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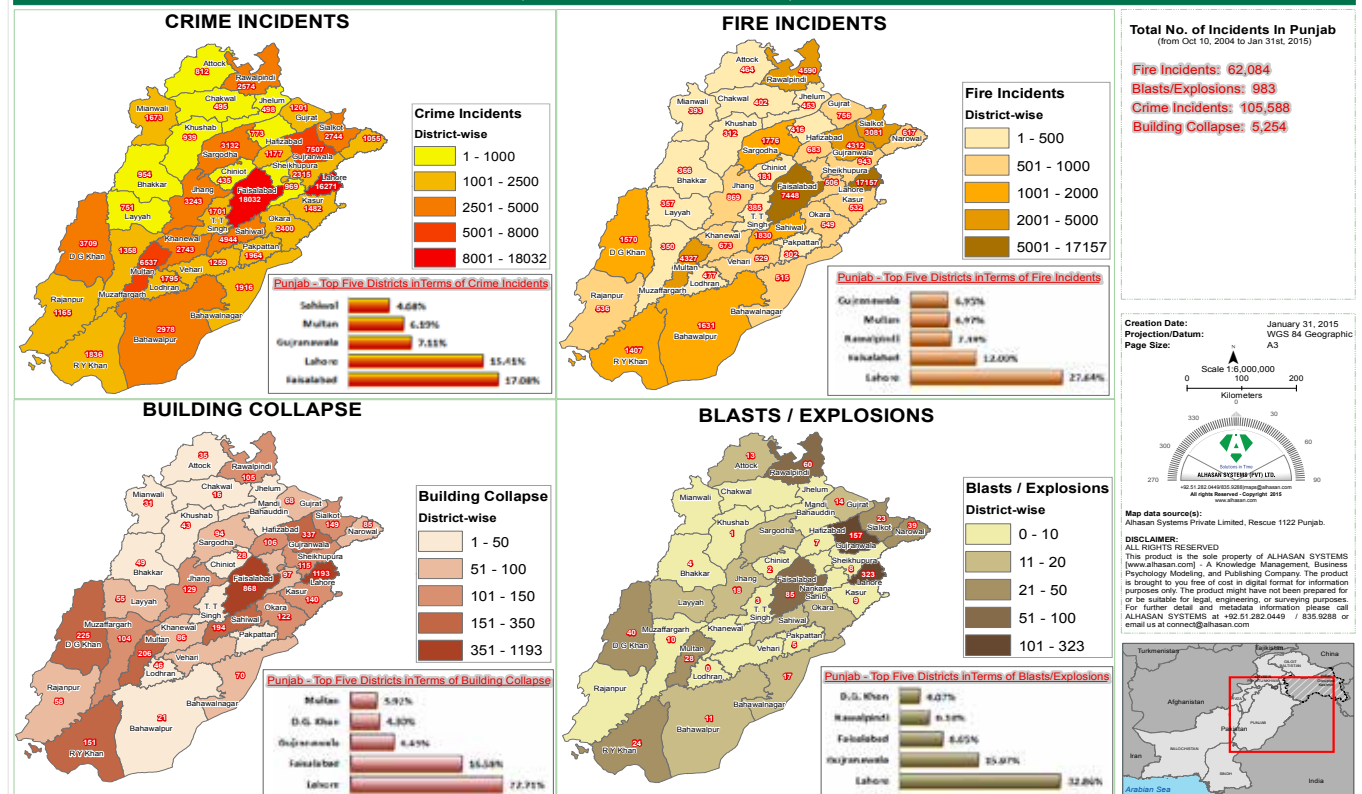
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Two More Ambulances Added To Alkhidmat Foundation's Medical Emergency Fleet

AKF News , January 31 , 2015

Pakistan Food Security Cluster Updates From Oct-Dec 2014

Pakistan Food Security Cluster, Jan 30th , 2015

DETAILS

LAHORE: Two new ambulances have been added in the fleet of Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab. A special ceremony was conducted in the presence of Special Guest Mr. Nazeer Ahmad Janjua and Mr. Rao Muhammad Zafar (President Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab) in which the keys of the ambulances were handed over to Mr. Anas Wahidi (President Alkhidmat Foundation Lahore). Other officials of Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab were also present at the ceremony. President Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab also revealed the 4 digit helpline number for Alkhidmat Foundation's Ambulance Service which is 1023.

HCT Strategic Planning 2015 for Food Security in KP/FATA: Food Security Cluster has strategize the response for Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of KP/FATA for year 2015 and around 1.63 million people were planned as target caseload to improve and enhance nutrition status by increasing agriculture production as integral means of livelihood. Under the collaboration of food security cluster members, FSC has addressed the most urgent food security and livelihood needs of displaced, families living in and off camps and hosting areas of KP including Bannu, D.I Khan, Hangu, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Nowshera, Peshawar, Tank and returnees in Khyber, Kurram, North Waziristan, Orakzai and South Waziristan agencies of FATA. Food Security Cluster has prioritized requirement need of around \$ 173 million for providing the assistance in term of nutrition balanced relief food rations, emergency livestock feed to protect their livelihood assets, medication, vegetable seeds, milking kits and agriculture based infrastructure in the areas of in and off camps and returns in KP/FATA. For effective monitoring of food security interventions, food security cluster has framed efficient and well coordinated monitoring framework under Strategic Response Plan (SRP) – 2015.

Tharparkar Drought: The arid zone areas of the Sindh province, is the most drought prone part of Pakistan. The current drought in Sindh is an integral part of an ongoing phenomenon resulting high impact in term of scale and intensity. In corollary, the loss of precious lives and mean's livelihood affected the overall situation of food security among children, pregnant and lactating women and elderly inhabitant of drought affected districts of Sindh. In last year 2014, over 620 individuals were died; among them over 60% and 22% are children and women respectively, large population extremely vulnerable to disasters due to a myriad of factors, underlined by chronic poverty.

On average, around 48% people of these areas are reliant on livestock and agriculture as primary means of income as reported in different assessments published in 2014 by food security cluster members. Prevailing situation and loss of income with depleting livelihoods increase the threat of food insecurity and malnutrition. Moreover, limited sources of safety nets result in people adopting negative coping strategies. Access to clean drinking water, poor sanitation and hygiene awareness, exacerbates the situation causing high morbidity and mortality from water and vector borne diseases. Although, Government is providing the High Energy Biscuits (HEB) and wheat to affected population till December 2014.

Emergency Response Fund (ERF) - KP/FATA: For North Waziristan displacement response, the Emergency Response Fund allocated initially US \$ 300,000 to food security cluster, to support 2,733 affected families with livestock input in district Lakki Marwat and Karak by three implementing partners JEN, SHID and Muslim Aid. In which, Japan Emergency NGO will support 1,200 families at Lakki Marwat, SHID will support 930 families at Lakki Marwat and Muslim Aid will support 603 families at Karak with the awarded projects of ERF support displaced person (DPs) with livestock inputs including livestock feed and fodder, feeding and drinking kits, Urea Molasses Blocks (UMB), and mineral supplements for livestock. Additionally, the Food Security Cluster has further been given US \$ 200,000 to support 1,154 displaced families at Togh Sarai camp in district Hangu. The project was awarded to SHID and the implementation is subject to approval of NoC from PDMA/PARRSA. The assistance is aimed to support all camp based families with cash by involving them (males and females) in different vocational training activities and daily wage work to rehabilitate camp infrastructure.

ERF Monitoring Missions in KP/FATA: For the purpose of assessing the degree compliance and progress of the ERF funded project for NWA displaces persons, the Food Security Cluster jointly carried a monitoring mission with ERF to Lakki Marwat and Karak. Japan Emergency NGO had already reached their initial 900 targets besides the coordination with district administration for allocation of more villages to identify and register additional 300 beneficiary families. Muslim Aid had completed their registration of beneficiaries while the inputs had arrived at their warehouse for distribution among the selected beneficiaries. SHID was still waiting for their NoC to be granted. At the latest, JEN and Muslim Aid had completed their targets while SHID has registered their beneficiaries after been granted with NoC. They've also received a No-Cost-Extension from ERF and would soon be distributing livestock inputs among the selected beneficiaries.

Recovery Need Assessment (RNA) for Flood Affected Areas 2014: Following Multisector Initial Rapid Assessment-2014 (MIRA), a multi-agency Recovery Need Assessment (RNA) was carried out by National Disaster Management Authority with the technical support from UNDP, FAO, WFP, ILO and UN-HABITAT. Recovery Need Assessment covered 21 floods affected districts of Punjab and 5 districts of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). RNA relied on secondary data from various sources including MIRA-2014, satellite imageries and data from relevant government line departments. The assessment not only highlighted the utmost needs of affected communities for recovery and rehabilitation but also estimated the cost of recovery. In addition, RNA provided useful recommendations for resilience based recovery particularly in the domain of

Malnourishment Claims 51st Victim This Month In Thar

The News International, January 29, 2015

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Emergency Appeal, Pakistan: Monsoon Floods

IFRC, January 29, 2015

Alkhidmat Foundation & Pakistan Red Crescent Society Sign Important MOU

AKF News, January 29, 2015

Sri Lanka Hands Over Ceylon Tea to NDMA for TDPs

NDMA, January 28, 2015

Lack Of Funds Hampers Reconstruction In Quake- Hit Areas

DAWN News, January 27, 2015

Alkhidmat Foundation Establishes 7 Coaching Centers For Young IDP

AKF News, January 26, 2015

Humanitarian Action for Children by UNICEF

UNICEF, January 23, 2015

food security. These recommendations included diversification in livelihood portfolio, promotion of flood resistant crops, floods resilient infrastructure, participatory re-forestation and rangeland improvement and improved food storage.

THARPARKAR: Malnourishment claimed two more infant lives in Thar on Thursday 29th Jan bringing the total death toll for this month to 51. According to hospital sources, the latest victims were a 26 day-old and a 14 day-old. Doctors add, that with the changing weather the incidence of pneumonia has also increased, adding to the existing health care problems. The situation in drought-hit Thar is still grim as there has been no rainfall for the third consecutive year.

This Emergency Appeal seeks CHF 1,097,926 to enable the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) to support the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) to deliver immediate assistance and support to 10,000 flood-affected families (70,000 people), focusing on food and relief item distributions, health and hygiene promotion, emergency shelter assistance. The planned response covers only the relief phase. The national society will not be undertaking recovery initiatives as other organizations are contributing to these efforts. The Emergency Appeal budget is revised down to CHF 1,097,926 to support 70,000 people for 7 months. The operation will continue to focus on bringing relief to the flood-affected families, as other organizations are undertaking recovery initiatives.

ISLAMABAD: Alkhidmat Foundation Pakistan and Pakistan Red Crescent Society have signed MOU (Memorandums of Understanding) related to collaboration on various relief projects. The MOU were signed at the National Head-quarters, Pakistan Red Crescent Society. Both organizations agreed to collaborate on projects related to Disaster Management, Health, and other working areas - Chairman Red Cross Pakistan asked Alkhidmat Foundation's volunteers to be trained in emergency relief. He said that Alkhidmat Foundation's volunteers will be trained in a national school for emergency, which is being made in collaboration with Rescue 1122. He also acknowledged the spirit of Alkhidmat Foundation's volunteers and management.

LAHORE: The government of Sri Lanka has extended humanitarian relief assistance for the temporary displaced persons (TDPs) of North Waziristan Agency and has donated 14 cartons of Ceylon tea to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). On behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, the relief was handed over by the Sri Lankan High Commission (H.E Air Chief Marshal (Retd) Jayalath Weerakkody) to Member Operations NDMA, Brig Ishtiaq Ahmed at Sri Lankan High Commission, Islamabad. Director Response NDMA (Lt. Col Raza) and AD Logistics NDMA were also present on the occasion. Member Operations NDMA appreciated the Government of Sri Lanka for their concern and generosity as this gesture was a symbol of strong ties between the two countries. The commissioner also lauded NDMA for its role during various disasters across the country. The relief will be handed over to concerned authorities for further distribution amongst the TDPs.

ISLAMABAD: Rehabilitation and reconstruction projects started in the wake of the 2005 earthquake have not been completed yet because of shortage of funds. This was said by an official of the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA) at a meeting of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan held at the Parliament House on 26th Jan, 2015 with Malik Ibrar in the chair. The Erra representative said that 68 per cent of projects had been completed and handed over to the relevant authorities. The rest of the projects had been delayed because of non-availability of funds, he added. The earthquake left over 73,000 people dead and 128,304 injured, besides razing to ground 600,000 houses and 5,808 educational institutions. The material losses were worth an estimated Rs125.2 billion. The committee recommended to the Finance Division to immediately release the needed funds to Erra for an early restoration of quake-devastated areas. The committee noted that since most of the funds came from international donors, it was necessary to spend them on rehabilitation and reconstruction works without fail. MNAs Tahir Iqbal, Mian Imtiaz Ahmad and Molvi Agha Mohammad and senior officials from the Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan attended the meeting.

BANNU: Alkhidmat Foundation established 7 Coaching Centers for IDP Students in Districts Bannu, DI-Khan and Lakki Marwat. Alkhidmat Foundation realizes that young students are the worst victims among the displaced IDPs. Alkhidmat Foundation has been practically trying to take measures to make-up for the educational loss of the young students. We request all charitable people to come forth and help Alkhidmat Foundation with the newly established coaching centers.

South Asia is one of the most disaster-prone and conflict-affected regions in the world, with Afghanistan and India belonging to the top ten countries with the highest number of reported natural disasters in a year¹. The most common disasters in the region are floods, drought, landslides, avalanches and earthquakes. In 2014 alone, 4.5 million people were affected by floods in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, Punjab and Sindh, and 2.9 million were affected by drought in Sindh²; 130,000 people were affected by floods in the Far-Western and Mid-Western regions of Nepal³; and in India, 450,000 people were affected by the floods in Uttar Pradesh, 2.6 million in Bihar, 1.2 million in Assam and 5 million in Jammu and Kashmir, apart from 9 million people affected by Cyclone Hudhud in Andhra Pradesh. Sri Lanka, a country that has suffered severe drought and flash floods for the last three years, had 1.5 million people affected by disasters in 2014. In addition, South Asia is also suffering from protracted internationalized and internal armed conflicts and almost half of all terrorist attacks worldwide⁴. The geographical features of South Asia favor insurgency, while economic and social factors such as poverty, discrimination and poor governance underline grievances that promote separatist movements as well as ideological armed struggles. In 2014, more than 2.6 million people in Pakistan and

630,000 people in Afghanistan were internally displaced due to terrorism, internal conflict and border disputes. The withdrawal of ISAF troops in Afghanistan at the end of the year is seen to have negative implications for the country's already deteriorating security situation, which will have a direct impact on the conflict dynamics of Pakistan and neighboring countries. Children suffer the most devastating impacts of the conflict, which include separation from families, denial of access to education and health facilities due to their refugee or IDP status, limited availability of food and micronutrients, and being exposed to harsh climate conditions due to poor shelter. In addition to the psychological and emotional impact of conflict on children, their current living conditions due to displacement are making them more vulnerable to disasters from natural hazards such as floods and droughts. Overall, the disaster trends and conflict dynamics in the region tend to cross borders, creating a sub-regional impact, which calls for the Regional Office for South Asia to develop a more strategic approach for assistance and collaboration – not only at the country interagency level but also at sub-regional and regional levels.

Pakistan

2015 Planned Results: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province is host to 1.4 million displaced people from Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) – some live in camps, but most live in host communities with relatives and in rented accommodation. Massive displacement from North Waziristan started following new security operations in June 2014, resulting to 73,627 IDP families. Pakistan is also hosting 1.6 million Afghan refugees, which is foreseen to increase after the pull out of ISAF forces from Afghanistan at the end of 2014. UNICEF Pakistan Country Office (PCO) aims to respond to this massive displacement due to conflict and increasing violence; respond to the problem of polio endemic in the country, where the current caseload is 243 cases; and reduce the effects of severe drought and acute malnutrition (17.5 per cent) in Sindh Province. In 2015, UNICEF PCO plans to continue to support humanitarian assistance in coordination with the Government of Pakistan, other United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations, to respond to the needs of the millions of children and women affected by conflict-related insecurity, drought, recurrent monsoon floods and potential refugee influx from Afghanistan. Programme targets for 2015 are as follows:

- 712,000 children and women will access life-saving interventions through measles campaigns and child health days.
- 35,433 children will be targeted for admission to therapeutic feeding programmes for management of SAM cases.
- 966,800 people (including approximately 483,400 children) will have access to sufficient safe drinking water and sufficient quantity for cooking and maintaining hygiene, access to sanitation facilities and hygiene education.
- 150,000 children and 45,000 women will have safe access to protective spaces and related services.
- 220,000 children (45 per cent girls) will access education through safe and secure learning environments that promote protection and well-being of learners.

2014 Results: Up to October 2014, UNICEF supported the provision of measles vaccinations to 117,390 children in the accessible emergency-affected areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). Health response remained limited to IDP camps mainly due to funding constraints. Acute and chronic malnutrition in Pakistan exceeds emergency thresholds. To prevent and respond to high levels of malnutrition, 18,572 children under 5 were admitted to outpatient therapeutic programmes (OTP). To prevent water-related disease outbreaks, UNICEF provided safe drinking water to 417,760 of the nearly 720,000 target population in emergencyaffected areas. In education, UNICEF and its implementing partners supported 41,590 children in accessing education through temporary learning centres and IDP camp schools. Critical education supplies including tents, school-in-a-box, school bags and training of teachers on improved teaching methods not only supported children who were enrolled in schools before displacement but gave an opportunity to new beginners and those out-of-school children. In addition, through Protective Learning and Community Emergency Services (PLaCES) centres, 49,460 children and their caregivers were reached with protection, psychosocial support and recreation services, as well as life skills education. A total of US\$45,133,213 was appealed for in 2014, of which some US\$38.5 million was available by mid-November. Overall limited access to affected areas, particularly in the FATA region, and limited funds constrained the full achievement of results.

DROUGHT UPDATES as of 31st Jan, 2015

DAILY HEALTH REPORT OF DISTRICT THARPARKAR REPORTED BY DHO-THARPARKAR

Health Facilities	Total Admissions		No. of cases attended OPD				No. of cases referred			Total No. of malnourished cases under 5 years Attended OPD		No. of children admitted in Nutrition stabilizing center.		Total No of Deaths			No. of Patients treated			Stock position of vaccines	
	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Nutrition	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	Fixed	Mobile	ASV	ARV		
CH Mithi	14	22	36	155	606	761	1	2	3	11	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not received	
THQ Diplo	0	5	5	49	263	312	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	12	
THQ Nagerparkar	2	4	6	31	109	140	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	26	
THQ Chachro	10	6	16	59	161	220	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	10	
RHC Islamkot	6	2	8	18	113	131	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	33	
Mobile Camps			0	0	0	0			0				0	0	0	0	0	0			
TOTAL	32	39	71	312	1252	1564	2	4	6	21	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	552	81	

Source: Daily Health Report/District Health Officer, District Tharparkar/distributed on 1-2-2015

FATA TDPs STATISTICS as of 22nd Jan, 2015

Agency	Camp/Host	Displaced families		Registered Returned	Food blocked Due to De-Notification of the area (Spontaneous return)	Un-registered return	Total Balance
		Total Registrations	NADRA Verified				
Bajaur	Host	62,349	56,910	56,910			0
	Camps	24,058	15,985	15,985			0
	Sub-Total	86,407	72,895	72,895			0
FR Tank (Bhittani Tribe)	Host	2,256	2,228	1,852			376
Khyber	*Host Bara	141,175	96,527				96,527
	**Host Tirah	16,043	12,903	10,338		14,026	2,565
	Jalozai (Bara)	18,168	4,431	0			4,431
	New durani (Tirah)	1,010	935	922		1,704	13
	Sub-Total	176,396	114,796	11,260		15,730	103,536
Kurram	Host (Sectarian)	28,500	23,348	2,462	6,135		14,751
	Togh Sarai Camp (conf)	87	84	0			84
	Host (conf)	21,964	24,370	19,475		2022	4,208
	New Durrani (conf)	5,571					687
	Sub-Total	56,122	47,802	21,937		2,022	19,730
Mohmand	Host	35,954	36,759	36,759			0
	Camps	13,000					
	Sub-Total	48,954	36,759	36,759			0
North Waziristan	Host	99,007	89,041	0		0	89,041
	Baka Khel Camp	3,040	2,560	0		0	2,560
	Sub-Total	102,047	91,601	0		0	91,601
Orakzai	Togh Sarai Camp/ Host	48,656	38,275	8,660	8,367	14,114	21,248
	Sub-Total	48,656	38,275	8,660		14,114	21,248
SWA	(Host)	94,096	71,124	6,537		7,455	64,587
	Sub-Total	94,096	71,124	6,537		7,455	64,587
Grand-Total		614,934	475,480	159,900	8,367	39,321	301,078

Source: FDMA, FATA TDPS Statistics/ Published on 29-1-2015

UNICEF, HUMANITARIAN ACTION FOR CHILDREN

2014 PAKISTAN PROGRAMME TARGETS AND RESULTS as of 19th Oct, 2014

2014 Pakistan Programme Targets And Results	Cluster 2014 Targets	Cluster Results	UNICEF 2014 Targets	UNICEF Results
Nutrition				
Children under 5 with acute malnutrition access appropriate outpatient therapeutic treatment	27,880	18,572	27,880	18,572
Children under 5 provided with micronutrient supplementation	325,061	202,847	325,061	202,847
Children and women access support for appropriate infant and young child feeding through community outreach services	244,800	198,561	244,800	198,561
Health				
Children under 5 immunized for measles	-	-	234,630	117,390
Children from 0-69 months and women have access to life saving health interventions through women and health child days	-	-	275,000	57,542
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene				
Emergency-affected population provided with access to safe water as per agreed standards	1,165,000	695,345	720,000	417,760
Women, men and children have access to improved sanitation	622,000	614,438	484,8000	547,707
Children and women receive critical WASH-related information to prevent child illness	873,750	602,413	540,000	425,852
Child Protection				
Children and their caregivers have access to various support through protective learning and community emergency services	413,886	111,936	152,351	49,460
Education				
Emergency-affected children (including adolescents) accessing quality education (including through temporary learning structures)	230,895	53,435	121,609	41,590

Source; UNICEF, Results as of 17th Oct, 2014 unless otherwise noted, Published on 23-1-2015

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Army to train all LEAs for security: COAS

The Nation, February 1, 2015

Death toll climbs to 61 in suicide blast at Shikarpur imambargah

The News, January 31, 2015

Shikarpur: SHO, constable suspended for 'negligence' following Friday's deadly blast

Pakistan Today, January 31, 2015

DETAILS

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Raheel Sharif on Saturday reiterated Pakistan Army's resolve to train all law-enforcing agencies (LEAs) and build capacity to collectively work for security and law and order in the country. Speaking at the passing-out parade of Elite Police at Elite Police Training School, Lahore, he said, "We have enhanced our training capacity and will further expand our training programme across the country," the ISPR director general tweeted on social media. It may be mentioned here that under the National Action Plan, the capacity building of police is underway. The first batch trained by a team of Special Service Group (SSG) and Pakistan Army instructors passed out at Lahore Elite Police Training Centre on Saturday. The training of Counterterrorism Force on most modern lines began at Elite Police Training School, Bedian Road, Lahore, on the instructions of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on May 5, 2014.

According to Elite Police Training School, a total of 1,182 personnel are currently undergoing training. The passing-out of the first batch comprising 421 corporals, including 16 female corporals, took place on Saturday. The remaining trainees, comprising 425 and 336 personnel, will pass out in second and third batch, respectively, on completion of their training. The trainees of Counterterrorism Force have been imparted specialised training by master trainers from Pak Army on most modern lines. The nine-month training session was undertaken under the supervision of Pak Army. A serving Lt colonel from Pak Army's SSG was assigned by the government to run this course. He presently heads the Elite Police Training School as its commandant.

A total of 33 trainers – five officers, eight JCOs/NCOs from SSG and 20 drill/weapon instructors from the army – imparted intensive specialised training. Moreover, another 40 retired SSG instructors have also formed part of the training team. The training duration included seven-month training on special operations and academics by Pak Army instructors and six-week training on intelligence gathering, investigation, law and special operation by a group of instructors from brotherly Islamic country, Turkey.

SHIKARPUR: The death toll in the suicide blast inside Imambargah Maula Karbala in Lakhi Dar area of Shikarpur climbed to 61 on Saturday after several more of the injured succumbed to wounds in hospital, officials said. Sources said that 39 people were injured in the incident. SSP CID Raja Umar Khattab said on Saturday that about six kilos of explosive material was used in the suicide blast. On Friday, scores of worshipers were present inside the imambargah for Friday prayers during the time of the blast. According to ISPR, a team of doctors was dispatched to Shikarpur from Pano Aqil Garrison. Police and rescue services were dispatched immediately to the blast site while the injured were being taken to Civil Hospital Shikarpur. According to rescue services sources, the roof of the Imambargah collapsed after the blast.

The Majlis-e-Wahdat-e-Muslimeen (MWM) and Shia Ulema Council announced a peaceful protest strike for Saturday and a three-day mourning to denounce the brutal incident. Deputy commissioner Hadi Bakhsh Zardari announced a public holiday in Shikarpur. Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah also announced a day of mourning on Saturday, urging all PPP leaders to wear black arm bands to mourn the loss of lives in Shikarpur. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the blast and ordered an immediate inquiry. Sindh Information Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said that emergency had been declared at all hospitals in Shikarpur. He also said that Sindh CM and Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Daher had taken notice of the incident. President Mamnoon Hussain, former President Asif Ali Zardari, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan and Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) chief Altaf Hussain also condemned the blast.

SHIKARPUR: The Station House Officer (SHO) Lakhi Gate and a head constable were suspended for 'negligence' on Saturday following the deadly attack on Masjid-o-Imambargah Karbala-e-Moulla in Shikarpur that killed at least 60 people a day earlier during Friday prayers, private media reported. Authorities have also taken into custody the constable who was designated for the security of the targeted Shiite mosque. A two-member committee has been formed by Inspector General (IG) Sindh Police Ghulam Qadir Thebo to investigate the attack. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Raja Umar Khattab, heading the committee, visited the site along with other police officials today. Private media added that SSP Khattab, following the examination of the evidence, confirmed that the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber and the explosive weighed around five to seven kilograms. A team of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) also visited the blast site on Saturday.

Cities across Sindh remained shut on a call of a protest against the attack by Majlis Wahdat-ul-Muslimeen (MWM) Pakistan, Shia Ulema Council and Jafaria Alliance. Pakistan Muslim League – Quaid, Pakistan Awami Tehreek, Sunni Ittehad Council, Sunni Alliance have backed the call for strike. A bomb blast ripped through the mosque as worshippers gathered for Friday prayers, killing at least 60 people and wounding dozens more, in the deadliest act of anti-Shiite violence in two years. The attack compounds Pakistan's security challenge to contain a surge in militancy following last month's killing of 150 people, mostly children, at a Peshawar school. The militant Sunni group Jundullah claimed responsibility for Friday's bombing in the city of Shikarpur in Sindh province, 500 kilometers (310 miles) north of the port city of Karachi. The militant group previously has claimed responsibility for attacks on Shiites and other religious minorities, including a 2013 double suicide bombing of an Anglican church in Peshawar that killed 85 people.

Many Sunni extremists do not consider Shiites, who represent 10 percent to 20 percent of Pakistan's population, to be true Muslims. Sunni militants in Pakistan have bombed Shiite

G-B police chief orders swift implementation of NAP

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Curbing illegal arms: Computerisation of weapons' licences starts

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mosques, killed Shiite pilgrims traveling to neighboring Iran and assassinated Shiite religious figures and community leaders. Friday's death toll was the worst against Shiites since January 2013, when a bomb in the neighboring province of Baluchistan killed 81 people in a Shiite area of Quetta. Human rights groups have faulted the government and security services for failing to protect Shiites adequately or pursuing those responsible with sufficient effort.

Sindh 'at a tipping point'

While Karachi has been the site of repeated bombings blamed on militant groups such as the Pakistani Taliban, much of the rest of Sindh province has been much more peaceful — but experts warn this could be changing rapidly. An American think tank, the United States Institute of Peace, reported earlier this week that sectarian groups targeting Shiites are building a power base in the traditionally harmonious province. "The province is at a tipping point. Extremist groups are increasingly active in the central and northern districts, disrupting the pluralistic culture that has long defined the province," the report found.

"Sectarian militant groups and the antistate Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan are consolidating their presence in the province in rural areas", it said. "The government in Islamabad needs to ensure that the province does not become a new base for militants in the same way that FATA and southern Punjab are," it added. In July 2013, suicide bombers and gunmen attacked a compound in Sukkur that houses government agencies including the regional offices of the military's powerful spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence, killing three people and wounding dozens more.

GILGIT: The newly-appointed police chief of Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B), Captain (retd) Zafar Iqbal Awan, has issued directives to the police department to swiftly implement the National Action Plan (NAP) drafted by the government in wake of the Peshawar school attack. According to Mubarak Jan, the spokesperson for the police department, IGP Awan convened a meeting on Friday for the first time since he took charge last week to review regional security and ensure the implementation of NAP. Jan told The Express Tribune the IGP issued directives to the police department to set up check posts at all entry and exit points in G-B and introduce a strict monitoring system to ensure terrorists do not infiltrate the region. Headquarters DIG Inamur Rahman Malik, Baltistan DIG Inayatullah Farooqi, DIG Wasal Khan, AIG Waqar Shoaib and other senior police officials attended the meeting. "IGP Awan directed the police to make foolproof security arrangements for tourists and foreigners working in G-B," said the spokesman, referring to Chinese engineers working on various development projects. He added in order to enforce discipline in the police force, the IGP hinted at the initiation of a reward and punishment system. "Those involved in illegal activities would be taken to task," Jan quoted IGP Awan as saying. According to the spokesman, sports competitions would be introduced in the police department to boost the morale of the force. As a part of the National Action Plan, the G-B government has also been making efforts to stop printing and dissemination of hate material promoting sectarianism.

JAMRUD: Kokikhel tribesmen demanded the status of internally displaced persons (IDP) on Thursday as they were unable to access their native Tirah Valley. They threatened to close down the Pak-Afghan route for all sorts of traffic if the government ignored their demand. Elders displaced from their native villages in Tirah and currently residing with relatives in Jamrud assembled at the local press club and shared their tales of misery. Malik Zeena Gul, Asghar Khan, Khaista Jan Abdalkhel, Malik Jan Sikandarkhel, Haji Arman Shah Meena Khel and others pointed out that thousands of Kokikhel tribesmen were forced to abandon their homes in August and September last year when military operation Khyber-I was launched. The tribal elders said they were registered at different check posts in Khyber Agency, but not as IDPs.

The speakers said these displaced people knocked on every civilian, military and political door, but were ultimately left with little choice except to protest. Answering a question, the tribal elders said since the government announced the repatriation of displaced people to Tirah Valley and Bara tehsil, they decided to hold a meeting to remind authorities of their responsibilities. They also threatened to stop cooperating with the government if their demands were not met in the coming days.

LAHORE: The computerisation of weapons licences has been started by district governments in the province in collaboration with the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). A Home Department official, who requested not to be named, said that the Punjab had become the first province to start the computerisation of weapons' licences. "Special desks have been formed at DCOs' offices across the province where NADRA officials will assist the district government staff in computerisation of the arms licences. In some districts, district government employees will work at NADRA offices," he said. He said that in the first phase, licences issued between 2009 and 2014 would be computerised. Requesting anonymity because he is not authorised to talk to the media, a NADRA official said that a meeting of DCOs from all districts was held at NADRA's Defence office last Saturday. "They were briefed by NADRA staff about the process of computerisation of weapons' licences," he said.

He said that the process would link the weapon's licence number with the CNIC of the applicant. "We are helping the district government make a computerised database of the legal weapon owners apart from integrating it with their record. Previously, the federal government had provided them a software," he said. "The applicants will be asked to fill out a form and submit two passport size photographs along with their original CNIC and the weapon's licence," he said. Tariq Zaman, the personal staff officer to the Lahore DCO, said that two offices had been set up in Lahore for the purpose. "Fresh photographs of the applicants will also be taken. They will also have to surrender their licence books. They will receive a certificate in return," he said.

Citing the minutes of the meeting with the DCOs, the NADRA official said that the district government officials had said that at least three months would be needed to verify the licences record. "It will take at least three months to complete the process. In some districts, the record is available only in the manual form," he said. Zaman said that the Lahore city district government

'Successful military op': Agreement signed with telecoms to distribute aid through SIMs to IDPs

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had been maintaining records in computerised format since 2009. The previous record, he said, was in manual form. "Licences issued before 2009 will be computerised in the next phase. After verification of licence books with the concerned DCO's office, the owner will be issued a computerised licence," he said. Zaman said that the Home Department had given weapon owners till February 28 to get their licences computerised. Zaman said that Lahore had a quota of 200 new arms licences per month up till 2014. "For the rest of the districts in the Punjab, the ceiling was 125 licences per month. New licences are not being issued now," he said. The Home Department official said that the computerisation process would be directly monitored by their department. "The district governments have been directed to submit daily reports on their progress," he said.

PESHAWAR: Expressing satisfaction with the outcome of the military operation in Khyber Agency, Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmad Khan on Thursday lauded tribesmen for cooperating with the government and leaving their homes behind for restoration of peace. Earlier in the day, Mehtab attended the signing of an agreement between the government and two telecom companies regarding the payment of a financial package to internally displaced persons (IDP) from Khyber Agency upon their repatriation. Director of FATA Disaster Management Company (FDMA) and executives of Mobilink and Telenor signed the agreement. Aside from the governor, FATA Additional Chief Secretary Muhammad Azam Khan, FATA Security Secretary Shakil Qadar Khan, Khyber Agency Political Agent Shahab Ali Shah, former federal minister Malik Waris Afridi and elders from Bara attended the ceremony.

Under the agreement, both telecom companies will be responsible for paying the repatriation package to each displaced family. The aid includes Rs 10,000 for transport and Rs 25,000 for rehabilitation which will be made through mobile SIMs and ATM cards. Payment will begin once the return schedule is finalised; the governor has already declared repatriation of Khyber IDPs will begin from February 15. According to FDMA Director General Ikramullah, a fixed 1% has been set as transaction charges by both companies for payment received by tribesmen using SIMs or ATM cards. Ikram said the companies have assured the government the disbursement will be transparent and with the help of the FATA Secretariat the firms will conduct a campaign to inform and educate IDPs about the payment process.

Plans for repatriation

"The displaced tribesmen have played a key role in the government's drive against terror and they deserve an honourable repatriation," said Governor Mehtab while addressing the media at Governor House. Mehtab told the media around 80,000 families from across Khyber Agency were displaced because of Khyber-I. "Under the repatriation plan, IDPs will be repatriated according to their clans and sub-clans," he said. "Initially, tribesmen will be repatriated to Bara plains where peace and writ of the state has been restored," Mehtab added. According to the governor, the displaced people have assured the government of their cooperation. In response to a question, Mehtab said displaced families whose houses have been completely destroyed will be paid Rs 400,000 while those whose houses sustained partial damage will be paid Rs 160,000. "The government is determined to conduct a detailed assessment of the properties and infrastructure damaged during military action against terrorists in Khyber Agency," he said.

Speaking about law and order, the governor said he visited Bara a couple of days ago and saw the writ of the state has been enforced in the area. On the return of IDPs of North Waziristan Agency, Governor Mehtab said the process will begin in the middle of March. "The government is determined to ensure repatriation of North Waziristan IDPs in a respectable manner," he maintained.

LAHORE: Home Minister Shuja Khanzada said on Thursday 9,233 illicit weapons had been seized during a general hold-up over 10 days. He said 365 cases had been registered over display of arms. The minister was chairing a meeting to review progress on the National Action Plan against terrorism. Several police officers and heads of agencies were also present. He said licences of 55 guns, including three Kalashnikov rifles and 20 pistols, had been cancelled. He said citizens could renew arms licences, issued between 2009 and 2014, from the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) until February 28. He said new licences would be issued at the end of February. He said an applicant would be issued a licence within 15 days of submission of an application.

Khanzada said the record of weapon holders and dealers would be verified through the NADRA. He said cases against those possessing illicit weapons would be heard by anti-terrorism courts. They could be sentenced for up to 14 years, he said. The minister said security of schools across the province had been tightened. He said teams of army and police had been deployed on strategic points to respond to any emergency within seven minutes. He appealed to citizens to dial 15 or 1717 in case of an emergency.

ISLAMABAD: In a meeting with Chairman Senate Syed Nayyer Hussain Bokhari in Brussels on Thursday, President of the European Parliament Martin Schultz has extended full support to Pakistan's fight against terrorism and extremism. The chairman briefed President Martin Schulz on the security situation in Pakistan and underlined the need for joint efforts to tackle the menace, says a press release. Chairman Senate Nayyer Hussain Bokhari is visiting Brussels heading a delegation of Senator Rubina Irfan, Senator Heman Das, Senator Muhammad Kazim Khan and Senator Amer Jeet. The visit of the Senate Chairman is the first high level interaction with the new political leadership of European Parliament after the May 2013 elections. Martin Schultz lauded Nayyer Bokhari's efforts in turning the dream of an Asian Parliament into reality and gave assurance of all kinds of assistance from the European Union and its Parliament in Brussels. The two parliamentary leaders also exchanged views on Pakistan-EU relations and ways of further strengthening them, including regular exchange of parliamentary delegations. The chairman Senate briefed President Schulz on the Asian Parliamentary Assembly and its goal of becoming an Asian Parliament. Ambassador of Pakistan to European Union and Belgium Naghmana A. Hashmi

Bomb blast damages railway track near Thull

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Military offensive in Pakistan forces militants into Afghanistan: report

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hosted a reception in honour of the Chairman Senate and his delegation. A number of members of European Parliament (MEP), including Jean Lambert, Chair of Delegation for Relations with countries of South Asia, senior official of the European External Action Service, European Commission and think tanks attended the reception.

After the chairman Bokhari's visit to European Parliament and meeting with Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament, Sajjad Karim, Chairman of Friends of Pakistan Group in the European Parliament and Afzal Khan, MEP also called on him. Regional and international issues of mutual interest came up for discussion. Chairman Bokhari will deliver a lecture on "Pakistan's Vision for Peace and Development" at the European Institute for Asian Studies and will hold meeting with Christine Defraigne, President of Belgian Senate.

SUKKUR: A considerable portion of the railway tracks were destroyed when a huge explosion took place near Thull, Jacobabad, on Thursday noon. More than three feet of the tracks were blown off. The bomb went off as soon as Peshawar-bound Khushal Khan Khatak Express passed from the spot of the blast. As a result, rail traffic on the tracks was suspended. Bomb disposal squad (BDS) experts from Larkana rushed to the scene and inspected the site of the blast. BDS sub-inspector Badaruddin Shaikh told The Express Tribune that a bomb weighing seven to eight pounds was planted at the railway tracks that was triggered through a remote-controlled device. The bomb was so powerful that besides blowing up a considerable portion of the tracks, it caused extensive damage to more than 30 feet of the track while a four-foot-deep pit developed at the site of the blast, he said. He added that the BDS experts have found a device with four batteries and three feet of wire from the site. Repairs of the tracks are underway.

PESHAWAR: A special force will be formed to guard educational institutes in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and the rest of the country, a senior official of the home department told The Express Tribune. In the wake of the Army Public School (APS) massacre on December 16, 2014, the provincial and federal governments sat down to chalk out a comprehensive security plan for schools and colleges. Many decisions emerged as a result: building taller walls, deploying security guards, procuring walkthrough gates and even arming teachers. Now the federal government has decided to form an additional force. The home department received recommendations to form a force made up of recently retired army personnel.

The mechanism

The official told The Express Tribune the force will be managed on a federal level by a retired major general. The country head will form teams for all the four provinces and a retired brigadier will lead each of them. Meanwhile, district-level teams are to be led by retired colonels, said the official, requesting anonymity. "Recently retired army officers, particularly those from the Special Services Group (SSG), will be recruited for the force at the district level," he said. The official added each colonel would assess the situation in his respective district and recruit personnel according to security needs, size of area and population. The men who will take charge as the chief of the provincial and federal forces are yet to be decided as the plan is still under discussion, said the official. He expressed his satisfaction over the formation of the additional force, saying the K-P police lacked the strength to guard each and every school of the province.

"We have 64,000 educational institutions and the total number of policemen is just 75,000," he said. "If we deploy a single member of the force at every institution, police stations will be empty," he added, stressing on the need for an additional force to guard schools. Speaking about the effectiveness of the proposed force, the official said retired army officers are security experts and know how to guard sensitive installations. The official added the federal government's recommended plan may take another 15 days to take practical shape. "Meetings are under way and the team heads will be selected after consultation with the Pakistan Army. The resources required for the force are also yet to be specified." Complying with orders from the home department, the police will also play its role by patrolling roads around educational institutions at opening and closing times. "Security threats in the province have reached a maximum level after the APS massacre and regular monitoring of security measures by school administration is absolutely necessary," he said.

WEB DESK: A military offensive in Islamabad which eradicated militants' havens has led to Arab and Central Asian militants moving into Afghanistan, according to Afghan officials and local residents, the Wall Street Journal reported. Former and current Afghan officials say groups of militants have arrived due to the operations aimed at clearing militants from North Waziristan. Militants' families – about 400 of them – moved into Afghanistan in December, and according to Afghan officials, they live with locals in the country. The family members include those who are affiliated with the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan and al Qaeda. While their arrival may come off as threatening to a country that is already struggling with security — what with the country being confronted with a Taliban insurgency — Afghan officials say the fighters are not taking part in combat. A tribal elder from Helmand, Haji Abdul Azizi, hosted a family that were loyal to the Islamic State. "They were six men, seven women and two children," he said. "They were speaking Arabic and two of them also understood Pashto. They came in two [four-wheel drive] cars." He said women in the group were armed, and would take turns keeping a lookout on each other during the night. Azizi also said that their arrival had brought about a rigid version of Islam which was clashing with their local traditions. "They are against shrines," Azizi said. "They are removing flags from the shrines and preventing people from going there." The militants and their families settled in Ghazni, Zabul and Farah, Afghan officials said. Zabul's districts – especially Day Chupan and Khak- Afghan – are under the control of the Taliban, and according to the officials, about 150 families reside there. "They are al Qaeda, and some of them are armed," a top security official in Zabul, Ghullam Jilani Farahi, said.

Moreover, according to a tribal elder from Day Chupan, the militants and their families are protected and supported by local Taliban commanders. They live in houses that were uninhabited.

Police emergency service "921" for Karachi approved

The Nation, January 28, 2015

Over two dozen militants storm Levies check post in Qila Saifullah

The Express Tribune, January 28, 2015

ATC declares TTP's Fazlullah, Shahid POs in airport attack case

Pakistan Today, January 27, 2015

Repatriation: Bara IDPs may go home in February

The Express Tribune, January 27, 2015

Teachers get gun training after Peshawar massacre

The Express Tribune, January 27, 2015

"These people have come in large numbers with their children and wives," the tribal elder said. "Since these areas are fully under Taliban control, they enjoy complete freedom and walk around freely," he added.

KARACHI - Sindh Chief Minister (CM) Syed Qaim Ali Shah has approved the proposal for establishing police emergency service "921" in the metropolis. In this regard the Chief Minister has put the Muhafiz Force, Madadgar 15, Madadgar 15 Call Centers, Central Command and Control Centre, complete premises of Hassan Square Police Headquarters and Chowkundi Police Headquarters on the disposal of AIG Security for this purpose. The decision was taken in a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister. The meeting was attended by Minister for Finance Syed Murad Ali Shah, PPP leader Sherry Rehman, Principal Secretary to CM Alamuddin Bullo, Home Secretary Abdul Rahim Soomro, IG Sindh Ghulam Hyder Jamali, Additional IG Karachi Ghulam Qadir Thebo, Secretary Finance Sohail Rajput, AIG Security and Commandant SBB Elite Police Training Centre Razakabad Maqsood Ahmed, SP Muzaffar Iqbal of SSU and others.

The AIG Security briefed the meeting about the present status of different wings of police working for emergency help and complaints of the citizens. He suggested that the building of Chowkundi Police Headquarters located at National Highway may also be given to AIG Security, to establish "921" police emergency services. It would serve as a one window service centre for quick response, by police such as ambulance service, fire tender service, electricity and SSG complaints and civic problems. "This mode of services will be public welfare oriented," he added.

QUETTA: A group of 25-30 militants stormed a check post of the Balochistan Levies in Qila Saifullah on Wednesday and fled with rifles and motorcycles, a senior official of the Balochistan Levies told The Express Tribune. "Five personnel inside the check post were encircled by the militants, and the incident took place at about 2:30am," the senior official said. The militants seized five official rifles, three motorbikes, five bulletproof jackets and a walkie-talkie. "The militants have fled towards the mountainous areas of Murghagebzai in Zhob district, which shares a border with Waziristan, Afghanistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa," the official said. More Levies personnel and security personnel reached the area after the attack. The Balochistan Levies have mounted a massive hunt in the area to trace the militants, a senior official of Qila Saifullah told The Express Tribune. According to official sources, security forces have launched a search operation in the northern areas of Balochistan against the militants following the brutal attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar. However, in the past one month, militants have also showed their influence in Zhob and Qila Saifullah after kidnapping nine people by forcing them off a passenger coach and private car.

KARACHI: An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) on Monday declared banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's (TTP) Chief Mullah Fazalullah, Spokesperson Shahidullah Shahid, and six others, as the main offenders behind the Karachi Airport attack. Police produced three accused Asif Zaheer, Sarmad Siddiqui and Nadeem (alias Burger) before the ATC judge under tight security. During the investigation, the court declared Fazalullah and Shahid as the main culprits. At least 28 people, including personnel from the Airport Security Force (ASF) and 10 foreign militants were killed during the attack on Karachi airport on June 8, 2014. The TTP and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (UMI) had claimed the responsibility for the attack. The main case 87/14 was registered under Sections 302 (premeditated murder), 324 (attempted murder), 353 (criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees), 435 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to cause damage, etc), 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house, etc), 109 (abetment) and 34 (common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code and 4/5 of the Explosive Substances Act, read with Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 at the Airport police station.

PESHAWAR: Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmed Khan Abbasi announced on Monday that the repatriation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) of Bara tehsil would begin sometime in the middle of February following the successful conclusion of the Khyber-I military operation. "Most areas of Khyber Agency have been cleared and peace has been restored," he told reporters in the Spin Qabar area of Bara. K-P governor Mehtab Ahmad Khan Abbasi added he has instructed the relevant administration to review the rehabilitation work. He said he has released Rs850 million for rehabilitation of IDPs in Khyber Agency.

PESHAWAR: Teachers in Pakistan are being given firearms training and will be allowed to take guns into the classroom in a bid to strengthen security following a Taliban massacre at a school last month. Heavily armed militants killed 150 people, 132 of them children, in a bloody December 16 attack on an army-run school in Peshawar.

"Carrying firearms for every teacher is not obligatory, but all those who want to carry firearms to schools willingly will be provided with permits," Atif Khan, provincial education minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, told AFP on Tuesday. Provincial Information Minister Mushtaq Ghani confirmed the decision, adding that the province was unable to provide police guards for all of its government-run education institutions. "The number of police in the province is not enough to guard 35,000 schools, colleges and universities — that's why we have allowed teachers to carry firearms," Ghani told AFP. Authorities began training teachers in how to use guns last week and the latest batch of female trainees started learning the ropes on Tuesday. "It's a two-day course. We are training them on gun handling and also on (the) procedure of using it," said Mohammad Latif, a trainer at police headquarters in Peshawar.

Security has already been strengthened for schools across the country, including by building elevated boundary walls with steel wire fencing and increasing the number of police. Private schools have been ordered to deploy extra security guards. Malik Khalid Khan, the president of the Private Schools Teachers Association, opposed the move to arm teachers. "How is it possible to teach students in a class... holding a gun in one hand and a pen in another?" Khan told AFP. "It's not our job, our job is to teach them books. A teacher holding a gun in the class will have very

Lahore: Police order to withdraw security provided to clerics

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China pledges anti-terror support to Pakistan

The Nation, January 26, 2015

National Action Plan: Nearly 9,000 'terrorists', 1,710 clerics arrested

The Express Tribune, January 26, 2015

negative affect on his students," Khan said, adding that the government should hire more police if they are short of numbers. The government and military promised a tough response to the Peshawar massacre, in which heavily armed militants scaled the school walls before going room-to-room mowing down helpless students and staff. A six-year moratorium on the death penalty was ended for terror cases after the attack, and parliament voted to set up military courts to try terror offences.

LAHORE (Dunya News) – Police officials ordered to withdraw the security provided to the religious clerics whereas the security officers have also been notified to recall the protection while the relevant officers were advised to submit a report. According to the police, ulema were asked to manage their own security from now onwards as the protection, the police have been providing them, would be pulled. Ulema have expressed grave reservations and have asked the Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif to take notice on this new predicament saying it the responsibility of the state to provide protection to them. The state should instead ensure their safety, they added.

BEIJING: Army Chief General Raheel Sharif on Sunday met Chinese military's top brass here with the two sides agreeing to enhance long-term bilateral defence collaboration, intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism cooperation. Gen Sharif's visit comes as US President Barack Obama warms up to India with an unprecedented second visit. The army chief, who is here on a two-day visit, reviewed a guard of honour along with his Chinese counterpart Gen Qi Jianguo, at the People's Liberation Army Headquarters and then held talks with him.

"The COAS held extensive meeting with his counterpart. Full range of regional security, defence-related issues discussed," military spokesperson Maj-Gen Asim Bajwa tweeted. "Enhanced long-term defence collaboration, security and counter-terrorism cooperation, intelligence sharing, training exchanges decided," he said. Earlier, Gen Sharif also called on General Fan Changlong, vice chairman of China's Central Military Commission, and briefed him about the crackdown against terrorists in Pakistan. Gen Fan conveyed China's support to Pakistan in its offensive against the militants. They discussed operations against militants in the border areas. "China will, as always, give firm support to Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism," Fan said. Thanking China for its support, General Raheel Sharif said his country is willing to cooperate with China to eradicate all kinds of terrorism and maintain peace, stability and prosperity.

Gen Fan praised Pakistan's military offensive codenamed Zarb-i-Azb, terming it a "decisive, indiscriminate, bold and hard blow for terrorists," Bajwa said. The two countries have stepped up security to prevent infiltration of Uygur militants from China's volatile Xinjiang region. Pakistani military has targeted militant bases in the tribal areas which also included militants from East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), the group which has carried out a number of violent attacks in China's restive Xinjiang region. The army chief arrived here on Saturday to meet China's political and military leadership and discuss issues pertaining to security and defence cooperation. "China will, as always, give firm support to Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism," Gen Fan was quoted as saying by China's state-run Xinhua news agency. During the unprecedented meeting held in a warmth and cordial atmosphere, Gen Fan termed Pakistan-China as solid strategic partners, most important neighbours and iron brothers.

Gen Fan praised national consensus to combat terrorism, Pakistan's resolve, efforts and sacrifices in fighting the menace of terrorism. He also assured China's full support to Pakistan in its fight against terrorism. The COAS said that with nation's support, Pakistan armed forces are fully determined and will go to any extent to eliminate terrorism from our soil.

ISLAMABAD: Security officials have rounded up at least 9,000 suspected terrorists and 1,710 clerics as part of a massive crackdown launched in the wake of the execution of the National Action Plan (NAP). The crackdown – mounted after a new anti-terror strategy was drawn up to eradicate militancy from the country – has also targeted people promoting hate speech. Up to 3,100 prayer leaders of various seminaries/mosques in Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and Islamabad have been picked up so far. Over 3,650 Afghan refugees suspected of involvement in terror-related activities, were also arrested by the police, Rangers and Frontier Constabulary (FC) across the country, according to the latest figures obtained by The Express Tribune. Another 490 and 400 suspected militants have been picked up in Sindh and Balochistan, respectively. Law enforcement agencies, in coordination with intelligence operators, have conducted around 9,912 search operations in Punjab and K-P, according to the figures shared by senior officials of provincial home departments and the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta). Some 5,510 terror suspects of an estimated 9,000 have been put on a new watch list under the 4th schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997. Officials say K-P is at the forefront of the battle having arrested some 6,702 suspected militants – a majority of them had soft corners for banned organisations.

The K-P police and the FC jointly arrested 2,700 Afghan refugees in a fresh crackdown in several cities. Around 217 prayer leaders were also booked for violating loudspeakers' laws. The Punjab police nabbed 1,087 suspected militants in more than 5, 501 search operations while 950 suspected Afghan refugees were also held under the Foreign Act to root out terrorism from the province. Punjab arrested 1,471 clerics for violating the ban on loudspeakers. While Gujranwala police with cooperation of Punjab Rangers arrested over 370 Afghan refugees in this campaign. At the same time, Islamabad police arrested 150 suspected militants and the Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) government has named 37 militants to the new terror watch list. More than 70 prayer leaders were arrested for violating loudspeakers' laws in the federal capital while 127 were booked for hate speech in Islamabad.

Cases of 'jet-black terrorists'

The provinces have identified some 267 cases of 'jet-black terrorists', revealed a senior official monitoring progress over the NAP.

Missing deadlines

Senior Pakistani, Afghan commanders start border security talks

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Meanwhile, the government has missed the deadline of resuming trials of jet black terrorists in military courts by January 21 as prime minister's special assistants Zafarullah Khan and Khawaja Zaheer were tasked on December 26 last year.

ISLAMABAD: Senior Pakistani and Afghan commanders have opened talks on security issues, focusing on border management amid growing anti-terror cooperation, the military said today. Commander Afghan Border Police, Lieutenant General, Shafiq Fazli, is leading a 10-member delegation in talks with Pakistani counterparts. General Fazli, along with his deputy Maj. Gen. Sher Ali Shahryar and another eight border police officials, arrived in Pakistan for a five-day official visit on Sunday. "Issues related to border security will be discussed, during ABP delegation visit to Pakistan," a Pakistan army statement said. The Afghan security officials are scheduled to visit some Pakistani military areas. Afghan security officials arrived in Islamabad, just days after the visits of two top Pakistani military commanders to Afghanistan, who had discussed cooperation between the security forces to effectively manage the border. Pakistan and Afghanistan have nearly 2,500 kilometers porous border and militants routinely take advantage of the difficult terrain to cross the border, whenever security forces launch operation against them on its side of the border. Both countries have now decided to coordinate, if they start security operation on their side of the border to frustrate attempt of the militants to enter the other side.

Pakistani army is presently battling the Taliban and other militant groups in North Waziristan tribal region and Afghan forces are fighting Taliban in Dangam district in eastern Kunar province, bordering Pakistan. Afghanistan Ambassador to Pakistan, Janan Mosazai, said on Saturday that Afghan forces have killed nearly 200 militants in Kunar. Pakistani officials said that Pakistani Taliban fighters have taken shelter in Kunar and other Afghan border areas and launch attacks from there. Afghan authorities also complain that Afghan Taliban also cross into Pakistan whenever they start action against them. In a sign of growing military-to-military cooperation, the two uneasy neighbors have now decided to open two coordination centers along the border to share intelligence and closely monitor the illegal cross-border movement of the Taliban and other militants.

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PESHAWAR: The parents, who have lost one of their sons in the Army Public School (APS) carnage have lauded Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif for approving Rs 30.604 million for the treatment abroad of their critically injured son, Ahmed Nawaz, who is still under treatment in Lady Reading Hospital. Talking to APP, Muhammad Nawaz whose son Haris Nawaz was martyred and another Ahmed Nawaz was critically injured in APS massacre, appreciated the approval of the amount by the Prime Minister for his son's treatment abroad treatment. The aggrieved parents expressed the hope that cogent and practical arrangements would be made for quick shifting of their son to England for extensive treatment.

Dr Naeem, senior Registrar and Orthopedic Surgeon in LRH, told APP that the patient was suffering from severe neuro-organic pain due to bone injuries in upper left arm besides other complications. Dispelling the impression of arms amputation, the doctor said there was gradual movement in his left arm, adding since there were state of art facilities in the foreign hospitals therefore, Ahmed Nawaz would get quality treatment and as such would improve quickly. Dr Naeem said doctors of different departments were extensively providing care and treatment to the victim since the attack and his condition was much better than before. He said extended treatment would be required for complete treatment of the injured student. He said the amount approved by the Prime Minister would greatly help in treatment abroad. Ahmed Nawaz, 15, told APP that he would resume studies with his colleagues at APS as soon as he recovers. "Medical profession has always inspired me and I was thinking to become a doctor. But now after the gruesome attack on my colleagues and teachers, I have re-set my priorities and would try to join the military service to defend my country against external and internal threats," he pledged. He said his younger brother Haris Nawaz was eager to join civil services of Pakistan to protect the country's interest on diplomatic front but he laid down life. He said terrorists wanted to snatch pen and books by attacking the students but they failed in their nefarious designs after the opening of APS and return of students to govt and private schools. Ahmed Nawaz said he was proud of the courage of APS students and reopening of schools in KP. He said he was pleased that students of APS have restarted their studies. He said the assault on school has further strengthened students' commitment and passion to acquire knowledge and fulfill the dreams of their parents. – APP

KARACHI: Bodies of five newborn babies were recovered from a garbage heap within the remit of the Abdul Sattar Bachani petrol pump in the Tando Allah Yar area of Hyderabad on Saturday. Following discovery of the bodies, local residents in the area informed police and Civil Hospital Hyderabad officials. Police reached the site and took the bodies into custody, which were later shifted to Civil Hospital. In the aftermath of the discovery, panic spread in the area and residents demanded the arrest of those involved in this heinous offence.

According to Pakistani law, anyone found to have abandoned an infant can be jailed for seven years, while anyone guilty of secretly burying a child can be imprisoned for two years. Murder is punishable with life imprisonment. But crimes of infanticide are rarely prosecuted. Edhi says that up to 200 babies are left in its 400 cradles nationwide each year and that it handles thousands of requests for adoption by childless couples.

PESHAWAR: Reacting to the frequent search operations by police and prolonged power outages, residents of various localities of the provincial metropolis blocked different roads for several hours on Saturday and shouted slogans against the police and Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO). The protesters had also thrown heavy stones at different places on the Ring Road and Bara Road, which resulted in suspension of traffic for several hours since early morning. It was observed that vehicles were stopped at Achini Bala and Peshtakhara Chowk, which also created hurdle to the flow of the Afghanistan-bound traffic. The demonstrators said that on the pretext of search and strike operations the Peshawar police had been frequently harassing them and their families besides taking away valuable items. They alleged that people were picked up, declared suspects and then released after payment of bribes or on the intervention of local elders. They said that male police personnel were found searching women in the houses, which forced the people to come out on the roads.

The protesters said that during past few days the police conducted search operations for many times and tortured the people for no faults of theirs. "The police have also taken away cash and jewellery during the operations," they alleged and urged Chief Minister Pervez Khattak to order investigation into the matter. In the meantime, MPA Haji Fazl Illahi also arrived to talk to the protesters and said that residents of various localities on the outskirts of Peshawar had been facing prolonged power suspensions, making lives of consumers miserable. He said that the federal government was discriminating against power consumers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa though they had been paying bills regularly. The protesters ended their protest on the assurance of the MPA that action would be taken against the police personnel concerned and grievances of the people would be removed.

Meanwhile, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police in the ongoing search and strike operation in the province rounded up 565 suspects and recovered arms and ammunition on Friday and Saturday. A police spokesman said that during the operation 611 houses and 222 hotels were checked and 13 cases had been registered against the violators.

ISLAMABAD: The civic body of Islamabad seems least bothered to contain the flow of sewage into the natural streams. While the sewage treatment plant in the city is functioning at 20 per

streams

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cent capacity, the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has not been able to ensure that large institutions, private housing schemes and even the apartment blocks set up their own sewage treatment plants. "We have a sewerage system starting from six inch pipelines at the household level which continues to increase at various levels. The largest drain network is the trunk main with more than four feet in diameter," said Shahid Sohail, the member engineering. "But these trunks have been damaged at different points and cannot be repaired because they moved along two dozen natural streams. Besides, slums have been established on the banks of these streams."

He said the dwellers of these katchi abadis not only have damaged some of the trunk mains during their own construction works but were also directly disposing their household waste into the streams. An official of the enforcement department said, "Everything is possible, including clearing the land around the streams, but it needs the use of force which eventually becomes a political issue." Unlike many other cities of the country, Islamabad has a planned sewerage system and the network of four 'main trunk' pipelines culminates at the sewage treatment plant in Sector I-9/4.

Civic body fails to prevent slum dwellers from disposing of household waste in nullahs

The treatment plant has the capacity of treating 17 million gallons of sewage, as per the National Environment Quality Standards (NEQS) and the treated water would be flown into Nullah Leh. But due to the damaged sewerage system, only three to four million gallon sewage reached the plant. The rest ends up into the streams. Not only the katchi abadis are throwing their untreated waste into the streams but also the residents of most of the houses along the waterways have installed direct pipeline connections into the nearby nullahs. Though illegal, the concerned department seems helpless to take action against the dwellers.

"We have taken notice of the situation and people are fined. Their connections are blocked but still they continue making direct connections into the streams," said member environment Mustafain Kazmi. "But the main issue is that whenever water from the overflowing streams entered their houses in rainy seasons, these people start complaining that the CDA is not doing anything." It may be noted that apart from the mainland Islamabad, a large area, including E-11, G-13, G-14, housing societies in Zone IV and V such as Alipur, Tarlai etc., do not have a sewerage system. All the private housing societies in these areas were supposed to have sewerage treatment plants but with the passage of time the land allocated for this purpose was sold off. "This is the responsibility of the planning department and the building control department," the official in the enforcement department said. "We will act only after the files is forwarded to us."

Fuel prices cut, but sales tax increased

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ISLAMABAD: The government announced another reduction in fuel prices on Saturday, but put a damper on the good news by imposing a further five per cent sales tax. The levy means that the consumer will only partially enjoy the benefits of falling crude oil prices in the international market. The new fuel prices, which go into effect on Sunday (Feb 1), will bring the price of petrol down to Rs 70.29 per litre, high speed diesel to Rs 80.61, kerosene to Rs 61.44, light diesel oil to Rs 57.94 and HOBCL to Rs 80.31 per litre. With the imposition of an additional 5pc GST, the total amount of sales tax on all petroleum products comes to 27pc. The cut in oil prices is expected to help the government earn an additional Rs 12 billion in revenue in February alone. In January, the government was able to collect Rs 16bn after imposing 5pc GST on petroleum products, above the normal GST rate of 17pc. But in an attempt to score political points, the announcement about reduction in fuel prices came from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, instead of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA). The PM's midday announcement was 12 hours ahead of schedule. The OGRA notification of the price cut is routinely issued at midnight, when it is supposed to go into effect. Announcing the price cut in the middle of the day can cause problems for gas station owners because people usually stop buying petrol on the last day before price cuts are due.

After the PM's announcement, a confident Finance Minister Ishaq Dar convened a press briefing on Saturday to justify the imposition of additional sales tax and announced details of the cut in petroleum prices. Justifying the additional GST levy, Mr. Dar said that several countries, including India, took such measures to arrest the impact of declining oil prices on revenue collection. A Finance Ministry official told Daily Dawn that the government was facing a revenue shortfall because of unexpected revenue losses on crude oil, which normally yields Rs 30bn to Rs 35bn every year. As per the production agreement between the government and exploration companies, revenues on crude oil priced higher than \$60 on the international market are shared between the government and the companies on a 50-50 basis. But when prices fall below the \$60 threshold, the government's share goes down to zero.

To cover this loss, the official added, the government had decided to increase the GST on petroleum products. Crude oil prices in the international market are currently at a six-year low of \$45 per barrel. The fuel price cuts come as Pakistan's economic team, led by Finance Secretary Dr Waqar Masood Khan, is in talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Dubai. Islamabad is briefing the IMF team on its performance in terms of economic indicators as part of efforts to secure the seventh tranche worth \$550 million. Hike in levy criticised: Leader of Opposition in the National Assembly Syed Khurshid Shah criticised the decision to increase GST and said that on one hand the government was unable to provide electricity, gas and petrol to the masses, on the other it was going around burdening people with more taxes.

He vowed to raise the issue in the upcoming session of the National Assembly scheduled to begin from Monday. Zulqernain Tahir adds from Lahore: Talking to journalists after a ceremony at the Elite Police Training School in Bedian on Saturday, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said that other countries did not transfer the benefits of reduction in petroleum prices in the international market to their people, but Pakistan did. He said that farmers and industrialists would benefit and the prices of food items and daily-use commodities would also come down.

CM sees energy relief through LNG import

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Rangers hand over three arrested for water theft to police, SHC told

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Gas supply to southern districts restored after 72 hours

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Polio vaccination refusals cause officials to revise strategy

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governments will have to ensure the reduction of commodity prices and transport fares, in accordance with the cut in petroleum prices," he said. In reply to a question about the recent fuel crisis, Mr Sharif said the government would act against all those responsible. "There were issues related to the Pakistan State Oil and certain vested interests were behind the crisis. We initially took action against some officials and further investigations are under way," he said, adding that media reporting on the issue also created a panic among people, but the situation was controlled in two to three days.

"The government will have to bear a loss of Rs 68bn, but it has passed on relief to people. The government will retain Rs 2.76 on petrol, Rs 3.16 on HOB, Rs 2.42 on kerosene, Rs 3.18 on high speed diesel and Rs 2.28 on light diesel oil," he said.

LAHORE - Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said the government has been struggling to get over energy crisis. "The Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif-led government has been taking steps to meet energy needs as the crisis has seriously affected education, health, agriculture and other social sectors," the CM said while addressing a review meeting Friday. The chief minister was briefed about ongoing energy projects during the meeting. He directed authorities concerned to finish the task of setting up LNG Park that would generate 1,000MW electricity. "LNG is being imported to overcome energy crisis," he said. CM Shahbaz told another meeting that reforms are being introduced in education, health, law and order and other sectors to provide maximum facilities to the masses. According to a handout, he said the Punjab government is introducing the system of reward and punishment.

He said education and health sectors as are directly linked with the masses and there is a need of achieving the targets set in these sectors for betterment. He said that his squad will come up with the public expectations. Meanwhile, Shahbaz Sharif expressed deep sense of sorrow and grief over the death of the widow of former chief minister Balochistan Nawab Akbar Bugti. In a condolence message, the chief minister prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss with fortitude.

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers' officer informed the Sindh High Court on Friday that the three citizens, who were alleged to have been unlawfully detained by the paramilitary troops, were handed over to the police for their involvement in a water theft case. A division bench, headed by Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, was hearing two identical petitions against illegal detention of the citizens by the law enforcers. A day before, the petitioner, Sofia Saeed Shaikh moved the court, submitting that his brother Sikandar Saeed looked after his sister's licenced hydrant in Landhi area. On January 28, the Karachi Water Sewerage Board (KWSB)'s officials accompanied by the Rangers' personnel illegally demolished the hydrant and took away her brother, she added. Another petitioner, Nadir Khan, who owned a hydrant in Manserah Colony, Malir submitted that KWSB officials along with Rangers personnel dismantled his hydrant on January 28 and whisked away his two employees, Niaz Ali Shah and Asad Zaib. Since then there was no clue on their whereabouts, he added. - PPI

KARAK: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited on Friday restored gas supply to the southern districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and parts of Punjab after 72 hours of suspension.

The development came after the severing of illegal gas connections in different localities of Karak. Raza Khan Khattak, local spokesman for SNGPL, told reporters that his organisation had restored gas supply to all parts of the district and other parts of the country besides repairing gas lines. "Gas supply has been restored to Takht-i-Nusrati tehsil, some parts of Karak tehsil, district Bannu, Lakki Marwat, Tank, DI Khan and some parts of Punjab after 72 hours of suspension," he said, adding that the local people didn't interfere with the work. The SNGPL spokesman said the people of Kanda Karak, Kanda Bajikhel and other areas had secured illegal gas connections from the main gas line at six different points. "They're very dangerous connections as the leakage of gas from there could cause massive damage to public life and property," he said. Khattak urged the people not to secure gas from illegal connections saying such an act could prove deadly. He also said the media should create public awareness for the purpose.

KARACHI: A number of households in North Nazimabad are reported to have refused polio teams from inoculating their children against the crippling disease, causing officials to revisit their strategy to get better results in future, it emerged on Friday. "Refusals coming from the people living in poor neighbourhoods have been highly publicised, but our teams are facing similar — and even more scornful — attitude by the people living in comparatively rich localities," said a senior health official. Many families claimed they had got their children immunised against polio and other diseases from private hospitals or their own family physicians, he said. "This attitude frustrates our volunteers a great deal who endure all sorts of dangers to their lives to save the children from this lifelong disability," the official added. His observation was substantiated by a senior official in the city administration who said he was trying to overcome all those obstacles by taking a few steps. "We receive complaints that some parents refused vaccinating their children by saying that they had got them vaccinated from some private health facilities," said Dr Saifur Rehman, deputy commissioner of district central. He said his subordinates had also been informed that some doctors had been asking parents to get their children vaccinated from their clinics only "which is not acceptable".

Najma Manzoor, who works as a polio volunteer along with her young sister in North Nazimabad, said she had been the victim of sneering attitude by the owners of various bungalows in her vicinity in North Nazimabad. "Their attitudes have always been very despicable towards us, yet we kept visiting them upon the instructions of our senior officers only to see it again and again," she said. Officials said the number of refusals in posh neighbourhoods had been in thousands until some time back, but it was decreasing because of rigorous counselling through media and door-to-door campaigning with the help of community and influential personalities and groups in their respective areas. "Their number is decreasing now but such families are still in hundreds,"

Policeman shot guarding polio team dies

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Gas supply restored to southern districts, parts of Punjab

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First polio case of year detected

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Three new polio cases reported

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877,568 IMEI's blocked to curb mobile phones theft in eight years

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he added. Dr Rehman said his office had sent letters to various private hospitals, medical associations and individuals asking them to direct doctors and paramedics for educating their clients for the booster dose during the door-to-door polio campaigns, to make the immunisation activity effective. Officials said major hurdles in eradication of poliovirus were refusals or 'silent refusals' to vaccination. The deputy commissioner said his team had adopted a strategy that resulted in successfully vaccinating children belonging to the families who had earlier refused. Officials cited two 'refusal streets' in North Nazimabad's Mustafabad, where 29 children belonging to such families had been vaccinated. "We have vaccinated children in Madina Colony and Shafiq Colony, UC-8 Gulberg and covered 37 strong chronic refusals," Dr Rehman said. Karachi central had a three-pronged strategy to immunise children belonging to such families, he said. He explained that family counselling by vaccinators helped in covering 10pc cent refusal cases, with support of influential people in the community 60pc more refusal cases were covered, administrative and police authority helped in achieving the remaining 10pc coverage.

Karachi: A policeman shot on January 19 while protecting polio vaccinators in Peerabad died at the Aga Khan University Hospital on Friday. ASI Tabassum Ali Abro, 34, was on duty in Orangi Town, Sector 4 for the security of a polio team when attackers on a motorcycle shot him in the head. He was first taken to the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and then shifted to the Aga Khan Hospital, where he remained admitted in intensive care for two weeks. However, the injured policeman breathed his last at the hospital on Friday evening, Karachi police spokesman Atiq Shaikh said. With the death of Ali, the number of policemen slain in Karachi since the start of the year has risen to 19.

'Criminal' killed A suspected street criminal was gunned down by the police near Indus Plaza on Friday. Sohrab Goth police said two men were snatching cellphones and cash from citizens when a patrolling police team intercepted them. The suspects opened fire at the law enforcers but one of them was killed when the police retaliated. His accomplice fled. A pistol and snatched cellphones were found on the dead man, who could not be identified.

KARAK: Supply of natural gas was restored to southern districts and some parts of Punjab province by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) after disconnection of illegal gas connections in the district on Friday. A spokesman for SNGPL for southern districts, Raza Khan Khattak, confirmed that gas supply had been restored to various areas of the district and Punjab on completion of repair after 72 hours. He said residents of Kanda Karak, Kanda Bajikhel and other areas had taken illegal gas connections from the main transmission line at six different points. The company spokesman appealed to the people to abstain from taking illegal gas connections from the main transmission line.

LARKANA: The first polio case of 2015 in Sindh was detected on Friday in Dhani Bakhsh Mughiri village in Qambar taluka. Sources in the health department in Qambar-Shahdadt said that 18-month-old Sonia, daughter of Ayaz Mughiri, was infected with the poliovirus, which affected her left arm. The family lived in Ranwiti union council. The sources said that the date of the onset of case was January 4, 2015 and excreta samples of the girl were taken on January 7 and sent to the National Institute of Health for tests. It was confirmed on Friday, in-charge of the district health officer of Qambar-Shahdadt Dr. Mehboob Shah said.

The victim was administered 10 routine doses of immunisation and the last dose to her was given on December 23 in 2014. A team of officials, including the additional deputy commissioner of Qambar-Shahdadt, visited the village to meet the victim's family. Officials in the expanded programme on immunisation Sindh confirmed polio infection in the girl.

ISLAMABAD: The Polio Virology Laboratory at the National Institute of Health (NIH) has reported three new polio victims, taking the number of cases detected so far this year (2015) to six. The first cases of the new year were reported from Tank and Lakki Marwat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). But an official of the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) told Daily Dawn, on condition of anonymity that the new cases had been reported from Nowshera, South Waziristan and Qambar-Shahdadt in Sindh. "In all three cases, the patients are infected with the P1 virus, which can be transmitted directly from child to child," he said. In 2014, Pakistan reported as many as 305 polio cases, breaking its own 16-year-old record. The official said that due to the increasing number of cases, the health departments had to face embarrassment at both national and international forums. "We have failed miserably in eradicating the polio virus from our country. Even though we try to blame the security situation in the country for this, it is a fact that the Pakistani strain of the poliovirus was exported to Syria in 2013," he said.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has blocked 877,568 International Mobile Station Equipment Identity (IMEI) during last eight years to curb mobile phones theft in the country. The IMEI blocking facility, introduced by PTA in 2006, is one of the major initiatives to assist Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) to curb incidents of stolen, lost and snatched mobile phones. As reported by handset owners, PTA not only blocks use of a reported handset on any cellular network in the country but also helps unblock the phone in case handset is recovered by the owner.

According to data issued by PTA here on Thursday, out of total 877,568 blocked IMEIs, 48,394 IMEIs were unblocked after successful recovery of the handsets. During year 2014, a total of 95,750 IMEIs were blocked after scrutiny of received complaints while 3,497 IMEIs were unblocked. Similarly, during 2006-07 under the system, the Authority blocked 96,258 IMEIs, in 2007-08 it blocked 1,57,826 IMEIs, 1,27,568 IMEIs in 2008-09, 1,30,298 in 2009-10, 1,11,545 IMEIs in 2010-11, 84,849 IMEIs in 2011-12 and during 2012-13 PTA blocked 73,474 IMEIs. With regard to unblocking of IMEIs, PTA unblocked 5,184 IMEIs during 2006-07, 11,059 IMEIs in 2007-08, 7675 IMEIs in 2008-09, 6807 IMEIs in 2009-10, 4,159 IMEIs in 2010-11, 3,567 IMEIs in 2011-12 and 3,334 IMEIs were unblocked during 2012-13. — APP

Nine of a family die after inhaling poisonous gas

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QUETTA: Three women and six children of a family died after inhaling poisonous gas emitted by an electricity generator in Killi Karbala area of Pishin district early on Thursday morning. A Levies official said the family had not switched off the petrol-run generator installed near a washroom in the house before going to bed, adding that there was no electricity at the time. "Nine members of the family — three women, four girls and two boys — died after carbon monoxide from the generator filled the room," he said. The incident took place in Ibrahimzai locality of Killi Karbala, near the Afghan border, mostly inhabited by Tareen, Kakar and Achakzai tribes. Most of the tribesmen run hotels and restaurants in Karachi.

Pishin Deputy Commissioner Bashir Ahmed Bazai said the head of the ill-fated family, Qari Abdul Zahir, also ran a hotel in Karachi. "Smoke and carbon accumulated in the room because of continuous running of the generator. The women and children were asleep in the same room because of severe cold," he said, adding that other members of the family opened the door after seeing thick smoke coming out of the room. Soon after receiving information about the tragic incident, Levies personnel and the deputy commissioner rushed to the area and shifted the bodies to the Pishin District Head-quarters Hospital. Doctors said the deaths were caused by inhaling carbon monoxide. The bodies were handed over to relatives after legal formalities. The dead were identified as Bibi Zahida, wife of Qari Abdul Zahir; Bibi Zainab, wife of Mohammad Ismail; Shakira, wife of Gul Badin; Zohaib Shah, 3; Zubair Shah, 6; Tanzila, 3; Laiba, 6; Fatima, 2; and Saqiba, 14.

Family sources told Daily Dawn that Zainab and Shakira were sisters and married into the same family. The boys and girls who died were their children. Their third sister lives in Quetta.

"Some of our relatives who live in Islamabad and Karachi reached Killi Karbala in the evening and were in great shock and grief," a relative of the family said. The deceased were laid to rest in a graveyard in Killi Karbala. A large number of people attended the funeral.

Case for threatening vaccinator

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OKARA: Hujra Shah Muqem police have registered a case against Rani Bibi, Muhammad Boota, Shakil Ahmad and Sajid Ali, of village Juhgian Mahrook, for threatening a vaccination team worker. Asif reported to police he was in the village to administer measles vaccines to the children when Rani Bibi stopped him from work. Soon, other people joined her and ordered him to leave.

BAIL: The district police officer (DPO) says the prosecution branch would move the district and sessions court against the bail granted to Amplifier Act violators by the special judicial magistrate. City Police A-Division had arrested Samar Jamil and Nabeedul Haq for violating the Sound System Regulation Ordinance of 2015. The special judicial magistrate, however, granted them bail. DPO Muhammad Faisal Rana said the police prosecution legal branch would move the court of sessions judge against the decision. He said the magistrate had granted them bail in a non-bailable offense.

30pc newborns die in DI Khan, Mianwali hospitals

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ISLAMABAD: Every third newborn baby in two remote districts of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa dies due to poor facilities at district hospitals, certified data collected by The News from 20 districts of the two provinces revealed. The data shows that the impoverished district of Dera Ismail Khan in KP witnesses around 100 monthly deaths while around 30 percent newborns die in the neighbouring Mianwali district. The district headquarters hospitals (DHQs) of Punjab and KP were requested by this correspondent to provide data of neonatal deaths from November 1, 2014 to November 24, 2014 under the respective Punjab Right to Information and Transparency Act 2013 and KP Right to Information Act.

Shockingly, the certified information provided by the executive district officer (Health), DI Khan, shows that 105 newborn babies died in less than four weeks at the district's tertiary care hospital out of total 322 births during the period. Similarly, EDO (Health) Mianwali revealed that during the specified time period, 36 newborns died out of total 126 births. The ratio of neonatal deaths remained 28.5% in Mianwali — slightly lesser than DI Khan's 32.6 percent.

The data shows that during the same period, a total of 139 newborn babies died in 11 districts of KP with overall ratio of 6.6 percent deaths. Similarly, in nine districts of Punjab, 50 neonatal deaths were reported in the specified four weeks out of 1,311 total births with the ratio of 3.81 percent. The DHQs of Bahawalpur, Kasur, Attock and Pakpattan reported zero neonatal deaths while Toba Tek Singh and Nankana Sahib reported five deaths of newborn babies each. In KP, Nowshera, Battagram and Lakki Marwat reported zero deaths while Haripur reported 12 deaths, Mardan seven, Hangu six and Mansehra reported four deaths. Medical Superintendent of DHQ Mianwali Malik Muhammad Khan told The News that the hospital is the only nursery in the district, so complicated cases from all tehsils are brought to the hospital.

He said on an average 30 plus neonatal deaths are witnessed in the hospital. "Lack of awareness and untrained birth attendants are the reasons for the high number of deaths." Talking to The News, in-charge of nursery Talking to The News, in-charge of nursery at DHQ DI Khan Dr Fazal said lack of facilities is resulting in poor neonatal care in the hospital as only 25 beds are available at the neonatal care ward for the entire district. He said usually two patients are given one bed in hospital. "We are trying to upgrade our facilities. Previously, we only had 12 beds for newborn babies but we have increased the number to 25 with the help of government and World Health Organisation (WHO)," he said. Dr Fazal said average monthly deaths are 60 to 100 out of 300 to 500 births.

Talking to The News, a senior gynaecologist of Rawalpindi said several factors are responsible for neonatal deaths. She said Intra-Uterine Growth Restriction (IUGR) or poor growth of a baby in the mother's womb during pregnancy is one of the major causes of neonatal deaths in Pakistan as mothers are not given proper care, especially in poor areas.

She said lack of equipment like Cardio Toco Graph Machines in some districts is also one of reasons for high death rate. "The government should ensure supply of latest equipment to all the districts of the country besides creating awareness about the maternal and child health in rural

National Polio Campaign misses children in the capital

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areas where people consult ill-trained birth attendants during pregnancy," she said.

ISLAMABAD: The new year's first National Polio Campaign aimed to vaccinate over 34 million children, unfortunately like every year, there were children in Islamabad's Zone-5, who could not be vaccinated as no polio team visited their homes. Here in the capital, the problem was neither inaccessibility nor lack of security but an old boundary dispute between Punjab and Islamabad. For the last many years, the areas of Zone V including Soan Garden, Police Foundation Pakistan Town, Alipur Farash, Media Town and different areas on Lehtarar Road are missed during polio campaigns. As it is unclear whose jurisdiction these areas fall in, neither federal nor Punjab authorities take responsibility for sending polio teams to these areas.

No polio team reached boundary areas in Islamabad's Zone-5 Zaman Malik, a resident of Media Town told Daily Dawn that whenever there is a polio campaign in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, neither city bothers to send a team. "This time too, we waited for the polio teams but they never arrived," he said. "Both the government and the United Nations agencies have been advertising the campaign and trying to raise awareness regarding the importance of the polio vaccination but children in the capital await vaccination," he said. "Although this area does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) but in the past the CDA Health Directorate sent teams to the area when ever directorate was informed. However, we don't want to request an authority every time because every child's right to be vaccinated," he said.

A resident of Police Foundation, Khurram Shehzad said that during polio campaigns residents call the helpline but their issues are never resolved. "Because of bureaucratic issues, our children are deprived of protection against this crippling disease," he said.

When this reporter contacted the Punjab government's helpline, an official said he could not confirm which areas are in the jurisdiction of Punjab. When told to convey the message to authorities that children in these areas are suffering because they are not receiving vaccination, he said he has no mechanism to do so.

Director Health Services CDA Dr. Hassan Orooj told Daily Dawn that almost 10 years ago, it was decided that North West Area of Islamabad including Golra, Tarnol, Mehra Badi and urban areas of the city would be covered by CDA and South East Area of the city (Zone V) would be covered by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration. "However, following this clarification, the problem still exists. Whenever CDA is informed, we send teams because I believe that every child should be vaccinated. However, it is the ICT Administration's responsibility to vaccinate children in that area," he said.

District Health Officer ICT Administration Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan told Daily Dawn that he was not aware that polio teams did not visit some areas as he was in Karachi during the polio campaign. "There was a territorial dispute with Punjab because and the boundary is unclear. In Zone V some streets of the same housing society are in Rawalpindi and others are in Islamabad," he said. "Last year, I had a meeting with Punjab authorities and resolved this matter of jurisdiction. However, if there is still a problem, I will send teams in the area and every child will be vaccinated," he said.

Polio refusal cases worry Lakki DC

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LAKKI MARWAT: Deputy commissioner Ihsanullah Khan has said that poor performance of the health department and other relevant organisations is responsible for the increasing number of polio refusal cases in the district. Chairing a meeting of district polio eradication committee at his office on Thursday, he underlined the need for launching concerted efforts to wipe out the crippling disease from the district and asked the health authorities to focus on refusal cases in the upcoming campaign.

Assistant commissioner Sher Alam Khan, DHO Dr. Nek Nawaz, education officials Abdul Rehman Rashid and Hamidullah Khan, district khateeb Maulana Abdul Wahab, and representatives of WHO and Unicef were also present on the occasion. "All is well on the papers and documents, but there are no signs of any fruitful activity on the ground to cover the refusal cases," the DC said. He said that the health officials and representatives of health organisations were repeatedly directed to chalk out a plan in coordination with the district administration for ensuring coverage of refusal cases in the district, but to no avail.

He warned that the government officials, especially health staffers, with poor performance during anti-polio campaigns would be sent to jail. The deputy commissioner said that poor and unsatisfactory performance of health department had put the district administration in embarrassing situation. He said that the government employees reluctant to immunise their children against polio would be arrested. EPI coordinator Dr Hafeezullah said that the district health department had constituted 491 teams to vaccinate 161,754 children under age five.

RAISING DAM: Raising of Baran dam will enhance its water storage capacity, which would benefit the farmers in both Lakki and Bannu districts. Irrigation officials said this during a briefing to MPA Noor Saleem Khan in Bannu on Thursday. They said that the project had been included in the provincial Annual Developmental Programme. The MPA said that the projects of raising of dam and rehabilitation of Marwat canal were important for prosperity of the residents of Lakki Marwat. He thanked Chief Minister Pervez Khattak for approving the dam raising project.

PIMA asks doctors in Karachi to keep their clinics closed on Feb 2

The Statesman, January 29, 2015

KARACHI: Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA), Karachi here Wednesday requested all the local doctors to voluntarily keep their clinics and OPDs closed on February 2 as a mark to register protest against killings of their fellow doctors and non-stop threats for extortion. The decision of no work at any of the OPDs and clinics in the metropolis was said to be part of the unanimous decision made by different professional bodies of doctors to observe February 2 as "Black Day". PIMA officials in a statement said they had never supported any kind of strike for any reason but after knocking every door, approaching offices of the highest government authorities and putting every effort to ensure the safety of "Doctors" they were left with no option but to resort to strike.

PSO resumes fuel oil imports of 830,000 tonnes Customs

Pakistan Today, January 29, 2015

Water supply from Khanpur Dam to Pindi, Islamabad reduced

Daily Dawn, January 29, 2015

Protest against gas shortage: SNGPL team meets MPAs

Daily Dawn, January 29, 2015

Annual abortion rate in Pakistan doubled in 10 years

Daily Dawn, January 29, 2015

'Cervical is second most common cancer in women in Pakistan'

Daily Dawn, January 29, 2015

"We had never been for such unpleasant move under which patients may not be attended, however, since no concrete steps were ever taken for making our safety and security, doctors had to go for this option," said the PIMA office bearers. They regretted that even no formal sympathy was expressed by any minister or government official towards the medical community's plight.

It was cited to be height of indifference that no government authority ever visited the deceased families nor were any compensation announced against the ruthless murder of one of the most educated segment of the society. "We continue to lift bodies of our friends with constant fear to be the next target," they said. Urging the doctors to express their solidarity with their own community, PIMA officials said as per joint decision of PIMA, PMA, Association of the Owners of Private Clinics and other "Emergency Cover" would continue to be provided to the patients. Meanwhile, on the agreed February 2, doctors will gather at PMA House at four o'clock, afternoon, to offer fateha for the departed colleagues. It was reminded that failure on part of government in acceptance of the demands will further compel doctors to carry this movement forwards in form of sit-ins (dharna), hunger strikes and more protests. – APP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil (PSO) has resumed imports of fuel oil for delivery over the first and second quarters after skipping them in January.

The state-owned company is seeking a total of 830,000 tonnes, or a monthly average of 277,000 tonnes. PSO had previously deferred some cargoes from December to January, and imported only low-sulphur grades for February and March.

Pakistan State Oil is seeking ten 65,000-tonne cargoes of high sulphur fuel oil for delivery over March to May and three 60,000-tonne cargoes for April to May delivery. The tender will close on February 25.

RAWALPINDI: Water supply from Khanpur Dam to Rawalpindi and Islamabad has been reduced following commencement of desilting work on Wednesday. The irrigation department will carry out desilting of the 11 kilometre canal that starts from the dam and goes up to the Sangjani filtration plant till February 4. As a result, supply for Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has been reduced from nine million gallons per day (MGD) to 6MGD, for Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) from 6MGD to 4MGD and for Capital Development Authority (CDA) from 9MGD to 6MGD.

SARGODHA: A team of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) on Wednesday met the parliamentarians who led the protest against inadequate gas supply to industry. SNGPL Deputy General Manager Amjad Latif, Senior General Manager Distribution Syed Zahid Husain and technical staff reached here on the direction of the chief minister and discussed the issue of gas shortage with the MPAs and other stakeholders. It was discussed that the SNGPL had reduced the pressure of gas for Sargodha from 60mmcf to 26mmcf on the recommendation of former regional manager Muhammad Ashraf who was transferred from here on the allegation of corruption. The parliamentarians demanded restoration of the approved quota of gas for Sargodha and said it's the duty of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited employees to trace and combat theft and there's no justification to reduce the pressure to penalise the citizens.

Earlier, the DCO briefed the committee on the impact of gas shortage which led the MPAs to protest. The representatives of various trades and citizens demanded action against the former general manager who instead of curtailing corruption in the department and theft suggested to decrease the pressure of gas. The team assured the parliamentarians and traders that all possible steps would be taken to redress the grievance of people. PML-N district president Shahnawaz Ranjha, while justifying his participation in the protest, said the problems were not solved until people took to the street.

ISLAMABAD: A recent study revealed that an estimated 2.25 million abortions were conducted in Pakistan in 2012. Almost all these abortions were clandestine and the health and lives of women were at risk. There were 50 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15-49 in 2012 and 27 in 2002. The study titled 'Induced Abortions and Unintended Pregnancies in Pakistan' was carried out by Population Council in collaboration with the Guttmacher Institute, United States of America, and launched at a local hotel in Wednesday. The study shows that in 2012, an estimated 623,000 Pakistani women were treated for complications resulting from induced abortions, the vast majority of which were performed by unqualified people or involved traditional methods.

KARACHI: Twenty women die of cervical cancer daily in Pakistan, which ranks seventh among countries having the highest number of cervical cancer deaths worldwide. This was stated during an event held on Wednesday at a local hotel, where representatives of multiple organisations formed a group to create awareness of cervical cancer in Pakistan.

The platform against the disease, United against Cervical Cancer, was launched at a local hotel. The Society of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Pakistan (SOGP), supported by the Association for Mothers and Newborns, the AKUH Gynaecology Oncology Department, the Pakistan Paediatric Association (Karachi chapter) and GlaxoSmithKline Pakistan Limited are part of the group. SOGP vice president, the organiser, Prof Razia Korejo said that examples in the developed world had shown that collaborative efforts, especially by raising awareness, could help reduce occurrence of deadly diseases.

Head of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, Prof Dr Shireen Zulfiqar Bhutta briefed the audience on the prevalence of cervical cancer in Pakistan and said that cervical cancer was the second most common cancer in women in Pakistan. She lamented that women in Pakistan were unaware of the seriousness of the disease. "It's high time we all should unite against cervical cancer to protect our girls and women from this silent killer. The platform will support and organise campaigns for awareness and educate women about the risks of cervical cancer and help them take mandatory measures to reduce personal risk factors for developing the disease," she said.

Mingora: Severe water shortage forces people to depend on untreated water from far-off places

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Assistant professor Rozilla Saadia, an expert in gynaecological cancers working at the department of obstetrics and gynaecology, AKUH, shared her experiences from clinical practice. "It is essential for your every woman to have regular screening for cervical cancer. Pap smear tests and other techniques need to be made readily available in the country," she said. Experts urged the government to follow examples of Muslim countries, for instance, Saudi Arabia, where vaccine against cervical cancer was part of their mass vaccination programme. They also referred to countries such as Malaysia, Mexico and Rwanda, which had played a leadership role in the fight against cervical cancer. The Global Forum on Cervical Cancer Prevention representing world's health experts and medical fraternity, it was pointed out, suggested a roadmap to ensure that all women and girls had equitable access to human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines, screening and treatment.

MINGORA: Qaiser Khan of village Malookabad Mingora, travels up to the river Swat located about three kilometre away from his locality to fill a few containers of water and take them home in an auto rickshaw. It's his regular routine. There is no water available to the people living in his area. The water supplied to them through the pipelines originating from the water tanks have since 2012 ceased to function. The two tube wells run by the TMA Mingora that also cater to Mohallah Watkay, Kaan, SDO, Ishaq and Rajabad are no more capable to fill the water tanks due to falling water level and over consumption dictated by the need of the expanding populations of the areas, besides loadshedding or low voltage etc.

For the last 2 to 3 years the population of the area and certain other parts are facing acute water shortage and forced to fetch water from far-off areas mostly from the riverbank for drinking and other purposes. "For which in addition to physical labour and a minimum fare of up to Rs200 paid to rickshaw drivers, they either have to be jobless or facing the brunt of lateness or absence from duty". "Besides the water they bring is untreated and exposed to various contaminants from air and land. Therefore, the people of the area are at risk of many waterborne diseases", Qaiser said. He further stated that they visited the TMA office many times and requested the concerned authorities for provision of water, but to no avail. "In winter season they are told that the water level has fallen, while in summer they are simply told that the water is not available due to severe loadshedding and low voltage", he added.

He explained that they have taken up the issue at all the available forums. "They protested against it on roads". "They conveyed their grievances to the local MPAs and highlighted the issue in various newspapers, also complaining about it to the Commissioner Malakand Division and Deputy Commissioner Swat offices, but to add documents to their files". "The government is allocating a whopping amount of billions for various water projects, but has no plan for them", he aggrieved. "On finding that the government is not going to resolve the issue they contacted NGOs for bore wells." "It was after a long struggle that a local NGO made a few bore wells but only for few influential, who now consider them as their own property and they have to get permission before taking water". "Besides these are near the road and no one is ready to allow their women to fetch water from there", he expounded.

He said that having fed up with agitation over the issue, they resorted to the Chief Minister's Complaint Cell that too without any gain till now. He demanded the government and the local NGOs for help in resolving their water problem, either by tube wells or digging bore wells on each street inhabiting many homes, vowing financial contribution in this regard.

Gas protesters block Taxila-Hattar road for four hours

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TAXILA: The residents of different areas here on Tuesday resorted to violent protests against the low gas pressure. They blocked the Taxila-Hattar Road for over four hours, leaving the commuters stranded. Hundreds of residents of Usman Khattar, Kolian, Ahatta, Sultanpur, Pind Tarbella and adjacent areas, gathered on the Taxila-Hattar Road at 11am and blocked it. They pelted the vehicles with stones. The protesters said they had been registering their protest against the low gas pressure which according to them had crippled their lives. The protesters, including women, students, children and elderly people, were carrying wooden sticks, banners and placards inscribed with slogans against the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL).

They also chanted anti-government slogans. "It seems as if we are living in the stone-age," they said. "We are not getting power and gas supply though we pay inflated bills," they added. "Gas supply to our area has been suspended to our area for the last one month and we have requested the local administration and the SNGPL authorities but to no avail," they added. Cooking stoves, heaters and geysers are not functioning properly due to the low gas pressure, the protesters said. "We cannot cook food on time as preparing a cup of tea takes an hour," said one of the protesters, Bushra Perveen.

"We are forced to take a cold shower in this chilly conditions," complained Zaitoon Bibi, adding heaters, a basic necessity of winter, were lying off for want of gas. Malik Ayaz, a former union council nazim of Usman Khattar, said after the prolonged loadshedding, now the massive gas shortage had returned to haunt citizens. Former federal minister and PTI president north Punjab chapter Ghulam Sarwar Khan also joined the protesters. He said the government had failed to provide basic commodities such as petrol, gas, CNG and electricity to the citizens.

Woman burnt alive in house fire

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KASUR: An elderly woman was allegedly burnt alive on Tuesday when a fire erupted in the room where she was asleep in Gulshan Subhan Colony in the jurisdiction of the Pattoki City police. The family says a quilt caught fire from a gas heater in the room where Ayesha Bibi, 75, was asleep. Residents put out the fire and retrieved the body from the room.

'N' MPs-led rally occupies SNGPL offices

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SARGODHA: The protesters led by ruling PML-N parliamentarians on Tuesday occupied the regional Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) office, while the employees fled the scene to avoid their wrath. A rally led by PML-N MNA Chaudhry Hamid Hameed, MPA Abdul Razaq Dhillon and MPA Dr Nadia Aziz against the persisting gas shortage was taken out from Block 22. It was attended by industrial workers and leaders of traders bodies, Bakelite Manufacturers Association, Pakistan Electric Manufacturers Association, printing press owners, dye makers and

Chinese firm to set up 700MW coal-fired plants for K-Electric

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brass parts manufacturers. After passing through various parts of the city, the rally reached the SNGPL regional office and besieged the building. The protesters raised slogans against the SNGPL managing director and the regional manager.

They said the SNGPL authorities had been depriving the people of Sargodha of their legitimate right for the last four months and despite repeated requests and recommendations of parliamentarians of ruling party no one bothered to redress the grievance.

The protesters staged a sit-in at the SNGPL office for several hours and threatened to take gas supply control in their own hands if their demands, including transfer of the company's regional manager and restoration of proper gas supply were not met. Because of the protest traffic flow in the city remained suspended. The protesters lauded the role of local parliamentarians who leaving aside all their political affiliations supported the public cause. According to sources, SNGPL regional manager told the parliamentarians that he had already appraised the high-ups of the issue. Meanwhile, the sources said, the CM also took notice of the rally against gas shortage taken out in the city which was led by PML-N parliamentarians.

KARACHI - In order to overcome growing demand of electricity in the metropolis, K-Electric has signed an accord with one of the biggest engineering and construction company in China, known as China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC). The KE spokesperson said that the CMEC has specialisation in construction of power projects in generation, transmission and distribution.

On-board this Joint Development Agreement (JDA) is China Datang Overseas Investment Company (CDTO), which will also help in this joint project, where coal-fired power projects of 700 MW would be set up, thus boosting KE's generation capacity.

The spokesperson said that the power plant would be set up at Port Qasim at the cost of \$1 billion. This project is a major initiative highlighting KE's vision to diversify its energy fuel-mix toward cheaper sources of energy. This project will help to overcome the ever rising electricity demand of the port city of Pakistan and will create massive employment opportunities. With over 100,000 employees, China Datang Corporation is among the top Fortune 500 listed companies. The President of CDTO along with the top management of CMEC and KE were present at this auspicious occasion. This project would lead to cost-savings which would be provided to the end consumer.

KE's CEO Tayyab Tareen says "This initiative is in line with KE's vision of Karachi being a net exporter of power in the years ahead. KE may greatly benefit from both CDTO and CMEC's expertise in coal power and are ready to work at a very fast pace. This project will also contribute to KE's fuel diversification strategy and marks a significant step towards a new era of cheap base load power in Pakistan".

The President of CDTO, Duan Zhongmin, also address on the occasion and said that "We are fully committed to cooperate with KE and CMEC to successfully execute this Port Qasim project which shall go a long way to meet the energy needs of the people of Pakistan".

Fang Yanshui, the Divisional Manager of CMEC added by saying, "We at CMEC are strongly committed to devote ourselves to the social and economic development of Karachi by putting up a coal fired power plant in Port Qasim. We are extremely optimistic that this project will reach a speedy execution by having strong partners like KE and CDTO".

ISLAMABAD - The Islamabad High Court (IHC) served up notices to Secretary Cabinet Division, Ministry of Water and Power and 11 power distribution companies (DISCOs) in a civil miscellaneous (CM) regarding over charging electricity bills from consumers.

A one-judge bench of Justice Athar Minallah heard the CM filed by Advocate Abdul Rehman S Alvi, pleading the court to make him party in a case filed by top brass of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) including Asad Umar, Arif Alvi and Shireen Mazari. The petitioners alleged that National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) and DISCOs were overcharging from consumers every month to maximise their revenues and pleaded the court to take legal action against the authorities involved in over billing. During the course of proceedings, Advocate Abdul Rehman S Alvi argued before the court that a cabinet committee had been formed by the prime minister to overview the matter, subsequently the committee has made recommendations. He further argued that the said bench already directed the federal government to provide relief to electricity consumers, who had been over charged by the DISCOs during the particular period of time, however, the government has not given any relief to electricity consumers. He said that the government had not even made the cabinet committee's recommendations public, and prayed to pass orders to make them public. The bench after due hearing the arguments accepted the petition for hearing and issued notices to all respondents, directing them to submit reply on the matter. Later, the court adjourned the proceeding of the matter with date in office. Earlier, the court barred power distribution companies (DISCOs) from collecting additional charges on electricity tariff during the hearing of this petition.

The PTI maintained in petition that the NEPRA and DISCOs have been issuing inflated bills every month that is unjustified and especially, DISCOs have charged excessive bill for the month of August and September 2014 without prior information and legal justification. However, Ministry of Water and Power told the court that electricity consumers have not been overcharged during July, 2014. The ministry further told the court that excessive use of electricity due to low load shedding during the holy month of Ramazan and removal of subsidy on electricity by the government, were the reasons behind increase in electricity bills in the month. Besides, a report of power distribution companies (DISCOs) was also submitted to the court which stated that consumers' complaints about overbilling have been resolved.

KARACHI: Sindh Finance Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah claimed it was a typographical error when it was pointed out in the Sindh Assembly that the number of posts created in a year jumped

Over charging electricity bills: IHC issues notice to federation

Daily Times, January 28, 2015

Discrepancies in data

provided to PA termed typographical error

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four times while the fund allocated for them was slightly reduced. The minister was responding to questions pertaining to the finance department during the question hour in the Tuesday session which was chaired by Speaker Agha Siraj Durrani.

Muttahida Qaumi Movement legislator Sumeta Syed asked about the discrepancy in the data relating to the number of posts and the fund allocated for them in the financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13. She said the data provided by the minister showed that Rs 1,959.753 million had been allocated for the 3,897 posts created in the year 2011-12, while the posts created next year (2012-13) jumped to 20,184 the fund allocated for them reduced to Rs1,959.741 million. After going through the data quickly, the minister said it was a typographical mistake.

MQM legislator Mohammad Hussain sought details of the departments in which the posts had been created and asked how much of the fund had been utilized. The minister said the relevant information was provided in the budget books. However, Speaker Durrani said it was an irrelevant supplementary question as the posts had been created in different departments and lawmakers could submit fresh questions to get that information. In reply to a question by MQM legislator Heer Soho about agricultural loans provided by Sindh Bank to small growers through Benazir Card, the minister said that 903 customers had been given loans under Benazir Zarai Card Scheme and credit approved to them was Rs 167 million. Of this amount, he added, Rs 162 million was outstanding.

Regarding disbursement of Benazir Income Support Programme fund among beneficiaries through Sindh Bank, the minister said that the bank had been serving over 37,000 BISP beneficiaries since April 2012 and had disbursed over Rs1.2 billion till Dec 31, 2014. MQM legislator Sardar Ahmed wanted to know why balance sheet of the Sindh Bank, which was owned by the Sindh government, was not presented in the assembly. The minister said that balance sheets and accounts of many other organizations under the Sindh government were not presented in the assembly, but he would soon present balance sheet of the bank for the past three years.

Responding to a question by MQM legislator Sabir Kaimkhani regarding funds for industries, the minister said that initially the Sindh Enterprise Development Fund provided funding for agribusiness, including dairy and livestock, poultry and fisheries, but for the past couple of years fund was also being provided to small industries dealing in rice husking for the installation of modern machinery so that not only their capacity increased but product quality also improved. He said that Rs2 billion had been allocated last year and another Rs2 billion had been allocated this year also. In response to a question asked by Pakistan Muslim League (Functional) legislator Nusrat Abbasi regarding funds received from the federal government, the minister said that the share of Sindh in the divisible pool of taxes provided by the federal government under the national finance commission award between 2009-14 was over Rs1.23 trillion.

MQM lawmaker Sumeta Syed sought details of recruitment done in grades higher than BPS 16 in the finance department. The minister said only officials in grades up to BPS 14 had been recruited in the department for which quota system had been followed. Some recruitments on a contract basis in higher grades had also been done and a list of that would be presented in the assembly, he added. In reply to her question about promotions, the minister said promotion was not done on a quota basis rather it was based on various factors including merit and seniority. Referring to a statement made by agriculture minister Ali Nawaz Mahar on the sugar cane issue earlier, Pakistan Muslim League (F) legislator Mahtab Rashdi said double standard of Speaker Durrani was exposed as when the opposition wanted to discuss the sugarcane price issue the speaker did not allow them citing that the matter was sub-judice but the minister was allowed to make a statement on the issue.

Whooping cough claims three more lives in Dera Bugti

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DERA BUGTI: Deaths attributed to whooping cough mounted to 13 in a span of 16 days in Dera Bugti as three more children died on Monday. As many as 11 deaths were confirmed in Peer Koh while the deceased include one and a half year old Fatah Khan, one year old Ali, Dar Bibi, Sher Bibi, Zulekha, Javed, Maryam, Umer Khan, Mahreef, Ramzan and a two-year old Farooq. Talking to media, people lamented the death of their children whereas the only dispenser, Sabz Ali Bugti, working at the Basic Health Unit revealed that population of Peer Koh is estimated to be 20 thousand while he is the only dispenser in town and can provide vaccination to only 5% of the population. Locals told that the media is focused on the deaths in Tharparker alone and if due attention will not be given to the situation of whooping cough, significant human tragedies might arise. — NNI

Power shutdowns that hit CNG stations affect motorists too

Daily Dawn, January 27, 2015

MANSEHRA: The excessive power loadshedding coupled with gas shortage has caused long queues of vehicles outside local CNG stations. Cabbie Mohammad Idrees told Daily Dawn on Monday that he spent almost half of the day waiting for CNG in long queues and that had been happening for many months. He blamed his misery of the prolonged suspension of electric supply and acute shortage of gas in the area. "Loadshedding along with gas shortage has doubled our misery. Owners don't operate CNG stations on power generators in absence of electricity, so we spend most of our time queuing up for CNG for long hours without earning a livelihood," he said.

In early December, the administration had announced the gas loadshedding of six hours daily for CNG stations over as gas shortage. The filling stations stop CNG sale for three hours in the morning and three hours in the evening. Taxi driver Idrees said the government was not sincere in addressing the people's basic problems, including gas and power cuts. He said he was struggling to make both ends meet under the current circumstances. The cabbie criticised the ruling PML-N for failing to keep its election promise to end gas and power loadshedding and even said things had worsened over the last one and a half years. Taxi driver Mohammad Jibran, who was also lined up outside a filling station for CNG, complained that the people were in distress over poor socioeconomic conditions but the rulers didn't bother. He said energy shortage had adversely affected businesses and industries and thus, causing massive joblessness. Jibran said electric supply remained suspended for around 16 hours daily on average, while gas shortage was also

IHC directs OGDCL to clear Bugti's dues

Daily Dawn, January 27, 2015

MNA, MPAs join protest against gas shortage

Daily Dawn, January 27, 2015

K-Electric owes Rs 32 bn to federal govt: Abid Sher Ali

GEO Tv, January 27, 2015

Electricity suspended in parts of country as Guddu trips

Pakistan Today, January 27, 2015

'Fault lies in PML-Q tag' PC-I of KEMU surgical tower project revised thrice since 2004

Daily Dawn, January 27, 2015

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court on Monday directed the Oil and Gas Development Company (OGDCL) to clear the dues of Shah Zain Bugti. Mr Bugti, through his counsel, sought the payment of Rs. 125 million as the gas royalty from the company. The counsel informed Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui that the petitioner had leased out a portion of his 3,207 acres land to the OGDCL for producing natural gas.

Under the lease agreement, the OGDCL was supposed to pay the amount to Mr Bugti in January 2014. He said the non-payment of the dues was a clear violation of the terms of agreement and promises of the OGDCL as well as the commitment of the Balochistan government.

Shahzain Bugti held with 'illegal arms'. He contended that it was the legal and contractual obligation of the respondent to pay the amount to the petitioner on time. The counsel also said the non-payment of the amount was against the fundamental rights protected under Article 23 and 24 of the constitution.

SARGODHA: As the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) plans a drive against industries using gas supplies on domestic tariff, scores of Bakelite industry workers along with the ruling party parliamentarians staged a demonstration on Monday in protest at loadshedding and brown-outs of natural gas. The protesters warned if the supply was not restored, they would shut SNGPL offices in the district. PML-N MNA Chaudhry Hamid Hameed and MPAs Razzaq Dhillon and Dr Nadia Aziz also expressed solidarity with the protesters. They alleged the utility company had deliberately curtailed the supply through defective pipelines. They said corrupt officials were compounding the miseries of people but they would resist such officials. An official of the SNGPL, seeking anonymity, said the protest was arranged to pressure the officials to stop the drive against such consumers who were running industries on domestic gas connections. He said Bakelite units were located in residential areas and their owners were voters and supporters of the PML-N, that was why the MNA and MPAs were supporting their cause. He alleged the MNA had threatened the SNGPL officials several times to get undue favours. Daily Dawn learned another MNA had got managed the transfer of eight SNGPL officials from the district to other offices in November on billing issues. SNGPL Regional Manager Muhammad Haroon was not available for comment.

LAWYERS: Lawyers boycotted courts on Monday and decided to expand their protest across the Punjab against city traders. Lawyers said the Punjab Bar Council had announced a protest all over the province in solidarity with their Sargodha colleagues. On the other hand, traders have also threatened to shut their businesses if their leaders were not released. Their leaders were arrested on the complaint of lawyers after a brawl on court premises a few days ago. **PROTEST:** The Wapda-Hydroelectric Labour Union locked Wapda offices on Monday and staged a sit-in in protest at the privatisation of the electricity distribution companies.

Union leaders Muhammad Khan and Rafi Dogar warned if the privatisation was undertaken, they would shut offices across the country and suspend electricity supply.

ISLAMABAD: Federal State Minister for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali on Tuesday said that K-Electric owes Rs32 billion to Islamabad and the previously agreed deal will not be followed anymore. A five-year agreement of supplying 650 MW electricity to K-Electric from the national grid ended Sunday midnight. Speaking in GeoNews show "Aaj Shahzaib Khanzada key Sath", he said the government pays citizens of Karachi Rs70 billion as power subsidy. Ali said that the power distribution company has been asked to increase their power generation to 2400 MW. "We have to take into account the needs of the entire country and not just one city," he said. The state minister urged the company to increase its own power generation capacity and assured that any shortfall would be covered by the federal government.

Immense fog and leakage from the gas pipeline caused 11 units of the Guddu Thermal Power Plant to shut down due to tripping on Tuesday. The tripping of these 11 units caused suspension of electricity for 12 hours in various areas of Sindh, Balochistan and Punjab. Authorities said the units would be restored as soon as the gas leakage is repaired. The Guddu Thermal Power Plant has 17 power units, out of which only six are currently working.

Pakistan plunged into darkness after a key power transmission line broke down early on Sunday in an incident being initially blamed on a rebel attack, the latest reminder of the country's crippling energy crisis. The power failure, one of the worst the country has experienced, caused electricity to be cut in major cities throughout the country, including the capital Islamabad. The tripping of Guddu power plant's transmission lines affected the 500KV power line from the national grid, forcing Jamshoro and Bin Qasim power stations to shut down. Pakistan's electricity distribution system is a complex — and delicate — web and a major fault at one section often leads to chain reactions and breakdowns of power generation and transmission.

LAHORE: The ruling party's tag on a health scheme is said to be a guarantee of its timely execution and completion in Punjab. An obvious example in this regard is two mega health schemes of the same teaching institute — King Edward Medical University/Mayo Hospital, Lahore. Last week, the health department dispatched two schemes to the Planning and Development Department for approval — construction of a surgical tower at Mayo Hospital and establishment of a new campus of the KEMU on Narowal-Muridke Road. The first scheme had been launched by the PML-Q during its tenure in 2004 and the other initiated in 2014 in the period of the ruling PML-N. The health department sent PC-I of the surgical tower, which was revised thrice since it was launched, and PC-II of the newly initiated KEMU project. The estimated cost of surgical tower project was said to be Rs2 billion while the initial cost mentioned in the second scheme was Rs12 billion.

The historic background of the two schemes revealed that the significance of the surgical tower was greater in respect of patients' treatment compared to the second one. The six-storey surgical

tower was proposed keeping in view the pending lists of the patients who were being given months long appointment time. However, the inordinate delay in the completion of this much-awaited project has not only increased the patients load on the health facility but also multiplied their miseries. The initial cost was estimated to be Rs400 million when the surgical tower project had been launched in 2004 and after a delay of 10 years or so it has now reached to Rs2 billion, showing the level of non-seriousness of the government towards the PML-Q's scheme. Defending his department's position, Health Secretary Jawad Rafiq Malik said 60 per cent delay in completing surgical tower project was the 'faulty' PC-I when it was prepared in the PML-Q period. "The PC-I of the scheme was prepared in haste in two days only. However, an official who is associated with the scheme said the PML-N government took six years to address the issues highlighted in the first PC-I which was beyond comprehension. According to the PC-II sent by the health department to the P&D department (a copy is available with Daily Dawn), the Punjab government is planning to establish a new independent premises of the KEMU out of the city bounds of Lahore. For this purpose, the government has allocated an area of 233 acres on the Narowal-Muridke Road in Sheikhpura district. The premises will have all the essential components of the medical university so that quality education along with top-class practical experience can be provided to the students at one place. "Keeping in view the present-day trends and requirements, multi-storey buildings would be constructed to accommodate facilities," the documents say. The project would be carried out in a phased manner. This objective would be fulfilled by engaging consultants for carrying out a detailed survey of the area, preparing master plan and engineering design of various components of the project. Giving justification for the new scheme, the documents say the KEMU is located right in the heart of Anarkali which is a densely populated area and visited by thousands of people every day. "Anarkali is downtown area always choked with traffic and resonating with the noise of car horns making it difficult for the students to focus on their educational activities and travelling to and from the university is no less than an uphill task," the documents say. The bureaucracy in the relevant government departments seems quite serious in expediting work on the scheme. On the other hand, no designated project director was appointed since the surgical tower scheme was launched. The project was being 'looked after' by the professors of the KEMU. Prof Dr Sadaqat Ali Khan was the last one who was running the affairs of the mega scheme. He is still discharging duties even after his retirement. Talking about significance of the project, Prof Sadaqat told Daily Dawn that the 385-bed facility would be a unique one in the entire health infrastructure of the province. He said presently Rs700 million had been utilised but more were pending for approval. He said in the six-floor tower, there would be a designated sterilisation system, central gas supply, IT Network, 16 operation theatres including two modular theatres, burn unit, plastic surgery department, radio diagnostic set up, etc. under one roof.

One of the salient features of this scheme is to reduce waiting time of the patients. "Eight ultrasound machines will be installed in the tower and maximum waiting time for every patient requiring this test will be five minutes," Prof Sadaqat said. He said four modern X-ray machines were also part of the scheme besides other heavy and highly expensive equipment. He said due to inordinate delay in the completion of the state-of-the-art project, the cost on equipment increased in the international market. The health secretary said the release of funds for surgical tower was being delayed due to technical grounds. For instance, he said, in the PC-I the sewerage lines were proposed to be laid down right under the operation theatres. Much space in the six-storey surgical tower was reserved for the doctors instead of patients. Huge size rooms and offices for the doctors were designed in the documents. "There was no project management unit in the PC-I which is a basic requirement of a scheme to execute it without faults," the secretary said, adding that keeping in view the flaws and shortcomings his department recommended a revised PC-I. The PMU was also part of the new recommendations. He, however, made it clear that the completion of the surgical tower depended upon the release of funds by the government.

Karachi- Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced three days shutdown of CNG stations in the entire province. According to the statement CNG stations will be remain closed from 8.00 am for next 24 hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

ISLAMABAD: Smoke emitting factories, and hundreds of trucks, entering and leaving I-9 industrial area everyday, are causing air and noise pollution in the area. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sources told APP the number of complaints regarding ever increasing noise, dust and smoke from the area were increasing with each passing day. The residents, specially asthma and allergy patients, in the I-9 sector, attribute their problem to the heavy presence of smoke and dust in the industrial area. Tahir Mubeen, an asthma patient, told APP that hundreds of trucks enter and leave the area. Over 200 trucks use Potohar Road daily where his shop was located. He alleged that Capital Development Authority does not ensure cleanliness in the sector, CDA sweepers are rarely seen in the area.

Mohsin Ali, a resident of the same sector complained that scores of trucks that use the road daily create a lot of noise and pollution. Subhan Ali, another I-9 resident, said throat, nasal and lung problems were common in the area, adding that the government should not construct apartments in localities adjacent to Industrial area. National Institute of Health (NIH) Allergy Centre's laboratory expert said that air quality in a city can be judged by measuring the levels of particulate matter (PM) in the air. He said there are different types of particles, some are larger and visible but harmless, others are smaller, invisible and hazardous to health adding Islamabad's air quality does not meet safety standards on either count. Poly Clinic Executive Director Doctor Zahid warned that noise and air pollution is injurious to human health. Dr Zahid said the smoke emitted by trucks could cause respiratory infections, exacerbations of bronchial asthma, and high blood pressure. - APP

PESHAWAR: Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) is working for the elimination of Leprosy, TB and blindness from Pakistan besides community developments for the last 56 years and since

CNG to shut in Sindh three times in week

The Nation,^h January 26, 2015

Smoke-emitting factories, trucks causing noise, air pollution in Sector I-9

The Statesman, January 26, 2015

56,500 leprosy patients

registered in Pakistan

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inception, more than 56,500 leprosy patients have been registered out of which 98 percent of patients are treated free of cost in 157 Leprosy Centers throughout Pakistan. About 300 to 400 new cases are being registered at MALC every year and it is estimated that this would continue for two decades. A well-knitted network of 157 control centers nationwide mostly in remote areas is functioning in close collaboration with provincial governments and providing services to the patients and communities free of charge. "There is need to create public awareness to minimize the burden of this disease," these views were expressed by speakers at Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre (MALC) during a press briefing organized in connection of World Leprosy Day 2015. Dr Ruth Pfau sharing her views on the occasion informed that World Leprosy Day not only symbolizes our feelings of togetherness and love with patients affected by leprosy but also provide an opportunity to all of us working for leprosy to come closer and renew our commitment for a leprosy free world.

In 1996, Leprosy was controlled in Pakistan. The prevalence of the disease reduced to the extent that the World Health Organization declared the disease to be under control in Pakistan, one of the first countries in EMRO Region to achieve this goal. Leprosy elimination is successfully being achieved; however elimination is not the end of Leprosy. There are many challenges in terms of physical and social rehabilitation, which will go on even in the post elimination phase. Achievement of gradual elimination of leprosy was because of the concerted efforts by a team of committed workers. She said leprosy elimination does not mean that disease has been eradicated from the country. She appealed to the people to do away with stigma attached to disease and tendency to ostracise the sufferer.

Dr Mutahir Zia said that according to statistics available at MALC, the positive development is continuing, prevalence rates are below the WHO recommended threshold, between 0.27 per 10,000 population in Karachi and 0.04 in Azad Kashmir, and are decreasing further. Incidence rates are only up in Karachi with 1.68 per 100,000 population, still above the required figure. Rates of total patients are now so low that for Northern Areas, Azad Kashmir, and Balochistan, percentage can no longer be calculated. Of all the provinces, only Punjab, though a low prevalence area, is showing increasing numbers of Leprosy cases, otherwise trends are persistent. Karachi is focal point as it is also treating the patients from Balochistan and interior of Sindh province and even Afghan refugees and others parts of the country. He was of the view that about 6,461 Leprosy patients received free treatment for leprosy and general diseases along with comprehensive care facility to prevent deformity and aid rehabilitation. The 10,086 precious lives are saved from TB- they received free treatment from MALC. The 57 percent of them were women and children. The 2,948 blind people have had their eye sight restored by surgeries, 204,630 people received free consultation, and 61,727 children were protected from night blindness. About 60 deformed and homeless patients received day care and medical services at Ittehad Manzil (MALC's Home for Crippled Patients). The 1,703 Leprosy ulcer patients received indoor nursing care and surgical treatment free of charge in the wards of MALC Hospital. The 141,912 skin patients received free consultation, lab services and treatment in the hospital at MALC. – PPI

10 trauma centres for Peshawar in a month

Daily Dawn, January 26, 2015

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department is establishing 10 trauma centres in Peshawar district in order to provide psychological assistance to those who suffer mental health problems as a result of terrorism incidents as well as natural calamities. Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS) president Prof Syed Mohammad Sultan told Daily Dawn that they had made a request to the health department after the Dec 16 Army Public School (APS) attack that trauma centres should be established to provide psychological support and treatment to those affected by acts of terrorism, which was accepted. The centres will be based in the Khyber Teaching Hospital (KTH), Lady Reading Hospital (LRH) and government-owned dispensaries on Kohat Road, Gulbahar Road and Charsadda Road besides health department's buildings on the outskirts of Peshawar. He said that these centres would start operation within a month.

Six vehicles damaged in petrol pump fire

Daily Dawn, January 26, 2015

RAWALPINDI: Six vehicles, including an oil tanker, were damaged when a fire broke out at a PSO filling station in Pirwadhai early Sunday. Officials were still trying to determine the cause of the fire. The fire erupted at around 1:30am and engulfed the oil tanker. The flames also spread to a passenger wagon, two minibuses and a taxi parked at the petrol pump. As many as 35 officials along with 10 firefighting engines reached the spot and extinguished the flames. The fire department said the negligence on part of the filling station could be the cause of fire.

Notices issued to 30 food outlets

Daily Dawn,ⁿ January 26, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The capital territory (ICT) administration imposed a fine of Rs54,000 on outlets serving unhygienic food items in the city. Moreover, notices were issued to 30 outlets for unsatisfactory sanitary conditions and violations of the hygiene and sanitation laws. During the ongoing campaign against substandard food items, a bakery was sealed while 12 challans were issued to other outlets for failing to comply with the food safety laws. According to a spokesman, inspection teams of food and health departments checked 152 food outlets and issued notices to 30 of them. The teams confiscated 52 broken and filthy utensils and sent foods samples to the laboratory for an analysis. Around 39 lectures on public health education were also delivered at public places. Assistant Commissioner Secretariat Waqas Rashid during the checking of food outlets in Bhara Kahu and Khana Pul imposed fines amounting to Rs34,000 on the owners for poor sanitary and hygiene conditions.

Jubilant fire kills groom's nephew

Daily Dawn, January 26, 2015

SIALKOT: The groom's 10-year-old nephew was killed by jubilant fire by guests in a wedding function at Chak Bagga-Sabzpeer, Pasrur, on Sunday. Reportedly, the wedding procession of Ali Mubarak was ready for departure when some guests, including Aslam, started firing into the air. Some bullets hit Mubarak's nephew, Ahmed, killing him on the spot, turning the wedding house into a mourning place. Sabzpeer police shifted the body to the THQ Civil Hospital for autopsy. Police have registered a case with no arrest. **BUSTED:** Sialkot police claimed to have busted a gang of fake currency notes makers and arrested four suspects. According to the senior police officials, the suspects, Zeeshan alias Shani, Pervaiz, Babar Rawal and Iqra Bibi, were involved in

Coach set on fire in Khuzdar

Daily Dawn, January 26, 2015

Pakistan fuel crisis weighing on credit worthiness: Moody's

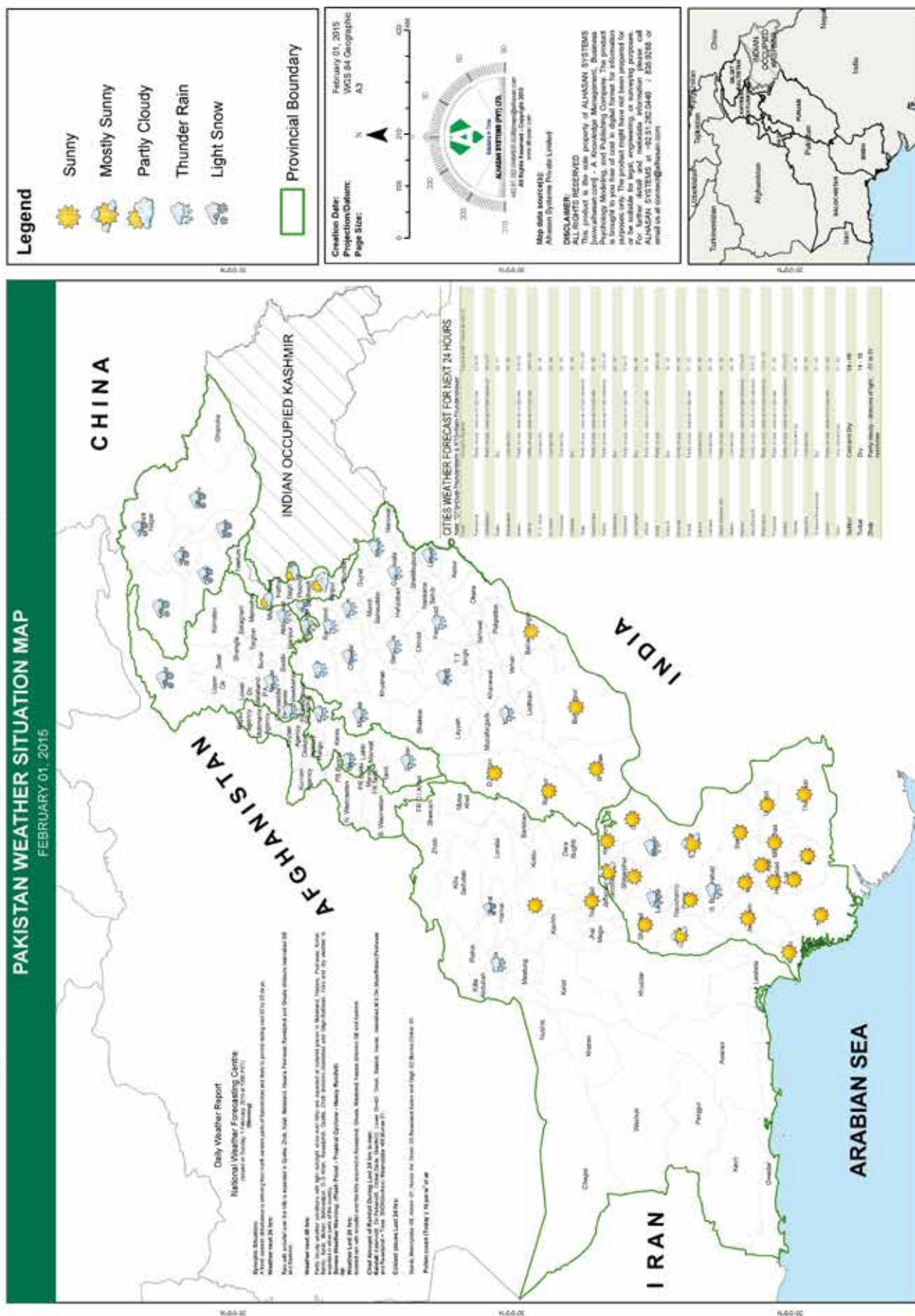
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making fake notes of national and foreign currencies, besides supplying them in local open markets. Police registered a case while further investigations were underway.

KHUZDAR: A passenger coach going to Quetta from Karachi was set on fire by gunmen in Wadh area of Khuzdar district on Sunday, security officials said. Levies officials said that unidentified gunmen intercepted the coach in Wadh, forced the passengers to disembark and set the vehicle on fire. "The coach was gutted as there was no fire brigade service available in Wadh," Levies sources said. Soon after the incident, personnel of Frontier Corps and Levies Force launched a search in the area to trace out the people involved in the arson attack. No arrest was reported. Meanwhile, transporters plying their coaches and buses on various routes in the region condemned the attack and announced a strike for Monday. They called for immediate arrest of arsonists.

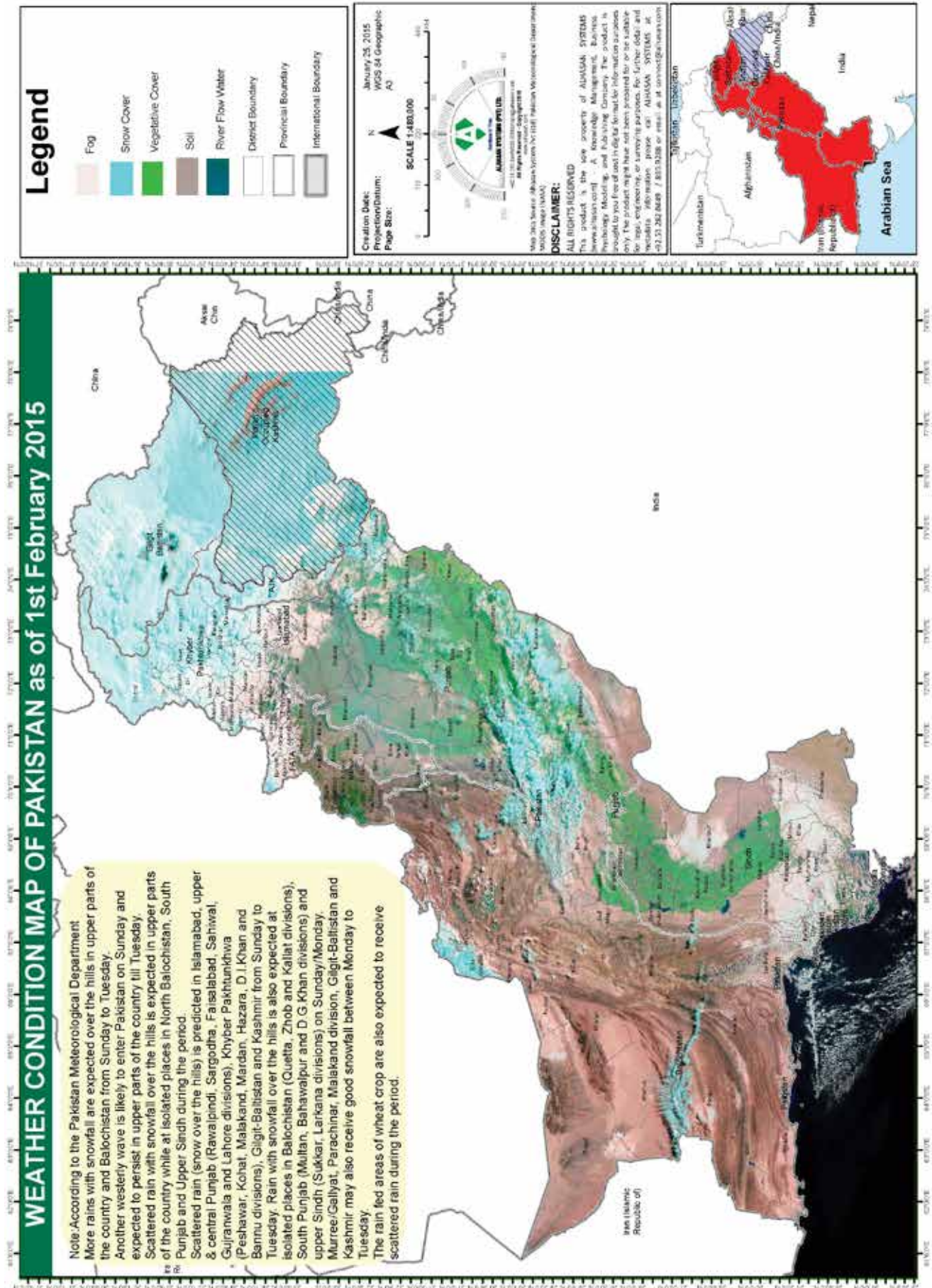
ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan's ongoing fuel shortage that has led to worsening power blackouts is weighing on its credit worthiness and hindering its ability to meet key reform targets laid out by the IMF, ratings agency Moody's warned Monday. The country is currently in the grip of one of its worst power crises in years due to a shortfall in imported oil, with the situation exacerbated Sunday by an attack on a key powerline in restive Balochistan province. Moody's said that increasing energy imports without addressing structural issues that create so-called circular debt "will further strain Pakistan's budget and balance of payments, a credit negative". "Fuel shortages also reflect the strained finances of state-owned distribution companies and the fuel importer, Pakistan State Oil corporation, and are a setback to the sector's progress on reforms made so far under Pakistan's financial support program with the International Monetary Fund." The IMF granted a \$6.6-billion loan to Pakistan in September 2013 on the condition that it carry out extensive economic reforms, particularly in the energy and taxation sectors. Moody's, which in July 2014 upgraded Pakistan's rating outlook from "negative" to "stable" in a boon for the shaky South Asian economy, said that structural reforms had been a "key driver" in its decision last year. "Circular debt" -- brought on by the dual effect of the government setting low electricity prices and customers failing to pay -- is at the heart of the crisis. State utilities lose money, and cannot pay private power generating companies, which in turn cannot pay the oil and gas suppliers, who cut off the supply. The fuel crisis began last week when Pakistan State Oil was forced to slash imports because banks refused to extend any more credit to the government-owned company, which supplies 80 percent of the country's oil.

The shortfall led to long queues of angry motorists at petrol stations, though these have since dissipated as fuel supplies have reached the pumps. But Moody's warned that the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, which made solving the energy crisis a key campaign pledge, had so far failed to offer policy solutions and increasing oil supplies would only add to the fiscal burden. "The government's targeted fiscal deficit of 4.5 percent of GDP in fiscal 2015 from 4.7 percent in fiscal 2014 is already impeded by delays in implementing electricity tariff adjustments and legal challenges related to tax collections," it said. Increasing fuel imports, which currently comprise 35 percent of total imports would further weigh on Pakistan's import bill added.



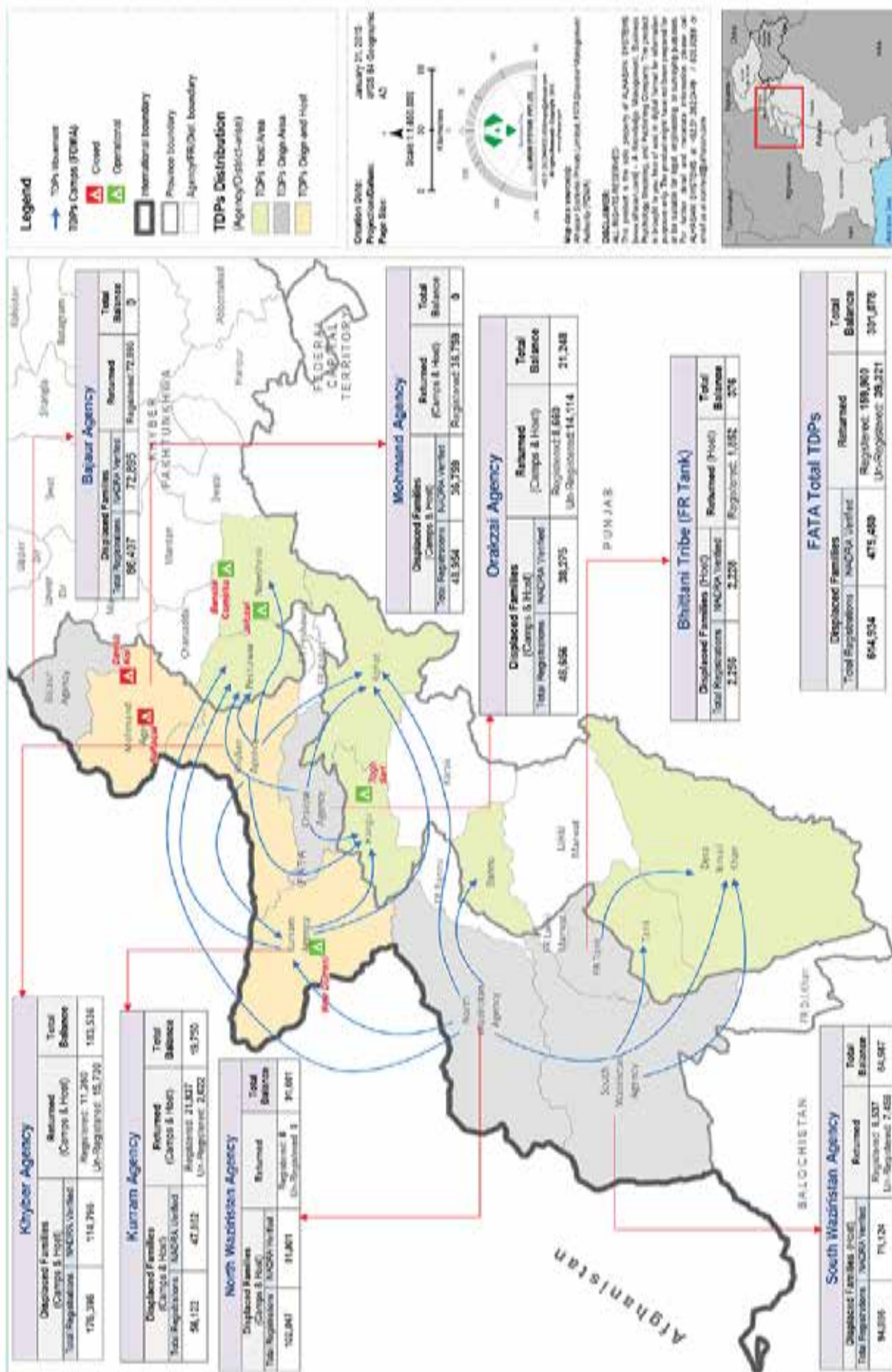
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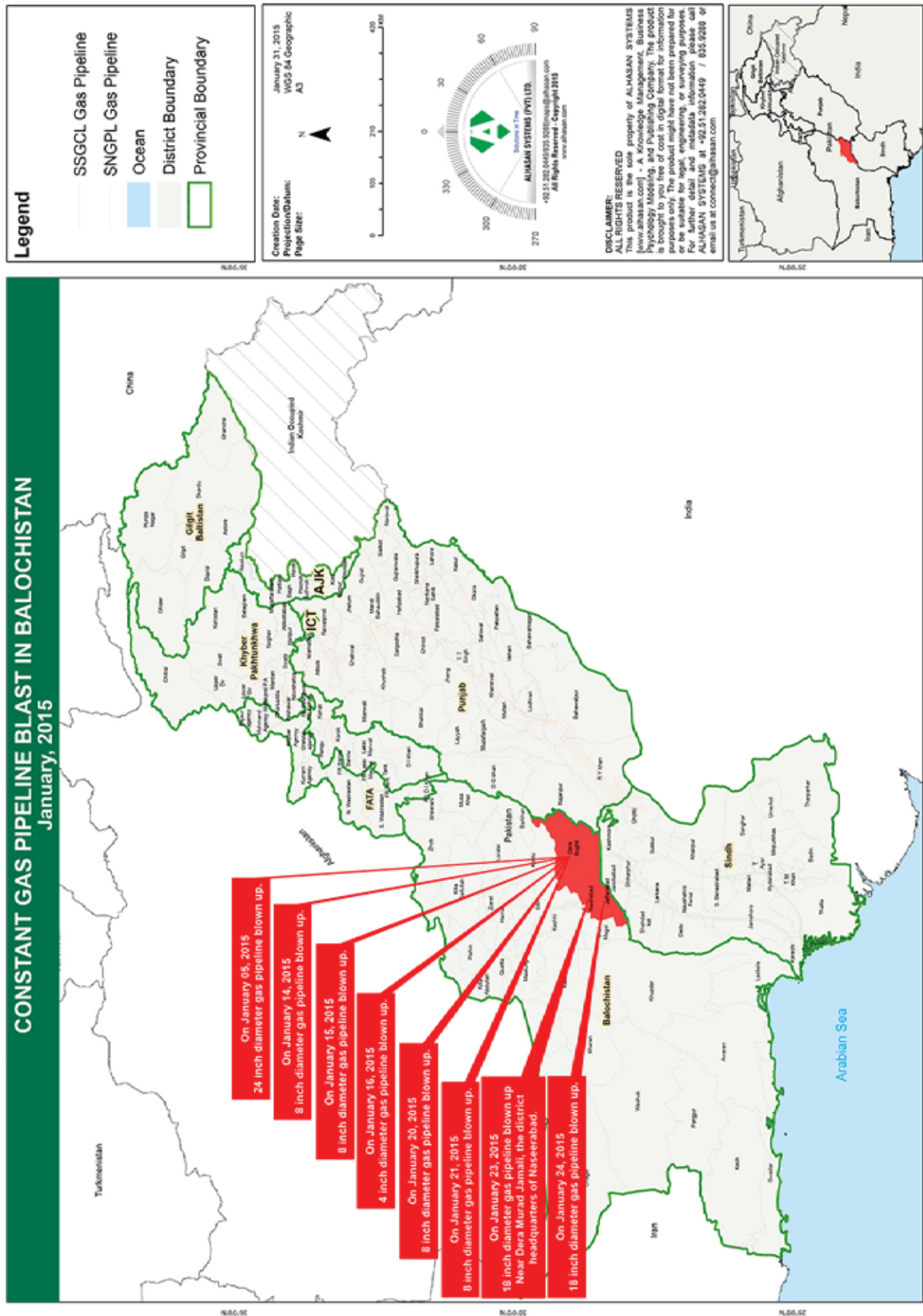


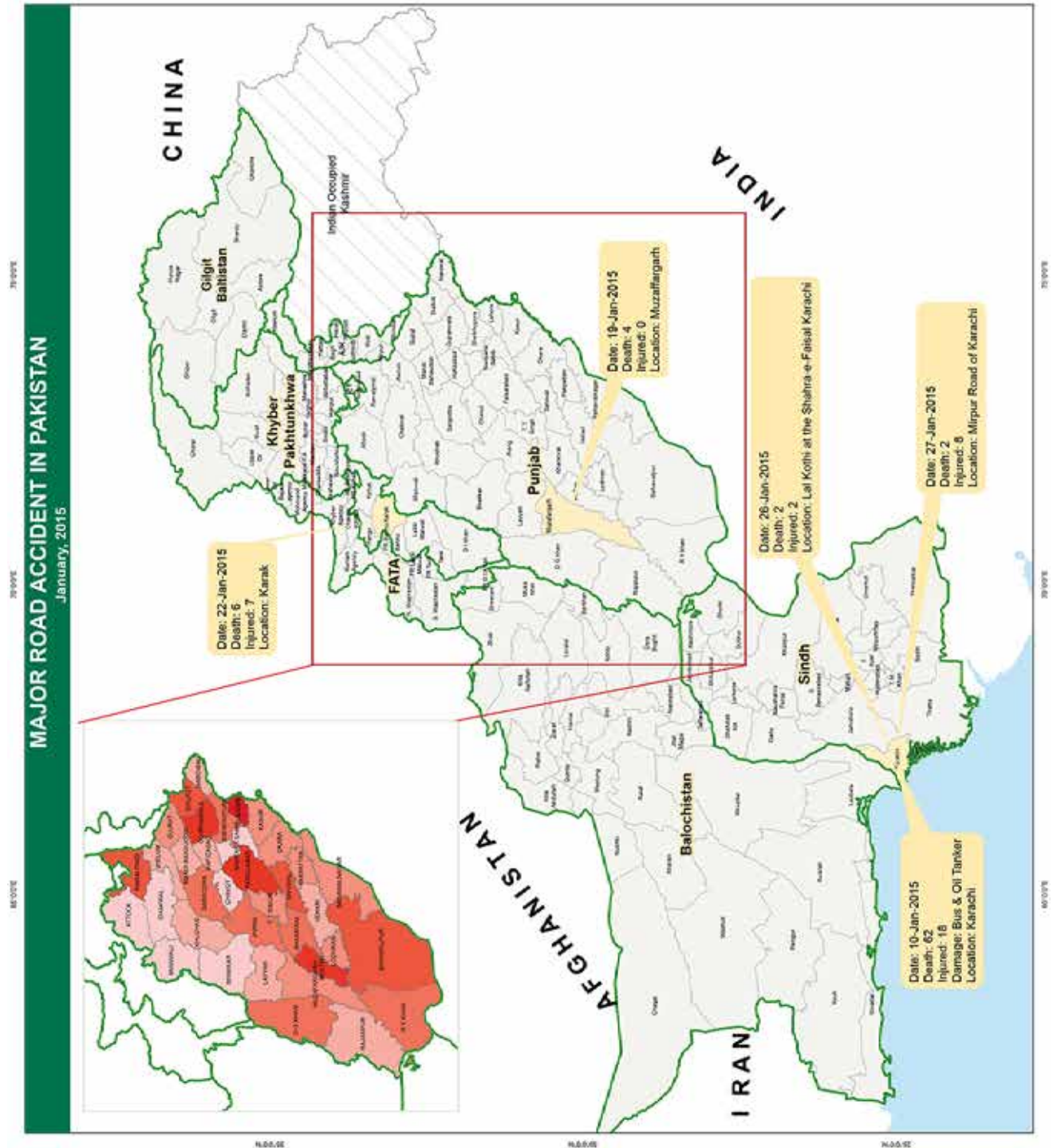


FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - TDPs Situation Map

Temporarily Dislocated Persons [TDP] as of January 22, 2015

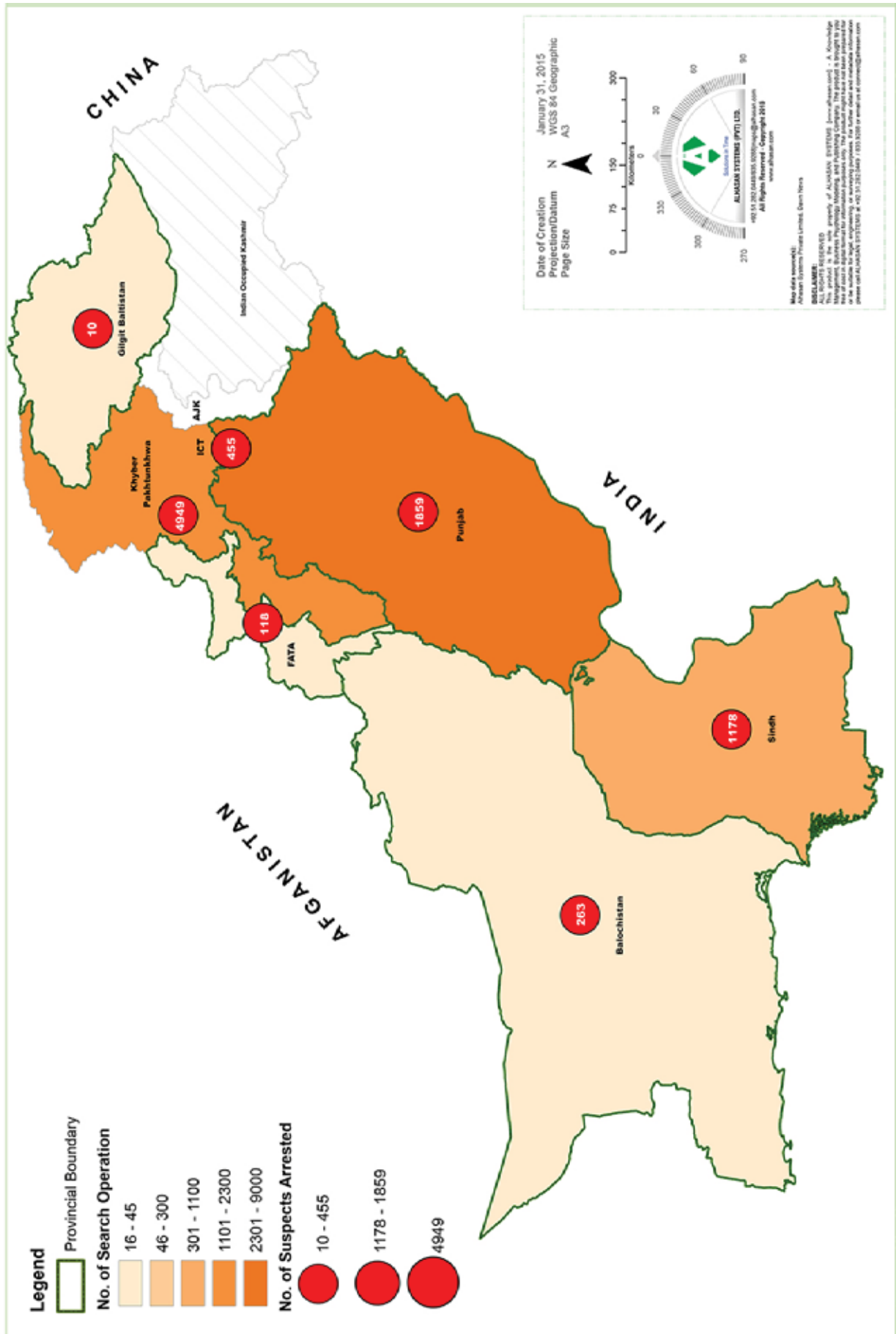






OUTCOME OF ANTI-TERRORISM ACT (ATA)

January 2015





PROTEST ACROSS SINDH AGAINST SHIKARPUR TRAGEDY

SHIKARPUR: On Friday January 30, 2015, in a broken city of a broken country, a man broke his way into a broken down embargoh. With one fell swoop, he broke almost everything that remained. He broke the link, he broke the clock, he broke bones, he broke homes and he broke hearts. But one thing he was unable to break was the will of the people of Shikarpur.

The day after the blast, the entire town was closed. There was only one business to attend today paying respect to the dead. Under the faulty clock tower of the Lakhi Qar Chowk that perpetually showed 10 minutes to 10 – near the very place where 111 people were either killed or injured – a crowd of almost 10,000 among gathered to take part in the funeral prayers of the departed.

Several protests were staged in different parts of Karachi on Saturday January 31, 2015 over yesterday's blast inside a Sindh matibalgah in Sindh province's Shikarpur that left at least 60 people dead.

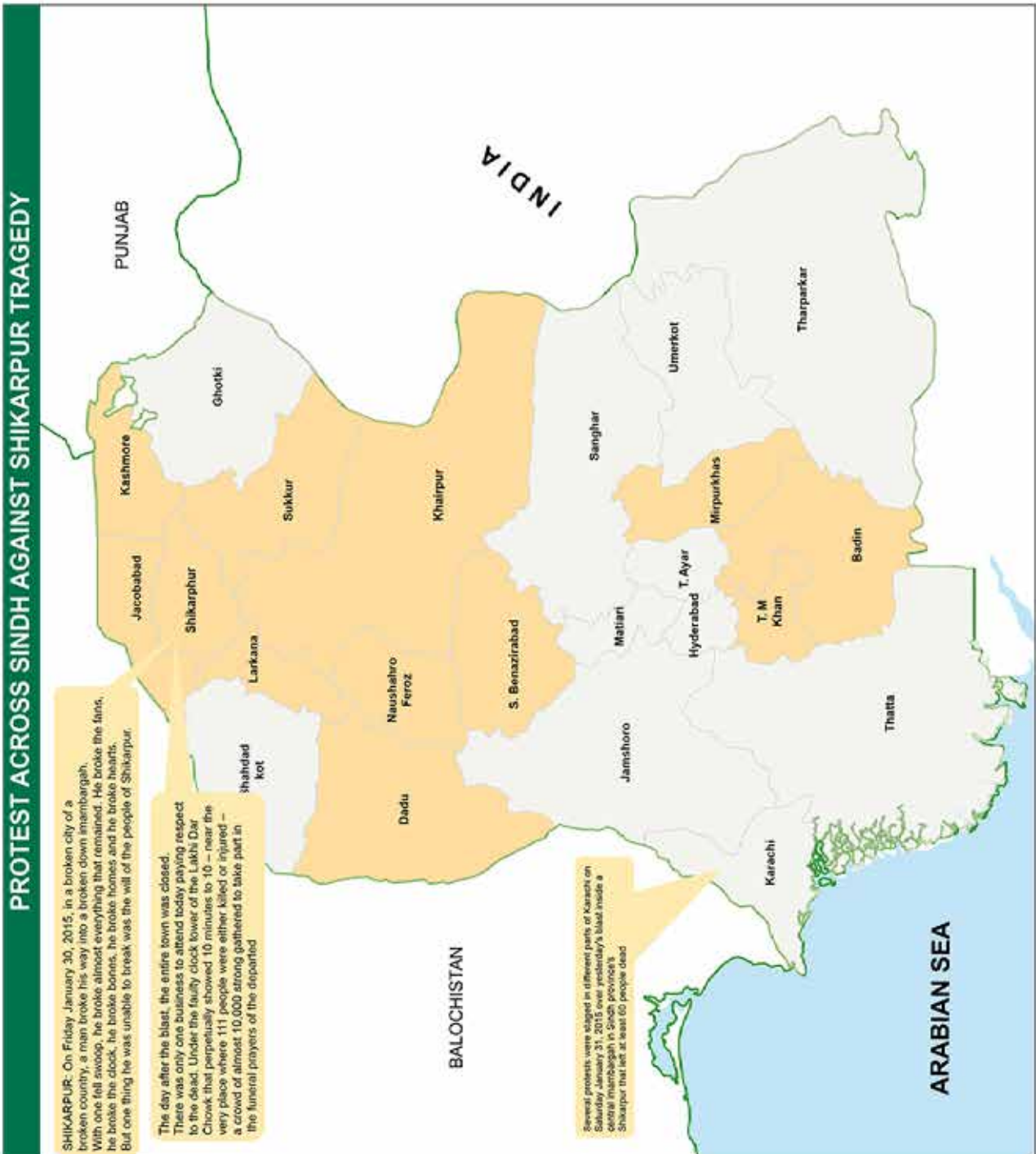
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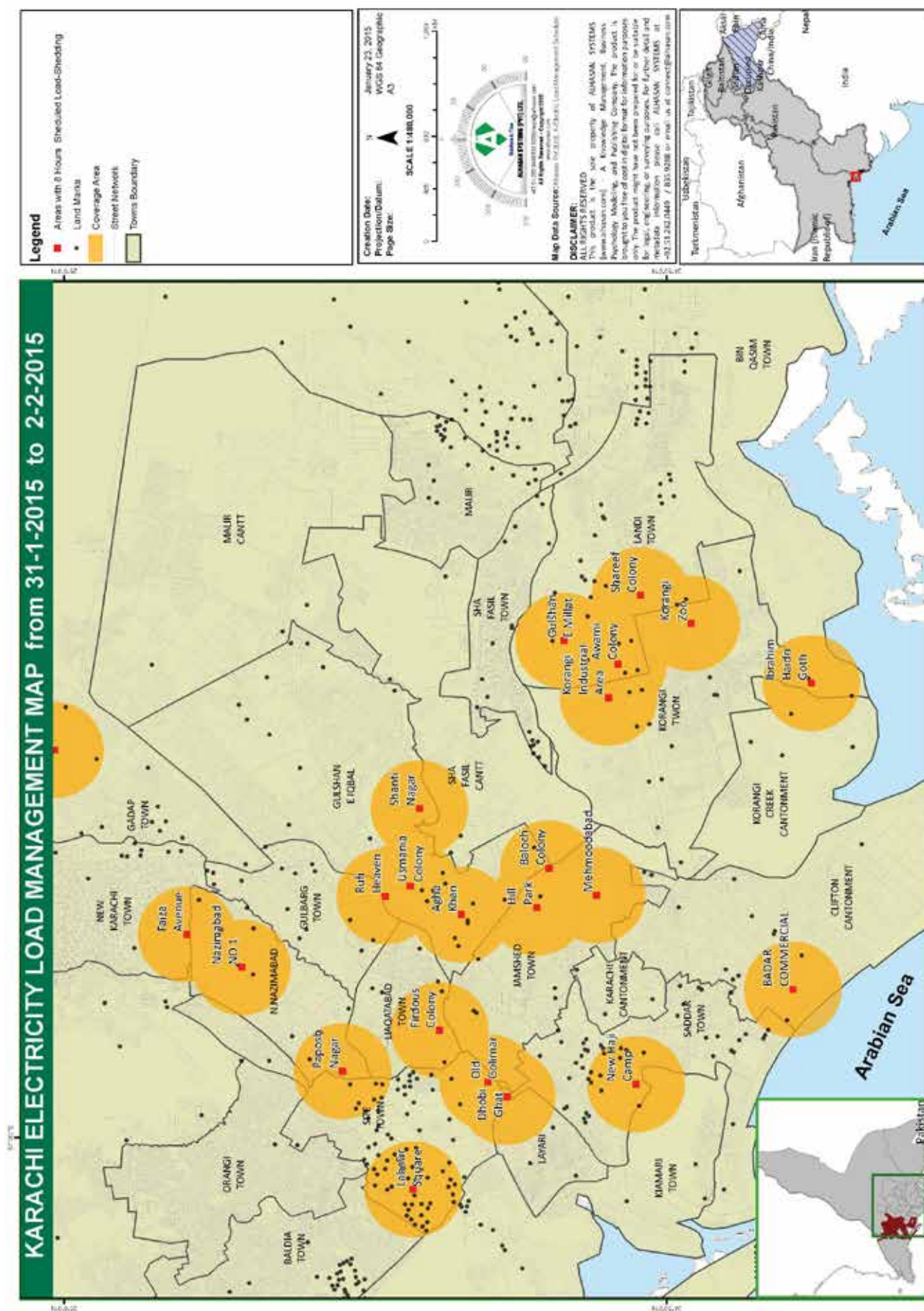
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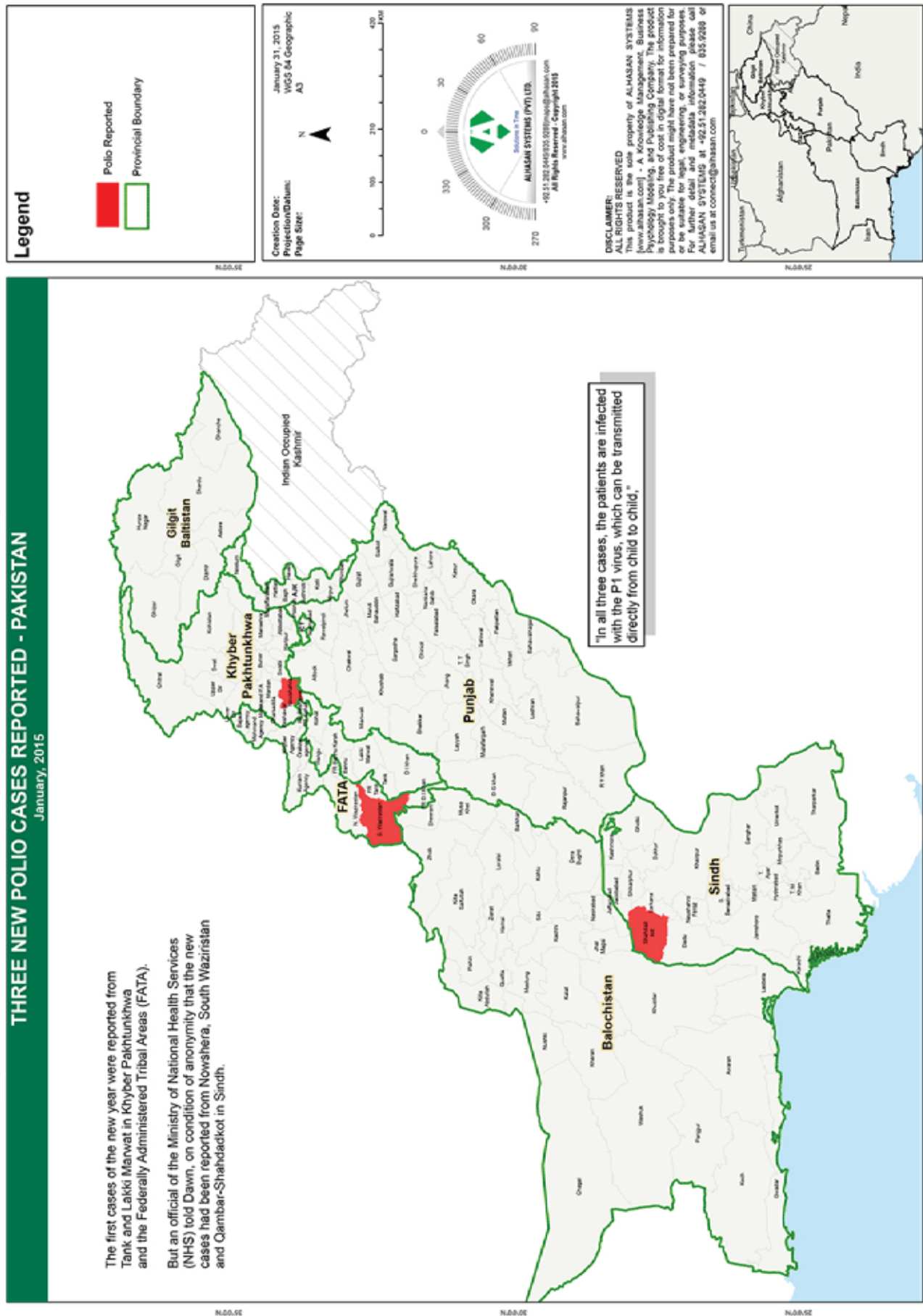
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Two More Ambulances Added To Alkhidmat Foundation's Medical Emergency Fleet

AKF News , January 31 , 2015

Pakistan Food Security Cluster Updates From Oct-Dec 2014

Pakistan Food Security Cluster, Jan 30th , 2015

DETAILS

LAHORE: Two new ambulances have been added in the fleet of Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab. A special ceremony was conducted in the presence of Special Guest Mr. Nazeer Ahmad Janjua and Mr. Rao Muhammad Zafar (President Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab) in which the keys of the ambulances were handed over to Mr. Anas Wahidi (President Alkhidmat Foundation Lahore). Other officials of Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab were also present at the ceremony. President Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab also revealed the 4 digit helpline number for Alkhidmat Foundation's Ambulance Service which is 1023.

HCT Strategic Planning 2015 for Food Security in KP/FATA: Food Security Cluster has strategize the response for Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs) and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of KP/FATA for year 2015 and around 1.63 million people were planned as target caseload to improve and enhance nutrition status by increasing agriculture production as integral means of livelihood. Under the collaboration of food security cluster members, FSC has addressed the most urgent food security and livelihood needs of displaced, families living in and off camps and hosting areas of KP including Bannu, D.I Khan, Hangu, Kohat, Lakki Marwat, Nowshera, Peshawar, Tank and returnees in Khyber, Kurram, North Waziristan, Orakzai and South Waziristan agencies of FATA. Food Security Cluster has prioritized requirement need of around \$ 173 million for providing the assistance in term of nutrition balanced relief food rations, emergency livestock feed to protect their livelihood assets, medication, vegetable seeds, milking kits and agriculture based infrastructure in the areas of in and off camps and returns in KP/FATA. For effective monitoring of food security interventions, food security cluster has framed efficient and well coordinated monitoring framework under Strategic Response Plan (SRP) – 2015.

Tharparkar Drought: The arid zone areas of the Sindh province, is the most drought prone part of Pakistan. The current drought in Sindh is an integral part of an ongoing phenomenon resulting high impact in term of scale and intensity. In corollary, the loss of precious lives and mean's livelihood affected the overall situation of food security among children, pregnant and lactating women and elderly inhabitant of drought affected districts of Sindh. In last year 2014, over 620 individuals were died; among them over 60% and 22% are children and women respectively, large population extremely vulnerable to disasters due to a myriad of factors, underlined by chronic poverty.

On average, around 48% people of these areas are reliant on livestock and agriculture as primary means of income as reported in different assessments published in 2014 by food security cluster members. Prevailing situation and loss of income with depleting livelihoods increase the threat of food insecurity and malnutrition. Moreover, limited sources of safety nets result in people adopting negative coping strategies. Access to clean drinking water, poor sanitation and hygiene awareness, exacerbates the situation causing high morbidity and mortality from water and vector borne diseases. Although, Government is providing the High Energy Biscuits (HEB) and wheat to affected population till December 2014.

Emergency Response Fund (ERF) - KP/FATA: For North Waziristan displacement response, the Emergency Response Fund allocated initially US \$ 300,000 to food security cluster, to support 2,733 affected families with livestock input in district Lakki Marwat and Karak by three implementing partners JEN, SHID and Muslim Aid. In which, Japan Emergency NGO will support 1,200 families at Lakki Marwat, SHID will support 930 families at Lakki Marwat and Muslim Aid will support 603 families at Karak with the awarded projects of ERF support displaced person (DPs) with livestock inputs including livestock feed and fodder, feeding and drinking kits, Urea Molasses Blocks (UMB), and mineral supplements for livestock. Additionally, the Food Security Cluster has further been given US \$ 200,000 to support 1,154 displaced families at Togh Sarai camp in district Hangu. The project was awarded to SHID and the implementation is subject to approval of NoC from PDMA/PARRSA. The assistance is aimed to support all camp based families with cash by involving them (males and females) in different vocational training activities and daily wage work to rehabilitate camp infrastructure.

ERF Monitoring Missions in KP/FATA: For the purpose of assessing the degree compliance and progress of the ERF funded project for NWA displaces persons, the Food Security Cluster jointly carried a monitoring mission with ERF to Lakki Marwat and Karak. Japan Emergency NGO had already reached their initial 900 targets besides the coordination with district administration for allocation of more villages to identify and register additional 300 beneficiary families. Muslim Aid had completed their registration of beneficiaries while the inputs had arrived at their warehouse for distribution among the selected beneficiaries. SHID was still waiting for their NoC to be granted. At the latest, JEN and Muslim Aid had completed their targets while SHID has registered their beneficiaries after been granted with NoC. They've also received a No-Cost-Extension from ERF and would soon be distributing livestock inputs among the selected beneficiaries.

Recovery Need Assessment (RNA) for Flood Affected Areas 2014: Following Multisector Initial Rapid Assessment-2014 (MIRA), a multi-agency Recovery Need Assessment (RNA) was carried out by National Disaster Management Authority with the technical support from UNDP, FAO, WFP, ILO and UN-HABITAT. Recovery Need Assessment covered 21 floods affected districts of Punjab and 5 districts of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK). RNA relied on secondary data from various sources including MIRA-2014, satellite imageries and data from relevant government line departments. The assessment not only highlighted the utmost needs of affected communities for recovery and rehabilitation but also estimated the cost of recovery. In addition, RNA provided useful recommendations for resilience based recovery particularly in the domain of

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گرام استعمال کرنے والوں کی تعداد ایک ارب 50 کروڑ کے قریب ہے۔ دوسری جانب فیس بک اور انسٹاگرام کے مالک مارک زکربرگ نے سائبر حملے کی سختی سے تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ایک تبدیلی کی وجہ سے دونوں ویب سائٹس ایک گھنٹے تک متاثر رہیں۔

مہم کے دوران 80 ہزار 718 بچوں کو ٹیکہ لگانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ حساس یونین کونسلوں میں گڈاپ کی یو سی 4، 5، 8 بلدیہ کی یو سی 2، سائٹ ٹاؤن کی یو سی 9، اور گئی کی یو سی 13، 7 اور لائنڈھی کی یو سی 1 اور 2 شامل ہیں جبکہ پولیو مہم کے حوالے سے شہر میں سیکریٹری داخلہ سندھ رحیم سومرو کی جانب سے جاری نوٹیفکیشن جاری کیا گیا ہے کہ شہر میں آج سے تین روز تک ڈبل سواری پر پابندی رہے گی،، آج سے پولیو مہم کے آغاز پر 11 حساس یونین کونسلز میں پولیس اور رنجریز کی بھاری نفری تعینات کی گئی ہے

کراچی کی 11 حساس یونین کونسلوں میں تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم کے پہلے دن 300 سے زائد ٹیمیں حصہ لے رہی ہیں

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مٹھی: قحط زدہ تھر پارک میں حکومتی غفلت نے مزید 2 بچوں کی جان لے لی جس کے بعد رواں ماہ غذائی قلت، غربت اور صحت کی سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی سے دم توڑنے والوں کی تعداد 79 ہو گئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق تھر پارک کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں 7 ماہ کا ساگر مکیش اور اسلام کوٹ میں ڈیڑھ ماہ کا بچہ غذائی قلت کا شکار ہو کر زندگی کی بازی ہار گیا۔ رواں ماہ غذائی قلت، غربت اور بنیادی صحت کی سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث دم توڑنے والوں کی تعداد 79 ہو گئی ہے جن میں 76 بچے ہیں۔ معصوم بچوں کی اموات میں اضافے کے باوجود صوبائی حکومت اور مقامی انتظامیہ کی بے حس برقرار ہے اور گندم کی تقسیم کا پانچواں مرحلہ ڈھائی ماہ بعد بھی مکمل نہیں ہو سکا۔ دوسری جانب ادھر بنیادی مرکز صحت بھیکوڈ میں معصوم بچوں کو زائد المیہ دیکھیں دینے والے ڈاکٹر اور دو ویکسینیز کے خلاف مقدمہ درج ہونے کے باوجود انہیں اب تک گرفتار نہ کیا گیا۔

حکومت نے امداد فراہم کرنے کے بلند و بانگ دعوے تو بہت کیے لیکن متاثرین کو کچھ نہ ملا تھر پار کر کے عظیم صحرائیں غذائی بحران کے باعث موت کے سائے گہرے ہوتے جا رہے ہیں، رواں ماہ بچوں کی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد تریچین ہو گئی ہے جبکہ سینکڑوں بچے خوراک اور ادویات ملنے کے منتظر ہیں۔

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) ڈپٹی سیکریٹری پنجاب اسمبلی سردار شیر علی خاں گورچانی نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف کی ہدایات پر پہلے مرحلے میں پنجاب کے دیہی علاقوں کے چار ہزار سے زائد پرائمری سکولوں کو سولر پر منتقل کر کے بجلی کی بلا منتقل فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے گی اس ضمن میں پرائمری سکولوں میں سولر پینل لگانے کا پروگرام بنایا گیا ہے۔

ایوان وزیر اعلیٰ لاہور میں پنجاب ہیلتھ ریفارمز روڈ میپ سے متعلق اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس میں شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پروگرام پر عمل درآمد کے لیے چیک اینڈ بیلنس کا موثر نظام وضع کرتے ہوئے اسے محنت اور لگن کے جذبے سے کامیاب بنایا جائے، بنیادی مراکز صحت میں معیاری سہولتوں کی فراہمی کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ میڈیکل افسروں کی منظور شدہ خالی اسامیوں پر میرٹ پر بھرتیاں کی جائیں اور حاضری کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے بائیومیٹرک سسٹم متعارف کرایا جائے اور غیر حاضر سٹاف پر کارروائی بھی کی جائے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے صوبے کے بنیادی مراکز صحت کو معیاری طبی سہولتوں کی فراہمی کے حوالے سے 2015 تک مکمل فعال کرنے کا ہدف مقرر کیا اور ساتھ میں ادویات کی خریداری، تقسیم اور سٹاک کے متعلق پورے نظام کی ڈیجیٹل مانیٹرنگ کو یقینی بنانے کا کہا۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) مشیر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب برائے صحت خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے محکمہ کے افسروں کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ صوبے میں عوام کے تعاون سے جاری 12 روزہ انسداد خسرہ مہم کی بھرپور مانیٹرنگ کریں اور تمام قصبوں، دیہاتوں، گلی اور محلوں میں ٹیکے لگانے والی ٹیموں کی پہنچ یقینی بنائیں۔ تاکہ خسرہ کے خلاف 6 ماہ سے 10 سال تک کی عمر کے 2 کروڑ 80 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو ویکسین کا ٹیکہ لگانے کا ٹارگٹ حاصل کیا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات سول سیکرٹریٹ میں صوبے میں انسداد خسرہ مہم کے سلسلہ میں فالو اپ اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔

لاہور (سپیشل رپورٹر) پنجاب میں موبائل فون کی بائیومیٹرک سسٹم سے تصدیق کا عمل عوام کیلئے مشکل بن گیا۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت لاہور میں سینکڑوں لوگوں نے سموں کی تصدیق کے عمل میں حصہ لینا شروع کر دیا ہے۔ تاہم انتظامی افسروں کو پی ٹی اے حکام شام کے وقت روزانہ نادرا سے ڈیٹالے کر حکومتی اور دیگر حساس اداروں کو روزانہ کی بنیاد پر سموں کی تصدیق کی تعداد کے بارے میں جعلی رپورٹ بھجوا رہے ہیں جبکہ اس عمل سے عوام کو سہولت کی بجائے تکلیف کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے کیونکہ تمام موبائل فون کمپنیوں کے طے کردہ مراکز میں رش کی وجہ سے لوگوں کو گھنٹوں انتظار کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ انتظامات انتہائی ناقص ہیں کیونکہ کوئی انتہا پسند جس نے سمیں کسی ایجنٹ کے ذریعے خریدی تھیں وہ بھی ان سموں کی تصدیق کروا سکتا ہے کیونکہ شہر بھر میں ایسے تمام افراد جن کی سیکورٹی کلیرنس نہیں گئی ہے ان کو سموں کی تصدیق کے لئے کمپنیوں کی سفارش پر مشین دے دی گئی ہیں جس میں انہوں نے لوگوں سے پیسے لینے شروع کر دیے ہیں کیونکہ سموں کی تصدیق کے لئے موبائل فون کمپنیوں کے فریجنز پر رش ہے وہاں پر باہر ایجنٹوں کے افراد کھڑے ہیں۔ ایجنٹ کے ذریعے جو سمیں لی گئی ہیں ایجنٹ ان کی خود ہی تصدیق کروا رہے ہیں۔ تاہم جن افراد کے انکھوٹے کے نشان کی کلیرنس نہیں آتی ان کو کہا جاتا ہے کہ وہ نادرا کے دفتر میں جا کر تصدیق کروا کر آئیں جبکہ نادرا سینٹر میں اس حوالے سے کوئی ہدایت نہیں ملی وہاں پر لوگوں کو کہا جاتا ہے کہ ڈوپلیکٹ شناختی کارڈ بنوائیں آپ کے انکھوٹے کا نشان کو نئے سرے سے لے لیا جائے گا۔ جبکہ نادرا کے ذرائع کے مطابق نادرا کے پاس ایک خاص عرصہ کا انکھوٹے کے نشان کا ڈیٹا موجود نہیں ہے۔

ڈیرہ بگٹی (آن لائن) ڈیرہ بگٹی میں کالی کھانسی کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی، مزید 3 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق ڈیرہ بگٹی کے متعدد علاقوں میں کالی کھانسی کی وبا شدت اختیار کر گئی ہے۔

لندن: سائبر حملے کے باعث دنیا بھر کے کروڑوں فیس بک اور انسٹاگرام استعمال کرنے سے محروم ہو گئے۔ برطانوی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق آن لائن لڑو ڈنامی ہیکر گروپ نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ انہوں نے سماجی رابطے کی 2 بڑی ویب سائٹس فیس بک اور انسٹاگرام کو ہیک کیا جس کے باعث امریکا، یورپ اور ایشیا کے کروڑوں صارفین کا سوشل میڈیا پر رابطہ ایک گھنٹے تک محروم رہا۔ دنیا بھر میں فیس بک اور انسٹا

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29 جنوری 2015

وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ صحت عامہ کی معیاری سہولتوں کی فراہمی کے لیے پنجاب ہیلتھ ریفارمز روڈ میپ انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل ہے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2015

محکمہ صحت کے افسر عوام کے تعاون سے 12 روزہ انسداد خسرہ مہم کی مانیٹرنگ کریں: خواجہ سلمان رفیق

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2015

موبائل فون کی بائیومیٹرک تصدیق، عوام گھنٹوں انتظار پر مجبور

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28 جنوری 2015

ڈیرہ بگٹی: کالی کھانسی کی وبا شدت اختیار کر گئی، مزید 3 بچے جاں بحق

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سائبر حملے کے بعد دنیا بھر کے کروڑوں صارفین فیس بک اور انسٹاگرام استعمال کرنے سے محروم

سیلز ٹیکس ادا کرنا پڑیگا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پنجاب میں انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر 16 فیصد جنرل سیلز ٹیکس عائد کرنے کی سمری منظوری کیلئے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کو ارسال کر دی گئی۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) سوئی ناردرن حکام نے لاہور میں 15 روز سے کھلے سی این جی سٹیشن کی گیس غیر معینہ مدت کیلئے بند کر دی۔ بتایا گیا ہے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کا بحران ختم ہونے اور بیرون ملک سے پٹرول کی اضافی کھیپ آنے کے بعد یہ فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ایم ڈی سوئی ناردرن کے مطابق موسم بدلتے ہی سی این جی سٹیشنز دوبارہ کھولے جائیں گے۔ اس کے علاوہ 31 مارچ تک ایل این جی کے ملک میں آنے سے بھی انڈسٹری کو اس کی فراہمی شروع کر دی جائے گی۔

کراچی + پشاور (نوائے وقت رپورٹر) ملک بھر میں 10 بار بچاؤ کے قطرے پینے والی بچی سمیت پولیو کے مزید 3 مریض سامنے آ گئے۔ قمبر شہر 18 ماہ کی بچی 10 بار پولیو کے قطرے پینے کے بعد بھی پولیو کا شکار ہو گئی۔ بچی میں پولیو وائرس کی تصدیق کے بعد محکمہ صحت کے حکام میں تشویش پھیل گئی۔ سندھ میں انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران استعمال ہونے والی ویکسین پر شکوک و شبہات بڑھ گئے ہیں۔ دریں اثناء محکمہ صحت کے مطابق خیبر پٹی کے اور فائنا میں پولیو کے 2 کیسز کی تصدیق ہوئی۔ خیبر پٹی کے اور فائنا میں رواں سال سامنے آنے والے پولیو کے مریضوں کی تعداد 5 ہو گئی۔ پولیو سے متاثرہ ایک بچے کا تعلق نوشہرہ، دوسرے کا جنوبی وزیرستان سے ہے۔ دوسری طرف پشاور میں کل یکم فروری کو ایک روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم چلائی جائے گی۔ مہم کے دوران موٹر سائیکل چلانے پر پابندی ہوگی، 7 لاکھ بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ نئے کیسز کے ساتھ رواں سال پولیو کیسز کی تعداد چھ ہو گئی ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ گزشتہ سال 2014ء میں پولیو کے 305 کیس سامنے آئے تھے۔

ڈیرہ مراد جمالی / کوئٹہ (آئی این پی) صحت پور میں 4 بچے قطر گیس پائپ لائن دھماکہ سے تباہ، مستونگ میں لیویز اور مسلح افراد کے درمیان فائرنگ میں ایک حملہ آور زخمی حالت میں گرفتار تین لیویز اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔

لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر) عالمی ادارہ صحت کی رپورٹ کے مطابق دنیا بھر میں 50 کروڑ افراد میپائٹائٹس اور جگر کے دیگر امراض میں مبتلا ہیں جبکہ ہر سال 15 لاکھ افراد اس موذی مرض سے ہلاک ہو جاتے ہیں قومی آبادی کا تین فیصد حصہ میپائٹائٹس بی اور 7 فیصد سی کا شکار ہے میپائٹائٹس اے اور سی غیر معیاری کھانوں اور آلودہ پانی سے پھیلتے ہیں جبکہ بی وائرس سے پھیلتا ہے جس سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین دستیاب ہے لیکن میپائٹائٹس سی سے قبل از وقت بچاؤ کی ویکسین دستیاب نہیں دنیا کا بارہواں شخص اس موذی مرض کا شکار ہے جبکہ پاکستان میں سو کروڑ افراد متاثر ہو چکے ہیں ڈاکٹر عامر بندیشہ ڈاکٹر سلمان کاظمی ڈاکٹر عامر سلمان ڈاکٹر تنویر احمد نے کہا کہ احتیاط سے میپائٹائٹس اور جگر کے امراض سے بچا جاسکتا ہے۔

تھرپارکر (نوائے وقت نیوز + آئن لائن) سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں غذائی قلت سے بیمار 2 بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ 120 دن میں غذائی قلت سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد 344 ہو گئی۔ ہسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق متعدد بچوں کی حالت انتہائی نازک ہے؛ ڈاکٹر ہائی الرٹ ہیں اور ان کی چھٹیاں بھی منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں۔

ذرائع وزارت پانی و بجلی کے مطابق چند روز قبل ملک میں ہونے والے بریک ڈاون پر وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے تحقیقات کا حکم دیا تھا جس پر وزارت پانی و بجلی نے میجنگ ڈائریکٹر این ٹی ڈی سی طاہر محمود اور جی ایم نیشنل پاور کنٹرول سنٹر چوہدری محمد سلیم کو معطل کر دیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ان دونوں کے خلاف کارروائی کا بھی حکم دیا گیا ہے۔ این ٹی ڈی سی کے میجنگ ڈائریکٹر طاہر محمود کی مدت ملازمت میں ملک میں دو بڑے بجلی کے بریک ڈاون ہوئے جس کے باعث پورے ملک میں دس گھنٹے سے زائد بجلی بند رہی۔

تھرپارکر میں ہر صبح نئے بچوں کی ہلاکت کا پیغام لاتی ہے اور ہر مرتبہ وجہ بنتی ہے بھوک اور پیاس، تھر میں جہاں موت کے سائے ہیں وہیں غربت بھی اپنے عروج پر ہے، دیہی علاقوں میں سہولیات کا فقدان ہے تو شہروں کی صورت حال بھی کچھ زیادہ مختلف نہیں، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں تین بچے غذائی قلت کے باعث دم توڑ گئے، ماؤں کی گودیں ابڑنے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے لیکن پرسان حال کوئی نہیں، سندھ

لاہور میں سی این جی سٹیشنز کو گیس کی فراہمی بند کر دی گئی

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ملک میں بجلی کے بریک ڈاون کی سزا ایم ڈی این ٹی ڈی سی طاہر محمود اور این پی سی سی کے جنرل مینجر چوہدری سلیم کو معطل کر دیا گیا ہے

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تھرپارکر میں غذائی قلت کے باعث ہلاکتوں میں اضافہ ہوتا جا رہا ہے، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں غذائی قلت کے باعث مزید تین

کے صوبہ پنجاب میں پیٹرول کا بڑا بحران بھی پیدا ہوا تھا اور ایک ہفتے سے زیادہ عرصے تک پیٹرول دستیاب نہ تھا۔ پاکستان کے وزیر پیٹرولیم نے اس بحران کا ذمہ دار طلب میں اضافے کو قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ جنوری میں پیٹرول کی طلب میں 30 فیصد اضافہ ہوا جو بحران کی وجہ بنا۔ اب دیکھنا یہ ہے کہ پیٹرول کی قیمتوں میں مزید کمی کے بعد حکومت پیٹرول کی طلب پوری کرنے میں کامیاب رہتی ہے یا نہیں۔ نواز شریف نے یہ بھی کہا کہ حالیہ پیٹرول بحران سے کچھ لوگوں کے مخصوص مفادات وابستہ تھے اور اس سلسلے میں مکمل تحقیقات کے بعد کارروائی کی جا رہی ہے۔

لاہور (ندیم بسرا) پنجاب انسٹیٹیوٹ آف کارڈیالوجی کی ایمر جنسی میں بیڈز کی کمی کی وجہ سے غریب دل کے مریض ویل چیئر اور سٹر پیچ پر علاج کروانے پر مجبور ہو گئے جبکہ غریب مریضوں کی انجیو گرافی اور بائی پاس آپریشن کیلئے ڈیڑھ سے دو سال تک کا کیوٹر انڈر وقت دیا جانے لگا ہے۔ اسکے علاوہ ایمر جنسی میں بھی دل کے مریضوں کی فوری ای سی جی اور ایکو کارڈیو گرافی کیلئے انہیں او پی ڈی میں ہی ریفر کیا جا رہا ہے۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق پنجاب انسٹیٹیوٹ آف کارڈیالوجی میں آنے والے دل کے مریضوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے جبکہ ایمر جنسی میں تقریباً 150 کے قریب انتہائی سیریس حالت میں آنے والے دل کے مریضوں کا علاج 20 بیڈز ہونے کی وجہ سے ویل چیئر اور سٹر پیچ پر ہی کیا جا رہا ہے ویل چیئر اور سٹر پیچ زیر علاج دل کے سیریس مریضوں کو بھی ڈاکٹروں کی توجہ کیلئے گھنٹوں انتظار کرنا پڑتا ہے جبکہ ان کے بلڈ ٹیسٹ کرنے کیلئے 2 سے 4 گھنٹے انہیں وہی رکھا جاتا ہے اور اسکے بعد بلڈ ٹیسٹ کی رپورٹ کیلئے بھی 6 گھنٹے سے زائد انتظار کر دیا جاتا ہے، دل کے غریب مریضوں کیلئے پی آئی سی میں ٹول بجٹ تقریباً 50 کروڑ روپے منظور کیا گیا ہے جبکہ مریضوں کو سنٹ ڈالنے کی بجائے بائی پاس آپریشن کی لسٹ میں ڈال دیا جاتا ہے اور ہسپتال کے سروے کے دوران مریضوں سے پوچھنے پر معلوم ہوا ہے کہ انہیں 2 سے اڑھائی سال کا وقت دیکر گھروں کو رخصت کر دیا جاتا ہے کہ گھر بیٹھ کر ادویات استعمال کریں جب آپ کی آپریشن کیلئے باری آئے گی تو ہی ہسپتال آکر داخل ہو جانا جبکہ ہسپتال کے باوثوق ذرائع نے بتایا ہسپتال انتظامیہ دل کے مریضوں کے تین والزمند ہونے پر صرف ایک ہی سنٹ ڈالتے ہیں اور باقی سنٹ ڈالنے کی بجائے مریضوں کو سرجری کی لمبی لسٹ میں ڈال دیتے ہیں۔ انجیو گرافی کی تین مشینیں ٹھیک کام کر رہی ہیں جبکہ 2 خراب پڑی ہیں لیکن ان تین مشینوں پر زیادہ تر پرائیویٹ ہی انجیو گرافی کی جا رہی ہے جبکہ وی آئی پی مریضوں کو بھی جلد انجیو گرافی اور انجیو پلاسٹی کا وقت دیدیا جاتا ہے، ایکو کارڈیو گرافی سنٹ کیلئے تین سے 4 ماہ کا وقت جبکہ تھلیم ٹیسٹ کیلئے 6 ماہ کا وقت مریضوں کو دیا جا رہا ہے جبکہ روزانہ یورینیم بیرون ملک سے ہوائی جہاز کے ذریعے منگوایا جا رہا ہے۔ او پی ڈی میں روزانہ 700 سے زائد مریض دل کی مختلف بیماریوں کی شکایات لے کر آتے ہیں مگر انہیں 2 سال کا وقت دیکر رخصت کر دیا جاتا ہے جبکہ ہسپتال میں بیڈز کی شدید قلت ہے 400 سے زائد بیڈز کے ہسپتال میں غریب دل کے مریضوں کیلئے بیڈ حاصل کرنے کیلئے بھی سفارش کا سہارا لینا پڑتا ہے۔ 2007ء میں غریب مریضوں کیلئے کئی لاکھ مالیت کی خریدی گئی ڈیجیٹل ایکسرے مشینیں بھی خراب ہی پڑا ہے نہ تو محکمہ صحت پنجاب نے اس کو ٹھیک کروانے پر توجہ دی اور نہ ہی ہسپتال انتظامیہ نے جس کی وجہ سے نہ صرف 400 فلمیں ایکسپاز ہو گئی ہیں بلکہ ڈیجیٹل ایکسرے سسٹم کی وارنٹی بھی ختم ہو چکی ہے۔ مریضوں کا کہنا ہے کہ میو ہسپتال میں پورا کارڈیک شعبہ موجود ہے، جناح ہسپتال میں کارڈیک یونٹ موجود ہے مگر وہاں علاج کرنے کی بجائے انہیں پی آئی سی میں ریفر کر دیئے جاتے ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے ترجمان نے بتایا کہ مریضوں کا رش بہت زیادہ ہے۔ بورڈ آف مینجمنٹ کے چیئرمین خواجہ احمد حسان نے 100 بیڈز کی ایمر جنسی قائم کرنے کیلئے سنگ بنیاد رکھ دیا ہے اس سے بیڈز کی عدم دستیابی کا مسئلہ ہو جائیگا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جتنے مریض وہاں آتے ہیں ان تمام مریضوں کا علاج بیک وقت ممکن نہیں۔ ڈاکٹرز کی کمی کا مسئلہ ہے۔ سیکرٹری صحت نے باقی چُنچنگ ہسپتالوں کے ایم ایس کو ہدایات جاری کی ہوئی ہیں کہ وہ اپنے ہسپتالوں میں آنے والے دل کے مریضوں کا علاج خود کریں ان کو پی آئی سی میں منتقل نہ کرے۔ جناح، میو، گنگرام، سروسز میں مریضوں کو دل کی طبی سہولتیں موجود ہیں۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) پنجاب میں انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر 16 فیصد جزل سیلز ٹیکس عائد کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق یہ فیصلہ محکمہ خزانہ پنجاب میں ایک اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس میں کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کی صدارت حکومت پنجاب کی مشیر برائے مالیات ڈاکٹر عائشہ غوث پاشا نے کی۔ اجلاس میں شریک چیئرمین پنجاب ریونیو اتھارٹی انفار قسٹب نے بتایا کہ انٹرنیٹ کی سروسز پر جزل سیلز ٹیکس کی چھوٹ ہے لیکن ٹیلی کام سروسز پر ہمارے حصے کار یونیو ایف بی آر لے گیا ہے جس سے ریونیو میں 46 فیصد کا شمارت فال ہے جسے پورا کرنے کیلئے انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر 16 فیصد جزل سیلز ٹیکس عائد کیا جائے۔ ڈاکٹر عائشہ غوث پاشا نے اس ضمن میں پنجاب انفار میشن ٹیکنالوجی بورڈ کے حکام سے ٹیکس چھوٹ کے بارے میں رائے دی۔ پنجاب انفار میشن ٹیکنالوجی بورڈ نے اسکی مخالفت کی اور تجویز دی کہ انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر ٹیکس چھوٹ جاری رکھی جائے تاہم اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ تعلیمی اداروں میں انٹرنیٹ سروس کے استعمال پر ٹیکس چھوٹ برقرار رہے گی۔ اسکے علاوہ انٹرنیٹ سروس استعمال کرنے والے ہر شخص، ادارے کو حتیٰ کہ طالب علم بھی اگر انفرادی طور پر انٹرنیٹ سروس گھروں پر استعمال کریں گے تو انکو انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر 16 فیصد جزل

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سرخیال

لاہور + جھنگ (یوزر پورٹر + نامہ نگار) قادر پور اور ساون گیس فیلڈز میں اوجی ڈی سی ایل کے جرنیلز میں فنی خرابی کے باعث پنجاب کو 440 ملین کیوبک فٹ گیس کی سپلائی کی کمی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ ایم ڈی سوئی نادر ن عارف حمید کا کہنا تھا بروقت بحالی کا عمل شروع ہونے سے زیادہ نقصان نہیں ہوا، دونوں پلانٹس آن لائن ہو چکے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق گزشتہ روز قادر پور اور ساون گیس فیلڈز میں آئل اینڈ گیس ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (اوجی ڈی سی ایل) کے جرنیلز میں فنی خرابی پیدا ہوئی جس کے باعث دونوں گیس فیلڈز متاثر ہوئیں تاہم ہنگامی بنیادوں پر بحالی کا کام شروع کر دیا گیا۔ گزشتہ رات ساڑھے 7 بجے تک دونوں فیلڈز کو آن لائن کر دیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق فنی خرابی کے باعث پنجاب کو گیس کی سپلائی میں تقریباً 440 ملین کیوبک فٹ شارٹ فال کا سامنا کرنا پڑا جس کے باعث پنجاب کے ٹیکسٹائل، کھاد اور دیگر سیکٹر کی گیس فوری طور پر بند کر دی گئی جبکہ گھریلو صارفین کو ہدایت کی گئی کہ وہ پبلک آؤرز میں گیزر اور ہیٹر کا استعمال کرنے سے گریز کریں۔ دریں اثناء گیس کی بندش کے خلاف سینکڑوں خواتین، مردوں اور بچوں نے روڈ بلاک کر کے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ مظاہرین نے سوئی گیس حکام کچھلے زبردست نعرے لگائے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق حملہ شیخ لاہوری، حملہ بھیمبھرانہ، حملہ بڈھے والا، نائیاں والا چوک، جھنگ بازار حملہ جمیلی مار کیت، سیٹلائٹ ٹاؤن اور دیگر علاقوں کی سینکڑوں خواتین مردوں اور بچوں نے گیس کی مسلسل بندش کے خلاف مختلف مقامات شدید احتجاجی مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے دھرنا دیا جبکہ بستی بھرمائی کی رہائشی سینکڑوں خواتین نے ریلوے پھانک فیصل آباد کے قریب دھرنا دیکر فیصل آباد روڈ ٹریفک کے لئے بند کر دیا اور سڑک پر ناگزیر جلا کر شدید نعرے بازی کی، احتجاجی خواتین کا کہنا تھا کہ گیس کی مسلسل بندش سے گھروں میں چولہے ٹھنڈے پڑ گئے۔ عرصہ ایک ماہ سے زائد گزر جانے کے بعد بھی گیس نہیں آرہی تاہم اپنے بچوں اور بزرگوں کے لئے ہولٹوں سے کھانا لانے پر مجبور ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں میں سردی کی شدت میں کمی آنے کے ساتھ ہی گیس کی 12 سے 14 گھنٹے کی روزانہ بندش جاری ہے جس سے خواتین کو خصوصاً گھروں میں کھانا پکانے میں شدید دشواری کا سامنا ہے اسی طرح ریلیکیو کی طرف سے لاہور میں بجلی 8 گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی شیڈول جاری کیا گیا ہے مگر وقتاً فوقتاً 16 گھنٹے تک روزانہ بجلی بند کی جا رہی ہے۔

سندھ کی دو فیلڈز میں خرابی، پنجاب کو 440 ملین کعب فٹ گیس کی فراہمی بند، بجلی کی سولہ گھنٹے بندش سے عوام کا جینا حرام

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’پاکستان میں پیٹرول سی این جی سے بھی سستا‘

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پاکستان میں حکومت نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں مزید کمی کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ وزیراعظم پاکستان نواز شریف نے قیمتوں میں کمی کا اعلان لاہور میں ذرائع ابلاغ کے نمائندوں سے بات چیت کے دوران کیا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ پیٹرول کی فی لیٹر قیمت میں مزید سات روپے 99 پیسے کی کمی گئی ہے اور اب اس کی نئی قیمت 70 روپے 29 پیسے فی لیٹر ہوگی۔ اس کے علاوہ ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 5 روپے 62 پیسے، لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 9 روپے 56 پیسے، ہائی اوکٹین کی قیمت میں 11 روپے 82 پیسے جبکہ مٹی کے تیل کی قیمت میں 10 روپے 48 پیسے کی کمی اعلان کیا گیا ہے۔ وزیراعظم کا کہنا تھا کہ قیمتوں میں یہ کمی فوری سے نافذ العمل ہوگی۔ پیٹرول کی قیمت میں اس کمی سے یہ ملک میں دستیاب متبادل ایندھن یعنی سی این جی سے بھی سستا ہو جائے گا۔ اس وقت پاکستان میں سی این جی کی فی کلوم سے کم قیمت ساڑھے 71 روپے ہے۔ اس موقع پر صحافیوں سے بات کرتے ہوئے نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ خطے کے دوسرے ممالک کے مقابلے میں پاکستان میں عوام کو پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں سب سے زیادہ ریلیف دیا گیا ہے۔

انھوں نے صوبائی حکومتوں سے کہا کہ وہ پیٹرولیم مصنوعات میں کمی کا فائدہ عوام تک پہنچانے کی خاطر عوامی ٹرانسپورٹ کے کرایوں میں کمی کے لیے شوش اقدامات کریں۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کے قیمتوں میں معمول سے کم کمی کرنے کے بارے میں کہا کہ قیمتوں میں کمی سے حکومت کو ٹیکس محصولات میں خسارے کا سامنا ہے اور اسی وجہ سے پیٹرول کی حالیہ قیمت میں فی لیٹر 10 روپے سے زائد کمی کی بجائے سات روپے نانوں نے پیسے کی کمی گئی ہے۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق حکومت نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات پر عائد سیلز ٹیکس 22 فیصد سے بڑھا کر 27 فیصد کر دیا گیا ہے۔ گزشتہ ماہ بھی حکومت نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات پر ٹیکس محصولات میں آنے والے کمی کو پورا کرنے کے لیے سیلز ٹیکس کی شرح 17 فیصد سے بڑھا کر 22 فیصد کر دی تھی۔

خیال رہے کہ تیل کی عالمی منڈی میں تیل کی قیمتوں میں کمی کے بعد سے پاکستان میں اس کمی کو صارفین کو منتقل کرنے کا سلسلہ گزشتہ چند ماہ سے جاری ہے۔ ملک میں پیٹرول کی فی لیٹر قیمت اگست 2014 کے مقابلے میں تقریباً 38 روپے کم ہو چکی ہے جبکہ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 28 روپے 73 پیسے کی کمی دیکھی گئی ہے۔ پیٹرول کی قیمتوں میں کمی کی وجہ سے اس کی طلب میں بھی اضافہ ہوا ہے اور رواں ماہ کمی کے بعد پاکستان

مالاکنڈ (وقت نیوز) کاڈنٹر ٹیر رازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے مالاکنڈ میں کارروائی کر کے 3 مہینہ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ انہیں تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ تینوں دہشت گرد متعدد وارداتوں میں مطلوب تھے۔

کراچی: پولیس نے جنجال گوٹھ میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے ملکی وغیرہ کرنسی اور اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی پولیس نے سپر ہائی وے کے قریب واقع جنجال گوٹھ میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 2 دہشت گردوں کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے، دونوں ملزمان کے قبضے سے لاکھوں روپے مالیت کی ملکی وغیرہ کرنسی اور اسلحہ برآمد ہوا ہے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار ملزمان کی شناخت عظیم محسود اور منور محسود کے نام سے ہوئی ہے، ملزمان شہر میں بینک ڈکیتیاں کر کے پیسے وزیرستان بھجوانے کے علاوہ کئی پولیس اور ریجنل کی ٹارگٹ کلنگ میں بھی ملوث ہیں۔

مالاکنڈ: تین مہینہ دہشت گرد گرفتار

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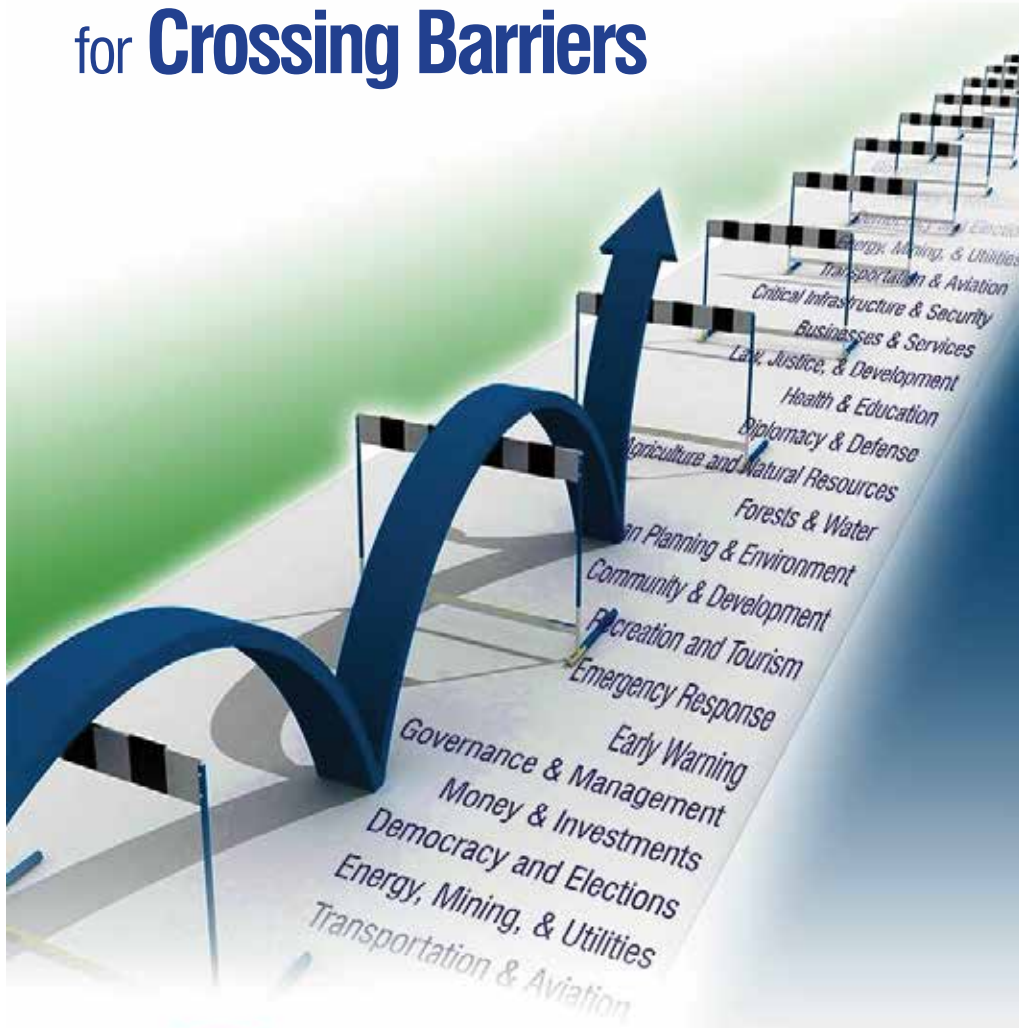
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دوران ایک مسافر وین ڈرائیور سے بے قابو ہوئی اور کھائی میں جاگری۔ حادثے میں جاں بحق افراد کی لاشوں اور زخمیوں کو قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا، دوسری جانب فیصل آباد میں: رسالے والا کے قریب شالیمار ایکسپریس کی بوگی پٹی سے اتارنگی تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا

راولپنڈی (ایکسپریس) شمالی وزیرستان کی تحصیل دتہ خیل میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں غیر ملکیوں سمیت 35 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے، کارروائی میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود کا ذخیرہ اور شدت پسندوں کے متعدد ٹھکانے بھی تباہ ہو گئے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق اتوار کی صبح شمالی وزیرستان کی تحصیل دتہ خیل میں جیٹ طیاروں نے دہشت گردوں کے خفیہ ٹھکانوں پر بمباری کی جس کے نتیجے میں 35 دہشتگرد مارے گئے، ہلاک ہونیوالوں میں غیر ملکی جنگجو بھی شامل ہیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق مسلح افواج دہشت گردوں کے خاتمے کیلئے پرعزم ہیں اور آخری شدت پسند کے خاتمے تک کارروائیاں جاری رہیں گی۔

بیجنگ (نوائے وقت رپورٹ + بی بی سی + آن لائن) پاکستان اور چین کے اعلیٰ عسکری حکام کے درمیان ملاقات میں خطے کی سکیورٹی صورت حال اور دفاعی امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا، ملاقات میں دونوں ممالک کے درمیان اٹلی جنس شیزنگ کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا، آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے چیئر مین آرمی ہیڈ کوارٹر میں گارڈ آف آنر کا معائنہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر چین کے آرمی چیف جنرل جیا گائو بھی آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کے ساتھ موجود تھے، دونوں ملکوں کی عسکری قیادت کے درمیان ہونے والی اہم ملاقات میں سیکورٹی اور انسداد دہشت گردی کے امور پر تعاون بڑھانے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا، ملاقات میں پاک چین طویل المدتی دفاعی تعاون بڑھانے پر بھی اتفاق کیا گیا۔ چینی آرمی چیف سے ملاقات میں خطے کی سکیورٹی صورتحال پر بات بھی کی گئی۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق ملاقات میں طویل مدتی دفاعی تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق ہوا۔ اٹلی جنس شیزنگ، معلومات کے تبادلے اور ٹریننگ کے شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے پر بھی اتفاق ہوا۔ سیکورٹی اور انسداد دہشت گردی کے شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے پر بھی اتفاق ہوا۔ دریں اثناء آن لائن کے مطابق پاکستان اور چین کی فوجی قیادت نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں ایک دوسرے سے بھرپور تعاون کے عزم کا اظہار کیا ہے اور آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے کہا ہے کہ دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے کے لئے کسی بھی حد تک جائیں گے، ضرب عضب دہشتگردوں کے خلاف فیصلہ کن کارروائی ثابت ہو رہا ہے جبکہ چین کے مرکزی فوجی کمیشن کے وائس چیئر مین جنرل فان چانگ لانگ نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور چین فولادی بھائی ہیں، آپریشن ضرب عضب سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمہ میں اہم کامیابیاں قابل تحسین ہیں۔ پاک فوج کے ترجمان میجر جنرل عاصم باجوہ کی جانب سے جاری ٹویٹ کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے بیجنگ میں چین کے وائس چیئر مین سینٹرل ملٹری کمیشن سے ملاقات کی۔ اس موقع پر دونوں ملکوں کی اعلیٰ ترین عسکری قیادت نے خطے میں امن و امان کی صورت حال اور ملکی سلامتی کو درپیش چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کے لئے باہمی تعاون پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا۔ ملاقات کے دوران وائس چیئر مین سینٹرل ملٹری کمیشن جنرل فان نے پاکستان کو دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں مکمل تعاون کی یقین دہانی کراتے ہوئے آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابی کو سراہا، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان اور چین اہم سٹریٹجک پارٹنر، انتہائی اہم ہمسایہ ممالک اور فولادی بھائی ہیں۔ انہوں نے ہر قسم کے چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کے لئے پاکستانی قوم اور مسلح افواج سے بھرپور یکجہتی کا اظہار کیا۔ انہوں نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابیوں کو سراہتے ہوئے اسے فیصلہ کن اور جرات مندانہ قرار دیا اور کہا کہ اس سے کسی امتیاز کے بغیر کارروائی سے دہشت گردوں کو بڑا نقصان ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان میں قومی اتفاق رائے کو بھی سراہا اور دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان کی قربانیوں کو داد تحسین پیش کرتے ہوئے چین کی طرف سے ہر ممکن تعاون کا یقین دلایا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چین دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستانی قوم کی قربانیوں اور قومی اتفاق رائے کو سراہتا ہے۔ جنرل فان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان اور چین اہم پڑوسی ملک ہیں۔ پاک چین دوستی اور سٹریٹجک تعاون مثالی نوعیت کے ہیں۔ چین ہر طرح کے چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کیلئے پاکستان کا ساتھ دیں گے۔ آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے پرعزم ہے، دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے کے لئے کسی بھی حد تک جائیں گے۔ اس سلسلے میں ضرب عضب دہشتگردوں کے خلاف بلا تفریق اور فیصلہ کن کارروائی ثابت ہو رہا ہے۔ ملاقات میں پاک چین دوستی اور پاکستان میں دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ بارے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) وفاقی حکومت نے ملک بھر میں اعلیٰ تعلیم کے 185 غیر رجسٹرڈ تعلیمی اداروں کیخلاف کارروائی کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ اس حوالے سے انہیں پہلے مہلت دی جائے گی اور بعد ازاں ان کو سیل کر دیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ایچ ای سی سے منظر لے لئے بغیر پنجاب میں 113، سندھ میں 48، خیبر پی کے میں 12، اسلام آباد میں 9، بلوچستان میں 1 اور آزاد کشمیر میں 2 ادارے کام کر رہے ہیں۔ ترجمان ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کا کہنا ہے کہ قومی اسمبلی میں 170 غیر قانونی اداروں کی نشاندہی ہوئی تھی۔ ویب سائٹ پر 185 نکلی ہے۔ اداروں کو رجسٹریشن کی ہدایت کر دی گئی ہے۔

افراد جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

27 جنوری 2015

دتہ خیل میں جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری، غیر ملکیوں سمیت 35 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ جنگ

26 جنوری 2015

کسی بھی چیلنج سے نمٹنے کیلئے پاکستان کا ساتھ دیجئے، چین: انسداد دہشت گردی اور دفاع میں تعاون بڑھانے کا فیصلہ

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قبائلیوں نے دہشت گردوں کو اپنے علاقے سے نکالنے میں اہم کردار ادا کیا۔ ترقیاتی منصوبوں کی تکمیل سے دہشت گردی کو ختم کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ قبائلی علاقوں میں زندگی معمول پر آنے تک فوج مشن جاری رکھے گی۔ نوجوان نسل کو تعلیم کی فراہمی سے دہشت گردی کا خاتمہ ہو گا۔ جنرل راجیل شریف کو علاقے میں امن و استحکام کے حوالے سے جاری آپریشن اور ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر بریفنگ بھی دی گئی۔ آرمی چیف نے ان منصوبوں کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا کہ ایسے اقدامات دہشت گردی کے خاتمے میں مددگار ثابت ہوں گے۔ فنانس کی تعمیر نو اور ترقی کیلئے جامع پالیسی کی ضرورت ہے۔ انہوں نے اس عزم کا اظہار کیا کہ پورے فنانس کو دہشت گردوں سے پاک اور خالی کروائیں گے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آرمی چیف نے دورہ چین سے واپسی کے بعد مہمند ایجنسی کا دورہ کیا جہاں پر انہوں نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کا جائزہ لیا اور افسروں اور جوانوں سے ملاقاتیں کیں۔ آرمی چیف کو اس موقع پر مہمند ایجنسی میں جاری آپریشن، امن و استحکام اور جاری ترقیاتی کاموں کے حوالے سے بریفنگ دی گئی، اس موقع پر آرمی چیف نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں جوانوں کے عزم اور حوصلے کو سراہا اور امن کے قیام کیلئے افسروں اور جوانوں کی تعریف کی، انہوں نے کہا کہ ترقیاتی منصوبوں کی تکمیل سے دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے اکھاڑنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ قبائلیوں نے اپنے علاقے سے دہشت گردوں کو نکالنے میں اہم کردار ادا کیا، قبائلی علاقوں میں معمول کی زندگی بحال ہونے تک فوج اپنا مشن جاری رکھے گی۔ نوجوان نسل کو تعلیم اور اقتصادی مواقع کی فراہمی سے دہشت گردی کا خاتمہ ہو گا۔ باجوڑ اور مہمند ایجنسی کے سرحدی علاقے میں افغانستان کی طرف سے آپریشن جاری ہے، سرحد پار آپریشن دہشت گردی کی روک تھام میں اہم کردار ادا کریں گے، جنرل راجیل شریف نے پاک افغان سرحد پر روابط مزید بڑھانے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ آرمی چیف نے ہیڈ کوارٹر مہمند راکٹرز میں یادگار شہداء پر پھول چڑھائے اور سلامی دی۔ اس موقع پر کورمانڈر پشاور لیفٹیننٹ جنرل ہدایت الرحمان اور آئی جی ایف سی طیب اعظم سمیت اعلیٰ حکام بھی ان کے ہمراہ تھے۔ بعد میں انہوں نے جوانوں سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاک فوج نے ملک سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے جو ملٹری آپریشنز ضرب عضب اور خیرون شروع کئے ہیں۔ یہ آخری دہشت گرد کے خاتمے اور مکمل امن و امان قائم ہونے تک جاری رہے گا۔ بہت جلد دہشت گردی کو شکست سے دوچار کر کے گودار سے چترال تک اور شوال سے باجوڑ تک امن کی فضاء قائم ہوگی۔ پھر ملک بھر میں نہ کوئی دہشت گردی ہوگی اور نہ کوئی تخریب کاری کی ذمہ داری لینے والا ہوگا۔

راولپنڈی: شمالی وزیرستان میں جیٹ طیاروں کی بمباری سے 53 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ ان کے کئی ٹھکانوں کو بھی تباہ کر دیا گیا۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق شمالی وزیرستان میں آپریشن ”ضرب عضب“ کامیابی سے جاری ہے اور آج شام جیٹ طیاروں نے دہشت گردوں کے 6 ٹھکانے اور اسلحہ کے بڑے ذخیرے سمیت دھماکا خیز مواد سے بھری 7 گاڑیوں کو بھی تباہ کر دیا گیا۔

پشاور: پولیس نے خواتین اساتذہ کو اسلحہ چلانے کی تربیت کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا جب کہ ابتدائی طور پر 10 تعلیمی اداروں نے اسلحہ تربیت کے لئے پولیس سے رابطہ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ایلین فورس اور محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی فورس کے ٹرینرز خواتین اساتذہ کو اسلحہ چلانے کی تربیت دے رہے ہیں جبکہ پہلے مرحلے میں 10 تعلیمی اداروں کی خواتین اساتذہ کو پولیس لائسنس پشاور میں تربیت دی گئی جو کہ تین روز تک جاری رہے گی۔ فرنیچر کالج کی اساتذہ کو پستول اور ایس ایم جی چلانے کی تربیت دی گئی جس میں اساتذہ نے کم اور زیادہ فاصلے پر اپنے ہدف کو نشانہ بنایا۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز پشاور ڈاکٹر میاں محمد سعید کا کہنا ہے کہ اسلحہ چلانے کی تربیت کے لئے پہلے مرحلے میں 10 تعلیمی اداروں نے رابطہ کیا ہے جنہیں رضا کارانہ طور پر تربیت دی جا رہی ہے اور اگر دیگر تعلیمی اداروں نے بھی رابطہ کیا تو انہیں بھی تربیت دیں گے۔

اسلام آباد میں وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا، جس میں وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چودھری نثار، وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار اور وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف نے شرکت کی۔۔۔ اجلاس میں توانائی اور پٹرول کی صورتحال اور انسداد دہشت گردی قومی ایکشن پلان پر پیشرفت کا جائزہ لیا گیا، وزیراعظم نے ملک میں پٹرول کی صورتحال پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ہدایت کی کہ تمام متعلقہ وزارتوں اور محکموں میں تعاون کو یقینی بنایا جائے، وزیراعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت ملک سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے پُر عزم ہے، بیس نکاتی قومی لائحہ عمل پر تمام سیاسی جماعتوں نے اعتماد کا اظہار کیا ہے، پنجاب کی طرح دوسرے صوبے بھی قومی ایکشن پلان پر عمل درآمد میں تیزی لائیں۔

ہزارہ ڈویژن میں رات سے وقفے وقفے بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گلیات میں مسافروں کی کھائی پھسلن کی وجہ سے کھائی میں جاگری، 13 افراد جاں بحق اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ حادثہ ایبٹ آباد میں گلیات کے علاقے باغ بانڈی روڈ پر پیش آیا جہاں بارش کی وجہ سے روڈ پر پھسلن تھی اس

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دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے پُر عزم ہے،

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ایبٹ آباد میں گلیات کے علاقے باغ بانڈی میں

مسافر گاڑی گہری کھائی میں گرنے سے تین

اور پولیس کی یہ مشترکہ کارروائیاں ان علاقوں میں کی جارہی ہیں جہاں گمان ہے کہ قبائلی علاقوں سے فرار ہو کر آنے والے شدت پسند اور یا ان کے حمایتی اور مددگار یہاں موجود ہو سکتے ہیں۔ پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملے کے بعد سکیورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے ان کارروائیوں میں تیزی آئی اور سرکاری سطح پر اس بارے میں معلومات فراہم نہیں کی جارہیں۔ ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان کے ضلعی پولیس افسر صادق حسین نے بتایا کہ سٹر انٹیک اینڈ سرچ آپریشن میں پولیس روزانہ ہر مکان کا ریکارڈ حاصل کرتی ہے جبکہ مقامی روایات کے مطابق مدرسوں اور سکولوں کی بھی معلومات حاصل کی جاتی ہیں۔ خیبر پٹی کے میں جاری آپریشن کے میں دو ہفتوں کے دوران پانچ ہزار سے زیادہ مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے جبکہ دو ہزار کے لگ بھگ ایسے افغان پناہ گزینوں کو بھی گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جن کے پاس پاکستان میں رہنے کے قانونی دستاویزات نہیں تھے۔ گوجرانوالہ میں سانحہ پشاور کے بعد ممکنہ دہشت گردی کے خطرہ کے پیش نظر پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم افغان باشندوں سمیت 20 سے زائد مشتبہ افراد زیر حراست میں لے لیا۔ ایس پی سٹی طاہر مقصود چھینہ کی نگرانی میں کیا گیا پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں دھلے، گرجا، کھیلا، شریف پورہ، جناح روڈ اور دیگر علاقوں سے بیس سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے کر تھانے منتقل کر کے ان کی تفتیش کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ وزیر آباد میں غیر قانونی قیام پذیر تارکین وطن کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن میں 62 افغان باشندے حراست میں لے لئے گئے۔ گزشتہ روز سرکل پولیس وزیر آباد نے شہر و گردنواح کے متعدد مقامات سے دوران چیکنگ 62 سے زائد افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا اور تفتیش کے بعد 12 افغان باشندوں کو ضروری کوائف پیش نہ کر سکنے پر جیل روانہ کر دیا گیا جبکہ بقیہ افراد کو اطمینان حاصل کرنے کے بعد رہا کر دیا گیا۔ ڈسکہ کے علاقہ گلشن کالونی سے بھی دو غیر قانونی افغان باشندوں طور خاں اور نعیم خاں کو سرچ آپریشن کے دوران گرفتار کر کے اسکے خلاف فارن ایکٹ کے تحت مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا۔ وزیر داخلہ پنجاب شجاع خاں زادہ نے کہا کہ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 1675 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ ان میں دہشت گردی کی وارداتوں میں ملوث 274 افراد بھی شامل ہیں۔ غیر قانونی اسلحہ رکھنے والے 306 افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت 439 غیر ملکیوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ جن کا تعلق بھارت، افغانستان سمیت 12 ممالک سے ہے۔ لیکن جرائم میں ملوث متعدد افراد بھی گرفتار کیے گئے۔ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد سے متعلق پنجاب سرفہرست ہے۔ دہشتگردوں کی پناہ گاہیں ہمارا ہدف ہیں۔

لاہور (پ ر) پروگریسو پرائیویٹ سکولز ایسوسی ایشن کے مرکزی صدر مزمل اقبال صدیقی نے سکیورٹی کے حوالے سے منعقدہ اجلاس میں وزیر تعلیم رانا مشہود احمد خان سے مطالبہ کیا کہ تمام تعلیمی اداروں کو اپنی سکیورٹی بہتر بنانے اور بچوں کے تحفظ کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے اسلحہ لائسنس مہیا کیے جائیں انہوں نے کہا کہ پرائیویٹ سکولوں کو سکیورٹی ایجنسیوں سے سکیورٹی گارڈ لینے پر مجبور نہ کیا جائے۔

بنوں میں پولیس اور بم ڈسپوزل یونٹ نے ریلوے روڈ پر واقع پولیس چوکی کے قریب نصب بارودی مواد کو ناکارہ بنا کر دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام بنادیا۔ بم ڈسپوزل یونٹ کے ماہرین کے مطابق بارودی مواد دیسی ساختہ ہے اور اس کا وزن 4 کلو گرام ہے۔ بم کی برآمدگی کے بعد پولیس کی جانب سے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا جس میں پانچ مشکوک افراد گرفتار کر لئے گئے خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقہ جہرود میں سکیورٹی فورسز نے تخریب کاری کے بڑا منصوبہ ناکام بنادیا، علاقے میں نصب بارودی مواد کو تباہ کر دیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد + مہمند ایجنسی (سٹاف رپورٹر + نوائے وقت رپورٹ + ایجنسیاں) آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے گزشتہ روز مہمند ایجنسی کا دورہ کیا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق مہمند ایجنسی میں انہیں آپریشن کے بعد استحکام برقرار رکھنے اور آرمی انجینئرز کی طرف سے ترقیاتی کاموں کے بارے میں بریفنگ دی گئی۔ اس موقع پر افسروں اور جوانوں سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے جنرل راحیل نے مہمند ایجنسی میں قیام امن کیلئے قربانیاں دینے، پیشہ ورانہ لگن اور مورال کی شاندار الفاظ میں تعریف کی۔ انہوں نے ان تمام قبائلی علاقوں میں یکساں تعمیر نو اور بحالی کے کاموں پر زور دیا جہاں سے دہشت گردی کا صفایا کیا جا چکا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ان ترقیاتی منصوبوں کی بدولت نوجوانوں کو تعلیم اور روزگار کے مواقع میسر آئیں گے اور طویل المیعاد بنیادوں پر دہشت گردی کا خاتمہ ہو گا۔ انہوں نے دہشت گردوں کو علاقہ سے نکالنے میں اہم کردار ادا کرنے پر قبائل کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے یقین دلایا کہ ان علاقوں میں زندگی کو مکمل معمول پر لانے تک یہاں سے انخلاء نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ باجوڑ اور مہمند ایجنسی کے بالمقابل افغان علاقوں میں افغان بارڈر پولیس کی طرف سے کارروائی کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے آرمی چیف نے کہا کہ ان کارروائیوں سے سرحد پار سے ہونے والی دہشت گردی پر قابو پانے میں مدد ملے گی۔ انہوں نے سرحد پر تعاون کو مزید مستحکم بنانے کی ضرورت پر زور دیا۔ آرمی چیف کو امن و استحکام سے متعلق آپریشن پر بریفنگ دی گئی۔ آرمی چیف نے کہا کہ فائنا کی بحالی تک قبائلیوں کو تنہا نہیں چھوڑینگے۔ پورے فائنا کو دہشت گردوں سے پاک اور خالی کریں گے، فائنا میں تعمیر نو اور جامع منصوبہ بندی وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے۔

حکومت پرائیویٹ سکولوں کو اسلحہ لائسنس

دے: مزمل اقبال صدیقی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2015

بنوں میں دہشت گردی کا منصوبہ ناکام بنادیا گیا،

پولیس چوکی کے قریب رکھے گئے 4 کلو وزنی

بارودی مواد کو ناکارہ بنادیا گیا۔

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2015

پورے فائنا کو دہشت گردوں سے پاک کریں

گے: آرمی چیف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

28 جنوری 2015

دہشت گرد گرفتار

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

30 جنوری 2015

آپریشن میں 8 ہزار 800 سے زائد مشتبہ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا جا چکا ہے۔ سرکاری نشریاتی ادارے کے مطابق ملک سے دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے کے لئے چاروں صوبوں، آزاد جموں و کشمیر، فانا اور گلگت بلتستان کی حکومتیں وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی ہدایت کے مطابق نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تیزی سے عملدرآمد کر رہی ہیں اور اس سلسلے میں صوبہ پنجاب میں اب تک 9 ہزار سے زائد آپریشن میں 1859 اور صوبہ سندھ میں 1100 سے زائد آپریشن میں 1178 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ نشریاتی ادارے کا کہنا ہے کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کرتے ہوئے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا میں 2300 سے زائد آپریشن کئے گئے جن میں 4949 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ بلوچستان میں 30 آپریشن میں 263، دارالحکومت اسلام آباد میں 300 سے زائد آپریشن میں 455، گلگت بلتستان میں 16 آپریشن میں 10، فنان میں 47 آپریشن میں 118 اور آزاد کشمیر میں 500 سے زائد آپریشن میں متعدد دہشت گردوں کی گرفتاری عمل میں آئی۔

لاہور (سیف اللہ سپرا) دہشت گردی کے خطرات نے پورے ملک کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا۔ ملک بھر میں سکیورٹی کے انتظامات ناکافی ہیں خصوصاً سینما گھروں کی سکیورٹی نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے۔ لاہور میں 20 کے قریب سینما گھر ہیں۔ چند سینما گھروں کے سوا باقی سینما گھروں پر سکیورٹی کے کوئی انتظامات نہیں ہیں۔ بیشتر سینما گھروں کی دیواریں چھوٹی ہیں۔ مین گیٹ پر مسلح گارڈز تک نہیں۔ واک تھر ویٹ بھی نہیں لگائے گئے، میٹل ڈی ٹیکٹر بھی نہیں، سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے بھی نصب نہیں کئے گئے، فائر سسٹم نہیں، چیکنگ کا نظام بھی موجود نہیں۔ سینما گھروں میں سکیورٹی کے ناکافی انتظامات کے پیش نظر فلم بینوں کی تعداد کم ہو گئی ہے۔ دہشت گردی کے ممکنہ خطرات اور سینما گھروں کی سکیورٹی کے حوالے سے سینما کارکن ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئرمین ضوریز لاشاری نے کہا کہ ملک بھر کے سینما گھروں پر سکیورٹی کے انتظامات ناکافی ہیں۔ حکومت کو چاہئے کہ سینما گھروں کے سٹاف کو ممکنہ دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کیلئے تربیت دے۔ جمعہ، ہفتہ، اتوار تین دن رات ہے، ان تین دنوں میں شام 6 بجے سے رات 12 بجے تک سینما گھروں کے باہر پولیس کی نفری تعینات کی جائے، واک تھر ویٹ اور سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے نصب کئے جائیں، فائر سسٹم کا بندوبست کیا جائے۔

میرانشاہ (نوائے وقت + آن لائن + اے ایف پی) شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے شوال میں ڈرون حملہ ہوا جس سے 4 غیر ملکیوں سمیت 17 افراد ہلاک جبکہ 4 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ڈرون حملے میں ایک گھر اور گاڑی پر 2 میزائل فائر کئے گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق امریکی ڈرون طیارے نے شوال کے علاقہ منڈی میں ایک گھر اور گاڑی پر 2 میزائل فائر کئے۔ میزائل لگنے سے گھر مکمل طور پر تباہ ہو گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ہلاکتوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ واقعہ کے بعد بھی ڈرون طیاروں کی پروازیں جاری رہیں جس سے علاقے کے لوگوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا۔ واضح رہے رواں سال شمالی وزیرستان میں امریکی جاسوس طیاروں کا یہ چوتھا حملہ ہے۔

لاہور + اسلام آباد + گوجرانوالہ + وزیر آباد + ڈسکہ (نامہ نگار + نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نامہ نگاران + ایجنسیاں) ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف کی ہدایت پر شہر بھر میں سرچ آپریشن کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 6059 افراد کو چیک کیا گیا جن میں سے 16 افراد کو کوائف مکمل نہ ہونے پر حراست میں لیا گیا جبکہ 37 افراد کے خلاف کارروائی کی گئی۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز نے کہا ہے کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عمل درآمد کئے بغیر ہم دہشت گردی کی جنگ نہیں جیت سکتے۔ لاؤڈ سپیکر کا غیر قانونی استعمال، مذہبی منافرت پھیلانے والے لٹریچر اور انتہا پسندی کو ہر قیمت روکنا ہو گا تاکہ اس ملک کو دہشت گردی سے پاک کیا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے شہریوں سے اپیل کی کہ وہ پولیس کے ساتھ مکمل تعاون کریں تاکہ ملک میں دہشت گردی کے ناسور سے بچا جاسکے۔ کسی بھی مشکوک شخص یا شے کے نظر آنے پر فوری پولیس کو اطلاع دی جائے تاکہ بروقت کارروائی کی جاسکے۔ اسلام آباد کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس کا سرچ آپریشن جاری چار افغان باشندوں سمیت 108 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کر لیا گیا۔ اسلام آباد پولیس کے مطابق تھانہ بنی گالہ، بارہ کھوہ، ترنول، گولڑہ، رمن اور مارگلہ میں سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا جس کے دوران 75 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ادر پشاور پولیس نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران غیر ملکیوں سمیت 32 مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں لے کر ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ پشاور پولیس نے مشتبہ افراد کی علاقے اچرکلے اور بہادر کلے میں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کیا، پولیس اہلکاروں نے تمام راستے بند کر کے گھر گھر تلاشی کے دوران 12 اشتہاریوں اور غیر قانونی طور پر رہائش پذیر 4 افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ دریں اثناء خیبر پٹی کے میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت سکیورٹی فورسز کی مشترکہ کارروائیاں جاری ہیں، پولیس نے دو ہفتوں میں پانچ ہزار سے زیادہ مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ منگل کو برطانوی نشریاتی ادارے کی رپورٹ مطابق خیبر پٹی کے میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت سکیورٹی فورسز کی مشترکہ کارروائیاں جاری ہیں، پولیس نے دو ہفتوں میں پانچ ہزار سے زیادہ مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ مقامی افراد کے مطابق مردان کے قریب کاٹنگ کے علاقے میں سکیورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی میں دو مشتبہ شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے۔ ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان کے علاقے لونہ اور ہنگو کے مضافات میں بھی اسی طرح کی مشترکہ کارروائیاں کی گئی تھیں۔ ان کارروائیوں میں دو مشتبہ شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔ سکیورٹی اداروں

دہشت گردی کا خطرہ، سینما گھروں کی سکیورٹی

ناکافی، فلم بینوں کی تعداد کم ہو گئی

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شمالی وزیرستان میں ڈرون حملہ؛ 4 غیر ملکیوں

سمیت 17 افراد ہلاک؛ 4 زخمی

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29 جنوری 2015

لاہور، اسلام آباد سمیت متعدد شہروں میں

سرچ آپریشن جاری، 210 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار

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تفصیلات

ڈیرہ بگٹی.. بلوچستان کے ضلع ڈیرہ بگٹی میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے سوئی گیس کی 24 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن کو دھماکے خیز مواد سے اڑا دیا۔ تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ لیویز ذرائع کے مطابق ڈیرہ بگٹی کے علاقے لنڈونالہ کے قریب نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے سوئی گیس کی 24 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن کو دھماکے خیز مواد سے اڑا دیا جس کے نتیجے میں پائپ لائن میں آگ بھڑک اٹھی مقامی انتظامیہ نے موقع پر پہنچ کر کارروائی شروع کر دی آگ لگنے کے باعث پلانٹ کے کمپریسر کو سوئی گیس کی سپلائی معطل ہو گئی ہے۔ مزید کارروائی متعلقہ انتظامیہ کر رہی ہے۔

اسلام آباد: پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق سانحہ شکار پور کے پیش نظر شہر میں کسی بھی ممکنہ ناخوشگوار واقع سے نمٹنے کے لئے سیکیورٹی ہائی الرٹ کر دی گئی ہے،، مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں کے علاوہ حساس عمارتوں اور خفیہ تنصیبات کی سیکیورٹی میں بھی غیر معمولی اضافہ کر دیا گیا ہے، جبکہ دوسری جانب پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران اٹھاون مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے لیے،، سرچ آپریشن تھانہ آبپارہ، تھانہ سیکرٹریٹ اور تھانہ رمنا کی حدود میں کیا گیا، پولیس کے مطابق حراست میں لئے گئے افراد کو تفتیش کے لئے متعلقہ تھانوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان (آئی این پی) ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان کے علاقے کلاچی میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر تین روز سے جاری آپریشن میں 10 دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ 19 گرفتار کر لئے گئے۔ دہشت گردوں کے قبضے سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد کر لیا گیا ہے جبکہ ایک گھر سے چھاپہ مار کر دہشت گردوں کا سرغنہ ہاشم کو بھی گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ سندھ کے حکام کے مطابق ضلع شکار پور کی امام بارگاہ میں دھماکے سے کم از کم 57 افراد ہلاک اور 57 زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ یہ دھماکہ جمعے کو شکار پور کے علاقے لکھی در کی امام بارگاہ مولاعلیٰ میں ہوا ہے۔ بی بی سی اردو کے نامہ نگار ریاض سمیل کا کہنا ہے کہ جس وقت دھماکہ ہوا اس وقت شہر کے مرکزی علاقے میں واقع امام بارگاہ اور مسجد کی دو منزلہ عمارت میں لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد موجود تھی اور نماز جمعہ کا خطبہ جاری تھا۔ شکار پور کے پولیس افسر عبدالقدوس نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دھماکے کے نتیجے میں امام بارگاہ کے پیش امام سمیت کم از کم 57 افراد کے ہلاک ہونے کی تصدیق ہو چکی ہے جبکہ 59 افراد زخمی ہیں۔ زخمی افراد اس وقت شکار پور، سکھر اور لاڑکانہ میں زیر علاج ہیں۔ انھوں نے بتایا ہے کہ ہلاک ہونے والے افراد میں تین بچے بھی شامل ہیں۔ ڈی ایس پی عبدالقدوس کے مطابق جائے وقوعہ پر لوگوں نے انھیں بتایا کہ ایک شخص تھیلے سمیت امام بارگاہ کے اندر آیا، جس کے فوری بعد دھماکہ ہو گیا اور اب تحقیقات کی جارہی ہیں کہ بم نصب کیا گیا تھا یا یہ خود کش حملہ تھا۔ ایس ایچ او بشیر کھوکھر کا کہنا ہے کہ دھماکے وقت امام بارگاہ میں سو کے قریب افراد چلی منزل اور 60 سے 70 افراد چلی منزل پر موجود تھے۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار) صوبائی دارالحکومت میں دہشت گردوں کے داخلے کی اطلاع پر گزشتہ روز پولیس و قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے سیکیورٹی ہائی الرٹ کر کے شہر بھر میں ناکے لگائے تھے جبکہ نماز جمعہ کے وقت مساجد، امام بارگاہوں اور جمعہ کے اجتماعات کی سیکیورٹی کے لئے سخت انتظامات کئے گئے تھے۔ حساس اداروں کی اطلاع کہ لاہور میں دہشت گرد کوئی بڑی کارروائی کر سکتے ہیں، پر پولیس و قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے شہر بھر میں گزشتہ روز سیکیورٹی ہائی الرٹ کی تھی۔ شہر کے داخلی راستوں کی کڑی نگرانی اور اہم سرکاری عمارت، بس و وگن سٹینڈ اور کاروباری و تجارتی مراکز اور بازاروں میں سفید پارچات میں نفری تعینات تھی۔ لاہور پولیس نے گزشتہ روز شہر بھر کی حدود میں لوہے کے بیرئیر لگا کر ناکے لگائے تھے۔ جہاں تعینات اہلکار مشکوک اور بڑی گاڑیوں کو روک کر چیک کرتے رہے جبکہ شہر میں پولیس گشت میں بھی اضافہ کر دیا گیا تھا۔ نماز جمعہ کے لئے مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں میں نمازیوں کو میٹل ڈیکٹریٹر سے تلاشی لے کر اندر داخل ہونے دیا گیا۔ مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں سے ملحقہ اونچی عمارتوں پر بھی پولیس اہلکار تعینات تھے جبکہ دینی درس گاہوں، مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں کے قریب گاڑیوں اور موٹر سائیکلوں کی پارکنگ کی اجازت نہیں تھی۔

اسلام آباد: ملک کے چاروں صوبوں اور آزاد علاقوں میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد تیزی سے جاری ہے اور اب تک 12 ہزار سے زائد

سرخیوں

ڈیرہ بگٹی: سوئی گیس کی 24 انچ قطر کی پائپ

لائن دھماکے سے تباہ

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01 فروری 2015

سانحہ شکار پور کے پیش نظر اسلام آباد میں
مساجد اور امام بارگاہوں کی سیکیورٹی سخت کر دی
گئی

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جب ملزمان نے اسے نشانہ بنایا اور فرار ہو گئے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ مقتول اہلکار کا آبائی تعلق نوشہرہ و فیروز سے تھا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ملزمان نے پولیو و کرز کو بھی نشانہ بنانے کی کوشش کی تاہم انہوں نے ایک گھر کے اندر گھس کر گھر کا دروازہ بند کر کے اپنی جانیں بچائیں۔ قبل ازیں ماڑی پور تھانے کی حدود ماڑی پور گریڈ میں پیر کی دوپہر موٹر سائیکل پر سوار ایک ملزم نے موٹر سائیکل پر ہی سوار ایک شخص 42 سالہ زائد ولد نور محمد پر فائرنگ کر دی اور فرار ہو گیا جسکے نتیجے میں وہ موقع پر ہی جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ڈی ایس پی قمر زمان کے مطابق مقتول ریٹائرڈ فوجی اہلکار ہے اور واقعہ کے وقت وہ اپنی بیوی کو گلہائی سے لیکر ماڑی پور آ رہا تھا جب اسے نشانہ بنایا گیا تاہم ملزم نے اسکی بیوی کو نشانہ نہیں بنایا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ مقتول رؤف ٹیکسٹائل مل میں سیکورٹی گارڈ تھا اور اسکا آبائی تعلق ہزارہ سے تھا۔ ڈی ایس پی کے مطابق ذاتی دشمنی سمیت مختلف پہلوؤں سے واقعہ کی تفتیش کی جا رہی ہے۔

لاہور: پنجاب میں محکمہ صحت کے زیر اہتمام انسداد خسرہ مہم شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ سولہ ہزار ٹیمیں تشکیل دے دی گئیں۔ صوبہ پنجاب میں انسداد خسرہ مہم 9 فروری تک جاری رہے گی۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے ترجمان کے مطابق مہم کے دوران پونے 3 کروڑ بچوں کو خسرہ سے بچاؤ کے ٹیکے لگائے جائیں گے۔ صوبے کے تمام چھوٹے بڑے اسپتالوں، ہیلتھ سنٹر ز اور سرکاری ڈسپنسریوں میں خسرہ ویکسین کے ٹیکے لگانے کے انتظامات کیے گئے ہیں۔ خسرہ ٹیمیں اسکولوں اور گلی محلوں میں جا کر بچوں کو ٹیکے لگائیں گی۔ صحت حکام کے مطابق مہم پر 12 ارب 70 کروڑ روپے زائد اخراجات آئیں گے۔

پنجاب کے مختلف میدانی علاقوں میں ایک مرتبہ پھر دھند چھا گئی، لاہور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں دھند نے ڈیرے ڈالے رکھے ہیں محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران لاہور، گوجرانوالہ، فیصل آباد، راولپنڈی، ساہیوال، ملتان، بہاولپور اور سکھر ڈویژن میں مزید دھند پڑنے کا امکان ہے، مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، پشاور، اسلام آباد، راولپنڈی اور کشمیر میں چند مقامات پر بارش کی بھی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے جبکہ ملتان میں آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران موسم سرد اور مطلع آبرودار ہے گا، گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہا، مالاکنڈ اور ہزارہ ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر بارش ہوئی۔ سب سے کم درجہ حرارت منفی سات سینٹی گریڈ مالٹا میں ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ کالام میں درجہ حرارت منفی 6، سکرو منفی چار، کوئٹہ منفی تین اور مری میں منفی دو رہا۔

قطرہ تھریپار کر میں حکومتی غفلت نے مزید 2 بچوں کی جان لے لی جس کے بعد رواں ماہ غذائی قلت، غربت اور صحت کی سہولیات کی : مٹھی عدم فراہمی سے دم توڑنے والوں کی تعداد 79 ہو گئی ہے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق تھریپار کر کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں 7 ماہ کا ساگر مکیش اور اسلام کوٹ میں ڈیڑھ ماہ کا بچہ غذائی قلت کا شکار ہو کر زندگی کی بازی ہار گیا۔ رواں ماہ غذائی قلت، غربت اور بنیادی صحت کی سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث دم توڑنے والوں کی تعداد 79 ہو گئی ہے جن میں 76 بچے ہیں۔ معصوم بچوں کی اموات میں اضافے کے باوجود صوبائی حکومت اور مقامی انتظامیہ کی بے حسی برقرار ہے اور گندم کی تقسیم کا پانچواں مرحلہ ڈھائی ماہ بعد بھی مکمل نہیں ہو سکا۔ دوسری جانب ادھر بنیادی مرکز صحت بھکڑو میں معصوم بچوں کو زائد المیاد ویکسین دینے والے ڈاکٹر اور دو ویکسینرز کے خلاف مقدمہ درج ہونے کے باوجود انہیں اب تک گرفتار نہ کیا گیا۔

کراچی: آج پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر میں جذام کے مرض سے متعلق آگاہی اور مریضوں سے اظہارِ نیکی کا دن منایا جا رہا ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق جذام کے کیسز میں کمی کے باوجود آگلی دو دہائیوں تک اس مرض کے خلاف روزنامہ جنگ جاری رکھنا ضروری ہے۔ جذام ایک ایسا مرض ہے جس کے باعث ماضی میں لوگ معاشرتی رویوں کے باعث تنہا زندگی گزارنے پر مجبور تھے، لیکن آج اس مرض کا مکمل علاج دریافت ہو چکا ہے۔ جذام کا جراثیم فضا میں ہونے کے باعث جب کسی انسان کو متاثر کرتا ہے تو جسم کے مختلف حصوں میں سفید دھبے، متاثرہ جگہ کا سن ہو جانا اور تکلیف کا محسوس نہ ہونا شامل ہے۔ عالمی سطح پر 1954 میں جذام کے مرض سے متعلق آگاہی اور مبتلا مریضوں سے اظہارِ نیکی کا دن منانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ اعداد و شمار کے مطابق پاکستان میں اب تک 56 ہزار سے زائد افراد جذام کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق جذام قابل علاج مرض تو ہے لیکن بروقت تشخیص نہ ہونے کے باعث مریض کئی بیماریوں میں بھی مبتلا ہو جاتا ہے۔ ملک میں فضائی آلودگی اور گھروں میں صفائی ستھرائی کے فقدان کے باعث ہر سال 300 سے زائد افراد اس جذام کا شکار ہو رہے ہیں۔ ماہرین طب کا کہنا ہے کہ فضاء میں آلودگی کے باعث 40 فیصد جذام کے مریضوں کا تعلق کراچی سے ہے تاہم ابتدائی علامات ظاہر ہونے کے باعث باآسانی اس مرض پر قابو پایا جاسکتا ہے۔

پنجاب میں انسداد خسرہ مہم شروع، 16 ہزار ٹیمیں تشکیل

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پنجاب اور بالائی سندھ کے میدانی علاقے ایک بار پھر دھند کی لپیٹ میں آ گئے، موسم کا احوال بتانے والوں کا کہنا ہے اسلام آباد، گلگت بلتستان سمیت چند ایک مقامات پر ہلکی بارش کا امکان ہے،

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تھر میں حکومتی غفلت نے مزید 2 بچوں کی جان لے لی

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جذام سے متعلق آگاہی اور مریضوں سے اظہارِ نیکی کا دن

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وباء کے باعث کوئی انسانی المیہ جنم لے سکتا ہے۔

لاہور سے رحیم یار خان تک صبح کے اوقات میں دھند چھائی رہی، جس کے سفر کرنے والوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا، تاہم دھند شدید ہونے کی وجہ سے ٹھوکر نیا بیگ موٹروے پر چھ گاڑیاں آپس میں ٹکرائیں جس کے نتیجے میں دو افراد معمولی زخمی ہو گئے، حادثے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی موٹروے پولیس موقع پر پہنچ گئی، جنہوں نے زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر اسپتال منتقل کر دی، جہاں ان کی حالت خطرے سے باہر ہے، حادثہ کے بعد موٹروے پر ٹریفک کا بہاؤ بھی متاثر ہوا، جس سے شہریوں کا کافی مشکلات سے دوچار ہونا پڑا

ایبٹ آباد: ہزارہ ڈویژن میں رات سے وقفے وقفے بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گلیات میں مسافر وین کھائی پھسلنے کی وجہ سے کھائی میں جاگری، 3 افراد جاں بحق اور دو زخمی ہو گئے۔ حادثہ ایبٹ آباد میں گلیات کے علاقے باغ بانڈی روڈ پر پیش آیا جہاں بارش کی وجہ سے روڈ پر پھسل تھی اس دوران ایک مسافر وین ڈرائیور سے بے قابو ہوئی اور کھائی میں جاگری۔ حادثے میں تین افراد موقع پر جاں بحق جبکہ دو شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں اور لاشوں کو قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

مہم کے دوران 80 ہزار 718 بچوں کو ٹیکے لگانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ حساس یونین کونسلوں میں گڈاپ کی یوسی 4، 5، 8 بلدیہ کی یوسی 2، سائٹ ٹاؤن کی یوسی 9، اورنگی کی یوسی 13، 7 اور لاندھی کی یوسی 1 اور 2 شامل ہیں جبکہ پولیو مہم کے حوالے سے شہر میں سیکریٹری داخلہ سندھ رحیم سومرو کی جانب سے جاری نوٹیفکیشن جاری کیا گیا ہے کہ شہر میں آج سے تین روز تک ڈبل سواری پر پابندی رہے گی، آج سے پولیو مہم کے آغاز پر 11 حساس یونین کونسلز میں پولیس اور رنجرز کی بھاری نفری تعینات کی گئی ہے

تھریپارکر (این این آئی + آن لائن) قحط زدہ تھریپارکر میں موت کا رقص جاری ہے پیر کو حکومتی غفلت نے مزید 3 بچوں کی جان لے لی جس کے بعد رواں ماہ غذائی قلت، غربت اور صحت کی سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی سے دم توڑنے والوں کی تعداد 80 ہو گئی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق تھریپارکر کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں 7 ماہ کا ساگر مکیش، اسلام کوٹ میں ڈیڑھ ماہ اور ننگر پارکر میں ایک نومولود بچہ غذائی قلت کا شکار ہو کر زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے۔ ادھر سندھ حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ بچوں کی ہلاکتیں غذائی قلت سے نہیں بلکہ بیماریوں کی وجہ سے ہوئی ہیں۔ تھریپارکر کی صورت حال پر 7 رکنی پارلیمانی کمیٹی قائم کر دی گئی ہے جو تحقیقات مکمل ہونے کے بعد رپورٹ سندھ حکومت کو ارسال کرے گی جس سے ساری صورت حال واضح ہو جائے گی۔

لاہور: لاہور سے پنڈی بھٹیاں انٹر چینج تک موٹروے پر شدید دھند چھانے سے موٹروے پر سفر کرنے والے ڈرائیورز حضرات کو فٹار آہستہ اور فوک لائٹس کے استعمال کی ہدایت دی جا رہی ہیں۔ موٹروے پولیس کے مطابق رات اچانک موٹروے پر دھند آنے کے باعث لاہور سے پنڈی بھٹیاں انٹر چینج تک شدید دھند کے باعث حد نگاہ 20 سے 50 میٹر تک رہ گئی جس کے باعث گاڑیوں کو کٹاؤ کے ذریعے لچایا جا رہا ہے جبکہ لوڈر بڑی گاڑیوں کو موٹروے پر سفر کرنے سے روک دیا گیا ہے۔ موٹروے پر سفر کرنے والی گاڑیوں کو فٹار آہستہ رکھنے اور فوک لائٹس کے استعمال کی ہدایت دی جا رہی ہیں۔

لاہور: پنجاب میں بچوں کو خسرے کی بیماری سے بچاؤ کے لیے بارہ روزہ خصوصی مہم کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ چھ ماہ سے دس سال کے بچوں کو ویکسین کے ٹیکے لگانے کیلئے سولہ ہزار ٹیمیں تشکیل دے دی گئیں۔ پنجاب کے 37 اضلاع میں چھ ماہ سے دس سال کی عمر کے 2 کروڑ 85 لاکھ بچوں کو خسرے سے بچاؤ کے مفت ٹیکے لگائے جا رہے ہیں۔ ماہرین کے مطابق خسرے کا مرض ایک بچے سے دوسرے میں تیزی سے پھیلتا ہے، 2013ء میں 26 ہزار سے زائد بچے متاثر ہوئے، 192 موت کا لقمہ بن۔ خسرے سے متعلق خصوصی آگاہی مہم ضلع اور تحصیل سطح پر شروع کی گئی ہے، مہم کیلئے 16 ہزار ٹیموں کے عملے کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دی گئیں۔ موبائل ٹیمیں 9 فوری تک تعلیمی اداروں، اسپتالوں، ریلوے اسٹیشنز اور ایئر پورٹ کے ساتھ گلی محلوں میں حفاظتی ٹیکے لگائیں گی۔ خسرے کے خلاف خصوصی مہم شروع ہو گئی، اب والدین کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ وہ اپنے بچوں کو خسرے سے بچاؤ کے حفاظتی ٹیکے ضرور لگوائیں۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) ناظم آباد میں نامعلوم ملزمان کی فائرنگ سے پولیو ڈیوٹی پر معذور زیر تربیت پولیس اہلکار جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ناظم آباد تھانے کی حدود ریلوے چھانک گولڈن سیکری والی گلی میں پیر کو موٹر سائیکل سوار ملزمان کی فائرنگ سے پولیس اہلکار 22 سالہ شاہ میر ولد امیر بخش جاں بحق ہو گیا، مقتول کو نان ایم ایم پستول سے سر میں گولی مار کر قتل کیا گیا۔ مقتول کی لاش کو عباسی شہید اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا۔ ایس ایچ او اعجاز لودھی کے مطابق مقتول اہلکار سعید آباد پولیس ٹریننگ سینٹر میں زیر تربیت تھا اور پیر کو وہ پولیو ورکرز کی سیکورٹی پر معذور تھا

لاہور میں دھند کے باعث چھ گاڑیاں آپس میں ٹکرائیں، حادثے میں دو افراد زخمی ہو گئے

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پنجاب میں انسداد خسرہ مہم چوتھے روز بھی جاری ہے، تین روز کے دوران اٹھانوے فیصد کورتج رہی جبکہ ایک ہزار سے زائد والدین: لاہور نے بچوں کو انجکشن لگوانے سے انکار کیا۔ ترجمان محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے مطابق خسرہ جیسی مہلک بیماری کے خاتمے کے لیے صوبے بھر میں بارہ روزہ مہم جاری ہے، دو کروڑ اٹھاسی لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو انجکشن لگانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا ہے تین روز کے دوران اٹھانوے فیصد کورتج رہی، لیکن ایک ہزار دو سو تیرہ والدین نے مختلف شکایات کی بنا پر بچوں کو انجکشن لگوانے سے انکار کیا تیسرے روز چھ ماہ سے دس سال تک کے بچوں کو لاکھ انچاس ہزار ستر بچوں کو انجکشن لگائے گئے، مہم کا اختتام نو فروری کو ہو گا۔

تھرپارکر۔ ضلع تھرپارکر میں خوراک کی کمی کا شکار مزید دو بچے دم توڑ گئے، مرنے والے افراد کی تعداد تین سو پچیس ہو گئی۔ تھرپارکر کے مختلف علاقوں میں خوراک اور پانی کی قلت برقرار اور بچوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ سول اسپتال مٹھی میں چھیس روز کا ہوا اور چودہ روز کا بچہ دم توڑ گیا۔ تھرپارکر کے قحط زدہ علاقوں میں بیماریوں میں مبتلا بچوں کو ضلع کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں لائے جانے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، سول اسپتال مٹھی میں اڑتیس، اسلام کوٹ پندرہ، ڈیپلوسات، ننگر پارکر نو اور چھا چھرو میں اٹھارہ بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔ سول اسپتال میں زیر علاج دو بچوں کو حیدر آباد منتقل کر دیا گیا۔

پشاور (آئی این پی) گورنر خیبر پٹی کے نے صوبائی اسمبلی کے پاس کردہ خیبر پٹی کے ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن بل 2015 اور ماں کا دودھ پلانے اور بچوں کی غذا کے تحفظ کے بل 2015 کی باضابطہ منظوری دیدی ہے۔ جنہیں فوری طور پر صوبائی لیجسلیچر ایکٹ کے طور پر شائع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور (رپورٹ: ریاض الحق) پاکستان میں جہاں صحت کی بنیادی سہولتوں کا فقدان پایا جاتا ہے وہیں کئی ایسے مسائل بھی جنم لے رہے ہیں جس سے مہلک بیماریاں ختم ہونے کی بجائے دوبارہ سے سر اٹھانے لگی ہیں جس سے اگر ایک طرف صحت کے مسائل بڑھ رہے ہیں تو دوسری جانب اس سے بچے شدید مشکلات کا شکار ہیں۔ پولیو کا مرض جو چند برس پہلے خاتمے کے قریب تھا اب دوبارہ خطرناک حد تک تباہ کر چکا ہے اور ہی وجہ ہے کہ پاکستان پولیو سے متاثرہ ممالک کی فہرست میں پہلے نمبر پر آچکا ہے جس کی بنیادی وجہ پاکستان مرض کی شدت کو اہمیت نہ دینا ہے جبکہ افغانستان دوسرے اور ناٹجیر یا تیسرے نمبر پر ہے۔ ملک میں مرض کی بڑھوتری کا اندازہ ان اعداد و شمار سے با آسانی لگایا جاسکتا ہے کہ گزشتہ 3 برسوں (2012-14ء) کے دوران پولیو کے کیسز میں 412 فیصد اضافہ ہوا۔ 2012ء کے دوران ملک میں پولیو کے صرف 58 کیسز تھے جو 2014ء کے دوران بڑھ کر 297 ہو گئے جبکہ دوسری جانب ٹاپ تھری میں شامل دوسرے 12 ممالک افغانستان اور ناٹجیر یا میں مذکورہ عرصے کے دوران پولیو کے مریضوں کی تعداد میں کمی ہوئی ہے۔ ناٹجیر یا میں 3 برسوں میں پولیو کیسز کی تعداد میں 95 فیصد جبکہ افغانستان میں 10 فیصد کمی ہوئی۔ ملک میں پولیو کے مرض میں اضافے کے حوالے سے روزنامہ جنگ ڈیپلپمنٹ رپورٹنگ سیل نے مختلف ذرائع سے جو اعداد و شمار حاصل کیے ہیں اس کے مطابق عالمی سطح پر 2014ء کے دوران 350 پولیو سے متاثرہ کیسز تھے جن میں سے 85 فیصد کا تعلق پاکستان سے تھا جبکہ 8 فیصد کا تعلق افغانستان اور صرف 2 فیصد کا تعلق ناٹجیر یا سے تھا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) شہر کی 11 میں سے 7 حساس ترین یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم اپنے پہلے روز جاری رہی۔ تاہم ملیر اور گلڈاپ کی 4 یونیز میں سیکورٹی مسائل کے باعث مہم موخر کر دی گئی۔ مہم کے دوران پولیو رضا کاروں کے تحفظ کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے سیکورٹی کے سخت انتظامات کیے گئے تھے۔ ای بی آئی کی ڈپٹی پروگرام مینیجر ڈاکٹر درناز جمال کے مطابق 4 یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم گزشتہ رات ہی موخر کر دی گئی تھی باقی 7 یونین کونسلوں میں مہم جاری ہے تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم کے روز کو رتیج اچھی رہی۔ واضح رہے کہ 3 روزہ مہم کے دوران 5 سال تک کے 2 لاکھ 16 ہزار 807 بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔

گٹھی... ڈیرہ گٹھی میں کالی کھانسی کی وباء کے باعث 16 روز میں جاں بحق بچوں کی تعداد 13 تک پہنچ گئی ہے جبکہ سیکڑوں بچے کالی کھانسی کی وباء میں مبتلا ہو گئے ہیں۔ ڈیرہ گٹھی میں کالی کھانسی کے وباء کے باعث صرف پیر کوہ میں 11 بچوں کے اموات کی تصدیق ہو گئی ہے۔ جاں بحق بچوں کی عمریں 9 سے 4 سال تک بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والے بچوں میں ڈیرہ سالہ فتنہ خان ایک سال کا علی، درنی بی، شیر بی بی، زلیخا، جاوید، مریم، عمر خان، ماہر، ریف، رمضان، اور دوسالہ فاروق بھی شامل ہیں۔ دنیا بوز کی ٹیم کے پیر کوہ پہنچنے پر لوگوں کا کہنا تھا کہ ان کے بچے روزانہ کی بنیاد پر مر رہے ہیں جبکہ اس سلسلے میں بیک ہیلت یونٹ میں کام کرنے والے واحد ڈسپنسر علی گٹھی نے بتایا کہ پیر کوہ کی 20 ہزار آبادی ہے جبکہ وہ کام کرنے والے واحد ڈسپنسر ہیں جو کہ پیر کوہ کے رہنے والے صرف 5 فیصد لوگوں کو ہی وہ دیکسین دے پاتے ہیں۔ پیر کوہ کے مقیموں کا کہنا تھا کہ تمام ملکی میڈیا کی نظر صرف تھرپارکر میں جاں بحق ہونے والے بچوں پر ہے اگر یہاں توجہ نہ دی گئی کالی کھانسی کی

قدرتی آفات

تفصیلات

پشاور: خیبر پختونخوا حکومت کی جانب سے صوبائی دارالحکومت کی 97 یونین کونسلوں میں ہفتہ وار انسداد پولیو مہم جاری ہے۔ پشاور اور گرد و نواح کی 97 یونین کونسلوں میں بچوں کو عمر بھر کی معذوری سے بچانے کے لئے ایک روزہ پولیو مہم جاری ہے جس کے تحت رضا کاروں کی 4 ہزار ٹیمیں انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوران کسی بھی گھر گھر جا کر 5 سال سے کم عمر کے 7 لاکھ 54 ہزار 400 بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلا رہی ہیں۔ ناخوشگوار واقعے سے بچنے کے لئے پولیس کے 5 ہزار اہلکار مختلف علاقوں میں تعینات کئے گئے ہیں، اس کے علاوہ شام 5 بجے تک شہر بھر میں موٹر سائیکل چلانے پر بھی پابندی ہے۔ خلاف ورزی کرنے والوں کے خلاف سیکشن 188 کے تحت کارروائی عمل میں لانے کا اعلان کیا گیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن): پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر میں ہفتہ کو جذام کا عالم دن منایا گیا۔ یہ دن منانے کا مقصد لوگوں کی توجہ جذام جیسے موذی مرض کی طرف مبذول کروانا اور بیماری کے علاج کے سلسلے میں لوگوں میں شعور پیدا کرنا ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ جذام کے عالمی دن کو منانے کی ابتداء 1952ء میں ہوئی تھی۔

خیبر ایجنسی: خیبر ایجنسی کے محکمہ صحت نے بڑھتے ہوئے ملیریا مرض کے روک تھام کے لئے شہریوں میں 1700 سے زائد ہیٹ نیش تقسیم کئے۔ خیبر ایجنسی میں بڑھتے ہوئے ملیریا مرض کے روک تھام کے لئے محکمہ صحت نے کارروائی شروع کی۔ ملیریا مرض سے متاثر علاقوں میں 17 ہزار 422 ہیٹ نیش تقسیم کئے۔ خیبر ایجنسی کے میدانی علاقوں میں چھڑوں کی بہتات کے باعث میلریا نے وبائی صورت اختیار کر لیا ہے۔ اور ماہانہ 500 سے زائد افراد اس موذی مرض میں مبتلا ہوتے ہیں۔

تھرپارکر: ضلع تھرپارکر میں خوراک کی کمی کا شکار مزید ایک بچی دم توڑ گئی، مرنے والے افراد کی تعداد تین سو ستائیس ہو گئی۔ تھرپارکر کے مختلف علاقوں میں خوراک اور پانی کی قلت برقرار ہے، سول اسپتال مٹھی میں آج گیارہ ماہ کی یاسینہ دم توڑ گئی۔ سول اسپتال مٹھی میں اڑتالیس، اسلام کوٹ پندرہ، ڈیپلو پانچ، ننگر پارکر چار اور چھاچھر میں بارہ بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔

پشاور: خیبر پختونخوا اور فائنا میں پولیو کے 2 نئے کیسز کی تصدیق ہو گئی ہے۔ رواں سال کے دوران خیبر پختونخوا اور فائنا میں پولیو کیسز کی تعداد 5 ہو گئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت حکام کے مطابق خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع نوشہرہ میں ایک بچے میں پولیو وائرس پایا گیا ہے جبکہ دوسرا کیس جنوبی وزیرستان میں سامنے آیا ہے۔ دونوں بچوں میں پولیو کا پی ون وائرس پایا گیا ہے جو ایک سے دوسرے بچے میں باسانی منتقل ہوتا ہے۔ محکمہ صحت حکام کے مطابق رواں سال کے دوران صوبہ میں پولیو کے 3 جبکہ فائنا میں 2 کیسز رپورٹ ہو چکے ہیں۔ جن میں ایک کیس ٹانک، ایک لکی مروت اور ایک نوشہرہ جبکہ فائنا میں خیبر ایجنسی اور جنوبی وزیرستان سے ایک ایک پولیو کیس رپورٹ ہوا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: ایک ہی دن میں پولیو کے مزید تین نئے کیسز سامنے آ گئے۔ ملک بھر میں پولیو سے متاثرہ بچوں کی تعداد تین سو پانچ ہو گئی ہے۔ وزارت صحت کے مطابق ایک ہی دن میں پولیو کے مزید تین کیسز سامنے آ گئے۔ اس سال ملک بھر میں پولیو کیسز کی کل تعداد چھ ہو گئی۔ وزارت صحت کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ نوشہرہ، شمالی وزیرستان اور کبیر کے رہائشی بچوں میں پولیو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ ملک میں پولیو سے متاثرہ بچوں کی کل تعداد تین سو پانچ ہو گئی ہے۔

تھرپارکر میں ہر صبح نئے بچوں کی ہلاکت کا پیغام لاتی ہے اور ہر مرتبہ وجہ بنتی ہے بھوک اور پیاس، تھرپارکر میں جہاں موت کے سائے ہیں وہیں غربت بھی اپنے عروج پر ہے، دیہی علاقوں میں سہولیات کا فقدان ہے تو شہروں کی صورت حال بھی کچھ زیادہ مختلف نہیں، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں تین بچے غذائی قلت کے باعث دم توڑ گئے، ماؤں کی گودیں اجڑنے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے لیکن پرسان حال کوئی نہیں، سندھ حکومت نے امداد فراہم کرنے کے بلند و بانگ دعوے تو بہت کیے لیکن متاثرین کو کچھ نہ ملا تھرپارکر کے عظیم صحرائیں غذائی بحران کے باعث موت کے سائے گہرے ہوتے جا رہے ہیں، رواں ماہ بچوں کی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد تین تین ہو گئی ہے جبکہ سینکڑوں بچے خوراک اور ادویات ملنے کے منتظر ہیں۔

سُرخیاں

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تھرپارکر میں غذائی قلت کے باعث ہلاکتوں میں اضافہ ہوتا جا رہا ہے، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں غذائی قلت کے باعث مزید تین بچے دم توڑ گئے
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