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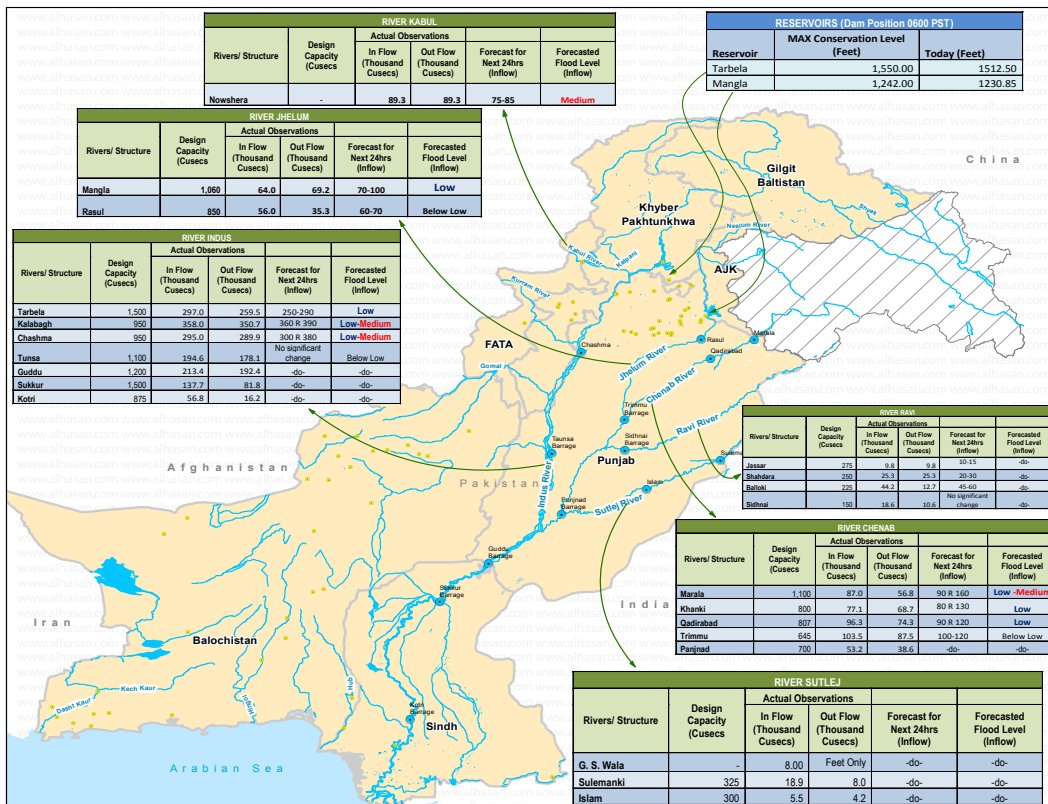
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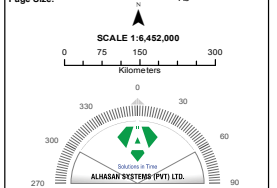


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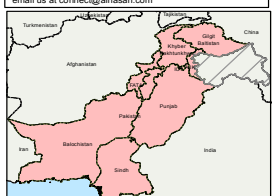
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

NDMA Issues High Alert To KP, Punjab Over Urban Flooding Threat

Express Tribune, July 12, 2015

Rain-Related Fatalities: 'Govt Alert On Flood Situation'

Express Tribune, July 12, 2015

Dozens of Villages Cut off Due To Flooding

DAWN News, July 12, 2015

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has warned that heavy but scattered rainfall could generate urban flooding. Rains are expected in Kashmir, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore and Hazara division during Saturday and Sunday.

Meanwhile flash floods are expected in some parts of Balochistan. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) issued a high alert to officials and departments concerned in K-P and Punjab to take extra preventive measures to avoid loss of life.

Rashid Bilal, a meteorologist at PMD, said the Met office has already issued an alert to the district governments. He said it is expected that these heavy showers will create havoc for a short period of time. Bilal said however, that it is expected that on Sunday the first spell of monsoon will come to an end. The following week from Monday to Thursday weather will remain dry and hot. Meanwhile the second spell of monsoon rain is expected to start from late Thursday night which will continue for a few days. "It is expected that Pakistan will receive below normal rains during second spell of monsoon," he said.

On the other hand on Saturday morning an emergency was declared in Rawalpindi when the water level in Nullah Lai crossed dangerous levels. Mohammad Umar Farooq, Assistant Director Information at Water And Sanitation Agency (WASA), Rawalpindi said the water level in the Nullah Lai reached 16 feet triggering concerns. "Rawalpindi has already being declared as high risk district in the monsoon contingency plan. Therefore it will remain on high alert till the end of the season," he said. NDMA spokesman Ahmed Kamal said after receiving PMD's high alerts they have sent it to its provincial departments to take precautionary measures well before time.

LAHORE: Home Minister Shuja Khanzada said on Saturday that Rs500,000 compensation had been announced for relatives of each of the three people killed in rain-related accidents in Narowal.

Khanzada was speaking at a meeting of the flood cabinet committee at the Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). He said the initiative had been taken following a directive by Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Khanzada said it would continue to intermittently rain across the province in the forthcoming days. He said the Irrigation Department and district authorities had been constantly monitoring the flow of water in rivers, canals and drains. Khanzada said unsubstantiated news had been creating panic among the people. He said such information should not be proliferated till it had been authenticated by relevant departments. Khanzada said there was a blanket ban on bathing in rivers, canals and drains across the province. He said authorities had been directed to take strict action against those guilty of flouting the ban. He said information regarding the flow of water in rivers could be obtained by calling the Lahore Flood Warning Centre.

LAHORE: Heavy rain was reported from some cities in Punjab, including Rawalpindi, on Saturday and the Pakistan Meteorological Department forecast that the monsoon activity would continue in the province and Azad Kashmir over the next 24 hours.

The Federal Flood Commission said River Chenab was in low flood in the Khanki-Qadirabad reach, whereas River Kabul was in medium flood in the Warsak-Nowshera reach. River Swat was also in low flood at Charsadda Road Bridge. Rivers Indus, Jhelum, Ravi and Sutlej were flowing normally. Tarbela and Mangla reservoirs were at elevations of 1511.00 ft and 1230.60 ft, respectively, which were 39.00 ft and 11.40 ft below their respective maximum conservation levels of 1550.00 ft and 1242.00 ft.

Our Sialkot correspondent Abid Mehdi reported inundation of 15 villages in Pasrur and 17 in Zafarwal tehsils due to the flood in Nullah Dek. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department, heavy rain in Rawalpindi and Islamabad in the morning flooded Nullah Lai, which as a result attained the gauge level of 15.12 ft (pre-alert level) at Kattarian Bridge and 15.45 ft (alert level) at Gawalmandi Bridge. The level, however, was below the danger point of 20 ft. The flow in the nullah returned to normal in the afternoon. But there were chances of light to moderate rain in its catchment in the next few hours.

The Flood Forecasting Division (FFD) recorded heaviest rain in Islamabad and Rawalpindi. Golra received 78mm, Bokra 71mm, Zero Point 43mm, Saidpur 24mm, Chaklala 60mm and Shamsabad 43mm. The FFD said Bahawalnagar received 63mm of rain, Baha-walpur city 49mm, Noorpurthal 39mm, Bahawalpur airport and Sahiwal 37mm, Murree 30mm, Dir 19mm, Okara 18mm, Kot Addu 17mm, Garhiduppata and Hunza 15mm, Mangla 12mm, Joharabad 11mm, Chakwal and Skardu 10mm, Jhang, Astore and Peshawar city 8mm, Ma-lamjabba 7mm, Khanpur and Sibi 5m and Sargodha, Multan, Faisalabad, Abbottabad, Bannu, Muzaffarabad and Saidu Sharif 4mm. The FFD said monsoon currents were penetrating into central and upper parts of the country and the incursion was likely to continue during the next 24 hours. The trough of westerly wave over northern parts of the country lay over Kashmir and adjoining areas and was likely to pass over to China by Sunday night. Therefore widespread rain-thundershower was expected in Islamabad, Punjab, Kashmir and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, while at scattered places in Sibi, Zhob, Quetta, Kalat, Nasirabad, Sukkur and Larkana divisions and Gilgit-Baltistan in the next 24 hours. Scattered heavy falls were also expected in Kashmir, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore and Hazara divisions on Saturday night and Sunday morning. The FFD spotted a well-marked monsoon low over northern Madhya Pradesh (India) and said it was being closely monitored.

PAKISTAN - RESERVOIRS & RIVERS FLOW MAP

(as of July 12, 2015)

RIVER KABUL					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
Nowshera	-	89.3	89.3	75-85	Medium

RESERVOIRS (Dam Position 0600 PST)		
Reservoir	MAX Conservation Level (Feet)	Today (Feet)
Tarbela	1,550.00	1512.50
Mangla	1,242.00	1230.85

RIVER JHELUM					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
Mangla	1,060	64.0	69.2	70-100	Low
Rasul	850	56.0	35.3	60-70	Below Low

RIVER INDUS					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
Tarbela	1,500	297.0	259.5	250-290	Low
Kalebagh	950	358.0	350.7	360 R 390	Low-Medium
Chashma	950	295.0	289.9	300 R 380	Low-Medium
Tunsa	1,100	194.6	178.1	No significant change	Below Low
Guddu	1,200	213.4	192.4	-do-	-do-
Sukkur	1,500	137.7	81.8	-do-	-do-
Kotri	975	56.8	16.2	-do-	-do-

RIVER RAVI					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
Jhelum	275	6.8	9.9	10-15	-do-
Shakardera	250	29.3	29.3	20-30	-do-
Bathinda	275	44.2	12.7	15-60	-do-
Sialkot	190	18.6	12.5	No significant change	-do-

RIVER CHENAB					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
Harala	1,100	67.0	56.8	90 R 160	Low-Medium
Khanki	300	77.1	68.7	80 R 130	Low
Qadirabad	307	96.3	74.3	90 R 120	Low
Trimmu	945	103.5	87.5	100-120	Below Low
Panjnad	700	53.2	38.6	-do-	-do-

RIVER SUTLEJ					
River/Structure	Design Capacity (Cusecs)	Actual Observations		Forecast for Next 24hrs (Inflow)	Forecasted Flood Level (Inflow)
		In Flow (Thousand Cusecs)	Out Flow (Thousand Cusecs)		
G. S. Wala	-	8.00	Feet Only	-do-	-do-
Sulemanki	325	18.9	8.0	-do-	-do-
Islam	300	5.5	4.2	-do-	-do-

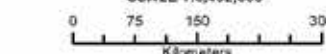
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Hot Smoke From Rajasthan Power Plants Fanned Karachi Heatwave: Investigation Report

Dunya News, July 12, 2015

Brace Yourself: At Least 5 Killed As More Rain, Flash Floods Predicted

Express Tribune, July 11, 2015

India Releases Water In Chenab, Ravi

Our Sialkot correspondent reported that 15 villages of Pasrur tehsil in Sialkot and 17 villages in the adjacent Zafarwal tehsil inundated for the second consecutive day due to the spate in the Nullah Dek. A peak of 33,000 cusecs crossed the nullah. Spillovers inundated hundreds of acres of agriculture land in these villages.

Six villages, including Chahoor, Jabbokey, Nawaadhey and Seehowal, in Pasrur tehsil were still cut off from the Sialkot district as the local link roads were badly damaged during Friday's flood in the nullah. In Shakargarh, local administration was unable to repair the 30ft breach in the bank of Nullah Baein, which occurred near village Sangraan-Shakargarh during Friday's flooding. The 15 affected villages were still cut off from Sialkot as the main Sakho Chak-Shakargarh Road was washed away about 100ft.

Rescue 1122 saved three local shepherds from drowning in Nullah Baein. According to Malik Abid Awan, the focal person of the Sialkot Flood Control, the water level receded in River Tavi and in the inundated Chaprar villages, including Saalehpur, Patwal, Suhailpura, Resmaan, Bara Dari, Beli and Jhumiyaan Dalaalaan.

A peak of 5,820 cusecs was crossing River Jammu Tavi and 1,547 cusecs River Munawwar Tavi, near Chaprar. Meanwhile, it remained cloudy to partly cloudy in Lahore. The maximum temperature was 33 degrees Celsius and the minimum 23 degrees with 64 per cent humidity in the evening. Weather was pleasant in the night and there were chances of rain in the city. Provincial Home Minister Shuja Khanzada announced Rs500,000 each for the heirs of those drowned in Narowal on Friday.

KARACHI: Rajasthan's power plants have been blamed to be behind the high temperatures in Karachi which has led to the death of more than 1500 people. Dunya News received report of investigating committee today (Sunday). As per details, the committee was comprised of higher officials from health department, Pakistan Meteorological Department, NDMA and disaster risk reduction.

The committee has unveiled the real facts behind Karachi heatwave stating that the smoke coming out from Rajasthan's power plants have contributed a lot in raising the death toll whereas the deaths have also been caused by the lack of water, trees and electricity. The investigating committee will present its report before government leaders on July 15.

PESHAWAR / SWABI / KARAK: At least five people were killed and two were injured in a single roof collapse incident in Karak, while crops and livestock were swept away in Swabi due to heavy rains and flash floods. The meteorological department has predicted more rains in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa over the next few days and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) issued flash flood warnings.

Three children were among the five dead in Bahadur Khel, Karak district. Officials said the roof of a house in Anar Banda caved in during the early hours of Friday. Locals rushed to the site and removed the debris to rescue the victims. Two of the injured, both children, were rushed to a local hospital where their condition is said to be stable.

Devastation in Swabi

A heavy spell of rain which lasted more than three hours caused widespread damage to crops and demolished the outer walls of several buildings. Food items from several shops were swept away, but worst affected were animals which were claimed by the flash floods. Residents from Colonel Sher Khan Kalay, Adeena, Kalo Khan, Saleem Khan, Shewa, Parmoli, and Sher Darra had to take to the roofs of their houses after water flooded in. The district's tobacco and maize crop was also severely damaged. The DC assessed the losses and said the government would try to compensate. Residents of the area protested against the building of the Sher Khan Cadet College, saying the route for floodwater to disperse had been blocked by the construction. They demanded an alternative passage for water to flow out before the next spell of intense rains.

Possibility of flash floods

As the monsoon continues to affect K-P and its surrounding tribal belt, PDMA has issued a flash flood warning for the next few days. Based on the weather reports provided by the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) office in Peshawar, the PDMA alerted office bearers and district administrations in the Hazara division, DI Khan, Bannu and Karak. The PDMA warned authorities to be ready for any possible emergency situation and to provide timely relief to the public. PMD Regional Director Mushtaq Shah said heavy rainfall was expected on Friday night, Saturday and Sunday due to which stream levels are expected to rise and turn into flash floods.

The expected intensity of rain in these areas and the nearby tribal areas of North Waziristan, Kurram and Orakzai agencies is high, while the downpour is predicted to be moderate in Mardan, Charsadda and Peshawar. PDMA Spokesperson Latifur Rehman told The Express Tribune the Met office predicted heavy rain with gusty winds in these areas on Saturday and Sunday. "The PDMA control room is in contact with all its district offices and district administrations," he said.

Condition of rivers

The KP irrigation department informed the PDMA that rivers, including River Kabul and Kalpani Nullah, were flowing at medium levels, while the Indus River, Panjkora, Swat, Khiali and Adezai were flowing at normal levels. Shah said 50 to 60mm of rainfall could raise the flow of rivers from low to medium levels. However, with the current spell of rain, weather watchdogs are expecting a high-level flow. The Met department recorded 38mm rainfall in Balakot, 26mm in Kakul, 17mm in Kohat, 16mm in Timergara and 11 mm in Malam Jabba.

ISLAMABAD: The Rivers Chenab and Ravi were flowing at a lower level flood at many places on Saturday as India had released water in the two rivers causing flood in the areas adjacent to

The News, July 11, 2015

Red Alert Issued To Warn Locals of Flooding In Peshawar's Nullahs

Dunya News, July 11, 2015

4 Hours of Rain Leaves Areas Of Rawalpindi Flooded

Dunya News, July 11, 2015

New Homes For Neediest Flood-Affected Families

UNOCHA, July 10, 2015

these rivers. Six people were killed in different parts of the country due to the heavy downpour and floods. Moreover, heavy rainfall in parts of country led to a flood situation in different rivers prompting the Irrigation Department to issue a flood warning, a private TV channel reported.

Though downpours in different cities reduced the intensity of the hot weather, it led to the danger of floods as the water level rose in most of the rivers especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). According to the Irrigation Department, a mid-level flood is being observed in River Kabul at Udezai, Warsak, Kalyani and Baghdada. A low-level flood is being witnessed in River Swat at Tarbela, while a similar situation is being observed at Sardyab and Shah Alam in Peshawar. However, the water level is normal at the Sukkur Barrage on the River Indus, from where it will reach Guddu transforming into a minor flood.

The Irrigation Department said that the River Chenab was flowing in lower flood at Gujranwala as it issued flood warning for the River Indus and Chenab. Several villages had been inundated in the Narowal and Shakargarh areas claiming two lives while as many as 17 villages in Gujranwala district had been given flood alerts due to monsoon downpours.

Monsoon downpours flooded canals and rivers across the country. More than 12 villages including Jabokay, Suhwal, Hassan Bhatian, Nadala and Budha Turg, are inundated due to high-level flood in Nullah Dek in the Narowal area. At least six villages lost road connections to other parts. However, rescue operations are ongoing to evacuate the people. At least a 20-foot wide breach in Nullah Dek's levee inundated hundreds of acres of land near Zafarwal. Two tractors were lost to the flood. As many as two youths lost their lives to flood in Nullah Bai near Noorkot. However, one body had been found until the filing of this report.

On the other hand, the Gujranwala district administration has given warnings to at least 17 villages located on the Chenab banks as water level in the river is rising. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has given a forecast of increased rains in the coming two days.

Meanwhile, as many as four people lost their lives in rain-related incidents in different parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), say media reports. According to Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), three people died in Karak and one in Mardan. Moreover 13 homes in Karak were partially affected by the rain. The PDMA said that aid would be given to affected people after a final report. On the other hand, monsoon rains have started in several cities of the country. According to the Met Office during the last 12 hours two millimeters of rain had lashed Peshawar which would continue for the next two days. Rain was also expected in other parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Meanwhile, heavy rains played havoc in Nasirabad razing hundreds of kutchha houses to the ground. Ten people were also injured. Normal life was paralysed. According to details, heavy rains lashed parts of Nasirabad including Dera Murad Jamali, Chhattar, Phuleji, Manjho Shori, Tamboo, Khan Kot, Bakhtiarabad, Notal, Landhi, Sikandarabad, Manjhoti, Hameedabad, Mir Hassan, Bhag Nari and other areas. Owing to rains low-lying areas were submerged. Rain water flooded Dera Murad Jamali and people were confined to their homes. Several villages were dislocated due to the rain water. Heavy rains also broke electricity wires and there were long power breakdowns. Rain water entered Qaboola Wah and there was high flood. There were reports of the sinking of several parts of Tamboo. People had started shifting to safer places.

PESHAWAR: A flood warning on Saturday was issued in a wake of possible monsoon heavy downpours warning the natives, Dunya News reported. Government has geared up to counter the possible flood in Peshawar as 59 union councils of the metropolis have been declared as sensitive. The administration has also cancelled Eid holidays of staff and ordered them to clean the canals and to remove encroachments near them.

Widespread rain with thundershower is expected in most parts of the country. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) office stated that strong monsoon currents are penetrating into the central parts of country. On the other hand, the residents living near Budni Nullah have been directed to leave the area as early as possible.

RAWALPINDI: Monsoon rains have started taking their toll on the city of Rawalpindi as Nala Lai overflowed causing slums as well as posh areas to flood, reported Dunya News. The second rain of monsoon spelt disaster for the residents as drains like Nala Lai overflowed after rain causing areas of city to flood.

The flood portrayed a sad scene as areas including Westridge, cantonment, Khayaban-e-Sir Syed, Arain Muhalla and Gulistan colony were partially flooded due to flood water. Many posh areas including Scheme III have also been the victim of flood water. 5 houses were destroyed while many warehouses have collapsed due to flood water as water levels rose to 5 to 8 feet at some locations. Army troops were seen in action to aid the populace however district administration was missing throughout the proceedings. Officers including Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi were also absent throughout the crisis. No one was available to follow the instructions of Flood Control Centre as well. Water levels have gone down since rain died out yet populace is still fearful. Citizens are saying that their life savings have 'washed away' with flood as they now struggle to make ends meet.

ERF addresses shelter needs in communities devastated by monsoon floods

Asho Mai, 50, lived with her family of nine in a one-room house in Rajanpur District, in Pakistan's north-western Punjab Province. Her husband rented a small farm where he grew cotton, earning enough to support the family's simple life. "We had a mud house, a livelihood and a content life," said Asho. She explained that life was difficult, but no more difficult than in most village communities in rural Pakistan. However, in August 2013, heavy monsoon rains triggered flooding across Punjab. Torrents of water ran down the steep Punjabi hillsides, washing away homes and farms. "Our small house with our belongings was swept away," said Asho. "My husband lost his

Natural Disaster Preparedness And Response

USAID Fact Sheet #3, July 10, 2015

Japan To Provide Rs1.6bn For Weather Monitoring System In Karachi

DAWN News, July 9, 2015

cotton crop and we had to move away to a safer place.”

A tent and thankless labour

Almost 600,000 people in Punjab were affected by the floods, 60,000 in Balochistan and 700,000 in Sindh. Asho and her family received a tent from the Italian NGO CESVI (Cooperazione e Sviluppo), and she and her husband took work as unskilled labourers. But the income was small and not enough to support the whole family. The tent, though appreciated, was also a concern. It was not big enough to house a large family of nine, and it provided poor protection against the severe Punjabi sun and rain. Asho's teenage daughters complained of a lack of privacy. So, with her meagre income, Asho saved and hoped to build a house one day.

Sense of safety

One day, Asho heard from neighbours that CESVI was planning to provide small, one-room homes for some of the poorest families affected by the floods. The project was being financed by the ERF. Asho's family was soon identified by the CESVI team. They received materials for a semipermanent one-room shelter, as well as training in construction and additional skilled labour to help them build the small house. Asho and her family were excited when they finally moved in. “The raised plinths will be very beneficial for us if floods surround us again,” she said. “We will be able to survive [and] our food and living material will also be safe. This new shelter has given us a sense of safety in our minds.” Asho now plans to build a boundary wall around the house. Most importantly, having this new home means she can use her savings for her family's needs including education and health.

- In recent weeks, sustained high temperatures across southern Pakistan have threatened vulnerable populations and worsened drought conditions in the area. Media report that some affected populations have experienced extreme temperatures of more than 120° degrees Fahrenheit, with Karachi recording temperatures of 113° Fahrenheit—the highest in 15 years. Authorities have reported more than 1,200 heat-related deaths to date, primarily in Karachi.
- Low-income populations, especially the elderly, are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illness due to pre-existing health conditions and inadequate access to safe drinking water. Extensive power outages have also affected access to safe drinking water and increased heat exposure, exacerbating an already precarious situation for vulnerable individuals.
- On June 23, GoP Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared a state of emergency due to the heat wave and placed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in charge of response efforts. NDMA has coordinated with the Sindh Provincial Disaster Management Agency and the GoP military to establish heat stroke centers at government and private hospitals; provide transport and medications for heat stroke victims; activate an emergency helpline; and launch an awareness campaign to educate the population on preventative measures. The GoP is also distributing approximately 20,000 gallons of water donated by Nestlé Pakistan.
- The recent heat wave in Pakistan has exacerbated the humanitarian situation in southern Sindh, where the PMD reports that below-average rainfall during two successive monsoon seasons has caused moderate-to-severe drought conditions in Jamshoro, Tharparkar, and Thatta districts. The PMD expects the drought situation to worsen in the coming months due to anticipated low levels of rainfall during the 2015 monsoon season, which is expected to begin in Pakistan in mid-July and continue through September.
- USAID/OFDA continues to support drought mitigation and other disaster risk reduction activities in nine districts in Balochistan, Punjab, and Sindh. In Tharparkar, USAID/OFDA is supporting livestock-based and other drought mitigation activities through the RAPID fund. To date in FY 2015, USAID/OFDA has provided nearly \$2 million to support drought response and mitigation activities in Sindh. Additionally, USAID/Pakistan has supported improved access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities for vulnerable populations in Sindh's Jacobabad and Karachi cities.
- Although meteorologists forecast below-average precipitation levels during the 2015 monsoon season, the PMD also anticipates some extreme precipitation events, mainly in northern Pakistan. To prepare for monsoon season, the GoP has initiated contingency planning meetings and continues to emphasize the need for timely pre-positioning of relief supplies in flood-prone areas.

ISLAMABAD: The weather surveillance radars established in Karachi nearly 24 years ago will be replaced with a modern, digitalised system for which the Japanese government will provide a grant of Rs1.6 billion. The Karachi radar system has played an important role in monitoring meteorological phenomenon in the southern area and tropical cyclones formed over the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal. However, over the passage of time and despite maintenance, the radars are losing their effectiveness.

To formalise the grant, Japan's Ambassador Hiroshi Inomata and Economic Affairs Division's Secretary Saleem Sethi signed and exchanged notes here on Wednesday. It was followed by formal signing of an agreement on the details of project implementation. The chief representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency, Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki, and EAD Joint Secretary Syed Mujtaba Hussain signed the agreement.

It was decided to replace the current analogue system with the digital Doppler mode radar. The new equipment will be processing information in the 450km radius for consumption of the Pakistan Meteorological Department. This will help the Met office monitor the development of severe weather systems to prepare more accurate and timely weather forecast in coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan. Japan has already assisted Pakistan in installing radar systems at

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Islamabad, Karachi, Dera Ismail Khan and Rahimyar Khan out of seven meteorological radar systems under its grant-aid programme. The project is the first priority of the National Multi Hazard Early Warning System Plan which was part of the National Disaster Management Plan formulated through Japan's assistance in 2012.

KARACHI: Following the rising temperature due to climate change that led to over 1,200 deaths in Karachi alone earlier this month, Commissioner of Karachi Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui on Wednesday convened a brainstorming meeting with government officials from various line departments, medical superintendents of all the leading city hospitals, representatives of the Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission, National Disaster Management Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, K-Electric, etc to come up with an urban heat management plan, something like the one designed and implemented by India's Ahmedabad administration.

"Those deaths," said Mr Siddiqui, "pointed clearly to a management issue." The heatwave, he said, was a wakeup call and that an intergovernmental agency action, preparedness, and community outreach was needed. For that, he pointed out, the administration needed to anticipate, plan and respond to such climate-induced disasters.

Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, chief executive of Islamabad-based Leadership for Environment & Development Pakistan, showcased the Heat Health Action Plan (HHAP) designed by the Ahmedabad municipal government in 2013. As the Asia director for Climate and Development Knowledge Network that supported the Ahmedabad plan, he said he was managing the HHAP and had "developed valuable insights" that could be replicated at home.

In 2010, a massive heatwave killed 1,300 people after which the local government thought they needed a plan to stop that tragedy from recurring. It sought the help of national and international experts on early warning systems and heat adaptation. "This year when 2,400 people died from the heatwave in India, only seven deaths were reported from Ahmedabad," said Mr Shaikh. The Ahmedabad plan aimed to build public awareness of the risk of heatwave. They came up with pamphlets, billboards and television and radio broadcasts, in Gujarati, Hindi and even English with simple messages on the symptoms to look out for and how to protect against extreme heat.

The early warning system and inter-agency coordination alerted the residents of predicted high temperatures. Formal communication channels sent alerts to health officials and hospitals, those providing emergency services, media outlets, etc. Another step that was taken was to build the capacity of healthcare professionals. Simultaneously research institutions carried out mapping of daily temperature and daily deaths. "Coming up with a plan that is suited to your city is no rocket science," said Mr Shaikh. "But it needs someone to champion it and take ownership of it."

However, the plan could only work optimally, he said, if there was complete and well-oiled coordination between and among the stakeholders and the responsibilities for each clearly marked. These include hospitals, various line departments, religious groups, schools, etc.

Some practical suggestions also came up during the meeting.

Dr Tasnim Ahsan, former head of the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, said that during an emergency like the heatwave the administration could take over marriage halls or even schools in the communities, plug in generators so that the place had electricity and ask communities to come there to get cooled off and even get treatment for those suffering from heatstroke.

Roland D'Souza, representing Shehri-CBE, said that because demand for electricity rose with rise in temperatures, K-Electric which had developed the policy of providing uninterrupted power supply to areas which paid and carried out power outages in areas which did not, could perhaps set aside that policy for a few days during an emergency. And if electricity was in short supply, maybe those who paid could also be taken off the grid for a while to redistribute it to areas which had gone without power for long hours to give them succour. Another suggestion was to make the 42 healthcare units in the city functional so that residents did not through the five main city hospitals. Because a large number of deaths took place in homes, in densely crowded localities, someone present said the building codes needed to be revisited and homes needed to be properly ventilated.

The important point Mr Shaikh made at the conclusion was that when people reached hospitals suffering from heatstroke or heat exhaustion, it meant the heat plan had failed. "The situation should not be allowed to reach that juncture in the first place," he said.

QUETTA: Two men drowned in floodwater in Marghatt area near Mach while the third one was rescued by the Frontier Corps when their jeep was swept away on Tuesday. A spokesman for FC said that Marghatt area was hit by flash flood due to torrential rains and a jeep was swept away by gushing water killing two persons. "However, FC personnel rescued the third person who was also seated in the jeep," he said. Bodies have also been fished out from the floodwater. The dead and the injured were shifted to hospital.

Muslim Aid Pakistan and Qidwai Welfare Trust distributed food package to deprived families in the villages in deserts of Tharparkar Sindh, Karachi, Bagh AJK, Mansehra, Lahore and rural areas of Islamabad. Muslim Aid and Qidwai Welfare Trust carried out these distributions from June 16 June 21 in which over 71,250kg of food staples were distributed to 1,350 Zakat eligible families.

Ramadan Food Distribution 2015 proved very successful and effective as families were carefully chosen after our field teams conducted baseline surveys with local community groups to identify most deserving people. Female headed-household families, orphan children, disabled community members and disaster hit families received food packages for this Ramadan. Each family received a food pack consisting 20kg of wheat flour, 10kg of rice, 5kg of sugar, 5kg of oil, 4kg of lentils, 2kg of chickpeas, 2kg of gram flour, 1kg of dates, 0.5kg of tea, 0.5 kg of salt, 2

Flood In Marghatt Claims Two Lives

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Ramadan Food Distribution 2015: Serving Humanity in Ramadan

Muslim Aid, July 8, 2015

Heat-wave continues hitting Peshawar

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Emergency Declared In Peshawar Hospitals

The Nation, July 6, 2015

bottles of concentrated juice and mix spices.

Sharing with poor and underserved in your communities is the essence of Ramadan Kareem. Still there are thousands out there who do not have enough to feed their children. We must not forget them during this Holy Month of Ramadan. Muslim Aid has planned to reach out to more families who lack resources to buy food for them.

PESHAWAR: The heat-wave continued hitting Peshawar and adjoining districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the last three days as five patients of heat exertion were received at Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar. The heat-wave continued in Peshawar, Mardan, Nowshera, Kohat, DI Khan, Tank, Charsadda, Lakki Marwat and adjoining areas, forcing many people to remain indoor to avoid sunstroke and other dehydration related problems.

A Spokesman of Lady Reading Hospital Peshawar told APP that five patients of heat exertion were received. According to Health Department sources, all major hospitals of Peshawar including Lady Reading, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Khyber Teaching Hospital were put on high alert in the wake of persistent heatwave and very hot temperature since Saturday last. Doctors and para medical staff has been put on high alert position to counter any emergency situation while directives were issued for establishment of special wards in all the major hospitals for patients of sunstroke, dehydration and gastro ailments.

Senior Medical Specialist, Dr Sabz Ali Khan told APP that people were required to include vegetables and light food in their meal and increase use of water. He urged people to cover their heads while moving under open sky to avoid sunstroke. The people with complaints of high body temperature, altered mental state or behavior, vomiting, flushed skin, rapid breathing, racing heart rate and headache should immediately rush to the hospital for treatment as it is the sign of sunstroke.

The attendance of shoppers in all the major markets and bazaars are very low especially during day time due to very hot temperature and most of families are waiting for pleasant change in the weather for Eidul Fitr shopping. The heat wave has also affected business activities in Peshawar due to lack of shoppers and the shopkeepers are waiting for pleasant change in the weather. A Spokesman of local Met Office when contacted hinted improvement in the prevailing weather during next 24 hours in KP. He said rain with thunderstorms in scattered places of Hazara and isolated places in Malakand, Peshawar, Kohat divisions and Upper Fata during next 24.

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Senior Minister for Local Government & Rural Development of Jamaat-e-Islami, Inayatullah Khan has declared emergency in the hospitals today to treat the victims of heat-stroke.

In a statement, he expressed deep sorrow on immense heat-wave in Peshawar and was shocked on loss of precious human lives due to immense heat-stroke in various localities and expressed heartfelt sympathies with the bereaved and affected families. He also asked the people to come out of homes with full preparation and adopt all precautionary measures to avoid exposure to sunlight. He also directed the health officials all over the province for red alert to cope with eventualities due to heat-strokes.

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QUETTA: The Balochistan government has decided on aerial surveillance of criminals in an attempt to stabilise the province which has been wracked by ethnic, sectarian and militant violence. It has written a letter to the federal government seeking permission to surveillance drones in the province. The provincial authorities announced on Saturday that it would purchase drone cameras to monitor the activities of criminals. Officials said the move was a part of the process of using modern equipment to curb terrorism, especially in the provincial capital, which is once again witnessing an uptick in targeted killings and bomb explosions. Home Secretary Akber Hussain Durrani told *The Express Tribune* that the government has forwarded a summary to the federal government to seek permission for flying surveillance drones to monitor criminals' activities. The federation's approval is a prerequisite for using drones in Pakistan.

"Drone cameras will be highly useful and effective for surveillance of target killers and criminals involved in bombings in the province," Durrani said. The estimated cost for deploying the system is around Rs1.6 million. He said special training programmes would be started for the police to train them on how to operate the flying cameras. The government has intensified its action against terrorists and their handlers involved in subversive activities in Quetta, he added. Following the recent surge in violence in Quetta, the provincial government has already given instructions to install 200 security cameras in different areas of the provincial capital.

KARACHI: Sindh police have decided to computerise their police records announced Sindh IG Ghulam Hyder Jamali in a meeting at the Central Police Office (CPO) on Friday. The members present in the meeting decided that the project will be initiated soon with DIG Sultan Ali Khoja as the project director. The IG directed the members to draft recommendations for the appointment of 2,000 key punch operators to make the project successful. The main components of the project include computerisation of existing Crime Record Office (CRO), police offices and police records, said the IG spokesperson. "All registers in police stations will be computerised and every entry on registers will be made available online," he added. Similarly, all FIRs will be computerised to help with the development of criminal records at police stations, he said. The computerised crimes data will have access to NADRA database through the biometric system in order to obtain relevant information, he added. All police stations will be linked to the central database at CPO while the police stations will be inter-linked in order to have an easy access to any police station's criminal records, he mentioned.

He said that the computerisation of entire records of ammunition dealers will also be carried out. It will record all details pertaining to the sale and purchase of arms, he added. He further stated that there was some discussion regarding the computerisation of human rights matters of the Sindh police including manpower, service book and process of accountability. The members also decided to draft practical recommendations with regard to the establishment of a high-powered Police Management Board. The purpose of this board will be to act as a think tank and prepare guideline policies to improve the police department. The board will be assisted by various sub-committees. The meeting was attended by headquarters DIG Abdul Aleem Shaikh, admin DIG Sultan Ali Khoja, operations AIG Naeem Shaikh and other senior officials.

ISLAMABAD: At least nine militants were killed during an operation on Saturday in North and South Waziristan where the army is fighting a major offensive against Taliban insurgents. According to a statement from the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), the incident took place in the Pre Ghar area on the border between North and South Waziristan tribal regions. "At least nine terrorists were killed in a cordon and search operation. Four soldiers also embraced shahadat (martyrdom)," the military said in a statement.

The army began a major campaign against Taliban and other militant strongholds in the North Waziristan tribal area in June last year and authorities have now vowed to intensify operations both in the border regions and across the country. The military says more than 2,700 militants have been killed since the launch of the major offensive. The armed forces have been engaged in military operation Zarb-e-Azab in North Waziristan since June 2014. Officials claim that most of the tribal region has been cleared of terrorists, except Data Khel.

ISLAMABAD: As many as 64 suspects including Afghan nationals were arrested and arms were recovered from their possession during search operation in different areas on Saturday. According to details, the police and other law enforcement agencies (LEAs) personnel conducted joint operations in various localities of the provincial capital, Peshawar during which they checked the CNICs and other documents of the residents and other people present in different areas. The LEAs arrested 64 suspects including 10 Afghan citizens besides recovering two Kalashnikovs, three pistols and hundreds of rounds. Separate cases have been registered against the detainees at respective police stations and they were being interrogated.

LAHORE: In a first of its kind development in the country, law enforcement agencies have decided to install 'tracking chips' on the ankles of 1,600 'terror suspects' in Punjab after Eidul Fitr to monitor their movements. There are some 1,600 terror suspects on the list of the Fourth Schedule in Punjab. The Fourth Schedule defines a terror suspect as a "person who is concerned in terrorism or he belongs to a proscribed organisation". "The Punjab government has decided in principle to start electronic surveillance of 1,600 Fourth Schedule by installing tracking devices on their ankles (commonly known as ankle-band) so that their movements can be monitored," a spokesman for the provincial Counter-Terrorism Department told Dawn on Friday. The official said the fourth schedulers whose movement was restricted under the law would be summoned for the

Deweaponisation drive planned after nearly 600,000 arms licences cancelled

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purpose. "We have bought the tracking devices from abroad and the process of installing them on the ankles of the terror suspects will begin after Eid," he said. He expressed the hope that the use of the technology would not only help law enforcement agencies in keeping an eye on the suspects' movements but also help reach 'hard core terrorists'.

The Anti-Terrorism Act Section 11 (EE-f) empowers law-enforcement agencies to carry out electronic surveillance of the fourth schedulers. "This experiment is being done for the first time in Pakistan. Some other countries are already taking help from this device," the spokesperson said. Official sources told Dawn that the government had decided to install the 'ankle chip' after reports that a number of high-profile members of banned organisations were flouting the official order to 'stay in a particular district or area'. A high-profile member of a banned organisation has even performed Umrah without the permission of the Punjab government. "We cannot deploy cops outside the residence of each fourth scheduler to watch his activities," the official said. "We don't have much evidence against the fourth schedulers. But certainly some of them are in contact with hard core terrorists and through these devices we will monitor their activities easily and reach the terrorists," he said. Under the law, a fourth scheduler can leave a 'restricted area' after taking permission from the authorities concerned. If he does not do so, he can be taken into custody.

KARACHI: The Sindh government has cancelled nearly 600,000 arms licences and decided to launch another drive for voluntary surrender of illegal weapons across the province, it emerged on Thursday. Officials said the government cancelled the licences of all those arms licence holders who had neither submitted their documents for verification nor had they applied for computerised arms licences since October 2013. The home department officials said the apex committee, which executes and oversees ongoing targeted operations in the city, was recently informed that 1,057,456 manual licences had been issued in Sindh when the government decided to computerise them. Since October 1, 2013, the deadline for the surrender of manual arms licences has been extended several times and the last such deadline expired on May 19, 2015, according to the officials. By then the government had received 462,310 applications seeking computerised arms licences, the officials said, adding the remaining 595,146 licence holders abstained from being featured on the radar. The apex committee finally decided to cancel the 595,146 manual arms licences, the officials said. They said 184,750 applications were still pending with the National Database Registration Authority (Nadra), while 272,510 applications were being assessed by the deputy commissioners of various districts. Since the launch of the drive, only 56,891 computerised arms licences have been issued, according to the officials. They said the provincial cabinet also decided to cancel the permits of all the arms licence holders who had neither submitted their documents for verification nor had they applied for computerised arms licences.

Sources told Dawn that all the deputy commissioners were asked by the home department to publish lists of cancelled arms licences. In its previous half a dozen deweaponisation drives since 2001, the government has seen poor turnouts. The last such drive launched in 2013 fetched a few dozens of illegal weapons submitted by some citizens in Karachi. "For this very reason, the government has stressed on the notion that the message shall be appropriately devised for maximum compliance," said a senior official while elucidating the future plans. While launching the previous drive, the Sindh government had imposed a ban on the issuance of arms licences. But later it gave a host of reasons behind the holders' reluctance to hand their illicit arms to the government hoping that the new campaign would finally gather pace. The officials said they were planning the next campaign on scientific grounds according to which the neighbourhoods and districts would be specified for different strategies.

'Karachi's Waziristan'

Karachi's West district, which is notoriously regarded as Karachi's 'Waziristan' because of the presence of most mafias operating in land grabbing, drug peddling and crime in the district, is believed to have far more illicit weapons than the city's other five districts. This district would get more attention than others, the sources said. During the last campaign, the Karachi West administration had admitted that they had not received any weapon surrendered by residents. The administration had also sought support of area mosques to encourage people to surrender weapons. The district administration could not succeed in its effort though it made arrangements for those who did not want to come out of their homes with illegal weapons. They also publicised phone number of a control room and assistant commissioner office through announcements in mosques where people could call and wait for the officials to take their weapons without any hazard.

The officials said the government was also considering announcing immunity for those who would surrender illegal weapons within a certain deadline. The provincial government had previously claimed that it would launch a 'merciless' drive against those who defied the order and punish them with up to life imprisonment or forfeiture of the moveable and immoveable properties. However, no such drive ever began. For adoption of a transparent system for the issuance of arms licences, the government said the responsibility of any irregularity if 'found and proved' by intelligence reports would be fixed on the authorised officers of the district administration.

RAWALPINDI: At least 2,562 people have been arrested under the National Action Plan (NAP) in the Rawalpindi division though a slow pace of conviction in the terrorism cases has been observed by the government. It may be noted that the NAP was chalked out in the wake of the terrorist attack on the Army Public School Peshawar in December 2014. According to a police spokesperson, the police in the Rawalpindi division registered 1,271 cases against tenants who were living in rented premises without intimating the police. As many as 380 house owners and four property dealers were also put behind bars for violating the Punjab Information and Temporary Residents Ordinance 2015. According to the ordinance, landlords and the administration of hotels and guesthouses are bound to provide information about the renters to the local police within three hours. It has also been made compulsory for the real estate agents to submit the information about the tenants to the police within 48 hours after the house is rented out. The spokesperson said 268

2,562 arrested in Pindi district under NAP

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people were arrested for violating the Sound and Amplifier Act, 193 on the charges of wall-chalking and 58 for violating the Punjab Security of Vulnerable Establishment Ordinance 2015.

The police conducted 2,276 search operations against suspected people in 2,366 localities during which 86,441 people were investigated and 567 suspects taken into custody. The police also carried out search operations and rounded up 319 illegal Afghan refugees while 11 other people were arrested on the charges of illegally selling armed forces uniforms and badges etc. Under the category of hate material, four people were arrested in as many cases registered so far while 36 others were arrested for distributing provocative material. The police also impounded at least 17,525 vehicles found without registration plates and 122 vehicles plying with unauthorised revolving lights. The police also rounded up 22 religious extremists, including members of banned outfits, who were put under the fourth schedule of the anti-terrorism law. Besides, 2,224 proclaimed offenders and 1,034 court absconders were also nabbed.

Regional Police Officer (RPO) Mohammad Wisal Fakhra Sultan Raja directed the police that the challans of the cases registered under NAP against the violators of loudspeaker act, distribution of hatred material and provocative speeches should be completed at the earliest and sent to courts. However, the progress on the preparation and submission of such challans has been discouraging with City Police Officer (CPO) Israr Ahmed Abbasi awarding punishments to several investigating officers for their failure to send the challans to the courts. According to a police source, the issue of slow conviction of the accused under NAP was discussed at a recent high-level meeting. The CPO also warned the investigating officers that strict action would be taken against anyone who failed to send a complete challan of any case registered under NAP to the courts on time.

ISLAMABAD: A total of 42,000 Afghan refugees have returned to Afghanistan during 2015, said an official of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Pakistan on Thursday. Talking to APP, he said 22,000 refugees had been repatriated from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and the rest returned from other areas of Pakistan. The UNHCR official appreciated the government and people of Pakistan for generously hosting the world's largest protracted refugees population for nearly four decades. Pakistan is host to almost 1.6 million registered Afghan refugees as of now, added the UNHCR official. Since 2002, UNHCR has facilitated the return of 3.8 million registered Afghans from Pakistan. UNHCR has again urged the international community to increase their engagement for voluntary repatriation under the UNHCR assisted voluntary repatriation programme.

"UNHCR will continue to jointly develop mutually reinforcing plans for phased voluntary repatriation of Afghan refugees to their homeland and for their management in Pakistan in line with the absorption capacity in Afghanistan and the realities on the ground," added the UNHCR official. After the Army Public School (APS) attack in December last year, the repatriation of Afghan refugees has spiked. Around 3,000 to 4,000 refugees left for Afghanistan each month from January to March this year; during the same time period in 2014 (January to March), a total of 761 refugees had left Pakistan for Afghanistan. The most popular province of asylum for refugees is KP, with 52pc of refugees settling in both urban and rural areas of the province. Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) is the next popular option, followed by Punjab, with 25pc and 23pc of refugees settling in these regions, respectively.

Federal Minister of Finance Ishaq Dar Thursday called on Army Chief General Raheel Sharif and discussed several affairs with him, including the return of IDPs. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), both men discussed affairs pertaining to early return of internally displaced persons (IDPs) to their areas and their rehabilitation. The finance minister and the army chief also exchanged views on accomplishing ongoing development projects in tribal areas. Moreover, the two figures held discussion on current security situation of the country and praised the achievements of Pakistan Army in Operation Zarb-e-Azb.

UFA, RUSSIA: Speaking at the seventh BRICS summit, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Thursday that Pakistan's fighting against terrorism was not solely for Pakistan's safety but for the whole region. "Pakistan's fight against terrorism, including the military operation (Zarb-e-Azb), is not merely for the protection of Pakistan but it is equally critical for the whole region as well as international community," Nawaz said. Addressing the BRICS Outreach meeting, the premier also shed light on Pakistan's sacrifice during the war on terror, in terms of both human and economic losses, adding that it had not weakened Pakistan's resolve to fight extremism and uproot terrorism. "We remain absolutely determined to take this campaign to its logical conclusion in order to achieve our objective of a peaceful and prosperous region."

He suggested a four-pronged approach encompassing people-to-people contact, confidence-building in peace and security, trade and regional connectivity among the BRICS countries for uplift of their people. "One, promote mutual understanding, cooperation and goodwill through cultural and academic interaction as well as people to people to contact. "Two, to promote confidence, confidence building in peace and security is an essential element for shared prosperity. "Three, promote bi-lateral and regional trade in the commerce coordinate to introduce cohesive laws, reduce tariff and non-tariff barriers, and ease the movement of people and the merchandise across the border. "Four, promote connectivity by investing in regional infrastructure that is investment in better transport networks including roads, motorways, railways and air and sea links. "We are grateful to our host, President Vladimir Putin and the government of the Russian Federation, for bringing SCO and BRICS member community together under one roof. This would go a long way in promoting inclusive and synergetic approach to economic development," he remarked.

Concluding his speech, the prime minister asked those present to commit to work together towards peace and development in the region and beyond while embracing the true spirit of collaboration and cooperation. "Pakistan's economic growth has remained steady. We have unveiled "Vision-2025", to provide a solid platform for the revival of sustainable and inclusive growth. The potential

Over 1,000 'hostile' spies visited Pakistan under INGO guise: Nisar

The Express Tribune, July 9, 2015

Compensation paid to heirs of victim IDPs

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Performance review: Rangers claim Karachi operation helped curb crime

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growth sectors such as infrastructure, power and natural resources, are open to large scale investments," he said. Earlier, Nawaz reached Ufa, Russia to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. During his two-day visit, PM Nawaz is expected to hold meetings with leaders participating in the summit from across the world, including Russian, Chinese and Afghan presidents as well as his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi. Regarding the premier's meeting with Modi, a Foreign Office spokesperson said, "Pakistan has responded positively to a suggestion from the other side for a meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the summit."

Reiterating that it has always been PM Nawaz's policy to seek cordial and cooperative ties with all neighboring countries, including India, the spokesperson added, "It is in the pursuit of this objective that the prime minister would be meeting the Indian premier for a comprehensive exchange on all issues of common interest. The meeting between Nawaz and Modi comes against the backdrop of escalating tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Recently, the relations got strained due to a series of controversial statements made by India's top political leadership. The official said the two prime ministers are expected to review the current situation and look into the possibility of some kind of engagement between the two neighbours. Pakistan, however, is not hopeful of any major breakthrough given the track record of the Modi administration, said another official.

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar claimed on Thursday more than 1,000 intelligence operators came to Islamabad under the guise of International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) during the previous government's rule. "Around 1,000 intelligence operators visited the country and got visas in the name of international aid groups in the previous government's rule," Nisar said, while addressing the National Assembly. "All these operators were working with hostile intelligence agencies," he added. Nisar was responding to a call-attention notice by JUI-F Senator Hamdullah and PPP's Saeed Ghani, addressing various statements about INGOs particularly Save the Children. Criticising the previous government, the interior minister said the people who raised the slogan of 'Pakistan first' never dared taking actions against these INGOs.

He asserted that several INGOs were involved in anti-state activities which were not halted by the previous governments. Nisar said his ministry on request of the Economic Affairs Division sealed the office of Save the Children. The government on Monday decided that its top registration body, the National Database Registration Authority (NADRA), will be utilised to maintain a central database for the exit control list and to register international aid groups. The development came weeks after the government had restricted operations of various International Non-Governmental Organisations (INGOs) in the country, prominently among them Save the Children. The INGOs were allegedly involved in anti-state activities.

BANNU: The heirs of the dead and injured of the firing incident at the Bakakhel camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs) were given compensation cheques and cash on Wednesday. The compensation cheques and cash were distributed during a jirga held at the office of the Commissioner Bannu Asmatullah Khan. Political Agent North Waziristan Atifur Rehman, Brigadier Mukhtar, members of the Grand Qaumi Jirga and relatives of the victims were present on the occasion. Asmatullah Khan handed over Rs0.5 million cheques to the relatives of the victims of the IDPs on behalf of Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan. Brigadier Mukhtar also distributed Rs. 250,000 among the heirs of the dead and Rs50,000 among the injured. The Pakistan Army had announced Rs. 250,000 for the dead and Rs100,000 for the injured. The army has already distributed half of the compensation among the relatives of the dead and injured. Two IDPs were killed and 11 others wounded when soldiers opened fire in Bakakhel relief camp in the Frontier Region Bannu on June 21.

KARACHI: While the provincial and federal government grappled over extending policing powers for Sindh Rangers in Karachi, the paramilitary force on Wednesday released its performance report over the ongoing security operation in the megalopolis. While it claimed that crime had reduced drastically during this period, the data betrayed a creeping control on law enforcement in the city being exerted by the force. The report claimed that since the start of the Karachi security operation on September 5, 2013, the Rangers had carried out 5,795 operations during which they had apprehended 10,353 suspects and recovered 7,312 weapons and 34, 8978 rounds of ammunition. However, less than half of the suspects arrested, 4,950, had been handed over to the police for legal prosecution. The report added that a total of 826 terrorists, 334 target killers, 296 extortionists were arrested during this period.

The Rangers also expanded their sphere against kidnappers, arrested 82 abductors and securing the release of 49 people from their captivity. The Rangers also traded fire with criminals, engaging in a total of 224 "encounters". In these 'encounters', Rangers said that they had killed 364 suspected criminals and arrested 213 others. The paramilitary force in its report claimed that the incidents of kidnapping for ransom, target killings, extortion and bank robberies, and other crimes had reduced significantly in the city since the Karachi operation was initiated. Providing a monthly comparison, the report claimed that incidents of target killings had reduced after having peaked at 73 in December 2013, to less than 10 in June 2015. The data claimed to show a steady decline in killings save a spike in January 15 when 53 people were gunned down. The data, however, seemed to skip some of the high profile cases in the city including the Safoora bus attack where six people had shot dead 45 people.

A total of 174 cases of kidnapping for ransom were reported in 2013; 115 in 2014 whereas so far only 13 cases had been reported, the performance report added. However, the data provided by the Rangers on kidnapping failed to clearly mention the period for recording the data during 2013 and 2015. Nor did it explain whether all the cases it was claiming were being directly reported to the Rangers for resolution or were these passed on from the police. Further, it can also not be ascertained whether the reason for the decrease in cases was due to effectiveness of Rangers or that the public was reporting fewer cases to them. Similarly, regarding extortion, the report claimed

Rangers to keep policing powers in Karachi: Nisar

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1,524 cases were reported in 2013 as compared to 899 cases in 2014 and 249 so far in 2015. The report also claimed a reduction in bank robberies in the city, stating that the number had fallen from 29 cases in 2013 to a mere seven in 2015. A total of 19 robberies were reported in 2014.

ISLAMABAD: The interior ministry on Wednesday said the Sindh government would not withdraw policing power from the paramilitary Rangers force in Karachi. "Earlier, we decided we will withdraw Rangers from the metropolis after Youm-e-Ali but after talks with Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah we have decided to extend their requisition," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar said while addressing a press conference in Islamabad on Wednesday evening. He said the Sindh government will extend the policing powers of the paramilitary force by Wednesday night, which will then be approved by the federation. Claiming that the federal government will not allow Rangers to be targetted, Nisar said, "Rangers is our own force and operating under rules and regulations. 'The paramilitary force has become an object of political criticism which will not be allowed,'" he added. Further, lauding the Rangers, Nisar said, "It is a force trained to fight on the border and when they are deployed in the city is over and above their call of duty." On Tuesday, Sindh chief minister claimed that under the 18th constitutional amendment, the provincial government was bound to seek the legislative assembly's approval before allowing Rangers to continue working under extended powers.

The statement comes in the wake of recent raids by Rangers at offices of different provincial government departments that have upset the political stakeholders. Four months ago, the paramilitary force was given special powers to detain suspects for 90 days. The permission expires on July 8. Meanwhile, regarding the extension of powers to the Federal Investigation Agency, Nisar said the investigation agency only had authority in areas which did not fall in the provincial police's jurisdiction. "FIA has powers in areas including transnational and inter-provincial matters," he said. "This is because of special needs and not intervention in powers." Speaking about the ongoing investigation of Imran Farooq's murder case in Islamabad, Nisar clarified that the Scotland Yard team was still present in Islamabad and they had completed their interrogation with one of the accused. Of the remaining two, British police will be given access to another accused in a day or two, said Nisar, adding that decision on the third will be taken after Eid. Further, the interior minister informed the British authorities had so far not demanded extradition of suspects allegedly involved in MQM leader's murder.

Seeking change: With their own stations, traffic police plan to take charge

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KARACHI: Over 1,000 people die in traffic accidents on the roads of Karachi every year, according to traffic DIG Amir Ahmed Shaikh. No one investigates these accidents – the district police have no time, he says, and the public merely accepts them as 'fate'. But now, things are set to change. The traffic police of the South district will no longer have to share a workplace with the district police – they have been allowed to set up their own police station. Earlier this month, traffic DIG Amir Ahmed Shaikh wrote to Sindh IG Ghulam Haider Jamali asking for separate police stations in all of the city's districts. The police chief agreed, granting permission to start off with a separate police station in the South district as a pilot project. The traffic police will now have the power to launch FIRs in accident cases, not only investigating but also holding the traffic violators and presenting them before the courts. Talking to The Express Tribune, Shaikh claims that not a single person has been indicted in any road accident case in the metropolis since 1995. "This is the height of ignorance. The condition of the traffic in Karachi is being completely sidelined," he laments. "If we cannot investigate and punish culprits, how can we ever resolve the traffic woes of the city?"

The problem, he says, was that any action taken by the traffic police ended up being in vain in the district police stations. "Whenever we arrest reckless drivers and hand them over to the district police, they release them after taking a small bribe," he alleges. "Since it's a matter of traffic, the traffic department must have the power to address it." Under Section 279 of the Pakistan Penal Code, the traffic police will now be able to apprehend reckless drivers who pose a threat to the lives of others. "Now, we will arrest them on our own and keep them behind bars so that people will stop violating traffic rules," pledges Shaikh.

Setting up the station

According to traffic police official Muhammad Idrees, who is the reader to the traffic DIG, the department is in search of a building to house the new station in South district. "We are trying to find a location between Defence and Garden so that residents of both the areas can avail our services," he explains, adding that while the amount of money to be spent on setting up the station has yet to be decided, the station will be established before Eidul Fitr. "We have already asked the Sindh IG for around 5,000 traffic police personnel and for this station, we will need a staff of over 10 officers," he says. "We will require an SHO, three duty officers, at least two investigative officers and five to six officers to present the accused in court, as well as two police vans." For all these posts, Idrees asserts that they will have tough criteria. "We don't want pot-bellied officials at our stations," he says straight-forwardly. "They have to be at least five feet and eight inches tall, and smart enough to set an example for the district police!" He adds that since they will be maintaining the traffic instead of operating guns, the department will make sure that they were experts in traffic regulations.

A privileged district?

When asked why such projects always kick off in the South district with aims of expansion to other parts of the city that fizzle out, Idrees laughs. Acknowledging that schemes from new uniforms to female traffic police officials on the roads were all awarded to the district and then buried here, he accepts this as a mistake on the department's part. He believes, however, that the more affluent residents of the area welcome these projects. "We cannot just suddenly launch them in New Karachi or Lyari, due to the law and order situation," he reasons.

War against terrorism:

WEB DESK: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif said on Tuesday that the army had dismantled terrorist networks, and dislodged them from their established sanctuaries. "Ours is

Ours is collective national victory of a nation, says army chief

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collective national victory of a nation so resolute and determined to root out terrorism from our region," said the COAS according to a statement released by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). Speaking to alumni of South African National Defence College at the Institute of Security Studies, General Raheel highlighted successes during Operation Zarb-e-Azb, noting that Pakistan had rendered unparalleled sacrifices for regional peace. The army chief, who is currently on an official tour of South Africa, was addressing the alumni on "South Asia security situation and Pakistan's contributions in war against terrorism."

He added that Pakistan was the most resilient nation, after having suffered so much of terrorism, was on the rise again. Earlier on July 6, General Raheel Sharif had discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral defence ties with his South African counterpart Lieutenant General V R Masondo. According to an ISPR statement, Gen Sharif, who had arrived in South Africa on a three-day official visit, called on the South African Army Chief at the Army HQs. General Masondo lauded the professional prowess and sacrifices of Pakistan Army in successfully fighting terrorists and showed keenness in bolstering mutually beneficial defence ties between both the countries.

Nisar asks Nadra to prepare counter-terrorism database

Daily Dawn, July 7, 2015

ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan directed National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) to prepare a national counter-terrorism database in addition to the one on international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) in the country. During his visit to Nadra headquarters on Tuesday, Nisar took notice of the difficulties faced by people due to long queues at Nadra offices. He directed the Nadra chairman to put in place an online CNIC application system. This, he said, would not only benefit the citizens of the country but also overseas Pakistanis. Talking about long queues of people in front of Nadra offices, the interior minister said every effort should be made to provide people relief from standing in long queues. He further ordered to ensure that all the processes involved in getting CNIC were completed within shortest possible time. Discussing pay package and perks of Nadra employees, Chaudhry Nisar said Nadra employees should be given their due share from the profit the body earns. In this regard, Nisar announced that every Nadra employee of grade 1 to 15 would be given Rs. 15,000 as Eid bonus.

The minister said it was important that besides rewarding honest and hardworking employees, the organisation is purged from corrupt elements. He said an anti-corruption cell will be established at Nadra to take action against the corrupt elements, especially those involved in fake registration. Talking about Nadra winning the e-Passport project in Kenya worth \$3 million, the minister said it was a reflection of Nadra's credentials and the trust of the international community on the organisation as provider of quality and reliable registration services to developing nations, enabling them to meet their national and security requirements. He said the Nadra chairman and the entire team deserved felicitation over this achievement. Nisar said Nadra is a national organisation which is counted among the providers of essential services to the people. He advised that Nadra employees treat people with respect, courtesy and honour. The hard work and attitude of the employees would add to the image of the organisation in the eyes of the people, continued the minister. He directed management of Nadra to appreciate and reward hardworking and honest workers. The minister called for introducing performance-based system in the organisation so that hard-working employees are rewarded and are duly compensated.

India helping elements disturbing peace in Balochistan: Asif

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WEB DESK: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif said on Tuesday India is helping the elements disturbing peace in Balochistan. "India's involvement in spreading terrorism in Pakistan will be highlighted at the international fora," Asif said, according to Radio Pakistan. The defence minister added, "Our armed forces have full capability to foil nefarious designs of the enemy." "For the safety and security of the country, the nuclear arsenal that Pakistan holds can be utilised," he further warned. This is not the first time Asif has alleged India has been sponsoring terrorism in Balochistan. Last month, the defence minister said evidences about the involvement of India's spy agency, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) in Balochistan suggested that India is sponsoring terrorism. The minister had further asserted that RAW was creating disturbances in various areas of the country since the launch of Operation Zarb-e-Azb. The defence minister's statement comes at a time when Pakistan has constantly been saying India has been funding terrorism in the country.

COAS discusses bilateral defence ties with chief of South African army

The Express Tribune, July 6, 2015

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Monday discussed matters of mutual interest and bilateral defence ties with his South African counterpart Lieutenant General V R Masondo. According to an ISPR statement, Gen Sharif, who has arrived in South Africa on a three-day official visit, called on the South African Army Chief at the Army HQs. General Masondo lauded the professional prowess and sacrifices of Pakistan Army in successfully fighting terrorists and showed keenness in bolstering mutually beneficial defence ties between both the countries. Early during the day, the COAS was presented a 21-gun salute, and guard of honour by a contingent of the South African Army. Gen Sharif was also given detailed briefing on operational and training matters of South African Army. Further, the army chief met Chief of South African National Defence Forces (SANDF) Gen Solly Zacharia Shoke. He also visited defence production facilities of South Africa to see possibilities of enhancing defence collaboration and training exchanges between both the countries.

224 held under NAP in three months

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LAHORE: Five proclaimed offenders (POs) carrying head money of Rs5 million were among the 224 arrested during the last three months in a crackdown under the National Action Plan (NAP), claims Crimes Investigation Agency (CIA) Superintendent of Police Umar Virk. Virk said this on Sunday while distributing cash prizes and certificates among officials who exhibited gallantry. The officers rewarded included inspectors Raees Khan, Khalid Farooq, Shamim Paul, Haseeb Anjum, Bashir Niazi, Mukhtar Alvi, Traiq Alyas, PSO Nazeer Ahmad, sub-inspectors (SI) Nadim, Maratab Ali, Dais Muhammad, Yousaf, Fiaz, Mian Shafqat, Ahsanullah and Nadeem Abbas. Virk said they arrested 244 suspects, who were involved in terrorism, robbery, theft and murder cases and recovered a huge quantity of illegal weapons worth Rs60 million. He further said five proclaimed offenders with a head money of Rs5 million and involved in 13 acts of terrorism in Lahore,

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Islamabad, and Gujranwala were also arrested.

He appreciated the performance of CIA Saddar, Model Town, City, Cantt, Civil Lines and Iqbal Town for carrying out crackdown on criminals. He said at least five terrorists had been killed in encounters with CIA police and three others arrested during the last three months. He added that CIA police under NAP arrested 24 suspects involved in hate speech, publishing and distributing hate material. Virk also said 114 persons were arrested for their involvement in sale and purchase of SIM cards and recovered 3,000 fake SIMs from their possession. Some 300 Kalashnikovs, rifles, pistols, 40,000 bullets and cartridges were also seized during crackdown on criminals in different areas of the city, he added. He issued show-cause notices to Rang Mahal Sub-Inspector Muhammad Ashraf, Manawan SI Waqar Ahmad, Sarwar Road SI Naveed Anjum for poor performance.

ISLAMABAD: Tens of thousands of students in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and Federally Administered Tribal Areas were forced to put their studies on hold following their families' displacement owing to militant violence, military operations or floods. According to The State of Children in Pakistan 2014 report, schools used as long-term shelters for the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) have also become damaged, casting a shadow on inadequate educational infrastructure. The report, second such study on the status of children in Pakistan, has recently been launched by the Office of National Commissioner of Children, Islamabad and Unicef. The study on the challenges faced by the educational institutions in the K-P said: "Many poor householders, faced with the loss of livelihoods, have taken their children out of school so they can contribute to the family's income." The authorities had accommodated the IDPs from North Waziristan Agency in government schools of Bannu, Karak and Lakki Marwat districts after the military operation was launched against militants on June 15, 2014.

According to United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) situation report No 7, the total number of schools used as shelter by the IDPs was 1,404. Of these, 80 per cent of the schools (1,131) were in Bannu. Around 75 per cent of them were primary schools and 46 per cent were girls' schools. Resumption of education was difficult in the schools (where the IDPs were accommodated) after summer holidays because affected families did not want to leave schools as they did not have proper arrangements for alternative shelters while the schools had facilities, including drinking water, electricity and latrines etc. As a result, thousands of children were unable to get education due to prolonged stay of the IDPs while the school infrastructure was also damaged. As of October 2014, the government reported that schools were re-opened as the IDPs vacated nearly 940 of more than 1,000 schools that were occupied across Bannu, Karak and Lakki Marwat. Families occupying schools had moved to host families, some unused schools and to Baka Khel camp.

Proximity with schools

Proximity to schools has been identified as a key determinant of primary school enrolment and retention in the K-P. Children are less likely to attend schools if they live far away from schools. In K-P, approximately 80 per cent of students have to walk for around 14 minutes to reach to a primary school. Likewise, almost 60 per cent of students have to walk for around 14 minutes to reach a middle school and 45 per cent of students have to walk for 14 minutes to reach a high school. The time for girls is likely to be higher, again because of the relatively smaller number of girls' schools.

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LAHORE: Construction and installation work on 188 out of total 215 water filtration plants in the city is almost complete and most of them will be made functional soon. It was informed by the officials concerned in a briefing to a meeting presided over by District Coordination Officer retired Captain Muhammad Usman at Town Hall on Saturday. The DCO directed the officials to complete the process of demand notices by Tuesday (July 14) in order to supply electricity to the water filtration plants where work had been completed. He advised the cantonment assistant commissioner to coordinate with the military cantonment board for expediting the work on 15 plants being installed there. The DCO issued directions to officials to make all 215 plants operational by July 31. Meanwhile, according to a spokesman, the CDGL's price control magistrates had 144 shopkeepers arrested for overcharging in open markets of the city. The officials also imposed fine of Rs127,600 on several others.

RAWALPINDI: Fearing spread of dengue virus in the district after heavy monsoon rains, Punjab Minister for Labour and Manpower Raja Ashfaq Sarwar on Saturday directed City District Government Rawalpindi (CDGR) to expedite anti-dengue campaign to save the people from this deadly virus. "There is a need to enhance coordination between the public representatives and the government officials to avoid spread of the dengue virus in the district," he stated this while chairing a meeting to review the arrangements for anti-dengue campaign. The meeting was attended by MNAs Raja Javed Ikhlas, Asfandiyar Bhindara, MPAs Raja Hanif, Shaukat Aziz Bhatti, PML-N and CDGR officials. The minister directed the CDGR to ensure cleanliness of nullahs and drains as well as timely disposal of solid waste. He said the provincial government had directed to start the anti-dengue campaigns in the district through seminars, walks and other means to create awareness among the people of the threat. He said the government would take departmental action against those officials who failed to perform the duties assigned to them to avoid spread of the disease. Fearing more urban floods in the coming days of monsoon, the minister directed the Rescue 1122 and other department to prepare all arrangements to deal with the situation. He also appealed to the people not to go to Leh Nullah during heavy rain and those who lived near the nullah should vacate the houses soon after listening to the sirens in case of emergency.

ISLAMABAD: Employees of five hospitals of the federal capital gathered in front of National Press Club (NPC) on Saturday, protesting against the freezing of the health risk allowance by the finance division. They announced during the demonstration that they would go on strike, if their issues are not resolved before Eid. The health risk allowance was approved by the PPP Government in 2011, after a 35 day protest at D Chowk, Islamabad. Since the last few days, employees of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims), Polyclinic, Capital Hospital, Federal General Hospital and National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine have been criticizing the government for seizing the allowance. The hospital staff argued that according to the rules of International Labour Organization (ILO), Article 152 and 161, they are entitled to a health risk allowance. Healthcare personnel are exposed to different types of blood borne diseases such as Hepatitis B and C and injuries from needles or sharp instruments and TB etc. while caring for patients. Pims Nursing Association President Sharif Muhammad Khattak, while speaking to the protesters said that the government should unfreeze the allowance, otherwise the protesters will be forced to go on strike. Pims Nursing Association General Secretary Sher Muhammad Hazara said that according to the agreement with the PPP government, the health risk allowance has to be increased to match the increase in basic salary. "This year, the salary of the staff has been increased to around Rs 3000, as the government has increased salaries by seven per cent. According to the decision of the PPP government, the health risk allowance should also be increased to match the increase in basic salary i.e. Rs 3000 but the government has frozen the allowance and is not increasing it" he said. "It is unfair because employees in the hospitals are exposed to various diseases. The government should care for the lives and health of the employees and their families," he said. Mr Hazara also said that Pims hospital should be separated from the Pims University. "Medical colleges are upgraded to universities but this is the first instance in which the Pims hospital has been upgraded to a university," he said. Earlier, the employees of the Polyclinic, lead by Mewa Khan, marched from the hospital to NPC and condemned the decision of the government. Representative of the Capital Hospital Abdul Sattar Brohi said that the hospital employees have a right to the allowance. The protesters remained outside the NPC for almost two hours and then dispersed peacefully.

ISLAMABAD (APP) – The government will spend about thirty one billion rupees for different water related projects in various parts of the country during the current financial year. According to official sources, priority is being given to the construction of Diamer Bhasha and Dasu dams. The government has already provided fifteen billion rupees for land acquisition for 4500 megawatt Diamer Basha dam. The sources said the government plans to build small dams in Balochistan. This year work on Basool Dam in Gwadar will be started while work is in advanced stages on projects such as Kachi canal and Naulang storage dam. In Punjab, the government is planning to start work on construction of Ghabir Dam in Chakwal while in Sindh work will be started on Makhi Farash Link Canal project. Similarly, numerous schemes of lining of water courses will be undertaken in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Punjab provinces to reduce water wastage.

In the first ever bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Russian President Vladimir Putin, the two discussed ties, with both sides expressing the desire to enhance bilateral ties. Putin congratulated Pakistan on its formal ascension to the SCO on which Sharif thanked Russia for its support to Pakistan's entry. Sharif told Putin that Pakistan is keen to enhance its relations with the Russian Federation and wants a multi-dimensional relationship with Russia in the fields of trade,

Pakistan Today, July 11, 2015

Former PESCO chief arrested by NAB

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'Wrong' priorities: Jhagra-led Senate body criticises government

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defence, energy, infrastructure, culture and other spheres. Both leaders reviewed the progress in a number of projects under consideration especially in the energy sector. They expressed their satisfaction on the progress being made in finalising the North-South gas pipeline agreement and decided to expedite the process. Putin stated that Russia too attaches importance to its relations with Pakistan and would like to further enhance them, particularly in the economic domain. Both delegations have expressed the confidence that Sharif-Putin meeting would help in raising the level of friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Pervez Akhtar Shah, former chief executive of the Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO), was arrested by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Saturday for alleged corruption charges related to accumulation of assets beyond known sources of income. Shah was presented in an accountability court which handed him in NAB custody for 12 days. Earlier, Shah was arrested by the Federal Investigation Agency Jan 13 this year — while he was the acting PESCO chief — on the charge of receiving bribe for the supply of electricity to Afghan refugee camps in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at concessional rate. He was later released due to lack of evidence against him.

Senate Standing Committee on Water and Power headed by Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra on Friday came down hard on the government for what he called repetition of past mistake by focusing on imported gas and coal-fired power plants instead of indigenous resources. The parliamentary panel also expressed utter dismay over continuous absence of Water and Power Minister Khawaja Asif and Secretary Younis Daga from the meeting. Chairman Board of Directors of National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) Viqar Zakria lamented that the government has not learnt lesson from the past practices. He said that past government had rejected coal based plants in 1986, however, thermal power plants were allowed resulting in present issues in power sector. He said that the government was now setting up power plants on imported RLNG in bulk and imported coal rather than focusing on indigenous resources, adding it was difficult to predict ending load shedding. "The demand of electricity is linked with economic growth and what will happen if growth boosts," he questioned. "The LNG contract is being done for a period of 15 years and what will happen if the Arabs increase its price," he said, adding that the future generation would have to pay it.

He further said that country needs to secure 10 per cent reserves of electricity to tackle any untoward incident but it has no power reserves at present. "Pakistan may be able to secure 10 per cent electricity reserves by 2025," he said. He said that National Electric Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) allows losses benchmark by a bargain, adding the board of directors of NTDC has decided now to conduct a study to assess technical losses standing at 3 per cent. Chairman and members committee said that it was a matter of concern that federal minister for water and power and secretary power had not attended last three meetings which showed a lethargic attitude of the government towards the issue of load shedding in the country. Chairman senate body Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said that they could not allow the Minister and Secretary to be absent from meeting every time. He said that they should be here to discuss the crucial issues of load shedding in the country. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that it is a pity the water and power did not bother to attend the committee meeting, adding his presence should be ensured or else it will be an exercise in futility. He also criticised technical losses by NTDC and demanded a logical justification for it. He also questioned setting up of imported coal-based power plant in Sahiwal.

Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak said that they would start next meeting with the implementation status of the committee recommendations. He asked Water and Power Ministry officials to present energy plan for future power project within 30 days. He also demanded to stop work on expensive solar and wind power plants and start work on plants based on indigenous resources. "The government wants to end load shedding by 2018 but I do not foresee it," he added. Additional secretary Ministry of Water and Power Omar Rasool assured to implement the recommendations of the committee. He said that Secretary Younis Daga was on leave and therefore he could not attend the meeting. He said that the government was focusing on indigenous resources and three power plants with 3600 MW generation capacity were being set up in load based centers of Punjab.

ISLAMABAD: Putting an end to funding woes, Gulf lenders have agreed to resume financing for the 969-megawatt Neelum Jhelum hydropower project, addressing one of the major obstacles threatening its completion in the next year and a half. The delegation of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Saudi Fund for Development announced their decision to resume \$433 million funding during a meeting with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar that was held on Friday. The project hit a snag after the financing gap widened to Rs200 billion, as the project has not yet achieved financial close. The \$433 million or roughly Rs43 billion is part of the Rs200 billion gap. Federal Minister for Water and Power Khwaja Mohammad Asif and Minister of State for Water & Power, Abid Sher Ali also attended the meeting. "It gives me great pleasure to announce that IDB and the co-financiers on the project have agreed to continue funding of the Neelum Jhelum hydropower project," said Finance Minister Dar. The project will be completed in the tenure of the current government and will prove to be a symbol of pride for the nation, he added.

Funding Dilemma: The IDB had withheld \$433 million loan because Pakistan was reluctant to seek performance guarantees from the project contractor, fearing that if it asked the contractor to provide guarantees against the additional cost, the contractor may take the authorities to court. An official of Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) claimed that the IDB and the Saudi Fund have accepted Pakistan's demand of seeking performance guarantees from the contractor only to the extent of variation order. He said the contractor will provide performance guarantees against Rs74 billion worth of work. The Chinese contractor has already provided Rs47 billion worth guarantees and now will submit additional guarantees valuing Rs27 billion, he added. The cost of the project, which is currently under implementation, has soared from the earlier approved tag of Rs274 billion to Rs414 billion -up by Rs140 billion or 51%. WAPDA decided to include all the cost in the revised PC-I of the project, which it had earlier suppressed to show the cost at the lower end. During the first eleven months of the last fiscal year, the country received \$159 million in loans for the project from China,

NEPRA notifies Rs 1.86 per unit cut in power tariff

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Pak, China working on 120 MW power plant in Muzaffargarh

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Whole of 68-bed CPEIC starts functioning

Daily Dawn, July 11, 2015

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The Express Tribune, July 10, 2015

IDB and Saudi Arabia. The government is also charging 10 paise per unit surcharge on every unit utilised by the electricity consumers to arrange funds for the Neelum Jhelum project.

Chinese partnership: The issue of arranging additional \$576 million loan from China has yet to be resolved. Beijing has already extended \$448 million loan for the project. The government is also in process of arranging Rs100 billion loan from a consortium led by National Bank of Pakistan. So far, Rs163 billion have been spent on civil works, acquiring land and provision of security. The agreement with the IDB and other lenders was achieved during a sub-committee meeting. The government officials shared a plan on the progress of the project aimed at addressing the concerns of the financiers on various matters and finally reached the consensus on the outstanding issues, according to a handout of the Ministry of Finance. The Prime Minister in the Cabinet Committee on Energy meeting had handed over the responsibility of resolving financing and other related issues of the project to the Finance Minister. The lenders also raised issues, which were delaying work on the project including problems on river crossing. One of the two tunnel boring machines is also out of order, which the government assured would be repaired in the next couple of months. The energy specialist of the IDB Dr Farid Ahmad Khan said that the interest taken by government of Pakistan for early completion of this project was highly appreciated.

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Friday issued notification reducing electricity price by Rs 1.86 per unit. The notification of electricity tariff cut off has been taken under the fuel adjustment. New rate will be applicable from next month. For those consuming 300 units were not given relief in the power tariff. On the other hand, NEPRA has also announced tariff of Rs 8.29 per unit for the electric produced through coal power plants.

In Muzaffargarh, an energy unit is being executed with the Chinese assistance at a sugar mill to produce 120 megawatt electricity from coal and sugarcane husk. Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Sun Weidong visited the Unit that is likely to be completed by February next year at a cost of 27 billion rupees. The Envoy was briefed that completion and subsequent commissioning of the project would open windows for other sugar mills in the country to set up their own power plants. He was informed that surplus electricity from this unit would be added to the national grid with the help of Multan Electric power company. Speaking on the occasion, the Chinese Ambassador said that his country would continue to help Pakistan in different fields including power and agriculture sectors.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan: As many as five new universities and 36 campuses will be established across the country in the next three years, aimed at enhancing coverage of higher education at the district level. The proposed plan will be executed by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), an independent and constitutionally established institution of primary funding, overseeing, regulating, and accrediting the higher education efforts in Pakistan. There are presently 171 public and private sector universities and 88 sub-campus in the country. In the budget for current fiscal year announced in June, the federal government earmarked Rs71.5 billion for the HEC out of which Rs20 billion was allocated for 143 projects of the commission which will support development plans of different universities all over the country. The federal government also allocated Rs51 billion for current expenditures of the HEC. While presenting the budget 2015-16 in the National Assembly in Islamabad on June 5, the Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said that the government believed in the promotion of education and ensure raising its standard. The finance minister also said that the government stands by its commitment to increase expenditures on education sector equal to four percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) during its tenure.

LAHORE: CNG stations across Punjab will reopen from Saturday (today) to operate 21 hours a day, with one-hour break during Sehara and two-hour during Iftar, says All Pakistan CNG Association central leader Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha. After Ramazan, CNG would be available for 24 hours a day during Eid holidays and afterwards providing a relief to transporters and the masses, he said and added: "Two-day delay in reopening Punjab CNG is due to a technical glitch at the port." He said CNG was 28 per cent cheaper than petrol while efforts were under way to make the fuel more affordable. He said availability of CNG in Punjab would reduce long queues at filling stations. Increased use of CNG would also reduce environment pollution, he said, adding the fuel which was economical and clean must be promoted by all stakeholders.

MULTAN: The 68-bed emergency ward of Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi Institute of Cardiology (CPEIC) started fully functioning on Friday. It was stated by CPEIC Executive Director Dr Rana Altaf while he was talking to Dawn here on Friday. "Initially, 14-bed emergency ward was made functional when the outdoor and indoor services were made functional in 2006," he said. He said the ground floor of the newly-constructed extension block of the emergency ward was made functional some eight months earlier but the first floor of the ward could not be functional as the elevators installed by the buildings department were not as per the standard specifications. Dr Altaf said the hospital administration had refused to take over the charge of the elevators. "However, we have decided to make functional the 24-bed first floor while keeping in view the hardships of the patients after the buildings department offered to run the elevators for one year and also took the responsibility for any fault," he said. He said extension block of the emergency ward was a two-year project and had been completed with a cost of Rs161 million. He said the provincial government had increased budget for the institute for purchasing medicines that would help the administration provide better health facilities to the patients. "Last year, the released funds for the purchase of medicines were Rs340m which have been increased to Rs620 million for the new fiscal year," Dr Altaf said.

ISLAMABAD: Turning away from what usually becomes a back-and-forth blame game, Pakistan's water regulator has come out defending India, saying the neighbours are not responsible for water shortage on this side of the border. While dismissing widespread reports blaming the neighbours, Indus River System Authority (Irsa) Chairman Rao Irshad Ali said India was using less than its allocated share under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) signed between the two countries. Ali made the disclosure in a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Water and Power chaired by Senator

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Iqbal Zafar Jhagra here on Thursday.

KARACHI: Iran's Consul General in Karachi, Mehdi Sobhani, has said that the Islamic Republic is ready to increase the electricity export to Pakistan to 3,000MW to help overcome the energy shortages. Speaking at an Iftar party hosted by the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, here on Thursday, he said that a proposal for providing electricity had been sent and a response was awaited, according to a press release issued here. He said that Iran was presently exporting 74MW of electricity to Pakistan. "If the Iranian gas pipeline gets linked to Pakistan, this pipeline is capable of meeting 20 percent of the total electricity needs of Pakistan," he added. Mehdi Sobhani expressed sympathies for the victims of the recent heatwave in Karachi. The Iranian diplomat said, "The economic plans between the two countries are for the benefit of the two nations and whoever opposes these plans is against the progress, growth and prosperity of the two countries, especially Pakistan." He said the Zionist regime was looking to create internal disputes in the Islamic world, raising disturbances in the region. "They want to wipe out Palestine from memories. They want that the issue of Palestine and Quds no longer remains a matter of concern for the Islamic world," he added.

Central leader of All Pakistan CNG Association Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha on Friday said that CNG stations in Punjab would be reopened from today (Saturday). He said the CNG stations would be closed for one hour during Sahar timings and for two hours for Iftar bringing timing of operations to 21 hours daily. After the holy month of Ramadan, CNG would be available for 24 hours a day during Eid holidays and afterwards providing relief to transporters and masses, he said. Ghiyas Paracha said that two-day delay in re-opening Punjab CNG was due to a technical glitch at the port. He said CNG was 28 percent cheaper than petrol while efforts were underway to make the fuel more affordable. He said availability of CNG in Punjab would reduce long queues while it will also reduce consumption of petrol. Increased use of CNG will also reduce environmental pollution, he said, adding that the fuel which is economical and clean must be promoted by all the stakeholders. He asked the commercial vehicles to revert to CNG as soon as possible.

SIALKOT – India once again released water into Pakistan rivers, resulting flood warning has been issued from Irrigation, on Friday. India on Friday evening released 567,200 cusecs water and due to this Irrigation department issued flood warning. India released water into River Channab, near Sialkot's district Bhajwat area. If India release more water then thousand of people living near to Sialkot will suffer from high flood. Chumdiadalian, Putwal, Beli, Khnapura and Shirpur village suffered from flood. According to details, no lost so far reported. India released water above the danger level at Marala Headworks in Pakistan. Due to this many districts of Punjab will suffered including populates like Gujrat, Mandi Bahauddin and Chiniot.

LAHORE: Conventional methods of power generation would not be able to meet the growing energy demand in the days to come and new ways would have to be found to run trade and industry, said Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) President Ijaz A Mumtaz. Talking to a group of exporters, Mumtaz stressed the need of promoting alternative energy resources as reliance on conventional methods like thermal energy was one of the biggest reasons for the never-ending power crisis. "A developing country like Pakistan cannot afford the electricity produced through oil. Fuel sources like coal, gas and atomic will have to be tapped quickly in addition to building big dams." The LCCI president said bioenergy was a versatile source that could be utilised to tackle the electricity challenge besides making a considerable positive contribution to the climate change phenomenon. "Biomass energy has the potential to convert a wide variety of wastes into clean energy besides being a substitute for the diminishing oil supplies," he added.

"Bioenergy can play a vital role in producing carbon-neutral fuels of high quality, address environmental issues and foster sustainable development among poor communities," Mumtaz said, highlighting the fact that a wide range of biomass resources particularly woody biomass and organic waste was available in Pakistan in abundance. He underlined the need of holding special training sessions for technical people to highlight the latest trends in new alternative technologies and increase their efficiency. "The desired results of our efforts could be doubled if the government's support remains available for applying the research findings and replicating the successful models related to bioenergy from the modern world." He also called for an early construction of Kalabagh Dam to control devastating floods, poverty and hunger. "The country has not built a dam in over four decades and more than 35 million acre feet of water is wasted that goes into the sea, which could otherwise have been used for irrigation and power generation," lamented Mumtaz.

ISLAMABAD - The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) is planning to install two small turbines on the Neelum Jhelum to meet the forecast reduction in the project's hydropower generation capacity owing to the construction of India's Kishanganga Hydropower project, source told The Nation here Thursday. The sources said that the forecast shortage of the project, to be caused by the construction of dam by India, is around 10 percent of the total power generation capacity of Neelum Jhelum, of 968MW. If completed the new power generation capacity will be about 97 or 100MW less than the initial estimation of the project, which mean it will come down to about 868MW. According to the detail in 1960, Pakistan and India hammered out the Indus Water Treaty, which governs the sharing of water on rivers heading downstream from India to Pakistan. However, India is building 330MW Kishanganga project in Held Kashmir, which would divert the River Neelum to Wullar Lake, reducing water for the Neelum Jhelum project, which is just 70 kilometers downstream from Kishanganga, thus reducing the power generation capacity of the 969MW Neelum-Jhelum plant by about 10 percent. On May 17, 2010, Pakistan started arbitral proceedings against India under the Indus Waters Treaty 1960 and approached the International Court of Arbitration (ICA) against the violation of the treaty.

In its decision, in the Kishanganga dispute, the Hague-based Court of Arbitration allowed the diversion of only minimum flow of water from the Neelum/ Kishanganga River for power generation. The verdict has an ultimate impact on Pakistan as it will reduce the water flow to Neelum-Jhelum

Kalabagh Dam: to build, or not to build

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Hydropower Project in turn will result in the reduction of its power generation capacity. However the official said that the water shortage will be only for three to four months of winter season and the rest of the years the river will flow in full capacity thus will not affect the power generation capacity of the dam. The Water and Power Development Authority is also evolving a strategy to minimise the negative impact to be caused by the winter season water shortage on the power generation capacity of Neelum-Jhelum project, the official maintained.

It is being planned to install two small turbines of 40MW each on the dam to undo the impact of the seasonal water reduction on the power generation, the source informed and added this way the average power generation will stay above 950MW throughout the year. The small turbine to be installed in the already designed tunnels and will work on the low flow of water, the official informed. The Neelum-Jhelum Hydropower Plant was first approved in 1989 and was to begin in 2002 but it was delayed till 2007 when Pakistan awarded the contract to the Chinese consortium, CGGC-CMEC (Gezhouba Group and China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation). The Project, to be completed at the revised estimate cost of Rs 414 billion, is located in the vicinity Muzaffarabad. It envisages the diversion of Neelum River water through a tunnel out-falling into Jhelum River. The intake Neelum-Jhelum is at Nauseri 41km east of Muzaffarabad.

A parliamentary panel was informed on Thursday that the Council of Common Interests (CCI) has sent a summary to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif requesting to take a bold decision about construction of Kalabagh Dam whether it should be built or not. This was stated by secretary ministry of inter provincial co-ordination Muhammad Ejaz Chaudhry during a meeting of standing committee on inter-provincial, which was held here with Senator Mir Kabir Shahi in the chair. The committee discussed the issues related to inter-provincial co-ordination, petition No 209 pertaining to the transfer of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) office from Lahore to Islamabad and petition No 101 pertaining to the poor performance of the PCB administration. While discussing the Kalabagh Dam issue, Ejaz Chaudhry informed the committee that the court asked the CCI to take up the issue. He said the matter of Kalabagh Dam is pending; the CCI did not take any decision on it so far. However under the directions of the court, he said the IPC has sent a summary to the Prime Minister to take a categorical decision in "yes or no". He said the CCI is a constitutional body and the Prime Minister is head of it and at least one meeting of CCI is compulsory within 90 days under the Constitution. He said that as many as 37 meetings have been held so far. Replying to a question, the secretary said the devolution process has been completed. He said the Commission which was constituted under the 18th Constitutional Amendment has been dissolved after completing its work. While discussing a youth internship program, the secretary said that a total of 50000 youths would be trained and that the ministry had written to the provinces in this regard. He said that this was the demand from the institutions. He said the government would give 12000 per month to an internee during the training. He said that 30,000 to 35,000 applications have been received for internship.

The committee members also discussed the issue of transfer of PCB office from Lahore to Islamabad. The committee members decided with majority that the office should not be transferred to Islamabad. Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan had strongly proposed the transfer of PBC office from Lahore to Islamabad. Ejaz Chaudhry said the PCB had taken decision on 79 issues during six months. He said that the performance of national cricket team is improving. The Secretary IPC Muhammad Ejaz Chaudhry informed the committee members that the PM's power for appointing a PCB chairman are no longer there. He said now the cricket board enjoys this authority, he added.

Gastro cases on the rise in Upper Dir

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UPPER DIR: Over 100 gastroenteritis patients are hospitalised daily in Upper Dir, mainly due to consumption of contaminated water. Upper Dir district headquarters hospital's medical superintendent, Dr Ghani Rehman, told Dawn that 100 to 150 patients were being brought to the hospital daily who suffered from diarrhoea and vomiting. He said that patients were brought from Qulandi, Dobando, Usheri Dara, Sheringal, Brawal tehsil and others areas of the district. Dr Rehman said that a special diarrhoea ward had been established at the hospital for the patients. He said that shifts in the diarrhoea ward had also been increased. He said that the main cause of the increasing gastro cases was the use of contaminated water. Dr Rehman and National Health Programme's representative Dr Nazar Mohammad have advised parents to give their children clean and boiled water to avoid occurrence of gastro disease.

Waste disposal hotline 1139 launched in Taxila

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TAXILA: Rawalpindi Solid Waste Management Company (SWMC) on Thursday, launched a computerised 1139 hotline for residents to register complaints regarding waste disposal in the city. The launching ceremony, jointly organised by Tehsil Municipal Administration Taxila (TMA) and Rawalpindi Solid Waste Management Company (SWMC), took place at the community centre on Wednesday. SWMC Managing Director Irfan Ahmed Qureshi, said at the occasion that this was the first time that such a hotline had been launched in the city. He said the company is actively working towards improving collection, removal and transportation of solid waste to designated disposal sites. "Since the company took over solid waste management collection, hundreds of tonnes of waste was removed from various parts of the city," he said. He identified improper waste disposal as the biggest hurdle in cleaning the city and the company hopes to take a participatory approach to waste management which will reduce operational costs and ensure timely collection and transportation. Tehsil Municipal Officer Qammar Zeeshan also spoke at the occasion, and referred to municipal workers as 'assets'. He vowed to facilitate these workers and said that the concept of punishment and reward, which has been introduced by the SWMC, is highly appreciable. Former MPA and local PML-N leader Haji Umer Farooq urged residents to cooperate with sanitary workers of the SWMC for achieving the targets of the cleanliness campaign. He said sanitation and potable water are top priorities for the government. "Making the historical city of Taxila garbage free is a big task and all relevant stakeholders have been mobilised to achieve this," he said.

Sealed food units, factories feel the heat

Daily Dawn, July 10, 2015

LAHORE: Owners of units and small factories allegedly involved in preparing unhygienic food and playing with the public health have started shifting their businesses to avoid continuous monitoring, raids amid sealing and imposition of heavy fines by field teams of the Punjab Food Authority (PFA). But such bids or tactics of owners seem to be futile as field teams are even chasing them to either

Mega Rs12 billion liver-kidney hospital to be established in Lahore
The Statesman, July 10, 2015

Health dept sets up own directorate of works
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improve the hygienic conditions or stop their businesses. It revealed after a Gulberg Town's PFA team headed by Farah Athar raided a well-known shawarma bread producing unit in Gulberg and sealed it for selling stale bread to a number of shawarma outlets in Lahore since long. The team during last six days has sealed seven premises, including a restaurant, a known nihari shop and bread producing unit in Gulberg. It also sealed several other premises or imposed heavy fine in Data Ganj Bakhsh, Iqbal, Ravi, Aziz Bhatti, Shalimar, Nishtar and some other towns. "Before sealing the bread producing unit, we issued warnings to its owner to improve the hygienic conditions. But he didn't bother. And later we learnt that the owner shifted his unit to Kot Lakhpat. So we traced the place, raided it and found the same unhygienic conditions. We sealed the unit's new premises as well, advising the owner to follow the hygienic standard for the sake of public health," Food Safety Officer Farah told Dawn on Thursday. She said she had received two days ago a complaint from the CDGL's Zimadar Shehri helpline against a renowned café/restaurant at Mehmood Ali Kasuri Road in Gulberg. Upon reaching there along with her team, she found the kitchen in badly dirty state having no proper drainage system.

A majority of café workers had no medical fitness certificates as well, she added. Similarly, a known nihari outlet in Faisal Town was sealed on Thursday because of extremely unhygienic conditions. "The meat was so stale/smelly that it should have discarded. But it was ready to be used in preparation of nihari. The freezer, floor and kitchen utensils were dirty and the workers had no medical fitness certificates. We had no option but to seal it," she said. She also mentioned a leading international fast food restaurant that was also sealed a few days back by a Data Ganj Bakhsh Town's special team led by PFA Director Ayesha Mumtaz. The situation in kitchen of this restaurant was unbearable, forcing the team to seal it immediately, she quoted the team as heaving said. When asked about the outcome of continuous raids by the PFA, she said the hygienic conditions at eateries, restaurants and bakeries had started improving. "Sometimes back we had sealed a well-known falooda house at Qaddafi Stadium. Now the owner has introduced various hygienic measures -- his workers wear gloves, clean dresses and he also purchases a new freezer," she claimed. Ms Farah said that a leading chicken broast restaurant in Gulberg had even built a new kitchen for improving hygienic conditions. Likewise, many owners were visiting her to seek guidance for improving hygienic conditions at their food outlets, she said.

LAHORE: Punjab Government is establishing a mega kidney and liver institute and research centre in Lahore at an estimated cost of Rs 12 billion to provide modern treatment facilities to the patients, including transplants. The government has already allocated 50 acres of land adjacent to Lahore Knowledge Park and released Rs 300 million for this purpose, Dr Saeed Akhtar, President Board of Governors of the project told APP here. The Pakistan Kidney & Liver Institute and Research Centre (PKLIRC) would house the biggest Urology, Nephrology, Hepatology and the Transplant Centre in the world with 400 beds and 100 dialysis beds. It would fulfil the needs of Punjab and northern Pakistan, serving the poor and rich under one roof, on non-profit basis, Dr Saeed said and added an amount of Rs 6 billion would be required annually to run the hospital. The Punjab Government has also made training arrangements for doctors and nurses from abroad with its own resources, Dr Saeed said. The recruitment of the specialists doctors and nurses had been directed by Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, he added. A state-of-the-art school of nursing and paramedics, graduating 500 students per year would be also established at the institute. Dr Saeed said it is a futuristic mega project that every Pakistani can be proud of. A cutting edge research work would be initiated at the centre on kidney and liver diseases too, he added. Dr Saeed said the PKLIRC would be a milestone in the public health sector, where health facilities of international standard would be provided to masses. - APP

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department has established its own directorate of works with a view to carry out timely repair and maintenance work at the hospitals. The government has allocated Rs2.6 billion for two years for the directorate of works that will operate under an executive engineer with sub-divisional officers and other staff at his disposal, KP secretary health Mushtaq Jadoon told Dawn. He said that the directorate would ensure speedy completion of the repair and maintenance works at the hospitals and the patients would get unhindered services. "For the initial two years, it will cover 11 big hospitals like the Khyber Teaching Hospital, Lady Reading Hospital, Hayatabad Medical Complex, Peshawar, Ayub Teaching Hospital, Abbottabad, etc, while its scope of work will be extended to the whole province later," he said. The directorate of works would be located at the offices of KP directorate general health and remain in touch with the designated hospitals to take care of the maintenance work there. The focus will be repair and maintenance of the toilets and pipelines, he said. The health secretary said that the directorate would ensure that maintenance work was carried out quickly.

Earlier, the health department had to receive complaints regarding repairs in the hospitals and then it would send umbrella PC-1 for the same to the communication and works department that took painfully long time. He said that the directorate would also supervise the projects currently being carried out by the C&W department to ensure their timely completion and quality work. He said that it would also oversee the development work being carried out in the teaching hospitals. For example, the health department has allocated Rs3 billion for development work in the Lady Reading Hospital, which would now be looked after by the directorate. Mr Jadoon said that the government had already approved a summary in this regard and a senior engineer had been deputed from the C&W department to head the directorate. "We have also requested the KP chief secretary to give a go-ahead for the recruitment of other staff so that the directorate starts operations as soon as possible," he said. The health secretary said that head of the directorate would exercise the powers of chief engineer and carry out all small and big projects to ensure that the health institutions did not suffer. Sources in the directorate of health said that the previous system was not only lengthy and cumbersome, but would also cost more money. "We have to pay Rs100, 000 or more for whitewash of two rooms. Similarly, we have to wait for months for small constructions and repair work," they said. They said that majority of the teaching and district headquarters hospitals had got own maintenance staff, but their performance wasn't up to the mark. They said that the directorate would

Several shops gutted in Karachi shopping centre fire

The Statesman, July 9, 2015

Health Services Academy establishes Knowledge Management and Sharing Unit

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Cellphone services may be suspended in three cities today

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'Millions at Naegleria risk as 41pc city areas get non-chlorinated water'

Daily Dawn, July 9, 2015

Unannounced power outages continue amid scorching heat in Balochistan

Dunya News, July 9, 2015

Sindh, Balochistan deal

also check the performance of the staff already working in the hospitals.

KARACHI: A fire that broke out at a shopping centre in Saddar area of the city on Tuesday night has been extinguished in the early hours of Wednesday after five hours by dozens of fire-fighters, who used 16 fire tenders but could not save several shops located in the facility from complete destruction. According to a Fire Brigade official, the fire erupted at a shop in Karim Shopping Centre and it engulfed several other shops in the shopping centre. He said that 16 fire tenders and a snorkel had been deployed to extinguish the blaze. No casualties were reported as dozens of people, trapped on the building roof, were rescued by the snorkel. An elderly woman, who fainted due to heavy smoke, had been taken to a nearby hospital and was said to be in a stable condition.

PESHAWAR: A Knowledge Management and Sharing (KMS) Unit has been established at Health Services Academy (KP) with the objective of strengthening the health systems. According to a press release issued here on Wednesday, KMS will be working closely with similar focal points in health sector organizations/institutions and national/ international partners. The objective of KMS is to promote the principles and practice of knowledge management and enabling the Academy to become a better learning and knowledge sharing organization. Data is the backbone and foundation of policy planning that is so far weak in country's health system. KMS Unit would help catalyze the use of data and knowledge for evidence informed planning and resultant sustainable development. The Academy has also planned short courses on knowledge management after Eidul Fitr. - APP

KARACHI: All mobile phone services in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sukkur are likely to be suspended on Thursday (today) due to security concerns on account of Yaum-i-Ali, according to a Sindh government spokesperson. The provincial government has taken a decision to this effect and recommended to the federal government to impose a ban on mobile phone service in the three major cities from 9am to 9pm on Thursday. The chief minister directed the Sindh police chief to ensure that security be tightened at all sensitive installations, trade centres, mosques and Imambargahs by deploying additional police force on account of Yaum-i-Ali.

KARACHI: Not a trace of chlorine has been found in the water being supplied to 41 per cent neighbourhoods of the city, indicating that millions of citizens are at risk of contracting lethal *Naegleria fowleri* (also known as 'brain-eating' amoeba), said officials on Wednesday. They added that the finding was part of an effort of a focal group to get the people aware of the problem and involve them in precautionary measures to curb the lethality of the parasite that has killed nine people in the city this year so far. The focal group comprising representatives of civic agencies and provincial health department was constituted by the Sindh government some 45 days back after several deaths caused by *Naegleria fowleri* had been reported in the media. The results of the water samples collected from various areas and tested by the focal group showed that not a trace of chlorine was found from the water being supplied to more than 40 per cent neighbourhoods of Karachi. "The situation is far worse than what was witnessed in previous years," the officials said. "We have collected and tested more than 1,000 samples of water from various parts of the city of which we found no chlorine at all in 41pc of the total samples collected and examined so far," said a member of the focal group while speaking to Dawn. Officials said chlorine levels at most of the KWSB pumping houses were not satisfactory, which was hugely troublesome for the experts, as it meant almost entire city faced the dangers posed by *Naegleria*. As the focal group, which was meant to be a reporting body, started collecting and testing the samples, the figures it was getting each day were worse than what it had got last year. One of the group's tasks is keeping chlorine at a 'desired level' across the metropolis, but it is yet to be achieved.

An official said the situation had turned out graver than what one expected to be, as water chlorination was on the decline with each passing year. Lack of chlorination provides formidable habitat to lethal *Naegleria fowleri* in the warm waters that enters through the nasal cavity and eats up human brain tissues, leaving almost no chance for any victim to survive. So far the deadly parasite has killed six residents of Karachi and one each of Thatta, Hub and Umerkot who were shifted to the metropolis in precarious condition after the disease brought them to terminal stage. Tests conducted in the year 2013 showed an average of 41 per cent of the city being supplied with unsatisfactorily chlorinated water. The percentage increased to 45 last year. The samples collected during first half of this year show fewer parts of the city being supplied with adequately chlorinated water. "We believe that a significant number of the remaining samples have unsatisfactory chlorine levels, less than 0.25 part per million (ppm) as required for domestic consumers, which will show us how a huge effort is required to save our people from the deadly disease," said the official. Precautionary measures However, he said, they did not want to frighten the people; instead, it was part of an effort to spread awareness so that people take precautionary measures. "People should chlorinate their water tanks by their own resources as well. Chlorine tablets are available at medical stores, which could save them from more dangerous diseases." The authorities understood that chlorine was available in sufficient quantity yet the execution of a proper strategy was lacking. Citizens horrified by brain-eating amoeba's lethality feel the need to make sure that their water supply is safe. But they are already investing huge sums out of their pockets to save them from the diseases such as dengue and malaria.

QUETTA – High temperatures in different parts of province continue to irk locals while unannounced power outages have added to sufferings of the people. According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), most of the parts will bear dry and hot climate in next 24 hours. The areas with highest temperature include Sibbi, Turbat and Dalbandin. The highest temperature recorded in these areas is 42 degrees Celsius. Gawadar has 35 degrees Celsius temperature whereas 35 degrees in Kalat. Moreover, temperature in Khuzdar is 38 degrees, 39 in Lasbela, 43 in Nokhandi, 41 in Panchgor and 34 degrees Celsius in Pasni. Provincial capital, Quetta's highest temperature recorded is 36 degrees Celsius

KARACHI: The fallout from Tuesday's massive power breakdown continued to be felt on Wednesday throughout large parts of Sindh and Balochistan, hampering routine life and highlighting

with blackout's after-effects

Pakistan Today, July 9, 2015

'Critics should burn at the sight of PM's Nandipur power project'

PAKISTAN Today, July 9, 2015

Patients suffer as LESCO fails to fix Zeenat Laboratory's electricity

Pakistan Today, July 9, 2015

SC allows electricity bills surcharge payment in installments

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the failing infrastructure of the nation's electricity grid. This was reportedly the fifth major breakdown since December 2014. "We can't blame anyone except the fact that we are so busy fire-fighting small challenges on a daily basis that the persistent problems are ignored," said a senior official of one power generation company. According to WAPDA officials and K-Electric officials, heavy winds blew off about 500KV transmission-line towers of the National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) in Sehwan. This led to the collapse of the Jamshoro to Guddu circuit – a network of power lines used to transport electricity. "Every power plant has a certain tolerance level and wild fluctuations, like they happened now, caused them to trip," said the official. K-Electric's power plants in Bin Qasim, which account for most of the electricity it generates, went offline as a consequence.

State Minister on Water and Power, Abid Sher Ali, said that the Nandipur power project was in doldrums but the intervention of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had made it possible in the larger interest of the masses. Briefing the media at the inauguration of the fourth (last) turbine of the Nandipur power project at Nandipur on Thursday, he said that Nawaz Sharif restored the power project which had gone to the dogs due to the inefficiency of the previous government. "During his visit to China, Nawaz Sharif persuaded the Chinese companies to restart work after they had abandoned the project during the previous regime," he added. The minister said Rs 35 billion from the poor masses were put down the drain due to the inefficiency of the previous governments, adding that the initial cost of the project was Rs 23 billion but no work was undertaken for three years and the machinery for the Nandipur power project began to rot at the Karachi Port.

Abid Sher Ali said that completion was nowhere in sight when the PML-N government took over but the project was being run on full capacity today due to efforts of the PM. He said that the Nandipur power project had been completed in time and within the allocated budget due to the pragmatic policies and hard work of the government. The minister said inauguration of the fourth (last) turbine of the Nandipur power project would produce 425 MW of power, adding that the project is being run on a trial basis while it would start working on full capacity after three weeks. He said that Nandipur was the best thermal power project after Guddu, which had a generation efficiency of 45 per cent. He said the project had three Combined Cycle Turbines with 95 MW production capacity and a steam turbine with 138 MW production capacity. The minister said the Nandipur power project would be modified to gas with an estimated cost of Rs 2.5 billion by April 2016.

He challenged the critics of the Nandipur Power project, like PTI Chairman Imran Khan and Awami League Chief Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed, to visit and see for themselves how the government has proved their claims about Nandipur false. He said the PTI's Google experts and so-called political analysts had claimed that the project would cost Rs 88 billion and the electricity unit from the Nandipur project would cost Rs 40-42 per electricity unit, adding that the price of an electricity unit from the Nandipur power project has been calculated at Rs 11.307 by NEPRA for the next 30 years. The minister said politicians, who criticised Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, should themselves propose their new names after their prophecies have proved wrong, claiming that Shahbaz Sharif is a true servant of the masses and the PML-N government is fulfilling its promises.

LAHORE : Despite passing of a week, the Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) officials are showing reluctance and demanding bribe to replace the burnt transformer of Lawrence Road area where Zeenat Laboratory is located. Due to week-long load shedding, the life of patients visiting the laboratory has turned miserable. An official of the Zeenat Laboratory told *Pakistan Today* that a week ago, the main electricity wire coming from the meter and transformer was burnt and a complaint was registered with the LESCO the same day. "Despite repeated reminders, the LESCO officials haven't yet showed up to replace the burnt transformer," the official said. He further said, "The LESCO officials are asking for money to resolve the issue." He added that the laboratory has spent over Rs 27,000 on the diesel for generators in order to carry out tests and deliver the reports on time.

A paramedic at the laboratory told *Pakistan Today* that the laboratory is using generator to run centrifuge, electronic microscope, CBC machine and other radiology equipment but still the ACs are not working which is making it difficult for the patients to stay in the laboratory for the tests. "We are here for an X-ray and blood tests of my old mother who had a broken arm and the air conditioners are not working, making it difficult to even sit inside the premises," said Ghulam Abbas, who visited the laboratory on Wednesday along with his mother. "Zeenat Laboratory is the second largest laboratory of the country and thousands of patients visit it daily for medical tests. I request the high ups of LESCO and WAPDA to please solve the issue as soon as possible," said another patient Ameera Ahmed, who visited the laboratory for a CBC test on Wednesday.

When contacted, XEN Islamia Park sub-division said that he received the complaint and application from the laboratory on Wednesday and the matter will be solved within a day or two. "I have signed the application and forwarded it the officials concerned," he added. When enquired as to why there was a delay in restoring the electricity, the XEN lost his temper and misbehaved with the scribe. "Who the hell are you to ask me these questions? I am not your servant to answer every question you ask," he said while denying that any officials of his sub-division asked for money.

ISLAMABAD – The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Thursday directed the authorities to collect the amount of surcharge on electricity bills in installments. The court issued stay order against the collection of surcharge as a whole and adjourned the hearing of the case till third week of August, 2015. A three member bench of apex court headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Nasir-ul-Mulk issued these directions while hearing the petition filed by four private companies. The council of the petitioners Salman Akram told the apex court that apparently surcharge on electricity bills was illegal. After the dismissal of the Lahore High Court (LHC) verdict, WAPDA had started to collect the amount of surcharge from consumers. He further told the apex court that payment of dues at a time was a difficult task and prayed the court to order the payment of dues in installments. After the hearing, the court ordered the petitioners to pay the amount of surcharge in installments and

NEPRA announces tariff for bagasse electricity

Dunya News, July 9, 2015

NEPRA takes notice of nonstop electricity shortages in Karachi, Hyderabad, Peshawar

Dunya News, July 8, 2015

NEPRA told to bring power produced in GB, AJK under its control

Daily Times, July 8, 2015

Power restoration work underway in Karachi

Dunya News, July 8, 2015

Government may cancel K-Electric contract:

adjourned the hearing till third week of August.

ISLAMABAD – NEPRA on Thursday has announced tariff for electricity generated by using sugarcane husk setting average price at Rs 10.72 per unit. According to the authorities, the announced tariff has been set for as many as thirty years. For the first ten years, the power tariff will be Rs 12.8 whereas for the rest Rs 8.18 per unit. An average cut of at least ten percent will be made annually.

ISLAMABAD – National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) took notice of continuous electricity breakdown in Karachi, Hyderabad and Peshawar on Wednesday. It has directed distribution companies to provide consumers with uninterrupted electric supply, reported Dunya News. According to a statement issued by spokesperson NEPRA, notices have been sent to K-Electric, Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO), Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) over interrupted power supply. The notice issued by NEPRA has directed the distribution companies to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity and has sought details of breakdown of electricity and the measures taken to avoid such situations. NEPRA has also directed to take solid measures to ensure that such power outages do not occur in the future.

The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat on Tuesday asked National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) to devise a strategy to bring electricity being generated in Gilgit-Baltistan (GB) and Azad Jammu Kashmir (AJK) under its ambit. While briefing the committee on the role, responsibilities and function of the authority NEPRA Chairman Brig (r) Tariq Sadozai said that the electricity being generated in GB and AJK did not come under the ambit of NEPRA. On this the committee which met under the chair of Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood recommended devising a policy to bring electricity being generated in GB and AJK under its ambit. He said that to expedite tariff determination, upfront tariffs have been announced by the authority for different technologies to facilitate investors to build structure and operate plan in their given package. Applicants opting for upfront tariff are being given approval within 10 days as against the 8 months period indicated in the tariff standards and procedure rules 1998, he said. Sadozai said that the authority develop and pursue a regulatory framework which ensure provision of safe, reliable efficient and affordable electric power to the electricity consumers of Pakistan. NEPRA grant licenses for generation, transmission and distribution of electric power. He said that NEPRA determine tariff, rates, charges and other terms and condition for supply of electric power service by the generation, transmission and distribution companies and recommends the government for notification.

Dr Ismail Shah Chairman Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) informed the committee, different cellular companies have issued 215 million mobiles SIMs. Following biometric verification the total number of verified SIMs is 115 million, he said. He informed the committee that main reason behind the use of Afghan SIMs at the Pakistan-Afghan border is because of powerful tower installed at Pakistan-Afghan border. He said that successful negotiation with Afghan security agencies had been held and they promised to decrease power of towers installed in Afghan territory. "PTA has discontinued the phone roaming facilities with Afghanistan like India", he said. He said that majority of the cellular companies except Telenor are going in losses. On this the most of the committee members said that how cellular companies operated for the last many years were going in losses. Raja Hassan Abbas, Cabinet Secretary informed committee about the criteria and procedure for awarding the civil and gallantry awards. He said that every year recommendation for conferment of these awards were invited by the cabinet division from the provincial government and federal ministries and division. Two different committees scrutinize these proposals and then forward it to the main awards committee, he said.

He said that the recommendation finalized by the main awards committee is submitted to Prime Minister for advice to the President for his approval. A ministerial committee in president house also reviews the recommendation and it can also include or remove name recommended by the main committee, he said. The committee also reviewed the petition of citizens of Islamabad including Daud Sharif, Syed Mohammad Qasim, Najaf Khan, Muhammad Salman Farooq, Shahid A Chohdari, Nasir Hayat, Khalilur Rehman and resident of Sunbal Korak, Teli Mori and Mochi Mohra. The official of CDA has given detail briefing to the committee regarding the petition. They also informed the committee that the authority acquired the possession of sector D-12/2 and authority will take the possession of sector within next six months. Senator Saifullah Khan Bangahs said that the authority allotted plots to influential people. The CDA has allotted 280 plots to an influential person in a single day, he said. The committee expressed concerns over allegation that CDA has allotted 280 plots to an influential person and directed CDA to submit a detail report before the committee in this regard. Senator Shah Syed, Hidayatullah, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, senior officials of cabinet division, CDA and PTA also attended the meeting.

KARACHI – Efforts to restore electricity supply to most areas of Karachi, Pakistan's economic hub, have started after 13 hours on Wednesday. According to K-Electric, the sudden tripping of 500kV transmission line of NTDC caused Hubco and Jamshoro power plants to trip as well as taking out KE generation units too while restoration work was underway from EHT conductor breakage. Along with Karachi, major parts of Sindh and Balochistan also experience the blackout. K-Electric spokesperson reported that power has been restored to PECHS, Federal B Area, Gulshan Iqbal and different areas in Buffer Zone while supply is suspended to Gulistan-e-Johar, Landhi, Korangi, Sir Syed Town, SITE Town, Garden, Defence, Clifton, North Nazimabad and adjoining areas. The situation is expected to normalise in next 2 to 3 hours. Earlier, more than 10 million gallons of water supply to the citizens was suspended after the pipeline of 72inch radius near Dhabay Ji burst. The pipeline has been repaired now. Karachiites are facing multiple challenges including prolonged power outages, heatwave and water shortage, that too, in the fasting month of Ramazan.

The federal government may think over cancelling the contract of K-electric in case the company fails to comply with the term and conditions, said Parliamentary Secretary for Information,

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Broadcasting and National Heritage, Mohsin Shah Nawaz Ranjha. He was speaking at the seminar on "Future Trends of Heat Waves: How to Cope?" organised by Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) here Tuesday. The Parliamentary Secretary said, the government had decided in January that it would not renew the contract of K-electric but to avoid any litigation, the company was given a second chance. He said the gross mismanagement is the root cause behind the failure of K-electric. On the fateful day, the total demand for electricity was 3100 megawatts, whereas, under the agreement K-electric should be able to generate and arrange about 3300 megawatts in total.

He was sure that if the government cancels contract of K-electric; may be the courts do not provide it relief. But, in this connection NEPRA, which is the regulatory authority is likely to issue a showcase notice, to the company. Earlier, Dr Fahad Saeed from his 'heat wave simulation model' quoted that in future there would be more heat waves, which would be more intense as well. Also, he said frequency of this extreme weather phenomenon is likely to be increased. He said, overall, there could be five degree increase in annual temperature. The only way to handle the situation is to prepare and implement a coping plan. Dr Abid Suleri, Executive Director, SDPI in his special comments advocated better and broader safety nests for the poor. "Poor are more vulnerable to calamities like heat wave and floods and the governments in budgets, should have generous allocations for them," he said. Maha Kamal, in representation of the Energy Unit of the SDPI, held K-electric responsible for the disaster. She said, SDPI in its report "Post Privatisation Appraisal of KESC," some two years back, had pinpointed inefficiency in generation and distribution as the culprit. She said huge line losses and default on PSO payments are facts, too glaring to be ignored.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Saira Afzal Tarar on Monday informed the Senate that government was running programmes to control hepatitis in 25 districts with the assistance of World Health Organization (WHO). Winding up discussion on a motion moved by Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi in the House, the minister said that first time in the history of the country the government had conducted programme on hepatitis. Saira Afzal said that with the help of provinces the federal government is taking several steps to control this menace including organizing of training programmes, awareness campaign through different ways and other steps. The minister said that 12 million people have fallen prey to hepatitis A, E, B and C in Pakistan and A, E spread through contaminated drinking water and B, C through syringe, blood transfusion, sexual transmission, parlour and others.

Saira Afzal said the government was taking ten initiatives to control this disease in the country and due to the efforts of the government complete tablet course of Hepatitis C was available in Rs 32000 in Pakistan. She said some foreign experts have offered to train Pakistani doctors for liver transplant. Earlier, Sassi Palijo suggested to the federal and provincial governments to make collective efforts and policies to control the menace. Ashok Kumar said that federal government should take steps to make the masses aware and audit vaccination and syringes to control hepatitis. Usman Kakar asked the government to set up modern laboratories in Balochistan and also allocate extra fund for health sector. Dr Jahanzeb Jamaldini, Ghous Muhammad Niazi, Mushahid Hussain Syed, M Hamza and Azam Khan Musakhel called for setting up of a task force on hepatitis, provision of clean drinking water, introduction of mobile screening labs and launching of awareness campaign against hepatitis. - APP

PESHAWAR: Doctors in the province Tuesday observed black day today against the statement of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan. Talking to APP Spokesman of Provincial Doctor Association (PDA) Dr Amir Taj said that Imran Khan in his statement has declared that he would throw doctors out of the hospitals which disgraced their dignity. He said that doctors came in protest and observed black day. Dr. Amir said that being a leader of a big political party, Imran Khan should not issue such irresponsible statements and demanded to withdraw his statement. - APP

LAHORE: A petition has been filed in the Lahore High Court challenging the levy of new electricity surcharge. Judicial Activism Panel Chairman Advocate Azhar Siddique filed the petition saying the Nepra had been working as a government institution instead of an independent entity and protecting government interests. He said Nepra imposed a new surcharge of Rs110 million under the name of "gas development surcharge", which was initially to be collected from the power supply companies, but had conveniently been passed on to consumers. He asked the court to set aside the levy for being illegal.

QUETTA: Pakistan and Afghanistan officials have vowed to increase the coordination in eradicating polio virus from the bordering areas of both the countries. In this regard, a meeting between Coordinator Emergency Operation Centre Balochistan (EOC), Dr. Syed Saif Ur Rehman and Dr. Rashid from Public Health Services of Afghanistan's Spinboldak district was held here on Tuesday which was also attended by the officials of UNICEF, WHO and N-STOP. "The officials from both sides have agreed to administer polio drops to all the children crossing the Pak-Afghan border," said Dr. Syed Saif Ur Rehman. According to a rough estimate, over 7,000 children cross the border every month at Pak-Afghan border in Chaman. "Our target is to improve the performance of Permanent Transit Points (PTP) along with Pak Afghan border," Mr Rehman said. On the occasion, the Afghan District Health Officer (DHO), Dr. Rashid said it will help in addressing the issue of shortage of vaccines. The meeting was told that 11 Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) cases had been detected in Spinboldak area in Afghanistan. The situation is relatively better in Afghanistan than Pakistan, he added. Afghanistan could not launch Sub-National Immunisation Day (SNID) during the month of June because of the deteriorating law and order situation. Both countries will share the data and improve the cross border mapping, Dr. Syed Saif Ur Rehman said. According to EOC Balochistan, three cases had been detected in Afghanistan while 25 in Pakistan during 2015. The next meeting of Pak-Afghan bordering officials will take place on August 3 this year near the friendship gate.

ISLAMABAD: The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) on Tuesday imposed fine on another oil marketing company for operating illegal petrol pumps in Sindh and without developing legally

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required storage infrastructure. In an order, the OGRA said M/S Gas & Oil Pakistan (Pvt) Limited (GOPPL) was granted permission to establish an oil marketing company in June 2012 subject to construction of minimum storage capacity of 20 days before beginning sales. On completion of oil storage facility at Sahiwal, the company was allowed to start sale of oil products "only in Punjab" in November 2014. The OGRA was, however, informed that the company was operating six petrol pumps in Sindh, including at four different places of Ghotki, and one each at Khairpur and Sukkur even though its licence conditions did not allow pumps outside the Punjab. The regulator served show cause notice to the OMC in April 28, 2015 over violation of the licence conditions. In response, the company stated that it had not commissioned any outlet in Sindh and outlet mentioned in the letter of March 2, 2015 "was mere a clerical mistake". Upon this, the OGRA ordered physical inspection at the respective sites of petrol pumps which verified that all the petrol pumps were not only operational but also had the dealership or were in the name of the GOPPL.

The OGRA said considering the law, the company's position in response to the show cause notice was 'unacceptable' as the OMC was found in violation of Rule 32 of the Pakistan Petroleum (Refining, Blending & Marketing) Rules of 1971. "Further, by doing all above, you have not only violated the condition/restriction imposed by the OGRA but also wilfully provided the wrong information", the regulator wrote in its order and said it had taken a serious note of the violations and wilful misreporting. Therefore, the OGRA imposed a penalty of Rs3 million at the rate of Rs500,000 per illegal petrol pump as maximum permissible under section 6(2) of OGRA Ordinance and rule 44 of the Pakistan Petroleum (Refining, Blending & Marketing) Rules 1971. The Company has been asked to deposit the penalty within 10 days. This is the sixth oil marketing company that has been imposed penalty in almost a week for not abiding by licence conditions, OGRA's instructions and the government policy on oil stocks. After the petrol crisis of January this year, the OGRA had started actively pursuing oil marketing companies to meet marketing standards and storage infrastructure requirements. Last week, the OGRA had imposed Rs14.80 fine on five oil marketing companies for not developing required storage infrastructure and maintaining sufficient stocks of petroleum products in violation of their license requirements. The companies were imposed fine following completion of separate proceedings against them in which the companies were given opportunity to defend their positions. All of them were issued show cause notices for violating licence conditions and rules. These included Askar Oil, Admore Gas, BYCO Petroleum, HASCOLI and Overseas Oil Trading.

Electricity breakdown in large part of Karachi

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KARACHI: A large part of Karachi suffered an electricity breakdown on Tuesday evening with a K-electric spokesman saying almost half the city was without power. The affected areas included Gulistan-e-Johar, Gulshan-i-Iqbal, Gulshan-i-Jamal, Clifton, Shireen Jinnah Colony, Federal B Area, Baldia Town, Dalmia, Karsaz, old city areas, Saddar, Keamari, Lyari, and others. "The breakdown has been caused due to faults in two units in the Bin Qasim power plants," said Usama Qureshi, a spokesman for K-Electric. Qureshi, however, dispelled the impression that citizens were facing a blackout across the city. He confirmed that about half the grid stations of the metropolis had been affected by the breakdown. Around 11:00 PM, the K-Electric spokesman said that restoration work had started and estimated that electricity supply to Karachi would be normalised within two to three hours.

Nandipur Power Plant fully functional, generating 425 MW

Dunya News, July 7, 2015

LAHORE: (Web Desk) – Nandipur power plant is fully functional and generating 425 mega watts of electricity, which was its contractual output value. The project comprising 3 gas turbines and a steam turbine is fully operational and the machines are being operated on High Sulfur Furnace Oil (HSFO) in a combined cycle mode. According to the Facebook page of Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, the project had been started in 2008 and remained stuck during the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) government for over 3 years due to political and legal issues between the federal government and the provincial. The costs of the project stipulated at the time of inauguration were much lower but the delay caused the cost to augment to Rs. 58,416 million. However, National Electricity Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved a flat tariff for 30 years, for 425 MW at Rs. 11.3073 per unit. The post on the page further states that the power plant will remain under trial for the next 2 to 3 weeks and any issues, if arise, will go through the troubleshooting process. However, it also says that currently the power is being supplied in a smooth manner and there seems no problem with the system.

Ice shortage hits Swabi markets

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SWABI: Ice shortage has hit markets in Swabi owing to surge in its demand amid scorching heat and excessive loadshedding. Local people said they ran from pillar to post to get a piece of ice no matter what the cost. Nizar Mohammad said price of an ice block had jumped from Rs20 to Rs50 in Shewa market. The consumers said factory owners and ice vendors worked in league to fleece the poor consumers during Ramazan. When asked about hike in price of ice, the vendors said it was because ice was in short supply as factories failed to produce the required amounts due to excessive loadshedding. Owners of ice factories said excessive loadshedding affected the production of ice. "Producing more ice will generate more revenue for us, but loadshedding has affected all of us," said Mumtaz Ali, an ice seller in Topi city. The ice sellers in the district headquarters and Chota Lahor said they were selling ice like hot cakes as its demand had increased manifold in the sizzling weather. "Consumers don't argue over price, they just want ice at any cost," said an ice seller in Razaar bazaar. People said when there was less loadshedding they got ice at lower prices from markets, and even neighbours gave us ice from their refrigerators. The ice makers, sellers and consumers called for bringing an end to excessive loadshedding to help ease ice shortage in Swabi district.

Health experts demand inclusion of blood group column in CNIC

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PESHAWAR: Shortage of rare blood known as Bombay Blood Group is creating grave inconvenience for people who are suffering from this blood disorder in Sindh province. However health experts demand of the federal and provincial government to include the column of blood group in the computerized national identity card (CNIC). Renowned Hematologist Dr Saqib Ansari while talking to PPI said this is an extremely rare blood group, called Bombay Blood Group so because it was first discovered among some people in Bombay (now Mumbai) in India. He said only

Protest over unscheduled CNG closures

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Faulty diagnostic machines at HMC irk patients

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Punjab CNG stations to reopen from July 08

Daily Times, July 6, 2015

seven to eight Bombay blood group cases have been detected by hematologists throughout Pakistan so far. He said unfortunately 90 percent population of the country does not know about their own blood group as there is no concept of voluntarily donation of blood in our society. He said the government should make it mandatory to mention blood type of a person on his or her national identity card so that proper donors can be identified on the time of need. Referring the case of an under treatment girl Affifa, Dr Ansari said her problems are compounded not only by the fact she is suffering from Thalassaemia but she also have rare blood group, known as the Bombay blood type. He said there are only few donors in the country who share this blood group and patients like Affifa survive on these blood transfusions. He said it is a huge problem when one has a rare blood group because one can't find many matching donors. He explained that blood groups that are common in the country are also available for patients. He said 35 % people have O+ blood group in Pakistan, 30 % have B+ group and 15 to 20 % have A+ group. - PPI

KARACHI: The All Pakistan CNG Association (APCNGA), Sindh zone, and Karachi Transport Ittehad staged a protest sit-in outside the Sui Southern Gas Association (SSGC) head office on Monday, the first 24-hour CNG closure of the week. The protesters, mostly stakeholders, wanted a solution to the combined 48-hour CNG station closures, which are extended further unscheduled by SSGC citing emergencies. APCNGA Chairman Shabbir Sulemanjee said the SSGC's loadshedding of 48 hours was unacceptable as it caused hardship to the public because the majority of public transport had converted to CNG. And then the SSGC kept changing its own closure schedule by declaring emergencies on a regular basis and harassing the public and stakeholders further. They asked the SSGC to stick to their alternate day closure schedule of three days a week. They also asked them to consider opening the CNG stations after 8pm on days of closure. During the protest, three stakeholders fainted in the heat and had to be taken to hospital. SSGC PRO Inayatullah Ismail said the gas utility had noted down the stakeholders' suggestions. "Yes, they have grievances and we have noted down their suggestions but they, too, should understand our problem. The gas shortfalls happen due to drops in pressure whenever there is an issue at any gas field. Then our domestic consumers are our priority. After them we have the power sector, too, to supply the gas to," he said. The protest was wrapped up after the stakeholders' meeting with the senior management of the SSGC. Meanwhile, SSGC announced that all CNG stations in Sindh would remain closed for 24 hours each on Wednesday and Friday.

PESHAWAR: Patients seeking healthcare facilities at Hayatabad Medical Complex have been facing hardships owing to the out-of-order diagnostic machines, according to doctors. "We have to send samples from patients to have their blood gases done at Khyber Teaching Hospital or private outlets due to non-availability of machine. The test is essentially important to diagnose seriously sick patients in intensive care unit," said, a physician at the hospital. The patients suffer due to administration's inability to repair the faulty machines and equipments. "Only blood gas examination can help the medics in emergency medical treatment," the doctor said. Non-availability of bronchoscope has adversely been affecting patients, especially children, who are brought with some foreign matter in their bodies. Such children require immediate bronchoscope to see the location of the swallowed foreign body and take it out as soon as possible. "We have seen two children dying for non-availability of the bronchoscope," a physician said. Interestingly, the bronchoscope had become dysfunctional owing to a fault in the small equipment a few months ago. The administration of ENT "A" ward had repaired it as it was used for the patients of the same ward. The service was denied to the patients of ENT "B" ward, the physician said. The fault can be removed at a cost of Rs20,000 only. Same is the case with endoscope machine, which had not been in use for the past five months, but it was used for the patients of medical "A" ward. The patients coming to gastroenteritis and medical "B" ward aren't entertained through the machine. "Medically speaking, gastroenteritis ward couldn't be run without an endoscope machine because it is of fundamental significance to diagnose patients," the physician said.

As a result, patients had to be shifted to Lady Reading Hospital to undergo the examination, he said. He added that some of the patients died before getting an appointment for the test there because of workload. Similarly, MRI scan has also not been functioning for the past four years due to which at least 40 patients from HMC were referred to KTH and private centres where they underwent not only troubles but paid more fee besides suffering the pain and agony caused to them by transportation. The authorities have been able to repair CT scanner and echocardiography (children machine) and resume services only a month ago after one year. Prof Noor Wazir, HMC Medical Director, told Dawn that all the equipments of the hospitals were available for all patients coming to the hospital. "The endoscope was available to medical "B" ward and the patients have every right to use the machine. Actually, it was one medical ward which was split into two -- medical A and B wards. The endoscope remained in medical "A" ward because medical "B" ward was established at a separate place," he said. Same was true for bronchoscope that was used by ENT ward previously but now there was ENT "B" ward also, he said. "Both the wards are equally entitled to use the machine," he said. Prof Noor said that they were installing new MRI and CT scanner at a cost of Rs280 million. "We have received specifications from Shaukat Khanum Hospital and advertisement has been placed to buy these machines as soon as possible," he added. Prof Noor said the administration in consultation with the relevant experts and member of Board of Governors were trying to resolve other problems and facilitate the patients fully. "The government will buy new endoscope and bronchoscope," he said.

RAWALPINDI – All Pakistan CNG Association (APCNGA) Central leader Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha on Monday said hundreds of CNG stations would reopen from July 08. Efforts are underway to keep Punjab CNG stations operational on continued basis which will help CNG operators and masses seeking economical and environmentally friendly fuel. Decision to this effect was reached in a meeting between Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Ghiyas Paracha. It was also decided to revive CNG stations of Punjab which were not using RLNG and while some points of a formula for revival of CNG sector were also agreed. On the occasion, Abbasi said that CNG was an important industry and that government would not all investment worth billions in this sector lay

Mobile Alert System developed to ensure security of schools, hospitals

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Children at orphanage get food poisoning

Daily Dawn, July 6, 2015

Spice grinders, milk shops sealed

Daily Dawn, July 6, 2015

Ninth Naegleria death in province confirmed

Daily Dawn, July 6, 2015

KPK being provided electricity more than quota: Abid

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waste. Ghiyas Paracha said that consumption of petrol has been reduced in Punjab after RLNG is being used as motor fuel. He said that the government's decision has improved transport sector and job market.

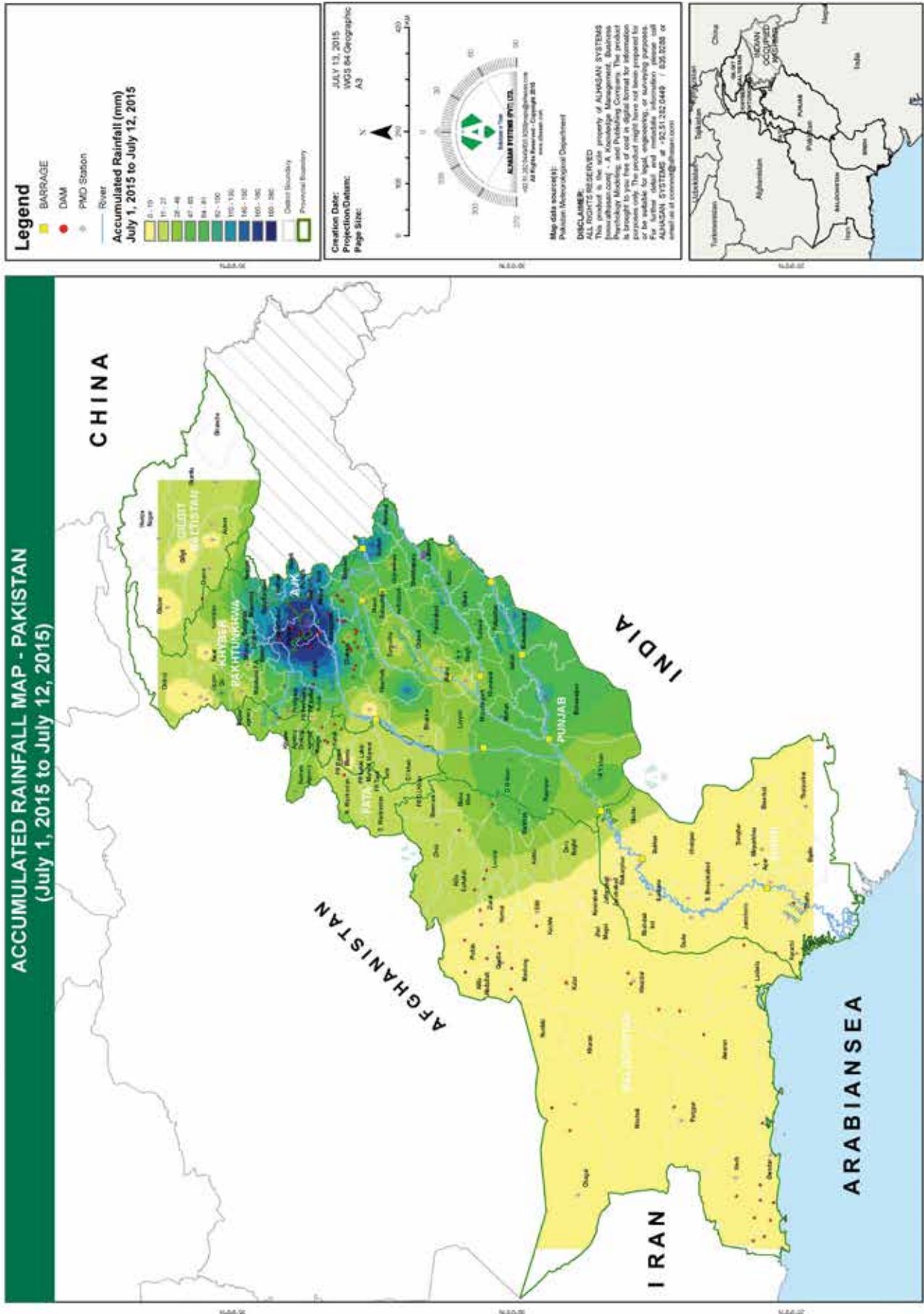
ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) and Islamabad Police have developed a Mobile Emergency Alert System (MEAS) to ensure effective security of schools and hospitals in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). The System has been developed in cooperation with mobile application developer Pure Push. Under this project, the access of Android-based smartphone application will be given to administrative staff of schools, colleges, universities and hospitals in the Capital city. Through this system, the staff of schools and colleges would be able to send emergency alerts to get timely help from the police, official sources said on Friday. The sources said that Islamabad Police would have direct control over the system and ensure better use of the latest technology in managing security matters. The triggers could be activated in situations like armed attacks by anti-state elements, bomb blasts, kidnappings, fire, and other suspicious activities. - APP

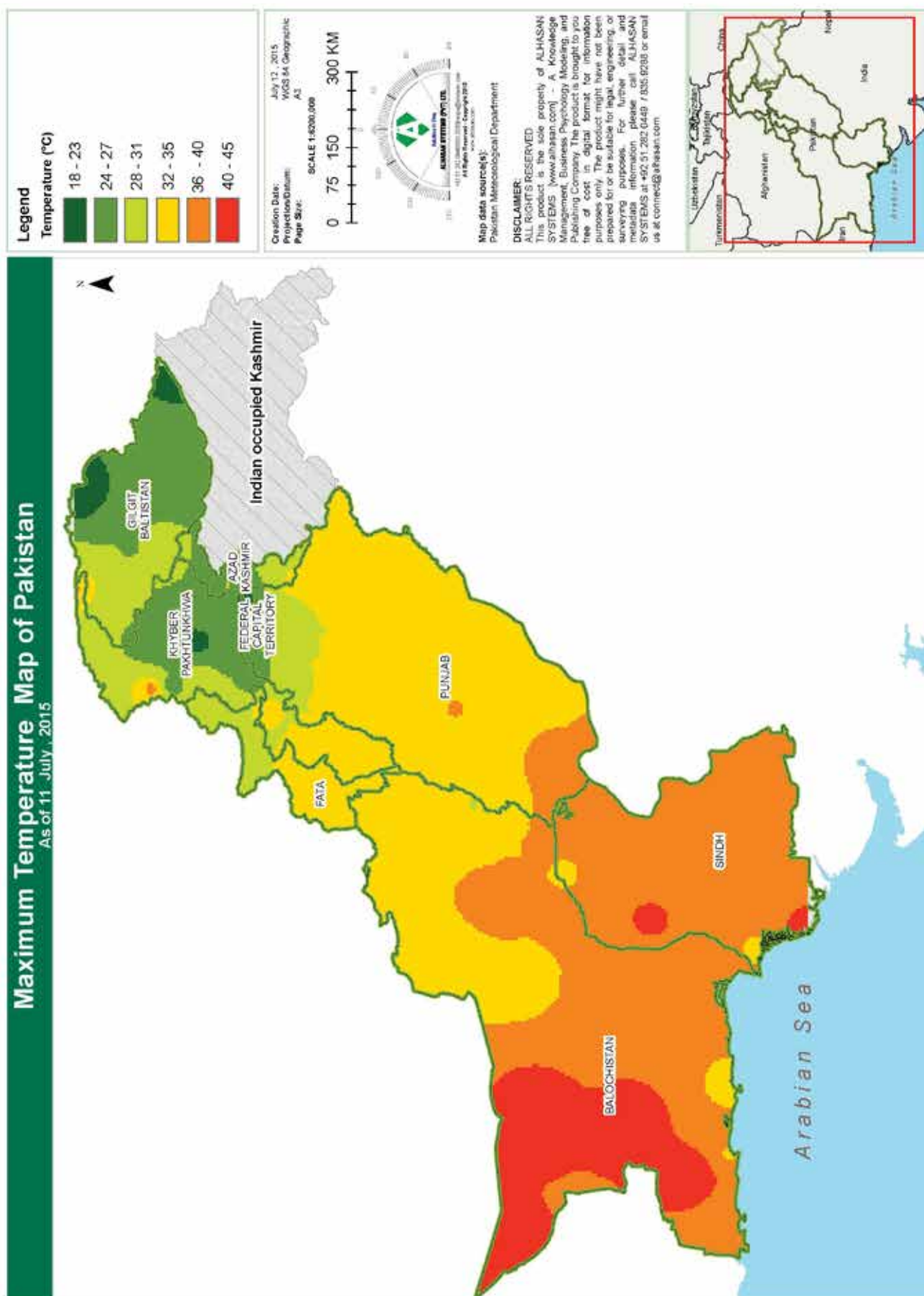
ISLAMABAD: Over 200 children from the orphanage, Pakistan Sweet Homes run by the Pakistan Baitul Mal (PBM), were brought to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (Pims) and Polyclinic because of food poisoning. Glucose drips were administered to the children and their stomachs were washed. Fortunately, most children recovered quickly and all, except one, were discharged from the hospital by evening. Pakistan Baitul Mal Managing Director Abid Waheed Sheikh ordered an inquiry to ascertain what caused food poisoning. For now, it has been decided, that action will not be taken against a group which provides Rs40 million worth of food for over 400 children each year. Pims spokesperson Dr Ayesha Esani told Dawn that as many as 185 children were brought to Pims. "The children got sick from either eating contaminated food or unclean water. However, reports will ascertain exactly which food item was toxic," she said. Dr Esani said since such a large number of patients arrived at the same time, some children were shifted to the emergency, some to the OPD and others to the Thalassemia Centre. "By evening all the children were discharged except one named Waseem Khan, who was shifted to the isolation ward," she said. The doctor said that although it was a Sunday, the Pims management quickly arrived at the hospital to oversee treatment and it was decided that the hospital will provide transport to the discharged children. PBM MD Abid Waheed Sheikh told Dawn that there are around 400 children at the home in Sector H-9 and almost half of them were fasting. "The children ate breakfast around 7am and had milk, bread and eggs. At around 10am, the children started vomiting and some were taken to Pims and others to Polyclinic," he said.

LAHORE: A Ravi Town team under the supervision of Director (Operations) Ayesha Mumtaz on Sunday sealed two grinding units of chillies and spices at Akbari Mandi and arrested seven people, including its owner. According to a handout, Malik Nasir alias Cooki had prepared substandard chillies and turmeric by mixing wheat husk, rice, flour, oil and colour. The team found cockroaches and mice in the production unit and seized 0.25 million kilo substandard and adulterated chillies. The respective police have registered a case and arrested seven people. The team sealed Lala Akbar Milk shop and Masha Allah Milk shop on poor cleanliness and violating instructions of food authority. A Samanabad team sealed Data Dahe Bhaley and Lahori Dahe Bhaley in Ichhra Bazaar over poor cleanliness and arrested three people. Shalimar Town team sealed Ijaz Bakery at Bhogiwal Road over unhygienic conditions and arrested two people. An Allama Iqbal Town team sealed Pizza section of Doce Bakery for using expired sachets and Nadeem Sweets in Wafaqi Colony for poor cleanliness. A field team of Gulberg Town sealed production unit of Lasani Sweets at Faisal Town and Naveed Sweets in Barkat Market. A Data Gunj Bakhsh team imposed a heavy fine on Acha Milk shop near Bhatti Gate.

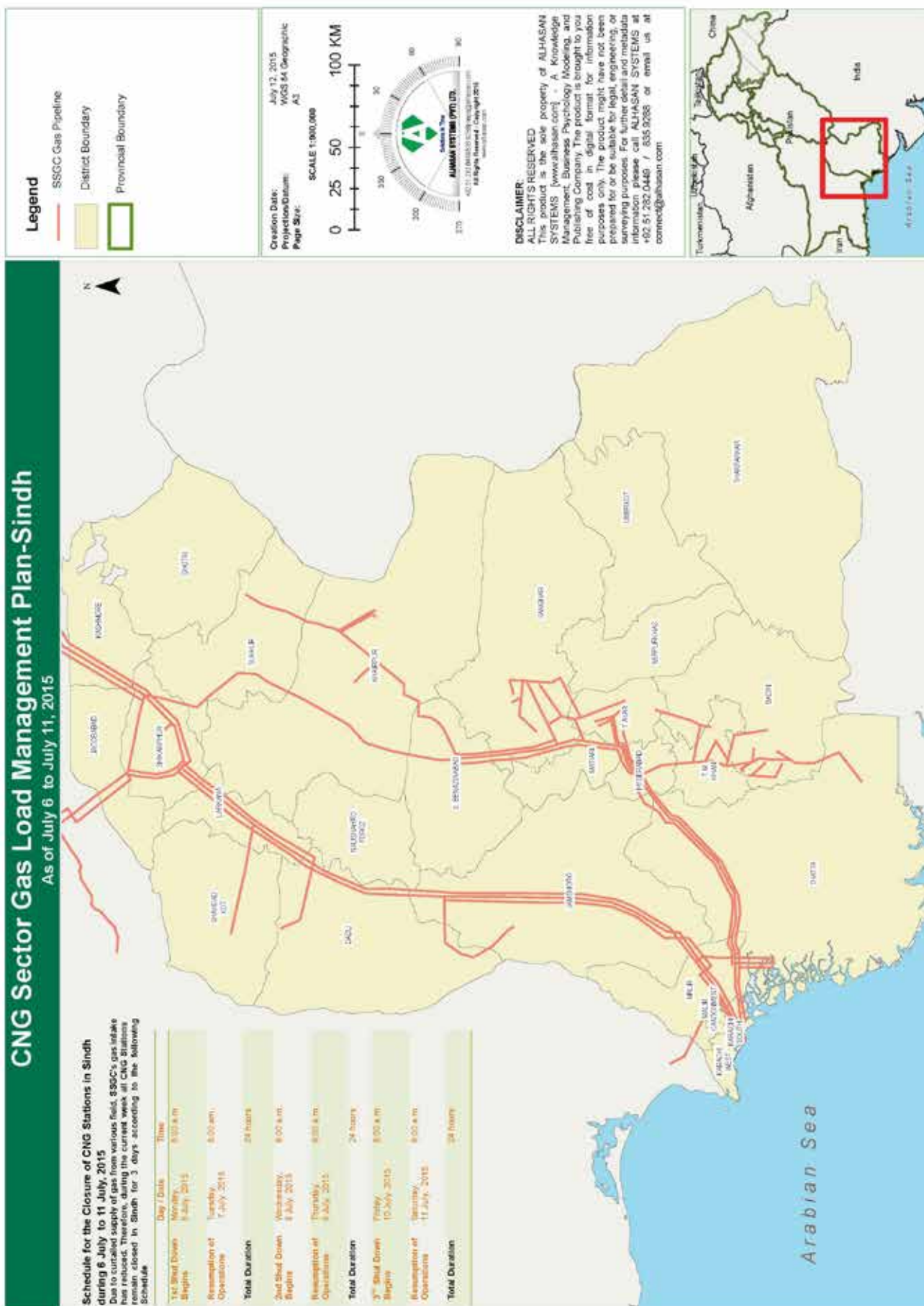
KARACHI: The provincial health authorities on Sunday confirmed the ninth death of the current year in the province caused by Naegleria fowleri, also known as 'brain-eating amoeba'. Officials said that a 23-year-old man, Awais Sher Mohammed, a resident of Umerkot district, was the latest victim. The patient was shifted to Karachi from Umerkot and admitted to a private hospital three days ago in a 'critical' condition. He was put on ventilator and died on Saturday, a health department official said. He said the victim was initially treated at various health facilities in Umerkot for malaria and then for meningitis but his condition deteriorated and the family finally shifted him to Karachi. He was the third victim of the disease brought to Karachi from outside. Previously, two such victims were brought from Thatta and Hub towns. The six other victims were residents of Karachi.

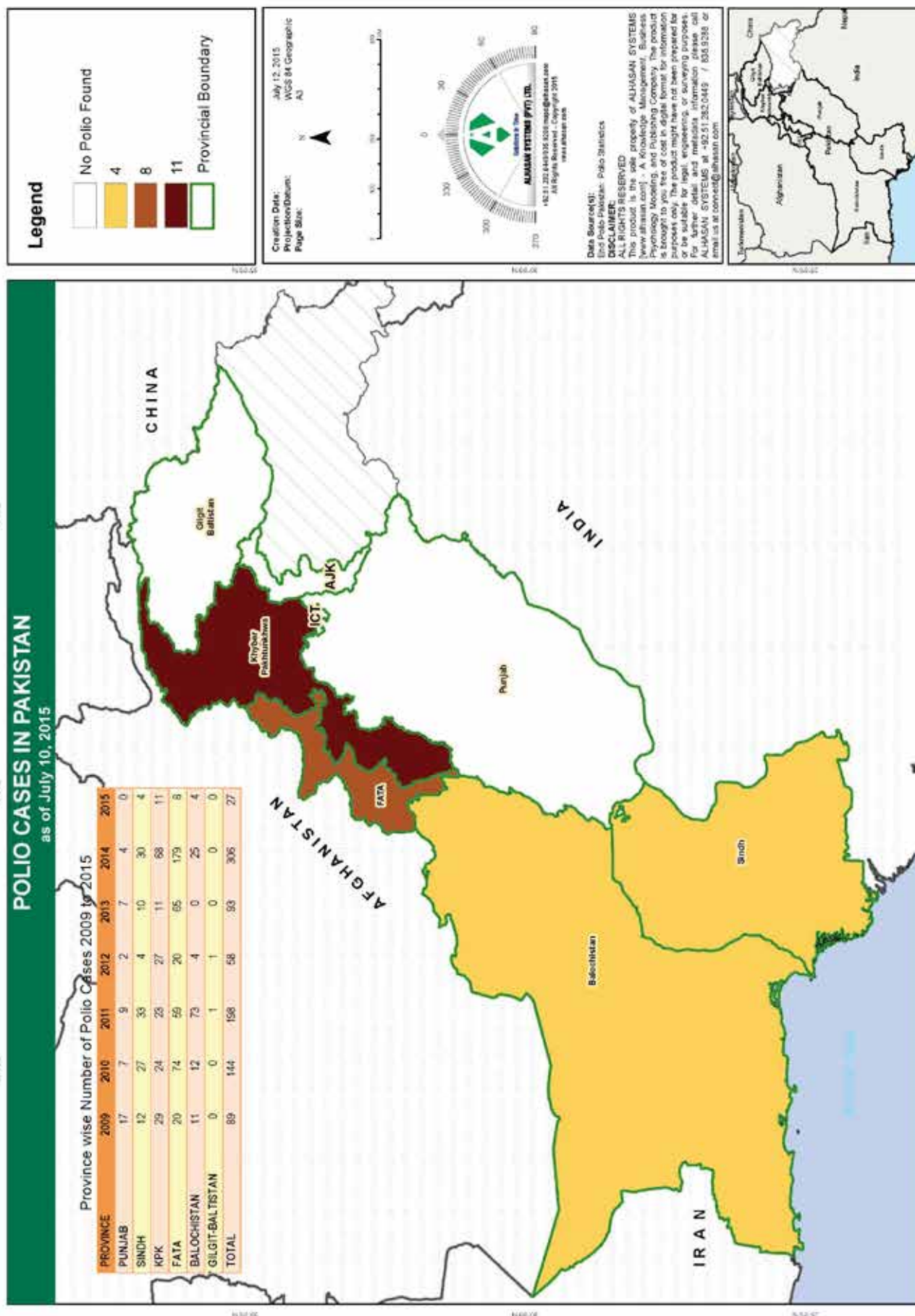
Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali has said Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is being provided electricity more than its quota from national grid. He said load shedding is not being done in 193 feeders out of 650 feeders of PESCO. Abid Sher Ali said losses of Tarwajabah feeder are more than eighty percent. He said that the KPK government did not help for recovery of dues and stoppage of electricity theft despite assurance.

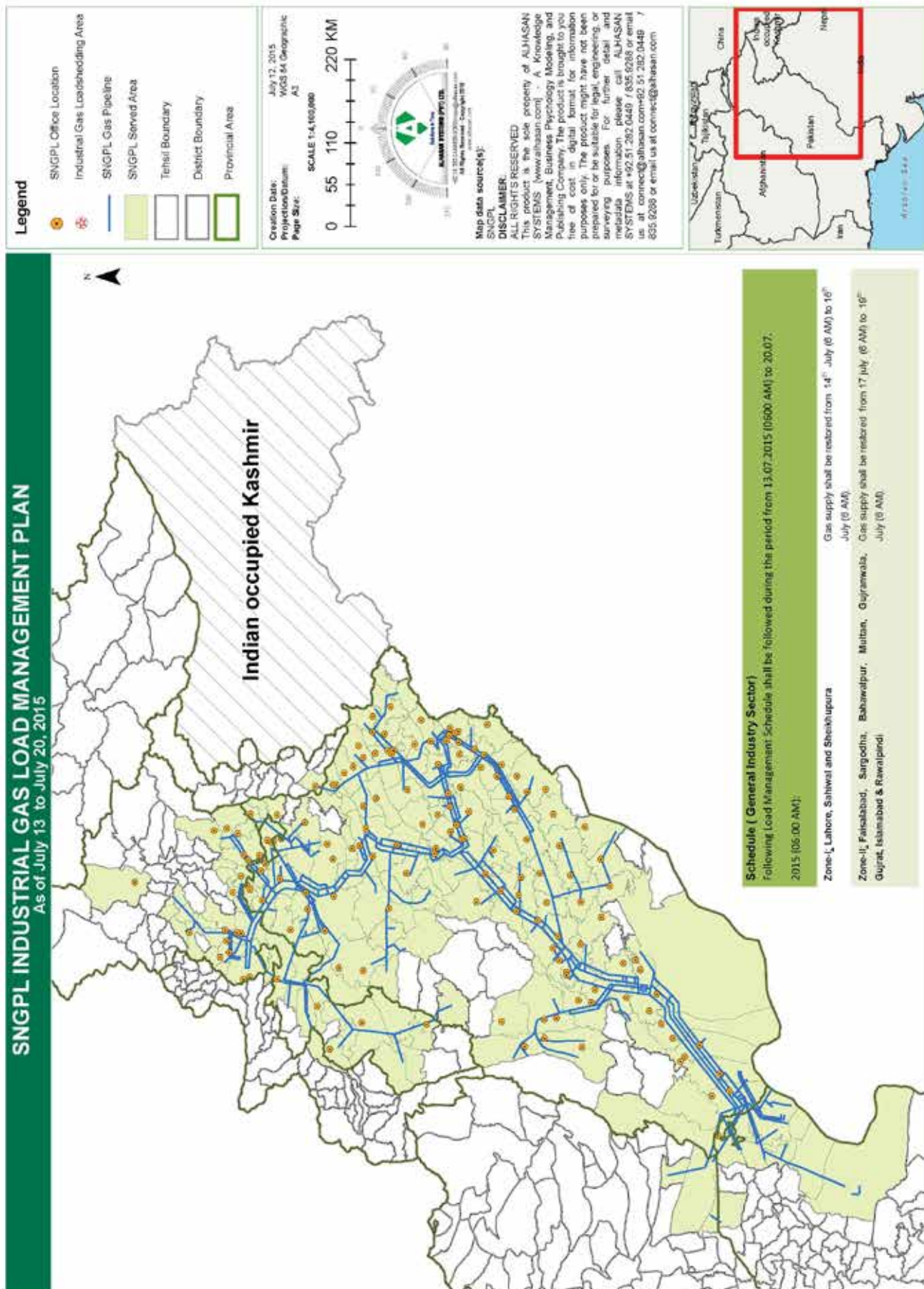










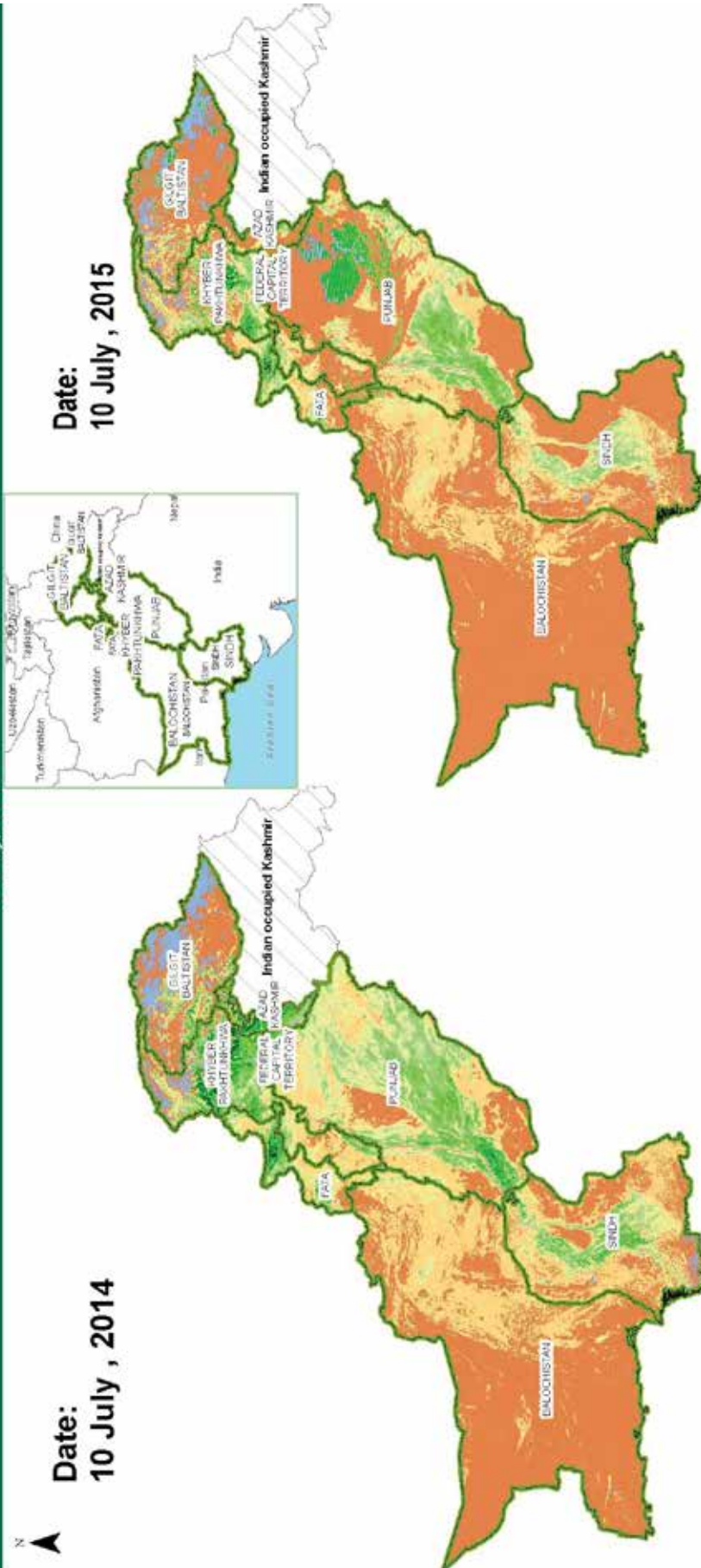


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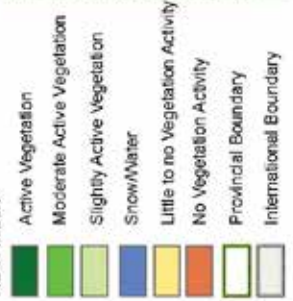
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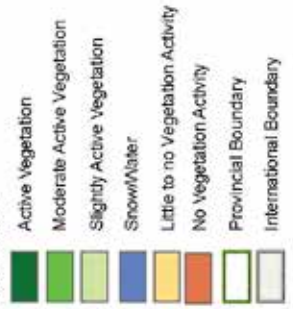
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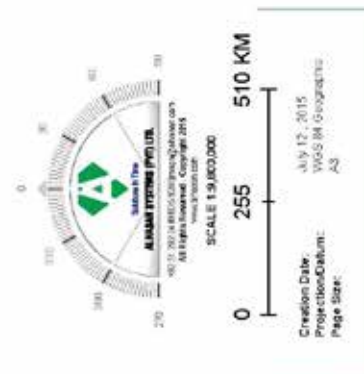


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بھال بھی ضروری ہے۔ عوامی مفاد کے اس شاندار منصوبے سے ملنے والے ہر کوئی سمجھوتہ نہیں ہوگا۔ مزید برآں شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پوری قوم دہشت گردی و انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے کیلئے یکسو ہے۔ پاک افواج نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں جرات اور بہادری کی نئی مثالیں قائم کی ہیں اور پاکستان کی شاندار قربانیوں کی نظر عصر حاضر کی تاریخ میں نہیں ملتی، شہدائے عظیم قربانے اس رائے گاہیں بن جائیں گی اور پاکستان امن کا گہوارہ بنے گا۔ ان نئے آلات کا اظہار انہوں نے گزشتہ روز مختلف اضلاع سے تعلق رکھنے والے ارکان اسمبلی سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت انسداد دہشت گردی کیلئے اٹھائے جانے والے اقدامات نتیجہ خیز ثابت ہو رہے ہیں اور دہشت گردی، انتہا پسندی و فرقہ واریت کے خلاف جنگ ہر محاذ پر لڑی جا رہی ہے، پاک افواج نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کے ذریعے دہشت گردوں پر کاری ضرب لگائی ہے۔ پاکستان کو محفوظ اور پُر امن ملک بنانا ہر پاکستانی کا مشن ہے، دہشت گرد ملک و قوم کے دشمن ہیں، ان کا خاتمہ کر کے دم لیں گے اور سفاک درندوں کو پاکستان میں کہیں سر چھپانے کی جگہ نہیں ملے گی۔ شہباز شریف نے رکن اسمبلی عبدالغفار کے پیچھے کاغذی منڈی ملتان کے ایس ڈی اوپر تشدد اور میکو آفس میں توڑ پھوڑ کی خبر کانٹھس لیتے ہوئے آپی او ملتان سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں شہباز شریف نے سابق ڈی جی انٹیلی جنس بیورو لیفٹیننٹ کرنل (ر) محمد اقبال خان نیازی کے انتقال پر گہرے دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے پیر کے روز نیلم جہلم ہائیڈرو پاور منصوبے کی نجکاری کی تجویز مسترد کر دی۔ باخبر ذرائع نے بتایا کہ 969 میگا واٹ کے اس منصوبے کی لاگت 418 ارب روپے ہو گئی ہے جبکہ پی پی پی کے دور حکومت میں اس منصوبے کی لاگت 274 ارب روپے منظور ہوئی تھی۔ وزیر خزانہ نے بیر کو وزیر اعظم کی ہدایت پر اس منصوبے سے متعلق ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کی جس میں منصوبے کو لاحق مالی مسائل کے حوالے سے بات چیت کی گئی۔ اگر یہ منصوبہ آئندہ سال مکمل ہو جاتا ہے تو اس سے قومی گروتھ کو چھ فیصد اضافی بجلی دستیاب ہو جائے گی۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ حکام اس سلسلے میں 576 ملین ڈالر کے لیے چین کے ایگزیم بینک کے ساتھ رابطے میں ہیں اور اس کی منظوری کا انتظار کیا جا رہا ہے۔ تاہم ان کا کہنا تھا کہ غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاری کے سلسلے میں مشرق وسطیٰ میں اسلامی ترقیاتی بینک اور دیگر سے 40 ملین ڈالر کے حصول میں دشواری کا سامنا ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ ایک اسٹریٹجک منصوبہ ہونے کے باوجود نیلم جہلم بد قسمت منصوبوں میں سے ایک رہا ہے۔ اسے ایک دہائی قبل شروع کیا گیا تھا تاہم ابھی بھی اس کے مالی معاملات حل نہیں ہو سکے۔ ان کے مطابق واپڈا نے 160 ارب روپے کے فنانسنگ کے فرق کو دور کرنے کے لیے دو تجاویز پیش کی تھیں۔ پہلی تجویز میں کہا گیا تھا کہ اہم سرمایہ کاروں کو فنانسنگ پارٹنر بننے کی دعوت دی جائے یا پھر منصوبے کے چین کا کنٹریکٹر کو اسٹریٹجک پارٹنر بننے پر قائل کیا جائے یا کسی دیگر چینی سرمایہ کار کو شامل کر لیا جائے۔ تاہم وزیر خزانہ نے ان تجاویز سے اتفاق نہیں کیا کیوں کہ اس سے تخمینوں کے مسائل پیدا ہوں گے جبکہ کسی نجی سرمایہ کار کو دعوت دینے یا پھر چینی سرمایہ کاروں کو حصہ دار بنانے میں کم از کم چھ ماہ لگ جائیں گے۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ چار اہم جزو کو منصوبے کی مالیت میں شامل نہیں کیا گیا جن میں آئی ڈی سی، کانٹریکٹ کے مطابق منصوبے کی قیمت میں سالانہ اضافہ، غیر ملکی کرنی کی قیمت میں فرق اور ٹیکس اور ڈیوٹی شامل ہیں۔ ان تمام ضروریات کو کرنے کے لیے 100 ارب روپے سے زائد کی رقم کی ضرورت ہے۔ ڈار صاحب نے بتایا کہ ہائیڈرو پاور منصوبے حکومت کی اعلیٰ ترین ترجیحات میں سے ایک ہے اور اس کی لاگت میں اضافہ منصوبہ مکمل ہونے میں تاخیر کی وجہ سے ہوا۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ 2005 کے زلزلے کے بعد اس کے ڈیزائن میں بھی تبدیلیاں کی گئیں جس کے باعث اس کے کام میں بھی اضافہ ہوا۔

پشاور میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف سینکڑوں افراد سڑکوں پر آگئے، مظاہرین نے واپڈا کالونی میں واقع پمپ کو آفس کی اینٹ سے اینٹ بجا دی۔ غم و غصے میں پھرے مشتعل جہوم نے مین گیٹ سمیت دفتر میں پڑی کرسیاں، میز، کمپیوٹر اور دیگر قیمتی آلات توڑ دیئے، اس دوران مظاہرین وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک کے خلاف شدید نعرے لگاتے رہے دفتر سے باہر جا بجا بکھرے کاغذات عوام کے غم و غصے کی کہانی سنارہے تھے۔ مظاہر بے کے دوران ایک شخص جان لیوا گرمی کے باعث بے ہوش ہو گیا جسے ساتھی مظاہرین اپنے طور پر طبی امداد دیتے رہے۔ کچھ منچلوں نے چھوٹے، بڑے پتھر رکھ کر جی ٹی روڈ بلاک کر دیا جس کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کا نظام بری طرح متاثر ہوا۔ مظاہر بے کے دوران پولیس کی بھاری نفری بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئی

گرمی بڑھتے ہی بجلی کی طلب بھی بڑھ گئی ہے، جس سے شارٹ فال میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے طلب اور رسد کے درمیان فرق کم کرنے کے لیے ملک بھر میں شیڈول کے ساتھ ساتھ غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی کی جا رہی ہے، جس نے لوگوں کی مشکلات بڑھا دی ہیں، شہری علاقوں میں چھ سے آٹھ جب کہ دیہات میں دس سے بارہ گھنٹے تک بجلی کی بندش سے شہری بلبلا اٹھے ہیں دوسری طرف لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث پانی کی قلت بھی پیدا ہو گئی ہے، جس سے رہی سہی کسر بھی پوری ہو گئی ہے، عوام نے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ پر فوری طور پر قابو پا کر لوگوں کو ریلیف فراہم کیا جائے ملک میں توانائی بحران سے جہاں شہریوں کا سکون برباد ہو گیا ہے، وہیں ان کو ذہنی مریض بھی بنا رہا ہے، جس پر عوام حکومت سے نالاں ہیں

گزشتہ دور حکومت میں لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنے کے لیے کئی ڈیڈ لائن دی گئی تھیں، لیکن لوڈ شیڈنگ کا جن بوتل میں بند نہ ہو سکا، موجودہ حکومت میں بھی پیپل وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف نے چھ ماہ میں بجلی بحران ختم کرنے کی بات کی پھر اس کو دو سال تک بڑھا دیا اور اب وزیر پانی و بجلی دوہزار

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لاہور... شہر میں تیز بارش نے جل تھل کر دیا، محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ اگلے 2 روز کے دوران بالائی پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش ہوگی جبکہ کراچی میں بادلوں اور تیز ہواؤں سے گرمی کی شدت کم رہے گی، لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں پیر کی دوپہر تیز بارش ہوئی، جس کے باعث موسم بہتر ہو گیا، رات کو ایک بار پھر گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش ہوئی۔ لاہور کے علاوہ قصور، ننکانہ صاحب، شیخوپورہ، نارووال، پسرور اور دیگر علاقوں میں بھی بارش ہوئی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے دو دن کے دوران مون سون بارشوں کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گا۔ آج اسلام آباد، راولپنڈی، مری، ایبٹ آباد، مظفر آباد، سیالکوٹ، منڈی بہاوالدین اور حافظ آباد میں ہلکی بارش جبکہ سرگودھا، خوشاب، کچوال، اٹک اور گردونواح میں موسلا دھار بارش ہوگی۔ دوسری جانب کراچی میں بادلوں اور تیز ہواؤں سے گرمی کی شدت میں خاطر خواہ کمی ہوگی۔

کراچی... کے الیکٹرک کے ترجمان اسامہ قریشی کا حالیہ بریک ڈاؤن سے متعلق اپنے تازہ بیان میں کہا ہے کہ بن قاسم سے آنے والی ٹرانسمیشن لائن میں خرابی کی وجہ سے دھماکا ہوا، جس کی وجہ سے شہر کے اکثر حصے میں بجلی چلی گئی، تاہم 3 سے 4 گھنٹے میں شہر بھر میں بجلی کی بحالی کی امید ہے۔ اسامہ قریشی کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ پورے شہر میں بلیک آؤٹ نہیں ہوا ہے۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے گزشتہ روز لاہور سے ساہیوال کول پاور پراجیکٹس کے حوالے سے پچن مے ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ پاور جنرے شن گروپ کے صدر کیساتھ وڈے وکانفرنس کی۔ اس وڈے وکانفرنس مے ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ پاور جنرے شن گروپ کے صدر کے علاوہ دے گراعلیٰ حکام نے بھی شرکت کی اور ساہیوال مے 1320 مے گاواٹ کے کول پاور پراجیکٹس کو مقررہ مدت کے اندر مکمل کرنے کی عہد دہانی کرائی۔ شہباز شریف نے ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ پاور جنرے شن گروپ کے صدر سے وڈے وکانفرنس کے ذریعے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پچن کے تعاون سے ساہیوال مے کول سے چلنے والے 660 مے گاواٹ کے 2 پاور پلانٹس لگائے جا رہے ہیں اور اس منصوبے پر تے زر فٹاری کے ساتھ کام کے اجارہ ہے، توانائی کی کمی دور کرنے کے حوالے سے ساہیوال کول پاور پراجیکٹ بہت اہمیت رکھتا ہے، اسی لئے متعلقہ وفاقی و صوبائی اداروں کو منصوبے پر عملدرآمد کے حوالے سے تمام امور جلد از جلد نمٹانے کے لئے ہدائے ات جاری کی جا چکی ہے۔ پاکستان اور پچن دوستی کے جس لازوال رشتے مے بندھے ہوئے ہیں اس کی مثال دے ناممکن نہیں، دونوں ملکوں کے مابین دوستی کا رشتہ مضبوط سے مضبوط تر ہو رہا ہے۔ پچن کے صدر کے دورہ پاکستان سے دونوں ملکوں کے مابین تارے فی اقتصادی تعاون کو فروغ ملا اور پچن کا تارے ساز اقتصادی پے کے ج پاکستان کے لئے اے ک بہت بڑا تحفہ ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پچن کے تعاون سے پاکستان مے اندھے رے دور کرنے کی مخلصانہ کاوشوں کو تے زر فٹاری سے آگے بڑھائے جا رہا ہے چین کے تعاون سے اندھیرے دور کریں گے۔ توانائی کے منصوبے ملک کی صنعت کے پپہ کے رواں دواں رکھنے اور قومی معیشت مے رے ڈھ کی ہڈی کی تے ثت رکھتے ہیں، اس لئے توانائی کے منصوبوں کو تے زی سے مکمل کرنے کے لئے تمام اقدامات اٹھائے جا رہے ہیں اور اس ضمن مے ساہیوال کول پراجیکٹس انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے اور مے خود اس منصوبے پر پے ش رفت کا باقاعدگی سے جائزہ لے رہا ہوں۔ 1320 مے گاواٹ کول پاور پراجیکٹ سے 2017 تک بجلی کی پے داوار شروع ہو جائے گی۔ وڈے راعلیٰ نے منصوبے پر اب تک ہونے والی پے ش رفت پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ اور رے آئی گروپ کے بے پالے ا تعاون کا شکریہ ادا کے اور ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ گروپ کے صدر کو ساہیوال کول پاور پراجیکٹس کی سائے ٹ کے دورے کی دعوت دی۔ صدر ہونے والے ننگ شے ڈوٹنگ گروپ نے کہا کہ ساہیوال کول پاور پراجیکٹس پر وڈے راعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف کی اے دوں کے مطابق کام جاری رکھا جائے گا اور مقرر کردہ ٹائم لائن کے اندر منصوبہ مکمل کرے گے۔ علاوہ ازیں شہباز شریف کی زے ر صدارت گزشتہ روز اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس منعقد ہوا، جس مے ”خادم پنجاب دے ہی روڈز پروگرام“ پر پے ش رفت کا جائزہ لے آگے۔ اے سے کرٹری تے رات ومواصلات نے منصوبے پر پے ش رفت کے بارے مے رے فنگ دی۔ شہباز شریف نے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ”خادم پنجاب دے ہی روڈز پروگرام“ دے ہی معیشت کے فروغ مے کلے دی اہمیت کا حامل ہے۔ پروگرام کے تحت آئندہ تے ن برس مے صوبے بھر کی دے ہی سڑکوں کی تے ر و بحالی پر اربوں روپے خرچ کئے جائے گے۔ ”خادم پنجاب دے ہی روڈز پروگرام“ دے ہی علاقوں مے ترقی و خوشحالی کا نے اور لائے گا اور دے ہی سڑکوں کی تے ر و بحالی کا لے انقلابی پروگرام دے ہی زندگی بدل دے گا، ملک کی 68 سالہ تارے خ کا پہلا سب سے بڑا اور منفرد منصوبہ ہے جو دے ہی علاقوں کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے لئے شروع کے آگے اے، جدے داو ر مے اری انفراسٹرکچر تے ز رفتار ترقی کا باعث بنتا ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت نے انفراسٹرکچر ڈوے پینٹ کو اپنی اولے ن تے رے حات مے شامل کے اے۔ ”خادم پنجاب دے ہی روڈز پروگرام“ کا بڑا منصوبہ دے ہی انفراسٹرکچر کو بہتر بنائے گا، دے ہی سڑکوں کی تے ر و بحالی کا منصوبہ نہایت اہمیت کا حامل ہے اور اے رے ر قاری سے آگے بڑھانا ہے۔ ”خادم پنجاب دے ہی روڈز پروگرام“ بھی اسی پالے سی کے تحت پالے مکمل تک پہنچائے آجائے گا، دے ہی سڑکوں کی تے ر و بحالی کے ساتھ ان کی حفاظت اور دے کھ

لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں تیز بارش، کئی علاقوں میں بجلی خائب

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3 سے 4 گھنٹے میں بجلی بحالی کی امید ہے، ترجمان کے الیکٹرک

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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کراچی..... کراچی کے بعد حیدرآباد سمیت اندرون سندھ میں بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن ہو گیا ہے۔ جامشورو تھرمل پاور ہاؤس اور کوٹری پاور ہاؤس بند ہو گئے اور اندرون سندھ کے 71 گرڈ اسٹیشن بند ہو جانے کے باعث سندھ کا وسیع تر علاقے تاریکی میں ڈوب گئے ہیں۔ حسیکو ترجمان محمد صادق نے بتایا کہ پاور جنریشن کی فریکوئنسی کم ہونے کی وجہ سے 660 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے والا جامشورو تھرمل پاور ہاؤس اور 150 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے والے کوٹری پاور کے 4 میں سے 3 یونٹس بند ہو گئے، جس کے باعث حیدرآباد سمیت اندرون سندھ میں بجلی کا بڑا بریک ڈاؤن ہو گیا ہے۔ حسیکو کے حیدرآباد ریجن کے 12 اضلاع میں تمام گرڈ اسٹیشن بند ہو گئے، حیدرآباد ٹنڈو محمد خان، کوٹری جامشورو، ٹنڈو محمد خان، ٹنڈوالہیار، بدین، ٹھٹھ، میرپور خاص، مٹھی، تاریکی میں ڈوب گئے ہیں۔ ترجمان حسیکو محمد صادق نے بتایا کہ پاور جنریشن کی فریکوئنسی کم ہونے کے باعث جامشورو تھرمل ہاؤس اور کوٹری پاور ہاؤس ٹرپ کر گئے، کوٹری پاور ہاؤس کا صرف ایک 50 میگاواٹ کا یونٹ کام کر رہا ہے، جبکہ کوٹری کے دیگر 3 اور جامشورو پاور ہاؤس کے 4 یونٹس مکمل طور پر بند ہو گئے ہیں، جس کے باعث حیدرآباد کے 71 گرڈ اسٹیشن مکمل طور پر بند ہو گئے ہیں۔ یہ ایک بڑا بریک ڈاؤن ہے یہ کہنا قبل از وقت ہے کہ بجلی کب بحال ہوگی، کیونکہ حسیکو اور حسیکو مکمل طور پر بند ہیں، جبکہ کراچی میں پہلے ہی بریک ڈاؤن ہے۔ دوسری جانب حیدرآباد سمیت اندرون سندھ میں بجلی کے طویل بریک ڈاؤن کے باعث شہریوں نے رات جاگ کر گزاری، جبکہ سحری بھی اندھیرے میں کی شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ وفاقی پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی نے دعوے کیے تھے کہ اب پاکستان کے کسی حصے میں بریک ڈاؤن نہیں ہوگا، لیکن ان کے دعوے کے دھرے رہ گئے۔

جوڈیشل اکیٹوایزم بینٹل نے عدالت میں درخواست جمع کرائی تھی، جس میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا تھا کہ نیپرا خود مختار ادارے کی بجائے حکومتی ادارے کا کردار ادا کر رہا ہے، نیپرا نے عوامی مفاد کے برعکس حکومتی پالیسیوں کے مطابق گیارہ ارب روپے کا نیٹیکس گیس ڈیپلمنٹ سرچارج کے نام پر بجلی کے بلوں پر عائد کر دیا ہے، درخواست گزار نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ یہ سرچارج پاور سپلائی کمپنیوں سے وصول کیا جاتا تھا مگر حکومتی ملٹی بلٹ سے اربوں روپے کا نیٹیکس براہ راست عوام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے، انہوں نے عدالت سے استدعا کی کہ بجلی کے بلوں پر گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیپلمنٹ سرچارج کی وصولی کے نیپرا کے اقدام کو کالعدم قرار دیا جائے، جس پر عدالت نے نیپرا کو نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے دو ہفتوں میں جواب طلب کر لیا

گزشتہ روز ایکسپریس ہائی ٹینشن لائن ٹوٹنے سے بن قاسم پاور پلانٹ کے چار یونٹ ٹرپ کر گئے، جس کے باعث سندھ، بلوچستان اور خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف شہروں میں بجلی رات نوبے سے بند ہے، ذرائع کے مطابق پاور جنریشن کی فریکوئنسی کم ہونے کی وجہ سے چھ سو ساٹھ میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے والا جامشورو تھرمل پاور ہاؤس اور ایک سو پچاس میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے والے کوٹری پاور ہاؤس کے چار میں سے تین یونٹس بند ہو گئے جس کے باعث حیدرآباد سمیت اندرون سندھ میں بجلی کا بڑا بریک ڈاؤن ہو گیا حسیکو کے حیدرآباد ریجن کے بارہ اضلاع میں تمام گرڈ اسٹیشن بند ہو گئے، حیدرآباد ٹنڈو محمد خان، کوٹری جامشورو، ٹنڈو محمد خان، ٹنڈوالہیار، بدین، ٹھٹھ، میرپور خاص، مٹھی میں بجلی کی سپلائی بند ہونے سے کاروبار زندگی بری طرح سے متاثر ہو گیا دوسری جانب بلوچستان میں قلات، سوراہ، منگوچر سمیت کئی علاقوں میں بحال بجلی غائب ہے، مقامی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ کام جاری ہے جلد بجلی کی ترسیل بحال کر دی جائے گی، ادھر خیبر پختونخوا کے ہزارہ ڈویژن میں بھی فنی خرابی کے باعث بجلی کی فراہمی بری طرح متاثر ہوئی جس سے مانسہرہ، ایبٹ آباد، اوگی، بٹگرام سمیت کئی علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی میں خلل واقع ہو گیا

لاہور میں کل سے جاری موسلا دھار بارش لاہور: مون سون سیزن آن پہنچا لیکن صوبائی دارالحکومت میں برساتی نالوں کی صفائی مکمل نہیں کی جاسکی۔ کے باعث شہر کے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آچکے ہیں، برساتی نالوں کی صفائی ادھوری رہ جانے کے باعث بارش کو پانی گھروں میں داخل ہونے کا خدشہ و اس کے قواعد و ضوابط کے مطابق ہر سال جون کے آخر تک برساتی نالوں کی صفائی کرنا ہوتی ہے مگر اس بار جولائی کا پہلا ہفتہ گزر جانے کے ہے۔ باوجود نالوں کی صفائی کا کام مکمل نہیں کیا جاسکا۔ اس مقصد کیلئے ورلڈ بینک سے 8 کروڑ روپے لینے والے واسا حکام پر امید ہیں کہ آئندہ چند روز میں وہ لاہور شہر میں 225 چھوٹے بڑے نالے ہیں جن کی کل لمبائی 387 کلومیٹر ہے، واسا کی ناقص حکمت عملی کے باعث ہر اپنا نارگٹ پورا کر لیں گے۔ سال موسم برسات میں شہریوں کو اذیت کا سامنا رہتا ہے۔

حیدرآباد..... حیدرآباد میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ نے درزیوں کو بھی مشکلات سے دوچار کر دیا ہے۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے تنگ شہری پریشان ہیں کہ یہی صورت حال رہی تو ان کے عید کے کپڑے وقت پر نہیں مل پائیں گے۔ بجلی کی مسلسل لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے بنگ بند ہے۔ عید کے بعد کی بنگ جاری ہے۔ یہ پوسٹر شہر اور لطیف آباد کے ہر دوسری تیسرے درزی کی دکان پر شہریوں کا منہ چڑا رہا ہے۔ وہ شہری جو رمضان المبارک کے دوران گرمی کے ساتھ ساتھ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے مارے ہوئے تھے لیکن اب عید پر نئے کپڑے پہننے کے لالے پڑے ہوئے ہیں۔ رمضان المبارک درزیوں کے لیے کاروبار کے حوالے سے بھی اہمیت رکھتا ہے۔ درزیوں کا کہنا ہے کہ کمائی کے سیزن میں لوڈ شیڈنگ نے ان کا جینا دشار کر دیا ہے۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث درزیوں کے خنروں سے بچنے کے لیے اب ہنگے داموں ریڈی میڈ کپڑے خریدنے ہوں گے۔

کراچی کے بعد اندرون سندھ میں بھی بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن، 2 پاور ہاؤس بند

جونیور

8 جولائی 2015

لاہور ہائی کورٹ نے بجلی کے بلوں پر گیس انفراسٹرکچر ڈیپلمنٹ سرچارج کی وصولی کے خلاف درخواست پر نیپرا کو نوٹس جاری

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

8 جولائی 2015

بن قاسم پاور پلانٹ میں خرابی کے باعث بجلی کا بڑا بحران پیدا ہو گیا، سندھ، کے پی کے اور بلوچستان کے متعدد شہروں میں چودہ گھنٹے سے بجلی غائب

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

8 جولائی 2015

واسا حکام نے 8 کروڑ ڈکار لیے، برساتی نالے صاف نہ کیے

سہ ماہیہ

7 جولائی 2015

حیدرآباد میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ، درزیوں کا کام بھی متاثر

جونیور

7 جولائی 2015

کے مطابق شہر کے تمام گڑا سٹیشنوں سے بجلی کی فراہمی کا عمل جاری ہے۔

فراہمی کا عمل شروع ہو گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

9 جولائی 2015

کراچی: نیشنل گریڈ اسٹیشن ٹریپ، ادھے

شہر کی بجلی غائب

جیونیوز

9 جولائی 2015

کراچی میں بجلی کے بعد پانی کے بحران

نے بھی سراٹھایا

سہ نیوز

8 جولائی 2015

کراچی سمیت دیگر شہروں میں یوم علیٰ

کے موقع پر موبائل سروس معطل

اے آر وائی نیوز

8 جولائی 2015

بجلی کا مسلسل بریک ڈاؤن، کے

الیکٹرک، حسیکو اور پیسکو کو نوٹسز

جیونیوز

8 جولائی 2015

کراچی 12: گھنٹے بعد کچھ علاقوں میں بجلی

کی بحالی شروع

جیونیوز

8 جولائی 2015

کراچی: بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن، دھاتیہی سے

شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی بند

جیونیوز

8 جولائی 2015

کراچی..... کراچی شہر میں ایک اور بڑا بریک ڈاؤن، جہاں شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہے۔ لیاقت آباد، عزیز آباد، گلشن بلاک 13، پی آئی بی کالونی، گستان جوہر کے بلاک 14، 3، 19 اور کورنگی، چل گوٹھ، طارق روڈ، نار تھ ناظم آباد، ماڈل کالونی سمیت دیگر علاقے ایسے ہیں جہاں بجلی غائب ہے۔ ترجمان کے الیکٹرک کے مطابق نیشنل گریڈ اسٹیشن ٹریپ ہونے کی وجہ سے بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہوئی ہے، جس پر قابو پانے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔

کراچی: بجلی کا عذاب ہی کم نہیں تھا کہ کراچی والوں کو اب پانی کے سنگین بحران کا بھی سامنا ہے، بریک ڈاؤن کی وجہ سے شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی کا نظام بھی درہم برہم ہو گیا۔ ترجمان کراچی واٹر بورڈ کے مطابق بجلی غائب ہونے سے پانی کی فراہمی بھی معطل ہو گئی، حب اور این ای کے پیپنگ ہاؤس کی بجلی رات ایک بجے سے غائب ہے جس کے بعد تمام پیپنگ ہاؤسز سے شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی کا سلسلہ منقطع ہو گیا۔ دھاتیہ پیپنگ اسٹیشن کی پائپ پھٹ گئی، پیری اور گھارو سے بھی ساڑھے پانچ سو ملین گیلن پانی کی فراہمی معطل ہے۔

کراچی: سندھ حکومت نے یوم علیٰ کے موقع پر کراچی، سکھر اور حیدر آباد میں موبائل فون سروس بند رکھنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے ترجمان کے مطابق کراچی سی سکھر اور حیدر آباد میں آج شام 4 سے رات 9 بجے تک موبائل سروسز بند رہے گی۔ کل یوم علیٰ کے موقع پر بھی کراچی، حیدر آباد اور سکھر میں کل صبح 9 سے رات 9 بجے تک موبائل سروس بند رہے گی۔ صوبائی وزارت داخلہ نے اس سلسلے میں وفاقی وزارت داخلہ کو خط ارسال کر دیا ہے۔ خط میں وفاقی وزارت داخلہ کو تجویز دی گئی ہے کہ کراچی، حیدر آباد اور سکھر میں موبائل فون سروس کی فراہمی معطل رکھی جائے۔

اسلام آباد..... نیپرانے بجلی کے مسلسل بریک ڈاؤن اور کئی گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے کے الیکٹرک، حسیکو اور پیسکو کو نوٹس جاری کر دیے ہیں۔ نیپرا اعلیٰ کے مطابق کے الیکٹرک، حسیکو اور پیسکو کو ہدایت کی گئی ہے کہ بجلی کی فراہمی میں بار بار کے قفل کو ختم کرنے کے فوری اقدامات کریں اور بریک ڈاؤن کی وجوہات پر مشتمل تفصیلی رپورٹ نیپرا کو جمع کرائیں۔ اعلیٰ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ صارفین کو بلا قفل بجلی کی فراہمی یقینی بنانے کے تمام ضروری اقدامات اٹھائے جائیں۔

کراچی.... کراچی میں بجلی کا بڑا بریک ڈاؤن 12 گھنٹے گزرنے کے بعد جاری ہے، آدھے سے زائد شہر کی بجلی گزشتہ رات 9 بجے سے بند ہے، صبح 8 بجے کے بعد ایف بی ایریا، گلشن اقبال، بفر زون سمیت بعض علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی بحال ہونا شروع ہو گئی ہے۔ ترجمان کے الیکٹرک کا کہنا ہے کہ بجلی کی مکمل بحالی میں وقت لگ سکتا ہے، اس حوالے سے ٹائم فریم نہیں دے سکتے۔ کراچی میں منگل کی شب بجلی کا ایسا بریک ڈاؤن ہوا کہ اگلے دن کا سورج نکل آنے پر بھی بجلی کا کچھ اکتاپنا نہیں۔ رمضان المبارک کی انیسویں تا سترہویں روزے کی سحری شہریوں نے اندھیرے میں کی۔ طویل ترین بریک ڈاؤن سے شہر کے جو علاقے متاثر ہوئے ان میں گلستان جوہر، گلشن اقبال، گلشن جمال، ڈالیا، کارساز، صدر، کیڑی، لیاری، برنس روڈ، پاکستان چوک، ڈیفنس، کلفٹن، سی ویو، شیریں جناح کالونی، محمود آباد، فیڈرل بی ایریا، بلدیہ ٹاؤن، ملیر، کورنگی، بھٹانی کالونی، نار تھ کراچی اور طارق روڈ شامل ہیں۔ بجلی کی عدم فراہمی سے شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔ شہر میں رات گئے تک کھلے رہنے والے بازار جلد ویران ہو گئے، شہریوں نے رات جاگ کر گزاری اور سحری بھی اندھیرے میں کی۔ بجلی کی بندش کے باعث پانی کی بھی قلت ہو گئی۔ ادھر ترجمان کے الیکٹرک کا کہنا ہے کہ 500 کے وی اے کی مین ٹرانسمیشن لائن ٹرپ کر جانے سے کراچی، حیدر آباد سمیت سندھ اور بلوچستان کے کئی اضلاع کو بجلی کی فراہمی بند ہوئی، بجلی کی مکمل بحالی میں وقت لگ سکتا ہے۔ بجلی آنے کا کوئی ٹائم فریم نہیں دے سکتے۔ دوسری جانب شہریوں نے کے الیکٹرک کی کارکردگی کو شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا۔ شہریوں نے کے الیکٹرک کی ہیلپ لائن سے جواب موصول نہ ہونے کی شکایت بھی کی۔

کراچی..... کراچی میں بجلی کے بریک ڈاؤن کے بعد ٹھٹھہ کے قریب دھاتیہ پیپنگ اسٹیشن پر رات تقریباً 9 بجے سے بجلی معطل ہے۔ کراچی شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی مکمل طور پر بند ہے جبکہ بجلی کی بندش سے 72 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن بھی پھٹ گئی۔ اسکیسن کراچی واٹر بورڈ لعل بخش سمون نے جیونیوز کو بتایا کہ کراچی میں بجلی کے بریک ڈاؤن سے دھاتیہ پیپنگ اسٹیشن پر بھی بجلی معطل ہے۔ اس بریک ڈاؤن کے باعث رات 8 بجکر 50 منٹ سے کراچی کو پانی کی فراہمی مکمل بند ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ کراچی کو 10 پائپ لائنوں کے ذریعے 615 ملین گیلن پانی پور فراہم کیا جاتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی بند ہونے سے 72 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن بھی پھٹ گئی، جس کی مرمت میں ایک سے 2 دن لگیں گے۔

سیلابی ریلے میں بہہ گئے جنہیں ریسکیو والوں نے نکال لیا۔ شکر گڑھ سکھوچک روڈ پر سنگراں کے مقام پر نالہ بنیں کے حفاظتی بند میں اچانک 30 فٹ چوڑا شکاف پڑنے سے سڑک کا تقریباً سو فٹ حصہ پانی میں بہہ گیا جس درجنوں دیہاتوں کا شہر سے زمینی رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا۔ متاثرہ دیہات میں سنگراں، چھمال، نگروہ انصاریاں، سکھوچک، کرول، بلوگڑا، ٹمبرچک وغیرہ شامل ہیں۔ پسرور سے نامہ نگار نالہ ڈیک میں اونچے درجے کا سیلاب ہے، چہور کے مقام پر 33 ہزار کیوسک پانی کا ریلہ گزر رہا ہے جبکہ پانی کی سطح مسلسل بلند ہو رہی ہے۔ راولپنڈی میں بدھ کے روز سیلابی ریلوں کی نذر ہونے والے افغان ٹی وی کے پاکستان میں ڈائریکٹر ارشد کی نعش چوتھرہ کے علاقہ سے نکال لی گئی ہے، متوفی لین فور کے علاقے میں برساتی پانی بہہ گئے تھے، اس طرح راولپنڈی میں بارش کے دوران ڈوب کر جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد 11 ہو گئی ہے، رات گئے راولپنڈی میں 33 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی، مری روڈ پر بارش کا پانی اکٹھا ہونے سے ٹریفک جام ہو گئی جبکہ نالہ لٹی میں گوالمندی کے مقام پر پانی کی سطح سات فٹ تک بلند ہو گئی۔ دوسری جانب وفاقی دارالحکومت اور گرد و نواح میں بارشوں کے باعث راول ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح ایک ہزار سات سو اکاون فٹ تک پہنچ گئی جبکہ راول ڈیم میں پانی کی گنجائش ایک ہزار سات سو باون فٹ ہے۔ مزید بارشوں کے پیش نظر راول ڈیم کے سپل وے کھول دیئے گئے ہیں۔ واسا اور ٹی ایم اے ملازمین کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں۔ پشاور میں مون سون کی بارشوں اور سیلاب کے ممکنہ خطرے کے پیش نظر ریڈ الارٹ جاری کر دیا گیا، متعلقہ تمام اداروں کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر کے ندی نالوں کی صفائی اور تجاوزات کے خاتمے کا احکامات جاری کر دیئے گئے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ دو روز کے دوران اسلام آباد، پنجاب، کشمیر اور خیبر پختونخوا کے اکثر مقامات پر جبکہ بلوچستان اور بالائی سندھ میں کہیں کہیں گرج چمک کیساتھ بادل برس سکتے ہیں۔

لاہور: پنجاب کے سی این جی اسٹیشنز پندرہ روز کی بندش کے بعد کھل گئے۔ سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو سحر و افطار میں گیس کی فراہمی بند رہے گی۔ سوئی نادرن حکام کے مطابق پنجاب کے سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو گیس کی فراہمی کا فیصلہ درآمد شدہ ایل جی این کی دستیابی کے باعث کیا گیا ہے۔ صوبے بھر کے اسٹیشنز کو گیس آج صبح چھ بجے سے بحال کر دی گئی ہے اور غیر معینہ مدت تک فراہمی جاری رہے گی۔ گھر بلو صافین کی سہولت کے لئے سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو سحر و افطار میں گیس نہیں ملے گی۔ گیس اسٹیشنز رات دو سے صبح ساڑھے تین اور شام چھ سے رات آٹھ بجے تک بند ہوں گے

کراچی: کراچی کی بلند عمارتوں کے فلیٹ مالکان کے لئے خوشخبری کہ سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی بلند عمارتوں میں نئے گیس کنکشن کی اجازت دے دی ہے۔ سال 2011 سے بلند عمارتوں کو نئے گیس کنکشن پر پابندی تھی، تاہم سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کی جانب سے نئے پالیسی کے تحت دس منزلہ عمارتوں تک گیس کنکشن مل سکیں گے، جس کے بعد بلند عمارتوں میں رہنے والے ایل پی جی کے بجائے قدرتی گیس استعمال کر سکیں گے، گیس کنکشن پر پابندی کی وجہ سے بہت سے پراجیکٹس رک گئے تھے۔

اسلام آباد: سپریم کورٹ نے ڈھائی سو کمپنیز کو اضافی سرچارج کی مد میں 100 ارب روپے کے بجلی بھتیا جات 12 اقساط میں ادا کرنے کا حکم دیا ہے۔ چیف جسٹس پاکستان جسٹس ناصر الملک کی سربراہی میں 3 رکنی بنچ نے، اسٹیل، ٹیکسٹائل، توانائی اور سیمنٹ کے شعبوں سے تعلق رکھنے والی 250 کمپنیز کی متفرق درخواست پر سماعت کی۔ درخواست میں عدالت سے استدعا کی گئی تھی کہ عدالت حکومت کو ان کمپنیز کے ذمے بجلی بلز پر اضافی سرچارج کے تقریباً 100 ارب روپے وصول کرنے سے روک دے۔ اٹارنی جنرل پاکستان سلمان اسلم بٹ نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ حکومت 100 ارب روپے کی یہ رقم 12 قسطوں میں وصول کرنے کی رعایت فراہم کر سکتی ہے، اگر کمپنیز نے ادائیگی نہ کی تو بجلی کی پیداوار متاثر ہوگی اور لوڈ شیڈنگ بڑھے گی۔ عدالت نے کمپنیز کے وکیل کے دلائل سننے کے بعد بجلی بلز میں اضافی سرچارج کی رقم 12 قسطوں میں جمع کرانے کا حکم دے دیا۔ اضافی سرچارج کے خلاف کیس کی سماعت اگست کے دوسرے ہفتے تک ملتوی کر دی گئی

لاہور وزیر مملکت برائے پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی کے حکم پر لیسکو سے کرپٹ افسران اور ملازمین کے خلاف کارروائی جاری ہے جب کہ 22 بدعنوان ملازمین کو برطرف کر دیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کرپشن، بجلی چوری اور اوور بلنگ پر لیسکو کے 92 ملازمین کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی جس کے بعد وزیر مملکت عابد شیر علی کے حکم پر لیسکو کے 22 افسران اور ملازمین بدعنوانی کے الزام میں برطرف کر دیئے گئے جب کہ 42 افسران اور ملازمین کی تفریق اور 28 کی ترقی روک لی گئی۔ لیسکو کے جن افسران اور ملازمین کو برطرف کیا گیا ان میں ایکسیس، ایس ڈی اوز اور سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئرز شامل ہیں۔

کے الیکٹرک کی ایک سو بتیس کے وی کی ٹرانسمیشن لائن ٹرپ کرنے سے چونٹھ گڑھ اسٹیشنوں سے بجلی کی فراہمی کا عمل متاثر ہوا تھا، بجلی کی فراہمی بند ہونے سے نارتھ ناظم آباد، فیڈرل بی ایریا، عزیز آباد، گلشن، نارتھ ناظم آباد، پی ای سی ایچ سوسائٹی، بنگلور ٹاؤن، گلستان جوہر اور ملیر میں گھنٹوں تاریکی چھائی رہی، کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے ٹرانسمیشن لائن کی مرمت کے بعد مرحلہ وار تمام علاقوں کی بجلی بحال کر دی گئی، ترجمان کے الیکٹرک

پندرہ روزہ بندش کے بعد پنجاب بھر میں سی این جی اسٹیشنز کھل گئے

سہ نیوز

11 جولائی 2015

سوئی سدرن گیس نے عمارتوں میں نئے کنکشن کی اجازت دیدی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

5 جولائی 2015

ڈھائی سو کمپنیز کو 100 ارب روپے کے بجلی بھتیا جات 12 اقساط میں ادائیگی کا حکم

جیونیوز

10 جولائی 2015

کرپشن میں ملوث لیسکو کے 22 افسران اور ملازمین برطرف

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

10 جولائی 2015

کے الیکٹرک کی ٹرانسمیشن لائن میں فنی خرابی کے باعث متاثر ہونے والے چونٹھ گڑھ اسٹیشنوں سے بجلی کی

پبلک سروسز

سرخیاں

کے الیکٹرک کا 10 گھنٹے بعد تمام متاثرہ گروڈ اسٹیشن بحال کرنے کا دعویٰ

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تفصیلات

کراچی کے الیکٹرک انتظامیہ نے 10 گھنٹے بعد شہر میں تمام متاثرہ گروڈ اسٹیشن بحال کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے تاہم اب بھی کئی علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی بحال نہیں ہو سکی جس کی وجہ سے عوام کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا ہے۔ شہر میں ایک ہفتے کے دوران بجلی کے تیسرے بڑے بریک ڈاؤن کے باعث عوام کی زندگی اجیرن کر کے رکھ دی ہے، ہفتے اور اتوار کی درمیانی رات 220 کے وی کی ٹرانسمیشن لائن ٹرپ کرنے سے شہر بھر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی، جس کی وجہ سے لوگوں نے رواں رمضان المبارک میں تیسری سحری اندھیرے میں کی۔ بجلی کے بریک ڈاؤن سے جہاں رہائشی علاقے متاثر ہوئے وہیں اس سے کاروباری اور صنعتی سرگرمیاں بھی متاثر ہوئیں۔ بریک ڈاؤن کی وجہ سے مارکیٹوں میں موجود عوام کو بھی شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ اس کے علاوہ ترجمان پاکستان اسٹیل نے بھی بریک ڈاؤن سے پلانٹ کو نقصان پہنچنے کا خدشہ ظاہر کیا ہے۔ بجلی کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث شہر میں پانی کا بھی بحران پیدا ہو گیا ہے۔ کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ کے ترجمان کے مطابق بجلی کے بریک ڈاؤن کی وجہ سے شہر کو 5 کروڑ گیلن پانی فراہم نہ کیا جاسکا۔ جس کی وجہ سے شہر میں پانی کی کمی کا بھی سامنا رہے گا۔ دوسری جانب کے الیکٹرک کے ترجمان کے مطابق ہوا میں نمی کے باعث پیری آئی سی آئی کی 220 کلوواٹ کی ٹرانسمیشن لائن ٹرپ کر گئی جس کے باعث بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن ہوا۔ صارفین سے بجلی بندش کے باعث تکلیف پر معذرت خواہ ہیں، تمام متاثرہ گروڈ اسٹیشن بحال کر دیے گئے ہیں جس کے بعد اب متاثرہ فیڈرز کی مرحلہ وار بحالی جاری ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ رمضان المبارک کے دوران کراچی میں تیسری بار بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن ہوا ہے جب کہ اس سے قبل بھی کے الیکٹرک کی ہائی ٹرانسمیشن لائن ٹرپ کرنے سے شہر کے 80 فیصد حصے کو بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی تھی۔

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کوئٹہ: شمالی بلوچستان کے اضلاع کوئٹہ، پشین اور قلعہ عبداللہ میں چار ہزار سے زائد والدین نے اپنے بچوں کو پولیو قطرے پلانے سے انکار کر دیا۔ یہ بات کو آرڈینیٹر بلوچستان ایمر جنسی سیل ڈاکٹر سید سیف الرحمان نے ہفتے کے روز ڈان نیوز کو بتائی۔ رواں سال بلوچستان میں چار پولیو کیس ریکارڈ کیے گئے جن میں سے تین انہی متاثرہ اضلاع سے تھے۔ سرکاری حکام والدین کے انکار کو درج بالا کیسوں کا ذمہ دار ٹھہراتے ہیں۔ والدین کی جانب سے مذاحمت کرنے پر پولیو رضاکاروں کو ان تینوں اضلاع کے مختلف علاقوں میں بچوں کو قطرے پلانے میں دشواری کا سامنا ہے۔ زیادہ تر انکار کرنے کے واقعات کوئٹہ کے نواح میں افغان پناہ گزینوں والے علاقوں پشتون آباد، خروٹ آباد اور نوان قلعہ میں پیش آئے۔ ڈاکٹر رحمان کے مطابق، انہوں نے انکار کرنے والے والدین کا پیہ لگالیا ہے اور اب انہیں راغب کرنے کی کوشش کی جائے گی۔ بلوچستان حکومت نے ایسے والدین کو راغب کرنے کیلئے ڈپٹی کمشنروں کی سربراہی میں علما پر مشتمل خصوصی کمیٹیاں تشکیل دے رکھی ہیں۔ سرکاری حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ بلوچستان میں 50 فیصد سے زائد پولیو کیس والدین کی انکار کی وجہ سے سامنے آرہے ہیں جبکہ عزم کی کمی، متعلقہ حلقوں کی کوتاہی اور پولیو رضاکاریوں پر حملے دوسری بڑی وجوہات ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر رحمان کہتے ہیں کہ بلوچستان کے کسی بھی حصے میں پولیو کیس برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ سیکریٹری صحت بلوچستان نورالحق بلوچ نے کوئٹہ کے پشتون آباد علاقے میں حالیہ پولیو کیسز کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے ضلعی صحت افسر کے خلاف محکمہ کارروائی جبکہ دوسرے افسروں کو اظہار وجہ نوٹس جاری کیے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر رحمان نے بتایا کہ صوبائی حکومت نے مذاحمت کرنے والے والدین سے فرد آف ڈراپل کرتے ہوئے انہیں راغب کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ 'سرکاری افسر اور مذہبی رہنما بھی پولیو وائرس ختم کرنے میں اپنا کردار ادا کریں گے'۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ اب تک رضاکار، مذہبی سکالر اور دوسرے افسر کئی والدین کو راغب کر چکے ہیں اور انکار کرنے والے والدین کی تعداد میں بتدریج کمی آرہی ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ پونیف، عالمی ادارہ صحت اور وفاقی حکومت سمیت دوسرے اداروں نے کوئٹہ کے پشتون آباد علاقے میں والدین کے انکار کا سخت نوٹس لیا ہے۔

بھارت نے پانی چھوڑ دیا، نالہ بنیں میں طغیانی، 17 افراد ڈوب کر جاں بحق۔

روزنامہ دنیا

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شکر گڑھ، اسلام آباد، راولپنڈی، پانی (نمائندگان دنیا، نامہ نگاران، خصوصی نامہ نگار) سحری کے وقت طوفان باد و باران، سیلابی ریلوں سے 17 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے، بھارت کی طرف سے چھوڑے گئے 6 ہزار کیوسک پانی کے ریلے سے نالہ بنیں میں درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب آگیا، سیلابی ریلے میں 4 افراد ڈوب کر جاں بحق ہو گئے، دو افراد کی لاشیں نکال لی گئیں، شکر گڑھ سنگراں کے مقام پر نالہ بنیں کے بند میں 30 فٹ چوڑا شکاف پڑ گیا۔ دوسری جانب نالہ ڈیک بھی چھڑ گیا، پسرور میں ضلعی انتظامیہ نے فلوڈ وارننگ جاری کر دی، آزاد کشمیر کے علاقہ تہ پانی میں کیری ڈیہ میں سوار دو بھائی سردار ضیافت اور سردار صداقت سحری کے وقفہ جارہے تھے کہ برساتی ریلے کی زد میں آ گئے، ایک کی لاش مل گئی، دوسرے کی تلاش جاری ہے، محکمہ موسمیات نے لاہور، گوجرانوالہ، جڑواں شہروں میں مزید بارش کی پیش گوئی کر دی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق نالہ بنیں میں بھارت سے آنے والے سیلابی پانی کے ریلے میں بہہ کر مختلف مقامات پر 4 نوجوان ڈوب کر زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے۔ شکر گڑھ کے موضع دین پور کے تین چرواہے

گاڑی کوریوٹ کنٹرول بم سے نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ واقعے کے بعد علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا تاہم اب تک کسی قسم کی گرفتاریوں کی تصدیق یا تردید نہیں کی گئی۔ ادھر افغانستان سے پاکستانی حدود میں میرانشاہ کے علاقے میں تین مارٹر گولے فائر کئے گئے جو سیوریٹی فورسز کے کیمپ کے قریب آکر گرے تاہم گولے گرنے سے کوئی جانی و مالی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ اے ایف پی کے مطابق دہشت گرد اپنے ساتھیوں کی نعشیں چھوڑ کر فرار ہو گئے۔ اس دوران فائرنگ کا تبادلہ بھی ہوا۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز جنوبی وزیرستان میں حملے کے دوران 2 فوجی شہید ہو گئے جس کی ذمہ داری طالبان نے قبول کر لی تھی جبکہ اتوار کو دہشت خیل میں 4 فوجی جبکہ جنوبی وزیرستان میں 2 فوجی شہید ہوئے۔ شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقہ دتہ خیل میں 2 روز کے لئے کریونافذ کر دیا گیا۔ راسٹر کے مطابق حملوں میں شہید ہونے والے سیوریٹی اہلکاروں کی تعداد 7 ہے۔ سٹاف رپورٹر کے مطابق شوال اور دتہ خیل میں مٹھی بھر دہشت گردوں کی مزاحمت جاری ہے۔ یہ امر قابل ذکر ہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان کا 90 فیصد سے زائد علاقہ دہشت گردوں سے خالی کرالیا گیا ہے، اب شوال کی جنگلات سے ڈھکی وادی اور دتہ خیل کے علاقہ میں بعض مقامات پر دہشت گرد گروپ مزاحمت کر رہے ہیں۔ فوج نے شوال کے علاقہ میں حال ہی میں زمینی کارروائی بھی شروع کی ہے جس کے بعد دہشت گردوں سے جھڑپوں کی تعداد بڑھ گئی ہے۔

پشاور (صبح نیوز) امریکی سفیر رچرڈ اولسن نے جنوبی وزیرستان میں دہشت گردوں کے خلاف پاکستان آرمی کے جاری آپریشن ضرب عضب کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ اب وقت آگیا ہے کہ جنوبی ایشیا میں پر کسی وار کو اختتام پذیر ہو جانا چاہیے اور اس سے قطع نظر کہ خطے میں ان جنگوں کے پیچھے کون ہے۔ پشاور میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے امریکی سفیر نے اس بات کا اعتراف کیا کہ پاکستان آرمی نے جون 2014 میں شروع کیے جانے والے آپریشن ضرب عضب کے ذریعے متعدد کامیابیاں حاصل کر لی ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہمارا ماننا ہے کہ فوج نے اس آپریشن کے ذریعے دہشت گردوں کو شکست دی ہے جو کہ پاکستان کے عام شہریوں کے ساتھ ساتھ افغانستان کے لیے بھی فائدہ مند ہے۔ انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ آپریشن کے نتائج انتہائی متاثر کن ہیں۔ امریکی حکومت کی جانب سے پاکستان آرمی کے وزیرستان کے 90 فیصد علاقے کو دہشت گردوں سے پاک کرنے کے دعوے کو سراہنے کے باوجود اس خطے میں امریکی ڈرون حملوں کے سوال پر امریکی سفیر نے کہا کہ کچھ واضح وجوہات کی بنا پر اس قسم کے انسداد دہشت گردی آپریشن پر بات نہیں کر سکتے۔ داعش کی مبینہ طور پر پاکستان اور افغانستان میں موجودگی کے ایک سوال پر رچرڈ اولسن نے کہا کہ داعش کے مسئلے پر پاکستانی حکام سے بات چیت کی گئی جو کہ ان پر نظر رکھے ہوئے ہیں تاہم پاکستانی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کو اب تک یہاں داعش کی موجودگی کے شواہد نہیں ملے ہیں۔ امریکی سفیر نے کہا کہ وسطی ایشیا کی ریاستوں میں داعش کو وہاں کی حکومتوں میں موجود کمزوریوں کے باعث جگہ بنانے میں مدد ملی تاہم جنوبی ایشیا کی ریاستیں ان کے مقابلے میں طاقتور ہیں۔ پاکستان کے معاملے میں ایسا ممکن نظر نہیں آتا کیونکہ ریاست کی انتظامیہ اور فوج انتہائی منظم ہیں۔ انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان میں امریکہ مخالف رویے میں کمی آئی ہے اور ہماری توجہ تعلقات کے پیداواری پہلوں پر زیادہ مرکوز ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ پاکستانی جمہوری سیاست میں مداخلت نہیں کر رہے۔ افغانستان میں دہشت گردی کے حالیہ حملوں کے حوالے سے امریکی سفیر نے کہا کہ افغان سیکیورٹی فورسز نے بہت موثر انداز میں حملوں کا جواب دیتے ہوئے پارلیمنٹ پر ہونے والے حملے میں ملوث دہشت گردوں کو شکست دی۔ پاکستان اور افغانستان کے تعلقات پر اولسن نے کہا کہ افغانستان میں اشرف غنی کی حکومت کے قیام کے بعد دونوں ممالک کے تعلقات میں بہتری نظر آئی ہے۔

کوئٹہ کے علاقے جوائنٹ روڈ پر نامعلوم افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے پولیس اہلکار سمیت تین افراد کو قتل کر دیا، فائرنگ کے واقعے میں دو افراد زخمی بھی ہوئے جنہیں سی ایم ایچ منتقل کر دیا گیا، زخمیوں کو ہسپتال میں طبی امداد کی فراہمی جاری ہے، پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ واقعہ کی جگہ سے نائن ایم ایم پستول کے خول ملے ہیں، پولیس اور ایف سی نے علاقے کا محاصرہ کر کے واقعے کی تحقیقات کا آغاز کر دیا ہے، پولیس حکام کے مطابق واقعے میں ملوث حملہ آوروں کو جلد گرفتار کر لیں گے۔

جنوبی ایشیا میں پر کسی وار کا خاتمہ ہونا چاہیے، پاک فوج نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کے ذریعے دہشت گردوں کو شکست دیدی: امریکی سفیر

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

6 جولائی 2015

کوئٹہ میں جوائنٹ روڈ پر نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے پولیس اہلکار سمیت 3 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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لوگ اللہ کے حضور عبادت میں مصروف رہے۔ بادشاہی مسجد، جامع مسجد القادسیہ، جامعہ نعیمیہ، جامعہ اشرفیہ سمیت محکمہ اوقاف کے زیر انتظام مساجد میں ہزاروں افراد کیلئے اعتکاف کے وسیع پیمانے پر انتظامات کئے گئے ہیں۔ طاق راتوں میں خصوصی دعوتی و تبلیغی پروگرام بھی ہوں گے۔ اس موقع پر سکیورٹی کے انتہائی سخت اقدامات کئے گئے ہیں اور شناختی اور انتظامیہ کو شناختی کارڈ دیگر کو انف کی فراہمی کے بعد خواہشمندوں کو اعتکاف بیٹھنے کی اجازت دی گئی۔ صوبائی حکومت کی جانب سے مساجد کے باہر پولیس کی اضافی نفری تعینات کی گئی۔ عید الفطر کا چاند نظر آنے کے بعد اعتکاف ختم کیا جائے گا۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت کی بڑی مساجد میں مختلفین کیلئے چند دن پہلے سے ہی انتظامات کو حتمی شکل دے دی گئی تھی۔ بادشاہی مسجد میں سینکڑوں افراد اعتکاف کر رہے ہیں۔

جسٹس جواد ایس خواجہ کی سربراہی میں تین رکنی بینچ نے اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی الیکشن سے متعلق درخواستوں کی سماعت کی، جسٹس جواد نے ریمارکس دیئے کہ کیا اسلام آباد کے شہریوں کو اپنے نمائندوں کے انتخاب کا حق نہیں، بلدیاتی انتخابات پر دو ٹوک بات ہوگی، ایڈیشنل انٹرنی جنرل نے بتایا کہ قومی اسمبلی نے مارچ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا بل منظور کیا جس پر جسٹس جواد نے کہا کہ پارلیمنٹ سے نہیں حکومت سے تو پوچھ سکتے ہیں، پارلیمنٹ کی ترجیحات میں دوسرے بل شامل ہیں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا نہیں، اسلام آباد کے شہری تیسرے درجے کے ہیں، بلوچستان اور کٹھنمنٹ میں الیکشن ہو گئے تو اسلام آباد میں کیوں نہیں ہو سکتے، سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا شیڈول جاری ہو چکا ہے، تحریری طور پر بتائیں کہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کب ہو گئے، جسٹس جواد نے مزید کہا کہ اسلام آباد والوں کو بنیادی حق نہ دلا سکا تو یہ میرے فرائض کی ادائیگی میں ناکامی ہوگی، بل پاس نہ ہونے کا جواز بار بار نہیں سنیں گے، انہوں نے ایڈیشنل انٹرنی جنرل سے کہا کہ جائیں حکومت سے پوچھ کر بتائیں اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرائیں گے یا نہیں، درخواست گزار مسلم لیگ ن کے رہنما ظفر علی شاہ نے کہا کہ اسلام آباد میں سرکاری باوا الیکشن نہیں ہونے دیتے، ملک بھر میں بلدیاتی انتخابات ہو رہے ہیں تو اسلام آباد کے شہری کیوں محروم ہیں، سماعت میں جسٹس شیخ عفت نے کہا کہ تین ماہ سے عدالت کو الجھا رکھا ہے، اداروں کے پیچھے چھپ کر بیانات نہ دیئے جائیں، سماعت میں وقفے کے دوران مشاورتی اجلاس ہوا، حکومت کی جانب سے جسٹس جواد ایس خواجہ کے چیئرمین میں جواب جمع کرایا گیا، جواب میں بتایا گیا کہ اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات سے متعلق کوئی قانون موجود نہیں، سپریم کورٹ رہنمائی کرے اور حکم دے، اس پر عمل کیا جائے گا، جواب میں کہا گیا کہ قومی اسمبلی میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا ترمیمی بل دوبارہ پیش کیا جائے گا، بعد ازاں عدالت نے نیا شیڈول طلب کرتے ہوئے سماعت تین اگست تک ملتوی کر دی۔

کوئٹہ (آئی این پی) کوئٹہ میں حساس اداروں اور ایف سی کے مشترکہ آپریشن کے دوران مقابلے میں کالعدم تنظیم کا سربراہ دو ساتھیوں سمیت مارا گیا۔ حساس اداروں اور ایف سی نے مشرقی بانی پاس کے نواحی علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کیا۔ اہلکاروں نے ایک مکان کو گھرے میں لیا تو وہاں چھپے دہشت گردوں نے فائرنگ کر دی جس سے ایک اہلکار زخمی ہو گیا۔ آپریشن کے دوران علاقہ دہشت گردوں کی جانب سے پھینکے گئے دستی بموں کے دھماکوں سے گونجتا رہا۔ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں تین دہشت گرد مارے گئے۔ سکیورٹی حکام کے مطابق مقابلے میں کالعدم تنظیم کا سربراہ محمد رند مارا گیا جبکہ ایک غیر ملکی دہشت گرد بھی مارا گیا۔ دہشت گردوں سے دستی بم اور خود کار ہتھیار بھی ملے ہیں۔ سکیورٹی فورسز نے علاقہ کلیئر کر کے دہشت گردوں کی نعشیں پولیس کے حوالے کر دیں۔ بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ سرفراز بگٹی کے مطابق کوئٹہ کو بڑی تباہی سے بچالیا گیا۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبے کو امن کا گوارہ بنانے کے لئے کسی قربانی سے دریغ نہیں کیا جائیگا۔

کوئٹہ کوئٹہ میں مشرقی بانی پاس پر سکیورٹی فورسز اور دہشت گردوں کے درمیان مقابلے میں تین مبینہ دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ کوئٹہ کے علاقے مشرقی بانی پاس پر حساس ادارے اور ایف سی نے مشترکہ آپریشن کیا۔ آپریشن کے دوران مبینہ دہشت گردوں کی جانب سے سکیورٹی فورسز پر فائرنگ کی گئی۔ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں تین مبینہ دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ دو سکیورٹی اہلکار بھی زخمی ہو گئے۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والا ایک شخص بظاہر ازبک لگتا ہے۔ ان کے مطابق یہ مبینہ دہشت گرد کوئٹہ میں ٹارگٹ کلنگ میں ملوث تھے۔ یہ آپریشن ایک ایسے موقع پر کیا گیا ہے جب گزشتہ روز نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے کوئٹہ میں پولیس اہلکار سمیت تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔

میرانشاہ+ اسلام آباد (بی بی سی+ اے ایف پی+ رائٹرز+ سٹاف رپورٹر) شمالی وزیرستان میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ سکیورٹی فورسز پر ہونے والے بم حملوں اور جھڑپوں میں 6 سکیورٹی اہلکار شہید جبکہ 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق دہشت گرد خیل میں 4 فوجی شہید ہوئے جس کے بعد جھڑپ میں 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہوئے۔ سرکاری اہلکاروں کے مطابق واقعہ اتوار کی صبح شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے تحصیل دتہ خیل میں رکنیہ گاؤں میں پیش آیا۔ سکیورٹی فورسز کے اہلکار علاقے میں گشت کر رہے تھے۔ ان کے قافلے کو دور بیوٹ کنٹرول بم دھماکوں میں نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ پانچ اہلکار زخمی بھی ہوئے۔ زخمیوں کو بہتوں منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ دریں اثنا کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان نے حملے کی ذمہ داری قبول کر لی۔ تحصیل دتہ خیل میں حالیہ دنوں میں سکیورٹی فورسز پر حملوں میں تیزی آئی ہے۔ شمالی وزیرستان میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاعات پر سرچ آپریشن کے دوران

فرزند ان اسلام اعتکاف پیڑھے گئے،

سکیورٹی کے سخت انتظامات

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

9 جولائی 2015

سپریم کورٹ نے اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی

انتخابات کیلئے جاری کردہ شیڈول مسترد

کرتے ہوئے نیا شیڈول مانگ لیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

8 جولائی 2015

سرچ آپریشن میں کالعدم تنظیم جمیش

اسلام کا سربراہ بھی مارا گیا، کوئٹہ کو تباہی

سے بچالیا: سرفراز بگٹی

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سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیوں

پشاور پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 30 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ پشاور پولیس نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر بہاری کالونی، دلہ زاک روڈ اور فقیر آباد میں سرچ آپریشن کیا، تلاشی کے دوران پولیس نے 30 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے کر ان کے قبضے سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ زیر حراست ملزمان کو نامعلوم جگہ پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں ان سے تفتیش جاری ہے۔

راولپنڈی: شمالی اور جنوبی وزیرستان کے سرحدی علاقے میں فوجی آپریشن کے دوران جھڑپ میں 9 دہشت گرد مارے گئے جب کہ 4 فوجی جوان جام شہادت نوش کر گئے۔

کوئٹہ لیاقت پارک کے قریب بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ نے بم ناکارہ بنا کر شہر کو دہشت گردی کی بڑی کارروائی سے بچا لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے لیاقت پارک میں پلاسٹک کے مشتبہ کین کی موجودگی کی اطلاع ملنے پر پولیس اور ایف سی نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے لیا جب کہ بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کے اہلکاروں نے کین میں موجود بم کو ناکارہ بنا دیا۔ بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کا کہنا ہے کہ بم میں 5 کلو بارودی مواد استعمال کیا گیا تھا جب کہ بھاری مقدار میں بال بیرنگ کے باعث پھٹنے کی صورت میں بم بڑی تباہی کا موجب بن سکتا تھا۔

لاہور (شاف رپورٹر) مشکوک سائن والا چیک کیش کرنے سے انکار پر سائنس کالج کے اکاؤنٹنٹ نے بینک میں گھس کر منیجر سمیت 3 ملازمین کو فائرنگ کر کے قتل جبکہ 4 ملازمین کو شدید زخمی کر دیا۔ بینک گارڈ کی جوابی فائرنگ سے ملزم زخمی ہو گیا جسے پولیس نے مبینہ مقابلے میں ہلاک کر دیا جبکہ پولیس کا کہنا ہے ملزم دوران علاج دم توڑ گیا۔ واقعہ پر علاقہ میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا۔ اطلاع ملتے ہی سی پی او لاہور امین ونیس، ایس ایس پی انوسٹی گیشن ایاز سلیم، ایس پی سی آئی اے عمر درک اور چیئرمین پنجاب بینک نعیم الرحمان پہنچ گئے۔ پولیس نے معاملہ مشکوک ہونے پر سائنس کالج کے پرنسپل زاہد بٹ کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ معلوم ہوا ہے تھانہ گلشن اقبال کے علاقہ کریم ہلاک میں پنجاب بینک کی برانچ میں سائنس کالج کا اکاؤنٹنٹ عبداللہ 25 لاکھ روپے کا چیک لیکر آیا جسے بینک کی جانب سے کیش کر دیا گیا۔ اکاؤنٹنٹ عبداللہ تھوڑی دیر بعد دوبارہ دوسرا چیک لیکر آگیا جس پر بینک کے منیجر آپریشن ناصر عبدالطاہر کو چیک کے سائن پر شک گزرا اور اس نے چیک کیش کرنے سے انکار کر دیا جبکہ عبداللہ چیک کو کیش کرنے کیلئے ضد کرتا رہا۔ بینک منیجر کے مشکوک چیک کو بغیر چیکنگ کیش کرنے سے مسلسل انکار پر عبداللہ بینک سے چلا گیا اور تھوڑی دیر بعد دوبارہ بینک کے باہر پہنچا اور رائفل سے فائرنگ شروع کر دی جس سے بینک کے دروازے پر موجود گارڈ خالد، بینک ملازم میاں سہیل اور بینک منیجر آپریشن ناصر عبدالطاہر موقع پر دم توڑ گئے جبکہ حسن، ثوبیہ، سکندر اور سدرہ زخمی ہو گئے۔ ملزم کے بینک سے فرار ہونے کے دوران بینک کے دوسرے گارڈ نے فائرنگ کر دی جس سے ملزم زخمی ہو گیا اور اسے کپڑوں پر پولیس کو اطلاع دی گئی۔ پولیس نے نعشیں پوسٹارٹم کیلئے مردہ خانے بھجوا دیں۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے ملزم کو پولیس نے جناح ہسپتال سے شیراکوٹ کے علاقہ میں لے جا کر مبینہ مقابلے میں ہلاک کر دیا۔ پولیس نے کالج سے اکاؤنٹ کا تمام ریکارڈ اپنے قبضہ میں لے لیا ہے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے مختلف پہلوؤں پر تفتیش جاری ہے۔ تفتیش مکمل ہونے پر ہی حقائق سامنے آسکیں گے جبکہ ملزم کے پاس رائفل کی موجودگی کی تحقیقات بھی جاری ہیں اس حوالے سے مزید گرفتاریوں کا امکان ہے۔ 22 سالہ ملزم عبداللہ 3 سال قبل محکمہ میں بھرتی ہوا ملزم کا والد ہاشم سمن آباد کالج میں ملازم تھا اور دوران ڈیوٹی ہلاک ہو گیا جس پر ملزم کو پیش کوئٹہ کے تحت ملازمت دی گئی ملزم عرصہ 3 سال سے ہی سائنس کالج میں ملازم تھا۔ آپریشن منیجر سمیت 3 افراد کی ہلاکت کا مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے مقدمہ میں دہشت گردی، قتل و دیگر دفعات لگائی گئی ہیں مقدمہ میں ملزم عبداللہ کو نامزد کیا گیا ہے مقدمہ بینک منیجر عمران جاوید کی مدد میں درج کیا گیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے علامہ اقبال ٹائون میں بینک میں فائرنگ کے واقعہ کی خبر کانوٹس لیتے ہوئے سی سی پی او لاہور سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے پولیس حکام کو ہدایت کی صوبہ بھر میں بینکوں کے اندر اور باہر سیکورٹی کے خصوصی انتظامات کو ہر صورت یقینی بنایا جائے اور سیکورٹی اقدامات کا آڈٹ بھی کرایا جائے۔

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ڈیجیٹل ڈوپلر سسٹم کو اپنا ے ہوئے ہے۔ ایسے میں پاکستان کا دیرینہ دوست جاپان کام آیا اور اس نے ایک اعشاریہ چھ ارب کی گرانٹ ہم کو دی۔ اس سلسلے میں بدھ نوجوانی کو جاپانی سفیر ہیروشی انوماتا اور پاکستان کے سیکریٹری کنٹاکٹ انفرز نے کاغذات کا تبادلہ کیا۔ یہ نیڈیجیٹل سسٹم چار سو پچاس کلو میٹر ریڈیئس پر کام کرے گا۔ اس نئے ڈیجیٹل سسٹم کی وجہ سے طوفانوں، بارشوں اور گرم ترین موسم کی بروقت پیچیدگی ممکن ہو سکے گی۔ جس کی وجہ سے پروازوں کو محفوظ اور بحری جہازوں کو بھی خطروں سے محفوظ رکھا جاسکے گا۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ موسم کی صحیح اور برقت اطلاع عوام کو پریشانیوں سے دور رکھ سکتی ہے۔ جاپان کی سرزمین پر زلزلے، سیلاب اور قدرتی آفات کا آنا ایک معمول ہے مگر ان کی دوراندیشی اور ریسرچ نے ان افات کے نتیجے میں ہو جانے والی اموات میں حد درجہ کمی کی ہے۔ سوال یہ ہے کہ ہماری حکومت ان راڈارز کی بروقت اطلاعات پر ہنگامی بنیادوں پر کیا کوئی اقدامات اٹھائیے گی؟ جاپان میں سیلابی علاقوں میں گراؤنڈ فلور پر رہنا ممنوع ہے رہائش پہلی منزل سے شروع کی جاتی ہے۔ بنگلہ دیش میں سرکاری دفاتر خالی کروا کر سیلاب زدگان کی پناہ گاہوں میں تبدیل کر دیے جاتے ہیں۔ فرانس میں سی دیہ کے پشتمنڈ کر دیے جاتے ہیں مگر ہمارے ملک میں سیلاب زدگان سڑکوں پر مہینوں پڑے رہتے ہیں، سندھ دریا کی گزر گاہ کچے کے علاقے میں اب تک دیہاتی رہتے ہیں جو ہر سیلاب میں سیکڑوں کی تعداد میں لقمہ اجل بن جاتے ہیں اور کراچی کی حالیہ ہوش ربا گرمی میں حکومت اپنے ہاتھ کھڑے کر لیتی ہے کہ یہ تو اللہ کی طرف سے ہے ہم کیا کر سکتے ہیں مگر سب سے بنیادی قدم کہ ہر چوک پر پانی کے ٹینکر کھڑے کر کے عوام پر پانی کا چھڑکاؤ ہی کر دیتے تو یہی قیمتی جانیں بچ جاتیں ہم جتنے مرضی آلات خرید لیں لیکن اگر ہم کبوتر کی طرح انکھیں بند کرتے رہیں گے تو پھر ہمارا اللہ ہی حافظ ہے۔ ہم چاہے جتنے ڈسٹر مینجمنٹ کے ادارے قائم کر لیں جب تک کچھ کر گزرنے کی ٹھان نہیں لیں گے اس وقت تک سوائے نیرو کی بانسری بجنے کے اور کچھ ناہو گا۔

پشاور (دنیا نیوز) دریائے کابل میں نوشہرہ اور ورسک کے مقام پر درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب، محکمہ موسمیات نے تین اضلاع میں سیلاب کی وارننگ جاری کر دی۔ فلڈ سیل پشاور کے مطابق دریائے کابل میں نوشہرہ اور ورسک کے مقام پر درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ نوشہرہ کے مقام پر دریائے کابل میں پانی کا بہاؤ ایک لاکھ 28 سو کیوسک اور ورسک کے مقام پر 54 ہزار 71 کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ ادیزئی کے مقام پر بھی درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے اور پانی کا بہاؤ 48 ہزار 464 کیوسک ہے۔ دریائے سندھ میں انک خیر آباد کے مقام پر نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کی جانب سے ڈی آئی خان، بنوں اور ہزارہ میں پہلے ہی سیلاب کے خطرے کی تنبیہ جاری کی جا چکی ہے اور لوگوں کو محتاط رہنے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔

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ہزار چار سو چونسٹھ کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ نالہ کلپانی میں بغدادہ مردان کے قریب پانی کا اخراج تیس ہزار تین سو اٹھتر کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ بغدادہ مردان کے قریب نالہ کلپانی میں درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے جبکہ چوکی رساپور کے قریب بھی نالہ کلپانی میں درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ نالہ کلپانی میں چوکی رساپور کے قریب پانی کا بہاؤ دس ہزار چار سو اٹھتر کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ دریائے کاہل میں نوشہرہ کے مقام پر درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ نوشہرہ کے مقام پر دریائے کاہل میں پانی کا اخراج ایک لاکھ دو ہزار اٹھ سو کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔

نارووال میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث نالہ ڈیک میں طغیانی سے درجنوں دیہات زیر آب آگئے جبکہ چھ دیہاتوں کا دوسرے علاقوں سے رابطہ بارشوں کے باعث سینکڑوں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلیں بھی تباہ ہو گئیں ہو گیا، شدید منقطع

موسلا دھار بارشوں کے باعث برساتی نالہ ڈیک میں شدید بارشوں سے طغیانی آگئی، نالہ ڈیک میں پانی کی گنجائش 33 ہزار کیوسک ہے جبکہ سیلابی ریلے کی بلند ترین سطح بھی 33 ہزار کیوسک تک جا پہنچی ہے، جس سے کسی بھی وقت نالہ ڈیک کا بند ٹوٹنے کا خطرہ ہے، سیلابی پانی سے ضلع نارووال کے نواڈے، سہوال، بڈھاترگ، کملے، جستی والا انچا، جھنڈیالہ، جستی بلے، کملے، حسن بھٹیاں، نڈالہ، پھلر لوہاں اور سیر باجوہ سمیت درجنوں سے زائد دیہات زیر آب آگئے، جبکہ چھ دیہاتوں کا دیگر علاقوں سے رابطہ منقطع ہونے سے سینکڑوں افراد گھروں میں محصور ہو گئے، نالہ ڈیک میں اونچے درجے کے سیلاب کے باعث کھیتوں میں کھڑی سینکڑوں ایکڑ پر فصلیں بھی زیر آب آچکی ہے، سیلابی پانی کی سطح مسلسل بلند ہونے کی وجہ سے تین دیہاتوں بڈھاترگ، جستی والا اور کملے کے قبرستان بھی سیلاب میں ڈوب چکے ہیں، ڈسٹرکٹ ایمر جنسی آفیسر کے مطابق نارووال کے چھ دیہاتوں میں پھنسے سینکڑوں افراد کو کشتیوں کے ذریعے محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل کرنے کیلئے ریسکیو آپریشن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

سمبڑیاں میں نالہ ایک کا بند ٹوٹنے سے پانی کئی دیہات میں داخل ہو گیا جبکہ بڑے رقبے پر کھڑی فصلیں بھی خراب ہو گئیں۔

سمبڑیاں، سیالکوٹ اور نواحی علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش سے نالہ ایک کا بند ٹوٹ گیا جس کے باعث پانی بھوپال والا، کشمیر، گڈیالہ مغربی اور سہوال سمیت کئی دیہات میں داخل ہو گیا۔ نالے کے پانی سے بڑے رقبے پر کھڑی فصلوں کو بھی نقصان پہنچا۔ محکمہ انہار کا عملہ مقامی افراد کی مدد سے بند کی مرمت کا کام کر رہا ہے۔ مقامی افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ محکمہ انہار کا عملہ بروقت پہنچ جاتا تو اتنا نقصان نہ ہوتا۔ نالہ ایک میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہونے سے قریبی دیہات کے کمینوں نے محفوظ مقامات پر نقل مکانی شروع کر دی ہے۔

نارووال: نارووال کے نالہ ڈیک میں طغیانی کے بعد پانی کا بہاؤ معمول کی سطح پر واپس آچکا ہے۔ دوسری جانب کسی بھی ناگہانی صورتحال سے نمٹنے کیلئے سیالکوٹ انتظامیہ کو کشتیاں اور ڈی واٹرنگ پمپ فراہم کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ نارووال کے علاقے میں نالہ ڈیک میں تیرہ ہزار کیوسک کے سیلابی ریلے کی وجہ سے متعدد دیہات زیر آب آگئے تھے تاہم اب پانی اپنی معمول کی سطح پر واپس آچکا ہے لیکن سیکڑوں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصل تباہ ہو گئی ہیں۔ دوسری جانب صوبائی وزیر داخلہ کرمل شجاع خاڑہ کی زیر صدارت پی ڈی ایم اے کے اجلاس میں دریاؤں کی صورتحال کا جائزہ لیا گیا اور سیالکوٹ انتظامیہ کو فوری طور پر انہیں کشتیاں اور پانی کے نکاس کیلئے بہتر ڈی واٹرنگ سیٹ فراہم کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ پی ڈی ایم اے پنجاب کے مطابق اس وقت تمام دریاؤں میں پانی کی سطح میں بتدریج اضافہ ہو رہا ہے لیکن ڈیموں میں ابھی پانی کی سطح خطرے کے نشان سے کافی نیچے ہے۔

ایک زمانہ تھاجب ہمارے ملک کے ادارہ موسمیات کی تقریباً ہر پیشگوئی غلط ہو جایا کرتی تھی، ادارہ موسلا دھار بارش کی نوید سناتا تو ایسی چلچلاتی دھوپ پڑتی کہ الامان والحفیظ اور جب جس اور گرم ترین دن کی خبر دی جاتی تو لوگ بہترین موسم اور ٹھنڈی ہواؤں کا مزہ لیتے۔ مگر ۱۹۹۱ میں یہ سب کچھ تبدیل اس وقت تبدیل ہو گیا جب کراچی میں راڈارز لگائے گئے۔ جنہوں نے طغیانیوں اور بحیرہ عرب سے اٹھنے والے راڈار دراصل دیگر الطاف میں ہدف کو صوتی لہروں کے Radio detection and ranging ساحلی طوفانوں کی بروقت اطلاع دی۔ کا مخفف ہے ذریعے تلاش کرنا ہے۔ ایک ٹرانسمیٹر یا ریسیور پونٹ میں ریڈار لگا ہوتا ہے ٹرانسمیٹر مائکروویو انرجی پیدا کرتا ہے جو صوتی لہروں کی صورت میں اینٹینا تک پہنچتا ہے۔ اس بیم کی مثال ٹارچ کی روشنی کی بیم سے دی جاسکتی ہے۔ یہ بیم جب کسی شے سے ٹکراتی ہے تو اس شے سے ٹکرا کر واپس ریڈار کی طرف پلٹتی ہے۔ ہر شے کے حجم اور سطح کی شفافیت ان ٹکرا کر پلٹنے والی لہروں کی طاقت کا تعین کرتی ہے۔ بارش کا قطرہ انڈے کی شکل کا ہوتا ہے اور اس کی شفافیت اس کو ایک بہترین ریڈار ریفلکٹر بناتی ہے۔ بارش کے قطرے کے مقابلے میں برف کے فلیکس کی شکل تھوڑی عجیب سی ہوتی ہے اس لیے یہ برفے ریفلکٹر زہوتے ہیں۔ یہ ریفلکٹر ریڈار ایکوز کہلاتے ہیں اور ایک اسکرین جس کو ریڈار پلین پوزیشن انڈیکس کہتے ہیں اور اس پر اس شے کا اوپر سے نیچے تک کا اسکرین امیج دکھاتا ہے۔ ریڈار کے اینٹینے کی فریکوئنسی نو اعشاریہ تین بلین فی سیکنڈ ہوتی ہے اور اس کے ذریعے ٹارگٹ کی پوزیشن کا پتا چلا جاتا ہے لیکن کیا کریں جس طرح ہمارے ملک میں بنانے پر تو پیسے خرچ کر لیے جاتے ہیں مگر سیمینٹیشن پلان نہ اردو ہوتا ہے اور یہی کارآمد آلات وقت سے بہت پہلے ہی کھاڑ بن جاتے ہیں بالکل اسی طرح یہ بہترین راڈار سسٹم اپنے وقت سے بہت پہلے بنا کر ہوا گیا۔ گو کہ ان کو بحال کرنے کی کئی کوششیں کی گئیں مگر انتہائی جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے سامنے یہ راڈارز گھٹنے ٹیک گئے۔ یہ راڈارز دراصل اینالوگ سسٹم پر چلتے تھے اور جدید دنیا

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کراچی کے محکمہ موسمیات کے ریڈار سسٹم کو اپ گریڈ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اب کراچی کے عوام کو سکھ کا سان ملے گا

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دینے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ سیالکوٹ میں 2 ریلیف کیمپ قائم کر دیئے گئے ہیں اور انتظامیہ کو 19 کشتیاں اور 72 ڈی وائرنگ سیٹ فراہم کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ اس امر کا اظہار وزیر داخلہ پنجاب کرمل (ر) شجاع خانزادہ نے پی ڈی ایم اے کے کمیٹی روم میں فلڈ کیسٹ کمیٹی کے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ سیالکوٹ شہر کے وسط سے گزرنے والا نالہ ایک کناروں سے باہر آ جانے سے سینکڑوں ایکڑ اراضی میں برساتی پانی داخل ہو گیا۔ گزشتہ روز مقبوضہ جموں کے علاقہ میں واقع کوہ شوالک پر بارش کے باعث نالہ ایک میں سیلاب آگیا جس کے نتیجے میں کوٹ مریلاں اور بلکن وغیرہ کے کھیتوں میں پانی داخل ہو گیا۔ نالہ ایک میں طغیانی کے باعث سمبڑیال کے نواحی مضافات میں فصلیں زیر آب آ گئیں جبکہ مزید دیہات میں پانی داخل ہونے کا خدشہ ہے نالہ ایک میں اچانک تیزریلا آ جانے اور طغیانی کے باعث موضع ساہووالہ، ڈوگر انوالہ، بھوپالوالہ، ڈھلم بلکن سمیت دیگر مضافات کے قریب نالہ ایک میں مختلف مقامات پر شکاف پڑنے سے کھڑی فصلیں زیر آب آ گئیں اور پانی کئی علاقوں میں بھی داخل ہونا شروع ہو گیا۔ نامہ نگار کے مطابق نالہ ڈیک میں پانی کا بہاؤ بتدریج کم ہو گیا اور ریلیف کمپ کو دیا گیا ہے۔ نمائندہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق حافظ آباد میں ہیڈ قادر آباد کے مقام پر دریائے چناب میں نچلے درجے کے سیلاب کی پیش نظر حافظ آباد کے 166 دیہات میں وارننگ جاری کر دی گئی اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے چھ فلڈ ریلیف سنٹر قائم کر کے وہاں عملہ تعینات کر دیا گیا ہے۔ حافظ آباد میں قادر آباد کے مقام پر اس وقت نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ این این آئی کے مطابق محکمہ موسمیات نے اسلام آباد اور پنجاب اور خیبر پٹی کے میں تیز بارشوں کا نیا لارٹ جاری کر دیا ہے۔ ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں آج طوفانی بارشیں ہو سکتی ہیں۔ پشاور کے بیورو رپورٹ کے مطابق پراونشل ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی خیبر پٹی کے کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبے میں بڑے سیلاب کا کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہے۔

اسلام آباد / راولپنڈی: جڑواں شہروں سمیت ارد گرد کے علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث نشینی علاقے زیر آب آ گئے جب کہ ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کے خدشے کے پیش نظر عوام کو محتاط رہنے کی ہدایات جاری کر دی گئی ہیں۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی سمیت ارد گرد کے علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث نشینی علاقے زیر آب آ گئے۔ ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کے خدشے کے پیش نظر عوام کو محتاط رہنے کی ہدایات جاری کر دی گئی ہیں جب کہ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے ایمر جنسی کے سائرن بجادیئے گئے ہیں اور نالہ لئی کے اطراف آبادیوں کو علاقہ خالی کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی گئی ہے۔ نالہ لئی میں کنڈیاں کے مقام پر 14.91 فٹ پانی کی لیول ریکارڈ کیا گیا جب کہ گولڈی کے مقام پر پانی کی لیول 14.23 ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ایک روز بعد پنجاب اور خیبر پختونخواہ میں مون سون بارشوں کی شدت میں کمی آنے کا امکان ہے تاہم بارشوں کا یہ سلسلہ 2 سے 3 دن تک جاری رہے گا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران سب سے زیادہ بارش بہاول نگر میں 83 ملی میٹر ریکارڈ کی گئی جب کہ گولڈہ میں 75 ملی میٹر، چکالہ میں 57 ملی میٹر، بہاول پور میں 49، اسلام آباد میں 41 اور دیر میں 32 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔

کراچی، کوئٹہ، سندھ اور بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش دریاے ناڑی میں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ سی میں طوفانی بارش نے سب جل تھل کر دیا، تیز ہواؤں کیساتھ بارش رات کے وقت شروع ہوئی جو صبح تک جاری رہی ہے، پہاڑی علاقوں میں طوفانی بارشوں سے دریا بھر گئے ہیں۔ دریاے ناڑی میں پانی کی سطح مسلسل بلند ہو رہی ہے۔ سی کے مقام پر اٹھارہ ہزار کیوسک پانی کا ریل گاڑ رہا ہے، ڈیرہ مراد جمالی میں بھی تیز ہواؤں کیساتھ موسلا دھار بارش ہوئی جس سے کئی کچکی دیواریں زمین بوس ہو گئیں، طوفانی بارش کے باعث سڑکوں پر بھی پانی کھڑا ہو گیا، جس سے عوام گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ سندھ کے شہر گھوٹکی، میرپور ماٹیلو، اباٹو، ڈھکر کی اور دیگر علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش کے بعد موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔

ظفر وال کے قریب نالہ ڈیک میں طغیانی سے دیوولی کے مقام سے بند ٹوٹ گیا، ہیڈمرالہ کے مقام پر دریائے چناب میں درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے، پانی کا بہاؤ ایک لاکھ پچاس ہزار کیوسک سے تجاوز کر گیا جبکہ پانی کی مقدار میں مسلسل اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ دریائے چناب میں خاکی اور قادر آباد کے مقام پر درمیانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے، بارشوں کے باعث دریائے جہلم اور سندھ کی سطح میں بھی اضافہ ہو رہا ہے، دوسری جانب نالہ ڈیک بھی چڑھ گیا، پسرور میں ضلعی انتظامیہ نے فلڈ وارننگ جاری کر دی، نالہ لئی میں گولڈی کے مقام پر پانی کی سطح سات فٹ تک بلند ہو گئی۔ پشاور میں مون سون کی بارشوں اور سیلاب کے ممکنہ خطرے کے پیش نظر ریڈ لارٹ جاری کر دیا گیا، متعلقہ تمام اداروں کی چھٹیوں میں منسوخ کر کے ندی نالوں کی صفائی اور تجاوزات کے خاتمے کا احکامات جاری کر دیئے گئے۔

صوبائی ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی کا کہنا ہے کہ خیبر پٹی کے کے ندی نالوں اور دریاؤں میں کہیں درمیانے اور کہیں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے

پی ڈی ایم اے حکام کے مطابق اویڑی پل کے قریب دریائے اویڑی میں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ دریائے اویڑی میں پانی کا بہاؤ اڑتالیس

اسلام آباد راولپنڈی میں موسلا دھار بارش سے نشینی علاقے زیر آب، ندی نالوں میں طغیانی

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ملک میں الیہ بارشوں کے سلسلے کے بعد دریائے چناب، مرالہ اور متعدد نالوں میں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے، درجنوں دیہات کو وارننگ جاری کر دی گئی ہے

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لاہور: راولپنڈی سمیت صوبہ پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں میں موسلا دھار بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے اور پاکستان محکمہ موسمیات نے پیش گوئی کی ہے کہ پنجاب اور آزاد کشمیر میں مون سون بارشوں کا موجودہ سلسلہ آئندہ 24 گھنٹے تک جاری رہے گا۔ فیڈرل فلوڈ کمیشن کا کہنا ہے کہ دریائے چناب میں خاکی اور قدیر آباد کے مقام پر نچلے درجے جبکہ دریائے کابل میں در سک اور نو، شہرہ کے مقام پر در میانے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔

دریائے سوات میں بھی چار سدہ روڈ بل کے قریب نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے جبکہ دریائے سندھ، دریائے جہلم، دریائے راوی اور دریائے ستلج عام انداز میں بہہ رہے ہیں۔ تربیلہ اور منگھ ڈیموں میں پانی کی سطح 1511 اور 1230.60 فٹ تک پہنچ گئی ہے جبکہ تربیلہ کی زیادہ سے زیادہ پانی محفوظ کرنے کی گنجائش 1550 فٹ اور منگھ میں 1242 فٹ ہے۔

پاکستان محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق راولپنڈی اور اسلام آباد میں ہونے والی موسلا دھار بارشوں کے باعث نالہ لئی میں طغیانی آگئی جس کے نتیجے میں کائرٹن پل پر پانی کی سطح 15.12 فٹ اور گولمنڈی پل کے قریب پانی کی سطح 15.45 فٹ ہے جو کہ خطرے کے نشان سے 20 فٹ کم ہے۔ فلوڈ فور کاسٹنگ ڈویژن (ایف ایف ڈی) کے مطابق اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی میں سب سے زیادہ بارش 78 ملی میٹر تک ریکارڈ ہوئی ہے، بہاولنگر میں 63، بہاولپور میں 49، ساہیوال 37، مری 30، دیر 19، اوکاڑہ 18، ہنزہ 15، مانگلا 12، چکوال اور اسکردو 10، مالم جبہ 7، سی 5 جبکہ سرگودھا، ملتان، فیصل آباد، ایبٹ آباد، بنوں، مظفر آباد اور سیدو شریف میں 4 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے۔ سیالکوٹ میں موجود ڈان کے نمائندے کے مطابق نالہ ڈیک میں سیلاب کے باعث پسرور کے 15 جبکہ ظفر وال کے 17 دیہات زیر آب آگئے ہیں۔ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ شجاع خانزادہ نے ناروال میں سیلاب سے متاثر ہونے والے افراد کے لیے 5 لاکھ روپے امداد کا اعلان کیا ہے۔

سیالکوٹ / ناروال / حافظ آباد / راولپنڈی (نامہ نگاران) روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ بھارتی ریلے سے ڈوگر انوالہ سیالکوٹ کے مقام پر نالہ ایک میں 20 فٹ چوڑا شگاف پیدا ہو گیا جس سے ڈوگر وال، کوٹلی مرالا، وہرم سمیت متعدد دیہات زیر آب آگئے۔ منڈی بہاؤالدین سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دریائے چناب میں قادر آباد کے مقام پر نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے اور پانی کی سطح ایک لاکھ 52 ہزار کیوسک سے بڑھنا شروع ہو گئی ہے۔

ریلے سے قادر آباد کے درجنوں دیہات اور ڈیرہ جات متاثر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ آئی این پی کے مطابق پنجاب اور خیبر پٹی کے میں مون سون کی بارشوں کے باعث سیلاب کی صورتحال پیدا ہو گئی، شگر گڑھ میں بھارتی آبی جارحیت کے باعث دریائے چناب میں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے اور دریائے اطراف میں مقیم افراد کو محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہونے کی ہدایت جاری کر دی گئی ہیں۔ بھارت کی جانب سے 6 ہزار کیوسک کا ریلہ چھوڑنے کے بعد دریائے راوی اور چناب میں نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ گوجرانوالہ کے قریب دریائے چناب میں پانی کی سطح مسلسل بڑھنے لگی۔ ادھر نوشہرہ میں دریائے کابل

میں اونچے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے نے فلوڈ وارننگ جاری کر دی ہے۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق اسلام آباد، راولپنڈی سمیت ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش سے نشینی علاقے زیر آب آگئے۔ نالہ لئی کی سطح بلند ہونے سے اطراف کی آبادیوں کو علاقہ خالی کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی گئی ہے۔ مسلسل تیز بارش کے باعث راولپنڈی میں نالہ لئی کے قریب واقع ڈھوک حسو، فوجی کالونی اور ڈھوک منکیال سمیت دیگر بعض علاقے زیر آب آگئے۔ بارش کا پانی لوگوں کے گھروں میں داخل ہو گیا اور لوگ اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت پانی نکالتے رہے۔ منڈی بہاؤالدین کی تحصیل ملکوال میں دو گھنٹے موسلا دھار بارش ہوئی اور نکاسی آب کے ناقص انتظامات کی وجہ سے شہر کے نشینی علاقے زیر آب آگئے اور پانی گھروں اور دکانوں میں داخل ہو گیا۔ گزشتہ شب ساہیوال بصیر پور، حویلی لکھامیں موسلا دھار بارش ہوئی ڈسکہ بھوپال والا میں حفاظتی بند میں شگاف پڑ گیا اور پانی قریبی آبادی میں داخل ہو گیا، نالہ ایک میں بھی طغیانی آگئی۔ انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ پانی کا بہاؤ 4 ہزار کیوسک پہنچ گیا ہے۔ امدادی ٹیمیں ریسکیو

کارروائیوں میں مصروف ہیں۔ دوسری طرف دریائے سندھ میں انک خیبر آباد کے مقام پر نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کی جانب سے ڈی آئی خان، بنوں اور ہزارہ میں پہلے ہی سیلاب کے خطرے کی تنبیہ جاری کی جا چکی ہے۔ لاہور میں بھی آسمان پر گہرے سرمئی بادلوں نے ڈیر اڈالے رکھا۔ فلوڈ فور کاسٹنگ ڈویژن کے مطابق تربیلا ڈیم میں ایک ہفتے کے دوران پانی کی سطح 36 فٹ اضافہ ریکارڈ کیا گیا جبکہ منگلا ڈیم میں مزید پانی بھرنے کی گنجائش 12 فٹ رہ گئی۔ پنجاب میں ہیڈ خاکی اور ہیڈمر الہ پر بھی نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ لوگوں کو ارد گرد کے علاقے خالی کرنے کا حکم دیدیا گیا ہے۔ پٹالا کے نواحی علاقہ کچ میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے ایک شخص سلطان احمد جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ سرکاری بینڈ آؤٹ کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ کی ہدایت پر ناروال میں بارش کے دوران نہاتے ہوئے مرنے والے تین افراد کے لواحقین کو فوری طور پر پانچ پانچ لاکھ روپے مالی امداد

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