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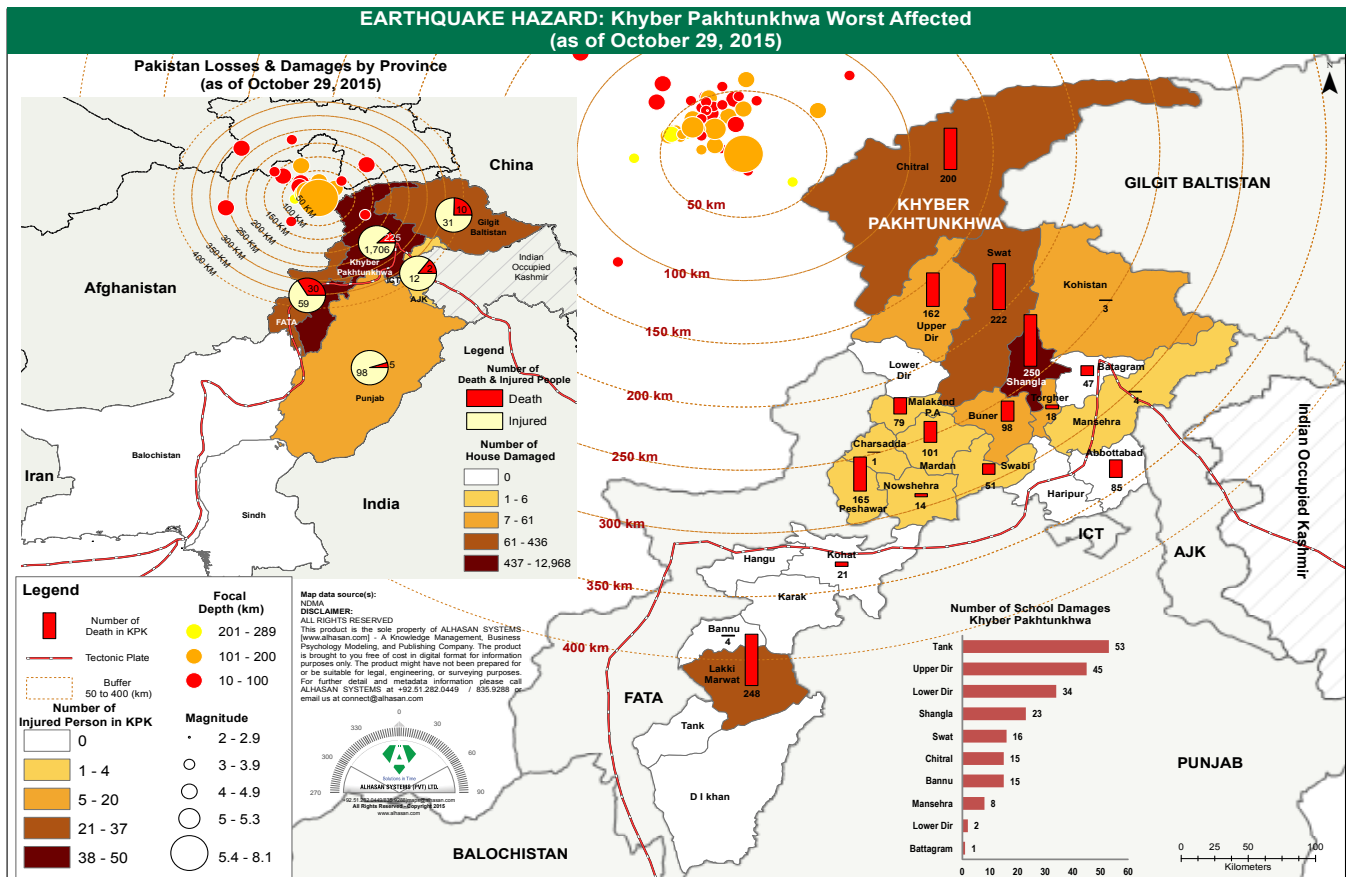
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Dengue claims child's life in Peshawar; number of patients rises in Punjab

*Geo News, November 1, 2015*

#### Medical team leaves for KP to assist earthquake affectees

*Daily Times, November 1, 2015*

#### Quake aftermath: Death toll in G-B hits 14

*Express Tribune, November 1, 2015*

#### Dengue fever outbreak in its intense phase

*The News, November 1, 2015*

### DETAILS

**PESHAWAR/LAHORE:** A 12-year-old child lost his life at a hospital in Peshawar on Sunday after battling the fatal dengue disease. The child's father, Ajmal Khan, claimed that the life of his child could have been saved had the hospital staff provided treatment on time. According to Khan, the child was left battling the disease for hours without any attention from doctors or hospital staff. The number of patients affected by the mosquito-borne disease in Peshawar has now crossed 100.

#### Number of dengue patients rises in Punjab

Meanwhile, the number of dengue patients is also on the rise in Punjab province. A patient lost his life in Rawalpindi today, while the dengue virus has been confirmed in 12 more persons in Multan. In Rawalpindi, the total number of dengue patients being treated at different hospitals has crossed 3,000. With the death of one patient today, the number of people who have become victims of the deadly disease has reached 8 in Rawalpindi. Meanwhile, a similar situation exists in Multan, where – after the confirmation of 12 more cases – the total number of dengue patients has risen to 334. The mosquito-borne disease has so far claimed 2 lives in Multan.

**LAHORE:** On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, process of sending medical teams from Punjab for providing treatment facilities to earthquake affectees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) is continuing.

A 21-member medical team from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital along with two ambulances and medicines has left for KP on Saturday. Medical Superintendent Dr Abdul Basit said that the 21-member team sent to KP, headed by Assistant Professor Dr Subhan Shahid, comprises on doctors, nurses, dispensers, operation theatre assistants and ward attendants. He said that the team has also taken stocks of medicine with it, adding that the medical teams are being sent to KP on rotation from different hospitals of Punjab. He said in case of need, more doctors will be sent to provide treatment facilities to calamity-hit brethren of KP.

**GILGIT:** At least 14 people have been killed and 92 others injured in landslides triggered across Gilgit-Baltistan by the October 26 earthquake, said G-B Disaster Management Authority Director General Asim Raza on Saturday. Speaking to the media at Gilgit Press Club, Raza said the quake destroyed 157 houses and partially damaged 406 others across the region. Raza said the victims included four people killed in Ghizer, three in Diamer, one in Ghanche and five in Gilgit including the victims of a road accident in Kohistan.

The DG said the 92 injured included two each in Hunza and Nagar, 23 in Gilgit, 44 in Diamer, 20 in Ghizer and one in Skardu. Raza said Ghizer Valley was the worst hit as 80 houses were destroyed there. It was followed by Diamer with 6 houses, while 10 were destroyed in Hunza, four in Nagar and three in Gilgit.

#### Compensation

Raza said Rs0.6 million was paid to each family that lost a loved one. He added compensation was also paid to the injured as per policy. He said the government was conducting a survey of the whole region to document the losses. As part of its response, Raza said food items, blankets and tents were provided in all districts through the deputy commissioners. "We authorised deputy commissioners to purchase goods up to Rs0.5m from utility stores and deliver them to affected families." Around 550 tents, 500 blankets, the same number of sweaters, 200 packets of cooking oil and 200 carpets were distributed. A team from the Geological Survey of Pakistan started conducting surveys in Nagar Valley of G-B, Raza said. He added the exercise would also be conducted in Kharmang district to assess losses.

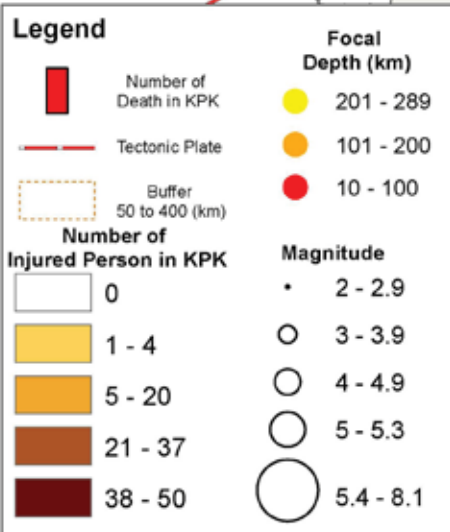
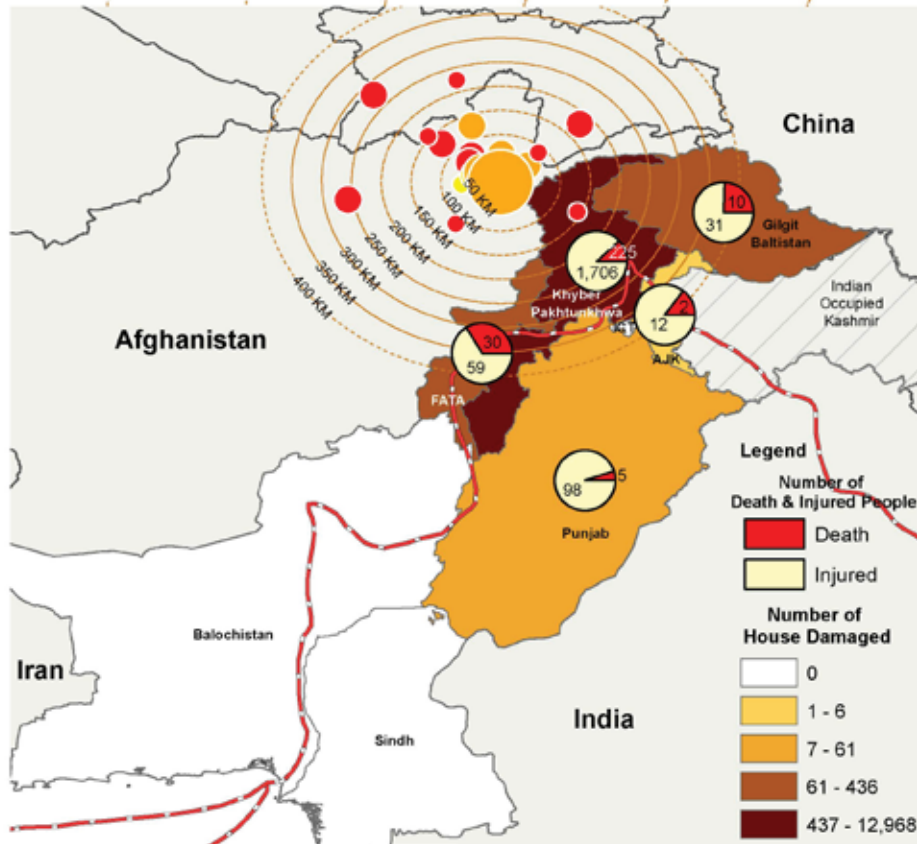
**RAWALPINDI:** The three teaching hospitals in town have tested over 1,000 patients positive for dengue fever in last 10 days showing that the outbreak of the infection has still been in its most intense phase and the trend provides convincing evidence that people should take preventive measures more religiously to avoid dengue fever.

Data collected by 'The News' on Saturday reveals that as many as 84 patients have been confirmed positive for dengue fever in last 24 hours while the infection has claimed eight lives so far during the recent spike. To date, the allied hospitals have tested a total of 3123 patients positive for the infection that is a new record as compared to number of patients in last five years. According to details, Holy Family Hospital tested a total of 1,261 patients positive for dengue fever while as many as 1,438 have been confirmed positive for the infection at Benazir Bhutto Hospital and 424 at District Headquarters Hospital. The infection claimed seven lives at HFH and one at BBH so far. In last 24 hours, as many as 42 patients were tested positive at BBH, 30 at HFH and 12 at DHQ Hospital. On Saturday, a total of 303 patients including confirmed and suspected ones were undergoing treatment at BBH, HFH and DHQ Hospital while another 16 patients were relatively in critical condition at High Dependency Units of the allied hospitals. On Saturday, as many as six patients of dengue shock syndrome and 47 patients of dengue hemorrhagic fever were undergoing treatment at HFH while nine patients with DHF were admitted to BBH and two were undergoing treatment at DHQ Hospital. The cases of DHF are differentiated from dengue fever on the basis of history of bleeding from gum or skin while the mortality rate of DSS is much higher as compared to dengue fever. The intensity of the recent dengue fever outbreak can be gauged from the fact that the allied hospitals have so far registered a total of 27,667 suspected cases of the infection while admitted well over 4,700 patients for treatment. To date, over 4,800 patients have been taken as probable cases of the infection at the allied

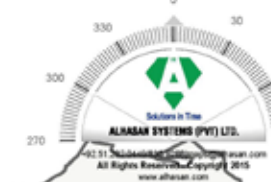


# EARTHQUAKE HAZARD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Worst Affected (as of October 29, 2015)

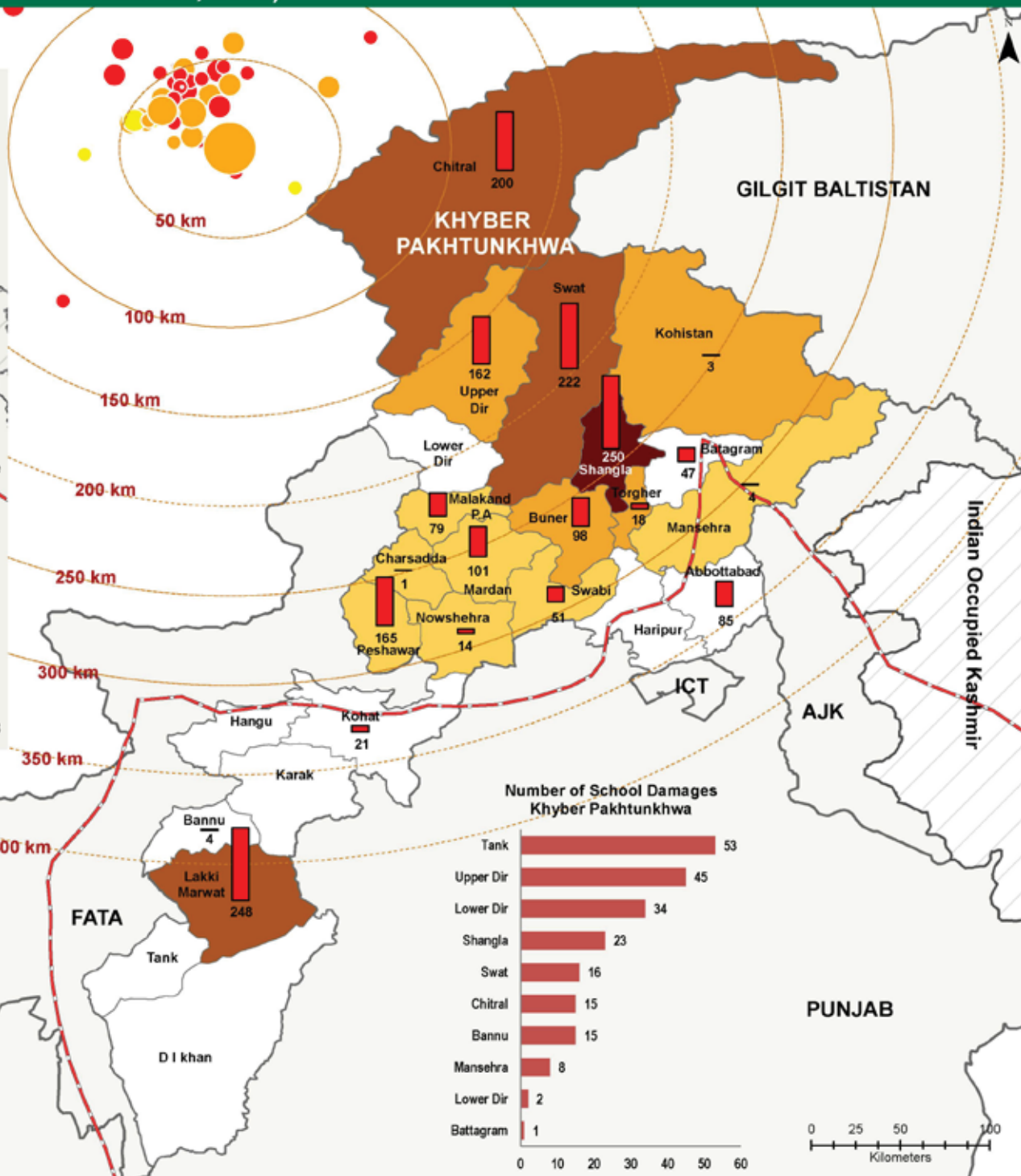
Pakistan Losses & Damages by Province  
(as of October 29, 2015)



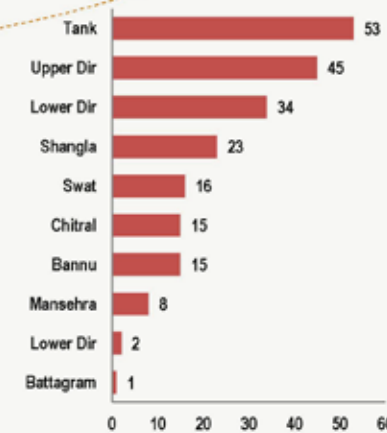
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## Relief, rehabilitation continues in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

*Express Tribune, November 1, 2015*

## Environmental Officers Asked To Accelerate Anti-Dengue Activities

*Pakobserver, October 31, 2015*

hospitals.

The dengue fever counters at the three allied hospitals have so far screened a total of 33,112 patients for dengue fever while as many as 1,106 confirmed patients of the infection were found to be suffering from DHF. Many health experts believe that the recent dengue fever outbreak would lose its intensity after fall in temperature however, at present the intensity is static and the allied hospitals are receiving heavy influx of confirmed patients consistently. The fall in temperature would certainly cause reduction in number of cases of the infection but at the moment, it is important that individuals should not take the situation less alarming instead they should take preventive measures more seriously, said Medical Superintendent at HFH Dr. Raja Shafiq Sarwar while talking to 'The News' on Saturday.

**CHITRAL / LOWER DIR / UPPER DIR / PESHAWAR:** The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government established special bank counters in 12 affected districts on Saturday to help earthquake victims obtain compensation. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) requested National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) to set up the counters so that people could easily cash compensation cheques handed through a special package.

"NBP's special counters were established to ensure that people from remote areas can easily cash in their cheques," said PDMA Spokesperson Latifur Rehman. He added authorities would receive reports from the bank about the number of cheques processed and cashed. "The counters will be operational for a month and those people who have not been compensated can contact PDMA on its emergency numbers."

He said the cheque distribution process had started in most affected districts. The DCs had distributed 15 death compensation cheques in Shangla, as many in Swat, 24 in Lower Dir, seven in Torghar, eight in Buner, five in Mardan and four in Lower Kohistan on Friday. In Lower Dir, there were 42 injured people who received compensation cheques as well as seven victims in Upper Dir and six in Mardan. The PDMA transferred Rs20 million into the Nowshera DC's account and Rs40 million into the Upper Kohistan DC's account on Saturday. He added Rs10 million would be credited into Battagram DC's account on Monday.

According to Rehman, the supply of food and other items from PDMA's warehouse to the affected areas was almost complete. The authority was sending these goods to the mountainous regions of Swat, Shangla and Chitral via helicopter. "We requested the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to arrange helicopters for relief and rescue operations. Currently, one MI-17 and two UH1H helicopters are taking part in the operation," Rehman said. The spokesperson pointed out the helicopters would supply relief goods to Chitral on Sunday (today) from the PDMA warehouse located in Jaloza, Nowshera. "We asked the DCs of the affected districts to purchase relief goods locally with the funds in their accounts. We supplied the relief items from our own warehouse to places where needed," he concluded.

### Protest in Upper Dir

Workers and leaders of political parties held a demonstration against alleged nepotism by the district administration in Wari, Upper Dir on Saturday. The protesters accused officials and Jamaat-e-Islami leaders of ignoring genuine earthquake victims when distributing relief goods in the district. Beside PTI Parliamentary Secretary and MPA Fazal Elahi, the protest was attended by PPP MPA Sahibzada Sanaullah, ANP District President Raja Amir Zaman, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl leaders Malik Naushad Khan, Malik Waseet Khan, Malik Sher Bahadar, Mian Fazalur Rahman and Shafiqullah Khan. The protesters blocked the Dir-Peshawar road for traffic.

Later, Deputy Commissioner Zakaullah Khattak, district nazim Sahibzada Faseehullah and District Police Officer Israruddin Bacha approached the demonstrators and assured all quake victims would be compensated based on merit. The protest was finally called off after six hours.

### Relief for Chitral

Chitral district nazim Haji Maghfirat Shah said the administration must make proper arrangements for the distribution of relief items. He added records must be provided to the district council of all such activities. Shah issued this statement while addressing a district meeting especially convened to combat the earthquake. "Chitral is confronted with numerous problems and all local government members must think on a broader scale for the welfare of the whole district. The Chitral DC said Punjab Rescue 1122 would take part in activities in Koragh, Boni, Mastuj and various other districts.

### Alternate means

Government Primary School Ghozano Bandha in Rabbat, Lower Dir, was completely damaged by the earthquake, but the determination of some students was unwavering as they attended class under the open sky. The headmaster said 50 of the 173 students were at school. He pointed out that the damaged structure could collapse at any moment and demanded that authorities take immediate notice. Locals and parents criticised the provincial government for not taking notice of the school so demanded an alternative solution.

Provincial Secretary Environment Iqbal Muhammad Chauhan has directed all district officers of the province to accelerate anti-dengue activities on emergent basis and ensure regular checking of tyre shops, junkyards, godowns, nurseries and under construction buildings in their respective areas.

He said that dengue is a collective problem which cannot be solved without full participation of the people. He said that people from all walks of life will have to play their role in this regard. He said that if every person should ensure implementation on precautionary measures in his home, then there is no reason to control this menace. He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting for eradication of dengue in his office, here Friday. Director General Environment Dr. Javed Iqbal, Director Anti-Dengue and all concerned officers were present on the occasion.

## Earthquake 2015: Are Pakistanis mobilised best when calamities are of colossal magnitudes?

*Express Tribune, October 31, 2015*

## Earthquake: 'No major damage to heritage buildings in Multan'

*Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

Secretary Environment stressed the need of fixing anti-dengue activities in Multan and Rawalpindi and all out resources have been provided to concerned officers in this regard. A report was presented in the meeting, according to which anti-dengue squads of Environment Department have checked 18738 tyre shops, 11887 godowns, junkyards, various places at 2018 union councils and 2200 nurseries in Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Sheikhupura, Multan and Rawalpindi from January 1, 2015 to date.

Notices have been issued to 4157 persons so far under dengue rules and 348 cases have been registered. Similarly, 238 buildings and commercial places have been sealed on finding larve at 212 places whereas 29671 points have been removed causing larve breeding. Iqbal Muhammad Chauhan stressed upon officers to pay attention to Multan and Rawalpindi as most of dengue cases are being reported there. He said that in case of any difficulty, they can contact him immediately. He said that anti-dengue squads should utilize all their energies for controlling dengue. He warned owners and contractors of under-construction building to dispose of stored water every other day so that dengue larve could not breed.

A 100 plus schools and almost 9,000 houses have been demolished in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) alone, and even official figures show that the death toll is bordering on 300 people.

Calculating the number of the injured and incapacitated is not difficult to calculate. The earthquake that shook Pakistan on October 26th was not a small calamity by any means. Yet, apart from sporadic sightings of a couple of relief camps, Pakistanis are not mobilised like they were at the time of natural calamities that hit the country in the past.

The initial wave of sympathy seems to have dissipated sooner than usual. The very nation which prides itself on being charitable and unified in times of crises seems to be sitting tight on the whole, barring some exceptions.

### What went wrong this time? Or did something go right?

The first reason is a no brainer. Fortunately, the numbers of casualties and people affected are much lower, though each life is precious. Comparing 80,000 deaths and 3.5 million homeless in the 2005 earthquake, and the 2,000 deaths and 20 million affected in the 2010 floods, the numbers this time are drastically less impactful. It seems, thus, that Pakistanis are mobilised best when calamities are of gargantuan proportions. The flip side of the fact that we are a nation that is resilient is that it requires something enormous to move us.

While during the 2005 earthquake Pervez Musharraf was at the helm of affairs, there was a general despondency when it came to reliance on the government, perhaps due to a merger of a leader from the armed forces into the political realm. But in all fairness, the government of the time would have tried its best to mobilise relief and rehabilitation work, yet the tragedy was too huge to grapple with, and the people of every age and from every walk of life stepped up. We saw unification like never before, and Pakistanis were at their effective best.

Comparing the scenario at the time of the 2010 floods and now, one difference is key and glares back at you. In 2010, it was Asif Ali Zardari at centre stage. While it was a democratically elected government, it was practically non-existent in terms of governance. Nothing moved Zardari and the gang it seemed, and he refused to show up even for face saving. Thus, images of the homeless, starving people standing up to their midribs in the stagnating flood waters, fighting water borne diseases, and people wailing and crying after their children and cattle were swept away, moved the people. The collective sentiment was that it was time that matters were taken into our own hands. 'Abb khud kuch karna paray ga' (now we will have to do something ourselves) was the general feeling.

The 2005 earthquake and the 2010 floods resulted in the creation of scores of small non-profit initiatives on both individual and collective levels. Many of the philanthropic organisations that were created back then are still working on ground to help those affected by the 2015 earthquake.

### Fast forward to October 2015.

The times have changed, somewhat. Social media is much more mainstream than it was, and even the media as a whole does not fail to put the spotlight on any bit of news, which means the leaders have to show up or they will not be forgiven. Hence, giving credit where due, no one has really been missing in action. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has flown back from UK cutting short his trip. Imran Khan, as Chairman of the party that rules K-P, which is the most affected province, has reached.

Both the provincial and federal governments are showing up. Most of all, the armed forces are active as usual in the relief work as well, and the people, willingly or unconsciously, rely on them to take charge of the situation. Thus, while the sympathy is there, the urgency to help is missing, and a sort of complacency has set in.

But the fact remains that this is a country where the infrastructure in the mountainous northern areas is already precariously weak. Our public health facilities are not reliable enough. Winter has set in and as a result of that earthquake, thousands are out in the open in the freezing cold weather, homeless and devastated. Ownership must be taken today as well, irrespective of what the government or the armed forces are doing or not to help the helpless.

**MULTAN:** District Coordination Officer Zahid Saleem Gondal on Thursday sent a report to the provincial government regarding the damage caused to buildings, offices and schools in the recent earthquake and requested funds for repair and maintenance.

The DCO, in a statement, said that a buildings survey had been completed as per orders of the provincial government. He said that according to the survey no building was badly damaged in the earthquake in which more than 200 people were killed. He said that residents of several old buildings in the Walled City had been issued notices several times but none of them had vacated

## Post-quake scenario: AJK body fails to assess damage

*Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

## NDMA vows to help earthquake survivors rebuild before winter

*Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

## Urbanisation: 'Development that harms environment is not progress'

*Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

the area.

The DCO said that the district government in Multan had also sent a summary to the provincial government for the establishment of Walled City Authority which would be able to offer alternative places to the residents of the Walled City.

**MUZAFFARABAD:** The Azad Jammu and Kashmir State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) has failed to assess damage to life or property by the earthquake despite the lapse of four days. According to initial reports, at least two people were killed and nine others injured across AJK after the powerful earthquake hit the region. The SDMA was formed soon after the Oct 8, 2005 earthquake to assess the post-earthquake situation and respond to future disasters. The SDMA has more than 70 employees but has failed to establish a helpline to collect and share information regarding disaster-hit areas with the public.

"I called up the SDMA several times from Rawalpindi to get information about the Chanari area, but got no response," said Ejaz Ahmad, who hails from Chanari and was in Rawalpindi when the earthquake hit. The department has not carried out a single mock exercise or drill for disaster preparedness. A source in the SDMA said that the AJK government never took interest in capacity building for its staffers. The source claimed that the AJK government has not released operational funds to the SDMA, which has badly affected preparedness. When contacted, SDMA Secretary Zaheeruddin Quresh claimed that they were in the operational room that was why the main secretariat was closed when the earthquake struck.

He failed to give a satisfactory reply, when asked if his department shared any information with the people when the earthquake struck, or the SDMA teams were mobilised soon after the tremor jolted the region, only saying "they were busy in the operational room".

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has vowed swift compensation to survivors of a powerful earthquake that flattened thousands of homes this week so that they can rebuild before the harsh winter sets in. Money will be distributed from Monday, chief of NDMA Asghar Nawaz told a press conference in Islamabad, adding that the rescue phase has now concluded and authorities were focusing on relief operations. Victims will receive up to Rs200,000, the government has said.

Monday's 7.5 magnitude quake ripped across Pakistan and Afghanistan Monday, killing more than 390 people in total. The official death toll so far stands at 272, with 2,227 people injured and nearly 25,000 homes damaged, mostly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, where temperatures are already plunging below zero at night.

Survivors have appealed for help from the government before the winter sets in.

"After November 15 there will be three to four feet of snow here and we have nothing to protect us," Mir Wali, whose village Charun Ovir is 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) up in mountainous terrain in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa district of Chitral, told AFP on Thursday. Nawaz said military helicopters and transport planes were transporting tents, blankets and food supplies to remote mountainous areas where the Met office has forecast rain and snowfall in coming weeks. "The distribution of compensation money for rebuilding and repairing of houses will start from Monday and our priority is that affected people are able to have shelter from cold weather as winter sets in in the area," he said. Since Monday 67 aftershocks have been felt. No further damage had been reported, but there was still danger from these tremors to damaged houses and buildings, the NDMA chief said. Army, paramilitary forces and civilian administration are distributing food to survivors, he added.

**LAHORE:** "There is a need to revisit our idea of development. To conceive development as progress is not right," Lahore Conservation Society president Kamil Khan Mumtaz said on Thursday. "There is a need to revisit our idea of development. To conceive development as progress is not right," Lahore Conservation Society president Kamil Khan Mumtaz said on Thursday. He was speaking at a consultation meeting on Lahore's Heritage and Ecology. The session, organised by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), took up the cases of several heritage sites, including Chauburji, Shalamar Gardens and the General Post Office (GPO), along the route of the Orange Line Metro Train. Khan said the consumption of oil and other natural resources was degrading the environment. "Our lifestyle is largely to be blamed for that," he said.

Imrana Tiwana, an environmental activist said, "Lahore should have been on the list of world heritage sites a long time ago," she said. She said the rapid urbanisation had caused irreversible damage to the city. She said the Antiquities Act, 1975, said that no work could be done within 200 feet of a heritage site. The rule, she said, had been violated during the construction of the train's route near Chauburji. She said the design of the signal-free corridor from Liberty Market to Qurtaba Chowk was also flawed. "We have discussed the matter with various experts. Design of the U-turns on the corridor is flawed," she said. She claimed that the commuters using the corridor would have to travel an additional six kilometres. Fauzia Qureshi, the former National College of Arts principal, criticised the design of the Orange Line Train project. "We have repeatedly asked them [the authorities] to provide us full design of the project but they don't seem to have it," she said.

Qureshi said the Metro Bus and the Metro Train projects were being built on the basis of a 10-year-old study. She said the National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK) was not qualified to carry out such works. "The organisation has no experience of building such projects... it was a mistake to task it with these projects." She said the method the authorities were using to dig and cover ditches had been abandoned by many countries in the 1920s. "Tunnel technology has been around for a long time... it is readily available," she said. Qureshi also criticised the government for the cost to be incurred on the train project. Architect Nayyar Ali Dada, former NCA principal



## Dengue Cell ill-equipped, Karachi unprepared to combat spread of virus

*The News, October 29, 2015*

## Disaster relief: PM unveils package for quake-hit areas

*Express Tribune, October 29, 2015*

Salima Hashimi and artist Aijaz Anwar also spoke on the occasion.

**KARACHI:** Program Manager of the Dengue Surveillance and Prevention Cell declares Karachi is ill-equipped and unprepared to tackle the life threatening spread of the dengue virus. The virus has already claimed 8 lives in Karachi while over 2,250 cases of dengue cases have been reported across the province this year. A large population of the city is at risk unless effective measures are not taken by the concerned authorities. During a high level meeting chaired by Commissioner Karachi Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui on Dengue and its prevalence in the metropolis, the program manager of the surveillance and prevention cell Dr. Masood Solangi revealed that they do not have enough funds, human resource or dengue kits.

Additionally Dr Solangi also revealed that they are unable to monitor data regarding the incidence of dengue as they do not have basic necessities such as fuel provisions access to telephones or fax machines. Commissioner Karachi has written to the Secretary Health requesting that funds be released on an emergency basis without which it will be near impossible to combat the spread of dengue in the city.

**PESHAWAR:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday announced a compensation package for thousands of families affected by Monday's devastating earthquake that hit Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa the hardest.

Meanwhile, digging through the rubble of the monstrous earthquake less than three months after being ravaged by a massive deluge, residents of Chitral, one of the worst-affected districts, cannot afford to wait for government help. With temperatures already plunging as winter fast approaches, there is no time to delay. The premier, who flew in to K-P to assess the damages, told journalists at the Governor House in Peshawar that a special compensation package was put together in consultation with the provincial government. Under the package, the family of each deceased would be provided Rs600,000; each injured who was maimed or disabled would receive Rs200,000, while the rest of the injured would get Rs100,000 each.

Premier Nawaz also announced Rs200,000 for the owner of every destroyed house and Rs100,000 each for those whose houses were damaged. "Aid can never compensate a human life, nor could it be an alternative to the damages, but it helps reduce the sufferings," he added. The 7.5-magnitude earthquake centred in the Hindu Kush – the 800km mountain range that stretches between central Afghanistan and northern Pakistan – caused loss of lives and properties in the two countries and sent shockwaves as far as New Delhi.

Compensation cheques would be distributed from November 2 to 5, he said, adding that local bank cheques would be issued and special counters set up to facilitate the recipients. The premier gave an assurance that top district administrators would complete the assessment of compensation cases at the earliest. A committee comprising local representatives and Pakistan Army officials would verify every case and complete the process within hours.

Premier Nawaz said 50 per cent of the compensation money would be provided by the federal government while the K-P government would pitch in the other half. As for the affected people in FATA, the federal government would pay for the entire compensation package. However, the provincial government may pitch in if it wants to. The premier lauded the efforts of the Pakistan Army, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), K-P's Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and the rescue bodies for their prompt response to the disaster. "The provincial government and all the political parties are on the same page with the federal government," said Nawaz. "This is not the time for point-scoring. Everyone must join hands to help the affected people." He said the federal and provincial governments belonged to different political parties, but they were working together beyond their differences.

### Fending for themselves

Sleeping under the sky at night and relying on food from neighbours, Chitral residents are helping each other to rebuild in the wake of the powerful tremor. "Children are forced to sleep under the open sky in the cold weather," said Kesu village resident Islahuddin. "But nobody has arrived to help them." "We won't wait for the authorities to come [and help us]," said 29-year-old driver Lal Jan. "People here are helping each other... people whose houses survived in the quake provide food and shelter to those who are affected. We all are helping each other to clear rubble from our houses."

"The local government started its survey to assess damage only yesterday, and nothing else. People are trying to help themselves recover," said local councillor Jamshed Alam. "Many people, whose houses were destroyed or became too risky to live in, sleep under the open sky at night. They have nothing to cook and eat and are relying on the food provided by neighbours and fellow villagers." Meanwhile, relief agencies have been battling to reach cold and hungry survivors of the devastating earthquake, with entire communities still cut off in the mountainous region.

Desperate victims appealed for aid after the quake ripped through the region, destroying houses, triggering landslides and stampedes, and knocking out communication lines. Rescuers and the military are now in a race against time to reach victims stranded in remote regions before the freezing weather conditions claim more lives. "We lost everything. We could not save anything," said a Shangla resident, 60-year-old Hakim Khan, adding that the only thing they had been able to retrieve from the rubble was the body of a dead boy.

### Rescue and relief operations

Army relief and rescue efforts continued in the quake-hit areas of Bajaur, Chitral, Shangla and along Karakoram Highway on Wednesday. According to the ISPR, overall 42 relief camps have been set up including 30 distribution points. Around 25 tons of ration, 3765 tents, 37000 food packets, 2000 blankets, and five tons of medicines have been distributed. Some 1,735 patients were treated while 49 water filtration plants have been established for clean drinking water.

## Desperation grows as Pakistan quake victims wait for aid

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Separately, on the instructions of the Punjab chief minister, the PDMA has so far sent 95 truckloads of relief goods to K-P, including blankets, tents, food hampers and flour. A spokesman of the PDMA Punjab said the government had sent 20,000 tents, 20,000 blankets and 20,000 food hampers besides 25,500 flour bags had also been dispatched.

**CHITRAL:** Rescuers said Thursday they believed they have reached most of those affected by the powerful earthquake that ripped across Pakistan this week, but thousands of desperate survivors now face a race to rebuild with winter fast approaching. Rugged terrain, severed communication lines and an unstable security situation have impeded relief efforts since Monday's 7.5-magnitude quake killed more than 390 people in Pakistan and Afghanistan and levelled thousands of homes.

But on Thursday National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said it believes it has reached "most of the affected area". A spokesperson said helicopters are still searching for any survivors in the most remote, inaccessible areas of the mountainous region. Pakistan's confirmed death toll so far stands at 272, with more than 1,900 people injured and nearly 14,000 homes damaged, though the spokesman said the NDMA was still in the process of estimating a final toll.

Desperate victims, meanwhile, appealed for aid, expressing fears for children in particular who were forced to sleep outside in sub-zero temperatures as winter sets in. "After November 15 there will be three to four feet of snow here and we have nothing to protect us," said Mir Wali, whose village Charun Ovir rests 10,000 feet (3,000 metres) up the mountainside in the northwestern district of Chitral. Dust is still rising from the mountain after the earthquake caused cracks in it, leaving villagers fearing a landslide or collapse. "Whatever the government has to do, it should do before the snowfall," he told AFP. "After that the roads will be blocked and we won't be able to save our children."

Local officials in Chitral, in Pakistan's worst-hit province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said they had few supplies to hand after the region was devastated by floods just three months ago. "We usually have our own stock but we already consumed it during the floods," said Muhammad Bahadur, an official in the village of Darosh. Bahadur's village had just 70 tents on hand when the quake struck, he said. "Around 2,500 houses have been completely destroyed... Imagine how we can satisfy the need with only 70 tents?" Mir Wali in Charun Ovir said the village had no electricity, no clean drinking water, and no medical facility. Officials had handed out 49 tents to share between 150 to 200 households, he said. Other survivors are already planning to leave if they do not receive help soon. Shahroon, a Chitral villager who goes by one name, said if the government can help them rebuild before the snow comes they will stay. If not, he said, "we will go to Rawalpindi or Peshawar or any other city and spend our lives begging on the roads".

### Taliban hindering access

In Afghanistan, authorities have put the toll at 121 people with some 8,000 houses damaged — but there are fears the number of dead could still spike, with charities warning that the Taliban presence was hindering access to many of the affected areas. UNAMA official Mark Bowden said it appeared NGOs had the capacity to help after the quake, but that access to the areas "varies from one (insurgent) commander after another". Desperate survivors were left marooned on mountaintops in Badakhshan, the remote province where the epicentre of the earthquake was located and where much of the territory is controlled by the insurgents. In Sawkay district in the badly-hit Afghan province of Kunar, residents said Wednesday that no officials had yet appeared. "The government has not asked what happened to us," said resident Mohammad Akram. "No government official visited us." The quake was centred near Jurm in northeast Afghanistan, 250 kilometres (160 miles) from the capital Kabul and at a depth of 213.5 kilometres, the US Geological Survey said. Aid agencies have stressed the need for greater disaster preparedness in war-torn Afghanistan — but it has been a low priority for the nation as it struggles to end a 14-year war against the Taliban insurgents.

**Lahore:** The communication department of Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) carried out a massive awareness drive in the locality of Sabzazar in order to sensitise masses on Solid Waste Management & citizens' role in the maintenance of clean environment across city here on Wednesday.

Campaign was comprised of awareness walk, lecture, screening of documentary, campus cleanup activity and setting up of camps for registration & re-dressal of waste related complaints in Government Commerce College. Mr. Jamil Khawar HOD Communication and Principal GCC Professor Muhammad Awan, Muhammad Umair Khan & Rehman Rashid spoke on the subject and highlighted the significance of the issue. Students were also shown documentary based on SWM. A large number of students took part in Question & Answer session and campus cleanup activity pledging to ensure their role for maintenance of clean environment in the surroundings. Special cleanliness arrangements were made at the venue by deploying sanitary staff and machinery.

**ISLAMABAD:** Minister for Inter-Provincial Harmony Mian Riaz Pirzada said on Tuesday that climate change was one of the most important challenges faced by the world today. Around the globe, seasons are shifting, temperatures are climbing and sea levels are rising, the minister said while speaking at a seminar titled 'Climate Change And Its Consequences'. The minister said that frequency of natural calamities has increased alarmingly. "Our planet must still supply us with air, food and safe places to live. If we do not act now, climate change will rapidly alter the lands and waters we all depend upon for survival, leaving our children and grand children with a very different world," he highlighted.

He said that Monday's earthquake and the devastation it has caused should be an eye-opener. Considerable increase in frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, coupled with erratic monsoon rains is causing frequent and intense floods and droughts, he maintained. Pakistan

## Students Sensitised On Their Role For Clean Environment

*Pakobserver, October 29, 2015*

## Minister calls climate change "the most important challenge"

*Daily Times October 28, 2015*

## Environment-friendly CJP

*The Nation, October 28, 2015*

## Khattak stresses strategy to mitigate effects of natural calamities

*Pakistan Today, October 28, 2015*

## Exercise underway to prevent sea pollution

*Daily Times, October 28, 2015*

being an agriculture-based economy is facing problems associated with food security due to water crisis, he added.

Food security not only carries with the sufficiency of available food, but it also ensures people's full access to food on sustainable grounds. He said Pakistan needs certain policy recommendations and actions to be taken on national and international level to overcome the effects of climate change and food shortage.

Pirzada said that disaster preparedness should be seen as a collective responsibility of the government and the citizens. The seminar was organised by Asia Nasir, MNA in collaboration with German NGO Konard Stiftung (KAS) and was attended by experts, members of civil society and students of various universities.

The incumbent Chief Justice of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali is famous for his environment-friendly policies, programmes, intentions and actions in our legal and judicial history. Those who know him from Hyderabad, a city of culture and civilisation or those who are familiar with his enviable environmental accomplishments and legacy, when he was the Chief Justice of Sindh High Court, they sincerely hope that in his present capacity as the Chief Justice of Pakistan, he would also put in practice his innate commitment to help improve, both, the judiciary and country's environment.

Pakistan today is facing a plethora of monumental challenges such as religious and sectarian intolerance, extremism, militancy, organised crime and corruption, ethnicity and nepotism, educational terrorism, economic terrorism and above all health and environmental terrorism. The more one explores Pakistan, the more one learns about these crimes against humanity in Pakistan. However, united we stand, divided we fall. Collective efforts and wisdom is required to create an immaculate and unpolluted environment in and around where people Pakistan live with the promised dignity and justice as enshrined and guaranteed in the Constitution of Pakistan.

KP CM, PTI chief Imran Khan visit injured people at hospital, inspect damages in quake affected areas. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Pervaiz Khattak said on Tuesday that formulation of comprehensive preventive and preparedness strategy to mitigate catastrophic effects of earthquakes and other natural calamities had become inevitable after the recent horrifying earthquake.

Talking to district administration, hospitals' authorities and media personnel during his visit to Shangla, Timergarah, Lower Dir, and Swat districts of Malakand Division, the chief minister said that the KP government and the PTI central leadership had started brainstorming on such a plan. He said that effective implementation of building control codes for both urban and rural areas would be ensured to avoid human casualties that are caused by natural disasters and absence of adequate preventive measures particularly in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf Chairman Imran Khan also accompanied the chief minister during the visit. The chief minister said that relief and rescue operations were in full swing now in all earthquake-hit areas of the province and that the provincial government had dispatched essential relief goods including food items to Malakand, Hazara and other calamity-hit parts of the province. He asked the health and relief authorities to fully mobilise their resources to rescue and rehabilitate the affected people. He directed the revenue and the district administrations to conduct a detailed survey of the affected areas in order to ascertain the losses of properties and public facilities including roads and other communications infrastructure.

The CM and the PTI chief went to hospitals and inquired after the health of injured persons. They also issued directives for optimum care of the patients who were injured in the earthquake. They expressed sympathies with the earthquake victims and their families and assured to take all possible measures for their rehabilitation. The chief minister and Imran Khan were informed by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) officials at Alpuri, Shangla that death toll in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had reached 185 while over 2,000 were injured and that Shangla was the worst hit district of the province where 38 people were killed due to earthquake.

Earlier, Chief Minister Pervaiz Khattak and Imran Khan had an aerial view of the earthquake affected Malakand Division and found that special arrangements were needed to reach the earthquake victims of the far flung and remote areas of Malakand region.

**KARACHI:** Pakistan Navy is committed to protect the country's seawater from pollution and thus in close coordination with Pakistan Maritime Security Agency has started exercises to help address the issue with equal security and economic implications.

A PN official sharing details of the ongoing oil spill exercise "BARRACUDA - VI" with the media here Tuesday, said it was after the catastrophic incident of massive oil spillage in Karachi by Tasnam Spirit in 2003 that a comprehensive anti-pollution plan was developed. "Besides safeguarding water borders of the country, the naval force also play a significant role in containing marine pollution covering ports, harbours and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)," he said. With the very motive, the official said a comprehensive National Marine Disaster Contingency Plan (NMDCP) was prepared to address marine disaster, including pollution from oil, search and rescue and salvage operations at sea. The objective is basically absolute level of preparedness against any sort of marine disaster that may occur any time, he said mentioning that NMDCP lays down comprehensive organization and contingency plans to effectively deal with marine disaster at national level. The execution of NMDCP was said to be ordered by Pakistan Marine Disaster Management Board (PMDMB) headed by Chief of the Naval Staff. Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (Operations) is the chairman of the Marine Disaster Response Committee (MDRC) meant to coordinate the efforts related to disaster management.

The NDRC itself works from a Disaster Response Centre located at Pakistan Maritime Security Agency. The PN official in reply to a question about the ongoing BARRACUDA - VI exercise that began on Monday and would be continued till Wednesday said concerned civil organizations



## 4.2 magnitude earthquake aftershock jolts Sawat

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## After the earthquake

*Express Tribune, October 27, 2015*

## Natural disasters and calamities in light of Quran and Sunnah

*The News, October 27, 2015*

including National Disaster Management Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Karachi Port Trust, Port Qasim Authority, PNSC, National Institute of Oceanography, Karachi Commissioner office, PEPA, Oil Companies Advisory Committee, SEPA, M/s BYCO, PSO, Chevron, FOTCO, PRL etc are also participating in the exercise.

This he said has made the exercise all the more meaningful as it is aimed at rehearsing the anti oil spill procedures and contingency mechanism. To make it all the more fruitful it is being conducted in two phases including phase one conducted Tuesday at PSMA headquarters and comprised briefing, discussion and preparation checks for practical exercise. Subsequent to planning and training on shore, phase two of it will be held Wednesday at North Arabian Sea encompassing practical oil containment exercise at Gadani Bay near Karachi.

**SWAT:** A 4.2 magnitude earthquake tremor has been recorded in Sawat and surrounding areas, Meteorological Department said on Wednesday. Officials believed it was an aftershock to Monday's 7.5 magnitude strong earthquake. Meteorological Department has so far recorded at least five aftershocks of up to 5 magnitude on Richter Scale since Monday. There have been no reports of losses in the aftershock. Earlier on Monday magnitude 7.5 earthquake struck in north-eastern Afghanistan, Pakistan and parts of India according to the United States Geological Survey however the Pakistan Meteorological Department, however, said the magnitude of the earthquake was 8.1. The quake was 196 km deep and centred 82 km south-east of Feyzabad in a remote area of Afghanistan in the Hindu Kush mountain range.

In one respect at least regarding the earthquake of October 26, there is expert agreement — it could have been a lot worse. This in no way underplays the tragic loss of life or property but is a reflection of tectonic realities. The event occurred at a depth of about 220km, which accounts both for the very large radius of its effect, as well as a lower frequency of shaking compared to if the event — as in 2005 — happened much closer to the surface. Earthquakes that happen close to the surface are always more destructive and earthquakes everywhere are always unpredictable. No reliable methodology has yet been invented that is able to say when an earthquake is going to happen, although predictive technologies are continuously in development.

As noted in this newspaper, the October 26 event was the 40th since Partition; and given the location of Pakistan and Afghanistan, there are parts of both which are always going to be prone to quakes in severity, ranging from minor tremors to cataclysmic events that kill hundreds of thousands. Earthquakes can never be prevented, but their effects can be mitigated, and earthquake planning and response have been around in Pakistan for many years. Once the dust has settled and the rescue phase is over, the primary responsible agency will be the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). The military is already heavily engaged in rescue and assessment as are local civilian agencies; and international aid has been offered by both the UN and the US, but at the time of writing there does not appear to have been a request from the government for foreign assistance. It is fortunate that in most of the areas affected, the cohort of first responders and most of their equipment is intact, unlike in 2005 when first responders were almost wiped out by the quake. What passes for good news ends there. Inevitably the question today being asked is 'Were lessons learned from 2005?' And the answer is 'Not many'. Pictures quickly appeared on social media of buildings, some of them newly completed with cracks running up their structures that suggest that (a) they may no longer be safe and (b) were of questionable quality in terms of their construction. Reports were quickly circulating of office buildings where workers were evacuating themselves only to find fire and escape exits locked. The movements of VIPs who decide to attend hospitals where casualties are taken has hindered the work of those trying to save lives; and 'attendants' to those taken to hospital equally has swamped emergency departments in a number of places. There is limited earthquake awareness taught even in schools located right on the fault lines that produce the quakes.

Much of Balochistan and all of the country north of Rawalpindi is earthquake prone. Pakistan does have building control regulations, but like so many other pieces of legislation, they are widely flouted and imperfectly enforced. A former head of the Pakistan Meteorology Department said that it was rare for quake-resistant buildings to be constructed and that losses could be minimised by forcing developers to adhere to construction codes. He also lamented the low level of disaster preparedness in the population generally, applicable not only to quakes but the other natural disasters that are attendant upon Pakistan. The search and rescue phase will be over within the week, the dead buried. In some areas most affected by the 2005 quake, there are still families living in tents on the hillsides. Pakistan is in need of an overhaul of all of its disaster and emergency planning protocols. Lessons can be learned, it is not impossible but there has to be consistency of political will and commitment for lessons to be carried through, to become actions rather than paper exercises. Natural disasters are always going to happen and Pakistan can and should be better prepared. The ball is in the political court.

Natural disasters and calamities have been hitting different parts of the world throughout the human history. People have different views about them; some take them as mere events and accidents taking place by chance, while many others take them as torments and trials of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala (SWT). We need to seek guidance from the holy Quran and the Sunnah about these matters. When we read the holy Quran and Hadiths minutely, we can conclude three points:

1. Natural disasters are punishment of Allah Subhanahu Wa Taala for those people who are either disbelievers or cross His limits;
2. Natural disasters are warning for the sinners;
3. Natural disasters are test for the believers.

Now elaboration of all these points in the light of holy Quran and Hadith is as follows,

1. Natural disasters are punishment of Allah for those people who are either disbelievers or cross

His limits:

On different instances in the holy Quran Allah SWT has clarified that natural disasters result from His disobedience. Some of these instances are as follows:

1. And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much. (Ash-Shura 42:30)
2. And if Allah were to punish men for that which they earned, He would not leave a moving (living) creature on the surface of the earth, but He gives them respite to an appointed term, and when their term comes, then verily, Allah is Ever All Seer of His slaves. (Fatir 35:45)
3. Evil (sins and disobedience of Allah etc.) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds, etc.), that Allah may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allah, and begging His Pardon). (Ar-Rum 30:41)
4. And if the people of the towns had believed and had the Taqwâ (piety), certainly We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they belied (the Messengers). So We took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn (polytheism and crimes, etc.). (Al-A'raf 7:96) Sometimes, natural disasters are very intense and crush even the innocent people living in the affected area. These innocent people will get reward of Allah SWT on the Day of Judgment for the affliction they faced. Allah SWT has warned in the holy Quran about such trials and tribulations which don't hit specifically disobedient people. Allah SWT says: "And fear the Fitnah (affliction and trial, etc.) which affects not in particular (only) those of you who do wrong (but it may afflict all the good and the bad people), and know that Allah is Severe in punishment. (Al-Anfal 8:25) Allah SWT has also narrated the incidents of different tribes and people who were hit by natural disasters. Some of these incidents have been briefly discussed below:

#### **1. Tribe of Prophet Noah (AS):**

The tribe of Prophet Noah (AS) practiced polytheism and didn't heed his message. As a result, they had to face flood as punishment. A brief description of the event is as follow:

"So We opened the gates of heaven with water pouring forth. And We caused the earth to gush forth with springs. So the waters (of the heaven and the earth) met for a matter predestined. And We carried him on a (ship) made of planks and nails, floating under Our eyes, a reward for him who had been rejected! And indeed, We have left this as a sign, then is there any that will remember (or receive admonition)? Then how (terrible) was My torment and My warnings? (Al-Qamar 54:9-16)

#### **2. Tribe of Ad:**

The people of Ad also practiced polytheism and rejected their messenger Hod (AS). They used to claim that they were the super power and say: "Who is mightier than us in strength?" See they not that Allah, Who created them was mightier in strength than them. And they used to deny Our Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, revelations, etc.)! (Fussilat)

They were punished by Allah SWT by a windstorm.

#### **3. People of Sodom:**

The people of Sodom indulged in homosexuality. Prophet Lot (AS) invited them to the right path but they did not refrain from their bad habit; as a result Allah SWT rained them down with a rain of stones.

#### **4. Pharaoh:**

Pharaoh was disobedient to Allah SWT and denied the clear signs brought to him by Prophet Musa (AS). He was afflicted by Allah SWT from time to time but he did not reform himself. As a result, he was finally caught by Allah SWT and drowned.

#### **5. Qaroon:**

Qaroon was a wealthy person unwilling to admit that his wealth was given to him by Allah SWT. He thought it was the result of his effort and denied the blessing and right of Allah SWT on his wealth. Allah SWT caused the earth to swallow him and his dwelling place. "Then he had no group or party to help him against Allah, nor was he one of those who could save themselves." (Al-Qasas)

#### **6. Polytheists of Makkah:**

Polytheists of Makkah brought a big army against Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and his companions. The Muslims felt they would not be able to defeat this army. Allah SWT helped Muslims in a hidden way by sending a windstorm that pushed the enemy army back.

"We sent against them a wind and forces that you saw not [angels during the battle of AlAhzâb (the Confederates)]. And Allah is Ever All Seer of what you do." (AlAhzâb 33:9)

The same fact about natural disasters has been mentioned in the following Hadith:

Narrated 'Aisha: (the wife of the Prophet (SAW)), I never saw Allah's Apostle laughing loudly enough to enable me to see his uvula, but he used to smile only. And whenever he saw clouds or winds, signs of deep concern would appear on his face. I said, "O Allah's Apostle! When people see clouds they usually feel happy, hoping that it would rain, while I see that when you see clouds, signs of dissatisfaction appear on your face."

He said, "O 'Aisha! What is guarantee for me that there will be no punishment in it, since some people were punished with a wind? Verily, some people saw (received) the punishment, but (while seeing the cloud) they said, 'This cloud will give us rain.' " (Sahih Bukhari : Book 6 , Volume 60 ,Hadith 353)

**2. Natural disasters are warning for the sinners:** Natural disasters are warnings for those who are sinners. This fact has also been elaborated in the holy Quran. Some of the instances are as follows:

1. And verily, We will make them taste the near torment (i.e. the torment in the life of this world, i.e. disasters, calamities, etc.) prior to the supreme torment (in the Hereafter), in order that they may (repent and) return (i.e. accept Islām). (As-Sajdah 32:21)
2. See they not that they are tried once or twice every year (with different kinds of calamities, disease, famine, etc.)? Yet, they turn not in repentance, nor do they learn a lesson (from it). (At-Tawbah 9:126)

Allah SWT showed his signs to Pharaoh in the form of natural disasters and calamities before final punishment so that he may reform himself. This fact has been revealed in the Holy Quran in the following manner,

And indeed We punished the people of Fir'aun (Pharaoh) with years of drought and shortness of fruits (crops, etc.) that they might remember (take heed). (Al-A'raf 7:130)

**3. Natural disasters are test for the believers:** According to the holy Quran and Hadith many a time natural disasters are punishment for disbelievers and transgressors and warnings for sinners but sometimes they do come to test the believers and pious people. This fact has been elaborated in Quran as follows:

1. And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sābirin (the patient ones, etc.). (Al-Baqarah 2:155)
2. Do you think you will enter the paradise without such (trials) as came to those who passed away before you? They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said, "When (will come) the Help of Allah?" Yes! Certainly, the Help of Allāh is near! (Al-Baqarah 2:214)
3. Do people think they will be left alone because they say: "We believe," and will not be tested. And We indeed tested those who were before them. And Allah will certainly make (it) known (the truth of) those who are true, and will certainly make (it) known (the falsehood of) those who are liars, (although Allah knows all that before putting them to test). (Al-Ankabut 29:2-3)

#### **How to deal with natural disasters and calamities:**

The holy Quran and Sunnah have guided us in all walks of life; they also guide us about how to deal with the natural disasters and calamities.

Some of these ways are piety, repentance and patience. Now the outcome of these methods will be briefly elaborated in the light of the holy Quran:

**1. Piety:** When someone becomes pious, Allah SWT resolves his problems and open doors of blessings to him; this fact has been highlighted in the following verses,

1. And whosoever fears Allah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make a way for him to get out (from every difficulty). (At-Talaq 65:2)
2. And if the people of the towns had believed and had the Taqwā (piety), certainly, We should have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, (Al-A'raf 7:96)

**2. Repentance:** When someone repents, Allah SWT takes away their torment. This fact has been highlighted in the holy Quran as follows:

And He will not punish them while they seek (Allah's) forgiveness. (Al-Anfal 8:33) Allah SWT has narrated the incident of the tribe of Yunus (AS) in the holy Quran. When they saw the torment of Allah SWT was approaching them, they sought forgiveness and Allah SWT took away His torment as mentioned in the Holy Quran as follows, Was there any town (community) that believed (after seeing the punishment), and its faith (at that moment) saved it (from the punishment)? (The answer is none,) except the people of Yunus (Jonah); when they believed, We removed from them the torment of disgrace in the life of the (present) world, and permitted them to enjoy for a while. (Yunus 10:98)

**3. Patience:** This act is beneficial for all those being tested by Allah SWT. If they face a calamity or a natural disaster with patience then they will get reward for this. This fact has been highlighted in the holy Quran in the following manner:

And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sābirin (the patient ones, etc.). who, when afflicted with calamity, say: "Truly! To Allah we belong and truly unto Him shall we return." They are those on whom are the Salawāt (i.e. blessings, etc.) (i.e. who are blessed and will be forgiven) from their Lord, and (they are those who) receive His Mercy, and it is they who are the guided-ones. (Al-Baqarah 2:155-157)

May Allah SWT save us from natural disasters and His wrath through which He punishes transgressors and give us vision so that we can reform ourselves and help those who are under trial!

**LAHORE:** All the open drains flowing in Lahore are one of the biggest sources of pollution and posing a very serious threat to the humans as well as the environment. Constructed for the purpose of discharging rainwater during the Monsoon season from the city, these drains, for several decades, have been responsible for contamination and pollution of air and water bodies in the provincial capital.

In past, several feasibility reports were prepared to cover all open drains but none was executed due to the reasons best known to the rulers, district government and civic authorities. Sources in Traffic Engineering and Planning Agency (TEPA) claimed that covering of open drains in Lahore would improve the overall environment besides ending a large number of illegal encroachments,

**Open drains a serious threat to health, environment**

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which are established around these drains.

A senior Wasa official said there were 12 major drains in the city which passed through the areas of Walton Road, Fruit and Vegetable Market on Ferozepur Road, Bihar Colony, Township, General Hospital, Chungi Amer Sidhu, Sattoo Katla, Hudyara, Khurshid Alam Road, Gulberg (near Home Economics College), Canal Park, Shama Cinema, Rasool Park, Samanabad, Gulshan-e-Ravi, Abdul Rehman Road, Fortress Stadium, Mian Mir Colony, Upper Mall, Zafar Ali Road, Mustafabad, Mian Mir Graveyard, Governor's House, Jinnah Gardens, Lawrence Road, Birdwood Road, Jail Road, LOS Workshop, The Mall, Lahore Zoo, Queen's Road, Dayal Singh Mansion, Mozang, Lytton Road, Chauburji (near Green Building), Shalimar Road, Shalimar Garden, Medina Colony, Misri Shah, Shadbagh, Bagh Munshi Ladha, Walled City, Data Nagar and Siddiquipura. He said these drains were basically constructed for flood and rainwater but with the passage of time they had turned into sewage water drains. He said Wasa constructed main drains such as General Hospital Drain, Moulana Shaukat Ali Road Drain, Habibullah Road Drain, Farrukhabad Drain in Shahdara and Ghaziabad Drain between 1987 and 1990. The existing drainage and sewerage lines may accommodate the water pressure to a large extent if their proper desilting could be managed. "Chota Ravi Drain that was six feet deep is now carrying water on just one and half feet deep surface because the waste and animal dung was being dumped into it by the milkmen without any check," he said.

Establishment of a Katchi Abadis and encroachments around the drains has also reduced the width of the drains. On Shalimar Link Road, the width of the drain was reduced from 150 to 30 feet. Similarly construction of shops on Beadon Road drain has reduced its width from 100 to 10 feet. Construction of houses on drain walls in Bagh Munshi Ladha reduced its width from 50 to 20 feet. They said that besides encroachments, solid waste dumping into the open drains had also aggravated the situation resulting into choking off drains. Drains in Bhaati Gate, Rasool Park, Samanabad, Mozang, Bagh Munshi Ladha, Walled City, Shalimar Link Road and fruit and vegetable markets on Ferozepur Road and Badami Bagh are the example of dumping of solid waste in drains. He said all these drains discharge water in River Ravi through the disposal stations constructed at Mahmood Booti, Shadbagh, Chota Ravi, Shahdara, Babo Saboo and Sattokatla. He revealed that the drainage system in Lahore was started in 1936. Initially, main sewer lines were laid down from McLeod Road to Outfall Road, Mozang, Krishan Nagar, Sanat Nagar Road, Ravi Road, Ganj Bazaar, Mughalpura, Shamnagar, Anarkali and in some parts of the Walled City.

Main drains at the time of the partition of the sub-continent in Lahore were Cantt Drain (Mian Mir Drain), Sukh Nehar Drain and Chota Ravi Drain. He said later the drainage and water supply system was handed over to Lahore Improvement Trust (LIT), established in 1967. The LIT constructed drains and laid down sewer lines in the localities of Gulberg, Samanabad, Shadbagh and some other areas of the city. He maintained that with the creation of the Wasa under the LDA Act 1975, the system was completely handed over to the Wasa except Township and Green Town localities, controlled by Housing and Physical Planning Department till 1993. A senior official of LDA said in most of the developing countries sewage drains were open because of lack of funds. He, however, said the agency was planning to construct two underground sewage lines to transfer water of two drains. Replying to a question about underground water pollution by the open sewers, he said usually the Wasa was pumping out ground water from 500 to 700 feet while the seepage from open drains did not go beyond 200 feet in the ground. He claimed that the ground water supplied by the Wasa to the citizens was safe. Environmentalists said open drains in the city are heavily contributing to increasing air and underground water pollution besides aesthetically damaging the city's beauty. Shahid Bhatti, an environmentalist, while talking on the issue, said open sewage drains released poisonous gases especially at night. He said these gases polluted the surrounding air. "Foul odor of these open drains was also very irritating and discourage economic activity around the open drains," he maintained.

The open sewage drains were also polluting the ground water as water seeped through the drains into the ground, he said, adding that it caused various kinds of diseases especially of stomach and liver among the people living near open drains and consuming underground water. Naseemur Rehman, spokesman of EPD while talking with The News said that these open drains should be covered. He said these drains are discharging untreated sewage water into the River Ravi, which is a very big threat to both human health and the environment. He said dumping of solid waste in these drains is also a big issue. He said the department is in favour of covering these drains but can't initiate any project on its own due to lack of resources.

**LAHORE:** Panic and fear gripped the city after the 8.1 magnitude earthquake jolted the country forcing majority of Lahories to literally run outside their houses, offices and other buildings to save their lives here on Monday. The earthquake which hit the provincial capital at around 2.10pm is termed as worst of its kind by most of the citizens who claimed that they had never encountered with such jolts in their lives. Citizens were seen standing outside their offices, homes and other buildings reciting verses of holy Quran.

"Earthquake is an unexpected event which cannot be predicted in advance. Hence, the only safety is taking adequate preventive measures," said DCO Lahore while talking to reporters. He said all the emergency services and hospitals in Lahore were on high alert but no major untoward incident had taken place in the city due to the earthquake. He warned the citizens to remain vigilant as aftershocks were expected. Met officials said magnitude of Monday's earthquake was close to the previous earthquake of 2005, but its epicenter was shallow than the previous one. They added that the earthquake in 2005 came at a depth of 26km, while Monday's earthquake was at a depth of 212.5km. Following the intensity, all the multi-storey buildings, big shopping malls and other buildings, including residential and office apartments were vacated. A large number of people were seen standing outside commercial plazas minutes after the earthquake and many remained on roads and empty places for a long time even after the earthquake.

## Panic grips people after earthquake

*The News, October 27, 2015*

### Earthquake aftermath : Govt depts to remain alert for 24 hours: PDMA

*Daily Times, October 27, 2015*

### Historic Peshawar buildings shake and crack

*Express Tribune, October 27, 2015*

subsided. Soon after the earthquake, high alert warnings were sent to all the major public and private hospitals. Shakeel, an eyewitness said he was present in Mayo hospital emergency when the earthquake came and the entire block started to jolt. He said he along with other people which included patients, doctors, attendants of patients and other hospital staff rushed outside. "Those who can't run due to fractures started reciting verses of Quran in loud voices," he added. Similar scenes were seen outside high rise structures in the city such as Arfa Kareem Tower, Siddique Trade centre, Mall of Lahore and many others where people also rushed outside in fear. Traffic was stopped on the roads due to the rush of people. "I was standing outside my kids school when I felt the shock and heard a strange and very loud sound, which was coming from the Expo Center," said Shahab, a resident of Judicial Colony. He said the big glass windows of Expo Center building were jolting badly due to the earthquake. He said he had witnessed people running outside their nearby homes.

"I was in my office on the 7th floor of Shaheen Complex, Egerton Road when the earthquake came," said Asad, an official of Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC). "It is the scariest moments of my life and I had recited Kalma thinking the last time had come," Asad said, adding he and his fellow colleagues rushed towards emergency stairs, which were already jam packed with the people. "There are loud screams of women in the stairs while people running downwards without looking at others while many women are weeping and shaking badly," he maintained. Jamil, a rickshaw mechanic near Ichhara said, the earthquake was worst he had seen. He said the intensity of the earthquake could be gauged from the fact that he had seen the metro overhead bridge shaking. He said he immediately ran away from the bridge fearing it may fall.

Majida Imran, a resident of Alhamd Colony said, she was cooking when all paintings and other wall hangings in her house fell on the floor. She said one of a ceiling fans in her house also fell with a big bang. She said she rushed out and saw all her neighbours were out of their homes and reciting verses of holy Quran. Tanya Qureshi, a senior official of WCLA said that no major loss to buildings was reported in walled city of Lahore. She said soon after the earthquake nine teams were dispatched to assess the damage to the buildings. She said a special team had also been constituted for detailed structural inspections of monuments, historical buildings and high architectural buildings inside the walled city. Talking about the dangerous buildings, she said recently the authority had already issued evacuation orders to the residents of 179 buildings while earlier this year the authority had demolished 68 such buildings. She said the WCLA teams would reassess the structural stability of these buildings too and appropriate action would be taken after the survey.

CDGL's spokesman claimed that no loss of life, injury or loss to buildings was reported in any town of the provincial capital. He said however rescue teams were directed to remain vigilant and response immediately in case of any untoward incident. He, however, said that several shock stricken citizens especially children were brought to different hospitals for treatment.

**LAHORE:** A high intensity earthquake jolted the provincial capital and its surroundings on Monday afternoon. Tremors were felt for a minute while buildings also trembled. People rushed out of buildings by reciting religious invocations. According to the Meteorological office, the epicentre of the earthquake was stated to be Hindu Kush range with a depth of 193 kilometres. On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif, the Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has sought a report from the administration of all districts about the losses of life and properties caused by the earthquake. The PDMA spokesman said that the government has announced financial assistance of Rs 500,000 each to the people who died and Rs 100,000 each to the injured due to the earthquake, adding that the district administration would be bound to make payment to the heirs within 24 hours through the government representatives.

The spokesman said that PDMA has set up a helpline 1129 for providing help to the injured and those buried under debris, whereas immediate assistance of rescue-1122 can also be sought. He said that all the government departments would remain red alert during next 24 hours so that the rescue activities could be provided in any emergent situation.

The spokesman said that emergency has been enforced in all hospitals of the province while leaves of all doctors and medical staff has also been cancelled. He said that instructions have been issued to the administration of all districts to set up emergency desks where the staff would discharge their duties 24 hours, adding that no negligence would be tolerated in this regard.

Meanwhile, Provincial Advisor on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique presided over an emergent meeting at the Civil Secretariat on Monday to review the situation after severe earthquake and to ensure provision of best treatment facilities to the injured in the province. Health Secretary Jawad Rafique Malik, Director General Dr Zahid Pervaiz, Additional Secretary Dr Salman Shahid and other officers attended the meeting. Salman Rafique immediately contacted the executive district officers (EDOs) of the province and directed them to provide best treatment facilities to the injured people. He contacted EDOs in Rawalpindi, Sarogdha, Chakwal and officers of other districts and inquired about the situation. He asked the Health secretary to issue instructions to the administration of all hospitals that no negligence should be shown in the treatment of injured people and it should be continued till their complete recovery.

**RAWALPINDI / PESHAWAR:** Several historic buildings in Peshawar that are part of Pakistan's rich cultural heritage could not withstand the earthquake that jolted northern parts of the country on Monday. The massive 7.5 magnitude temblor, centred in Afghanistan's Hindu Kush region, was felt throughout much of South Asia, including Pakistan. The US Geological Survey put the epicentre near Jurm in north-east Afghanistan, 250 kilometres from the capital Kabul, and at a depth of 213.5 km. The epicentre is close to the site of an October 2005 quake that had a 7.6 magnitude and killed more than 75,000 people, displacing some 3.5 million more. That quake, however, was much shallower. Although Pakistan's historic buildings are still standing – as they have always stood against harsh weathers and previous earthquakes – some of them were

## Earthquake in South Asia

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## Over 200 killed in Pakistan as 7.5-magnitude earthquake strikes

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damaged on Monday. Portions of the Bala Hissar Fort, the Gor Gathri archaeological complex, the Peshawar Museum and the Mahabat Khan Mosque were among the major historic structures that suffered damages.

The upper walls of the Bala Hissar Fort collapsed on western and southern sides. The auxiliary paramilitary Frontier Corps, which is headquartered in the sprawling structure, is responsible for its restoration and reconstruction. An official said restoration of the fort would commence soon. The exact history of the fort that stands on GT Road is hitherto unknown. Historians believe almost every ruler who conquered the city had destroyed and reconstructed the structure. A portion of the fort had also collapsed a few months ago because of heavy rains and was immediately repaired by the security officials in control of the building. Meanwhile, a portion of the Mahabat Khan Mosque's small minaret on the side of the Ander Sher Bazaar has also collapsed, but the minaret itself remains safe. The mosque was built by the then Peshawar governor Mahabat Khan during Mughal emperor Shah Jahan's rule in 1670.

Auqaf Department officials said the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government had set aside funds for the renovation and rehabilitation of the mosque in the provincial budget for fiscal year 2015-16, but the work is yet to be started. Moreover, both the gates of the Gor Gathri archaeological complex have also been damaged. A wall of this historic complex and the fire brigade building constructed in 1912 were earlier destroyed and were being reconstructed.

### 'I felt like this was the end'

Dr Abdul Samad, director of K-P Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, said both the gates were only slightly damaged. Samad said reports were also received of damages at other historic buildings, especially the Peshawar Museum that was constructed in 1901. He said reports were also received about damages to some of the antiques, showcases and other structures at the museums in Chitral and Swat. "Currently, we cannot assess the entire damage. A survey will later be conducted across the province."

### Building damaged in Pindi

The powerful earthquake also caused cracks in buildings situated in the garrison city Rawalpindi. Several historic buildings in Raja Bazaar, Purana Qila, Mochi Bazaar, Bhabara Bazaar, Naya Mohalla, Kashmiri Bazaar, Jamia Masjid Road, Bazaar Kallan, Dingi Koi, Bagh Akalgarh, Nadeem Colony, Javed Colony, Dhoke Ratta, Bagh Sardaran, Mohalla Shah Chan Charagh and other areas were reportedly damaged.

The building owners were issued notices several times in the past, but they refused to vacate the buildings. District Coordinator Officer Sajid Zafar Dal said that during a recent survey conducted by the administration 252 old buildings were identified as dangerous.

### Metro bus service affected

Cracks were also reportedly formed in the newly-built metro bus track. The bus service was suspended for 10 minutes for inspection. Commissioner Zahid Saeed, however, denied that the earthquake had affected the bus track and claimed that the administration's inspection identified no cracks. "We conducted an inspection of the entire track and found it to be clear, except the suspension joint that had cracked."

Natural events are queuing up to provide the region with hard times. Unusual cold and precipitation in northern Pakistan has led to tourists being stranded and requiring rescue, and on October 26 at around 2.10pm, there was an earthquake of magnitude 7.5 that struck in Afghanistan, hitting a remote area 82kms southeast of Fayzabad, deep in the Hindu Kush range. The quake was deep 192km and consequently felt over a wide area reaching as far south as Bahawalpur in Punjab and very strongly felt across Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and the capital territories as well as in Lahore and Rawalpindi. Early reports are fragmentary and giving exact details as to the number of casualties and the damage done to infrastructure and buildings across the country will be premature at this stage, although numerous deaths have been reported in Swat, Kasur, Sargodha and Bajaur Agency.

All military hospitals have been put on high alert and the Pakistan Army has assembled a rescue team to conduct an early damage assessment. The TV channels — one of which remained on air during the quake and the anchor continued to broadcast from a very shaky set — carried pictures of people evacuated from offices and other workplaces in Islamabad and Lahore and early indications are that emergency services are mobilised, have not been significantly damaged and are going to be able to respond to the calamity. Although it is too early to say with certainty, there does not appear to have been the kind of widespread catastrophic damage that was seen during the 2005 earthquake. Even so, many millions of people have had a very severe fright in Pakistan and there will be a rise in casualties here, as well as in Afghanistan and India. Remote areas such as the Kaghan valley are reporting that houses have collapsed but it is going to be at least 24 hours before a preliminary assessment is made. This was the largest quake to hit the country since the aforementioned quake of 2005, and the early impressions are that the country is both better prepared and more capable in terms of response. Pakistan is always going to be vulnerable to earthquake and the best that can be done is to be prepared — always.

A powerful earthquake struck Pakistan and Afghanistan on Monday, killing at least 200 people, officials said.

The death toll could climb in coming days because communications were down in much of the rugged Hindu Kush mountain range area where the quake was centred. Reports of deaths had poured in from different areas of both countries by nightfall. In Pakistan, 140 deaths were reported, most in northern and northwestern regions bordering Afghanistan, officials told Reuters.

Particularly hard-hit in Pakistan was Chitral, where 11 people were killed, police official Shah Jehan said, adding that the death toll was likely to rise because so many areas were cut off from



### 'Far deadlier had it been shallower'

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### Reporter on ground: Peshawar's strongest earthquake was like hell

*Express Tribune, October 27, 2015*

communications. Journalist Gul Hammad Farooqi, 47, said his house had collapsed. "I was thrown from one side of the road to the other by the strength of the earthquake. I've never experienced anything like it," Farooqi said. "There is a great deal of destruction here, and my house has collapsed, but thankfully my children and I escaped."

Further south, Peshawar had one death but at least 150 injured people were being treated at the city's main hospital, the provincial health chief said. Shockwaves were felt in northern India and in Pakistan, where hundreds of people ran out of buildings as the ground rolled beneath them. "We were very scared ... We saw people leaving buildings, and we were remembering our God," Pakistani journalist Zubair Khan said by telephone from the Swat Valley northwest of the capital, Islamabad. "I was in my car, and when I stopped my car, the car itself was shaking as if someone was pushing it back and forth." In one of the worst incidents, at least 12 girls were killed in a stampede to get out of their school in the northeastern Afghan province of Takhar. "They fell under the feet of other students," said Abdul Razaq Zinda, provincial head of the Afghan National Disaster Management Agency, who reported heavy damage in Takhar.

The quake was 213 km deep and centred 254 km northeast of Kabul in Afghanistan's Badakhshan province. The US Geological Survey initially measured the quake's intensity at 7.7 then revised it down to 7.5. Just over a decade ago, a 7.6 magnitude quake in another part of northern Pakistan killed about 75,000 people.

In Afghanistan, a total of 24 were reported dead on Monday including the 12 schoolgirls, seven people in the eastern province of Nangarhar, two in Nuristan province in the northeast and three in eastern Kunar province, officials said.

In Afghanistan, international aid agencies working in northern areas reported that cell phone coverage in the affected areas remained down in the hours after the initial quake. "The problem is we just don't know. A lot of the phone lines are still down," said Scott Anderson, deputy head of office for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Kabul. Badakhshan provincial governor Shah Waliullah Adib said about 400 houses were destroyed but he had no figures on casualties. "Right now we are collecting information," he said.

The earthquake struck almost exactly six months after Nepal suffered its worst quake on record, on April 25. Including the toll from a major aftershock in May, 9,000 people lost their lives and 900,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. The mountainous region is seismically active, with earthquakes the result of the Indian subcontinent driving into and under the Eurasian landmass. Sudden tectonic shifts can cause enormous and destructive releases of energy.

**ISLAMABAD:** The earthquake, which shook northern parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan on Monday, could have caused even more damage, had it been shallower. Professor Dr Muhammad Gulraiz Akhter, who is chairperson of the Department of Earth Sciences at Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) in Islamabad, told The Express Tribune that Monday's quake was located at an intermediate depth of 210 kilometres. In contrast, the earthquake in Muzaffarabad in 2005 was quite shallow, under 75km deep. That is why that earthquake had caused more widespread damage. Similarly, the earthquake in Nepal earlier this year had taken place at a depth of just 8.2km.

He further explained that the earthquake was caused when two plates named India and Eurasia in the Hindu Kush range collided with each other. This collision produced high intensity of energy and when this energy found a weak spot in the earth's crust, it caused the quake. The professor said that in his view earthquakes of such intensity usually recur in a cyclical manner. In this regard, Monday's earthquake seems to have been part of the 10 year cycle since the 2005 quake.

#### Aftershocks to dissipate over time

Dr Akhter said that while earthquakes are difficult to predict, they could expect the intensity of aftershocks to lessen over the next 24 hours. There have been at least 14 aftershocks since the earthquake with their intensity falling from 5.3 to 3.5 on the Richter scale. The chief meteorologist at the Pakistan Meteorological Department said they could expect aftershocks for the next 30 days. Since Pakistan is on the fault line, Dr Akhtar advised that all homes and buildings should be constructed by incorporating quake-proof measures.

**PESHAWAR:** I was indoors when my world started rocking from side to side; my first instinct was to run for the exit. Others standing with me in the coordination office on the second floor of the K-P Planning and Development department all made a beeline for safety, only to confront a difficult exit route on the ground floor. It actually forced us to rush through a shallow and cramped subterranean level and ultimately climb up a flight of stairs to reach the arms of safety. Once outside, I saw the crack that had developed in the adjacent building – pouring construction material down over our heads. All the telltale signs of an earthquake. While running out of the building, I could hear murmurs, a man telling people not to run. Luckily, we all made it outside unscathed. Glancing over at others in the lawn, it seemed like all the colour had drained out of them; many were out of breath and loudly reciting prayers. An older man standing beside me suddenly could not support his weight and just lay down on the grass as he recited verses from the Holy Quran. Almost everyone was trying to call home to establish contact with loved ones.

#### The first signs

The first sound of screaming ambulance sirens told me this was indeed a serious matter. Monday's quake took place in a province still recovering from the devastation of 2005 which claimed thousands of lives. A decade may have passed, but one look around and I knew everyone's memory of that horrific day was still fresh. As I stepped out, I could see choked roads as people rushed out of offices and other workplaces to reach home. When the ground shifts from under your feet, you fear the worst and we did. As I passed the historic Balahissar Fort, I could see its magnificent walls had also succumbed to the jarring jolts. Travelling through the city, all I

### Four dengue cases reported in Kohat

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could register was massive traffic gridlocks on major thoroughfares and commercial roads such as Saddar, Khyber Bazar and Qissa Khwani. Going through Dabgari Garden, I could see rescue teams scurrying to help people injured by a fallen wall.

#### **Cracks in PDMA office**

People were busy inspecting homes and offices buildings for damage. Ironically, even the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) office at the Civil Secretariat developed cracks which employees were busy inspecting.

Block-III of Khan Abdul Wali Khan Multiplex, which recently developed cracks, was further weakened by the shocks. "This building is now completely unsafe," commented an employee of the PDMA pointing towards cracks in the media wing. "It can't bear another earthquake because it will fall," he added. Glancing over at his colleagues, the panic was evident as they stayed glued to the television for details about the magnitude and epicentre of the quake. "It was hell," Hayat Khan, a government official told me, fear chalked over his face. "I have never felt such a strong earthquake in my life," he added, standing in the garden of the Civil Secretariat.

As I navigated the roads to make my way to work, traffic policeman Muhammad Afzal told me, "It is peak traffic hour as it is, and to top it off, people are in a state of panic as communication systems are not working." Standing on Khyber Road, Afzal added, "We have to keep the roads opened so the injured can be taken to hospitals without a delay." He was simultaneously signalling vehicles to move from Warsak to Khyber Road. The police closed signals and were managing vehicles manually. "This is not a normal situation and we can't organise traffic using the lights as the load is heavy from all sides," he explained.

**KOHAT:** Four cases of dengue fever were reported in the Kohat district on Sunday. Medical Superintendent, District Headquarters Hospital, Dr Nasim Jan, said the four suspected patients of dengue fever were brought to the hospital from Lachi. "The patients have been kept in the isolation ward of the DHQ," said Dr Haroon. Those suffering from dengue fever were identified as Himat Shah, Muhammad Ihtisham, Naeemdad and Amir Gul. He said a fumigation campaign had been launched in Lachi.

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#### At least 4 killed as IED blast hits passenger train in Mastung

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#### LeJ behind Jacobabad suicide attack: Sindh home minister

*The Express Tribune, October 25, 2015*

#### Crackdown: Traffic police to arrest people driving without a licence

*The Express Tribune, November 1, 2015*

### DETAILS

**QUETTA:** At least four people were killed and seven wounded when a passenger train hit an improvised explosive device (IED) planted on a railway track in the Dasht area of Mastung district in Balochistan on Sunday. The eight kilogramme bomb targeted the Rawalpindi-bound Jaffar Express around 30 kilometres away from the provincial capital, Quetta, slightly damaging a compartment of the train, an eyewitness told *The Express Tribune*. Deputy Superintendent (DS) Railway Faiz Mohammed Bugti confirmed that it was a remote controlled explosion and killed four employees of Railway who were traveling to Punjab from Quetta. Anwar Sammo, another senior government official, told AFP that an IED was used in the attack. "The IED was planted on the railway track. All those killed and injured were railway employees," Sammo told AFP, adding that some 650 passengers were travelling in the train. The injured were shifted to a local hospital while the train left for its destination after the track was repaired. Sources said one of the suspects also received wounds while trying to escape from the scene; however, he still managed to flee. Security forces have launched a search operation in the area. This is not the first time the Rawalpindi-bound Jaffar Express has been targeted by terrorists. In January, terrorists had targeted the train with an improvised explosive device in the same area, causing damage to its locomotive but no casualties. Miscreants detonated the IED when the train chugged past, according to an official of the Balochistan Levies. "The locomotive was partially damaged in the explosion, but no one was hurt," the official had told *The Express Tribune*.

In August, at least three militants who were strapping an IED to a rail track died after they accidentally detonated a hand grenade and set off a blast in the Bala Nari area of Bolan district in central Balochistan. The militants were planning to blow up the rail tracks and derail a train. "The saboteurs were placing a bomb on the railway track, but it went off prematurely," an official of the Levies Force had said. "The militants were planting the bomb when a hand grenade exploded accidentally triggering the IED too," said Bala Nari tehsildar Kamran Raisani. Provincial authorities believe that Balochistan has witnessed a substantial drop in violence this year. Experts believe that this development would help pave the way for a 'conclusive reconciliation plan' as regards the estranged Baloch leaders that was stalled due to different challenges in the troubled province. Official documents, put together for the Balochistan apex committee monitoring the progress of the National Action Plan, claim a 'dramatic decrease' in violent incidents in the volatile areas of the province. The provincial home department says the emerging situation is the result of the joint efforts of the military and the civilian government for establishing peace in the province.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Home Minister Suhail Anwar Siyal said on Saturday that the banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) has claimed responsibility for Friday's suicide attack at a Muharram procession in Jacobabad. "According to the information I received, LeJ has claimed responsibility for the attack," he said while addressing the media. The home minister claimed the Jacobabad attack was a suicide bombing, adding that two separate committees have been formed to investigate the attack. Terror struck Sindh's Jacobabad district, where a blast ripped through a mourning procession near the city's Hajan Shah Dargah, killing 22 people and injuring 30 others.

The blast took place at about 7:30 pm when a Muharram 9 mourning procession was passing through the city's Lashari Muhalla. Siyal also said Indian intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) was behind terrorist attacks in the country. "RAW is behind terrorist attacks in Pakistan and they are active across Sindh," he said. Meanwhile, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has announced Rs2million for families of the deceased and Rs1 million for those of the injured.

**KARACHI:** The Karachi traffic police have decided to arrest drivers without licences and those carrying fake licences from Monday. According to traffic police official Muhammad Idrees, who is reader to the Traffic DIG, the impending crackdown will start from Monday morning and 15 checkpoints have been made for the purpose, where traffic DSPs, section officers along with inspectors and sub-inspectors will perform their duties from 11am to 1pm and then from 9pm to 11pm. The Karachi traffic police launched several crackdowns this year, which included the helmet-compulsory drive, action against substandard Compress Natural Gas (CNG) cylinders in public and school vans, action against violation of rules and traffic signals, action against violation of one-way traffic, against traveling on the rooftops of public buses and coaches and juvenile drivers. Unfortunately, these crackdowns have not yielded fruitful results and the latest campaign against drivers without licences is feared to be another exercise in futility. However, Idrees insisted on the success of all the campaigns. "These teams will be deployed on Bilawal Chowrangi, Mai Kolachi Road, before Gulbai Underpass, Baldia Town, Sharae Faisal and other places," he said. Do the traffic police have the powers to arrest drivers? Idrees responded that the law regarding the arrests was not new. "It's already mentioned in Motor Vehicle Ordinance Section 99, under which we can arrest drivers over charges of negligence," he said, adding that driving without licence was not less than any negligence and it usually became the cause of vehicular fatalities.

Speaking about fake licences, he said that Pakistan Penal Code's Section 420 can be imposed. "Drivers of commercial vehicles without licences can be put behind bars for maximum two years, whereas drivers of private vehicles can be arrested for maximum of one year," he said. The traffic department felt it would have been useless if they had given people more time to get their licences. "People will never apply for licences until we start taking action," he said. He added, however, that they had requested licences DIG Aftab Pathan to arrange a special desk for the huge number of drivers anticipated to seek licences once the crackdown kicks off. Meanwhile, Pathan said that he

### 11 killed as PPP, PML-F workers clash during local bodies election in Khairpur

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had requested the Traffic DIG to give them at least 15 days. "We have three branches in the city in Nazimabad, Clifton and Korangi and we have the capacity to cater to a large number of people seeking licences," he said. On the other hand, an official at the Clifton licence branch, Furqan, told The Express Tribune that since the news of the crackdown against drivers without licences surfaced, he has been receiving several requests. He admitted that the licence offices do not have the capacity to hold a large number of people.

**SUKKUR:** At least 11 people were killed on Saturday in firing as a clash broke out between two political groups during the local bodies' election in Ranipur Town, Khairpur. The clash also left eight people injured. Polling was suspended immediately after the incident, as the clashing groups expanded in size. According to reports, a small scuffle between Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Functional (PML-F) during the elections broke into a violent clash. A heavy contingent of the police and Pakistan Army reached the site and have managed to control the situation. "The two groups belonging to the PPP, which rules Sindh province, and the PML-F, headed by a famous spiritual leader Pir Sahab Pagara, clashed with each other just an hour before the end of polling time," local police official Pir Muhammad Shah told AFP. Shah said army troops have been deployed in the area to bring the situation under control. A senior local official, Munawar Mitthani also confirmed the incident and casualties. No arrests have been made so far.

Meanwhile, Inspector General Sindh Police Ghulam Hyder Jamali has constituted a three-member committee, headed by Additional IGCTD Dr Sanaullah Abbasi, to investigate the firing incident and look into the causes that led to the deaths of 11 people. SSP Khairpur and SSP Sukkur are among the members of the committee formed. The committee has been directed to conduct a thorough investigation and submit a report immediately afterwards. In a separate incident, at least three people were injured in a firing incident near Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah residence, Express News reported. According to reports, unidentified people opened fire on Pakistan Tahreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally after which the PTI workers blocked a nearby road and protested against the incident. Eight districts of upper Sindh comprising 4,618,512 voters headed out to vote for their local representatives on. The polling started at 7:30am and ended at 5:30pm. Due to tense relations between some rival candidates, law enforcers had been deployed in sensitive areas. Naro and Kingri areas in Khairpur Mirs were declared highly sensitive due to the rivalry between Pir Pagara and Ghous Ali Shah. "Naro and Kingri will be the only areas where the army will be deployed inside the polling station," Sindh Home Minister Sohail Anwar Siyal told The Express Tribune. However, local government minister Nasir Hussain Shah had clarified that the government only recommended army deployment in these areas of Khairpur Mirs but the army troops will only be available on standby.

### CTD arrest 'target killer linked to a political party' in Karach

*The News, October 31, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) claimed to have arrested an alleged target killer from Karachi's Korangi area, who they say, is affiliated with a political party. According to Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Junaid Shaikh, the accused identified as Muhammad Khalid was involved in seven killings. He said the alleged killer had shot and killed three people in Korangi area, while he also killed a man in Bangali Camp area two years ago. "The accused has revealed that he had been ordered by his party's top leadership to target a reporter of a news channel", the SSP said.

### Army chief witnesses Saudi-Pak joint training exercise near Jhelum

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**RAWALPINDI:** Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Raheel Sharif visited National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC), Pabbi near Jhelum on Friday and witnessed the culmination of Pak-Saudi joint training exercise Al-Shihab. Al-Shihab focused on counter terrorism training of the special operation forces of Pakistan and in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which included cordon and search operations, airdropping and helicopter lifting of special forces for operations against terrorist's acts and their hideouts. While meeting the participating troops, he appreciated their dedication, motivation and professionalism. General Raheel Sharif said that "Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoy strong and brotherly relations which have a long history of deep rooted cooperation."

"This exercise signifies the joint effort of our two nations against terrorism and Insha Allah we will defeat this menace in all its forms and manifestations," he said. He reiterated that any threat to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Saudi Arabia will evoke a strong response from Pakistan. A six member high level Saudi military delegation headed by General Mufleh Bin Saleem Al-Otaibi, Commander Special Forces of Saudi Arabia was also present on the occasion. Earlier on arrival, COAS was received by Lieutenant General Qamar Javed Bajwa, Inspector General Training and Evaluation.

### 23 Baloch rebels lay down arms

*The Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

**QUETTA:** As many as 23 Baloch rebels, including two commanders on Thursday surrendered to the authorities, the latest insurgents to lay down their arms in Balochistan. The militants belonged to the banned Baloch Liberation Army and the United Baloch Army, which have long been fighting government forces. "The militants pledged their allegiance to (the) state of Pakistan and declared that they would not take arms in future against their own country," provincial minister for Irrigation and Energy Nawab Jangez Marri said at a press conference held in Quetta. Marri, who is also chief of his Marri tribe, said the government would bring these men into the mainstream and give them jobs. "The peaceful Balochistan package is being implemented," he said. "We have been misled and asked to fight against our own country which was wrong," said one of the two commanders, Marjan Khan, who handed over their weapons.

### Tribal elders among 8 killed in Bolan IED blast

*The Express Tribune, October 30, 2015*

**QUETTA:** At least eight people, including two tribal elders were killed in an IED blast in Manwar area of Bolan district of Balochistan on Thursday. According to Balochistan Levies, a convoy of Mir Gul Khan Marri and Bahwal Khan Marri was on way when a timed device exploded, killing eight people on the spot and destroying two vehicles. Sources said the banned Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) officials had called Marri to hold negotiations and surrender. The BLA has also claimed responsibility for the attack.

### Italian police handover key

Italian police have handed over a key suspect involved in the attack on Army Public School in



**APS suspect to Pakistan**

*The Express Tribune, October 29, 2015*

**Two suspected terrorists involved in Safoora carnage arrested in Karachi**

*The News, October 29, 2015*

**Turkey to provide 34 T-37 aircraft free of cost to Pakistan**

*The Express Tribune, October 28, 2015*

**ATC indicts 20 in Youhanabad lynching case**

*The Express Tribune, October 28, 2015*

Peshawar in December last year to Pakistan. The suspect identified as Usman Ghani, belonging to Swabi, was escorted to Islamabad's Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIA) early on Thursday, an official told The Express Tribune. The official said that after the attack the name of the suspect was put on Exit Control List; however, he managed to escape to Italy and was brought back to Pakistan through Interpol on Thursday. The suspect has been shifted to an undisclosed location where he is being interrogated. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan gunmen stormed into Army Public School in Peshawar killing over 140 people, mostly students on December 16, 2014.

Following the attack, Pakistan lifted a moratorium on death penalty which began in March 2008, since then, Pakistan has hanged about 252 convicts. Initially, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif lifted the moratorium only on executions linked to terrorism offences, meaning around 50 prisoners convicted of these offences were once again facing execution. On March 10, the moratorium was, however, lifted entirely, meaning that around 8,500 people sentenced to death would face the gallows. Further, lawmakers have stated that they plan to execute several more inmates on death row, despite international concerns over the use of torture to extract forced 'confessions'.

**KARACHI:** In an important development, the law enforcement agencies have nabbed two hardened terrorists involved in the Safoora Carnage. Mistri Pathan and Kamran Aslam alias Kamran Gujar were arrested and weapons were also recovered from their possession, a highly-placed security source said. Mistri Pathan was the guy who carried out the reconnaissance of the Ismaeeli community bus that was later targeted on May 13, killing 45 people and injuring several others in Karachi. According to the joint interrogation report of Tahir Minhas, the suspected gang leader of Safoora attackers, Mistri was the man who was wearing police uniform along with Abdullah Mansuri and the two men stopped the bus in Scheme 33 area of the city. The report further says Mistri after shooting the driver, took control of the steering. While he kept driving the bus carrying members of Ismaili community, his other gang members were busy in gruesome shooting of innocent people.

Home Department Sindh on September 18 issued a notification announcing reward money of Rs2.5 million each for providing the information leading to the arrest/elimination of terrorists involved in the attack. Mistri Pathan's name was mentioned in the list along with eight others. Kamran Gujar was also present in the same vicinity, where Ismaili people were massacred. He was assigned to coordinate with and facilitate the gang members. "Later, after the arrest of gang leader Tahir Minhas, Gujar paid a visit to Afghanistan for an important task and met with the chief of a banned international terrorist organisation," high-level security source divulged. The source further shared facts that Gujar was tasked to lead the group of remaining members and was in contact with transnational terrorist organisations in Syria, Afghanistan and Egypt. Gujar is a graduate and has completed several diplomas and other courses in the field of computers.

Moreover, before the holy month of Muharram, intelligence agencies along with Police and Rangers carried out Intelligence Based Operations (IBOs) in different parts of the country causing a massive blow to banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) and Al Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). While sharing limited information of IBOs, high-level security source claimed to have apprehended Mohammad Sohail alias Munna, a close confidant of LeJ (Naeem Bukhari group) Chief Ata-ur-Rehman alias Naeem Bukhari. "Munna is a hardcore militant of LeJ and AQIS and was involved in numbers of high profile sectarian terrorism cases in Karachi, especially in the jurisdiction of District Central," source disclosed. Same source claimed that this year on May 1, Munna along with others attacked the car of DSP Bin Qasim, Abdul Fateh Sangri within the limits of Gulshan-e-Hadeed. During the ambush DSP Sangri, his guard and driver were also martyred. Munna was also involved in the killing of seven more police officials.

**ISLAMABAD:** Turkey will provide 34 T-37 aircraft and their spare parts to Pakistan free of cost in a landmark deal signed between the two countries in Ankara, an official announcement said on Wednesday. On Pakistan's desire of acquiring the aircraft, Turkey decided to provide 34 T-37, a jet trainer and light attack aircraft, without charging a single penny, said the defence ministry statement. The agreement was reached during the meeting of Pakistan-Turkey High Level Military Dialogue Group (HLMDG) which concluded in Ankara on Wednesday. Director General Defence Procurement Maj Gen Naveed Ahmed and Chief of Logistics Turkey Maj Gen Serdar Gulbas signed the agreement, while a Joint Communiqué was signed by Secretary Defence Lt Gen (Retd) Muhammad Alam Khattak and Deputy Chief of Turkish General Staff Gen Yasar GULER. During the visit, secretary defence highlighted Pakistan's defence capability and military capacity and requirements keeping in view the current global perspective.

Highlighting the exemplary brotherly relations between the countries, the secretary said, "Pakistan desires to further translate these relations into strategic cooperation, signifying strategic importance of our relations". Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation at regional and multinational forums including UN, OIC, ECO and D-8. While expressing his views in High Level Military Dialogue Group (HLMDG) on regional and global security, Khattak said that both working groups have done considerable work to review progress on decisions that were taken in last HLMDG meeting as well as new agenda relating to politico-military matters and defence industry cooperation. He also expressed desire to further expand the cooperation between defence industries from strategic to joint venture levels. The agreement is reached at a time when Turkey is believed to be seeking Pakistan's increased security and defence cooperation to deal with the emerging threat posed by Islamic State terrorist group as well as Kurdish rebels.

**LAHORE:** An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) indicted on Wednesday 20 suspects involved in the Youhanabad lynching case, *Express News* reported. In March, two people were lynched by a mob after two suicide bombers attacked as many churches in Lahore, killing at least 14 people. According to reports, all suspects presented in court on Wednesday pleaded not guilty, stating they were not present at the site when the men were lynched. The judge subsequently adjourned the court hearing until November 5, ordering the prosecution to present witnesses at the next hearing.

### Seven FC men killed in South Waziristan border attack: ISPR

*Daily Dawn, October 27, 2015*

### CM Sindh okays establishment of 2 courts in jail

*The News, October 27, 2015*

### Protesting IDPs demand early rehabilitation

*Daily Dawn, October 27, 2015*

### Anti-terror crackdown: Under NAP, a million people quizzed

*The Express Tribune, October 26, 2015*

The first of the lynching victims was identified by his brother, while the family of the other victim came forward and identified him as Babar Nauman, a resident of Sargodha.

**ISLAMABAD:** At least seven Frontier Corps personnel were killed as a checkpoint northeast of South Waziristan's Angoor Adda came under fire Tuesday, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said. "The terrorists opened heavy fire from across the Pak-Afghan border early on Tuesday," the ISPR said. North and South Waziristan are among Pakistan's seven tribal districts near the Afghan border which are rife with homegrown insurgents and are alleged to be strongholds of Taliban and Al Qaeda operatives, among others. According to the ISPR, troops have been deployed along the border with neighbouring agencies to block any movement of terrorists in and out of the region.

Pakistan Army launched military operations Zarb-i-Azb and the National Action Plan targeting insurgents following attacks on Karachi's Jinnah International Airport and Peshawar's Army Public School in 2014. Officials say nearly 3,000 militants have been killed since the launch of the latest offensive. The number of attacks in Pakistan has fallen around 70 per cent this year, due to a combination of the military offensive against Taliban bases along the Afghan border and government initiatives to tackle militancy. Many militants have fled to other parts of Pakistan, and some into Afghanistan, complicating the United States-backed Kabul government's fight against its own Taliban insurgency.

**KARACHI:** Sindh government has granted approval to establishment of two courts inside the premises of Karachi prison to hold hearings for cases of terrorism including that of Safoora carnage. According to sources, Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah approved the summary for setting up a couple of courts inside the jail premises for taking up hearings of terror-related cases including those of safoora massacre, the alleged agents of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and suspects apprehended from Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) Headquarters, Nine Zero. The sources further said that high profile cases from other courts will also be referred to the two courts being established inside the prison.

**PESHAWAR:** The elders of internally displaced persons from North Waziristan Agency here on Monday set up a three-day protest camp to force the government to expedite their rehabilitation process and provide all basic facilities to them at their doorsteps. "Following the protest in Peshawar, we will move to Islamabad to set up a 10-day protest camp outside Shah Faisal Mosque to convey our grievances to the federal government as no one bothers to mitigate our miseries," tribal elder Abdul Khalil told Dawn at the camp. He said that the protest camp outside Peshawar Press Club would continue till Wednesday wherein tribal elders would fix date for setting up the camp in Islamabad. The protest demonstrations would continue unless the government took serious steps for quick and honourable rehabilitation of the IDPs, he added. Mr Khalil said that tribal elders had presented to the government a 13-point charter of demands, which included reconstruction of their houses, markets, schools, hospitals and posting of staff so that the IDPs on their return would not face any inconvenience

#### Threaten to set up a 10-day protest camp in Islamabad

Some other elders including former MNA Malik Kamran, Hafiz Farhad Ali, Nazimuddin and Shamsur Rehman also talked about the growing problems being faced by the IDPs. They urged the government to take steps for return of all displaced families including those staying in Afghanistan. They also demanded construction of all the markets, bazaars of Mirali, Miramshah, Patisi, Edak and Digan and compensate the affected traders at earliest. The elders said that all the impounded vehicles should be given back to the displaced persons. They demanded quota for displaced students in all the educational institutions along with provision of scholarships. They also demanded free of cost treatment in all the government-run hospitals across the country and special job quota in different federal and provincial departments. They said that the authorities should resolve the problems faced by minorities owing to displacement.

"The process of rehabilitation is very slow because government is not taking interest in facilitating tribal people. Many of the tribal people are still in custody of the law enforcement agencies. We want them released as soon as possible," the elders added. They said that displaced tribal people were compelled to set up the protest camp as federal government was not giving priority to their problems. The displaced families in different areas of the country were suffering owing to non-availability of basic needs of life, they added. "We have always served the country selflessly and rendered sacrifices for protecting its borders without demanding any compensation but even then the rulers are treating us like second rate citizens," said the tribal elders.

**ISLAMABAD:** Law enforcement and intelligence agencies have interrogated over a million people under the new anti-terror strategy devised in December last year following the Peshawar school tragedy. While the 'swift crackdown' against militants continues, experts believe this 'stop and frisk' exercise under the National Action Plan (NAP) has proved futile in the absence of any institutional reforms, as questioning or arresting people is not the solution. Since intelligence-based raids began on December 28, 2014, law enforcement agencies have questioned 1,073,699 people during 73,058 operations across the country. According to the provincial home departments' figures, agencies questioned 939,229 suspects in 32,106 raids in Punjab; 116,600 suspects in 22,854 operations in Sindh; 5,477 people in 406 operations in Islamabad; 4,116 people in 1,904 raids in Balochistan; 2,887 suspects in 12,773 operations in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P); 2,992 people in 2,570 raids in Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK); 2,004 suspects in 208 operations in Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B); and 394 people in 234 operations in the tribal areas.

The agencies arrested 85,213 suspects during this period with the highest (40,477) arrested in K-P. Around 25,215 people were arrested in Sindh; 8,639 in Balochistan; 5,371 in Punjab; 2,329 in Islamabad; 1,810 in G-B; 649 in AJK; while 755 suspects were arrested in tribal areas. Among those arrested were 1,652 terrorists and 740 hardcore activists. Around 1,976 suspected militants were killed during these operations. Over 9,400 firebrand speakers and clerics have also been

### Government ready to validate old arms licences

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### Sindh geo-tags half of its 10,000 madressahs

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arrested on charges of fanning sectarian hatred. But Rustam Shah Mohmand, who was also a member of the experts' committee that prepared the 20-points for NAP, believes there has been no headway. "Was there any need to question a million people? Where are the necessary institutional reforms under the NAP?" he asks. "There has been no progress on most of the key points of NAP," he said. "No progress on seminary reforms, on legislation on sectarian violence, restoration of an effective district magistrate system and the list goes on." Rustam claims the achievements have come through the already launched military operations in Karachi, Fata, Balochistan and southern Punjab.

Jamaat-e-Islami's Prof Ibrahim Khan also seconded his views. "Action under NAP against militants has been one-sided," he said. "How was it determined by the forces that all arrested or killed suspects were terrorists?" Government officials, however, believe the country has witnessed a significant drop in terrorism incidents as a result of actions taken under the NAP. Despite limited resources, they said, the government has been immensely successful in maintaining peace in Karachi, Balochistan and tribal areas even when the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta) is yet to start functioning or to receive its promised Rs1.8 billion funds. Ihsan Ghani, the Nacta national coordinator, claimed the interior minister was extremely serious about executing the revised anti-terror policies. "It [NAP] remains the government's prime focus than other plans of action. Action plan will go on until we eliminate all those elements who challenge the writ of the state," he told The Express Tribune.

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal government has approved a proposal to revalidate arms licences issued before 2002 since their records had been destroyed during the tenure of the previous regime, officials said. According to the new arrangements, approved by Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, claimants can approach the National Database and Regulatory Authority (NADRA) to have their arms licences verified over the next 18 months. Fake claimants, though, could face legal action, an official of the interior ministry familiar with the development told The Express Tribune. The interior ministry had lost a significant chunk of its arms licence records, issued since the creation of Pakistan till 2002, after they were destroyed in a fire during the Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) government. The ministry says it has issued around 425,000 arms licences since 1947. In a bid to computerise arms licences and to crack down on illegal arms, the government had in July 2013 banned issuance of new licences and had warned that all existing licences, which had not been verified by NADRA, would stand cancelled after December 31, 2015.

A top interior ministry official said that they had sought a one-time special approval from Nisar to revalidate the arms licences issued before 2002. The meeting, headed by the interior minister himself, was told that out of the 425,000 licence holders, as many as 182,000 have yet to contact NADRA to verify or revalidate their licences. Nisar directed the concerned officials that they had 15 days to write to each of these licence holders and ask them to have their licences verified. "A total of 170,000 licence holders have submitted their arms licences to NADRA for verification. Of these 78,000 are yet to be verified, while 6,000 were found to be fake," the joint secretary at the interior ministry told the meeting. He added that as many as 72,414 computerised arms licences had been verified by the ministry through NADRA. The meeting also agreed that the ministry would provide NADRA a list of 20,000 verified arms licences for issuance on a fast track basis.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh government has informed the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta) in Islamabad that it has completed geo-tagging of half of its 10,000 madressahs in the province, it emerged on Sunday. However, it is lagging behind the deadline with just half the work being done. Two months ago the provincial authorities had assured Nacta it would complete the task within 15 days. Geo-tagging is the process of digitally identifying and locating places through latitude and longitude coordinates enabling authorities to readily provide the required data of any place or in this case a madressah. Officials said the authorities had continued its survey of madressahs across the province which in its first phase had already documented more than double of what were the previous figures. They said at present more than 9,500 madressahs had been documented in Sindh, yet it was not final as the authorities had not yet surveyed several remote parts of the province. They estimated the number of madressahs to be at least a couple of thousands more than the current list. A senior official said they had completed geo-tagging 5,502 madressahs and more than 4,000 madressahs remained to be mapped.

Earlier, Nacta had blamed the authorities in Sindh and Gilgit-Baltistan for not completing the task of geo-tagging of madressahs. The authorities in Islamabad complained that despite sending several reminders, the Sindh government gave no satisfactory reply. Officials in the provincial home ministry said they had requested Nacta for two months extension to complete the process. Officials said the task of geo-tagging had been given to the special branch of Sindh police which had all the equipment and was busy carrying out the job. "The number of madressahs in Sindh is being re-verified through the special branch and the task is expected to be completed soon," said a senior official. In the meantime all madressahs were being placed on a digital map via geo-tagging, added the official. "Earlier, we thought the whole exercise would be completed within 15 days, but we were possibly being too ambitious. We need at least two months more," he added.

Officials in Islamabad said geo-tagging of madressahs was among the key plans envisaged under the National Action Plan to focus and curb all possible routes of terrorism in the city. Recently, Sindh identified nearly 51 madressahs having links with 'terrorist organisations'. However, no action has been taken against any one of them so far despite the authorities' claim. Officials said Punjab had completed geo-tagging of madressahs in their province four months ago after screening over 13,000 seminaries. Similarly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has termed 150 madressahs 'sensitive' after mapping more than 3,000 seminaries in the province. Balochistan has also completed geo-tagging its madressahs. Officials in Sindh said the province had completely different challenges than the rest of the country which has led to a delay in accomplishing the task. An official said they were confident that geo-tagging madressahs would be done by December unless their numbers increased when the ongoing census of madressahs is finally completed.

## Jacobabad blast case will be referred to military court, Qaim tells Shia leaders

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**SUKKUR/LARKANA:** The Majlis-i-Wahdat Muslimeen (MWM) and Shia Ulema Council (SUC) leaders who along with relatives of the victims of Friday bomb blast in Jacobabad had started a sit-in at DC Chowk in the city soon after the incident announced an end to their protest on Saturday evening since most of their demands were apparently accepted. A suicide bomber targeting a mourning procession taken out on 9th Muharram had left 16 people, many of them children, dead on the spot and wounded a number of others. Reports received on Sunday evening put the death toll at 26 as 10 more victims succumbed to their wounds. Hours after the blast, relatives of the victims and leaders of the MWM and SUC brought 14 bodies to the DC Chowk, outside the Jacobabad deputy commissioner's office to hold a sit-in demanding immediate arrest of the culprits and removal of senior police and district administration officials. They also made a number of other demands and refused to bury the deceased victims until they were met. Provincial ministers and lawmakers including Mir Aijaz Jakhani, Syed Nasir Shah, Sardar Manzoor Khan Panhwar, Mir Mumtaz Jakhani, Dr Sohrab Sarki, Mir Liaquat Lashari, Mir Zaib Panhwar and Mir Farooq Jakhani held several rounds of talks with Shia leaders Allama Syed Nazir Abbas Taqvi, Allama Nasir Abbas Jafferri, Allama Maqsood Ali Domki, Syed Ehsan Ali Shah and Bandah Ali Jafferri to persuade them to end their protest.

Finally, Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah along with MNA Mir Aijaz Hussain Jakhani, Local Government Minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Transport Minister Mir Mumtaz Jakhani, former minister Mir Manzoor Khan Panhwar, Mir Zaib Panhwar, Mir Liaquat Lashari and others visited the DC office and received a briefing on the terrorist attack and the protesters' demands. The chief minister ordered suspension of the Jacobabad City DSP Rana Nasrullah and the medical superintendent/civil surgeon of the local civil hospital Altaf Wagon pending an inquiry into their alleged negligence. He also accepted the Shia leaders' demand for a compensation of Rs. 2 million for each of the deceased victims and Rs1 million along with a government job for each of the seriously wounded victims of the blast. He agreed that the other wounded victims should be paid Rs. 200,000 each. Speaking to SUC and MWM leaders at the DC office and later to the media, Mr Shah strongly condemned the terrorist attack and announced that those found involved in it would be tried in a military court. Earlier, Mr Shah along with Larkana Commissioner Ghulam Akbar Leghari and DIG Dr Sain Rakhiyo Mirani visited the wounded victims at the Shahbaz Airbase hospital and inquired about their health. He asked doctors to take maximum care of the patients.

"The perpetrators of the terrorist attack will be traced and punished to the fullest extent of law. This case will be referred to the military court," he said, adding that the Sindh government had referred six cases to the military court. Pannu Aqil GOC Major General Faiz Hameed also visited the hospital and inquired about the blast victims' health on Friday evening. Later, he proceeded to Shikarpur to review the security arrangements made for the Ashura day processions. According to officials, CM Shah assured the Shia Ulema that the matter of the alleged police firing that left a man, Mohammed Sharif Jatoli, wounded during the post-blast chaos would be investigated and action would be taken against the policeman if he was found guilty of unnecessary use of his gun. The officials also quoted the CM as telling the Ulema that more police officers/civil hospital officials would be placed under suspension if the inquiry into the whole affair found them negligent. He said that two inquiry teams had been formed and their reports would reach him within a week. One of the teams is headed by Additional Inspector-General of the counter-terrorism department Sanaullah Abbasi and the other by Larkana DIG Sain Rakhiyo Mirani. A shutdown was observed in Jacobabad on Sunday in response to a call given by the Jacobabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



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#### World Polio Day observed

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#### Plaguing Pakistan: Malnourished children, food insecurity major issues

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#### 'Punjab leading efforts against polio'

*The Express Tribune, November 1, 2015*

#### USAID improves power distribution system preventing Rs.16b loss annually

*Radio Pakistan, November 1, 2015*

### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** The World Polio Day was observed in Punjab on Saturday at a seminar organised by the Rotary International at a local hotel. The day is commemorated on 24th of October, but due to Ashura, the date was put forward to October 31. Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique was the guest of honour in the ceremony which was attended by Director General Health Services Punjab Dr. Zahid Pervaiz, Chairman National Polio Plus Committee Aziz Memon, UNICEF, WHO, Gates Foundation, renowned paediatricians from across Punjab and notable Rotarians from across the country. According to a handout, Khawaja Salman Rafique paid rich tributes to the Rotary for their contribution to the national cause. He thanked the Rotary for providing containers at Permanent Transit Points at strategic routes linking Punjab with other provinces. He said the Rotary's volunteers were always present in the remotest corners of the province. "I salute the Rotary for their contribution to polio eradication efforts in the country. They have made enormous contribution to the program, through their voluntary work." He said Pakistan has made great progress over the last two years and Punjab is leading the efforts through innovations like E-vaccs with the support from the PITB and the progress has been appreciated by the international organisations in meetings in the UAE and London recently. He said in the last two years, Punjab's routine immunisation has reached above 74 percent and by the end of this year, the target is to take to above 80 percent. Chairman National Polio Plus Committee Aziz Memon briefed the audience about the challenges the volunteers faced and the contributions of the Rotary in other provinces as well. He said polio is a national cause and the Rotary takes this as their national responsibility urging all to come forward. He appreciated the commitment of the provincial government towards the cause of polio eradication. Rotary's District Governor Sajid Bhatti highlighted the contribution of the Rotary's volunteers at the PTPs and in high-risk districts where polio awareness sessions are a regular feature.

**ISLAMABAD:** Drawing attention to one of the neglected areas, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Country Director Patrick T Evans has said that in spite of food surplus, 15% of Pakistan's population suffers from food insecurity, while 24% children suffer from malnutrition. In an exclusive interview with *The Express Tribune*, Evans said that Pakistan is one of the world's major agriculture countries with highly fertile land. Its agriculture and livestock production could be enhanced through better policies and effective management, he added. He said that FAO works in Pakistan to reduce household food insecurity and malnutrition in rural and urban areas; enhance productive safety nets and support the Pakistan Integrated Nutrition Strategy and target post-emergency acute food insecurity. He said that despite the surplus, high food prices or lack of access to quality food remain huge issues for the country. He said that despite huge potential, there are certain challenges that need to be addressed. Some of these challenges include cultivating vast areas of rangeland, mismanagement of water resources and lack of high quality seed.

Evans said there is need for a strong agriculture minister at the federal level who can propose an effective policy for all provinces. "This would improve coordination between provincial governments and enhance collaborative efforts with international agencies." Another food security problem FAO's head noted is the country's ever increasing population that would be problematic in the future as far as food security is concerned. Evans said the FAO has taken numerous steps to improve agriculture productivity and livelihood across the country. "FAO focuses on the involvement of women in the agro-sector for better productivity," said Evans. "We have launched many projects in different parts of the country in collaboration with provincial governments and with the support of various international development agencies." FAO also focuses on the improvement of livestock in rural areas by providing vaccines for sheep, cows, buffaloes, yokes and goats so that rural communities could improve their standards, said Evans. He said that 60% land is rangeland and there is a need to take measures to increase the productivity of livestock.

**LAHORE:** "Efforts for eradication of polio over the last two years are being appreciated by the international community," Chief Minister's Adviser on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique said on Saturday. He was addressing a seminar in connection with World Polio Day. The seminar was organised by Rotary International. Rafique said Rotary International had provided containers at permanent transit points at routes linking Punjab with other provinces. He said its volunteers were found in the most remote corners of the province. He said Pakistan's immunisation drive against polio had picked up over the last two years. "The Punjab has been leading the efforts through innovations like e-vaccs set up by the PITB," he said. He said Punjab's routine immunisation had 74 per cent coverage. "The government has set a target of 80 per cent for this year," he added. Rotary's National Chair of Polio Plus Committee Aziz Memon spoke on the challenges faced by volunteers. Rotary's district governor Sajid Bhatti highlighted the contribution of volunteers in high-risk districts. He said polio awareness sessions had been organised to sensitise the public about it. He said World Polio Day was observed on October 24 to commemorate the fight against polio. He said efforts of Jonas Salk, an American virologist developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis, should be remembered on this occasion.

Power Distribution System in the country has been considerably improved with US help preventing line losses worth sixteen billion rupees annually. A USAID Press Release says under its 218 million dollar Programme, the agency introduced a series of initiatives in partnership with government owned power distribution companies increasing their revenue by forty billion rupees during the past five years. Under the programme loss reduction equipment were provided mostly to Peshawar Electricity Supply Company and Multan Electricity Supply Company. Two hundred thousand

## Alarm at Karachi's fast drying-up water sources

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ageing meters were also repaired.

Thirty-one thousand employees were imparted training besides upgrading ten training centers and establishing eight Information Technology Laboratories.

**KARACHI:** Provision of safe drinking water is the fundamental right of people. Karachi needs supply of safe drinking water through proper treatment. Reverse Osmosis Plants remove pollutants and bacteria from untreated water, hence, there is need to install them for better human health. Desalination and thermal desalination plants are needed to be established at all levels. This was the crux of a symposium organized by the Pakistan Academy of Engineering at a local hotel on Saturday. The symposium stressed the need for providing more water to Karachi in view of rising population and industries. PAE's President Dr Ing. Jameel Ahmed Khan welcomed the distinguished guests for their participation and provided enormous knowledge about the water, its available sources and needs. Retail cost of bottled water has risen to alarming level in the country, particularly Karachi. He said that water is the most abundant substance on the Earth; however, there is need to use it properly. It is most essential element of life and comprises two hydrogen (H) elements and one oxygen (O) element. He criticized Karachi Water and Sewerage Board for careless service. Dr Jameel said that global water stress is intensifying due to rising population and by 2030, about 60% of the world population is expected to live in urban areas. However, he said that Global MDG target for drinking water has been met five years ahead of schedule. He said that Karachi needs safe piped water as underground water is contaminated. He said that nothing has been done yet for rehabilitation and restoration waste water treatment in Karachi, which is matter of great concern. He said that pure water is basic human right, which needs to be provided on priority basis. He stressed the need to establish Reverse Osmosis Plants to treat brackish seawater. Engr Nisar Ahmed said that there is need to provide treated water supply to Karachiites through treatment plants.

He said that Indus River's water contains pollutants and bacterias, which can be removed through water treatment plants. He said that Desalination Plants can provide safe drinking water; therefore, they should be established in abundance for ensuring better health to the people. He said that membranes in water treatment plants removes all pollutants. He said that industries are major consumers of water. He said that there is mushrooming of water plants in the city, and most of them do not meet required standards. Every water filter plant should have full-fledged laboratory and Microbiologist. Engr Anjum Kamal Alvi shed light on the importance of Thermal Desalination Plants for providing water in Pakistan. He said that these plants could play major role in providing safe drinking water to the people. He stressed the need for enhancing installation of these plants for better human health. The participants at symposium were informed that globally 147 countries have met drinking water target. According to a report, refineries, power plants and other industries need high purity water. The thermal desalination process uses energy to evaporate water and subsequently condense it again. When there is waste heat or sufficient electricity available, as is often the case with refineries and power plants, thermal desalination is an efficient and viable solution. Thermal Desalination - Multi-Effect-Distillation (MED) is solutions for seawater treatment. Desalination plants separate sea and brackish water into two flows consisting of a freshwater stream (permeate in reverse osmosis, condensate in thermal processes) with a low salt content and a stream with a high salt concentration (brine or concentrate). Every desalination technology requires energy for this separation process, which is supplied to the system by thermal or mechanical means (generally as electrical power). The thermal desalination process is based on evaporation and the subsequent condensation of the steam. A reverse osmosis plant is a manufacturing plant where the process of reverse osmosis takes place. An average modern reverse osmosis plant needs six kilowatt-hours of electricity to desalinate one cubic metre of water. The process also results in an amount of salty briny waste.

## Medical team leaves for KP to assist earthquake affectees

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**LAHORE:** On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, process of sending medical teams from Punjab for providing treatment facilities to earthquake affectees in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) is continuing. A 21-member medical team from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital along with two ambulances and medicines has left for KP on Saturday. Medical Superintendent Dr Abdul Basit said that the 21-member team sent to KP, headed by Assistant Professor Dr Subhan Shahid, comprises on doctors, nurses, dispensers, operation theatre assistants and ward attendants. He said that the team has also taken stocks of medicine with it, adding that the medical teams are being sent to KP on rotation from different hospitals of Punjab. He said in case of need, more doctors will be sent to provide treatment facilities to calamity-hit brethren of KP.

## Food vendors cash in on polling day

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**LAHORE:** Although the business activity remained very low in the provincial capital on Saturday due to the Local Government (LG) election, the sale of food items, especially around the polling stations, remained very high. The voters, polling agents, police officials and political workers enjoyed snacks, corn sticks, ice creams, juices and other food items. "A large number of shopping malls, markets remained closed and the places that were opened, witnessed less number of visitors and customers. Many markets, including Liberty Market, Anarkali, Mall Road, Model Town Link Road, Shahalam and Chungi Ammar Saddu Bazar remained closed.

However, adjacent food stalls, hotels, tea stalls, snacks shops, bakeries and tandoors remained opened and made good business," said Asif Ghulam Rasool, a trader. Farhan Zaman, an ice-cream vendor outside a polling station in G-block Gulberg 111 area, said he got an extraordinary response due to the hot weather conditions. "Candidates, political workers disturbed ice creams to their supporters and voters, which helped my overall sale," he remarked while talking to Daily Times. A tandoor owner, Muhamamd Adeel, said the election candidates ordered him to prepare chicken nans and minced meat nans for their workers and supporters. "We received orders that were beyond our capacity." Bakeries including Gourmet, Shezan, Cakes and Bakes and Doce remained opened throughout the day and witnessed extraordinary rush of customers. A Gourmet salesman said they had a good customer turnover. "Most of the day, supporters of election candidates came to purchase drinks, cakes, snacks and sweets," he added. Many candidates prepared biryani,

### Authorities directed to conduct another anti-dengue drive in Rawalpindi

*Daily Times, November 1, 2015*

### Economic, knowledge corridors will be game changer for Pakistan: Ahsan Iqbal

*Daily Times, November 1, 2015*

### Global increase: Petrol price hiked by Rs2.5 per litre

*The Express Tribune, November 1, 2015*

### Telenor to provide 15,000 Tablets to KP Primary schools

*The News Tribe, November 1, 2015*

chicken and other food items for polling agents and supporters, making the day a good one for the cooks.

**RAWALPINDI:** Local and provincial authorities have decided to re-launch the anti dengue campaign across Rawalpindi District, after a large number of dengue patients admitted in allied hospitals in the last one week or so. A source in the Rawalpindi Health Department said that around 131 dengue patients have been admitted to different hospitals in Rawalpindi during last 24 hours. With new admissions, the number of dengue patients has reached 3,100. Rawalpindi District Coordination Officer Sajid Zafar Dal has directed the health and environment departments to inspect possible breeding grounds including tyre shops, hotels, bakers and junkyards to identify loopholes. He has also directed the authorities to re-launch the drive in Rawal Town, Potohar Town and Cantonment areas to rid of the dengue larva on an emergency basis. Meanwhile, the provincial government has approved filtration plants for jails in the Rawalpindi region and other districts following reports of detection of infectious diseases including hepatitis among prisoners. A source in Adial Jail said that due to unavailability of clean drinking water in jails, cases of hepatitis B and C and other infectious diseases have emerged among inmates. According to the source, the provincial government has allocated Rs 14 million to set up water filtration plants in jails. The filtration plants will be set up in five jails of Rawalpindi Division including Adiala Jail, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Gujrat and Mandi Bahauddin jails.

**LAHORE:** Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Ahsan Iqbal has said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and Pak-US Knowledge Corridor will prove game changers for Pakistan. He was addressing the first-ever launching ceremony of Young Development Corps (YDC) at Punjab University's Al Raazi Hall on Friday. PU Vice Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran, Adviser to Vice Chancellor Colonel (r) Ikram Ullah Khan, Registrar Dr Liaqat Ali, newly selected YDC President Huzaida Anwar, senior faculty members and a large number of students participated in the event.

Addressing the ceremony, Ahsan Iqbal said that the past governments used to buy tanks and aircrafts from United States, but no government purchased the 'academic weapon' of the US as its real weapon was its universities. He said that during the recent visit of the prime minister to United States, it had been decided that around 10,000 Pakistani PhDs would be trained in the US universities in the next ten years under Pak-US knowledge Corridor Programme and it would prove a revolutionary initiative for the development of the country. He said that unfortunately positive academic achievements were not being highlighted by the media. The minister said that the government had increased Higher Education Commission's budget from Rs 48 billion to Rs 78 billion and it wanted to increase the amount to Rs 100 billion. He urged the youth and the media to promote positive thinking in the society. He said that the basic reason behind discontinuation in policies was that there was no public input in formation of these policies and that is why public did not defend them. Ahsan Iqbal said that his government was taking input from public in development projects and through YDC, young students had been made stakeholders in the development plans of the country.

He said that the establishment of YDC was aimed at utilising the energies of young male and female students of the universities for solving the problems the nation was facing. He remarked that young students could bring social change and the YDC would promote positive thinking and ray of hope among the people. He said that the government was making efforts to achieve goals of Vision-2025 and Pakistan would be included among the top 25 economies of the world by 2025. He said that in 2013, there was 20 hours load shedding, terrorist incidents were taking place every week, international media had declared Pakistan the most dangerous country of the world and Karachi was burning. But now after two-and-a-half-year, he said, Pakistan Army was advancing and terrorists had run from their safe places. The minister claimed that international media was declaring Pakistan the next emerging destination of investors. He said Karachi's situation had improved manifold and every resident of Karachi was witness to the fact. "Pakistani flag is being hoisted in every nook and corner of Balochistan, is not it a change, the minister questioned. He said that the government would establish universities or sub-campuses in all the districts to provide higher education opportunities at the doorstep of the poor people. PU VC Dr Mujahid Kamran said that Ahsan Iqbal's address had reflected that he was not a 'political minister' but a minister who had dreams and destinations in his eyes and wanted to make youth part of them. He said that Knowledge Corridor was Mr Iqbal's brainchild which had been adopted by the prime minister and this plan would prove a milestone in the history of the country. YDC President Huzaida Anwar said that the students were thankful to the federal government for making them part of development projects. He said that the students of the universities had been provided a healthy platform to play their role to achieve the goals of Vision-2025. Earlier, PU VC Dr Mujahid Kamran administered the oath to the newly selected office-bearers of Young Development Corps.

**ISLAMABAD:** Partially adjusting the impact of rising global oil prices in taxes for November, the government on Saturday announced a hike in the prices of petrol and High Speed Diesel (HSD) but kept the rates of kerosene oil, High Octane Blending Component (HOB) and Light Diesel Oil (LDO) unchanged. Interestingly, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had also recommended an increase of Rs. 5.73 per litre in the price of HOB, a fuel used in luxury cars, but the government did not grant the hike.

**ISLAMABAD:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Minister for Education Mohammad Atif Khan on Saturday has revealed that KP government in collaboration with different organisations was planning to introduce information technology (IT) at primary schools to bring them confidence up to private educational institutions. He was talking to meeting of senior officers, IT experts and officials of Telenor mobile company, he said the KP government in collaboration with Telenor would provide 15,000 tablets to school children from grade I to V. Expressing gratitude to Telenor company for the assistance, he said that the provincial government was committed to introducing revolutionary changes in the education sector and the initiative was part of the efforts. He said that uniform



## Pak-US academicians meet to develop links in higher education

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education system from class one to 10 had already been introduced and soon the school children of KP would be able to compete with students of international private educational institutions.

**WASHINGTON:** Senior Pakistani academics from 33 universities met with 21 US partner institutions in Washington for a four-day workshop to highlight the importance of higher education linkages between both countries from October 26 to 30. The workshop allowed participants to promote community engagement, interactive teaching methods, collaborative research, and academic regional integration in Pakistan and United States. The event was organised through the University Partnerships Programme, an educational initiative sponsored by the US Mission to Pakistan with support by the US Department of State in Washington. Senior-level representatives from the US Department of State, the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) joined the delegation to highlight the importance of higher-education linkages between both countries. The US Department of State's Director of the Office of Press and Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Angela Aggeler, opened the workshop. Aggeler highlighted the importance of international education and global exchanges and thanked both the US and Pakistani partners for their continued collaboration. Higher Education Commission Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed addressed the 55 participants in a videotaped message saying, "United States-Pakistan University Partnerships Programme forges a spirit of academic collaboration between our countries' higher education communities and contributes to the overall quality of higher education. Regular and meaningful discourse among scholars, students, and faculty has supported the Higher Education Commission's goals to promote social sciences and humanities in Pakistan. Further, it has helped align research priorities and needs throughout the country." The University Partnerships Programme is a flagship of higher education programme sponsored by the US Mission to Pakistan. It provides over \$25 million dollars in funding to 44 universities in Pakistan and United States to create three-year partnerships that foster collaboration, curriculum reform, and joint research. Since 2012, approximately 500 faculty members, administrators and students from both countries have participated in this exchange programme. The first university partnerships Best Practices Workshop was held in 2013 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

## International Mammography Day: NIMRA holds seminar on 'Prevention of breast cancer'

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To mark the "International Mammography Day" the Nuclear Institute of Medicine and Radiotherapy (NIMRA) in collaboration with Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences Jamshoro arranged a public awareness seminar on "Prevention of breast cancer" at NIMRA Jamshoro on October 30. While addressing the participants, Pro-Vice Chancellor LUMHS Professor Muneer Ahmad Junejo expressed that mammography could not prevent breast cancer, but could save lives by finding breast cancer as early as possible. Timely mammography has shown to lower the risk of dying from breast cancer by 35 percent in women over the age of 50. In women between ages 40 and 50, the risk reduction appears to be somewhat less. Director NIMRA Dr Naem Leghari expressed that Pakistan alone had the highest rate of breast cancer than any other Asian country as approximately 90,000 new cases were diagnosed every year out of which 40,000 died. According to a research conducted approximately one out of every nine women is likely to suffer from this disease at any point in the her life and about 77 percent of invasive breast cancer occurred in women above 50 years, but if diagnosed early the survival rates approach 90 percent.

He added that mortality in breast cancer can be prevented in 1/3rd of women if routine mammography is done in women over 50 years, hence the longer a woman lives the lower is her risk of breast cancer therefore a 50-year old woman who has not had breast cancer has 11 percent chance of having it, whereas a 70-year old woman who has not had breast cancer has seven percent chance of having it. He further informed that the basic idea for holding that seminar was to educate less-privileged and illiterate women especially in the rural areas through a large number of lady health workers participating in the seminar. He informed that NIMRA was providing screening facility by using Mobile Mammography Unit to the remote areas of the province to promote Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor of Sindh University Dr Abida Taherani expressed that more than one million women world wide were diagnosed with breast cancer every year. "In developed countries there are national cancer registries where every newly diagnosed cancer patient is registered. This is very helpful to understand the epidemiology and causative factors of cancer." Several studies and reports suggest that among Asian population, Pakistani women have the highest risk of breast cancer and it is a high time that drastic action should be initiated to educate the society for the prevention of the disease by regular screening through mammography. Dr Ambreen Muneer and Dr Seema Bibi also shared their views regarding prevention of breast cancer.

## Who will reopen 6,107 closed public schools in Sindh?

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**KARACHI:** In what seem the 'reflection of good governance' and the priority given to the education sector by the Sindh government since past seven years, more than 6,107, out of 46,480 schools are closed in the province for quite many years, Daily Times has learnt. In Sindh's urban areas, the male literacy rate is 85 percent and female literacy rate is 70 percent, however in rural Sindh, the figures are 58 percent for males and 23 percent for females, whose opportunity to pursue an education is often hindered by the religious and cultural tradition, which limits their ability to move outside their homes unless accompanied by a male relative. According to official statistics, there is a total enrolment of 4,249,033 children that included 1,759,177 girls and 2,489,856 boys. The break-up shows some 1,754,030 boys against 1,209,592 girls are enrolled in primary schools of the province - 76,784 boys and 82,409 girls enrolled in middle schools, 52,449 boys, 52,268 girls enrolled in elementary schools, 411,883 boys, 300,057 girls enrolled in secondary schools and 194,710 boys and 114,851 girls are enrolled in higher secondary schools, according to senior Digital Literacy Project Programme Manager Ghulam Nabi Leghari. Moreover, Sindh Education Minister Nisar Ahmed Khuhro had time and again stated that FIRs be registered against the influential people who are having illegal possession of school buildings. However, the students are still waiting for the reopening of schools. The leader of teachers association - Government Secondary Teachers Association - Ashraf Khaskheli told that the scribe that 8,000 teacher have been suspended by the present Education secretary without any reason. "When such a large



### Media urged to create awareness on technical, vocational training programmes

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### Incomplete Moti Mahal Bridge adds to motorists woes

*Daily Times, October 31, 2015*

### CADD stresses provision of affordable education

*Daily Times, October 31, 2015*

### Pakistan tops world in hosting refugees

*Daily Pakistan, October 31, 2015*

### Moot lists steps to prevent, fight breast cancer

*Daily Times, October 30, 2015*

number of teachers are suspended, then how would the people of poor families get education in far-flung areas of the province," Ashraf Khaskheli questioned. "The number of closed schools in the Sindh stood at 3,000, however, after the present secretary took over the charge the number jumped to 6,107, he alleged. He urged the authorities to take notice of the situation, massive corruption in the Education Department and save the nation's future. Secretary Education Dr Fazaulah Pechuho could not be approached for his comments, as his mobile phone remained unattended.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (STEVTA) on Friday organised a media sensitisation workshop to create awareness about technical and vocational education and training and help the youth to create their own destinies by attaining employable skills. The STEVTA has urged the media to improve socio-economic image of youth, as they are future of the society. The youth needs technical and vocational education to empower them in fight against social evils and increasing unrest in youth. STEVTA Managing Director S M Kaleem Maki and Director Operation Syed Nazar Ali highlighted the importance of media role and advised it to take to promote the noble cause. According to details, two new training schemes will ensure greater involvement of the industry in delivery of vocational training, besides helping young boys and girls to attain employable skills and decent careers. The media sensitisation workshop revealed that Competency Based Training (CBT) is one of these two new schemes, which is supported by National Vocational and Training Commission (NAVTC) through TVET Reform Support Programme. MD Maki said that the programme is supported by the European Union, the government of Netherlands, Germany and Norway. Speakers said that special training programmes ranges between 6-12 month courses will be offered in different trades including skin care, hair stylist, beauty therapy, computer, auto-cad, e-commerce, graphic design (print media), web design and development, electronics, technician, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning etc. Apart from Sindh, the CBT programme is also being implemented in 60 TVET Reform Support Programme in its two institutes of Karachi.

**RAWALPINDI:** Traffic jams at Murree Road due to ongoing work on Moti Mahal Bridge are causing problems for motorists, who strongly protested the delay and urged authorities concerned to meet the deadline. The District administration had given a deadline of October 30 to complete the construction work on the bridge but only 30 percent work could be completed so far. Shuttering on the bridge has been completed, but concrete work is yet to be started. Almost 50 percent work on both sides of Murree Road near the bridge is yet to be done, which has added to the problems of the commuters using the road. The century-old Moti Mahal Bridge was demolished during construction of metro bus project and a new 191 feet long bridge in its place. The citizens have demanded Punjab chief minister to take notice of the slow pace of work on the bridge and direct the construction company to complete the work as soon as possible.

**ISLAMABAD:** State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Barrister Usman Ibrahim on Friday reiterated that education should be provided at affordable fees to facilitate maximum students. During his visit to Pak-Turk School in Sector H8, the minister said that private educational institutions are contributing a lot in the education sector and Pak-Turk School is also doing a wonderful job. He said the private and government sector have same goal as far as education is concerned, therefore, they should work as partners. Pak-Turk Educational Foundation managing director Fasih Celik and Development and Planning director Turgut Puyan welcomed the minister and visited the classrooms, science labs and fine arts facilities. Usman Ibrahim appreciated the environment and quality of education that Pak-Turk school offers to its students. He also praised the fact that students from all income brackets can get quality education in Pak-Turk schools which is possible through scholarship awarded to the students from lower income class. Briefing the minister about Pak-Turk Foundation Fasih Celik said that the foundation is operating in Pakistan since 30 years and has established its schools in all the provinces of the country. "We want to enlighten the young minds through education," he added. Additional Secretary Qasir Majeed, PIERA Chairman Syed Junaid Ikhlq accompanied the minister.

**ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) –** Pakistan is still the number one country in hosting the world's refugee population with generosity and hospitality. "We pay tribute to the people and government of Pakistan for their exemplary generosity and hospitality in hosting 1.5 million registered Afghan refugees at its soil," Panelists at function said. The event was organized by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) here. "This defines the humanitarian landscape in the country as Pakistan continues to host 1.5 million registered Afghan refugees constituting the world's largest protracted refugee population under

UNHCR's mandate and almost 11 percent of the total global refugee caseload", said by the panelists of a panel discussion about "Afghan Refugees in Pakistan: challenges, opportunities and way forward". The participants observed that the United Nations Refugee Agency and the government of Pakistan's 36 years long partnership has been marked with several milestones of global significance, such as facilitation of voluntary return of more than 3.9 million Afghan refugees to their country under the largest voluntary repatriation programme in UNHCR's history. The panelists included Deputy Representative UNHCR, Johann Siffointe, Chief Commissioner Afghan Refugees, Dr. Imran Zeb Khan; renowned analyst Ayaz Wazir and Rehman Azhar. Panelists noted that the protracted Afghan refugee situation presents one of the most complex humanitarian dilemmas in the modern history. Panelists further agreed that despite diverse challenges, the solid partnership between Pakistan and UNHCR and determination to end one of the most tragic chapters of human displacement present opportunities that should not be missed.

**KARACHI:** Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women around the world, and Pakistan has the highest prevalence of the disease in Asia, observed health experts the "Breast Cancer Awareness Session" on Thursday. Breast cancer may be a devastating disease but it is potentially curable. Around 60 per cent cases of cancer come from Fata region at Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (SKMCH&RC). Drone attacks may be one of the major causes

### Pilot project to be launched in Thatta to reduce infant mortality

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### PDWP approves development schemes worth Rs 6,112m

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of cancer prevalence in the Fata region. Breast cancer is not contagious.” Health experts stated this at the “Breast Cancer Awareness Session” held in Prof. Salimuzzaman Siddiqui Auditorium, International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi (UoK) on Thursday. Senior Medical Officer University of Karachi organised the session in collaboration with Shoukat Khanum Memorial Trust. Dr Esha Saqib of SKMCH&RC-Lahore, Dean Pharmacy UoK Dr Ghazala, Atika of SKMCH&RC and Dr Sadia expressed their views on the occasion. Dr Esha Saqib said that the progression of breast cancer was associated with genes. Some women inherit changes in breast cancer genes. These women are at a much higher risk of developing breast cancer, which may be at a young age, she maintained. “Estrogen is a hormone which is normally produced in women and takes part in reproductive function. Women who are overexposed to estrogen due to early periods, late menopause or late childbirth, may be at a relatively increased risk of breast cancer. Postmenopausal women who take hormone replacement therapy have also been shown to have an increased chance of breast cancer. Once a woman stops taking hormone replacement therapy, her risk of developing breast cancer decreases. Women who gain weight especially with increased waist girth, around the age of menopause, have been shown to have increased chance of breast cancer and breast cancer related death,” she said. Talking about the symptoms, she said that some changes that could be due to breast cancer are: a lump or thickening in an area of the breast, a change in the size or shape of a breast, dimpling of the skin or the skin over the breast becomes like orange peel, an eczema like rash or ulcer over the breast, and a swelling or lump in armpit. These signs don’t necessarily mean one has cancer but if someone notices any such changes, she should get a checkup, she stated. There is several treatment modalities used for breast cancer patient, while surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy and new therapies are of them, Dr Esha said. She clarified that breast cancer was not caused by the use of microwave, colours of cloth, caffeine, and use of cell phone and deodorant. The disease is not communicable, she said. Talking about causes, she said, “The causes of breast cancer aren’t fully understood. However, there are risk factors that are known to affect women, including alcohol, smoking, radiation, overweight, family history, age and exposure to oestrogen. Atika of SKMCH&RC said that this was unfortunate that Pakistan had the highest prevalence of breast cancer in Asia. Scientists, students and well aware people are required to educate women in their surroundings, she said and announced that the second Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital was being setup in Peshawar as about 60 per cent cases of cancer come from Fata region at the hospital.

Dean Pharmacy UoK Dr Ghazala said that environmental pollution, physiological and socio-economic factors caused breast cancer all over the world. She said that high prevalence of cancer in the Fata region may be due to drone attacks.

**KARACHI:** Program Manager, Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) Sindh, Dr Sahib Jan Badar said on Thursday that World Health Organization in collaboration with Sindh government is going to launch a pilot project in Thatta district to reduce under-five-year age mortality ratio in children occurring due to severe bacterial infection. This she said during a one-day seminar held to launch new WHO guidelines for outpatient treatment held at a local hotel. Medical Officer, Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent of Health, World Health Organization, Dr Shamim Qazi and other experts from Pakistan also attended the ceremony. Dr Sahib Jan Badar said Pneumonia is considered leading cause of deaths in children under-five-year of age that occurred due to bacterial infection. She said currently, 83 children out of every 1000 died of various diseases and most of death occurred due to pneumonia. She informed that WHO, Aga Khan Hospital and Sindh government is going to launch pilot project in Thatta district soon to reduce under-five age mortality ratio. She said under this program lady health workers, community midwives and paramedics will get training by experts to provide treatment to children with severe bacterial infection at local level. Medical Officer Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health, WHO, Dr Shamim Qazi said Pakistan had made considerable progress in reducing both maternal and child deaths in the country, but more efforts are needed towards the goals that relate to the health of women and children.

He said special focus is required to reduce neonatal mortality, which is the main contributor to the child death burden in the country. He said aim of launching new guideline for outpatient treatment in Pakistan is to ensure availability of quality services for newborns and children in nearby healthcare centers. He emphasized the importance of bringing services closer to communities in contexts like Pakistan, where the majority of the population is rural and referral of critical cases is problematic. He said new WHO guidelines aim to enhance the management of possible serious bacterial infections in young infants when referral to higher-level facilities is not feasible. About 1 in 10 newborns develop possible severe bacterial infection during the first month of life and more than 400,000 newborns die globally from these infections every year. Eminent Pediatrician Prof Aisha Mehnaz said Pakistan is among the world’s 15 countries where infants die of various bacterial infectious diseases in first month of life due to unavailability of proper treatment facilities. She said aim of launching of this project is to provide quality treatment to newborns and children at local level where referral of these infants are not possible due to transportation and other reasons. Chief guest Director General Health Dr Asaad Hafeez stressed the need for implementing MNCH program in letter and spirit, and express commitment to seeing child health services reaching all children in Pakistan. He thanked the provincial health department and WHO Pakistan for organizing this important event. He reiterated the government support in implementing MNCH activities throughout Pakistan.

**LAHORE:** The Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) on Thursday approved eight development schemes of various development sectors with an estimated cost of Rs 6112.263 million. These schemes were approved in PDWP’s 14th meeting, presided over by the Punjab Planning and Development (P&D) Board Chairman Muhammad Irfan Elahi, for the current fiscal 2015-16. P&D Provincial Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahoo, P&D board members and other senior representatives attended the meeting. According to P&D spokesman, the approved development

### AIOU, OIC team up to promote Arabic language, Islamic culture

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### 6th Population, Housing Census to be held in March 2016: Dar

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### China's cultural counselor reaffirms support to NUML in promoting Chinese language

*Daily Times, October 30, 2015*

schemes included construction of offices of dolphin squad, Sadar Division at the cost of Rs 210.416 million, construction of offices of dolphin squad, Model Town and Cantt at the cost of Rs 403.592 million, augmentation or improvement of disposal stations in Multan (Phase-I) at the cost of Rs 620.050 million, establishment of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan (Phase-II) at the cost of Rs 1363.167 million. Other approved schemes include construction of high security prison in Northern Punjab at the cost of Rs 1193.492 million, construction of academic block of Nawaz Sharif Medical College, Gujrat at the cost of Rs 693.176 million, establishment of nursing college with hostel and paramedical school with hostel at Government Teaching Hospital Shahdara, Lahore at the cost of Rs 229.407 million and comprehensive TB control programme in Punjab (2015-16 to 2017/18) at the cost of Rs 1,398.933 million.

**ISLAMABAD:** Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) will strengthen their collaborative partnership to promote Arabic language and Islamic culture. This was stated by a senior officer of OIC Secretariat Abdula Manafi Matualo during his visit to the AIOU's main campus on Thursday. On his arrival, he was given detailed briefing on the OIC-funded project- Regional Institute for complimentary education (RICE) that is being implemented by the Arabic Department of the AIOU. The project was started in collaboration with the AIOU and OIC in 1984 in light of the decision taken by the OIC's Foreign Ministers' Conference in 1981. Abdula Manafi assured that the visiting delegation will present a report to the OIC's Secretary General suggesting ways and means to strengthen this project to achieve the stipulated goals. Speaking on the occasion, AIOU Vice Chancellor Dr Shahid Siddiqui underlined the need of pooling the available resources in the Muslim countries for acquiring knowledge and expertise in order to meet the socio-economic challenges of the contemporary world. The vice chancellor said knowledge is only way to revive their past glory and receive a respectable place in the comity of the nations. In the present era, he added most important source for progress and development is knowledge, and it has proven in the history that the nations possessing knowledge became powerful and got their culture dominated. The AIOU will strengthen its partnership with the Muslim countries particularly in the field of research for achieving the goals set by the OIC, the VC remarked. The university has recently enhanced its academic, intellectual and research-oriented activities for creating and constructing knowledge. Focus has also been laid on disseminating of the research findings among the relevant quarters and the end users to take its due benefit and to serve the society. The delegation was informed that the Arabic Department of the AIOU has launched various programmes for promoting Arabic language and Islamic culture in the non-Arabic countries. The university has planned to introduce associate degree for 'Imam and Khateeb' in the disciplines of Islamic banking and Islamic education. Arabic and Islamic Studies Head of Department Dr Ali Asghar Chishti thanked the delegation for its support in overcoming certain difficulties in accomplishing task assigned to the department for promoting Islamic teachings.

**ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) –** The 6th Population and Housing Census will be held in March next year. Chairing a meeting of the National Census Apex Committee in Islamabad, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar emphasized that all efforts should be made to conduct Census in precise, accurate and transparent manner. On this occasion, a presentation was given on preparations for holding census.

**RAWALPINDI:** Citizens have voiced strong concern over increase of Rs 80 in price of 20 kg flour sack by millers and shopkeepers in the Rawalpindi and cantonment areas. The previous rate of 20 kg flour sack was fixed at Rs 770 and retail price at Rs 780, but now a 20 kg flour sack is being sold at Rs 850 and Rs 860 at retail price in Rawalpindi and cantonment areas. During a survey, shopkeepers said that the price of 20 kg flour bag will be raised to Rs 900 next month because millers have intimidated them about the hike in advance. Meanwhile, citizens claimed that the shopkeepers have unilaterally jacked up the prices while taking advantage of deployment of food inspectors in the ongoing anti-dengue campaign. "No one is there to check escalating prices of flour and unrestrained greedy shopkeepers have increase prices by their own," said Aslam Khan, who was purchasing flour from a shop at Raja Bazaar. When contacted, a senior official at the Rawalpindi Food Department claimed that stern action would be taken against those who were charging high prices. "We are very much there and inspection will be accelerated against hoarders and those overcharging," said the official.

**ISLAMABAD:** Appreciating the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) pivotal role in promotion of Chinese language, Chinese Cultural Counselor Zheng Guojinsaid has said that Chinese Embassy will assist NUML to enhance the capacity of Chinese Language Department. He said both countries have close heartiest feelings for each other and no one can measure the bilateral relations of two friendly countries. He was exchanging these views with the NUML Rector Major General (r) Ziaud Din Najam during his visit to NUML. NUML Registrar Brigadier Aminullah, Administration Director Brigadier Ziaul Hassan Sahi, Department of Chinese Acting Head Misbah Rashid, Confucius Institute Vice President Dr Zhang Daojian and other faculty members were also present on the occasion. The counselor said that embassy is doing utmost effort to promote Chinese culture and language in the country and chalking out a comprehensive plan to enhance the language programme with the support of NUML.

Speaking on the occasion, NUML Rector Ziaud Din Najam said that NUML is the only language university of the country and contributing its share in highlighting the positive image of the country. He said that university is making all-out efforts to promote Chinese language in Pakistan and embassy should assist university to enhance language learning programme, which will benefit the students to better understand the language and culture of China. He was of the view that after the CPEC project, the importance of Chinese language has been increased and the NUML is making all-out effort to meet the requirements. He informed the guest that the NUML is the direct part of the CPEC project and NUML International Centre of Education (NICE) will be established in China soon. "Initially Urdu and English languages will be taught in the centre and later this programme will be expanded to other languages of the globe", he added. At the end, the cultural counselor visited



## Federal educational institutions lack transport facilities

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Chinese Language Department and Confucius Institute, Islamabad and meet the students.

**ISLAMABAD:** Insufficient transport facility to cater to the needs of students of educational institutions working under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) is causing inconvenience to them. According to the document available with the Daily Times, 125 vehicles are sanctioned for around 20,069 students in the capital under the supervision of Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), while there is only one vehicle to cater to the need of around 160 students at a time. The sources in the FDE disclosed neither FDE nor the Capital Administration and Development Division (CA&DD) Ministry bothered to procure new buses for meeting the student needs. Sources revealed, although the FDE had forwarded a request to the Finance Ministry in this regard and demanded Rs 10 billion for purchasing the vehicles but to no avail. Responding to the question of the scribe, an official of the FDE admitted that the educational institutions in rural areas face similar shortage of transporting. He said that a PC-I is being prepared by the local administration for the renovations of all schools and colleges and for the construction of a newer college. "Purchase of some new vehicles are also part of the plan", the official added.

A second year student, Nabeela Imdad, studying at a government institution and residing at Chak Shehzad said that she has to travel miles through local transport due to lack of transport facility. She said, "Several times she and her parents requested the principal but they are still waiting for a handsome response." Another student of a federal government college said that she travels daily from Sector F6 to Karachi Company (G9) and face trouble as she has to pay on her own for the transport. "My college has only one bus that is under the use of administration and staff belonging to other colleges and schools while the students are deprived from this facility," she regretted. A principal of an educational institution in the capital on the condition of anonymity said that he requested several times to the department concerned but is still awaiting any concrete response. Another official on the condition of anonymity said that the available buses are not enough to cater to the need of growing number of students. He said in 1967, a fleet of vehicles was purchased at the time when the body functioned as a department of the Ministry of Education. "In 2011, the department was made an entity of CADD and since then not a single vehicle has been purchased for the purpose of providing commuting facility to the students", official lamented. Despite repeated attempts, newly appointed FDE Director General Moinudeen Wani was not available for any comment.

## Nepra approves Rs 0.85/unit cut in K-Electric's tariff

*Dunya News, October 29, 2015*

**KARACHI (Dunya News)** – National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) on Thursday has approved Rs 0.85 price cut per unit in power tariff for K-Electric customers. The reduction has come in as fuel adjustment for the month of August. K-Electric chairman had forwarded a plea seeking cut in price to Nepra. A meeting chaired by Nepra Chairman Tariq Sadozzai took the decision. The authorities said that the relief would be granted to the people in November billings. The Karachi electricity company had saved at least Rs 1.31 billion in August. Chairman Sadozzai said that K-Electric draws at least 650 Mega Watt (MW) power from the national grid. He also said that the company's agreement with Nepra has expired but power supply has not been cut yet which is illegal. He further said that K-Electric is receiving at least 96 percent of power from the national grid while production of its plant stands at 71 percent. Separately, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the U.S. Government's development finance institution, had executed a commitment letter for a US\$250 million, 10-year financing project in a signing ceremony earlier in October. The ceremony was attended by the federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar. The federal minister, while talking on the occasion said that overcoming energy shortage in the country is among the top most priority areas of the government.

## Nisar accords approval of 73 district passport offices countrywide

*Daily Pakistan, October 29, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD (Staff Report)** – Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has accorded approval for establishment of 73 district passport offices across the country to facilitate people. Approval to this effect was given at a meeting held in Islamabad. The meeting discussed establishment of new passport offices within the country and abroad and provision of facilities regarding new passport, computerized national identity cards and renewal of arms licenses in the country.

## CM orders 3,000 police for anti-polio drive

*Daily Times, October 29, 2015*

**KARACHI:** The Sindh government is going to launch a four-day anti-polio drive from November 3 for which Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali has directed the police department to provide a security of 3,000 policemen to the polio teams. This decision was taken in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah here at the CM House Wednesday. MNA Dr Azra Pechuho, Shahnaz Wazir Ali, chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Principal Secretary to CM Alamuddin Bullo, Secretary Health Saeed Mangnijo, PD polio eradication Usman Chachar and others also attended the meeting. MNA Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho told the chief minister that they want to launch anti-polio drive from November 3-6. "There are few issues such as security and transport which need to be addressed," she said. CM Sindh directed the IG police Ghulam Hyder Jamali to provide a force of 3000 policemen to the anti-polio teams. "I want you to ensure the security of the polio teams but also ensure to provide them lunch and transport for which funds have been provided to the PD of polio eradication programme," he said. He said that he was committed with the people of Sindh to eradicate polio from the society. "It is our national and international commitment," he said.

## Blind children population surges to 1.5 million

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**KARACHI:** Pakistan has a children population of about 90 million out of which 1.5 million children are blind as many children don't know they have a vision problem because they assume they see the way everyone around them sees, a seminar in Rawalpindi was told on Friday. Vision problems affect millions of primary school children nationwide while sixty percent of the children die within two years of blindness, an issue that must be addressed urgently by all the stakeholders, said Lt Gen (Retd) Hamid Javaid, President Al Shifa Trust while speaking at an awareness seminar titled, "Child Eye Health Care and Prevention of Child Blindness." He informed the participants that a state of the art and first of its kind Specialized Children Eye Hospital in Pakistan is being planned and construction would start by the end of this year. We have been providing quality eye health care to the underprivileged children free of cost, he added. Speaking at the seminar, Dr. Sorath Noorani



### Teacher unions to be banned under new policy

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discussed the existing Child Eye Health Care Facilities at Al Shifa Trust Eye Hospital Rawalpindi and highlighted the efforts being done to promote child eye health care. She said that around 40,000 children visit Shifa's OPD annually with various visual disorders while the hospital has started a screening program for Retinopathy of Prematurity in all the major hospitals of Rawalpindi and Islamabad and plans to expand it to all other hospitals of the country. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Tayyab Afghani explained various visual disorders in children while WHO representative Dr. Zareef ud Din Khan assured WHO's continued support for the hospital. Acknowledging the efforts and services of Al Shifa Trust, Pakistan State Oil donated Rupees three million for purchase of equipment to fight preventable child blindness. The specialised children eye hospital will go a long way in changing the lives of thousands of children and will help them see the colours of life.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh government is seriously considering to declare education an "essential service" so that working of teaching staff in schools could be improved and strengthened further. Under this arrangement teachers' unions will be banned. This decision was taken in a meeting under the chairmanship of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali to review the progress of Education Department. The meeting was attended by Senior Minister for Finance Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Principal Secretary to CM Alamuddin Bullo, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Aijaz Ali Khan, Secretary Education Fazal Pechuh and others. Briefing the chief minister secretary Education Fazal Pechuh said that he has developed a biometric system in which the attendance of teaching staff is not only verified but monitored. "Over 90 percent data of teachers have been uploaded in the system and it has started working," he said. He said that through biometric system the appointment, transferred and promotions are being verified. "In various districts some promotions have been found illegal and necessary action have been taken," he said and added that this system has also helped to trace out ghost employees, late commerce, habitual absentees and bogus appointments. CM asked him how much enrolment ratio has improved during the last few years, the secretary said by two percent. "It was 52 percent in 2002 and now it stands at 54 percent," he said.

On this the chief minister showed his dissatisfaction saying that it must be improved and taken as target but rather to say as mission. The chief secretary said that he had developed close working relationship between the education department, Accountant General Sindh and Finance department. "Through this coordination the matter of bogus appointments has come to an end because the AG Sindh do not accept such orders until they are sent to them by the secretary education with his code". The chief secretary said that various bogus appointments were traced out in Sukkur and Matiari while illegal promotions found in Qambar-Shadadkot. On this the chief minister said "not only the recoveries be made from the people involved in illegal appointments and promotions but cases must be registered against them," CM expressing his displeasure on the press statements of the teachers associations said that their job was to take classes but they are doing politics. "Teachers are not supposed to form unions and act like political parties," he said and directed the chief secretary and secretary education to suggest him ways and means to declare education sector as essential service. The chief minister also directed the secretary education to follow the case in the Supreme Court where some teachers have challenged the separation of teaching and management cadre. "This is most important. Teacher should not be given management but they are meant for teaching and their teaching capabilities be enhanced instead of wasting them in administration.

### Third balloting of CM Rozgar Scheme : 13,000 unemployed youth get vehicles

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**LAHORE:** Punjab Finance Minister Dr Ayesha Ghaus Pasha conducted the computerised balloting of the third phase of "Punjab Chief Minister's Self Employment Scheme" to provide over 13,000 more vehicles to the unemployed youth of the province on easy instalments. Dr Ayesha said the schemes special focus was on the youth of South Punjab. "Today a majority of the youth from southern parts of the province remained lucky to get vehicles through the transparent balloting," she remarked. She said a total of 50,000 vehicles (Suzuki Ravi and Suzuki Bolan) will be provided to the unemployed youth by January 2016, out of which 35,000 vehicles have been provided in the first two balloting held in January and May this year (2015). In the third phase (current phase) we are providing more than 13,000 vehicles," she said. To a query regarding launch of this scheme days before the Local Government Elections despite clear direction of the Election Commission, the finance minister said that was an annual budget scheme and it was not a new launch rather it was the balloting for the third phase of the ongoing scheme.

Dr Ayesha said the recovery rate of the scheme in the form of monthly instalments of Rs 10,000 was 99 percent, which was a big achievement. She congratulated the winner male and female applicants and their families and expressed her hope that the facility would help overcome their economic problems. Bank of Punjab Group Head Taimour Afzal said through the transparent purchase the government of Punjab has saved more than Rs 2 billion. He said Rs 34 billion largest ever order by a single client was placed with the Suzuki company and they have given the government special price and the benefit was passed on to the applicants. He said BoP feels proud to partner this self-employment project of the Punjab Chief Minister for the welfare of the society. He also thanked the secretary transports for this all out support and cooperation in this project. Later, Dr Ayesha switched on the computer button four times to conduct balloting of each 47 and 1928 as well as 5233 and 6501 applicants. Each time she entered nine digits key by taking suggestions from media persons and others who were present on the occasion, to ensure transparency.

### Rs 4b fund sought to overhaul school system

*Daily Times, October 29, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** A new summary of Rs four billion has been prepared to seek funds to overhaul the dormant educational school system. Many schools in urban and rural areas of the capital lack basic facilities amid alleged widespread corruption and misuse of funds, weak monitoring and almost non-existent check and balance system, the new summary of Rs four billion has been prepared to overhaul the system. The Federal Directorate of Education (FDE), which oversees and supervises over 400 schools in urban and rural Islamabad, itself is the source and cause of this parasitic and

### Champion of the Champions': Three Pakistani 'whiz kids' shine at World Education Games

*Daily Pakistan, October 29, 2015*

### Anti-dengue campaign starts in Korangi

*Daily Times, October 28, 2015*

### 'Pakistan importing LNG to meet future energy requirements'

*Daily Times, October 28, 2015*

### Action likely against unregistered hospitals

*Daily Times, October 28, 2015*

dysfunctional system, as the top hierarchy in the education branch barely spares time to fix the faults. Upon visit to the FDE, one often finds top officials missing from their seats. Seldom officials visit schools to evaluate and assess the state of affairs on ground. A senior official at the FDE, who is considered to be an upright and honest official, and he has been at the FDE for the last some months, said that corruption, nepotism and favoritism and lack of commitment on the part of top hierarchy has taken a toll on the school and college education in the capital.

"Unfortunately, nincompoops have grasped their hydra-headed tentacles on the future generation and the education system. They only want status quo and personal benefits. Hardly a director, a deputy director or any other relevant official gets time to visit schools, which lack teachers, labs, washrooms and other basic facilities," he said wishing not to be named. He said that the top officials at the FDE have occupied seats with the help of unions, and in return, they do not bother to have accountability of teachers, many of them have started private businesses while getting regular salaries from the national kitty. In a startling disclosure, the official said that if the government wanted to really overhaul the education system in the country, a transparent monitoring and accountability system has to be put in place to revive the completely crippled education structure. The official also disclosed that those teachers, who had been sacked for being political appointees in late 90s, have recently been reinstated after they won a case in the court.

According to the official, the FDE, on purpose, did not follow the case vigorously as most of the reinstated teachers were close relatives, daughters and sons of the FDE officials. He said that neither an appeal was filed against the decision, which was not only against the FDE but also has put the future of the young general at stake as their future has been given in the hands of incompetent and unskilled persons. According to another official, a survey of schools has recently been conducted to assess the missing facilities at schools and a summary has been prepared to send it to the Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Ministry. While many schools have no boundary walls and their security highly vulnerable, several schools in far away and rural areas have dilapidated infrastructure also. Roads leading to these schools are almost broken down and many teachers refuse to be deputed to schools in rural areas. While many schools in urban areas are overstaffed with a few students to teach to, several schools in rural areas are short in staff with high enrolments. According to the new summary, Islamabad schools lack 1,736 teachers, 1,191 classrooms, 349 IT labs, 271 science labs, 1,133 water coolers, 66,000 chairs, 1,043 washrooms, 247 busses and 200 non-teaching staff.

**MANDI BAHAUDIN (Staff Report)** – Three young Pakistani students aged between 8 to 15 years have outshone around 5.7 million children hailing from 250 territories of the World Education Games festival. Abeeha, Aiman Fatima and Ali Saud, who belong to Mandi Bahaudin and are student of class 4,6 and 9 respectively, won 'Champion of the Champions' awards in Australia after competing in Literacy, Maths and Science categories, while participating in the competition through internet. In the three-day long competition the genius Pakistani kids were tested for their mental capabilities in their respective category. They were subjected to answer maximum questions in given sixty seconds and outshone all other participants. The trio has been invited to Sydney to participate in a ceremony to receive their gold medals on November 16. Earlier in 2013 Ali Saud and his partner Husnain Ali Abid were declared 'Champion of Champions' after winning number one position in two events, World Literacy Day and World Math Day in age categories 11-13 and 14-18 respectively. Previously in 2011 Ali Saud was ranked 46th in the world while in 2012 he was remained 12th in the world.

**KARACHI:** An anti-dengue campaign was started in district Korangi on Tuesday on the instructions of Korangi Administrator Quratulain Memon. Under the drive, pamphlets are being distributed in the area for stopping the breeding of mosquitoes. Through Baldia Korangi and KMC, spray was conducted in seven union councils of Shah Faisal Zone with the help of 32 spray vehicles. Baldia Korangi's Director Health Rafiq Shaikh accompanied with Superintendent Engineer Mubeen Siddiqui inaugurated the campaign where deputy director health and deputy director information were also present. Administrator Korangi instructed all relevant departments to ensure healthy environment across district Korangi and save the human from dengue virus and run the campaign with full resources. Rafiq Shaikh appealed to the people to adopt all the preventive measures to counter dengue virus and cover all kitchen material and stocked water.

**ISLAMABAD** - Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has said that Pakistan is importing LNG to meet its future energy requirements. Addressing a seminar on "Energy Conservation" here on Wednesday, he said that Pakistan is working on two energy projects including Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline and Pakistan-Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-India gas pipeline. He said that Pakistan could not make progress on Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline due to international sanctions on Iran. The minister said that we can move forward on this project after lifting the sanctions on Iran. Abbasi said that TAPI is an important energy project for Pakistan to overcome its energy shortage.

**KARACHI:** Provincial Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar on Tuesday directed the health secretary to start general specialization in government male nursing schools to facilitate the students. This he said while taking notice to a news item appeared in a section of the press that there was no facility of general specialization in government nursing schools. He also directed director nursing to approach to Pakistan Nursing Council to get proper permission for the purpose. He also took notice of a large number of unregistered hospitals, clinics and maternity homes in Hyderabad and directed the special secretary to initiate action against them and bring them into legal frame so that they might not get undue benefit. He said it is alarming that a large number of unregistered hospitals, clinics and maternity homes are working and in some cases quacks are running those hospitals. Besides this, the minister also directed Dr Masood Solangi in-charge dengue program to undertake effective measures for spray against dengue virus because it was peak season of breeding of dengue mosquitoes. He informed that supplementary immunization activity against polio would be launched from 28 October to 31 October and it would be conducted

### WWF, Nestlé host symposium on water management

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### Nandipur Power Project functional again, producing 445 MW electricity: Khawaja Asif

*Daily Pakistan, October 28, 2015*

### HEC approves only local degree under CIIT dual degree programme

*Daily Times, October 28, 2015*

### EIA report : '95% structures on both sides of M-9 motorway are unauthorised'

*The Express Tribune, October 27, 2015*

### JPMC house officers protest for salaries

*The News, October 27, 2015*

in 22 Union councils of five towns, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Gadap, Gulberg, Liaquatabad and North Karachi. "More than 300,000 children under five years of age will be administered polio drops," he concluded.

**LAHORE:** World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Pakistan, in collaboration with Nestlé Pakistan, hosted a water symposium and launched a ceremony of Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) standards. The occasion marked the official launch of the international water standard in Pakistan, which is expected to be implemented by key corporate and industrial establishments in the country. Prominent figures from across diverse sectors including government, private, academia, NGOs and donor agencies enthusiastically participated in the event and expressed their opinions regarding the AWS standard, the growing water challenges of Pakistan and how each sector can play its role in mitigating these challenges. AWS Executive Director Adrian Sym gave an overview of the journey of the AWS standard from conception to implementation in different countries. While addressing the audience, WWF Pakistan Director General Hammad Naqi Khan said, "Pakistan is a water-based economy and the resource is crucial for sustaining its economic growth and development."

However, challenges such as over-exploitation and mismanagement of water resources have triggered various environmental, economic and social challenges, which require urgent attention." He urged the leading business entities to set an example in the sphere of better water management to encourage second and third tier business enterprises to follow the suit, for overall sustainable management of freshwater resources. AWS is an international water management standard that aims to drive best water management practices within industrial operations and at the governance level. Nestlé Pakistan Head of Corporate Affairs Waqar Ahmed shed light on the role of Nestlé as the first implementing partner of AWS. He said, "Water conservation and stewardship is a critical pillar of our 'creating shared value' portfolio. Nestlé is always looking for opportunities to reduce, recycle and reuse water in our operations, which is why we are very excited about our partnership with WWF Pakistan. We not only hope to achieve water stewardship milestones set for ourselves soon but also to help further reduce the water footprint across our value chain."

**ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) –** Federal Minister for Water and Power and Defence Khawaja Asif on Wednesday said that Nandipur Power Project has been made functional again and that it is currently producing 445 MW electricity. In a statement the minister said that coal and furnace oil was being used to produce electricity in the power project. He added that Water and Power Ministry is taking required steps to keep the project in stable working condition. Nandipur Power Project came in limelight when the 425 MW project suddenly stopped working merely weeks after inauguration in July this year. The controversy resulted in sacking former project director, who was earlier conferred Sitra-e-Imtiaz for the project, and audit of the project from international organisations. During the tenure of the previous governments, the project was delayed for about four years resulting surge in its cost from \$329 million to \$847 million. Nandipur power plant is second most largest thermal power plant of country after Guddu which has a capacity to produce 747 MW electricity.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Governing Body of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) decided on Tuesday to recognise and attest only local degree and transcript awarded by the COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) under dual degree programme launched in collaboration with the Lancaster University, UK, and that too after completion of degree requirements and accreditation by the respective professional council. According to the official statement, the meeting, held at HEC Secretariat and presided over by the HEC chairman, clarified that degrees of Lancaster University shall not be recognised and equated by the HEC owing to insufficiency of necessary academic requirements. While considering recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology and Public Accounts Committee (PAC), the commission authorised the HEC to only recognise and attest local CIIT degree with CIIT transcript awarded to 2,532 students enrolled under CIIT-LU Dual Degree Programme. The commission expressed its deep concern over commencement of dual degree programmed by the CIIT without completing academic and legal requirements including upfront approval of the commission and reiterated that no foreign programme in any manifestation should be launched by higher education institutions without formal approval of the commission. It was further clarified that decisions taken and communicated earlier regarding CIIT-LU DDP stand withdrawn.

**HYDERABAD:** The environmental impact assessment report of EMC Pakistan on the proposed M-9 motorway reveals that 95 per cent of the affected structures on both sides of the road are unauthorised. At a public hearing in Hyderabad on Tuesday, the stakeholders gave vent to their apprehensions before the officials of the National Highway Authority (NHA), Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) and Sindh Environment Protection Agency (Sepa). The issues unnerving them include compensation, resettlement, relocation and land acquisition, besides the commutability problem of the communities across the motorway due to the fencing. Some owners of fuel stations and hotels complained that the project is encroaching upon their premises. "They have not bought land from the private owners yet, there has been no mutation [of property] in their name," claimed Noor Mohammed Khoso, a resident of Kathore.

Dozens of house officers appointed at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) earlier this year staged a protest demonstration outside the Karachi Press Club on Monday to demand the payment of salaries pending for the past five months. The house officers asserted they were not in favour of going on a strike since it would cause immense problems for poor patients, but they said they felt compelled to warn that if their salaries were not released in two weeks then they would have no other option but to boycott work.

"We are graduates of Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU) and started working as House Officers at the JPMC in May 2015. Since our appointment, we have not been paid a single penny. We don't even have enough to pay the bus fare to come to work," said Dr Samia, one of the protesting House Officers. "For the past five months, we have been borrowing money from



### Team formed to inspect dubious driving schools

*Daily Times, October 27, 2015*

### IIUI launches online research database

*Daily Times, October 27, 2015*

### Sino-Pak educational, cultural corridor must for people to people contact: Bao Jiqing

*Daily Times, October 27, 2015*

parents and relatives to meet our daily expenses. We report to our jobs every day, work tirelessly in wards to serve the humanity. But we seem to be doing it for free." The enraged doctors said they would be unable to continue with their work if salaries were not paid and would be compelled to go on a phase-wise strike so the authorities take warning in time.

In the first phase we will boycott the wards, then operation theatres and out-patient departments, and in the later stages we will boycott the emergency services," they said. The protesting house officers said the government by not paying them was sending out the wrong message to students of medicine, who would be discouraged to enter the field fearing financial troubles in return for serving humanity. JPMC officials claimed that all the House Officers hired "on merit" were being paid their remuneration, but all those which the management was "forced" to recruit were not being paid. "All these house officers had given affidavits that they would not demand salaries and work on honorary basis at the hospital," said JPMC's deputy director Javed Jamali. "They were hired on the forced recommendations from higher officials and they don't deserve any honorarium. However, the protesting doctors denied Dr Jamali's claim. "We were hired on merit and we gave no affidavits.

Dr Jamali is misleading the media and the provincial government," Dr Samiullah Gil, a spokesman for Young Doctors Association (YDA) of JPMC clarified.

**KARACHI:** Karachi Licence Department Deputy Inspector General Aftab Pathan on Monday constituted a committee to check shoddy motor driving schools as per the criterion required in Traffic Rule 23. DIG said Traffic Rule 23 suggests that motor training schools should have proper workshops for providing basic training of engine to learner drivers besides giving them training of checking tyre pressure and water level in radiator. He said it is also mandatory for them to have dual operating systems in their driving training vehicles so as to avoid any untoward incident during the training. Aftab regretted that as per previous survey of his department 85 percent of driving schools are not registered with the Karachi Licence Department and being operated without having valid licence issued from the department. He said he has now formed a committee to conduct a new survey on shoddy driving schools so as stern action could be initiated against them. DIG said 90 percent of these driving schools have no proper workshops and they are working in small shops and also serving as estate agencies, etc, which is against to law. He said these driving training schools are not providing better training to learner drivers in the city. He warned the owners of those driving schools to bring reforms in their schools; otherwise, stern action would be taken against them. He said they had designed a pro forma which will be used by the officials during the survey and then it would be decided to issue licence if any schools meet the criterion or stern action would be taken against those found in violating the traffic laws.

**ISLAMABAD:** International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) Office of Research Innovation and Commercialisation (ORIC) has launched first ever online research database in the university. According to an official statement, Rector IIUI Dr Masoom Yasinzai and President Dr Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh inaugurated the online research database. According to the details, the idea behind the establishment of this innovative online database was conceived by ORIC Deputy Director Muhammad Adanan Khan and in just period of four months, two brilliant university graduates Muhammad Fayaz and Awais Ahmed have structured the whole data base. This research database will provide easy access to every teacher through his/her own account to upload research contributions, research papers and books. Through this online database, all research contributions of the IIUI will be streamlined. Dr Masoom expressed his satisfaction over the project and said this would pave the way to excel research activities and promote research culture in the university. He was of the views that such innovations in university would upgrade research contributions and improve the quality of research papers. Dr Al-Draiweesh congratulated all team members for this innovation and said that through this database the IIUI is entering new phase of research, which would provide wide spectrum of work for teaching community. "Every research contribution of faculty member would be acknowledged and given due right to researcher," said the IIUI president. He instructed to arrange training sessions for faculty members to make them fluent in use of the online research database.

**ISLAMABAD:** Talking to eight-member women delegation, which recently paid a two-week visit to China, wife of Chinese ambassador Bao Jiqing has said that China and Pakistan need to develop educational and cultural corridor at the people-to-people level to implement socio-economic agenda and take benefit of their fast-growing friendship in letter and spirit. She said that such cooperation could be in line with the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). She called for constructing and strengthening bonds of friendship at the grass-root level through social-cultural exchanges. China, she said will encourage maximum cooperation and bilateral exchanges between the two countries in the fields of education, health, tourism and culture. This, she said will help deepen the warmth of bilateral relationship and transfer the same to new generation. Bao Jiqing welcomed the suggestions from the women's delegation for institutionalising the existing arrangements for bilateral cooperation at the level of women organisations. She hoped the women delegation will share knowledge and experience about their visit to China with their fellow colleagues, particularly the youth. The delegation thanked the ambassador's wife for her keenness and personal efforts in promoting their interaction with the counterpart organisations in China. They were highly impressed by the China's fast growth in almost every field. China, they said showed fascinating and amazing progress in its overall development. The delegation led by Fouzia Memon, wife of former information minister Nisar Memon briefed Bao about the visit, which was the part of Pak-China people-to-people exchange programme. The delegation comprised secretary of delegation Rubab Haider, Zahira Khattack, Waqar Bholani, Anna Faisal, Zalla Khattack, Qudsia Hali and Sadia Abrar. It assured the ambassador's wife that they would soon undertake some follow-up programmes of bilateral cooperation in the field of health and education. In this connection, they had received very positive response from the Chinese organisations. The delegation also suggested forming China-Pakistan Women Friendship Society, with ambassador's wife as its



### Punjab govt most popular, KPK second in list: PILDAT survey

*Daily Pakistan, October 27, 2015*

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### Karachi Circular Railway : Railways earmarks 250 acres of land for resettlement

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**LAHORE (Staff Report):** A survey by the Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development and Transparency (Pildat) has rated Punjab as No. 1 with 76 percent popularity. The Punjab is followed by KPK government with 38 percent popularity. The survey rated KPK government No. 1 and Punjab at No.2 in terms of governance. The Pildat issued second part of the survey vis-a-vis popularity of provincial governments after democratic provincial governments two years in office. According to the nationwide poll, that was conducted during June 02-12, 2015, the 3231 respondents from rural and urban areas from all the four provinces of Pakistan rated overall governance in Punjab better (76%), KP (38%), Sindh (30%) and Balochistan (28%). Meanwhile the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government remained at the clear front-runner with positive evaluation on 18 out of 28 Governance Indicators. Here KPK government is followed by the Government of Punjab which has been positively evaluated on 8 out of 28 Governance Indicators. Governments of Sindh and Balochistan both were seen positively evaluated on only 2 out of 28 Governance Indicators, which included law and order, poverty alleviation, education, health, transparency, revenue collection and anti-corruption related factors. In this section only residents of the respective provinces were asked about individual Governance Indicators to assess about overall performance of Provincial Governments and Chief Ministers. The PILDAT survey further showed that popular grievances are getting pinned down on the poor performance of politicians. The politicians running their respective Provincial Governments and the Federal Government are being blamed for their perceived failure to effectively tackle the major issues impeding Pakistan's development as well as showing a lack of sincerity in effectively running their Departments and Ministries. Moreover the Report also identified popular distrust for State Institutions of accountability and security, such as the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Government Officers and the Police. Conversely, a significant section (75%) of the population exhibited a strong trust for the Armed Forces of Pakistan while police and other government officers were voted as trustful by 32% of population. Among federal ministries Ministry of Defence remained the most top rated with 55% positive evaluation while Ministry of Water and Power (27%) was listed at the bottom.

**KARACHI:** Pakistan has been suffering from heavy losses due to huge wastage of energy, as the privatized electricity companies in the third world countries including Pakistan have been playing the role of modern tribute-collectors of the imperialistic emperors of the modern world instead of serving the masses of these countries. However, the government of Pakistan could save trillions of rupees by improving energy supply system, curtailing line losses and power theft and stopping exploitation of electricity consumers by profit hungry power mafia in Pakistan. Improvement in energy generation, distributing and marketing has been pending in Pakistan for many decades and it is high time that the government should give a serious attention to this neglected sector. However, a trader and Chairman of the United International Group Mian Shahid suggested that smart meters can help the government save Rs 4 trillion in line losses, wastage in theft of energy. He said smart meter are used in dozens of countries to discourage over billing, theft of electricity, gas and water, therefore the same could be applied in Pakistan. These meters can help utilities stand on their feet to reduce load shedding, cut operational costs and ensure profit to clip circular debt which will revive economy of the country providing jobs to millions and increasing government's revenue, he said. Mian Shahid said that smart meters settle the issue of estimated bills reducing electricity and gas bills and more efficient operations by distribution companies. These meters will eliminate the need of meter readers while the energy companies will have a more accurate picture of the situation. Around Rs 360 billion are wasted annually in power sector while gas worth Rs 40 billion and water worth billion is wasted which can be contained. Smart meters have helped cut water losses by half from 700 million litres per day to 350 million litres in Mumbai and same can be done in Karachi where industrialists pay billion to taker operators, says Mian Shahid.

**LAHORE (Staff Report) :** Phone lines, internet services and electricity are reportedly down across country after a strong earthquake at 2.30 pm on Monday. Massive tremors lasting almost a minute were reported in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. People rushed out of offices and homes as buildings shook in Lahore, Islamabad and Northern areas. Cricket match in Qaddafi Stadium and Metro bus services have been halted. Video footage showed panicked people rushing out of offices. "As we rushed out, we saw cars shaking," said a man in Peshawar. Hundreds of people are still outside, fearing aftershocks.

**KARACHI:** There is a ray of hope for the revival of Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) as the Pakistan Railways have earmarked 250 acres of land to resettle the encroachers who have occupied the precious tracks of this vital urban transport project of Karachi Spadework on repair of the abandoned track is expected in next five months, say Pakistan Railways sources. They said the railway ministry is fully committed to repair and run the abandoned surface rail urban transport project utilizing its own resources and making a viable business plan to operate it sound commercial basis. Making operational the KCR would help in mitigating the sufferings of millions of Karachi commuter and also provide the Pakistan Railway a good operating profit as there is huge demand of urban transport in the mega city of Pakistan. Encroachments patronized by politically backed land mafias have been considered the major hurdle in the revival of KCR, but now the railway ministry has allocated 250 acres of land to shift all encroachments from the route of KCR and resettle the squatters on this land. In this regard the National Assembly Committee on Railways has been officially informed that the land has already been made available for an early start of the KCR repair and renovation. Though the Sindh government is still undecided whether to adopt the KCR or not, and the Karachi Urban Transport Corporation (KUTC) despite spending millions of rupees of the taxpayers of Sindh on its army of officers and employees has sadly done nothing concrete for the revival of the KCR, the Pakistan Railways under Khawaja Saad Rafique has been working silently and seriously on the revival of KCR.

Insiders say the complete revival of KCR before the next general elections would be a gift for Karachiites by the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and it would certainly help in improving

the image of the party in Sindh including Karachi. Railway engineers and experts are of the opinion that the rulers wasted decades of Karachi on the lollipop of modernizing the KCR with the loans of JICA; however, all the KCR needed repair of its abandoned tracks, signal system, local trains stations and assigning a dozen of old locomotives that are unfit for long hauls and sufficient rolling stock. They said the Karachi Urban Transport Corporation (KUTC) has proved itself yet another white elephant of Sindh treasury. It is wasting a huge budget without achieving any concrete result for last many years. The bureaucracy has been confusing the repair and making functional the KCR with upgrading it on modern lines; though they are too different concepts. The repair and making functional the KCR needs local technology, less financial resources and no costly foreign loan, while upgrading and modernizing of KCR would be dependent on borrowed technology and very costly loans from Japan, China or some other foreign country at their own terms and conditions. These countries would not give Karachi their modern railway systems, but rather old system and technologies discarded and abandoned in their own countries decades back. However, at this stage all that is needed for making the KCR stand on its two feet is its 'repair'. In future the KCR could be modernized and even made a metro or tube rail if the required funds are available. Presently, even old local trains would be sufficient to facilitate millions of Karachi commuters.

The experts further say if the engineers and technicians of the Pakistan Railways are given the green signal the repair and running of the KCR successfully is a matter of just two months. It would not only be a gift for the commuters of Karachi and help Karachi being a respectable urban city in terms of public transport but it would also improve the leadership image of Khawaja Saad Rafique and his party. The sources said spade work on the KCR revival could be started in March 2016 and local trains would run on it by June 2016, provided the provincial government of Sindh and its white elephant Karachi Urban Transport Corporation (KUTC) lent their cooperation for this vital project. Though there is no dearth of the lip-service by the Sindh government for the cause of urban transport system of Karachi including the KCR and even in the budget for the year 2015-16, the provincial government promised the revival of KCR, besides five bus transit and two metro rail transit for the mega city, but sadly the Sindh government has yet to take a solid step for the revival of the KCR. It just waits for the Japanese or Chinese costly loans to initiate work on the KCR. The problem of the foreign funded projects is that they are the means to purchase the discarded foreign technologies on very high rates. For example, for a dual track of KCR with a length of 43.3 km with 24 stations at an average distance of 1.5 km, the estimated cost of the project funded through the foreign loans is US \$ 2.6 billion, which is too high and unbearable burden on taxpayers' money as these loans would have to be paid by the people of this country. Using even a fraction of this money the Pakistan Railways could make the KCR functional easily. It is necessary that the attractive foreign loan trap is avoided for the revival of the KCR and instead its repair and run is done with the indigenous resources and available technology with the Pakistan Railways, recommend the experts.

### TEVTA to provide loans to 8,000 skilled workers

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**LAHORE:** The Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) funds amounting to Rs 500 million have been transferred to Akhuwat, a non-government organisation (NGO), for disbursement between TEVTA pass outs next month. "The amount will be disbursed during the current financial year among 8,000 TEVTA pass outs. Loan amount will range from Rs 10,000 to 100,000 per candidate, which would revolutionise the TEVTA landscape in Punjab," said TEVTA Chairman Irfan Qaiser Sheikh while addressing a special meeting at TEVTA Secretariat. Irfan Qaiser Sheikh said that TEVTA has recently signed an agreement with Akhuwat for the disbursement of interest free loans among the TEVTA graduates. "The said loan will be helpful for skilled manpower to start or expand their existing business in Punjab. The main focus of TEVTA is to provide financial help to those pass outs who intend to start their own businesses. All these measures are being taken in line with the vision of Punjab chief minister to impart training to youth and help them to establish through such entrepreneurship support schemes," he added. The TEVTA chairman further said that this loan would be helpful to eradicate poverty and bring prosperity in the society, adding that desirous candidates could contact with Akhuwat by providing complete documentation of loans including name, age, CNIC number, address, type of business, amount of interest free loan and recent photograph. It has been decided that TEVTA graduates would be provided the loan by Akhuwat through bank accounts. The candidates would return the loan within 30 months after acquiring it. TEVTA Chief Operating Officer Jawad Ahmed Qureshi, officers Abdul Qayyum, Mustafa Kamal Pasha, Maqsood Ahmed, Ayesha Qazi, Sarfraz Ahmed and Amar Hasan were also present on the occasion.

### US Consul General launches access to credit initiative for Punjab's micro, small and medium sized businesses

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**LAHORE (Staff Report) –** US Consul General in Lahore Zachary Harkenrider highlighted US support for small and medium enterprises at an event marking the Punjab launch of the US – Pakistan Partnership for Access to Credit Program. Supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the program will provide credit to qualified micro, small and medium-sized Pakistani businesses through a partnership with four Pakistani banks. "One of our top assistance priorities is helping Pakistan achieve sustained economic growth and development. Today we come together to celebrate the Punjab launch of an important program designed to do just that," stated Consul General Harkenrider. He added that this partnership with Pakistani banks is part of a larger program of support that will provide direct assistance to SMEs to help them grow, expand, and find new markets for their products and services. The US – Pakistan Partnership for Access to Credit is a partnership of USAID with the following four banks: Bank Alfalah Limited, JS Bank Limited, Khushhali Bank Limited, and First Micro Finance Bank Limited. The program was launched at the national level earlier this year. Of the approximately 3.2 million businesses in Pakistan, nearly 3 million are small and medium sized. These small and medium sized businesses produce more than 30 percent of Pakistan's GDP and 25 percent of the nation's total export earnings. The sector could contribute even more growth, but is constrained principally by a lack of access to credit. Pakistani banks often perceive the sector as high-risk and are reluctant to make loans to small and medium sized businesses. To change this perception and demonstrate the financial viability of lending to this sector, USAID through the US-Pakistan Partnership for Access to

### LESCO to replace disc insulators on transmission lines

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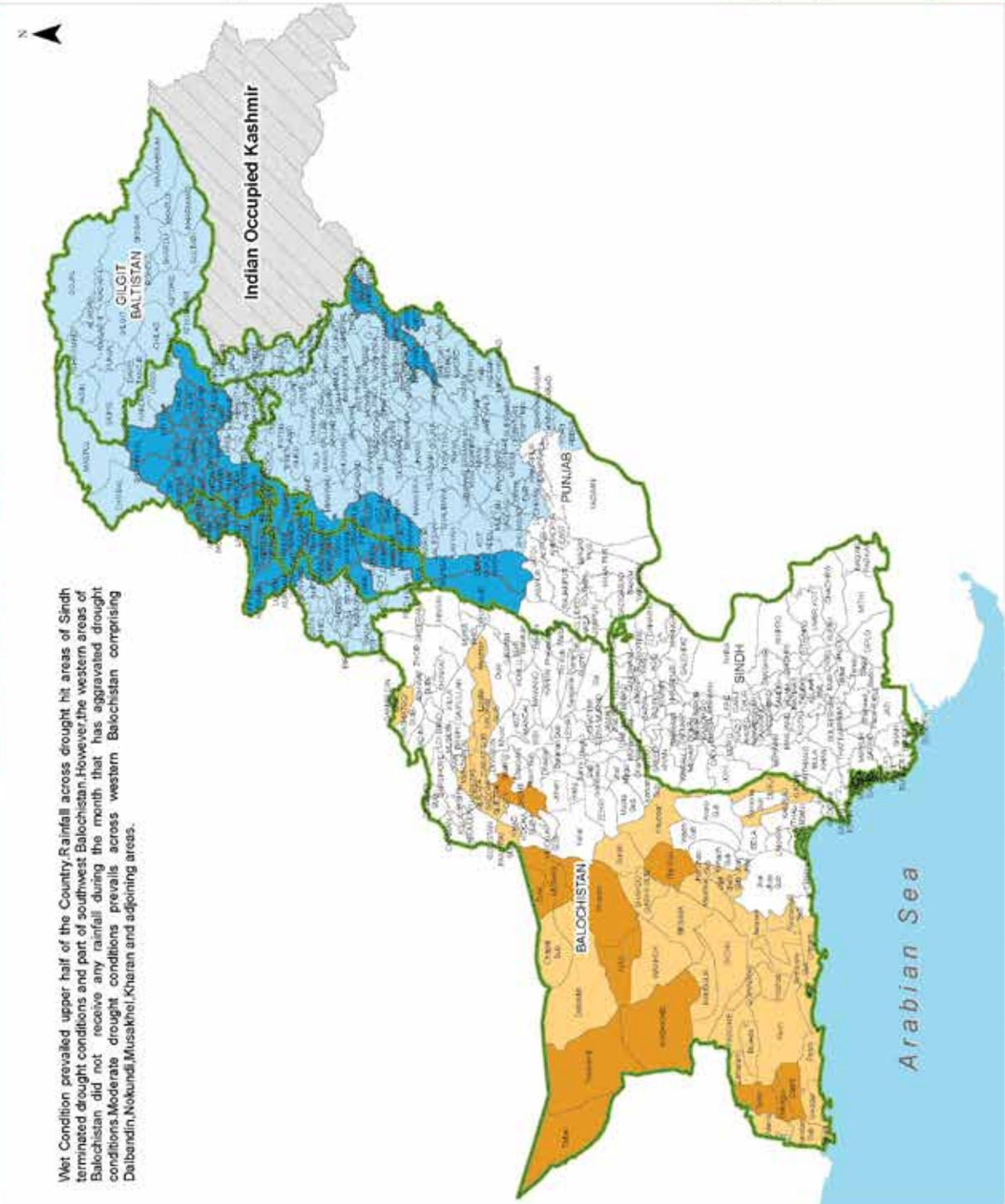
Credit program has partnered with local banks to provide up to \$60 million in loan capital to micro, small and medium businesses. Of this amount, \$12.1 million has been set aside for educational institutions. The United States has a long track record of support to small and medium enterprises in Pakistan. In the last three years, USAID has supported job creation for 23,000 Pakistanis through cooperative projects and more than 85,000 micro, small and medium sized enterprises have received business development services from various US initiatives in Pakistan.

**LAHORE:** The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) has planned to replace the obsolete and deteriorating disc insulators in the provincial capital from October 27 to November 16, 2015. LESCO would complete the task without suspending the electricity supply in respective areas of work, since the company, with the cooperation of United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has attained the ultramodern technology of embarking up the repair work even on live transmission lines, said the company's spokesman on Sunday. He said with the USAID's assistance of Rs 150 million, LESCO got its 10-member line staff comprising linemen, assistant manager and line superintendent, trained for repairing 132-KV live transmission lines, adding that this special line staff group would replace old disc insulators with 'fog disc insulators'. He explained that installation of fog disc insulators by LESCO would largely facilitate its consumers because these insulators have the capability of supplying uninterrupted power even in severe winter and mist/foggy conditions. The spokesman said that the special line staff group has been provided with a special dress (kit) and logistics to ensure their safety during the repair work on live conductors. He mentioned that earlier, LESCO had to cut off the power supply to a vast area of feeders to mend the faulty high-voltage transmission lines. However, the advent of this modern technology in the company would not only facilitate the consumers by ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply to them but also reduce the problems of tripping and loss of human lives during repair operation, he added. Meanwhile, the LESCO chief executive officer expressed the resolve that the company would be established on modern lines and every kind of new technology would be acquired to remove lines/transmission faults to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the LESCO consumers.



## Drought Situation Map of Pakistan As of 16 October to 31 October, 2015

Wet Condition prevailed upper half of the Country. Rainfall across drought hit areas of Sindh terminated drought conditions and part of southwest Balochistan. However, the western areas of Balochistan did not receive any rainfall during the month that has aggravated drought conditions. Moderate drought conditions prevail across western Balochistan comprising Dalbandin, Nokundi, Mussakhel, Kheran and adjoining areas.



### Legend

- Mild Drought
- Moderate Drought
- Normal
- Slightly Wet
- Moderately Wet
- Provincial Boundary

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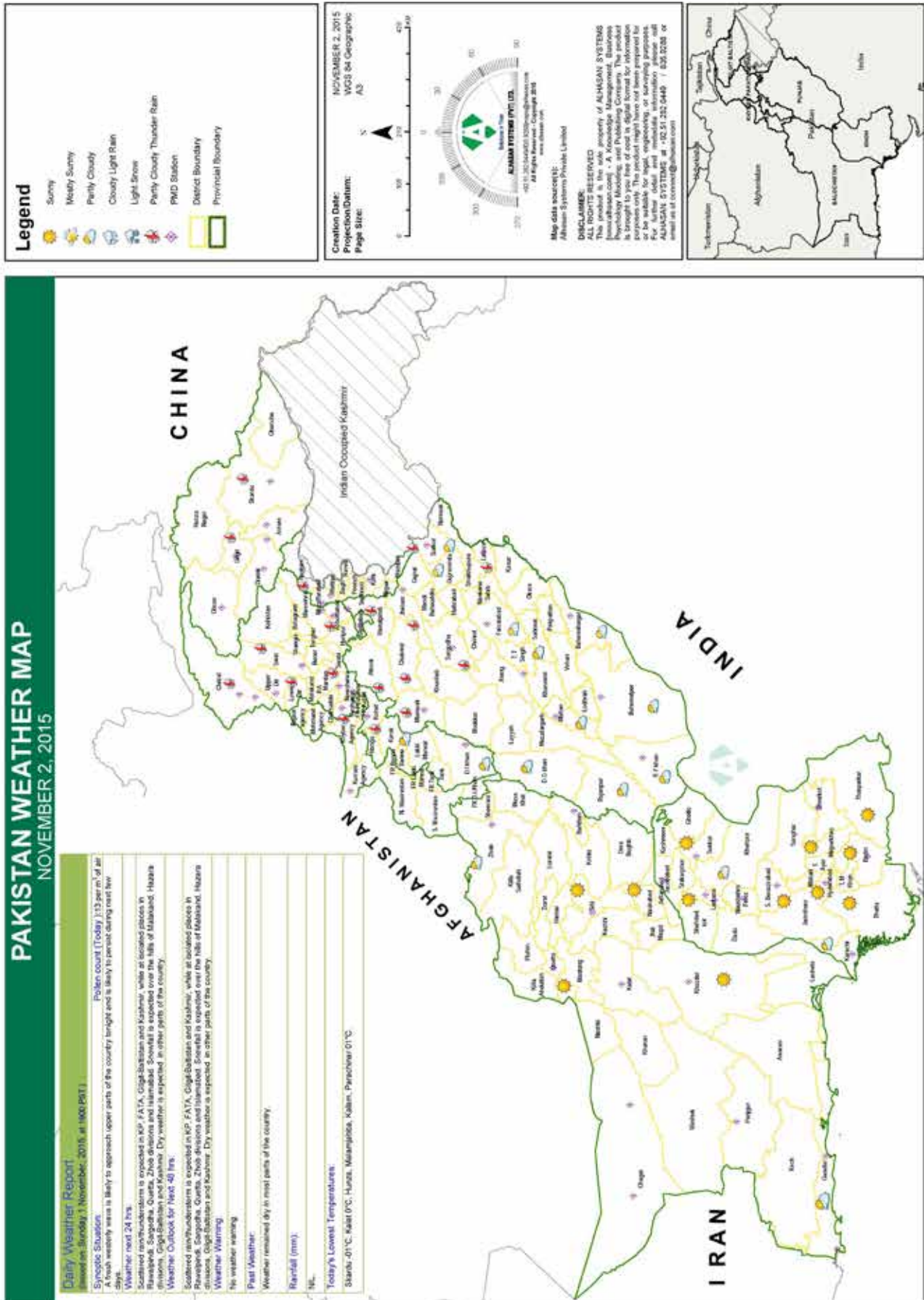
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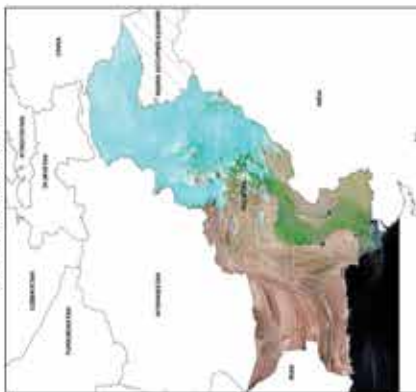




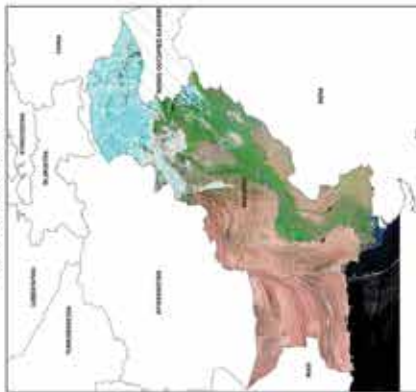


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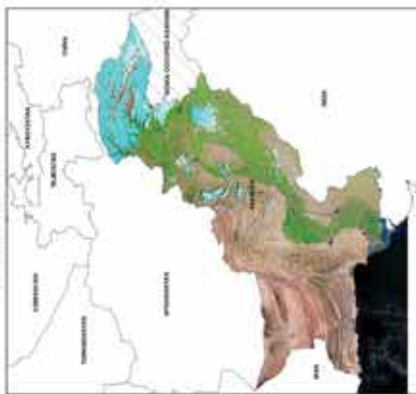
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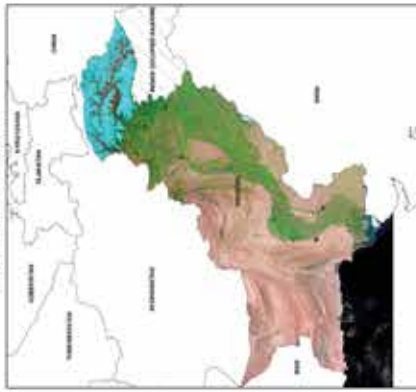
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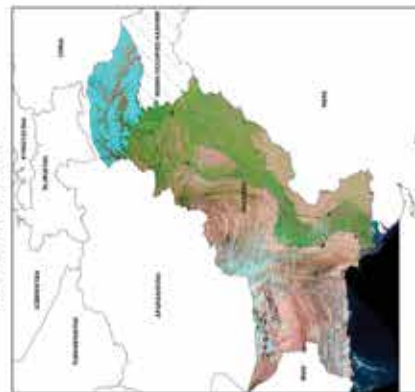
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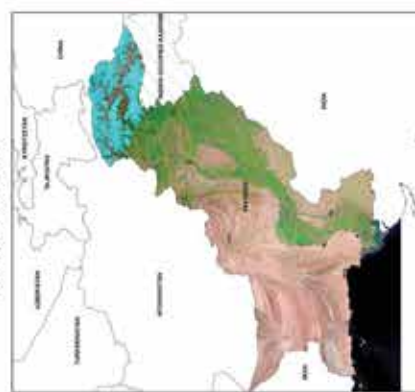
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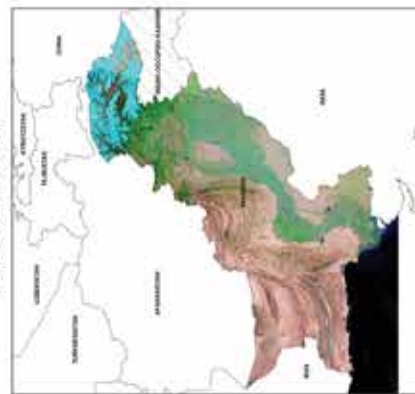
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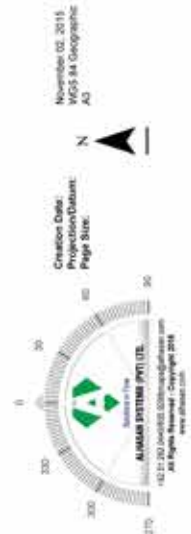
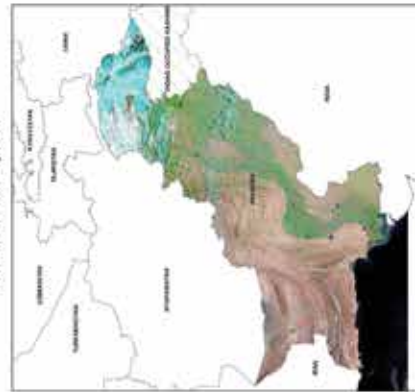
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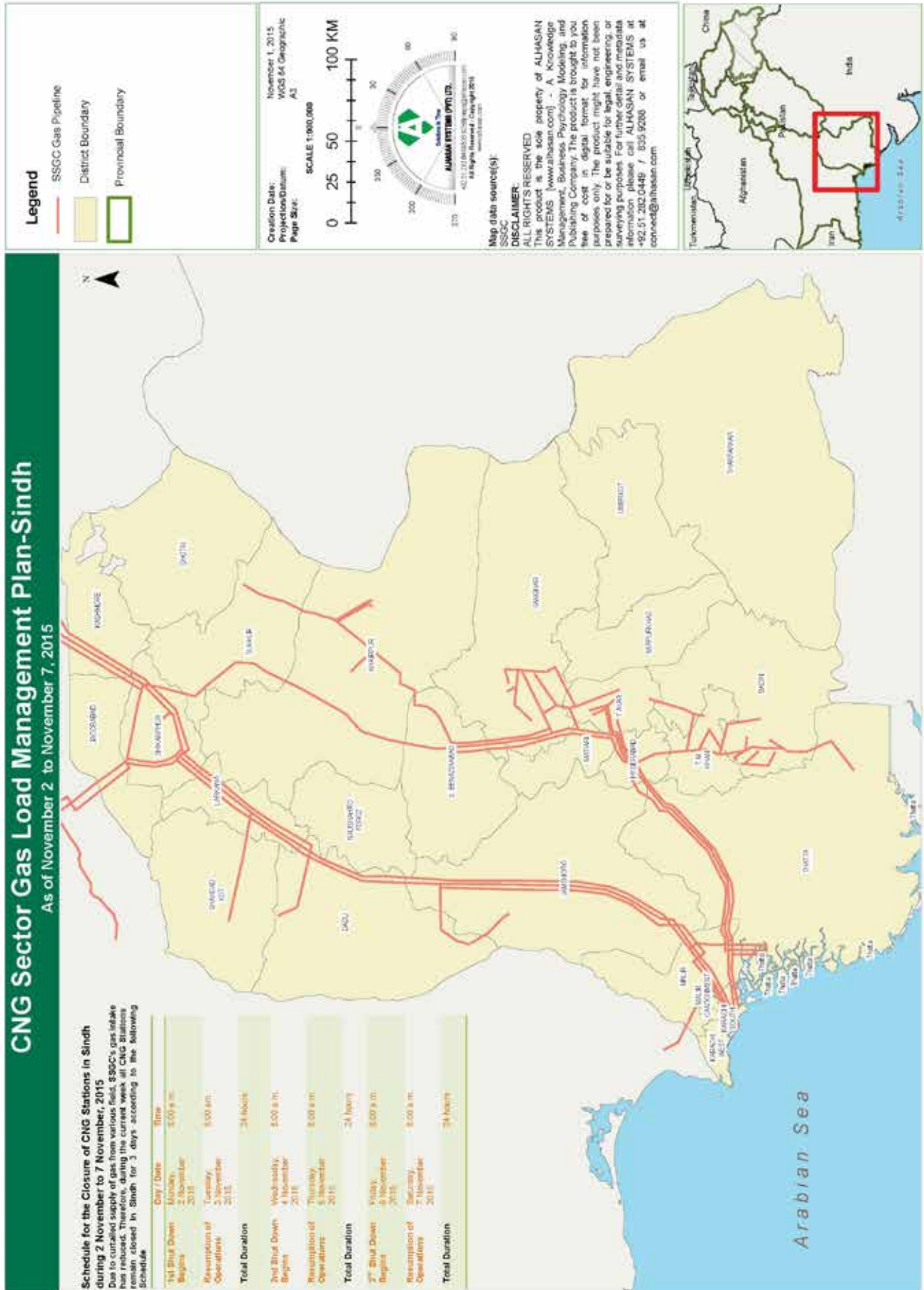
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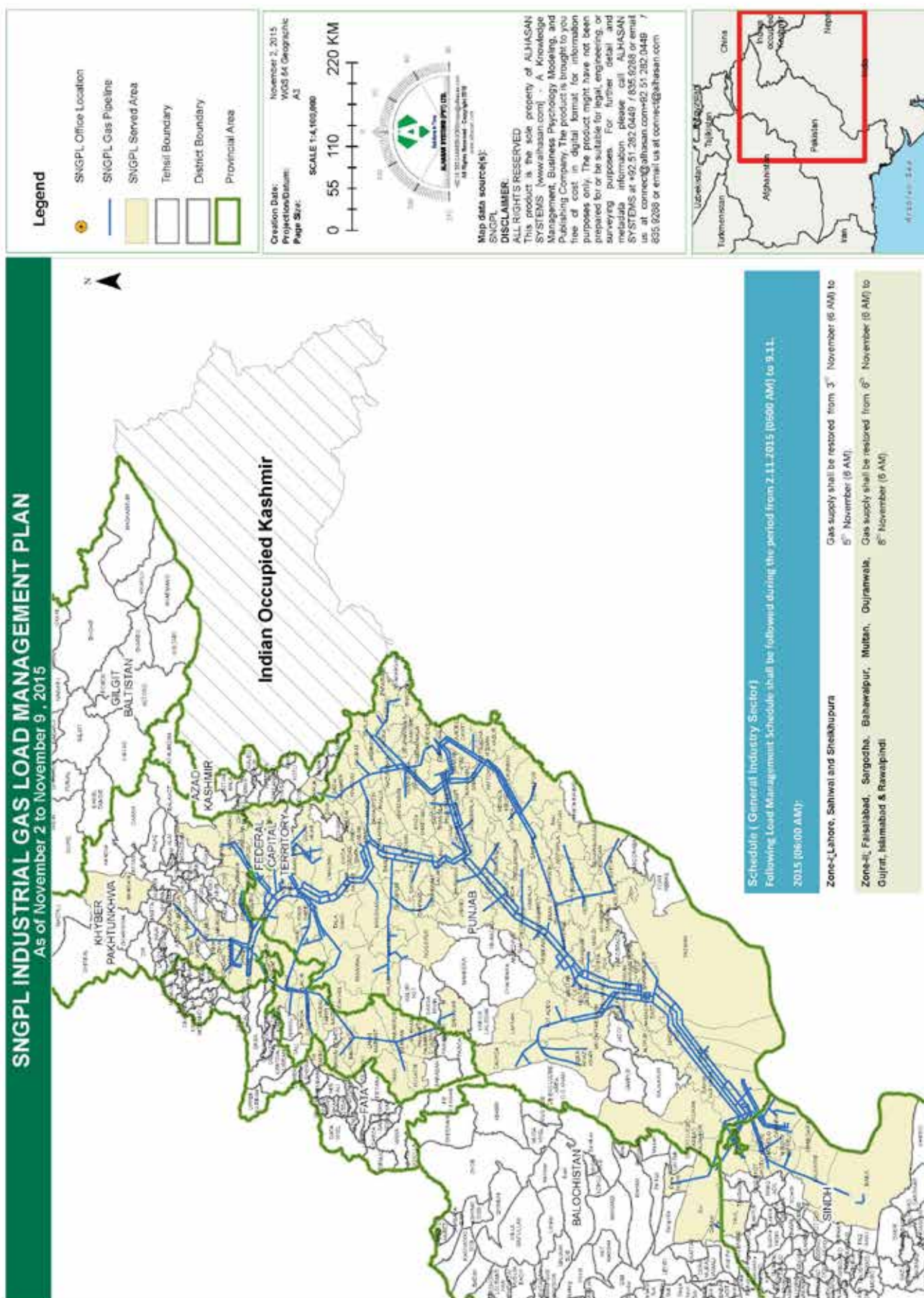










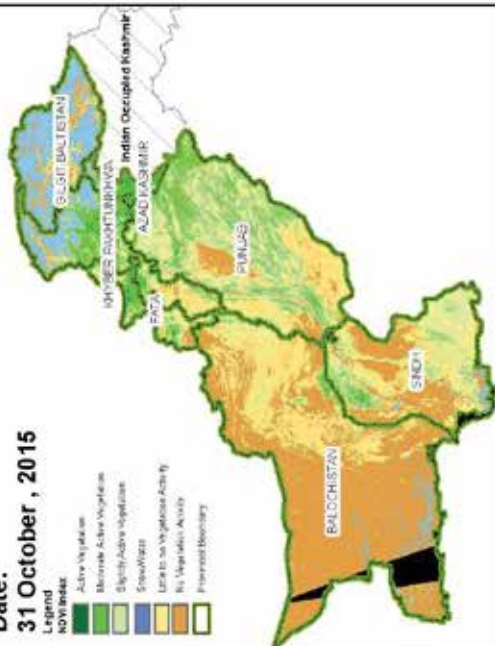


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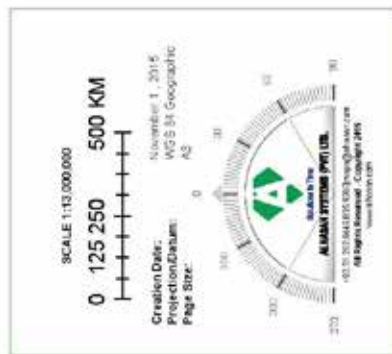
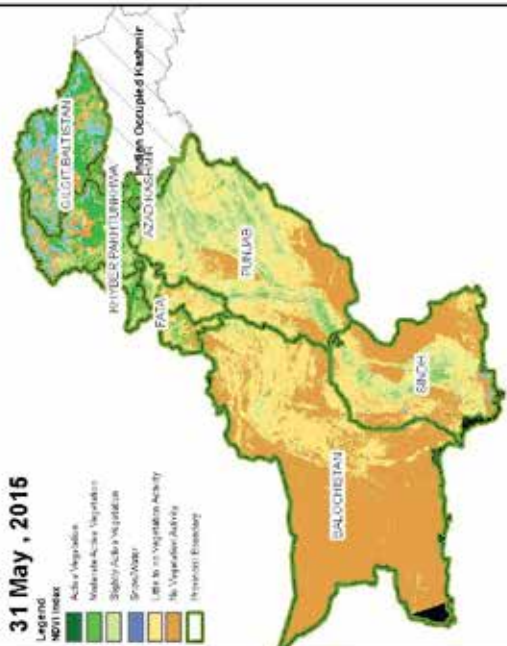
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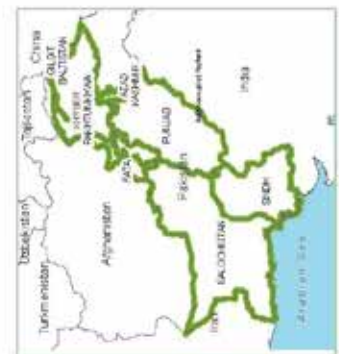
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کریگا۔ پاکستانی ریڈی میڈ گارمنٹس کے شعبے کو مزید مستحکم کرنے کیلئے ووکیشنل سینٹرز کی صلاحیتوں میں اضافہ کریگا، پاکستانی کاروباری شعبے کیلئے امریکہ میں باقاعدگی سے تقریبات کا انعقاد کیا جائیگا۔ باہمی تجارت اور سرمایہ کاری میں طے پانے والے منصوبے کے تحت خواتین کو خود مختار بنانے کیلئے مختلف تجاویز پر کام کیا جائے گا۔ پاکستان کو امریکہ اور وسطی ایشیا کے مابین موجود معاہدے ٹیفا کا ممبر رکن بننے میں حمایت کریگا



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روپے خیر بھینٹو 11474.321212000486,26,26,13,162,22238,00034670.13 بلوچستان روپے، بلوچستان 13,162,22238,00034670.13 روپے۔ پلڈاٹ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ پاکستان کے موجودہ پولیس نظام کا تشویشناک پہلو یہ ہے کہ ملک بھر میں پولیس فورسز یکساں پولیس قانون کے تحت نہیں ہیں۔ پنجاب اور کے پی کے پولیس آرڈر 2002 کو چند ترامیم کے ساتھ اختیار کئے ہوئے ہیں جبکہ سندھ اور بلوچستان میں اپنے علیحدہ پولیس قوانین موجود ہیں جو 2011 میں متعارف کروائے گئے، رپورٹ میں نشاندہی کی گئی کہ پارلیمنٹ نے 2003 اور 2010 میں 17 ویں اور 18 ویں آئینی ترامیم کے ذریعے پولیس آرڈر 2002 کو تحفظ دیا۔ لیکن سندھ اسمبلی نے آئین کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے پولیس آرڈر 2002 منسوخ کر کے 1861 کا پولیس ایکٹ بحال کر دیا جو سراسر آئین کی خلاف ورزی تھی۔ اس مثال کی پیروی کرتے ہوئے بلوچستان نے بھی آئین کے آرٹیکل 143 اور (3) 175 کی خلاف ورزی کی پولیس آرڈر 2002 منسوخ کر دیا اور مجسٹریسی کا پرانا نظام بحال کر دیا جبکہ اسلام آباد، گلگت بلتستان اور آزاد کشمیر نے کبھی پولیس آرڈر 2002 کو اپنا بنایا ہی نہیں اور یہ ابھی تک پولیس ایکٹ 1861 اختیار کئے ہوئے ہیں۔ کے پی کے میں پولیس نظام کی بہتری پر اچھی توجہ دی گئی۔ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ پنجاب نے پولیس آرڈر 2002 کے متشیخ تو نہیں کی لیکن پولیس آرڈر 2002 کا آرٹیکل 184 حذف کر کے آئین کی خلاف ورزی کی۔ افسوسناک بات یہ ہے کہ بلوچستان حکومت نے پوری صدی کے دوران جھپکی ہونے والی 2000 کی پولیس اصلاحات کو 2010 میں واپس لے لیا۔ پنجاب میں جدید ترین اور ساز و سامان سے لیس فرانزک لیب کی سہولت کے باوجود، پولیس کی پرانی روایات میں کوئی خاص تبدیلی نہیں آئی۔ تفتیش کے معیار، سزاؤں کی شرح اور انسانی حقوق کی صورت حال میں بہتری کی کوئی علامات نظر نہیں آتیں۔ بنیادی وجہ یہ ہے کہ برسوں پرانے پولیس کلچر میں بنیادی تبدیلیوں کے بغیر محض ٹیکنالوجی کے استعمال سے کوئی خاص فرق نہیں پڑا۔ مجموعی طور پر پولیس میں کمزور کارکردگی کے احتساب کے نظا کا کوئی عملی موجود نہیں۔ رپورٹ میں کہا گیا کہ پولیس کی کارکردگی میں موثر بہتری کیلئے پولیس افسران کی تربیت کیلئے نئے نصاب تیار کئے جائیں۔ یا؟ بھرتیوں کی وجہ سے پولیس کا ڈھانچہ عوامی توقعات پر پورا نہیں اترتا، اگرچہ کانسٹیبل کی سطح پر بھرتی اب این ٹی ایس کے ذریعے ہوتی ہے۔ تاہم اس عمل میں اب بھی شفافیت کا فقدان ہے۔ سب انسپکٹرز، انسپکٹرز اور اے ایس پی صاحبان کی بھرتی صوبائی اور وفاقی پبلک سروس کمیشنز کے ذریعے ہوتی ہے۔ تاہم ریاستی اداروں کی موجودہ صورت حال میں ایسی بھرتیوں کو بھی مکمل طور پر بدعنوانی سے پاک تصور نہیں کیا جاتا۔ ملک میں 30 فیصد پولیس اہلکار وی آئی بی کی ڈیوٹی پر مامور ہیں۔ خفیہ اداروں میں موثر رابطوں کا فقدان ہے۔ پولیس جمہوری معاشرے کے اہم جزو کے بجائے عدم استحکام اور خوف کا سبب ہے۔ کم بجٹ کی وجہ سے پولیس میں کرپشن بڑھی ہے۔ پولیس کے موثر کردار کے لئے سول سوسائٹی سے پائیدار اور مستحکم تعلقات استوار کئے جائیں اس سفر کو مکمل کرنے کے لئے ہمیں سیاسی عزم اور مستحکم پولیس قیادت کی ضرورت ہے۔

کراچی) اسٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی کے سینئر آف ایکیسٹنس فارویسٹ اسٹڈیز کی ڈائریکٹر و چیئر مین شعبہ سماجی بہبود پروفیسر ڈاکٹر نسرین اسلم شاہ نے کہا کہ دنیا کے ترقی پذیر ممالک میں شرح پیدائش بہت زیادہ ہے جس کی بڑی وجہ غربت، افلاس اور شعور کا فقدان ہے، ان ممالک میں بچوں کی پیدائش اور نگہداشت سے متعلق ماؤں کیلئے طبی سہولتیں ناپید ہیں۔ اگر خواتین کی تعلیم پر توجہ دی جائے تو شرح پیدائش میں کمی ممکن ہو سکتی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ نو عمری میں حمل قرار پانا دنیا بھر میں اگرچہ ایک سنگین مسئلہ بن چکا ہے اور اقوام متحدہ کی ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق بین الاقوامی سطح پر 8 سال سے کم عمر 20 ہزار خواتین بچوں کو جنم دیتی ہیں اور یہ شرح سال میں 7.3 ملین تک پہنچ چکی ہے۔ اس کی ایک وجہ نو عمری میں شادی کا قدیم رواج ہے، پسماندگی اور بے شعوری کے سبب افلاس اور بد حالی کا شکار خاندان جلد اور کم عمری میں شادی کو ترجیح دیتے ہیں جو آبادی میں شدید اضافے کا موجب ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جامعہ کراچی کے شعبہ سماجی بہبود کے زیر اہتمام ”بڑھتی ہوئی آبادی اور اس کے مسائل اور فیملی پلاننگ پاکستان میں رجحان“ پر سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ پاکستان میں ہر منٹ کے دوران 8 بچے پیدا ہوتے ہیں اور ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق ہزار میں سے 58 بچے ناقص طبی سہولیات کے باعث اموات کا شکار ہو جاتے ہیں۔ اگر یہی شرح بدستور رہی تو 2050 تک پاکستان کی آبادی 40 کروڑ سے تجاوز کر جائیگی۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر سکینہ ریاض، میڈی کے ٹی فاؤنڈیشن سے محترمہ امبرین قھامسن، اسٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان سے رحیق احمد خان لودی اور آرائل سی سی ایو کی صائمہ راشد بھی موجود تھیں۔ عمرین قھامسن نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں فیملی پلاننگ کے موضوع پر بات کرتے ہوئے لوگ گھبراہٹ میں، بڑھتی ہوئی آبادی ہمارے معاشرتی رویوں اور خصوصاً صنفی کے کردار پر اپنا تجزیہ پیش کیا۔

واشنگٹن (جنگ میوز) پاکستان اور امریکی حکام نے تجارتی و فود کے تبادلوں، جی ایس پی کا وسیع استعمال، ریڈی میڈی گارمنٹس کے شعبے کی مضبوطی، کاروباری مواقعوں کے فروغ کے حوالے سے اتفاق کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ برآمدات کیلئے پرکشش منڈی اور سرمایہ کاری کیلئے پاکستان بہترین ملک ہے۔ واشنگٹن میں پاکستانی اور امریکی اعلیٰ سطح کے فود میں ملاقاتوں کے بعد جاری کئے جانے والے اعلامیہ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ امریکی کامرس کا ادارہ یا کستانی نجی شعبے اور کاروباری طبقے کیلئے امریکہ میں مواقع تلاش کرنے میں مدد فراہم کریگا۔ پاکستان اور امریکہ باہمی تجارت میں وسعت اور سرمایہ کاری کے حوالے سے مشترکہ مفادات کے حامل ہیں۔ امریکہ پاکستان کو حاصل جی ایس پی کے بہتر استعمال میں پاکستانی حکومت کو معاونت فراہم

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ایک لاکھ افراد کو علاج کی سہولیات فراہم کی جائیں گی، ڈاکٹر سہیل رضا چوہدری (گلاسکو) کی قیادت میں آنکھوں کے ماہرین کی ٹیم علامہ اقبال انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ لاہور پہنچی جہاں المصطفیٰ ویلفیئر سوسائٹی کے سرپرست اور سابق وفاقی وزیر حاجی محمد حنیف طیب کی ہدایت پر المصطفیٰ لاہور کے صدر میاں خالد حبیب الہی ایڈووکیٹ سمیت کارکنوں نے میڈیکل ٹیم کا استقبال کیا۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر سہیل رضا چوہدری نے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آئی کیپوں کی مہم کا پہلا مرحلہ 26 اکتوبر سے 30 دسمبر تک جاری رہے گا جس کے دوران ملکی اور غیر ملکی ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیمیں اندھے پن کے مریضوں کو علاج کی مفت سہولیات مہیا کریں گی جبکہ مریضوں کے لئے ادویات، عینکوں، لینس، موتیے کے آپریشن، رہائش اور کھانے کے مفت انتظامات کئے جائیں گے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ گلوبل ویڈن ایڈ مہم کے تحت فری آئی کیپوں کی مہم کا عنوان ”آنکھوں کی روشنی سب کے لئے“ تجویز کیا ہے۔ انھوں نے آئی کیپوں کے شیڈول کا اعلان بھی کیا جس کے مطابق 26-28 اکتوبر پیر محل، 30-31 اکتوبر ساہنی، 2-3 نومبر گوجران، 4-5 نومبر نملہ مسلماناں (کلر سید ایل)، 7-8 نومبر دویرن کلاں، (کلر سید ایل)، 9-10 نومبر چیمبر شریف گوجران، 11-12 نومبر کوٹلی، 13-14 نومبر پنجیری (بھمبر)، 15-16 نومبر راجدہانی (کوٹلی)، 18-19 نومبر ہری پور، 21-22 نومبر بارہ کوہ اسلام آباد، 23-24 نومبر راولپنڈی، 27-28 نومبر پیلاں، میانوالی، 30 نومبر تاہم دسمبر دریاخان 5-6 دسمبر شاہ کوٹ، 7-9 دسمبر فیصل آباد، 11-12 دسمبر لاہور، 24-30 دسمبر چنیوٹ میں فری آئی کیپ ہو گا۔

اسلام آباد (حنیف خالد) وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف بدھ 28 اکتوبر کو وفاقی دارالحکومت میں لیکوئڈ نیچرل گیس ایل این جی کانفرنس میں اہم اعلانات کریں گے۔ وزیراعظم جو آج 26 اکتوبر کو وطن واپس پہنچیں گے بالغ قدرتی گیس کی درآمد اسکے بندرگاہ پٹرول، کراچی تالاہار ایک ہزار کلو میٹر سے طویل ایل این جی ٹرانسمیشن پائپ لائن، ایل این جی کی قدرتی گیس سے بجلی پیدا کرنے والے پاور پلانٹس کو سپلائی فیس ایل این جی کی خریداری کے امکانی معاہدے کے بارے میں ایل این جی سیمینار کے شرکا کو آگاہ کریں گے جس کا اہتمام وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل شاہد خاقان عباسی نے کیا ہے۔ شاہد خاقان عباسی سیمینار میں خطبہ استقبالیہ دیں گے اور ایل این جی کے معاملے پر ناقدین کو اطمینان بخش جواب دیں گے۔

گواور (نامہ نگار) گواور فٹ ہاربر کے احاطے میں قائم دکانیں اور ہوٹل مسمار کر دئے گئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اقدام سیوریٹی خدشات اور مجوزہ ایکسپریس وے کے منصوبے کی تعمیر کے پیش نظر اٹھایا گیا ہے۔ جی پی اے حکام۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق گزشتہ روز جی پی اے حکام کی ہدایت پر فٹ ہاربر (جی ٹی) کے احاطے میں قائم درجنوں ہوٹل اور دکانیں مسمار کر دئے گئے اس موقع پر میرین سیوریٹی فورس کے اہلکاروں کی بڑی تعداد بھی موجود تھی۔

اسلام آباد (طاہر خلیل) پلڈاٹ رپورٹ میں انکشاف کیا گیا کہ پولیس آرڈر 2002 کی تنفیخ اور مجسٹریسی نظام کی بحالی آئین کی کھلی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ ملک بھر میں پولیس فورسز کیلئے یکساں قوانین موجود نہیں۔ دہشتگردی کیخلاف بڑی جنگ میں بے مثال قربانیاں دینے اور کئی کامیابیوں کے باوجود صوبوں کے پولیس بجٹ میں 73 ارب روپے کی کمی ہو گئی ہے۔ پاکستان کے نظام پولیس کے حوالے سے پلڈاٹ نے پوزیشن پیپر کے نام سے ایک رپورٹ جاری کی ہے۔ یہ رپورٹ پولیس سروس کے ایک ریٹائرڈ سینئر افسر ڈاکٹر شعیب سڈل نے مرتب کی جنہیں پولیس ریفارمز اور دہشتگردی پر قابو پانے کا مہم سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ ہائر ایجوکیشن کمیشن، کریمینالوجیکل اور جیورڈیکل سائنسز میں تحقیق کے ذریعے پاکستان میں قانون کی حکمرانی اور جمہوریت کے فروغ کیلئے ڈاکٹر شعیب سڈل کی سربراہی میں سیف مینیکشن فاؤنڈیشن کا تھنک ٹینک، نسٹ، انٹرنیشنل پولیس ایسوسی ایشن، ایشیا کرائم پریوینشن ٹوکیو کے تعاون سے پاکستان کے نظام پولیس میں بہتری اور دہشتگردی کے مسائل کے امور پر کام کر رہا ہے۔ پلڈاٹ رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا کہ پنجاب میں آبادی کی شرح کے اعتبار سے 507 افراد پر ایک پولیس اہلکار کام کر رہا ہے۔ پنجاب کی 9,13,79,615 آبادی کیلئے پولیس کی تعداد 180000 ہے اور پنجاب میں پولیس کا بجٹ 87 ارب 90 کروڑ روپے ہے۔ پولیس پر فی کس اخراجات 96 روپے ہیں۔ سندھ کی 5,52,45,497 آبادی کے لئے 1,05,23,4 پولیس ملازمین ہیں سندھ میں 524 افراد پر ایک پولیس ملازم کام کر رہا ہے۔ سندھ میں پولیس کا بجٹ 61 ارب 82 کروڑ روپے ہے اور سندھ میں پولیس پر فی کس اخراجات 112 روپے ہیں۔ خیبر پختونخوا میں پولیس پر فی کس اخراجات 121 روپے اور بلوچستان میں 104 روپے ہیں۔ خیبر پختونخوا کی 2,68,96,829 آبادی کیلئے پولیس کی تعداد 65 ہزار ہے اور فی کس کے لئے 141 افراد کیلئے ایک پولیس ملازم ہے صوبہ کاپولیس بجٹ 32 ارب 74 روپے ہے۔ بلوچستان کی 1,31,62,222 آبادی کیلئے پولیس کی تعداد 38 ہزار ہے اور صوبہ میں 1346 افراد کیلئے ایک پولیس اہلکار ہے۔ صوبہ کاپولیس بجٹ 13 ارب 70 کروڑ ہے۔ اعداد و شمار ظاہر کرتے ہیں کہ پنجاب بڑا صوبہ ہونے کے باوجود یہاں آبادی کے اعتبار سے پولیس کی تعداد کم ہے اور پولیس کیلئے سالانہ بجٹ بھی ضروریات پوری نہیں کرتا۔ دیگر صوبوں کے مقابلے میں پنجاب میں پولیس پر فی کس صوبہ آبادی پولیس کی ABCDE اخراجات بھی سب سے کم ہیں۔ صوبوں کے پولیس بجٹ کی تفصیلات ذیل کے چارٹ سے ظاہر ہیں۔ کیٹگریز پنجاب (D/A) تعداد پولیس اور آبادی کی شرح بجٹ 16-2015 (بلین روپے) پولیس پر فی کس اخراجات

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وزیراعظم نواز شریف بدھ کو ایل این جی کانفرنس سے اہم خطاب کریں گے

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گواور فٹ ہاربر میں قائم دکانیں، ہوٹل مسمار ایکسپریس وے کی تعمیر کے پیش نظر اقدام

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بے مثال قربانیوں کے باوجود پولیس کا بجٹ 73 ارب کم ہو گیا، پلڈاٹ رپورٹ

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انکار نہ کریں اور پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کے لئے دستیاب رہیں۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ پولیو ٹیموں کو بھرپور سیکورٹی فراہم کی جائے گی۔ کشتہ زنی کہا کہ انسداد پولیو مہم کو ہر صورت میں کامیاب بنایا جائے گا۔ اس سے ملک کے بچوں کا مستقبل اور دینا بھر میں ملک و قوم کا وقار وابستہ ہے پاکستان کے ہر بچے کو پولیو سے محفوظ بنانا ہی حساس یونین کو نسلوں میں خصوصی طور پر مہم شروع کرنے کا مقصد ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ پولیو کے خاتمہ کی مہم میں عالمی ادارے تعاون کر رہے ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اب کسی کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسف کے نمائندوں نے انسداد پولیو مہم کی تفصیلات سے آگاہ کیا۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا حساس یونین کو نسلوں میں ہفتہ وار انسداد پولیو مہم جاری ہے۔ موجودہ ہفتہ وار مہم 17 اکتوبر کو ختم ہوئی تھی۔ 21 اکتوبر سے رہ جانے والے بچوں کو قطرے پلانے کی مہم شروع کی گئی ہے۔

**تریلا (آئی این پی) تریلا گریڈ اسٹیشن** میں دھماکے کے بعد خوفناک آگ بھڑا اٹھی جس سے تریلا گریڈ اسٹیشن سے منسلک نو فیڈرز کی کیبلز جل گئیں اور پورا علاقہ تاریکی میں ڈوب گیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق گذشتہ رات طوفانی بارش کے دوران زور دار دھماکے کے بعد پی ایف ایل کالونی میں واقع تریلا گریڈ اسٹیشن میں خوفناک آگ بھڑا اٹھی جس نے آٹافانا گریڈ اسٹیشن کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا۔ تریلا ڈیم، تریلا کنیٹ، سے فائر گریڈ کی گاڑیاں طلب کر لی گئی۔ ایسولنس بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئیں۔ پولیس، حساس ادارے بھی فوری طور پر پہنچ گئے ایک گھنٹے کی جدوجہد کے بعد آگ پر قابو پایا گیا۔ آگ سے گڑا اسٹیشن سے منسلک نو فیڈرز کی بجلی بند ہو گئی تمام فیڈرز کی کیبلز اور بڑا اثر انسفا مر جل گیا۔ تریلا، غازی، تریلا کنیٹ، انریس، گند گراور سری کوٹ کے علاقے تاریکی میں ڈوب گئے ہیں۔ ہنگامی حالت نافذ کر دی گئی ہے۔ ایبٹ آباد اور پشاور سے عملہ کو طلب کر لیا گیا۔ گریڈ اسٹیشن کی بحالی کا کام شروع کر دیا گیا تاہم ذرائع نے بتایا کہ بجلی کی مکمل بحالی میں دو سے تین روز تک درکار ہونگے۔ بجلی کی بندش سے کاروبار زندگی شدید متاثر ہو کر رہ گیا ہے۔ سرکاری و نجی اداروں و سکولوں میں پینے پانی کی شدید قلت پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔

**اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ)** نیشنل ڈیزاسٹر منیجمنٹ اتھارٹی (این ڈی ایم اے) نے بر فباری کی وجہ سے ناران اور کاغان میں پھنسے ہوئے افراد کو نکالنے کیلئے ہیلی کاپٹر کا انتظام کیا ہے جو کہ موسم کے ٹھیک ہونے پر امدادی آپریشن جاری کرے گا۔ فوج سے مدد طلب کر لی گئی ہے، این ڈی ایم اے کیلئے ایم اے کے مطابق ان کی درخواست پر نیشنل ہائی وے اتھارٹی نے تمام رات کی کوشش کے بعد مانسہرہ ناران سڑک کو برف ہٹا کر کھلی کر دیا ہے۔ لینا سلائڈنگ کا خطرہ ہے، لوگوں کو آزاد کشمیر ہزارہ اور دیگر علاقوں کے سفر سے گریز کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے، ناران بازار جو کہ برف باری کی وجہ سے پھنسے ہوئی گاڑیوں کی وجہ سے بند ہے اور پاکستان آرمی کو برف میں پھنسے ہوئے لوگوں کی امداد کیلئے طلب کر لیا گیا ہے تاکہ (مانسہرہ، ناران، جھل کھٹ) ایم این جے کا بند حصہ کھولا جاسکے۔ 20 افراد پر مشتمل ایک طبی اور پیرامیڈک ٹیم لوگوں کو طبی امداد دینے کے فرائض سرانجام دے رہی ہے۔ ناران سے آنے والے لوگوں کے لیے اے ڈی سی مانسہرہ کی طرف سے راشن کا بندوبست بھی کیا گیا اس کے ساتھ ساتھ پٹرول کی فراہمی کو بھی سپیشل ٹینکر کے ذریعے یقینی بنایا گیا۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** ٹریفک پولیس نے اسکول ویز کے خلاف خصوصی مہم کے دوران 111 گاڑیوں کے چالان کئے، جبکہ ایک گاڑی ضبط کی گئی، تفصیلات کے مطابق ٹریفک پولیس نے پیر کو غیر معیاری اور آکسیجن سلینڈر والی 3، اسکول بورڈز والی 3، اسکول بورڈز والی 43، بغیر ہیلپر، 27، اور لوڈنگ پر 38 چالان کئے گئے جبکہ ایک گاڑی کو ضبط کیا گیا۔

**کوسٹ (جنگ نیوز)** زلزلہ اور اس طرح کی دوسری آفات کی روک تھام تو ممکن نہیں ہے، مگر ان سے نمٹنے اور ان کے نقصانات کو کم کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کی کارکردگی تو ایسی کسی صورتحال میں صرف امدادی اشیاء کی ترسیل تک ہی محدود ہے، اس ادارے کو حکومت کس قدر اہمیت دیتی ہے اس کا اندازہ گذشتہ تین، چار سال کے دوران اس کے تین سربراہوں کی تبدیلی سے لگایا جاسکتا ہے، رہا شہری دفاع کا ادارہ تو وہ قریباً ڈیڑھ درجن عملے کے افراد کے ساتھ وسائل، ضروری مشینری اور سہولتوں کے فقدان کا شکار ہی رہا ہے۔ کوسٹ اور بلوچستان کے بیشتر علاقے کسی نہ کسی قدر ترقی یافتہ کی لپیٹ میں رہے ہیں، کبھی کسی علاقے میں زلزلہ تو کبھی شدید بارشیں اور ان کے نتیجے میں سیلاب کی کیفیت اور ساحلی علاقے تو سونامی کے خطرے سے بھی دوچار رہے ہیں۔ جب ایسا ہے تو پھر تو تیاریاں بھی خوب ہونی چاہئیں، مگر بد قسمتی سے ایسا نہیں، پی ڈی ایم اے رہا شہری دفاع کا ادارہ سب ہی کمزور ڈھانچے اور نظم و نسق اور عملے کی کمی کا رونا دھونے ہیں۔ اگر خدا نخواستہ کوئی بڑی آفت آجائے تو سرکاری اسپتالوں کی ناگفتہ بہ حالت اور وہاں طبی عملے اور استعداد کار کی کمی۔ اس کہانی کا ایک اور افسوسناک پہلو اجاگر کرتی ہے، رہی سہی کسر پوری کر دی ہے کوسٹ میٹروپولیٹن کارپوریشن نے، جو ایک سال سے زیادہ عرصہ گزرنے کے باوجود کوسٹ میں بلڈنگ کوڈ پر عملدرآمد نہیں کر سکا۔

**لندن (پ ر)** برطانیہ کے ماہرین امراض چشم پر مشتمل ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیم مستحق مریضوں کا علاج کرنے پاکستان پہنچ گئی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق المصطفی ویلفیئر ٹرسٹ (یو کے) کے تعاون سے ملک میں سب سے بڑی آنی کمپیوں کی مہم 26 اکتوبر سے شروع ہو گئی ہے جس کے دوران امراض چشم میں مبتلا

## تریلا گریڈ اسٹیشن میں دھماکا 9 فیڈرز کی کیبلز جل گئیں

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## کاغان ناران، برف میں پھنسے سیاحوں کی مدد کیلئے فوج طلب

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## اسکول ویز کے خلاف مہم، 111 گاڑیوں کے چالان، ایک ضبط کر لی گئی

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## پی ڈی ایم اے کی کارکردگی صرف امدادی اشیاء کی ترسیل تک محدود

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## ماہرین امراض چشم کی ٹیم مریضوں کے علاج کیلئے پاکستان پہنچ گئی



تحت جب بھی بندر گاہ پر ایل این جی وصول ہوگی پاور سیکٹر مطلوبہ رقم 10 دن میں ادا کرے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی کی منظوری کے بعد حکومت سے حکومت سطح پر سمجھوتے کے تحت قطر گیس کمپنی سے ایل این جی درآمد و ہفتوں میں ممکن ہو سکے گی۔ ایک اعلیٰ افسر کے مطابق اسی معاہدے پر قطر کے ساتھ مذاکرات مکمل ہو چکے ہیں۔ قطر 200 ملین کیوبک فٹ یومیہ (ایم ایم سی ایف ڈی) ایل این جی فراہم کرے گا جو بعد ازاں بڑھ کر 400 ایم ایم سی ایف ڈی تک پہنچ جائے گی۔ حکومت کی جانب سے یہ اضافہ نہ کئے جانے کی صورت یہ مقدار آخود بڑھ جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایل این جی قیمت کا معاہدہ 14 سال کے لئے برینٹ کی تین ماہ کی اوسط قیمت کے 13 اعشاریہ 70 فیصد پر طے کیا گیا ہے۔ تاہم حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ تناسب 14 فیصد تک بھی ہو سکتا ہے۔ وزیر پٹرولیم نے بتایا کہ پاکستان ایک سال میں قطر گیس سے 30 لاکھ ٹن ایل این جی کے 52 جہاز درآمد کرے گا۔ مال بردار جہازوں کو لنگر انداز کرنے کی پورٹ قاسم کی صلاحیت کے بارے میں وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ یہ قطر گیس کمپنی پر منحصر ہے کہ بڑے ایل این جی کیریئر زیادہ مہینے درجے کے کیریئر سے گیس فراہم کرتی ہے۔ تاہم پی ایس او کے اعلیٰ افسران کا کہنا ہے کہ ڈیمنگ کاب کوئی ایٹو نہیں اور قطر گیس کمپنی کو اپنے کیریئر پورٹ قاسم بھیجے پر کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہے۔ ان کا دعویٰ ہے کہ آئندہ چند ہفتوں میں کیو۔ فلکس کے ذریعہ بھی گیس بھیجی جاسکتی ہے جو سب سے بڑا ایل این جی کیریئر ہے۔ دریں اثناء منگل کو دونوں متعلقہ وزارتوں، پورٹ قاسم اتھارٹی اور پی ایس او حکام کے اجلاس میں پورٹ قاسم کے چار جز کے معاملے پر تبادلہ خیال ہوا۔ حکام کے مطابق پورٹ قاسم اتھارٹی ایک سال میں 52 جہازوں کے ڈیلیوری۔ ایکس۔ شپ (ڈی ای ایس) کے تحت حقیقی اخراجات کی مد میں ڈیڑھ کروڑ ڈالر لے گی۔

ڈگری (نامہ نگار) ایس ایس پی میر پور خاص عثمان غنی صدیقی نے ڈسٹرکٹ گورنر گر وپ اور ہائے بلی پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر محمد بخش کی درخواست پر ایک لیٹر جاری کیا ہے، جس کے تحت ضلع میر پور خاص کے تمام پولیس اسٹیشنز پر ایک علیحدہ لیڈرز ڈیک قائم کیا جائے گا، علیحدہ لیڈرز ڈیک قائم کرنے کا مقصد بچوں کی کم عمری میں شادی کرنے پر پابندی کے قانون پر عملدرآمد کرنا اور خواتین اور بچوں کے حساس معاملات کو حل کرنے کی کوشش کرنا ہے، لیڈرز ڈیک پر تمام معاملات کیلئے علیحدہ رجسٹر ڈیا جائے گا تاکہ مذکورہ ڈیک صرف خواتین اور بچوں کے معاملات کو حل کرنے کی کوشش کرے۔ ڈی جی جی ممبر آزاد روزانہ اور انعام اللہ نے اس سلسلے میں ڈگری تھانے کا دورہ کیا تو وہاں موجود پولیٹ آفیسر ہوت چہدے بتایا کہ انہیں ابھی تک کوئی لیٹر نہیں ملا جسے ہی لیٹر ملے گا ڈیک قائم کر کے عملدرآمد شروع کر دیا جائے گا جبکہ ڈی ایس پی آفس رابطہ کرنے پر بتایا گیا کہ ایس ایس پی کی جانب سے لیٹر موصول ہو چکا ہے اور تمام تھانوں کو بھیج دیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ میں میل نرسنگ کے کسی بھی سرکاری اسکول میں اسپیشلائزیشن نہیں کرائی جاتی جس کے باعث سالانہ سیکڑوں طلبہ انجی اسکولوں میں لاکھوں روپے ادا کر کے اسپیشلائزیشن کرتے ہیں۔ طلباء کو فیسوں کے لئے پڑھائی کے ساتھ نوکری بھی کرنی پڑتی ہے جو ان کے لئے دشواری کا باعث بنتی ہے اور ان کی پڑھائی متاثر ہوتی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق سندھ میں لڑکوں کے لئے نرسنگ کے 6 سرکاری اسکول ہیں جن میں میل اسکول آف نرسنگ کورنگی میں 75، میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاری میں 75، میل اسکول آف نرسنگ لیاقت آباد میں 50، میل اسکول آف نرسنگ جبک آباد میں 100، اسکول آف نرسنگ سری جے انسٹیٹیوٹ آف سائیکلری حیدر آباد میں 100 اور میل اسکول آف نرسنگ میں لاڑکانہ 100 نشستیں ہیں۔ ان اسکولوں سے سالانہ 500 طلباء جنرل نرسنگ کرتے ہیں لیکن اسپیشلائزیشن کے لئے انہیں نجی اسکولوں کا رخ کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق نجی اسکولوں میں اسپیشلائزیشن کی داخلہ فیس 60 سے 70 ہزار روپے لی جاتی ہے جبکہ ماہانہ فیس 6 سے 7 ہزار ماہانہ فیس لی جاتی ہے اس طرح ایک سال کی اسپیشلائزیشن پر ایک طالب علم کے تقریباً ڈیڑھ لاکھ روپے لگتے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق سرکاری اسکولوں کی انتظامیہ اپنے اسکولوں میں اسپیشلائزیشن پروگرام شروع کرنے کے بجائے طلباء کو نجی اداروں میں ریفر کرنے کو ترجیح دیتی ہیں کیونکہ نجی اسکولوں کی جانب سے انہیں فی طالب علم کمیشن دیا جاتا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں صوبائی نرسز ایسوسی ایشن کی رہنمائی شاہدہ خان کا کہنا تھا کہ جب نرسز نجی اداروں میں لاکھوں روپے اد کر کے اسپیشلائزیشن کرتے ہیں تو پھر ان میں مریضوں کی خدمت کا جذبہ ماند پڑ جاتا ہے اور پیسہ کماتا ان کی ترجیح بن جاتا ہے۔ ڈائریکٹر نرسنگ سندھ شرب مین کا کہنا تھا کہ اسپیشلائزیشن کی اجازت پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل دیتی ہے جس کے لئے پی ایس سی کو لکھ کر دے دیا ہے۔ پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل کی رجسٹر ارنگت اعجاز درانی کا کہنا تھا کہ سندھ کے کسی بھی سرکاری اسکول کی انتظامیہ نے اسپیشلائزیشن کے لئے اپلائی نہیں کیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی کی صدارت میں حساس یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم کا جائزہ لینے کے لئے ایک اجلاس منعقد ہوا جس میں عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسیف کے نمائندے اور محکمہ ہیلتھ کے افسران اور ٹائون ہیلتھ افسران اور انسداد پولیو مہم کے لئے خصوصی طور پر متعین سینئر پولیس افسر نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ کراچی تمام انتہائی حساس یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم کو نتیجہ خیز بنانے کے لئے اس بات کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا کہ کوئی بچہ پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے محروم نہ رہے۔ جو والدین پولیو مہم کے ساتھ تعاون نہیں کریں گے اور بچوں کو قطرے پلانے سے انکار کریں گے۔ ان کی فہرست تیار کی جائے گی۔ اور انہیں پابند کیا جائے گا کہ وہ بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے

## ڈگری: تمام پولیس اسٹیشنز میں لیڈرز ڈیک قائم کرنے کیلئے لیٹر جاری

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## میل نرسنگ کے کسی بھی سرکاری اسکول میں اسپیشلائزیشن نہیں کرائی جاتی

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## حساس یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم کو مکمل سیکورٹی فراہم کرنے کا فیصلہ

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کیا کہ چند سالوں میں داخلے کی شرح میں کس قدر اضافہ یا بہتری آئی ہے اس پر صوبائی سیکریٹری تعلیم نے بتایا کہ دو فیصد۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ 2002 میں یہ 52 فیصد تھا اور اب یہ 54 فیصد ہے۔ اس پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے اپنے عدم اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس میں لازمی طور پر بہتری آنی چاہیے اور اس حوالے سے ہدف مقرر کر کے اس ایک مشن کے طور پر لینا چاہیے۔ چیف سیکریٹری سندھ نے کہا کہ انہوں نے محکمہ تعلیم، اکاؤنٹس جنرل سندھ اور محکمہ خزانہ کے مابین قریبی ورکنگ ریلیشن شپ قائم کی ہے۔ اس سے بوس تعلیماتی کا معاملہ ختم ہو گیا ہے۔ کیونکہ اے جی سندھ اس وقت سے ایسے احکامات کو قبول نہیں کر رہا ہے جب تک کہ سیکریٹری تعلیم اپنے کوڈ کے ساتھ انہیں نہیں بھیج دیتے۔ چیف سیکریٹری سندھ نے کہا کہ سکھر اور ٹھٹھار میں مختلف بوس تعلیماتیاں ٹریس کی گئیں جبکہ قمبر، شہداد کوٹ میں غیر قانونی ترقیاں پائی گئیں۔ اس پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ غیر قانونی تعلیماتیوں اور ترقیوں میں ملوث لوگوں سے نہ صرف یہ کہ وصولیوں کی جائیں بلکہ ان کے خلاف کیسیز بھی رجسٹرڈ کئے جائیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے اساتذہ ایسوسی ایشن کے پریس بیان پر ناخوشگوار کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ان کا کام کلاس لینا ہے مگر اس کے بجائے وہ سیاست کر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اساتذہ کو یونین تشکیل بنا کر سیاسی جماعتوں کا کردار ادا نہیں کرنا چاہیے انہوں نے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ اور سیکریٹری تعلیم کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ تعلیم کے شعبہ کو لازمی سروس کے زمرے میں لانے کے لئے قواعد و ضوابط تجویز کریں۔

کروڑوں روپے کی بنائی گئی سرکاری عمارتوں میں رہنے والے کیا جانیں کہ اس دور میں مزدور اور دیہاڑی دار افراد اپنی جھونپڑی بھی نہیں بنا سکتے۔ زند رہنے کیلئے دو وقت کی روٹی کمانے میں پورا دن صرف ہو جاتا ہے۔ مہنگائی انہیں کبھی بھی اپنا مکان نہیں بنانے دیتی۔ سرچھپانے کیلئے لاکھوں افراد کبھی کسی کی چوکھٹ پر مکان کرایہ پر لینے کیلئے مجبور ہوتے ہیں جہاں ان کی مجبوریوں کا ناجائز فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے آئے دن کرایوں میں بے شمار اضافہ کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ کیا غریب شہریوں کا پاکستان میں کوئی حق نہیں، اگر ہے تو ان کے مسائل سے حکمران بے خبر کیوں ہیں؟ حکومت کو چاہئے کہ فوری طور پر (رہائشی مکانوں کے کرایوں کیلئے کوئی کنٹرول پالیسی بنائے)۔ (محمد یوسف ساقی)

چامشورو (نامہ نگار) سندھ کے سابق سینئر صوبائی وزیر اور پیپلز پارٹی کی مرکزی ایگزیکٹو کونسل کے ممبر پیر مظہر الحق نے کہا کہ 13 ہزار اساتذہ کو میں نے بھرتی نہیں کیا، اساتذہ کو حکومت سندھ نے بھرتی کیا تھا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے چامشورو کے شہر بھان سعید آباد میں ایڈووکیٹ نظیر احمد بھٹی سے انکے والد کے انتقال پر تعزیت کے بعد میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ سابق صوبائی وزیر پیر مظہر الحق نے مزید کہا کہ اساتذہ کی خالی اسامیوں پر بھرتی کیلئے اشتہار دیکر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ، سیکرٹری تعلیم سندھ اور ڈی آر سی کی منظوری سے نئے اساتذہ بھرتی کئے، جن بھرتیوں کو ابھی غیر قانونی کہا جا رہا ہے، اس وقت کے سرکاری افسران نے رشوت لیکر غیر قانونی بھرتیاں کی جو ناجائز ہے، اس وقت ہی میں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ کو خط لکھ کر شکایات کی کہ محکمہ تعلیم کے کچھ افسران نے جعلی اور ناجائز بھرتیاں کی ہیں، جس کا وزیر اعلیٰ نے نوٹس لیکر ان افسران کو معطل کر کے محکمہ اینٹی کرپشن کو معاملے کی جانچ کا حکم دیا۔

حب (مشتاق کبیر) / نامہ نگار) گڈانی کے ساحل پر نئی آئل ریفائزری میں آتشزدگی سے پانچ محنت کش زخمی ہو گئے، آتشزدگی سے آئل ریفائزری کی تنصیبات متاثر ہوئیں، واقعہ کے فوراً بعد آئل ریفائزری میں خام تیل کی صفائی کا کام بند کر دیا گیا، پولیس، ایف سی، سیکورٹی فورسز اور قانونی نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں نے آتشزدگی کے بعد متاثرہ آئل ریفائزری کو گھیرے میں لے لیا تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہو۔ تنصیبات کے مطابق منگل کے روز گڈانی میں دنیا کے سب سے بڑے نجی بجلی گھر ”حبکو پاور پراجیکٹ“ کے قریب واقع پاکستان کی سب سے بڑی کروڈ آئل صاف کرنے والی ”بائیو آئل ریفائزری“ کے یونٹ نمبر 2 میں اچانک آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس نے دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے آئل ریفائزری کی اہم تنصیبات کو اپنی پلٹ میں لے لیا جس کے باعث آئل ریفائزری میں لگنے والی آگ پر بروقت قابو نہ پایا جاسکا۔ بعد ازاں حبکو پاور پراجیکٹ کی جانب سے فوری طور پر آئل ریفائزری میں لگی ہوئی آگ بجھانے کیلئے دو فائر بریگیڈ انجن موقع پر پہنچے جن کے اعلیٰ تربیت یافتہ آگ بجھانے والے عملے نے امدادی کارروائیوں میں حصہ لیا۔

اسلام آباد (رپورٹ: خالد مصطفیٰ) قطر کے ساتھ ایل این جی معاہدے کی اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی کے آئندہ اجلاس میں منظوری دیدی جائے گی۔ اس حوالے سے ادا نیگیوں کے طریقہ کار کے مسئلہ کو حل کر لیا گیا ہے۔ پاور سیکٹر دو ایل این جی کھپ کی پیشگی ادائیگی کرے گا۔ وزارت پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل اور وزارت پانی و بجلی کے متفقہ طریقہ کار کے تحت بندرگاہ پر ایل این جی حوالے کئے جانے کے دس دن کے اندر ادائیگی کی جائے گی۔ وزارت پٹرولیم قطر سے ایل این جی کی سیلر پریچیز انگریسنٹ (ایس پی اے) کی سری منظوری کے لئے اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی کو بھیجے گی۔ جس کی درآمد دو ہفتوں میں ہوگی۔ ایک بڑی پیش رفت کے تحت نواز شریف حکومت ادا نیگیوں کے طریقہ کار کے حوالے سے بڑی زکاوٹ دُور کرنے میں کامیاب ہو گئی جو حکومت سے حکومت سمجھوتے کے تحت ایل این جی کی درآمد کے 15 سال کے لئے معاہدے میں حائل تھی۔ وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل کے مطابق اب یہ مسئلہ حل کر لیا گیا ہے۔ پاور سیکٹر دو ایل این جی کھپ کے لئے 5 ارب روپے کی پیشگی ادائیگی کرے گا۔ ادا نیگیوں کے طریقہ کار کے

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) دماغی امراض کے ماہرین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں محض 10 فیصد اسپتالوں میں فالج سے متاثرہ مریضوں کے علاج اور دیکھ بھال کے لیے شعبے قائم ہیں۔ حکومت کو چاہیے کہ وہ اسپتالوں میں دل کے امراض کی طرح فالج کی بیماری کے لیے برین ایک سینٹر قائم کرے، تاکہ فالج سے ہونے والی اموات اور ہمیشہ کے لیے معذور ہونے والے افراد کی زندگیوں کو بچایا جاسکے۔ پاکستان میں آئندہ برسوں میں فالج چوتھی بڑی بیماری بن جائے گی۔ دل کی بیماریوں کی طرح فالج کی بیماری کو میڈیکل ایمرجنسی قرار دیا جائے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق پاکستان میں سالانہ ساڑھے تین لاکھ افراد فالج کا شکار ہو رہے ہیں جن میں سے روزانہ 4 سو افراد موت کے منہ چلے جاتے ہیں۔ پاکستان سوسائٹی آف نیورولوجی کی جانب سے فالج کے عالمی دن کے موقع پر فالج کی بیماری اور اس کے علاج سے متعلق منشور جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ کراچی کے مقامی ہوٹل میں فالج کی بیماری سے متعلق سیمینار کا انعقاد کیا گیا سیمینار سے جناح اسپتال کے نیورولوجی وارڈ کے سابق سربراہ پروفیسر شوکت علی، پاکستان اسٹروک سوسائٹی کے جنرل سیکریٹری ڈاکٹر عبدالمالک، ورکنگ وومن ٹرسٹ کی ڈاکٹر عزیزہ انجم، ڈائریکٹر نیورسٹی کی انسٹیٹیوٹ آف فزیکل میڈیسن اینڈ ریمیڈیٹیشن سینٹر کی سربراہ ڈاکٹر نبیلہ سومرو اور پاکستان اسلامک میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن وومن ونگ کی صدر ڈاکٹر ذکیہ اورنگزیب نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ پروفیسر شوکت علی نے کہا کہ دہائیوں میں ہر سال ایک کروڑ 80 لاکھ افراد فالج کا شکار ہوتے ہیں جن میں سے 60 لاکھ افراد موت کے منہ چلے جاتے ہیں، فالج کا شکار ہونے والے 70 فیصد افراد کا تعلق ترقی پذیر ممالک سے ہے۔

ٹھٹھہ (نامہ نگار) ٹھٹھہ ضلع میں ڈائریا اور گیسٹرو کی بیماری پھیلنے سے گزشتہ 3 دن کے دوران ایک خاتون اور 3 بچوں سمیت 4 افراد انتقال کر گئے۔ تھتھہ کے مطابق ٹھٹھہ ضلع کے یو سی سوئڈا کے گاؤں خمیدو خاں تحصیل میں گیسٹرو اور ڈائریا کی وبا پھیلنے سے 3 معصوم بچیاں 3 سالہ یا سمین، 3 سالہ نظیراں، 5 سالہ نسیمہ انتقال کر گئیں جبکہ اس ہی گاؤں کے مزید 2 بچے مذکورہ بیماری کے باعث سول اسپتال ٹھٹھہ میں داخل کیے گئے ہیں۔ دریں اثناء دو دن پہلے ٹھٹھہ کی رہائشی خاتون نعمت شیخ بھی سول اسپتال ملکی میں ڈائریا کی وجہ سے انتقال کر گئیں۔ ورثاء کے مطابق ان کے علاقوں سوئڈا، جھڑک اور علی بحر میں صحت اور پینے کے صاف پانی کی سہولتیں میسر نہ ہونے کے باعث ان کے بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ انہوں نے مطالبہ کیا کہ ان کے گاؤں میں پینے کا صاف پانی مہیا کیا جائے اور محکمہ صحت کی ٹیمیں بھیجیں جائیں تاکہ اس وبا کا خاتمہ کیا جاسکے۔

اسلام آباد (جنگ رپورٹر) عدالت عظمیٰ نے ڈیفنس ہاؤسنگ اتھارٹی (ڈی ایچ اے) راولپنڈی اسلام آباد کے ملازمین کی تنخواہوں میں 50 تا 75 فیصد تک کمی کرنے اور بعض ملازمین کو فارغ کرنے سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت کے دوران فریقین کو نوٹسز جاری کرتے ہوئے کیس کی مزید سماعت 15 روز کے لئے ملتوی کر دی ہے۔ چیف جسٹس انور ظہیر جمالی کی سربراہی میں قائم تین رکنی بنچ نے بدھ کے روز عزیز الرحمان وغیرہ کی آئینی درخواست کی سماعت کی تو ان کی جانب سے بشیر خان ایڈووکیٹ پیش ہوئے اور موقف اختیار کیا کہ صرف ڈی ایچ اے راولپنڈی، اسلام آباد ہی کے ملازمین کی تنخواہوں میں 50 تا 75 فیصد تک کمی کی گئی ہے اور اس کے خلاف آواز بلند کرنے پر ان کے موکلین سمیت بعض ملازمین کو نوٹسز جاری کیے گئے ہیں، لیکن یہ امتیازی سلوک صرف راولپنڈی، اسلام آباد کے ملازمین کے ساتھ کیا گیا ہے، جس پر فاضل عدالت نے فریقین کو نوٹسز جاری کرتے ہوئے کیس کی مزید سماعت 15 روز کے لئے ملتوی کر دی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ حکومت تعلیم کو "لازمی سروس" قرار دینے کے سلسلے میں سنجیدگی کے ساتھ کوشاں ہے تاکہ اسکولوں میں ٹیچنگ اسٹاف کی کارکردگی مزید بہتر اور مستحکم ہو سکے۔ لہذا اس حوالے سے اساتذہ یونیورسٹی کی سرگرمیوں پر پابندی عائد کی جارہی ہے۔ اس بات کا فیصلہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت محکمہ تعلیم کی کارکردگی کا جائزہ اجلاس میں کیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے سیکریٹری تعلیم کو بھی ہدایت کی کہ وہ چند اساتذہ کی جانب سے ٹیچنگ اور مینجمنٹ کیڈر کو علیحدہ کرنے کو سپریم کورٹ میں چیلنج کئے جانے والے کیس کی پیروی کریں کیونکہ یہ انتہائی اہم ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اساتذہ کو مینجمنٹ نہیں دی جاسکتی کیونکہ ان کا کام ٹیچنگ کا ہے اور ان کا یہ فرض ہے کہ وہ اپنی ٹیچنگ کی صلاحیتوں میں اضافہ لائیں نہ کہ انتظامی امور میں خود کو ضائع کریں۔ اجلاس میں سینئر صوبائی وزیر خزانہ سید مراد علی شاہ، چیف سیکریٹری سندھ صدیق مین، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے پرنسپل سیکریٹری علم الدین بلو، ایڈیشنل چیف سیکریٹری (ترقیات) اعجاز علی خان، سیکریٹری تعلیم فضل اللہ چیمو، ہوڈو دیگر نے شرکت کی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے صوبائی سیکریٹری تعلیم فضل اللہ چیمو نے کہا کہ انہوں نے بائیومیٹرک سسٹم متعارف کرایا ہے جس سے ٹیچنگ اسٹاف کی حاضری کی نہ صرف تصدیق ہو سکے گی بلکہ بہتر طریقے سے مانیٹرنگ بھی ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اساتذہ کا 90 فیصد سے زائد ڈیٹا کو سسٹم میں اپ لوڈ کیا جا چکا ہے اور سسٹم نے کام شروع کر دیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بائیومیٹرک سسٹم کے ذریعے تقرری، تبادلوں اور ترقیوں کی بھی تصدیق کی جارہی ہے۔ مختلف اضلاع میں چند ترقیوں کے حوالے سے بے قاعدگیاں پائی گئیں اور اس سلسلے میں ضروری اقدامات اٹھائے گئے ہیں۔ اس نظام کی بدولت گھوسٹ ملازمین، دیر سے ہونے والے، عادتاً چھٹی کرنے والے اور بگس تعیناتیوں کی نشاندہی کرنے میں بھی مدد ملے گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے معلوم

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ٹھٹھہ، ڈائریا اور گیسٹرو کی بیماری پھیلنے کے باعث 4 افراد جاں بحق

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ڈی ایچ اے ملازمین کی تنخواہوں میں کمی سے متعلق کیس میں فریقین کو نوٹس جاری

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کارروائی ہی مکمل نہیں ہوئی تو آزمائشی نمبر پلیٹ بھیجے یا منگوانے کا سوال ہی پیدا نہیں ہوتا تاہم انہوں نے اس سوال کا جواب نہیں دیا کہ ٹیکنیکل کمیٹی غیر جانب دار اور اچھی شہرت کے حامل افسران کی قائم کیوں نہیں گئی اور جب ٹینڈر کی کارروائی مکمل نہیں ہوئی تو لنک انٹرنیشنل کو ٹیکنیکل کمیٹی کی جانب سے 25 نمبر جبکہ دوسری کمپنی کو 75 نمبر پہلے سے کیسے الاٹ کر دیے گئے۔

**پشاور (آئی این پی)** خیبر پختونخوا حکومت نے 3 غیر ملکی سمیت 14 این جی اوز کو زلزلہ متاثرہ علاقوں میں کام کرنے کی اجازت دیدی۔ جمعہ کو پراونشل ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ (پی ڈی ایم اے) کی طرف سے جاری بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ خیبر پختونخوا حکومت نے 14 این جی اوز کو زلزلہ متاثرہ علاقوں میں کام کرنے کی اجازت دے دی ہے، ان چاروں این جی اوز کو این اوسی بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق جن این جی اوز کو کام کرنے کی اجازت دی گئی ہے ان میں 3 غیر ملکی اور ایک ملکی این جی اوشمال ہے جو شانگلہ، سوات، تورغر اور مالاکنڈ میں کام کریں گی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق یہ این جی اوز متاثرین کو خوراک، پینے کا صاف پانی، دوائیں، طبی سہولتیں، ایسولیس سروس اور دیگر امداد فراہم کریں گی۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** لیاری میں بجلی کی طویل بندش کے خلاف کمینوں نے آئی سی آئی برج پر احتجاج کر کے روڈ بلاک کر دی جس کے باعث ماڑی پور روڈ اور اطراف کی سڑکوں پر بدترین ٹریفک جام ہو گیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق لیاری میں بجلی کی طویل بندش کے خلاف جمعے کو خواتین و بچے سمیت علاقہ کمینوں کی بڑی تعداد نے آئی سی آئی برج پر پہنچ کر کاؤٹیں کھڑی کر دیں اور دونوں اطراف چلنے والی گاڑیوں کا راستہ بلاک کر دیا اور کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف احتجاج کرتے ہوئے شدید نعرے بازی بھی کی، مظاہرین نے ہاتھوں میں بینرز اور پلے کارڈ اٹھا رکھے تھے جس پر کے الیکٹرک اور حکومت کے خلاف نعرے درج تھے۔ لیاری کے کمینوں کی جانب سے بجلی کی بندش کے خلاف احتجاج کے باعث ماڑی پور روڈ اور اطراف کی سڑکوں پر بدترین ٹریفک جام ہو گیا، سڑکوں پر گاڑیوں کی طویل قطاریں لگ گئیں، جبکہ ٹریفک جام میں متعدد ایسولیسوں کے پھنس جانے سے مریضوں کو اسپتال پہنچانے میں شدید دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑا، اس کے علاوہ گھنٹوں ٹریفک میں پھنسے دیگر شہری بھی انتہائی اذیت میں مبتلا رہے۔ طویل وقت ٹریفک جام رہنے کے بعد پولیس اور ریجنل کے اہلکاروں نے موقع پر پہنچ کر مظاہرین سے مذاکرات کر کے انہیں پر امن طور پر منتشر کر دیا، احتجاج میں شریک مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ علاقے میں جتنا وقت بجلی آتی ہے اس سے زیادہ جاتی ہے۔

**اسلام آباد (صالح خاں)** سہارا گرپ اور بینک ربن پاکستان نے سرینا ہوٹل کے اشتراک سے پاکستان کے پہلے چھاتی کے کینسر اسپتال کے قیام کے لیے فنڈز اکٹھا کرنے کی غرض سے مگلابی چائے کی شام کی تقریب کا انعقاد کیا۔ اس موقع پر فرانس کے سفیر مارٹن ڈورنس مہمان خصوصی تھے جبکہ دیگر متعدد سفارتکار بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔ دیگر شرکاء میں فارن ویمین ایسوسی ایشن انٹرنیشنل کی جاسمینا میکروویک بھی موجود تھیں اور انہوں نے اسپتال کے قیام کے لیے اپنی جانب سے مدد کا وعدہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر بتایا گیا کہ پاکستان ایشیا میں خواتین میں چھاتی کے کینسر کی شرح کے لحاظ سے الین ممالک میں شامل ہے کیونکہ 9 میں سے ایک پاکستانی خاتون زندگی میں کسی نہ کسی مرحلے پر چھاتی کے کینسر سے متاثر ہوتی ہیں۔ سالانہ 90 ہزار چھاتی کے کینسر پاکستان میں رپورٹ ہوتے ہیں جن میں سے 40 ہزار خواتین اس ہولناک بیماری کی وجہ سے جان سے جاتی ہیں۔ اگر اس مرض کی تشخیص جلد ہو جائے تو 90 فیصد خواتین کے زندہ رہنے کے امکانات بڑھ جاتے ہیں لیکن بعد کے مراحل میں تشخیص ہونے کی وجہ سے خواتین کی ہلاکتوں کی شرح بڑھ جاتی ہے۔

**اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ)** وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور ایران برادر ملک ہیں جن کے درمیان گہرے تاریخی اور ثقافتی تعلقات ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چاہ بہار اور گوادری پورٹس حریف نہیں جڑواں بہنیں ثابت ہو گئی، دونوں پورٹس کی آپریشنل سرگرمیوں سے ایک دوسرے کو فائدہ پہنچے گا۔ انہوں نے یہ بات ایران کی سپریم کونسل سیکورٹی کونسل کے سیکرٹری ریزائیڈنرل علی شمعانی سے گفتگو میں کہی جنہوں نے جمعرات کے روزانہ سے وزیراعظم ہاؤس میں ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ دونوں رہنماؤں نے سانحہ منی پر ایک دوسرے سے اظہار افسوس کیا جس میں دونوں ملکوں کے درجنوں افراد شہید ہو گئے۔ وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ پاکستان نے دہشتگردی کے خلاف جنگ میں بے مثال قربانیاں دی ہیں اور آپریشن ضرب عضب بہت مثبت اور مفید نتائج دے رہا ہے۔ ایرانی قومی سلامتی کونسل کے سیکرٹری علی شمعانی۔ اس موقع پر کہا کہ دہشت گردی کی کوئی سرحد نہیں ہوتی یہ دونوں ملکوں کی مشترکہ دشمن ہے۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** بن قاسم کے علاقے میں پاور پروجیکٹ پر کام کے دوران کرین کا ہک لگنے سے چینی ملازم ہلاک ہو گیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق بن قاسم کے علاقے میں سینو ہائیڈرو پاور پروجیکٹ پر کام کے دوران کرین کا ہک لگنے سے 40 سالہ چینی باشندہ موقع پر ہی ہلاک ہو گیا، متوفی کی لاش جناح اسپتال پہنچائی گئی، پولیس کے مطابق پاور پروجیکٹ پر کرین کی مدد سے سرے کو کسی اونچی جگہ پر رکھا جا رہا تھا کہ چین ٹوٹ گئی اور کرین کا ہک لگنے سے چینی باشندہ ہلاک ہو گیا۔

**چار این جی اوز کو زلزلہ متاثرہ علاقوں میں کام کرنے کی اجازت دیدی گئی**

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**بجلی کی بندش کیخلاف احتجاج، مختلف علاقوں میں بدترین ٹریفک جام**

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**پاکستان کے پہلے چھاتی کے کینسر کے اسپتال کے قیام کے لیے فنڈ ریزنگ تقریب**

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**گوادری اور چاہ بہار حریف نہیں، جڑواں بہنیں ثابت ہوں گی، نواز شریف**

روزنامہ جنگ

13 اکتوبر 2015

**بن قاسم، پاور پروجیکٹ پر کام کے دوران کرین کا ہک لگنے سے چینی ملازم ہلاک**

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گی، اس کا فیصلہ میٹروپولیٹن کمشنر سمیع الدین صدیقی کی صدارت میں ہونے والے ایک اجلاس میں کیا گیا اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ شہر کے بڑے اسپتالوں میں ڈینگی وارڈز قائم کئے گئے ان میں عباسی شہید اسپتال میں 60، گزدر آباد اسپتال میں 20، رفیق شہید اسپتال میں 20 اور لاندھی میڈیکل سینٹر میں 20 ڈینگی وارڈز قائم کئے گئے ہیں، اجلاس میں شہر کے تمام ضلعی چیف میڈیکل آفیسرز کے علاوہ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے افسران بھی موجود تھے، میٹروپولیٹن کمشنر نے کہا کہ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی اور شہر کی تمام ضلعی میونسپل کارپوریشنز کی انتظامیہ ڈینگی اور ملیریا بخار سے بچانے کے لئے تمام ممکنہ اقدامات کو بروئے کار لائیں شہر میں جاری اسپرے مہم پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے شہر کے تمام بڑے اور چھوٹے پارکوں میں اسپرے اور ادویات کا چھڑکنا کیا جائے، واٹر پارکوں، سونٹنگ پولز، گھروں کے بالائی اور زیریں واٹر ٹینکوں، پنکچر کی دکانوں میں ادویات کا چھڑکنا کیا جائے، انہوں نے کہا کہ شہر کے تمام اضلاع کے اسکولوں میں ڈینگی اور ملیریا بخار سے متعلق احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کرنے کے لئے شعور اور آگاہی کی مہم کو بھرپور انداز سے انجام دیا جائے انہوں نے محکمہ لوکل ٹیکسز کو ہدایت کی کہ شہر بھر میں اشتہاری مہم کے ذریعے ڈینگی اور ملیریا بخار سے بچانے، بروقت احتیاط اور بیماری سے حفاظت کی شعوری مہم کے اشتہارات آویزاں کریں۔ اس موقع پر شہریوں سے درخواست کی گئی کہ ڈینگی اور ملیریا بخار سے بچانے کے لئے گھر، اسکول اور دفاتر کے دروازوں اور کھڑکیوں پر جالیاں لگائیں، مستقل بنیادوں پر کیڑے مار ادویات کا اسپرے کیا جائے خصوصاً غروب آفتاب کے اوقات میں سونے سے قبل مجھڑ دانی، کواٹل، مجھڑ بھگانو لوشن کا استعمال کریں کھلے برتنوں میں ایک ہفتے سے زائد پانی ذخیرہ نہ کیا جائے فلیٹوں اور چھتوں پر موجود پانی کی ٹنکیاں صحیح طور پر ڈھانپ کر رکھی جائیں، فریج کی پانی کی ٹرے کو صاف رکھا جائے، بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کی جانب سے مجھڑوں کی افزائش کی روک تھام کے لئے مختلف واٹر پارکوں اور پانی ذخیرہ کرنے والے اداروں کو گپی مچھلیاں فراہم کی جارہی ہیں جو کہ مجھڑوں کے لاروے کھاتی ہیں جس سے مجھڑوں کی افزائش کی روک تھام ہوتی ہے جبکہ شہر بھر کی تمام ضلعی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے پنکچر کی دکانوں پر ادویات کا چھڑکنا بھی کیا جا رہا ہے۔

لاہور (پ، ر) پاکستان کمیشن برائے انسانی حقوق (ایچ آر سی پی) نے پاکستان کے اقوام متحدہ کی کونسل برائے انسانی حقوق کے لئے دوبارہ منتخب ہونے میں ناکامی پر افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے اس بات کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے فوری اقدامات کرنے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ پاکستان میں نہ صرف انسانی حقوق پر عمل درآمد ہو بلکہ ان پر عملدرآمد ہو تا دیکھا جائے بھی دے۔ جمعہ کے روز میڈیا کو دیے گئے ایک بیان میں کمیشن نے کہا: ”ایچ آر سی پی اس بات پر برہم ہے کہ پاکستان اقوام متحدہ کی کونسل برائے انسانی حقوق کی نشست کے لئے دوبارہ منتخب نہیں ہو سکا، چونکہ اس نے اقوام متحدہ کی جنرل اسمبلی میں صرف 105 ووٹ حاصل کئے۔ کونسل برائے انسانی حقوق کے لئے دوبارہ منتخب نہ ہونے والی دوسری ریاست عوامی جمہوریہ لاؤس تھی، اور اس نے بھی 105 ووٹ حاصل کئے۔“ ایشیائی گروپ کی پانچ نشستوں کے لئے سات امیدوار تھے۔ متحدہ عرب امارات 159 کے ساتھ، اور جنوبی کوریا 137 ووٹوں کے ساتھ دوبارہ منتخب ہوا۔ منگولیا 172 ووٹوں کے ساتھ سرفہرست رہا۔ کہ غیرستان نے 147 ووٹ اور فلپائن نے 113 ووٹ حاصل کئے۔ منتخب ہونے والے ممالک یکم جنوری سے تین سال تک 47 رکنی کونسل برائے انسانی حقوق کے لیے کام کریں گے۔ ”یہ رائے دی یقینی طور پر اس بات کی عکاسی کرتی ہے کہ پاکستانی نمائندے اقوام متحدہ کے اراکین کو انسانی حقوق کے شعبے میں ملک کی کارکردگی کے بارے میں قائل کرنے میں ناکام رہے ہیں۔ اسے پاکستانی حکام کے لئے ایک تنبیہ کے طور پر لینا چاہئے کہ وہ اصلاحات لانے اور اس بات کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے اپنی کوششوں کو تیز کریں کہ پاکستان میں نہ صرف انسانی حقوق پر عمل درآمد ہو بلکہ ان پر عمل درآمد ہو تا دیکھا جائے بھی دے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) چیئرمین پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی ڈاکٹر اسماعیل شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ پی ٹی اے چائنہ موبائل پاکستان (ڈوگ) کے ساتھ ملکر سپیکٹرم کا معاملہ حل کر لے گی۔ گذشتہ روز صحافیوں سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ معاملے کے حل کیلئے ڈوگ کے ساتھ مختلف طریقوں پر تبادلہ خیال کیا ہے اور مذاکرات کے ذریعے یہ معاملہ جلد حل کر لیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پی ٹی اے نے غیر قانونی کارڈلیس فون استعمال کرنے والوں کی خلاف مہم بھی شروع کر رکھی ہے جو کہ ان کے سپیکٹرم میں رکاوٹ کا سبب بن رہے ہیں اور ایسی غیر قانونی ڈیوائسز استعمال کرنے والوں کو متنبہ کیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی (رپورٹ: آغا خالد) محکمہ ایکسائز سندھ میں گاڑیوں کی نمبر پلیٹ قواعد و ضوابط کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے ٹھیکہ دینے کی کوشش پر شدید اختلافات پیدا ہو گئے ہیں۔ 8 کروڑ کا ٹھیکہ حاصل کرنے کے لیے بولی دینے والی دو کمپنیوں میں جنگ جاری اور لنک انٹرنیشنل کی جانب سے سیکرٹری اور وزیر ایکسائز پر سنگین نوعیت کے الزامات عائد کرتے ہوئے دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے کہ سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات کی صریح خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے دوسری کمپنی کو پھاری کشش کے عوض ٹھیکہ الاٹ کرنے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے اور یہ ہی وجہ ہے کہ ابھی ٹینڈر کی کارروائی مکمل بھی نہیں ہوئی مگر ٹیکنیکل کمیٹی نے سیکرٹری کے احکامات پر آزمائشی نمبر پلیٹ لاہور کی لیبارٹری سے چیک کروا کر رپورٹ بھی منگوائی جبکہ اس سلسلے میں سیکرٹری ایکسائز مدثر اقبال نے تمام الزامات کی تردید کرتے ہوئے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ تمام پروسیس قانون کے مطابق مکمل کیا جا رہا ہے اور انہوں نے کہا کہ ابھی ٹینڈر کی

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اسلام آباد..... پیٹرول کی قیمت میں 2 روپے 50 پیسے اضافہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار کا کہنا ہے کہ پیٹرول کی نئی قیمت 76 روپے 26 پیسے ہو گا۔ مقرر کردہ قیمت ہے۔ اسحاق ڈار کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ مٹی کے تیل، ہائی اوکٹین اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ نہیں

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حیدرآباد (یورورپورٹ) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ پیپٹا نٹس کنٹرول پروگرام کے تحت مفت ادویات حاصل کرنے والے ہزاروں مریض مطلوبہ انجکشن کی عدم فراہمی کی وجہ سے تشویشناک حالت میں ہیں، سندھ میں مذکورہ جان لیوا مرض میں مبتلا 10 لاکھ پیپٹا نٹس بی اور 20 لاکھ پیپٹا نٹس سی کے مریض ہیں۔ پروگرام نیچر کے مطابق گزشتہ 7 سالوں میں پیپٹا نٹس سی کے مرض میں مبتلا ایک لاکھ 47 ہزار کا علاج اور بی کے 70 لاکھ افراد میں ویکی نیشن کی گئی ہیں جبکہ ایک انجکشن پیگ انٹرفران (پیگاسیس) کی خریداری کا معاملہ عدالت میں زیر سماعت ہونے کی وجہ سے گزشتہ ایک سال سے 5 ہزار 426 پیپٹا نٹس سی کے مرض میں مبتلا افراد کو مذکورہ انجکشن کی عدم فراہمی کی وجہ سے شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ پاکستان میڈیکل ریسرچ کونسل کے 2008ء میں سروے رپورٹ کے مطابق سندھ میں مذکورہ جان لیوا مرض میں مبتلا مجموعی آبادی شرح 2.5 بی اور 4.9 سی کے مریضوں کی ہے 10 لاکھ پیپٹا نٹس بی اور 20 لاکھ پیپٹا نٹس سی کے مریض ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ پیپٹا نٹس کنٹرول پروگرام کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 2009ء سے سندھ بھر میں مجموعی طور پر 70 لاکھ 78 ہزار افراد کی پیپٹا نٹس بی کی حفاظتی ویکی نیشن کی گئی ہے اور ایک لاکھ 47 ہزار 80 پیپٹا نٹس سی میں مبتلا مریضوں کا مکمل علاج کیا گیا ہے جبکہ 15 ہزار 826 پیپٹا نٹس سی اور 8 ہزار 201 بی کے مرض میں مبتلا مریض زیر علاج ہیں۔ پیپٹا نٹس کنٹرول پروگرام کے سابق نیچر کا کہنا ہے کہ مذکورہ پروگرام کے تحت صوبہ بھر میں 2014ء میں 41 ہزار 531 پیپٹا نٹس بی سی اور ڈی کے مریضوں کو رجسٹرڈ کیا گیا تھا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے محکمہ تعلیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے درجنوں ملازمین نے تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی پر جیسے کو کے ایم سی آفس سوک سینٹر پر شدید احتجاج کیا یونیورسٹی روڈ کو حسن اسکوئر پر ٹریفک کے لیے بند کر دیا گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں مشتعل ملازمین نعرے بازی کرتے ہوئے سینٹر ڈائریکٹر بیو من ریسورس مختار حسین کے دفتر کا تالا توڑ کر گھس گئے ملازمین جن میں خواتین اساتذہ بھی شامل تھیں ایڈمنسٹریٹر اور دیگر حکام کے خلاف نعرے بازی کرتی رہیں محکمہ تعلیم کے ان ملازمین نے سینٹر ڈائریکٹر بیو من ریسورس کو بتایا کہ انہیں گزشتہ چار ماہ سے تنخواہیں نہیں ملیں جس پر سینٹر ڈائریکٹر نے کہا کہ مشکوک ہونے پر 208 ملازمین کی تنخواہیں خود محکمہ تعلیم لوکل باڈی ونگ کے ذمہ داران نے روکی تھیں ایسے ملازمین کا ریکارڈ ایف آئی اے بھی لے کر گئی ہے جبکہ کے ایم سی نے بھی ایک کمیٹی بنادی ہے انہوں نے احتجاجی ملازمین میں سے کہا کہ وہ اپنے محکمہ کے ذمہ داران سے رابطہ کریں جسے ہی وہ کلیئر کریں گے ہم ملازمین کو تنخواہیں ادا کر دیں گے بعد ازاں ملازمین نعرے بازی کرتے ہوئے یونیورسٹی روڈ پر آگئے اور ٹریفک کو بند کر دیا ہزاروں گاڑیوں کی پرانی بڑی منڈی، گلشن اقبال، سر شاہ سلیمان روڈ اور غریب آباد تک لمبی لائنیں لگ گئیں کئی گھنٹے تک لوگ ٹریفک جام میں پھنسے رہے۔ واضح رہے کہ عید سے قبل بھی محکمہ تعلیم کے ملازمین نے تنخواہیں نہ ملنے پر ایڈمنسٹریٹر کے دفتر کا گھیراؤ اور اندر گھس کر توڑ پھوڑ کی تھی۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی نے شہر میں ڈینگی وائرس کے خطرات کے پیش نظر حفاظتی اقدامات کے طور پر شہر کے 4 بڑے اسپتالوں میں 120 بستروں پر مشتمل خصوصی ڈینگی وارڈ قائم کر دیئے گئے، جہاں تمام ادویات فراہم کرنے کے ساتھ میڈیکل وپیر امیڈیکل اسٹاف تعینات کر دیا گیا ہے، ان وارڈز میں ایمر جنسی نافذ ہے جو 24 گھنٹے کھلی رہیں گی، جب بھی مریض ان وارڈز میں لایا جائے گا فوراً علاج کی سہولت مہیا کی جائے

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قائم



ہے۔ ترجمان امریکی محکمہ خارجہ نے کہا کہ داعش کے خلاف کارروائی میں کامیابیاں حاصل ہو رہی ہیں تاہم داعش کے خلاف جنگ بہت مشکل ہے اور فتح میں دیر ہو سکتی ہے۔ ترجمان نے کہا کہ چین کو امریکی بحریہ کی کسی کارروائی پر ناراض نہیں ہونا چاہیے کیونکہ امریکی بحری جنگی جہاز صرف عالمی سمندروں میں موجود ہیں۔

لاہور پولیس نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کر کے 20 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ اس دوران ہزاروں گولیاں اور بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی پکڑا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے بلدیاتی انتخابات سے قبل شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کریک ڈاؤن کیا جس میں 20 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف کے مطابق پولیس نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں بالخصوص کشیدگی والے علاقوں میں کارروائی کی جہاں سے گرفتاریاں اور بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز کے مطابق پولیس کی کارروائی میں 18 ایس ایم جی، 40 پپ ایکشن، 16 رائفل اور ہزاروں کی تعداد میں گولیاں برآمد کی گئی ہیں جب کہ گرفتار ہونے والے افراد کے خلاف مقدمہ بھی درج کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف کا کہنا تھا کہ پولیس نے اسلام پورہ، شمالی چھاؤنی، جنوبی چھاؤنی اور رائے ونڈ سے ملحقہ علاقوں میں کارروائی کی جب کہ گزشتہ روز ہونے والی کارروائی میں بھی مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا اور گھروں سے منشیات اور اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ ڈی آئی جی ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف کا کہنا تھا کہ بلدیاتی انتخابات میں امن وامان کی صورتحال کو قابو میں رکھنے کے لیے مزید اقدامات کیے جا رہے ہیں، پولنگ اسٹیشن کے گرد بھی سرچ آپریشن جاری ہیں جب کہ صوبائی حکومت کے احکامات کے تحت 3 روز تک شہر میں اسلحہ لہرانے پر پابندی ہے اور پولنگ کے روز کسی امیدوار کو اپنے محافظوں کے ہمراہ اسلحہ سمیت پولنگ اسٹیشن میں جانے کی اجازت نہیں ہوگی۔ دوسری جانب لاہور میں سی آئی اے پولیس نے کارروائی کر کے بھتہ خوری میں ملوث 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق ملزمان بھتہ خوری کی متعدد وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں جب کہ ملزمان نے ویلنشیاناؤن کے ڈاکٹر محمود سے 5 لاکھ روپے بھتہ طلب کیا تھا جو رقم ملزمان سے برآمد کر لی گئی ہے۔

اسلام آباد الیکشن کمیشن کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ زلزلے کے باوجود پنجاب اور سندھ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا شیڈول برقرار رہے گا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے اعلامیے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ زلزلے سے صوبہ پنجاب اور سندھ کے متعلقہ اضلاع محفوظ رہے ہیں جس کے پیش نظر بلدیاتی انتخابات کا شیڈول برقرار رہے گا اور دونوں صوبوں میں بلدیاتی انتخابات شیڈول کے مطابق ہوں گے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے یہ بھی کہا گیا ہے کہ بلدیاتی انتخابات موخر کرنے کی کوئی درخواست تاحال موصول نہیں ہوئی۔ واضح رہے کہ الیکشن کمیشن کے اعلامیے کے مطابق سندھ کے 8 اور پنجاب کے 12 اضلاع میں 31 اکتوبر کو بلدیاتی انتخابات ہونے ہیں۔

جنوبی وزیرستان افغانستان کی جانب سے ایک مرتبہ پھر سرحدی حدود کی خلاف ورزی کی گئی جس کے نتیجے میں ایف سی کے 7 جوان شہید ہو گئے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق افغانستان کے سرحدی علاقے سے ایف سی کی چیک پوسٹ پر فائرنگ کی گئی جس کے نتیجے میں 7 جوان شہید ہو گئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق جنوبی وزیرستان میں شمال مشرقی جانب واقعہ انکوراڈا کے قریب ایف سی کی چیک پوسٹ پر اندھا دھند فائرنگ کی گئی جس کے نتیجے میں 7 جوان شہید ہو گئے۔ واضح رہے کہ رواں سال یکم جولائی کو بھی افغان حدود سے انکوراڈا کے مقام پر پاکستانی حدود میں فائرنگ اور راکٹ حملے کئے گئے جس کے نتیجے میں پاک فوج کے 2 جوان شدید زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔

لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس کا سرچ

آپریشن، 20 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار

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28 اکتوبر 2015

سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات

شیڈول کے مطابق ہوں گے، الیکشن کمیشن

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کر دیا گیا ہے جس کی تکمیل سے گوار میں پانی کا بحران ہمیشہ کے لیے حل ہو جائے گا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ چین کی حکومت کے ساتھ سوشل سیکر کی ترقی کے مختلف منصوبوں کے معاہدے بھی طے پائے ہیں۔ دریں اثناء چین کے ڈاکٹروں پر مشتمل ایک وفد نے ہفتہ کے روز گوار کا دورہ کیا۔ وفد نے ادارہ ترقیات گوار ہسپتال کے مختلف شعبوں کا معائنہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر ادارہ ترقیات گوار کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر سجاد بلوچ نے وفد کو جی ڈی اے ہسپتال کے متعلق تفصیلی بریفنگ دی۔ واضح رہے کہ گوار ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی ہسپتال 50 بستروں پر مشتمل ہے اور چین اس ہسپتال کو 300 بستروں پر مشتمل کرنے کے لیے معاونت سمیت دیگر سہولیات کی فراہمی کے لیے بھی اقدامات کرے گا۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کا مستقبل ہے جب کہ منصوبے کی جلد تکمیل حکومت کی اولین ترجیح ہے۔ سرکاری خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے پاکستان چین اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت منصوبوں کے مکمل ہونے کی تاریخوں کے بارے میں وزیر اعظم کو بریفنگ دی جب کہ اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان چین اقتصادی راہداری پاکستان کا مستقبل ہے، اس منصوبے کی جلد تکمیل حکومت کی اولین ترجیح ہے اور اس سلسلے میں کوئی کوتاہی برداشت نہیں کی جائے گی۔ وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے ملک بھر میں روزگار کے مواقع پیدا ہوں گے اور تجارتی سرگرمیاں بڑھانے اور غربت کے خاتمے میں مدد ملے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وہ ہفتہ وار بنیادوں پر منصوبے پر کام کی رفتار کا جائزہ لیں گے جب کہ ذاتی طور پر جلد منصوبے کے مغربی روٹ کے سنگ بنیاد رکھنے کی تقریب میں شرکت کریں گے۔

اسلام آباد وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ پاکستان نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں بیش قیمت قربانیاں دی ہیں اور آپریشن ضرب عضب کے بہت مثبت اور مفید نتائج سامنے آرہے ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے وزیر اعظم ہاؤس میں ایران کی سپریم نیشنل سیکورٹی کونسل کے سیکرٹری ریزائیڈنٹ مرل علی شمعانی نے ملاقات کی جس میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا جب کہ دونوں اطراف نے مئی میں افسوسناک حادثہ جس میں دونوں ممالک کے شہری جاں بحق ہوئے اس پر دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار بھی کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور ایران برادر ملک ہیں اور دونوں کے مابین گہرے، تاریخی اور ثقافتی تعلقات ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چابہار اور گوار کی بندرگاہیں جڑواں بندرگاہیں ہوں گی اور ان کے فعال ہونے سے ایک دوسرے کو فائدہ ہو گا۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں بیش قیمت قربانیاں دی ہیں اور آپریشن ضرب عضب کے بہت مثبت اور مفید نتائج سامنے آرہے ہیں۔ ایران کی سپریم نیشنل سیکورٹی کونسل کے سیکرٹری علی شمعانی نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کی کوئی سرحدیں نہیں اور یہ دونوں ممالک کی مشترکہ دشمن ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ مضحکہ انگیز افغانستان، ایران اور پاکستان دونوں کے بہترین مفاد میں ہے جب کہ دونوں ممالک کے مابین اقتصادی اور مواصلاتی شعبوں میں تعلقات کو فروغ دینے کے وسیع مواقع موجود ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور ایران کو اپنے درمیان فابہر آپگ لنک قائم کرنا چاہیے۔

کراچی نادرا کے رجسٹریشن سینٹر باجوڑ میں گزشتہ 8 برس سے ایک افغان باشندے کا ایگزیکٹو لیول پر تعیناتی کے انکشاف نے حکام کی نیندیں اڑا دیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق نادرا کی ویکچینلن ٹیم نے اپنی رپورٹ میں انکشاف کیا تھا کہ گزشتہ 8 سال سے باجوڑ رجسٹریشن سینٹر میں افغان باشندہ روح اللہ بطور جو نیئر ایگزیکٹو تعینات ہے جس نے نہ صرف اپنے رشتہ داروں بلکہ سیکڑوں افغان باشندوں کو پاکستانی شناختی کارڈ جاری کئے۔ نادرا ویکچینلن کی رپورٹ منظر عام پر آنے کے بعد چیئرمین نادرا نے فوری ایکشن لیتے ہوئے روح اللہ کی برطرفی کے احکامات جاری کر دیئے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل کراچی کے نادرا سنٹر میں بھی اس قسم کی خبریں منظر عام پر آچکی ہیں کہ مقامی افسران نے ملی بھگت سے سیکڑوں افغان باشندوں کو پاکستانی شناختی کارڈ جاری کئے۔ افغان باشندے دنیا بھر میں پاکستانی پاسپورٹ کا غلط استعمال کر کے ہماری بدنامی اور جگ ہسائی کا باعث بنتے ہیں۔

واشنگٹن امریکی محکمہ خارجہ کے ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کو دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائی کے لئے ڈکٹیشن نہیں دے رہے تاہم دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان سے بھرپور تعاون کر رہے ہیں۔ وائٹ ہاؤس میں ہفتہ وار بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے امریکی محکمہ خارجہ کے ترجمان نے کہا کہ ہم پاکستان کو دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائی کے لئے ڈکٹیشن نہیں دے رہے تاہم دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستان سے بھرپور تعاون کر رہے ہیں جب کہ پاکستانی عوام مسلسل دہشت گردی کا شکار ہیں لہذا کسی پاکستانی شہری کو یہ یاد دلانے کی ضرورت نہیں کہ دہشت گردی کتنی خطرناک ہے۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کو بھی یہ بات معلوم ہے کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف کارروائی میں ابھی بہت سے چیلنجز باقی ہیں تاہم امریکا پاکستان کے ساتھ دہشت گردی کے خلاف مضبوط تعلق بنا رہا ہے۔ امریکی محکمہ خارجہ کا کہنا تھا کہ ویٹامن ہونے والے مذاکرات کسی ملک کا امتحان نہیں ہیں بلکہ یہ مذاکرات مسلسل بات چیت کا حصہ ہیں جب کہ شام کا مسئلہ اولین ترجیحات میں شامل ہے اور اس مسئلے پر نہ صرف اتفاق رائے میں وقت لگے گا بلکہ شام میں عبوری حکومت کے قیام اور طریقہ کار پر بھی بات چیت ہو گی تاہم شام میں روس کی فوجی کارروائی روسی مفادات کے بھی خلاف

## پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری کی جلد تکمیل حکومت کی اولین ترجیح ہے، وزیر اعظم

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30 اکتوبر 2015

## آپریشن ضرب عضب کے مثبت اور مفید نتائج سامنے آرہے ہیں، وزیر اعظم

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29 اکتوبر 2015

## نادرا کے باجوڑ سینٹر میں 8 سال سے افغان باشندے کا بطور ایگزیکٹو کام کرنے کا انکشاف

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29 اکتوبر 2015

## پاکستان کو دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائی کے لئے ڈکٹیشن نہیں دے رہے، امریکی محکمہ خارجہ

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جب کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) کے حصے میں صرف 2 نشستیں ہی آسکیں۔ بالائی سندھ کے سب سے بڑے شہر سکھر میں پیپلز پارٹی 63 سیٹوں کے ساتھ سب سے آگے ہے، 13 نشستوں کے ساتھ آزاد امیدوار دوسرے نمبر پر ہے اس کے علاوہ متحدہ قومی موومنٹ نے 4 اور مسلم لیگ (فکشنل) 2 کے امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ کے آبائی علاقے خیرپور کی 291 میں سے 140 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج آگئے ہیں جس کے تحت پیپلز پارٹی 85، مسلم لیگ (فکشنل) 45 اور آزاد امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے۔ پیپلز پارٹی کے گڑھ لاڑکانہ کی 113 میں سے 74 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج آگئے ہیں، جن میں پیپلز پارٹی 63 اور 8 نشستوں پر آزاد امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے۔ شکارپور کی 117 میں سے 47 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج آئے ہیں، جس کے تحت آزاد امیدواروں کا پلر ابھاری ہے، 21 نشستوں پر کامیاب ہوئے ہیں جب کہ پیپلز پارٹی کی 16 اور مسلم لیگ (فکشنل) 6 نشستوں پر فنیاب ہوئی ہے۔ گھوٹکی کی 122 میں سے 120 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج کے تحت پیپلز پارٹی 86، آزاد امیدواروں کی 26 اور مسلم لیگ (فکشنل) 4 نشستوں پر کامیاب ہوئی ہے۔ جیکب آباد میونسپل کمیٹی کی 31 نشستوں میں سے 26 پر پیپلز پارٹی اور 4 نشستوں پر آزاد امیدواروں نے کامیابی حاصل کی ہے مسلم لیگ (ن) کے حصے میں ایک نشست آئی جب کہ تحریک انصاف کو ایک بھی نشست نہیں مل سکی۔ اس کے علاوہ کندھ کوٹ اور قمبر شہداد کوٹ میں بھی پیپلز پارٹی سب سے آگے ہے۔

اسلام آباد سیکریٹری الیکشن کمیشن بابر یعقوب کا کہنا ہے کہ خیرپور کے علاوہ پنجاب اور سندھ میں انتخابات مجموعی طور پر پر امن رہے جب کہ خیرپور واقع پر آئی جی سندھ سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی گئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سیکریٹری الیکشن کمیشن بابر یعقوب نے کہا کہ خیرپور میں 6 لاشیں پولنگ اسٹیشن کے احاطے سے اور 5 باہر سے ملیں جب کہ واقعے پر آئی جی سندھ سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے اور واقعے میں ملوث تمام عناصر کی گرفتاری کی بھی ہدایت دے دی گئی ہیں جب کہ خیرپور میں واقعے کے بعد فوج اور رنجیز طلب کر کے حالات کو کنٹرول کر لیا گیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ خیرپور واقعے کے علاوہ پنجاب اور سندھ بھر میں انتخابات مجموعی طور پر پر امن رہے۔ سیکریٹری الیکشن کمیشن کا کہنا تھا کہ الیکشن کمیشن کو پنجاب سے 49 اور سندھ سے 87 شکایات موصول ہوئیں، پنجاب میں بیلٹ پیپر ز میں غلطیوں کے باعث یونین کو نسل کی 20 نشستوں پر دوبارہ انتخابات کرائیں جائیں گے اور سندھ کی 6 یونین کو نسل کی مختلف نشستوں پر بھی دوبارہ انتخابات ہوں گے جب کہ بیلٹ پیپر ز میں غلطیوں پر متعلقہ حکام کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ پنجاب کے 12 اور سندھ کے 8 اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے پہلے مرحلے میں پولنگ کا عمل ختم ہونے کے بعد ووٹوں کی گنتی کا عمل جاری ہے جب کہ پولنگ کے دوران کئی مقامات پر بد نظمی دیکھنے میں آئی اور خیرپور کے قصبے رانی پور میں دو گروپوں میں مسلح تصادم کے نتیجے میں 11 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔

خیرپور یونین کونسل درازہ شریف میں دو سیاسی گروپوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 11 افراد ہلاک اور 8 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق خیرپور کے قصبے رانی پور کی یونین کونسل درازہ شریف میں پولنگ کے عمل کے دوران 2 گروپوں میں مسلح تصادم ہو گیا جس میں اندھا دھند فائرنگ کا تبادلہ ہوا جس کے نتیجے میں 11 افراد جاں بحق اور 8 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق دونوں گروپوں میں فائرنگ ایک دوسرے پر دھاندلی کے الزامات لگانے پر ہوئی، علاقے میں مسلح تصادم کے بعد جھگڑا بڑھ گیا، فائرنگ کے بعد علاقے میں کشیدگی پھیل گئی اور پولنگ کا عمل بھی روک دیا گیا جب کہ صورتحال پر قابو پانے کے لیے فوج طلب کر لی گئی۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ساحلی ضلع گوادری بندر گاہ کا انتظام چین کے حوالے کرنے کے بعد شہر کی سکیورٹی کے لیے فوج کے بریگیڈیئر کی سربراہی میں ایک نئی فورس تشکیل دی گئی ہے۔ گوادری سکیورٹی فورس کے نام سے قائم اس فورس کے انچارج بریگیڈیئر شہزاد افتخار بھٹی نے ہفتے کے روز پٹی کمشنر آفس گوادری میں بلدیاتی نمائندوں اور شہر کے عمائدین سے ملاقات کی۔ حکومت بلوچستان کی جانب سے جاری ہونے والے ایک بیان کے مطابق سکیورٹی فورس کے انچارج نے اس موقع پر بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان آرمی کو گوادری کی سکیورٹی کی ذمہ داری سونپی گئی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان آرمی گوادری کو محفوظ بنانے کے لیے مختلف منصوبوں پر عملدرآمد کر رہی ہے اور سکیورٹی کا ایک مکمل نظام وضع کر رہی ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ سکیورٹی کے نئے نظام میں مقامی لوگوں کو گوادری ریڈیٹ کارڈ جاری کیا جائے گا جبکہ دیگر شہروں سے گوادری آنے والوں کا مکمل ریکارڈ مرتب کیا جائے گا تاکہ گوادری کو ایک محفوظ شہر بنایا جاسکے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ شہر کے داخلی راستوں پر سکیورٹی چیک پوسٹ قائم کر دی گئی ہیں تاکہ عوام اور غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاروں کی حفاظت کے لیے اقدامات کیے جائیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ شہر کی سکیورٹی کے ساتھ شوشل سیکرپر بھی ہم توجہ مرکوز کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہمارا وژن گوادری کے عوام کی ترقی ہے۔ عوام کے ساتھ مل کر ان کی ترقی اور خوشحالی کے لیے اقدامات کیئے جائیں گے۔ یہ ہمارے سٹیک ہولڈر ہیں۔ ان کے ساتھ مل کر ایک ٹیم کی شکل میں کام کریں گے تاکہ عوامی مسائل حل کرنے میں بہتر نتائج سامنے آسکیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ گوادری میں پانی کے بحران پر ہنگامی بنیادوں پر کام شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ زیر التواء سوڈیم کا تعمیراتی کام شروع کر دیا گیا ہے اور پائپ لائن بچھانے کے لیے پی ایچ ای اور ادارہ ترقیات گوادری لائحہ عمل طے کر رہا ہے جبکہ شادی کوڈیم پر بھی سکیورٹی تعینات کر کے کام شروع

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پاکستان کے صوبے بلوچستان کے ضلع مستونگ میں ریلوے ٹریک پر ہونے والے ایک دھماکے میں کم سے کم تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ یہ دھماکہ سنیچر کی صبح نوبے کو سینہ سے 20 کلو میٹر دور مستونگ کے علاقے دشت میں ہوا۔ ڈی ایس ریلویز کو سینہ فیض نے میڈیا کو بتایا کہ دشت کے علاقے میں نامعلوم افراد نے ریلوے ٹریک پر دھماکہ خیز مواد نصب کر رکھا تھا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ کو سینہ سے راولپنڈی جانے والی جعفر ایکسپریس ریلوے ٹریک سے گزر رہی تھی کہ دھماکہ ہو گیا۔ ڈی ایس ریلویز کے مطابق دھماکے سے جعفر ایکسپریس کی ایک بوگی کو نقصان پہنچا اور اس کے نتیجے میں تین افراد ہلاک اور پانچ زخمی ہو گئے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والوں کا تعلق پاکستان ریلویز سے ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ جعفر ایکسپریس کو سنہ 2013 میں دومرتبہ پہلے بھی حملوں کا نشانہ بنایا جا چکا ہے۔ اگست میں اسے بولان کے علاقے میں راکٹ سے نشانہ بنایا گیا تھا جس سے ٹرین کا انجن تباہ ہو گیا تھا۔ انجن تباہ ہونے کے بعد رکی ہوئی ریل گاڑی پر چھوٹے ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ بھی کی گئی تھی جس سے دو مسافر ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ اس سے قبل جنوری سنہ 2013 میں ٹرین پر کسی اور جھگڑے کے درمیان پٹنہ کے علاقے میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے فائرنگ کی تھی جس سے ایک سیکورٹی اہلکار سمیت تین افراد ہلاک اور 19 زخمی ہوئے تھے۔ بلوچستان میں ماضی میں علیحدگی پسند ریل گاڑیوں کو نشانہ بناتے رہے ہیں۔

سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے پہلے مرحلے میں دونوں صوبوں کی حکمران جماعتوں مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پیپلز پارٹی نے میدان مار لیا ہے۔ پنجاب اور سندھ کے 20 اضلاع میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے لئے پولنگ کے بعد غیر حتمی غیر سرکاری نتائج آنے کا سلسلہ اب بھی جاری ہے تاہم اس مرحلے میں دونوں صوبوں کی حکمران جماعتیں مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پیپلز پارٹی ہی سب سے آگے ہے۔ بلدیاتی انتخابات کے پہلے مرحلے میں پنجاب کے صوبائی دارالحکومت لاہور سے لودھراں تک 12 اضلاع میں مسلم لیگ (ن) کے شیر دھاڑنے سب کو خاموش کر دیا ہے۔ پنجاب میں 2 ہزار 696 نشستوں میں سے 2 ہزار 326 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج سامنے آگئے ہیں جس کے تحت مسلم لیگ (ن) ایک ہزار 49 نشستیں حاصل کر کے سب سے آگے ہے جب کہ دوسرا نمبر آزاد امیدواروں کا ہے جنہوں نے 912 نشستوں پر اپنا قبضہ جمایا ہے۔ تحریک انصاف 251، مسلم لیگ (ق) 44 اور پیپلز پارٹی 42 نشستوں پر کامیاب ہوئی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ جماعت اسلامی اور پاکستان عوامی تحریک 2، 2 نشستیں ہی حاصل کر سکی ہیں۔ لاہور میں چیئرمین کی 274 نشستوں میں سے 357 کے غیر حتمی غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق مسلم لیگ (ن) 220 سیٹوں کے ساتھ آگے ہے۔ تحریک انصاف کے 11 امیدوار اور پی پی پی کا ایک امیدوار منتخب ہوا جب کہ 24 آزاد امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے۔ فیصل آباد کی 468 میں سے 278 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج سامنے آئے ہیں جن میں 148 آزاد امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے ہیں جب کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) نے 100 اور تحریک انصاف نے اپنے نام 29 نشستیں کی ہیں، کامیاب ہونے والے آزاد امیدواروں میں سے اکثریت کا تعلق مسلم لیگ (ن) سے ہی ہے جو گلف نہ ملنے پر اپنی ہی جماعت کے امیدواروں کے مد مقابل آئے تھے۔ عابد شیر علی کے بھائی اور میز شپ کے امیدوار عامر شیر علی رانا ثناء اللہ کے حامی امیدوار عاشق رحمانی سے ہار گئے ہیں۔ گجرات میں مسلم لیگ (ن) 50 سیٹوں کے ساتھ آگے، دوسرے نمبر پر 35 نشستوں کے ساتھ آزاد امیدوار ہیں، تحریک انصاف 16 اور مسلم لیگ (ق) 13 نشستیں حاصل کر سکی ہے۔ ننگر ناہ صاحب کی 158 میں سے 146 نشستوں کے غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق مسلم لیگ (ن) 67 نشستیں حاصل کر کے سب سے آگے ہے، آزاد امیدوار 58 جب کہ تحریک انصاف 19 نشستوں پر کامیاب ہوئی ہے۔ قصور میں مسلم لیگ (ن) نے 52 سیٹوں پر میدان مار لیا۔ 23 نشستوں پر آزاد امیدوار، 13 پر تحریک انصاف اور 2 پر مسلم لیگ (ق) نے کامیابی حاصل کی۔ اوکاڑہ میں مسلم لیگ (ن) نے 61، آزاد امیدوار 46، پی پی پی اور پی ٹی آئی نے 9، 9 سیٹیں حاصل کیں۔ بہاولنگر میں آزاد امیدوار 105 نشستیں لے اڑے جب کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) 34، مسلم لیگ ضیا 19 اور تحریک انصاف 9 نشستوں پر کامیاب ہوئی۔ پاک پتن میں 44 نشستوں پر مسلم لیگ (ن) کے امیدوار کامیاب قرار پائے ہیں جب کہ تحریک انصاف کے 11، پاکستان عوامی تحریک 1 اور 38 آزاد امیدوار سرخرو ہوئے ہیں۔ وہاڑی میں 46 نشستوں کے ساتھ آزاد امیدوار سرفہرست جبکہ لیگ 32 سیٹوں کے ساتھ دوسرے نمبر پر ہے۔ پی ٹی آئی اور پی پی پی نے 3 نشستیں حاصل کیں۔ لودھراں میں مسلم لیگ (ن) 31 نشستوں لے کر سب سے بڑی سیاسی جماعت بن کر سامنے آئی ہے، جب کہ 31 آزاد امیدوار بھی کامیاب ہوئے ہیں، اس کے علاوہ 10 پر تحریک انصاف کو کامیابی ملی ہے۔ سندھ کی ایک ہزار 70 نشستوں میں سے 829 کے غیر سرکاری نتائج موصول ہو چکے ہیں۔ جس کے تحت پیپلز پارٹی نے 596 سیٹیں جیت کر واضح اکثریت حاصل کر لی ہے۔ مسلم لیگ فتنشل نے 61 سیٹیں اپنے نام کی ہیں جب کہ 147 آزاد امیدوار کامیاب ہوئے۔ جے یو آئی (ف) 11، ایم کیو ایم اور تحریک انصاف نے 4، 4

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ملتان (صبح نیوز) آٹھ اکتوبر 2005 کو آنے والے زلزلے میں 63 روز بعد ملے سے زندہ نکلنے والی نقشہ بی بی ملتان کے ایدھی ہوم میں گزشتہ روز انتقال کر گئیں۔ نقشہ بی بی کو چار ماہ پہلے ایدھی ہوم اسلام آباد سے ملتان منتقل کیا گیا تھا۔ 43 سالہ نقشہ بی بی کا خاندان 1989 میں متبوضہ کشمیر کے علاقے کپواڑہ سے آزاد کشمیر ہجرت کر کے آیا تھا جہاں وہ مظفر آباد میں قائم مہاجر کیمپ کے علاقے گامسری کیمپ میں رہائش پذیر تھے۔ سانحے کے بعد نقشہ بی بی کے والد کی ٹانگ کاٹ دی گئی تھی اور بھائی نے بھی اپنی غربت کے باعث نقشہ بی بی کی ذمہ داری قبول کرنے سے انکار کر دیا تھا۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے ترجمان نے لاہور جنرل ہسپتال میں بلوکی کے رہائشی سجاد ولد عنایت علی کی ڈینگی بخار سے ہلاکت کی تردید کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ایل جی ایچ میں اس وقت نہ تو ڈینگی کا کوئی مریض زیر علاج ہے اور نہ ہی کسی مریض کی ڈینگی سے ہلاکت ہوئی ہے۔ ترجمان نے کہا کہ سجاد نامی مریض اعصاب اور پٹھوں کی کمزوری کی بیماری کے مطابق جاں بحق ہوا۔

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باجوڑ ایجنسی میں تین دن گزرنے کے باوجود بھی نہ تو کوئی حکومتی امداد پہنچی ہے اور نہ کسی سرکاری اہلکار نے متاثرہ علاقوں کا دورہ کرنے کی زحمت کی ہے۔ اے ایف پی کے مطابق کئی علاقے تاحال امداد سے محروم ہیں جس کی وجہ سے متاثرین میں مایوسی پھیل رہی ہے اور لوگ سردی کی وجہ سے بیمار ہو رہے ہیں۔ سب سے زیادہ بچوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا ہے جو سخت سردی کے موسم میں کھلے آسمان تلے رہنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ ادھر گزشتہ روز سوات اور پشاور کے مختلف علاقوں میں 3.9 شدت کے زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس ہوئے جس پر لوگ گھروں سے کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کرتے ہوئے باہر نکل آئے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پی کے کے معاون خصوصی تعلیم مشتاق احمد غنی نے کہا ہے کہ 26 اکتوبر کے ہولناک زلزلے کے باعث اب تک کی اطلاعات کے مطابق کل 225 اموات ہوئی ہیں، زلزلہ میں جاں بحق افراد اور زخمیوں کے لواحقین کو مالی امداد 31 اکتوبر تک فراہم کر دی جائیگی۔ دریں اثناء پی ڈی ایم کے ترجمان نے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کی ہدایت پر پنجاب زلزلہ سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کے لواحقین میں پانچ پانچ لاکھ روپے فی کس کے حساب سے ادائیگیاں کر دی گئی ہیں پی ڈی ایم نے کہا ہے کہ ضلع بنیر کے زلزلہ متاثرین کیلئے 2 کروڑ روپے جاری کر دیئے ہیں۔ ڈی جی میٹ نے کہا ہے کہ زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں درجہ حرارت بہت تیزی سے گرنے کا امکان ہے ڈاکٹر غلام رسول کا کہنا ہے کہ اتوار سے جمعرات تک زلزلہ متاثرہ علاقوں میں شدید برف باری کا امکان ہے۔ دریں اثناء خیبر پی کے حکومت نے ملاکنڈ ڈویژن میں زلزلہ کی تباہ کاریوں کے پیش نظر عالمی برادری سے بھی امداد کی اپیل کر دی ہے اور واضح کیا ہے کہ دیر بالا اور چترال سمیت بالائی علاقوں میں شدید سردی اور برفاری کے پیش نظر بے گھر خاندانوں کو محفوظ پناہ گاہوں، غذائی اشیاء اور طبی امداد کی ہنگامی بنیادوں پر فراہمی ناگزیر ہو گئی ہے جس میں صوبائی حکومت کو عالمی برادری اور بین الاقوامی این جی او کی مدد بھی درکار ہے تاہم یہ امداد محض پیشکشوں، وعدوں اور یقین دہانیوں کی بجائے عملی صورت میں اور فوری بنیادوں پر ہونی چاہئے صوبائی سینئر وزیر عنایت اللہ خان نے دیر بالا میں مسلسل تیسرے روز زلزلہ سے متاثرہ علاقوں کے دورے کے دوران یہ باضابطہ اپیل کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ اگرچہ صوبائی اور وفاقی حکومتوں نے زلزلہ کے فوری بعد ریسکیو اور ریلیف کا عمل شروع کیا اور مشترکہ امدادی پیکیج کا اعلان بھی کیا گیا جبکہ زلزلہ زمین کی زیادہ گہرائی میں ہونے کے سبب پہلے کی نسبت کم نقصانات کا ابتدائی اندازہ لگایا مگر اب یہ حقیقت بھی سامنے آگئی ہے کہ حالیہ زلزلہ دیر، شانگلہ اور چترال سمیت پورے ملاکنڈ ڈویژن میں 2005 کے زلزلے سے بھی زیادہ تباہ کن ثابت ہوا ہے جہاں سینکڑوں انسانی اموات اور ہزاروں زخمی ہونے کے علاوہ لاتعداد خاندان بے گھر ہو کر سخت سردی اور برفاری میں کھلے آسمان تلے شب و روز گزارنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ چیئر مین این ڈیف ایم اے میجر جنرل اصغر نواز نے کہا ہے کہ زلزلے سے جانی نقصان کا ڈیٹا تقریباً مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے۔ گھروں سے متعلق ڈیٹا کا جائزہ لیا جا رہا ہے۔ داسو (ایبٹیناں) وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے داسو میں زرعی قرضوں کی ادائیگی کیلئے 4 کروڑ روپے کی گرانٹ اور سیاحت کے فروغ کیلئے فنڈ کے قیام کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ داسو میں سیاحت کے فروغ کیلئے وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومت مل کر فنڈ قائم کریں گی، داسو میں ڈیم کی تعمیر کیلئے زمین کی خریداری کا معاملہ جلد حل کر لیا جائے گا، قراقرم ہائی وے کو موٹروے کی طرز پر کشادہ کیا جائے گا، علاقے میں شروع کئے جانے والے ترقیاتی منصوبوں میں بھرتیاں صرف مقامی لوگوں سے کی جائیں گی، علاقے کے لوگوں کا معیار زندگی بلند کرنے کیلئے سکول قائم کئے جائیں گے، امدادی پیکیج صرف خیبر پی کے کیلئے نہیں بلکہ اس میں فانا اور گلگت بلتستان بھی شامل ہوں گے۔ امدادی سرگرمیوں کا جائزہ لینے آیا ہوں، آئندہ پیر سے متاثرین میں چیکوں کی تقسیم شروع کر دی جائے گی، امدادی چیکوں کی تقسیم کا عمل چار روز میں مکمل کر لیا جائے گا، زلزلہ سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں خیمے، کمبل اور کھانے پینے کی اشیاء فوری پہنچانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے زلزلہ سے متاثرہ علاقے داسو میں متاثرین کیلئے مشینری اور خیموں کا بندوبست نہ کئے جانے پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے انتظامیہ کی سرزنش کی اور ہدایت کی ہے کہ دشوار گزار علاقوں میں پہنچنے کیلئے ہیلی کاپٹر فراہم کیا جائے، متاثرین کو فوری طور پر کمبل اور ادویات پہنچائی جائیں، متعلقہ حکام اور مقامی انتظامیہ علاقے میں فوری اقدامات کریں، متاثرہ علاقوں میں ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے خوراک کے تھیلے تقسیم کئے جائیں۔ وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف نے اونچے پہاڑوں پر زلزلے کی وجہ سے پھنسے ہوئے لوگوں کیلئے ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے امدادی اشیاء پہنچانے سمیت فوری اقدامات کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ خیبر پختونخوا کے وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک نے کہا کہ علاقے میں بھاری مشینری کی عدم دستیابی کا کوئی عذر نہیں چل سکتا۔ وزیر اطلاعات پرویز رشید اور مقامی انتظامیہ کے حکام بھی بریفنگ میں موجود تھے۔

**پشاور.....** زلزلے سے متاثرہ بالائی علاقوں میں سردی کی لہر برقرار ہے جس کی وجہ سے زلزلہ متاثرین مختلف امراض میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں ملاکنڈ ڈویژن کے علاقوں لوئر اور اپر دیر، چترال، شانگلہ، بنیر اور گلگت بلتستان کے علاقوں غدر اور دیامر کا موسم سرد سے سرد تر ہوتا جا رہا ہے خشک سردی زلزلہ متاثرین کی مشکلات مزید بڑھا رہی ہے۔ خشک موسم کے سبب کئی بیماریاں پھیل رہی ہیں، نزلہ، زکام، کھانسی اور گلے کی خرابی کے ساتھ بچوں میں نمونیا جیسی خطرناک بیماری کا خطرہ بھی بڑھ گیا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم خشک اور سرد رہے گا۔ زلزلے سے متاثرہ خیبر پختونخوا اور گلگت بلتستان کے علاقوں میں اگلے تین سے چار روز کے دوران موسم شدید سرد اور خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے۔

بالائی علاقوں کے زلزلہ متاثرین مختلف

امراض میں مبتلا

روزنامہ جنگ

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میں تین ہزار مکانات تباہ ہوئے ہیں۔ کوہستان میں 50 افراد ہلاک اور بڑی تعداد میں لوگ زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ کوہستان سے مقامی صحافی سرفراز خان نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ اب تک مختلف رابطہ سڑکیں نہیں کھولی جاسکتی ہیں اس لیے نقصانات کا مکمل اندازہ نہیں لگایا جاسکتا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ چند ایک یونین کونسلز میں نقصانات بہت زیادہ ہوئے ہیں لیکن وہاں بھی ابتدائی ریلیف نہیں پہنچائی جاسکتی لوگ سارا سارا دن امداد کا انتظار کرتے رہتے ہیں اور شام کو خالی ہاتھ واپس چلے جاتے ہیں۔ الپوری سے مقامی لوگوں نے بتایا کہ رات کے وقت موسم انتہائی سرد ہو جاتا ہے اور خیموں میں رہنا مشکل ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ انھیں کہا جاتا ہے کہ حکومت سروے کر رہی ہیں لیکن جب تک سروے نہیں ہو گا کیا وہ سردی میں مرنے کے لیے بیٹھے رہیں۔

محکمہ موسمیات نے اتوار سے شمالی علاقوں میں بارش اور برف باری کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ ان علاقوں میں سردی بڑھ جانے سے ان لوگوں کی مشکلات میں اضافہ ہو گا جو خیموں یا دیگر مقامات پر پناہ لینے پر مجبور ہیں۔ حکومت نے متاثرہ افراد کو امدادی رقم فراہم کرنے کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ یہ عمل پانچ روز میں مکمل کیا جائے گا۔ ریلیف پیکیج کے تحت ہلاک ہونے والے افراد کے لواحقین کے لیے چھ چھ لاکھ، زخمیوں کو ایک سے دو لاکھ اور گھروں کو دوبارہ تعمیر کرنے کے لیے دو دو لاکھ روپے دینے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔

پشاور... پشاور کے تین بڑے اسپتالوں میں زلزلہ سے زخمی ہونے والے 44 افراد تاحال زیر علاج ہیں۔ جن میں سے بیشتر آرتھوپڈک اور نیورولوجی میں داخل ہیں۔ لیڈی ریڈنگ اسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق زلزلے کے 211 زخمیوں کو اسپتال لایا گیا جن میں سے 19 زخمی تاحال مختلف وارڈز میں زیر علاج ہیں۔ حیات آباد میڈیکل کیمپس میں 28 زخمی لائے گئے جس میں سے 16 افراد کا علاج بدستور جاری ہے جبکہ خیبر ٹیچنگ اسپتال میں 9 زخمی تاحال داخل ہیں۔ اسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق بیشتر مریضوں کو سر پر چوٹیں آئی ہیں اور ہڈیاں ٹوٹی ہیں۔ اس لئے انہیں آرتھوپڈک اور نیورولوجی میں رکھا گیا ہے۔ تاہم تمام زخمیوں کی حالت خطرے سے باہر ہے۔

گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں میں زیر علاج 82 مریضوں میں ڈیٹنگی وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے جس کے بعد رواں راولپنڈی برس اس موڈی مرض میں مبتلا ہونے والوں کی تعداد 3 ہزار 421 ہو گئی ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت کی تمام تر کوششوں کے باوجود راولپنڈی میں ڈیٹنگی کے وار جاری ہیں اور گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران مزید 82 مریضوں میں ڈیٹنگی وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت پنجاب کے مطابق متاثرہ مریضوں میں سے 30 ہولی فمیلی اسپتال، 42 بے نظیر بھٹو اسپتال جب کہ 10 مریض ڈی ایچ کیو اسپتال میں داخل ہیں، رواں سال ڈیٹنگی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی مجموعی تعداد 3 ہزار 421 ہو گئی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ رواں سال پنجاب بھر میں ڈیٹنگی کے 8 مریض دم توڑ چکے ہیں

کراچی..... اس بار کراچی میں ڈیٹنگی کے پھیلاؤ کا خطرہ ہمیشہ سے زیادہ، اب تک 8 شہری ہلاک اور سیکڑوں متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔ اس جان لیوا بیماری کی روک تھام جن کی ذمہ داری تھی، اُن کی طرف سے ایسا جواب سامنے آیا ہے، جسے سن کر شہری غمزدہ، اور ڈیٹنگی پھیلانے والے چمچر خوش ہو جائیں گے۔ کراچی میں ایک ایسا اجلاس ہوا، جو شہریوں کیلئے بھلے ہی پریشان کن ہو، لیکن اس کی بدولت ڈیٹنگی پھیلانے والے چمچر، ہر فکر سے آزاد ہو گئے ہیں۔ کمشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں انسداد ڈیٹنگی سیل کے سربراہ مسعود سولنگی بولے نہیں، بلکہ ایسے پھٹے کہ شر کا کی آکھیں پھٹی پھٹی کی رہ گئیں۔ جیونیوز کو حاصل ہونے والے خط کے مطابق مسعود سولنگی نے انکشاف کیا کہ ان کے پاس نہ مطلوبہ فنڈز ہیں، نہ عملہ اور معاواور، ڈیٹنگی بخار کا پتہ لگانے والی کٹس بھی نہیں۔ رہا انسداد ڈیٹنگی سیل کا دفتر، تو وہاں فون اور فیکس جیسی بنیادی سہولتیں تک مہیا نہیں کی گئیں۔ ملے کی سنجیدگی پر کمشنر نے سیکریٹری صحت کو خط لکھ کر صورتحال پر تشریح کا اظہار کر دیا اور ڈیٹنگی کٹس سمیت فوری طور پر تمام ضروری سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ کراچی میں ڈیٹنگی سے متاثرہ 8 افراد ہلاک جبکہ دو ہزار آٹھ سو شہری اس مرض کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں

اسلام آباد + لاہور + پشاور (بیورو رپورٹ + نیوز ایجنسیاں + سٹاف رپورٹر + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں زلزلے کے بعد 275 ہلاکتوں کی تصدیق ہو گئی، اعداد و شمار کے مطابق زلزلے سے 82.7 فیصد ہلاکتیں خیبر پختونخوا میں ہوئیں جن کی تعداد 225 ہے صوبہ پنجاب میں زلزلہ سے 5 افراد جاں بحق اور 98 زخمی ہونے کے علاوہ 61 مکانات کو بھی نقصان پہنچا۔ این ڈی ایم اے کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق زلزلہ متاثرین کیلئے 28 ہزار 289 خیمے، 491 ٹن خوراک، 42 ہزار 555 کبل، 5 ہزار 300 پلاسٹک شیٹس، 14 ٹن بوتل بندی پانی اور 5 ٹن ادویات فراہم کی گئی ہیں۔ پہاڑی علاقوں کے لوگوں کے لیے یہ وقت وہ ہے جب وہ آنے والے انتہائی سرد موسم کے لیے اشیاء خورد و نوش جمع کرتے ہیں۔ وہ تمام سامان گرتے مکانات کے طبلے تلے تباہ ہو گیا ہے۔ چشموں سے آنے والا پانی بھی زلزلے کے بعد سے مٹی سے بھرا ہوا ہے جس سے آگے چل کر بیماریوں کا خدشہ ہے، ضلع چترال کی دور افتادہ وادی لاسپور کے ایک مقامی صحافی اور سماجی کارکن نور الہدی نے بتایا کہ وہ اپنے علاقے سے پیدل چل کر مستوح پہنچے ہیں مقامی آبادی چار روز اور تین راتیں سکولوں اور بچ جانے والی عمارتوں میں گزار رہی ہے۔ لوگوں کا کہنا ہے کہ اب تک کوئی بھی حکومتی اہلکار یا فوجی ٹیلی کاہن ان کے علاقے میں نہیں آیا۔ نور الہدی نے بتایا کہ ان کے گاؤں میں 200 مکانات کو جزوی جبکہ 80 مکانات مکمل طور پر ایک علاقے میں تباہ ہیں اور متاثرین کھلے آسمان تلے راتیں گزارنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ کھانے کے لیے کچھ نہیں ہے، سردی سے لوگوں میں بیماریاں پھیل رہی ہیں۔

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خیبر پختونخوا میں زلزلہ متاثرین تاحال

امداد کے منتظر

بی بی سی اردو

31 اکتوبر 2015

پاکستان کے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا میں زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں جوں جوں راستے کھل رہے ہیں وہاں تباہی کے آثار بھی نمایاں ہو رہے ہیں۔ صوبے بھر میں مزید ڈھائی ہزار مکانات کی تباہی کی اطلاعات موصول ہوئی ہیں۔ آئندہ چند روز میں متاثرہ علاقوں میں بارش اور برف باری کی پیشگوئی بھی گئی ہے۔ متاثرہ افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ بڑی تعداد میں لوگ اب بھی امدادی سامان سے محروم ہیں۔ حکام کے مطابق تباہ ہونے والے مکانات کی تعداد اب 25800 تک پہنچ گئی ہے اور اس کی وجہ یہ بتائی گئی ہے کہ راستے کھلنے کے بعد ان علاقوں تک بھی رسائی مل رہی ہے جہاں سرکاری اہلکار پہلے پہنچ نہیں پائے تھے۔ گزشتہ روز یہ تعداد 23390 بتائی گئی تھی۔ سب سے زیادہ مکان چترال میں تباہ ہوئے ہیں جن کی تعداد 8300 ہے یہاں بڑی تعداد میں لوگوں تک اب تک امدادی سامان نہیں پہنچ سکا۔ مقامی صحافی شاہ مراد بیگ نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ چترال میں دور دراز کے علاقے تو چھوڑیں ڈپٹی کمشنر کے دفتر کے قریب واقع دیہات میں بھی سامان نہیں پہنچایا جاسکا۔ اُن کے مطابق سردی بڑھ گئی ہے اور ایک خیمے میں آٹھ سے 10 افراد کا گزارا مشکل ہے۔ جہاں آگ بھی نہیں جلائی جاسکتی۔

چترال میں چار ماہ پہلے سیلاب سے بڑے پیمانے پر تباہی ہوئی تھی جس سے متاثرہ افراد اب تک مشکل صورتحال میں ہیں۔ سوات میں چھ ہزار کوہستان



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61	گواہر کے تحفظ کے لیے نئی سیکورٹی فورس کا قیام
58	پٹرول کی قیمت میں 2 روپے 50 پیسے اضافہ
56	بجلی کی بندش کیخلاف احتجاج، مختلف علاقوں میں بدترین ٹریفک جام

