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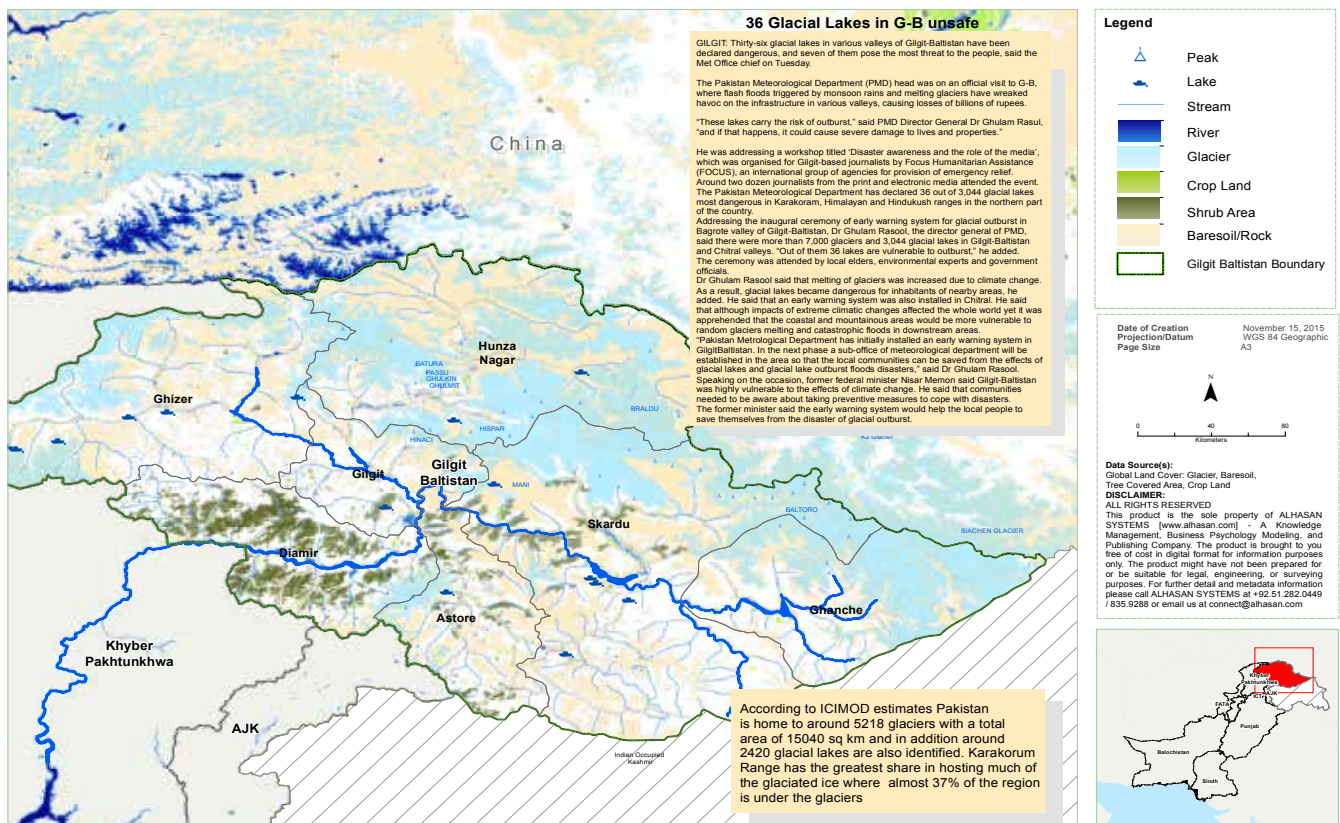
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

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October 26 earthquake: Nawaz assures victims of pre-winter rehabilitation

Express Tribune, November 15, 2015

Chitral flood victims ask govt to honour promises

The News, November 15, 2015

UC official suspended for not reporting dengue refusal cases

Daily Times, November 15, 2015

Armies help govts worldwide to tackle terror, disasters

The News, November 15, 2015

DETAILS

MINGORA: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has assured the victims of the October 26 earthquake that they would be rehabilitated before the onset of winter. Addressing a gathering in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Swat district on Saturday, the premier said his government was aware that the cold weather was at hand; therefore, all relevant departments had been directed to ensure the timely construction of all destroyed and damaged houses. A massive 7.5-magnitude temblor centred in the Hindu Kush mountain range had left a trail of destruction in Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. According to the National Disaster Management Authority, around 280 people in Pakistan were killed during the quake. The casualties in K-P alone were recorded at 232.

PM Nawaz arrived in Swat's Barikot tehsil on Saturday to distribute compensation cheques among the victims. He told the people that the first phase of the relief activities had been completed. Talking about several development projects in Swat, he announced the construction and widening of the main road from Chakdara town in Lower Dir district to Kalam in Swat. He said the quality of the Chakdara-Kalam Road would match that of a motorway. The premier also made brief remarks in Pashto, which amused the people. In his remarks, he assured the people that the government was determined to fulfil its responsibilities regarding relief and development in Swat.

He said the people would no longer have to experience gas and electricity shortages, adding that power load-shedding would be overcome by 2018. "This area would be on the top of the list of areas that are provided uninterrupted gas supply." Swat District Coordination Officer Mahmood Saleem told PM Nawaz that 6,058 of the total 11,255 cheques had been distributed among the people whose houses were destroyed or damaged because of the quake. He assured him that all the victims would receive compensation by Tuesday. Nawaz also surveyed several villages that were worst-hit during the massive quake. He met the victims and comforted them.

He was accompanied by K-P Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmed Khan Abbasi and civil and military officials, who briefed him about relief activities and strategies for rehabilitation. Since October 26, the premier has made frequent trips to the earthquake-hit regions. Earlier, he had visited K-P's Shangla and Dir districts, as well as Bajaur Agency in the tribal belt. Meanwhile, politicians and people of Malakand division and Swat district have lauded Nawaz's announcement regarding the Chakdara-Kalam Road. They said the road would help generate economic activities and bolster tourism in K-P, especially in Swat Valley. Former provincial minister Wajid Ali Khan from Swat said construction of the 100km road would enhance connectivity and generate employment opportunities for hundreds of thousands of people. Attaullah Khan, a resident of Saidu Sharif city in Swat, said the premier had won the hearts of the people of Swat. "The road's construction would help address the problems of the people and businessmen travelling from Chakdara to Kalam, as well as significantly reduce the distance and save time." He said traders associated with trout fishing, furniture, woollen garments, embroidery, handicrafts and hotel industries would largely benefit from the project.

CHITRAL: The flood-affected dwellers of Muzhgal village in Morkho tehsil on Saturday asked the authorities to honour their promises about their early rehabilitation. "The life of more than 68 families is in danger as steps have not been taken to rehabilitate them ahead of the harsh winter which already set in," a worried elder Dinar Wali told reporters here. Elders including Muhammad Dinar Khan, Ali Muhammad Khan and others were also present on the occasion. He said Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif and Chief Minister Perviz Khattak had announced Rs1 million for each flood affectee during the visit to Chitral.

"However, the government gave Rs100,000 to each family affected by the floods, adding that such amount was not sufficient. "The families still staying in tents as they can't build houses on such a meager amount," he added. They said that the government should allot residential plots to the victims in Kaghlish to build their houses as their native village had been devastated by the flood. "The Opposition Leader in the National Assembly and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leader Khursheed Shah handed over a cheque for Rs50 million to the district administration for the rehabilitation of the earthquake victims but there is no update on it," Ibrahim Wali complained.

RAWALPINDI: Union Council-19 Secretary Rafahat Kiyani on Saturday was suspended for not reporting 200 dengue surveillance refusal cases from Satellite Town, Block D. The action was taken by Local Government and Community Development Additional Secretary Mian Najeib Aslam who visited the area. He observed that it was shocking to know that such a large number of houses were still unchecked in middle of city areas where dengue patients had been reported on regular basis. He also took notice of not provision of gloves, masks, torches and other necessary equipment to some team members of surveillance squad. Mian Najeib Aslam along with male and female sanitary patrol members visited some houses whose residents had earlier refused to allow surveillance teams and conducted dengue surveillance in his presence. Larva and adult dengue mosquitoes were found from a home during surveillance.

As France deploys army to protect Paris public places, in Pakistan successive civilian govts called out troops to restore law and order, eliminate terrorism and crush rebellions; Pakistani troops were mobilised within 72 hours to evacuate Oct 8, 2005 earthquake-affected people; at end of WW II, US, UK airlifted food, fuel to help 2.5m residents of Berlin; In US, military has often been summoned to support natural disaster relief operations, civil emergencies; in India, armed forces executed relief, rescue and evacuation assignments under 'Operation Sea Wave' in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and helped Indira Gandhi quell a Sikh rebellion by launching "Operation Blue Star"; British military assisted civil administration during 2007 floods; between

GLACIER DECLARED DENGEROUS IN GILGIT BALTISTAN

36 Glacial Lakes in G-B unsafe

GILGIT: Thirty-six glacial lakes in various valleys of Gilgit-Baltistan have been declared dangerous, and seven of them pose the most threat to the people, said the Met Office chief on Tuesday.

The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) head was on an official visit to G-B, where flash floods triggered by monsoon rains and melting glaciers have wreaked havoc on the infrastructure in various valleys, causing losses of billions of rupees.

"These lakes carry the risk of outburst," said PMD Director General Dr Ghulam Rasool, "and if that happens, it could cause severe damage to lives and properties."

He was addressing a workshop titled "Disaster awareness and the role of the media", which was organised for Gilgit-based journalists by Focus Humanitarian Assistance (FOCUS), an international group of agencies for provision of emergency relief. Around two dozen journalists from the print and electronic media attended the event. The Pakistan Meteorological Department has declared 36 out of 3,044 glacial lakes most dangerous in Karakoram, Himalayan and Hindukush ranges in the northern part of the country.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of early warning system for glacial outburst in Bagrote valley of Gilgit-Baltistan, Dr Ghulam Rasool, the director general of PMD, said there were more than 7,000 glaciers and 3,044 glacial lakes in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral valleys. "Out of them 36 lakes are vulnerable to outburst," he added. The ceremony was attended by local elders, environmental experts and government officials.

Dr Ghulam Rasool said that melting of glaciers was increased due to climate change. As a result, glacial lakes became dangerous for inhabitants of nearby areas, he added. He said that an early warning system was also installed in Chitral. He said that although impacts of extreme climatic changes affected the whole world yet it was apprehended that the coastal and mountainous areas would be more vulnerable to random glaciers melting and catastrophic floods in downstream areas.

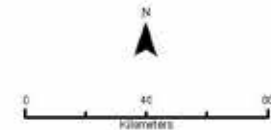
"Pakistan Meteorological Department has initially installed an early warning system in Gilgit-Baltistan. In the next phase a sub-office of meteorological department will be established in the area so that the local communities can be saved from the effects of glacial lakes and glacial lake outburst floods disasters," said Dr Ghulam Rasool. Speaking on the occasion, former federal minister Nisar Meemon said Gilgit-Baltistan was highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. He said that communities needed to be aware about taking preventive measures to cope with disasters. The former minister said the early warning system would help the local people to save themselves from the disaster of glacial outburst.

Legend

-  Peak
-  Lake
-  Stream
-  River
-  Glacier
-  Crop Land
-  Shrub Area
-  Bare soil/Rock
-  Gilgit Baltistan Boundary

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According to ICIMOD estimates Pakistan is home to around 5218 glaciers with a total area of 15040 sq km and in addition around 2420 glacial lakes are also identified. Karakorum Range has the greatest share in hosting much of the glaciated ice where almost 37% of the region is under the glaciers.



1984 and 1988, Japanese Self-Defence Forces assisted civil authorities in 3,100 disaster relief operations; in China, troops were deployed in the aftermath of the May 12, 2008 earthquake in Sichuan province; in Indonesia, army searched for survivors, buried dead bodies, provided water, food, shelter to affected people of Dec 26, 2004 tsunami.

LAHORE: As many as 1,500 additional troops were deployed in and around Paris today to protect France's capital in the wake of unprecedented attacks by terrorists started last night. Since 1948 almost every country calls out army to tackle not only terrorist acts and law and order situations but also national emergencies that arise out of natural disasters such as quakes, floods etc. Even in cases of major accidents armies are called out world over.

The legal and constitutional involvement of armed forces in such cases is at least as old as June 24, 1948, when after the end of the Second World War, the United States and United Kingdom had airlifted food and fuel to help 2.5 million residents of Berlin, who were literally made to starve as the Soviet forces blocked rail, road and water access to the city that was reduced to rubble due to bombing. Since the early 1990s, military engagement in controlling law and order and conducting relief activities worldwide has grown significantly because Armies have proved they can provide unmatched search and rescue capacity, timely logistical support, desired expertise and material resources needed for infrastructure projects, trained manpower and even security for relief workers.

Many global defence experts have viewed that most international armies are trained in prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response (rescue and relief), rehabilitation and reconstruction, though they are traditionally called in to assist in the response stage of the disaster management cycle for search, rescue and relief.

We all know how the Pakistani armed forces have been playing their operational and coordination role in the humanitarian response during numerous devastating floods, deadly earthquakes and land-sliding incidents, which continue to rock the country since its inception. After the October 8, 2005 earthquake the Pakistani Armed Forces, under a constitutional mandate, were among the first to respond to the crisis. Troops were mobilised within 72 hours to evacuate people and distribute immediate life-saving assistance, including rations from the military's own supplies. Over 600 boats and a range of aircraft, including C-130 planes and helicopters, were used to reach cut-off parts of the country, helping at least 850,000 people to escape to safety. The Pakistani military had also set up field hospitals, mobile veterinary teams, and over 100 relief camps, even before the international community had flown in to mount the largest humanitarian helicopter airlift ever seen. Moreover, the Pakistani Armed forces have quite often been called in by many civilian regimes to restore law and order in restive parts of the country, to curb internal terrorism, to crush armed rebellions, and to ensure security during the country's elections etc. However, a research project carried out by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has raised a few questions on role of foreign militaries in disasters.

The project report had stated: "Foreign military assets have made large contributions to several recent natural disaster relief operations, yet their use in such operations remains controversial. The questions asked range from matters of principle-is it appropriate for foreign forces to take part in humanitarian work?-to more practical considerations such as cost, how effectively foreign military assets can participate in civilian-led humanitarian operations and how the presence of foreign military assets affects the ability of civilian humanitarian organisations to act independently and safely." This study had provided an overview of the current use of foreign military assets in natural disaster response, including how and why they are deployed.

It had also analysed the role played by foreign military assets in several major disasters such as the Mozambique floods of 2000, the Haiti floods of 2004, the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004 and the October 2005 earthquake in Azad Kashmir. In the United States, the military has often been summoned to support natural disaster relief operations and civil emergencies, although state governments are responsible for managing these catastrophes. When Hurricane Katrina had struck the United States on August 29, 2005, the American military was already mobilised for emergency response. It was the costliest natural disaster hitting America (total property damage was estimated at US\$108 billion in 2005), besides being one of the five deadliest hurricanes in the US history. At least 1,245 people had perished in severe destruction caused by the storm and subsequent flooding.

Almost 10,000 US National Guard troops were on the ground in Louisiana and Mississippi to start rescue and relief operations. Within 12 hours, 9,000 people had been evacuated through the airport. In 1989, the US Army had played a major role in disaster response when Hurricane Hugo had caused a \$10 billion loss in direct damage to South Carolina, North Carolina, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It was also extremely active during the 1989 California earthquake, which had claimed 63 lives due to collapse of numerous man-made structures. About 12 US federal agencies (10 civilian and two military) have normally led the responsibility for assisting states in specific emergency situations. All military response is assigned to the Department of Defence and their involvement is coordinated by a Federal Coordinating Officer.

Research shows that the 1878 "Posse Comitatus Act" had limited the powers of the federal government in using the military personnel to enforce domestic policies within the United States. However, the 1981 Military Cooperation with Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies Act had allowed the US military to cooperate with its civilian law enforcement agencies in counter-drug operations, assistance for civil disturbances, special security operations, combating terrorism and explosive ordnance disposal etc. In September 26, 2006, the then US President George Bush had urged Congress to consider revising federal laws so that the American armed forces could restore public order and enforce laws in the aftermath of a natural disaster, terrorist attack or any untoward incident. Signed into law on October 17, 2006, it had empowered the president to employ the armed forces to restore public order and enforce the laws of the United States in case of natural

disasters, epidemics, serious public health emergencies, domestic violence, any insurrection or terrorist attacks etc. It is imperative to note that on March 10, 2009, US Army had reacted on its own in Alabama State in response to a murder spree. The soldiers had assisted in traffic control and securing the crime scene. In India, where earthquakes, floods, landslides and cyclones are quite common, the country's armed forces had executed the relief, rescue and evacuation assignments under "Operation Sea Wave" in the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. The Indian forces had also extended aid to Sri Lanka and Maldives under "Operation Rainbow" and "Operation Castor" respectively at the request of their respective governments for assistance.

Claiming to be adequately equipped with the necessary technical competence, manpower and material resources to undertake rescue and relief operations following natural calamities or man-made disasters, the Indian armed forces have worked during the cyclones in Bangladesh, the December 2004 tsunami, the 2005 Kashmir earthquake, the Maharashtra floods of 2005, the January 2008 fire breakout at a Kolkata market, the Bangalore and Ahmedabad bomb blasts in July 2008, the 2008 Kosi floods, the 2010 Leh cloud burst, the Sikkim earthquake in 2011, the 2013 Uttarakhand disaster and the 2013 Cyclone Phailin etc, after the civil administration was found ill equipped for undertaking disaster response activities.

In its August 15, 2014 edition, the "Times of India" had stated: "India's vulnerability to natural disasters can be traced to several geophysical and climatic factors that lead to frequent earthquakes, floods, cyclones and landslides. Recall the earthquakes at Latur, Bhuj or Kashmir, the Leh mudslide and the Uttarakhand floods. The Kosi floods are the latest tragedy to strike us. Then there are the man-caused disasters. These include Industrial and biological disasters besides NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) hazards. We will have to prepare increasingly and more robustly to cope with nuclear disasters, even as it becomes an important source of energy for us."

India's defence forces have also helped foreign nations cope up with similar tragedies. For example, they were seen assisting the local authorities during the Cyclone Nargis relief work in Myanmar, the Chinese earthquake in 2008, the medical emergency in Sri Lanka in 2009 and 2011, the MH 370 (Malaysian Airlines) disaster in Indian Ocean and the November 2013 Typhoon Haiyan in Philippines etc. The secondary role of the Indian armed forces in aid to civil authority is a constitutional obligation, although as an instrument of last resort. In June 1984, Indian Army had helped Indira Gandhi quell a Sikh rebellion by launching "Operation Blue Star" in order to establish control over Amritsar's Golden Temple. The armed forces can be called out to aid the civil authorities to meet various contingencies such as maintaining law and order, to maintain essential services, to assist in natural calamities and to help in execution of developmental projects etc. In 2010, India had formed two new army divisions - comprising more than 36,000 men - to defend the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh.

A BBC report of November 2010 had stated: "The remote northeastern state adjoins China which claims large parts of it. The 56th Division will be based in the nearby state of Nagaland to guard the eastern flank of Arunachal Pradesh from Chinese attack through Burma. In addition there are counter-insurgency troops in Assam that can be sent to the Sino-Indian border at short notice. A total of 1,260 officers and 35,011 soldiers have been assigned to the two new divisions, which are being especially equipped for mountain warfare. India is also raising a paramilitary force called the Arunachal Scouts and Sikkim Scouts to help the army protect the Sino-Indian border in the states of Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim." Indian army soldiers have also supervised and led security duties during the electoral exercises in places like Jammu and Kashmir, where they have frequently been accused of committing genocide, rapes, killings, abductions and other brutalities. Indian paramilitary forces were also deployed in the embattled state of Chhattisgarh during last year's general elections. The British military had assisted the civil administration during the 2007 floods, which had brought devastation to thousands of homes. Soldiers, sailors and airmen had successfully launched the search and rescue operations to airlift dozens of stranded civilians to safety as raging floodwaters had entered homes and businesses. The Royal Air Force had protected electrical installations and had saved thousands of lives in series of destructive floods during the summer of 2007. The UK Environment Agency had reported in 2010 that the scale and seriousness of the summer 2007 floods were sufficient to classify them as a national disaster, estimating the damage at about £3.2 billion in 2007 prices. There are many other examples of the British Armed Forces providing military aid. For example, it was on duty during the Foot and Mouth outbreak in 2001, the National firefighters' strikes in 2002 and 2003, the Buncefield fire in 2005, the 2012 Olympic Games, the East Coast Tidal Surge 2013 and the flooding in the South of England in 2014. In United Kingdom, military aid can be sought to support the civil authorities when they have an urgent need for help to deal with an emergency arising from a natural disaster or a major incident. Aid is provided on an 'as available' basis and cannot be assumed. All military operations within the UK fall under the generic title of UK Operations (UK Ops), which comprises the Armed Forces' response to a wide range of contingencies and emergencies during peace, periods of tension and crisis and war.

In Japan, armed forces respond to calls for assistance from civilian governors to aid in firefighting, earthquake disasters, searches for missing persons, rescues, reinforcement of embankments and levees in the event of flooding.

This role of the Japanese armed forces is governed by Article 83 of the Self-Defence Forces Law of 1954. Between 1984 and 1988, at the request of prefectural governors, the Japanese Self-Defence Forces (SDF) had assisted in approximately 3,100 disaster relief operations, involving about 138,000 personnel, 16,000 vehicles, 5,300 aircraft, and 120 ships and small craft. In recent past, the Japanese forces have also participated in public works projects and have cooperated in managing major sports events. They have built new roads, irrigation networks and schools in areas close to defence bases and have installed soundproofing in homes and public buildings near airfields.

Following the earthquake-triggered March 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident,

PM reviews earthquake relief activities in Swat

Khybernews, November 14, 2015

FFC increases relief operation to earthquake victims

Channel 24, November 14, 2015

Govt announces more relief packages for

Defense Minister Kitazawa had ordered the dispatch of 50,000 members of the Japanese Self-Defense Forces to aid in the relief work. For the interest of our readers, it is due to this particular accident that Tokyo still experiences spells of load shedding on recurring basis. In China, troops were deployed in the aftermath of the May 12, 2008 earthquake in Sichuan province. The natural calamity had killed 69,197 people and had left 18,222 missing. The earthquake had left about 4.8 million people homeless too, though the number could be as high as 11 million. The extent of financial damage due to this tragedy can be gauged from the fact that in November 2008, the Chinese government had announced it would spend about US\$146.5 billion over the next three years to rebuild areas ravaged by the quake. The military response to the earthquake was rapid, as the first Chinese military rescue team had reportedly headed for the disaster area within 14 minutes after the strong earthquake began!

Within a week, China's armed forces claimed they had reportedly dispatched more than 100,000 soldiers and armed police to help with rescue operations in earthquake-hit areas, dividing their units into three geographical rescue zones. The Chinese military transport aircraft and helicopters had made 1,069 flights during the first week of operations, supplemented by 92 military trains and about 110,000 military vehicles, cranes, rubber boats, portable communication devices, and power generators. In Indonesia, after the December 26, 2004 tsunami had caused horrendous damages in the Aceh province, the country's Army had searched for survivors; it buried dead bodies, and had provided water, food, and shelter for those affected. The disaster had resulted in death of 130,000 local Acehnese people and displacement of 400,000 others. Prior to the 2004 tsunami, over 15,000 people in Aceh had died during a 30-year conflict with the Army. What had begun as a struggle for independence in 1976 evolved into a fight for the control over natural resources revenues, though the Indian Ocean tsunami had pushed both conflicting sides to dispute resolution. A peace deal was hence signed in Helsinki between the Indonesian government and the rebels on August 15, 2005. The rebels had consequently handed over a quarter of their weapons by September 2005 and the Indonesian military had opted to withdraw 25 percent of troops. Military resources were also used by Bangladesh after the deadly April 29, 1991 cyclone had killed at least 138,000 people leaving as many as 10 million homeless, besides causing an estimated \$1.5 billion (1991 US dollars) in damage to private and state properties. The command structure, trained manpower and capabilities of the Bangladeshi Armed Forces had led the disaster management initiative. It goes without saying that while the US Marines had also launched "Operations Sea Angels" to assist the Bangladeshi forces in post disaster rescue and relief operations, Japan and Pakistan had also greatly helped controlling the situations. Spontaneous assistance in terms of relief materials had also followed from India, Kuwait, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

SWAT: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif Saturday visited earthquake affected Barikot area of Swat and met with the victim families. On the occasion, he was briefed on the relief activities being carried out in the area. Information Minister Pervez Rashid, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Sardar Mehtab Khan and PML-N leader Amir Muqam was also present on this occasion. Talking to the earthquake victims, the prime minister announced construction and upgradation of the Chakdara-Kalam road. He also announced that the people of Swat would also get gas. The prime minister also directed Amir Muqam to meet finance minister Ishaq Dar for making the Nawaz Sharif hospital functional. The prime minister expressed sorrow over the damages in the earthquake and said that the victims would get the compensation on time so that they could rebuild their houses at earliest. He appreciated the relief activities carried out by NDMA, PDMA and army in the earthquake affected areas.

The Prime Minister said he visited the quake-affected areas soon after the calamity and will be visiting more areas in the days to come. He said the federal government in consultation with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government worked out the compensation package for the victims soon after the calamity hit different parts. The Prime Minister said the deadline for payment of compensation to those whose houses were damaged has been set 24th of this month. He said every possible assistance to be provided to the affectees. He appreciated the DCO Swat for deciding to complete the process by Tuesday. PM Nawaz Sharif also distributed cheques among earthquake victims. The prime minister also condemned terrorists attack in Paris and expressed sympathies with the victims of the terror attacks. He said that the people of Swat had also suffered at the hand of terrorists.

LAHORE: Fauji Fertilizer Company Limited, Pakistan's premium fertilizer brand, has successfully concluded its relief program for the affectees of the massive earthquake that struck Pakistan on October 26. The earthquake was measured at 7.5 on Richter scale, which destroyed a total of 103,268 houses with death casualties of rising to 280, while up to 2000 people have been reported injured. Keeping their trend of playing a positive role in such situation, FFC has once again stepped up to help out the affected people in those regions. With approaching winter season in mind, FFC's relief package for the affectees included, 250 family size tents and 10,000 quilts, which will cater for 1650 families in the earthquake regions. The relief convoy reached Dir district on 12th Nov 2015.

Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation of affected people is an essential element of FFC CSR program, which also features Educational Uplift, Healthcare, Environmental Conservation, Poverty Alleviation etc. FFC in 2010-11 had taken a similar initiative by constructing 3 model villages for flood affectees in Rahim Yar Khan and Ghotki districts, which comprised of 207 new houses. FFC was also at the forefront of Relief and Rehabilitation efforts during other natural calamities in Pakistan including Tharparkar drought, Awaran Earthquake and IDP crisis. Head of FFC CSR operations, Brig Munawar Hayat Khan Niazi (Retd) reaffirmed company's commitment to the relief and well being of fellow countrymen affected as a result of the October Earthquake.

SHANGLA / CHITRAL / KHAR / TIMERGARA / PESHAWAR: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz along with a Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) team visited earthquake affected areas of Torgar, Dassu,

affectees

ExpressTribune, November 14, 2015

PM visits Swat earthquake victims, announces construction of Chakdara-Kalam road

ExpressTribune, November 14, 2015

More Efforts Needed To Eliminate Dengue: DCO

Pak Observer, November 14, 2015

Centre yet to compensate KP earthquake victims

Dawn News, November 13, 2015

Shangla and Swat in Malakand Division. This was stated in a press release issued on Friday.

According to the document, NDMA chairman was briefed by commissioners and deputy commissioners of Torghar, Kohistan and Malakand Division regarding relief measures undertaken by district administrations in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders to address the urgent needs of affected people. "Asghar was told 44,642 tents, 63,721 blankets, 9,794 plastic mats, food packages weighing 1,086.03 tonnes, 22,000 tarpaulins, 14 tonnes of bottled water, 49 water filtration plants, 12 generator sets and 27 tonnes of medicine had been given," stated the handout. The statement also mentioned five helicopters were continuously supporting provision of relief on behalf of NDMA.

Reaching Chitral

The K-P government announced an amount of Rs10 million for those who had been affected by floods and the earthquake in Khoht, Mastuj sub-division of Chitral on Friday. Khoht village council chairman Abdul Hameed Khan met Minister for Finance Muzzafar Said and informed him about hardships faced by the people. He said after the floods, the earthquake accentuated the misery of people. Said assured full financial assistance would be provided to the people devastated by natural calamities.

Inadequacy

There are still some areas of Chitral which have not received promised compensation. Muhammad Jalil from Charun Owir said the administration was indifferent to the plight of the victims. "Most tents have been levelled due to heavy snowfall and prime minister's promised Rs0.2 million relief cheques have yet to be paid," he added. Talking to The Express Tribune, MPA Sardar Hussain and Mastuj Additional Assistant Commissioner Muhammad said construction of Charun Owir road in Chitral begun after protest by locals.

Assessing Bajaur

Bajaur Agency Political Agent Akhunzada Muhammad Yahya told the media 10,000 houses were destroyed while 30,000 houses were partially damaged in Khar by the recent earthquake. "To relieve the agony of people, 4,269 tents, 4,370 blankets, 4,189 food packages, 1,495 tarpaulin sheets, 1,431 sheets, 1,000 plastic canes and 1,000 kitchen sets have been distributed among the earthquake affectees by FDMA," he said. Yahya added initial survey had already been conducted and remaining survey is being carried out to assess damages.

Exploitation

Police arrested seven people from Khazang in Chakesar, Shangla who took compensation money and relief packages from the government and NGOs, pretending to be earthquake affectees. Under the NDMA act, Besham Additional Assistant Commissioner Javed Iqbal instructed the administration to verify and monitor the procedure of providing relief. After arresting seven people, Iqbal said cheques provided to fraudsters have been blocked. "Two-year imprisonment and a fine of Rs0.5 million will be imposed on them," he added. Moreover, relief cheques were distributed among 271 earthquake victims in Maidan tehsil, Dir at a ceremony held at Red Fort. Timergara naib nazim Hanifullah, Timergara youth councillor Qazi Hanifullah and other officials distributed cheques worth Rs0.2 million each.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced the construction of Chakdara-Kalam road while addressing earthquake victims in Swat on Saturday, Express News reported. "We will connect Chakdara with Kalam and it will be no less than a motorway," the premier said. Further, addressing the quake victims, he said the process of compensation to families who lost their loved ones in the earthquake has been completed. "There has been a delay in compensation for those whose houses were destroyed by the calamity because the damage is far more than we had imagined, but this process too will be completed by November 24," Nawaz stated. "Victims who suffered from complete property damage will receive Rs0.2 million, whereas those whose houses were destroyed partially will receive Rs0.1 million," he added. "I have visited quake-affected areas myself and will continue to do so to review the compensation process," the prime minister said as he distributed cheques among earthquake victims in Barikot, Swat.

Rawalpindi: District Coordination Officer (DCO) Sajid Zafar Dal said that efforts for eliminating dengue should be strengthened to control on the disease. He said strict action would be taken against those showing negligence and carelessness in its spread. He said cold fogging should continue without any delay in the cantonment areas. The DCO was addressing a meeting here on Friday. Advisor to Chief Minister on Dengue Dr Waseem Akram, ADCG Imran Qurashi, ADC Arif Raheem, EDO Health Dr Rana Arshad, DHO Dr Muhammad Rafiq, EDO agriculture Dr Shahid Sajjad and the other officials were present on the occasion. Dr Waseem Akram said more efforts were required to eliminate dengue adding that positive results would come in the next years as good work has been carried out to eliminate dengue.

PESHAWAR: Seventeen days have passed since a devastating earthquake wrecked havoc in northern parts of the country, the federal government has yet to release funds to compensate the affected population of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Briefing media on the post-earthquake situation here on Thursday, special assistant to the chief minister Mushtaq Ghani said the federal government had yet to release funds for the disaster-hit people in KP. He said the provincial government had released Rs8.5 billion to the administration in the earthquake-affected districts for relief activities and compensation for the deceased's families, the injured, and house damages. "I hope the federal government will release funds in the next couple of days," he said. Ghani said Rs2.5 billion had so far been distributed among disaster victims and that the authorities had been directed to complete process of compensation by Nov 25. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had announced in Peshawar on Oct 28 that the federal

Four more survivors die in earthquake aftermath in K-P

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Dengue toll soars to 387 in Multan

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government would pay half of the compensation money in KP.

The government is paying Rs200,000 for fully damaged and Rs100,000 for partially damaged houses each. In addition, Rs600,000 each is being given to the families of the deceased, Rs200,000 each for those who suffered disability in the earthquake and Rs100,000 each for the injured people. The 8.1 earthquake had killed 232 people, injured more than 1,500 people and damaged 93,000 houses, completely or partially. Ghani said several fraud cases had been detected as people had made false claims of property damages. He said 1,683 applications of damaged properties were rejected in Haripur district after verification. The special assistant said bad weather had caused delay in verification of damaged properties in far-flung areas of the province. He said relief and assessment teams faced problems to get access to the affected people living in high-altitude areas. "Severe weather has affected pace of relief activities in mountainous areas," he said.

About relief operations, Ghani said distribution of relief goods was underway and that 12 small and heavy helicopters of the army and National Disaster Management Authority were taking part in humanitarian activities.

The Provincial Disaster Management Authority has dispatched 27,118 tents, 29,424 blankets, 1,750 mattress, 19,000 tarpaulins and 4,511 flour bags to the affected districts. The special assistant said the Oct 26 earthquake had damaged 562 schools in the province, including 234 in Upper Dir district, while more than 20,000 houses in Chitral and 17,431 in Shangla had suffered damages. He said engineers would verify whether damaged buildings were fit for use.

According to the PDMA report, the provincial government has released Rs1.62 billion for Swat district, where 11,293 houses were damaged in the calamity, while Chitral, the most affected area in the province with 20,355 damaged houses, received Rs1.55 billion for relief and compensation. Ghani denied partiality or discrimination in release of funds to districts. He said the government would require more funds for compensation and relief activities.

HANGU / SHANGLA / PESHAWAR: Another child, a three-year-old girl, living in a tent in Shangla died of the cold on Thursday. Three other earthquake and weather related deaths were reported amid announcements from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Government Spokesperson Mushtaq Ghani that the deadline to complete distribution of aid has been pushed further ahead to November 26.

Speaking at the Civil Secretariat on Thursday, Ghani said the PTI-led government has released Rs8.5 billion for the districts affected by the October 26 earthquake. He added Rs2.5 billion of this amount has been distributed while the remaining amount will be distributed by November 26. The K-P government spokesperson drew attention to a range of challenges regarding the payment of compensation among the affected population. Ghani said there have been countless delays in the release of funds promised by the federal government.

"The PML-N government has promised to contribute 50% towards compensation money," he said. "We are expecting the federal government to release the money within a few days." Meanwhile, senior members of the coalition government have cast serious doubts on the provincial government's ability to tackle relief efforts on its own. Other problems cited by Ghani include fake claims. "Some people have made false claims to obtain compensation," he said. "We have registered FIRs against some people and investigation is under way," he said. "The cheques are meant for those who are entitled to it. We cannot forgive anyone who deprives affectees of their rights." Earlier, National Disaster Management Authority issued directives to all district management authorities to verify all compensation. False compensation claims are punishable with imprisonment of two years, a fine or both under the National Disaster Management Act of 2010, Chapter X, Para 34.

According to Ghani, seven such cases have surfaced in Shangla, four in Swat and two in Tank as yet. "Moreover, the Haripur DC has cancelled 1,683 applications for compensation," he said. "It has also come to my notice that local government representatives from PTI have been issuing compensation cheques to their own people rather than the affectees." The spokesperson added, "Nearly 217 families who lost their loved ones on October 26 have been compensated," he said. "The remaining families are facing a few legal complications and their documents are being verified." He added 368 people who were wounded in the earthquake have also been compensated. Ghani said a large number of houses and schools had been destroyed in hard-to-reach areas and inclement weather conditions are making it all the more difficult to assess the level of damage.

Death and disease

A three-year-old girl died of pneumonia in Alpuri, Shangla. An official privy to the development said the girl was living in a tent and died Thursday morning. Her identity could not be ascertained. "The DC office might be hiding from reality," said the official. When contacted, officials of the district administration denied receiving any information about the incident. In a separate incident, a minor was killed while three others were injured in a roof collapse incident in Chakesar.

Besham AC Javed Iqbal said the deceased was identified as 10-year-old Zahir. "The roof collapsed due to heavy rain," he said. "The injured have been identified as Bakht Ferocha, Sultan Zaib and Shahid Khan." According to locals, the house had been damaged in the earthquake but the family had not been provided a tent by the government. A three-year-old minor and his mother reportedly died when the roof of their house collapsed in Hangu district. Imran told the police his house was damaged in the earthquake and the roof was reconstructed with the assistance from the government. However, the roof collapsed once again. As a result, three-year-old son Zeeshan and his wife died on the spot.

Dengue has infected four more people in Multan, taking the number of affected patients to 387. The number of dengue patients is rising as more people have been tested positive, doctors said. Despite the efforts of the Health Department to control the epidemic, dengue larva have been

Ways & means to control dengue fever outbreaks during off-season

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Avoid possible mishaps with new disaster management app

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recovered from hundreds of places. The Health Department claims to be carrying out appropriate measures for the prevention of the virus.

ISLAMABAD: During the off-season, the main action against dengue vectors is reportedly fogging (space spraying) with insecticides, followed in frequency by water treatment of stagnant water ponds and over flowing water in buildings by temephos granules, container checking and health education to community. Also visits by inspectors from the vector control section of the health departments are required to sites that are regarded as hot spots as a regular feature. Solid waste remains a major risk factor and its swift disposal is the main challenging job for the municipal authorities and the local government departments. Assistant District Health Officer at Islamabad Capital Territory Health Department Dr. Najeeb Durrani, who is a member of The Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network (GOARN), expressed this while talking to 'The News' on Wednesday on what is needed to be done particularly during off season to make twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi dengue-free in future, in 2016. He said the outbreak in Islamabad has come to an end and only three confirmed patients of the infection have been undergoing treatment in the federal capital on Wednesday, at Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences while no case of the infection has been reported in last two days.

Dengue fever, which is the fastest re-emerging arboviral disease in the world, imposes a heavy economic and health burden on countries, families and individual patients. In the absence of an effective drug or vaccine, the only strategic options presently available are case management to prevent death and vector control to reduce viral transmission, he added. He said large dengue outbreaks continue to occur every year and the disease is extending to new geographical areas. In general, high humidity and temperature are conditions that favour mosquito survival, increasing the likelihood of transmission that requires an infected traveler in the season, he explained.

To a query, he said dengue outbreaks can occur anytime, as long as the mosquitoes are still active, however, in general, high humidity and temperature play vital role in transmission of the disease. The best preventive measure for areas infested with *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito is to eliminate the mosquitoes' egg laying sites – called source reduction. Lowering the number of eggs, larvae and pupae will reduce the number of emerging adult mosquitoes and the transmission of the disease, he said. He added that in general, the egg laying sites are surfaces of water containers including drums, pitchers and like items so it is necessary to clear these utensils by scrubbing. He said a female *Aedes* mosquito lays 200 to 300 eggs which can survive for months and transform into larvae and pupae and then into adult mosquitoes on getting suitable temperature and aquatic conditions even after six months. He suggested that items that collect rainwater or are used to store water should be covered or properly discarded. The remaining essential containers should be emptied and cleaned and scrubbed to remove eggs at least once a week. This will avoid the adult mosquitoes to emerge from the egg, larva or pupa stage. The underground and the overhead water tanks and water containers should be scrubbed for removing any eggs that might have been laid by the mosquitoes in the end of dengue fever season before the winter falls. These eggs if not removed will transform into mosquitoes after hatching in next summer when the weather both temperature and humidity become favorable, he explained. To a query, he said in fact, the community participation is the key to dengue prevention. As every household aims to reduce vector density, the transmission rate will decrease or maybe even stop.

He added adult mosquitoes usually rest indoors in dark areas (closets, under beds, behind curtains). Here it is protected from wind, rain and most predators, which increases its life expectancy and the probability that it will live long enough to pick up a virus from one person and pass it on to the next, he said.

Dr. Durrani is of the view that since the temperature sensitive mosquitoes are at this point in time are moving indoors in search of warmer places to stay protected and maintain their ability to move and fly; this is high time that the community should know to kill these indoor mosquitoes with insecticide residual spray and secondly the windows and door screens are advised to be installed at the entry points of every house.

He said that mosquito nets or insecticide-treated nets should be stock piled by the health departments and the National Malaria Control Programme in ample amount for the next dengue season that may start in August and ends in the month of November. Household insecticides aerosols, mosquito coils or other insecticide vaporizers may reduce biting activity, he said. Individuals must clear indoor hot spots including flower vases and saucers, water storage tank including domestic drinking water, bathroom etc, plastic containers and bottles while outdoor hot spots including discarded bottles and tins, discarded tyres, artificial containers, tree holes, potholes, construction sites, drums for collecting rainwater, shells, husks, pods from trees and leaf axils of various plants are needed to be removed or cleared from eggs, concluded Dr. Durrani.

KARACHI: You can now avoid any possible disasters or mishaps such as earthquakes or robberies and let your dear ones know about your vulnerability as two assistant professors of the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology (Fuuast) have come up with a new mobile application, named 'Disaster Management Mobile Application'. The launching ceremony of the application was held at the varsity's Abdul Qadeer Khan Auditorium on Wednesday. The application is available on the Android operating system. Bahria Town has funded the venture. "We came up with the idea when we saw that how mobile applications have been successful in shopping, health and education sectors," said Kamran Ahsan, an assistant professor at the computer science department of the university. He, along with his colleague, Farhan Shafiq, is the brains behind the project.

"This application will have 10 options about emergency situations and, after downloading the application, the user can save options on his own for earthquake, heart attack or robbery," said Ahsan, while giving a presentation on the application. Explaining the mobile app, he said that after downloading and setting the situations, this application will be open 24 hours and, whenever the

Punjab considers disaster response force

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user is in any kind of problem, he can use the code words that he has set. For example, bhai mat karo [brother, don't], mere ghar se jao [leave my home] can be used for any pre-defined situation that he has already set on the app. After speaking the code words aloud twice, the application will send an alert message and call to the numbers saved in the application to inform them that the user is in a vulnerable situation. He compared his new application with the American Red Cross' Earthquake application and said that if the people of Karachi will use this app, it will be considered successful.

Hardships

He pointed out that due to lack of latest computers, the researchers faced problems. "The work, which can be done in one month, was done in six months because the computers were old," he said. He also requested the cellular companies to provide this application to their users for free.

Memorandum of Understanding

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has also been signed between the FUUAST and Bahria Town. Under this, Bahria Town will fund further research work done by the university by using mobile technology. "Bahria Town will fund a new Disaster Management Research Centre inside the university that will soon be functional," announced Zain Malik, the vice-chief executive at Bahria Town. During his speech, Malik said that his organisation is interested in working in Pakistan. He also handed a cheque of Rs1 million to the staff of the university for the new research centre. Speaking on the occasion, the vice-chancellor of FUUAST, Prof Dr Suleiman D Muhammad, praised the efforts of his faculty. "We have to make our national institutions strong, because the nation can only become strong if the institutions are strong," he said. He also announced a donation of Rs1 million for the computer science department from the university's end.

LAHORE - The deadliest building collapse in Lahore's Sundar Industrial Estate has forced the provincial hierarchy to think about the establishment of a separate "disaster management force" in the Punjab province. A senior government official yesterday disclosed to The Nation that "a proposal is under serious consideration" to develop a well-trained disaster response force to deal with major tragedies in future.

The move comes just one week after a four-storey factory collapsed in the Sundar Industrial Estate. At least 45 workers, mostly teenage boys, were killed and 103 pulled alive out of the rubble as hundreds of rescuers took seven days to complete the operation. The idea under consideration suggests that the Punjab province was poorly prepared to deal with calamities, and experts say "authorities must learn lessons from the Sundar building collapse" by developing a mechanism for better response in the future. "The personnel of DRF would be given proper training in disaster management," said the official who is familiar with the development. "They will quickly respond to disasters in any district of the Punjab province". Sources in the Punjab Emergency Service claimed that the new force would work as a wing of the Rescue-1122 with its headquarters in Lahore. "The government in principle has agreed to allocate billions of rupees for the establishment of disaster response force," an official said requesting anonymity. The project is aimed at ending dependence on other national institutions like Pakistan Army in cases of major tragedies, he said. "The federal government also wants to build separate force for disaster management to enable the provinces deal with tragedies independently". The top officials are directed to speed up working for the first-ever disaster response force, a day after military commanders urged the civilian leaders to improve governance.

Another official said that the initiative had been discussed in different parleys last week but the final approval would be given by the Punjab Chief Minister. According to insiders, the provincial government has noted in its observations that the Punjab emergency service (Rescue-1122) lacks the capability to deal with major tragedies. The rescue staff has no proper training in disaster management particularly in cases of major tragedies. "The provincial emergency service should be build up to deal with major calamities. They need more equipment and more machinery". However, the Punjab Emergency Service officials state that they successfully completed the largest-ever rescue operation at the site. "Rescue workers pulled 103 survivors out of the rubble apart from 45 bodies. The operation continued for more than 131 hours (about seven days)," an official insisted and requested his name not to be mentioned. The official also explained that the "Urban Search and Rescue" teams took part in the search and rescue operations as rescue workers from 15 other districts of the Punjab province were called in to join rescue efforts in the suburb of Lahore. The rescue workers were later joined by hundreds of Army men, civil defence officials, volunteers, and district administration officials. The lack of coordination between government departments multiplied the miseries of the poor who had to sit on greenbelts and footpaths for several days to get information about their loved ones. No government official was available outside the collapsed factory to comfort or take care of victims family members. Some charity workers were seen distributing food and water bottles among relative of the victims, who were sitting on footpaths in cold weather. Those officials who were working on the site had no information about the exact number of victims. Rescuers were seen drilling concrete slabs and cutting steel-pipes to make a way to reach victims. They were removing heavy slabs of concrete with the help of cranes.

The "search and rescue operations" took seven days to complete because, authorities believe, the building was located on a four-canal piece of land that flattened. Following the building collapse, Lahore Commissioner Abdullah Khan Sunbal stated that at least five heavy-cranes were sent to the site to remove the rubble. "Our first priority is to save the live of those trapped inside. The operation is underway and rescue teams are working very slowly and carefully." Rescue workers said they moved slowly since they had to follow the standard operating procedure when the operations were underway. "The rescuers tried to save maximum lives so seven-day time period doesn't matter".

Saving nature: Environment act to be passed in G-B Legislative Assembly

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GILGIT: An environment act will be passed in the next session of the Gilgit-Baltistan Legislative Assembly to ensure that work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project does not have a negative impact on the region. This was said by G-B Parliamentary Secretary for Law Aurangzeb Khan on Monday at a press conference in Gilgit. "We will pass the act to ensure the environment remains unaffected during the massive construction expected for CPEC," said Aurangzeb. "This is one of the four acts we presented in the assembly recently and hopefully the house will pass it in the next session." Mega construction is envisaged for the economic corridor that aims to connect Gwadar Port, in the southwest of Pakistan, with China. Aurangzeb also spoke about the recommended increase in the salaries of lawmakers, saying the demanded increase is less than what their counterparts in the rest of the countries were enjoying.

Road schemes

Also present on the occasion, Minister for Works Dr Muhammad Iqbal said various development schemes have been deleted from the annual plan only because they were not based on merit. He said the schemes were included in the plan by the previous government just days before their term completed. "Those schemes were included just to drag us into a complex situation and defame us," said Iqbal. He was referring to a scheme for a road for which an amount of Rs7 million were allocated. "With that amount we couldn't have completed some kilometres let alone construct a 100-kilometre-long route." He added their government had achieved nearly 80 to 90% success in their 100-day target as work on roads and bridges had been completed. "At least four megawatts of power was included in the existing power generation capacity which should help overcome an acute power crisis during winter," said senior minister Akbar Taban during the press conference. "The government faced disasters twice [earthquake and floods] but all out efforts were made to alleviate the sufferings of the people."

Rs200,000 too little to rebuild a quake-damaged house

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PESHAWAR: Sixty-year-old Mohammad Hakim, a resident of Shamshi Khan, Lower Dir, was happy after receiving Rs200,000 from the government to rebuild his home damaged in the recent earthquake, but soon he realised that the amount was too little for the job. "With this amount I can't remove even the debris of my home," said Mr Hakim, whose six-room mud house caved in when the earthquake shook Pakistan, Afghanistan and India on Oct 26. "Can the government provide us a plan or design to build a single room with this amount? I can either use mud and stone to rebuild my home or borrow money to construct a quake-proof structure," he said.

According to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority, the quake had damaged or destroyed 92,816 houses in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has announced that the federal and KP governments would jointly give Rs 200,000 for rebuilding a destroyed home and Rs100,000 for a partially damaged one. "Keeping in view the cost of construction material and labour, the compensation being paid for building a house is like throwing a pinch of salt into the ocean," said Wali Yousafzai, a civil engineer. The government should be realistic because even repair of a damaged home was not possible in this amount, he added.

"You have to remove the entire structure if a building is damaged partially," he said, advising the government to first carry out a survey of affected buildings before paying compensation. After the 2005 earthquake, the government had paid Rs 200,000 for reconstruction of a home when the US dollar was worth about Rs65, but now the greenback fetches Rs106. Mr Hakim is thinking about constructing an earthquake-proof structure, but he doesn't have know-how about it.

Experts believe that the government has preferred old-fashioned steps, instead of taking disaster risk management measures, including adopting new building codes and constructing quake-proof houses. "Before paying the compensation the government should have bound the affected people to follow building codes in reconstruction of their houses," said Mushtaq Ahmad Jan, Director of the Centre for Disaster Preparedness and Management, University of Peshawar. He said the building codes for seismic areas, 2007, and the National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy, 2013, had been framed in order to reduce losses of life and property. "Ultimately people residing in seismic zones will have to adopt building codes and construct quake-proof houses," he said, "In the post-quake scenario life in mud houses in seismic zones is like staying in a graveyard." Pakistan is prone to multiple natural disasters because of its geophysical conditions and climatic changes. Kashmir, Gilgit, Chitral, Dir and Quetta lie in a very high hazard zone, Balakot, Saidu Sharif and Malakand in high hazard, while Peshawar and its surrounding areas, Kohat and parts of the tribal areas are in a moderate zone.

The Pakistan Meteorological Department has recorded 132 earthquakes from Sept 30 to Oct 30. After the 2005 earthquake, the federal government had worked out a strategy for disaster risk reduction. Disaster management authorities were set up at the federal and provincial levels. The federal government, in consultation with the provinces, had prepared building codes for seismic areas in 2007. The building codes had provided all methods for constructing earthquake-proof low-cost houses, but the codes and bylaws are hardly followed both in public and private sectors. The government had established the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority, which apart from other activities was mandated to ensure implementation of building codes in private and government sectors. The authority had worked out a mechanism for payment of compensation so as to force people to rebuild their homes according to the building codes. "The authority properly checked construction of houses and made payment in three installments to ensure that building codes are followed," said Nisar Ahmad, a resident of Mansehra. "People will have to build a structure which can withstand an earthquake of nine magnitude keeping in view seismic activities in our region, especially in Chitral district," suggested Mushtaq Ahmad Jan. Despite the fact that Pakistan is prone to natural calamities, the government agencies have failed to ensure implementation of building codes and guidelines. Bylaws are ignored in construction of high rises buildings and even in construction of schools and houses. The recent earthquake had damaged about 500 schools. But Works and Services Department's secretary Asif Khan claimed that building codes designed by the University of Engineering and Technology, Peshawar, were followed in construction of buildings and as a result of that public sector buildings largely remained

3.4 magnitude earthquake jolts Lahore, Sheikhupura

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Kalash say they are being blamed for the recent 7.5 magnitude earthquake

ARY News, November 10, 2015

Rain, snowfall aggravate situation in earthquake-hit areas

The News, November 10, 2015

safe in the last month's high-intensity tremor.

LAHORE - An earthquake measuring 3.4 at the Richter Scale jolted Lahore and Sheikhupura on early Wednesday morning. According to Pakistan Meteorological Department, the earthquake was felt in Lahore and Sheikhupura at 3:48am on Wednesday. The epicenter of the quake was 50 kilometre west of Lahore at the depth of 30 kilometres.

The tremor spread panic among the residents who came out of their homes. No loss of life or damage to property was reported till filing of this report.

BUMBURATE: Some people in Pakistan's northwest are blaming the Kalash for a powerful earthquake that flattened entire villages in October, claiming their immoral ways provoked Allah's wrath, in the latest attack on a diminishing tribe fighting to keep its identity alive. Residents of Chitral district are still reeling from the 7.5 magnitude quake, which ripped through Afghanistan and Pakistan killing more than 390 people and levelling thousands of homes.

It came just three months after floods also devastated Chitral, leaving thousands of families camping in the open as winter approaches. Chitral's verdant, plunging valleys have long attracted tourists for their natural beauty and their brush with legend as the home of the ancient, polytheistic Kalash, many of whom are fair with light-coloured eyes. Pakistan's smallest religious minority, they speak their own language and celebrate their gods through music, dance — and alcohol, which they brew themselves for rituals and consumption, but many Muslims in the region feel Allah, angered by such un-Islamic practises, has smited the region with natural disasters.

"People are saying that the earthquake came because of the Kalash," says student Shira Bibi, who spoke to AFP in the village of Brun, nestled in the Bumburate area of the valleys. Shira's direct gaze and confident, melodic way of speaking are typical of Kalash women but distinctive in conservative, patriarchal Pakistan.

Her face is uncovered and her clothing, a deep black, is intricately embroidered across the shoulders, as is the wide belt slung across her waist. Her long, dark hair is braided beneath a beaded headpiece — in the traditional Kalash style. Shira, who studies at a college in Chitral town some 100 kilometres (60 miles) away, came back to Brun after the quake.

"An old man in Chitral town said 'Look, daughter, don't walk around like that, don't you see earthquakes are striking, floods are coming, because of you?'" Shira said. "I was wearing Kalash dress when he said this. People keep saying things like that." Academics have speculated the Kalash might be descended from the ancient Middle East or even from soldiers of Alexander the Great's army, which conquered the area in the fourth century BC. Centuries ago they ruled Chitral but now they are a minority in the valleys, with their population reduced to just a third of the 12,000 residents, according to the Kalash Peoples Development Network (KPDN), a local organisation. KPDN chair Luke Rehmat said the Kalash are being subjected to "institutional conversion". "The Kalash people are being discouraged in society and told to get rid of their religion in a systematic way," he said. Until this year, Kalash was not recognised as a religion under the National Database and Registration Authority, and Rehmat says that in schools Kalash are given no alternative to Islamic studies. "In other parts of Pakistan non-Muslims have ethics as a subject in lieu of Islamic studies, but here the students have no choice. Ultimately when they grow up, they don't have knowledge of their own Kalash culture and traditions, religions. And they are turning to other sides." Diana Bibi, who lives in Brun, has an elder sister who converted to Islam and married in Peshawar. Now her sibling wears a niqab even when visiting her parents in Kalash, and refuses to attend the family's religious ceremonies. "It's a big problem," Diana said.

Suffering for Kalash sins

Osama Ahmad Warraich, Chitral deputy commissioner, denies any Kalash are being forced to become convert to Islam. "They are basically poor people belonging to a low income group and people from other parts of the country give them money to convert," he tells AFP — in particular, "rich Muslims who want to marry Kalash girls". He also says the government is carrying out a number of local projects to help preserve Kalash culture, including donating land for a graveyard and recognising their economic potential. "We are trying to revive tourism in the region by preserving the Kalash culture as it's the best tourist attraction in the country," he says. Zafar, a Kalash who goes by only one name, said not everyone in the valleys blame his tribe for the disasters. "The trend of discouraging Kalash people from practising their faith is very old and I would not blame all Muslims for it, neither do all the Muslims here see the Kalash as being behind all the doom and destruction," he said. However villager Nazai Gai said locals will not stop blaming his fellow Kalash for the disasters.

MINGORA: The earthquake-affected people are facing difficulties with the start of snowfall and rain, which have lowered the mercury in Malakand division. The downpour started in the lower parts of the Swat district while the upper parts received snowfall that lowered the temperature. Tourist spots, including Kalam, Malam Jabba, Miandam, Osho, Gabral and Marghuzar received a heavy snowfall. The affected people whose houses collapsed in the earthquake were facing serious problems.

BATTAGRAM: The rain and snowfall, which started on Monday, added to the miseries of the earthquake-affected people who complained that the damage assessment survey was yet to be completed.

The children in the affected areas are prone to diseases with the start of severe cold in these mountainous areas. Several of the affected families have not received any assistance since the earthquake struck the country on October 26. **BISHAM:** The rain and snowfall, which started on Monday, is hampering relief activities in the district. The upper parts of Shangla district, including Olandar, Spin Ghar, Shangla Top, Kafar Banda received a heavy snowfall. The affected people who have been provided tents would face severe problems due to the sudden dip in temperature.

Disaster management

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'Quake was Allah's wrath for Kalash people's immoral ways'

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LAHORE: Man-made disasters, such as the recent collapse of the factory in Lahore, the Baldia Town factory tragedy in Karachi in 2012, the murders of thousands of people by criminal mafias and terrorists, and numerous avoidable fatal air crashes and road accidents can be prevented if the state performs its role in accordance with laws and regulations. The rescue operation after the Lahore factory collapse was a comparatively better effort when we take into account some botched rescue operations of the past, but this was a disaster that could have been prevented had various departments performed their designated roles instead of becoming partners in criminal negligence and feeding into the greed of factory owners. Mere investigations, the formation of committees and the suspension of officials will not deter the corrupt bureaucracy from criminal negligence unless exemplary punishments are given. It is for the provincial and federal governments to prove whether they are there to serve and protect the public or to serve traders, contractors and the real estate mafia.

What purpose does the Punjab Industrial Estate Office in Sundar, located within yards of this illegal factory, serve other than being reduced to another job-providing organisation for cronies and retired officers? Why should elected ministers, MNAs and MPAs intervene in the work of regulatory agencies? How can the Sindh police justify its inaction in not arresting those responsible for the Baldia Town factory fire? Why should law enforcement agencies seek permission from the elected executive to arrest individuals who have committed crimes? Can the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority justify its existence with an overstaffed administration of over 600 employees costing the exchequer Rs1.5 billion annually, having funds to buy 443 expensive SUVs and cars for their executives, without money to procure equipment to handle rescue operations? While it may not be the job of the state to do business, it is its responsibility to regulate all commercial activity to ensure that companies and traders do not resort to unfair practices, and compromise safety of life and property of citizens. The right of traders to make profits cannot be at the expense of endangering the lives of citizens. Emergency response and rescue operation is a specialised field and those in government who appoint blue-eyed individuals lacking requisite qualifications and expertise cannot absolve themselves of their responsibilities and failures.

BUMBURATE (AFP): Conservative Muslims are blaming the animist Kalash for a powerful earthquake that flattened entire villages in October, claiming their immoral ways provoked Allah's wrath, in the latest attack on a diminishing tribe fighting to keep its identity alive. Residents of Chitral district are still reeling from the 7.5 magnitude quake, which ripped through Afghanistan and Pakistan killing more than 390 people and levelling thousands of homes. It came just three months after floods also devastated Chitral, leaving thousands of families camping in the open as winter approaches.

Chitral's verdant, plunging valleys have long attracted tourists for their natural beauty and their brush with legend as the home of the ancient, polytheistic Kalash, many of whom are fair with light-coloured eyes.

Pakistan's smallest religious minority, they speak their own language and celebrate through music, dance and alcohol, which they brew themselves for rituals and consumption, but many Muslims in the region feel Allah, angered by such un-Islamic practises, has smited the region with natural disasters.

People are saying that the earthquake came because of the Kalash," says student Shira Bibi, who spoke to AFP in the village of Brun, nestled in the Bumburate area of the valleys. Shira's direct gaze and confident, melodic way of speaking are typical of Kalash women but distinctive in conservative, patriarchal Pakistan. Her face is uncovered and her clothing, a deep black, is intricately embroidered across the shoulders, as is the wide belt slung across her waist. Her long, dark hair is braided beneath a beaded headpiece — in the traditional Kalash style. Shira, who studies at a college in Chitral town some 100 kilometres (60 miles) away, came back to Brun after the quake. "An old man in Chitral town said 'Look, daughter, don't walk around like that, don't you see earthquakes are striking, floods are coming, because of you?'" Shira said. "I was wearing Kalash dress when he said this. People keep saying things like that. Academics have speculated the Kalash might be descended from the ancient Middle East or even from soldiers of Alexander the Great's army, which conquered the area in the fourth century BC. Centuries ago they ruled Chitral but now they are a minority in the valleys, with their population reduced to just a third of the 12,000 residents, according to the Kalash Peoples Development Network (KPDN), a local organisation KPDN chair Luke Rehmat said the Kalash are being subjected to "institutional conversion". "The Kalash people are being discouraged in society and told to get rid of their religion in a systematic way," he said. Until this year, Kalash was not recognised as a religion under the National Database and Registration Authority, and Rehmat says that in schools Kalash are given no alternative to Islamic studies. "In other parts of Pakistan non-Muslims have ethics as a subject in lieu of Islamic studies, but here the students have no choice.

Teachers in Kalash tell the students that Islam is a "superior religion", he said, branding it brainwashing. "Ultimately when they grow up, they don't have knowledge of their own Kalash culture and traditions, religions. And they are turning to other sides." Up to 100 Kalash have converted to Islam in the past few years, according to Rehmat, sometimes causing a strange family dynamic. Diana Bibi, who lives in Brun, has an elder sister who converted to Islam and married in Peshawar. Now her sibling wears a niqab even when visiting her parents in Kalash, and refuses to attend the family's religious ceremonies. It's a big problem. "Diana said. sked if she might also convert, Diana giggles: "Yes! I will go to heaven and have 70 virgins." Osama Ahmad Warraich, Chitral deputy commissioner, denies any Kalash are being forced to become Muslim. "They are basically poor people belonging to a low income group and people from other parts of the country give them money to convert," he tells AFP — in particular, "rich Muslims who want to marry Kalash girls". He also says the government is carrying out a number of local projects to help preserve Kalash culture, including donating land for a graveyard and recognising their economic potential. "We are trying to revive tourism in the region by preserving the Kalash culture

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as it's the best tourist attraction in the country," he says. Zafar, a Kalash who goes by only one name, said not all Muslims in the valleys blame his tribe for the disasters. "The trend of discouraging Kalash people from practising their faith is very old and I would not blame all Muslims for it, neither do all the Muslims here see the Kalash as being behind all the doom and destruction," he said. However villager Nazai Gai said locals will not stop blaming his fellow Kalash for the disasters. "Three months back Allah saw the Kalash practising their faith and there was a flood, then he saw them again and there was an earthquake. In a month he will see them again and there will be a blizzard in the valley," he said with a sardonic grin. Later adding quizzically: "Why would Allah make Muslims suffer for the sins of the Kalash?"

ISLAMABAD: The devastating October 26 earthquake has claimed 280 lives so far, a majority of whom were children and women, according to a preliminary report of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) issued on Monday.

According to the report, the 7.5 magnitude tremor, that shook parts of the country, claimed the lives of 94 children, 75 women and 72 men. The highest number of deaths was reported from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa where the toll has climbed to 232. Of them, 77 were children, 62 women and 55 men followed by the Federal Administrated Tribal Areas (Fata) where 17 children, eight women and five men have died. NDMA officials said that relief efforts are under way and supplies are being distributed among the quake affected people. However, harsh weather conditions are creating hurdles in this regard. So far 43,625 tents, 54,564 blankets, 6,694 plastic mats, 9185.5 tons of food packs, 14 tons of water bottles, 49 water filter plants and 27 tons of medicines have been distributed among the affectees by the NDMA and the armed forces. Talking to The Express Tribune, Ahmed Kamal, NDMA member, said that homes are dispersed and located two to three kilometres apart. "It has become difficult for us to access houses located on hilltop and we are making efforts to reach there to provide relief goods to people." He also said that relief activities have been completed in a majority of the areas and early assessment is under way. Meanwhile around 93% families, who have lost their loved ones in the tremor, have received compensation, the NDMA member added.

RAWALPINDI: Rawal Town Administrator Imran Qureshi on Monday said that the District government is taking all measures to control dengue in different areas of the city. The administrator told the meeting about the steps being undertaken for controlling dengue in the area. Representatives of WASA, Auqaf, Education, Railways, Solid Waste Management, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Environment and others also attended the meeting. He said that measures are being taken to provide clean environment in the city so that dengue spread could be controlled in an effective manner. He said that directives have been issued to the departments concerned and teams engaged in addressing the issue of dengue. Meanwhile, the anti-dengue campaign is in full swing in all areas of the district so that people adopt precautionary measures to avoid dengue. Banners and necessary material has been displayed to create awareness among the masses to prevent spread of dengue in the district.

SWAT: Earthquake jolts have been reported in Swat and its nearby sites on Sunday afternoon, TheNewsTribune.com reported. According to detail, epicenter of earthquake was the border area of Afghanistan and Tajikistan, while its depth was 10 kilometer. According to initial reports, magnitude of earthquake was 5.3. No casualty has been reported so far.

Also more than 300 people lost their lives and more than 2000 were injured in the deadly earthquake that hit the entire Pakistan specially Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is a developing story, will be updated accordingly.

BISHAM: About 37 cheques were distributed among the earthquake victims in Shang and Kormang areas in Shangla district on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Saadat Hassan said that relief package including tents and ration had already been given to the earthquake victims. Tehsildar Alamzeb Khan, nazim village council Botial Shahid Anwar and others were also present on the occasion. "Rehabilitation of the quake victims is our top priority and they would not be left alone in this testing time," Saadat said, adding that all nazims of the village councils along with the patwaris and security forces were conducting assessment survey.

PESHAWAR: The rehabilitation of livestock affected by the October 26 earthquake appears to have been kept on the backburner as the provincial government has taken limited precautions to rescue them. This has sparked fears among survivors in rural communities that Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa could witness a substantial reduction in livestock owing to the government's failure to implement prompt measures. Having lost people and homes, the loss of livestock-related revenue will ensure that impact of the earthquake will be felt well into the next year. K-P Government Spokesperson and Special Assistant to CM Mushtaq Ghani has insisted rehabilitating livestock is the next step.

Gentle creatures

According to a copy of documents provided by Directorate General (Extension) of Livestock and Dairy Development K-P available with The Express Tribune, 4,643 animals were killed in the natural catastrophe.

"A majority of these animals include sheeps and goats," read the document. "The deaths have been recorded in Chitral, Swat, Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Shangla, Malakand, Buner, Haripur, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Nowshera and Kohistan."

As per the report, camps and mobile clinics were set up by the government and social workers to treat wounded animals soon after the quake hit these areas. The document also reveals about 38,824 animals were vaccinated at the camps while 27,659 were provided first-aid. About 4,000 animals were sprayed to protect them from diseases. The shelters of various animals have also been damaged. "At least 1,882 livestock shelters in K-P have been damaged in the earthquake,"

Population becomes vulnerable to severe dengue fever outbreak in future

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added the report.

Additional burden

Earlier this year, heavy rain and floods in most parts of the province resulted in the death of livestock and forest animals. Last month's earthquake has put an additional burden on the government to take an initiative in this regard, not to mention the impact of those whose entire livelihood was pegged to farm animals.

"The K-P government had already incurred losses in livestock worth Rs5.34 billion in the 2010 floods," stated the report. "Losses worth Rs0.15 million were reported in 2013 and the department has had to face a loss of Rs7 million in the 2015 floods. However, no precautionary measures were taken to save the animals during natural disasters."

Waiting for solutions

The immediate physical rehabilitation of families affected by natural disasters is always likely to be the government's first priority. As a result, the fate of livestock affected by the earthquake remains a question with no immediate solution in sight as no strategies have been made to rescue animals. Speaking to The Express Tribune, Livestock Department Deputy Director Dr Alamzeb said that the government has constituted teams in various districts to assess losses to livestock and is vaccinating animals.

"Animals in affected areas are being kept in tents and members of these teams are taking care of them," he said. "We have not collected exact figures as yet. However, the process is under way and soon the livestock department will arrange plans to save the animals." Whether they will be able to implement this before winter sets in even deeper is a question the departments are unable to answer.

Phase two

Speaking to The Express Tribune, Ghani said the earthquake has resulted in massive casualties and destroyed countless villages. "The relevant authorities are first and foremost dealing with human and property loss," he said. "There are some areas where the surveys to assess the level of damage have not been initiated as yet. It will take some time to look into the level of destruction caused to livestock." According to Ghani, the government's main focus is to provide compensation and start rehabilitating the affected population. "The rehabilitation of livestock will start in the second phase," he said. "We haven't devised any comprehensive plan to [rehabilitate] livestock as yet. However, we are planning to develop strategies to protect them from natural disasters."

RAWALPINDI: The prevailing situation regarding spread of dengue fever in this region of the country has convinced health experts to believe that the best defence against spread of its infection is prevention and for that matter, the concerned government authorities have to launch effective awareness campaigns on permanent basis along with provision of free-of-cost mosquito repellents to public at least in high-risk districts.

Before 2006, Pakistan did not encounter significant problem though there had been dengue fever outbreaks but in limited regions, however, after 2006, the infection emerged out as a greater health threat claiming number of lives every year. Now the situation has changed as dengue virus has spread almost all over Pakistan due to increased number of infected people among population.

With more than 4,000 confirmed reported cases of dengue fever along with 10 reported deaths caused by the infection only in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi so far in 2015, the situation may take an alarming turn in the year to come if proper preventive and control measures are not taken by the concerned authorities in general and individuals in particular. Experts believe that the federal and the provincial governments should launch effective awareness campaigns by using simple modes of communication including pictorial material on permanent basis through billboards and not through hanging banners that are vanished away after a month or so. After the recent dengue fever outbreak that is much intense, it is believed that outbreak in future cannot be averted only through awareness campaign instead the government authorities should have to provide mosquito repellents and insecticides free of cost to public at least in high-risk districts. Health departments have repeatedly expressed that to control spread of dengue fever, individuals will have to play active role but experts say that there is a need of enabling individuals to do so by providing repellents and insecticides at community level.

A number of health experts believe that only fogging by the concerned government authorities, the outbreak in future cannot be avoided instead after recent outbreak, it is need of the time to create sufficient awareness among public on how to avoid dengue fever and motivate individuals to join hands with the health departments in averting possibly a more deadly dengue fever outbreak in future. Dengue fever is caused by the bite of an infected female mosquito *aedes aegypti* and elimination of its larvae and adult population is a must to avoid outbreak of the infection. Experts say that huge sized billboards containing pictorial material on what is needed to be done to avoid dengue fever incidence should be installed in every nook and corner of the district on permanent basis round the year. No one should be allowed to remove the boards and if needed, the material should be refreshed according to situation.

Aedes aegypti breeds and stays only on clean water containers like barrels, buckets, drums, tanks, flower vases, water coolers, discarded tires, toilet bowls and other such places, including the ones where rainwater collects. Experts say that the concerned government authorities should convince individuals and families through regular health education campaigns that they should empty all water containers and avoid collection of water in open anywhere in the house in any season.

Public should use mosquito repellents such as oils, mosquito coils, vapour mats etc to reduce human-mosquito contact and the concerned authorities should provide these either free of cost to public or make arrangements for their provision in open markets at cheaper rates. All varieties of mosquitoes breed in or near water that is stagnant or slow moving. The importance of mosquitoes

Untrained staff handling dengue-hit districts

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in transmission of disease makes adequate control of mosquito-breeding sites very important, especially those close to human habitation. Experts say that the concerned government authorities with the help of community should take measures to avoid collection of water in and around residences. According to health experts, the awareness material so far displayed at healthcare facilities and in newspapers is based mainly on written material including technical language and terms and it can be made more effective and simple by using pictorial expressions which can certainly be understood by 100 percent population of the country.

LAHORE: None of the foreign trained medical staff has been sent to the dengue-hit areas in Multan and Rawalpindi. Dengue has reached epidemic proportions in the two cities, but patients are being handled mostly by the untrained doctors and paramedics while those trained abroad are stationed at Lahore and the government has no plans to send them in those areas. Foreign qualified healthcare providers were supposed to be used as master trainers and in the dengue-hit areas when needed. Millions of rupees were spent from public exchequer to train health managers and healthcare providers on modern lines. As per details, as many as 110 persons including five parliamentarians and over a dozen bureaucrats were sent to Thailand four years back for Dengue Epidemic Prevention, Control and Management Training. MNA Shaista Pervaiz Malik, Advisor to Chief Minister on Health Kh Salman Rafiq, secretaries of health and finance departments, doctors from public sector hospitals and general practitioners, nurses, epidemiologists and entomologists were part of the batch sent to Thailand for training on December 5, 2011.

Insiders have termed it a pleasure trip as the batch mostly comprised persons who had nothing to do with handling of dengue patients. Those who actually got training were few in number, and even the government is not benefitting from their expertise at a time when the disease is spreading its tentacles across Punjab. "Mostly irrelevant persons like parliamentarians and bureaucrats were part of the batch. Even relevant persons like doctors were blue eyed and most of them from Lahore. The department has no record of foreign trained doctors from public sector hospitals and general practitioners. In case of absence of any record, the department can seek assistance from public sector hospitals and Academy of Family Physicians. But so far no effort has been made to get their services for the patients in worst affected Rawalpindi and Multan," said one officer at health department who desired not to be quoted. "Training has no impact, whether in Pakistan or abroad, without regular refresher courses. Training should be a regular feature before peak dengue season. Workshops should be conducted at medical colleges/hospitals. Dengue should be made part of MBBS curriculum with regular update to fulfill modern day needs. We have provided training to medical staff at public sector hospitals and doctors in the private sector. Patients are already decreasing with the gradual drop in temperature. Now focus should be sustained efforts for updating knowledge and improving skill of doctors and allied health staff", said Prof Javed Akram, Vice Chancellor Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Medical University/Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences Islamabad.

Proper training is must for handling dengue patients. Doctors and nurses in Multan and Rawalpindi have been provided training. Dengue Expert Advisory Group has own mechanism of providing training. No private clinic can keep dengue patient unless it has doctors trained by DEAG", said Kh Salman Rafiq.

Misuse of rehabilitation funds by TMAs feared

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CHITRAL: The tehsil municipal administrations of Chitral and Mastuj have received Rs140 million each for the rehabilitation of the flood-damaged infrastructure in their respective areas. It has been learned through reliable sources that both the TMAs would be getting more funds in this connection but there are apprehensions that the funds would be misused as there is no system for their utilization in a transparent manner. Some circles also expressed the fear that the elected representatives at the local level in the district as well as in the tehsils would divert the funds to areas on the basis of their likes and dislikes leaving the damaged infrastructure unrepaired.

Sources privy to the matter told Chitral Today that the members of the local councils, district and tehsil councils were trying to identify and select projects which were not even slightly affected by the floods. In this practice, officials of the TMAs were facilitating the political circles for their own vested interests. It is also learned that for this purpose a number of schemes have already been identified by different members which would be executed through the rehabilitation funds allocated by the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA).

If this practice goes on unchecked, there is no doubt that the flood-affected infrastructure would be left behind and the funds would be (mis)used on the schemes proposed by the district and tehsil council members. The development has sent a shock wave among the public circles here and they have warned that the tehsil nazims and TMOs would be responsible for this kind of embezzlement and favoritism. The public circles demanded that the deputy commissioner Chitral should intervene in the matter and ensure merit in this matter otherwise the funds would be used as a political bribe by the district and tehsil councilors. 09: The tehsil municipal administrations of Chitral and Mastuj have received Rs140

Massive earthquake of devastatingly high magnitude jolts Northern part of Pakistan. As reported by the Pakistan media besides Lahore, tremors of the October 26 earthquake were also felt in Islamabad, Gujranwala, Sialkot and other Punjab regions. Dubai, India and Afghanistan too were jolted by the quake.

Needless to say, the high intensity of the tremors generated by the quake sent shivers down the spines of the fear-stricken people who were seen rushing out of their abodes reciting religious invocations. Everyone being deeply concerned about the welfare of their near and dear ones hectically got down to establishing contact with them. But to their utter dismay the quake temporarily affected the telecommunication network and they were unable to establish contact with their relatives. If one remembers, the October 8, 2005 quake that devastated the northern parts of country (Kashmir and KPK in particular) was of a magnitude of 7.6 on the RS. It caused massive destruction and about 100,000 innocent men, women and children had lost their valuable lives in

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the catastrophe. Undeniably, the earthquake that hit the country on October 26 could have caused destruction beyond one's stretch of imagination. It, in fact, could have taken a very heavy toll on the lives and properties of the people. We thank Allah the Almighty that it didn't. In spite of this one cannot condone the gruesome impact that this quake had particularly on those who lost their near and dear ones and their dwellings in the tragedy. While quick response of the government and the Pakistan Army to the tragic incident is worthy of appreciation, yet the urgent need to take long-term measures to deal with such gruesome and devastating natural calamities cannot be overemphasised. In its endeavours to set forth stringent policies vis-à-vis construction of particularly high-rise buildings in the earthquake-prone northern regions of the country, particularly Islamabad, the government must direct the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and similar civic bodies in other quake affected regions to immediately form an experts panel of professionally qualified and highly experienced structural engineers to make a thorough assessment of the extent of damage the recent earthquake has done particularly to the high-rise buildings in the capital. This is extremely essential if a catastrophe of greater magnitude is to be avoided in the future. Equally important is the issue of quick rehabilitation of the people badly affected by the quake. The government must immediately gear up the concerned government agencies to urgently undertake rehabilitation work, in the affected regions, to bring respite to the quake-stricken people.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) on Sunday said government should establish water banks to save country from looming drought and ensure water security. Water resources are rapidly plummeting decreasing per capita water availability has by 80 percent since 1951 while no mega water storage project has been constructed after the completion of the Tarbela Dam despite availability of lot of sites including Kalabagh, said Atif Ikram Sheikh, President ICCI. According to press release issued here on Sunday, climate change has disturbed pattern of rainfall in the country while over dependence on groundwater has reduced its level to alarming limits which must be noticed.

Atif said that the whole country is increasingly coming under extreme water strain but the situation in Balochistan is much more critical where groundwater shortage has reached catastrophic proportions. The ICCI president advised government to build recharge reservoirs, intercept and flood water at catchment areas to recharge ground water, build small dams, and ensure consensus on big dams, he proposed.

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DETAILS

KARACHI: Chief Justice of Pakistan Anwar Zaheer Jamali said on Saturday that Pakistan was in the midst of internal and external terror threats and the authorities must take extraordinary steps to end the crisis that erupted after the 9/11 attacks. He was addressing the foundation stone-laying ceremony of a complex building that will house 10 anti-terrorism courts (ATCs) in the Central Jail Karachi. The chief justice said the establishment of 10 anti-terrorism courts was the key to dealing with the menace of terrorism. He said that several tragic incidents of terrorism had taken place in the country that led to the loss of many innocent lives and even lawyers, judicial officers, law enforcers and government functionaries were under threat. He was of the view that an improved and secure environment would enable the judges to provide speedy and inexpensive justice. He appreciated the Sindh government for providing funds to construct the ATCs in the central prison, and expected that trial courts would be shifted by December 2016. He hoped that the provincial government would also make arrangements to construct homes for the judicial officers of the ATCs. Such courts should be established in all other provinces, he said.

The 10 ATCs will be completed in the central prison by December 2016 at an estimated cost of Rs120 million. On the occasion, Supreme Court judges Amir Hani Muslim and Mushir Alam were present along with Chief Justice Sindh High Court Justice Faisal Arab and other judges of the high court. A day earlier, addressing an annual dinner function hosted by the Sindh High Court Bar Association at the Sindh High Court's lawn, the CJP had said that supremacy of the constitution was the judiciary's responsibility. He stressed the need for activating the process of self-accountability in the judiciary as well as in the legal fraternity. The chief justice made it clear that matters in the Supreme Judicial Council would be dealt with strictly in a transparent manner. He said that there was no deficiency in the present judicial system but only that some people involved in the process of the system did not perform their duties with due responsibility. The chief justice said that unnecessary delays in the disposal of cases were not only a social issue but also a challenge for the judicial system.

A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also recovered during raids. Sindh Rangers have conducted raids in different areas of Karachi and arrested thirty seven criminals. They include criminals belonging to banned outfits. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was also recovered during raids.

KARACHI: In an impressive display of naval fire power, the front line combat units of Pakistan Navy Fleet successfully test fired anti-ship guided missiles in North Arabian Sea on Saturday. The Chief of Naval staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah along with senior naval officers witnessed the firings onboard PNS Alamgir, said a statement issued by Pakistan Navy. The missiles launched from surface and air units successfully engaged their intended targets with pinpoint accuracy, thus re-asserting the lethality, precision and efficacy of navy's weapon systems. Successful conduct of missile firings is manifestation of PN's optimum operational preparedness, the statement added. The chief of naval staff appreciated the remarkable demonstration of professionalism during missile firings and expressed his satisfaction over the combat readiness of the naval forces. Pakistan Navy is maintaining vigilance and optimum operational readiness to defend maritime frontiers and safeguard national interests. The successful missile firings while reassuring navy's combat potential also serve as a deterrent to the forces inimical to Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: The Interior Ministry, on the directives of Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, has removed 9,753 persons the Exit Control List. According to spokesman of the Interior Ministry, the names of 19,836 persons have also been taken off the Black List. The spokesman went on to say that in future the names will be put on ECL after necessary scrutiny by a four-member Committee set up in the Interior Ministry.

PESHAWAR: At least 22 suspected militants were killed as Pakistan Air Force (PAF) jets destroyed a number of militant hideouts and other related targets in North Waziristan's Shawal region, said a statement from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). The ISPR statement added that PAF jets targeted militant hideouts in Shawal tehsil, killing at least 22 suspected militants. Six militant hideouts and other targets were destroyed during the airstrikes, claimed the statement. Military operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched by the Pakistan Army on June 15 following a brazen militant attack on Karachi's international airport and failure of peace talks between the government and Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) negotiators. Since the beginning of Operation Zarb-e-Azb in June 2014, militants have fled to other tribal regions, including Khyber and its Tirah Valley and Shawal in North Waziristan, all of which border Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Ishaq Dar told the upper house on Friday that Operation Zarb-e-Azb will cost the national kitty up to Rs190 billion. Some Rs45 billion rupees were spent last year while another Rs100 billion were allocated for this fiscal year and Rs45 billion will be allocated next year. Zarb-e-Azb was launched in North Waziristan Agency in June 2014 against homegrown militants and their foreign cohorts after efforts to initiate dialogue failed following a deadly attack on Karachi airport. Speaking on the floor of the house, Dar said 28 wings of civil armed forces were being raised to protect the tribal areas' porous border with Afghanistan and this needed money. "Foreign countries had pledged \$6 billion for the expenses being incurred on the operation but the government has received only \$350 million. We are meeting expenses from our own resources," he added. Dar said the total external debt liability of the country was \$65 billion and the figure of \$68 billion quoted by the opposition was wrong.

In his speech, the finance minister said that foreign loans had become indispensable for the

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country, which had been declared a macroeconomic instable country by international financial institutions in 2013. He said the government had taken a loan from the international Monetary Fund (IMF) to repay the previous loans. Denying the claims of opposition parties for not giving a roadmap for the revival of the economy, he said, "I have given a roadmap in the budget." Dar said the external public debt stood at over Rs18 trillion and this would have been far higher if the government had not reduced the fiscal deficit to 5.37 per cent. "The fiscal deficit will be further reduced in the years to come," he said.

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Interior has decided to act against firebrand cleric of Islamabad's Red Mosque (Lal Masjid) Maulana Abdul Aziz over his activities. On Friday, a large contingent of Rangers and police personnel could be seen deployed outside the mosque, which was the center of a major anti-Taliban military operation in 2007 which ended in a bloody eight-day siege killing more than 50 Pakistani troops and seminary students. According to the interior ministry, the cleric was using the government-run mosque for political activities. According to reports, the cleric has also cancelled his upcoming planned rally in the federal capital following talks.

WEB DESK: Pakistan's JF-17 Thunder fighter jet will be installed with a Russian engine, a Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) representative said. "As we know, a Russian engine is being installed on the JF-17 Thunder and we are looking forward to further cooperation with the engine manufacturer in Russia," the official told *RIA Novosti* news agency on the sidelines of the Dubai Air Show. The PAC representative expressed interest in having Pakistani engine specialists undergo training in Russia and their help in modernising the company's engine-repair facilities in Pakistan. The JF-17, a light weight, single engine, and multi combat aircraft which has been developed by the Pakistan Air Force (PAF), PAC and the Chengdu Aircraft Industries Corporation (CAC) of China, is set to be modified to include an ED-93 engine made in Russia. The aircraft on Thursday bagged its first sale at the Dubai Air Show. Aviation Industry Corp of China (Avic) and PAC signed the deal with an unidentified buyer, the *Chinese Daily* said. However, the report did not say when the contract was signed or how many jets were sold.

RAWALPINDI: Chief Of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Friday paid a visit to Pakistan's Centre of Excellence for Nuclear Security (PCENS) and expressed confidence over the security of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. "Pakistan has taken measures, including setting up of the PCENS, to strengthen its nuclear security," said the COAS. Interacting with officers and troops at the PCENS, the chief added that nuclear security is a sacred responsibility and lauded the progress the institution has made after its establishment. General Raheel Sharif also stated that Pakistan has also offered the PCENS as a regional and international hub for imparting education and training in the field of nuclear security to the international community. Earlier, the army chief was received by Lieutenant General Mazhar Jamil, Director General Strategic Plans Division (DG-SPD). Since its establishment, PCENS has conducted several national and international training courses focusing on physical protection, personal reliability as well as safety and security of nuclear and radioactive materials and facilities. Earlier in September, Director General (DG) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Yukiya Amano praised Pakistan's impressive nuclear security record.

He had stated that Pakistan attached the highest priority to nuclear safety and security as a national responsibility and that all of Pakistan's nuclear power plants and research reactors were under IAEA safeguards, adding that Pakistan was fully meeting its obligations in this regard. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had also stated in September that Pakistan would continue to maintain minimum nuclear deterrence for security purposes, but that these weapons are 'not against any one'. The National Command Authority (NCA) has stated that Pakistan as a responsible nuclear state will remain actively engaged with the international community on nuclear stability and security issues, and expressed satisfaction on Pakistan's enhanced outreach with the multilateral export control regimes. Earlier, according to reports published by two American think tanks which claimed that Pakistan could become the third largest nuclear stock pile within the next five to ten years — with at least 350 nuclear weapons — behind only the United States and Russia. The report cited analysts as saying that Pakistan possesses around 120 nuclear warheads as compared to India's 100. The report concluded by saying that Pakistan could have at least 350 nuclear weapons within five to 10 years.

KARACHI: Rangers have refuted media reports about slowing down their operation against the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) amid an alleged understanding. In a press release issued on Thursday, the Rangers' spokesperson said that the operation was still ongoing and will continue till the last target killer has been arrested. It requested citizens to keep an eye on their surroundings and in case of emergencies, contact them through the Rangers helpline. Rangers and the people of Karachi are together, read the statement. However, an MQM official told *The Express Tribune* that an understanding had been reached in the recent meeting between the Rangers DG with party lawmakers, Dr Farooq Sattar and Kunwar Naveed. "We have reached an understanding with the Rangers. Hopefully, the law enforcement agencies will let us run our local government election campaign and not disrupt them." MQM MNA Sattar said, however, that he wouldn't call it a deal. "We didn't offer them anything in return for something." According to Sattar, the Rangers director-general invited them to discuss the security for the local government elections. The Rangers officials refused to share details of the meeting.

Following the meeting with the Rangers director-general, the MQM reopened its sectors and units offices in the city and is now actively campaigning for the local bodies scheduled for December 5. Since the start of the operation, the Rangers have arrested 5,000 workers during raids at party headquarters and offices. However, another party leader said that pinning the blame on the MQM for every crime, while banned and religious militants had claimed responsibility for it, had put the LEAs in a tight spot. "The Rangers had picked up a lot of people, yet there was no conviction. Their idea of portraying the party as a terror group has backfired. It has only strengthened the vote

102 madrassas sealed for stoking sectarianism

The Express Tribune, November 12, 2015

bank of MQM."

ISLAMABAD: The interior ministry told lawmakers on Wednesday that it has sealed 102 Islamic seminaries for fanning extremism. Moreover, it has also frozen Rs1 billion in funds of proscribed militant groups. The law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have sealed the seminaries for sponsoring terrorism or extremism, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told the National Assembly in a written reply to a question raised by PPP MNA Shahida Rehmani. This year, the government has closed down 87 madrassas in Sindh and 13 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, he said. Two seminaries have been sealed in Punjab where a number of students were found in contact with banned groups. The LEAs have also identified 190 seminaries that receive funds from abroad.

Curbing terror financing

As part of the strategy to choke terror financing, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has frozen Rs1 billion in 126 accounts linked to proscribed organisations. Further, the LEAs have recovered Rs251.2 million in cash which was being traded through Hawala and Hundi. The government also recovered Rs19.77 million from suspects involved in the 2004 'Chowk Yadgar Operation' in Peshawar.

Losses in War on Terror

Nisar said the war on terror has cost Pakistan Rs118.4 billion since 2001. Replying to a question from PTI's Dr Shireen Mazari, he said Fata had suffered the most, with losses worth Rs68.5 billion. Sindh was a distant second suffering loss worth Rs16.5 billion. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has suffered losses worth Rs15 billion, while Punjab has suffered Rs13.4 billion in losses, he added. Balochistan has suffered losses worth Rs4.3 billion, Gilgit-Baltistan Rs358.1 million, and AJK Rs12.6 million.

Banned groups

The government has put 7,923 people in the fourth schedule in addition to including the names of 188 hardcore militants on the Exit Control List. Movement of 2,081 hardcore militants has also been restricted. Similarly, the government has registered 1,026 cases, while 230 terror suspects have been arrested.

Hate speech

One of the areas the government has focused on under the National Action Plan (NAP) has been to curb dissemination of hate speech and material. In this regard, 1,961 suspects have been arrested and 1,893 cases filed against clerics. Of these, 271 have been convicted while 826 cases are still pending before special courts. The government, Nisar argued, had also cracked down against the misuse of loudspeakers. As many as 7,000 cases have been filed and 6,855 alleged hate-preachers arrested. Of them, 1,482 have been convicted of hatemongering on loudspeakers.

Karachi operation

About the surgical operation in Karachi, Nisar said the Rangers has arrested over 58,000 criminals. Of them, 9,570 were absconders while 630 were proclaimed offenders. Others apprehended during the operation included 1,731 murderers, 713 terrorists, 517 extortionists and 118 kidnappers. Security forces also recovered 15,612 illegal weapons during the operation.

BEIJING: The JF-17 fighter, jointly developed by China and Pakistan, notched its first sale at the Dubai Air Show and may receive additional orders in the future, the China Daily said on Wednesday, citing a Chinese executive. Aviation Industry Corp of China (Avic) and Pakistan Aeronautical Complex closed the deal with an unidentified buyer at the air show, the newspaper said, citing an Avic statement. It did not say when the contract was signed or how many jets were sold. "Several potential buyers have expressed to us their strong intention of introducing the aircraft," Liu Yu, deputy head of Avic's military aircraft sales division, was quoted as saying. China's weapons exports jumped 143 per cent in the five years to 2014 compared to the previous five-year period, but still only account for about 5pc of the global arms market.

JF-17 finds buyer at Dubai show: report

Daily Dawn, November 12, 2015

'Dual ID card holders will be criminalised'

Daily Dawn, November 11, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Standing Committee on Interior was informed that criminal proceedings would be initiated against those people who possess more than one national ID card. The cards of such people have also been blocked. This information was shared by Interior Secretary Shahid Khan during the committee meeting on Tuesday which was presided over by Rana Shamim Ahmed Khan. The committee had taken up the issue of multiple ID cards, cases of which are more common in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, after the matter was raised by MNA Sher Akbar Khan. The MNA criticised Nadra for failing to execute its duties, adding that, "The ID cards of hardworking students were invalidated while agents, in collaboration with some government officials, are making good money helping Afghans get ID cards." After some members of the committee said they agreed with the MNA, the interior secretary said a long-term solution was to invalidate one of the cards. However, the secretary wondered how people had two cards in the first place. "How did people manage to get more than one ID card and dodge the authorities? A fine is not enough; they should also face criminal proceedings so others will not do the same." Shahid Khan said people with two ID cards were not suspected to be terrorists by Nadra or by any other government department. However, they should be held responsible for not taking their nationality seriously.

Afterwards, PML-N's Aslam Bodla and JUI-F's Naeema Kishwar Khan brought up the issue of Nadra employees who were sacked for allegedly helping with fake and forged ID cards. It was decided that a six-member subcommittee headed by Nawab Mohammad Yousuf Talpur would be formed for probing the matter and following it up with the interior ministry. The National Assembly committee was also updated on the matter of arms licences. The federal government has set up December 31 as the deadline for revalidating all arms licences issued by the interior ministry. Officials from the interior ministry said the federal government has so far issued 352,843 arms

Brahumdag Bugti expected to end nine-year exile soon: reports

The Express Tribune, November 11, 2015

Karachi witnesses 48 pc decline in target killing: Interior Ministry

The News, November 11, 2015

NA passes Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill 2015

The News, November 11, 2015

Government to continue pursuing National Action Plan: spokesperson

The Express Tribune, November 11, 2015

licences and permits. Of these, 171,033 have been submitted to Nadra for revalidation and 125,426 have been forwarded to the interior ministry for verification. The ministry has cleared 112,638 of them and 7,461 have been declared bogus. Most of the bogus ones had been issued during the previous government. The committee was informed that the PML-N led government has imposed a complete ban on issuing arms licences. However, officials said, some provinces were still issuing them. The committee was also informed that the passport office in Wana will be reopened next month.

WEB DESK: Self-exiled Baloch Republican Army (BRA) leader Brahmdagh Bugti met Balochistan Chief Minister Abdul Malik Baloch in Geneva and is expected to return to Pakistan within months, according to media reports. While speaking to BBC on Tuesday, Bugti claimed that he discussed the Balochistan issue with the provincial chief minister but said that Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has no 'authority' to discuss all important issue with him. "Those who have the power and authority to change the situation should hold a dialogue with me," the disgruntled Baloch leader said. Further, a source in the inner circles of Balochistan government told RFE/RL's Gandhara website that Bugti is months away from returning to Pakistan, marking an end of his nine-year exile which had followed the killing of his grandfather, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, by Pakistani security forces in 2006. "He has agreed to come [back to Pakistan]," the website quoting an anonymous source said. "We have reached an agreement on 90 per cent of the issues."

The source, a senior politician within Balochistan's ruling coalition claimed Bugti indicated his willingness to return in a series of meeting with Balochistan chief minister in Switzerland this summer. "There were two or three meetings [in July]. He [Bugti] has asked for respect and an end to all cases against him [as a pre-condition for his return]," the source was further quoted as saying. Earlier in August, Bugti agreed to hold talks with the government on the Balochistan issue, hinting at the possibility of withdrawing demands of separation — provided that was what the people in the province wanted. "We are ready to stay with Pakistan if our friends, well-wishers, majority of the Baloch people and political allies want the same," the self-exiled separatist leader told the BBC Urdu in an interview in Switzerland. This was the first time that the BRA leader, who is the grandson of former Balochistan governor and chief minister Nawab Akbar Bugti, voiced his support for talks with the government.

ISLAMABAD: Karachi has witnessed 48 percent decline in the incidents of target killing while the rate of other types of killings has also come down by 37 percent in the Rangers led operation, representatives of the Interior Ministry told the National Assembly on Wednesday. Presenting the crime statistics to the NA, the Interior Ministry disclosed that Punjab has the highest rate of theft and street crime in the country. The NA was informed that a total of 375,000 cases registered across the country, the province of Punjab led with 310,000 cases. And out of 120,000 street crimes in the country, Punjab also topped with 93,000. In Sindh 46,000 cases of theft and 21,000 of street crimes were reported while in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa the break up of theft and street crimes is 8,000 and 765 respectively.

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly on Wednesday passed the Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill 2015 aimed at protecting court officials, witnesses and indemnity against prosecution in any other court of law. Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Chaudhary Jaffar Iqbal piloted the bill to further amend the Pakistan Army Act 1952 in the House. New section 2C is inserted after section 2B in the bill which says protection to witnesses, President, Members of the Court, Defending Officers, Prosecutors and persons concerned with Court Proceedings. Members from the Opposition, Naveed Qamar, Dr Shireen Mazari, Dr Arif Alvi, Sahibzada Tariq-ullah, Dr Nafeesa Shah questioned the new amendment to the bill and its need. Responding to the various questions by the opposition members, Jaffar Iqbal said that it was a part of 21st amendment which was made to ensure peace and stability in the country. He said it was need of hour and the amendment has helped curtail terrorism and terrorist activities in the country.

Jaffar Iqbal said the bill was passed by the Senate and was thoroughly debated in standing committees of both houses. The statement of objects and reasons of the bill says that an extraordinary situation and circumstances exist which demand special measures for speedy trial of certain offences relating to terrorism, waging war or insurrection against Pakistan and prevention of acts threatening security of Pakistan by any terrorist group using name of religion or sect and members of such armed groups' wings and militia. There exists a grave threat to the integrity of Pakistan owing to raising of arms and insurrection by terrorist groups. These groups are funded by foreign and local elements using name of religion or sect. They have to be severely dealt with under the law. In order to ensure proper conduct of trials special measures for protection and indemnity against legal proceedings as well as arrest or detention of the accused persons it is desirable that during the conduct of said trials security and safety of court officials must never get compromised. Therefore, special measures for protection of such officials and indemnity against arrest, detention of terrorists are required.

ISLAMABAD: A day after the military called for greater civilian cooperation to fight terrorism, the government has said implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) was a shared responsibility, and all institutions have to play their role, while remaining within the ambit of the Constitution. According to a statement by its spokesperson, the government said its initiatives were showing visible results in the form of improved law and order situation across the country. The government aims to continue NAP, and all other initiatives to eliminate extremism and terrorism from the country, the statement said. The government has taken all its decisions in an open and transparent manner, keeping the national interest as its foremost priority, added the statement. The spokesperson said the government's firm commitment to good governance had been the hallmark of all its policies. Army chief General Raheel Sharif called on Tuesday for "governance initiatives" to complement the success of security forces in the ongoing fight against terrorism and extremism.

CTD arrests four 'target killers' in Karachi

The News, November 10, 2015

Over 10,000 arrested, 22,000 detained under NAP in KP since Dec 2014: report

Daily Dawn, November 10, 2015

KARACHI: The counter-terrorism department (CTD) of Sindh Police arrested four alleged target killers belonging to religious and political parties in two separate raids in the city's Saudabad and Landhi areas on Tuesday. According to SSP CTD Afnan Amin, one of the arrested in Saudabad raid, identified as Muhammad Shahid, was involved in seven murder cases while Shah Jalal and Muhammad Shakir, allegedly belonging to a religious party, confessed to killing nine people. Meanwhile, Fahad Hussain, who was arrested from Landhi, confessed to have murdered eight people, he added.

PESHAWAR: A report detailing implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) reveals authorities have made over 10,000 arrests, detained over 22,000 people and conducted over 500 search and strike operations in the province from Dec 17, 2014 to Oct 31, 2015.

Progress on NAP in KP at a glance:

- Search and strike operations: 508
- Various incidents of checking: 160,912
- Total detained: 22,089
- Total arrested: at least 10,087
- Total charged: 921
- Arms recovered: 3,045
- First-Information Reports (FIRs) lodged: at least 2,671

Search and strike operations

The report shows a total of 508 search and strike operations were conducted during the period, of which 270 targeted cities, 141 targeted cantonment areas and 97 took place in rural areas. A total of 16,653 suspects were detained during the operations, while 2,727 arms were recovered. The report shows 857 explosives were recovered and 224,266 ammunition were also recovered during the operations.

Denying basis to terrorists in settled areas

Under the NAP, 152,080 houses were checked. A total of 1,614 First-Information Reports (FIRs) were lodged in relation to these operations. 1,009 hotels were also checked, against which 106 FIRs were lodged.

Snap checking

There have been 523 incidents of snap checking during the time period, during which 5,436 suspects were detained, 318 arms recovered and 5,797 ammunitions recovered.

Inspection of educational institutes

The document reveals 7,098 educational institutes were checked by authorities, while 220 were arrested during the specified time period. A total of 4,509 advisories and 2,954 warnings were issued, while 291 FIRs were lodged.

Action against misuse of loudspeakers, hate speech

The KP government seized 257 loudspeakers for misuse and hate speech and has lodged a total of 343 FIRs against both offences and 389 people arrested since the implementation of NAP was initiated in December last year.

Checking of public transport, cinemas

The KP government says 147 bus stations and 55 cinemas have been checked. At least 37 FIRs were lodged against bus stations and 22 advisories and 9 warnings issued to cinemas.

Fake CNICs

A total of 921 people with fake CNICs were charged, of which 649 were in cities, 83 in cantonment areas and 189 in rural areas. A total of 20 illegal facilitators and agents were uncovered during the crackdown, and 178 FIRs registered. The same number of people were arrested.

Sensitive and vulnerable establishments

The KP government declared 540 establishments — of which 77 are situated in cities, 252 in cantonment areas and 211 in rural areas — sensitive, and issued 932 advisories and 487 warnings regarding these establishments. Forty four FIRs were lodged in this regard. At least 809 establishments were declared vulnerable by the government — over half of which are situated in cantonment areas. At least 1,037 advisories and 658 warnings were issued in this regard.

Action taken under Section 14, Foreigners Act

About 5,314 cases were registered, while over 9,300 accused were arrested under Section 14 of the Foreigners Act, 1946. Section 14 refers to penalties applicable upon people who contravene the provisions of the Act.

NAP: Fighting insurgency

Military operations Zarb-i-Azb and the NAP targeting insurgency were set in motion following attacks on Karachi's Jinnah International Airport and Peshawar's Army Public School in 2014. Officials say at least 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 a military offensive against Taliban bases along the Afghan border and government initiatives to

Naval, Air chiefs vow to fortify vigil at sea to enhance security

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tackle militancy. A meeting of top government officials earlier this week was reminded that NAP progress on counter-terrorism continued to be marred by inadequate effort to implement some of its key elements. A government source said that the focus of the meeting remained on the areas where the progress was sluggish. Some of the elements of NAP that have long been identified as poor performing include action against terror financing; foreign funding of seminaries; proscribed organisations and sectarian groups; hate speeches; and madressah reforms. The provincial mechanism for civil-military coordination on security issues too has been experiencing difficulties.

The source said that the same areas continued to remain source of concern. Despite these issues having been flagged on multiple occasions, the government is struggling to tackle the problematic areas. Resurgence of sectarianism in different parts of the country was also noted during the meeting. Another source, when asked about the assessment of the progress by the meeting, had said: "Unfortunately Zarb-i-Azb and associated intelligence-based operations were not being fully complemented by other components of the 20-point National Action Plan."

KARACHI: The Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah, joined by Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, visited the fleet units at sea on Monday and underlined the importance of maintaining constant vigil at sea in view of the prevailing security environment. The commanders of country's air and naval forces were on an operational visit to fleet units at sea during the ongoing naval exercise, Seaspark 2015. During the visit, the chief of the air staff was given a detailed briefing on various operational aspects encompassing tactical planning and execution of plans. Admiral Zakaullah reiterated Pakistan Navy's resolve of maintaining peace, security and stability in the region. Interacting with officers and men on the occasion, the naval chief urged them to "put in their best to achieve professional excellence which has always remained the hallmark of Pakistan Navy". The over-arching objective of this exercise is to validate PN operational plans, assess war preparedness of the naval force and enhance inter-operability with the air force and the army, Zakaullah said. Earlier on their arrival to the site, both the services chiefs were briefed on the conduct of the exercise. During the visit, the Naval and Air Chiefs witnessed the ongoing joint operations by PN Fleet units and PAF aircraft.

The naval chief lauded the seamless integration between various echelons of Pakistan Navy and Pakistan Air Force, which is essential for synergetic response to the prevailing threats. Both the services chiefs also witnessed the conduct of joint operations from PAF's Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft while operating in North Arabian Sea. Admiral Zakaullah expressed his satisfaction on the operational preparedness of the personnel and lauded their professional conduct in carrying out the task of defending the critical borders of the country. Pakistan Navy is fully ready and capable of defending these important sea lanes and one of the objectives of Seaspark 15 is to assess operational preparedness to undertake this key task, the statement quoted the naval chief as saying. Seaspark 2015, which began in the north Arabian Sea on November 3 after a gap of three years, involves all operational units of the navy, including ships, submarines, aircraft, unmanned aerial vehicles, special forces and marines, along with elements of the Pakistan Maritime Security Agency, Pakistan Air Force and the army with the aim to corroborate the navy's operational plans, assess its war preparedness and enhance its interoperability with the PAF and the army.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan may review its decision of suspension of deportation treaties with the European Union (EU) taken over alleged mistreatment of Pakistani immigrants abroad, an official said. "The country is reviewing all agreements with various states, including the European countries," an official of the Ministry of Interior familiar with the outcome of Chaudhry Nisar's meeting with EU representatives on Monday, told The Express Tribune. "We may review our decision [on accord with EU on re-entry of migrants]," said the official, adding "EU's top officials promised to address Pakistan's concerns [humiliation of citizens living in Europe]." The final decision; the official added, however, will be taken on recommendations of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in the forthcoming Cabinet meeting. Last week, Nisar suspended the agreement on readmission of illegal immigrants with several Western countries amid reports of mistreatment of Pakistani citizens. "The re-admission agreements have been frozen for the time being after some countries were found violating the treaty," Nisar told media after inaugurating the one-window operation of driving licences in Islamabad on Friday.

Nisar said many Western countries were deporting Pakistanis on the basis of 'baseless' charges of terrorism. Following Pakistan's reaction, EU representatives on Monday met Nisar to convince him for a review, and address the concerns. Interior minister's spokesperson in a statement said EU Ambassador Jean Francois Cautain called on Nisar. "Johan Sorensen, Guido Bilancini, counsellors political and trade are accompanying the EU ambassador," it said. In 2010, Pakistan and the EU had reached an agreement to establish rapid and effective procedures for identification and orderly return of illegal immigrants to their native countries.

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A day on diabetes

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SIUT offers free medical facilities to diabetes patients

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DETAILS

LAHORE: Like other parts of the globe, World Diabetes Day was observed across the country including Lahore yesterday to raise awareness about diabetes, timely diagnoses and precautions to avoid complications. The day aims at increasing awareness amongst general population and professionals about effects of diabetes and its complications. It is hoped that the increased awareness would lead to more resources to fight against diabetes. International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) introduced the day in the wake of alarming rise of diabetes worldwide. WHO estimates more than 220 million people worldwide have diabetes. The number is likely to double by 2030. In Lahore, medical camps, seminars, workshops and walks were arranged both at the government and private levels to increase awareness about precautionary measures to avoid diabetes and benefits of early diagnosis and proper management to reduce its hazards. Post Graduate Medical Institute/Lahore General Hospital arranged medical camp, seminar and a walk to mark the day. Principal PGMI Prof Khalid Mahmood led the walk largely attended by doctors, nurses, students and people from various walks of life. Stage artist Sohail Ahmed also participated in the walk. At the seminar, medical experts stressed the need of adopting healthy life style, increasing physical activity, quitting smoking, periodical check ups and proper management of the diseases after diagnosis for reducing hazards of the silent killer. Speaking at a seminar arranged in connection with World Diabetes Day at Special Kids Inn, President General Cadre Doctors Association Dr Masood Akhtar Sheikh said that diabetes could cause cardiac, kidney failure, strokes, blindness, impotence and infections that could lead to amputations. Students, teachers and families of mentally and physically handicapped children were present on the occasion. Dr Masood Sheikh said that more than 350 million people in the world has diabetes.

Diabetes is the direct cause of some 1.5 million deaths, with more than 80% of them occurring in low and middle income countries. Diabetes will be the 7th leading cause of death by 2030. He said that physical inactivity, excessive use of cold drinks and fast food was causing obesity, a major reason behind increase in number of diabetes patients. He said that the situation was so alarming that there would hardly any household without a diabetes patient after 20 years. He urged the masses to adopt healthy lifestyle and change eating habits for avoiding diabetes. Dr Sheikh said there were two main forms of the disease. People with type 1 diabetes make no insulin and therefore require insulin injections for survival. People with type 2 diabetes, the form that comprises some 90% of all cases, usually produce their own insulin, but not enough or they are unable to use it properly. People with type 2 diabetes are typically overweight and sedentary. Although there is evidence that a large proportion of cases of diabetes and its complications can be prevented by a healthy diet, regular physical activity, maintaining a normal body weight and avoiding tobacco, this evidence is not widely implemented. He said that coordinated international and national policies are needed to reduce exposure to the known risk factors for diabetes and to improve access to quality of care. Addressing a press conference at Lahore Press Club, medical experts have stressed the need of massive awareness campaign regarding benefits of healthy lifestyle and eating habits for avoiding diabetes and reducing hazards of the silent killer. Prof Aziz-ur-Rehman, Prof Irshad Hasan, Prof Rashid Ahmed, Dr Shahbaz Sarwar, Dr Waseem Ahmed and Dr Abul Zafar attended the event arranged by Pakistan Endocrine Society. They said that the situation was so alarming that by 2030 more than 12.5 million people in Pakistan would get diabetes. They urged the pregnant women to regularly visit gynecologist till delivery.

Pakistan Academy of Family Physicians arranged a seminar at Mayo Hospital. Speaking at the event, Dr Zaheer Akhtar said that diabetes was mother of several diseases. President PAFP Dr Tariq Mian and other office bearers were also present.

KARACHI: The Pakistan Navy yesterday successfully test-fired an indigenously-built anti-ship guided missile, said a spokesman. According to the spokesman, the MT ship guided missile was fired from a navy ship during Pakistan Navy's ongoing exercises called the Sea Spark. He said the missile hit the target with precision which was a proof of Pakistan's warfare capabilities and a clear message to forces of enemies. "In an impressive display of naval fire power, the frontline combat units of Pakistan Navy Fleet successfully test-fired anti-ship guided missiles in North Arabian Sea Saturday," a press statement issued by Pakistan Navy said. According to a statement, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Zakaullah along with senior naval officers witnessed the firings onboard PNS Alamgir. The missiles launched from surface and air units successfully engaged their intended targets with pinpoint accuracy, thus re-asserting the lethality, precision and efficacy of Pakistan Navy weapon systems. Successful missile tests are a manifestation of navy's optimum operational preparedness. Chief of the naval staff appreciated the remarkable demonstration of professionalism during missile firings and expressed his satisfaction over the combat readiness of the Navy. Pakistan Navy is maintaining vigilance and optimum operational readiness to defend maritime frontiers and safeguard national interests.

KARACHI: World Diabetes Day was observed at Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) with a huge turnout of people who thronged the institute to avail free medical investigation facilities offered by experts. Observing World Diabetes Day and creating public awareness about the diseases is an annual feature of SIUT where important days concerning health issues are observed as a part of public education programme. Elaborate arrangements were made to carry out screening of the visitors in order to detect diabetes. It has been observed that many times the people did not know about the ailment. Investigation and screening exercise, which were carried out included weight, height, blood pressure and pulse measurements, blood collection and dietary advice. The slogan of this year for the day was "Healthy Living and Diabetes". Medical experts available on the

CDA decides to extend its municipal limit

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Teachers yet to get exams duty dues

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spot gave advisory service to the visitors as how to lead a healthy and a balanced life. They were told that healthy and balanced diet low in fat, sugar, and salt is a must, besides adopting physical activity daily for at least 30 minutes also helps in leading a healthy life. They were also advised to lose weight if obese and to stay away from smoking and tobacco. According to a survey every, fourth individual in Pakistan is either overweight or obese. Diabetes is a metabolic disorder whose incidence is registering a sharp rise in low income group countries including Pakistan. The prevalence of diabetes in Pakistan is estimated to be 7.1 million in the population.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to extend its municipal limit by bring more zones under its jurisdiction. Sources said that the CDA Board has decided to bring Zone-4 and Zone-5 under its administrative control to accommodate the growing population in these two zones. In its summary tabled at the CDA board meeting, the planning directorate said that housing societies have popped up at rapid pace in these two zones and commercial activities have also risen in these two zones. Therefore, building codes should be enacted and enforced for high-rise buildings, plazas, marriage halls and markets in these zones. The CDA Board gave approval to extend the limits of the civic agency and directed the departments concerned to send the matter to the cabinet, besides soliciting opinion from the district management.

RAWALPINDI: The Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Rawalpindi has failed to pay outstanding dues of teachers, who performed duties during annual and supplementary examinations. According to the teachers, though the board has announced Matric and intermediate annual and supplementary results, their dues were yet to be paid despite several reminders. Besides the teachers, invigilators, assistants and security staff have also not been paid their outstanding dues, which has sent a wave of consternation among them. The teachers and the assistants said that they will not perform duties in the future if payments were not made immediately. When contacted, a senior board official said that the bills have been finalised and the outstanding dues will be paid soon.

RAWALPINDI: Union Council-19 Secretary Rafahat Kiyani on Saturday was suspended for not reporting 200 dengue surveillance refusal cases from Satellite Town, Block D. The action was taken by Local Government and Community Development Additional Secretary Mian Najeeb Aslam who visited the area. He observed that it was shocking to know that such a large number of houses were still unchecked in middle of city areas where dengue patients had been reported on regular basis. He also took notice of not provision of gloves, masks, torches and other necessary equipment to some team members of surveillance squad. Mian Najeeb Aslam along with male and female sanitary petrol members visited some houses whose residents had earlier refused to allow surveillance teams and conducted dengue surveillance in his presence. Larva and adult dengue mosquitoes were found from a home during surveillance.

KARACHI: Karachi University Business School (KUBS) chairperson Dr Danish Ahmed Siddiqui announced that the school is launching different diploma and degree programmes in Islamic Banking from the next year to impart knowledge on Islamic banking and finance. "We are starting specialisation in MBA degree from January and a separate programme for Islamic banking next year," he said, adding that the aim is to facilitate the students from religious schools and madressas to bridge the gap between traditional and modern knowledge. "Higher studies in Islamic banking and finance will give both of them the opportunities to improve their own knowledge and living standards and the lives and afterlives of others," he added. Faculty of management and administrative sciences dean Professor Dr Khalid Iraqi said that the programme has been approved by the department's board of studies, faculty of management sciences and the academic council of the university.

PESHAWAR: Centre for Governance and Public Accountability (CGPA) has deplored persistent gender disparities in delivery of public education services in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. As per the Annual Schools Census Report for 2014-15, released by the Education Management Information System Cell of the K-P Elementary and Secondary Education department, there are 28,178 government schools within the province. Of these, only 37% are designated for girls while the remaining schools are exclusively for boys. Similarly, 65% appointed teachers in schools are male; only 35% teachers are female. This immense gap in education preferences signifies gender inequality in the region and has serious implications on female literacy rate in K-P. Primary schools comprise of 80% of the established 28,178 schools, leaving only 5,635 schools for middle, secondary and post-secondary levels throughout the entire province. According to the report, even primary level schools require immediate attention since at least 10,370 schools are managed by two or less teachers. For example, students from grades two and three sit together with multiple blackboards within a single classroom. School authorities mentioned it was impossible to reach out to grade seven students with only two teachers on duty already conducting classes at the primary level. The CGPA analysis noted 17.2% of schools have damaged or non-existent boundaries, 31.7% are without any water supply, 39.4% have no electricity and nearly 15% contain no toilet facilities. Overall enrolment in government schools is 4.17 million for the year 2014-15, which is slightly higher than 4.16 million in 2013-14. Of enrolled students, 57% are boys and 43% are girls while only 68% of the total population of children are enrolled into schools. Overall Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at the primary level (based on the population of five-to-nine-year-olds projected by K-P Bureau of Statistics) is 89% while GER in government primary schools is 63%. Total number of sanctioned posts for teachers in government schools is 138,033, while the strength of active teachers is only 123,380. This indicates at least 11% of allotted positions are still vacant. The average student-to-teacher ratio at the primary level stands at 42:1, while at secondary school level it is 23:1.

LAHORE: The 16th International Education Week (IEW) kicked off on Saturday. An EducationUSA Lahore Fun Fair was arranged on the occasion to help students with disabilities. United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) EducationUSA advising manager Umair Khan said the funds raised during the fair would be donated to an NGO working for the students with disabilities. He said the fair was designed for the youth from diverse backgrounds. He said the event was part of a series of events organised in connection with the IEW. Khan said schools from all over Lahore

Anti-polio campaign achieving targets

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Govt hospitals raided in anti-corruption drive

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USAID helping save hundreds of lives: envoy

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IMB report encourages polio eradication campaign: Saira Afzal

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participated in the event visited by more than 100 families visited. He said stalls of bake sale items, face painting, caricatures and games were part of the fair. Khan said the IEW was an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and cultural exchange programmes. He said it was a joint initiative of the US Department of State and the US Department of Education. The IEW was part of the effort to promote global learning programmes, he said. Khan said the launch of EducationUSA Pakistan Alumni Network – the first US graduate alumni network – and a ceremony to celebrate high achievers would be held during the week. An event called the Alumni Connect would be arranged in which 50 members would get an opportunity to connect with fellow US alumni and professionals.

KARACHI: Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar said on Friday that all available resources should be utilised to make polio campaign effective and no child should be deprived of administrating polio drops. This he said while presiding over a meeting in health secretary's office. Health Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo, Special Secretary Health Dr Riaz Memon and PD EPI, Dr Agha Ashfaq Pathan also attended the meeting. He directed the secretary health to manage transportation and security arrangements for polio teams in foolproof manner. In the meeting, minister for health was told that during first three days of polio campaign in Sindh approximately six million children were vaccinated and almost the target was achieved. He was also informed that in Karachi in first phase of the drive against polio approximately one million children had been administered polio drops and in second phase which was going to be started from 13th November to 16th November district Korangi, South, Malir, and some parts of district East would be covered and approximately one million children would be vaccinated. Mehtab Dahar appreciated the security arrangements and he was also informed that for security plan for phase 2 the services of 3,000 police personnel were hired and in Korangi 871 polio teams, in Malir 612 polio teams, in South 801 polio teams would perform their duties under cover of police protection and rangers personnel had also been asked to increase their patrolling in those areas where polio campaign was going on. He expressed his commitment that Sindh Government would make the province a polio free province.

KARACHI: Sindh Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) on Friday raided different government-run hospitals in the city and rest of the province, seizing record of "heavy corruption" in procurement of medicines and employment. ACE Inspector Ayaz Pandhiyani led by Aziz-u-Rehman J.M/C. J-IV central Karachi raided the government hospital Liaqatabad and recovered records of embezzlements for last decade. Similarly, in compliance of orders of authorities ACE Yasir Khanzada led by Sabgatullah J.M/C. J-II West Karachi had also conducted raid on Valicka Kalsoom Bai Hospital Karachi and record of heavy misappropriation and misuse of funds while procurement of medicines and other hospital charges. The interim report of investigation is under way told Director Nazar Mohammed Bozdar on the occasion.

KARACHI: US Consul General in Karachi, Brian Heath, visited US Agency for International Development (USAID) projects in Sanghar, including the District Headquarters Hospital and Khatoon-e-Pakistan School. A statement on Friday said that at the hospital, Heath noted that he was "very proud of USAID contributions, particularly rehabilitating the hospital's labor room in July 2015 as a part of USAID's flagship Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MCH) Program" under the MCH program. USAID and its implementing partner MCHIP/Jhpiego is providing support to the Sindh Department of Health in 15 districts, including Sanghar. District Health Officer Aftab Soomro and hospital medical superintendent Tahir Iqbal Kalyar were on site to greet the US Consul General. "USAID projects, such as these," said Heath, "are helping to save hundreds of lives in Pakistan every year". District Headquarters Hospital, Sanghar started operations in 1966 and has over 200 in-patient beds, including a 12-bed Ob/Gyn ward. It provides all MCH services (antenatal care, labor and delivery, postnatal and newborn care, family planning, child healthcare, nutrition, immunization, and basic and comprehensive emergency obstetrics and newborn care) to the local population. The hospital is operational around the clock. USAID and MCHIP are working with the Department of Health to address gaps in human resources and to improve blood transfusion services.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for National Health Services, Saira Afzal Tarar has said that Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) report's findings encouraged the polio campaign and attributed the recent programme gains. She welcomed the report and termed the polio programme gains as an exemplary political commitment at federal and provincial levels. The minister said that all was done after effective coordination among all stakeholders and the administrative support at district levels to solve operational problems and remove obstacles, a press release said Friday. Saira Tarar said that government had worked with resolute commitment in coordination with the armed forces and all stakeholders to ensure a safe environment for the polio workers and to resolve the accessibility issue in specific areas. The IBM, a body that evaluates the implementation of global polio eradication efforts, in its report has acknowledged the fact that the number of polio cases so far in 2015 globally is at its lowest in history. Top international observers of the Global Polio Eradication effort, in its IMB report appreciated Pakistan's Polio programme saying that the management and governance processes within the programme have improved since the last IMB report. The IMB, a functioning Emergency Operations Center is now in place while shortcomings in data are being addressed and health camps are operational in different parts of the country, front-line workers are more trained and access has improved substantially reducing the number of children in inaccessible areas from over half a million to 35,000. The report titled "Now the Time for Peak Performance" says that, the world has never been better positioned to eradicate polio. Mentioning of fewer wild poliovirus cases this year, the IMB particularly noticed Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) where cases are down by over 90 percent. The report said that one innovation that is proving effective is the continuous community protected volunteers, involving locally recruited staff on continuous basis within their own communities and promoting health practices beyond polio vaccination. The prestigious top body monitoring polio efforts worldwide had met on the 5th and 6th of October in London for a detailed review of the performance of countries harbouring the poliovirus including Pakistan. The world's top public health specialist of IMB, in its recommendations, has stressed the need to quickly close the serious immunity gaps in isolated pockets in the country. It said that the challenge for Pakistan's programme, that is much better coordinated and led than it was a year ago, is to stop the conveyor

International conference on Internet from 16th

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Preparations in full swing for LG elections in Rawalpindi Distt

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British High Commissioner inaugurates TMUC Islamabad

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belt of transmission in Peshawar and surrounding large geographical areas”.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) is organising a three-day INET conference in collaboration with Internet Society-Asia Pacific (ISOC-APAC) from November 16th to 18. The theme of this conference would be “Towards Digital Economy in Pakistan: Building ICT Agenda for Sustainable Development”. Renowned speakers from Asia Pacific region including speakers from International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and national experts would deliberate on opportunities and issues in Internet developments and challenges in digital world. INET Islamabad is expected to bring together over 250 participants from the Government agencies, fixed and mobile telecom operators, Internet service providers, academic institutions, banks, ICT entrepreneurs, commercial companies and the general public. The event will host deliberations on a selection of topics most relevant to Pakistan in the context of its journey towards a digital economy and building an ICT agenda for sustainable development. The Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) revolution is transforming the way we interact, work and live, forcing us to ask questions and seek answers about social development and economic growth.

RAWALPINDI: Preparations are in full swing for local government (LG), elections to be held in the first week of December. The election commission has completed the process of reviewing the form No 7 submitted by the contesting candidates, District Election Commissioner (DEC), Nadeem Zubair said while talking to APP here on Friday. The district administration has provided the required staff for free and fair polling to be conducted in the third phase on December 5. As many as 1911 polling stations would be set up for holding transparent local government (LG), elections, he said. Separate polling stations would be set up in city areas for male and female voters, he said. To a question, he said election symbols have been allotted to the candidates preparing for the upcoming LG polls. He said the concerned staff including Returning Officers and Presiding Officers, will ensure smooth polling in their respective areas. To another question, he said Rangers, Police and Army would ensure security for the local bodies elections. The voter's lists have been finalized for upcoming local bodies elections, he added. The citizen of the Union Councils would cast their votes in the premises of the official buildings, adding that arrangements in this regard have also been made to facilitate them, the DEC said.

ISLAMABAD: Roots Millennium Schools, Pakistan held the grand Inauguration Ceremony of The Millennium University College - TMUC to further its academic mission by providing transnational education through a range of international qualifications to the youth of Pakistan, says a press release. The landmark inaugural, arranged at The Millennium University College H-11/4, Islamabad commenced with the reception of the Chief Guest His Excellency Philip Barton, the British High Commissioner by the TMUC Chief Executive Chaudhry Faisal Mushtaq TI, the Dean of Academics and the Head of International Programs. Other distinguished guests that graced the occasion included Ambassador Masood Khan, Ambassador of Cuba, Patrick Foley Chief Executive Officer of Telenor, members of the TMUC Advisory Council and parents of the student body. The Chief Guest was given a tour of the campus by the Executive Director Ms. Anna Faisal, she showed him around the largest private tertiary purpose built institution in Pakistan, wherein he was shown various departments, class rooms and other facilities including the library, gym, student lounge, cafeteria and the auditorium. Later the guests were also given an introduction to TMUC's aims and ambitions and then a virtual tour of the institution. In his welcome speech Faisal Mushtaq thanked the distinguished guests for gracing the occasion while reflecting on the Roots Millennium School's mission and commitment to bring quality education to the Pakistani youth so that they can confidently meet the global challenges of the 21st century. TMUC aims to be an institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate, and professional education. By bringing a range of international qualifications home, TMUC aspires to be recognized as the leading institution of borderless education, committed to providing opportunities that exceed local stream of education to the youth of Pakistan. TMUC is currently a provider of transnational education; we have collaborative arrangements with renowned foreign institutions with professional and higher education portfolios. TMUC goal is for every student to graduate with international and transformative multicultural and global competencies, whether acquired at home or abroad.

The students at TMUC will undertake basic and applied research with a view of revolutionizing the study of entrepreneurship, leadership, technology, social and management sciences and many more; hence scale emerging models and research that could eventually be translated into life-long learning, innovation, education and change for national development. By providing an eclectic portfolio of transnational higher education qualifications, TMUC would assist Roots Millennium School's mission and commitment to developing the right set of skills, attitudes, knowledge and values within graduating Millennials so that they can confidently meet the global challenges of the 21st century. Sharing his views on the occasion the British High Commissioner H.E. Philip Barton congratulated Mr. Faisal Mushtaq and his team on establishing a world class institution to promote quality education in Pakistan. During the campus visit he was amazed to see the technology lab, Fashion Lab and studio; he was pleased that the students studying the UK degrees will have an environment to match the quality education they receive. Successively, the TMUC alumni spoke to the audience recounted their enriching experience of studying at TMUC. The speeches were followed by the Chief Guest unveiling the inaugural plaque and presenting high achievement awards to The Millennium University College staff followed by an outstanding display of fireworks. The inaugural ceremony concluded as the guests proceeded to a seated buffet dinner while enjoying an electrifying instrumental music performance by the popular music band Khumariyan. With the establishment of TMUC the Roots Millennium System has created a unique hub of research, service learning, internship, that infuses experiential and intercultural learning and personally enriching experiences to its students' portfolios and making them become Millennials that give back to their country by studying Economics, Accounting, Finance, Politics, International Development, Laws, computing and Fashion.

Huge gender disparities

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(37 per cent) girls schools. There are 80,069 (65 per cent) male teachers in government schools, and 43,311 (35 per cent) female teachers. 141 schools shut down during the last year despite the education emergency in the province. Centre for Governance and Public Accountability (CGPA) on Friday deplored the persistent gender disparities in public education service delivery in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). While quoting the Annual Schools Census Report 2014-15 of KP Elementary and Secondary Education (E&SE) department, the Centre said that 63 per cent of the schools are for boys, while 37 per cent are for girls. It said despite serious problems for women's literacy rate in the province, there are a total of 28,178 government schools in KP with 17,649 (63 per cent) boys schools only 10,529 (37 per cent) girls schools. Similarly, there are 80,069 (65 per cent) male teachers in government schools while the figure of female teachers stands at 43,311 (35 per cent), and this reflects a huge gender disparity. The Education Management Information System (EMIS) Cell of KP E&SE department has released its 24th Annual Statistics Report of Government schools for the year 2014-15. According to the report, there are 28,178 government schools in KP, which is lower than 28,319 schools reported in ASC 2013-14 indicating a shutdown of 141 schools over the year. Out of the total government schools, 22,717 (80 per cent) are primary schools while the remaining are middle, secondary and higher secondary schools, the report added. It emphasised upon paying attention to the situation of teacher and classroom availability at the primary level as almost 46 per cent of government primary schools are managed with two or less teachers.

Similarly, 54 per cent of government primary schools have two or less than two rooms and this situation is stagnant since the last many years, it said, adding that in earlier analysis, CGPA observed that normally students of 2 to 3 grades sat together with multiple blackboards in a single classroom. The report indicates that out of the total functional government schools, 17.2 per cent are without a boundary wall, 31.7 per cent are without water supply, 39.4 per cent are without electricity, and 15 per cent are without toilet facilities. The situation has not improved compared to previous year's ASC report. Overall enrollment in government schools was 4.17 million in 2014-15 which is slightly higher than 4.16 million in 2013-14. Out of the enrolled children, 57 per cent are boys and 43 per cent are girls. Children enrolled in government schools are 68 per cent of the total and the ratio is declining, it said. The total number of sanctioned posts for teachers in government schools is 138,033 while presently the strength of working teachers is 123,380 which shows that around 14,653 (11 per cent) positions are still lying vacant. The average Teacher-Student ratio at primary level stands at 1 teacher for 42 students while at secondary school level it is 1 for 23. As per CGPA analysis, huge investment is needed to provide missing facilities to schools, additional classrooms, construction of new schools especially girls' schools, induction of new teachers to these schools while the KP government is yet to initiate the Tamee-e-School project. CGPA programme manager Malik Masood stressed that the only increase in the education budget will not improve the state of education in KP, rather the education budgeting should be transparent and should be allocated on actual needs, keeping into consideration the geographical and gender disparities. The education budgets should be proactively disclosed so citizens can monitor and participate in the education budget planning and implementation stages, he said adding that the ASC report mechanism needs to be improved as the reporting period of the data is October 2014, and has taken more than a year for its release. He said the delay in the release may have many direct consequences on the sector, and needs to be dealt with for effective and efficient planning.

Focus on education, health: Shahbaz

The News, November 14, 2015

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that the Punjab government has provided funds of billions of rupees for ensuring quality health and education facilities to the masses. He said that special attention was being paid to the promotion of quality education and improvement of public health facilities. He said that the revolutionary steps taken by the government in education sector for the empowerment of youths were yielding positive results. He said that education was the key to success and funds provided for promotion of education were not expenditure but a useful investment. He said a comprehensive programme had been started for the improvement of health facilities in the province. Talking to elected representatives, here Friday, the chief minister said that the development of education and health sectors was the priority of the government and the all-out resources were being utilised for this purpose. He said that reforms of revolutionary nature had been introduced for strengthening of education and health sectors. He said that availability of basic amenities was being ensured in schools under Schools Reforms Programme. He said that measures were also being adopted for ensuring attendance of teachers and students. He said the youths were a precious asset and the goals of progress and development of country could be achieved through imparting them modern education. He said that Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF), Danish school system, provision of scholarships to talented students, educational programmes of Punjab Education Foundation and the study tours of position-holders to foreign educational institutions were revolutionary measures of the Punjab government and leaving a positive impact on education sector. He said that hospitals equipped with modern facilities were being set up in the province and health facilities were being improved in THQ and DHQ hospitals and rural and basic health centres. He said that work was being carried out speedily on the project of state-of-the-art Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute and Research Centre in the provincial metropolis. The elected representatives paid rich tributes to the chief minister for the measures taken for provision of basic facilities to the masses. They said that Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had taken unprecedented steps for the uplift of health and education sectors. Women Protection Bill: Provincial Minister for Women Development Hameeda Waheed-ud-Din has said women are a future of the country. She said Punjab government is determined to protect women's rights and eliminate violence against women. She said Women Protection Bill will be approved in the current session of the Punjab Assembly. She expressed these views while addressing an inaugural ceremony of making Kasur a safe district from violence against women. Australian High Commissioner Margaret Adamson, Member Provincial Assembly Mari Gill, Secretary Women Development Department Dr. Aamina Imam, Country Director Oxfam GB Arif Jabbar, DCO Kasur Adnan Arshad Aulakh, DPO Kasur Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, DIG Motorway Faraan Baig, Mrs. Mumtaz Mughal of Aurat Foundation, Zara Oxfam GB, Waqas Abid from Good Thinkers Organisation, Deputy Secretary Falak Sher Bhatti, prominent columnist Munno Bhai, Haseena Moin, district officers and a large number of women were also present.

World Pneumonia Day observed across country

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ISLAMABAD: Seventh annual World Pneumonia Day was observed on Thursday across the country to raise awareness for protection against pneumonia - a global public health concern. Each year approximately 900,000 children under five years of age die of pneumonia worldwide. Health experts said that it is a preventable and treatable disease that sickens 155 million under five children and kills 1.6 million each year. This makes pneumonia the number one killer of children under five, claiming more young lives than AIDS, malaria, and measles combined. Polyclinic Executive Director Dr Zahid said that World Pneumonia Day is annually held on November 12 to raise awareness about the disease, promote prevention and treatment, and generate action to fight the illness. Dr Tariq of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) said that people can play a vital role to fight the disease by participating in education programmes, voluntary work or contributing via donations. News, messages and events promoting World Pneumonia Day should be publicized, he asserted. He said in spite of the massive death toll of this disease, affordable treatment and prevention options exist. There are effective vaccines against the two most common bacterial causes of deadly pneumonia, hemophilus influenza-type B and streptococcus pneumonia, he added. Preventing future pneumonia-related deaths and illnesses among children and adults globally depend on vaccination against some of the pathogens that cause pneumonia. Dr Tariq said that most people are unaware of pneumonia's overwhelming death toll and it has been overshadowed as a priority on the global health agenda, and rarely receives coverage in the news media.

Greater Karachi Water Supply Project K-IV : Foreign investors holding back due to water shortage

Daily Times, November 13, 2015

KARACHI: Major international donors are interested in investing in Greater Karachi Water Supply Project K-IV, but non-availability of required water in hindering foreign investment, Daily Times has reliably learnt. Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KW&SB) has informed the Sindh chief secretary that various foreign donor agencies visiting the KW&SB have expressed their interest in investment for K-IV Project during the deliberations with KW&SB in view of utility and importance of this project for Karachi and its population. However, any tangible progress in this respect depends on commitment of the Government in terms of complete allocation of water up to full requirement of K-IV Project i.e. leftover 600 cusecs from Indus, it added. While the phase one of K-IV Project with a capacity of supplying 260-million gallon per day (MGD) water to Karachi is under way, the remaining phases of the project are unlikely to be completed on time as the full scale commissioning of this project requires 1200 cusecs of water from River Indus out of which 600 cusecs has so far been allocated by the Indus River System Authority (IRSA) and Irrigation Authorities of Sindh whereas further allocation of rest of 600 cusecs water is still in pending. Moreover, KW&SB requested the chief secretary that through the secretary Irrigation Sindh, the IRSA may kindly be approached to expedite and finalise the allocation of leftover 600 cusecs water for K-IV Project from the water quota of Sindh Province according to the spirit of Water Apportionment Agreement between the federating units of Pakistan in the interest of public at large. According to the copy of the letter, available with this scribe, KW&SB, on the directions of Minister of Local Government Sindh, briefed the Chief Secretary Sindh about the court proceedings of the hearing of civil petition regarding water shortage and illegal hydrants in the city by a division bench of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. While hearing the case, the Supreme Court has emphasized on early execution and timely completion of K-IV project of KW&SB in its observation. The court was informed on a query that the full scale commissioning of this project requires 1200 cusecs of water from River Indus out of which 600 cusecs has so far been allocated by the IRSA and Irrigation Authorities of Sindh whereas further allocation of rest of 600 cusecs water is pending. KW&SB chief secretary said due to partial availability of allocation required water the project is subject to piecemeal implementations hence its phase 1 with a capacity of supplying 260-MGD water to Karachi is in progress. This project comprising three phases, shall provide total 650-MGD additional water to the city after its full completion court was pleased to observe that ISRA or Irrigation Department Sindh may expedite the allocation of leftover 600 cusecs for K-IV project, KW&SB mentioned in the letter. According to the plan, the project would be completed in three phase. The first phase of 260 MGD started from the current year and would be completed by 2018. The second phase of 260 MGD would be initiated in 2018 and would be completed in 2022. The third phase of 30 MGD would be completed by 2025.

Three-day anti-polio drive from November 16

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) from November 16 will kick off a three-day anti-polio drive in the capital. During the campaign, 129,000 children will be administered polio drops in the capital. The CDA Health Services director said that the capital has been divided into 16 zones to make the campaign a success. As many as 850 polio workers will give polio drops to the children under age five. Meanwhile, Shifa International Hospital has decided to organise a screening camp and awareness seminar to guide citizens on adopting preventive and healthy lifestyle in order to avoid diabetes, on World Diabetes Day (November 14). World Diabetes Day was jointly introduced by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF). World Diabetes Day, on the 14th November every year, has grown from humble beginnings to become a globally celebrated event to increase awareness about diabetes. Comprising hundreds of campaigns, activities, screening, lecture, meetings and more, World Diabetes Day is proving internationally effective in spreading the message about diabetes and raising awareness. The global diabetes awareness campaign was introduced amidst concern over an escalating diabetes epidemic. According to International Diabetes Federation, by 2035 almost 600 million people may be living with diabetes. The theme of World Diabetes Day, from 2014 to 2016 will be healthy living and diabetes and this year, there's a focus on starting each day right by having a healthy breakfast. "A healthy breakfast should help blood sugar level from getting too high and should keep you full through the morning. Whilst cereal and toast may be cheap, these options typically raise blood sugar levels rapidly and may leave you hungry again before lunch," said an expert.

21 food outlets fined for violating hygienic laws

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration had challaned 21 food outlets for selling unhygienic food items in the city during last week. According to details, the ICT Health Department conducted 32 inspections of food outlets during last week, issued 24 notices to the food outlets and confiscated 37 filthy and broken utensils, besides issuing challans to hotels, bakeries for unhygienic conditions at their kitchens. The teams of food and health departments also took 19 samples of various food items and sent them for laboratory analysis. Likewise the drug inspector

Commercial use of residential areas : CDA urged for indiscriminate action across the board

Daily Times, November 13, 2015

PTI's education emergency fuss: 26,500 KP schools lack basic facilities, Tameer-e-School programme delayed

Daily Pakistan, November 13, 2015

Increase in gas tariff : PTI to protest again

Daily Times, November 12, 2015

Sustainable development in education need of hour: CADD minister

Daily Times, November 12, 2015

conducted 13 inspections of drug outlets and took samples of three drugs for analysis by the laboratory.

ISLAMABAD: Despite the fact that Capital Development Authority has sealed restaurants and boutiques operating in residential area, but it has adopted soft tune towards the offices of political parties operating in residential areas of the capital, the aggrieved parties told Daily Times. The CDA has sealed several commercial businesses, which were operating in residential areas as well as launched a strict action against illegal kiosks in the capital, but avoided to restrain the political parties to run their offices in residential areas. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has its central secretariat in street 84 (G6/4), Pakistan People's Party (PPP's) office is located in street 85 (G6/4) and Pervez Musharraf's All Pakistan Muslim League (APML) in street 86 (G6/4). The ruling PML-N has its secretariat in F8/3 and PML-Q at Margalla Road (F7/3), whereas Jamat-e-Islami has also its office at Municipal Road G/6. Earlier, the Supreme Court of Pakistan had directed the CDA to take action against offices of political parties operating in the residential areas, but the result were yet to achieve. Khoka Association General Secretary Sarfraz Abbasi told Daily Times, "The CDA has dual policies towards ruling elites and public at large. Common people like small kiosk owners were suffering because of CDA's unwanted operation, while political and business giants were enjoying undue perks and privileges under the nose of CDA administration." A famous business outlet owner criticised the CDA's management and said that there is a visible discrimination in CDA's drive against commercial activities in the residential areas. "The CDA has sealed our businesses but did not take a single action against the offices of political parties," he lamented. A source on the condition of anonymity has told that no action against the offices of political parties has been planned so far by the CDA. Talking to Daily Times, CDA Spokesperson Ramzan Sajid said, "We are initiating operation across the board against commercial use of residential buildings and there is no discrimination at any stage. This is a gradual process and we are taking action step by step." The masses are appreciating the CDA's operation against illegal kiosks, commercial activities in residential areas and encroachments but have demanded an indiscriminate operation across the board.

PESHAWAR (Staff Report) – Despite its commitment the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government has failed to impose education emergency in the province with 26,500 schools still lacking basic facilities and Tameer-e-School Programme was yet to materialise. According to official data of Provincial Education Department, at present about 10,000 government schools do not have electricity, 7,500 are without drinking water, 5,000 lack boundary walls and 4,000 have no washroom. Provincial Minister for Education Atif Khan said that some 159 schools have been closed in different parts of the province, mostly because teaching staff was not available. The government has also virtually abandoned the much-trumpeted Tameer-e-School Programme in the province, as an effective campaign inside and outside the country for raising funds to provide basic facilities to thousands of government schools has not been initiated. Education minister Atif Khan recently presiding over a meeting became angry with the Education Department's high officials over the inordinate delay. An official of Education Department said the project was launched by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government to encourage affluent individuals to fund missing facilities at thousands of schools. He said unfortunately the PTI leadership focused more on other issues instead of its priority areas including education and health. He said that the KP government is relying almost exclusively on donors for funding its school reconstruction and rehabilitation, provision of furniture, and girls' stipends programmes.

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Punjab organiser Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar has announced that PTI would protest against the uncalled for increase in gas tariff at all forums including the parliament. While addressing the PTI joining ceremony of two independently elected Faisalabad union council chairmen Sardar Javed Dogar and Sardar Nawaz Dogar at Chairman's Secretariat on Wednesday, Sarwar that the rulers are sucking the blood of the poor by imposing Rs 18 billion additional burden by increasing gas prices. Sarwar said the poor were already being squeezed and the additional burden of increase in gas tariff would be too much for them to handle. He asked the rulers to explain the fraud of Rs 9.86 billion during the audit of public institutions as well as corruption in the Nandipur power project. He said PTI would compel the rulers to stop taxing the poor and withdraw the increase in tariff. Sarwar said the rulers could no more befool the masses by saying that the "commission" had been eliminated because the people know that no government project was completing without massive corruption. "Whenever there will be an independent inquiry into the projects, many government representatives would be sent behind bars," he said, adding that PTI, after coming into power, would recover each and every penny of the government exchequer from the looters. He said the incumbent rulers had not only failed but is setting new records in failures, adding that the system of corruption and loot would soon be eliminated. He demanded the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to hold an independent and fair inquiry into the matter of transfer of votes in the by-elections, otherwise the party would go for all other legal and constitutional options. PTI Punjab deputy organiser Umer sarfraz Cheema, Dr Asad Moazzam, Farrukh Habib and others were present on the occasion.

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Barrister Usman Ibrahim on Wednesday said sustainable development in education is need of the hour and literacy rate can be improved on permanent basis through combined efforts from both private and public sectors. The minister was addressing the oath taking ceremony of the newly-elected officer bearers of Pakistan Alliance of Independent Schools (PAIS) as the chief guest. Barrister Usman Ibrahim said that under his command a survey of out of school children has been conducted and according to the survey, 12,000 children are out of schools and 1,500 children have been admitted to schools by the efforts of the Capital Administration and Development Division. He said a literacy cell has been established in the CADD with an objective of increasing literacy rate in the capital adding that the evening shifts have been started in the government educational institutes of the capital with the idea of maximum utilisation of infrastructure and more than 22,000 students are studying in the evening shift. Earlier, speaking on the occasion, PAIS Advisory Council Chairman Jameel Najum said that PAIS is a platform to increase the literacy rate in the country. He said, "Around 6.7 million

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Daily Dawn, November 11, 2015

Govt decides to change service rules of teachers

Daily Times, November 11, 2015

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children are out of schools at the moment and under the platform of PAIS, it is our goal to bring these children back to schools. The minister appreciated the officer bearers of the PAIS for their dedication for promotion of inclusive and equitable quality education. He said that only combined efforts can raise literacy rate, improve educational standards and build the nation for future.

LAHORE: The fire in the oil tanker that killed five workers in a steel factory near BRB Canal erupted after an attempt was made to plug a hole in it through welding. The incident took place when workers were mending the hole in the oil tanker with gas-welding rods, a factory worker told Dawn on Tuesday. He said on Monday night the factory owner asked the workers to get the hole in the tanker plugged and called a gas welder. He said the workers had emptied the tanker and shifted crude oil to drums before starting welding. However, some oil left in the tanker caught fire which eventually engulfed the entire factory, killing five workers on the spot. Hadiara police have registered a case against factory owner Mian Abdul Waheed on the complaint of Akbar, a brother of Imran who was killed in the fire.

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to change service rules of the teachers working in educational institutions in the capital. The decision was taken in a meeting of Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) authorities held under Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Secretary Khalid Hanif. Sources said that the FDE was directed to evolve working paper for changing service rules in respect of teachers of federal colleges and schools. As per decision taken in the meeting, initial appointment of teachers will be made in BPS-16. The teachers working in BPS-14 will be promoted subject to fulfilment of the condition of educational qualification and in case they do not meet their educational qualification requirement they will retire in BPS-14. The quarters concerned were directed to send to the Regularisation Committee the cases of teachers of BPS-14 who fulfil qualification requirements. The CADD secretary directed that payment of salaries to daily wages employees be ensured.

LAHORE: The Punjab Horticulture Authority (PHA) employees and union workers on Tuesday staged a protest against the contractual system of horticulture schemes. PHA Employees Union (CBA) Secretary General Hafiz Abrar said that they strongly refused to accept this proposed project, which has been approved by PHA Director General Mian Shakee, adding that PHA gave contract to the private contractors for looking after five horticulture schemes. He said the project would result in making 1,000 PHA employees unemployed, adding that PHA employees met DG Shakeel and requested to cancel the contract of the private contractors but the DG refused to accept their request. He said "We have suggested to DG PHA if you want to apply contractual system, you should apply on new projects but out of the city jurisdiction."

RAWALPINDI: A decision has been taken to set up City Museum in the historical Soojan Singh Haveli. Funds for the establishment and running of the museum will be provided by the Rawalpindi District government. National College of Arts (NCA) is already working for protection and preservation of Soojan Singh Haveli. In order to accomplish this project, Mohan Singh Haveli, which is adjacent to Soojan Singh Haveli, will also be made part of the museum. Sajjan Singh Haveli containing 45 rooms was built in 1890. Kashmiri refugees were also accommodated in this haveli in 1980. This haveli was earlier handed over to Fatima Jinnah University and later its control was shifted to National College of Arts. Rawalpindi District Coordination Officer (DCO) Sajid Zafar Dali said that the haveli will be turned into museum and several facilities including library will be provided in this museum. The district government has also decided to set up Rawalpindi Heritage Society comprising Rawalpindi citizens for protection and rehabilitation of historical buildings in Rawalpindi.

RAWALPINDI: Students have voiced strong protest over imposition of processing fee of Rs 945 by Rawalpindi Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education on certificates and admission forms for Matric and Intermediate examinations. Sources said that the board has slapped processing fee to the tune of Rs 395 on sending admission forms with regard to annual Matric and Intermediate examinations and Rs 550 for obtaining educational certificates. All the private candidates and students from government schools will now be required to send additional charges of Rs 945 at the time of sending their admission forms for annual examinations of class 9th and 10th. It is clearly mentioned in the examination schedule issued by board that all the students will be required to send admission processing fee amounting to Rs 395 and certificate processing fee amounting to Rs 550 along with their admission forms and no admission form will be accepted if this processing fee is not deposited. It may be recalled that the High Court has issued stay order against charging of processing fee and despite court's orders the board has decided to collect fee. The organisation for private educational institutions has decided to file contempt of court plea against the Rawalpindi Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education in High Court for charging processing fee.

KARACHI: A government hospital on Tuesday confirmed the death of a teenager from the mosquito-borne dengue haemorrhagic fever just a day after he had been admitted to the health facility. The victim, Shahnawaz, 18, was a resident of Sheedi Goth in Malir district. With the latest addition, the death toll caused by dengue fever in Sindh so far this year has reached nine. All the nine deaths have been reported in Karachi where most of the nearly 3,200 dengue victims in Sindh were detected. Officials said fumigation campaigns had little or no effect until fogging machines were used to reach every nook and corner of an affected establishment or house. While the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) claimed that it had initiated a 'comprehensive programme' against mosquitoes, the fact is that a large quantity of the insecticide has already expired. Alpha Cypermethrin, the insecticide used with diesel to kill the deadly mosquito, remained unused for three years in KMC stores and expired in September last year, the official sources said. They said the dengue prevention and control programme in Sindh was on a virtual halt, as funds allocated for it had lapsed, pending a cumbersome process of revalidation. The contractors who had delivered the medicine in advance did not get payment, the sources said. Last year at least 1,295 cases of dengue fever were reported from Sindh. Of them, 1,277 victims belonged to Karachi. There were 17 dengue patients who died last year. The death toll from the fever was 32 in 2013. Most of the victims of the deadly disease in the city

57 illegal water connections cut-off

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Daily Times, November 10, 2015

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CDA taking measures to overcome dengue fever

The News International, November 9, 2015

4-day campaign against polio in Balochistan from tomorrow

Daily Dawn, November 9, 2015

since 2005 aged between 20 and 34 years, according to the officials.

RAWALPINDI: As many as 57 illegal water connections have been disconnected in different cantonment areas of Rawalpindi. The Water Bill Recovery Department of the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board raided various houses in Peshawar Road, Aliabad, Chamanbad Saddar and other areas of the cantonment. Authorities cut-off 21 water connections for not paying the bill and disconnected 36 illegal connections.

ISLAMABAD: Signal-free Islamabad Expressway would have separate lane for motorcyclists and it would be first expressway of the country to have such facility. Addition of this facility would not only help increase road safety, but will also help maintain uninterrupted traffic flow on signal-free corridor. Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Maroof Afzal expressed these views during a visit to the project site to review the progress of development work on first phase of Islamabad Highway. On this occasion, Member Administration and Estate Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Engineering Shahid Sohail and senior officers of the Engineering Wing were also present. Capital Development Authority Chairman Maroof Afzal was informed that segregated lanes for motorcycle and bicycle riders have been provided on the signal-free corridor to ensure smooth traffic flow on the roads. He was informed that manpower and machinery have been doubled to meet the dead line of November 30 for completion of first phase of signal-free corridor. He was informed that pillars of 18 sectors have been erected and slabs on the bridge would be placed in next few days, while work on remaining two loops is in full swing. He was also apprised that alternative routes have been demarcated for the traffic to facilitate the mammoth traffic flow on Islamabad Highway. Speaking on the occasion, Maroof said that Islamabad Highway is one of the major arteries for access to the capital with ever-growing traffic, adding that expansion of Islamabad Highway was the dire need of the hour for easing the amassed traffic flow. He said that this signal-free expressway corridor would be provided with all modern facilities. The Islamabad Highway expansion project would be completed in stipulated time priority to facilitate the commuters, he added. He directed the formations concerned of the authority to complete the development work on first phase (Zero Point to Faizabad) by November 30. He also directed for completion of work on drainage system and retaining wall along the newly constructed lane. He further directed the formations concerned of the civic body for early completion of environmental work on the project to protect and preserve the beautiful green character of the capital, especially green belts, median strips.

RAWALPINDI: Rawal Town Administrator Imran Qureshi on Monday said that the District government is taking all measures to control dengue in different areas of the city. The administrator told the meeting about the steps being undertaken for controlling dengue in the area. Representatives of WASA, Auqaf, Education, Railways, Solid Waste Management, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA), Environment and others also attended the meeting. He said that measures are being taken to provide clean environment in the city so that dengue spread could be controlled in an effective manner. He said that directives have been issued to the departments concerned and teams engaged in addressing the issue of dengue. Meanwhile, the anti-dengue campaign is in full swing in all areas of the district so that people adopt precautionary measures to avoid dengue. Banners and necessary material has been displayed to create awareness among the masses to prevent spread of dengue in the district.

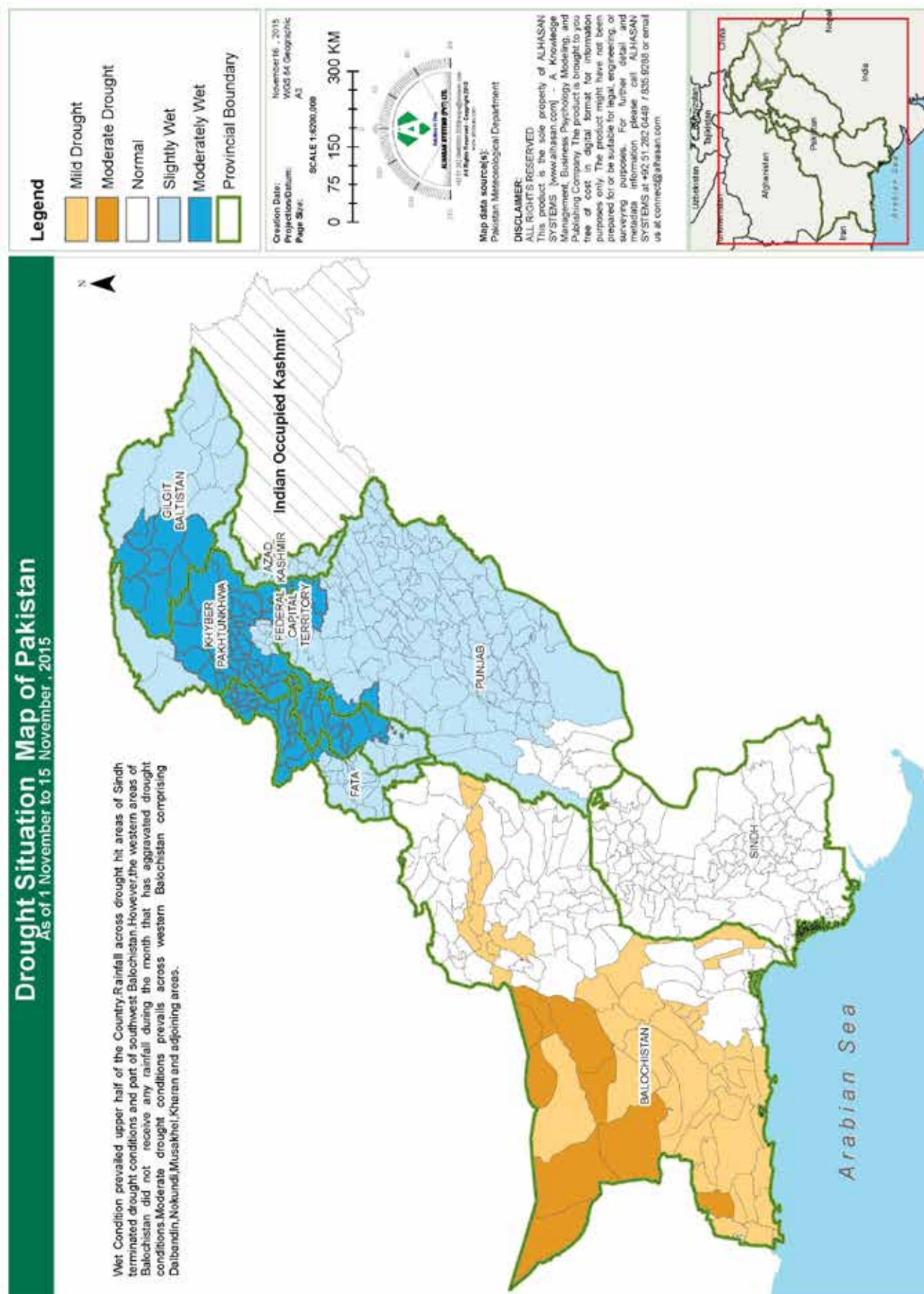
ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) is taking all possible measures to overcome dengue fever and comprehensive steps have been taken to root out disease completely from the federal capital. In this context a meeting was held here at CDA Headquarters to review the steps taken by the authority to overcome the dengue virus in city during current year. The director Health Services of CDA informed the meeting that Health Services Directorate had started preventive measures to cope with dengue threat right from the February this year as a result of which dengue cases reported in Islamabad were nominal as compared to the other cities. He said that special teams were constituted in this regard which carried out inspection visits at 21,513 places up till now and collected 16,743 samples to detect the presence of dengue larva, however, first sample of dengue larva was found positive in July which was collected from a shop situated at Shaheen Market in Sector I-10. The meeting was further informed that anti-mosquito spray was carried out at 2,880 potential breeding sites, while fogging activity was done at 2,550 places. The meeting was further apprised that teams of environment wing also channelised different streams and nullahs flowing in Islamabad to maintain smooth water flow. The CDA chairman was further informed that authority's comprehensive anti-dengue fever campaign was also underway under this campaign and more than 20,000 awareness pamphlets were distributed among the residents while 500 awareness banners had also been installed at different prominent places in the city. On this occasion Member Administration and Estate Amer Ali Ahmed, while directing concerned formations said that we must remain vigilant to cope with dengue irrespective of the seasons. He said that the owners of shops bakeries restaurants tyreshops had been directed to take all preventive measures against the virus otherwise stern action would be taken against them without any discrimination under the Municipal Bylaws.

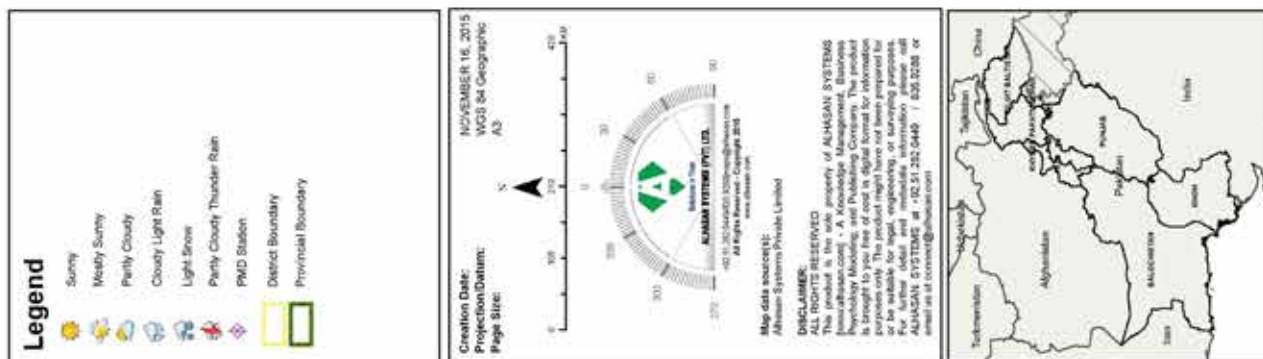
QUETTA: Starting from Nov 10, a four-day polio eradication campaign is being launched in all 32 districts of Balochistan during which around 2.4 million children will be vaccinated. Tight security arrangements are being made for the campaign. A meeting held here on Sunday with Chief Secretary Saifullah Chhattah in the chair reviewed arrangements for the campaign. Mr Chhattah directed the health department and other departments concerned to make all arrangements for its success. He said all out efforts were being made for making Balochistan a polio-free province this year. The meeting was informed that the health department had formed 6,463 mobile teams, 782 fixed support centres and 311 transit points to effectively conduct the campaign. Additional Secretary Health Abdullah Khan said that 13,000 vaccinators and other workers would take part in the campaign. Quetta, Pishin and Qila Abdullah have been declared high polio risk areas because most of the polio cases detected in the province this year were reported from these districts. Abdullah Khan said special attention would be paid to these three districts. The provincial government has devised a



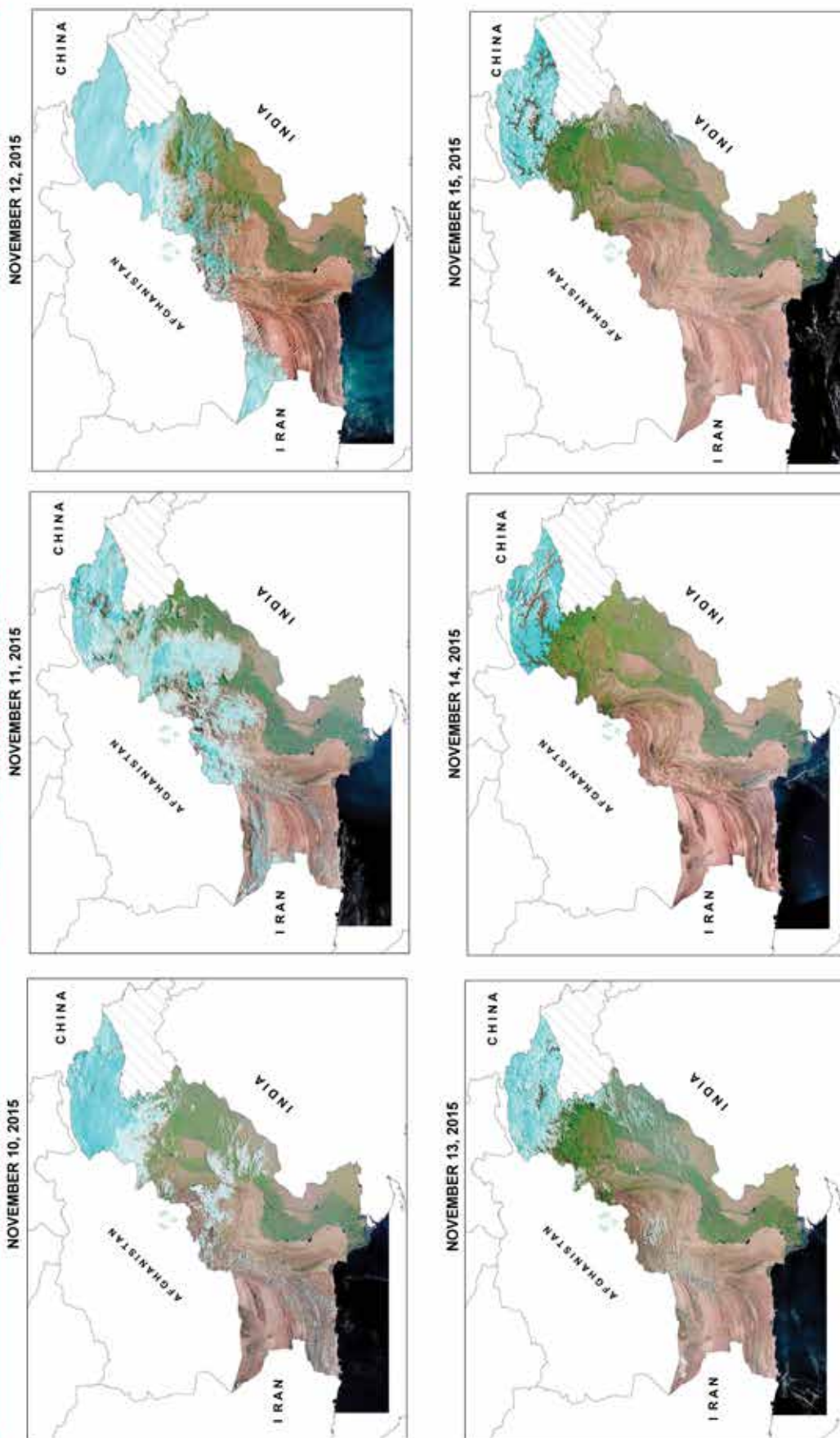
special security plan for the campaign involving a large number of security personnel. The meeting was informed that complete security would be provided to vaccinators and other workers. Officials urged parents to cooperate with vaccinators. They called upon the media, religious leaders, social workers and councillors to play their role for the success of the campaign.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (November 10, 2015 to November 15, 2015)



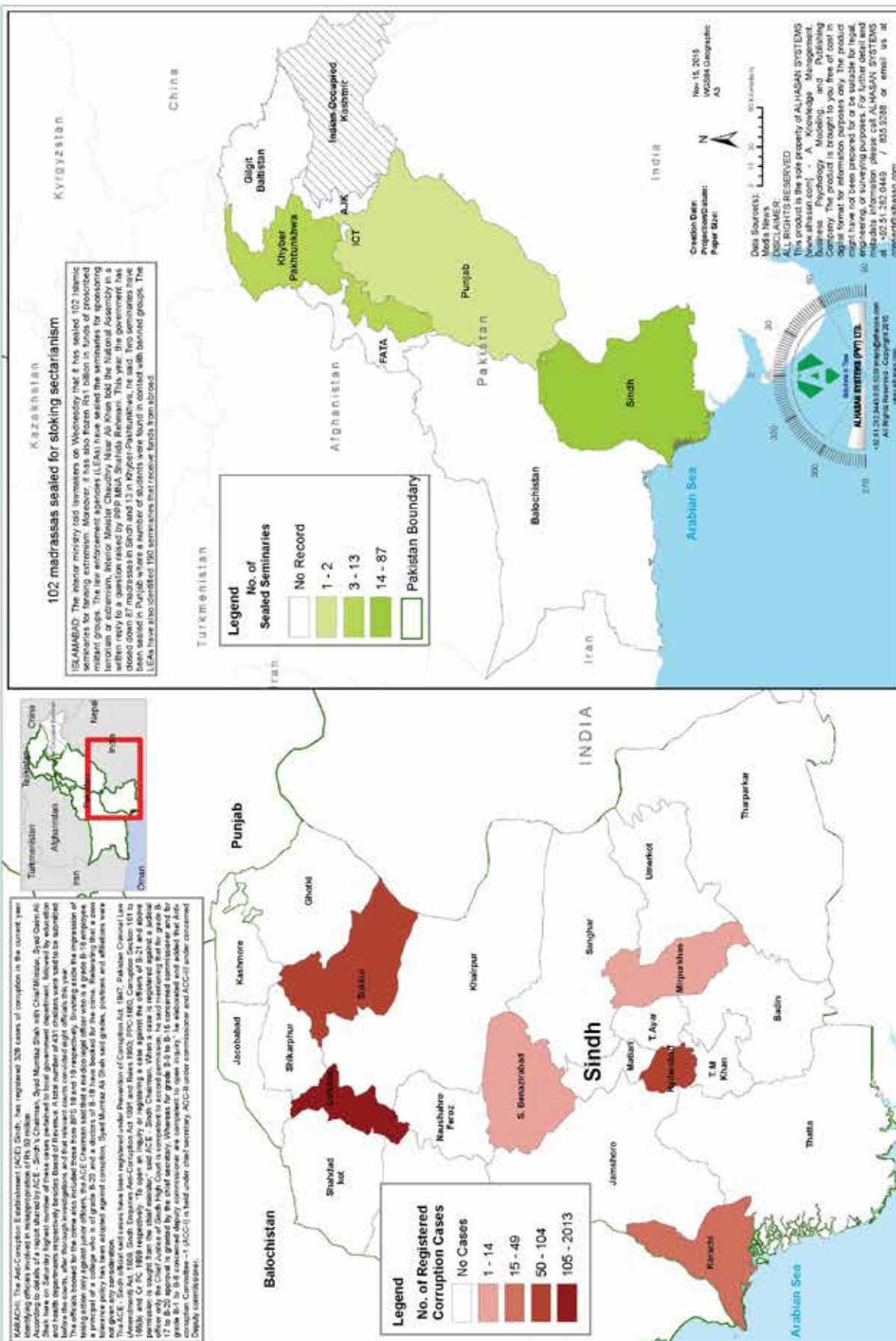
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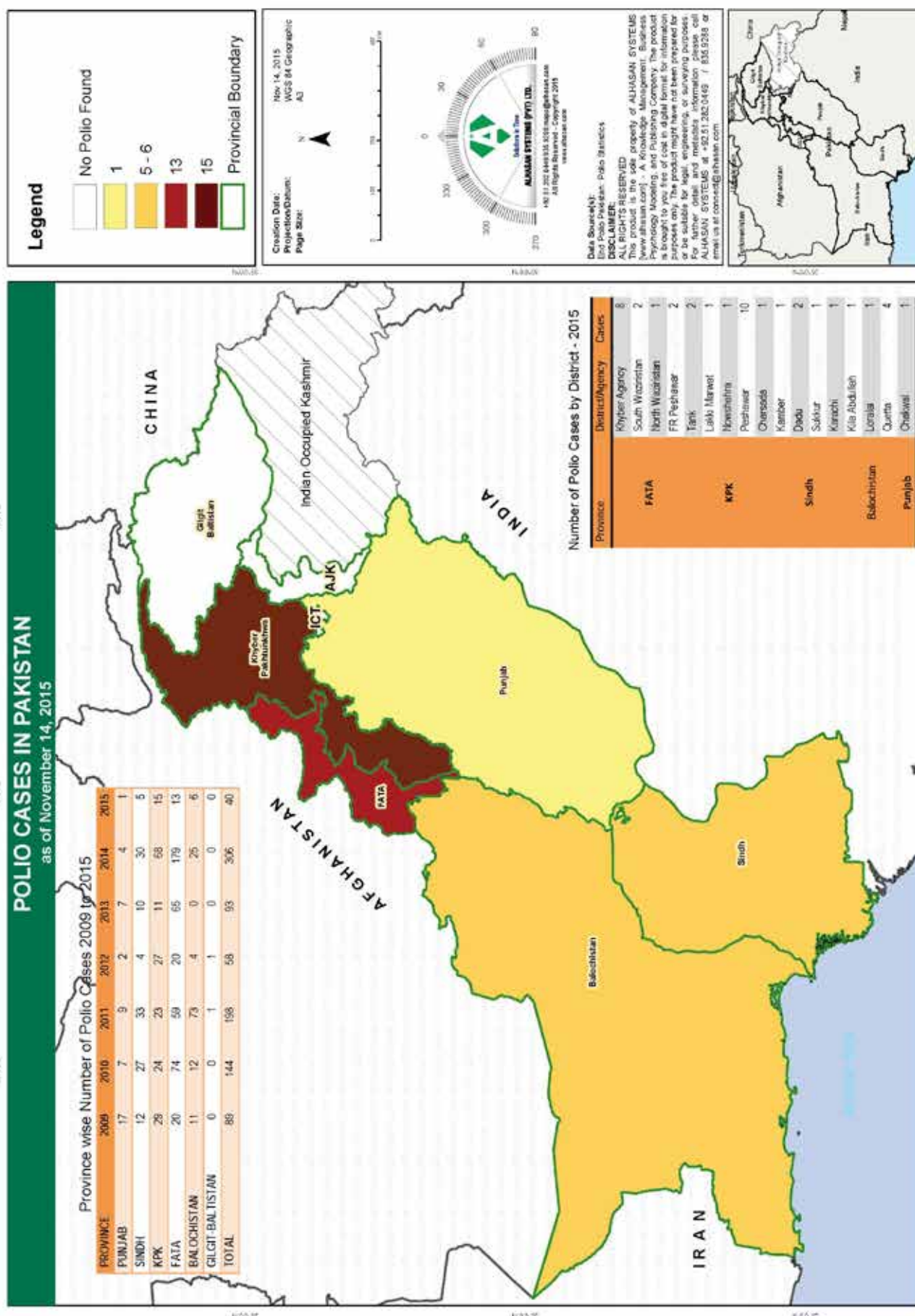
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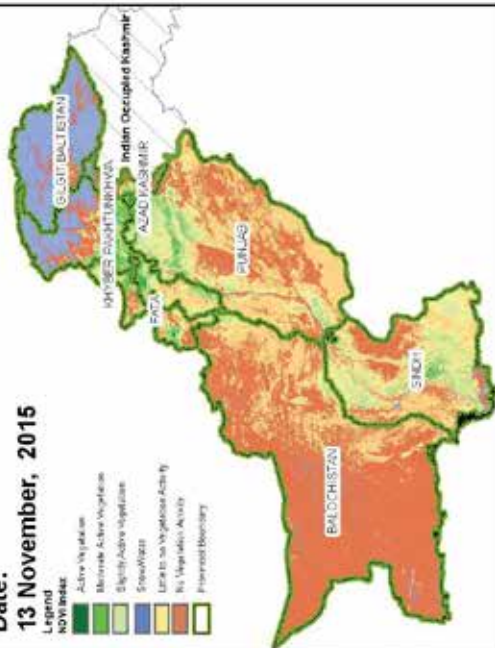




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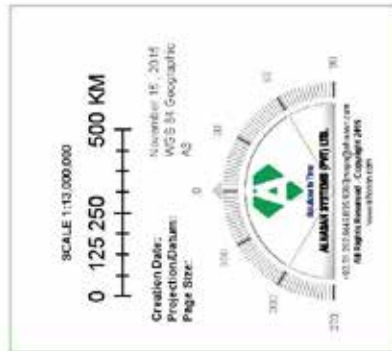
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بعض مواد، نشریات کی کوالٹی اور کسٹمر کیئر کے حوالے سے شکایات کرتے ہیں۔ اپنے آغاز سے پیمرا قیادت کی کوالٹی اور متواتر حکومتوں کی کارروائیوں کے باعث میڈیا کی آزادی کے تازہ انڈیکس کے 180 ممالک میں سے پاکستان کا نمبر 159 ہے۔ یہ انڈیکس اقوام متحدہ سے منسلک عالمی ادارے نے شائع کیا ہے۔

نواز حکومت 2013 سے اب تک 7 ارب ڈالر سے زائد قرض لے چکی

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اسلام آباد (شفیق اعوان) وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی سربراہی میں موجودہ حکومت اکتوبر 2013 سے ستمبر 2015 تک 7 ارب 62 کروڑ 35 لاکھ 70 ہزار ڈالر کا قرض لے چکی ہے جبکہ اسی عرصے میں 9 ممالک پاکستان کو 4 ارب 13 کروڑ 70 لاکھ 15 ہزار ڈالر کی امداد بھی دے چکے ہیں۔ دی نیوز کے پاس موجود دستاویزات سے انکشاف ہوتا ہے کہ پاکستان کو قرض دینے والے ممالک میں چین سرفہرست ہے، جس نے 6 ارب 51 کروڑ 40 لاکھ ڈالر قرض دیا، جبکہ دوسرے نمبر پر کوریاء بھی 50 کروڑ ڈالر پاکستان کو قرض دے چکا ہے، تیسرے نمبر پر سعودی عرب ہے، جس نے اس عرصے کے دوران پاکستان کو 33 کروڑ 70 لاکھ ڈالر کا قرضہ دیا۔ دوسری جانب برطانیہ پاکستان کو امداد دینے والے ممالک میں سرفہرست ہے، جس نے پاکستان کو اس عرصے کے دوران 2 ارب 15 کروڑ 20 لاکھ ڈالر کی امداد دی، جبکہ دوسرے نمبر پر امریکا ہے، جس نے یو ایس ایڈ کے نام سے جاری پروگرام کے تحت پاکستان کو ایک ارب 46 کروڑ 50 لاکھ ڈالر امداد دی، جبکہ اس زمرے میں تیسرا نمبر چین کا ہے جس نے 29 کروڑ 70 لاکھ 74 ہزار ڈالر امداد دی۔ یہ قرضے اور امداد توانائی کے منصوبوں، سڑکوں کی تعمیر، دفاعی منصوبوں، زلزلہ و سیلاب متاثرین، پولیس اور امن و امان کے مسائل کے حل کیلئے، عالمی حدت میں اضافے کے اثرات کے تدارک، طبی منصوبے، نارکوٹکس کنٹرول ڈویژن، تعلیمی منصوبوں، اندرون ملک نقل مکانی کے متاثرین (آئی ڈی پیز)، پن بجلی کے منصوبوں، بلدیاتی سروسز اور صوبوں کے مختلف منصوبوں پر خرچ کی جائیگی۔ چینی امداد میں اس کی جانب سے قائداعظم میوزیم کراچی کیلئے مختص کردہ 1 کروڑ 30 لاکھ یوان کی رقم بھی شامل ہے۔ اکتوبر 2013 سے ستمبر 2015 تک پاکستان کو چین سے 6.514 ارب ڈالر قرض جبکہ 29 کروڑ 70 لاکھ 74 ہزار ڈالر امداد ملی، جرمنی نے 7 کروڑ 49 لاکھ 80 ہزار ڈالر قرض دیا جبکہ 4 کروڑ 67 لاکھ 10 ہزار ڈالر کی امداد دی۔ جاپان نے 5 کروڑ کا قرضہ دیا، کوریاء نے 50 کروڑ ڈالر قرض کی مدد میں دیئے۔ سعودی عرب نے 33 کروڑ 70 لاکھ ڈالر کا قرضہ دیا اور 5 کروڑ 23 لاکھ 80 ہزار ڈالر کی امداد دی۔ برطانیہ نے 2 ارب 15 کروڑ 20 لاکھ ڈالر کی امداد دی۔ فرانس نے 11 کروڑ 47 لاکھ 90 ہزار ڈالر قرض اور 28 لاکھ 40 ہزار امداد دی جبکہ یو ایس ایڈ کی جانب سے ایک ارب 46 کروڑ 50 لاکھ ڈالر امداد دی۔

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کراچی..... طب کی دنیا میں انقلاب برپا کرنے والی اہم ترین دریافت ”ایکسرے“ کو منظر عام پر آئے 120 برس ہو گئے ہیں جس کے موجد کو خراج تحسین پیش کرنے کے لئے دنیا بھر میں انٹرنیشنل ریڈیالوجی ڈے منایا جا رہا ہے۔ جرمنی سے تعلق رکھنے والے ولہیم کانراڈ ہائیمن فزسٹ نے 8 نومبر 1895 کو یہ شعاعیں دریافت کی تھیں جس کے بعد ریڈیالوجی کا ایک پورا شعبہ وجود میں آ گیا اور آج دنیا کے ہر خطہ میں لوگ اس سے مستفید کے طور پر مناتے ہیں۔ ریڈیالوجی کو خصوصاً آج کے دور میں بہت "Radiology Day" ہو رہے ہیں۔ دنیا بھر میں ریڈیو گرافر ہر سال 8 نومبر کو سی بیماریوں کی تشخیص کے لئے ایک بڑا اہم اور بہترین ذریعہ مانا جاتا ہے۔ اس شعبے میں مزید تحقیق کا عمل جاری ہے اور انسان اپنی ضرورت کے مطابق طب کے سلسلے میں نئی سے نئی ایجادات کر رہا ہے۔

گزشتہ ڈیڑھ دہائی میں اس کا مثبت طور پر کوئی خاص اثر نہیں پڑا۔

کراچی (رفیق مانگٹ) روس پاکستان میں ہیلی کاپٹر سروس سینٹر قائم کرے گا۔ روسی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق ہیلی کاپٹر سروس سینٹر کے قیام کیلئے ماسکو اور اسلام آباد کے درمیان بات چیت جاری ہے۔ روسی ادارے روز ٹیک انٹرنیشنل کو آپریشن ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے سربراہ وکٹر کیلڈوف کا کہنا ہے کہ ماسکو اور اسلام آباد پاکستان میں ایک روسی تکنیکی سروس سینٹر، بنانے پر مذاکرات کر رہے ہیں جس کا کام ہیلی کاپٹر کی دیکھ بھال اور مرمت ہو گا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں روسی ہیلی کاپٹروں کی ایک بڑی تعداد ہے۔ مارچ میں پاکستانی صدر ممنون حسین نے اعلان کیا تھا کہ اسلام آباد روس کے ساتھ فوجی تکنیکی تعاون کو وسعت دینے اور روسی ہیلی کاپٹروں کی خریداری کا ارادہ رکھتا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں روسی سفارت خانے کے ترجمان اگست میں روس کی سرکاری اسلحہ برآمد کنندہ اور پاکستان کی وزارت دفاع کے درمیان چار جنگی ہیلی کاپٹر ایم آئی 35 کے لئے ایک معاہدے پر دستخط کیے گئے۔ ایک اور رپورٹ میں کہا گیا تھا کہ روس پاکستان کو مزید ہیلی کاپٹر فراہم کرنے کا ارادہ رکھتا ہے اور روس پاکستان کو بارہ ہیلی کاپٹر فراہم کر سکتا ہے۔ ادھر بھارتی اخبار ”کنامک ٹائمز“ کے مطابق روس کی طرف سے پاکستان کو دفاعی سازوسامان جن میں ہیلی کاپٹر، جنگی لڑاکا طیارے شامل ہیں ان کے متعلق ماسکو نے اپنی تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے، بھارتی وزیر دفاع منوہر پر پر بکر نے ماسکو میں روسی وزیر دفاع سرگئی شویگو کے سامنے یہ مسئلہ اٹھایا ہے۔ بھارت نے زیادہ تر اس بات کو اٹھایا کہ روس پاکستان کو جنگی طیارے ایس یو 35 دے رہا ہے۔ تاہم ماسکو نے پاکستان سے ایسے کسی معاہدے پر دستخط کی تردید کی۔ بھارت نے روس سے ان رپورٹوں کی وضاحت بھی طلب کی ہے کہ روس اور پاکستان ہیلی کاپٹر مشترکہ فوجی مشقیں کرنے جا رہا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (منامندہ خصوصی) مارچ 2012 میں قائم ہونے والی پیمرامیڈیا کا ایس منظر نہ رکھنے والے سرکاری افسران کو چیئر مین یا قائم مقام چیئر مین مقرر کیے جانے کے باعث الیکٹرک میڈیا انڈسٹری کے حقیقی پوٹینشل کا اندازہ کرنے میں ناکام رہی، پیمراسربراہان کی ایسی تقرریاں پیمرامیڈیا آرڈیننس اور سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ دوسرے ملکوں میں میڈیا اور انٹرنیشنل انڈسٹری کا جی ڈی پی میں 2 سے 3 فیصد حصہ ہے۔ بھارتی میڈیا انڈسٹری انڈسٹری 15 ارب ڈالر سالانہ کی سطح پر پہنچ چکی ہے جبکہ پاکستان کی میڈیا صنعت ایک ارب ڈالر کی حد سے آگے نہ بڑھ سکی۔ پیمرامیڈیا آرڈیننس ادارے کے سربراہ کیلئے دیگر شرائط کے ساتھ ”میڈیا میں خاطر خواہ تجربے“ کو لازمی قرار دیتا ہے۔ مگر 2002 میں تشکیل سے نصف مدت سے زیادہ کے دوران پولیس سروس آف پاکستان کے ریٹائر یا حاضر سروس افسران کے ذریعہ اتھارٹی کو چلا یا گیا۔ باقی مدت کے دوران بھی دیگر سرکاری افسران چیئر مین یا قائم مقام چیئر مین کے طور پر کام کرتے رہے جن کا میڈیا کو کوئی تجربہ اور پس منظر نہ تھا، اس وقت بھی پیمرامیڈیا قائم مقام چیئر مین، پولیس سروس کے حاضر سروس افسر ہیں۔ سپریم کورٹ نے دسمبر 2012 میں پیمرامیڈیا کے ایک قائم مقام چیئر مین کو یہ کہہ کر ہٹا دیا تھا کہ پیمرامیڈیا آرڈیننس میں قائم مقام چیئر مین کی گنجائش نہیں۔ پی ایل ڈی ایس سی 244-2013 کے مطابق عدالت عظمیٰ نے قرار دیا تھا کہ پیمرامیڈیا چیئر مین ایسے شخص کو مقرر کیا جائے جو پیمرامیڈیا آرڈیننس میں درج کڑی شرائط کو مکمل طور پر پورا کرنا، تاہم، عام تقرری نہ ہو سپریم کورٹ نے 19 اگست 2015 کو موجودہ قائم مقام چیئر مین کے کام کرنے کا اپنے گزشتہ فیصلے کے تناظر میں سخت نوٹس لیا تھا اور حکومت کو ہدایت کی تھی عوامی اشتہار کے ذریعہ کل وقتی چیئر مین کا تقرر 30 روز میں کیا جائے۔ مگر اتھارٹی کو سپریم کورٹ کے حکم کے برخلاف قائم مقام چیئر مین کے ذریعہ چلایا جا رہا ہے۔ پیمرامیڈیا چیئر مین نہ صرف اپنے آرڈیننس کی روح کے منافی مقرر کیے گئے بلکہ اپنے یا حکومت وقت کے پیداکرہ تنازعات میں بھی ملوث رہے، مشتاق ملک حاضر سروس بیورو کریٹ تھے جب انہیں 2008 کے آغاز میں چیئر مین بنایا گیا۔ وہ اپنی مدت پوری نہ کر سکے اور قبل از وقت مستعفی ہو گئے، انکا جانشین عبد الجبار کو قائم مقام چیئر مین کے طور پر بنایا گیا جن کے دور میں اتھارٹی کو مختلف معاملات پر عدالت لے جایا گیا۔ عبد الجبار کو پیمرامیڈیا کے ڈی جی سطح کے دیگر افسران کے ساتھ ایف آئی اے نے 2014 میں گرفتار کر لیا ان پر ادارے میں افسران کی بھرتیوں میں مبینہ بے ضابطگیوں کا الزام تھا۔ اس بناء پر سپریم کورٹ نے عبد الجبار کو قائم مقام چیئر مین پیمرامیڈیا کے عہدے سے برطرف کر دیا تھا۔ پھر چوہدری رشید احمد نے چیئر مین پیمرامیڈیا کا منصب سنبھالا لیکن موجودہ حکومت نے انکے تقرر میں خامیوں، کمزوریوں کے باعث انہیں عہدے سے ہٹا دیا۔ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ چوہدری رشید نے بطور سیکریٹری اطلاعات چیئر مین پیمرامیڈیا کیلئے اپنے ہی نام کی سفارش کی تھی۔ چوہدری رشید کا کس اب بھی حتی فیصلے کیلئے سپریم کورٹ میں زیر التواء ہے۔ ایک مرحلے پر چوہدری رشید اور عبد الجبار سپریم کورٹ میں آئے سامنے کھڑے تھے اور ایک دوسرے پر الزامات لگا رہے تھے۔ موجودہ حکومت نے ایک ریٹائر پولیس افسر کو پیمرامیڈیا کے چلانے کیلئے مقرر کر کے ایک اور ایڈھاک انتظام کیا، یہ افسر مئی 2015 میں ریٹائر ہوئے اور ایک حاضر سروس پولیس افسر کے جانشین ہیں جن کی ملازمت اب تک جاری ہے۔ میڈیا انڈسٹری کی اپنی کمزوریاں ہو سکتی ہیں اور عوام و ریاست کے مختلف ستونوں کی جانب سے تنقید کا سامنا ہے۔ تاہم مختلف آنے والی حکومتیں میڈیا کو پروان چڑھانے کی بجائے اس کو پھیلنے سے روکنے اور کنٹرول کرنے کی کوشش کرتی نظر آتی ہیں۔ براڈ کاسٹر ز صرف اشتہارات سے ہونے والے ریونیو پر زندہ ہیں اور اپنے چینلز کی نشریات کیلئے ڈسٹری بیوٹن نیٹ ورکس سے رقم نہیں ملتی، جو ملنی چاہیے، پاکستانی ناظرین ڈسٹری بیوٹن نیٹ ورکس پر بیہودگی، فحاشی، ٹی وی چینلز کے

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پیمرامیڈیا کی قیادت کے باعث میڈیا انڈسٹری اپنی صلاحیت سے پیچھے، ملکی جی ڈی پی میں میڈیا کا حصہ نہ کے برابر

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ووٹ کا حق دینا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ عوام کے ووٹ سے تبدیلی آتی ہے، عوامی حکومتیں بنتی ہیں آمریت کا بستر گول ہو تا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تبدیلی پسند ہی ووٹ کی اہمیت سمجھتے ہیں، اس لیے تمام لوگوں کو تبدیلی پسند ہونا ہو گا۔ سیمینار سے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر پروین شاہ، پروفیسر عبدالجید چانڈیو، پروفیسر امداد چانڈیو اور دیگر نے خطاب کیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈھرنے ڈیوٹیوں سے بغیر کسی اطلاع کے مسلسل غیر حاضر رہنے والے 9 ڈاکٹروں کو برطرف کر دیا ہے۔ برطرف ہونے والے ڈاکٹروں میں ڈاکٹر سوفیہ، ڈاکٹر ماریہ بلوچ، ڈاکٹر سیتا، ڈاکٹر بے کماری، ڈاکٹر معصومہ، ڈاکٹر نورین، ڈاکٹر نورین حنیف، ڈاکٹر فرہین اور ڈاکٹر محمد بیگ شامل ہیں جبکہ 15 ڈاکٹروں کو انتہائی طور پر فائل شوکاژ نوٹس جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں کہ وہ 15 یوم کے اندر اندر اپنی ڈیوٹیوں پر آجائیں بصورت دیگر انہیں بھی برطرف کر دیا جائے گا۔ اس موقع پر صوبائی وزیر کو یہ بتایا گیا کہ ان میں سے زیادہ ڈاکٹرز بغیر کسی اطلاع یا اجازت کے بیرون ملک ہیں۔

راولپنڈی (جنگ نیوز) آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف پانچ روزہ دورے پر پندرہ نومبر کو امریکا جائیں گے جہاں امریکی سیاسی و عسکری قیادت سے سیورٹی امور پر تبادلہ خیال ہو گا۔ ڈی جی آئی ایس پی آر لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم سلیم باجوہ نے بتایا کہ آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف پندرہ سے بیس نومبر تک امریکا کا سرکاری دورہ کریں گے۔ جنرل راجیل شریف امریکا کی عسکری اور سیاسی قیادت سے ملاقاتیں کریں گے جس میں خطے کی سیورٹی صورتحال کے علاوہ کئی اہم موضوعات پر تبادلہ خیال کیا جائے گا۔

کراچی (افضل غلام ڈوگر) مختلف سرکاری اداروں سے لوٹے گئے اربوں روپے بیرون ملک منتقل کرنے کے الزام میں زیر حراست کراچی کے معروف منی چینجر حاجی ہارون نے منی لائڈرنگ، حوالہ اور ہنڈی میں ملوث پاکستان کے 82 منی چینجر اور ایکسچینج کمپنیوں کی مالکان کی نشاندہی کر دی ہے، جن کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے سیاسی مفایاز سے جڑے کراچی، دہلی، لاہور، پٹنہ، پشاور اور دیگر علاقوں کے ان ملزمان کی گرفتاری کی منظوری حاصل کر لی۔ ان ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے لئے چھاپوں کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا ہے اور گزشتہ ایک ہفتے کے دوران 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار بھی کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق حاجی ہارون کو اس سال یکم جولائی کو کراچی کے ریڈ زون سے حراست میں لیا گیا تھا۔ ملک کے تین اہم ادارے ان سے تفتیش جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں اور حاجی ہارون ان اداروں سے بھرپور تعاون کر رہے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق منی لائڈرنگ سے جڑے ان مفایاز کے لگ بھگ 50 کراڈوں کو رواں ماہ ہر صورت گرفتار کر لیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ان ملزمان میں سے 9 منی چینجرز حاجی ہارون کی گرفتاری کے بعد ملک سے فرار ہو گئے تھے۔

اسلام آباد (مہتاب حیدر) گزشتہ 15 برسوں میں عالمی اداروں نے لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خاتمے کیلئے پاکستان کو محض 6 ارب 60 کروڑ 20 لاکھ ڈالر کی رقم دی۔ پاکستان کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے چھٹکارا دلانے کے بلند و بانگ دعوے کرنے والے دو طرفہ اور کثیر القومی اداروں نے پاکستان کو گزشتہ 15 برس کے دوران محض 6 ارب 60 کروڑ 20 لاکھ ڈالر کی رقم دی۔ لیکن یہ رقم ضائع ہو گئی کیونکہ گزشتہ ڈیڑھ دہائی میں حکومتیں اور قرض دینے والے ادارے اس مسئلے کو حل کرنے میں بری طرح ناکام ہوئے۔ سرکاری ذرائع نے سرکاری اعداد و شمار کا دی نیوز سے تبادلہ کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اوسطاً قرض دینے والے اداروں نے بجلی کے شعبے کیلئے سالانہ 40 کروڑ ڈالر گزشتہ 15 برسوں میں سنہ 2000 سے 2014-15 تک دیئے، جس سے ملک میں توانائی کے بحران سے نمٹنے میں کسی حد تک مدد ملی۔ عالمی بینک اور ایشیائی ترقیاتی بینک توانائی شعبے کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے نام نہاد اصلاحات کرتے رہے، تاہم اس کے باوجود وہ حکومتوں سے شعبہ توانائی میں شدت سے درکار ساختیاتی اصلاحات کروانے میں ناکام رہے۔ قرض اور امداد دینے والے تمام اداروں نے گزشتہ 15 برسوں میں کل 49.95 ارب ڈالر دیئے۔ اس میں تقریباً 30 فیصد حصہ 15.01 ارب ڈالر ادائیگیوں کے توازن اور بجٹ سپورٹ کی مد میں دیا گیا۔ سرکاری ذرائع نے بتایا کہ توانائی کے شعبے کیلئے گزشتہ 15 برسوں میں اس رقم میں سے 13 فیصد رقم 6 ارب 60 کروڑ 20 لاکھ ڈالر دیئے گئے۔ ابندھن کے شعبے کیلئے 5.142 ارب ڈالر گزشتہ 5 برسوں میں دیئے گئے۔ ٹرانسپورٹ اور مواصلاتی شعبے کیلئے 3.749 ارب ڈالر، تعلیم و تربیت کیلئے 2.908 ارب ڈالر، طرز حکمرانی، تحقیقی اور شماریاتی شعبے کیلئے 2.886 ارب ڈالر، دیہی ترقی کیلئے 2.578 ارب ڈالر دیئے گئے، 2005 کے زلزلے کے بعد اس مد میں 2.464 ارب ڈالر دیئے گئے، جبکہ دیگر شعبہ جات کیلئے 8.6 ارب ڈالر گزشتہ 15 سالوں میں دیئے گئے۔ دوسری جانب سرکاری عہدیداروں کا کہنا ہے کہ توانائی کے شعبے میں بہتری کیلئے پاکستان کو بجلی سازی، اس کی تقسیم کاری اور اس کے ترسیلی نظام میں سرمایہ کاری کرنی ہوگی اور ساتھ ہی اس ضمن میں درپیش ساختیاتی رکاوٹوں کو دور کرنا ہو گا۔ قرض و امداد دینے والے اداروں کی رقم سے ملک کے عمومی اہداف کے حصول میں مدد تو مل سکتی ہے لیکن یہ ہمارے تمام مسائل کا حل فراہم نہیں کرتا۔ جب ان سے ان اداروں کی جانب سے عملدرآمد کیے جانے والے اصلاحاتی منصوبوں کے بارے میں پوچھا گیا تو ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ان کی تجویز بڑی حد تک ناکامی کا شکار ہوئیں کیونکہ اصلاحاتی منصوبوں پر کئی حصوں میں عملدرآمد کیا گیا، کیونکہ جب ملک کو سرمائے کی ضرورت تھی تو جلد ہی ان اقدامات کو واپس تبدیل کر دیا گیا، اس لیے

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حب (نامہ نگار) وفاقی حکومت نے پورے ملک سمیت بلوچستان میں بھی بڑی گاڑیوں کی نئی رجسٹریشن پر عائد ہونے والے ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس فیس میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے۔ ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس دگنا ہونا جانے سے بلوچستان کے ٹرانسپورٹرز اپنی گاڑیوں کو رجسٹر ڈکرانے سے قاصر ہیں۔ بلوچستان کے ٹرانسپورٹرز نے اپنی نئی گاڑیاں رجسٹریشن کے بغیر چلانا شروع کر دی ہیں۔ بڑی گاڑیوں کی نئی رجسٹریشن سے بندش کے باعث بلوچستان میں محکمہ ایکسائز اینڈ ٹیکسیشن ڈپارٹمنٹ کے اہلکاروں کی بڑی تعداد اپنے دفاتر میں ہاتھوں پر ہاتھ دھرے بیٹھی ہے جبکہ حکومت کو بھی ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس کی مد میں ہونے والی آمدنی سے فی الوقت یکسر محروم ہونا پڑا ہے۔ دوسری جانب بلوچستان میں بڑی گاڑیوں مثلاً بسز، کوچر، ٹرکس اور آئل ٹینکرز کی نئی رجسٹریشن فیس میں اضافے کے باعث کرایہ جات میں بھی ہوش رہا اضافہ ہونے کا امکان پیدا ہو گیا ہے۔ ٹرانسپورٹرز نے میڈیا کے نمائندوں کو یہ بھی بتایا کہ اگر حکومت نے ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس میں اضافے کا نوٹیفکیشن فوری طور پر واپس نہ لیا تو وہ اپنی گاڑیوں کی نئی رجسٹریشن کرانے کے بجائے گاڑیوں کو سڑکوں پر لانے سے گریز کریں گے جس کا منفی اثر صوبے کے عام آدمی پر مرتب ہو گا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ایوی ایشن ڈویژن نے اومان ایئر لائن کو پاکستان کے لئے پروازیں بڑھانے کی اجازت دیدی ہے حکومت نئی ایوی ایشن پالیسی کے تحت غیر ملکی ایئر لائنوں کو سہولتیں فراہم کر رہی ہے جو مقابلے کے رجحان کے فروغ کے لئے ایک مثبت قدم ہے تاہم ملک کی قومی ایئر لائن پی آئی اے اس سے متاثر ہو سکتی ہے جو پہلے ہی سخت مالی بحران کا شکار ہے جبکہ دیگر پاکستانی نجی ایئر لائنوں کا کاروبار بھی متاثر ہونے کا اندیشہ ہے۔

اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) پاکستان سافٹ ویئر ایکسپورٹ بورڈ کی کوششوں سے انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کی سالانہ برآمدات 2 ارب ڈالر سے بڑھ گئی ہیں جبکہ اس کی سالانہ شرح نمو 30 سے 40 فیصد ہے۔ پاکستان کے آئی ٹی پروفیشنلز بڑی تعداد میں شمالی امریکا، یورپ اور مشرق وسطیٰ کے ممالک میں خدمات سرانجام دے رہے ہیں۔ پاکستان سافٹ ویئر ایکسپورٹ بورڈ کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ ملک میں سافٹ ویئر کے شعبے میں سرمایہ کاری اور برآمدات کے فروغ کے لئے کئی اقدامات کئے گئے جس سے پاکستان میں سافٹ ویئر کی مصنوعات کو فروغ دینے میں مدد ملی ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ 2002ء میں پاکستان کی سافٹ ویئر مصنوعات سالانہ 20 ملین ڈالر تھیں جو اب بڑھ کر 2 ارب ڈالر تک پہنچ چکی ہیں۔ وزارت انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی نے سافٹ ویئر مصنوعات کی برآمدات کے فروغ کے لئے قومی اور عالمی سطح پر نمائندوں اور سیمینارز کا اہتمام کیا ہے جبکہ ملک میں انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے فروغ کے لئے آئی ٹی پارکس قائم کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ رواں سال سعودی عرب، کوریا اور کویت کی مختلف کمپنیوں نے اس شعبے میں سرمایہ کاری میں گہری دلچسپی ظاہر کی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی سے متعلق انجینئرنگ اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی یونیورسٹیوں میں نصاب کو جدید تقاضوں کے مطابق بنانے کے لئے نصاب کمیٹی قائم کی جا رہی ہے جس میں مختلف کمپنیوں کے نمائندے شامل ہوں گے جبکہ نصاب کی تشکیل میں متعلقہ یونیورسٹیوں سے بھی رائے لی جائے گی۔ سافٹ ویئر ایکسپورٹ کو فروغ دینے کے لئے انفراسٹرکچر ڈیولپمنٹ، انسانی وسائل پر مبنی ترقی، کمپنی کی استعداد کار میں بہتری سمیت دیگر اقدامات پر توجہ مرکوز کی ہے۔

ٹنڈوالہ یار (نامہ نگار) ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن جج ٹنڈوالہ یار آغا عبید اللہ پٹھان بغیر پروٹوکول اچانک سول اسپتال ٹنڈوالہ یار پہنچ گئے۔ انہوں نے اسپتال میں لیبارٹری، بلڈ بینک، میڈیکل اسٹور اور مریضوں کے مختلف وارڈز کا معائنہ کیا جب کہ ان کے دورے کے موقع پر اسپتال کا عملہ ان کو پہچان نہیں سکا۔ جب وہ سرکاری پروٹوکول کے ساتھ اسپتال پہنچے تو اسپتال انتظامیہ کی دوڑیں لگ گئی اور عملہ پریشان ہو گیا۔ سیشن جج نے اس موقع پر ایک غریب مریض کو دوا خریدنے کے لیے پیسے بھی دیئے۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے اسپتال میں صفائی ستھرائی اور انتظامی امور بہتر نہ ہونے پر برہمی کا اظہار کیا۔

خیبر پور (ہیورورپورٹ) شاہ عبداللطیف یونیورسٹی کی وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر پروین شاہ کی صدارت میں اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس منعقد ہوا جس میں خیبر پور میں اساتذہ یونیورسٹی پروجیکٹ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں شعبہ کمپیوٹر سائنس کے چیئرمین پروفیسر ڈاکٹر نور احمد شیخ، رجسٹرار اسد رضا عابدی، انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے عاشق حسین شیخ اور خلیل احمد منگی، ڈاکٹر غلام علی ملاح میڈیا اسٹڈی شعبے کے سربراہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر تاج محمد لاشاری اور دیگر شریک ہوئے۔ وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر پروین شاہ نے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ خیبر پور میں اساتذہ یونیورسٹی پروجیکٹ کے نفاذ سے شاہ عبداللطیف یونیورسٹی کا تعلیمی معیار بلند ہو گا اور یونیورسٹی دنیا کی ترقی یافتہ یونیورسٹیوں کی فہرست میں شامل ہو جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے نئے آلات کی خریداری اور سسٹم کی ترقی کے لیے ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کے پاس 91 ملین روپے کا پروجیکٹ جمع کرایا ہے، پروجیکٹ کی منظوری کے بعد جدید پروگرام پر عملدرآمد شروع کیا جائے گا۔ دریں اثناء شاہ عبداللطیف یونیورسٹی فیکلٹی آف سوشل سائنسز کے زیر اہتمام بنیادی جمہوریت سے عام آدمی کے لیے فوائد کے عنوان کے تحت سیمینار منعقد ہوا، معروف صحافی و تجربہ نگار علی قاضی سیمینار کے مہمان خصوصی تھے جبکہ وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر پروین شاہ نے سیمینار کی صدارت کی۔ قاضی علی نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ جمہوریت کا اصل مقصد ہر شخص کو

بلوچستان میں بڑی گاڑیوں کی نئی رجسٹریشن پر ود ہولڈنگ ٹیکس میں اضافہ

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شاہ عبداللطیف یونیورسٹی، اساتذہ پروجیکٹ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ

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میرپور خاص (نامہ نگار) ایٹنی کرپشن پولیس کانسول اسپتال میرپور خاص پر چھاپے، ادویہ، مشینری اور کھانے کی مد میں مبینہ کرپشن اور بے قاعدگیوں سے متعلق تحقیقات شروع، ریکارڈ تحویل میں لے لیا گیا، مریشوں سے صفائی ستھرائی، ادویات اور کھانے کی فراہمی سے متعلق معلومات حاصل کی گئیں۔ جبکہ چھاپے کی اطلاع سے اسپتال کے عملے میں افراطی فحش گئی۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق ایٹنی کرپشن اسٹبلشمنٹ میرپور خاص کی ایک خصوصی ٹیم نے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر جاوید بالپوٹو، اسسٹنٹ ڈائریکٹر غلام قادر شیخ اور سب انسپکٹر اسماعیل قائم خانی کی قیادت میں اچانک سول اسپتال میرپور خاص پر چھاپہ مارا۔

میرپور خاص، ایٹنی کرپشن پولیس کانسول اسپتال پر چھاپے، ریکارڈ تحویل میں لے لیا
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لاہور (نامہ نگار) یوم اقبال پر چھٹی منسوخ کرنے کیخلاف پنجاب بار کونسل کی اپیل پر لاہور، شیخوپورہ، گوجرانوالہ، ننکانہ صاحب، حافظ آباد، پاکپتن، ساہیوال، اوکاڑہ سمیت مختلف شہروں میں وکلاء نے ہڑتال کی جبکہ لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں کام جاری رہا، ارجنٹ مقدمات کے بعد وکلاء اور سائل غائب ہو گئے۔ لاہور میں وکلاء ہڑتال کے باعث ہزاروں مقدمات کی سماعت متاثر ہونے سے سائلین کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا، وکلاء نے یوم اقبال کی چھٹی منسوخ کرنے کی مذمت کی اور یوم اقبال کی مناسبت سے اجلاس منعقد کئے۔ بعد ازاں وکلاء نے مزار اقبال پر حاضری دی صدر لاہور ہائیکورٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن پیر محمد مسعود چشتی کی زیر صدارت اقبال ڈے منانے کیلئے جنرل ہاؤس کا اجلاس منعقد ہوا۔ اجلاس میں نائب صدر مریم عرفان عارف شیخ، سیکرٹری بیرسٹر محمد احمد قیوم اور فنانس سیکرٹری سید اختر حسین شیرازی، شرجیل عدنان شیخ، جواد اشرف کے علاوہ وکلاء کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ دریں اثنا لاہور بار ایسوسی ایشن نے مفکر پاکستان ڈاکٹر علامہ محمد اقبال کی 99 ویں سالگرہ کی چھٹی منسوخ کرنے کے خلاف حکومت کے خلاف گزشتہ روز ایوان عدل میں ہونے والے اجلاس میں متفقہ طور پر قرارداد منظور کرتے ہوئے اس کی مذمت کی جبکہ وکلاء نے حکومت کے اس اقدام کے خلاف گزشتہ روز ہڑتال کی عدالتوں کا بائیکاٹ کیا۔ لاہور بار کے زیر اہتمام ایوان عدل میں لاہور بار کے صدر چودھری اشتیاق اے خان کی صدارت میں علامہ اقبال کی یاد میں ایک اجلاس ہوا جس سے مفکر پاکستان کے پوتے منیب اقبال سمیت وکلاء خطاب کیا۔

یوم اقبال پر چھٹی منسوخ کرنے کیخلاف مختلف شہروں میں وکلاء کی ہڑتال
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میں آپ کی توجہ ایک بہت ہی اہم مسئلے کی طرف دلانا چاہتا ہوں کہ میرے علاقے فیڈرل بی ایریا (انچولی) میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ دن بہ دن بڑھتی جا رہی ہے۔ اپنے وقت پر تو لوڈ شیڈنگ ہوتی ہی ہے، اس کے باوجود بھی بجلی کا آنکھ بھولی کا کھیل جاری رہتا ہے جس کی وجہ سے یہاں کے رہائشیوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ بجلی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے پانی کی بھی قلت ہو جاتی ہے۔ حکومت سے درخواست کرتا ہوں کہ جہاں جہاں بھی غیر (اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ ہو رہی ہے اسے ختم کیا جائے تاکہ عوام کو کم سے کم مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑے۔) (سید محمد عابد علی تقویٰ)

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کے خلاف بلدیہ جنوبی کراچی کے ملازمین نے پیر کو بلدیہ جنوبی کے دفاتر میں کام بند رکھا اور تالا بندی کی۔ تاہم صحت و صفائی کے امور معمول کے مطابق جاری رکھے گئے۔ کام بند رکھنے اور تالا بندی کی اپیل میونسپل ورکرز ٹریڈ یونینز الاٹنس کے رہنماؤں نے کی تھی۔ ملازمین نے بلدیہ جنوبی کے ہیڈ آفس پر صبح 9 سے دوپہر 2 بجے تک دھڑا بھی دیا، جس کے دوران متعلقہ افسران کے خلاف شدید نعرے لگائے گئے۔ بعد ازاں کمشنر کراچی اور ڈپٹی کمشنر ضلع جنوبی کراچی کی بعض یقین دہانیوں پر ملازمین پر امن طور پر منتشر ہو گئے۔ الاٹنس کے رہنماؤں سید ذوالفقار شاہ، اشرف اعوان، غلام حسین شاہ، محمد الیاس خان اور دیگر نے اعلان کیا کہ دفاتر میں کام بند اور تالا بندی منگل کو بھی جاری رہے گی اور فنانس ڈپارٹمنٹ کے سیکرٹری کے دفتر کا گھیراؤ کیا جائیگا۔

بلدیہ جنوبی، تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کیخلاف دفاتر میں کام بند اور تالا بندی
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کی بندرگاہ پر 3 لاکھ 13 ہزار 31 ٹن سامان کی نقل و حرکت ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ پیر کو کراچی پورٹ ٹرسٹ کے ذرائع کے مطابق گزشتہ 48 گھنٹوں کے دوران کے پٹی نے ایک لاکھ 13 ہزار 31 ٹن کارگو بینڈل کیا جس میں 2 لاکھ 47 ہزار 23 ٹن درآمدات اور 65 ہزار 800 ٹن برآمدات شامل ہیں۔ درآمدات میں 95 ہزار 988 ٹن کنٹینر انڈکارگو، 9 ہزار 787 ٹن بلک کارگو، 10 ہزار 373 ٹن کوئلہ، 22 ہزار 280 ٹن ڈی اے پی، 5 ہزار 230 ٹن سویا بین میل، 10 ہزار 184 ٹن کنولا اور 93 ہزار 389 ٹن آئل اینڈ لیکویڈ کارگو جبکہ برآمدات میں 50 ہزار 139 ٹن کنٹینر انڈکارگو، ایک ہزار 994 ٹن سینٹ، 13 ہزار 204 ٹن لوز بلک سینٹ اور 463 ٹن سینٹ شامل ہے۔ کے پی ٹی ذرائع نے مزید بتایا کہ گزشتہ 48 گھنٹوں کے دوران پورٹ پر ہیوی لفٹ، ٹینکرز، کنٹینر ز اور جنرل کارگو سے لدے ہوئے مزید 8 بحری جہازوں کو برتھ فراہم کی گئیں۔

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کراچی (جنگ نیوز) پاکستان اسٹیٹ آئل نے آئندہ پانچ سالوں کے لیے ایل این جی کے ساتھ جہازوں کی درآمد کیلئے ٹینڈر جاری کر دیے ہیں، ٹینڈرز کی شرائط کے مطابق یہ جہاز 2 جنوری 2016 سے دسمبر 2020 تک ہر ماہ پورٹ قاسم ٹرمینل پر پہنچیں گے یہ ٹینڈر 10 دسمبر کو بند کئے جائیں گے اور 15 جنوری تک یہ پیشکش برقرار رہے گی۔

پلی ایل این جی کے ساتھ جہازوں کی درآمد کیلئے ٹینڈر جاری کر دیے
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) رینجرز نے کٹھور پر ایرانی اسمگل شدہ پیٹرولیم مصنوعات ریفائن کرنے والی فیکٹری پر چھاپہ مار کر ہزاروں لیٹر ایرانی ڈیزل تحویل میں لے لیا اور چار اسمگلرز کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پاکستان رینجرز سندھ نے خفیہ اطلاع پر کٹھور موڑ کے قریب کارروائی کرتے ہوئے چار اسمگلروں کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے چار ہزار ایرانی ڈیزل اپنی تحویل میں لے لیا، ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق حراست میں لیے جانے والے افراد کٹھور موقع کے قریب ایرانی ڈیزل کو ریفائن کر رہے تھے، گرفتار ملزمان کو تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل کے غیر منصفانہ فیصلے کے باعث ملک بھر میں جینیئرک بی ایس این نرسنگ کے خواہش مند ہزاروں طلباء مایوسی کا شکار ہیں۔ کونسل کی جانب سے ملک کے تعلیمی اداروں کو اس بات کا پابند کیا گیا ہے کہ جینیئرک بی ایس این نرسنگ کی مختص سیٹوں پر صرف 10 فیصد لڑکوں کو داخلہ دیئے جائیں جبکہ باقی 90 فیصد نشستوں پر لڑکیوں کو داخلہ دیئے جائیں۔ کونسل نے 13 اکتوبر 2014 کو ایڈمیشن کرائیٹیریا جاری کیا تھا جس میں جینیئرک بی ایس این کے لئے 10 فیصد میل اور 90 فیصد فیملیل جینڈر ریشو فکس کی گئی تھی۔ جس کے بعد اسی شرح کے تحت داخلہ دیئے جا رہے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل سے منظور شدہ ملک کے 21 اداروں میں جینیئرک بی ایس این کرائی جاتی ہے جن میں جینیئرک بی ایس این کی کل نشستیں 940 ہیں جن میں سے صرف 65 نشستیں میل اسٹوڈنٹس کے لئے مختص ہیں۔ جو جینیئرک نرسنگ کے خواہش مند میل اسٹوڈنٹ کے لئے مایوسی اور شدید دشواری کا باعث بن رہا ہے اور انہیں 3 سالہ جزل نرسنگ کرنی پڑ رہی ہے۔ جس کے بعد انہیں ایک سال کی اسپیشلائزیشن اور دو سال کی بی ایس سی این کرنی پڑتی ہے۔ اس صورتحال پر پاکستان بھر کی نرس تنظیموں نے تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ پمز نرسنگ ایسوسی ایشن اسلام آباد کے جزل سیکریٹری شیر محمد ہزارہ کا کہنا تھا کہ پی این سی کے آئین میں یہ لکھا ہے کہ نرسنگ کی تعلیم اور سروسز میں جینڈر سکریمینیشن نہیں کی جاسکتی تو پھر پی این سی کیسے اپنے ہی آئین کی خلاف جاسکتی ہے۔ ہمارا مطالبہ ہے کہ پی این سی جینڈر سکریمینیشن ختم کرے اور جینیئرک نرسنگ میں اوپن میرٹ پر یا برابری کی بنیاد پر داخلہ دیئے جائیں۔ ننگ سروسز ایسوسی ایشن کراچی کے صدر امجد خان اور جزل سیکریٹری ملک رؤف تنولی کا کہنا تھا کہ داخلوں میں لڑکوں اور لڑکیوں کی شرح کا تعین کر دینا بنیادی انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ جب دیگر شعبوں کے طلباء کو اوپن میرٹ پر داخلہ دیئے جاتے ہیں تو پھر نرسنگ میں بھی یہی اصول لاگو کیا جائے۔ پراونشل سروسز ایسوسی ایشن سندھ کی رہنما شاہدہ خان خاکی کا کہنا تھا کہ لڑکیاں عموماً اپنی تعلیم جاری نہیں رکھ پاتیں جس سے ان کی سیٹ ضائع ہو جاتی ہے اس لئے لڑکوں اور لڑکیوں کے لئے برابر نشستیں مختص کی جائیں۔ اس سلسلے میں پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل کی رجسٹر اراکھت اعجاز درانی کا کہنا تھا کہ پوری دنیا میں یہی شرح مختص ہے اسی لیے پاکستان نرسنگ کونسل نے نرسنگ کے بین الاقوامی اصولوں کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے 90 فیصد فیملیل اور 10 فیصد میل کی شرح فکس کی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جناح سندھ میڈیکل یونیورسٹی کی تیسری منزل پر پیر کی صبح چانک سے آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس کے باعث یونیورسٹی میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا اور طلباء اور عملہ گراؤنڈ فلور پر جمع ہو گیا۔ آگ نے تیسری منزل پر واقع لیکچر روم اور چھت کو متاثر کیا بعد ازاں فائر بریگیڈ نے آگ پر قابو پا لیا۔ یونیورسٹی کے وائس چانسلر پروفیسر طارق رفیع کے مطابق آگ تیسری منزل کے کوریڈور میں پڑی پرانی کرسیوں، بورڈ اور کچرے میں لگی تھی۔ کوریڈور کے ساتھ لیکچر ہال ہے آگ کے باعث اے سی کا آؤٹر خراب اور لیکچر ہال کی چھت متاثر ہوئی ہے تاہم کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ طلباء آج کل چھٹیوں پر ہیں چند دنوں بعد ان کے پیپرز ہونے ہیں تیسری فلور پر عملے کے کچھ لوگ تھے جو گراؤنڈ فلور پر آگئے تھے۔ آگ لگنے پر فائر بریگیڈ کو مطلع کر دیا تھا جنہوں نے فوراً آگ پر قابو پا لیا تھا ان کا کہنا تھا کہ تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکا کہ آگ کیسے لگی تھی تاہم اس سلسلے میں ایک تحقیقاتی کمیٹی تشکیل دے دی ہے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے سینئر وزیر اطلاعات و تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑو نے کہا ہے کہ 2008 میں جزل مشرف کے دور میں ڈیویشن کے تحت 18 کیکڑا راضی پر کھوکھرا پار پبلک ماڈل اسکول 60 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت سے تعمیر کیا گیا تھا جو کہ شہری حکومت کے ماتحت تھا، جس کو تاحال محکمہ تعلیم سندھ کے حوالے نہیں کیا گیا ہے۔ اسکول کی حالت خراب ہے اور یہ اسکول فکشنل بھی نہیں ہے، اس کو فکشنل کرنے کے لیے اسکول کابورڈ آف گورنر تشکیل دے کر اس کو فوری فکشنل کیا جائے گا پھر اسکول گرلز پبلک اسکول کے طور پر کام کرے گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پیر کو کھوکھرا پار کے علاقے ملیر میں واقع پبلک ماڈل اسکول کے دورے کے دوران میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کیا تھا کھوڑو نے کہا کہ سندھ بھر میں 1200 کیمپس اسکول قائم کی جا رہے ہیں جن کو تمام سہولیات فراہم کی جائیں گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس اسکول کے نزدیک ایک اور اسکول میں ڈی ای او تعلیم کا آفس قائم ہے، جس کا نوٹس لیا گیا ہے۔ اس آفس کو فوری منتقل کر کے وہاں بچوں کو تعلیم دینے کی ہدایات دے دی ہیں۔ وفاقی حکومت کا یہ عمل سندھ سے زیادتی ہے۔

60 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت سے تعمیر ماڈل
اسکول فکشنل نہیں ہو سکا، وزیر تعلیم

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اور ایم ایس سید امجد علی شاہ کے نامناسب رویے سے مریضوں کے ساتھ پیش آنے کی شکایات عام ہیں۔ اس موقع پر ایڈیشنل سیشن جج گل محمد چانڈیو نے اسپتال کے ایم ایس سید امجد علی شاہ سے ناراضی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ایک ہفتے کے اندر اسپتال کا نظام درست نہیں کیا گیا تو ان کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کی جائیگی

10 روز گزرنے کے باوجود پی آئی اے کے

نصف ملازمین تنخواہوں سے محروم

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پی آئی اے کے نصف سے زائد ملازمین کو ابھی تک ماہ اکتوبر کی تنخواہیں نہیں ملی ہیں ایک زمانہ تھا کہ تمام ملازمین کو ہر ماہ کی 29 یا 30 تاریخ تک تنخواہ ادا کر دی جاتی تھی تاہم گذشتہ مہینوں سے ملازمین کو مرحلہ وار تنخواہیں ادا کی جا رہی ہیں۔ 10 نومبر گزرنے کے بعد بھی نصف ملازمین تنخواہوں سے محروم ہیں ذرائع کے مطابق پی آئی اے کیش فلو کے مسئلے پر قابو نہیں پاسکی ہے جس کی وجہ سے ایئر لائن ملازمین کو وقت پر تنخواہیں نہیں مل پارہی ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کورنگی نمبر ساڑھے تین مصطفیٰ تاج کالونی کے مکینوں کا کہنا ہے کہ کے ایم سی کے عملے نے پولیس کے ساتھ مل کر ہمیں ہمارے گھروں سے بے دخل کر دیا ہے، ہماری غیر موجودگی میں ہمارے گھروں کے تالے توڑے گئے اور گھر سے قیمتی سامان غائب کر دیا اور بچا کچا سامان باہر سڑک پر ہمیں اپنے گھروں میں جانے کی اجازت نہیں دی جا رہی، گذشتہ کئی دنوں سے ہم اپنے بچوں کے ہمراہ ٹھنڈی راتوں میں سڑک پر سونے پر مجبور ہیں۔ منگل کو آئی چندر میگزین پر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے مصطفیٰ تاج کالونی کی خواتین نے کے ایم سی کے خلاف شدید نعرے بازی کرتے ہوئے مطالبہ کیا کہ انہیں ان کے گھروں سے واپس دلائیں جائیں۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ کے ایم سی کے عملے نے سندھ بائی کورٹ کے میں واقع مصطفیٰ تاج کالونی کے مکینوں کو ان کے گھروں A- احکامات کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے ان کے گھروں کے تالے توڑے، کورنگی سیکٹر 43 سے بے دخل کرنے کے لئے کبھی نہیں کہا جبکہ کے ایم سی کے اسٹیٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے بھی ہمیں این او سی دی ہے، ریگولر انز کے لئے نوٹ شیٹ پر منظوری بھی دے رکھی ہے۔

وفاقی اداروں میں 60 فیصد بلوچستان کے

جعلی ڈومیسائل پر بھرتیاں کی گئیں، سینیٹ

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اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) سینیٹ فنکشنل کمیٹی منتقلی اختیارات کے اجلاس میں یہ انکشاف ہوا ہے کہ وفاقی اداروں میں درجہ چہارم سے اعلیٰ افسروں تک 60 فیصد بلوچستان کے جعلی ڈومیسائل پر بھرتیاں کی گئی ہیں۔ کمیٹی کا اجلاس منگل کو چیئر مین سینیٹر میر حاصل خان بزنس کی صدارت پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس کے کمیٹی روم نمبر چار میں ہوا جس میں وزارت بین الصوبائی رابطہ، کابینہ سیکرٹریٹ اور اسٹبلشمنٹ ڈویژن کے سیکرٹریوں نے 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم، عملدرآمد کی موجودہ صورتحال، مسائل، اقدامات عملدرآمد سکیم پر تفصیلی بحث ہوئی، اس موقع پر حاصل بزنس اور دیگر سینیٹرز نے کہا کہ 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم پر من وعن عملدرآمد ہماری اجتماعی ذمہ داری ہے۔ اجلاس میں سینیٹر زکام علی آغا، الیاس احمد بلور، طاہر حسین مشہدی، تاج حیدر، محمد علی خان سیف، عائشہ رضا فاروق، عثمان خان کاکڑ، چوہدری تنویر خان، لیاقت خان ترکئی، اقبال ظفر جھگڑا، کے علاوہ وفاقی وزیر بین الصوبائی رابطہ ریاض حسین پیرزادہ، سیکرٹری کابینہ حسن راجہ، سیکرٹری اسٹبلشمنٹ ندیم احسن افضل، چیئر مین پاکستان کرکٹ بورڈ شہر یار خان، کے علاوہ اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی چیئر مین کمیٹی سینیٹر حاصل خان بزنس نے کمیٹی اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ایوان بالا میں یہ کمیٹی اہم ترین کمیٹی ہے 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم کی منظوری اہم پیش رفت تھی تو 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم پر من وعن عملدرآمد ہماری اجتماعی ذمہ داری ہے 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم بہت پہلے منظور ہو جانی چاہیے تھی کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں سیکرٹری کابینہ نے آگاہ کیا کہ 102 ترمیم ہوئیں کنکرنٹ لسٹ کا خاتمہ ہوا عمل درآمد کمیشن کے 68 اجلاس ہوئے جس میں طے ہوا کہ وفاقی ملازمین کو صوبوں میں بھیجا جائے گا اور کسی بھی ملازم کو برخواست نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ 17 وزارتیں صوبوں کو منتقل ہوئیں 6 ہزار 6 سو 96 ملازمین کو صوبوں میں بھیجا گیا 50 ہزار 4 سو 11 ملازمین وفاقی دفاتر میں رہ گئے ایک لاکھ 19 ہزار آئین صوبوں کے حوالے کیے گئے 60 سے زائد وفاق کے پاس ہیں سینیٹر تاج حیدر کے سوال کے جواب میں آگاہ کیا کہ ورکرز ویلفیئر فنڈ اور ای او آئی بی صوبوں کو واپس ہو چکے سینیٹر اقبال ظفر جھگڑا نے کہا کہ ری اسٹریکٹنگ صوبوں کے حق میں ہے چوہدری تنویر نے کہا کہ وضاحت طلب باتوں اور ابہام کے خاتمے کے لئے اور زیادہ محنت سے کام کر کے آگاہ کیا جائے سینیٹر طاہر حسین مشہدی نے کہا کہ آئین کے تحت صوبوں کو دیئے گئے اختیارات میں اثاثے اور بنیادی ڈھانچے بھی حوالے کیے جائیں سیکرٹری نے آگاہ کیا کہ پاکستان آئل سیڈ ڈی آر اے اور ایچ ای سی کے ملازمین کے معاملات حل طلب ہیں سینیٹر تاج حیدر نے 18 ویں آئینی ترمیم کی وجہ سے کچھ اداروں جن میں جناح ہسپتال اور لیڈی ہسپتالہ ورکرز کی تنخواہیں اور پنشن ادا نہ کرنے کا معاملہ اٹھایا اور کہا کہ زیادہ ٹیکسز نہ دینے والے صوبے کا نقصان ہو رہا ہے تیل و گیس کے علاقوں اور پیداوار کی ملکیت 50 فیصد صوبوں کا حصہ ہے رائلٹی 100 فیصد ہے جو ادا نہیں ہو رہی اور انکشاف کیا کہ وفاقی حکومت کو پیداواری کمپنیوں کی حاصل ہونے والی تیل گیس پیداوار کا اندازہ کرنے کیلئے میکانزم موجود نہیں اس میں سندھ کو پونے دو سو ارب سالانہ نقصان ہو رہا ہے سینیٹر عائشہ رضا فاروق نے کہا کہ حکومت تفویض اختیارات کے خلاف نہیں محتاط طریقے سے آگے بڑھنا ہو گا سینیٹر کامل علی آغا نے کہا کہ آئین میں 90 دنوں کے اندر سی سی ای کا اجلاس منعقد کرنے کی پابندی ہے اجلاس منعقد نہ کرنا آئین کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔

ہونے والی معاہدے کی تقریب کے موقع پر وفاقی وزیر برائے جہاز رانی و بندر گاہ سینیٹر کامران مانیکل خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ گوار میں چین کے سرمایہ کاروں کی دلچسپی کے باعث گوار بہت جلد بہترین تجارتی شہروں میں شامل ہو جائے گا، انہوں نے کہا کہ 650 ایکڑ اراضی جو چین کے حوالے کی گئی ہے اس اراضی پر مستقبل قریب میں ہونے والے ترقیاتی کاموں سے گوار 3 سال کے قلیل عرصے میں اسٹارٹ پورٹ سٹی بن جائے گا، انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ حکومت کے اس اقدام سے بلوچستان میں خوشحالی کا ایک نیا دور شروع ہو گا، گوار کے ترقیاتی منصوبوں سے بیروزگاری کا بھی خاتمہ ہو گا، انہوں نے معاہدے پر دستخط کی تقریب کو ایک نئے سفر کے آغاز سے تشبیہ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج سے پاک چین دوستی کا ایک نیا سفر کا آغاز ہو رہا ہے جس سے دونوں ممالک مستفید ہوں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ڈیپ واٹر کنٹینر ٹرمینل پر نئی کرینیں پہنچ گئیں۔ جدید کرینوں سے سب سے بڑے کنٹینرز کی ہینڈلنگ میں مدد ملے گی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ساؤتھ ایشیا پاکستان ٹرمینل لیڈ کی پہلی گیسنٹری کرین ڈیپ واٹر کنٹینر ٹرمینل پر پہنچ گئیں۔ منصوبہ مئی 2016 میں اپنے کام کا آغاز کر دے گا۔ کمپنی کے چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر سید راشد جمیل کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی پورٹ پر دنیا کی سب سے بڑی کنٹینر ہینڈلنگ کرینوں سے سامان کی ترسیل میں تیزی آئے گی۔ جدید اور باہر ڈیگیٹری کرینز سے جہاں ایک طرف 3.1 ملین کنٹینرز کو ہینڈل کیا جائے گا تو دوسری جانب بندر گاہوں پر 6 سے 8 ہزار کنٹینرز ہینڈل کرنے کی صلاحیت 15 سے 18 ہزار ہو جائے گی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان پبلشر اینڈ بک سیلر ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے گیارہواں سالانہ پانچ روزہ کراچی عالمی کتب میلہ کا آغاز جمعرات 12 نومبر سے کراچی ایکسپو سینٹر میں ہو گا۔ یہ کتب میلہ 16 نومبر 2015 تک جاری رہے گا۔ کراچی کتب میلہ کا افتتاح قائد حزب اختلاف سید خورشید احمد شاہ 12 نومبر کو کریں گے جبکہ اعزازی مہمان خصوصی سینیٹر صوبائی وزیر برائے خزانہ کی اور تعلیم نثار احمد کھوڑو ہوں گے۔ کتب میلہ 12 نومبر کو عوام کے لئے کھول دیا جائے گا۔ کراچی بین الاقوامی کتب میلہ پاکستان کا سب سے بڑا کتب میلہ ہے، جس میں ایران، انڈیا، ترکی، شکار پور، چین، ملائیشیا، برطانیہ اور متحدہ عرب امارات کے پبلشرز سمیت دیگر ممالک کے بین الاقوامی شہرت یافتہ بک پبلشرز اپنے اشاعت شدہ مواد کی نمائش اس کتب میلہ میں کریں گے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار بین الاقوامی کتب میلہ کے کنوینر اویس مرزا جمیل اور پاکستان پبلشر اینڈ بک سیلر ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئرمین عزیز خالد نے منگل کو کراچی کے مقامی ہوٹل میں پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نیشنل بک فائونڈیشن کیونٹ ڈومین گورنمنٹ آف پاکستان نے اس بک فیئر کو کامیاب بنانے میں بھرپور تعاون کیا ہے۔ یہ کتب میلہ کراچی ایکسپو سینٹر کے ہال نمبر 1، 2، 3 میں لگایا جائے گا۔ اس کتب میلہ میں 330 اسٹالز لگائے جائیں گے۔ پاکستان پبلشر اینڈ بک سیلر ایسوسی ایشن کے چیئرمین عزیز خالد نے بتایا کہ اس میلے میں 4 لاکھ پچاس ہزار افراد کی شرکت متوقع ہے۔ کتب میلے میں ہر موضوع پر کتابیں دستیاب ہوں گی۔

ٹنڈو آدم (نامہ نگار جنگ) ٹنڈو آدم میں اپنے بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار پر 10 افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے جبکہ والدین کے انکار پر پولیس کی نگرانی میں 26 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔ یاد رہے کہ ڈپٹی کمشنر ساگھڑ کے جاری احکامات پر جو والدین اپنے بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرتے ہیں ایسے بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کی مہم شروع کی گئی ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں ای سی اعجاز جوتی اور تعلقہ ہسپتال کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ ڈاکٹر امیر شیخ کا پولیس کی دو موٹوں کے ہمراہ شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں جن میں نواز ٹاؤن، قائد اعظم کالونی، چارلی سمیت دیگر علاقوں میں کاروائی کرتے ہوئے 10 افراد کو گرفتار کر کے لاک اپ کر دیا گیا جبکہ 26 بچوں کے والدین کے انکار کے باوجود زبردستی پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔

کراچی (پ، ر) معروف ماہر تعلیم اور کیسبٹ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے کے سابق سربراہ امان اللہ پنجوانی کو اکھائی میمن جماعت کی ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیٹی کا چیئر مین مقرر کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جماعت کے میٹنگ بورڈ کے اجلاس میں متفقہ طور پر انہیں 2015-17 کے لیے چیئر مین منتخب کیا گیا۔

ڈوکری (نامہ نگار) تعلقہ اسپتال ڈوکری میں شہریوں اور مریضوں کی جانب سے ملنے والی مسلسل شکایات پر ایڈیشنل سیشن جج لاڈکانہ گل محمد چانڈیو نے اچانک چھاپا مارا اور اسپتال کا دورہ کیا اور حاضری رجسٹر چیک کیا جس میں دو درجن سے زیادہ اسٹاف کی غیر موجودگی پر ان کی غیر حاضری لگائی۔ ایڈیشنل سیشن جج گل محمد چانڈیو نے اسپتال میں موجود مریضوں اور شہریوں سے بھی ملاقات کی اور ان سے باری باری اسپتال کے متعلق معلومات حاصل کیں۔ اس موقع پر مریضوں اور شہریوں نے سیشن جج کو بتایا کہ انہیں اسپتال میں کوئی دوا وغیرہ نہیں ملتی جبکہ اسپتال کی تمام دوائیں اسپتال کے قرب وجوار کی میڈیکل اسٹورز پر فروخت کر دی جاتی ہیں جبکہ مریضوں کو یہ دوائیں مذکورہ اسٹورز سے منگنے داموں خریدنی پڑتی ہیں۔ ایمر جنسی میں کوئی سہولت میسر نہیں ہے، اسپتال کے تین بڑے جزیئر خراب ہیں، ایبو لنس ناکارہ کھڑی ہیں، صفائی کا نظام ٹھیک نہیں ہے اور اسپتال کے عملے

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کراچی عالمی کتب میلے کا آغاز کل سے
ایکسپو سینٹر میں ہو گا

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ٹنڈو آدم، بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے
قطرے پلانے سے انکار پر 10 افراد گرفتار

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صوبوں سے ملانے اور چین تک رسائی کے لئے انفراسٹرکچر کا کام شروع کیا گیا ہے ایف ڈی پی او کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہیں جنہوں نے قلیل جو اقتصادی راہداری کے روٹ میں شامل ہیں تیزی سے کام مکمل کر رہا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ شہر اہوں کی تعمیر کے N-85 اور M-8 عرصے میں بعد گوادر پورٹ نہ صرف ملک بھر سے منسلک ہو جائے گا بلکہ اسے چین اور دیگر وسط ایشیائی ریاستوں تک رسائی مل جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گوادر پورٹ کی فعالیت اور اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ مکمل ہونے کے بعد ملک خصوصاً بلوچستان میں معاشی انقلاب بھرپا ہو گا روزگار کے وسیع ذرائع پیدا ہونگے مقامی آبادی کو تمام منصوبوں کے ثمرات سے مستفید ہونے کا موقع ملے گا۔ فری ٹریڈ زون کے قیام سے بین الاقوامی تجارت کو فروغ ملے گا۔

وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان ڈاکٹر عبدالمالک بلوچ نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ گوادر پورٹ اور اقتصادی راہداری کے منصوبے کلیدی اہمیت کے حامل ہیں جس سے یہاں کی مقامی آبادی کو ہر حوالے سے فائدہ ملے گا وفاقی اور صوبے کی حکومتیں مقامی آبادی کے بنیادی حقوق کے تحفظ کے لئے بے پورا انہماک رکھتے ہیں آنے والی صدی تعمیر اور ترقی کا ہے اہل بلوچستان کو ترقی اور تعمیر کی ضرورت ہے جس سے احساس محرومیوں کا ازالہ ممکن ہے صوبائی حکومت اہل بلوچستان کے مفادات پر سمجھوتہ نہیں کرے گا بلکہ ہماری کوشش ہے کہ یہاں کے باسی پر آسائش اور باوقار زندگی بسر کریں گوادر پورٹ اور اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ دوسرے تبدیلیوں کا محور ہیں ہمیں ترقی میں شامل ہو کر اپنا کردار ادا کرنے کی ضرورت ہے اگر بے حس رہے تو ترقی کے سفر میں دشواری کا سامنا ہو سکتا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ صوبائی حکومت چائنہ کی حکومت، انجینئرز اور سرمایہ کاروں کو یہ باور کر اتی ہے کہ وہ بلا خوف و خطر ترقی کے سفر کو جاری رکھیں گوادر کو سیف سٹی بنانے کے لئے اقدامات کیا گیا ہے تمام سیکورٹی رولز کو تحفظ دیا جائے گا جس کے لئے پاک آرمی، پولیس اور لیویز سمیت دیگر قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے بھرپور کام کر رہے ہیں مثالی امن اور لوگوں کے جان و مال کا تحفظ ہماری ذمہ داری ہے۔ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر برائے پورٹ اینڈ شپنگ کا مران مائیکل نے کہا کہ فری ٹریڈ زون کی اراضی چائنا کے حوالے کر دی گئی ہے جس میں مرحلہ وار کام شروع کیا جائے گا فری ٹریڈ زون کے قیام سے بین الاقوامی تجارت یہاں مرکز ہوگی انہوں نے کہا کہ گوادر پورٹ سے متعلق جتنے بھی منصوبے زیر تجویز ہیں اس یہاں کی مقامی آبادی کو براہ راست فائدہ ہو گا مقامی لوگوں کو تمام وائٹ شی ٹاؤ (نے کہا کہ چائنا گوادر) wang xaltao بنیادی سہولیات کی فراہمی یقینی بنائی جائے گی۔ چائنا کے انس چیئر مین برائے منصوبہ بندی پورٹ کی ترقی اور توسیع کے منصوبوں کے ساتھ سوشل سیکورٹی کی ترقی کے لئے بھی کوشاں ہے سوشل سیکورٹی کی ترقی کے لئے تمام وسائل کو بروئے کار لائینگے یہاں کے لوگوں کے معیار زندگی کو بلند کرنے کے لئے منصوبہ بندی ہماری ترجیحات کا حصہ ہے۔ اس موقع پر ایئر پورٹ پر و جیکٹ ڈائریکٹر سید حبیب احسن، چیف سیکریٹری بلوچستان سیف اللہ چٹھہ، وفاقی سیکریٹری پورٹ اینڈ شپنگ، آئی جی بلوچستان احسن آفتاب، چائینز پیس اینڈ دیولپمنٹ کے ڈی جی اور ادارہ ترقیات گوادر کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ڈاکٹر سجاد بلوچ، سیکورٹی انچارج بریگیڈیئر شہزاد افتخار بھٹی سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ وفاقی اور صوبائی حکام کے علاوہ جے سی سی کے ارکان بھی موجود تھے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کاٹن کراپ اسسٹمنٹ کمیٹی نے کپاس کی مجموعی ملکی پیداوار میں ریکارڈ کی کانپا پیداواری تخمینہ جاری کر دیا۔ سی اے سی کے گزشتہ روز ہونے والے تیسرے اجلاس میں سی اے سی نے پاکستان میں 2015-16ء کے دوران کپاس کا مجموعی ملکی پیداواری تخمینہ 20 لاکھ بیلز مزید کم کر کے کانپا پیداواری تخمینہ ایک کروڑ 18 لاکھ 83 ہزار بیلز مختص کر دیا۔ سی اے سی نے کپاس کی پیداوار میں سب سے زیادہ کی پنجاب میں کی اور اس کا پیداواری تخمینہ مزید 19 لاکھ بیلز کم کر کے 74 لاکھ بیلز سندھ کا پیداواری تخمینہ ایک لاکھ بیلز کم کر کے 34 لاکھ بیلز کر دیا جبکہ بلوچستان کے پیداواری تخمینہ 5 لاکھ 88 ہزار بیلز کو قائم رکھا۔ چیئر مین کاٹن جزو فورم احسان الحق کے مطابق سی اے سی کے کپاس کے نئے پیداواری تخمینے کے بعد خدشہ ہے کہ 2015-16ء کے دوران پاکستان میں کپاس کی پیداوار 2009ء کے بعد کم ترین پیداوار ہوگی۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ بتایا کہ فیڈرل کاٹن کمیٹی نے اپنے اولین پیداواری تخمینہ میں 2015-16ء کے دوران پاکستان میں کپاس کا مجموعی ملکی پیداواری تخمینہ ایک کروڑ 54 لاکھ 88 ہزار بیلز مختص کیا تھا جسے یکم ستمبر 2015ء کو ہونے والے سی اے سی کے پہلے اجلاس میں کم کر کے ایک کروڑ 35 لاکھ 88 ہزار بیلز جبکہ 18 ستمبر کو ہونے والے دوسرے اجلاس میں ایک کروڑ 33 لاکھ 88 ہزار بیلز کر دیا گیا جسے اب مزید کم کر کے ایک کروڑ 13 لاکھ 88 ہزار بیلز کر دیا ہے اس طرح مجموعی طور پر کپاس کے پیداواری تخمینے میں اب تک 41 لاکھ بیلز کی کمی کر دی گئی ہے۔ کپاس کی پیداوار میں ریکارڈ کی کی بڑی وجہ پنجاب میں ہونے والی غیر معمولی موسمیاتی تبدیلیاں ہیں تاہم توقع ہے کہ پنجاب میں کپاس کی کاشت فروری / مارچ کی بجائے مارچ / اپریل میں شروع کرنے سے ان منفی موسمیاتی اثرات پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا جاسکتا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وفاقی وزیر برائے جہاز رانی و بندر گاہ سینیٹر کامران مائیکل کی موجودگی میں چینی وفد وینگ ٹیانگ کی سربراہی میں گوادر پہنچا، اس موقع پر 650 ایکڑ اراضی چین کے حوالے کرنے کے لئے ایم او پور دستخط کئے، وزارت پورٹ اینڈ شپنگ کے اعلامیہ کے مطابق گوادر میں

گوادر اسٹارٹ پورٹ سٹی کیلئے اراضی چین کے حوالے کر دی، کامران مائیکل

پیڈیاٹرکس کی پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عائشہ مہناز نے کہا کہ نمونہ کی عام علامات میں تیز یا مشکل سے سانس لینا، کھانسی، بخار، سردی، سردی، بھوک کا مٹ جانا اور گلے میں خراہٹ شامل ہیں۔ پانچ سال سے کم عمر کے بچوں کو سانس لینے میں دشواری پیش آسکتی ہے۔ چھوٹے شیرخوار بچے تنفس، بے ہوشی، جسمانی درجہ حرارت میں کمی، سستی اور فیڈنگ کے مسائل کا شکار ہو سکتے ہیں۔ شیرخوار اور 2 سال سے کم عمر کے بچوں کو نمونہ لاحق ہونے کا زیادہ خطرہ ہوتا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ نمونہ ویکسین ای پی آئی میں مفت دستیاب ہونے کے باوجود بھی 46 فی صد بچے پاکستان میں ویکسینیشن سے محروم رہتے ہیں اور اس مرض کے خلاف مدافعت نہ ہونے کی بنا پر بچوں کی شرح اموات میں اضافہ کرتے ہیں۔ بھائی یونیورسٹی کراچی کے شعبہ پیڈیاٹرکس کے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر جلال اکبر نے کہا کہ والدین کو چاہیے کہ بچوں کی مفت میں ویکسینیشن کے لیے نزدیک ترین ای پی آئی مراکز لے کر جائیں۔ جنرل سیکریٹری پی پی اے سندھ ڈاکٹر سلیم پریانی نے کہا کہ والدین زندگی کو خطرے سے دوچار کرنے والے اس مرض پر قابو پانے اور اس کے خاتمے میں اپنا کردار ادا کریں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے لیاقت آباد کمرشل ایریا پی ایچ ڈی روڈ سندھی ہوٹل کے علاقے میں منگل کی صبح چار بجے سے بجلی منقطع کی گئی جو رات گئے تک بحال نہیں ہو سکی، بجلی کی اس طویل بندش کی وجہ سے صارفین دیگر مسائل سے دوچار ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ بنیادی ضرورت پانی سے بھی محروم ہو گئے۔ بدھ کی شب علاقہ مکینوں نے کے الیکٹرک کے خلاف مظاہرہ کیا جس میں خواتین اور بچے شامل تھے۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ ہم بجلی کے بل باقاعدگی سے ادا کرتے ہیں پھر ہمیں کیوں پریشان کیا جا رہا ہے۔ مظاہرین نے کے الیکٹرک کے رویے کے خلاف نعرے لگائے اور عارضی طور پر سڑک بند کر دی۔ اس سلسلے میں کے الیکٹرک کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ ٹمبر مارکیٹ والوں نے بجلی کے بل ادا نہیں کئے، واجبات کی عدم ادائیگی پر کمرشل ایریا کی بجلی سندھی ہوٹل کے پی ایچ ڈی سے منقطع کی گئی ہے۔ مظاہرین نے حکومت اور ایم کیو ایم رابطہ کمیٹی سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ باقاعدگی سے بل ادا کرنے والوں کو انصاف دلاتے ہوئے کے الیکٹرک کے ظلم سے نجات دلا کر ان کی بجلی فوری بحال کرائی جائے۔

اسلام آباد (آسپہ عفر) چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضا خان نے کہا ہے کہ حساس اور حساس ترین پولنگ اسٹیشنز کا تعین میرٹ پر نہیں کیا جاتا۔ ہوم سیکرٹریز خیال کریں ہوم سیکرٹری سندھ کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبے میں صورتحال انتہائی کشیدہ ہے کچھ بھی ہو سکتا ہے۔ عسکری حکام نے کہا فوج کہاں تعینات کرنی ہے۔ بروقت بتایا جائے پنجاب اور سندھ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا دوسرا مرحلہ سرپر آن پینچال۔ الیکشن کمیشن کی تیاریاں جاری ہیں۔ اسی حوالے سے اہم اجلاس ہوا چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضا خان کی زیر صدارت اجلاس میں ذرائع کے مطابق چیف الیکشن کمیشن نے کہا جہاں حکومت جماعت کی پوزیشن مضبوط ہو وہاں فوج یا ریجنرل کی تعیناتی کی درخواست کی جاتی ہے اور جن حلقوں میں اپوزیشن مضبوط ہے وہاں صوبائی حکومت فوج یا ریجنرل کی تعیناتی کا مطالبہ نہیں کرتی۔ چیف الیکشن کمیشن نے کہا ہوم سیکرٹریز حساس ترین پولنگ اسٹیشنز کا فیصلہ کسی پارٹی کے مفادات کی بجائے میرٹ پر کریں۔ بدین کے ڈی آر او اور ایس ایس پی کے خلاف بہت سی شکایات ملی ہیں یہ ان میں کوئی حقیقت ہوئی تو سخت کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق عسکری حکام نے کہا کہ انتخابات میں فوج کہاں، کہاں اور کتنی تعینات کرنی ہے آخری لحاظ کی بجائے بروقت بتادیا جائے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پنجاب اور سندھ کے ہوم سیکرٹریز نے الیکشن کمیشن سے شکوہ کیا کہ پہلے مرحلے میں بیلٹ پیپر کی چھپائی اور ترسیل میں غلطیوں کی بھرمار تھی اس بار خیال رکھا جائے۔ ہوم سیکرٹری پنجاب نے بتایا کہ 12 اضلاع میں ایلٹ فورس کو نیک رسپانس فورس کے طور پر کام کرے گی ہوم سیکرٹری سندھ کا کہنا تھا کہ صوبے میں خصوصی اسٹرائیک ریور فورس کی 15 سے 25 ٹیمیں ہر ضلع میں کام کریں گی۔

گواڈر (نامہ نگار) گواڈر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ کی تعمیر کا منصوبہ آئندہ سال جنوری میں شروع ہو گا۔ منصوبے پر 22 ارب 24 کروڑ 70 لاکھ روپے لاگت آئیگی۔ بدھ کے روز گواڈر میں پاک چائنا اسکول کانسٹریکشن بھی رکھ دیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر برائے منصوبہ بندی احسن اقبال، وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان ڈاکٹر عبد الماک بلوچ، وفاقی وزیر برائے پورٹ اینڈ شپنگ کامران مانگیل اور چائنا کے وائس چیئرمین برائے منصوبہ وائٹ شی تاؤ نے گواڈر فری ٹریڈ زون اراضی کی حوالگی کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ گواڈر پاکستان کا گیٹ (wang xaltao) بندی وے ہے۔ گواڈر پورٹ اور اقتصادی راہداری کے منصوبے سے دنیا بھر کے 3 ارب لوگ مستفید ہوں گے گواڈر کو سیف سٹی بنائیگی۔ گواڈر پورٹ کو فعال بنانے کے لیے اقتصادی راہداری کی روٹ پر کام جاری ہے۔ ایکسپریس وے کے منصوبے پر بھی کام کا آغاز کیا جائے گا۔ منصوبوں کے ثمرات سے مقامی لوگوں ہی مستفید ہوں گے۔ احسن اقبال کا کہنا تھا کہ گواڈر پورٹ خطے کی غیر معمولی پورٹ ہے اور اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ اہمیت کا حامل ہے جس کی بدولت گواڈر پورٹ دنیا بھر کے لئے مثال ثابت ہو سکتی ہے وزیراعظم پاکستان میاں نواز شریف اور چائنا کی کونست پارٹی گواڈر پورٹ کی فعالیت کے لئے ہمہ گیر کاوشوں کا جذبہ رکھتے ہیں جس کے پیش نظر گواڈر پورٹ کی فعالیت کے لئے اقدامات کا آغاز کیا گیا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ گواڈر پاکستان کا گیٹ وے ہے، گواڈر پورٹ اور اقتصادی راہداری کا منصوبہ ہمہ گیر اہمیت کے حامل بن چکے ہیں گواڈر پورٹ کو ملک کے دیگر

لیاقت آباد پی ایچ ڈی روڈ کمرشل ایریا میں 2 روز سے بجلی بند

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حساس پولنگ اسٹیشنز کا تعین میرٹ پر نہیں ہوتا، چیف الیکشن کمشنر

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گواڈر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر جنوری میں کام شروع ہو گا، 22 ارب 24 کروڑ روپے لاگت آئے گی

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میں جینیٹرک نرسنگ ہی پڑھائی جاتی ہے لیکن پاکستان میں تاحال زیادہ تر اداروں میں میٹرک کے بعد تین سالہ جزل نرسنگ ڈپلومہ کرایا جاتا ہے۔ کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) دھاتی پیپنگ اسٹیشن پر بجلی معطل کراچی کو پانی کی فراہمی بند ہو گئی۔ کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ کے ترجمان کے مطابق کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے بریک ڈائون کے باعث 8 پیپنگ اسٹیشنوں سے پانی کی فراہمی بند ہو گئی اور رات گئے تک 4 کروڑ گیلن پانی شہر کو فراہم نہیں کیا جاسکا تھا۔ ترجمان نے کہا ہے کہ شہری پانی احتیاط سے استعمال کریں۔

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14 نومبر 2015

دھاتی پیپنگ اسٹیشن پر بجلی معطل کراچی کو پانی کی فراہمی بند ہو گئی

2 برسوں کے دوران ملک میں شوگر کے مریضوں میں 6 فیصد اضافہ

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لاہور (رپورٹ، شاہین حسن) عالمی سطح پر 12 میں سے ایک فرد ذیابیطس کے مرض کا شکار ہے جبکہ ہر 7 سینکڑ میں ایک ہلاکت ہوتی ہے دوسری جانب صورتحال یہ ہے کہ تقریباً 2 میں سے ایک (46.3 فیصد) مریض اپنی بیماری سے ہی لاعلم (بیماری سے متعلق علم یا تشخیص میں دیر یا ایڈوانس اسٹیج پر ہونا) رہتا ہے۔ آج ساری دنیا میں ذیابیطس کا عالمی دن منایا جا رہا ہے تاؤنٹر نیٹشل ڈائابیطیز فیڈریشن کی ڈائابیطیز ایڈوانس اپ ڈیٹ 2014 کے مطابق دنیا میں ذیابیطس کے مریضوں کی تعداد 38 کروڑ 70 لاکھ جبکہ 2035 تک اگر صورتحال جو کی توں رہی تو مریضوں کی تعداد میں 20 کروڑ 50 لاکھ کا اضافہ ہو جائے گا۔ پاکستان میں ذیابیطس کے مریضوں کی تعداد میں 2012 سے 2014 کے دوسالوں کے دوران 6 فیصد اضافہ ہوا جس کے باعث شوگر کے مریضوں کی تعداد 65 لاکھ 50 ہزار سے بڑھ کر 69 لاکھ 43 ہزار ہو گئی ہے۔ ان دوسالوں کے دوران ملک میں اوسط سالانہ شوگر سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد میں ایک لاکھ 97 ہزار کا اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ ذیابیطس کے عالمی ادارے کے مطابق ملک میں تقریباً نصف ذیابیطس کے کیسز کی تشخیص وقت پر نہیں ہوتی۔ 2014 کے دوران دنیا میں ذیابیطس کے مرض سے اوسط 7 سینکڑ میں ایک جبکہ سالانہ 49 لاکھ افراد ہلاک ہوئے۔ عالمی سطح پر صحت پر اٹھنے والے کل اخراجات میں سے 11 فیصد کی وجہ شوگر کی بیماری ہے یعنی دنیا میں علاج کی غرض سے صرف ہونے والے 9 ڈالر میں سے ایک ڈالر شوگر کے علاج پر صرف ہو رہا ہے۔ مجموعی طور پر گزشتہ سال ذیابیطس کے علاج پر 612 ارب ڈالر صرف کرنے پڑے جو یومیہ ایک ارب 67 کروڑ ڈالر بنتے ہیں۔ 2012 میں دنیا میں ذیابیطس کے علاج کا یومیہ خرچ ڈیڑھ ارب ڈالر تھا۔ یوں دوسالوں کے دوران ذیابیطس پر اٹھنے والے یومیہ اخراجات میں سے 11 فیصد 17 کروڑ ڈالر کا اضافہ ہوا۔ انٹرنیشنل ڈائابیطیز فیڈریشن کے مطابق جنوبی ایشیائی ممالک میں ذیابیطس کے علاج پر سب سے کم اخراجات بنگلہ دیش پھر پاکستان میں کیے جاتے ہیں۔ بنگلہ دیش میں علاج کے لیے فی کس 43 ڈالر جبکہ پاکستان میں 56 ڈالر صرف کیے جاتے ہیں جبکہ اس کے مقابلے میں نیپال میں 60، بھارت میں 95، سری لنکا میں 123، بھوٹان میں 150 اور سب سے زیادہ مالدیپ میں اوسط ذیابیطس کے ایک مریض پر 870 ڈالر سالانہ خرچ کیے جاتے ہیں۔ اس وقت دنیا میں سب سے زیادہ شمالی امریکہ اور کریمین کی 20 سے 79 سال کی 11.4 فیصد آبادی ذیابیطس کا شکار ہے۔ دوسرے نمبر پر مشرق وسطیٰ اور شمالی افریقہ کی 9.2 فیصد، مغربی بحر الکاہل کی 8.5، جنوب مشرقی ایشیاء کی 8.3، جنوب اور وسطی امریکہ کی 8.1، یورپ کی 7.9 جبکہ افریقہ کی 5.1 فیصد 20 سے 79 سال کی آبادی ذیابیطس کے مرض میں مبتلا ہے۔ پاکستان میں 20 سے 79 سال عمر کے 15 میں سے ایک فرد ذیابیطس کا شکار ہے۔

خیبر پور (بیورو رپورٹ) خیبر پور میں 1314 اساتذہ کا تنخواہ نہ ملنے کے خلاف 6 روز سے احتجاج جاری احتجاجی اساتذہ نے کورٹ روڈ پر غیر معینہ مدت تک دھرنا کیپ قائم کر دیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق خیبر پور میں 1314 اساتذہ کا تنخواہ نہ ملنے کے خلاف 6 روز سے احتجاج جاری ہے۔ احتجاجی اساتذہ نے کورٹ روڈ پر دھرنا کیپ قائم کیا اور دھرنا غیر معینہ مدت تک جاری رکھنے کا اعلان کیا۔ یہ اعلان دھرنے کے قاندرین شوکت منگی، اقبال گال، جاوید بھوی، ظہیر مین، فرید سلرو، امین کلہوڑو، جمیل احمد جالبانی، قلندر بخش کانہر اور شیر خان کلہوڑو نے کیا۔ احتجاجی اساتذہ نے دھرنا کیپ پر صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ 6 روز سے احتجاج پر ہیں حکومت کا کوئی نمائندہ ان سے ملنے نہیں آیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ان کو 2012 میں ایس ایل ٹی، ورکشاپ انسٹرکٹر، انسٹرکٹر، عربی ٹیچر، ڈرامیٹک ٹیچر اور دیگر ملازمتوں کے آرڈر دیئے گئے آرڈر ملنے کے بعد انہوں نے تین برس سے ڈیوٹی کی ہے لیکن ابھی تک ان کو تنخواہ نہیں ملی حالاں کہ سندھ کے دیگر اضلاع میں بھرتی کئے گئے اساتذہ کو تنخواہیں ادا کی جا رہی ہیں۔

سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں بدھ کو خام تیل کے نرخوں میں ایک مرتبہ پھر کمی کا رجحان رہا۔ کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران امریکا کے ویسٹ ٹیکساس انٹر میڈیٹ کے دسمبر میں ترسیل کے معاہدے 47 سینٹ کی کمی سے 43.74 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں ہر سال 92 ہزار بچے نمونیہ کا شکار ہو جاتے ہیں۔ پاکستان دنیا کے ان پانچ ممالک میں سے ایک ہے جہاں دنیا بھر کے نمونیہ کیسز میں سے 99 فیصد کیسز ہوتے ہیں۔ اس لئے قومی صحت پالیسی میں نمونیہ کے خاتمے کو ترجیح دی جائے اور والدین کا قاندرگی سے بچوں حفاظتی ٹیکے لگوائیں اس سے بہت ساری بیماریوں سے محفوظ رہا جاسکتا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار طبی ماہرین نے پاکستان پیڈیاٹرک ایسوسی ایشن کے تحت نمونیہ کے عالمی دن کے حوالے سے کراچی پریس کلب میں منعقدہ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ سول اسپتال کے شعبہ

خیبر پور، تنخواہیں نہ ملنے کیخلاف اساتذہ کا 6 روز سے احتجاج جاری

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تفصیلات

کراچی..... پینے کے پانی کی لائنوں میں، سیوریج کا پانی شامل ہونے سے کراچی کے علاقے ابراہیم حیدری میں ڈائریکٹ ویا پھوٹ پڑی، بچوں اور خواتین سمیت سیکڑوں مریض اسپتال پہنچ گئے۔ ابراہیم حیدری کے مکین جن کیلئے پانی، زندگی کی ضمانت نہیں، بلکہ موت کا پیغام بن گیا ہے، علاقے میں سیوریج کی لائنیں بھی ٹوٹ پھوٹ کا شکار ہیں اور پینے کے پانی کی لائنیں بھی، نتیجہ یہ کہ علاقہ مکین پینے پر مجبور ہیں ایسا پانی جس میں ہر قسم کی غلاظت شامل ہے اس لئے ڈائریجیسا جان لیوا مرض وباء کی شکل اختیار کر گیا ہے۔ لاکھوں کی آبادی میں سے خواتین اور بچوں سمیت ہزاروں افراد گھروں کے بجائے اسپتالوں میں موجود ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر زکا کہنا ہے کہ روزانہ 600 سے زائد مریض سندھ گورنمنٹ اسپتال ابراہیم حیدری لائے جا رہے ہیں۔ چار دن میں ہزاروں مریضوں کو ابتدائی طبی امداد دی گئی۔ ڈاکٹروں نے خبردار کیا ہے اگر علاقے میں آلودہ پانی کا مسئلہ حل نہ کیا گیا تو ڈائریجی کا علاوہ سپائٹائٹس، ٹائیفائیڈ، گیسٹر وسمیت پیٹ اور گلے کی بہت سی بیماریوں کی وباء پھوٹ سکتی ہیں۔

گلگت..... زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں کہیں بارش تو کہیں برف باری، زلزلہ متاثرین کی مشکلات میں اضافہ ہو گیا، بڑی تعداد میں لوگ موسمی بیماریوں میں مبتلا ہو گئے۔ زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں کہیں برف باری تو کہیں بارش کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے، 26 اکتوبر کا زلزلہ بہت سے لوگوں کو گھروں سے خیموں میں لے آیا، جس کی وجہ سے متاثرین موسمی بیماریوں کے ساتھ دوسری مشکلات سے نبرد آزما ہیں جبکہ ان علاقوں میں سردی روز بروز بڑھتی جا رہی ہے۔ بارش، برف باری اور تیز ہواؤں کے باعث زلزلہ متاثرین کا ہر آنے والا دن گزرنے والے دن سے سخت ہوتا ہے، زلزلہ سے متاثر کی دشوار پہاڑی علاقوں میں لوگ اب تک امداد کے منتظر ہیں۔ مالاکند ڈویژن اور خیبر پختونخوا اور گلگت بلتستان، چترال کے مختلف شہروں میں بارش اور برف باری کے بعد خون جمادینے والی سردی کی لہر جا رہی ہے۔ ٹھہراتی سردی میں بچے اور خواتین مختلف موسمی امراض میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں، سردی کی شدت میں اضافے کے ساتھ ہی زلزلہ، زکام، کھانسی اور پیٹ کی بیماریوں میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔

میو یارک (آئن لائن) امریکا میں قدرتی گیس کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کا رجحان رہا۔ نیو یارک مرکناٹکس ایسچینج میں قدرتی گیس کے معاہدے 2 سینٹ کے اضافے سے 32.2 ڈالرنی ملین برٹش تھرمل یونٹس میں طے پائے۔

کراچی (باہر علی احوال / اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ میں جینیئرک بی ایس این شروع کرنے کے باوجود محکمہ صحت کی جانب سے اسٹاف نرس کی سرکاری ملازمت کے لئے جینیئرک نرسنگ والوں کو اہل قرار نہیں دیا گیا نہ ہی اسٹاف نرس کی اسامیوں کے لئے جاری کی گئی اہلیت کے معیار میں جینیئرک نرسنگ کو شامل کیا گیا ہے۔ جس کے باعث جینیئرک نرسنگ کرنے والوں کو سرکاری ملازمت کے حصول میں شدید دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق رواں سال 14 مئی کو سندھ پبلک سروس کمیشن کی جانب سے اسٹاف نرس کے لئے 5 سو اسامیاں مشتمل کی گئی تھیں۔ جن کے لئے قابلیت 3 سالہ جزل نرسنگ ڈپلومہ کے ساتھ ایک سال کی اسپیشلائزیشن اور پی این سی کی رجسٹریشن مانگی گئی تھی۔ جس پر جینیئرک نرسنگ کرنے والے ہزاروں امیدواروں نے بھی اپلائی کیا جنہیں تحریری امتحان میں بیٹھنے کی اجازت دی گئی۔ رواں ماہ نتائج کے اعلان پر جینیئرک نرسنگ والے سیکڑوں طلباء بھی کامیاب ہوئے۔ لیکن ذرائع کے مطابق محکمہ صحت سندھ نے اسٹاف نرس کے لئے سندھ پبلک سروس کمیشن کو جو انڈکشن بھیجی تھی اس میں جینیئرک بی ایس این کو شامل نہیں کیا تھا اسی لیے اشتہار میں بھی جینیئرک نرسنگ کا ذکر نہیں تھا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق تحریری امتحان کی کامیابی کے بعد کاغذات کی جانچ پڑتال کی جاتی ہے اور انٹرویو کال کی جاتی ہے۔ لیکن انڈکشن میں جینیئرک کا ذکر نہ ہونے کے باعث اس ڈگری کے حامل سیکڑوں امیدواروں کو تحریری امتحان میں کامیاب ہونے کے باوجود انٹرویو کے لئے طلب نہیں کیا جائے گا اور وہ ان اسامیوں کے اہل نہیں رہیں گے۔ اس صورتحال سے جینیئرک بی ایس این ڈگری کے حامل سیکڑوں امیدوار شدید پریشانی کا شکار ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیجو کا کہنا تھا کہ محکمہ صحت سندھ کے پاس پی این سی کے جو قوانین موجود تھے انہی کے تحت انڈکشن جاری کی گئی ہے۔ دیگر تمام صوبوں میں بھی ایسی انڈکشن جاری کی جاتی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ دیگر صوبوں میں جینیئرک نرسنگ کرنے والوں کو اہل قرار دے ملازمت دی جاتی ہے۔ جینیئرک نرسنگ انٹر میڈیٹ کے بعد چار سالہ نرسنگ ہوتی ہے۔ جس کے بعد طلبہ کو ایک سال کی ہائوس جاب کرنی پڑتی ہے، دنیا کے دیگر ممالک

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بی بی سی

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کارروائیاں کی گئیں، جن علاقوں میں نارگنڈ آپریشن کیا گیا ان میں گلشن غازی، گودھر اکالونی، عثمان آباد، پی اینڈ ٹی کالونی شامل ہیں، کارروائی کے دوران ریجنل زون 13 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا ہے جن میں نارگنڈ کلر اور بھٹانور بھی شامل ہیں۔ ریجنل حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار ملزمان سے مختلف اقسام کا اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے، ملزمان کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں ان سے تفتیش جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کی حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے قومی لائحہ عمل پر عمل درآمد کو یقینی بنانا ملک کے تمام اداروں کی مشترکہ ذمہ داری ہے اور اس کے لیے تمام اداروں کو آئین کی حدود میں رہتے ہوئے اپنا کردار ادا کرنا ہو گا۔ اسلام آباد میں حکومت پاکستان کے ترجمان کی جانب بدھ کو جاری کیے گئے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ حکومت عوامی کی زندگیاں محفوظ بنانے کے لیے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عمل درآمد سمیت دیگر اقدامات جاری رکھے گی۔

حکومت کی جانب سے یہ بیان ایسے وقت پر سامنے آیا ہے جب منگل کوروالپنڈی میں کور کمانڈر کانفرنس میں فوج کے سربراہ راجیل شریف نے کہا تھا کہ طویل مدت میں دہشت گردوں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن کے نتائج حاصل کرنے کے لیے حکومت کو انتظامی امور اور طرز حکمرانی کو بہتر کرنا ہو گا۔ آرمی چیف کے بیان کے بعد حکومتی ترجمان نے اپنے بیان میں کہا ہے کہ گذشتہ دو برسوں سے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائی کرنے کا فیصلہ حکومت نے کیا تھا جیسے عوامی سطح پر سراہا گیا ہے۔ حکومتی بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر کامیابی سے عمل درآمد حکومتی کوششوں سے سیاسی اتفاق رائے، مسلح افواج کی بہادرانہ اقدامات اور صوبائی حکومتوں، پولیس اور انٹیلیجنس ایجنسیوں کی کارروائیوں سے ممکن ہوا ہے۔ سرکاری بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ’اعلیٰ عدلیہ اور خاص کر عوام نے بھی دہشت گردی کے خلاف آپریشن میں بھرپور کردار ادا کیا ہے۔ حکومت نے تمام فیصلے قومی مفاد کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے شفاف انداز میں کیے ہیں اور حکومت عوام کے سامنے جوابدہ ہے۔‘ یہ درہے کہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے کور کمانڈر کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران کہا تھا کہ قومی ایکشن پلان پر عمل درآمد سمیت دوسرے آپریشنز میں ممکنہ رکاوٹوں، فنانس اصلاحات اور تمام جاری مشترکہ تحقیقاتی ٹیموں کے کام کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر منطقی انجام تک پہنچانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ پاکستان کی حکومت کی جانب سے جاری کیے گئے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ حکومتی اقدامات سے ملک میں امن و امان کی صورت حال بہتر ہوئی ہے اور حکومتی پالیسیوں میں گورنس پر بھرپور توجہ دی جاتی ہے۔

قومی اسمبلی نے آرمی ایکٹ 1952 میں

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اسلام آباد: قومی اسمبلی نے آرمی ایکٹ 1952 میں ترمیم کا بل منظور کر لیا جس کے تحت ملزمان کی گرفتاری اور نظر بندی کو تحفظ ملے گا جب کہ قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کے اہلکاروں کی کارروائی پر ان کے خلاف کوئی مقدمہ نہیں کیا جاسکے گا۔ قومی اسمبلی کا اجلاس اسپیکر ایاز صادق کی سربراہی میں ہوا جس میں پارلیمانی سیکریٹری چوہدری جعفر اقبال نے آرمی ایکٹ 1952 میں ترمیم کا بل پیش کیا جسے کثرت رائے سے منظور کر لیا گیا۔ بل کے مندرجات کے مطابق ملزمان کی گرفتاری اور نظر بندی کو قانونی تحفظ ملے گا، مسلح افواج یا قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی جانب سے پہلے سے حراست میں لیے گئے شخص کو گرفتار تصور کیا جائے گا اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں کے کسی اقدام پر کوئی مقدمہ یا ان کے خلاف کسی قسم کی کارروائی نہیں کی جاسکے گی۔ بل کے مطابق نئے قانون میں گواہان اور عدالتی کارروائی چلانے والوں کو بھی تحفظ دیا جائے گا۔ پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما نوید قمر اور تحریک انصاف کی ترجمان شیریں مزاری نے بل کو انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی قرار دیتے ہوئے اس کی مخالفت کی جس پر وزیر دفاع خواجہ آصف نے بل کا دفاع کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بل کا مقصد ملزمان کی گرفتاری، نظر بندی اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی قانونی کارروائیوں کو تحفظ دینا ہے۔ آرمی ایکٹ میں ترمیم کے بل کو سینیٹ سے پہلے ہی منظور کیا جا چکا ہے جس کی اب قومی اسمبلی سے بھی منظوری لی جا چکی ہے اور اب بل کو صدر مملکت کے پاس منظوری کے لیے بھیجا جائے گا جس کے بعد اسے قانونی حیثیت حاصل ہو جائے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل سیکورٹی فورسز کو تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ کے ذریعے کسی بھی ملزم کو 90 روز کے لیے حراست میں رکھنے کا اختیار دیا جا چلا ہے۔

کراچی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) کانٹریکٹرز میڈیا رازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ کا دائرہ کار اندرون سندھ تک بڑھا دیا گیا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے گزشتہ روز نوٹیفکیشن جاری کر دیا۔ اس فیصلے کے تحت سی ٹی ڈی کے دو تھانے سکھر اور حیدر آباد میں قائم کر دیئے گئے۔ دہشتگردی کے مقدمات اب ان تھانوں میں درج ہوں گے۔ سی ٹی ڈی کا دائرہ کار اندرون سندھ تک بڑھانے کا فیصلہ سانحہ جیکب آباد کے بعد کیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد: وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی سربراہی میں اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا ہے جس میں قومی سلامتی کے امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت وزیراعظم ہاؤس میں قومی سلامتی سے متعلق ایک اجلاس ہوا جس میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے مختلف مراحل کا جائزہ لیا گیا، اجلاس میں وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان، وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار، وزیراعظم کے مشیر برائے قومی سلامتی ناصر جنجوعہ، وزیراعظم کے مشیر خارجہ سر تاج عزیز اور معاون خصوصی طارق فاطمی نے شرکت کی جب کہ اجلاس میں پاک فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف، چیف آف جنرل

کانٹریکٹرز میڈیا رازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ کا دائرہ کار

اندرون سندھ تک بڑھا دیا گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

10 نومبر 2015

وزیراعظم کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کا

اجلاس، قومی سلامتی کے امور پر تبادلہ

خیال

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سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

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سرخیاء

آرمی پبلک سکول پشاور اور پیرس حملوں میں مماثلت

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 نومبر 2015

پیرس حملوں کے بعد پاکستان بھر کے

ایئرپورٹس پر ریڈ الارٹ جاری

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14 نومبر 2015

شمالی وزیرستان میں فضائی کارروائی کے

دوران 22 دہشت گرد ہلاک، آئی ایس

پی آر

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14 نومبر 2015

کراچی میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے موقع

پر عام تعطیل کا اعلان

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13 نومبر 2015

کراچی آپریشن آخری دہشت گرد

اور آخری ٹارگٹ کلر کی گرفتاری تک جاری

رہے گا، ترجمان رینجرز

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12 نومبر 2015

کراچی میں رینجرز کی ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیوں

کے دوران 13 ملزمان گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

کراچی (نوائے وقت نیوز) پیرس حملے میں پولیس اور فوج کی بھاری نفری کنسرٹ ہال میں یرغمال بنے افراد کو نہ بچا سکی۔ دہشت گردوں نے چن چن کر 118 افراد کو ہلاک کر دیا، آرمی پبلک سکول پشاور پر ایسے ہی حملے میں بھی فوج کے جوانوں نے تمام حملہ آور مار گرائے تھے۔ پیرس حملے میں ہلاک 116 افراد وہ تھے جنہیں کنسرٹ ہال میں یرغمال بنایا گیا حملے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی پولیس اور فوج کی بھاری نفری نے کنسرٹ ہال کا محاصرہ کر لیا۔ اس دوران بعض شہری، دہشت گردوں کے قبضے سے بچ نکلنے میں کامیاب ہو گئے لیکن ہال میں پھنسے دیگر افراد کو اتنی بڑی فورس بھی نہ بچا سکی۔ دہشت گردوں نے سب کو چن چن کر ہلاک کر دیا۔ بعد میں فورسز نے تمام دہشت گرد مار دیئے۔ اسی نوعیت کا حملہ 16 دسمبر 2014ء کے روز پشاور کے آرمی پبلک سکول پر ہوا تھا جب دہشت گردوں نے سکول میں گھس کر اندھا دھند فائرنگ کی اور سوسے زائد معصوم اپنی جانیں گنوا بیٹھے۔

اسلام آباد پیرس میں دہشت گرد حملوں کے بعد پاکستان کے تمام ہوائی اڈوں پر سیکورٹی ہائی الارٹ کر دی گئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پیرس میں دہشت گرد حملوں کے بعد وزارت داخلہ نے سیکورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر ملک بھر کے ہوائی اڈوں پر ریڈ الارٹ جاری کر دیا گیا ہے جس کے تحت تمام ایئرپورٹس پر سیکورٹی کے انتظامات مزید سخت کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ذرائع کے مطابق ریڈ الارٹ کے بعد ایئرپورٹس میں داخلے کے لیے جاری تمام عارضی پاس بھی منسوخ کر دیئے گئے ہیں جب کہ ایئرپورٹس کے اطراف سیکورٹی اہلکاروں کی تعداد میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے اور ایئرپورٹ آنے والے مسافروں کے سامان کی جامع تلاشی لی جا رہی ہے۔ واضح رہے فرانس کے دارالحکومت کے مختلف مقامات پر خود کش حملوں اور فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 127 زائد افراد ہلاک اور 300 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے جب کہ حملوں کی ذمہ داری شدت پسند تنظیم داعش نے قبول کی ہے۔

شوال شمالی وزیرستان کے علاقے شوال میں پاک فضائیہ کی فضائی کارروائی میں 22 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق شمالی وزیرستان میں فضائی کارروائی کے دوران 22 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق جیٹ طیاروں نے شوال کے علاقے میں دہشت گردوں کو نشانہ بناتے ہوئے ان کے ٹھکانوں پر بمباری کی جس میں دہشت گردوں کے کئی ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کر دیئے گئے۔ واضح رہے ملک سے دہشت گردی کے مکمل خاتمے کے لیے شمالی اور جنوبی وزیرستان میں آپریشن جاری ہے جب کہ شوال اور خیبر ایجنسی سمیت دیگر علاقوں میں زمینی کارروائی بھی شروع کر دی ہے جس کے نتیجے میں 80 فیصد علاقے دہشت گردوں سے خالی کر وا لیے گئے ہیں۔

کراچی سندھ حکومت نے اگلے ماہ ہونے والے بلدیاتی انتخابات کے موقع پر شہر میں عام تعطیل کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ حکومت نے کراچی میں 5 دسمبر کو ہونے والے بلدیاتی انتخابات کے موقع پر عام تعطیل کا اعلان کر دیا ہے اور اس حوالے سے صوبائی حکومت نے نوٹیفکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل ہو چکا ہے جب کہ دوسرا مرحلہ 19 نومبر اور تیسرا اور آخری مرحلے 5 دسمبر کو ہو گا۔

کراچی ترجمان رینجرز کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں آپریشن آخری دہشت گرد اور آخری ٹارگٹ کلر کی گرفتاری تک جاری رہے گا۔ ترجمان سندھ رینجرز کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق شہر میں امن و امان کے قیام کے لئے ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیاں جاری ہیں، یہ تاثر غلط ہے کہ رینجرز کا آپریشن سست ہو گیا ہے، آپریشن کے شہداء اور عوام کی قربانیاں رائیگاں نہیں جائیں گی۔ شہر قائد میں آپریشن آخری دہشت گرد اور آخری ٹارگٹ کلر کی گرفتاری تک بھرپور طریقے سے جاری رہے گا، رینجرز نے شہروں سے ایبل کی ہے کہ وہ مشکوک شخص کی سرگرمی کے بارے میں رینجرز ہیڈ کوارٹر پر اطلاع دیں۔ واضح رہے کہ حکومت نے ستمبر 2013 میں تمام سیاسی جماعتوں کی مشاورت سے رینجرز کی نگرانی میں ٹارگٹ کلرز، بھتہ خور اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف بھرپور آپریشن شروع کیا تھا۔ گزشتہ روز قومی اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں پیش کئے گئے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 10 ستمبر 2015 تک کراچی میں ٹارگٹ کلنگ کے واقعات میں 48 فیصد، قتل کی وارداتوں میں 37 فیصد، دہشت گردی میں 76 فیصد کمی ہوئی۔ اس دوران ایک ہزار 713 قاتلوں کو گرفتار جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے 15 ہزار 612 ہتھیار برآمد کئے گئے۔

کراچی شہر قائد کے مختلف علاقوں میں رینجرز کی جانب سے ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیوں میں 13 ملزمان گرفتار کیے گئے جن سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ ترجمان سندھ رینجرز کی جانب سے جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں جرائم پیشہ افراد کے موجودگی کی اطلاع پر

سوات: وزیراعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ متاثرین زلزلہ کی امداد کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل ہو گیا ہے تاہم آئندہ آنے والے دنوں میں جن کے گھروں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے انہیں بھی معاوضہ فراہم کر دیا جائے گا۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے زلزلے سے متاثرہ ضلع سوات کا دورہ کیا جہاں انہیں علاقے میں قدرتی آفت سے ہونے والے نقصانات اور امدادی کارروائیوں کے بارے میں تفصیلی بریفنگ بھی دی گئی جب کہ اس موقع پر زلزلہ متاثرین سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ ملک میں آنے والے حالیہ زلزلے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کے لواحقین کو معاوضے کی ادائیگی کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے تاہم جن افراد کے گھروں کو نقصان پہنچا ہے انہیں معاوضہ کی ادائیگی رواں ماہ ہی کر دی جائے گی جب کہ حکومت نے خیر پختہ نوا کی حکومت سے مشاورت کے بعد زلزلہ متاثرین کے لیے امدادی پیکیج تیار کیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد:..... ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں جاری بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقتی طور پر ختم گیا، تاہم محکمہ موسمیات کہتا ہے کہ یہ رکاوٹ عارضی ہے، اگلے 24 سے 48 گھنٹوں میں دوبارہ بارش اور بر فباری کا امکان ہے۔

ملک بھر کے پہاڑی علاقوں میں سخت سردی کا راج ہے، گلگت بلتستان کے ضلع دیامر کے بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، چلاس شہر میں گہرے بادل چھائے ہوئے ہیں، چترال، پاراچنار، شانگلہ، مالاکنڈ اور ہزارہ ڈویژن میں موسم صاف ہے لیکن کل سے بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری کا امکان ہے۔ پنجاب، بلوچستان اور سندھ کے اکثر شہروں میں رات کے وقت ٹھنڈ بڑھ گئی ہے، محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 سے 36 گھنٹوں کے دوران زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں موسم سرد، خشک اور مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود رہنے کا امکان ہے جبکہ اتور کی شام چند مقامات پر ہلکی بارش اور پہاڑوں پر ہلکی برف باری ہو سکتی ہے۔

مظفر آباد: آزاد کشمیر میں بارش اور برف باری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث مظفر آباد سے وادی نیلم اور لیپاکا زمین رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ آزاد کشمیر میں بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے، شدید برف باری کے باعث وادی نیلم کے بالائی علاقوں کیل، بملت، تاوٹ اور شوئر کا زمینی رابطہ دیگر علاقوں سے منقطع کیا ہے، ریشیاں کے مقام پر برف باری سے وادی لیپاکا رابطہ ہٹا ہوا اور دیگر علاقوں سے منقطع ہو گیا ہے، مظفر آباد سرینگر شاہراہ سیری اور چناری کے مقام پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث بند ہو گئی ہے، راستے بند ہونے سے شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے

پاکستان کے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا میں زلزلے سے متاثرہ علاقوں میں بارشوں اور برف باری سے کہیں سڑکیں بند ہیں تو کہیں خیوں میں گزارا ممکن نہیں رہا جبکہ کوہستان سے آگے شاہراہ قراقرم اور اور کاغان روز لینڈ سلائیڈ کے وجہ سے بند ہو گئی ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق سب سے زیادہ بارش کوہستان کے علاقوں میں ہوئی ہے۔ چترال کے بیشتر علاقوں میں زلزلہ زدگان مشکلات کا شکار ہیں جہاں لوگوں کو اب تک امداد نہیں ملی۔ لاسپور گاؤں میں برف باری ہوئی ہے جبکہ چرون اویر میں لوگوں نے احتجاج کر کے روڈ بلاک کر دی۔ چرون اویر کے رہائشی عنایت اللہ نے بتایا کہ ان کے گاؤں میں بچوں میں بیماریاں پھیل رہی ہیں۔ لاسپور چترال سے کوئی ڈیڑھ سو کلومیٹر دور شندور کے قریب واقع ہے جہاں مقامی لوگوں کے مطابق شدید بارشوں اور برف باری سے ان کے خیمے ناکارہ ہو گئے ہیں جبکہ ان کے گاؤں میں نقصانات کے اندازے کے لیے سرکاری ٹیمیں تو بھیجی ہیں لیکن اب تک انہیں امداد فراہم نہیں کی گئی۔ ان لوگوں کا کہنا تھا کہ غیر سرکاری تنظیموں کی جانب سے کچھ امداد ملی ہے لیکن اب ان کے گاؤں میں لوگ بیمار ہیں اور ادویات کی کمی ہے۔ لاسپور میں روزگار کا بڑا ذریعہ مال مویشی ہیں اور حالیہ زلزلے سے نہ صرف لوگوں کے رہائشی کمرے گر گئے ہیں بلکہ مال مویشی بھی چھت سے محروم ہیں۔ مستونج کے قریب چرون اویر گاؤں میں جمعہ کو لوگوں نے احتجاج کیا اور مستونج شاہراہ کئی گھنٹے تک بند رہی۔ مقامی لوگوں کے مطابق کوئی درجنوں لوگ احتجاج میں شامل تھے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اس شدید سردی میں جب آٹھ انچ تک برف پڑی ہو یہ ناقص خیمے کام نہیں کرتے حکومت کو چاہیے کہ انہیں بہتر شلٹرز دیں اور خوراک کے علاوہ ادویات فراہم کی جائیں۔ چرون اویر کے رہائشی عنایت اللہ نے بتایا کہ ان کے علاقے میں نمونیا اور کھانسی کے امراض تیزی سے پھیل رہے ہیں۔ چترال سے منتخب رکن قومی اسمبلی افتخار الدین نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں نے وعدے کیے ہیں اور کچھ امداد بھی پہنچی ہے لیکن اب تک تمام افراد کو یہ امداد نہیں مل سکی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ یہ مسئلہ قومی اسمبلی میں پیش کریں گے اور انہیں یہ کہا گیا ہے کہ وفاقی حکومت جلد فنڈز جاری کر دے گی۔

ملتان (وقائع نگار خصوصی) نشتر ہسپتال میں داخل مزید 2 مریضوں میں ڈینگی بخار کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے جس کے بعد رواں سال کے دوران ڈینگی بخار کے رپورٹ ہونے والے مریضوں کی مجموعی تعداد 389 ہو گئی ہے نشتر ہسپتال میں ڈینگی بخار کے شبہ میں 6 مریض داخل ہیں جن کا علاج کیا جا رہا ہے۔

متاثرین زلزلہ کی امداد کا پہلا مرحلہ مکمل کر لیا گیا، وزیراعظم نواز شریف

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ملتان (واقع نگار خصوصی) نشتر ہسپتال ملتان میں ڈینگی بخار کے شہ میں مزید چار مریضوں کو لایا گیا ہے جس کے بعد نشتر ہسپتال میں داخل مریضوں کی تعداد 10 ہو گئی ہے۔ ہسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق تمام مریضوں کی حالت تسلی بخش ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق گزشتہ روز لائے گئے مریضوں کے ابتدائی ڈینگی ٹیسٹ پازیٹو آئے لیکن جب ٹیسٹ کو دوبارہ کروایا گیا تو رپورٹس نیگٹو آئی ہیں۔ ڈسٹرکٹ کو آرڈی نیشن آفیسر ملتان زاہد سلیم گوندل نے کہا ہے کہ اللہ تعالیٰ کی رحمت، ملتان کے شہریوں کے بھرپور تعاون اور ضلعی افسران کی محنت سے ڈینگی پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا گیا ہے۔ گزشتہ چار روز سے ڈینگی کے خاتمہ سے متعلق ڈسٹرکٹ ایمر جنسی رسپانس کمیٹی میں جو گزشتہ ڈیڑھ ماہ سے علی الصبح روزانہ کی بنیاد پر ہورہی ہے رپورٹ صفر آ رہی ہے اور نشتر ہسپتال ملتان کے 50 بیڈز مخصوص ڈینگی وارڈ میں مریضوں کی تعداد صرف چار ہے جن کا میڈیکل ٹریٹمنٹ ہو رہا ہے اور آئی سی یو میں کوئی مریض داخل نہ ہے۔ وہ گزشتہ روز ڈسٹرکٹ ایمر جنسی کمیٹی برائے خاتمہ ڈینگی کے اجلاس کی صدارت کر رہے تھے۔ ڈی سی او ملتان زاہد سلیم گوندل نے کہا کہ ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ ہمیں اپنا کام ختم نہیں کرنا بلکہ فیلڈ سٹاف روزانہ کی بنیاد پر اپنا کام جاری رکھے گا اور مانیٹرنگ کا نظام بھی حسب معمول کام کرتا رہے گا اور اس دفعہ جو کمی رہ گئی تھی آئندہ اس کا شروع میں ہی ازالہ کر دیا جائے گا۔

گلگت + اسلام آباد + مانسہرہ (نیوز ایجنسیاں + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) چیئرمین این ڈی ایم اے میجر جنرل اصغر نواز نے گزشتہ روز مالاکنڈ ڈویژن میں زلزلہ زدہ علاقوں کا دورہ کیا جب کہ وزیراعظم نواز شریف آج بروز ہفتہ سوات کا دورہ کرینگے اور زلزلہ متاثرین کی امداد اور بحالی کے کاموں کا جائزہ لیں گے اور متاثرین میں امدادی چیک تقسیم کریں گے جب کہ گلگت بلتستان، مانسہرہ، بٹگرام، کوستان، ایبٹ آباد، ناران گلیات میں بارش اور برف باری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، جس کے باعث موسم سرد ہو گیا ہے جبکہ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ سے شاہراہ قراقرم اور شاہراہ کاغان بند ہو گئی ہے۔ کئی خاندان بھجنے لگے جب کہ سرد موسم کے باعث زلزلہ زدگان کی مشکلات میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ہزارہ ڈویژن کے اضلاع مانسہرہ، بٹگرام، تورغر، اپر اور لوئر کوہستان، ایبٹ آباد، گلیات میں گزشتہ رات سے بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے۔ ناران کے قریب پہاڑی تودہ گرنے سے شاہراہ کاغان اور اپر کوہستان میں ہر بن نالے کے قریب شاہراہ اور قراقرم ٹریفک کے لئے بند ہے جب کہ شاہراہ کاغان بند ہونے سے شہر کا رابطہ دوسرے علاقوں سے منقطع ہو گیا اور کئی خاندان بھجنے لگے ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں چیئرمین این ڈی ایم اے میجر جنرل اصغر نواز نے مالاکنڈ ڈویژن کے اضلاع تورغر، داسو، شانگلہ، سوات کے علاقوں کا دورہ کیا۔ دورے کے دوران چیئرمین این ڈی ایم اے کو تورغر کے کمشنر اور ڈپٹی کمشنر، ڈپٹی کمشنر کوہستان، کمشنر مالاکنڈ ڈویژن اور جنرل کمانڈنگ آفیسر / بریگیڈ نے امدادی کاروائیوں کے بارے میں بریفنگ دی۔ چیئرمین این ڈی ایم اے کو بتایا گیا کہ اب تک متاثرہ علاقوں میں 44,642، ٹینٹ 63,721، کبل 9,794، چٹائیاں 1086.03 ٹن خوراک کے پیکنگ، 22,000 تریپل، 14 ٹن پانی بوتلوں کی شکل میں، 49 صاف پانی کے پلانٹ 12 جنریٹر سیٹس اور 27 ٹن دوائیاں متاثرین زلزلہ تک بھیجی جا چکی ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف آج بروز ہفتہ کو سوات کا دورہ کریں گے، نواز شریف سوات میں زلزلہ متاثرین کی امداد اور بحالی کے کاموں کا جائزہ لیکر متاثرین میں امدادی چیک بھی تقسیم کریں گے، انہیں امدادی کاموں پر تفصیلی بریفنگ بھی دی جائے گی۔ خیبر پی کے ضلع اپر اور لوئر کوہستان کے زلزلہ متاثرین سرد ترین موسم میں مشکلات بڑھ گئی ہیں۔ 26 اکتوبر کے زلزلے نے ضلع اپر اور لوئر کوہستان کے علاقوں میں تباہی مچائی، ضلع اپر اور لوئر کوہستان میں زلزلے سے 80 فیصد مکانوں کو جزوی یا مکمل طور پر نقصان پہنچا۔

ٹاسک فورس کا چھاپہ، ماحولیاتی آلودگی کا سبب بننے والی لوہا فیکٹری سیل

اردو داہر

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ملتان (نامہ نگار خصوصی) ڈسٹرکٹ کو آرڈی نیشن آفیسر ملتان زاہد سلیم گوندل کی ہدایت پر خصوصی ٹاسک فورس نے اسسٹنٹ کمشنر سٹی کی سربراہی میں چھاپہ مار کر ماحولیاتی آلودگی کا باعث بننے والی لوہا فیکٹری کو سیل کر دیا جبکہ دوسری کارروائی میں ٹیم نے 10 من جلی پتی پکڑ کر مقدمہ درج کر دیا ہے گزشتہ روز اسسٹنٹ کمشنر سٹی ملک عطاء الحق نے محکمہ ماحولیات سول ڈیفنس اور ٹاؤن انتظامیہ کے ہمراہ شہریوں کی شکایات پر قادر پور راں بائی پاس پر واقع لوہا فیکٹری پر چھاپہ مارا تو فیکٹری مالکان سکریپ کو غیر قانونی طور پر جلا کر لوہا تیار کر رہے تھے جبکہ پلانٹ کے دھوئیں سے پوری کالونی متاثر ہو رہی تھی اسے سی سٹی نے فوری کارروائی کرتے ہوئے فیکٹری کو سیل کر کے مالکان کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی شروع کر دی دریں اثناء ضلعی ٹاسک فورس نے نیو ملتان کے علاقے میں رکشے کے ذریعے جلی پتی شہر میں لانے والے گروہ کو گرفت میں لیکر 10 من جلی پتی پکڑ لی اور تھانہ نیو ملتان میں مقدمہ درج کر دیا گیا ہے۔



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Anti Corruption Establishment (ACE) & Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) Act in Pakistan

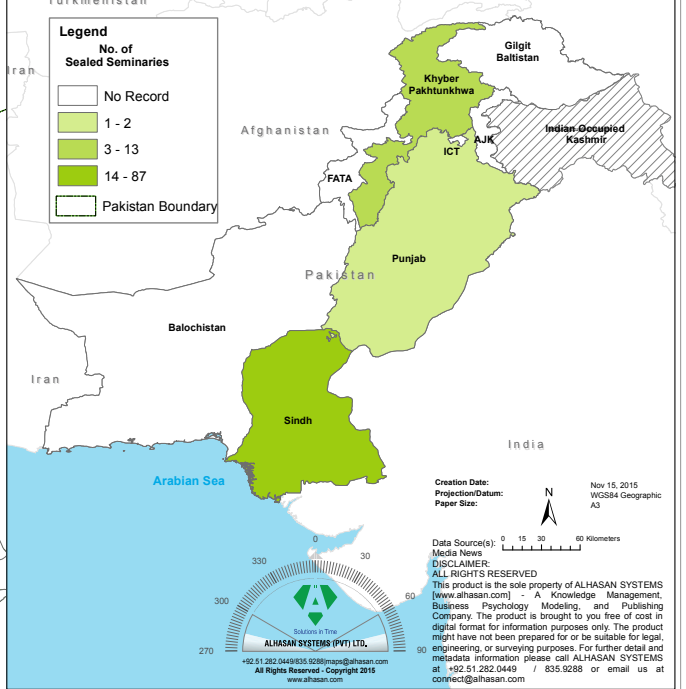
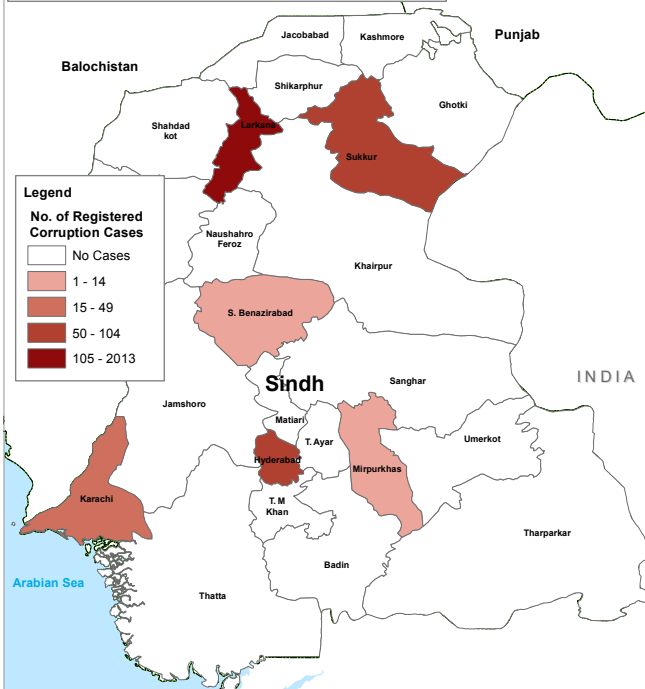
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KARACHI: The Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) Sindh, has registered 328 cases of corruption in the current year identifying officials involved in misappropriation of Rs 50 million. According to details of a report shared by ACE - Sindh's Chairman, Syed Mumtaz Shah with Chief Minister, Syed Qaim Ali Shah here on Saturday highest number of these cases pertained to local government department, followed by education and health departments respectively besides Board of Revenue. A total number of 431 challans were said to be submitted before the courts, after thorough investigations and that relevant courts convicted eight officials this year. The officials booked for the crime also included those from BP-18 and 19 respectively. Brushing aside the impression of taking action only against junior officers, the ACE Chairman said that a medico legal officer who is a grade B-18 employee, a principal of a college who is of grade B-20 and a doctor of B-18 have booked for the crime. Reiterating that a zero tolerance policy has been adopted against corruption, Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah said grades, positions and affiliations were not given any consideration. The ACE - Sindh official said cases have been registered under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947, Pakistan Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 1958, Sindh Enquiries Anti-Corruption Act 1991 and Rules 1993, PPC-1860, Corruption Section 161 to 165(b) and Q. P. 1998 respectively. "To open an inquiry or registering a case against the officers of B-21 and above permission is sought from the chief minister," said ACE - Sindh Chairman. When a case is registered against a judicial officer only the Chief Justice of Sindh High Court is competent to accord permission, he said mentioning that for grade B-17 to B-20 approval is granted by the chief secretary. Whereas for grade B-9 to B-16 concerned commissioner and for grade B-1 to B-8 concerned deputy commissioner are competent to open inquiry," he elaborated and added that Anti-corruption Committee - I (ACC-I) is held under chief secretary, ACC-II under commissioner and ACC-III under concerned Deputy commissioner.



102 madrassas sealed for stoking sectarianism

ISLAMABAD: The interior ministry told lawmakers on Wednesday that it has sealed 102 Islamic seminaries for fanning extremism. Moreover, it has also frozen Rs1 billion in funds of proscribed militant groups. The law enforcement agencies (LEAs) have sealed the seminaries for sponsoring terrorism or extremism. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told the National Assembly in a written reply to a question raised by PPP MNA Shahida Rehmani. This year, the government has closed down 87 madrassas in Sindh and 13 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, he said. Two seminaries have been sealed in Punjab where a number of students were found in contact with banned groups. The LEAs have also identified 190 seminaries that receive funds from abroad.



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