کر ان سے دہشت گرد کارروائیاں کراتی ہے۔

راولپنڈی آپریشن خیر نوا میں فورسز سے جھڑپوں میں 27 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ پاک فوج کے کیپٹن سمیت 5 سکیورٹی اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق خیر ایجنسی میں آپریشن خیر نوا کامیابی سے جاری ہے اور گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران فورسز کے علاقے میں بڑی کامیابیاں ملیں۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران خیر ایجنسی کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کی گئی جس میں فورسز سے جھڑپوں میں 27 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ اس دوران دہشت گردوں کی کارروائی میں پاک فوج کے کیپٹن اجمل سمیت 5 سکیورٹی اہلکار بھی شہید ہو گئے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق فورسز نے سندھ پال، توڑدر اور مہربان قلعہ کے علاقوں سے دہشت گردوں کا صفایا کر کے ان پر کنٹرول حاصل کر لیا ہے۔

ساہیوال کسوال کے قریب پولیس نے مقابلے کے دوران 2 فرار ملزمان سمیت 5 ملزمان کو ہلاک کر دیا جب کہ مقابلے میں 2 پولیس اہلکار بھی زخمی ہو گئے۔ ساہیوال پولیس کے مطابق 3 ملزمان پولیس وین پر حملہ کر کے اپنے 2 ساتھیوں کو حراست سے چھڑا کر فرار ہو گئے جس پر ان کا تعاقب کیا گیا اور کسوال کے قریب مقابلے کے دوران فرار ہونے والے دونوں ملزمان کو ان کے 3 ساتھیوں سمیت ہلاک کر دیا گیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاک ملزمان سے خود کار اور پولیس سے چھینا گیا اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس مقابلوں کے دوران لیاری گینگ وار کے 2 کارندوں سمیت 3 ملزمان ہلاک جب کہ ایک کو زخمی حالت میں گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق میٹھادر کے علاقے میں پولیس مقابلے میں لیاری گینگ وار و سبج اللہ لاکھو گروپ کے 2 کارکن ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ملزمان کی شناخت آصف عرف قیامت اور عامر عرف ماما کے نام سے ہوئی جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے 2 پستول برآمد ہوئے، ملزمان 20 سے زائد قتل کی وارداتوں میں مطلوب تھے۔ اسٹیل مل کے قریب بھی پولیس مقابلے میں ایک ڈاکو ہلاک جب کہ دوسرا فرار ہو گیا، ہلاک ملزم سے اسلحہ اور موٹر سائیکل برآمد ہوئی۔ پاک کالونی میں بھی پولیس مقابلے میں ایک ملزم زخمی حالت میں گرفتار ہوا۔ دوسری جانب کورنگی ڈھائی کے علاقے میں چھریوں کے وار سے 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں امدادی ٹیموں کے اہلکاروں نے فوری طور پر جناح اسپتال منتقل کیا جہاں ڈاکٹر ز کے مطابق 3 زخمیوں کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے پانچوں افراد جھگڑے کے دوران زخمی ہوئے۔

ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان حوالہ روڈ پر سکیورٹی فورسز کی گاڑی کے قریب بم دھماکے میں ایک سکیورٹی اہلکار ہلاک جب کہ 2 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان میں حوالہ روڈ پر سڑک کنارے نصب دھماکا خیز مواد کو اس وقت اڑایا گیا جب سکیورٹی اہلکاروں کی گاڑی قریب آئی، دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 1 سکیورٹی اہلکار شہید جب کہ 2 زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں طبی امداد کے لئے سی ایم ایچ منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں انہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔ واقعے کے بعد سکیورٹی فورسز نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے کر سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا ہے جب کہ کسی قسم کی گرفتاری کی تصدیق یا تردید نہیں کی گئی۔

چاغی (اے پی پی) چاغی سے متصل پاکستان ایران سرحد پر دونوں ممالک کی سرحدی سکیورٹی فورسز کا پہلا طویل مشترکہ گشت ہوا۔ اسٹنٹ کمنڈر تفتان مراد خان کاسی نے بتایا ان کی قیادت میں کی جانیوالی مشترکہ پٹرولنگ تفتان سے شروع ہو کر پاکستان ایران سرحد کی 130 کلومیٹر کے علاقے تک کی گئی۔ جس میں لیویز فورس، فرنٹیر کور اور ایرانی سرحدی سکیورٹی فورسز کے مجموعی طور پر 50 سے زائد جوانوں نے شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر ایف سی تفتان راکٹرز کے میجر ظہیر اور ایرانی سرحدی علاقے میر جاوہر کے گریڈ 2 مر زبان حسن ستانی بھی ہمراہ تھے۔ ان کے مطابق مشترکہ گشت کے دوران پاکستان ایران سرحد کا بغور جائزہ لیا گیا بعد ازاں ایرانی حکام کے ساتھ مختصر ملاقات کے دوران مشترکہ پٹرولنگ ہر ماہ منعقد کر کے اس کا دائرہ کار مزید وسیع کرنے اور باہمی تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔

یافتہ 2 دہشت گرد گرفتار، ایس ایس پی راؤ انوار

کاددعو

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

30 اپریل 2015

آپریشن خیر نوا؛ جھڑپوں میں 27 دہشت گرد

ہلاک اور پاک فوج کے کیپٹن سمیت 5 اہلکار

شہید

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

30 اپریل 2015

ساہیوال میں پولیس مقابلے کے دوران 5 ملزمان

ہلاک، 2 اہلکار زخمی

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30 اپریل 2015

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس مقابلے

کے دوران 3 ملزمان ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

29 اپریل 2015

ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی گاڑی

پر بم حملہ، ایک اہلکار شہید

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

28 اپریل 2015

پاکستان، ایران کی سکیورٹی فورسز کا پہلا مشترکہ

گشت، دائرہ مزید وسیع کرنے پر اتفاق

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

27 اپریل 2015

2 مئی 2015

ہیں اور دہشت گرد فرار ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس آپریشن میں دہشت گردوں کا نیٹ ورک تباہ کر دیا گیا ہے، ان کی بزدلانہ کارروائیاں ان میں پائی جانے والی مایوسی کو ظاہر کر رہی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز باجوڑ ایجنسی کے علاقے ماندر میں خونخوار چٹان کی گاڑی پر سڑک پر نصب بم کے ذریعے حملہ کیا گیا تھا تاہم وہ اس حملے میں محفوظ رہے تھے۔

خیبر ایجنسی وادی تیراہ کے مختلف علاقوں میں جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری سے 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک اور 7 زخمی ہو گئے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاع پر پاک فضائیہ کے جیٹ طیاروں نے خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی تیراہ کے مختلف علاقوں میں بمباری کی جس کے نتیجے میں 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک اور 7 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری سے شدت پسندوں کے 2 ٹھکانے بھی تباہ ہوئے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز بھی وادی تیراہ میں جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری سے 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

پشاور پولیس نے سیٹھی ٹاؤن میں کارروائی کر کے شہر میں دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام بنا کر 2 افغان دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کارروائی سیٹھی ٹاؤن میں کی گئی جہاں پولیس نے ایک مکان پر چھاپہ مار کر 8 من بارودی مواد، بڑی تعداد میں ریہوٹ کنٹرول، کوئیکٹر، بارودی تار اور کھلونا بم برآمد کر کے 2 افغان دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا، چھاپہ مار کارروائی کے دوران بڑی تعداد میں کھلونا بم برآمد کئے جانے پر بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کو طلب کیا گیا جس نے موقع پر پہنچ کر ان بموں کو ناکارہ بنا دیا۔ بی ڈی ایس حکام کا کہنا تھا کہ پلاسٹک کے گھوڑے کی شکل میں 4 سے 5 کلو بارود لگا کر بم تیار کیا گیا تھا جب کہ پولیس حکام کے مطابق مکان 4 ماہ قبل ایک افغان مہاجر نے کرائے پر لیا جہاں وہ اپنے خاندان سمیت مقیم تھا اور مکان کے رہائشی کیری ڈبہ میں آتے جاتے تھے۔

قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے صوبہ پنجاب سے آٹھ سو زائد ایسے افراد کو گرفتار کیا ہے جو صوبہ طور صوبے میں مختلف کالعدم تنظیموں کے 'سہولت کار' ہیں۔ گرفتار کیے جانے والے افراد کے خلاف انسداد دہشت گردی کے قوانین کے تحت کارروائی عمل میں لائی جا رہی ہے۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے صوبے میں ایسے تیرہ سو افراد کی نشاندہی کی ہے جو مختلف کالعدم تنظیموں کے 'سہولت کار' ہیں اور ان کی گرفتاری کے لیے مختلف ٹیمیں تشکیل دی گئی ہیں۔ جن افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے ان میں سے زیادہ کا تعلق جنوبی پنجاب کے علاقوں سے ہے۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی طرف سے جو رپورٹ وزارت داخلہ کو بھجوائی گئی ہے اس میں اس بات کا ذکر کیا گیا ہے کہ گرفتار ہونے والے افراد میں سے اکثریت کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان، لشکر جھنگوی کے علاوہ سپاہ محمد سے ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے صوبے سے کالعدم جماعتوں کی تیسری یا چوتھی سطح کی لیڈر شپ سے تعلق رکھنے والے چالیس افراد کو بھی گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ کرمل ریٹائرڈ شیخ خانزادہ کے مطابق کالعدم تنظیموں کی نگرانی کے لیے نیٹ ورک کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے پنجاب پولیس کے ادارے سپیشل برانچ میں بھی بڑے پیمانے پر تنظیم نو کی جارہی ہیں اور اس میں سولین افراد کو بھی بھرتی کرنے سے متعلق کام ہو رہا ہے۔

صوبائی وزیر داخلہ کے مطابق پنجاب اسمبلی کی طرف سے حال ہی میں منظور کیے جانے والے سات قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کرنے پر چودہ ہزار سے زائد مقدمات درج کرنے پندرہ ہزار سے زیادہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے مقدمات عدالتوں میں بھجوا دیے ہیں۔ گرفتار ہونے والے افراد نے لاؤڈ سپیکر ایکٹ، غیر قانونی اسلحہ اور وال چاکنگ سے متعلق قوانین کے خلاف ورزی کی تھی۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق صوبہ بھر میں اب تک ساڑھے تیرہ ہزار سے زائد مدارس کو رجسٹرڈ کیا گیا ہے جبکہ ان مدارس میں زیر تعلیم طلباء کے کوائف بھی اکٹھے کر لیے گئے ہیں۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی طرف سے تیار کی جانے والی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ صوبے میں ایسے افراد کی تعداد 3500 سے زائد ہے جنہیں انسداد دہشت گردی کے فور تھ شیڈول میں رکھا گیا ہے جن کی مانیٹرنگ ایک خصوصی چپس کے ذریعے کی جانی ہے۔ رپورٹ میں اس اقدام پر عمل درآمد سے متعلق کوئی ذکر نہیں کیا گیا ہے۔

خیبر ایجنسی وادی تیراہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے ساتھ جھڑپ میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق وادی تیراہ کے علاقے طوردرہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز اور دہشت گردوں میں جھڑپ ہوئی جس کے نتیجے میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ سیکورٹی فورسز کی طوردرہ میں پیش قدمی جاری ہے اور مسلح افواج نے اہم مقامات کا کنٹرول بھی حاصل کر لیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز بھی فورسز کے ساتھ جھڑپ میں 27 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ پاک فوج کے کیپٹن سمیت 5 سیکورٹی اہلکار شہید ہوئے تھے۔

کراچی پولیس نے گزشتہ روز گرفتار کیے جانے والے 2 دہشت گردوں کو میڈیا کے سامنے پیش کر دیا جب کہ ایس ایس پی ملیر راؤ انور کا دعویٰ

خیبر ایجنسی میں جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری سے 12

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2 مئی 2015

پشاور میں دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام، 2

افغان دہشت گرد گرفتار، پولیس

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

1 مئی 2015

پنجاب میں دہشت گردوں کے 800 سہولت

کار گرفتار

بی بی سی اردو

1 مئی 2015

وادی تیراہ میں فورسز کے ساتھ جھڑپ میں 5

دہشت گرد ہلاک

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1 مئی 2015

ایم کیو ایم کے بھارتی ایجنسی "را" سے تربیت

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

پشاور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) ضلع پشاور میں حالیہ طوفانی بارش سے جاں بحق ہونے والے 10 افراد افغان باشندے نکلے، افغان باشندوں کے لواحقین کو حکومت کی جانب سے اعلان کردہ معاوضہ نہیں دیا جائے گا۔ ضلع پشاور میں طوفانی بارش سے 33 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے تھے۔ طوفانی بارش سے زخمی افراد تاحال اعلان کردہ معاوضوں سے محروم ہیں۔

خیبر ایجنسی (صباح نیوز) شمالی جنوبی وزیرستان اور خیبر ایجنسی میں آپریشن متاثرہ 22 ہزار سے زائد خاندان آبائی علاقوں کو واپس چلے گئے۔ قبائلی آپریشن متاثرین خاندانوں کی آبائی علاقوں کو واپسی کا عمل تیزی سے جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ سندھ کے ضلع گھوٹکی میں ڈاکوؤں نے پولیس چوکی پر حملہ کر کے اے ایس آئی سمیت چھ پولیس اہلکاروں کو اغوا کر لیا ہے۔ سرکاری ٹی وی کے مطابق گھوٹکی میں کچے کے علاقے راؤ نئی سے اغوا ہونے والے پولیس اہلکاروں کا تعلق پنجاب پولیس سے ہے۔ پولیس ذرائع کے حوالے سے بتایا گیا ہے کہ کچے کے علاقے میں ڈاکوؤں کے خلاف پنجاب اور سندھ پولیس کے اہلکار مشترکہ آپریشن میں حصہ لے رہے ہیں۔ اس وقت ڈاکوؤں اور پولیس کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ جاری ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق پولیس اہلکاروں کو چھوٹو گینگ، گڈوشر اور سلتوشر کے ڈاکوؤں نے اغوا کیا۔ خیال رہے کہ پاکستان کے مقامی میڈیانے دو روز پہلے بھی خبر دی تھی کہ گھوٹکی میں ڈاکوؤں کے حملے میں ایک ایس ایچ او ہلاک اور دو پولیس افسران ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔

پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے شہر کراچی میں سابق ایس ایس پی ملیر راؤ انوار کے قافلے پر ہونے والے ایک حملے میں پانچ مبینہ حملہ آور ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ کراچی پولیس کے ترجمان عتیق کے مطابق سابق ایس ایس پی راؤ انوار گزشتہ روز قتل ہونے والے ڈی ایس پی فتح محمد گھر تعزیت کے لیے جا رہے تھے کہ ان کے قافلے پر سٹیبل ٹاؤن کے نزدیک واقع ملیر لنک روڈ کے قریب پر کریم پھیکا گیا اور ساتھ ہی فائرنگ کی گئی تاہم پولیس کا کوئی اہلکار زخمی نہیں ہوا۔ پولیس کی جوابی فائرنگ سے ایک مبینہ حملہ آور ہلاک ہو گیا جس کے بعد دیگر حملہ آوروں کا تعاقب کیا گیا اور ان سے فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں مزید چار مبینہ حملہ آور ہلاک ہو گئے۔ یاد رہے کہ ایس ایس پی راؤ انوار نے دو دن پہلے ایک پریس کانفرنس کی تھی جس میں متحدہ قومی موومنٹ اور ان کے قائد الطاف حسین پر بھارت کی خفیہ ایجنسی 'را' سے تعلقات کا الزام عائد کیا تھا اور دو ملزمان طاہر عرف لمبا اور جنید کی گرفتاری ظاہر کی تھی۔ راؤ انوار نے دونوں ملزمان کا تعلق متحدہ قومی موومنٹ کا بتاتے ہوئے ایم کیو ایم پر ملک کے خلاف سرگرمیوں کا الزام لگایا تھا۔ تاہم بعد میں آئی جی سندھ نے انھیں ایس ایس پی ملیر کا چارج چھوڑ کر سی پی او کے دفتر میں رپورٹ کرنے کا حکم دیا تھا۔ کراچی میں طویل عرصے سے جاری آپریشن میں حکومت کی جانب سے کئی مرتبہ کامیابیوں کے دعوے کیے گئے ہیں تاہم ایک ہفتے کے دوران ایک ڈی ایس پی فتح محمد سمیت ٹی ٹو ایف کی مالک سبین محمود اور کراچی یونیورسٹی کے اسٹنٹ پروفیسر وحید الرحمان جو یاسر رضوی کے نام سے جانے جاتے تھے ہدف بنا کر قتل کیے گئے۔ اسی وجہ سے اکثر ناقدین حکام کی جانب سے کراچی آپریشن میں کامیابی کے دعوؤں پر سوالات اٹھا رہے ہیں۔

پاکستانی فوج نے قبائلی علاقے شمالی وزیرستان اور خیبر ایجنسی میں فضائی حملوں میں 44 شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ نے اپنے بیان میں کہا ہے کہ فضائی حملوں میں ہلاک ہونے والوں میں غیر ملکی شدت پسند بھی شامل ہیں۔ بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ شدت پسندوں کے خلاف تازہ فضائی حملے شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے دتہ خیل میں کیے گئے۔

اسلام آباد وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کے مثبت نتائج برآمد ہو رہے ہیں اور اس سے دہشت گرد فرار ہو رہے ہیں۔ باجوڑ ایجنسی میں سابق رکن قومی اسمبلی اخوندزادہ چٹان پر دہشت گردوں کے حملے کی مذمت کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ حکومت نے ملک سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کا عزم کر رکھا ہے، آپریشن ضرب عضب کے مثبت نتائج برآمد ہو رہے

سرخیوں

پشاور: حالیہ طوفانی بارش سے 10 افغان باشندے بھی جاں بحق، معاوضہ نہیں ملے گا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

3 مئی 2015

قبائلی علاقوں میں آپریشن سے متاثرہ 22 ہزار سے زائد خاندان اپنے علاقوں کو لوٹ گئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

3 مئی 2015

گھوٹکی سے چھ پولیس اہلکار اغوا

ٹی بی سی اردو

3 مئی 2015

سابق ایس ایس پی راؤ انوار پر حملہ، پانچ مبینہ حملہ آور ہلاک

ٹی بی سی اردو

2 مئی 2015

شمالی وزیرستان اور خیبر ایجنسی میں 44 شدت پسند ہلاک

ٹی بی سی اردو

2 مئی 2015

آپریشن ضرب عضب کے باعث دہشت گرد فرار ہو رہے ہیں، وزیراعظم نواز شریف

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جس میں سب سے خطرناک ویزرل ہے جو مریض کو موت کے منہ میں دھکیل سکتا ہے۔ ماہرین صحت کے مطابق مناسب حفاظتی اقدامات اور شہریوں کو حفظان صحت کے اصولوں سے متعلق آگاہی فراہم کر کے لیشیمینا کے مہلک مرض پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا جاسکتا ہے۔

کراچی..... ای ڈی او ہیلتھ سندھ ڈاکٹر ظفر اعجاز نے ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ کو خط لکھا ہے کہ کراچی میں نگیریا کے خلاف جامع حکمت عملی بنائی جائے، پانی میں کلورین کی مقدار پوری کرنا واٹر بورڈ کی ذمہ داری ہے۔ خط کے متن میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ 20 اپریل کو نگیریا کے باعث گلستان جوہر کی رہائشی خاتون انتقال کر گئیں، سوئٹنگ پولز، واٹر پارکس، گھروں سمیت واٹر ٹینکس کی جانچ پڑتال کی جائے، پانی میں کلورین کی کمی کے باعث انسان نگیریا کا شکار ہوتا ہے۔

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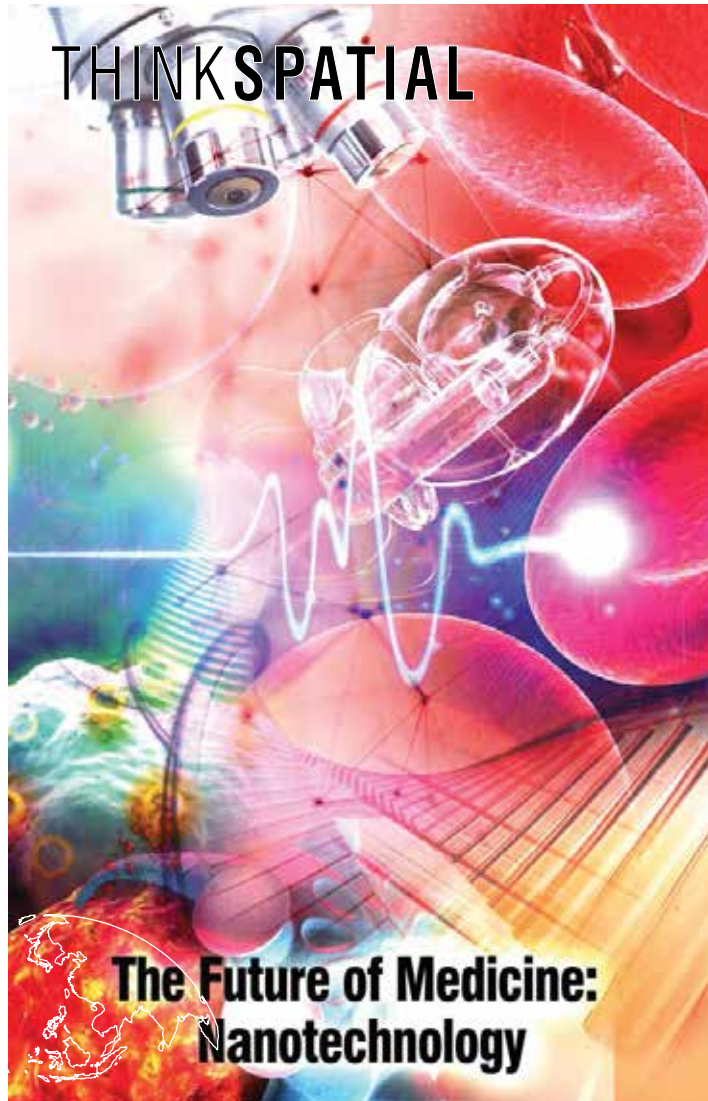
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ہوتا ہے۔ اپنے پاس بیٹری سے چلنے والے ریڈیو کی موجودگی کو یقینی بنائیں تاکہ کسی تباہی یا بلے میں دب جانے کی صورت میں تازہ ترین اطلاعات و ہدایات ملتی رہیں۔ اگر آپ گھر سے باہر ہیں تو کسی ایسی جگہ رک جائیں جس کے قریب عمارت، درخت اور بجلی کی تاریں نہ ہوں۔ اگر آپ گاڑی چلا رہے ہیں تو اس کی رفتار کم کر دیں اور محفوظ جگہ کارخ کریں، اپنی گاڑی سے اس وقت تک نہ نکلیں جب تک زلزلے کے جھٹکے ختم نہ ہو جائیں اور خاص طور پر بیلوں اور بجلی کی تاروں کے قریب سے نہ گزریں۔ اگر بجلی کا تار ٹوٹ کر آپ کی گاڑی پر گر جائے تو بدحواسی میں باہر نکلنے کی بجائے مدد آنے تک اندر ہی انتظار کریں۔

کراچی (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) سندھ میں ممکنہ بارشوں کے پیش نظر رین ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج کراچی میں تیز ہوائیں چلنے کا امکان ہے۔ تیز ہواؤں کا سلسلہ چار گھنٹے جاری رہ سکتا ہے۔ ہواؤں کی رفتار 10 سے 20 ٹائیکل میل تک جاسکتی ہے۔ وزیر بلدیات سندھ شرجیل مین نے بتایا کہ رین ایمر جنسی نافذ کر کے سندھ میں تمام بلدیاتی ملازمین کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دیں، انتظامیہ کو الارٹ رہنے اور تمام اضلاع میں نالوں کی صفائی کو یقینی بنانے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔

مکنہ بارشیں، سندھ میں ایمر جنسی نافذ بلدیاتی ملازمین کی چھٹیاں منسوخ آج کراچی میں تیز

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پشاور: صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں منگل کو زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے۔ نمائندہ ڈان نیوز کے مطابق زلزلے کے جھٹکے سوات، دیر بالا، مالکانڈ اور گردونواح میں بھی محسوس ہوئے۔ زلزلہ پیما مرکز کے مطابق زلزلے کی شدت 5.5 ریکارڈ کی گئی، جبکہ اس کی زیر زمین گہرائی 14.4 کلومیٹر تھی۔ زلزلے کا مرکز تاجکستان کا سرحدی علاقہ بتایا جا رہا ہے۔ زلزلے کے بعد شہریوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا اور وہ گھروں سے باہر نکل آئے۔ تاہم ابھی تک کسی جانی یا مالی نقصان کی اطلاعات موصول نہیں ہوئیں۔

اسلام آباد: وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے ہندوستان کے وزیراعظم نریندر مودی کو ٹیلی فون کر کے حالیہ زلزلے میں ہندوستانی شہریوں کی ہلاکت پر تعزیت کی ہے۔ اس بات کا اظہار ہندوستانی وزیراعظم نریندر مودی نے ٹویٹ پر اپنے پیغام میں کیا۔ نریندر مودی کے مطابق پاکستانی وزیراعظم نے نیپال میں ہندوستان کی جانب سے کیے گئے ریسکیو آپریشن کی تعریف کی، جس پر انھوں نے نواز شریف کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ یاد رہے کہ 25 اپریل کو نیپال کے دارالحکومت کھٹمنڈو میں 7.9 شدت کا شدید ترین زلزلہ آیا، جس کے نتیجے میں اب تک ساڑھے 5 ہزار سے زائد افراد ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں جبکہ ہزاروں افراد زخمی ہیں۔ زلزلے کی لپیٹ میں ہندوستان اور پاکستان کے ساتھ ساتھ چینی علاقہ تبت بھی آیا۔ ہندوستان میں زلزلے کے باعث 61 ہلاکتیں ہوئیں جبکہ چین کے مطابق تبت میں بھی 20 لوگ زلزلے کے نتیجے میں ہلاک ہوئے، تاہم پاکستان میں محسوس کیا جانے والا زلزلہ معمولی نوعیت کا تھا۔ ہندوستانی وزیراعظم نریندر مودی نے وزیراعظم نواز شریف کو ناگہانی آفات سے نمٹنے کے لیے سارک ممالک کے ڈاکٹروں اور ریسکیو ٹیموں کی ہر سال مشترکہ مشقیں کرنے کی تجویز دی، تاکہ قدرتی آفات کی صورت میں کم سے کم نقصان ہو۔

وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے ہندوستانی وزیراعظم نریندر مودی کی جانب سے مشترکہ مشقوں کی اس تجویز کا خیر مقدم کیا۔ نریندر مودی کے مطابق دونوں وزرائے اعظم نے غیر موسمی بارش اور اس کے فصلوں پر اثرات پر بھی بات چیت کی۔ ہندوستانی وزیراعظم کی جانب سے یہ پیغامات ایک ایسے وقت میں سامنے آئے ہیں جب گزشتہ روز وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے انڈیا کے ساتھ تعلقات کے حوالے سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ پاکستان اچھے تعلقات کی خواہش رکھتا ہے لیکن پڑوسی ملک اس خواہش کا جواب دینے میں ناکام رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے گزشتہ مئی ہندوستان کے وزیراعظم نریندر مودی کی تقریب حلف برداری کی دعوت قبول کرنے کو 'غیر معمولی' فیصلہ قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان جموں اور کشمیر سمیت تمام مسائل حل کرنے کی خاطر تعمیراتی مذاکرات کیلئے تیار ہے، تاہم ہندوستان کی جانب سے مذاکرات بحال کرنے کی کوئی خواہش سامنے نہیں آئی۔

خیبر ایجنسی میں لیشینیا کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی

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خیبر ایجنسی..... گرمی شروع ہوتے ہی خیبر ایجنسی کے عوام پر لیشینیا کی تلوار لٹکنے لگی۔ خیبر ایجنسی میں لیشینیا کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی، سخت تکلیف دہ جلدی بیماری کے ستارے مریضوں سے اسپتال بھر گئے۔ ایجنسی میں ماہانہ ایک ہزار سے زائد افراد اس موذی مرض میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں۔ آبادی کے لحاظ سے ملک بھر میں یہ تناسب سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ خیبر ایجنسی میں لیشینیا کی بیماری نے وبائی صورت اختیار کر لی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق اس موذی مرض میں ماہانہ ایک ہزار سے زائد افراد مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس مرض میں مبتلا افراد جسم پر دانے لگنے سے شدید اذیت کا شکار رہتے ہیں۔ کھڑے پانی میں پرورش پانے والا یہ مچھر صبح اور شام کے وقت حملہ آور ہوتا ہے۔ خیبر ایجنسی میں لیشینیا کی تینوں اقسام پائی جاتی ہیں۔ جس میں سب سے خطرناک ویزرل ہے جو مریض کو موت کے منہ میں دھکیل سکتا ہے۔ ماہرین صحت کے مطابق مناسب حفاظتی اقدامات اور شہریوں کو حفظان صحت کے اصولوں سے متعلق آگاہی فراہم کر کے لیشینیا کے مہلک مرض پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا جاسکتا ہے۔

ہے۔ کھڑے پانی میں پرورش پانے والا یہ مچھر صبح اور شام کے وقت حملہ خیبر ایجنسی میں لیشینیا کی تینوں اقسام پائی جاتی ہیں۔ لیشینیا کی بیماری

بجلی آن گری حاجی مراد موقع پر جاں بحق اور ندیم شدید زخمی ہو گیا۔ جاکے چٹھہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق کوٹ پرویا کی دو حقیقی بہنوں پر آسانی بجلی کرنے سے ایک جاں بحق جبکہ ایک بال بال بچ گئی۔ کوٹ پرویا کے مالک چیمہ کی دو صاحبزادیاں چودہ سالہ علیشما اور نو سالہ صنوبر گھر سے اپنے ڈیرے پر پیری سے پیر کھانے گئیں بارش تیز ہو گئی ایک پیری کے نیچے چلی گئی دوسری پیر چٹنے میں مصروف ہو گئی اس پر اچانک آسمانی بجلی گر گئی جس سے وہ (علیشما) موقع پر جاں بحق ہو گئی صنوبر بال بال بچ گئی۔ وزیر آباد سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق درخت کرنے سے 25 سالہ موٹر سائیکل سوار نوجوان شہر و زجاں بحق ہو گیا۔ موضع دھوکل کا شہر و زاپنے والد افتخار کے ہمراہ قریبی رشتہ دار کو ملنے کے بعد واپس گھر جا رہے تھے۔ ظفر وال میں موضع منگوال کا 60 سالہ اکرم رقبہ موضع جنڈیالہ میں کھیتوں میں جانوروں کے لئے چارہ کاٹ رہا تھا بارش کے ساتھ گرج چمک کے ساتھ آگ کا شعلہ اس پر آگرا جس کے نتیجے میں وہ موقع پر ہی دم توڑ گیا۔ بدولہی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بدولہی اور گردنواح میں جمہرات کے روز بارش کے ساتھ شدید آندھی چلی، کاروباری زندگی کا نظام درہم برہم ہو کر رہ گیا۔ درجنوں درخت جڑوں سے اکھڑ گئے اور کئی بچی اور بچی دیواریں گرنے کی اطلاعات ملی ہیں۔ گندم کی فصل بھی متاثر ہوئی ہے۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نارنگ منڈی و گردنواح میں بھکڑ چلنے سے گورنمنٹ گرلز ہائی سکول سکنہ مردانہ گاؤں کی بیرونی دیوار مسمار ہونے پر تین ملازم دیوار تلے دب کر زخمی ہو گئے جبکہ طوفانی آندھی سے بجلی کا نظام درہم برہم ہو گیا کھبے اور بے شمار درخت زمین بوس ہو گئے۔

پشاور (دنیا نیوز) پشاور میں طوفانی بارش سے متاثرہ علاقوں کا سروے تاحال مکمل نہ ہو سکا۔ پشاور، چارسدہ اور نوشہرہ میں مالی نقصانات کا تخمینہ لگانے کے بعد متاثرین کو معاوضے دینے جائیں گے۔ مالی نقصانات کا تخمینہ لگانے کے بعد متاثرین کو معاوضے دینے جائیں گے۔ پشاور، چارسدہ اور نوشہرہ میں گزشتہ اتوار کو ہونے والی طوفانی بارش کو پانچ دن گزر جانے کے باوجود متعلقہ اضلاع میں انتظامیہ کی جانب سے مالی نقصانات کا تخمینہ نہیں لگایا جاسکا۔ صوبائی حکومت کی جانب سے پی ڈی ایم اے اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کو مختلف علاقوں میں بارش سے مکانات اور فصلوں کو پہنچنے والے نقصانات کی ہدایت کی گئی تھی۔ اس حوالے سے ضلعی انتظامیہ کا موقف ہے کہ متعلقہ علاقوں کے پٹواری اور دیگر سرکاری اہلکاروں کو نقصانات کا تخمینہ لگانے کی ہدایت کر دی ہے جس کی رپورٹ جلد ہی صوبائی حکومت کو ارسال کر دی جائے گی۔ دوسری جانب پشاور کے متاثرہ علاقوں میں مقامی لوگوں نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت مکانات کی تعمیر اور مرمت کا کام شروع کر دیا ہے۔

مانسہرہ: مانسہرہ میں جموں ٹکا کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے نتیجے میں بالا کوٹ ناران شاہراہ بند ہو گئی، دونوں اطراف گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں۔ مانسہرہ کے علاقے جموں ٹکا کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے بالا کوٹ، ناران شاہراہ بند ہو گئی، شاہراہ کی بندش کی باعث دونوں اطراف میں گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں، شاہراہ کی بندش سے ملک بھر سے آئے ہوئے سیاح بھی محصور ہو کر رہ گئے، جبکہ متعلقہ اداروں کی جانب سے راستہ کھولنے کا کام انتہائی سست روی کا شکار ہے، محصور سیاحوں نے حکومت اور نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی سے مطالبہ کیا کہ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث بند شاہراہ کو کھولنے کے فوری انتظامات کیے جائیں۔

پشاور..... پشاور سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف اضلاع میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں میں مزید بارشوں کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف اضلاع میں گرج چمک کے ساتھ وقفہ وقفہ سے ملکی بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران کالام میں 30، بالا کوٹ میں 15، رسلپور میں 9، چترال میں 8، 7 اور پشاور میں 6 ملی میٹر بارش رکارڈ کی گئی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق بارش کا یہ سلسلہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں تک جاری رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ بارش کے بعد پشاور کے نشیبی علاقوں میں بارش کا پانی جمع ہے۔ جس سے آمدورفت میں مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

گزشتہ دنوں نیپال میں 7.9 شدت کے تباہ کن زلزلے کے نتیجے میں پانچ ہزار کے لگ بھگ افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ مالی نقصانات کا تخمینہ تو ابھی لگایا ہی نہیں جاسکتا۔ زلزلہ ایک ایسی قدرتی آفت ہے جو کبھی بھی اور کہیں بھی تباہی مچا دیتی ہے اور اس کی قبل از وقت پیش گوئی بھی ممکن نہیں ہوتی لہذا لوگوں کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ وہ اس حوالے سے احتیاطی تدابیر سے واقف ہوں۔ ایسے ہی چند نکات درج ذیل دیئے جا رہے ہیں جو کسی زلزلے کے دوران آپ کو کسی حد تک تحفظ فراہم کر سکتے ہیں۔ اگر زلزلہ آجائے تو فوری طور پر ہاتھوں اور پیروں کے بل زمین پر بیٹھ جائیں اور کسی ڈیسک یا میز کے نیچے پناہ لے لیں اور جھکے رکھنے تک وہاں سے باہر نہ نکلیں۔ اپنے سر اور گردن کو نیکے یا ہاتھوں سے تحفظ فراہم کریں۔ اگر آپ کسی چھت کے نیچے ہیں تو اس وقت تک باہر جانے کی کوشش نہ کریں جب تک زلزلہ تھم نہ جائے اس کے بعد ہی باہر نکلنا محفوظ ہوتا ہے۔ زلزلے کے دوران فرنیچر سے دور رہیں تاکہ وہ لڑھک کر آپ پر گر نہ سکے۔ اسی طرح کھڑکی کے قریب جانے سے گریز کریں کیونکہ زلزلے سے شیشے ٹوٹنے کا خطرہ ہوتا ہے جس سے آپ زخمی بھی ہو سکتے ہیں۔ اگر موقع ملے تو فوری طور پر گھر کے گیس کے کنکشن کو والو کے ذریعے بند کر دیں۔ اگر آپ کسی اپارٹمنٹ بلڈنگ میں رہتے ہیں تو زلزلے کے دوران لفٹ کا استعمال نہ کریں کیونکہ اس کے جام ہونے کا خطرہ

پشاور میں متاثرہ علاقوں کا سروے تاحال مکمل نہ

کیا جاسکا

اردو ایئر

1 مئی 2015

مانسہرہ میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ، بالا کوٹ ناران

شاہراہ بند

اردو ایئر

30 اپریل 2015

پشاور سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف اضلاع میں

بارش کا سلسلہ

اردو ایئر

30 اپریل 2015

زلزلے کی صورت میں احتیاطی تدابیر

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اردو ایئر

2 مئی 2015

کراچی..... موسم کی بدلتی صورتحال اور طوفانی بارشوں کے ممکنہ خطرات کے پیش نظر سندھ حکومت نے چند روز قبل صوبے بھر میں رین امیر جنسی نافذ کی لیکن بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی اس قابل نہیں ہے کہ شدید بارشوں میں شہر کو سنبھال سکے۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ میونسپل سروسز ڈرائنگ کے مطابق صفائی مہم میں حصہ لینے والی 200 سے زائد گاڑیاں ایسی ہیں جنہیں مرمت کی ضرورت ہے لیکن فنڈز کی عدم دستیابی اور افسران کی مبینہ غفلت کے پیش نظر یہ گاڑیاں خستہ حالی کا شکار ہیں۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ نے چند ماہ قبل سندھ حکومت سے 30 کروڑ روپے کا مطالبہ کیا تھا لیکن فنڈز اب تک مہیا نہیں کئے گئے۔ دوسری جانب حکومتی ترجمان شرجیل میمن کا کہنا ہے کہ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کو باقاعدگی سے فنڈز مہیا کئے جاتے ہیں۔ ڈرائنگ کا کہنا ہے کہ معاملہ کچھ بھی ہو تاہم شدید بارشیں ہوئیں تو بلدیہ عظمیٰ اس قابل نہیں کہ شہر کو سنبھال سکے۔

موسمیاتی پندتوں نے آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہنے کی پیش گوئی کی ہے ہفتے کی شام اسلام آباد، راولپنڈی، مری اور گلگت کے علاقے بادلوں کی لپیٹ میں آسکتے ہیں، تاہم محکمہ موسمیات کی جانب سے آئندہ تین تا چار روز تک بارش کی کوئی پیش گوئی نہیں کی گئی، آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران اسلام آباد میں کم سے کم درجہ حرارت چودہ اور زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت اکتیس درجے سینٹی گریڈ رہے گا۔ گرمیوں کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوتے ہی آنکھوں کو دھوپ سے بچانے کیلئے چشموں کا استعمال بھی بڑھ گیا ہے گرمیوں کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوتے ہی آنکھوں کو دھوپ سے بچانے کیلئے چشموں کا استعمال بھی بڑھ گیا ہے۔ طبی ماہرین کہتے ہیں کہ عینک کے استعمال سے آنکھیں گرد و غبار اور سورج کی تپش سے بچی رہتی ہیں۔ تاہم غیر معیاری عینک کے استعمال سے آنکھیں خراب ہونے کا اندیشہ موجود رہتا ہے۔

ملک بھر میں گرمی کی شدید لہر بدستور جاری ہے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

2 مئی 2015

پشاور: پشاور میں ہونے والی طوفانی بارشوں سے تباہی کے بعد متاثرہ علاقوں میں امدادی کارروائیاں جاری ہیں، متعدد فیڈرز بند ہونے سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ بھی بڑھا دیا گیا ہے۔ پشاور میں طوفانی بارش سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں امدادی کارروائیاں جاری ہیں جبکہ پی ڈی ایم اے اور دیگر فلاحی اداروں کی جانب سے متاثرین میں ٹینٹ اور اشیاء خورد و نوش تقسیم کی جارہی ہیں۔ متاثرہ علاقوں میں تباہ ہونے والے گھروں کی تعمیر کے لئے حکومت کی جانب سے تاحال سروسے مکمل نہیں کیا گیا۔ وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومت کی جانب سے متاثرین کو امدادی رقم کی فراہمی کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ دوسری جانب بارشوں سے متاثرہ فیڈرز بند ہیں، فیڈرز کی مرمت کے باعث شہر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ بھی بڑھا دیا گیا ہے۔ طوفانی بارشوں کے دوران مختلف حادثات میں زخمی ہونے والے دس افراد لیڈی ریڈنگ اسپتال میں زیر علاج ہیں۔

پشاور: طوفانی بارشوں سے تباہی، امدادی

کارروائیاں جاری

اردو ایئر

2 مئی 2015

کراچی: میں آج سال کا گرم ترین دن ریکارڈ کیا گیا جہاں درجہ حرارت 42 سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا۔ سندھ لمبیں سورج آج بھی سوائیزے پر رہا جہاں کراچی اور چھوڑ کا درجہ حرارت 42 جب کہ حیدرآباد اور نواب شاہ کا 41 سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا، دوسری جانب بلوچستان میں بھی آج سورج آگ برساتا رہا جہاں تربت کا درجہ حرارت 42 جب کہ خضدار کا 41 سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

کراچی میں سال کا گرم ترین دن، پارہ 42 سینٹی

گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

1 مئی 2015

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق سندھ سمیت کراچی میں خشک ہوائیں چل رہی ہیں اور ہوائیں نمی کا تناسب 20 فیصد رکاز کیا گیا اور گرمی کی شدت کل بھی برقرار رہنے کا امکان ہے جب کہ گلگت بلتستان، کشمیر اور اس سے ملحقہ پہاڑی علاقوں میں مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود رہنے کے علاوہ چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے آئندہ 3 سے 4 روز کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم خشک اور گرم رہنے کا امکان بھی ظاہر کیا ہے۔

لاہور، کئی شہروں میں بارش، آندھی، لڑک

سمیت 4 افراد جاں بحق

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

1 مئی 2015

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