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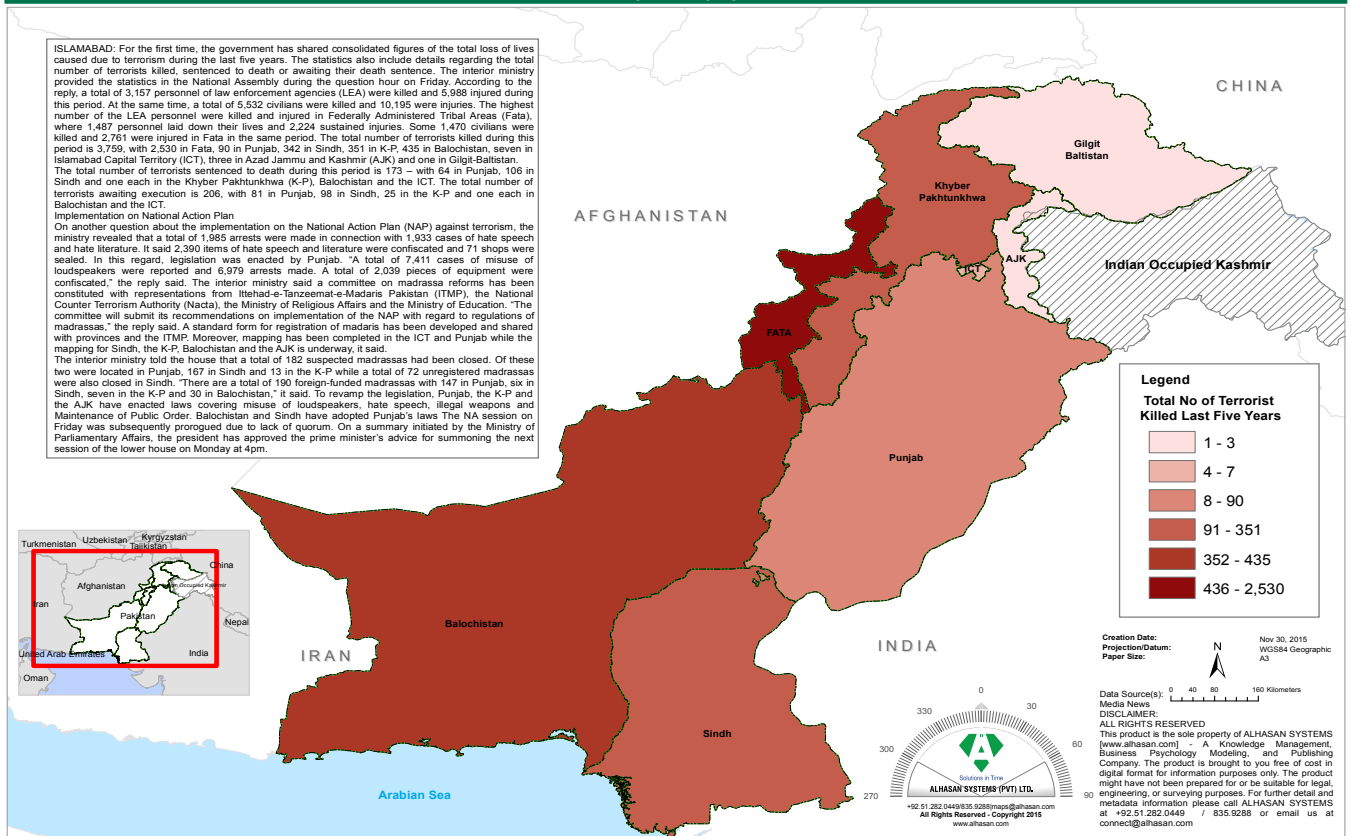
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### How dengue outbreak was tackled in Swat

*The News, November 29, 2015*

#### Pakistan adopting environment-friendly policies to overcome climate degradation: PM

*Dunya News, November 28, 2015*

### DETAILS

**PESHAWAR:** Tackling the dengue has been a success story in Swat, a district once known for its natural beauty and peace and then as the centre of militancy and lawlessness. The Swat district administration and the Health Department made strenuous efforts to control dengue as only 36 cases were reported in the district in the current year with no deaths. A large-scale dengue fever outbreak occurred in Swat in 2013. The first case was reported on August 19, 2013.

The outbreak occurred mainly in the urban areas of Swat with 95 percent of the cases registered in the union councils of the urban Babuzai tehsil in Mingora Municipality having population of 600,000. The remaining five percent were reported from the rest of Swat. Babuzai tehsil remained a high risk area. Some 25 blood samples were sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad and it was confirmed that three strain of viruses i.e. DEN-1, DEN-2 and DEN-3, were present in the analysed blood samples. In 2013, as many as 9,038 dengue cases were reported in Swat and 37 patients died.

Some reports said that the number of cases in Swat in 2013 could have been even higher as many patients were under treatment at private hospitals and their data wasn't recorded. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) sources and Dr Haider, who was the Technical Focal Person for dengue campaign, it was feared that the number of dengue cases in 2014 could go up to 30,000 due to the presence of dengue larva in the affected urban areas in Swat.

However, the district administration of Swat rose to the challenge and Deputy Commissioner Mahmood Aslam Wazir devised a detailed working plan at the district level to fight dengue epidemic in 2014. The heads of all the departments were sensitised and directed to play their role in the success of the KP government dengue plan 2014. The line departments, community based organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Lady Health Workers (LHWs) of the Health Department assured that they will work round the clock and even on public holidays to arrest the outbreak of dengue epidemic.

In June 2014, the first suspected dengue case was reported from Shahdara in Babuzai tehsil. A total of 307 cases were reported from all of Swat district. As many as 216 cases were from one place, Skha Cheena, in Amankot Union Council. Larvacidal activity was started through District Health Officer's office soon after the eggs hatched larva in April. It was carried out in all the high risk union councils under the supervision of malaria supervisors during outdoor surveillance. Almost all the drains and ponds were covered during the activity for eradication of dengue larva. Numerous sessions were arranged about dengue awareness after the incidence of cases in Skha Cheena village. Three sessions were held in mosques in Skha Cheena to create awareness among the people. The local MPAs also attended the sessions.

Some innovative steps that were taken in 2014 and 2015 included display and distribution of 1,000 banners, 3,500 posters and 500,000 leaflets for creating awareness about dengue. The district administration also got vehicle-mounted projectors to show dengue awareness videos to the public in various bazaars of Mingora city. Meetings with all the line department heads were arranged and they were asked to ensure removal of larva from their offices and houses. The use of chemical/fogging was avoided to a great extent and majority of the larva was destroyed through mechanical larvacidal activity as per advice of the doctors at thousands of sites in different areas.

**VALLETTA :** Addressing the Commonwealth summit on Climate Change in Malta, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said that climate change poses a serious threat to human life in the world, the Radio Pakistan reported on Saturday. He informed that Pakistan experienced massive floods in 2010 and 2011.

He called for providing of latest technology and other resources for implementation of decisions of the conference in letter and spirit. The Prime Minister said cooperation should be provided to underdeveloped countries to overcome the challenges of climate change. He said Pakistan was hit by climate change badly and Himalayan Glaciers are melting very quickly as compared to other parts of the world. He said we are adopting environment-friendly policies to overcome climate degradation.

On Friday, Queen Elizabeth II opened the 2015 Commonwealth summit with a colourful ceremony attended by world leaders gathered for pressing talks on climate change. As the clock ticks to a UN climate conference in Paris starting Monday, leaders at the summit including France's Francois Hollande, Britain's David Cameron and the UN's Ban Ki-moon are try to open the door to a landmark accord for limiting greenhouse gases. Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid said that during Paris Conference, Pakistan will highlight its vulnerability to the prevailing and future threats of Climate Change.

#### Health Impacts Of Climate Change

Medical experts say climate change affects human health in direct ways, by the spread of water- and mosquito-borne diseases for example, and indirectly, such as through hunger. Between 2030 and 2050, climate change could result in nearly 250,000 deaths per year -- an estimated 38,000 from high temperatures, 48,000 deaths from diarrhoea, 60,000 from malaria and 95,000 from malnutrition, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). By 2030, the direct damage costs to health will be a whopping two to four billion US dollars (1.9 to 3.8 billion euros) per year, according to the WHO. Patrice Halimi, the secretary general of France's environmental health association, said it is a multi-faceted issue. "Like any other slow-onset disaster, there is not one cause that leads to one effect," he said. "It's a series of events."



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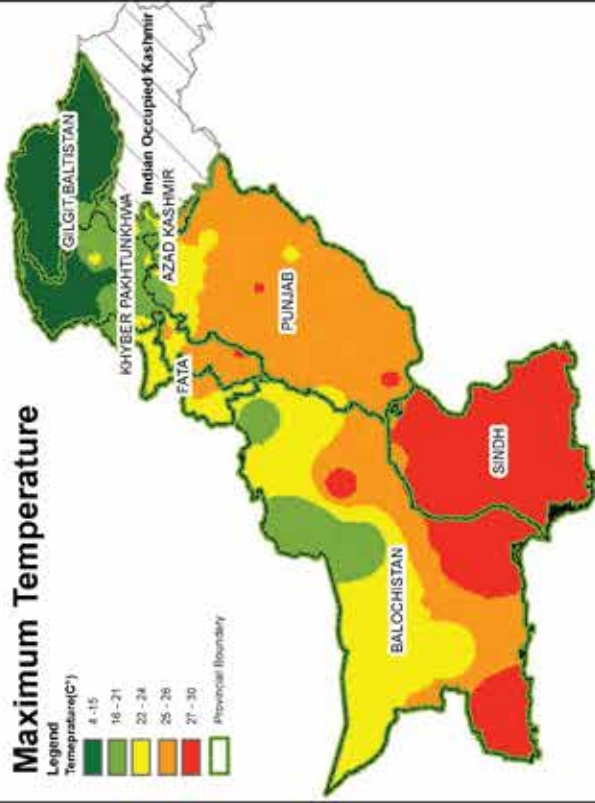
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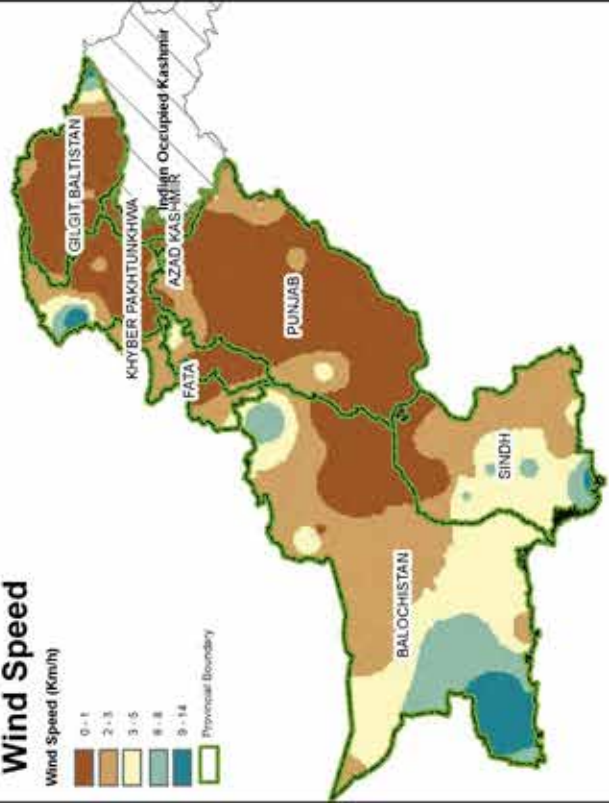
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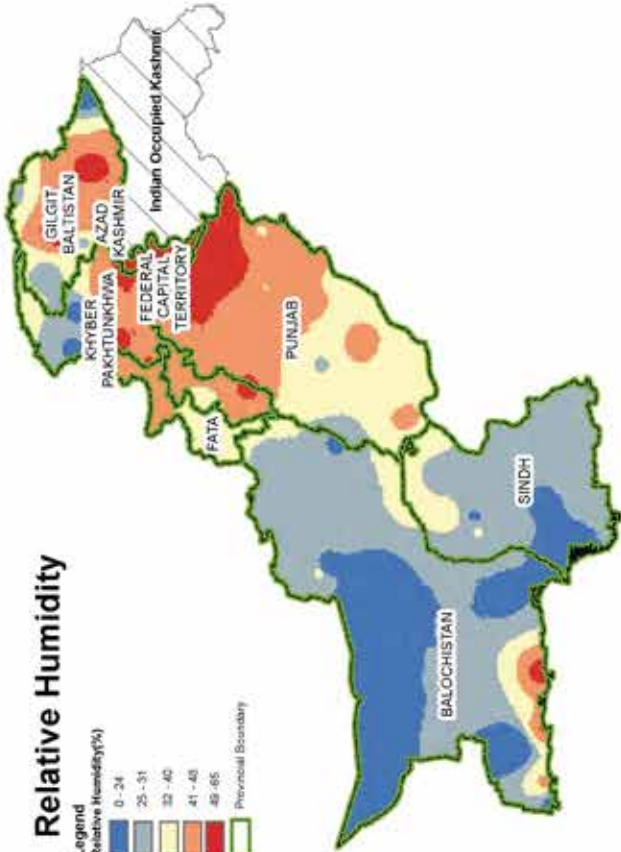
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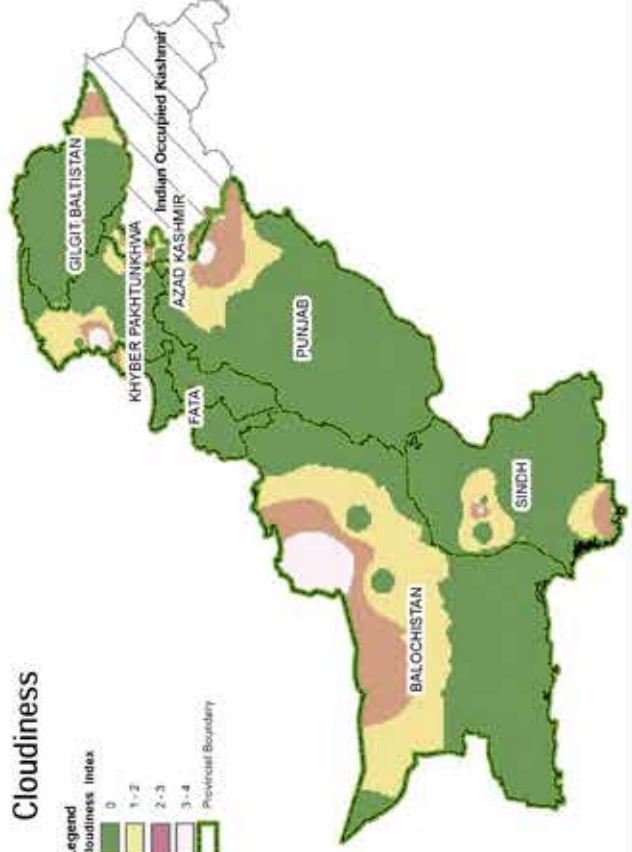
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Provincial Boundary



### Minister to raise Pakistan case at climate conference

*Dawn News, November 28, 2015*

### More resources to control dengue

*The News, November 28, 2015*

### Geo-politics of environmentalism

*The Nation, November 28, 2015*

Halimi said it is not necessarily global warming itself that would lead to a cholera epidemic, but warmer temperatures conducive to deadly outbreaks. Robert Barouki of the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research said that the real difficulty lies in "measuring the part that global warming plays in health issues." Scorching temperatures can cause cardiovascular and respiratory problems, especially in elderly people. "There have always been heatwaves, but their frequency and intensity have increased," Barouki said.

During the widespread 2003 heatwave in Europe, more than 70,000 deaths were recorded. And with more sunlight comes more UV-related risks, like skin cancer, Barouki said. Climate change will also lead to increased deaths from natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes. Weather-related disasters have tripled since the 1960s, WHO says, adding that "every year, these disasters result in over 60,000 deaths, mainly in developing countries." Halimi says global warming will facilitate the spread of infectious diseases which depend on carriers such as mosquitoes.

WHO said that climate change is likely to lengthen the transmission seasons of these "vector-borne" diseases -- which are spread by a vector, or carrier -- and to alter their geographic range. Malaria already kills around 800,000 people per year, according to WHO. Mosquitoes also spread the deadly dengue fever, and some studies suggest that global warming could lead to two billion more people being at risk from the disease by 2080.

The UN agency estimates that China will see an increase in a disease called Schistosomiasis, spread by snails in many underdeveloped regions. Some 240 million people worldwide already suffer from Schistosomiasis. Bruno Housset, head of the French Federation of Pneumology, says an increase in forest fires caused by global warming, especially in the north, would result in more fine particles in the air. These particles are capable of penetrating deep into the lungs and can lead to lung cancer and asthma. Around 300 million people suffer from asthma worldwide, and WHO says the "ongoing temperature increases are expected to increase this burden." Warmer temperatures will also likely help allergy-inducing plants multiply, with Europe's pollen concentration expected to swell fourfold by 2050.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid on Friday said he would highlight Pakistan's case of growing vulnerability to disasters caused by global warming at the global climate conference taking place in Paris from November 30. Briefing the media on the demands the 27-member Pakistan delegation would put forward at the conference he said he would push rich countries for financial and technical support to cope with various climatic risks.

"Sustainability of Pakistan's economy is at stake. Climate change-induced disasters, particularly floods and erratic rainfall patterns, have already affected water, agriculture and energy sectors, which are at the heart of the national socio-economic development goals," he emphasized. He told the media that the event was significant in terms of international climate policy development process. The conference would determine the global climate regime with far-reaching economic, social, technological and policy implications and opportunities for countries in varying degrees. The two-week long climate meeting will be attended by delegations of around 195 developed and developing countries.

Climate change minister Zahid Hamid will lead the Pakistani delegation comprising government officials from different federal, provincial government departments, representatives of NGOs, educational institutions and private sector. He highlighted that Pakistan's contribution to global emissions was minuscule, roughly 0.8 per cent of global GHG emissions. "However, Pakistan is frequently exposed to worsening and extreme weather events such as droughts, sea level rise, floods, landslides, recession of glaciers and glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF); and cyclone activity." The most recent Global Climate Risk Index issued by German Watch, ranks Pakistan as the 10th most vulnerable country to impacts of climate change. During the last 20 years, average annual economic losses due to climate related events have been estimated at \$4 billion," he added. Zahid Hamid explained that the case for Pakistan's exposure to the climate change risks and prevailing opportunities would be compellingly presented at the conference. "We will portray our future economic progress and development objectives and plans as mentioned in Pakistan Vision 2025 and National Climate Change Policy to elaborate on the country's growing economy," he said.

Secretary Health Punjab Jawad Rafiq Malik has said the additional resources will be provided to the Environmental Protection Department for efficient dengue surveillance, especially additional field staff will be employed for the department to strengthen the district setup of Rawalpindi, Faisalabad, Multan and Sheikhupura. Presiding over a meeting for strengthening of the district setup of Environmental Protection Department to further improve the dengue surveillance, he said this additional staff would also provide their services for environmental protection. Special Secretary Health Gulzar Hussain Shah, Director General Environmental Protection Department Javed Iqbal, Deputy Secretary Local Government Najeeb Aslam, Deputy Secretary Finance Dr Noor-ul Ain, Deputy Secretary Budget & Accounts Health Department Safraz Ahmad and other concerned officers attended the meeting.

The great socio-economic divide between the countries of the northern and the southern hemisphere originates from over consumption of resources in the former and the over population in the latter. The access of the countries of the northern hemisphere e.g. US and the European Union to vast natural resources- coal, gas, oil etc., which are ca. three fourths that of the world, therefore, determines the way the people in these countries view problems related to environment e.g. water, food and energy elsewhere. And notwithstanding it's not ratifying the Kyoto protocol (1997), US increased its emissions by 12%, it continued, however, to add to forests, greenways and trees [Renewed every year with the young and new saplings to increase the size of her sink for green house gases (GHG)], -and later, Canada, which withdrew itself from the protocol continues to emit exorbitant amounts of CO2 despite its target to achieve 30% reduction by 2030.

France, however, reduced its average, annual CO2 emissions by 13%-from 564 megatons in 1990

## What Pakistan needs to do to improve its disaster management

*The Nation, November 28, 2015*

to 490 megatons in 2013, compared to 5.2% required by the protocol by 2012, the emergence of some fifty new, big emitters in the region and elsewhere i.e., China, India, Turkey, Egypt, Brazil etc., in the meantime, has added to environmental catastrophes globally, and Pakistan, with the lowest per capita emissions in the world is being worst hit today. And, water and food insecurity, and diseases like cholera, gastroenteritis, typhoid, dengue etc., due to drought, and deluge continue to play havoc with the life and property of people of the country.

Improvement of air quality, reduction in the concentrations of pollutants such as sulphur oxides, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulates, ban on the use of CFCs from air conditioning and removal of lead from gasoline in the US and elsewhere constitutes, however, a big leap forward for the Montreal Protocol. In USA, where the environmental considerations and decision making have always been subject to concerns of the people and the various political parties, whatever they are, they have upheld the peoples' concern in environmental issues. Though a rare phenomenon, while the then US president, George W. Bush was at daggers drawn with the leading US environmentalist and NASA climate scientist, Dr. James E. Hansen for his stance on green house gases and climate change, it, however, failed to subdue the growing American environmentalism. Earlier, soon after the celebration of the first Earth Day in 1970, president Richard Nixon established through an ordinance, the epoch making Environmental Protection Agency in the country, while the congress was sitting.

The recent developments in politics, policies or approach for clean energy, air and water could be termed a great paradigm shift in US history. And "most important politically", as pointed out by environmentalist, Professor Rosenbaum, they "originate from a durable national consensus that environmental protection must be a first-order public concern". The widespread, frequent inundations in Pakistan, point to the urgent need of large reservoirs for storage of water e.g. big dams, including the much needed, rain fed, Kala Bagh Dam, and increasing overall catchment areas by deepening of existing rivers, canals etc., apart from small dams, new lakes and canals. Dry digging a new canal, parallel to Suez by Egypt recently- single handedly, using its own resources, marks the political will and self reliance, much sought after in Pakistan. At the pre-COP21 "Pakistan sey Paris" Forum, a brainchild of the French ambassador, HE Mrs. Martine Dorance and officers of the embassy held recently at Lahore, by teaming with the various UN agencies, academic and government institutions, and NGOs, the importance for public-centric, combined mitigation-adaptation approaches was stressed to overcome the environmental problems inflicting our socio-economic ambience.

The growing interest of students of universities and academia, and of the civil society in environment elsewhere, e.g. NY Institute of Technology NY., The University of Pennsylvania, the public-private partnership in cleaning Cuyahoga river in Cleveland, and Charles Sturt University – city council of Wagga Wagga, Australia, and the "One student – One tree" project started at GCUF and various city areas in 2010 projected a role that the academia and civil society could play together to mitigate climate warming.

While the World Bank in its report declared Pakistan in 2008 as a water stressed country, it is highly deplorable that 34 MAF of water- an amount equivalent at least to five KBDs, continues to be lost annually to the Arabian sea. Quite frequently, there are water shortages of 30-35 MAF at the time of Rabi sowing in the country and if waters of Kabul river were diverted further, this will reduce water flows in the Indus by another 14 %.

According to Small Dams Organisation, it has built 60 small dams in the Pothohar plateau in the Punjab with sites for additional 19 small dams. which it deems too small to make any difference to the large quantity i.e. 104 MAF of water which had been available for irrigation ever since Tarbela dam was commissioned. This does not negate the significance of small dams for a water scarce country like Pakistan.

As of today, KBD is singular as a project which was approved by the council of common interests some sixty years ago involving a substantial outlay of public money on a technical study and feasibility report, water experts from all over the country have been enumerating various benefits of the dam, based on water and food insecurity, and energy shortfalls versus its opposition by certain political groups. Certainly, only big dams like Kala Bagh Dam should be the first order public concern of this country.

The Chief Minister of Punjab Mian Shehbaz Sharif has admitted himself that Pakistan still needs good governance and every department should play its role in the progress of the country. If Khadim-e-Aala's statement comes true, then good news for my fellow citizens is on its way.

I just came across an astonishing fact that even after a decade of the disastrous earthquake of 2005 struck Pakistan, the victims are still facing unbearable difficulties. It seems that time has offered more services of rehabilitation for the poor victims than the government, which had taken billions and billions of dollars of aid from the world promising to rescue these people.

Peeking into the past bring me closer to the time when the 7.6 magnitude earthquake was felt across South Asia especially in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan, causing over 73,000 deaths and a 100,000 more injuries. That was a tragedy; around 2.8 million people got displaced due to this immense tremor. As an international response, Pakistan received a massive amount of aid from all over the world which estimated about \$ 5.8 billion. Yet on the pretext of having less or no funds, most of the rescue work is in jeopardy. The affected area of Azad Jammu Kashmir and North-West Frontier Province suffered massive structural and economic damage. The town of Balakot – where 5,000 people were killed – was completely wiped out.

No doubt natural disaster is inevitable and unavoidable. Although human beings have made tremendous progress but they are still helpless before the cruelties of Nature. These disasters shake up societies from head to toe. People get displaced, houses get broken, properties get destroyed, land sliding takes place disrupting communication and transport, plagues break out and all that is left behind is a hope of rehabilitation. However, wise nations always adopt precautions



## Heirs of earthquake victims compensated, says NDMA

*The News, November 28, 2015*

## KP Assembly completes debate on post-earthquake situation

*The News, November 28, 2015*

against the devastation of natural calamities. On March 11, 2011 an earthquake struck the coast of Japan. The quake also brought forth the largest recorded Tsunami in Japanese history.

A year later, Japan committed to recover from the destruction caused by that earthquake and put all its resources into work to prepare for future disasters, showing the government's sense of responsibility and dedication to its society. A team from Tokyo University drew a conclusion by using seismographic data that there is a 70% probability of a tremor hitting Tokyo over the next four years. According to a report issued by the heritage foundation, Japan advanced its technology in particular fields, like recovery and resilience of critical infrastructure, environmental remediation, compensation and disaster assistance and population resiliency.

On the other hand, in Pakistan, every government focuses on relief that has no long term impact which ultimately leads to the continuing suffering of the affected people. Bearing the brunt of the calamity people reduce to asking for food, water, and for every basic necessity from the government and non-government organizations, even after the government received a large amount of money as international aid. Despite the government's claims of building infrastructure in affected areas, countless children are forced to study without shelter, people are deprived of basic health facilities and roads and bridges are still unrepaired.

The estimation of total loss is unendurable as almost 58,808 schools and colleges as well as 307 hospitals and medical units, 2,393 kilometers of roads and 92 bridges were crumbled which means a total devastation. According to the United States' geological survey Pakistan is the most active quake zone in the Himalayan region. If we carefully observe the measures taken by the Pakistani government in order to avoid such destruction in the future, we see nothing but a bundle of black and white promises.

Every year the promises made by the government of Pakistan to make arrangements to compensate for the misery of affected people, build cities more resilient to disasters and educate the people about disaster risk reduction remain unfulfilled. Over and above the construction of infrastructure also seems unviable. The government's stance in this matter is not only astonishing but particularly abhorrent. Because of other priorities, the government was compelled to divert funds to remedial efforts for other problems and natural disasters, like a heavy flood in 2010-2011 and very recently on 26 Oct another earthquake of magnitude 7.5.

Yet again the government has articulated its concerns over rehabilitation, a compensation for damaged houses in this tremor and appeal for international aid but government official and rescue workers are facing problems in communicating with the authorities in remote areas due to the disrupted communications system and blocked roads that have never been repaired.

In the past, it had been reported by government agencies and different NGOs that far-reaching corruption and lack of transparency in the use of international aid are the main causes in the delay of the rehabilitation process. The evidence is eminent regarding the rehabilitation work which seems a shady project in Pakistan. But, so far, no investigations have been made in this regard. People are still living like they are in the Stone Age in quake affected areas, without clean water, hygienic food, improved infrastructure which depicted a looming gap between state and its inhabitants plus authority's performance spilling into the open.

From the past experiences it can be concluded that we are going to experience more such natural disasters. Then why is the Pakistani government still far away from providing solid solutions for such catastrophes. There is no discord over avoiding such natural calamities completely but the destruction and consequences could be minimized. The act of preventing financial collapse, we need infrastructure that can resist earthquakes, formations of institutes on community basis to educate people, improvement in crisis and disaster management skills, and above all to make the system transparent. These are the precise measures that can help in providing rehabilitation. The formation of the rescue departments and the recruitments of the personnel should be based on fast tracked policies. We need to be more clear and pragmatic and we need to understand the gravity of the matter in the first place, otherwise such disasters would continue to impede the progress of the country.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has so far paid compensation to the heirs of 223 people who died in the earthquake as well as 472 who sustained injuries, said the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

According to an NDMA press release, Punjab has been provided compensation for the heirs of the five people who died, Gilgit-Baltistan for the heirs of 14 dead and 17 injured, FATA for the heirs of 28 dead and 143 injured while Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has been provided compensation for the heirs of the two people who had died.

Likewise, compensation for the damaged houses in the earthquake-hit area has also been initiated. The owners of 68,411 damaged houses have so far been paid compensation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the owners of 20 damaged houses have been compensated in FATA, 20 damaged houses compensated in Gilgit Baltistan and two damaged houses in Punjab for rebuilding the damaged infrastructure.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with all the stakeholders, the Pakistan Armed Forces and the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities, has so far distributed 47,054 tents, 80,088 blankets, 12,094 plastic mats, 968.98 tons of food packs, 22,000 tarpaulins, 14 tons bottled water, 49 water filter plants, 12 generator sets and 27 tons of medicines as part of national relief efforts for the earthquake-hit people.

**PESHAWAR:** The opposition members demanded increase in compensation amount and resurvey to assess the damage as the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly completed debate on the post-earthquake situation on Friday. Winding up the debate, Minister for Public Health Engineering Shah Farman told the House the relief operation had been completed in one month and almost all the

victims had been paid by November 26. "This showed the efficiency of the government and the relevant agencies," he added. The minister said both the federal and provincial governments didn't politicise this natural disaster by avoiding point-scoring as they concentrated on providing relief to the affectees.

Responding to the opposition's argument that the compensation for the damaged houses was inadequate, he said the government adopted a realistic approach so that timely payment could be made to the affectees. He pointed out that Rs200,000 were being paid to those whose houses were completely damaged and 100,000 for every partially damaged house. He challenged the opposition to pinpoint any irregularity as complete list of payment of compensation to the victims was available.

Earlier, Dr Haider Ali of Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI), Mufti Fazal Ghafoor of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), Pakistan People's Party (PPP)'s Muhammad Ali Shah Bacha, and Sardar Zahoor and Rishad Khan of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) took part in the debate.

The legislators expressed dissatisfaction at the role of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA). They said the affectees had to stay under the open sky without tents, blankets and food items as the relief agencies had failed to reach the affected areas in time.

They complained that many deserving people had been ignored in the damage assessment survey. There referred to reports of nepotism and lack of medicines and treatment facilities in Shangla and Buner.

The lawmakers called for establishing the offices of the PDMA at the district or divisional level. However, almost all of them appreciated the prime minister, chief minister and army authorities for the quick response and visits to the affected areas. The members condemned the attack on Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) leader and federal Minister for Housing and Works Akram Khan Durrani in Bannu and said it happened due to security failure.

Mufti Janan and Shah Hussain of the JUI-F, Syed Jafar Shah of the Awami National Party (ANP), Sardar Aurangzeb Nalotha of the PML-N, PTI's Shah Muhammad Khan, Bakht Baidar of Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) and Senior Minister Inayatullah Khan of the Jamaat-i-Islami condemned the attack. They said they were united against terrorism and sabotage activities. The lawmakers said nobody was safe including ministers, MPAs and political leaders. However, they said after the Zarb-e-Azb Operation and National Action Plan the situation had improved to a great extent even though the threats still existed.

The House prayed for those killed and injured in the Bannu attack. It also adopted two resolutions moved by Mehmood Jan of the PTI. Through one resolution the federal government and Ministry of Hajj and Religious Affairs was asked to take notice of the private hajj tour operators as they were charging high fee but providing poor accommodation and travel facilities. The resolution asked the government to make arrangements for the hajj and save the pilgrims from exploitation at the hands of the private operators. The resolution said the government should abolish the Hajj quota of private operator. It was signed by Arbab Akbar Hayat, Syed Jafar Shah, Munawar Khan, Bakht Baidar and Abdul Muneem Khan.

Through another resolution, the regularisation of services of ad hoc doctors was demanded. Salim Khan from the PPP on a call attention notice drew the attention of the House toward heavy snowfall in Broghal valley in Chitral district. He said there was an acute shortage of food and medicines in the area. The MPA from Chitral demanded immediate supply of food and other necessary items for the residents of the valley. Senior Minister Inayatullah assured the House that the government would take immediate steps for supplying food and other relief items to the residents of the affected valley.

Sardar Aurangzeb Nalotha raised the issue of deputy speaker and pointed out that the post had been lying vacant for about 15 months. The government has set a record of running one session for more than a year, he remarked. The legislator requested the speaker to announce schedule for the election of the deputy speaker post election or else the opposition would be forced to stage protest against the unprecedented delay. Speaker Asad Qaiser told the House that the matter had already been sent to the governor and nomination papers for the post would be submitted on December 21 and election would be held on the 22 of the next month. He adjourned the session for November 30.

Despite the fact that degradation of air quality in the country, in big cities in particular, has assumed alarming proportions, all air quality monitoring stations in the country have been lying shut down for the last six years except the one made functional in Peshawar last year.

According to a report issued by the WHO in 2014, Karachi is the fifth most polluted city in the world in terms of air pollution with toxic particulate matter (PM2.5) at 117 ug/m3 (micrograms per cubic metre of air). Peshawar and Rawalpindi closely follow at 111 ug/m3 and 107 ug/m3 against the WHO's permissible limit of 25 ug/m3 for 24 hours. Particulate matter (PM2.5) consists of tiny inhalable particles, smaller than 2.5 microns, exposure to which can cause lung and heart diseases because they can get deep into human lungs, and some may even get into bloodstream. These particles are found near roadways, dusty industries and in smoke and haze.

An ambient (outdoor) air quality monitoring survey carried out in Lahore by the Environment Protection Agency in January 2010 showed that particulate matter (2.5) in the Township area of the city reached 80ug/m3 in the non-rainy season. In June 2014, when EPA Punjab rehabilitated Lahore's two monitoring stations, they recorded particulate matter (2.5) in the city at 110ug/m3, which is more than four times the permissible limit.

The World Health Organisation gathered data from more than 1,600 cities for the years 2008 to 2013. The air pollution of the Pakistani cities cited by the WHO is also based on old data produced

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## Quake surprise

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## Impact of climate, human behaviour should be studied for dengue fever control during off-season

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in 2008-2010 when monitoring stations in five major cities including Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta were operational. It can be safely assumed that since then air pollution has worsened owing to an increase in the number of motor vehicles as well as growth in population. No latest figures of ambient air quality are available for cities because fixed and mobile stations for monitoring and measuring air quality installed in 2007 in five major cities shut down in 2010. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) had provided Pakistan a grant of \$1,233 million to set up these monitoring stations with a warning that sustainability of these stations depended upon uninterrupted maintenance and supply of kits for laboratory tests. However, this advice fell on deaf ears.

In Karachi, Quetta and Islamabad, air monitoring stations are still non-functional. In Peshawar, the station has been restored last year. In Lahore, after having remained closed for three years, the two stations were made functional in 2014 but currently they are working at half their capacity for want of repair and maintenance; eight out of 18 analysers in these monitoring stations are out of order. The mobile station in Lahore does not even have a driver to run the vehicle. The Punjab government doles out billions on luxury projects but cannot spare a small amount of Rs2.5 million needed for annual repairs and maintenance to keep them fully functional. Compared to our dismal state, 320 air monitoring stations are working all over India, 70 in Iran and 26 in Dubai. The environment is quite low on the priority list of our provincial governments. For example, in FY2014-15, the Punjab government allocated an annual development budget of Rs190 million on environment projects but spent only Rs20 million (10.5 percent of the total). The same was the case in the preceding year 2013-14, when the Punjab government had spent only Rs47 million on the environment projects out of an original allocation of Rs164 million.

In 2008, the Federal Ministry of Environment had formulated a Pakistan Clean Air Programme (PCAP) but it proved to be non-starter. Following the 18th Amendment in April 2010, the subject of environment was devolved to the provinces which put the clean air initiatives on the backburner. The rapidly increasing number of motor vehicles has increased the amount of nitrogen oxides whose value has been found to be four to six times more than the normal value in big cities like Lahore and Karachi. This can be checked by enforcing strict standards of emissions on motor vehicles. We need to adopt Euro-5 and Euro-6 emission standards if we need to save our future generations.

One major reason of the high levels of sulphur oxides in ambient air of big cities and on highways is that sulphur content in diesel in our country is about one percent – which is much higher than the 0.03 percentage in Europe. The government needs to fix new standards for sulphur content in diesel being used in our country.

Air pollution is not only contributing to increased respiratory and heart diseases but the haze and fog in winters in many parts of the country also bring life to a standstill. As the winter sets in, dense layers of fog envelopes most parts of Punjab for up to 16 hours a day. A study by the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (Suparco) in 2007 pointed out that it is not only motor vehicles but coal-fired power stations in neighbouring Indian Punjab that are responsible for fog in our side of Punjab.

In Indian Punjab, 14 thermal units of coal-fired plants burn 13.6 million tonne of coal annually, releasing huge quantities of flying ash and sulphur dioxide into ambient air. Because of proximity and wind factor, these coal plants are causing air pollution and dense fog. The long hours of fog have caused huge economic losses as it results in stunted growth of plants and reduced activity owing to low visibility on highways. But no government has ever bothered to take up this issue with the Indian authorities.

The overall approach of the authorities and the civil society is to ignore environmental issues. We are paying a high price for this neglect in terms of massive spending on health problems, and will pay a still higher price in the days to come if this attitude does not change for the better.

The earthquake that struck the north-western areas of the country on November 22 came nearly a month after a powerful 7.5 magnitude earthquake jolted the country and its neighbours on October 26, killing nearly 300 people. The Nov 22 earthquake's depth was measured at 57.4 miles, with a magnitude of 6.2 on the Richter scale, making it less severe in intensity than the previous one. One thing is clear: an earthquake of this magnitude cannot be an aftershock.

This earthquake came as a surprise to everyone in the major cities, proving the sluggishness and inactivity of the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). There can be two probabilities for this lapse: the people associated with it are either not qualified enough or else they are deliberately lethargic in performing their duties. The PMD should have issued a warning beforehand to make people mentally prepared for the earthquake. The authorities concerned should take the matter seriously in order to save people from calamities in the future.

**Islamabad:** With 526 confirmed cases and one death so far in the federal capital, the dengue fever outbreak appeared as a greater health threat after major outbreak of the infection in 2011 compelling planners and authorities to plan for developing a foolproof mechanism and achieve a better level of preparedness to deal with the infection's expected outbreak in the coming year that might be far more aggressive. In the face of existing threat of the disease as epidemiologically if there are more cases in the current year more would be the chances of hemorrhagic manifestations in 2016 as the disease is expected to re-appear in the months from August to November.

In Islamabad rural, technically qualified and trained staff successfully monitored the trend of the disease and analyzed data for taking prompt and timely interventions. It is obvious that the experience of dealing with the outbreak demands exercising a high level of preparedness in the dengue high transmission season next year. District Health Officer Islamabad Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Durrani, who is an epidemiologist, expressed this while talking to 'The News' on Thursday

in connection with preparatory actions required during the off season for prevention and control of dengue fever in the year 2016.

Gradual distribution and expansion of dengue fever was seen from lower areas to upper areas of the country in the decade, from 2003-2013, till it became endemic in Pakistan with periodic outbreaks and has spread to affect both urban and rural areas and is present in most parts of the country. It has special relation to temperature, rains, congested population, infected population and human behavior, said Dr. Durrani. He believes that the measures taken by the Health Department ICT for prevention and control of dengue fever from August to November this year need to be complemented by the well-thought off actions on the basis of scientific evidences generated through previous five years data and experiences for the next appearance of disease in 2016 to sustain efforts and to further improve disease surveillance, case response through specifically targeting areas where the disease had struck last year, thereby strengthening early warning and timely epidemiological response and capacity building.

Dengue, 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 effective case management to prevent death and vector control to reduce viral transmission. Like other health experts, Dr. Durrani said the best method to reduce transmission of dengue virus is to control vector mosquitoes and protection against mosquitoes bites. He added that Pakistan is currently facing a burden of diseases on several fronts, related to the rapid epidemiological transition, demographic transition, economic and socio-cultural transitions. Country faces a substantial morbidity burden from communicable diseases mainly from dengue fever, diarrheal diseases and tuberculosis. Most of the risk factors of these diseases are known although the role of climate change in relation to the increase in trends, occurrence of outbreaks and increase in incidence in some areas, and not in others, has not been studied so far. In general, high humidity and temperature are conditions that favor dengue vector's survival, increasing the likelihood of transmission that requires an infected traveler in the season. Human behavior plays an important role in spread and control of dengue. Congested living, presence of solid waste, trash, and poor water storage practices are the main reasons for poor control, he said.

Dengue fever was reported in this region of the country in September 2003 from Mangla near Jehlum and in Haripur and in October same year in Soon Valley Khoshab, although it was discovered first in Hub District Lasbella in Balochistan among factory workers in 1992. Later, two years after its appearance in 2003 it was reported from Kotli, AJK, and after four years in 2007, the dengue fever was reported from Islamabad and was confirmed. Mass transit or human travel is an important factor in spread and propagation of the disease to new areas, said Dr. Durrani adding fortunately he investigated all these outbreaks from the platform of National Institute of Health and WHO by visiting all these areas.

Talking of preventive measures at the moment, he said during the off season in the beginning of winter, the main action against dengue vectors should be spraying with insecticides, as dengue vector tries to fly from outside environment to inside rooms in search of relatively warmer places. It is time for water treatment of stagnant water ponds and over flowing water in buildings by temephos granules, container checking and health education to community. In cold weather, the biting and flying ability of the mosquitoes is diminished to a minimal level, he added. He said during off season, inspectors from the vector control section of the health departments should work hard for outdoor surveillance particularly at sites regarded as hot spots like solid waste dumps, junkyards, grave yards, tire shops, under construction and abandoned buildings, nurseries etc. on regular basis. He added the field teams must give attention to scrubbing means destroying laid down eggs that look like as thick black line on the border where water film touches the cistern, water tank or the water container. This action which is often a neglected is very important measure to prevent mosquitoes to hatch from the eggs that have been laid in the start of winter season and these would be ready for the next summer to sprout and become adult mosquitoes to acquire infection by biting infected people and cause transmission of disease, said Dr. Durrani while responding to a query.

He added 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. Social mobilization and continued indoor surveillance by Lady Health Workers during off season is a must if we want to avoid dengue fever outbreak in future, said Dr. Durrani. He said LHWs should visit each and every house in their catchment areas on regular basis to check for any breeding site and should mechanically destroy those besides educating women and children in the community about safe water storage practices and keeping vigilance in their homes and around where rain water could be collected leading to mosquitoes breeding. Off season is a good period for capacity building of health care workers on vector control activities for outreach teams and clinical case management for the hospital staff. School children are to be educated on regular basis through small and simple topics in the school about preventive measures against dengue fever, said Dr. Durrani. He said it is convenient for the health departments to initiate procurement process for acquiring WHO prequalified insecticides that are effective and not toxic to humans. Similarly quality fogging machines and spray pumps are to be acquired and should be kept in a ready position. Also during the off season, health departments should arrange for Insecticide Treated Bed Nets (ITNs) for the next season, said Dr. Durrani.

**THATTA:** Fisherman Muhammad Yusuf's family has been living on the island of Hajamaro, just over three miles off the coast of Sindh, for generations. But the island that was once a happy home has now become a prison. Sea level rise and frequent cyclones are eroding Yusuf's property. Decreasing fish stocks are threatening his livelihood. And relentless health problems are killing his children.

Some 60 families like Yusuf's live on a cluster of more than a dozen islands off Keti Bunder, a port

## Climate change causing surge in migration: experts

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on the Arabian Sea in Thatta district. With too little money to move to the mainland, they feel trapped. "If we had sufficient resources to relocate, we would have moved to Thatta city some five years ago and quit fishing," said 62-year-old Yusuf.

Across Pakistan, families are struggling against rising sea level, droughts, floods and other climate-change related pressures. Many of them — those luckier or richer than Yusuf's family — move to safer ground in new areas. Others are trapped where they are. But as the number of families forced from their homes — or threatened by staying in them — continues to rise, the country's resources are coming under increasing strain, experts say. Without more work to help families adapt effectively to the changing conditions, they say, the country could see surging numbers of people migrating.

#### **Struggling at home**

Life on Hajamaro island is becoming nearly impossible, Yusuf says. With each passing day, the rising sea claims someone else's land, or another family's shack, he said.

Fish stocks near the shore are falling, in part as a result of rising pollution from nearby Karachi, where large quantities of untreated industrial waste are discharged into the ocean, according to Hameedullah Jan, a former environment minister.

The pollution pushes fishermen into deeper waters to find a catch, despite not having the right boats or nets for the job, he said.

The drinking water that island families fetch by travelling to Thatta city also is becoming more saline, due to seawater intrusion in underground supplies. They have no choice but to drink it, however, because they can't afford to buy clean water, Yusuf says.

With limited access to potable water and pollution tainting their staple food of fish, Yusuf's children often suffer from diarrhoea and fever — and the family is too poor to take them to the doctor. Yusuf and his wife, Parto Bhari, have already lost two daughters to diarrhoea this year. Now their three sons aged 4, 10 and 12 are sick too. "I can do nothing but keep praying for better health for my ailing sons," Bhari said quietly.

#### **Adaptation of migration**

A 2012 report by Asian Development Bank estimates that by 2050 there will be more than 250 million people in Bangladesh and Pakistan living in 'hot spots' threatened by negative climate change impacts, such as flooding or drought. "While most people will adapt in situ, the potential for redistribution of population through migration is substantial," the report said. Environmentalists in Pakistan say rising numbers of people have fled country's coastal region in recent years to escape rising sea levels and saltwater contamination, and their movement could be just the beginning. Experts and activists are calling for the government to intervene. According to Arif Ahmad Khan, the Climate Change secretary, Pakistan's constitution obliges the government to provide the "basic necessities of life" such as food, housing and education.

But while officials often pay compensation to people affected by development projects such as roads or bridges, they do little to aid those who need resettling as a result of climate-related problems, he said. Sarwar Bari, national coordinator of an Islamabad-based NGO, said migration levels could surge in the next few years unless officials initiate measures to help people cope with problems such as erratic rainfall, droughts, and floods.

"The government should include climate-related migration in its national climate change policy and help people cope financially with the phenomenon," he said. It's not as easy as moving families out of hot spots into urban areas, said Shafqat Aziz, a food security expert with Oxfam Novib, the Dutch affiliate of the development charity. That would only increase the pressure on the resources of already congested cities, he said. "The government should first map all the vulnerable areas to collect authentic data at the national level and then come up with a cogent policy to deal with the issue," he said.

Mr Aziz believes the best way to handle a potential migration surge is to make sure people don't need to leave their homes in the first place. The government should educate those living in vulnerable areas on ways of adapting to the impacts of climate change, such as changing farming cultivation patterns, he said. "Local adaptation plans can help people ensure their livelihoods and safety in the face of calamities like floods, droughts and earthquakes," he said. On Hajamaro island, Yusuf is not sure help will come in time. "The rising sea has started swallowing our home, our livelihood, and our children," he said. "Perhaps it's in our destiny to be destroyed by nature."

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Pakistan on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the establishment of the Pakistan National Disaster Management Fund to strengthen the country's disaster resilience, emergency response, and reconstruction capacity. Tariq Bajwa, Secretary Economic Affairs Division, and Werner E. Liepach, ADB's Country Director for Pakistan, signed the letter of exchange for the establishment of the fund which will support disaster risk reduction efforts, enhanced fiscal resilience in case of disasters, and provide for priority relief, recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction needs. Pakistan Minister for Finance and ADB Governor Ishaq Dar witnessed the signing.

Pakistan is vulnerable to natural hazards including droughts, earthquakes, floods and cyclones. More than 30 million people were affected by the three major floods events in 2010, 2011 and 2014 that resulted in damage and losses amounting to \$14.1 billion, and in 2005 a major earthquake caused more than 73,000 deaths and \$5 billion in losses. The country also experienced a major cyclone in 2007 and drought in 2015 that collectively affected a million people. About two-fifths of the country is classified as semi-arid to arid, with many susceptible parts now frequently experiencing drought conditions.

"The fund will institute a new and robust approach in mobilising financial resources to respond to

#### **Memo signed with ADB to set up NDMF**

*Brecorder, November 27, 2015*

### Forests offer most effective solution to issue of environment

Online Indus, November 27, 2015

### Earthquake: heirs of 223 dead, 472 injured of KP compensated: NDMA

Brecorder, November 27, 2015

### Earthquake jolts Swat, surrounding areas

Daily Times, November 26, 2015

### Islamabad, Beijing all-weather strategic partners now: China

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the residual impacts of natural disasters. It will serve as an effective government-owned mechanism to support disaster risk financing and financing that can enhance Pakistan's resilience to future disaster events," said Liepach. The fund will allow rapid deployment of assistance on a needs basis to implement the under-resourced National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP), and will present a common window to pool various contributions from a diverse base of contributors, serving as a vehicle for donor alignment and co-ordination by the government. The window will cater to disaster risk management, disaster risk financing, and sustained relief, recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation. It will also ensure good governance and effective fiduciary oversight for disaster financing and management through the Trustee, Technical Advisory Committee, a dedicated Secretariat and a fund manager, supervised by a Steering Committee led by the finance ministry with representatives from National Disaster Management Authority, relevant federal and provincial ministries and departments, and contributors from the international donor community, philanthropists, and the private sector.

ADB, based in Manila, is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 members - 48 from the region. In 2014, ADB assistance totalled \$22.9 billion, including co-financing of \$9.2 billion.

**ISLAMABAD:** The scope of Forestry has been expanded tremendously because it offers the most effective solution to the global issue of climate change and loss of biodiversity.

This was stated by a senior official of ministry of climate change while talking to APP. The official while giving detail of global issues of climate change said that due to a rapid desertification due to air and water pollution in Pakistan, Ministry of Climate Change has announced Forest Policy 2015 for Public Review and Comments.

In view of Pakistan's high vulnerability to adverse impacts of climate change, in particular to extreme events, mitigation and adaptation measures are the focus of this Policy, the official added. He further said that tremendous role of Forestry in climate change mitigation has been overwhelmingly recognized at international level. Pakistan, as a party to international agreements and conventions, has various commitments and obligations related to forests which requires national-level actions and the cooperation of all segments of the society and federating units, she informed. The official said that federal government would soon be promulgating an umbrella forest policy which aims at bolstering provincial forest policies.

**ISLAMABAD:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has so far been provided the compensation for the heirs of 223 dead, 472 injured of the earthquake, said National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). According to NDMA press release, Punjab has been provided compensation for family of 5 dead, Gilgit-Baltistan for families of 14 dead and 17 injured, FATA for heirs of 28 dead and 143 injured while Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) has been provided the compensation for the families of 2 dead.

Likewise, compensation for damaged houses in earthquake hit area has also been initiated. The owners of 68,411 damaged houses has so far been paid compensation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the owners of 20 damaged houses has been compensated in FATA, 20 damaged houses compensated in Gilgit Baltistan and 2 damaged houses in Punjab for rebuilding damaged infrastructure. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with all stakeholders, Pakistan Armed Forces and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities have so far distributed 47,054 tents, 80,088 blankets, 12094 plastic mats, 968.98 tons of food packs, 22,000 tarpaulins, bottled water 14 tons, 49 water filter plants, 12 generator sets and 27 tons of medicines as part of national relief efforts for the earthquake affectees.

**ISLAMABAD:** An earthquake measuring on Richter scale 4.4 with depth 10 kilometer was felt in Swat and surrounding areas on Thursday morning. According to PTV news, people of the area came out with reciting of Kalma Taiyyaba as they are already scared of 26 October earthquake in Swat and many parts of the country.

According to the Met office the epicenter of the earthquake was Pakistan-Afghanistan/Tajikistan's mountainous area. The seismic activity jolted the areas around 9:01AM (PST), spreading panic among the people, however no casualties were reported.

**ISLAMABAD:** China's Ambassador to Pakistan Sun Weidong Wednesday said Islamabad and Beijing have upgraded their bilateral relations to an all-weather strategic cooperation partnership.

"We have upgraded our bilateral relations to all-weather strategic cooperation partnership. I am convinced that with our joint efforts, our friendship will grow much stronger; our strategic cooperation will be much more solid and the Community of China-Pakistan Shared Destiny will be realised at an early date," he told the launching ceremony of a book, 'You and Us', compiled by ex-Chinese ambassador to Pakistan Lu Shulin, at a local hotel.

The ambassador said the Pakistani people despite having different backgrounds in terms of cultures and languages are united in their support for the China-Pakistan friendship. "Because of this consensus, the China-Pakistan friendship could eventually transform into a big river which crosses over the forests, plains and enrich all the living creatures," he told the ceremony.

The ambassador said with the implementation of China-Pakistan economic corridor, people-to-people exchanges and the progress of a number of substantive cooperation projects, more and more young people have joined the ranks of participating and supporting China-Pakistan friendship. "Right now, there has emerged a new vocabulary on China-Pakistan friendship and there is an upsurge among the Pakistani young people to learn Chinese. Indeed, fresh vitality has been brought out of the China-Pakistan friendship," he said. The envoy said publication of the book will be a gift for the year. "It will surely enhance the mutual understanding, mutual trust and friendship between the two peoples, as well as encourage and inspire more people to be engaged



### Measures being taken to control dengue menace

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in promoting friendship between the two countries," he said, and added, "Let's work together to embrace the promising future of China-Pakistan relationship." The book unfolds in-depth and historical perspective of the two countries' relationship that is rooted in the hearts of their people. The book contains stories written by veteran diplomats and celebrities who have long been engaged in friendly exchanges between the two countries. It carries memories of those leaders and diplomats who played their role in developing the friendship into an iron-brotherhood. A delegation of former Chinese ambassadors to Pakistan also attended the ceremony, that was arranged by the Chinese embassy in collaboration with Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies. Ahsan Iqbal hoped the CPEC will further cement relationship between two countries for their mutual benefit. "This mega project has transformed our relationship into the community of shared destiny. Now, the two countries are moving towards geo-economic partnership to improve the living conditions of their people," he added.

**RAWALPINDI:** District government in collaboration with Health Department and other institutions are taking all preventive measures to control dengue in different areas of the city. Talking to APP, Dr Muhammad Tahir an official of Health Department, said that measures are being taken to provide treatment to dengue patients admitted in various hospitals. He said directives have been given to the Allied Hospital for providing better treatment to the patients coming from different areas to eliminate dengue.

"Twelve patients are admitted in three hospitals including Benazir Bhutto, Holy Family and District Hospital for diagnosing dengue while seven patients are declared negative," he added.

He informed that the samples of five other patients have been sent for checking dengue virus. A patient has been declared positive with dengue, adding he is being treated properly. Meanwhile, the campaign is in full swing in all areas of the district so that people take precautionary measures to avoid dengue. Banners and posters have been displayed for awareness among the masses to prevent spread of dengue in the district. Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab, Dr Waseem Akram on Wednesday urged all departments to continue their efforts for complete elimination of dengue virus from the province.

Addressing a meeting held at the commissioner's office, he said indoor and outdoor fumigation to be carried out on daily basis to control the virus as dengue mosquitoes are prevailing into the houses and all precautionary measures should be taken to check spread of dengue virus.

He appreciated the steps taken by all departments concerned for conducting anti-dengue spray, as the number of dengue patients has decreased in Punjab. Akram said that the ongoing efforts against dengue would help in controlling the deadly virus, the residents should cooperate with the staff to eradicate the deadly disease, he added.

### Environment: SC dissatisfied with efforts of provinces

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**ISLAMABAD:** The country's top court on Wednesday expressed dismay over the apathy of provincial governments in controlling environmental degradation. A three judge bench of the Supreme Court, headed by chief justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, on Wednesday took up the 2003 suo motu case regarding pollution.

As the court heard the case on Wednesday, provincial governments submitted progress reports regarding actions that they had taken for controlling environmental degradation. Additional Advocate General (AAG) Qazi Shahryar, who submitted the report for Sindh, said that notices had been issued to those factories which were not following environmental laws. Dissatisfied, the bench asked whether it should ignore how the provincial administration had only issued the notices to violators after the case had been pending for 12 years. Pointing out how the poor environmental situation in Karachi, CJ Jamali sought details of violators who had been punished.

"Ghost employees are common in municipal committees," he added, noting that the department responsible for maintaining cleanliness in the city cares little for it and whether SC judges should themselves monitor them.

### Rehabilitation of quake victims in Chitral sought

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**PESHAWAR:** Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) provincial chief Mushtaq Ahmad Khan on Tuesday urged the provincial government to take measures for early rehabilitation of the flood and earthquake victims of Chitral district.

Speaking at a press conference at the Peshawar Press Club here, he said the recent flash floods and tremors played havoc with lives and properties in the largest district of the province.

Flanked by Maulana Abdul Akbar Chitrali, Chitral district nazim Maghfirat Shah and others, he said the relief and rescue work needed to be expedited to ease the hardships of the victims. He urged the federal government to include the Chitral district in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project as it would help boost trade with the Central Asian States and economic status of the people of the remote district.

### Parliament House to be converted into 'Green House'

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**ISLAMABAD:** Parliament House is going to be turned into 'Green House' as a one-megawatt solar project for it will be made functional on December 6.

According to reports, Chinese government has gifted a one megawatt solar power generation system with the total cost of Rs 550 million as a friendship gesture. It is the first project under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), aimed to transform the Parliament House into one of world's greenest parliaments. After competition, the project would generate one megawatt electricity that would not only reduce the expenditure of the parliament building but also contribute to generate excessive electricity to meet the requirements of the parliament building.

### ANP leaders want action over spread of dengue & Congo virus

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**PESHAWAR:** Awami National Party (ANP) leaders on Tuesday asked the provincial government to take action against the officials of the Health Department for the failure to counter spread of dengue fever and Congo virus.

The demand was made by the ANP leaders Arbab Muhammad Khan Tahir and Arbab Daud Khan during a press conference here. They said that about 350 cases of dengue fever had been reported

## Effective steps bring dengue deaths to zero in KP so far

*The News, November 25, 2015*

## KP Assembly witnesses heated debate on relief and rehabilitation activities

*The News, November 25, 2015*

in the provincial metropolis in the last two months.

They said that nine persons had died of the virus in Tehkal and Tapa Khalil areas in Peshawar. They demanded formation of a Judicial Commission to probe and fix responsibility for the failure to counter the virus. The leaders also demanded the government to accept its failure and tender an apology to the people. They asked the rulers to announce compensation for the families of the victims of the virus.

**ISLAMABAD:** After taking reins in the province, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) has managed to bring down dengue related deaths to zero while the number of patients affected by the virus have also seen significant reduction, official data shows. While Punjab is still struggling to control dengue outbreak with at least seven confirmed deaths so far this year while KP has not witnessed a single death from the deadly virus in the corresponding period.

According to certified information provided to The News by Director General Health Services, KP 2013 was the deadliest year for the province when it comes to dengue fever as 43 patients died after contracting the virus. This was the year when PTI government was installed in KP. For next two years, not a single dengue related death was reported officially, according to documents released under the KP right to information law. According to official documents 11,818 patients of dengue were registered in KP in 2013 while the number of patients reduced to only 908 in 2014. This year, so far 2,040 dengue patients have been recorded in the province. However death toll for 2014 and 2015 remained nil, says the document.

The certified document also revealed that an amount of Rs59 million was spent by the provincial government on anti-dengue measures during the fiscal year 2013-14. The amount was largely spent on chief minister's emergency fund. "For the financial year 2014-15 another Rs20.6 million was earmarked to curb dengue in KP. For the ongoing fiscal year the procurement process is still under way," says the DG Health KP in response to a query by The News about the fiscal details of anti-dengue measures. The News had sent the similar information request to the Punjab government under Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013 but so far no response has been given by the health department.

However, according to media reports, at least seven dengue related deaths have been confirmed in the province in 2015 so far. The Director General (DG) Health Punjab, Dr Amjad Shahzad has told newsman that 4,200 dengue cases had been reported in Punjab this year. Most of these cases (3,260) were reported in Rawalpindi while over 300 were reported in Multan and 112 in Lahore.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly on Tuesday witnessed a heated debate on the relief operation in the October 26 earthquake affected areas as the opposition expressed dissatisfaction at the slow pace of rehabilitation activities. Since a one-point agenda was fixed for the day, Syed Jaffar Ali Shah of the Awami National Party (ANP) kicked off the debate. He said affectees in his constituency were forced to migrate to other areas due to damaged infrastructure.

The legislator said students had to sit under the open sky over snow in the valley as school buildings had been damaged. Terming compensation amount inadequate, he said the Rs200,000 compensation for a destroyed house was too meager to construct a bathroom, let alone a house. Bakht Baidar of the Qaumi Watan Party (QWP) complained of injustice in the damage assessment survey. He said many affectees were ignored and only a few hundreds were provided relief, claiming the actual number was high.

The lawmaker said the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) should brief the assembly members over the relief and compensation process. He thanked the prime minister and chief minister for their quick response and visits to the quake-hit areas, but said the survey was not satisfactory and should be re-conducted. Zarin Gul of the ANP also demanded conducting of a fresh survey. He said in Torghar district of the Hazara Division eight union councils were severely damaged. He said the district should be provided a special relief package. The lawmaker said the schools destroyed in the October 2005 earthquake were not yet reconstructed. He asked the government to permit timber movement in the district for the reconstruction of affected houses. He suggested a PDMA cell should be opened at the district-level. Taking part in the debate, the opposition leader in the assembly Maulana Lutfur Rahman said the government and departments lacked the capability to respond quickly and tackle natural calamities. He said a lack of coordination between the federal and provincial governments was observed in the post-quake situation. He urged early restoration of health and education institutions. The opposition leader complained that the Mufti Mahmood Public School and College, an institution spread over 100 kanals of land, was running without a permanent principal. It, he said, belied the government claim about education emergency.

Sahibzada Sanaullah of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in his maiden speech in the assembly after taking oath last month also complained of nepotism in the survey. He accused the local administration of ignoring the deserving people. The legislator said the PDMA provided only 200 tents while 4,000 houses were damaged in his constituency. In Upper Dir, he added, 12,643 houses were damaged but the PDMA provided only 3,400 tents, he said. Sahibzada Sanaullah complained that the local administration accepted only 200 affectees claims out of 843 and rejected the remaining because of lack of pictures of the damaged house. The lawmaker also complained that 11 seriously injured persons from his constituency who were shifted to Peshawar were not properly treated for three days, who were admitted by the hospital administrator whom he met. He warned of protest if the grievances of affectees were not removed. Salim Khan of the PPP demanded resurvey and said the actual number of damaged houses was very high. He claimed 400 houses were fully damaged and 16,000 partially in Chitral. He also called for opening Rescue 1122 service in the district and said the PDMA should have a helicopter for rescue operation.

Abdul Muneem from Shangla supported the demand for increase of the compensation amount, but

## Heaps of garbage along Expressway an eyesore for motorists

*Daily Times, November 25, 2015*

## 'All affectees to be included in survey'

*Express Tribune, November 25, 2015*

## PTI under fire for ineffective response to earthquake

*Express Tribune, November 24, 2015*

said the critics should know that the last government paid Rs175,000 for fully damaged houses and that too in installments. Sardar Aurangzeb Nalotha of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz appreciated the coordination between federal and provincial governments. He said both the set ups did not do point scoring over the disaster. Responding to the points raised by the opposition members, Senior Minister Inayatullah said the response to the earthquake was exemplary as the schools and other buildings destroyed in the 2005 quake were yet to be constructed. He said the damage assessment process had been completed in one week and compensation paid within a month. He said the compensation payment process would end on the 26th of this month. Rejecting complaints about the shortcomings in the survey, the minister said the army, district administration and elected representatives had conducted the survey. The debate was going on when the speaker adjourned the session for Friday.

**ISLAMABAD:** Garbage heap at Korang Nullah along the expressway exposed the high claims of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to make the city clean and green. Nauseating smell produced by the garbage heap is a constant irritant for residents and motorists using the busy road on daily basis. Residents of the area think that the CDA and private housing societies on both sides of the expressway are equally responsible for the unhygienic situation because they do not have appropriate facilities to dispose of the solid waste in an environment friendly manner. Talking to a news agency, residents and visitors of the area said that sanitary workers and garbage collectors from different localities dump filth in the Korang Nullah which sometimes block the flow of water and caused flash floods especially during the monsoon season. Locals said that no existing or upcoming housing society has a proper design or plan to construct a separate landfill site or incineration plant to dispose of solid waste produced by the residents on daily basis.

Ali Sultan, a government servant who commutes between Rawat and Islamabad using the expressway every day said he and his colleagues have developed the habit of covering their noses even while sitting in a car with closed windows passing through the area. He said it was beyond understanding why the department concerned is oblivious to the garbage heap that is having a negative impact on environment and health. Abdul Salam, a local resident, said that the dumping site had become a source of diseases and should be immediately shifted. Malik Abid, who received his guests coming from abroad at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport, said he felt ashamed when passing through the nullah along with the guests to reach his home in Kahuta. Health experts say that such a huge pile of garbage could cause various dangerous diseases like Dengue, Hepatitis and others to break out in the city. When contacted, a CDA official said that he was not aware about the actual situation of the area. "Where garbage is dumped, I do not know," remarked the CDA official.

**TIMERGARA:** Dir Taskforce Commandant Colonel Khalid Shafi has said quake affectees who were left out from surveys can now register and obtain compensation. He was addressing a jirga in Lal Qila tehsil of Lower Dir on Tuesday. "Most victims have been provided relief," said Shafi. He said efforts are under way to ensure rehabilitation and relief. "The Pakistan Army and Lower Dir district administration are taking part in these activities," he added.

According to Shafi, residents of Lower Dir are cooperating with security forces to prevent militancy. "This is the reason why peace has been maintained in the region," he said. "The Pakistan Army will remain in Lower Dir to maintain stability," he said. Shafi added the security forces were taking a series of measures to ensure development in the region. He also urged residents to register any weapons they possess with the relevant authorities. "They must also inform security forces of any untoward incidents or suspicious activity in the region," he added.

**PESHAWAR:** As rain and snowfall hit parts of the province, particularly the earthquake-affected areas, opposition members criticised the government for its lack of urgency in the matter. Monday's session of the K-P Assembly took place after the last two sessions were under 16 minutes collectively, mostly due to a lack of government MPs.

Awami National Party (ANP) Parliamentary Leader Sardar Hussain Babak demanded the government survey earthquake-affected areas again as the previous damages assessment surveys were "prejudiced" where genuine earthquake victims were ignored. "The survey has been based on nepotism; a lot of people have objections," said Babak, referring to houses left out of the assessment.

Babak rejected the compensation package announced for those who have damaged residences. He asked the government to do the math and see if the affectees could build even one room with the money given. "At this point, we don't want to hear any political statement from the government because that would be adding insult to injury," he added.

Babak also lashed out at the government departments responding to natural disasters, saying they were not prepared to deal with emergency situations. "They were all not on the same page while dispersing information," he said. Babak praised the people of Punjab and Sindh for rejecting PTI in local government poll and hoped ANP would wipeout PTI from the province in the near future.

### PTI answers

Defending the provincial government, Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education Atif Khan said, "If someone wants to discuss the earthquake, we are open to talk about it but it is unfair to use the people affected by earthquake as means to rekindle party rivalries."

Regarding the package, he said, "It was announced jointly with the federal government and the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has worked efficiently in response." About redoing the survey, Atif said Pakistan Army officials were present while the survey was being conducted so as to authenticate all information and ensure all areas were covered. Atif said the government is open for talks with the opposition to improve relief activities.

## Another environmental report on capital expressway project rejected

*Dawn News, November 24, 2015*

## Dengue fever outbreak sets a new record

*The News, November 23, 2015*

### Rebuttle

ANP MPA Jafar Shah and Babak submitted an adjournment motion on November 10 to discuss the government's role in the relief activities post floods and quake. This was discussed in Monday's session and will be revisited on Tuesday (today).

Jafar said the government should not get emotional and accept it has failed to deliver. "Hundreds of people in Dir, Swat, Torgar, Battagram and Buner have taken to the streets. The protests show the government has failed, something it should admit," added Shah.

Atif Khan beats the heat

Earlier in the Q&A session, Atif came under fire from Jafar and other opposition members for failing to complete the construction of schools and dams, and filling vacant posts of teachers.

Atif said, "We filled 12,500 posts in 2014, and in 2015, we created 10,000 more vacancies, which will be filled this year. Regarding the delay in dams, Atif said stay orders from the court and site identification delayed construction. "If any member has any idea about a site with capacity for a dam, we will get there and construct one," he said.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Environment Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) has rejected another environment impact assessment (EIA) report on the expansion of the Islamabad Expressway from Zero Point to Faizabad. The environment watchdog alleged that the project launched in June 2015 violated Section 12 of the Environmental Protection Act 1997. According to the section, the construction of small or large scale development schemes cannot commence unless the developers submitted an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report to Pak-EPA. The EIA examines the environmental risks and benefits associated with a development project. The report is essential for the approval of a project by environment regulators. On September 10, the Capital Development Authority (CDA) submitted an EIA report giving a detailed picture of the possible degradation of environment from the expansion of expressway.

This was the second report submitted by the project developers after Pak-EPA rejected the first one terming it unprofessional and deficient in information. The first report was also submitted after the widening of the road had started in violation of the law.

In its reply, Pak-EPA stated, "In view of the fact that a violation of Section 12 of the Pakistan Environment Protection Act 1997 has already been committed, this agency cannot accept the EIA report to review and consider to grant an environment approval." Work on the project began a week after Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif announced to add three extra lanes on each side of the expressway starting from Zero Point to Rawat. The three-kilometre Zero Point to Faizabad portion is expected to be completed on November 30.

"The CDA, which is executing the 10-lane project, has failed to comply with the environmental laws. This has become a routine. State and private developers are often reluctant to conduct an EIA despite reminders from the environment regulators," said a senior official in the Ministry of Climate Change. He said the CDA had violated environmental laws numerous times whether it was the construction of the Zero Point Interchange, turning Rawal Lake into a recreational facility or extending the Margalla Road. The official argued that hundreds of trees had been cut in the name of development without considering the consequences to the capital's green environment. Dust in the air above Islamabad has increased several times in the past few years. However, CDA Member Environment Mustafain Kazmi said the civic body was always compliant with environmental laws. "Like before, an EIA for the expansion of the expressway was submitted before the work started," Mr Kazmi told Dawn.

The ministry official, however, said the CDA had failed to conduct an assessment of the possible deterioration to the environment despite reminders from Pak-EPA. The environment regulatory body had put up the case with the ministry asking for permission to issue the CDA an environment protection order (EPO) to stop the widening of the expressway immediately. "The EPO can only be issued by the director general Pak-EPA but the seat has been vacant for four months. However, in the absence of the DG, the ministry can permit Pak-EPA to slap CDA with an EPO but it is reluctant to do so," said the official.

In the last two meetings of the Senate standing committee on climate change, the senators asked the secretary climate change ministry, Arif Ahmed Khan, to ensure that the project was stopped immediately until an assessment of the possible damages to the environment was carried out. The official promised to look into matter.

When the secretary was asked about actions taken, he responded, "Pak-EPA will take necessary actions." In its meeting three days ago, the Senate committee took up the deteriorating air quality the residents of Islamabad breathed. Senators Sitara Ayaz and Samina Abid brought to the attention of the committee how Islamabad's green character had deteriorated with the cutting of trees and the increasing concentration of dust in the atmosphere.

**RAWALPINDI:** Nearly 3,900 patients have been tested positive for dengue fever at the three teaching hospitals in town so far that has set a new record as in one year alone, more cases have been tested positive as compared to number of patients confirmed positive in previous nine years, from 2006 to 2014.

The allied hospitals in town are still receiving 15 to 20 confirmed cases of dengue fever daily on average despite a significant fall in temperature and the infection has already claimed 13 lives at the three hospitals.

Data collected by 'The News' reveals that from 2006 to 2008, the total number of confirmed patients of dengue fever reported at the allied hospitals in town was around 170, while in 2009, less than 30 cases of the infection were reported from the district. It is worth mentioning here that the first outbreak of dengue fever, though limited in nature, was reported in 2006 in the district.



## 6.2 magnitude earthquake hits north-west Pakistan

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In 2010, the number of confirmed patients of dengue fever registered with the allied hospitals touched the figure of 400 for the first time, while in 2011 slightly over 800 patients were reported at the three teaching hospitals including Holy Family Hospital, Benazir Bhutto Hospital and District Headquarters Hospital. In 2012, not even sporadic cases of dengue fever were reported from the district that enjoyed dengue-free status mainly because of efforts made well in time by the concerned government authorities. However, in 2013 the dengue fever was back with a vengeance and well over 1,100 confirmed cases were registered with the three teaching hospitals in town. In 2014, as many as 1,406 patients were tested positive for dengue fever at the allied hospitals in town and the number this year has already touched the figure of 3,900.

According to a number of health experts, the trend shows that the dengue fever outbreak has been getting more and more intense with the passage of every year and if proper preventive measures are not taken well in time, the population in this region of the country would have to face a more intense and deadly outbreak of the infection in the year to come, in 2016.

It is worth mentioning here that the allied hospitals have screened nearly 43,000 patients at their dengue outpatient departments in last three months while over 5,900 patients were admitted to the hospitals for treatment putting a tremendous burden on the healthcare system in the district.

Tremors were felt across north-western areas of Pakistan after a 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck Afghanistan's border area with Tajikistan late on Sunday, according to the Pakistan Meteorological Department website. The epicentre of the earthquake was reported at a depth of 86 kilometres. Shocks were felt in Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Swat, Malakand, Abbottabad, Peshawar, Shangla, Kohat, Chitral, Gilgit-Baltistan and other northern areas of the country, according to television reports. The tremors were also felt in Azad Jammu and Kashmir region.

The United States Geological Survey website stated that the magnitude of the earthquake was 5.9 with the epicentre reported near Ashkasham area in Afghanistan at a depth of 92.4 kilometres. No reports of casualties or damage were received till the filing of this report. The latest earthquake comes nearly a month after a 7.2 earthquake jolted major cities of Pakistan, including the northern areas on Monday, leaving nearly 300 dead and around 3,000 injured due to building collapses, landslides, stampedes and other quake related incidents.

Pakistan is located in the Indus-Tsangpo Suture Zone, which is roughly 200 km north of the Himalaya Front and is defined by an exposed ophiolite chain along its southern margin. This region has the highest rates of seismicity and largest earthquakes in the Himalaya region, caused mainly by movement on thrust faults. Active faults and resultant earthquakes in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan are the result of convergence between the S. Asian and Eurasia plates.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Agencies warn of Da'ish-inspired attacks in Punjab

*The Express Tribune, November 29, 2015*

#### Lahore Airport gets equipment to fight fog disruption

*Daily Dawn, November 29, 2015*

#### Busted: 10 suspects held, two others killed in separate encounters

*The Express Tribune, November 28, 2015*

#### Over 3,000 LEA men killed

### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** Authorities in Punjab have warned of possible attacks by the ultra-orthodox Islamic State (IS) against high-profile targets in the province. The Home Department issued an intelligence-based alert four days ago about the possibility of attacks on important political personalities, and sensitive civil and military installations. The warning also alerts all media houses to remain on guard. The interior ministry had issued this warning to Punjab, after which the provincial department directed the relevant authorities to take preventive measures, an insider at the home department told The Express Tribune. The authorities have asked the divisional police officers and the Counter-Terrorism Department to "ensure extreme vigilance and foolproof security measures at all levels. They were also told to take 'special measures' to avoid any untoward incidents. Citing intelligence reports, the alert warned that police patrols, military vehicles and private establishments were on the hit-list of the militants associated with IS, also known by its Arabic acronym Da'ish. The home department specifically warned the Allama Iqbal International Airport management to take pre-emptive measures for averting any untoward incidents. Against external threats, the Airport Security Force was directed to remain on standby and enhance security while the Bomb Disposal Squad was told to screen the entire airport area for any explosive devices.

As for internal threats, the warning letter called for continuous monitoring through CCTV cameras at the facility, especially at the departure and arrival lounges. The home department also stated that Da'ish militants might target army vehicles, especially on Jalalpur-Jattan Road, and police patrols on GT Road in Gujrat district. It also directed the police to ensure foolproof security at the offices of all media houses, particularly in Lahore. The authorities also called for arranging safety drills for employees at the media houses in the near future to prepare them for any untoward situation. Another home department official said while Da'ish was not itself present in Pakistan, its name alluded to factions within the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) inspired by the Middle Eastern terror outfit.

#### Criminals at work

In another letter for Lahore issued by intelligence agencies, the authorities have been warned that 'hostile intelligence agencies' are planning to target Lal Pull near Dharampura, PAF Information Centre Cantt and the Chinese Consulate by "using trained individuals from Afghanistan". Intelligence-based reports suggest a high-level meeting of the TTP leadership was held on November 20 in the Kunar province of Afghanistan, where Mullah Fazlullah and Qari Amjad were accompanied by an NDS agent, Noor Karim. Karim has reportedly handed over Rs20 million to Amjad to target government buildings, like universities and colleges in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Mardan, the letter warned. Amjad has meanwhile tasked some fighters with carrying out terror activities in Bajaur Agency, Swat and Dir. The alert further warned that a group of five terrorists had already reached Lahore, and planned to barge into private organisations. The intelligence report claimed that on October 7, militants of Haqqani Network, al Qaeda, Taliban and Da'ish held a meeting in Afghanistan and planned a massive attack on the Canadian High Commission in Pakistan. Around 10 to 12 fighters have been assigned the task.

**LAHORE:** The Allama Iqbal International Airport has become the first airport in the country and second in South Asia where the latest instrument landing system (ILS) CAT III-B has been installed to improve visibility during fog. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif inspected and inaugurated on Saturday the latest landing system installed on the runway. He said the project had been completed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in a record period of time and it would not only ensure safe landing of planes in fog and inclement weather but also help save time. "Now the aircraft will land safely in fog and the schedule of flights will not be affected." The chief minister expressed the hope that the modern system would also be installed at other airports. Prime Minister's Special Assistant Shujaat Azeem apprised him of the salient features of the system. Throughout August, the CAA closed the main runway of the Lahore airport for 12 hours a day to install it. The system will enable flights landing at even 50-metre visibility. Hundreds of flights are affected every year in Lahore because of fog. The ILS CAT-III is a ground-based instrument approach system that provides precision guidance to an aircraft for safe landing during conditions such as low ceiling or reduced visibility due to fog, smog, rain and other meteorological phenomena.

**KARACHI:** Two suspected criminals were killed during an alleged encounter with the police in Lyari, while ten other suspects were held during a targeted raid by the Rangers in Ittehad Town on Saturday. According to police, an encounter took place at Mandara Muhalla in Singu Lane within the limits of Chakiwara police station. Two suspects were killed during the shootout, while their accomplice managed to escape. Two pistols were also found in their possession. The suspects and their companion were busy robbing a house after holding the residents of the house hostage, when the police reached the site after the neighbours informed them, police officials said. According to the Chakiwara police ASI, the suspects were killed when they were trying to flee under the cover of fire. The bodies were shifted to Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth for identification purpose, after the medico-legal formalities were completed at Civil hospital. Separately, ten suspects were apprehended during a targeted raid conducted by paramilitary force in Ittehad Town. The Rangers spokesperson said that the suspects arrested include militants belonging to banned outfits, while weapons were also seized from them. The suspects were shifted to an undisclosed location for questioning.

**ISLAMABAD:** For the first time, the government has shared consolidated figures of the total loss

## in five years

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of lives caused due to terrorism during the last five years. The statistics also include details regarding the total number of terrorists killed, sentenced to death or awaiting their death sentence. The interior ministry provided the statistics in the National Assembly during the question hour on Friday. According to the reply, a total of 3,157 personnel of law enforcement agencies (LEA) were killed and 5,988 injured during this period. At the same time, a total of 5,532 civilians were killed and 10,195 were injured. The highest number of the LEA personnel were killed and injured in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata), where 1,487 personnel laid down their lives and 2,224 sustained injuries. Some 1,470 civilians were killed and 2,761 were injured in Fata in the same period. The total number of terrorists killed during this period is 3,759, with 2,530 in Fata, 90 in Punjab, 342 in Sindh, 351 in K-P, 435 in Balochistan, seven in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), three in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and one in Gilgit-Baltistan.

The total number of terrorists sentenced to death during this period is 173 – with 64 in Punjab, 106 in Sindh and one each in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), Balochistan and the ICT. The total number of terrorists awaiting execution is 206, with 81 in Punjab, 98 in Sindh, 25 in the K-P and one each in Balochistan and the ICT.

### Implementation on National Action Plan

On another question about the implementation on the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism, the ministry revealed that a total of 1,985 arrests were made in connection with 1,933 cases of hate speech and hate literature. It said 2,390 items of hate speech and literature were confiscated and 71 shops were sealed. In this regard, legislation was enacted by Punjab. "A total of 7,411 cases of misuse of loudspeakers were reported and 6,979 arrests made. A total of 2,039 pieces of equipment were confiscated," the reply said. The interior ministry said a committee on madrasa reforms has been constituted with representations from Ittehad-e-Tanzeemat-e-Madaris Pakistan (ITMP), the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta), the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education. "The committee will submit its recommendations on implementation of the NAP with regard to regulations of madrasahs," the reply said. A standard form for registration of madaris has been developed and shared with provinces and the ITMP. Moreover, mapping has been completed in the ICT and Punjab while the mapping for Sindh, the K-P, Balochistan and the AJK is underway, it said.

The interior ministry told the house that a total of 182 suspected madrasahs had been closed. Of these two were located in Punjab, 167 in Sindh and 13 in the K-P while a total of 72 unregistered madrasahs were also closed in Sindh. "There are a total of 190 foreign-funded madrasahs with 147 in Punjab, six in Sindh, seven in the K-P and 30 in Balochistan," it said. To revamp the legislation, Punjab, the K-P and the AJK have enacted laws covering misuse of loudspeakers, hate speech, illegal weapons and Maintenance of Public Order. Balochistan and Sindh have adopted Punjab's laws. The NA session on Friday was subsequently prorogued due to lack of quorum. On a summary initiated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the president has approved the prime minister's advice for summoning the next session of the lower house on Monday at 4pm.

## Nawaz offers France anti-terror expertise

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**VALLETTA:** While reiterating condemnation of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said Pakistan is ready to cooperate with France in intelligence sharing as well as counter-terrorism efforts. The prime minister made this offer to French President Francois Hollande in a meeting on the sidelines of the 24th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in the Maltese capital on Friday. PM Nawaz extended heartfelt condolences over the loss of precious lives in Paris and said Pakistan was ready to share its experiences with France on counter-terrorism. On November 13, a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in French capital had left 130 people dead and 368 people injured. The attacks were later claimed by ultraorthodox Middle Eastern terrorist group Islamic State (IS). "The government and the people of Pakistan stand by France in this hour of grief," the premier said, terming terrorists the common enemies of humanity. Nawaz said Pakistan had lost thousands of lives in the fight against terrorism and its economy had suffered losses of billions of dollars as a result of terrorist attacks over the years. "However, in the past two years, Pakistan has made notable gains in the fight against terrorism and there is a countrywide consensus to root out the menace of violent extremism," he said.

The prime minister said Pakistan was taking stringent measures for elimination of terrorism and extremism under its National Action Plan (NAP). The NAP was unanimously adopted by the country's political leadership after a deadly terror attack on an army-run school in Peshawar in December last year. He said Operation Zarb-e-Azb was nearing its successful completion after hitting hard on terrorists at the Pakistani soil. The extensive military operation was initiated in June last year to purge the North Waziristan Agency of local militants and their foreign cohorts. Nawaz said Pakistan considers France a close friend and an important political, economic and security partner and desires to enhance relations both at bilateral level and in the context of the European Union. President Hollande expressed gratitude for the Pakistani government and people for their moral support in the wake of tragic Paris incident. "France is appreciative of the courage and resilience of Pakistani people for braving terrorism and extremism for long," he said.

### Pakistan ready for unconditional talks with India

Meanwhile, the prime minister during his meeting with British Prime Minister David Cameron said Pakistan intends to maintain friendly relations with all its neighbours and is ready to initiate peace talks with its arch nemesis, India, without any preconditions. This was the third time the two prime ministers met during the current year, with earlier meetings taking place in April and September. The PM's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Special Assistant Tariq Fatemi and Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry were also present in the meeting. The two leaders agreed to continue close collaboration in diverse fields particularly trade, investment and security. They also reaffirmed their commitment to work in partnership for countering the 'shared threats' of terrorism, organised crime and illegal migration. Nawaz and Cameron also expressed long-term commitment to work together for greater security and prosperity of their countries. Nawaz Sharif said Pakistan

### **Twin blasts hit Airport Road in Quetta**

*The Express Tribune, November 28, 2015*

### **Airstrikes kill 17 militants in Khyber Agency**

*The Express Tribune, November 27, 2015*

### **China assures Pakistan of help to join nuclear suppliers club**

*The Express Tribune, November 27, 2015*

### **100,000 CNICs blocked in one year**

*The Express Tribune, November 27, 2015*

considers United Kingdom a close friend and a trusted partner and mentioned that bilateral relations were based on sound footing and strong diaspora linkages. He expressed satisfaction over the Pakistan-UK cooperation in the realm of Enhanced Strategic Dialogue and said that the relations had been strengthened by the refreshed roadmaps on trade, investment, culture, education and security.

Nawaz Sharif appreciated the continued support by the Britain for the uplift of Pakistan's social sectors particularly education and mentioned in particular the assistance provided by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID). Nawaz Sharif also supported the peace talks between Kabul and Afghan Taliban and said involvement of United States, China and other countries in Afghan peace process could be helpful. The UK PM Cameron welcomed the signs of growth in Pakistan's economy in result of its GSP Plus trading agreement with the European Union. He expressed the UK's all-out support for Pakistan in its pursuit for a strong economy and achieving socio-economic development. Cameron also lauded Pakistan's efforts in eradication of militancy and extremism. Both leaders shared views on the importance of Commonwealth and on the need for seeking the common good and benefits for all member states. They also exchanged views on issues of global and regional importance, including the security situation in the Middle East. Earlier, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif joined leaders from 53 countries to attend the CHOGM's opening ceremony on Friday in the capital of Malta, which is the only country to host the meeting for the second time in a decade.

**QUETTA:** Two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) exploded near the Quetta airport on Saturday. Fortunately, no casualties occurred in the incident. According to Senior Superintendent Police (SSP) Operations Waheed Khattak, the IEDs, which weighed over one kilogramme, were planted near a railway track in an empty plot close to the airport. Following the attack, security forces rushed to the site and searched for other explosives possibly hidden in the area. On October 22, a suicide bomber targeted a mosque in Quetta, killing 10 people, including six children. In the wake of rising targeted killing in Quetta, the government has launched a crackdown against terrorists and their facilitators. Security forces intensified their efforts to purge the provincial capital of terrorists after a countrywide campaign against them under the banner of the National Action Plan.

**PESHAWAR:** Pakistan Air Force fighter jets killed 17 militants on Friday in airstrikes carried out near the Afghan border, the military said in a statement. The strikes in the Rajgal area of the Khyber Agency also destroyed four militant hideouts and an ammunition dump, it said. "Seventeen terrorists including some foreigners were killed in the aerial strikes in the remote area of Rajgal," a brief military statement said. The strikes were part of a major offensive aimed at clearing Taliban and al Qaeda strongholds that began last year in North Waziristan, one of seven Pakistani tribal districts bordering Afghanistan. The military began the offensive in Khyber in October 2014, carrying out air strikes and using artillery, mortars and ground troops. The army then intensified and expanded its offensive after the Taliban massacred more than 150 people, the majority of them children, at a school in Peshawar last December.

**ISLAMABAD:** China has assured that if India is allowed to get the membership of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) it will go all out to ensure that Pakistan also joins the group. The assurance was given to Islamabad during the visit of a high-level delegation headed by President Mamnoon Hussain to Beijing recently. "The issue was discussed at length and Pakistan highlighted its point of view saying that it has equal right to join the group for fulfilling its requirement for peaceful use of nuclear technology," diplomatic sources told The Express Tribune. Islamabad took the plea that if it is deprived of the NSG membership and New Delhi is allowed to join it then it will be discrimination and lead to creating an imbalance in the region. "China, being member of the group and holding the veto power, assured Pakistan that it will take all measures so that it also becomes the member of the NSG," they said, adding, "If India is allowed to join NSG and Pakistan is deprived of the membership of the group, Beijing will veto the move to block Indian entry."

According to sources, Pakistan was aware of the fact after it came to know about the launching of a quiet diplomatic move for inducting India into the club of nuclear trading nations. "The NSG chairman has recently visited New Delhi and held meeting with the Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj as part of a diplomatic effort to build a consensus to admit India into the group in its annual meeting next June," observed a security analyst. He said Pakistan aspires to join the NSG but its accession appears to be a tough sell as the major members of the group don't support its move. It is pertinent to mention here that membership of the 48-nation group would bring India into the nuclear fold 41 years after it tested its first nuclear bomb.

**ISLAMABAD:** Authorities in the federal capital have blocked around 100,000 computerised national identity cards, including those issued illegally to foreigners, in the past year alone. The number is considered significant because only 400 identity cards were blocked during the entire five-year term of the previous government. Sharing details about the blocked CNICs in the National Assembly, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar said the action was not taken against any particular community or section of society. The computerised national identity cards (CNICs) have been blocked in every province. The security czar also revealed that some parliamentarians had helped appoint some foreigners in the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). But at the same time, he gave them benefit of the doubt, claiming they might have been unaware that those people were foreign nationals. Though the interior minister did not name anyone, he said he could share the information with the Senate chairman or the National Assembly speaker. Nisar told the House that over 200 NADRA employees were expelled while dozens more were sent to jails over the issue. He added that 73 new card issuance centres would be set up irrespective of political affiliations. The minister, who also looks after the passports department, said 13 large passport offices would be set up according to international standards across the country. Home delivery of passports has already been started in four cities and would soon be expanded to other areas. He claimed that VIP culture at NADRA had ended and even the requests for sending staff to take



### Security official killed, two others injured in attack on checkpoint in Mohmand Agency

*The Express Tribune, November 26, 2015*

### Weapon cache found, terror bid foiled in Balochistan

*Daily Dawn, November 25, 2015*

### Police, LEAs recover 22 passengers abducted from Gwadar-bound coach

*The News, November 25, 2015*

### 567 militants arrested during past 10 months in KP: CTD report

*Daily Dawn, November 25, 2015*

biometric details of the families of president and prime minister had been turned down.

#### Performance of ministers

Nisar also came up with a brave idea of inviting the opposition to evaluate the performance of federal ministers from next assembly session. He volunteered to be the first minister to submit his performance report in the house for members to give their input. "Accountability, criticism and proposals to improve performance of ministries will enhance confidence of the people in the performance of this House," he said while calling for a decision to be taken during the business advisory committee of next session. The interior minister recalled a similar initiative taken by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to oversee performance of his cabinet ministers on his proposal a few months ago. The process had stopped but Nisar said he would take up the issue again. However, keeping in view the vast ambit of his ministry, he asked the lawmakers to question his legal and constitutional duties but refrain from discussing the law and order situation, which partly falls in the domain of the provincial governments. The proceedings of the lower house of parliament were cut short due to lack of quorum, which was pointed out by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf lawmaker Dr Shireen Mazari.

**SHABQADAR:** A security official was killed and two others injured as militants attacked a security checkpoint in Mohmand Agency's Sheikh Baba area late on Wednesday. "Militants attacked the checkpoint late Wednesday night near the Pak-Afghan border," a political administration official confirmed. "One official died, while two others were injured in the attack," he added. The injured were airlifted to Peshawar early Thursday morning. Meanwhile, a search operation is underway around the Afghan border area. Pakistan Army launched an offensive, Zarb-e-Azb, in North Waziristan in mid-June last year to purge the erstwhile stronghold of homegrown Taliban militants and their foreign cohorts. According to an official tally released on the first anniversary of the offensive, 2,700 militants have been killed and many more wounded in combat. Most parts of the agency have been cleansed of militants, while troops are now closing in on the remaining militants holed up in Shawal Valley on the Pak-Afghan border. Hundreds of thousands of tribesmen displaced by fighting have started returning to their homes in North Waziristan under the government supervision.

**QUETTA:** Security forces on Wednesday claimed to have foiled a major terror bid and seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition from Balochistan's Chagai district. "The weapons were dumped to carry out subversive activities in the province," said Khan Wasey, a spokesperson for the Frontier Corps (FC). He added that FC personnel conducted a raid in Killi Nafas area of Chagai district after receiving actionable intelligence. The weapons recovered today include 15 rockets, 14 sub-machine guns, two AK-47s, two rocket propelled grenades and other weapons and ammunition. "No arrests were made as the militants had left the area before the raid was conducted," stated Wasey. He also said that the militants wanted to target civilians, security forces and vital national installations in various parts of Pakistan. "The weapons were smuggled into Chagai district from neighbouring Afghanistan," claimed the FC spokesperson. Security forces also launched a search operation in the area after discovering the weapons cache. Balochistan has been experiencing incident violence and targeted killings since more than a decade. The largest province of the country by area, is home to a low-level insurgency by ethnic Baloch separatists. Al Qaeda-linked militants also operate in the region.

**QUETTA:** Police and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) have recovered all 22 passengers abducted from Gwadar-bound coach at Makran Coastal Highway near Pasni. RPO Makran Jaffar Khan said all the passengers are recovered and they are safe. Earlier today, unidentified armed men abducted at least 22 passengers from Gwadar-bound coach at Makran Coastal Highway. The Levies officials had confirmed the abduction and launched an investigation after the incident. The sources said the coach was en route to Gwadar from Karachi when unknown armed men stopped it and took 22 passengers with them at Makran coastal highway near Pasni.

**PESHAWAR:** Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa arrested 567 militants during 876 targeted operations that it conducted in various parts of the province in last ten 10 months, a summary report issued by the department said Wednesday. The report, a copy of which is available with Dawn.com, reveals that the CTD either arrested or killed at least 93 proclaimed offenders (POs) carrying head-money and wanted in high-profile cases. CTD sources told DawnNews 10 of the 93 POs were killed by the CTD personnel. The CTD personnel traced 252 militancy-related cases during the time period, said the report. According to the report, the CTD personnel recovered four suicide jackets, 231 hand grenades, 1203 kilogrammes of explosives, 5675 detonators, seven RPG-7 launchers, 71 SMG rifles, 103 pistols and 48 rifles with different bores. Suspects wanted in the following high-profile cases were arrested by the CTD, documents show:

- Two suicide attacks on Judicial Complex Peshawar (2009 and 2013)
- Assassination of ex-Senior Minister Bashir Bilour
- Suicide attack at Judicial Complex F-8 Islamabad
- Bomb blast in pick-up near PS Badhber area of Peshawar
- Suicide attack on imambargah in Hayatabad area Peshawar
- Suicide attack on imambargah in Chamkani near Peshawar
- Target killing of three Intelligence Bureau (IB) officers in Peshawar
- Target killing of superintendent of police Hayat Khan in Peshawar's Hayatabad area

### Police arrest 35 for Jhelum riots

*The Express Tribune, November 24, 2015*

### Rangers, police arrest 59 suspects in joint Karachi raids

*The News, November 24, 2015*

### Jail population reaches record high due to Karachi operation

*Daily Dawn, November 24, 2015*

### Female co-pilot dies as training jet crashes in Mianwali

*The Express Tribune, November 24, 2015*

- Remote-controlled blast on Badhbher police and a polio team
- Attack on a PIA flight in Peshawar

Peshawar, the capital of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, lies on the edge of Pakistan's tribal areas which have been labelled by Washington as the main sanctuary for Al Qaeda and Taliban militants in the country. The city has seen frequent attacks by militants in the past few years, with targets ranging from civilians to policemen and other law enforcement personnel

**JHELUM:** Police have arrested up to 35 people over riots in the Jhelum, which reportedly forced members of the Ahmadi community to flee their homes, authorities said Tuesday. The unrest began Friday when an angry mob in the city torched a factory after one of its employees, a member of the Ahmadi sect, was accused of committing blasphemy. On Saturday, protesters ransacked an Ahmadi mosque in the congested Kala Gujran area of the city and set fire to some Ahmadi homes. "Police have arrested up to 35 people in connection with the violence," district police chief Mujahid Akbar told AFP. Akbar said police were hunting up to 70 other people who incited others and indulged in violence. Rangers were called in to quell the violence and remain deployed in the area, he added. According to local councillor Muhammad Asif, around 18 Ahmadi families had left their homes for protection. Eleven Ahmadis were murdered in 2014 and authorities have failed to apprehend any of the killers, highlighting growing intolerance toward the sect.

**KARACHI:** Rangers and police conducted joint raids in various parts of the metropolis and rounded up 59 suspects including an alleged target killer Fahim Hussain. Rangers raided a spot in Aram Bagh area and arrested the alleged target killer Fahim Hussain. On a lead from the Hussain, Rangers conducted another raid in the same area and, according to claims, recovered heavy arms, bullet-proof jackets and explosives. A spokesman of Sindh Rangers said that the suspect confessed to involvement in criminal activities including target killing, extortion and arson. In a separate targeted raid in Sharafi Goth and Orangi Town, the Rangers arrested three gangsters and a drug peddler. Rangers and police conducted a joint house-to-house search in Sultanabad area of Manghopir and apprehended over 10 suspects. On an intelligence about presence of drug traffickers and members of a banned outfit, raids were carried out in over 100 houses in Hazara Goth near Natha Khan Goth. Over 40 suspects were taken into custody. Rangers also conducted raids in Saddar and North Nazimabad and nabbed four alleged terrorists linked to a proscribed organization along with arms.

**KARACHI:** While frequent arrests during the ongoing Rangers-led targeted operation have helped restore peace to the city with a significant drop in the number of terror attacks, killings, abductions and extortion activities, they have also resulted in an around 50 per cent rise in the number of inmates in prisons over the past two years, officials said on Monday. They added that overcrowding of Karachi's central and Landhi jails had always been a challenge for the authorities, but the jail population this time reached a record high due to active policing and the ongoing targeted operation. "The actual capacity of the central prison is 2,400, but it has some 6,000 prisoners at present," said Sindh IG prisons Nusrat Mangan. "Similarly, the Landhi jail has maximum space for 1,300 prisoners but official record shows some 3,500 behind bars in that facility. "Our jails are facing severe overcrowding these days," he added. IG Mangan agreed on the point that the number of inmates had increased at a staggering pace during recent months due to consistent raids and arrests by the law-enforcement agencies. The proactive approach recently adopted by other institutions, including the Anti-Corruption Establishment and the Federal Investigation Agency, also played a role in the increase, he added. "Overcrowded prisons have always been an issue but over the past few years, it has become even more challenging," he said. "Due to the shortage of space we used to accommodate a maximum of 4,000 prisoners in the Karachi central jail, which actually has a capacity of 2,400 inmates, before the operation began. But the figure touched 6,000 with frequent arrests after the operation was launched. "In Landhi, too, the jail population increased from 2,500 to 3,500 over the past two years though its actual capacity is 1,300 prisoners."

However, the prisons chief was confident that the issue would be resolved within the next few months with a jail proposed along the Superhighway. It would help in meeting the challenge of overcrowded jails besides addressing security concerns related to the central prison situated right in the city centre. In October last year a 45-metre-long and 10-metre-deep tunnel being built a few metres from the central jail to spring 100 'dangerous militants' was discovered by the Rangers in a house situated in a neighbouring locality. The paramilitary force had claimed to have arrested several suspects belonging to a banned outfit when the house was raided while five more suspects were later picked up on information provided by them during interrogation. The move was followed by a jail operation during which all prisoners were searched physically that led to the recovery of electric wires, scissors, radio sets, jihadi literature, knives, party flags and a modified ladder. The house situated in Ghausia Colony, a shanty town close to the main penitentiary in Karachi, had been bought by the suspects some five months before the raid. Just a few days after the seizure, the Sindh government decided to relocate the central jail to the Superhighway that connects the cities of Hyderabad and Karachi and is away from residential areas. "We hope that the prison will be ready within the next few months," said Sindh IG prisons Mangan. "Once that jail is ready and becomes operational, there will be much respite from overcrowding and security issues."

**AFP / WEB DESK:** One of Pakistan's few female fighter jet pilots was killed in a training crash Tuesday, the air force said in a statement, adding that she was the first of its women pilots to "embrace martyrdom". Flying Officer Marium Mukhtiar and Squadron Leader Saqib Abbasi were flying a training mission on an FT-7PG aircraft and encountered a "serious in-flight emergency" during the final stages, the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) said in a statement. "Flying Officer Marium embraced martyrdom and became the first lady pilot from PAF to attain this great honour," it said. The crash took place in Kundian, Mianwali district, about 175 kilometres (109 miles) southwest of Islamabad. The male officer, Abbasi, sustained minor injuries, the air force added. "Both the pilots

### EU migration chief in Islamabad after suspension of deportation accord

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### 5kg bomb defused at CTD office in Karachi

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### Rangers detain over 30 suspects in Karachi operation

*The News, November 23, 2015*

handled the serious emergency with professionalism and courage and tried to save the ill-fated aircraft till the very last minute," the statement said. In order to ensure the safety of civilians on the ground, they were forced to eject and the aircraft crashed, the PAF said. Pakistan is a highly traditional, patriarchal society where opportunities for women are limited. But in 2006 seven women broke into one of the country's most exclusive male clubs to graduate as fighter pilots — perhaps the most prestigious job in the powerful military and for six decades closed to them.

It is unclear how many women have joined the air force as fighter pilots since then. A New York Times report in June put the figure at 21. This is not the first time a PAF trainer jet has crashed. In September, a PAF fighter jet F7-PG crashed near Mastung during what officials described as a routine training operation. The pilot managed to eject to safety. According to a spokesperson for PAF's Samungli Airbase in Quetta, "The F7-PG fighter jet was on a routine training mission when its engine caught fire and crashed on a frayed near Mastung." "The pilot, flight lieutenant Yasir, ejected himself from the plane safely while no loss of life and property was reported in the incident," he added. Earlier in August, a PAF helicopter, which was carrying flood relief goods, was forced to make an emergency landing in Chitral after developing a technical fault. Reports said PAF's MI-17 helicopter crash-landed in the Mastuj area of Chitral after it is said to have been partially damaged while carrying out flood relief activities in the region. Meanwhile, Marium's body reached Karachi's Faisal Base in C-130 for burial. PAF officials, family, and relatives were also present to attend the funeral prayers.

#### COAS pays tribute to Marium Mukhtar

Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Shareef has expressed condolence with the bereaved family of Marium. The army chief paid tribute to the flying officer and her sacrifice. "She was indeed a role model for women and pride of Pakistan," General Raheel said in his condolence message.

**ISLAMABAD:** The European Union official in charge of migration was in Islamabad on Monday for talks after the country last week suspended an accord to accept deportations from mainland Europe. The suspension of deportation accord comes at a time when European leaders facing an influx of migration are desperate to streamline procedures for repatriations. European Commissioner for Migration Dimitris Avramopoulos met foreign policy chief and interior minister on Monday, EU spokesperson Ayesha Babar said in Islamabad. She added that the one-day visit was planned in advance. "He's not coming just because of the statements" by officials that the country would no longer accept deportees from Europe," she said. EU nations signed a deal with Pakistan in 2009 allowing them to repatriate illegal immigrants and other nationalities who transited through Pakistan on their way to Europe. But last week, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar said airlines returning deportees without country's permission would be penalised. Pakistan would not accept any deportees accused of militant links without clear evidence of guilt, Nisar added. A spokesperson for the ministry later confirmed the EU repatriation agreement was "temporarily suspended".

The EU has not officially commented on the decision, though Avramopoulos was scheduled to speak later on Monday. Globally, about 90,000 people were deported back to Pakistan last year for a variety of offences, but in some cases they had been sent back without proper determination they were Pakistan nationals, the interior ministry spokesperson said. It was not immediately clear exactly how many came from Europe, although the figure is in the thousands. Europe is facing its biggest influx of migrants in decades, with many families fleeing war in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. Some European leaders are calling for tighter controls over fears of Islamic State infiltration after attacks in Paris last week killed 130 people and wounded about 200. Pakistan's refusal to accept deportees could slow down the removal of illegal economic migrants, making it harder to accept those genuinely fleeing persecution.

**KARACHI:** A five-kilogramme bomb was defused at the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) office in Karachi's Civil Lines area on Monday. "We found a five-kg bomb in the car park of our office and it has been defused with the help of the bomb disposal squad," CTD in-charge Mazhar Mashwani told The Express Tribune. Police said the bomb was wrapped in a shopping bag which had been placed in the parking area of the CTD office. Earlier, the CTD office was evacuated as security institutions received intelligence reports about a bomb attack at the department's office. Incident comes an hour after a Dubai-bound private airline's flight was evacuated at Peshawar's Bacha Khan Airport over a bomb scare. Around 200 passengers were offloaded from the plane of Shaheen Airline on the airport's runway just minutes before the plane's take-off.

**KARACHI:** More than 30 suspects were detained Monday when Rangers carried out a search operation near Old Sabzi Mandi area of Karachi, officials said. Rangers personnel started the door-to-door search operation early Monday morning in the PIB Colony neighbourhood near Old Sabzi Mandi. The operation was conducted on intelligence about the presence of suspected criminals and members of banned outfits in the neighbourhood. A large contingent of security personnel cordoned off Eesa Nagri, Old Sabzi Mandi and surrounding areas during the operation, blocking all entry and exit routes. The personnel — which also included female Rangers personnel — arrested 30 suspects during the five-hour-long operation, taking them to undisclosed locations for further interrogation. The operation comes days after gunmen shot down four Rangers personnel in the Ittehad Town locality. The Rangers personnel were posted for security duty outside Madina Masjid when the attackers riding motorcycles gunned them down shortly before Friday prayers. Law enforcers have intensified their crackdown against suspected criminals, target-killers and terrorists in the city since the attack targeting security personnel on Friday. On Sunday, Rangers said they arrested six suspected terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) during a raid in Ittehad Town neighbourhood of Baldia Town area. The same day, law enforcement personnel detained at least 145 other suspects in search operations carried out in different parts of the city.

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal government has decided to carry out a major reshuffle in the top

## **Major changes imminent in top Sindh police ranks**

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hierarchy of the Sindh police following intelligence reports on the threat of violence during the upcoming local government elections in Karachi. "Sindh will see a major reshuffle in the top ranks of the police," a senior police officer told The Express Tribune. "The decision was taken on the [paramilitary] Rangers' recommendations. The federal government is also consulting with the provincial government on this issue." He said the Rangers were unhappy with the recently developed differences between senior police officers. "Many top police officers have lodged their complaints at the Chief Minister's Office," added the officer, who is familiar with this week's phone discussion between senior officials. Officials briefed the interior minister on the deteriorating law and order situation in Sindh, the most recent example of which was witnessed in the first phase of LG polls held in various districts of the province on October 31. "Rangers, with the coordination of the police, should take [immediate] steps to control the worsening law and order situation in the province," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar had directed the Rangers Sindh chief. "The Karachi operation must move forward, and steps should be taken to execute it swiftly to clean the port city of criminals."

### **Internal rifts**

Even Sindh police chief Ghulam Hyder Jamali and DIG Ghulam Sarwar Jamali, who are first cousins, have developed serious differences over transfers and postings, claimed another senior police officer. Formation of different groups within the Sindh police prompted DG Akbar to convey his concerns to the centre, said a senior official at the CM House. "We must take this issue seriously. Internal differences between senior police officers could affect the upcoming LG elections." However, CM Qaim Ali Shah has said he would not allow centre to interfere in provincial matters, added the official.

### **New police chief**

The federal administration is mulling over the appointment of a new provincial police chief, revealed an official. "They are displeased with the police performance in Sindh." AIGs Nasimuz Zaman, Ghulam Qadir Thebo, Dr Arif Mushtaq, Hussain Asghar and Sanaullah Abbasi are among the top contenders for the post, added the official. "The final decision will be taken after the interior minister's consultation with the Rangers chief and CM Qaim." According to an interior ministry official, Ahsan Mehboob has assumed the office of the Balochistan police chief. He has replaced Muhammad Amlish, who the official said had failed to maintain law and order in the province. "There is a possibility that the bureaucracy in Balochistan would also see changes in its top ranks in the coming weeks."



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#### AKU convocation : Graduands advised to be movers of change

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### DETAILS

**LAHORE:** State Minister for Health Services Saira Afzal Tarar has said that the masses would be the direct beneficiaries of Health Insurance Program to be launched next month. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of American Heart Association Roll Out 2015 and talking to the media at Regional Centre of College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan yesterday, she said that the government was also improving emergency services at public sector hospitals. President CPSP Prof Zafar Ullah Chaudhry, Senior Vice President Prof Khalid Masood Gondal, Prof Mahmood Ayaz, Dr Ahmed Aziz Qureshi and Dr Ibrar Ashraf Ali were also present. Saira Afzal Tarar said that the government would support all efforts of strengthening of medical institutions that would ultimately help improving service delivery. She urged the provinces to fulfill their responsibilities after devolution of the health sector. She urged the provinces to focus on training and capacity building of healthcare providers including nurses, LHV's and LHW's. She said that resolution of problems of healthcare providers should be the top priority of the provinces as it was linked to the human health. She said that landslide victory of the PML-N in local government polls showed confidence of the masses on the government policies. She was all praise for the CPSP for services of its fellows in Pakistan and abroad. She said that such institutions were helping the government of realizing dream of appointment of consultants at DHQ/THQ hospitals. She said that presence of specialist doctors in rural areas was the right of the masses. AHA will issue certificates on successful completion of instructors' courses. After which new guidelines on AHA will be implemented in the country.

**KARACHI:** A four-day 8th International Urdu Conference would be held in the metropolis from December 8. Karachi Arts Council Secretary Muhammad Ahmed Shah said that the arts council has been holding this event since 2008, adding that the conference is aimed at promoting the national language. Scholars from United States, Britain, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Bangladesh, India and Iran would attend the moot. Papers would be also be read at the conference on Urdu language and literature. Karachi Arts Council President Prof Ejaz Ahmed Farooqui, Vice President Prof Sehr Ansari, and Literary Committee Chairperson Haseena Moeen were also present at a briefing. Initiated in 2008 by the Arts Council Karachi, Urdu conference has been a regular annual feature eagerly awaited by the literary enthusiasts and cultural figures of the city. Noted scholars from India, United Kingdom, London, Canada, Turkey, Iran and all over the world are expected to participate.

**KARACHI:** Health experts on Saturday demanded the Sindh Health Department to revise the open merit admission policy in medical colleges of Sindh to overcome shortage in future. Former Pakistan Orthopedic Association (POA) president Prof Dr Muhammad Parwez Anjum said were 75 percent female and 25 percent male students in medical colleges of the province. He said around 50 percent female medical graduates leave the healthcare profession after marriage, creating shortage of doctors in the province. He said other three provinces of Pakistan are also facing same situation; therefore, health high-ups should revise admission policy in medical colleges across Pakistan. He said, "I have come to know through sources that the Punjab government has made a plan to reintroduce admission policy in medical colleges based on 60 percent male and 40 percent female to overcome doctors' shortage in the province." Prof Anjum explained that 60 percent male and 40 percent female quota system had existed in the country for admission in medical colleges before 1991-92, but later the then government had introduced the open merit policy in medical colleges on the demands of various organisations to abolish gender-based quota. Currently, he said there is a ratio of 75 percent female and 25 percent male doctors in the country and Sindh, but unfortunately, 50 percent female doctors leave the profession after marriage and for other reasons. If such situation persists, province may face an acute shortage of doctors in near future, he remarked. Newly-elected POA President Prof Mohammad Amin Chinoy said the government has spent millions of rupees on medical education, training and skill development of lady doctors annually, but quitting medical profession is putting bad impact on doctors and adversely affect the national healthcare system. He demanded the provincial Health Department -ups to revise the admission policy in medical colleges in the province to avoid shortage of doctors in future.

**KARACHI:** Founders of Mary Adelaide Leprosy Centre Dr Ruth Pfau has urged the young graduands to value and make use of the professionally sound education and training they have been provided in different institutes. Addressing the 412 graduates from 36 cities at the Aga Khan University (AKU) convocation on Saturday, she said, "I know how desperate Pakistani youth is for role models and I wish they had more." She spoke of how young people respond to individuals perceived to be exemplary, whom they can admire, respect and be influenced by, if you "Give them somebody who they would like to follow, they will follow." The graduating class was urged to value and make use of the professionally sound education and training they have been provided and to remember that they will be providing a service, best rewarded by a person's happiness and gratitude. Earlier, in his welcome address AKU President Firoz Rasul spoke about the importance of civil society for Pakistan and its neighbours and how everyone is a potential member. "It is in civil society that both our unity and our diversity are expressed. We express our diversity when a multitude of voices speak without fear on every subject. We express our unity through the respect that we accord those whose perspective we may not share, but whose right to their perspective we respect," he remarked. The AKU president said that when civil society is strong, communities and countries thrive. He observed that civil society without fear can contribute positively for the public good otherwise it would be impossible to address the multifaceted challenges. "To find the determination and desire to take action ... to galvanize others into joining you – that is the challenge you will face, but your determined effort is exactly what is needed to strengthen civil society organisations in our communities, professions and our country," said President Rasul urging graduands to become effective agents of social development. This year, 233 nurses, two PhDs in the health sciences, 20 masters, 96 undergraduate degrees and 17 advanced diplomas - 13 in human development and four in health

## International Education and Cultural Festival : PPP-mode in education a way forward, speakers stress

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professions education were awarded degrees. The PhD in Education went to a student from the northern areas. In addition, 31 master's degrees and 12 advanced diplomas in education were granted. Dr Amna Qasim from the medical college and Afsheen Amirali Hirani from the School of Nursing and Midwifery receiving two best graduated awards also. The university also honoured two of its faculty members – Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations founding director Dr Abdou Filali-Ansary was conferred the title of professor emeritus and Institute for Educational Development director Dr Muhammad Memon was conferred the award of excellence in education.

**KARACHI:** Educationists have stressed upon the importance of public private partnership (PPP) for the promotion of education in order to shun out-of-school children. The experts in a panel discussion at International Education and Cultural Festival said that public private partnership can help decrease the number of out-of-school children in Pakistan. In this connection, Beaconhouse School System has organised a two-day festival in the backdrop of ever-increasing influence of media and digital technologies, art and popular culture, climate change and environment, geopolitics and global security and indeed society itself on the changing nature of schools. The festival featured panel discussions, interviews, workshops, celebrity talks, cultural performances, science and art exhibition, theatre production, short film screening, robotics workshops and storytelling. Speaking on the occasion CARE Foundation Chairperson Seema Aziz said, "If government is outsourcing the services of public private, then what is harm in it and they have budget for it." She said literacy was a big problem in Pakistan and quality of education was very important. It is government's duty to provide education up to twelve standard, she emphasised. "We have been able to manage such schools which were took over. However, after taking control these institutions touched hundred percent results," said seema, adding that It is not only government's responsibility, but also civil society's responsibility to work jointly for enhancing the standard of education. Since private education is not affordable to everyone, but every child needs to go to school and in this matter civil society can also contribute, she said adding that the government is one of the stakeholders while civil societies and foundations are actively imparting education through financial resources and expertise. Hence, the government should not be let alone to responsible for a fundamental objective of a nation but private sector should also come forward with capacity and bring in efficiency in the system. The private sector could utilise funds more efficiently than the government which is evident of the fact that the operational cost of one of the leading schools for underprivileged - The Citizen Foundation (TCF) – stood at Rs 11,155 per student per month as compared to the expense of the Sindh government, which is Rs 2,500 per student a month. However, there is a huge gap in the quality of the education between the school of underprivileged run by private sector and school run by the provincial government, she observed. On the occasion, Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) lawmaker Dr Nafeesa Shah said the government was willing to provide funds to private sector as it allocated Rs two billion to Sindh Education Fund and provided financial support to schools such as the TCF for promoting education in the country. She said the government could not hand over its entire education system to private sector, but it has to keep monitoring schools and building community system in respective areas, although, it is acceptable if private sector governs schools within their roles in academia. Jens Yahya Zimmermann, partner and managing director at New Silk Route said there is a win-win situation existing in the country when the private sector is keen to play a major role to impart education and the government built confidence over specialist education foundations to involve in the education system.

## No more flight delays during fog

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**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif inaugurated latest instrument landing system, CAT-IIIB (ILS), at the Allama Iqbal International Airport (AIIA) Lahore on Saturday for safe landing of aeroplanes during fog. The chief minister unveiled the instrument landing system project and inspected the modern instrument landing system installed on the runway of the airport. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Civil Aviation Shuja Azeem apprised the chief minister of the features of latest instrument landing system. Shahbaz congratulated Shuja Azeem and the Civil Aviation authorities on installing modern instrument landing system for safe landing of aeroplanes in fog. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that Allama Iqbal International Airport Lahore is the first airport of Pakistan and the second international airport of South Asia where this modern system has been installed and the aeroplanes would now land safely in severe fog and the schedule of flights would not affect. Earlier, a briefing was given to the chief minister on CAT-IIIB (ILS). Addressing the function, Shahbaz said that due to installation of modern system, safe landing of flights would be ensured in fog or bad weather. "No doubt, it is an important project which has been completed by Civil Aviation in a record period, upon which, it deserves appreciation," he added. The chief minister said besides ensuring safe landings, the modern technology would save a lot of precious time of the passengers. He said that Civil Aviation authorities have achieved an important milestone by installing this system for the convenience of the passengers and expressed hope that this modern system would also be installed at other airports of the country as well. Provincial Law Minister Rana Sanaullah, MNAs Pervaiz Malik, Mehr Ishtiaq Ahmed, MPAs Kh Imran Nazir, Mian Naseer and Kh Ahmed Hasaan were present on the occasion. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif left for UK on an official visit on Saturday. During the visit, the chief minister would meet the British officials and heads of different institutions. He would also meet expatriates, hold meetings with the British ministers and also address UK-Pakistan Energy and Infrastructure Forum. Talking at the airport before his departure to London, Shahbaz Sharif said that Britain is an important trade partner of Pakistan and Pakistan gives great importance to its relations with Britain.

## RDA demolishes illegal constructions

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**RAWALPINDI:** Under the directives of Rawalpindi commissioner and Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) director general, enforcement wing of RDA has demolished and sealed illegal constructions and encroachments in the city. RDA DG has directed the enforcement wing to take strict action against illegal constructions and encroachments without any fear and influence, according to a press release issued on Saturday. RDA's enforcement team has carried out an operation against illegal plot and construction of two shops in the area of Saidpur road scheme and demolished and sealed an illegal and unauthorised construction on plot no 383. The RDA's enforcement team in the supervision of RDA's enforcement in-charge Rana Tariq Javed carried out

## Educational institutions to remain closed during LG polls

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## Italian ambassador hosts pizza party for PSH children

*Daily Times, November 29, 2015*

## Mayo Hospital : Salman for accelerating construction work at surgical tower

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## Shahbaz vows to mitigate energy crisis by 2017

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the operation.

**ISLAMABAD:** Private and government educational institutions in the federal capital will remain closed on the occasion of local government (LG) elections on Monday. Islamabad District Magistrate on Saturday issued a statement that the government offices will remain open on the polling day while all educational institutions will remain shut. Local government polls are being held for the first time in Islamabad. On a separate note, women participation in LG elections will bring a positive change at grass root level in socio-economic empowerment of women and re-address grievances of common women in our patriarchal society. Talking to APP on Wednesday Senator Nuzat Sadiq said that society cannot progress without women's participation. "Our women are educated, talented and competent enough to work shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts," she added. Women do their work with more dedication, she said, adding that they are well aware of their problems so raise voice on relevant issues more effectively. It is a good omen that women come forward to join politics, as they know that change can be brought through taking active part in policy making rather than ruining their lives as suppressed segment of society. This time a good number of women are contesting the forth-coming local government elections to be held on November 30 in federal capital as besides political parties women also registered themselves as independent candidates, she remarked. She stated that it is internationally acknowledged that community involvement produce better and quick results and when these women themselves work for their areas a significant change would be observed both at behavioural as well as economic level of the masses.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Sweet Homes (PSH) Patron-in-chief Zamurd Khan has said that provision of modern education and quality shelter to the poverty-ridden and deserving segment of society is the main purpose of his life and generous contribution of the philanthropists are required to meet the necessities of the children housed in PSH. Zumurad Khan expressed these views during a pizza party hosted by Italian Ambassador for the children of PSH at Italian Embassy Islamabad. Italian Ambassador to Pakistan Stefonio Pontecorvo and his wife Idia Pontecorvo, Bosnian Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Nadim Makarvie and his wife, and Netherland's Ambassador to Pakistan Jennette Seppen attended the pizza party while a large number of diplomats and people from different segments of life were also present on the occasion. While talking on the occasion, Zamurd said that children housed in Pakistan Sweet Homes are growing up and there is immediate need of 50 more rooms to meet there housing requirements. Thanking the Italian ambassador for hosting the pizza party for the children of Sweet Homes, he said that it is very encouraging that diplomats are taking keen interest in providing recreational opportunities to the poverty-ridden class of our society. He further said that all possible efforts are being made to provide modern basic facilities at PSH, yet there is need to make generous contributions to meet the future requirements of the children. On the occasion, different recreational activities were also arranged for the children. The Italian ambassador along with his wife and diplomats of the other countries danced with the children to regional folk tunes. A taekwondo competition among the children remained underscored where children of sweet homes showed their skills during taekwondo competition. Different other sports and cultural programmes were also organised for the children of Pakistan Sweet Homes.

**LAHORE:** Advisor to Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafiq has said the surgical tower at Mayo Hospital would be made functional in next year at every cost. Chairing a meeting to review the construction work of the surgical tower on Friday, he directed that pace of civil work should be accelerated for the completion of the tower on war footing. He said the government would provide additional funds immediately when the released funds would be utilised. Salman Rafiq directed that the construction of surgical tower should be completed according to the work-schedule, and for this purpose, work should be carried out in double shifts.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Friday presided over a high level meeting, which reviewed the pace of progress on ongoing projects of energy and infrastructure in the province. Addressing the meeting, the chief minister said that all out efforts are being made for coping with energy crisis and work is being carried out expeditiously on power projects, adding that 1,320-megawatt Sahiwal Coal Power Project would start production in 2017 and work is in progress on the project round the clock. He said that the foundation stone of three gas-based energy projects has been laid in Punjab, which would produce 3,600MW electricity. Shahbaz said that a high standard of transparency has been set in the gas power projects under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Rs 110 billion of the nation have been saved. He said that there is no other example of saving such a huge amount in the history of Pakistan, adding that projects are being implemented expeditiously while transparency and high standard is also being maintained and no compromise would be made in this regard. He said that funds of billions of rupees are being provided for infrastructure development in the province, adding that completion of projects in infrastructure sector would result in availability of modern facilities to the citizens while trade and business activities would also accelerate. Shahbaz said with the completion of several energy projects in 2017, thousands of megawatt electricity would be added to the national grid, which would help in controlling load shedding. He directed the concerned authorities to continue work expeditiously on projects while a high standard should also be ensured. Provincial Finance Minister Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Chief Secretary Khizer Hayat Gondal, former minister Shaukat Tareen, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Musaddaq Malik, Punjab Power Development Company Chairman Arif Saeed along with concerned secretaries and senior authorities attended the meeting. Meanwhile, the chief minister has said that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with Britain and his visit to Britain would further promote the ties between the two countries. He said that Pakistan wants trade and not aid from Britain and desires to transform the existing relations into economic contacts, adding that Britain is extending commendable assistance to Punjab in education and other sectors. He expressed these views while talking to British Parliament Member Lord Nazir Ahmad who met him on Friday. Matters of mutual interest, promotion of Pak-UK relations and the visit of the chief minister to Britain were discussed in the meeting. Shahbaz said that in the form of Overseas Pakistanis Commission, a platform has become available to overseas Pakistanis for the solution of their problems. He said that OPC is making all out efforts for resolving the problems of Pakistanis living abroad, adding that the



## 28 thalassaemia centres to be established in Sindh

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## Employment workshop held for scholarship recipients

*Daily Times, November 28, 2015*

## Saint Shah Latif Bhittai's Urs begins today

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## Campaign launched against tinted glass vehicles

*Daily Times, November 27, 2015*

## DMC East speeds up

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government has set new records of public service by taking revolutionary measures in education, health, transport, infrastructure and other sectors. He said that merit and transparency have been promoted in every sector. "The confidence expressed by the masses in the form of victory of PML-N candidates in local bodies' elections is a proof of the performance of the party. PML-N will again achieve a thumping success in general elections on THE BASIS OF its performance and come up to the expectations of the people," he added. Lord Nazir Ahmad appreciated the steps taken by the chief minister for welfare and betterment of the people and said that the international institutions also acknowledge the CM's performance in Punjab.

**KARACHI:** The 10th annual National Thalassaemia Conference kicked off at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), on Friday. Experts on blood related diseases, health practitioners, representatives of Thalassaemia centres and non-governmental organisations, working in the relevant fields are participating in the three-day conference. Besides, national and international experts, a large number of the thalassaemia-affected children and their parents are participated in the conference to share their experiences so as to gain and spread awareness on the disease related issues. Sindh Health Minister Jam Mahtab Dhar inaugurated the conference and vowed in his key note address to eradicate the disease. He said that the government want to secure the next generations from the deadly disease. He revealed that the Sindh government would establish 28 thalassaemia centres across the province, where all necessary facilities would be provided to patients. He further said Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority would provide blood at Thalassaemia centres. The health minister said that legislation has been made to curb the disease, in this regard information over the thalassaemia has been made mandatory on the wedding certificate. Thalassaemia Federation Pakistan (TFP) President Gen (r) Moinuddin Haider said that with collective efforts we would be able to eliminate the disease.

**RAWALPINDI:** The Higher Education Commission (HEC) held a two-day employment skills workshop at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi under the USAID-funded merit and need-based scholarship programme (MNBSP). The event facilitated approximately 70 scholarship recipients to prepare for job interviews and develop their resumes. Speaking at the event, HEC Consultant Dr Mahmoodul Hassan Butt said the HEC has played a key role in supporting the national objective of human development through its research and development programmes, local and overseas scholarships, and faculty and infrastructure development programmes. He appreciated the US government's support for higher education in Pakistan. "USAID-funded merit and need-based scholarship programme is one of the most successful and transparent scholarship programmes in Pakistan," Dr Butt said, adding that 2,300 higher education MNBSP scholarships have been distributed thus far on THE BASIS OF merit. During the workshop, both female and male MNBSP alumni shared their tips for success with participants. A former MNBSP graduate of the Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar, Adil Iftikhar Khattak, offered job search advice via videoconference from Sydney, Australia, where he now works as an accountant. "I could not have achieved this success without the scholarship opportunity. I urge all young people to take full advantage of such prospects, have confidence in themselves, and continue to strive despite any odds," Khattak told the workshop participants. USAID launched the merit and need-based scholarship programme to provide scholarships to highly-talented but financially disadvantaged students to pursue their education at leading agriculture, medical, business, engineering, and general universities in Pakistan. Fifty percent of the scholarships are reserved for female students.

**KARACHI:** The 272nd three-day annual Urs of great Sufi Saint Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai will begin today In this regard, the organising committee has announced the official events. According to announcement, the inauguration of the Urs will begin by laying 'chaddar' and floral wreaths and offering Fateha at the shrine of Saint Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai today. Adviser to Sindh Chief Minister on Culture and tourism Sharmila will inaugurate the agro-industrial exhibition and cultural village at Bhitshah. 'Sugharan-ji-Katchery' will be held at Excellence Centre and Malakhra will be organised at Malkhra Ground in the afternoon. The musical concert 'Latifi Raag' will also be held at Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai Auditorium. The International Latif Literary Conference will be held tomorrow at Excellence Centre Bhitshah, which will be presided over by Dr Ghulam Ali Allana while Sajjada Nasheen Dargha Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Syed Waqar Hussain Shah will be the chief guest on the occasion. The Malakhra and musical concert will also be the parts of the second day's events of the urs celebrations. On November 29, the last day of the urs celebrations, final competitions of Malakhra will be held while in the evening, award distribution ceremony will be held at the auditorium, which will be followed by the musical concert. Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai was a noted Sindhi Sufi scholar, mystic, saint, and poet, widely considered to be greatest Muslim poet of Sindhi language. His collected poems were assembled in the compilation Shah Jo Risalo, which exists in numerous versions and has been translated to English, Urdu and other languages. His work has been compared frequently to great Persian poet Rumi, Sayyed Hossain Nasr, Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University described Shah Latif as a direct emanation of Rumi's spirituality in South Asia. For the last eight years of his remarkable life, Shah Latif lived at Bhitshah. A few days before his death, he retired to his cave-shaped room and spent all his time in prayers and fasting, eating very little.

**RAWALPINDI:** Rawalpindi traffic police has launched a grand operation against vehicles with tinted glasses. Special squads have been set up to remove tinted glasses from vehicles violating the law. The violator's vehicles would also be impounded. Chief Traffic Officer (CTO) Shoaib Khurram Janbaz said that the campaign has been launched on the directives of Inspector General Police (IGP) Mushtaq Ahmed Sukhera. The CTO directed all the wardens, beat in-charge, sector in-charge and DSPs to take strict action against the violators and remove tinted glasses from vehicles without any distinction. He said no one would be allowed to violate the laws, adding that the campaign will be made effective and result oriented. The traffic police will also take action against people who over-speed, wrongly park, violate routes and motorcyclists who drive without helmet, without driving license, without number plate.

**KARACHI:** District Municipal Corporation (DMC) East Administrator Rehmanullah Shaikh has ordered to speed up cleanliness work He inspected cleanliness work in Sachal Goth and installation



### cleanliness drive

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### Focal person appointed to manage LCCI's electricity

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### Capital to get local govt after half a century

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### Impact of climate, human behaviour should be studied for dengue fever control during off-

of lights in Saeed Ahmed Qureshi Park along with DMC East Municipal Commissioner Nadir Khan. Shaikh said that on the directive of the Sindh Local Government Secretary Imran Ata Soomro, and Karachi Administrator Sajjad Abbasi, the cleanliness work has speeded up in DMC East. The garbage is being lifted from the main roads as well as the streets in Sachal Goth. He directed the officials concerned to complete the repair and renovation work at the earliest at Saeed Ahmed Qureshi Park. He said that the DMC East is striving for the provision of basic facilities to the people of the area. He also directed the officials concerned that encroachments be removed from the Coconut Park.

**LAHORE:** The Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) on Thursday appointed a focal person for the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to overcome the challenges of new connections, extension of load and over billing. The decision was made by LESCO Chief Executive Officer Qaiser Zaman while speaking at the LCCI head office. LCCI President Sheikh Muhammad Arshad, Senior Vice President Almas Hyder, former presidents Shahid Hassan Sheikh, Mian Muzaffar Ali and Farooq Iftikhar also spoke on the occasion, where the executive committee members were also present. The LESCO chief threw light on the issues faced by LESCO. He said that the shortage of technical staff is one of the main reasons of failure in governance. However, he added that LESCO Technical Advisor Chaudhry Mohammad Anwar and Customer Service Director Muhammad Khalid would soon look into the issues of new connections and over billing. Zaman said that LESCO is making all the efforts to overcome line losses and the situation is getting better with each passing day, adding that LESCO recoveries are at its peak while latest technology is being used to control the line losses. He said that LESCO has decided to install 75,000 smart metres that would help control losses from outer circles and that a cell has been established to monitor the industrial connections. Speaking on the occasion, the LCCI president conveyed the reservations of trade and industry to the LESCO chief and urged him to address these issues without any delay. The LCCI president said that existing 14% line losses should be less than 10% as these line losses are one of the biggest reasons behind energy crisis. He stressed the need for using latest technology to control electricity theft. Arshad said that heavy over billing is hampering the trade and economic activities, leaving the business community in deep trouble as electricity is the basic raw material of the industrial sector and fluctuation in its prices affects the input cost. LCCI has received a number of complaints from its members regarding the over billings, as it adds to people's problems since they are already suffering due to inflation, he added. He said that the industry should be given priority for equitable load shedding and it should be ensured in all industrial areas, adding that lack of coordination from LESCO was also causing undue problems. He said that all the industrial feeders should be given electricity for at least two shifts at stretch for the sake of industrial processes. Earlier, a detailed presentation about procedures of getting electricity connection in Pakistan and Korea was given by LCCI's Research and Development Department. LCCI Senior Vice President Almas Hyder said that electricity connection is not an easy task as it impacts the investment scenario. He said that it takes 179 days to get an electricity connection in Pakistan, while in Korea it just takes 18 days. He also identified the difficulties being faced by the entrepreneurs in getting new electricity connections.

**ISLAMABAD:** The capital is all set to get a local government (LG) system for the first time since its inception five and a half decades ago, after November 30 elections. The capital remained an administrative territory without any body of elected representatives from the grass root level. Previously, LG elections were held in 1993 in the rural areas of Islamabad district. But, the city areas could not have a district council on THE BASIS OF local government to represent the people in the area. Masses remained deprived of local level representation for resolution of their problems over the years. Though, there had been certain civic bodies to meet the needs of the people living in the capital territory, yet their representation in the ruling community remained specified to MNAs and senators. The present government broke the ice and took a bold initiative to put in place a local government system, in a city where bureaucrats rule prevailed over the decades. The capital is all poised for a system representative of the people as 676,795 registered voters will be provided an opportunity to exercise their right to vote on November 30 to elect local level representatives in 50 union councils of the Islamabad district. In each union council, voters will elect 13 representatives including a chairman, a vice chairman, six general members, two women members, one labour member, one youth member and one non-Muslim member. The chairman and vice chairman in each union council would form a panel and will be elected collectively by securing votes from each polling station of the respective union councils. There will be six seats of general members for which each union council has been divided into six divisions. One member shall be elected from one division. Similarly, in case of female members, there would be two constituencies in each union council and one female member each will be elected from one constituency. In case of one each seat for labourer, youth and non-Muslim members, each contestant shall have to secure vote from across the union council and all polling stations in their respective constituencies. Eligible voters will elect the chairmen of the 50 union councils who will further elect 16 other members to take the total to 66. These 16 members will include nine women members, two each labour members, youth and non-Muslim members and one technocrat member. The election of these 16 members will be made in the second phase of LG elections for the capital. In the third phase, mayor and deputy mayor would be elected to complete the process and put in place the new LG system. Although union council members other than Chairmen will not be eligible to vote in metropolitan elections, but any elected member of the union councils will be eligible to contest the elections of mayor and deputy mayor. Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has set the limit of expenditures to Rs 100,000 for chairman and deputy chairman of the union council and Rs 30,000 for candidates contesting on each general seat and those reserved for women, non-Muslims and labourers.

**ISLAMABAD:** With 526 confirmed cases and one death so far in the federal capital, the dengue fever outbreak appeared as a greater health threat after major outbreak of the infection in 2011 compelling planners and authorities to plan for developing a foolproof mechanism and achieve a better level of preparedness to deal with the infection's expected outbreak in the coming year that might be far more aggressive. In the face of existing threat of the disease as epidemiologically if there are more cases in the current year more would be the chances of hemorrhagic manifestations in 2016 as the disease is

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expected to re-appear in the months from August to November. In Islamabad rural, technically qualified and trained staff successfully monitored the trend of the disease and analyzed data for taking prompt and timely interventions. It is obvious that the experience of dealing with the outbreak demands exercising a high level of preparedness in the dengue high transmission season next year. District Health Officer Islamabad Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Durrani, who is an epidemiologist, expressed this while talking to 'The News' on Thursday in connection with preparatory actions required during the off season for prevention and control of dengue fever in the year 2016. Gradual distribution and expansion of dengue fever was seen from lower areas to upper areas of the country in the decade, from 2003-2013, till it became endemic in Pakistan with periodic outbreaks and has spread to affect both urban and rural areas and is present in most parts of the country. It has special relation to temperature, rains, congested population, infected population and human behavior, said Dr. Durrani. He believes that the measures taken by the Health Department ICT for prevention and control of dengue fever from August to November this year need to be complemented by the well-thought off actions on the basis of scientific evidences generated through previous five years data and experiences for the next appearance of disease in 2016 to sustain efforts and to further improve disease surveillance, case response through specifically targeting areas where the disease had struck last year, thereby strengthening early warning and timely epidemiological response and capacity building.

Dengue, 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 effective case management to prevent death and vector control to reduce viral transmission. Like other health experts, Dr. Durrani said the best method to reduce transmission of dengue virus is to control vector mosquitoes and protection against mosquitoes bites. He added that Pakistan is currently facing a burden of diseases on several fronts, related to the rapid epidemiological transition, demographic transition, economic and socio-cultural transitions. Country faces a substantial morbidity burden from communicable diseases mainly from dengue fever, diarrheal diseases and tuberculosis. Most of the risk factors of these diseases are known although the role of climate change in relation to the increase in trends, occurrence of outbreaks and increase in incidence in some areas, and not in others, has not been studied so far. In general, high humidity and temperature are conditions that favor dengue vector's survival, increasing the likelihood of transmission that requires an infected traveler in the season. Human behavior plays an important role in spread and control of dengue. Congested living, presence of solid waste, trash, and poor water storage practices are the main reasons for poor control, he said. Dengue fever was reported in this region of the country in September 2003 from Mangla near Jehlum and in Haripur and in October same year in Soon Valley Khoshab, although it was discovered first in Hub District Lasbella in Balochistan among factory workers in 1992. Later, two years after its appearance in 2003 it was reported from Kotli, AJK, and after four years in 2007, the dengue fever was reported from Islamabad and was confirmed. Mass transit or human travel is an important factor in spread and propagation of the disease to new areas, said Dr. Durrani adding fortunately he investigated all these outbreaks from the platform of National Institute of Health and WHO by visiting all these areas. Talking of preventive measures at the moment, he said during the off season in the beginning of winter, the main action against dengue vectors should be spraying with insecticides, as dengue vector tries to fly from outside environment to inside rooms in search of relatively warmer places. It is time for water treatment of stagnant water ponds and over flowing water in buildings by temephos granules, container checking and health education to community. In cold weather, the biting and flying ability of the mosquitoes is diminished to a minimal level, he added.

He said during off season, inspectors from the vector control section of the health departments should work hard for outdoor surveillance particularly at sites regarded as hot spots like solid waste dumps, junkyards, grave yards, tire shops, under construction and abandoned buildings, nurseries etc. on regular basis. He added the field teams must give attention to scrubbing means destroying laid down eggs that look like as thick black line on the border where water film touches the cistern, water tank or the water container. This action which is often a neglected is very important measure to prevent mosquitoes to hatch from the eggs that have been laid in the start of winter season and these would be ready for the next summer to sprout and become adult mosquitoes to acquire infection by biting infected people and cause transmission of disease, said Dr. Durrani while responding to a query. He added 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. Social mobilization and continued indoor surveillance by Lady Health Workers during off season is a must if we want to avoid dengue fever outbreak in future, said Dr. Durrani. He said LHWs should visit each and every house in their catchment areas on regular basis to check for any breeding site and should mechanically destroy those besides educating women and children in the community about safe water storage practices and keeping vigilance in their homes and around where rain water could be collected leading to mosquitoes breeding. Off season is a good period for capacity building of health care workers on vector control activities for outreach teams and clinical case management for the hospital staff. School children are to be educated on regular basis through small and simple topics in the school about preventive measures against dengue fever, said Dr Durrani. He said it is convenient for the health departments to initiate procurement process for acquiring WHO prequalified insecticides that are effective and not toxic to humans. Similarly quality fogging machines and spray pumps are to be acquired and should be kept in a ready position. Also during the off season, health departments should arrange for Insecticide Treated Bed Nets (ITNs) for the next season, said Dr. Durrani.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh Healthcare Commission has come into being to evaluate and monitor performance of both public and private health institutions in the province. Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has constituted the committee under Section 5(9) of Sindh Health Care Commission Act-2013. The minister will chair the committee while health secretary, Sindh Medical University Karachi vice chancellor, ISRA University vice chancellor, Sindh PMA president/ secretary general, Private Hospital Association president/secretary general, representative of College of Physicians and Surgeons from Sindh, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre executive director and representative of

## Sindh Healthcare

### Commission formed

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### ECP issues polling scheme for 3rd phase of LG elections

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general practitioners will be its members. The committee will monitor public and private hospitals in the province. It will further delegate its powers at division and district level. Jam Mehtab has said that the purpose of Sindh Health Care Commission is to improve health care facilities in the province and the members of the commission will pay frequent surprise visits to the public and private hospitals to improve the health care facilities there and will take initiatives against those who are involved in negligence.

**KARACHI:** Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Wednesday issued polling scheme for the third phase of local government (LG) elections in Sindh. According to notification, a group of 43,086 people including six district returning officers, 60 returning officers and 115 assistant returning officers will monitor the electoral process. At least 4,152 polling stations would be formed in Karachi East, West, South, Central, Malir and Korangi, while 14,849 polling booths would be established in this regard. ECP spokesman hoped that the electoral process in third phases will be concluded in an effective manner after the completion of first two phases. He said that Election Commission is committed to conduct transparent and impartial elections, whereas all the candidates will be provided equal opportunities in the polls. Meanwhile, Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan said on Wednesday that the last phase of the local government polls would be completed on December 5, for the devolution of power to the grassroots level. Talking to the participants of the National Defence University Islamabad's workshop who called on him at the Governor House, he said that fostering democratic thinking is essential for the acquisition of fruits of democracy at every level. He was of the view that changes in the laws are made in accordance with the needs of the time as well as the prevailing situation. The governor pointed out that some changes have also been made in the local government laws. These, he added, would not create any impediment in the process of development at the grassroots level. Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan said that there has been a positive thinking among the Karachiites and there is no divide on ethnic or any other lines. He said that ongoing operation in the province would continue without any distinction till the achievement of its objectives. The governor said that criminals irrespective of their influence would be brought to justice. He dispelled the impression that there was any relaxation in the operation. Dr Ishratul Ebad said that there has been a substantial decrease in major crimes in the city such as terrorism, target killings, kidnapping for ransom and extortion. He pointed out that no new case has been registered for kidnapping for ransom. There is 80 percent decrease in incidents of terrorism and kidnapping for ransom and 90 percent decline in incidents of extortion. The National Action Plan was devised with the consent of all the political parties and that the criminals are being arrested under the said plan, he maintained.

### EU, Sindh govt launch poverty reduction programme

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**KARACHI:** European Union (EU) delegation to Pakistan, the Sindh government and the Rural Support Programme Network (RSPN) launched the European Union funded six-year Sindh Union Council and Community Economic Strengthening Support (SUCCESS) programme in Karachi on Wednesday. The objective of the programme is to reduce poverty through community-driven development (CDD) based on the proven social mobilisation approach of Rural Support Programmes (RSPs). The programme will cover eight districts including Tando Muhammad Khan, Sujawal, Matiari, Tando Allahyar, Larkana, Kambar Shahdadkot, Dadu and Jamshoro. EU Ambassador in Pakistan Jean-François Cautain, Sindh Additional Deputy Secretary Ajaz Ali Khan, RSPN Chairman Shoaib Sultan Khan, RSPN Chief Executive Officer Khaleel Ahmed Tetlay, NRSP Chief Executive Officer Dr Rashid Bajwa, EU officials, representatives of partner organisations, government officials and civil society representatives attended the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Ajaz Ali Khan said, "We could be able to bring actual change in the society through the said programme." He said that it was very encouraging that the programme will involve and be led by the women. The Sindh government was fully committed to the programme and was intended to back it until end, he added. He observed that one of the fundamental issues in Sindh was to accommodate talented and educated youth into industry and job market. SUCCESS will also open doors to new opportunities for rural youth who would be able to work in their home districts, he remarked. Ambassador Jean-François Cautain said the SUCCESS was developed at the request of the Sindh government to extend the geographic coverage of their Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) to eight rural districts of Sindh. "This clearly shows the commitment of the Sindh government to this approach," he remarked. This programme includes a small component of technical assistance amounting to 1.5 million euros, to be provided to the Sindh government. The technical assistance will assist the Sindh government in designing a dedicated Sindh policy and budget framework for community-driven local development, to be implemented from 2018 onwards. The SUCCESS will be focusing heavily on women as their primary beneficiaries, he stated. In his opening remarks, Shoaib Sultan Khan shared with the audience that back in 2009, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah listened to the strategies of RSPs and approved the Union Council Based Poverty Reduction Programme (UCBPRP) for two most backward districts of the province - Shikarpur and Kashmor. Shoaib said that the UCBPRP worked only with women and empowered them not only economically, but also on attaining self-confidence and power of their own potential to improve their status. Shoaib termed it a fortunate incidence saying that a group of EU delegation led by Brend de Groot visited Interior Sindh and the delegation was so impressed by the RSPs' mobilisation process, especially empowerment of women achieved under the UCBPRP. He said a meeting was arranged of EU officials with Sindh CM and resulted in the formulation of the SUCCESS, which will cover eight districts on the line of UCBPRP.

### SEF decides to enroll 100,000 out-of-school children

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**KARACHI:** Around 100,000 out-of-school children in Sindh would be enrolled at the primary schools in the province, said a senior official of the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) on Wednesday. Efforts are underway to enroll 100,000 out-of-school children in 18 districts of the province by the next academic session, which is scheduled to commence from April next year, Mukhtar Ahmed Chandio said. He said that the SEF has invited the submission of expression of interest (EOIs) for the establishment of new primary schools in Sindh under the phase-VI of Promoting Private Schooling in Rural Sindh (PPRS) programme. He was of the view that the response of the EOIs has been very encouraging. He pointed out about 2,000 applications have been received and that these are being processed which will take about a month's time.



### Khuhro 'ready to resolve' teachers' grievances

*Daily Times, November 26, 2015*

### Measures being taken to control dengue menace

*Daily Times, November 26, 2015*

### NUST ranked among world's top universities

*Daily Times, November 26, 2015*

### 200,000 complaints resolved by ombudsman

*Daily Times, November 26, 2015*

### PIC committed to change image of public hospitals

*Daily Times, November 26, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Senior Minister for Education and Information Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has said that the government does not believe in violence on teachers, but the teachers are bound to obey the law adding that table talks are final solution to problems. He issued this statement in view of violation on teachers gathered outside the Karachi Press Club (KPC) for pursuing their demands on Wednesday. Khuhro said the government will consider to solve their demands. He said that every person has right to hold protest in the democracy and in democratic way but crossing the limits of red zones is inappropriate conduct. He said that the government believes in talks. "If teachers present their legitimate demands, then the government will think to accept their demands," he added.

**RAWALPINDI:** District government in collaboration with Health Department and other institutions are taking all preventive measures to control dengue in different areas of the city. Talking to APP, Dr Muhammad Tahir an official of Health Department, said that measures are being taken to provide treatment to dengue patients admitted in various hospitals. He said directives have been given to the Allied Hospital for providing better treatment to the patients coming from different areas to eliminate dengue. "Twelve patients are admitted in three hospitals including Benazir Bhutto, Holy Family and District Hospital for diagnosing dengue while seven patients are declared negative," he added. He informed that the samples of five other patients have been sent for checking dengue virus. A patient has been declared positive with dengue, adding he is being treated properly. Meanwhile, the campaign is in full swing in all areas of the district so that people take precautionary measures to avoid dengue. Banners and posters have been displayed for awareness among the masses to prevent spread of dengue in the district. Advisor to Chief Minister Punjab, Dr Waseem Akram on Wednesday urged all departments to continue their efforts for complete elimination of dengue virus from the province. Addressing a meeting held at the commissioner's office, he said indoor and outdoor fumigation to be carried out on daily basis to control the virus as dengue mosquitoes are prevailing into the houses and all precautionary measures should be taken to check spread of dengue virus. He appreciated the steps taken by all departments concerned for conducting anti-dengue spray, as the number of dengue patients has decreased in Punjab. Akram said that the ongoing efforts against dengue would help in controlling the deadly virus, the residents should cooperate with the staff to eradicate the deadly disease, he added.

**ISLAMABAD:** The National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) has been ranked at 85 among world's top less-than-50-year-old universities by the QS (UK), according to a press release issued by the university. The ranking is aimed at recognising the fast-emerging young universities who have made themselves recognised internationally. It is pertinent to mention here that NUST has acquired a strong academic reputation in just 24 years of its age. Its core values of quality, merit, entrepreneurial character, community engagement and sustainable development promotion have earned it a good name globally. NUST has become the dream of every young aspiring student, the press release says.

**ISLAMABAD:** The institution of ombudsman is playing an imperative role in disposing of complaints as the department has decided over 200,000 complaints during the last two years, Federal Ombudsman Salman Faruqi said. Talking to APP on the sidelines of a two-day conference of Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA) being held on November 24-25, Faruqi said that the holding of AOA in federal capital is a successful event of federal ombudsman as 62 delegates from 17 Asian countries are participating in the event being held in Pakistan after about 10 years. While giving background of the AOA, the federal ombudsman maintained that Pakistan and China are the pioneers of this association and because of the concerted efforts by the two brotherly countries this association is expanding with every passing year. "We are trying hard that all the Asian countries where the institution of ombudsman is working should become the member of AOA and with the grace of Almighty Allah we are very much successful in doing so", he added. Faruqi thanked the visiting dignitaries and expressed the confidence that the conference would help understanding each other's problems and would benefit from each other's experiences. To a question vis-à-vis the agenda of the conference, Salman Faruqi stated that the basic cause of the conference is to sit together at a table and ponder how a common person access could be made easy towards ombudsman court. In addition, he said, what ways and means could be utilised to create further awareness among masses about this prestigious institution. In Pakistan, 12 ombudsman institutions are working which are more than any other country including federal ombudsman, tax ombudsman and banking ombudsman. Faruqi also apprised that all the complaints submitted with the Federal Ombudsman are mandatory to be decided, in accordance with the law, within a time period of 60 days after which the appeals also have time limitations that are decided in 45 days. The effectiveness of federal ombudsman decisions are evident from the fact that appeals are filed at a ratio of 36 to 1,000 complaints, he concluded.

**LAHORE:** The new management of Punjab Institute of Cardiology (PIC) is changing the culture of the public hospital with new initiatives, up-to-date equipments, public awareness campaigns and training workshops for employees. It has been observed that the new emergency blocks, civil works and use of digital machines reduced the waiting queues. According to a senior PIC cardiologist, the entire emergency block including fall ceiling, paint, grills and barriers have been revamped on modern style. He said the floors tiles have been installed in Jilani Block, while condition of public toilets has generally improved by regular inspection and maintenance. The cardiologist said the management of the hospital paid special emphasis on horticulture upkeep with new plants and flowers to make the hospital pleasant and patient friendly, adding that a DMS is deputed to monitor horticulture. In the public awareness campaigns, he said this year the hospital celebrated Independence Day, World Heart Day and Cleanliness Day besides organising public awareness walks. "In addition to that, we started the hospital broacher to aware the people about new developments in the hospital," he added. He said the measures taken by the hospital have been approved by College of Physicians and Surgeon Pakistan and PIC is among the first one approved in such category. He said PIC organised few training workshop including medical ethics and hospital waste management. Also, it arranged orientation courses for internees and arranged workshops by international Cardiologist Dr Christopher Wolf from Vienna, Austria on latest techniques in



### **Mysterious fire destroys Christian web TV office**

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interventional cardiology at PIC, he added. He said the hospital further plans to construct 100-bedded emergency block with the help of donors besides additional 140-bedded indoor facility by constructing second and third floors over the new emergency block. He shared that replacement of two angiography machines and installations of one angiography machine would be helpful for the hospital. Establishment of Prevention Cardiology Centre and end-to-end complete automation through Pakistan Information Technology Board (PITB) is among the future plans of the hospital, he shared.

**KARACHI:** An office of a web TV channel of the Christian community in Karachi's Akhter Colony was destroyed in a mysterious fire, it emerged on Wednesday. The channel, Gawahi, airs religious programmes. Police said the fire was caused by a short circuit, but the channel's director told media that it was an act of sabotage. Mehmoodabad SHO Sarwar Commando told Dawn that the web TV's office was located in a residential building, which caught fire on Monday night. The people living in the building were rescued by fire brigade personnel. He said equipment and other items worth about Rs2 million and the channel's two-room office had been destroyed in the fire. The SHO quoted the fire brigade officials as saying that the short circuit failure was the main cause of the fire because electric wire had caught fire. Besides, he said, the residents also told police that they had not seen anyone entering the office. He said police had received an application from the channel's management on Tuesday for an inquiry into the incident. Police have decided to get footage of CCTVs installed at a nearby church to ascertain the possibility of any sabotage. He said the TV management had not reported to police that they had been receiving threats. Meanwhile, BBC Urdu quoted Gawahi's director Sarfraz William as saying that the fire was an act of sabotage. He said chemicals were used to destroy computers and other equipment as wooden stuff remained safe. It gave rise to his suspicion that it was an act of arson. Mr William claimed that they had received threats from suspected militants in the past to close the religious channel.

### **32,895 learners, 10,466 driving licences issued**

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**KARACHI:** At least 32,895 learner licences and 10,466 licences have been issued by all three branches of Karachi Licences Department from November 13 to date, while the number of advance token for licences has now decreased, said Licence Department DIG Aftab Pathan on Tuesday. Aftab said there was still need to set up full-fledged branches in rest of the districts in the city and sub-branches at town level so that licences could be issued to a large number of people within short span of time in the metropolis. The DIG informed that 80 percent of visitors were applying for learner licences, while very low ratio was applying for permanent licences including commercial licences, renewal of old licences, correction of licences and duplication. He said it was their misfortune that only few cities in Pakistan had database system and issued licences as per the traffic rules and regulations including Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi.

### **OUP organises symposiums for teachers**

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**KARACHI:** As a part of its ongoing support to education and good teaching practices, Oxford University Press (OUP) organised two symposiums for schoolteachers on 'Teaching 21st Century Skills'. Conducted by OUP authors and trainers from Pakistan and United Kingdom, the objective was to effectively address the current learning needs of students and the pedagogical challenges faced by teachers. Around 184 teachers from 23 cities across Pakistan attended the two separate events, which provided the participants and trainers a valuable platform to share ideas, experiences and best teaching practices. Productive sessions were held on the existing and new OUP textbook series and resources developed for pre-primary, primary, secondary and O levels. Interactive discussions between the trainers and the participants resulted in an exchange of feedback and suggestions on how to best utilise and build upon the content of textbooks and teaching resources in order to enrich the teaching and learning experience.

### **RCB determined to eradicate dengue**

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**RAWALPINDI:** Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) staff is carrying out fumigation on daily basis to control dengue virus in the district. According to RCB spokesperson, Cantt board squads in collaboration with health social welfare, auqaf, agriculture, livestock, education, environment and railways departments have taken concrete steps to eradicate dengue virus from the district and achieved high-quality results. The RCB will organise dengue awareness seminars in schools in the areas of cantonment areas soon for the awareness of students regarding the virus. Health teams of the cantonment board are fully prepared for anti-dengue campaigns and are conducting door-to-door service to inform the residents about precautionary measures to wipe out the dengue deadly virus for a healthy and clean environment.

### **Fisheries Department struggles to control illegal fishing in Rawal Lake**

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**ISLAMABAD:** Due to lack of staff and required equipment, fisheries department of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) is facing severe problems to effectively control illegal fishing at the Rawal Lake. Talking to APP, Fisheries Deputy Director Ishtiaq Ahmed said that despite lack of staff, his department has been doing its best to control illegal hunting of fish. The department is regularly conducting raids to check the illegal activity and during past one month about two hundred nets were confiscated. He said that out of two boats available for patrolling staff, one had gone out of order and only one boat is not sufficient to cover the entire Lake. Moreover he said that there is no police check post near the Lake and whenever some illegal hunters are caught, they escape from the scene before police arrival. Furthermore, he informed that if someone is caught from the Lake, secretariat police has to be approached while if someone is caught from outside the Lake around Bani Gala side, they have to approach Bani Gala police. The deputy director also said that due to lack of staff, patrolling is being done in only two shifts rather than three shifts. He further said as per fisheries ordinance the staff was authorised to have weapons for their protection but due to lack of sufficient funds they were not provided the weapons. Similarly in the past, patrolling staff was provided uniforms, but financial constraints has forced the management to make do without uniforms. About future plans he said that his department plans to rehabilitate the fish hatchery and build another hatchery on the upper side of the Lake. He said that his department would seek necessary funds to overcome staff and equipment shortage in the next fiscal year. He clarified that fish from Rawal Lake is not being sold in the market as the commodity being sold at stalls near adjoining roads was brought from local fish markets. On the contrary, anglers opine that illegal fish hunt at Rawal Lake through nets at the cost of hunters for fun and recreation was still going on. Several visitors at the Rawal Lake told that visitors who come for fun and recreation have to pay a hefty amount of Rs 200

### Capital administration to ensure transparency

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### Army, Rangers to be deployed during LG elections

*Daily Times, November 25, 2015*

### 25,000 housing units lack gas connections since 2011

*Daily Times, November 24, 2015*

### Kh Ahmed Hassaan cancels contractual system of PHA schemes

*Daily Times, November 24, 2015*

for one-day license fee say they hardly can catch any fish as they are caught in the nets of illegal fishers. Afaq Hussain, a frequent visitor to the Lake told that the fishermen's equipments are confiscated only when some complaints are lodged but later returned to grab money. He said that a number of fish stall owners at adjoining roads of the Lake claim to sell their fish hunted from the Rawal Lake which clearly indicates that the activity was being carried out. Another visitor Adil Malik criticised the Fisheries Department for what he called unjustified raise in fish hunt permits which a common man hardly affords.

**ISLAMABAD:** Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Mushtaq Ahmed said that the capital administration is all set to ensure free, fair and transparent local government (LG) elections in the federal capital. He was presiding a meeting for district election commission, which was also attended by district returning officer (DRO), returning officers (Ros), assistant returning officers (AROs), assistant commissioners (ACs), district police officials (DPOs), and representatives of the political parties. He directed all the district officials to ensure strict implementation of code of conduct issued as per directives of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to hold LG elections in the capital. He further said that strict legal action to be taken against anyone found violating the code of conduct and urged the coordinating officials of political parties to strictly follow the code of conduct.

**ISLAMABAD:** Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Tuesday decided to deploy armed forces personnel and Rangers for the safety and security and peaceful conduct of local government (LG) elections in the capital on November 30. The decision was made at a meeting chaired by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Justice (r) Sardar Raza Khan at ECP headquarters. The meeting was held to review arrangements, logistics, security concerns and printing of ballot papers with regard to conduct of LG elections in the capital. Members of election commission, interior secretary, IG Police, Chief Commissioner Islamabad, MD PCP, district returning officer (DRO) Islamabad and senior officers of the election commission were present. Agreeing to the proposals of the Islamabad Inspector General of Police (IGP) vis-à-vis deployment of Rangers at each polling station under Article 218(3) of the Constitution, it is duty of the Election commission to conduct LG elections in capital in a free, fair and transparent manner by providing level playing field to all the contestants and political parties. The DRO briefed the ECP about the structure of LG in the capital city, printing of ballot papers and other arrangements made so far in this regard. The IG Police briefed the Commission about the security plan while the chief commissioner highlighted the initiatives and preventive measure taken for the implementation of code of conduct issued as per the directives of ECP and additional measures adopted for ensuring honest and credible elections in Islamabad. The election commission praised the steps taken by DRO, IGP and Islamabad administration after thorough deliberations and considering the proposals of all the participants. The commission, in view of the proposals, decided to send a requisition for deployment of army personnel at 62 spots which are considered as highly sensitive and agreed to the security plan presented by the IGP including deployment of Rangers at each polling station. DRO Islamabad shall decide all the complaints for change of polling stations by November 26 and no change should be made thereafter. ECP also decided that the DRO will issue instructions to all the Returning Officers (ROs) to re-check the printed ballot papers before receiving to avoid any mistakes, missing names and symbols. The DRO has also been asked to ensure that polling at all 640 polling stations should start on time.

**KARACHI:** As many as 25,000 housing units worth more than Rs 200 billion are without gas connections since 2011, following a ban on provision of new gas connections, Daily Times has learnt. Former premier Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani had imposed a ban on provision of new gas connections throughout the country except those districts where gas is produced. Initially, the ban was imposed for a period of two years and it was supposed to be lifted by 2013, however, the federal government extended it for two more years. The worst affected sector of this ban is construction industry, which contributes a larger share in the revenues, sources told Daily Times. "The Sindh and the Balochistan provinces are larger producers of natural gas with at least 69 and 17 percent respectively, however, denial of gas connections to 25,000 established industrial units is a sheer injustice," said Muhammad Hanif Gohar, who is the chairman of the Association of Builders and Developers - a platform representing more than 1,500 builders of the country. "The construction industry in Pakistan is the largest job provider and thousands of people are rendered jobless as the industry has been ignored by the authorities," he regretted. The established housing units are deserted as the authorities concerned were reluctant to ensure provision of gas facility to these housing units since long, he said adding that the builders have also proposed to construct 500,000 low-cost housing units by 2025. "The proposals have been submitted with the prime minister, now let us see what decision the federal government is going to take," the ABAD chairman said. According to Gohar, the overall population in the metropolis is rapidly increasing and around 70 buildings are without gas connections that reflect the sincerity of quarters concerned. "The ABAD is sincerely working for the betterment of people and to make huge investments in Pakistan. We are holding an ABAD expo very soon for which all the six stalls have been booked from the TDAP," he added. Replying to a question about involvement of some builders in illegal allotment of land, Gohar said the government does not allot the land to a builder directly. The builders purchase the land from private person after completing all the legal and required formalities. And despite this, "ABAD has established a separate complaint cell while focal persons have also been nominated to deal with different issues, if any, with cantonment boards, National Accountability Bureau and law enforcement agencies," he concluded.

**LAHORE:** Advisor to Punjab Chief Minister Khawaja Ahmed Hassaan on Monday accepted the demands of Parks and Horticultural Authority (PHA) Employees Union (CBA) and gardeners, by canceling the contractual system of five horticulture schemes of PHA. He announced this while addressing with the angry PHA employees at the PHA head office. He directed PHA Director General Mian Shakeel for resolving other issues of the employees as well. Hassaan said that the PHA authority would not allocate any old park to private contractors. However, he said the PHA employees should not have any objection to give new horticultural schemes on contracts to private contractors, which the PHA employees accepted. He lauded the hard work of PHA workers and gardeners for giving beautiful look to the provincial metropolis. In the previous protest, the PHA workers, especially

## HEC contractual staff demands pay raise

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gardeners, threatened to arrange a sit-in in front of the PHA head office and surrounded the PHA building besides blocking Jail Road. However, the Employees Union Secretary General Hafiz Abraar announced on Monday that they would not hold sit-in protest after acceptance of their demands by the Punjab government. He ensured that the PHA workers would try to work with the best of their abilities. The PHA workers previously held protests in the different areas of the city against the contractual system for last couple of weeks.

**ISLAMABAD:** HEC's contractual staff for the development projects has been waiting for increment in their salaries since 2008. The project directors had got their increments by revising PC-1 of the said projects. The remaining staff demanded standardised pay packages either by revising PC-1 or by implementing the notification issued by Finance Division in this regard. The staff for the development projects was hired on contract bases. Development projects include overseas scholarship phase-I and II, need based scholarships, post-PhD programmes. Around one hundred employees are working with these projects as contract employees. The project director, project manager, account manager, assistant and data entry operators are the positions, which are to be filled by these contractual staff. Most of the works in these important projects are being done by above mentioned staff. The Finance Division had issued a notification of increment in the pays of contractual staff of up to 15 percent in 2008, which was implemented by the HEC administration. But, now the administration is showing reluctance to implement another notification of the same nature, which was issued by the Finance Division back in 2013 to increase the pay package for contractual staff by up to 20 percent. Whereas, the regular and executive employees are taking benefits of the notification issued by Finance Division time to time. The said staff had also approached the relevant authorities within the HEC to implement the decision, but they are allegedly using delaying tactics and the decision has not been implemented so far. Moreover, the pay slips of said workers clearly indicate that they have gone without a raise since the last several years.

Talking to the Daily Times, an employ said: "The project directors had got increment in their salaries by revising the PC-1 of the projects, whereas, the other staff is still working on old salary packages, which is a clear discrimination in his view." If the PC-1 was being revised then why only the pay of project directors was enhanced, the employ questioned rhetorically. Another employ, who is also working in the development project told the Daily Times that the contractual staff possessed all the relevant qualifications against the posts on which they are working. "The inflation rate is increasing day by day but we are doing our jobs on the same pay package since many years," he said. Contractual employees demanded to standardise their pay packages as par the government policy. They suggested two ways to increase their pay package; first, by revising PC-1 of the project as it was used in the case of project directors and secondly implementation of the pending 20 percent pay increment notification of Finance Division. They criticised the monopoly of higher authorities and briefed the Daily Times that the officers are drawing huge benefits but they never think about the lower staff and their families, who are suffering since years. They asked the prime minister, who is the controlling authority of HEC, to take notice of the issue. Daily Times has learnt that there is a difference of around Rs10,000 between the present pay of the said staff and pay package of contractual staff in other government departments. The employees are currently working on lump-sum package without any special allowance. While responding to the issue, the acting HEC executive director, Ghulam Raza Bhatti expressed his unawareness with the issue and said: "staff members are like my children and I will look into the matter and take appropriate steps to resolve the matter." The HEC spokesperson is also not fully updated about the issue and declined to respond on it.

## Capital's roads to be lit with LEDs

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**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to illuminate the roads of the Islamabad with Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) and under the plan initially, 2,000 lights will be installed at the major avenues of the city. This was decided during a meeting held at CDA Headquarters on Monday. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal chaired the meeting while Member Administration and Estate, Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Engineering Shahid Sohail, Director General Electrical and Maintenance and officers of the relevant formations were also present during the meeting. Afzal was told that LED technology is not only cost-effective but will also help light the city in a more artistic manner. The meeting was further informed that LED lights are more durable and longlasting as compared to conventional streetlights. He was also informed that initially 2,000 conventional lights installed on Main Murree Road from Faizabad to Serena Hotel Chowk, Constitutional Avenue, F-6, F-7 and F-8 portion of Nazimuddin Road and Faisal Avenue from Zero point will be replaced with LED lights in different phases. He was further informed that estimates in this regard are being prepared. The meeting was also told that replaced conventional lights would be converted into retrofitted LEDs and would later be installed in the other areas of the city as per requirement. The meeting was informed that a successful experience of installing retrofitted LEDs has been carried out at Margalla Road. Chairman CDA, Maroof Afzal directed the formations concerned for immediate preparation of estimates and completion of codal formalities at the earliest. The replaced conventional lights would be installed on remaining roads, particularly in the populous areas of the city so that complaints of streetlights could be addressed, he added. He also said that the authority has taken concrete steps to revamp the federal capital and all the facilities being provided will be up-graded on modern lines and latest technologies would be adopted to serve the residents of the city in a better and effective way.

## Drop in mercury rises fish demand

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**ISLAMABAD:** The demand for fish has increased due to severe cold in the twin cities Islamabad and Rawalpindi, the fish lovers are rushing to fish fried shops and markets for their families. The fish is available of all type at every local market, stalls has also been set-up at different places of Islamabad and Rawalpindi to attract the customers, analysts observed. The most common fish in Islamabad is rohu, mahasher, thela fish, finger fish, salmon, silver and common carp of raw fish. However, the rates of raw fish including rohu are Rs 250, mahasher Rs 300, silver Rs 240 and salmon Rs 700 per kilogramme. While the fried fish of rohu is available for Rs 500 per Kg, silver Rs 450, salmon Rs 1, 500 and mahasher Rs 650 respectively in the federal capital and Rawalpindi. A fish dealer told that Rawal Dam and Simly Dam are two major reservoirs of fishing in twin cities for fish lovers. Fried fish seller Rashid Khan said, "I had been doing this business for the past several years. It is a game of demand and supply, the demand of fish increases in winter therefore we earn a lot in chilly weather specially



## 7.1 million people diabetic in Pakistan

*Daily Times, November 24, 2015*

in winter."

**ISLAMABAD:** Health experts on Monday advised diabetes patients to adopt preventive measures to avoid serious health hazards including amputation of limbs posed by diabetes, as treatment is expensive. Experts said that the number of persons suffering from diabetes are increasing rapidly in country. Polyclinic Executive Director Dr Zahid stressed prevention of diabetes with rigorous lifestyle intervention or drug therapy. He advised 30-minute daily exercise, at least two-month dietary routine and early treatment for cholesterol to control blood pressure. He said patients with diabetes are at very high risk of developing cardiovascular diseases and peripheral vascular diseases and are at more risk of heart attack and heart failure than normal persons. Dr Zahid was of the view that due to serious complications, diabetes patients are commonly left with no option but surgery that is expensive and risky. He stressed the need to adopt healthy lifestyle and preventive measures for living a healthy and better life. Replying to a query with regard to symptoms of diabetes, he said that urinating several times, feeling severe thirst, reducing weight and weakness are major symptoms of this deadly disease. "Taking balanced diet, regular exercise, weight control, regular medication and proper test of blood glucose level are few essential factors that could help to control diabetes and avoid complications," he observed. Dr Ahmad Khawaja, a consultant endocrinologist, and in-charge of diabetic clinic of polyclinic said that diabetes prevention is more important than treatment. He said diabetic patients should strictly check their lifestyle and dietary habits to avoid serious complications including limbs amputation. "They need to pay close attention to foot health especially when there is significantly diminished blood flow and nerve damage (neuropathy)," he added. He said such complications do not occur very early but with the passage of time could pose serious threat to patient's life. Diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate in Pakistan. Estimated figures showed that the number would increase from 7.1 million to 11.4 million, ranking Pakistan 10th in the world by 2030, he added. Twelve percent adults above the age of 25 suffer from this condition, 10 percent of them have an Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT), he further informed. Dr Iftikhar Malik said that every 10 seconds, two people are diagnosed with diabetes, and one person dies of diabetes-related causes. Malik further said seven million people become victim of diabetes every year around the globe and 70,000 children contract from type-1 diabetes every year. "Diabetes could badly affect eyes, brain, heart, kidneys and legs. It is one of the major causes of blindness and kidney failure," he pointed out.

## Nearly 100 faint from factory gas leak

*Daily Dawn, November 24, 2015*

**LAHORE:** At least 95 people fainted late on Monday night after they fell victim to ammonia gas leak from the cold storage of an ice factory near Lunda Phattak, in Badami Bagh area. Sources said that at least 12 workers were still trapped in the factory and rescue work was continuing when we went to press. The leak quickly spread to nearby areas of Tauheedabad, Pak Colony and Sabzi Mandi. The personnel of the Hazmat Unit of Rescue 1122 shifted the affected people to Mayo Hospital, where the condition of three boys was said to be critical. Seven other children and women were among those affected. Enraged people held a demonstration, demanding shifting of the factory from the residential area.

## First phase of Islamabad Expressway to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup>

*Daily Times, November 23, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** The first phase of the signal-free Islamabad Expressway is near completion as the work on placing girders on I-8 Interchange, the main component of the project, has commenced. German road infrastructure expert has been supervising the carpeting of roads, which is being carried out in line with the international standards to ensure execution of quality project. Modern German machinery was also being utilised to carry out the carpeting and other development work. Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA), Maroof Afzal accompanied by Member Administration and Estate, Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Engineering, Shahid Sohail visited the site for inspection of the ongoing carpeting and development work being carried out round the clock to meet the deadline. Speaking on the occasion, the chairman said that work on placing the girders has started, which will be completed soon paving the way for early completion of I-8 Interchange. The carpeting works for the expressway is also in full swing and projects will soon going to be completed as envisaged before the deadline. The CDA Chairman has directed the engineering wing to complete work on first phase of the Islamabad Highway expansion project by November 30. A dedicated lane for signal-free Expressway has been included in the project for the Motorcyclists as a safety measure to ease the traffic flow. This experiment has been successful in major road infrastructure projects across the world. The CDA management said that the project is of utmost importance as Islamabad Highway is considered as the major route for access to the capital city with ever-growing traffic, adding that expansion of Islamabad. The highway is the dire need of the hour for easing the heavy traffic flow. Islamabad Highway expansion project would be completed in stipulated time period on priority to facilitate the travellers. The CDA Chairman has also directed for completion of work on drainage system and retaining wall along the newly constructed lane. He further directed the formations concerned for early completion of environmental work on the project to protect and preserve the beautiful green character and to ensure its proper horticulture development, especially green belts. The project includes addition of new lane on both sides of Islamabad Highway from Zero Point to Faizabad (1st Phase) with the construction of interchange at I-8 junction. An alternative route has been demarcated for the traffic to facilitate the heavy traffic flow on Islamabad Highway.

## CDA allocates Rs 150 million for rehabilitation of sewerage system

*Daily Times, November 23, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) has developed a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate sewerage system of the capital city with its estimated cost envisaged at Rs 150 million. The decision has been taken to meet the requirement of expanding Islamabad city and there is a dire need to revamp the sewerage system of the city. According to the plan, sewerage and drainage system of the city will be rehabilitated in line with increasing needs. Initially CDA has allocated Rs 150 million for revamping of sewerage system of Islamabad that would be further enhanced on required basis. Reconstruction of sewerage system is part of comprehensive Islamabad up-gradation and rehabilitation plan that has been executed in the entire city. CDA management has directed the concerned formations for early completion of procedural requirements and preparation of tendering documents so that long awaited issues of the city could be addressed on priority. Meanwhile, Authority has also launched rehabilitation and up-gradation work in G sector and started up-grading and re-carpeting of major roads and avenues, installation of signboards, maintenance and repair of



## CPEC made part of China's 13th five-year development plan:

### Envoy

*Daily Times, November 23, 2015*

footpaths and fixation of curb stones is also being done in addition to the provision and up-gradation of all civic facilities and artistic beautification of the sectors. In line with directions of CDA management, rehabilitation and up-gradation work in sector G-6, G-7 and F-6 is in full boost. CDA management has reiterated that a consolidated step which has been taken to restore the natural beauty of the city.

**ISLAMABAD:** China has made the historic China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) initiative part of its 13th five-year economic and social development plan for the year 2016-2020. The leaders of the Communist Party of China (CPC) have approved proposals for the plan at the fifth plenary session of the 18th Communist Party of China Central Committee held in Beijing, Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan, Sun Weidong informed the Chinese and Pakistani journalists here in a recent interaction with them. While giving details of the CPEC, he said it is a process rather than just a project. Developing CPEC needs to be based on scientific research and designed by short, mid and long-term planning. He stressed that "we need to make persistent efforts based on determination and diligence, to achieve a sustainable development of CPEC." Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the initiatives of the Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) as the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. The initiative is an effort towards economic globalisation, cultural diversity and regional integration, he added. He further argued that CPEC is a major project for the Belt and Road Initiative and it has become the focus of the media. It is a vision and an important consensus reached between the leadership of both the governments with full support of the people. CPEC will strengthen the China-Pakistan friendship, bringing countries more closer to each other, and will help in building China-Pakistan community of shared destiny. Ambassador Sun Weidong admired the comprehensive cooperation framework and identified the major areas of energy, transport infrastructure, industrial parks and Gwadar Port. "We also expect the fields of CPEC to be expanded for finance, science and technology, education, poverty alleviation and social development in the near future." CPEC is an opportunity based on the spirit of openness and win-win cooperation. It focuses entire Pakistan and brings benefits to the people of China and Pakistan. It is also a combination of multiple developments, aiming to peace, prosperity and well being of the people in the region and the world at large. CPEC has made smooth progress. "Recently, we successfully concluded the 5th meeting of Joint Cooperation Committee on CPEC," he added. In the energy sector, out of the 14 priority projects, Port Qasim Power Plant, Sahiwal Power Plants, Zonergy Solar Project and many others are under construction. He said nine projects are reaching the advanced stage of financial closure. Chinese company will speedup the development of Gwadar Port. All projects will definitely play a leading role in the construction of the CPEC in the future. This is of special significance against the background of the global situation. Ambassador Sun said China will continuously encourage Chinese companies to invest in Pakistan, adding, "We highly appreciate the Pakistani side for giving great importance to the safety of Chinese personnel and institutes in Pakistan." He expressed the confidence that Pakistani authorities will continue to take all the necessary measures in this regard.

## Customers demand expansion of Friday bazaar

*Daily Times, November 23, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** A number of regular customers in Friday fruit and vegetable bazaar set up near Pakistan Town at the edge of Islamabad Highway, demanded expansion of its area to facilitate the ever-increasing number of residents from the adjoining areas. The Friday bazaar is functioning under the Islamabad district administration and attracts a large number of residents on Fridays who prefer it due to affordable and controlled prices of vegetables, fish, poultry and fruits. According to customers, the bazaar and its parking area are not spacious to facilitate huge crowds of customers and long stream of vehicles which often get stuck in the weekly bustle, causing frequent traffic jams. Regardless of, its establishment since long, nobody had bothered to construct a concrete floor and pavement over the muddy ground allocated for the food stalls. Customers opined that the concerned authorities should take prompt steps for managing the weekly bazaar on Sundays as well to facilitate a huge number of people from the adjoining areas and housing societies upto Rawat. People also credited the authorities for the enhanced security measures for the weekly activity. Certain buyers appeared dissatisfied with the arrangements and muddy ground over which makeshift stalls has been established. Azra Akbar Hussain, a teacher and resident of PWD colony, remarked that the people concerned for Friday bazaar should have taken notice of the huge clouds of dust in the bazaar due to frequent vehicular and pedestrians movement over the muddy ground. Customers were of the view that, movement in dusty ground is becoming difficult due to air pollution, which also pose serious health hazards.

## New Islamabad International Airport : Budget approved for land acquisition

*Daily Times, November 23, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal government has approved Rs16.750 billion for the land acquisition and construction of road network to connect the under-construction New Islamabad International Airport (NIIA) with motorway and the territories including Islamabad and Rawalpindi. The land acquisition and other related tasks would cost a total of Rs 5.455 billion, the construction of road networks to be commenced in four phases would cost Rs 11.295 billion. The Executive Committee for National Economic Council (ECNEC) has recently held a meeting chaired by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has accorded approval for land acquisition and construction of road network projects for the Airport that is likely to be operational next year. However, the Chair directed formation of a committee comprising senior officials from ministry of finance, communication, planning and development to decide about the mode of financing for Phase-III that involves construction of main link road to the airport. According to official sources, more than 85 percent of the work for the new airport has been completed. Construction work has been carried out to complete terminal building to make the airport operational as early as possible. The initial cost for the construction of new airport was Rs 31 billion which surged to Rs 81 billion. "When PML-N came to power in 2013, about 40 percent construction work of the project had completed earlier, but on the special directives of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, the pace of work was expedited and within two years it has now entered into the final phase," he added. He also pointed out that even after completion of 40 percent construction work, no proper planning was made for the provision of basic facilities like water supply, link roads and electricity. "The present government has also approved construction of two dams for water supply to the new international airport in capital territory while a grid station has been set up for power supply," he added. According to official source of Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA), around two million people travelled through the old airport in a year, which would rise to nine million as the new airport

### First dengue death confirmed

*Daily Dawn, November 23, 2015*

### Dengue fever outbreak sets a new record

*Geo News, November 23, 2015*

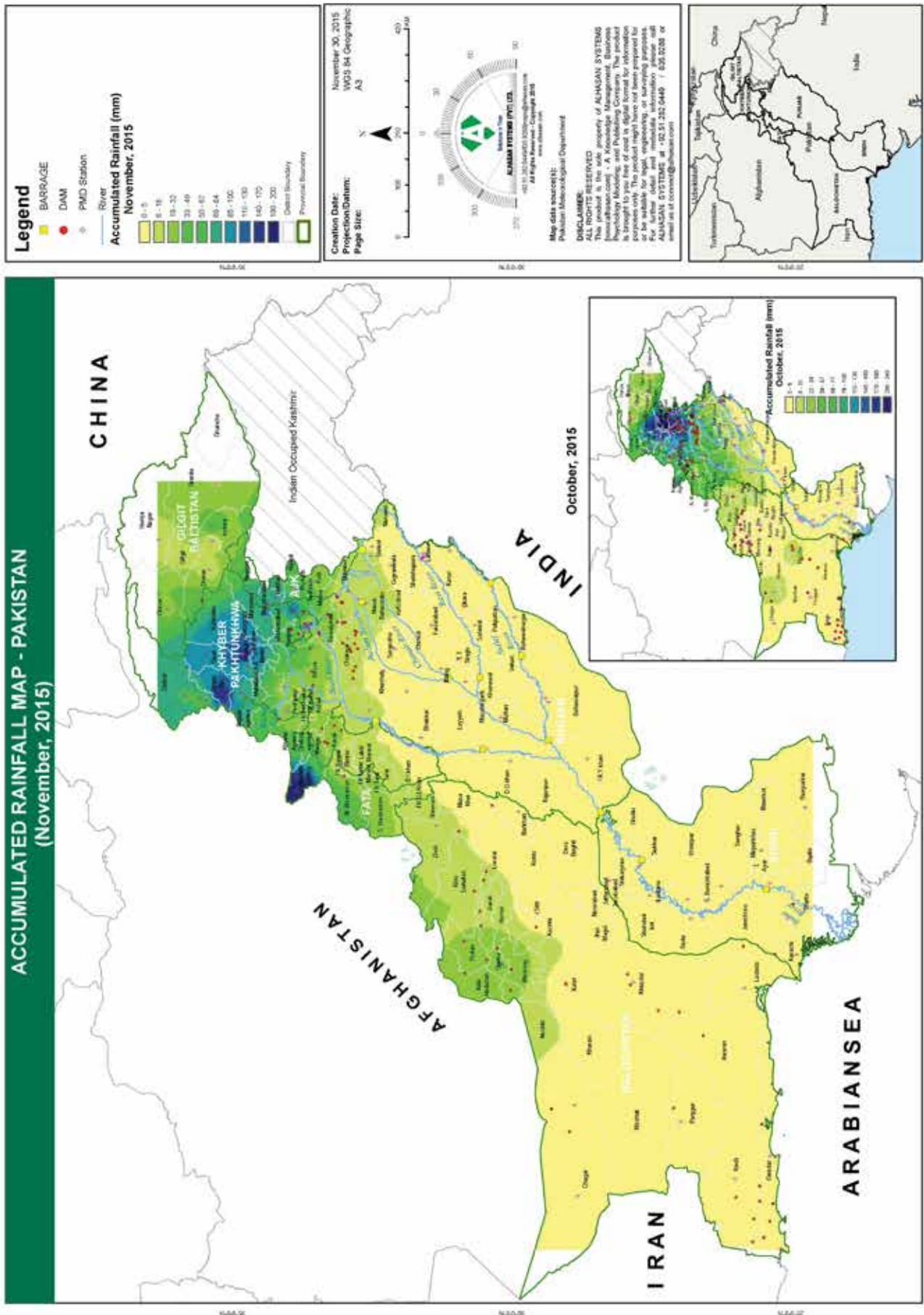
will begin operations. Two runways had been completed, one of which would be used for emergency landing. The runway has been constructed according to international standards where biggest airliners like Air Bus 380 will be able to land. The government is also considering over linking the new airport with the railway track so that the passengers could have easy access to the airport. Under the directives of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, a power plant will be installed to ensure regular power generation for the airport that would cater the needs of 15 million passengers in a year. The PCAA responsible for execution of state of the art international airport has also decided for provision of security on complete boundaries by installing perimeter intrusion detection system with regard to the international standards at airport. For this purpose, a consultant has been engaged to conduct complete survey of the area measuring 18.4 kilometers and directed to prepare initial report. This will be the first green field airport of Pakistan will have the facility to cater for the largest commercial aircraft presently operating worldwide. It will have 15 boarding bridges and will be able to handle 400,000 metric tons of cargo. The government has also ordered the installation of latest baggage handling system at the airport. It may be mentioned here that the groundbreaking of the project was performed in April 2007 and it was supposed to be completed within 30 months, initially the cost of the project was estimated to be Rs 37 billion. Later, PC-I of the project was revised in March 2012 at a cost of Rs 66 billion. The PCAA had once again revised its expenditures and October 2016 is the anticipated completion date of the project.

**LAHORE:** The health authorities confirmed on Sunday the first death by dengue in the provincial capital about two weeks after a woman succumbed to the disease at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. Reports said that Fauzia, 31, of Do Moria Pul was first taken to the Nawaz Sharif Yakki Gate Hospital from where she was referred to the Mayo Hospital, but doctors refused to admit her. She was finally shifted to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. The condition of the woman got critical due to delay in the treatment. "We received the patient with zero-pulse and low blood pressure," Sir Ganga Ram Hospital medical superintendent Dr Abdul Basit told Dawn. He said the patient was admitted to the Medical Unit III and then shifted to the ICU because of her deteriorating condition. Dr Basit said during treatment the disease advanced to dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF), a severe form of infection. She died of DHF complication despite the best possible treatment, he said. An official of the health department said that seven deaths had been reported in 2015 in Punjab. Of them, six occurred in Rawalpindi. He said at least 4,200 patients had been tested positive for the dengue virus during the same period in Punjab and most of them (3,200) were reported in Rawalpindi and over 300 in Multan.

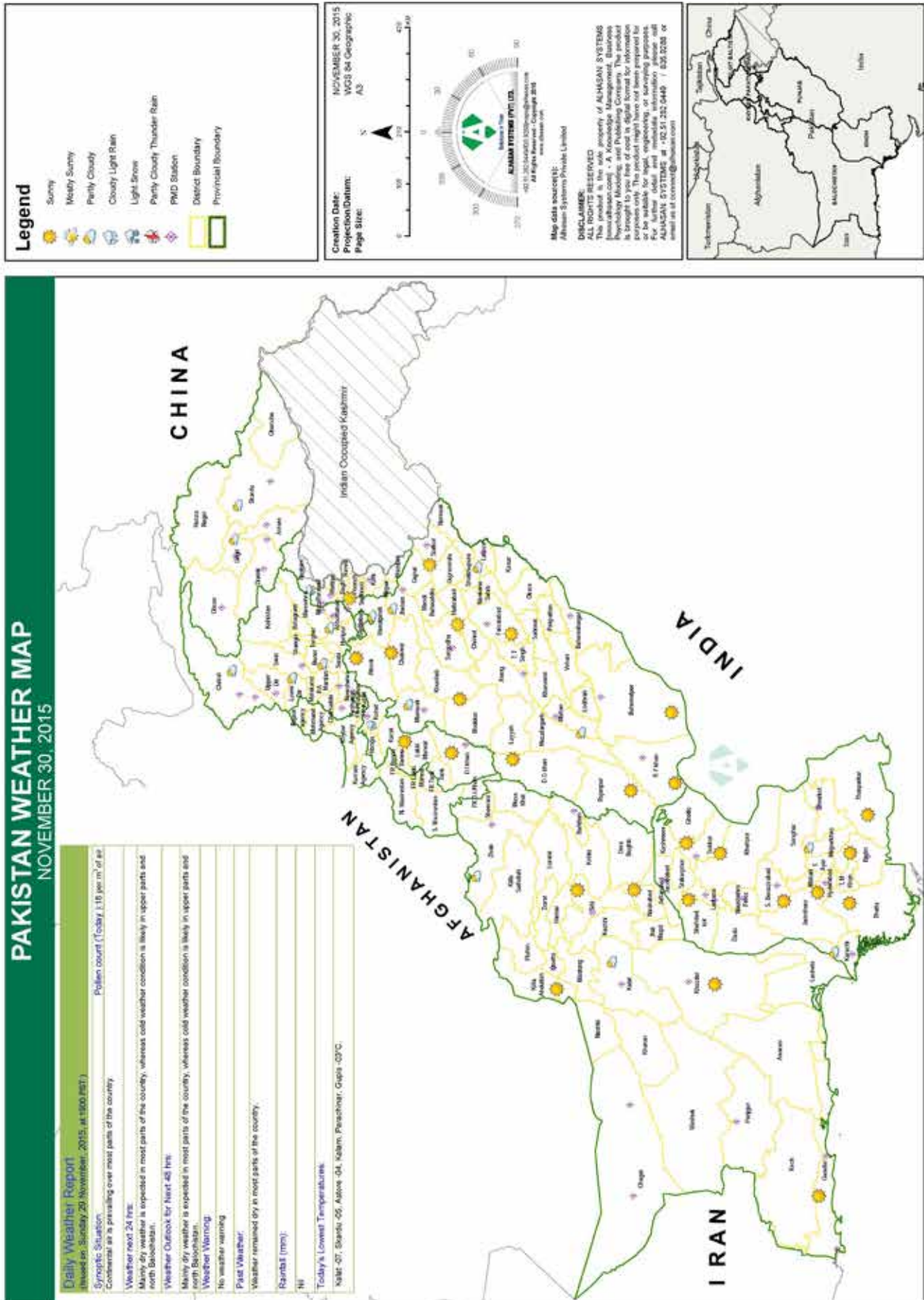
**RAWALPINDI:** Nearly 3,900 patients have been tested positive for dengue fever at the three teaching hospitals in town so far that has set a new record as in one year alone, more cases have been tested positive as compared to number of patients confirmed positive in previous nine years, from 2006 to 2014. The allied hospitals in town are still receiving 15 to 20 confirmed cases of dengue fever daily on average despite a significant fall in temperature and the infection has already claimed 13 lives at the three hospitals. Data collected by 'The News' reveals that from 2006 to 2008, the total number of confirmed patients of dengue fever reported at the allied hospitals in town was around 170, while in 2009, less than 30 cases of the infection were reported from the district. It is worth mentioning here that the first outbreak of dengue fever, though limited in nature, was reported in 2006 in the district. In 2010, the number of confirmed patients of dengue fever registered with the allied hospitals touched the figure of 400 for the first time, while in 2011 slightly over 800 patients were reported at the three teaching hospitals including Holy Family Hospital, Benazir Bhutto Hospital and District Headquarters Hospital.

In 2012, not even sporadic cases of dengue fever were reported from the district that enjoyed dengue-free status mainly because of efforts made well in time by the concerned government authorities. However, in 2013 the dengue fever was back with a vengeance and well over 1,100 confirmed cases were registered with the three teaching hospitals in town. In 2014, as many as 1,406 patients were tested positive for dengue fever at the allied hospitals in town and the number this year has already touched the figure of 3,900. According to a number of health experts, the trend shows that the dengue fever outbreak has been getting more and more intense with the passage of every year and if proper preventive measures are not taken well in time, the population in this region of the country would have to face a more intense and deadly outbreak of the infection in the year to come, in 2016. It is worth mentioning here that the allied hospitals have screened nearly 43,000 patients at their dengue outpatient departments in last three months while over 5,900 patients were admitted to the hospitals for treatment putting a tremendous burden on the healthcare system in the district.—

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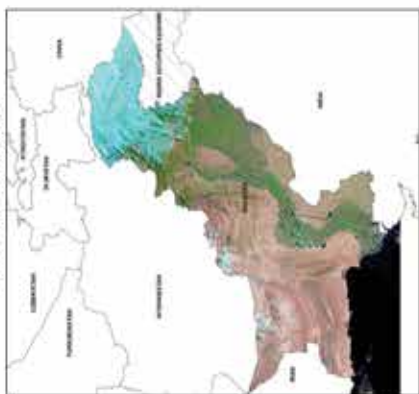




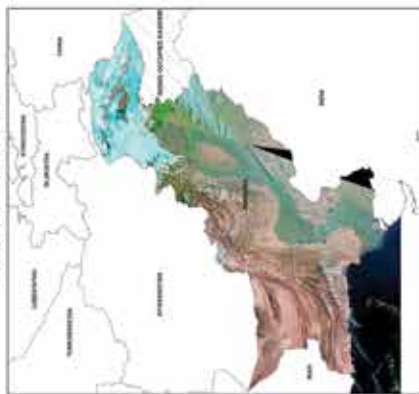


# WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (November 22, 2015 to November 29, 2015)

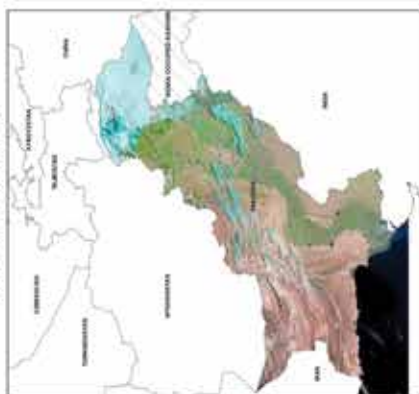
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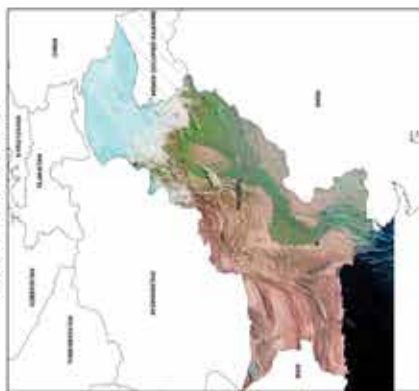
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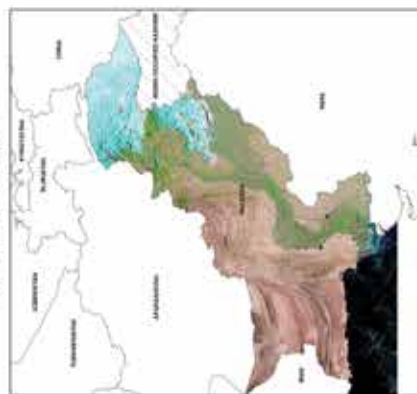
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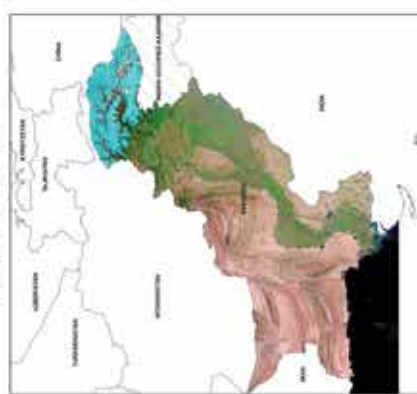
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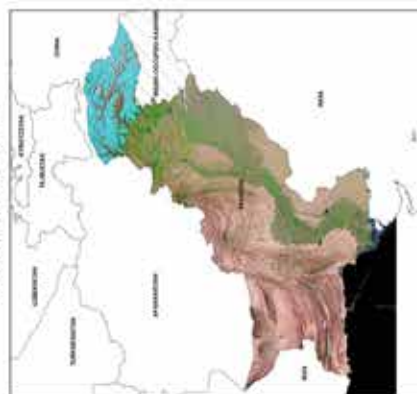
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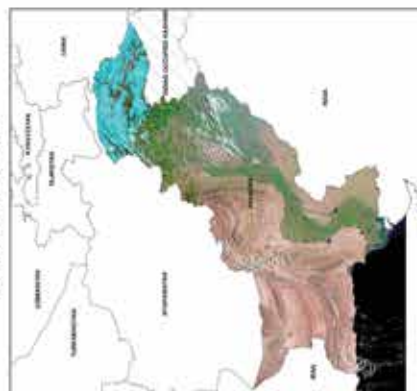
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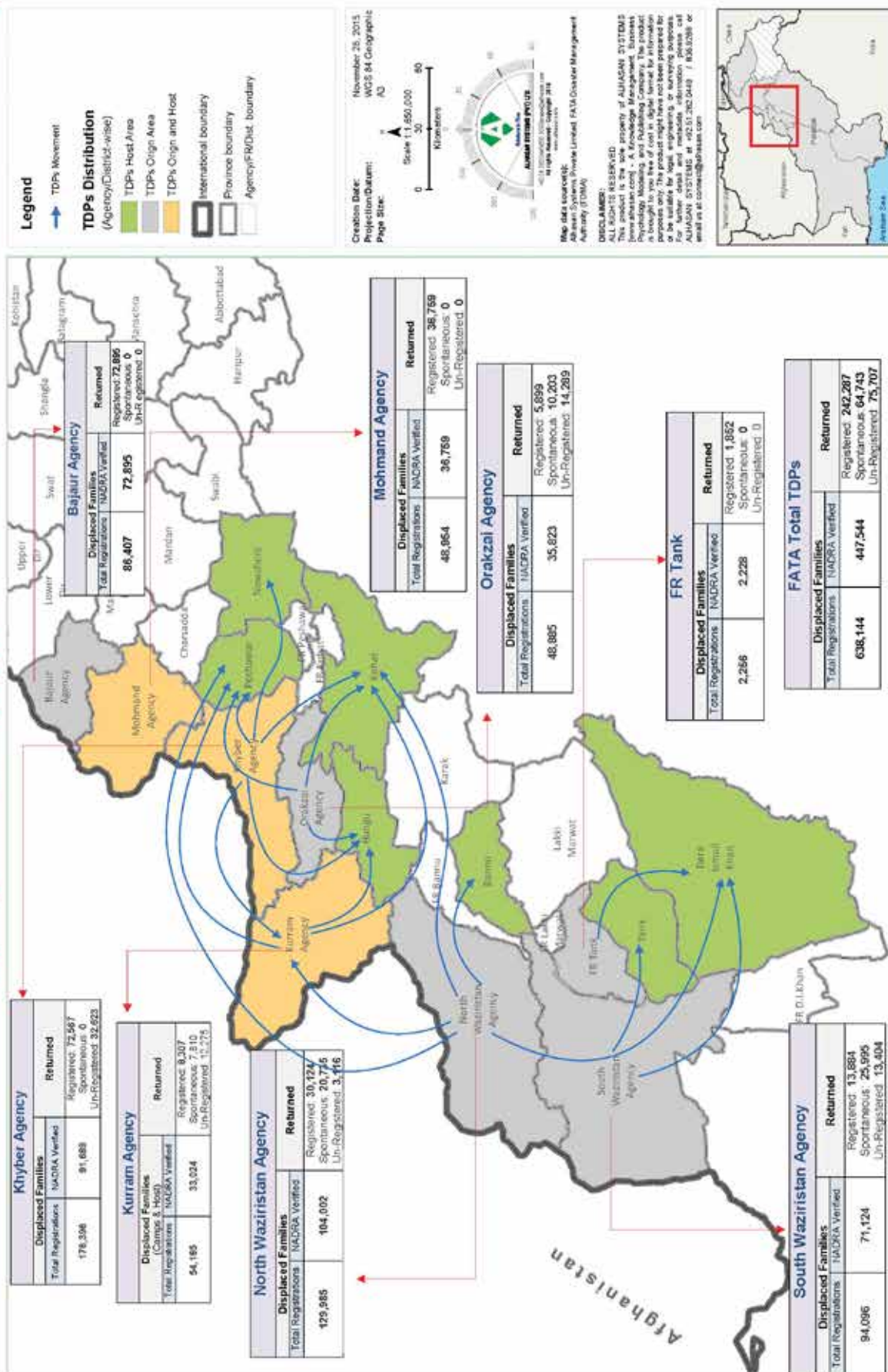
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# FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa - TDPs Situation Map

Temporarily Displaced Persons [TDP] as of November 11, 2015





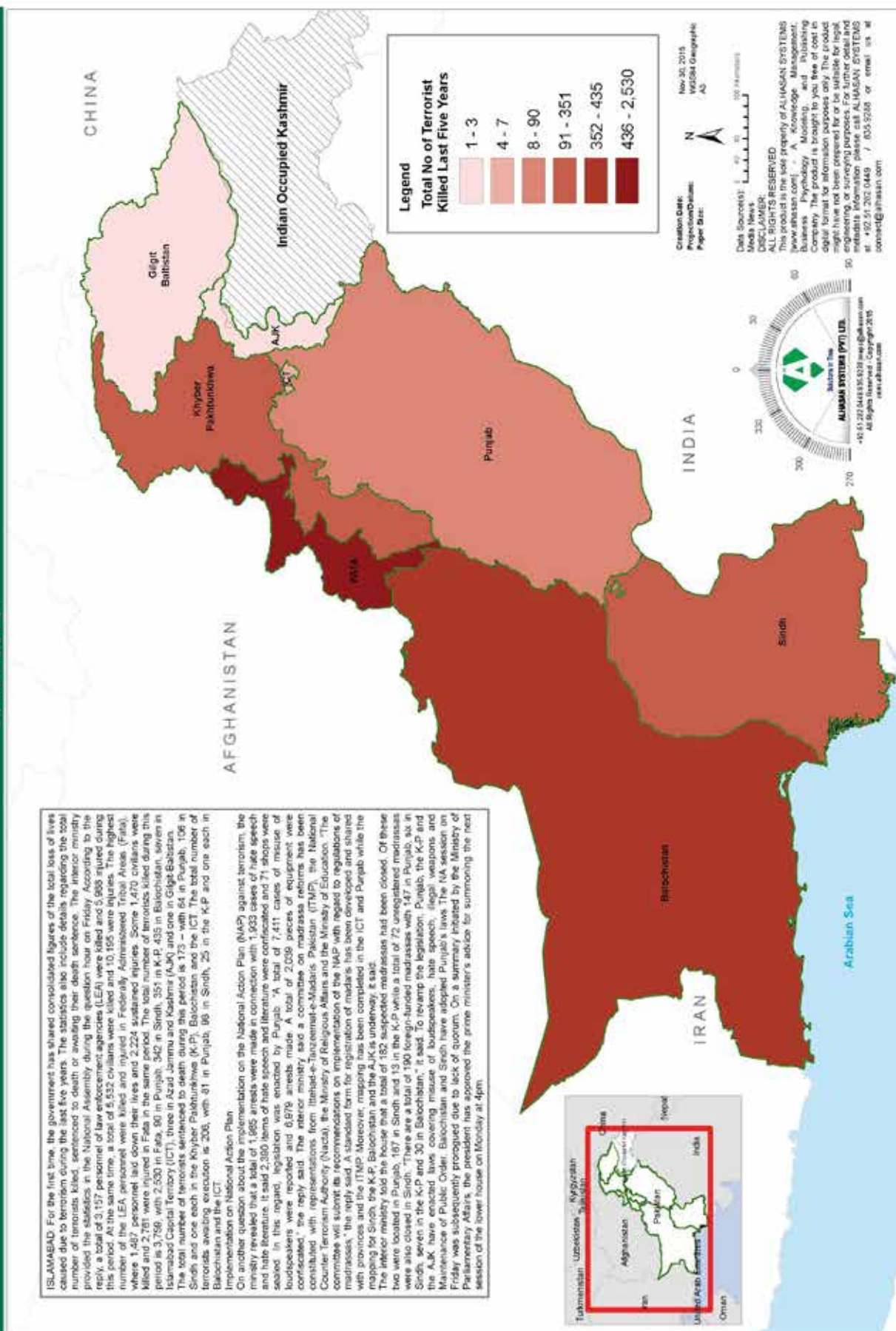
## Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) Act in Pakistan 2011 - 2015

**ISLAMABAD:** For the first time, the government has shared consolidated figures of the total loss of lives caused due to terrorism during the last five years. The statistics also include details regarding the total number of terrorists killed, sentenced to death or awaiting their death sentence. The Interior ministry provided this statistics in the National Assembly during the question hour on Friday. According to the report, a total of 13,157 personnel of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) were killed and 5,988 injured during this period. At the same time, a total of 6,532 criminals were killed and 10,195 injured. The Interior ministry also provided details regarding the total number of lives lost in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). There, 1,481 personnel were killed and 2,224 sustained injuries. Some 1,470 civilians were killed and 7,781 were injured in FATA in the same period. The number of terrorists killed during this period is 3,756, with 2,330 in FATA, 80 in Punjab, 342 in Sindh, 351 in K-P, 435 in Balochistan, seven in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), three in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and one in Gilgit-Baltistan. The total number of terrorists sentenced to death during this period is 173 – with 94 in Punjab, 106 in Sindh and one each in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P), Balochistan and the ICT. The total number of terrorists awaiting execution is 200, with 81 in Punjab, 98 in Sindh, 25 in the K-P and one each in Balochistan and the ICT.

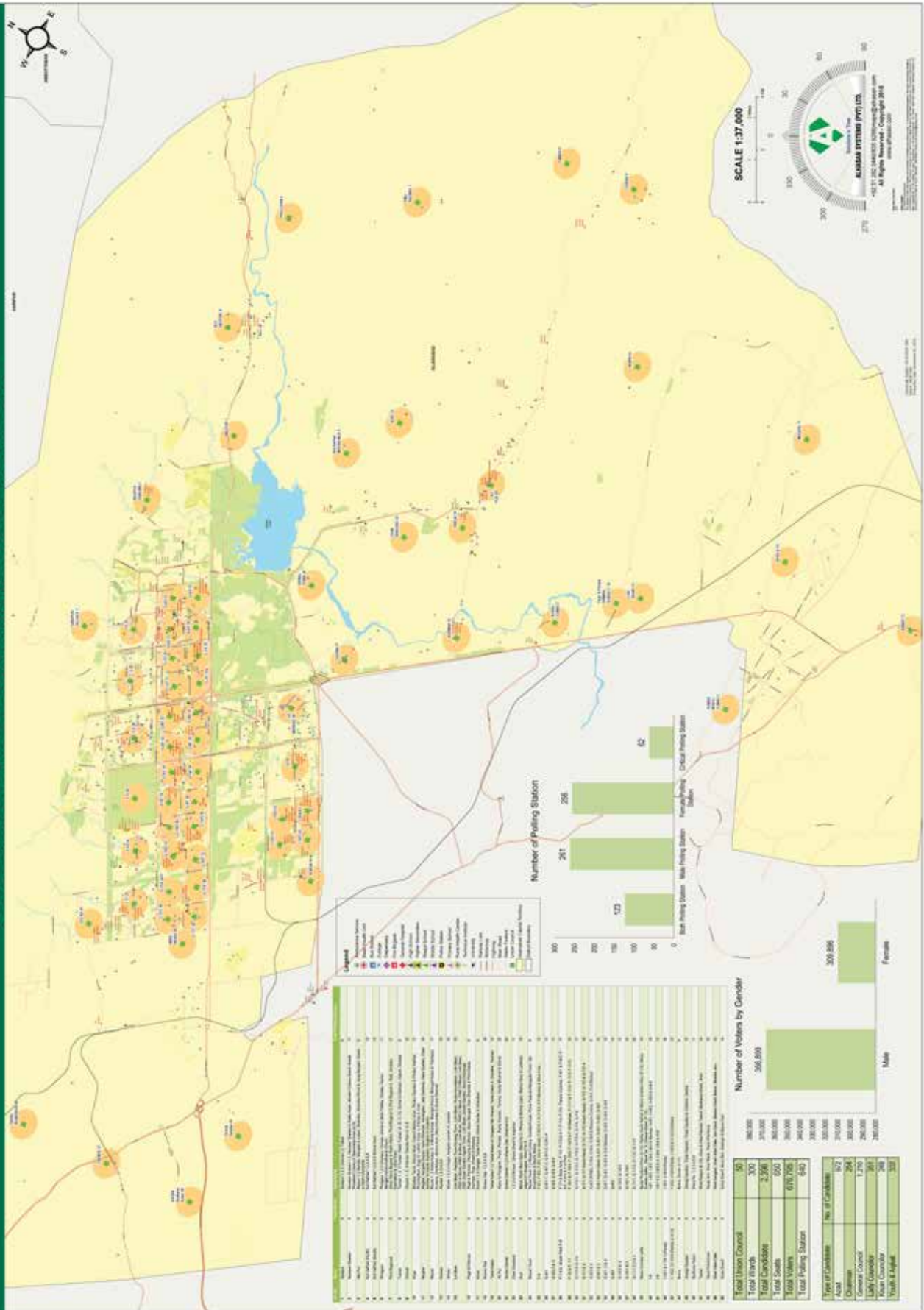
**Implementation of National Action Plan**

On another question about the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism, the ministry revealed that a total of 1,865 arrests were made in connection with 1,933 cases of hate speech and hate literature. It said 2,360 items of hate speech and literature were confiscated and 71 shops were seized. In this regard, legislation was enacted by Punjab. "A total of 7,411 cases of misuse of loudspeakers were reported and 6,879 arrests made. A total of 2,038 pieces of equipment were confiscated," the reply said. The interior ministry said a committee on madrassa reforms has been constituted with representatives from Ittehad-e-Talimi-e-Madaris Pakistan (ITMP), the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta), the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Education. "The committee will submit its recommendations on implementation of the NAP with regard to regulations of madrassas," the reply said. A standard form for registration of madaris has been developed and shared with provinces and the ITMP. Moreover, mapping has been completed in the ICT and Punjab while the mapping for Sindh, the K-P, Balochistan and the A.J.K. is underway, it said.

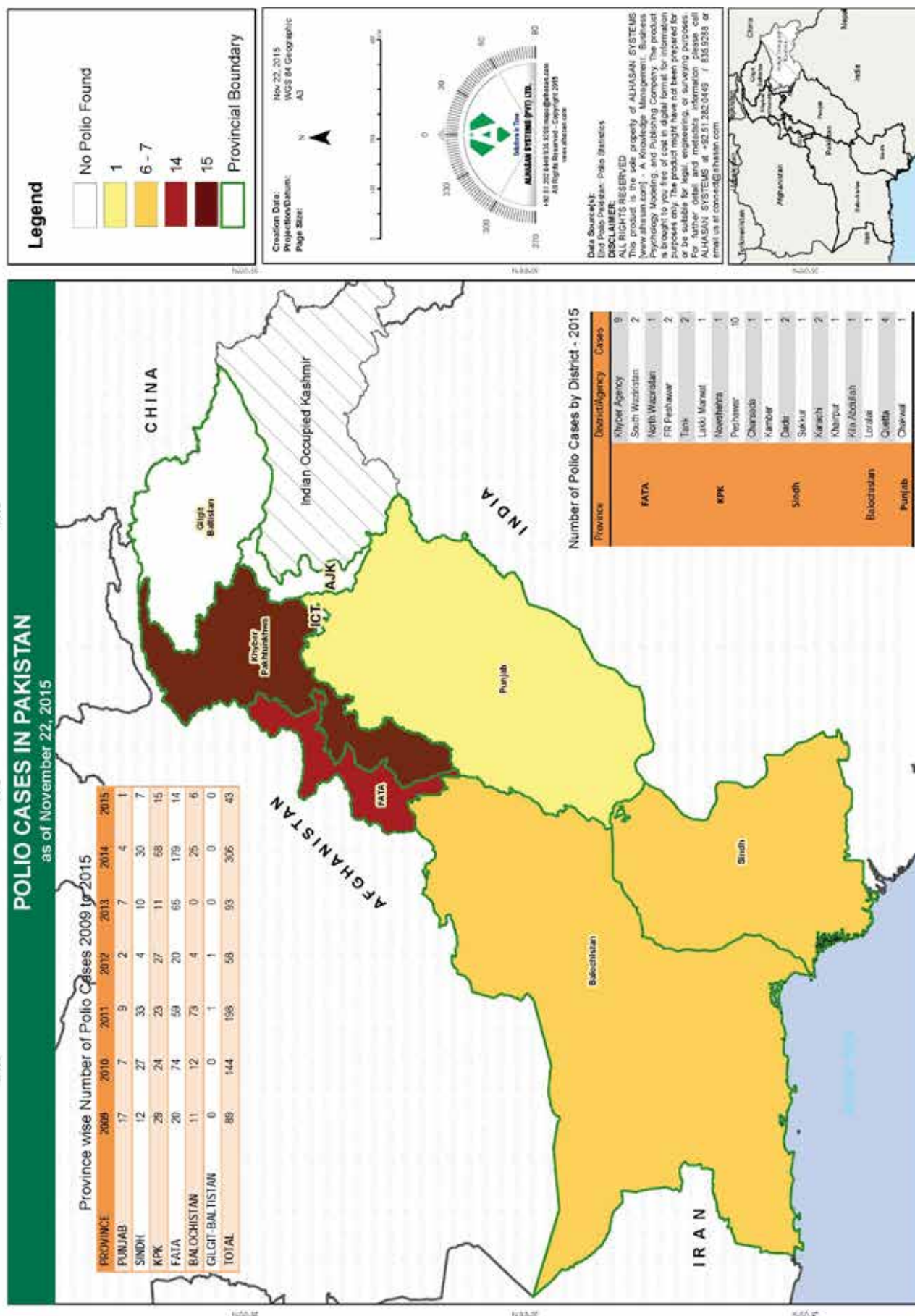
The interior ministry told the house that a total of 182 suspected madrassas had been closed. Of these two were located in Punjab, 167 in Sindh and 13 in the K-P while a total of 72 unregistered madrassas were also closed in Sindh. "There are a total of 190 foreign-funded madrassas with 147 in Punjab, six in Sindh, seven in the K-P and 30 in Balochistan," it said. To revamp the legislation, Punjab, the K-P and the A.J.K. have enacted laws covering misuse of loudspeakers, hate speech, illegal weapons and Maintenance of Public Order. Balochistan and Sindh have adopted Punjab's laws. The NA session on Friday was subsequently prorogued due to lack of quorum. On a summary initiated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, the president has approved the prime minister's advice for summoning the next session of the lower house on Monday at 4pm.



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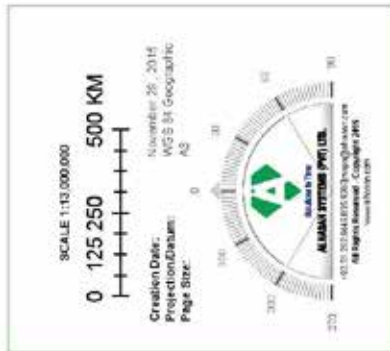
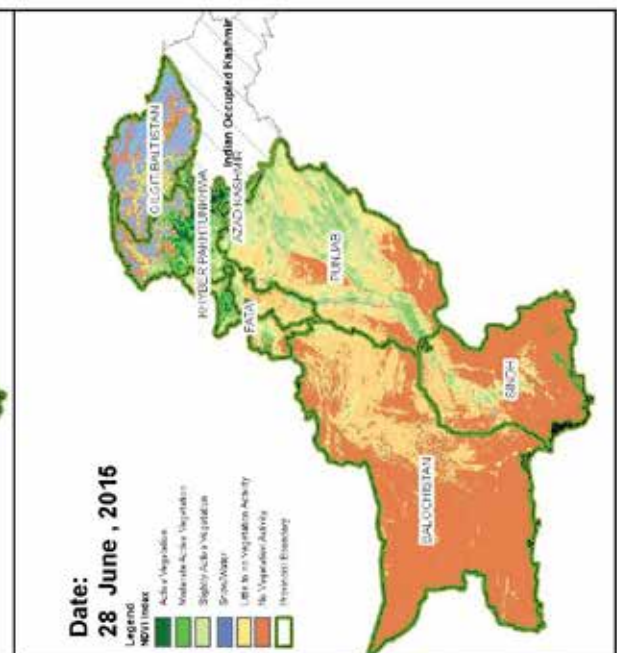
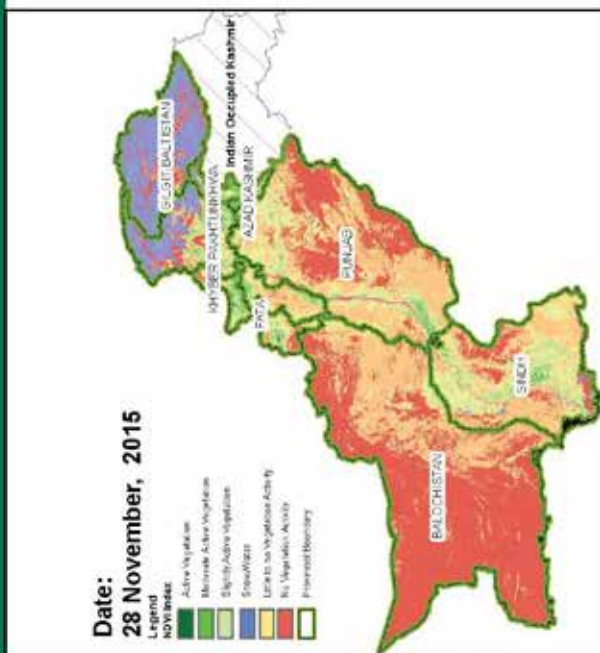






# Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

## 28 November, 2015



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کھانسی اور بلغم سی او پی ڈی کی ابتدائی علامات ہیں موسم سرما میں ایسے مریضوں کو انفیکشن میں مبتلا ہونے کا زیادہ خطرہ ہوتا ہے۔

گودار (نامہ نگار) گودار میں پانی کا بحران صوبائی حکومت کی خراب کارکردگی کا نتیجہ ہے۔ بلوچ بلوچ کا استحصال کر رہا ہے اور گلہ دوسروں سے کیا جاتا ہے۔ گودار شہر کو میرانی ڈیم سے پانی فراہم کی جائے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مقررین جس میں جمعیت علمائے اسلام (نظریاتی) کے ضلعی جنرل سیکریٹری مولانا بخش مجاہد، ضلعی رہنماء شیر جان صالح، پی پی پی کے جنرل سیکریٹری یوسف فریادی اور جماعت اسلامی بلدیہ گودار کے کونسلر حمید لعل شامل تھے نے جمعیت علمائے اسلام (نظریاتی) کے زیر اہتمام ملافاصل چوک پر پانی کے بحران کی خلاف منعقدہ احتجاجی مظاہرہ سے خطاب کے دوران کیا انہوں نے کہا کہ نام نہاد مڈل کلاس صوبائی حکومت کو ڈھائی سال پورا ہونے والے ہیں لیکن یہ حکومت لوگوں کے بنیادی مسائل کے حل میں بری طرح ناکام ہو چکا ہے گودار بین الاقوامی اہمیت کا حامل شہر ہے لیکن یہاں کے باسی بوند بوند پانی کو ترس رہے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ صوبائی حکومت کرپشن کے سوا دیگر کوئی کام نہیں کر رہی ہے گودار کے اہم انتظامی پوسٹوں پر بددیانت اور نااہل افسران براجمان ہیں جس سے عوامی مشکلات میں اور اضافہ ہو چکا ہے اور نااہل افسران کو صوبائی حکومت کی مکمل آشیر باد حاصل ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم دوسروں سے گلہ کرتے ہیں لیکن وزیر اعلیٰ سے لیکر چپے ز میز اور کونسلران بلوچ ہیں جو بلوچ ہو کر بلوچوں کا استحصال کر رہے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ گودار اور نواح میں پانی کے بحران کا مستقل حل میرانی ڈیم سے پانی کی فراہمی سے ہے اور حکومت بلا تاخیر میرانی ڈیم سے پانی کی فراہمی کا منصوبہ شروع کرے۔

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میں دو ہزار سے زائد لائچوں کی آمدورفت ہے، جس کے باعث اکثر چینل جام ہو جاتا ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ چینل میں خراب لائچوں کو بھی کھڑا کیا ہے جبکہ خراب لائچوں کا چینل میں کھڑا کرنے پر پابندی عائد ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ بنگالی ماہی گیروں نے کریو کارڈ کے حصول کے لئے احتجاج کیا لیکن ان کے کارڈ بنانے میں قانونی روکاوٹ کی تھی تاہم جن کے کاغذات مکمل ہیں ان کے کارڈ بنائے جا رہے ہیں۔

**سکھر (ہیڈ رپورٹ)** سکھ ایوان صنعت و تجارت کے صدر عامر علی خان غوری و دیگر عہدیداران، اراکین مجلس نے وفاقی حکومت، وزارت ریلوے کی جانب سے مسافر ٹرینوں کے کرایوں میں اضافے کو مسترد کرتے ہوئے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ حکومت اور وزارت ریلوے فوری طور پر ٹرینوں کے کرایوں میں کٹے گئے اضافے کو واپس لیں کیونکہ اس سے ملک بھر کی تاجر برادری اور عوام متاثر ہوں گے، ایک بیان میں ایوان صنعت و تجارت سکھ کے صدر عامر علی خان غوری، سابق صدر محمد دین، عرفان صد، جاوید علی شیخ، محمد دین، شکیل احمد مختار، محمد اقبال آرائیں، انجینئر عبدالفتاح شیخ، سجاد اللہ قریشی، اسرار بھٹی، ملک محمد یعقوب اراکین مجلس انتظامیہ نے وزارت ریلوے کی جانب سے مسافر ٹرینوں کے کرایوں میں اضافہ کئے جانے کی مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ موجودہ حکومت خاص طور پر وزارت ریلوے کی جانب سے مسافر ٹرینوں کے کرایوں میں اضافہ کئے جانے سے ملک بھر کے صنعت کار، تاجر اور عوام ہری طرح متاثر ہوں گے،

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** پی آئی اے نے زلزلہ زدگان کے لئے نیو یارک سے 43 ہزار کلو ادویات طبی آلات اور دیگر امدادی اشیاء بلا معاوضہ لاہور پہنچائیں جہاں یہ سامان پاک فوج کے میڈیکل کور کے حوالے کیا گیا پی آئی اے کے مطابق پاکستان میں 26 اکتوبر کے زلزلے کے بعد پی آئی اے نے اندرون و بیرون ممالک سے امدادی سامان بلا معاوضہ پاکستان پہنچانے کی پیشکش کی تھی۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** پاکستان اسٹیل کے ملازمین کو تین ماہ سے تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی نہ ہو سکی، ملازمین کا کہنا ہے کہ اگست، ستمبر، اور اکتوبر کی تنخواہیں نہیں ملی ہیں جبکہ نومبر بھی ختم ہو رہا ہے، ترجمان پاکستان اسٹیل عبدالحفیظ شاہ نے کہا کہ تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کے لئے سری وفاقی حکومت کو ارسال کر دی ہے توقع ہے کہ آئندہ ای سی سی کے اجلاس میں تنخواہوں کی منظوری مل جائے گی۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** مالی سال 2013-14 اور 2014-15 کے دو برسوں کی محکمہ خوراک کے گوداموں میں جمع شدہ کل 15 لاکھ 74 ہزار میٹر ک ٹن گندم ذخیرے میں سے اکتوبر نومبر 2015 میں 7 ہزار 148 ملین روپے مالیت کی 2 لاکھ 34 ہزار میٹر ک ٹن گندم اب تک فروخت کی جا چکی ہے جو کہ ایک ریکارڈ ہے کیونکہ ماضی میں ان مہینوں میں اتنی بھاری مقدار میں گندم فروخت کی مثال نہیں ملتی، یہ بات صوبائی وزیر خوراک کو محکمہ کی بریفنگ میں کہی، انہیں بتایا گیا کہ یہ کامیابی سندھ حکومت کی گندم فروخت کی آزادانہ پالیسی اختیار کرنے کے سبب ممکن ہو سکی ہے اور رواں ماہ نو مہر کے اختتام تک گندم فروخت کی یہ مقدار سوا تین لاکھ میٹر ک ٹن ہو جائے گی، صوبائی وزیر کو بتایا گیا کہ محکمہ خوراک سندھ نے بینکوں سے حاصل کئے گئے قرضات میں سے 7200 ملین روپے کے واجبات ادا کر دیئے ہیں اس موقع پر صوبائی وزیر نے ہدایت کی کہ 25 نومبر کو منعقد میں ہو نیوالے سندھ کابینہ کی خوراک کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں گندم فروخت کے مزید نئے امکانات کا جائزہ لیا جائے گا تاکہ کابینہ کمیٹی حقائق کی روشنی میں مناسب فیصلے کر سکے۔ انہوں نے ہدایات دیں کہ گندم ذخیرے کی تیز ترین فروخت کے تمام تر امکانات پر عمل کیا جائے اجلاس میں سیکریٹری خوراک سندھ لیتھ احمد اور محکمہ خوراک کے دیگر سینئر افسران موجود تھے۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** فارمیسی گریجویٹس ایسوسی ایشن اور دامق سوشل اینڈ ویلفیئر آرگنائزیشن کے باہمی اشتراک سے فہمیدہ ویلفیئر اسپتال ملیر میں منعقدہ "ورلڈ سی او پی ڈی ڈے" پر آگے سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے سربراہ فارمیسی گریجویٹس ایسوسی ایشن ڈاکٹر زین الحسنین نے کہا کہ سی او پی ڈی کی بیماری پچاس سال یا اس سے زائد عمر میں ہوتی ہے۔ ملک میں 60 لاکھ افراد سانس کی نالیوں کی دائمی تنگی کے مرض میں مبتلا ہیں چنانچہ فارماسسٹ کلینکل فارمیسی اور کمیونٹی فارمیسی پریکٹس کے ذریعے مریضوں کو آگاہی فراہم کریں کہ سگریٹ نوشی سے اجتناب اور ماحولیاتی آلودگی سے بچاؤ کر کے سی او پی ڈی سے محفوظ رہا جاسکتا ہے ایڈمنسٹریٹر فہمیدہ ویلفیئر اسپتال ملیر ڈاکٹر منظر نقوی نے صدارتی خطاب میں کہا کہ سانس کی نالیوں کے سکڑنے کا مرض اسموکنگ اور کوئلہ استعمال کرنے کوئلہ، لکڑی اور گوبر جلانے سے زیادہ ہوتا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ خواتین میں بھی یہ مرض تیزی سے نمایاں ہو رہا ہے اس موقع پر چیئرمین سایہ ویلفیئر آرگنائزیشن ڈاکٹر تسنیم زیدی، سیکریٹری فارمیسی کو نسل سندھ ڈاکٹر تنویر احمد صدیقی، ماہر امراض سید ڈاکٹر رفعت انوار صدیقی نے بھی اظہار خیال کیا مہمان خصوصی ڈاکٹر سینٹرل ڈرگ لیبارٹری ڈاکٹر محمد تنویر عالم نے کہا کہ سانس کی نالیوں کی تنگی کی صورت انہیلر کا استعمال نہایت مفید ہے۔ انہیلر کو صحیح طرح ہلا کر اور لمبی سانس لیکر استعمال کیا جائے دس سیکنڈ بعد سانس باہر نکالی جائے تاکہ دوا پیچھڑوں میں جذب ہو کر سانس کی نالیوں کی کشادگی کا سبب بنکر مریض کو آرام دے سکے۔ صدر پی جی اے ڈاکٹر امر علی نے کہا کہ

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پاکستان اسٹیل کے ملازمین کو تین ماہ سے تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی نہ ہو سکی

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فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ انسداد پولیو ٹیموں کو بھرپور سیکورٹی فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔ کمشنر کراچی نے کہا کہ انسداد پولیو مہم قومی اہمیت کی کوشش ہے۔ اس سے ملک کے بچوں کا مستقبل اور دینا بھر میں ملک و قوم کا وقار وابستہ ہے پاکستان کے ہر بچہ کو پولیو سے محفوظ بنانا ہی انسداد پولیو مہم کا مقصد ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ پولیو کے خاتمہ کی مہم میں عالمی اداروں کے تعاون کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اب کسی کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کمشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی کی صدارت میں 21 نومبر کو انتہائی حساس یونین کونسلوں میں اختتام پذیر ہونے والی ہفتہ وار انسداد پولیو مہم کا جائزہ لینے کے لئے ایک اجلاس پیر کو ان کے دفتر میں منعقد ہوا جس میں عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسف کے نمائندے اور ڈپٹی کمشنرز محکمہ ہیلتھ کے افسران اور ٹائون ہیلتھ افسران اور انسداد پولیو مہم کی سیکورٹی پر مامور پولیس افسران نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ مہم میں دو لاکھ تیس ہزار 352 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا تھا جس میں دو لاکھ چار ہزار 33 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔ مجموعی طور پر مہم کامیاب رہی۔ 93 فیصد بچوں کو قطرے پلانے کا ہدف حاصل کیا گیا۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسف نے مہم کی کارکردگی پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔ کمشنر نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ رہ جانے والے بچوں پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ رہ جانے والے بچوں پر کمشنر کی ہدایت پر خصوصی توجہ دی جارہی ہے۔ والدین اور کمیونٹی کا تعاون حاصل کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اور اس میں بڑی حد تک پیش رفت ہوئی ہے۔ کمشنر نے کہا کہ اس بات کو یقینی بنایا جائے کہ کوئی بچہ پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے محروم نہ رہے۔ جو والدین بچوں کو قطرے پلانے سے انکار کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کی فہرست تیار کر لی گئی ہے ڈپٹی کمشنر زان کا تعاون حاصل کرنے کے لئے حکمت عملی تیار کر رہے ہیں۔ والدین کو پابند کیا جائے گا کہ وہ بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار نہ کریں اور انسداد پولیو مہم کے موقع پر بچوں کو قطرے پلانے کے لئے دستیاب رہیں انسداد پولیو مہم کے ساتھ تعاون کریں۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ انسداد پولیو ٹیموں کو بھرپور سیکورٹی فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔ کمشنر کراچی نے کہا کہ انسداد پولیو مہم قومی اہمیت کی کوشش ہے۔ اس سے ملک کے بچوں کا مستقبل اور دینا بھر میں ملک و قوم کا وقار وابستہ ہے پاکستان کے ہر بچہ کو پولیو سے محفوظ بنانا ہی انسداد پولیو مہم کا مقصد ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ پولیو کے خاتمہ کی مہم میں عالمی اداروں کے تعاون کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اب کسی کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار کرنے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔

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اسلام کوٹ (نامہ نگار) تھریں قحط کی صورتحال اور سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے جاری پانی اسکیموں کا جائزہ لینے برطانوی پارلیمنٹ کے رکن لارڈ نذیر وفد کے ہمراہ تھریں پہنچے۔ وفد نے اسلام کوٹ اور نواحی علاقوں میں نصب آراو پلانٹ کا جائزہ لیا، برطانوی وفد کے ساتھ پاک او سس کے حکام بھی موجود تھے۔ حکام نے وفد کو آراو پلانٹس اور تھریں میں پانی کی صورتحال پر بریفنگ بھی دی، وفد کے اراکین نے پلانٹ کا پانی خود پی کر چیک کیا، برطانوی وفد نے مٹی کے گاؤں سوہارو شاہ میں آراو پلانٹ کے پانی پر اگائے گئے درختوں، پودوں اور سبزیات کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔ لارڈ نذیر نے میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ تھریں قحط اور بچوں کی اموات کے حوالے سے مسلسل خبریں سن کر ہم نے ضروری سمجھا کہ تھریں کا دورہ کیا جائے اور صورتحال کو اپنی آنکھوں سے دیکھا جائے۔ سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے پانی کی اسکیمیں شروع کرنے کے دعوے کیے جارہے تھے، لیکن آج ہم نے دیکھا ہے کہ حکومت نے کام ضرور کیا ہے اسلام کوٹ کے شہریوں کو پانی مل رہا ہے یہ سب دیکھ کر خوشی ہوئی، پانی خود پی کر بھی دیکھا ہے پانی صاف ہے۔ اس موقع پر وفد میں شامل برطانوی رکن نے کہا کہ تھریں میں بچوں کی اموات کا سن کر افسوس ہوا، پانی اور دیگر ترقیاتی اسکیموں کا کام جاری رہنا چاہیے۔ اس موقع پر وفد نے سولر سسٹم پر چلنے والے پلانٹ پر اگائی گئی سبزیوں اور پودوں کی بھی تعریف کی۔ وفد نے گاؤں میں موجود بچوں سے علاقے کی صورتحال، تعلیم اور صحت کے حوالے سے بات چیت کی، وفد کے ساتھ پاک او سس کمپنی کے افسران ارشاد علی، میجر سعد، جو نیئر ارشادو دیگر افسر بھی موجود تھے۔ وفد ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے اسلام کوٹ پہنچا اور بعد میں گاڑیوں کے قافلے میں تھریں کے علاقوں کا دورہ کیا۔

لارڈ نذیر کا وفد سمیت تھریں واٹر پلانٹس

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی فٹس ہاربر پر 3 دن سے چینل جام ہونے سے لائنوں کی آمدورفت معطل رہنے کے بعد پیر کو چینل کھل گیا، فٹری ذرائع کے مطابق جمعرات کو جیٹی پر آمدورفت کے دوران لائنیں بھنسن گئی تھیں، جنہیں نکالنے کی اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت کوشش کی گئی جو ناکام ہوئی جس کے بعد مای گیری کے بعد مزید لاچر جینتی رہیں اور گزشتہ شام فٹس ہاربر کی برتھ نمبر 1 سے 10 تک کوئی لاچر نہیں پہنچ سکی تھی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق فٹری میں مای گیری کی چھٹی بڑی لگ بھگ 150 لائنیں مای گیری کے لئے روانہ ہونے کے لئے تیار کھڑی ہیں، مگر انہیں باہر نکلنے کا راستہ نہیں مل رہا۔ مای گیری کے مطابق اسی طرح فٹنگ کر کے واپس پہنچنے والی 70 سے زائد لاچر جیٹی پر لگنے کے لئے سمندر میں کھڑی ہیں اور ان میں موجود کروڑوں روپے کی مچھلی اور جھینگا خراب ہونے کا خدشہ ہے، اس صورتحال سے مای گیری سخت پریشان ہیں۔ لاچر مالکان کے مطابق چینل کھولنے کیلئے فٹری انتظامیہ اپنا کردار ادا نہیں کر رہی ہے، فٹری کے بیشتر افسران دودن کی چھٹی کے بعد بھی اپنے گھروں پر بیٹھے ہیں۔ کراچی فٹس ہاربر اتھارٹی کے ترجمان صغیر احمد نے جنگ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ فٹس ہاربر پر چینل میں لائنوں کی آمدورفت کی گنجائش 500 لائنوں کی ہے جبکہ چینل

فٹس ہاربر پر 3 دن تک چینل جام رہنے کے

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شیر سلمان جی نے کہا کہ ہم عدالت عدلیہ سے اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ سو موٹو لیتے ہوئے بے لگام ایف بی آر سے نامناسب انداز میں ٹیکس وصولیوں سے باز پرس کی جائے۔ ہم صدر پاکستان سے بھی اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ ایسے آرڈیننس پر دستخط کرنے سے پہلے اسٹیک ہولڈرز سے مشاورت کر لیں کیونکہ صدر پاکستان خود بھی تاجر طبقے سے تعلق رکھتے ہیں۔ ہم وزیراعظم پاکستان محمد نواز شریف اور وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سے اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ سی این جی سیکر بلا جو ازیسے فیصلہ مسلط نہ کئے جائیں جن کے ذریعے سی این جی شعبہ مکمل طور پر مفلوج ہو جائے۔ آج سندھ بھر میں سی این جی، پیٹرول کا متبادل قرار دیا جا رہا ہے لہذا وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف اور وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سی این جی سیکٹر سے متعلق اور اس کے مسائل کو سمجھنے والے آل پاکستان سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن سندھ زون پر مشتمل ایک کمیٹی تشکیل دیں جو تمام اسٹیک ہولڈرز کو آن بورڈ لے کر اس شعبے کے دیرینہ مسائل کو اجاگر کرتے ہوئے بہترین مفادات میں تجاویز دے سکیں۔ ہم الیکٹرونک اور پرنٹ میڈیا کے توسط سے وفاقی وزیر خزانہ جناب اسحاق ڈار صاحب سے ایف بی آر 4 ارب روپے کی ٹیکس وصولی روکنے کیلئے فوری احکامات جاری کرنے کی اپیل کرتے ہیں۔ اگر حکومت نے مسائل فوری حل نہ کئے تو سندھ میں سی این جی پر چلنے والی 70 فیصد ٹرانسپورٹ منجمد ہو جائے گی مزید یہ کہ سندھ بھر کے 650 سی این جی اسٹیشنز کی اربوں روپے کی سرمایہ کاری ڈوبنے اور ہزاروں افراد کے بے روزگار ہونے کا خدشہ پیدا ہو گا۔

**بدین (نامہ نگار) ضلع بدین سمیت سندھ بھر میں محکمہ صحت کے پروگرام ایکسپینڈر پروگرام آف ایسوانائزیشن (ای پی آئی) کی مبینہ غفلت و لاپرواہی کے سبب پیدائش کے فوراً بعد نوزائیدہ بچوں کو ٹی بی سے بچانے کا پہلا حفاظی ٹیکہ نہیں لگ سکا ہے۔ محکمہ صحت بدین نے تصدیق کی ہے کہ سرنجوں کی عدم دستیابی کے سبب بچوں کو پہلا حفاظی ٹیکہ نہیں لگایا جا سکا ہے اور حفاظی ٹیکوں کی مخصوص سرنجوں کی عدم دستیابی نہ صرف ضلع بدین بلکہ سندھ بھر کا مسئلہ ہے اور یہ مخصوص سرنجیں سندھ بھر کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں کہیں بھی دستیاب نہیں ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں سول سرجن ڈاکٹر کوثر مندھرو نے جنگ کو بتایا کہ ضلع کے تمام سرکاری اسپتالوں میں گزشتہ پانچ ماہ سے نوزائیدہ بچوں کی ویکسینیشن نہیں کی گئی ہے جبکہ ڈسٹرکٹ ہیلتھ افسر ڈاکٹر محبوب خواجہ کا کہنا ہے کہ ای پی آئی کی جانب سے سرنجیں گزشتہ پانچ ماہ سے فراہم نہیں کی گئی ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ یہ مخصوص قسم کی سرنجیں ہیں جو بازار میں دستیاب نہیں ہیں جس کے باعث نہ صرف ضلع بدین بلکہ سندھ کے تمام اضلاع میں نوزائیدہ بچوں کی ویکسینیشن نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ اس ضمن میں ای پی آئی پروگرام کے ڈائریکٹر سندھ سے کراچی میں انکے دفتری فون نمبر پر رابطے کی گئی مگر رابطہ نہ ہو سکا۔**

**سرنجوں کی عدم دستیابی، نوزائیدہ بچوں کو ٹی بی سے بچانے کا پہلا ٹیکہ نہیں لگ سکا**

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**ٹنڈو محمد خان (نامہ نگار) ڈسٹرکٹ ہیلتھ آفیس ٹنڈو محمد خان میں غریب خواتین کے لئے ملنے والے 4 ہزار انجکشن چوری ہو گئے واقعہ کے خلاف تین رکنی کمیٹی تشکیل دی گئی ہے جو 48 گھنٹوں میں رپورٹ پیش کریں گی اور مقامی پولیس اسٹیشن میں درخواست دی ہے تفصیلات کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ ہیلتھ آفیسر ڈاکٹر چندر لال نے مطابق ڈی، ایچ، او آفیس کے اسٹور روم سے چھٹی کے روزنامہ معلوم چور تالا توڑ کر 4 ہزار خون بڑھانے والے انجکشن چوری کر کے فرار ہو گئے جس کی مالیت 4 لاکھ روپے بتائی جاتی ہے، ڈی ایچ او آفیس کی عقب کی دیوار کئی عرصے سے ٹوٹی ہوئی ہے، واقعہ کے خلاف تین رکنی کمیٹی ڈاکٹر انور پاٹولی، ڈاکٹر منظور احمد اور ڈاکٹر بشیر مین کی سربراہی میں تشکیل دی گئی ہے جو 48 گھنٹوں میں رپورٹ پیش کریں گی ملنے والے انجکشن محکمہ ماں بچہ صحت کی جانب سے 10 ہزار ملے تھے جس میں سے 4 ہزار چوری ہو گئے ہیں جو غریب ایسی خواتین جو حاملہ ہوتی اور ان میں خون کی کمی کو پورا کرنے والے مذکورہ انجکشن کو لگایا جاتا ہے تاکہ خون میں اضافہ ہو اسے چوری کیا گیا ہے اور چوری کی درخواست ٹنڈو محمد خان سٹی تھانے میں جمع کرائی ہے تاحال مقدمہ درج نہیں ہوا بعد ازاں محکمہ ہیلتھ ٹنڈو محمد خان کی جانب سے ٹوٹی ہوئی دیوار کی مرمت کا کام چوری ہونے کے بعد شروع کیا گیا ہے**

**ٹنڈو محمد خان، محکمہ ہیلتھ کے آفس سے 4000 انجکشن چوری**

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**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کسٹمر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی کی صدارت میں 21 نومبر کو انتہائی حساس یونین کونسلوں میں اختتام پذیر ہونے والی ہفتہ وار انسداد پولیو مہم کا جائزہ لینے کے لئے ایک اجلاس پیر کو ان کے دفتر میں منعقد ہوا جس میں عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسیف کے نمائندے اور ڈپٹی کمشنرز محکمہ ہیلتھ کے افسران اور نائوان ہیلتھ افسران اور انسداد پولیو مہم کی سیکورٹی پر مامور پولیس افسران نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ مہم میں دو لاکھ بیس ہزار 352 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا تھا جس میں دو لاکھ چار ہزار 33 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔ مجموعی طور پر مہم کامیاب رہی۔ 93 فیصد بچوں کو قطرے پلانے کا ہدف حاصل کیا گیا۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسیف نے مہم کی کارکردگی پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔ کمشنر نے اس بات پر زور دیا کہ رہ جانے والے بچوں پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ رہ جانے والے بچوں پر کمشنر کی ہدایت پر خصوصی توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ والدین اور کمیونٹی کا تعاون حاصل کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اور اس میں بڑی حد تک پیش رفت ہوئی ہے۔ کمشنر نے کہا کہ اس بات کو یقینی بنایا جائے کہ کوئی بچہ پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے محروم نہ رہے۔ جو والدین بچوں کو قطرے پلانے سے انکار کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کی فہرست تیار کر لی گئی ہے ڈپٹی کمشنر ان کا تعاون حاصل کرنے کے لئے حکمت عملی تیار کر رہے ہیں۔ والدین کو پابند کیا جائے گا کہ وہ بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے سے انکار نہ کریں اور انسداد پولیو مہم کے موقع پر بچوں کو قطرے پلانے کے لئے دستیاب رہیں انسداد پولیو مہم کے ساتھ تعاون کریں۔ اجلاس میں**

**انسداد پولیو مہم، 93 فیصد ہدف حاصل کر لیا، شعیب صدیقی**

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صدارت الیکشن کمیشن کا اہم اجلاس ہوا جس میں اسلام آباد کے بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لیا گیا، اجلاس میں ممبران الیکشن کمیشن، سیکرٹری داخلہ، آئی جی اسلام آباد، ڈی جی ملٹری آپریشن، ایم ڈی پینٹنگ کارپوریشن الیکشن کمیشن کے حکام نے شرکت کی۔ چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضوانے اجلاس سے ابتدائی خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ عام انتخابات کی طرح بلدیاتی انتخابات کا انعقاد بھی آئینی ذمہ داری ہے، ادارے انتخابات کے انعقاد کیلئے الیکشن کمیشن کی معاونت کے پابند ہیں، پنجاب اور سندھ میں بلدیاتی الیکشن کے دوسرے مرحلے خوش اسلوبی سے طے ہو گئے، اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے موقع پر سکیورٹی کے معاملے پر کوئی سمجھوتہ نہیں کیا جائے گا، امید ہے کہ تمام ادارے اپنی آئینی ذمہ داری پوری کرنے میں معاونت کریں گے۔ اجلاس میں چیف الیکشن کمیشن نے کہا کہ ڈسٹرکٹ ریٹنگ آفیسر نے حساس اور انتہائی حساس پولنگ اسٹیشنز پر فوج اور رینجزز تعیناتی کی درخواست کی ہے، فوج اور رینجزز کی تعیناتی کی درخواست صاف و شفاف الیکشن کیلئے کی گئی ہے۔ آئی جی اسلام آباد نے اجلاس کو ریٹنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ سکیورٹی کیلئے فول پروف انتظامات کئے گئے ہیں، بلدیاتی انتخابات میں 7752 پولیس اہلکار ڈیوٹی سرانجام دیں گے، جن میں اسلام آباد پولیس کے 3720 اہلکار شامل ہوں گے، بلدیاتی انتخابات میں پنجاب پولیس، آزاد جموں و کشمیر اور ایف سی کے اہلکار بھی تعینات ہوں گے۔ اجلاس میں 62 حساس ترین پولنگ اسٹیشنز پر فوج تعینات کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا گیا جبکہ رینجزز اور ایف سی کی 600 سے زائد اہلکار تعینات کرنے کی تجویز دی گئی، بلدیاتی انتخابات میں 1032 خواتین اہلکار بھی تعینات ہوں گی۔ چیف الیکشن کمیشن سردار رضوانے کہا کہ پرامن اور شفاف انتخابات پر کوئی سمجھوتہ نہیں ہوگا، عملے کو سیاسی جماعتوں اور امیدواروں کے دباؤ میں نہیں آنا چاہیے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی وزیر خوراک، معدنیات و معدنی ترقی منظور حسین وسان نے میٹنگ دایموم گندم اور آٹے کی فروخت کی شکایات کا سخت نوٹس لیتے ہوئے سیکریٹری اور ڈائریکٹر خوراک کو ہدایات جاری کی ہیں کہ میٹنگ دایموم گندم اور آٹا فروخت کرنے والوں کے خلاف سخت قانونی کارروائی کی جائے، انہوں نے واضح کیا کہ جب محکمہ خوراک کے گوداموں میں گندم کا دوا فر ذخیرہ موجود ہے اور وہ بھی خرید کنندگان کو نہایت آسانی سے دستیاب ہے تو پھر مل مالکان یا ریٹیلرز کی جانب سے میٹنگ دایموم میں فروخت کرنے کے خلاف فی الفور اور سخت کارروائی کی متقاضی ہے، انہوں نے کہا کہ محکمہ خوراک کے افسران بالخصوص ڈسٹرکٹ فوڈ کنٹرولرز ضلعی انتظامیہ کے ساتھ ملکر گراں فروشی کرنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی عمل میں لائیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں پنجاب سے کم قیمت پر گندم فروخت کی جارہی ہے اور صوبے کے گوداموں میں دوا فر ذخیرہ بھی موجود ہے اور وہ با آسانی دستیاب بھی ہے اس کے باوجود گراں فروشی کی شکایت آنا متعلقہ افسران کی کارکردگی پر سوالیہ نشان ہے۔ انہوں نے افسران کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ گندم کی قیمتوں پر کڑی نظر رکھیں اور اس ضمن میں قسم کی غفلت، کوتاہی یا نااہلی کو برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وفاقی حکومت کے ذیلی ادارے میرین فٹریز ڈپارٹمنٹ کراچی فٹس ہاربر پر آکشن ہال کے دن میں نیلامی کی بندش ختم کرنے صرف برآمد کنندگان کو خریداری کی اجازت دے دی ہے، آکشن ہال کے دن میں برآمد کنندگان صرف یورپی یونین کو برآمدات کے لئے سی فوڈ مصنوعات کی خریداری کریں گے۔

کراچی (پ) حال ہی میں آباد شمالی علاقہ جات کے انتخابات 2015-2016ء کا انعقاد ہوا۔ ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی ممبرز آف بلڈرز اینڈ ڈیولپرز آف پاکستان نے اتفاق رائے سے محمد حماد ارشد (ایڈن بلڈرز) کو بحیثیت چیئر مین، شیراز بے، مونو (اظہار مونو ڈیولپرز) کو بحیثیت سینئر وائس چیئر مین اور شہریار امتیاز رفیع (رفع گروپ) کو بحیثیت وائس چیئر مین (کوآپریٹڈ) منتخب کیا ہے۔ ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی ممبران کی حیثیت سے درج ذیل عہدیداران کا انتخاب کیا گیا۔ محمد حماد ارشد (ایڈن بلڈرز)، شیراز بے، مونو (اظہار مونو ڈیولپرز)، گوہر اعجاز (لیک سٹی ہولڈنگز)، ساجد سعید (بلڈرز اینڈ ڈیولپرز)، محمد اکبر شیخ (ضامن ڈیولپرز)، ایوب صابر اظہار (اظہار ہاؤسنگ)، بریگیڈیئر (ر) خالد بشیر خوجہ (وٹرن ڈیولپرز) اور آصف کمال (ٹرانسپورٹ ڈیولپرز)۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سی این جی اسٹیشنز سے 14 ارب روپے کے ٹیکس وصول کرنے اور سیلز ٹیکس کی شرح 17 سے بڑھا کر 34 فیصد کرنے پر سی این جی اسٹیشن مالکان نے 10 روز بعد سندھ بھر میں سی این جی اسٹیشنز بند کرنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ آل پاکستان سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن سندھ زون کے ارکان نے منگل کو علامتی احتجاج کے طور پر شاہراہ فیصل کو کچھ دیر کے لیے بلاک کر کے احتجاج بھی ریکارڈ کرایا۔ آل پاکستان سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن سندھ کے چیئر مین سلیمان شہیر جی نے پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پہلے ہی عدالتی احکامات پر 17 فیصد ٹیکس ادا کر رہے تھے لیکن اب ایف بی آ نے سیلز ٹیکس 1990 کے ایکٹ میں ترمیم کر کے مزید 17 فیصد کا اضافہ کر کے یہ ٹیکس 34 فیصد کر دیا ہے۔ اس بوجھ کو اٹھانا ہمارے بس سے باہر ہے۔ اگر یہ ٹیکس سی این جی اسٹیشنز سے وصول کئے گئے تو سندھ بھر میں شدید بحران پیدا ہونے کے خدشات ہوں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر یہ فیصلہ واپس نہیں لیا گیا تو 10 روز بعد سندھ بھر کے سی این جی اسٹیشنز کو بند کر دیا جائے گا۔ شہیر سلیمان کا کہنا تھا کہ سالانہ 32 ارب کا ٹیکس ادا کرنے والی صنعت کو تباہ کیوں کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس طرح کے ہتھکنڈے سندھ میں ایل این جی لانے کی کوششیں ہیں جو ہفتے میں ایک دن آ کر تین دن کے لئے بند ہو جاتی ہے

میٹنگ دایموم گندم اور آٹا فروخت کرنے والوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے

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آباد شمالی علاقہ جات، پنجاب کے پی کے، اسلام آباد اور فٹا کے انتخابات

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مالکان کا 10 روز بعد سندھ بھر میں سی این جی اسٹیشنز بند کرنے کا اعلان

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کراچی) (انساف رپورٹر) کوریجی ایسوسی ایشن آف ٹریڈ اینڈ انڈسٹری (کاٹی) کے صدر زاہد سعید نے کہا ہے کہ توانائی کا بحران ختم کرنے کے لیے ہونے والے معاہدات امید افزا ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا ہے کہ روس کے ساتھ پاکستان کے تجارتی اور کاروباری تعلقات کی بحالی جب کہ چین کے ساتھ پاک چائے کوریڈر سمیت تجارتی معاہدات سے نئے راہیں کھلیں گی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ روس اور چین خطے کی دو بڑی معاشی قوتیں ہیں اور ان کے ساتھ دو طرفہ معاشی تعلقات پاکستانی صنعتوں، برآمد و درآمد کنندگان کے لیے نئے مواقع پیدا کریں گے۔ زاہد سعید کا کہنا تھا کہ امید ہے کہ روس کے ساتھ گیس پائپ لائن کے معاہدے کی تکمیل سے ملک میں صنعتوں کو درپیش گیس اور توانائی کے مسائل حل ہوں گے۔ زاہد سعید کا کہنا تھا کہ افغانستان، ازبکستان، تاجکستان، بکراٹن سمیت وسطی ایشیا کے دیگر ممالک کے ساتھ بھی کاروباری سرگرمیوں میں اضافے کے لیے کوششیں کرنا ہوں گی کہ یہی ممالک حقیقی معنوں میں ہمارے ہمسائے ہیں۔

کوئٹہ (صباح ہمز) بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ میں ٹرین ڈرائیوروں کا احتجاج منگل کو بھی جاری رہا، جس کی وجہ سے ریل گاڑیوں کی آمد و رفت متاثر ہوئی۔ یہ احتجاج محکمہ ریلویز کوئٹہ ڈویژن کے پاس دستیاب خستہ حال انجنوں کے خلاف کیا گیا۔ ٹرینوں کے ڈرائیوروں نے یہ احتجاج حال ہی میں کوئٹہ کے قریب مسافر ٹرین کو پیش آنے والے حادثے کے بعد شروع کیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ انجنوں کی تبدیلی اور ان کی مرمت کے لیے اقدامات نہ ہونے کے باعث حادثات رونما ہو رہے ہیں۔ احتجاج کرنے والے ڈرائیوروں نے بتایا کہ کوئٹہ ڈویژن میں ٹرینوں کی آمد و رفت کے لیے 12 انجن دستیاب ہیں جن میں سے زیادہ تر تاناکا ہیں۔ ڈرائیوروں کا دعویٰ ہے کہ کوئٹہ ڈویژن میں جتنے بھی انجن دستیاب ہیں ان کی بریکیں تسلی بخش نہیں۔

اسلام آباد (وسیم عباسی) خیبر پختونخوا (کے پی کے) میں تحریک انصاف کو صوبائی حکومت ملنے کے بعد صوبے میں ڈینگی وائرس سے اموات کی شرح صفر ہو گئی، جبکہ متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد میں بھی بڑی حد تک کمی واقع ہوئی ہے۔ دوسری جانب پنجاب حکومت ڈینگی وائرس کی وبا کو کنٹرول کرنے کیلئے جدوجہد کر رہی ہے اور رواں برس ڈینگی سے 17 اموات ہو چکی ہیں، اسی عرصے کے دوران خیبر پختونخوا میں کوئی ہلاکت نہیں ہوئی۔ ڈی جی ہیلتھ سروسز کے پی کے کی جانب سے دی نیوز کو فراہم کی جانے والی مصلدہ معلومات کے مطابق 2013 اس ضمن میں صوبے کیلئے انتہائی برائیتا ہوا، جس میں ڈینگی کے 43 مریض ہلاک ہوئے۔ یہ وہ سال تھا جب صوبے میں تحریک انصاف کی حکومت آئی تھی۔ کے پی کے رائٹ ٹوانفارمیشن لاء کے تحت جاری کیے جانے والے دستاویزات کے مطابق گزشتہ 2 سالوں میں ڈینگی وائرس سے کوئی مریض جان سے نہیں گیا۔ سرکاری دستاویزات کے مطابق 2013 میں صوبے میں ڈینگی وائرس کے 11818 کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے جبکہ 2014 میں صرف 1908 افراد ڈینگی سے متاثر ہوئے اور رواں برس صوبے میں اب تک 2040 افراد ڈینگی وائرس کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔ تاہم 2014 اور 2015 میں صوبے میں ڈینگی وائرس سے کوئی موت واقع نہیں ہوئی۔

کراچی (رپورٹ: آغا خالد) پورٹ قاسم کے گوشوں کی موروثی 30 ارب کی زمین 12 کروڑ میں ریونیو حکام نے فروخت کردی زمین حاصل کرنے والا ایک پاور ہاؤس کمپنی نے لکھ کر دیا ہے کہ وہ مذکورہ ڈھانی سوا ایکڑ زمین پر کونسلے سے چلنے والا بجلی گھر لگانا چاہتا ہے، جبکہ علاقے کے لوگ اس پاور ہاؤس کے خلاف اور اپنی زمینوں کی جعل سازی سے الاٹمنٹ پر سر اپا احتجاج بنے ہوئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے گزشتہ 15 روز کے دوران ابراہیم حیدری میں دو بڑے مظاہرے کر کے اس انصافی کے خلاف احتجاج کیا ہے جبکہ علاقے کے لوگ الزام لگا رہے ہیں کہ خلیج کے ایک ملک میں ہونے والی ڈیل کے مطابق دو ارب روپے لیکر 30 ارب کی قیمتی زمین 12 کروڑ میں دیدی گئی جبکہ مذکورہ زمین انکی موروثی ملکیت ہے اور یہ گزشتہ 6 سو سال سے انکے آباء اجداد نسل در نسل استعمال کرتے آرہے ہیں انہوں نے الزام لگایا ہے کہ بعض اعلیٰ افسراں زمینوں کی جعلی الاٹمنٹ میں ملوث ہو رہے ہیں، جبکہ علاقہ کے لوگوں کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان سے فرار ہونے والوں کے کہنے پر بعض افسراں سرکاری خزانے کو اب بھی وہ اربوں روپے کا نقصان پہنچا رہے ہیں، ابراہیم حیدری اور پورٹ قاسم کے 12 سے زائد گوشوں کے کمینوں نے پاور ہاؤس کیلئے دی گئی انکی موروثی زمینوں پر احتجاج ریکارڈ کرایا ہے جن میں چند بڑے گوشہ، ریڑھی گوشہ، لٹھ بستی، بھینس کالونی چشمہ گوشہ جھہ گوشہ، محمود گوشہ، بھالو گوشہ شامل ہیں دو ہفتے قبل بڈھو ایریز لینڈ میں بابا سید یوسف کے عرس کے موقع پر ایک بڑا مظاہرہ کیا گیا جس کے لئے ابراہیم حیدری پولیس کو مدخلت کرنا پڑی بعد ازاں اتوار کو ایک بار پھر لٹھ بستی کے کمینوں نے ایک بڑا احتجاجی جلسہ اور مظاہرہ کیا یہ مظاہرہ کئی گھنٹے جاری رہا جبکہ پاور ہاؤس پٹی کی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ انہوں نے تمام قانونی تقاضے پورے کرتے ہوئے پاور ہاؤس کے لئے زمین خریدی ہے اور بہت جلد اس علاقے میں ایک ایسا پاور ہاؤس قائم کرنے جارہے ہیں جس سے کراچی میٹرو ہمیشہ کیلئے لوڈ شنگنگ ختم ہو جائے گی اور اس سے شہر کی نواحی بستیوں کو بھی فائدہ پہنچے گا۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) الیکشن کمیشن نے اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے موقع پر 62 حساس پولنگ سٹیشنز پر فوج تعینات کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا، انتخابات کے موقع پر 7752 پولیس اہلکار ڈیوٹی سرانجام دیں گے جبکہ چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضا خان نے کہا ہے کہ پرامن اور شفاف انتخابات پر کوئی سمجھوتہ نہیں ہوگا، انتخابی عملے کو سیاسی جماعتوں اور امیدواروں کے دباؤ میں نہیں آجائے۔ منگل کو چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضا محمد خان زیر

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شکارپور (نامہ نگار) شکارپور میں دھان کی کاشت تیار ہونے کے باوجود دام نہ بڑھائے جانے کے خلاف اصرار صلاح خان پہوڑ کی سربراہی میں بڑی تعداد میں کسانوں اور کاشتکاروں کی جانب سے رستم روڈ سے شکارپور پریس کلب تک احتجاجی ریلی نکالی گئی۔ پریس کلب پہنچ کر ریلی کے شرکاء نے پریس کلب کے سامنے دھرنا دیا۔ صحافیوں سے بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ ملکی معیشت میں زراعت کو ریڑھ کی ہڈی کی حیثیت حاصل ہے، لیکن حکومت کاشتکاروں پر کسی قسم کی کوئی توجہ نہیں دے رہی جو کہ باعث افسوس ہے۔ گزشتہ دو سال سے دھان کے دام نہیں بڑھائے گئے ہیں، جبکہ کاشتکار بیج، کھاد اور زرعی آلات بھی مہنگے داموں خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں، جس سے اخراجات میں بے جا اضافہ ہو جانے سے بچت ہونے کی بجائے نقصان کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) رواں مالی سال کے چارہ ماہ میں گزشتہ سال کی نسبت پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد میں زبردست اضافہ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ بڑی تعداد میں گاڑیوں کی درآمد سے مقامی اینڈسٹری کے لیے مشکلات پیدا ہو گئی ہیں، تفصیلات کے مطابق سال 2015-16 کے ابتدائی چار ماہ میں 14106 گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئیں جبکہ اکتوبر کے مہینے میں 4041 گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئیں۔ گزشتہ برس 15-2014 میں چار ماہ کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 7982 گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئی تھیں جبکہ اکتوبر میں 1886 گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئی تھیں۔ اس عرصے میں باہر ڈ گاڑیوں میں بھی اضافہ دیکھا گیا ہے اور 23 فیصد اضافے کے ساتھ مجموعی درآمد ہونے والی گاڑیوں میں 3200 گاڑیاں ہائی برڈ بھی شامل تھیں۔ اکتوبر میں 850 باہر ڈ گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئیں۔ گزشتہ برس 1347 باہر ڈ گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئی تھیں، جن میں 350 گاڑیاں گزشتہ برس اکتوبر میں درآمد کی گئی تھیں۔ اس طرح ان گاڑیاں کا حجم سال 15-2014 میں 17 فیصد تھا۔ درآمد ہونے والی پرانی گاڑیوں کے اعداد و شمار سے ظاہر ہوتا ہے کہ رواں مالی سال 2015-16 کے ابتدائی چار ماہ میں cc گاڑیوں کے 2302 پونٹس درآمد کئے گئے اور ان میں اکتوبر کے مہینے میں درآمد ہونے والے 714 پونٹس بھی شامل ہیں۔ اسی طرح 800 cc کی گاڑیوں کی cc سے لے کر 1800 cc کے درمیان 3968 پونٹس اور اکتوبر میں 1027 پونٹس درآمد کئے گئے۔ 1300 cc سے زیادہ اور 1290 گاڑیاں وین، پک اپ، چھوٹی وین cc درآمد کے سلسلے میں 1714 پونٹس درآمد کئے گئے اور ان میں 519 پونٹس اکتوبر میں درآمد کئے گئے۔ دیگر 300 جیسی پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد کے ضمن میں ان کی درآمد 3310 پونٹس تھی اور ان میں 984 گاڑیاں اکتوبر میں درآمد کی گئیں۔ بڑی ایس یو یو گاڑیوں کی درآمد کے حوالے سے 2342 گاڑیاں درآمد کی گئی تھیں ان میں 625 گاڑیاں صرف اکتوبر کے مہینے میں درآمد ہوئی تھیں۔ اسی طرح چار ماہ میں سے بڑی 144 لکٹری گاڑیاں اور اکتوبر میں 39 گاڑیاں درآمد ہوئی تھیں۔ درآمد ہونے والے ٹرک اور بسوں کی تعداد اس دوران 326 1800 cc پونٹس اور اکتوبر میں 133 پونٹس تھی۔ باہر ڈ گاڑیوں کی درآمد میں اضافے کی وجہ یہ بھی ہے کہ درآمد کنندہ ایسی گاڑیوں پر عائد ٹیکس کی چھوٹ سے فائدہ اٹھا رہے ہیں اور تقریباً ایک فیصد ٹیکس چھوٹ انہیں ہر ماہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ اعداد و شمار اس عرصے میں لکٹری گاڑیوں کی درآمد میں بھی اضافہ ہوا ہے جس سے ملک کا امیر طبقہ زیادہ مستفید ہو رہا ہے اور پالیسی سازوں کی سپورٹ سے کم ڈیوٹی کا فائدہ اس طبقہ کو بھی مل رہا ہے۔ مقامی مینوفیکچررز کا موقف ہے کہ اگرچہ پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد کا مقصد پالیسی سازوں کی نظر میں یہ تھا کہ اس سے صارفین کو سستی گائیاں خریدنے میں سہولت ہوگی تاہم یہ مقصد بھی ناکامی میں تبدیل ہو گیا ہے کیونکہ درآمد ہونے والی گاڑیوں کی قیمت اتنی زیادہ ہے کہ وہ مقامی نئی تیار ہونے والی کی تین سال پرانی گاڑیاں اسی ماڈل کی مقامی طور پر تیار ہونے cc سے لے کر 1600 cc گاڑیوں کی قیمت کے برابر فروخت کی جا رہی ہیں۔ 1300 والی گاڑیوں کی نسبت زیادہ قیمت پر فروخت کی جا رہی ہیں۔ کم ڈیوٹی کی وجہ سے حکومت کو ہر سال اربوں روپے آمدنی کا نقصان برداشت کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ پاماکا کہتا ہے کہ مقامی آٹو ساز صنعت نے حکومت سے کئی بار درخواست کی ہے کہ پرانی گاڑیوں کی متعین ڈیوٹی میں اضافہ کیا جائے جیسا کہ دنیا میں ہر جگہ نئی گاڑیوں کی قیمت میں اضافہ کیا جاتا ہے۔ اینڈسٹری ماہرین نے اس حوالے سے کہا کہ حکومت کی طرف سے کم ٹیکس اور ڈیوٹی چھوٹ پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد بڑھنے کی اہم وجہ ہے حالانکہ مقامی اینڈسٹری ملکی طلب پوری کرنے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہے۔ پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد پر ملکی زرمبادلہ سی کے ڈی کی درآمد کے مقابلے میں دگنا ضائع ہوتا ہے، اس وجہ سے ملکی کرنسی پر دباؤ برقرار رہتا ہے اور اس کی قدر میں کمی واقع ہوتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دنیا میں کوئی بھی ملک مقامی آٹو اینڈسٹری کے ہوتے ہوئے پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد کی اجازت نہیں دیتا۔ پرانی گاڑیوں کی درآمد کی حوصلہ شکنی کرنے کے لیے ٹیرف اور نان ٹیرف بندشیں عائد کی جاتی ہیں۔ جاپان اور کوریا میں گاڑیوں کی درآمد نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے اس کے علاوہ بھارت، کوریا، تھائی لینڈ وغیرہ میں مقامی اینڈسٹری کا مکمل تحفظ کیا جاتا ہے اور درآمد کی حوصلہ شکنی کی جاتی ہے۔ پاکستان آٹو مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن (پاما) کی ویب سائٹ پر موجود اعداد و شمار کے مطابق رواں مالی سال کے ابتدائی چار ماہ میں جولائی سے اکتوبر 2015 کے دوران 60,748 گاڑیاں ملکی سطح پر تیار کی گئی تھیں۔ ان میں جولائی کے دوران 12,994 گاڑیاں، اگست میں 16,802 گاڑیاں، ستمبر میں 15,337 گاڑیاں اور اکتوبر میں 15,615 گاڑیاں تیار کی گئی تھیں۔

انہوں نے گیس کمپنیوں کو یو ایف جی کی وصولی کی اجازت دیئے جانے کی تصدیق کی۔ اپنی وضاحت میں سوئی نادرن نے خبر کے مواد کی تصدیق بھی کی کہ یو ایف جی کا حجم بڑھانے کی اجازت اوگرانے دی۔ دی نیوز اپنی خبر پر قائم ہے۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** محکمہ اینٹی کرپشن کی ٹیم نے بدھ کو لیاری جنرل اسپتال میں چھاپہ مارا، انتظامیہ سے اسپتال کے معاملات سے متعلق پوچھ گچھ کی اور ریکارڈ ہمراہ لے گئی۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** کراچی کی انتظامیہ مخدوش عمارتوں کو خالی کرانے میں ناکام ہو گئی کمشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی نے ایک بار پھر سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی سے کہا ہے کہ وہ مخدوش عمارتوں کو خالی کرانے کیلئے موثر مشہم شروع کرے کمشنر کراچی نے اپنے دفتر میں مخدوش عمارتوں کو خالی کرانے کے سلسلہ میں اقدامات کا جائزہ لیا۔ اجلاس میں ایڈیشنل کمشنر ون اسلم کھوسو، سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی کے افسران، ضلعی انتظامیہ کے افسران اور آباد کے نمائندے بھی موجود تھے فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی متعلقہ ڈپٹی کمشنر کو خطرناک عمارتوں کی فہرست فراہم کرے گی اور انھیں خالی کرانے کے لئے اب تک کی گئی کارروائی سے آگاہ کرے گی۔ سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی نے اجلاس کو بتایا کہ مخدوش عمارتوں سے انسانی جانوں کو لاحق خطرات سے محفوظ کرنے کے لئے انھیں نوٹسز جاری کئے جا چکے ہیں اس سلسلہ میں مکینوں کو ان عمارتوں کے خطرات سے آگاہ کیا گیا ہے 305 عمارتوں کو خطرناک قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ بجلی پانی اور گیس سمیت یوٹیلیٹی اداروں کا تعاون حاصل کرنے کے لئے ان سے رابطہ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ آباد کے نمائندے نے سماجی کام اور انسانی خدمت کے جذبہ سے مخدوش عمارتوں کے مکینوں کی ری سیٹلمنٹ میں مدد کرنے کی پیشکش کی۔ اجلاس میں یہ بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ مخدوش عمارتوں کی لیز کو چیک کیا جائے گا جن عمارتوں کی لیز ختم ہو چکی ہے۔ ان پر ضلعی انتظامیہ ریونیو ایکٹ کے تحت کارروائی کرے گی۔

**کراچی (طاہر عزیز / اسٹاف رپورٹر)** سٹیل مل کے قریب نیشنل ہائی وے اور سپربائی وے کو ملانے والے لنک روڈ پر لمبر ندی اور سکھن ندی کے دونوں پلوں کو حکومتی کمیٹی نے موجودہ حالت میں ناقابل استعمال قرار دے دیا، پلوں پر کریک اور شکاف پڑ گئے، فوری طور پر متبادل راستوں کے لیے سمری حکومت سندھ کو بھیج دی گئی جبکہ پلوں کی مکمل مرمت کے لیے 22 کروڑ روپے خرچ ہوں گے، تفصیلات کے مطابق تقریباً ایک ماہ قبل لنک روڈ کو ہر قسم کی ٹریفک کے لیے بند کر دیا گیا تھا اس کی وجہ راستے میں آنے والے لمبر اور سکھن ندی کے پلوں میں کریک اور شکاف ہو جانا تھی، حکومت سندھ نے اس سلسلے میں ایک کمیٹی ڈائریکٹر جنرل ٹیکنیکل سروسز نیاز احمد سومرو کی سربراہی میں قائم کی جس نے تفصیلی معائنے کے بعد اپنی رپورٹ حکومت سندھ کو پیش کر دی جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ دونوں پلوں کے پلرز کنکریٹ پر مشتمل ہیں، لمبر ندی پل کے نیچے اور اطراف سے بے تحاشہ جبری بجری نکالی گئی جس کے باعث پائل کیپ جو کہ تین چار فٹ تک زیر زمین تھے یہ بالکل باہر آ گئے ہیں جبکہ دو پلرز کو بھی نقصان پہنچا، جبکہ چھت میں کریکس اور شکاف بھی پڑ گئے ہیں، رپورٹ میں پل کو نقصان پہنچنے کی بنیادی وجہ ریتی بجری حد سے زیادہ نکالنا قرار دی گئی ہے یہی صورت حال سکھن ندی کے پل کی ہے تاہم رپورٹ کے مطابق اس کا نقصان قدرے کم ہوا ہے، کمیٹی نے پلوں کی مرمت سے قبل انہیں ناقابل استعمال قرار دیا ہے۔

**میرپور خاص (نامہ نگار)** سی این جی اسٹیشنز مالکان ایسوسی ایشن نے سی این جی اسٹیشنز پر 17 فیصد سیلز ٹیکس کی شرح میں اضافہ کے فیصلہ کو مسترد کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ 14 ارب روپے ٹیکس کی جبری وصولی اور سیلز ٹیکس شرح میں 17 فیصد سے اضافہ کر کے 34 فیصد کرنے کے فیصلہ سے سی این جی صنعت تباہ ہو جائے گی، جس سے لاکھوں افراد کاروبار متاثر ہو گا۔ سی این جی اسٹیشنز مالکان ایسوسی ایشن میرپور خاص کے صدر آفتاب قریشی اور دیگر عہدیداروں نے پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مزید کہا کہ ایف بی آر نے سیلز ٹیکس کے ایکٹ میں اچانک ترمیم کر کے اس کی شرح میں اضافہ کر کے 34 فیصد کر دیا ہے، یہ فیصلہ سی این جی صنعت کو تباہ کرنے کے مترادف ہے اور اس فیصلہ سے سی این جی اسٹیشنز مالکان ہی متاثر نہیں ہوں گے، بلکہ پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ بھی بری طرح متاثر ہو گی، اور اس طرح کسی نہ کسی طور پر عوام بھی متاثر ہوں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم وزیر اعظم محمد نواز شریف اور وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سے اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ وہ ایف بی آر کو 4 ارب روپے مزید ٹیکس وصول کرنے اور ٹیکس میں اضافے سے روکنے کے لئے فوری اقدامات کریں۔ بصورت دیگر وہ سی این جی اسٹیشن بند کرنے پر مجبور ہوں گے۔

**سکھر (بیورو رپورٹ)** پاکستان نادرا ایپلائیڈ یونیورسٹی سکھر ریجن کا ہنگامی اجلاس چیئرمین افتخار گسی کی زیر صدارت رینجیل یونین آفس میں منعقد ہوا، اجلاس میں ریجن کے 12 اضلاع کے تمام عہدیداران سمیت ملازمین نے شرکت کی، اجلاس میں حالیہ سینکڑوں ملازمین کی برطرفیوں جن میں آل پاکستان نادرا ایپلائیڈ یونیورسٹی کے مرکزی اور سندھ کے عہدیداروں کو نکالے جانے پر فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ دسمبر سے بھرپور احتجاجی تحریک کا آغاز کیا جائے جس کے ہر قسم کے نقصانات کی تمام ترمذہ داری نادرا انتظامیہ پر عائد ہو گی۔

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کریک اور شکاف

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کرتے ہیں، سی این جی مالکان

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## سکھر، ملازمین کی برطرفیوں کیخلاف دسمبر

سے احتجاجی تحریک چلائیے، نادرا ایپلائیڈ

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خواہ کی واقعہ نہ ہو سکی اور اسکے باوجود بھی 343000 رہی۔ اسی طرح 2009-10 میں 32.41 فیصد مسجد اسکول بند ہوئے۔ جبکہ ان کے طلباء کی تعداد بھی کم ہو کر 212000 ہوئی، جس میں 209000 طلباء اور 3 ہزار طالبات زیر تعلیم تھیں۔ تاہم پالیسی کے مطابق مسجد اسکول کی جگہ پر انمری اسکولوں نے لینی تھی تاہم اعداد و شمار کچھ اور ہی منظر پیش کر رہے ہیں۔ پر انمری اسکولوں کی تعداد میں اضافے کے بجائے کمی واقع ہوئی۔ 2002-03 میں پنجاب میں 44253 پر انمری اسکولوں تھے، تاہم گزشتہ ایک دہائی میں حکومت کی جانب سے اس کی تعداد میں اضافہ کرنے کے بجائے ان کی تعداد میں 5.24 فیصد کمی ہوئی اور جس کے بعد یہ تعداد 42048 ہو گئی، باوجود اس کے کہ طلباء کی تعداد میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے اور مسجد اسکولوں کے طلباء باضابطہ تعلیمی اداروں میں منتقل ہوئے۔ 1978 میں حکومت کی مکتب اسکولوں کی پالیسی کم عملے کے باعث مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی تھی۔ نئی تعلیمی پالیسی کے تحت حکومت نے مسجد اسکولوں متعارف کرائے، جس کے تحت ملک بھر میں 5 ہزار اور پنجاب میں 2 ہزار مسجد اسکولوں قائم کیے گئے۔

**اسلام آباد (اچھ نوری) قومی احتساب بیورو (نیب) نے ایل این جی ٹریٹنل کنٹریکٹ کی ابتدائی انکوائری مکمل کی ہے نہ ہی نیب کے تفتیش کنندگان کو ٹھیکہ دینے میں کسی غلط عمل کا کوئی ٹھوس ثبوت ملا ہے۔ اور نہ ہی رپورٹ میں وفاقی وزیر یا وزارت پٹرولیم اور گیس کمپنیوں کے حکام کو ملوث کیا گیا ہے۔** باوثوق ذرائع کے مطابق نیب کے چیئرمین اور ڈی جی آپریشن ابتدائی انکوائری مکمل ہونے سے لاعلم ہیں بلکہ متعلقہ حکام کے مطابق اس سال جولائی، اگست میں اسی معاملے پر ابتدائی انکوائری کو بعض ”شکایات“ اور بعض افسران کے ساتھ انٹرویو میں دیئے گئے مواد کو جمع کرنے تک محدود کر دیا گیا تھا جس کے بعد کوئی مزید پیشرفت نہیں ہوئی تھی۔ نیب کے سینئر افسران نے بتایا کہ حال ہی میں پرنٹ و الیکٹرانک میڈیا میں تاثر پیدا کیا گیا کہ ایل این جی ٹریٹنل کا ٹھیکہ دینے میں نیب نے اریوں روپے کی بدعنوانی کا سراغ لگایا ہے، یہ تاثر درست نہیں، نیب نے ایسی کوئی رپورٹ نہیں دی، نیب حکام نے تصدیق کی کہ میڈیا رپورٹس میں جن حکام کے نام دیئے گئے ہیں نیب نے ان سے کوئی تفتیش نہیں کی، ان افسران کا کہنا تھا کہ میڈیا میں ابتدائی رپورٹ میں شروع کے کام کا ایک حصہ سامنے آیا جو پانچ ماہ پرانا ہے اور بیشتر بعض شکایات سے لیے گئے اقتباسات پر مشتمل ہے ہر پیرا اس جملے پر ختم ہوا ہے کہ حقائق کی ابھی چھان بین ہونی ہے۔ یا حقائق کی مزید انکوائری کی ضرورت ہے یا حقائق کی تصدیق کی ضرورت ہے۔ نیب افسران کا کہنا تھا کہ ابتدائی انکوائری میں مزید پیشرفت صرف اس وقت ہو سکتی ہے جب ایل این جی ٹریٹنل کنٹریکٹ میں کسی غلط عمل یا بدعنوانی کے کچھ ثبوت ہوں۔ گزشتہ چند ماہ کے دوران اس ابتدائی انکوائری میں کوئی پیشرفت نہیں ہوئی نیب حکام نے بتایا کہ بعض الیکٹرانک میڈیا رپورٹس کے برعکس ابتدائی تفتیش میں بھی ایل این جی کنٹریکٹ اور ایل این جی سرو سز کے معاہدے میں وفاقی وزیر اور وزارت پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل کے بعض افسران اور گیس کمپنیوں کے حکام کو ملوث کرنے کا ذکر نہیں ہے۔

**اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) کرغزستان، تاجکستان، افغانستان اور پاکستان کے درمیان توانائی معاہدے کا سا 1000 منصوبہ کے تحت ٹرانسمیشن لائن کی تعمیر کے معاہدے پر دستخط ہو گئے اس منصوبے کے تحت ٹرانسمیشن لائن کی تعمیر کا آغاز مئی 2016 میں ہو گا۔ معاہدے پر دستخط کرنے کی تقریب انقرہ میں ہوئی پاکستان کی نمائندگی وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف نے کی اس منصوبے کے تحت 1000 میگا واٹ بجلی ان ممالک سے پاکستان کو اور 306 میگا واٹ افغانستان کو فراہم کی جائے گی۔**

**لاہور (جنگ نیوز) سوئی نادرین گیس نے 25 نومبر 2015 کو شائع ہوئی مالی خبر جس کی سرخی تھی کہ اوگرانے یو ایف جی کا حجم ڈھائی فیصد بڑھا کر صارفین پر بوجھ میں اضافہ کر دیا۔ سوئی نادرین گیس نے وضاحت کی کہ اوگرانے یو ایف جی بیچ مارک میں اضافہ نہیں کیا اور مالی سال 2012-13 اور 2013-14 کیلئے بیچ مارک 7 فیصد کے بجائے ساڑھے چار فیصد کرنے کی اجازت دی۔ اس بات کو بھی نمایاں کیا گیا کہ اوگرانے گزشتہ برسوں سے بد امنی والے علاقوں اور غیر صارفین کی مد میں یو ایف جی بیچ مارک کے علاوہ حجم بڑھانے کی اجازت دی۔ جس کا یو ایف جی بیچ مارک سے کوئی تعلق نہیں ہے۔ مذکورہ حجم کی اجازت اوگرانے کمپنی کے قابو سے باہر معاملات کو دیکھ کر دی۔ جو بد امنی والے علاقوں میں گیس چوری اور نادرین گیس صارفین کی وجہ سے پیدا ہوئے۔ جہاں گیس کمپنی کو گیس کنکشن منقطع نہ کرنے پر مجبور کیا گیا۔ اس سے ثابت ہوتا ہے کہ یو ایف جی بیچ مارک کی کوئی خلاف ورزی نہیں کی گئی۔ دوسری جانب رپورٹر خالد مصطفیٰ نے اپنے موقف پر اصرار کرتے ہوئے سوئی نادرین گیس کی وضاحت کو حیران کن قرار دیا۔ یہ وضاحت تو اوگرانے کی جانب سے جاری ہونی چاہئے تھی کیونکہ گیس کمپنی سوئی نادرین تو خود فریق ہے۔ جسے ریگولیٹر کے فیصلے سے فائدہ پہنچ رہا ہے۔ خبر میں اس رپورٹ نے چیئرمین اوگرانے کا مطلوب موقف شامل کر دیا تھا۔ اس کے علاوہ وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل کا موقف بھی خبر میں شامل ہے۔ خبر میں یہ واضح کر دیا گیا تھا کہ ریگولیٹر نے ڈھائی فیصد کا ذکر کئے بغیر یو ایف جی کو بڑھا دیا۔ جس سے صارفین پر اضافی 25 ارب روپے کا بوجھ پڑا۔ صارفین کو اضافے کے ساتھ بلز جنوری 2016 سے ملیں گے۔ تاہم یو ایف جی میں اضافے کا فیصلوں میں ذکر نہیں ہے۔ لیکن ساتھ ہی اوگرانے گیس کمپنیوں کو گیس بلز کی عدم وصولیابی یا چوری شدہ گیس کی مد میں کوئی ذکر کئے بغیر مجموعی طور پر ڈھائی فیصد یو ایف جی وصول کرنے کی منظوری دے دی۔ تاکہ یو ایف جی سے متعلق عدالتی فیصلہ متاثر نہ ہو۔ خبر میں چیئرمین اوگرانے احمد خان کا موقف بھی شامل کیا گیا۔ جس میں**

**ایل این جی ٹریٹنل کنٹریکٹ میں بدعنوانی**

**کا ثبوت نہیں ملا، نیب حکام**

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**کا سا 1000 منصوبہ کے تحت ٹرانسمیشن**

**لائن کی تعمیر کے معاہدے پر دستخط**

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**اوگرانے کی جانب سے یو ایف جی میں ڈھائی**

**فیصد اضافے پر سوئی نادرین گیس کی**

**وضاحت**

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اس سال بھی محنت کریں گے۔

برہمگھم (جنگ نیوز) دارالعلوم اسلامیہ ہائی اسکول اینڈ کالج نے اپنے اعلامیے میں کہا ہے کہ ہمارا اسکول لڑکوں کا ایک رجسٹرڈ فیتھ سکول ہے اور آفٹنڈ کی گزشتہ سال کی رپورٹیں بیان کرتی ہیں کہ دارالعلوم اسلامیہ ہائی اسکول مسلم نوجوانوں کو معیاری تعلیم فراہم کر رہا ہے۔ ہمارے ادارے میں مذہب اور صنف کا امتیاز نہیں برتا جاتا۔ ہم ویسٹ مڈ لینڈز فیتھ فورم اور ویسٹ مڈ لینڈز پولیس کے اجلاس کی میزبانی کرتے ہیں، جن میں مرد و خواتین دونوں شریک ہوتے ہیں، پیرنٹس ڈے پر بچوں کے ماں اور باپ دونوں آتے ہیں، اور ہمارے عملے سے براہ راست اپنے بچے کی بابت گفتگو کرتے ہیں۔ ہم اپنے سکول میں کسی قسم کی پابندی عائد نہیں کرتے۔ گورنر ہاؤس کی مینٹنگ میں خاتون گورنر بھی ہوتی ہیں، جو اپنی مرضی سے مردوں سے الگ میٹنگ ہیں۔ آفٹنڈ رپورٹ میں ہماری خاتون گورنر کا یہ بیان شامل ہے، ”لڑکوں کے سکول میں گورننگ ہاؤس کا رکن ہونا بہ طور خاتون میرے لیے ایک غیر معمولی کامیابی ہے، سرکاری بوائز سکولوں کی گورننگ ہاؤس میں بھی یا تو کوئی خاتون سرے سے ہوتی ہی نہیں یا ان کی تعداد بہت کم ہوتی ہے۔ میری خواہش ہے کہ مسلم برطانوی نوجوان سکول سے اچھے نتائج لے کر نکلیں اور ان کے اہل تمام انسانوں سے محبت کرنے کے جذبے سے سرشار ہوں“ یہ سکول اسلامی اقدار کو بھی فروغ دیتا ہے اور برطانوی اقدار کو بھی۔

ہمارے سکول میں مذہب اور صنف کا

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان بزنس مین اینڈ انٹرنیٹکچرل فورم و آل کراچی انڈسٹریل الاسٹنس کے صدر میاں زاہد حسین نے کہا ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف کی جانب سے گندم کی پیداوار میں تین گنا اضافے کا منصوبہ کاشتکاروں کی آمدنی بڑھانے اور فوڈ سیکورٹی یقینی بنانے کی طرف اہم پیش رفت ہے جسکی بھرپور حمایت کرتے ہیں۔ منصوبے کے مطابق 23800 دیہات میں ہر گاؤں میں چار ترقی پسند کاشتکاروں کو سند یافتہ بیج کے ایک لاکھ بیگ دیئے جائیں گے جن کی مدد سے وہ پیداوار کر کے اسے دوسرے کاشتکاروں کو فروخت کر دیں گے۔ اس طرح سے منصوبے میں دس سال کے اندر رصوبے بھر میں یہ بیج عام بیجوں کی جگہ لے لے گا جس کے بعد فی ایکڑ پیداوار 30 من سے بڑھ کر 80 من ہو جائے گی۔ میاں زاہد حسین نے کہا کہ اس بیج کو جانچ پڑتال کے تمام پیمانوں سے گزارا جائے۔ فصل میں بیج کی اہمیت واضح ہے مگر موجودہ بیجوں سے بھی بعض کاشتکار تیس کے بجائے نوے من تک پیداوار حاصل کر رہے ہیں اس لئے کسانوں کو فارمنگ کے جدید طور طریقوں کی تربیت دینا بھی ضروری ہے جس کے لئے الگ سے فنڈ بنایا جائے جبکہ پرانے بیجوں کو ختم کرنے کیلئے جو تین سو ملین روپے مختص کئے گئے ہیں، ان میں اضافہ کیا جائے۔ موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے ساتھ بارشوں کا وقت اور انداز بدل رہا ہے جبکہ نئی بیماریوں نے کاشتکاروں کے مسائل بڑھائے ہیں جس کے لئے آگاہی میں اضافہ ضروری ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان اور بین الاقوامی منڈی میں فی ٹن گندم کی قیمت میں ایک سو ڈالر سے زیادہ کافرق، گندم کے زیر کاشت رقبے میں دو فیصد کمی، بارہ لاکھ ٹن کے بجائے صرف ایک ہزار سو لہ ٹن گندم کی برآمد، چاول کی پیداوار میں چھ فیصد کمی کے امکان تین سال سے تھر میں اناج کی پیداوار میں مسلسل کمی اور مقامی منڈی میں آٹے کی قیمت میں اضافہ تشویشناک ہے۔

گندم کی پیداوار میں اضافے کے منصوبے

کی حمایت کرتے ہیں، میاں زاہد

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سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں خام تیل کے نرخوں میں تیزی کا رجحان رہا اور خام تیل کی قیمتیں ایک مرتبہ پھر 43 ڈالر فی بیرل سے تجاوز کر گئیں جس کی وجہ امریکی کروڈ سپلائی میں سست دہائی سے اضافہ اور ترکی کی طرف سے شامی سرحد کے قریب روسی لڑاکا طیارہ مار گرائے جانے سے پیدا ہونے والی صورتحال ہے۔ کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران امریکا کے ویسٹ ٹیکساس انٹر میڈیٹ کے آئندہ سال کے پہلے ماہ میں ترسیل کیلئے معاہدے اضافے سے 43.12 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے جبکہ برینٹ نار تھ سی کروڈ کے جنوری میں ترسیل کے معاہدے 7 سینٹ کی بہتری سے 46.24 ڈالر فی بیرل میں ہوئے۔

ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ، خام تیل کے نرخ 43

ڈالر فی بیرل سے تجاوز کر گئے

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اسلام آباد (فخر دورانی) پنجاب میں گزشتہ ایک دہائی میں 75 فیصد مسجد اسکول بند ہوئے جبکہ پرائمری اسکولوں کی تعداد میں بھی 5 فیصد تک کمی دیکھنے میں آئی۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق باضابطہ تعلیم کے فروغ کیلئے پنجاب حکومت نے صوبے میں گزشتہ 10 سال کے دوران 75 فیصد مسجد اسکول بند کیے اور ان مسجد اسکولوں کے طلباء کیلئے پرائمری اسکولوں میں اضافہ کرنے کے بجائے صوبائی حکومت نے پرائمری اسکولوں میں بھی 5 فیصد تک کم کر دی۔ ادارہ شماریات پنجاب کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد میں یہ کمی 2002 سے 2012 کے درمیان کی گئی، دلچسپ بات یہ ہے کہ یہ مسجد اسکول سابق صدر جنرل ضیاء الحق کے دور میں کھلے تھے۔ 2002 میں صوبے میں مسجد اسکولوں کی کل تعداد 7742 تھی، جن میں طلباء کی کل تعداد 342000 تھی، ان میں 2 لاکھ 90 ہزار طلباء اور 52 ہزار طالبات زیر تعلیم تھیں، اس کے اگلے ہی حکومت نے صوبے میں موجود ان مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد میں 4.62 فیصد کمی کر دی، جس کے بعد ان کی کل تعداد 7400 ہو گئی اور انکے طلباء کی تعداد بھی کم ہو کر 18000 ہو گئی۔ دلچسپ بات یہ ہے کہ 2004-05 میں مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد میں مزید 0.99 فیصد اضافہ ہوا، جس کے بعد مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد 7474 ہو گئی، جن میں اندراج شدہ طلباء کی تعداد 372000 ہو گئی۔ 2005-06 میں مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد میں 2.54 فیصد کمی واقع ہوئی۔ 2006-07 میں پنجاب میں مسجد اسکولوں کی تعداد میں 26.68 فیصد کمی واضح ہوئی، جس کے بعد ان کی کل تعداد 5754 ہو گئی۔ تاہم ان مسجد اسکولوں کے طلباء میں خاطر

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ہڑتال کو 19 روز گزر چکے ہیں حکومت کا کوئی نمائندہ ان سے ملنے نہیں آیا جس کی وجہ سے ان کو سخت مایوسی ہوئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہاندھ کے دیگر اضلاع کے اساتذہ کو باقاعدگی سے تنخواہیں مل رہی ہیں لیکن ہم وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے آبائی ضلع خیرپور کے اساتذہ تین برس سے تنخواہوں سے محروم ہیں۔

**بلوڑی شاہ کریم (نامہ نگار)** سندھ بھر کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں کتے کے کاٹنے اور سانپ کے ڈنسنے پر متاثرہ افراد کو لگائی جانے والی ویکسین کی عدم دستیابی کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ اس بات کا انکشاف اس وقت ہوا جب بلوڑی شاہ کریم کے رہائشی 13 سالہ اسماعیل ہماری کو کتے نے کاٹ لیا جس پر متاثرہ بچے کو اس کے دادا اللہ بچا پوجاری تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال بلوڑی شاہ کریم لے آئے جہاں ڈاکٹروں نے اسے کہا کہ ویکسین دستیاب نہیں ہے۔ اس صورتحال میں متاثرہ بچے کے دادا نے جنگ کو بتایا کہ ان کے بچے کو ویکسین نہیں لگائی جارہی۔ ڈاکٹروں کا کہنا ہے ویکسین کسی بھی سرکاری اسپتال میں دستیاب نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ویکسین نہ ملنے پر ان کے بچے کے جسم میں زہر پھیل رہا ہے جو کہ جان لیوا ثابت ہو سکتا ہے۔ جنگ کی جانب سے اس سنگین معاملے پر تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ ڈاکٹر عبد الرحمان سموس نے ان کے موبائل فون پر رابطہ کیا گیا جن کا کہنا تھا کہ کتے کے کاٹنے کی ویکسین پورے ضلع میں دستیاب نہیں ہے اور پورے ہی نہیں مل بلکہ پورے ضلع میں کیا تقریباً پورے سندھ میں کہیں بھی دستیاب نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اوپر سے ہی گڑبڑ ہو چکی ہے تاہم ویکسین کیلئے کوشش کی جارہی ہے جنگ کی جانب سے دیگر سرکاری اسپتالوں کے ذرائع سے بھی بات کی گئی جن کا کہنا تھا کہ سرکاری اسپتالوں میں کتے کے کاٹنے اور سانپ کے ڈنسنے کی ویکسین کہیں بھی دستیاب نہیں ہے تاہم جنگ کی جانب سے اس اہم اور سنگین معاملے پر ڈی جی ہیلتھ سندھ کے دفتر میں تعینات ڈائریکٹر ایڈمن (ہیلتھ) سندھ دھنی بخش تھیسو سے ان کے دفتر کے نمبر پر رابطہ کیا گیا جنہوں نے جنگ کو تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے کہا کہ ان کے پاس یعنی ڈی جی آفس میں جو بھی اسٹاک موجود تھا وہ ہر ضلع کو فراہم کیا سندھ کے ہر ضلع کو 4 اگست کو فراہم کر دی گئی تھی۔ (AVR) گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کتے کے کاٹنے پر متاثرہ افراد کو لگائی جانے والی ویکسین

**کراچی (انساف رپورٹر)** سیکریٹری تعلیم سندھ فضل اللہ چٹوہ نے کہا ہے کہ احتجاج کرنے والے اساتذہ غیر حاضر تھے اس لیے ان تنخواہ روکی گئی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ جب تک غیر حاضر رہیں گے ان کی تنخواہ جاری نہیں کی جائے گی انہوں نے کہا کہ تنخواہوں کے لئے اساتذہ کا بائیومیٹرک کرنا ضروری ہے اور اب تک ایک لاکھ 60 ہزار سے زائد اسکول اساتذہ اور ملازمین بائیومیٹرک تصدیق کراچے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ جب تک غیر حاضر رہیں گے، تنخواہیں جاری نہیں کی جائیں گی۔ خود کو پرائمری اسکول ٹیچر کہنے والوں کو پرائمری کی اسپیلنگ تک نہیں آتی ہے۔ دوسری جانب سندھ کے سرکاری اسکولوں کے اساتذہ نے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے قریب پی آئی ڈی سی سنگل پر رات گئے دھرنا ختم کر دیا تاہم انھوں نے سیکریٹری تعلیم کی تبدیلی اور دیگر مطالبات کی منظوری تک اپنا احتجاج جاری رکھنے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔

**کراچی (انساف رپورٹر)** صوبائی وزیر صحت سندھ جام مہتاب حسین ڈہرنے کہا ہے کہ ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن صوبے میں صحت کی سہولیات کے معیار میں بہتری لائے گا اور ہیلتھ کیئر سروسز کی نگرانی کرے گی۔ اگر کوئی شخص کمیشن کی سفارشات کے حتمی فیصلوں پر عمل درآمد کرنے میں ناکام رہا تو کمیشن کو اختیار حاصل ہے کہ وہ 5 لاکھ روپے تک جرمانہ عائد کر سکتی ہے۔ یہ بات انہوں نے آج اپنے دفتر میں صحافیوں سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن ایکٹ کے مندرجات کی نفی یا عملدرآمد نہ کرنے کی صورت میں جرمانہ عائد اور وصول کیا جائے گا۔

**کراچی (انساف رپورٹر)** جناح اسپتال میں عملے کے لیے جدید لرننگ ریسورس سینٹر (ایل آر سی) قائم کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں عملے کو ریسرچ آر ٹیکل اور طب کی کتب میسر ہوگی۔ ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ایڈمن اور جناح اسپتال کے ترجمان ڈاکٹر جاوید بھالی نے بتایا کہ اسپتال انتظامیہ نے جناح اسپتال کی لائبریری کو اپ گریڈ کر کے اسے جدید مرکز بنادیا ہے تاکہ ہمارے ملازمین کو بھی طب کی دنیا میں آنے والی نئی معلومات سے آگاہ ہو سکیں۔ جناح اسپتال کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر انیس بھٹی نے سینٹر کا افتتاح کیا۔ سینٹر میں 8 نئے انٹر کنٹنٹس اور 20 جدید کمپیوٹر لگائے گئے ہیں جو ایچ ای سی سے منسلک ہوں گے۔

**ٹنڈوالہ یار (نامہ نگار)** مہران شوگر ملز لمیٹڈ ٹنڈوالہ یار نے سال 2015، 16 کی گنے کی کرشنگ کا آغاز کر دیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق مہران شوگر ملز لمیٹڈ میں نئے سال کے آغاز سے قبل ایک تقریب منعقد ہوئی جس میں مہران شوگر ملز لمیٹڈ کے ای سی او سیٹھ ابراہیم میمن، ایم ڈی سیٹھ احمد میمن، سیٹھ عثمان، کے ساتھ مہران شوگر ملز کے آر ڈی اخلاص احمد، ڈائریکٹر کین، احتشام الدین، جی ایم ایچ آر راشد بلوچ، ڈپٹی ایچ آر ساجد وہاب خانزادہ و دیگر افسران اور شوگر ملز کے ورکرز کی بڑی تعداد موجود تھی، اس موقع پر شوگر ملز کے مالکان نے گنے کو مشین میں ڈال کر کرشنگ کا آغاز کیا اور صدقہ دیتے ہوئے کامیابی کے لیے خصوصی دعا کی، اس موقع پر شوگر ملز کے مالکان اور افسران نے ورکروں اور عملے سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہر سال کی طرح اس سال بھی مہران شوگر ملز تمام ملوں سے سبقت لے جانے کی کوشش کرے گی اور ہم امید کرتے ہیں کہ ہمارے ملازمین ہر سال کی طرح

**سرکاری اسپتالوں میں کتے کے کاٹنے سے متاثرہ مریضوں کیلئے ویکسین کی عدم دستیابی**

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**غیر حاضر ہونے کے سبب اساتذہ کی تنخواہیں روکی ہیں، سیکریٹری تعلیم**

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**ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن صحت کی سہولتوں کے معیار میں بہتری لائے گا، وزیر صحت**

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کیا جائے۔ بشر ذہرنے کہا کہ ایس او پی کے تحت پانی کے بڑے بھاؤ کے دوران ہیڈورکس کو بند کرنا ضروری ہوتا ہے اور اگر صحیح طریقہ کار اختیار کیا جاتا ہے تو تمام مسائل حل ہو سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جہاں تک سکھر بیراج کے پائڈیول میں توسیع کرنے کی ضرورت ہے تو اس کیلئے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو منظوری دینی ہوگی۔ ماہر علی گوہر شاہ نے کہا کہ اگر سکھر بیراج کی پائڈیول بڑھائی جاتی ہے تو اس سے دائیں اور بائیں کناروں سے سیم اور تھول پیدا ہو سکتی ہے، اسلئے متبادل انتظامات کئے جائیں۔ صوبائی وزیر آبپاشی نے تجویز دی کہ آپشن ون کی منظوری سے سکھر بیراج کی گنجائش 13 لاکھ کیوسک ہو جاتی ہے اور ہمیں بیراج کی گنجائش 15 لاکھ کیوسک کرنے کی ضرورت نہیں ہے۔ کیونکہ گڈو بیراج کی فلدز گنجائش 12 لاکھ کیوسک ہے، سیکرٹری ایریگیشن ظہیر حیدر شاہ نے کہا کہ پہلے آپشنز میں کھدائی، ریت کی نکاسی اور بیراج کی بحالی، کینال ہیڈریگیو لیٹرس کی مرمت، دروازوں کی تبدیلی، کنٹرول اور مانیٹرنگ کے آلات کی تجدید، مانیٹرنگ اینڈ کنٹرول، لیبارٹری، ورکشاپ اور دیگر کاموں کیلئے نئی بلڈنگس کی تعمیر شامل ہے۔ چیف سیکرٹری سندھ محمد صدیق مین نے کہا کہ سکھر بیراج کے تمام مسائل اور اشوز کا حل آپشن ون میں موجود ہے، اگر بیراج کی پائڈیول بڑھائی جاتی ہے تو اسے بائیں کنارے کے نہروں میں پانی کی ڈسچارج میں اضافہ ہوگا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ سکھر بیراج صوبے سندھ کی زرعی اقتصادیات کیلئے لائیو لائن ہے اور ہماری تمام تر آبادی کا انحصار اسی بیراج پر ہے، اس لئے اس بیراج کی بحالی اشد ضروری ہے۔ صوبائی حکمہ ایریگیشن اور پانی ماہرین کی تجویز پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے سکھر بیراج کی بحالی کیلئے پہلے آپشن کی منظوری دے دی اور حکمہ آبپاشی کو ”سٹک کنٹرول اسٹڈی“ کرنے کے احکامات دیئے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) عدالت نے سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کے 5 افسران کا راہداری ریماڈ دینے سے انکار کر دیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق سوئی سدرن گیس کے سابق ایم ڈی زوہیر صدیقی، ڈپٹی مینیجنگ ڈائریکٹر شعیب وارثی اور سینئر جنرل مینجر فنانس کامران جوگی سمیت 5 ملزمان کو جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ جنوبی جاوید ملک کی عدالت میں راہداری ریماڈ کے لیے نیب حکام نے پیش کیا۔ تاہم عدالت نے اسے اختیارات سے باہر قرار دیتے ہوئے ریماڈ دینے سے انکار کر دیا جس کے بعد ملزمان کو نیب حکام واپس لے گئے۔ پانچوں ملزمان کو رینجرز نے 90 دن کی نظر بندی کے بعد نیب حکام کے حوالے کیا تھا۔ استغاثہ کے مطابق ملزمان کے خلاف جرم نامی و اختیارات سے تجاوز کرنے اور دہشت گردوں کی مالی معاونت کے الزام میں گرفتار کیا گیا تھا۔

تعلیم معاشرے کی حقیقی اساس اور ترقی کی ضمانت ہے مگر آج کے اس دور میں تعلیم کا حصول ہی ناممکن ہو چلا ہے کہ کسی بھی اچھے تعلیمی ادارے میں بچوں کو داخل کروانے کے لئے ماں باپ اپنی ساری جمع پونجی خرچ کر دیتے ہیں۔ اسکول والے سب سے پہلے رجسٹریشن فیس، داخلہ فیس، سالانہ فنڈز، اسکیورٹی فیس اور نجانے کس کس فیس اور فنڈ کے نام پر والدین کی جیبیں ملکی کرتے ہیں اور سب سے بڑھ کر آخر میں ان کا رزلٹ محض صفری نکلتا ہے۔ میری تعلیمی اداروں اور ان کے مالکان سے گزارش ہے کہ خدا کے لیے تعلیم کے نام پر کاروبار کرنے سے پہلے یہ سوچ لیا کریں کہ تعلیم ایک پیغمبرانہ پیشہ ہے۔ دوسری طرف حکومت کو بھی اپنا ریاستی کردار ادا کرنا چاہئے اور پرائیویٹ اسکولوں کے حوالے سے قانون سازی کو جلد از جلد مکمل کرنا چاہئے اور اسکولوں کی درجہ بندی کے حساب سے فیسیں لاگو کرنی چاہئیں تاکہ بعض اداروں کی جانب سے تعلیم کے نام پر لوٹ مار کا سلسلہ بند ہو سکے۔ (توحید احمد)

لاہور (رپورٹ: نوید طارق) دنیا کے 20 بڑے خیراتی اداروں کے اثاثوں کی مالیت 253 ارب ڈالر سے زائد ہے، نصف تعلیم جبکہ 4 طبی سہولیات کی بہتری کے لیے خدمات سرانجام دے رہے ہیں، صرف ایک کا تعلق اسلامی ملک یو اے ای کی ریاست دئی سے ہے۔ 13 خیراتی اداروں کا تعلق امریکہ، 2 برطانیہ جبکہ ایک ایک دئی، ہالینڈ، ہانگ کانگ، جرمنی اور کینیڈا سے ہے۔ 5 کے بانیوں کا تعلق آئی ٹی، 13 دویہ سازی، 12 انجینئرنگ ہو ابابا ای انٹرٹینمنٹ اور 2 کافوڈ انڈسٹری سے ہے جبکہ ایک ایک بانی کا تعلق فرنیچر و گھریلو اشیا، کار سازی، آئل انڈسٹری، زمینداری، حکمرانی، مالیاتی ادارہ، چرچ اور ایک دوڑ میں حصہ لینے والے گھوڑوں کے مالک ہیں۔ جنگ ڈویلپمنٹ رپورٹنگ سیل نے 20 سب سے بڑے عالمی خیراتی اداروں کے لحاظ سے مختلف متعلقہ ذرائع سے حاصل شدہ معلومات پر مبنی جو رپورٹ تیار کی ہے اس کے مطابق واشنگٹن میں تعلیم، صحت اور خاتمہ غربت کے لیے 1994ء سے دنیا کے امیر ترین شخص اور آئی ٹی ٹائیگون بل گیٹس کا قائم کردہ ”بل اینڈ ملنڈا گیٹس فاؤنڈیشن“ دنیا میں سب سے بڑا (بلحاظ مالیت) خیراتی ادارہ ہے جس کے فنڈز 42 ارب 30 کروڑ ڈالر سے زائد ہیں۔

خیر پور (بیورو رپورٹ) خیر پور میں تین برس سے تنخواہ سے محروم 314 اساتذہ کی معصوم بچوں کے ہمراہ بھوک ہڑتال جاری ہے، اساتذہ نے 19 روز قبل تنخواہ نہ ملنے پر کورٹ روڈ پر بھوک ہڑتال شروع کی تھی تفصیلات کے مطابق خیر پور میں تین برس سے تنخواہ سے محروم 314 اساتذہ کی اپنے معصوم بچوں کے ہمراہ بھوک ہڑتال جاری ہے اساتذہ نے 18 روز قبل تنخواہ نہ ملنے پر کورٹ روڈ پر بھوک ہڑتال شروع کی تھی اساتذہ وہ بھوک ہڑتال جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں جمعرات کے روز بھوک ہڑتالی اساتذہ شیر خان کلہوڑو، شوکت مگٹی، ولی اللہ اور دیگر نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ ان کی بھوک

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دنیا کے 20 بڑے خیراتی ادارے، اثاثوں کی مالیت 253 ارب ڈالر

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خیر پور، تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کے خلاف اساتذہ کی ہڑتال جاری

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## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاں

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ایڈز کنٹرول پروگرام کے تحت صوبے بھر میں مزید 19 ایچ آئی وی ٹریٹمنٹ سینٹر قائم کیے جا رہے ہیں جس سے اس وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد کو اپنے گھر سے قریب ترین تشخیص اور مفت علاج کی سہولت میسر ہو جائے گی۔ یہ بات پروگرام کے صوبائی مینیجر ڈاکٹر یونس چاچڑنے ایڈز کے عالمی دن کے سلسلے میں مقامی ہوٹل میں صحافیوں کے لیے منعقدہ ورکشاپ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے بتائی۔ اس موقع پر پروگرام کے ڈپٹی مینیجر ڈاکٹر فرحت عباس، ڈاکٹر قمر عباس، این جی او کو آرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر سکندر اقبال دیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ ڈاکٹر یونس چاچڑنے کہا کہ ان سینٹر پر بیماری کی مفت تشخیص بھی کی جائے گی جس کے بعد رجسٹرڈ مریضوں کو مفت علاج بھی میسر ہو گا۔ نئے سینٹر کو پی سی ون میں شامل کر دیا گیا ہے جس کی محکمہ منصوبہ بندی سے بھی اگلے ماہ منظوری مل جائے گی۔ اس کے علاوہ موجود پانچ ٹریٹمنٹ سینٹر کی استعداد میں بھی اضافہ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ سندھ ایڈز کنٹرول پروگرام کے تحت ڈویژن اور ضلع کی سطح پر ناسک فورسز بھی بنادی گئی ہیں جو صوبے بھر میں ایچ آئی وی ایڈز پر قابو پانے، صحیح اور بروقت مانیٹرنگ کو مزید موثر بنانے کے لیے اقدامات کریں گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پروگرام کی جانب سے مذہبی رہنماؤں، صحافیوں اور صحت کارکنان کے ساتھ مل کر معاشرے میں بھرپور آگاہی مہم شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ ڈاکٹر سکندر اقبال نے بتایا کہ ایک اندازے کے مطابق پاکستان میں ایچ آئی وی ایڈز سے متاثرہ افراد کی تعداد 80 ہزار سے ایک لاکھ کے درمیان ہو سکتی ہے جن میں سے 45 ہزار کا تعلق سندھ سے ہے۔

اسلام آباد (مہتاب حیدر) ایف بی آر نے آئی ایم ایف کو آگاہ کیا تھا کہ اس نے 40 ارب روپے کی ضرورت کو رواں مالی سال کے دوران اکٹھا کرے گا، مگر یہ پورا منصوبہ ضائع ہونے کا خدشہ ہے کیونکہ بعض سیکٹرز نے آڈٹ کا عمل رکوانے کے حوالے سے حکم امتناع لینے کے لئے لاہور ہائیکورٹ سے رجوع کر لیا کیونکہ منتخب کردہ کئی کیسز کا تعلق صرف چند اہم سیکٹرز سے ہے، چنانچہ انہوں نے کمپیوٹر ایڈز ریڈیم سیلنگ پر اعتراضات اٹھائے جس پر عدالت عالیہ نے دونوں فریقین کو حکم دیا کہ مل کر بیٹھیں اور خوش اسلوبی سے مسئلے کو حل کریں، سرکاری ذرائع نے نشاندہی کی کہ اب ایف بی آر مشکل میں پھنس گیا ہے کیونکہ بورڈ اپنے اعلیٰ حکام کی شدید خواہش کے باوجود بھی آڈٹ کیلئے منتخب کیسز سے دستبردار نہیں ہو سکتا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے سکھر بیراج کی بحالی کیلئے 12.6 ارب روپے کی منظوری دے دی ہے، جس کے بعد بیراج سے پانی کے اخراج کی گنجائش 13 لاکھ کیوسک ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ پوری بیراج کے نظام کو کنٹرول روم کے ذریعے چلایا جاسکے گا۔ یہ فیصلہ جمعہ کو وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں سکھر بیراج کی بحالی سے متعلق ایک اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس کی صدارت کے دوران کیا۔ اجلاس میں صوبائی وزیر خزانہ و آبپاشی سید مراد علی شاہ، چیف سیکریٹری سندھ محمد صدیق مین، ایڈیشنل چیف سیکریٹری (ترقیات) اعجاز علی خان، سیکریٹری (Ian Heije) آبپاشی ظہیر حیدر شاہ، پانی ماہرین اور ایس راجپوت، بشیر ڈاھر اور علی گھر شاہ کے علاوہ برطانوی پانی ماہرین کی ٹیم نے برطانوی کنسلٹنٹ نے بتایا کہ اس منصوبے کے (Ian Heije) کی سربراہی میں اجلاس میں شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے برطانوی پانی ماہر (Heije) ذریعے بیراج کے ڈھانچے کو مضبوط کر کے اس کی گنجائش 11.5 لاکھ کیوسک سے 13 لاکھ کیوسک کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ بیراج کے انتظامی اور آپریشنل نظام میں بہتری لائی جائے گی۔ انہوں نے بیراج کی بحالی کیلئے 3 آپشنز پیش کئے۔ پہلے آپشن پر 12.6 ارب روپے لاگت آئے گی۔ جسکے تحت موجودہ ریور ٹریٹنگ ورکس کو بحال کر کے پانی کی گنجائش 11.5 سے 13 لاکھ کیوسک تک بڑھائی جائے گی اور بہتر انتظامات کے ذریعے بیراج کے کینالوں میں ریت کے داخلہ کو کم کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ دوسرے آپشن سے متعلق برطانوی ماہر کا کہنا تھا کہ موجودہ ریور ٹریٹنگ ورکس کو تبدیل کر کے دریا، کی چوڑائی کو بڑھایا جاسکتا ہے، جس سے بیراج سے پانی کا بھار 11.5 لاکھ سے 15 لاکھ کیوسک تک پہنچ جائیگا اور اس پر 25.2 ارب روپے لاگت آئے گی۔ تیسرے آپشن کے تحت ریور اسپانس کی تعداد بڑھا کر اور موجودہ ڈھانچے کو توسیع دینے کے ساتھ ساتھ دس بند دروازے کھولنے کی تجویز دی گئی، جس سے سیلابی پانی کا اخراج 15 لاکھ کیوسک تک پہنچے گا اور اس پر 26.3 ارب روپے لاگت آئیگی۔ سیکریٹری آبپاشی ظہیر حیدر شاہ نے تجویز دی کہ برطانوی ماہر کی طرف سے دیئے گئے تینوں آپشنز کے مختلف اثرات ہونگے اور ہمیں ان تینوں آپشنز پر تفصیلی بحث کرنی ہوگی۔ پانی کے امور کے ماہر اور ایس راجپوت نے تجویز دی کہ بیراج کی موجودہ اسٹرکچر مضبوط ہے، اسلئے پیش کئے گئے تینوں آپشنز میں سے پہلا آپشن بہتر ہے، اسلئے اس پر عمل

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آفس میں جعلی شناختی کارڈ پر افغان شہری کو پاسپورٹ جاری کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی جسے نادرا کے سسٹم نے بلاک کر دیا لیکن اس کے باوجود پاسپورٹ افسران نے سسٹم کو خراب کرتے ہوئے اس افغان شہری کا پاسپورٹ جاری کیا جب کہ ایف آئی اے نے تحقیقات شروع کر دی ہیں کہ نادرا سسٹم کی جانب سے جعلی شناختی کارڈ پر پاسپورٹ منسوخ کئے جانے کے باوجود افسران نے ایک ہی دن میں دومرتبہ اس شہری کے پاسپورٹ کے لئے کیوں اپلائی کیا۔ واضح رہے کہ کچھ عرصہ قبل ایف آئی اے نے نادرا کے اسٹیشن ہیڈ کو حراست میں لیا تھا جس نے دوران تحقیقات انکشاف کیا کہ اس نے سیکڑوں افغان شہریوں کو شناختی کارڈ جاری کئے اور وہ پاکستانی پاسپورٹ پر بیرون ملک سے روانہ ہوئے۔

کراچی رینجرز نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائی کر کے پولیس اہلکاروں کے قتل میں ملوث 4 انتہائی مطلوب ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق شہر میں جاری آپریشن میں مزید تیزی لانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے جب کہ رینجرز کی تازہ کارروائی میں 4 انتہائی مطلوب ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان میں کراچی میں جاری آپریشن میں مزید تیزی کے بعد رینجرز نے 4 انتہائی مطلوب ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ رینجرز ترجمان کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان پولیس اہلکاروں کے قتل میں ملوث ہیں۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق ملزم ظہیر عرف بیالہ، عامر، بابر عرف چنگاری اور ہارون عرف کالا شامل ہیں۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ ملزم ظہیر 6، عامر 3، بابر اور ہارون ایک ایک پولیس اہلکار کے قتل میں ملوث ہیں جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اتحاد ٹاؤن میں رینجرز اہلکاروں کی ہلاکت کے بعد گزشتہ روز ڈی جی رینجرز بلال اکبری کی زیر صدارت کراچی میں جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف جاری آپریشن کو تیز کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔

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فرق ہے۔ دو سال قبل کوئٹہ سمنان شہر ہوا کرتا تھا۔ آج نوے فیصد پنجابی بلوچستان اور کوئٹہ واپس آچکے ہیں۔ وفاقی وزیر داخلہ کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ ڈاکٹر عاصم سے ریجنل کی تفتیش کی رپورٹ ان کے پاس ہے۔ کیس پر زیادہ بات نہیں کریں گے تاہم جو بھی ہو گا، قانون کے مطابق ہو گا۔ ڈان نیوز کی ڈی ایس این جی پر حملے سے متعلق چوہدری ثار نے کہا کہ صحافیوں کو نشانہ بنانا باعث تشویش ہے۔ حملے میں ملوث ملزمان کو جلد گرفتار کر لیا جائے گا۔

مقامی ذرائع کے مطابق خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقے وادی تیرہ میں جیٹ طیاروں نے شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں کو نشانہ بنایا جس کے نتیجے میں 21 دہشتگرد مارے گئے جبکہ ان کے چار ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کر دیئے گئے اس کارروائی میں متعدد عسکریت پسند زخمی ہوئے مقامی ذرائع کے مطابق اس کامیاب کارروائی میں مارے جانے والے دہشتگردوں میں کالعدم تنظیم کے اہم کمانڈرز بھی شامل ہیں۔

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فیصل آباد کی رہائشی پندرہ سالہ نازیہ جو ایک سال سے ساڑھے نو ہزار روپے تنخواہ پر سمن آباد کی رہائشی خاتون طیبہ کے گھر میں ملازم تھی۔ نازیہ نے بتایا کہ کام ٹھیک نہ کرنے پر گھر کی مالکن ڈنڈوں سے اسے مارتی تھی۔ چند روز قبل اسے بہیمانہ تشدد کا نشانہ بنایا اور سر کے بال کاٹ دیئے۔ بچی پر تشدد سے متعلق محلے دار نے چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کو اطلاع دی جس پر ٹیم نے چھاپہ مار کر بچی کو بازیاب کر لیا اور گھر کے مالک کے خلاف قانونی کارروائی کے لیے درخواست دے دی۔ چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کی چیئر مین صبا صادق کا کہنا ہے کہ اس طرح تشدد انسان نہیں درندے کرتے ہیں۔ چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کی ٹیم نے ویلنٹیناؤن میں بھی ایک سرکاری آفیسر کے گھر پر چھاپہ مار کر آٹھ سالہ عمیر کو بازیاب کر لیا جس کے جسم پر بھی تشدد کے نشانات ہیں۔

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الیکشن کمیشن کے باہر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے علیم خان نے کہا کہ آرٹیکل ایک سو تین اے اور بان کے تحت این اے ایک سو بائیس ضمنی انتخاب کو کالعدم قرار دینے کی پینلشن دائر کی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ضمنی انتخابات میں پہلے سے زیادہ دھاندلی ہوئی ہے۔ حکومت نے ووٹوں میں ردوبدل کیا اور چھپیں ہزار سنے ووٹ درج کئے گئے۔ چار ہزار ووٹ ڈیلیٹ کئے گئے۔ علیم خان کا کہنا تھا کہ انھوں نے نادرا سے ڈیٹا بھی مانگا مگر انھیں ڈیٹا فراہم نہیں کیا گیا۔ دھاندلی میں نادرا اور الیکشن کمیشن بھی ملوث ہیں۔ علیم خان نے کہا کہ ضمنی انتخابات میں فراڈ کیا گیا۔ ان کے پاس جو اعداد و شمار ہیں وہ صوبائی الیکشن کمیشن کے ہیں۔

علیم خان کی این اے 122 کے ضمنی انتخاب کو کالعدم قرار دینے سے متعلق الیکشن کمیشن میں پیشین داور

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لاہور پاکستان تحریک انصاف نے ایک بار پھر این اے 122 میں ہونے والے ضمنی انتخابات کو کالعدم قرار دینے کے لیے الیکشن کمیشن سے رجوع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پاکستان تحریک انصاف نے لاہور سے قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 122 کا ضمنی انتخاب کالعدم کرانے کے لیے الیکشن کمیشن میں درخواست دائر کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق تحریک انصاف نے حلقے کے ضمنی الیکشن میں مبینہ دھاندلی سے متعلق 800 صفحات پر مشتمل مواد اکٹھا کر لیا ہے جسے اس کی قانونی ٹیم نے بھی انتخاب کالعدم قرار دلوانے کے لیے کافی ہونے کی یقین دہانی کرا دی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق چیرمین تحریک انصاف عمران خان نے بھی حلقے سے شکست کھانے والے علیم خان کو ضمنی انتخاب الیکشن کمیشن میں چیلنج کرنے کی اجازت دے دی ہے جس کے بعد علیم خان آئندہ چند روز میں الیکشن کمیشن اسلام آباد میں انتخاب کالعدم قرار دینے کے لیے درخواست دائر کریں گے۔ تحریک انصاف کے رہنما علیم خان کا اس حوالے سے کہنا ہے کہ این اے 122 کے ضمنی انتخاب میں دھاندلی کی گئی جسے ثابت کر کے ایاز صادق کو ایک بار پھر گھر بھیجیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ تحریک انصاف نے عام انتخابات میں این اے 122 میں الیکشن کے دوران دھاندلی کا الزام لگایا تھا جہاں طویل عرصے انتخابی عذر داری کی سماعت کے بعد الیکشن ٹریبونل نے حلقے میں دوبارہ الیکشن کرانے کا حکم دیا تھا جب کہ حلقے میں ضمنی انتخاب میں ایک بار پھر مسلم لیگ (ن) کے امیدوار ایاز صادق کامیاب ہوئے اور انہوں نے پی ٹی آئی کے علیم خان کو شکست دی۔

تحریک انصاف کا این اے 122 کا ضمنی انتخاب پھر چیلنج کرنے کا فیصلہ

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لاہور لاہور میں پولیس اور حساس ادارے کے اہلکاروں نے کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے 2 دہشت گرد گرفتار کر کے دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق لاہور میں پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر ہدایاں روڈ پر مشترکہ کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کالعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے دو مبینہ دہشت گردوں انظر گل اور یوسف کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ سیکوریٹی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار کئے گئے دہشت گردوں سے دھماکا خیز مواد، ڈیوٹیئر ز اور پر انما کارڈز بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں، دوسرے ملزمان کو تفتیش کے لئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 2 دہشت گرد گرفتار، دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد

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کراچی وفاقی تحقیقاتی ادارے (ایف آئی اے) نے کراچی میں پاسپورٹ آفس پر چھاپہ مار کارروائی کے دوران افغان شہریوں کو مبینہ طور پر جعلی پاسپورٹ جاری کرنے والے 2 افسران کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ایف آئی اے نے کراچی میں پاسپورٹ آفس کے ڈائریکٹر علی نصرت جعفری اور سپرنٹنڈنٹ محمد وسیم کو افغان شہریوں کو پاکستانی پاسپورٹ جاری کرنے کے الزام میں گرفتار کر لیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پاسپورٹ

غیر ملکیوں کو جعلی پاکستانی پاسپورٹ جاری کرنے کے الزام میں 2 افسران گرفتار

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## سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاء

کراچی ڈی آئی جی کراچی جنوبی ڈاکٹر جمیل احمد نے کہا ہے کہ تحریک انصاف کے چیئرمین عمران خان کی قیادت میں انتخابی ریلی کو ریڈ زون میں داخل نہیں ہونے دیا جائے گا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق تحریک انصاف کے چیئرمین عمران خان کی قیادت میں انتخابی ریلی کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں سے گزرے گی، ان کے پروگرام میں سلطان آباد کا دورہ بھی شامل ہے جہاں وہ ایک کارنر مینٹگ سے خطاب کریں گے۔ سلطان آباد جانے کے لئے انہیں ریڈ زون سے گزرتا پڑے گا جہاں کئی اہم سرکاری اداروں کے دفاتر ہونے کے باعث سیاسی یا احتجاج کی ممانعت ہے۔ ڈی آئی جی کراچی جنوبی ڈاکٹر جمیل احمد کا کہنا ہے کہ ریڈ زون میں کسی کو بھی ریلی کی صورت میں جانے کی اجازت نہیں جب کہ کوئی بھی ریلی اگر ریڈ زون میں داخل ہوگی تو اسے روکا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع جنوبی میں سیکورٹی ہائی الرٹ ہے، کسی بھی ناخوشگوار صورت حال پر قابو پانے کے لئے ریپڈ ریسپانس فورس کی 6 کمپنیوں کو طلب کر لیا ہے جسے مختل علاقوں میں تعینات کیا گیا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ پولیس نے عمران خان کو بھی مشورہ دیا ہے کہ وہ لیاری کی اندرونی گلیوں میں نہ جائیں۔ ڈاکٹر جمیل کا کہنا تھا کہ کسی بھی جماعت کو الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے جاری کئے گئے ضابطہ اخلاق کی خلاف ورزی کی اجازت نہیں، سیاسی جماعتوں اور امیدواروں کو کارنر مینٹگ کی اجازت ہے تاہم وہ ریلی اور جلسے نہیں کر سکتے۔

خیبر ایجنسی + پشاور (نیوز ایجنسیاں) سیکورٹی فورسز کی خیبر ایجنسی میں فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 21 دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ میڈیا رپورٹس کے مطابق سیکورٹی ذرائع نے بتایا ہے کہ جمعہ کو پاک فضائیہ کے جیٹ طیاروں نے خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی تیراہ کے علاقے کو کی خیل میں دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانوں کو نشانہ بنایا۔ کارروائی میں 21 مدینہ دہشت گرد ہلاک جبکہ انکے متعدد ٹھکانے تباہ ہو گئے۔ یاد رہے وفاق کے زیر انتظام پاک افغان سرحد پر واقع شمالی وزیرستان، خیبر ایجنسی اور اورکزئی ایجنسی سمیت 17 ایجنسیوں کو عسکریت پسندوں کی محفوظ پناہ گاہ سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ آپریشن ضرب عضب میں پاک فوج کی کامیابیوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ وادی تیراہ میں ہلاک اور زخمی ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے بتایا جاتا ہے۔ شیلنگ سے دہشت گردوں کے متعدد ٹھکانے بھی تباہ ہو گئے۔ رپورٹس کے مطابق فضائی کارروائی اس وقت کی گئی ہے جب کالعدم تنظیم کے ایک بڑے گروپ کا اجلاس جاری تھا اور دہشت گردی کی منصوبہ بندی میں مصروف تھے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ نے سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی کی تصدیق کر دی ہے اور بتایا ہے کہ فضائی کارروائی میں ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے ہے، نعشوں کو کیمپ میں بھیج دیا گیا ہے اور نعشوں میں بعض کے شناخت نہیں ہو رہی۔ کارروائی کے بعد سیکورٹی فورسز نے مشتبہ ٹھکانوں سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ گولہ بارود برآمد کر لیا ہے۔

پاکستان کے وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں شدت پسندوں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن سے شہر میں حالات بہتر ہو رہے ہیں اور آئندہ کچھ دنوں میں کراچی آپریشن میں تیزی آئی گی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ملک بھر میں صحافیوں کو تحفظ فراہم کرنے کے لیے وفاقی حکومت صوبائی حکومت سے مشاورت کر رہی ہے۔ سنچر میں واہ کینٹ میں میڈیا کے نمائندوں سے بات کرتے ہوئے چوہدری نثار علی خان نے کہا کہ کراچی کے حالات آپریشن کا تقاضہ کر رہے تھے جس کے بعد تمام سیاسی جماعتوں کی مشاورت سے آپریشن شروع کیا گیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ آپریشن کے بعد حالات میں بہت بہتری آئی ہے اور اگر پیپلز پارٹی اور ایم کیو ایم کو آپریشن کے حوالے سے خدشات ہیں تو حکومت اُس کے ازالے کے لیے تیار ہے۔ کراچی میں صحافیوں کو نشانہ بنانا کے حوالے سے وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ ماضی میں کراچی میں صحافیوں کو مارا جا رہا تھا اور اُن کے مقدمات کا بھی کوئی پراسان حال نہیں تھا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ہم نے مقدمات کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچایا ہے۔ حالات اب اتنے برے نہیں ہیں لیکن صحافی اب بھی نشانہ بن رہے ہیں اور انھیں تحفظ فراہم کرنے کے لیے حکومت صوبائی حکومت سے مشاورت کر رہی ہے، چوہدری نثار علی خان نے کہا کہ سنہ 2013 کے مقابلے میں کراچی اور کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان میں حالات اب پہلے سے بہتر ہیں۔ سابق وزیر ڈاکٹر عاصم کی ریخیز میں تحویل اور نیب میں اُن کے خلاف ہونے والی تحقیقات کے حوالے سے وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ اُس مقدمے میں تمام کارروائی قانون کے مطابق ہو گی۔

واہ کینٹ میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے چوہدری نثار کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی آپریشن تمام جماعتوں کی مشاورت سے شروع کیا گیا۔ اٹھائیس اگست کو ایم کیو ایم نے ہی آپریشن کا مطالبہ کیا تھا۔ وزارت داخلہ آپریشن کی خود مانیٹرنگ کر رہی ہے۔ آپریشن میں مزید تیزی لائی جائے گی۔ متحدہ اور پیپلز پارٹی کے تحفظات دور کرنے کو تیار ہیں۔ وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ ملکی حالات میں بہتری آئی ہے۔ دوہزار تیرہ اور آج کے کراچی میں زمین آسمان کا

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خیبر ایجنسی: فضائی کارروائی میں 21 دہشت گرد ہلاک، کئی ٹھکانے تباہ

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صحافیوں کے تحفظ کے لیے صوبائی حکومتوں سے مشاورت کر رہے ہیں

بی بی سی  
28 نومبر 2015

کراچی آپریشن کی مانیٹرنگ خود وزارت داخلہ کر رہی ہے، آپریشن میں مزید تیزی لائی جائے گی: چوہدری نثار



سے بات کرنے کے بعد ایسا لگتا ہے کہ وہ آگے بڑھنا چاہتے ہیں۔ برطانیہ کے سابق مشیر برائے ماحولیاتی تبدیلی ٹوم برکی کا کہنا ہے کہ بعض رہنمایہ گو کہ خاطر خواہ اختلافات ہیں لیکن اس ’کہیں گے کہ عالمی حدت میں اضافے پر قابو پانے سے ہم دہشت گردی کی وجوہات کو کنٹرول کر سکتے ہیں۔ کانفرنس کے موقع پر مجموعی رجحان بہت مثبت ہے۔ کسی بھی معاہدے تک پہنچنے میں ایک اہم مسئلہ یہ بھی ہے کہ معاہدے میں کیا ہونا چاہیے۔ مثال کے طور پر امریکہ کسی بھی ایسے معاہدے پر رضامند ہو گا، جس میں کوئی حتمی مدت ہو، کیونکہ سینیٹ میں ریپبلکنز کی اکثریت ہے اور ڈیموکریٹس کے لیے معاہدے کی منظوری مشکل ہو جائے گی۔ ماحولیاتی تبدیلی کی کانفرنس میں کسی معاہدے پر پہنچنے کے حق میں دنیا بھر میں لاکھوں افراد ریلیوں میں حصہ لیں گے۔ اقوام متحدہ کی اس کانفرنس کے موقع پر دنیا کے 180 ممالک میں دوسو سے زیادہ احتجاجی مظاہرے اور ریلیاں نکالیں جائیں گی۔‘

’مظاہرین کا مطالبہ ہے کہ عالمی حدت میں دو ڈگری تک اضافے کی سطح پر پابندی لگائی جائے۔‘

لاہور..... لاہور میں ڈینگی وائرس سے متاثر 31 سالہ

مریضہ جاں بحق

روزنامہ جنگ

23 نومبر 2015

مریضوں کی تعداد 4 ہزار 200 ہو گئی

ڈی جی ہیلتھ پنجاب ڈاکٹر امجد شہزاد نے جیونیوز کو بتایا کہ لاہور میں ڈینگی سے جاں بحق ہونے والی 31 سالہ فوزیہ گلگرام اسپتال میں زیر علاج تھیں۔ رواں سال ڈینگی وائرس سے راولپنڈی میں 6 اموات ہو چکی ہیں۔ پنجاب میں رواں سال راولپنڈی میں 3 ہزار 260، ملتان میں 358 مریضوں میں ڈینگی وائرس پایا گیا۔

پنجاب میں 4 ہزار سے زائد افراد ڈینگی بخار سے متاثر

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لاہور..... پنجاب میں رواں سال 4 ہزار سے زائد افراد ڈینگی بخار میں مبتلا ہوئے، راولپنڈی میں 3 ہزار 124، ملتان میں 355 اور لاہور میں 105 افراد ڈینگی بخار سے متاثر ہوئے۔ ڈینگی کیسز کی تعداد میں اضافے پر محکمہ صحت پنجاب پریشان ہے، راولپنڈی، ملتان اور لاہور میں مسلسل ڈینگی کیسز رپورٹ ہو رہے ہیں۔ لاہور میں دو ماہ کے دوران سو سے زائد کیسز سامنے آئے ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت کے مطابق رواں سال 7 ڈینگی بخار سے 17 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جن میں سے ایک مریض لاہور میں جبکہ 6 راولپنڈی میں جاں بحق ہوئے۔ سرسبز اسپتال میں 47، گلگرام میں 25، پکی گیٹ میں 7، جناح میں 7، میوا اسپتال میں 2 اور نجی اسپتالوں میں 7 کیسز رپورٹ ہو چکے ہیں۔

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موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے نتیجے میں پاکستان کے اندر نقل مکانی بڑھ رہی ہے، ماہرین

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ٹھٹھہ (رائٹرز) ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ مختلف موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے اثرات کے نتیجے میں پاکستان میں اندرون ملک نقل مکانی میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ تھامسن رائٹرز فاؤنڈیشن کی ایک رپورٹ کے مطابق پاکستان بھر میں مختلف خاندان سطح سمندر میں اضافے، خشک سالی، سیلاب اور دیگر موسمیاتی تبدیلی سے متعلق دباؤ کے خلاف ناکام جدوجہد کر رہے ہیں۔ ان میں سے وہ افراد خوش نصیب یا مالدار ہیں بہ نسبت یوسف کے خاندان کے، جو نئے محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہو جاتے ہیں جبکہ دیگر یہاں پر پھنس جاتے ہیں۔ رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ چھیرے محمد یوسف کا خاندان جزیرہ حاجی مارو، جو پاکستان کے جنوبی ساحل سے صرف تین میل کے فاصلے پر واقع ہے، کئی نسلوں سے رہ رہا ہے۔ تاہم یہ جزیرہ جو کبھی ایک خوشحال گھرانہ تھا اب اپنے مکینوں کے لئے ایک قید خانہ بن چکا ہے

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کوئٹہ..... بلوچستان کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے، سب سے زیادہ سردی قلات میں پڑی جہاں پارہ نقطہ انجماد سے منفی 6 درجہ 5 درجے تک گر گیا ہے۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق صوبے کے مختلف بالائی اور سرد علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے، وادی کوئٹہ میں گزشتہ روز کی نسبت سردی کی شدت میں کمی آئی ہے اور کم سے کم درجہ حرارت منفی صفر عشریہ 6 ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔

دالیندر میں کم سے کم صفر، ٹروپ 3 عشریہ 5، ٹوکندی اور سبی میں 5، لسبیلہ میں 6 اور تربت میں 12 درجہ سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا، آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے

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فرانس کے دارالحکومت پیرس میں ماحولیاتی تبدیلی کے حوالے سے کانفرنس کے موقع پر سیوریٹی ہائی الرٹ ہے اور اس کانفرنس میں 150 ممالک کا نام دیا گیا ہے، جس میں کاربن کے اخراج کو کم کرنے کے لیے کسی COP21 کے سربراہان شرکت کر رہے ہیں۔ اقوام متحدہ کی اس کانفرنس کو متفقہ معاہدے پر پہنچنے کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔

ماحولیاتی تبدیلی پر عالمی کانفرنس، معاہدے کے حق میں ریلیاں

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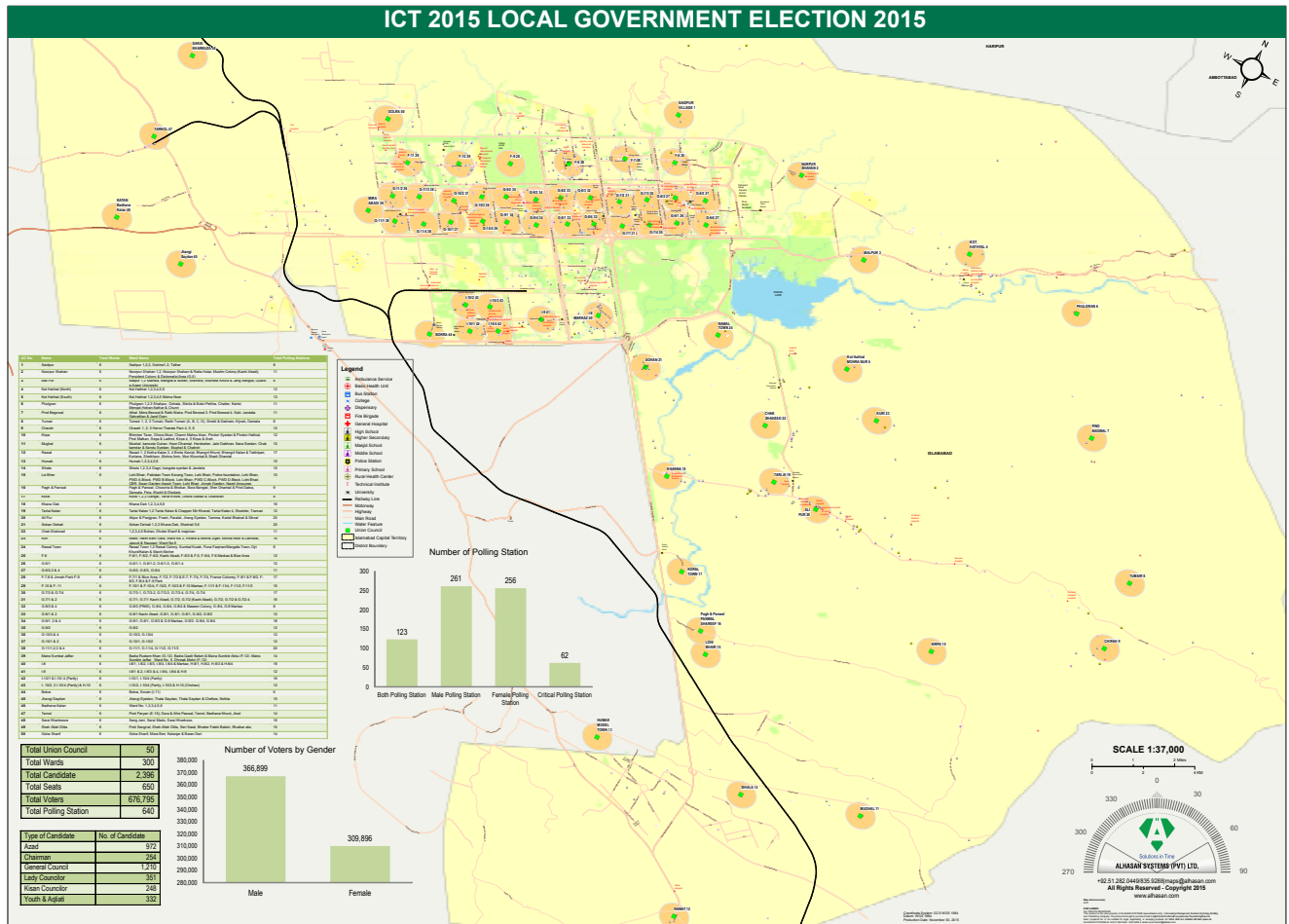
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