



# CRISIS RESPONSE BULLETIN

December 21, 2015 - Volume: 1, Issue: 49

## IN THIS BULLETIN

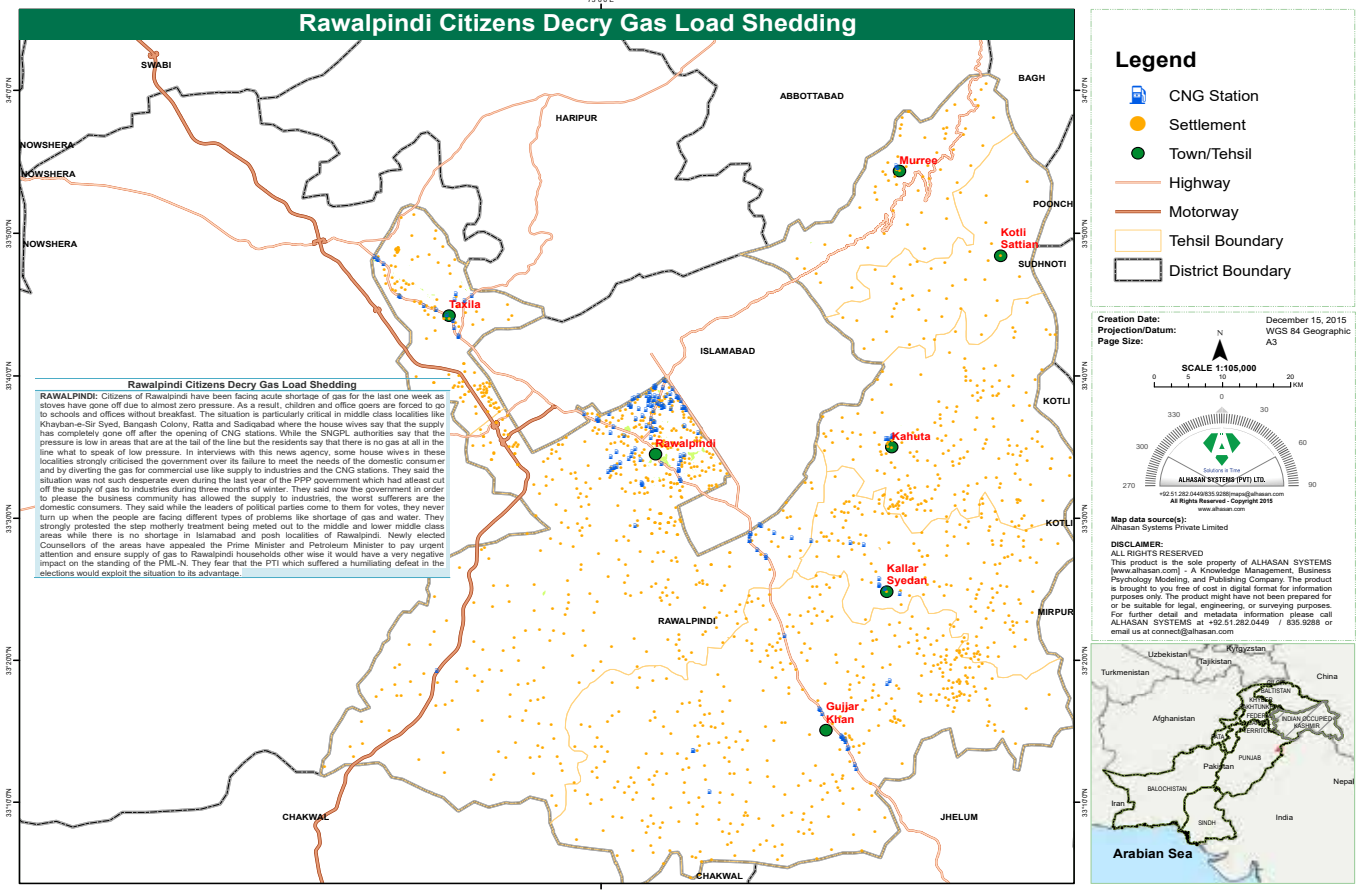
<b>English News</b>	<b>03-27</b>
<b>Natural Calamities Section</b>	<b>03-08</b>
<b>Safety and Security Section</b>	<b>09-16</b>
<b>Public Services Section</b>	<b>17-27</b>
<b>Maps</b>	<b>04,28-34</b>
<b>Urdu News</b>	<b>46-35</b>
<b>Natural Calamities Section</b>	<b>46-45</b>
<b>Safety and Security section</b>	<b>44-42</b>
<b>Public Service Section</b>	<b>41-35</b>

## HIGHLIGHTS:

<b>Donors' help sought in rehabilitation of Chitralis</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Environment mainly to blame for cancer</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Experts urge importance of mental health in disaster situations</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>Coastal areas prone to climate change implications</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Hospitals waste damaging environment: Expert</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>Solar-powered tubewells revive farming in drought hit Soan valley</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>CTD to target 'women's wing' of Islamic State-inspired group in Karachi</b>	<b>09</b>
<b>Say no to guns: 'Elite class' blamed for widespread arms culture</b>	<b>09</b>
<b>Terrorising people: SHOs to regularly visit extortion complainants</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Nearly 40pc IDPs have returned to North Waziristan, army chief told</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>US agrees to extend military assistance to Pakistan for another year</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>NADRA gave CNICs to Indian nationals, reveals report</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>300 seminaries receiving funds from abroad</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Despite closure of CNG stations, gas shortage persists</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>CDA urged to dispose of waste properly</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>422 government schools, colleges to be renovated</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Consumers protest low gas pressure</b>	<b>21</b>

## MAPS

- PAKISTAN WEATHER MAP
- WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN
- WEATHER PARAMETERS MAP OF PAKISTAN
- POLIO CASES IN PAKISTAN
- RAWALPINDI CITIZENS DECRY GAS LOADSHEDDING
- PUNJAB SESSION COURTS - NARCOTIC CASES
- CITY DISTRICT LAHORE IMPORTANT FEEDERS
- VEGETATION ANALYSIS MAP OF PAKISTAN
- ELECTRICITY LOAD MANAGEMENT MAP



©Copyright 2015 ISSN 2410-5538(D) ISSN 2410-4027(P)

**ALHASAN SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED**

205-C 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Evacuee Trust Complex, Sector F-5/1, Islamabad, 44000 Pakistan

195-1st Floor, Deans Trade Center, Peshawar Cantt; Peshawar, 25000 Pakistan

For information:

Landline: +92.51.282.0449, +92.91.525.3347

Email: [bulletins@alhasan.com](mailto:bulletins@alhasan.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/alhasan.com>

Twitter: [@alhasansystems](https://twitter.com/alhasansystems)

Website: [www.alhasan.com](http://www.alhasan.com)

ALHASAN SYSTEMS is registered with the Security & Exchange Commission of Pakistan under section 32 of the Companies Ordinance 1984 (XL VII of 1984). ALHASAN SYSTEMS is issuing this Crisis Response [CR] Bulletin free of cost for general public benefit and informational purposes only. Should you have any feedback or require further details and Metadata information please call us at Landline: +92.51.282.0449, Fax: +92.51.835.9287 or email at [bulletins@alhasan.com](mailto:bulletins@alhasan.com).

**LEGAL NOTICES**

The information presented in this publication, including text, images, and links, are provided "AS IS" by ALHASAN SYSTEMS solely as a convenience to its clients and general public without any warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or non-infringement. ALHASAN SYSTEMS assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions in this publication or other documents which are referenced by or linked to this publication. This publication could include technical or other inaccuracies, and not all information/ services referenced herein are available in all areas. Changes are periodically added to the publication, and ALHASAN SYSTEMS may change the information or services described in this publication at any time.

Should you choose to respond directly to ALHASAN SYSTEMS with comments, questions, suggestions, ideas or the like relating to this publication and ALHASAN SYSTEMS other services and products, you agree that such information shall be deemed as non-confidential and ALHASAN SYSTEMS shall have no obligation to respond and be free to reproduce, use, disclose and distribute the information to others without limitation, including but not limited to developing, manufacturing, and marketing products incorporating such information. For further explanation of these legal notices please contact [legal@alhasan.com](mailto:legal@alhasan.com).

## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Donors' help sought in rehabilitation of Chitralis

*Dawn News, December 19, 2015*

#### Cheques distribution for damaged houses starts in Bajaur

*The Nation, December 19, 2015*

#### 21-year-old girl dies of dengue

*The Nation, December 18, 2015*

#### First Dengue Vaccine - A Break Through Preventive Medicine

*Pakobserver, December 18, 2015*

### DETAILS

**CHITRAL:** The chief executive officer of Northern Citizen Community Board (NCCB), Chitral, Shahzada Ibrahim Pirzada has appealed to the donor agencies to rescue the flood and earthquake-hit people of Chitral by giving them donations for their rehabilitation which is beyond the capacity of the government.

Flanked by former MPA Saeed Ahmed Khan and other office-bearers of the organisation, he told reporters on Friday that the NCCB was the only organisation which the donors could rely on for their donations.

He said the organisation was known in the area for its community oriented activities as it supported the needy people in their hour of need. He said the NCCB had launched a housing scheme for heirs of those killed in the war against terrorism. Mr Pirzada said flash floods and earthquake had caused widespread damage in the district and that the donors' help could only mitigate the sufferings of the affected people.

**KALASH FESTIVAL CONTINUES:** Chitramas, the winter festival of Kalash people, which began on Dec 8 in Bumburate, Birir and Rumbur valleys, is being celebrated with traditional pomp. It will conclude on Dec 22. As one of the important rituals of the festival, in every village of the valleys, a number of men and women voluntarily get into seclusion inside a cattle-house (autik), eating meat of slaughtered goats, drinking and passing the time while merrymaking.

Zamurin Kalash from Bumburate valley told Dawn on Friday that this year, the pleasant weather conditions had added more colour to the festivities. He said a sunny day had been predicted for the final day which coincided with the start of the Kalash calendar year. He said the festival was purely dogmatic in nature and no outsiders and tourists were welcomed to the valley.

**KHAR:** The Bajaur Agency political administration on Friday began distributing compensation cheques among the people whose houses were either destroyed or partially damaged in the Oct 26 earthquake.

A ceremony to this effect was chaired by Political Agent Mohammad Yahya Akhunzada. Tribal elders, peace committees' members, and FDMA officials were also in attendance. On the occasion, Mr Akhunzada said according to the federal government's policy, Rs200,000 each would be given to the owners of houses completely destroyed and Rs100,000 for partially damaged ones. Mr Akhunzada said all political tehsildars had been directed to ensure early distribution of compensation cheques among the affected people.

Later, talking to reporters, Mr Akhunzada said the cheques distribution process would be completed as soon as possible. He rejected reservations of people about the house assessment process and claimed that concerned organisations were satisfied with the survey. "Members of survey teams followed merit and transparency," he claimed. According to the damage assessment, a total of 4,400 houses were affected in the earthquake across the agency, of which 3,250 were partially damaged and 1,150 destroyed. The housing assessment survey, which was completed recently, was conducted by 30 teams comprising officials of local administration, housing and works department, personnel of Bajaur Levies, security forces, teachers and media persons. It is to be mentioned here that compensation amounts for the dead and wounded people have already been distributed.

**RAWALPINDI -** A 21-year-old girl died of dengue at the Holy Family Hospital (HFH) yesterday, raising the death toll to 11 in last three months. Maya Gull, a resident of Fauji Colony, got sick in on December 12 and was brought to HFH where her condition deteriorated. The doctors carried out tests to diagnose the patient for dengue. The dengue serology was sent to lab which confirmed that she was suffering from dengue fever, a doctor told. The doctors have handed over the dead body to heirs for burial. So far, some 4,000 people have been affected by dengue virus in the division.

**KARACHI:** Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi, has announced that the Mexican authorities have granted marketing authorization to Dengvaxia®, making it the first vaccine to be licensed in the world for the prevention of dengue. The Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risks (COFEPRIS) has approved Dengvaxia®, tetravalent dengue vaccine, for the prevention of disease caused by all four dengue virus serotypes in preadolescents, adolescents and adults, 9 to 45 years of age living in endemic areas.

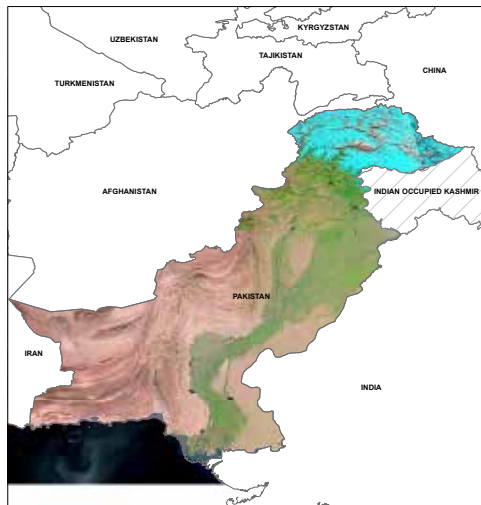
"When Sanofi set out to develop a dengue vaccine 20 years ago together with local and global public health and scientific communities, it was with the intention of developing an innovative vaccine to tackle this global public health need," said Olivier Brandicourt, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Sanofi.

"Today, with this first marketing authorization of Dengvaxia®, we have achieved our goal of making dengue the next vaccine-preventable disease. This is a historic milestone for our company, for the global public health community and, most importantly, for half the world's population who lives at risk of dengue." The COFEPRIS approval of Dengvaxia® is based on results from an extensive clinical development programme involving over 40,000 people of different ages, geographic and epidemiological settings, and ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds living in 15 countries.

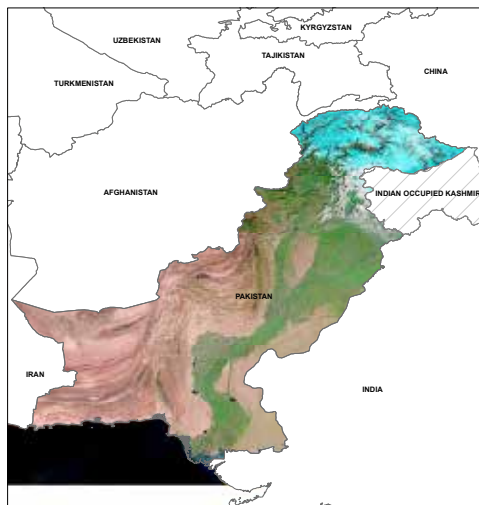
Dengue-endemic regions of Mexico participated in all three phases of the clinical development program for the vaccine. "Dengue is a growing health threat in Mexico and many other tropical and subtropical countries in Latin America and Asia. The first vaccine approved to prevent dengue

# WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (December 12, 2015 to December 19, 2015)

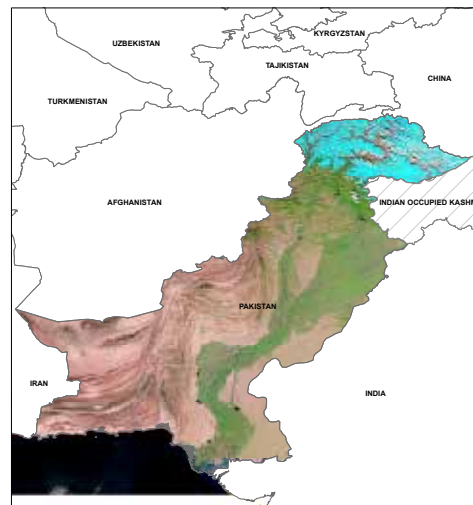
DECEMBER 12, 2015



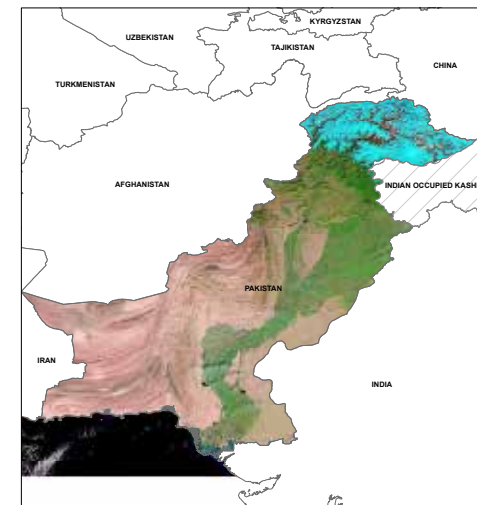
DECEMBER 13, 2015



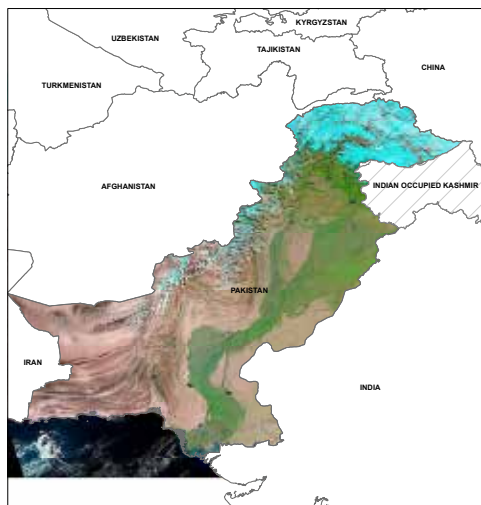
DECEMBER 14, 2015



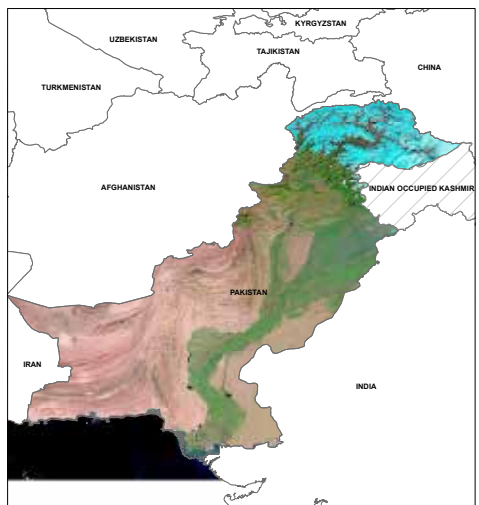
DECEMBER 15, 2015



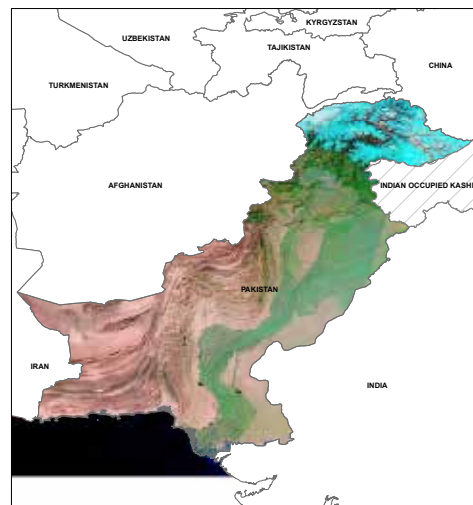
DECEMBER 16, 2015



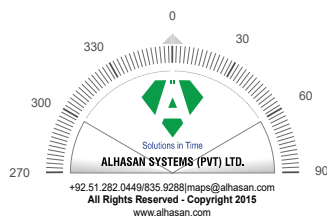
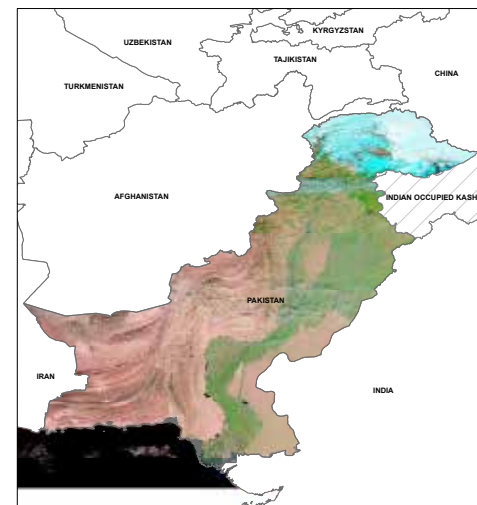
DECEMBER 17, 2015



DECEMBER 18, 2015



DECEMBER 19, 2015



Creation Date:  
Projection/Datum:  
Page Size:



December 20, 2015  
WGS 84 Geographic  
A3

## DISCLAIMER:

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS [www.alhasan.com] - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92.51.282.0449 / 835.9288 or email us at connect@alhasan.com

## Environment mainly to blame for cancer

*The Nation, December 18, 2015*

fever is a major innovation and a public health breakthrough. Dengvaxia® will be a critical addition to the integrated dengue prevention and control efforts. It will be an essential tool to boost on-going community efforts to relieve the long-standing suffering that this disease continues to bring to people in endemic countries like ours," asserts José Luis Arredondo García, Associate Director of Clinical Research in the National Institute of Pediatrics\*. Regulatory review processes for Dengvaxia® are continuing in other endemic countries. Manufacturing of Dengvaxia® has already started at vaccine facilities in France and first doses are already produced.

Environmental factors such as sunshine and tobacco smoke cause more cancers than random DNA mutations, researchers have affirmed - contesting another team's conclusions that "bad luck" was mainly to blame.

The study, published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, was conducted to challenge a controversy-stirring paper carried by US-based *Science* in January, which said unavoidable errors in gene coding was the main cancer cause. The latest work - based on several mathematical analyses of cancer data - found "strong evidence" that random errors that occur during DNA replication contributed "only modestly" to the development of many common cancers. Seventy to 90 percent, in fact, were caused by environmental factors such as ultraviolet radiation, the team found. Other experts not involved in the study cautioned against reading too much into the results. "Their analysis supports conventional thinking around cancer formation and development, and casts doubt on the idea that some cancers are relatively independent of how you live and what you're exposed to," Andrew Maynard of Arizona State University wrote in a comment. But the findings were not definitive, he said, and were based on a number of assumptions that may have influenced the conclusions. Giles Hooker from Cornell University in New York, said the findings were based on a "very simplified model of cancer mutation" and the numbers "should at best be regarded as ballpark estimates." "By using only the lowest risk cancers and assuming that mutation rates are the same for all tissues, the study maximises the risk attributed to environmental factors," he wrote. "However, we don't know how tissues differ in their intrinsic mutation rates." Paul Pharaoh, a cancer epidemiology professor at Cambridge University, pointed out there were different levels of internal and external risk for different cancer types. The results, he said, "do not tell us anything about the absolute risks of any given cancer. These findings do not have any implications for cancer treatment, but they do tell us that most cancers would be preventable if we knew all of the extrinsic risk factors that cause disease."

The *Science* study had caused much debate for suggesting that "bad-luck" DNA mutations could explain about 75 percent of cases for many types of cancer - meaning they could not be prevented by a healthy lifestyle. The World Health Organization's cancer agency at the time "strongly disagreed" with the study's findings, which it said could have "serious negative consequences" for cancer research and healthy behaviour.

## Experts urge importance of mental health in disaster situations

*Express Tribune, December 18, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Gun shots, explosions and terrorist attacks break you or make you. On December 16, 2014, 147 innocent people lost their lives but the ones lucky enough to survive are haunted by the trauma they faced that day. To remember the deceased and to save the ones who survived an event was organised by the Aman Foundation, in collaboration with Harvard South Asia Initiative on 'Mental Health in Disaster Response'.

Various speakers, including Harvard University faculty members, shared their experiences and knowledge about the importance of mental health in disaster response situations. Some prominent speakers at the event were Dr Ruth Barron, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Dr Jennifer Leaning, a professor of the practice of health and human rights, T H Chan, from the Harvard School of Public Health, Dr Ayesha Mian, an associate professor at the department of psychiatry at Aga Khan University, and Dr Sharmeen Khan, a psychologist.

While appreciating the efforts of the Aman Foundation, Dr Leaning highlighted the steady increase in national disasters. She spoke about disaster response, disaster challenges and disaster preparedness. "Disasters are worse and more frequent now, they not only damage humans physically but mentally as well," she claimed. "The basic responsibility [for these disasters] lies with climate change, which is increasing and becoming more complex day by day," she explained. Dr Leaning added that in disasters victims suffer because they never prepare themselves for such situations. The government should equip areas with basic necessities so that they can survive on their own for three days after any natural calamity, she advised. Dr Khan brought a simple yet interesting turn to the discussion when she said that humans are interdependent on each other, which means that they seek help from within their communities or families. "When I went to Peshawar after December 16 last year, a mother hugged me while crying and all I could do was to hug her back. She thanked me just over coming there," she recalled. Dr Mian also shared her experience in Peshawar and said that when she went to Peshawar for a workshop regarding the Army Public School tragedy, the entire city was grieving, which was difficult to bear.

"The adults seemed to be more disturbed than the children and we did a lot to make them feel relaxed by discussing positive things about them," she explained. "After disasters people lose their self-confidence and one of our primary concerns is to bring it back," she added. "Disasters are abnormal not the person, so it's normal to react after a disaster because they are defined as vulnerable situations," stated Dr Barron.

## Samsung supports earthquake affectees who lost their homes

*The News, December 16, 2015*

**Lahore:** Samsung Electronics is undertaking a generous humanitarian activity in Pakistan, to provide shelter to thousands of people, who have lost their valuable homes, properties and livelihood, due to the recent earthquake catastrophe in the northern parts of the country. Samsung has donated 300 water-proof and snow-proof tents to "Sarhad Rural Support Programme" (SRSP) in Peshawar, to help in the rehabilitation of the Earthquake victims in KPK. According to the Earthquake Damage Assessment Report; the magnitude of this earthquake was 7.5 on the Richter scale, causing the deaths of 214 people and injuring 1469 people, along with damages to 17000 buildings and homes. It has also caused widespread damages to the road-network and

## Dengue fever claims 11th life in city

*The News, December 15, 2015*

## KP needs over Rs33bn to rebuild October quake-hit infrastructure

*Dawn News, December 14, 2015*

## 'Coastal areas prone to climate change implications'

*Daily Times, December 14, 2015*

infrastructure by triggering numerous land-slides, affecting various areas including; Shangla, Chitral, Swat, Dir, Bajaur, Malakand, Buner, Battagram and Tor Ghar.

**KARACHI:** Despite the ongoing cold spell in the city, the dengue hemorrhagic fever claimed another life when a middle-aged man succumbed to the mosquito-borne viral infection at a private hospital, said Dr Masood Solangi, manager of Sindh Dengue Control and Prevention Programme on Monday. He said Muhammad Azeem, 45, a resident of Jauharabad area of Liaquatabad town, was taken to a private hospital on Saturday with high fever and headache. He was admitted for treatment but he passed away on Sunday. This is the 11th death due to the dengue hemorrhagic fever in Karachi this year, while more than 3,500 patients have so far been diagnosed with the viral infection in the province. Most of these patients belong to Karachi.

Usually, dengue infection season ends in winter but due to higher daytime temperatures in Karachi and the poor sanitation conditions, accumulation of water on roads and streets and failure by the authorities in carrying out fumigation, dengue cases are still being reported frequently. The city has been in the grip of dengue viral fever for the past few years and health experts have declared it to be endemic, a health condition that remains in a particular area of the city for years. In a report released by the Sindh Dengue Control and Prevention Programme last month, it was said that a total of 2,896 dengue fever cases were reported from Sindh province from 1st January till the first week of November, out of which 2,829 were from Karachi.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would require over Rs33 billion over a two years to reconstruct public infrastructure damaged in Oct 26, 2015 earthquake.

Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA)'s Earthquake Recovery Plan 2015, a copy of which is available with Dawn, says that needs assessment by the government for damage in all affected 13 districts of the province comes to around Rs19.841 billion. The document says that assessment of losses in seven severely-hit districts stands at Rs18.058 billion and in the preparation of recovery plan priority has been given to these districts, which all happen to be in Malakand division. Quake recovery plan puts estimated losses in Swat at Rs6.6bn

District-wise breakdown of losses puts Swat at the top with estimated losses of damaged infrastructure of up to Rs6.61 billion. The assessment figures take into account losses of public infrastructure, including administrative buildings, health, education, roads and bridges, irrigation, water supply and sanitation into account. Swat is followed by Lower Dir with recovery and reconstruction cost amounting to Rs3.656 billion and then Chitral with losses worth Rs2.541 billion. Price tag of losses in Upper Dir is Rs1.650 billion, Shangla Rs1.66 billion, Buner Rs1.015 billion, Battagram Rs1.049 billion and Malakand Rs915.60 million. Losses in Upper and Lower Kohistan together stand at Rs429.61 million, Dera Ismail Khan Rs235.30 million, Torghar Rs52.17 million, Mansehra Rs9.37 million and Lakki Marwat Rs6.95 million.

The recovery plan was shared with donor agencies and Islamabad-based diplomats during the 'partners workshop' that took place in Islamabad on Dec 10. It says that assessed recovery needs amount to \$317.90 million or over Rs 33 billion that takes into account the cost of reconstruction with better specifications, equipment and risk reductions. It says that \$224.91 million would be spent on reconstruction and rehabilitation of infrastructure projects, including administrative offices, health and education facilities, water supply and sanitation, roads and bridges, irrigation system and micro hydel schemes. Besides, \$53.9 million would be earmarked for safe housing constructions, \$24.83 million for revitalizing on and non-farm economy, and \$13.12 million for building community and environmental resilience. Another \$1.21 million will be spent on strengthening KP Relief, Rehabilitation and Settlement (RRS) Department and its field level units.

About \$145.24 million would be spent on reconstruction in first year of implementing the recovery plan and \$172.2 million in the second year. It notes that human development index score in the severely-affected areas is lower than the national average. "The losses of poorly-built residential houses, farmland and livestock amplifies the income shock and are likely to give a further downward push to the poor households living below the poverty line, if recovery and reconstruction activities are delayed," it cautions. The document notes that local communities would be involved in the overall recovery effort.

**CHITRAL FLOODS:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government also presented before the partners' workshop its recovery needs assessment and action framework concerning Chitral floods 2015. This document puts recovery and reconstruction cost of July-August floods in Chitral at Rs8.75 billion. Of this, Rs177 million would be spent on education, Rs129.92 million on housing and Rs331.76 million on water supply schemes.

In addition, the government has to spend Rs3.036 billion on reconstruction of roads, Rs1.253 billion on bridges, Rs1.3 billion on reconstruction of power houses and Rs1.447 billion on agriculture sector.

**KARACHI:** Pakistan is a country with ecologically and geographically diverse features and having large populations living along coastal belts, river deltas and arid regions, which are at direct risk of flash flooding, sea level rise and droughts caused by climate change, said a research study conducted by Imtiaz Ali at Quaid-e-Azam University.

It said, "Climate change raises fears of its tremendous socio-economic and environmental impacts. Pakistan is frequently exposed to natural calamities like floods, droughts, earthquakes and cyclones. Coastal areas are among the most sensitive aspect to climate change in Pakistan. Projected impacts are included rise of sea level, stronger tropical cyclones, soaring sea surface temperature and acidification of surface water. The repercussions of these changes on coastal ecosystem and communities could be threatening the health, livelihood, destroying infrastructure and displacing millions of population. Mounting sea levels can also exacerbate saltwater intrusion into the rivers and aquifers that furnish freshwater to coastal settlements."

The report said that the Himalayan-Karakoram-Hindukush (HHK) glaciers are the third largest ice mass on the earth, after the Arctic and the Antarctic. It is reported all over the world that glaciers

## 70 more dengue fever cases surface in Karachi

*Pakistan News index, December 14, 2015*

## Changing Pattern: Dengue patient dies during treatment

*Express Tribune, December 14, 2015*

## Hospitals waste damaging environment: Expert

*The Nation, December 14, 2015*

## Solar-powered tubewells revive farming in drought-hit Soan valley

*Pamir times, December 14, 2015*

are receding since the last century, those in the HHK region are found to be melting faster than any others. The alarming situation is that if the present speed of recession continues, the HHK glaciers might become extinct by 2035. The excess of melting of HHK glaciers are expected to cause flooding in the Indus and its tributaries for the coming two to three decades than it will be preceded by reduced river flows as the glaciers retreat, it added.

The Indus River is the only source of Pakistan's water resources and it supplies water for agriculture and hydroelectricity. Any interruption to this hydrological system will have disastrous impacts on Pakistan's economic and social life, the research warned.

The research said, "Pakistan is a victim of horrible incidents of climate change. Though Pakistan's contribution at the global average is minuscule, it is 12th most vulnerable to climate change in the world. Climate change affects countries more, which lies in the temperate zone-below the line of equator. Pakistan lies in the temperate zone, because of this, Pakistan is very prone to droughts, low precipitation in lower parts and heavy rainfall in upper parts, cyclones, heat waves and water shortage for agriculture and drinking purpose are main repercussions of climate change. Its geographical location, landscape and climate is particularly vulnerable to climate change."

As Pakistan is a developing country, its 30 percent population is living below poverty line and its technical and financial capacity is insufficient to face the challenges of climate change, the research warned. Pakistan's vulnerability to climate change comes from geographical location, physical landscape, natural climate system, endemic poverty, outdated disaster management infrastructure, poor technical and resource capabilities. By virtue of its natural features and system's incapacities, the most vulnerable sectors and aspects to climate change in Pakistan is agriculture sector. "The IPCC projected that average world surface temperature would increase from 1.4 degrees Centigrade to 5.8 degrees Centigrade over the course of the 21st century. It is evident that the alteration in the planet's ecological, biological and geological system will not only continue but also intensify."

"This exposure to danger is predicted to exacerbate with imminent impact of climate change. There has been escalation in the incidence, intensity and frequency in the climatic events in Pakistan, which are more extreme and heavier precipitation that happened as in 2010 and three successive years. The deluge of 2010 has broken all past records of extent and force. It affected more than 20 million population, which is more than those hit by Tsunami in 2004, earthquake in 2005 in Pakistan and 2009 in Haiti," the research concluded.

**KARACHI:** At least 72 more dengue fever cases have been reported across the Sindh province in a week, out of which 70 were detected from Karachi. As per weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention & Control Program Sindh, a total of 3,595 dengue fever cases were reported from Sindh province since 1st January 2015 to date, out of which 3,512 were detected from Karachi. Ten people died of dengue fever in the city this year so far. Report stated out of total 3,595 dengue fever cases, 3,512 were reported from Karachi, 36 from Hyderabad, nine from Larkana, eight from Mirpurkhas, seven from Umerkot, five from Jamshoro, four from Shaheed Benazirabad, three each from Thatta, Sukkur & Ghotki, two from Sanghar, one each from Shikarpur, Badin and Jacobabad.

**KARACHI:** Dengue fever claimed another life in the city taking the total death toll to 11 this year, reported the health department on Monday. The deceased, Muhammad Azeem, 45, resident of Liaquatabad, was admitted at a private hospital and died during the treatment, confirmed head of the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP) manager Dr Masood Ahmed Solangi. Health officials claimed that generally dengue cases are not reported after November 15. However, more than 100 dengue cases were reported last week. "I think the pattern of the virus is changing now," said Dr Solangi. "It is a very dangerous sign if cases are reported in this cold season."

**Islamabad** - An environmental expert yesterday said that incineration of unsuitable medical products in the federal capital is releasing pollutants into the air which are damaging the environment. EPA Deputy Director Saleem Khan told APP that the waste and by-products from two main hospitals of the capital was causing poisoning and pollution through waste water or by toxic elements and compounds such as mercury, in the capital. He said that a recent survey has highlighted that all but two hospitals in the twin cities depend on a private firm for the collection and disposal of dangerous medical waste, which averages more than 2,100 kilograms per day.

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) environmental researcher Kashif Salik said that development of infrastructure, including a Mass Transit System is of the utmost importance in the federal capital. He said, however, along with infrastructure development and the provision of basic health facilities, the need to ensure a clean, green and healthy environment for citizens cannot be underestimated. These environmental hazards, if not addressed promptly, will be the cause of much greater harm in the future, Kashif said.

In a remote rural community on the fringes of the Uchhali village in the scenic Soan Valley in the Khushab district of Pakistan's Punjab province, Rab Nawaz has survived several years struggling with the agonizing effects of a prolonged drought.

But this year he was lucky for being able to reap good produce from his crop this year because of solar-powered tubewells. "Thanks to the solar-water tubewells planted recently in different areas of the Soan valley, we were able to pump groundwater and irrigate our fields despite poor rains this year, a situation we have been facing for the last several years. As a result, almost all of the farmers were able to reap a robust output from vegetable and wheat crops this year," he says, smilingly. With just 4,800 hectares of irrigated farmland, the valley is home to several saltwater lakes that dominate its drought-hit landscape, which borders the hills of Punjab's famous Salt Range, is suitable only for small-scale farming. For local residents, rainwater is only source of drinking, irrigation and groundwater recharge. When it rains, around 3,000 community dugwells replenish. But locals say these dugwells have hardly replenished over last seven years for want of rains. Rains have become extremely rare in recent years, posing great risk to the lives and

livelihoods of the farming communities in the valley, they add. A vegetable farmer in Sakesar village of the valley, Ismael Ahmed recalled, "Half a decade of drought in the 1990s had brought farming to a halt and plunged the area's 165,000 inhabitants into the whirlwind of poverty, hunger and joblessness." Most of the farmers hold less than four hectares, respectively and cultivate crops like cauliflower on flat land as well as terraces. They sell their farm produces in Punjab's big cities like Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha and Gujrat.

Situated at the western end of Salt Range, the total area of Soan Valley is 737 square kilometers, mostly mountainous with 25 per cent area consisting of plains. The average elevation of this valley is 2,297 feet – ranging from the highest mountain Sakesar of 5,197 feet to lowest height of 1,283 feet at Jaba. Due to this topography, only 22 per cent of the land is cultivated. Some 38 per cent area comprises forests and the rest is rangeland owned by the communities. Water is a scarce commodity in the area not only due to the landscape, where establishing water supply system is difficult, but also because the whole area has underground salt deposits, making the water reserves brackish. "Potable water is a valuable commodity in the valley and we need to understand water conservation and its optimum usage," Ismail Ahmed said. He recalled that residents of the Soan valley and the farmers in particular suffered a very heavy blow in 2002 when all the 3,500 dug wells in the valley went dry in wake of a five-year drought cycle that started in 1997. "To improve the ground water resources through recharging, the local NGOs have helped develop small infrastructures like check dams, delay action dams and the rain water-harvesting ponds to mitigate water woes of the area and reinvigorate agriculture and cattle rearing," said Malik Farman Ali, of the village Siddiqabad.

Given the feel-good impacts of such initiatives, Farman Ali calls for scaling up the same to other villages of the valley to fight the persisting water woes. The rain-fed ponds in remote and isolated parts, mainly in forests and rangelands, have been the main source of water for the grazing animals, wildlife and even the wandering humans to cool off in summer days. Besides, these spots have for long supported the growth of vegetation at the surrounding land. "Using the indigenous wisdom in watershed management has helped significantly improve the water level in whole valley," he highlighted, and added, "We have learned a lot from the 2002 drought and nobody wants to see that situation repeat again to ruin our lives and livelihoods." Local farmers recalled prior to the squeezing drought, a farmer like him could earn a net profit of Rs.70,000 to Rs.100,000 in a 70-day cropping period in a year.

Pushed by terrible situation of persisting drought, farmers found themselves compelled to resort to use of tubewells for pumping out ground water to fend for their lives and agriculture-based livelihood. "As the rains became increasingly rare, farmers started to bore tube wells, some of them as deep as 300 feet. But this required investments in turbines to pump out the water, which in turn generated huge energy costs, as the 26-horsepower machines guzzles gallon after gallon of diesel," Ismael Khan bemoans.

Unable to afford the necessary investments, farmers sold their animals or other assets or borrowed money from private moneylenders on inflated interest rates of as high as 25 percent to continue farming. Gulbaz Afaqi, director of the Soan Valley Development Programme (SVDP) said. Driving down the mud track to Uchhali, the tranquil and almost picture-perfect pastoral scene is now popular by solar panels. Villagers describe them a great source of solace and hope of sustainability of farming in the area. Owned and operated collectively by 12 families, the three-kilowatt panels are helping to pump out water that has injected a new life into the farmers' fields.

Following the advent of the sun-harvesting technology that powers water pumping machines, the landscape is back alive with cauliflower, coriander, chillies and potatoes. "Credit goes to the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), which brought this technology to mitigate our water woes and bring new life to the area," Farman Ali said. PPAF's senior official Zaffar Pervez Sabri said that determined to avoid the worst-case scenario of locals being forced to sell their livestock or migrate from the valley, his organization developed a "water balance model" to manage and conserve remaining resources and address the impacts of climate change. He said that villagers themselves also raised some of the money for the solar panels that pump the water and we just provided them technical support in arranging and installing the solar-powered tubewell technology. "We collected 600,000 rupees from the village, and the fund provided the other 600,000 rupees for the operationalisation of solar-powered tubewell project," Sabri told this scribe. He said by getting rid of diesel pumps, the panels have enabled us to save over 200,000 rupees annually in the Uchhali village. For farmers like Ali Akbar, the project has literally helped him and his large extended family. "I have dropped my plan to migrate to Rawalpindi in search of livelihood. I am sure thanks to solar-powered tubewells, I have been able to revive my ancestral farming and have no fear of seeing my family suffer from hunger again," exuberant Akbar said.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### CTD to target 'women's wing' of Islamic State-inspired group in Karachi

*The Express Tribune, December 20, 2015*

#### Say no to guns: 'Elite class' blamed for widespread arms culture

*The Express Tribune, December 20, 2015*

#### Denotified tribal militias hand over weapons

*The Express Tribune, December 20, 2015*

### DETAILS

**KARACHI:** Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) officials are set to arrest the wife of Safoora attack mastermind Saad Aziz and other women part of the 'women wing' of an IS-inspired group operating in the metropolis, an official privy to the development told The Express Tribune. "We were delaying their arrests because they are women," the official said. "But now the stage has come to arrest them." CTD officials claim that the women's terror wing of the IS-inspired group is being operated by the families, particularly the wives of suspects arrested in connection with the Safoora carnage and other terrorist attacks in Karachi. The wife and a mother-in-law of Saad Aziz, a key suspect arrested for involvement in the Safoora bus attack, the wife of retired PIA engineer Khalid Yousuf Bari (who was also arrested for involvement in the attack), the wife of Mufti Tauseef (who is an absconder in the attack) and some other women are operating a strong network, the official said. "But Khalid Yousuf Bari's wife is playing a vital role in operating the group." "Bari's wife also used to run an organisation – Idara al-Zakra Academy comprising of nearly 20 rich women who used to generate funds in the names of donations, zakat and khairat for the terror outfits," explained CTD in-charge Raja Omar Khattab. "The second responsibility of the women wing is to recruit the women in the organisation through sermons and videos about the IS by distributing the USBs," he added.

CTD officials said that they have started keeping a close eye on the women wing of the terror outfit and they will be arrested soon. Apart from these, the CTD officials have also started keeping a close eye on various educational insinuations in Karachi and all of Sindh as the group has influences in various colleges, universities and other educational insinuations in the province to recruit highly-educated people in the group. Four highly-educated people have so far been arrested for involvement in the Safoora carnage. Gunmen shot dead 45 members of the Ismaili community during an execution style attack on their bus in Safoora Goth in May this year. On Friday, a special unit of the police announced the arrest of a man who allegedly bankrolled the militants who carried out the grisly Safoora Goth bus attack. Adil Masood Butt as a highly educated man, having graduated (BSc) in management from Indiana University in the US before completing an MBA from Fordham University. Further, he is a member of the board of governors of the College of Accounting and Management Sciences (CAMS) in Karachi, holding around 50 per cent of shares of the institution. Further, he is a partner in the restaurant owned by the chief suspect in the Safoora bus attack – Saad Aziz – an IBA graduate.

**KARACHI:** Citizens of Pakistan are in possession of 20 million weapons, out of which only eight million guns are licenced. These and other grim statistics were revealed during a lecture titled 'De-weaponisation and Current Status of Weapons in Pakistan' held at the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan's office on Friday. Naeem Sadiq, a researcher, and member of Citizens Against Weapons — a group working for a weapons-free Pakistan — gave a presentation to members of civil society. He said, according to recorded data, 2,029 people were killed in Karachi in 2014, including over 100 policemen on average per year. He lamented that in developed countries, monopoly over violence rests with the state but, in Pakistan, private militias, armed to the teeth, are challenging the writ of the government. According to Sadiq, militancy, crime and terrorism are major problems of Pakistan and these issues can only be resolved if we can de-weaponise the society. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif used the word "de-weaponise" 13 times since taking over in 2013 but himself received a weapon's licence last month, Sadiq pointed out. Various civil society organisations have to join hands to collectively raise their voice to push for a change in the status quo, he said.

Sharing data, he said the number of weapons per 100 persons in Japan is 0.6, in UK it is 6.2 whereas in USA it is 89 and in Pakistan it's 11.6. He informed that, in Vietnam, the punishment for possessing a weapon is death penalty. Sadiq said prohibited bore weapons are required for mass killings but, in Pakistan, every parliamentarian has a quota of 20 prohibited bore licences to be issued in a year. Talking to The Express Tribune, Sadiq said, "No citizen, regardless of rank or status, must be allowed to possess, carry or display any weapon of any bore — licenced or otherwise." Suggesting a way towards de-weaponisation of society, he said the state should start a rational buyback arrangement so citizens can surrender their weapons to the state. Only Sindh has a law against toy guns but till now no one has been booked for selling or importing a toy gun in the country, he explained. He shared that it is a myth that criminals are the biggest obstacle against a weapon-free Pakistan as the elite class is as much if not more responsible for hoarding weapons for various purposes.

**GHALLANI:** Peace committees or aman lashkars in Baizai subdivision returned heavy weapons given to them by the Mohmand Agency political administration, a year after the Federally Administered Tribal Areas administration denotified tribal lashkars. Previously these peace committees would aid security forces to combat militants. A function was held where the lashkars returned armaments handed to them to fight militants. It took place at Bahai Dag Mohmand, the headquarters of Baizai subdivision. Peace committee leaders Malik Sultan and Malik Sanubar Khan were present for the ceremony. The weapons were provided by the Mohmand political administration in 2011 which was also when the peace committees were formed. Baizai Assistant Political Agent Syed Abdullah Shah told the media peace committees seized to function under the National Action Plan. He said it was now the responsibility of the levies forces and other paramilitary forces to maintain peace in the tribal area. The returned weapons would be given to levies personnel. It is anticipated levies will be elevated to the level of police as part of the FATA Reforms' agenda. Shah hailed the sacrifices of lashkar leaders and volunteers. The assistant political agent said the committees played a vital role in maintaining peace and fighting against

### Terrorising people: SHOs to regularly visit extortion complainants

*The Express Tribune, December 20, 2015*

### Nearly 40pc IDPs have returned to North Waziristan, army chief told

*Daily Dawn, December 19, 2015*

### Three suspected militants killed in North Waziristan IED blast

terrorists in the agency. He said their role as peace committee leaders had drawn to a conclusion, but they would continue to fulfil the responsibilities of tribal elders.

#### The arsenal

The weapons returned to the administration included RPGs, doshkas, SPGs, short range missiles, anti-tank mines, and various ammunitions and shells. Baizai peace committee leader Malik Sultan said the weapons were willingly handed over to the administration. He said peace was restored to the agency and now it was the responsibility of the administration to make health, educational and other facilities functional. He appealed to those tribal leaders who were living in Peshawar and Lahore to return home to Baizai.

#### Background

The Mohmand Agency political administration made peace committees in 2011 after Operation Brekhna in 2011. These peace committees fought against militants in the agency and lost 50 of their own volunteers in Khwazai and Baizai subdivisions in targeted or militant attacks. The administration paid cash and provided ammunition to these committees. The money was used to pay the salaries of the volunteers and finance other requirements. In January 2015, these peace committees were made non-functional and now the administration has taken back their weapons. This was part of the government's plan to deweaponise defunct peace committees, village defence committees and peace lashkars in Fata and K-P.

**PESHAWAR:** The city police administration has devised a plan to clamp down on extortionists in the city. As part of the plan, SHOs and DSPs of various police stations have been ordered by the Capital City Police Officer (CCPO) Mubarak Zeb to maintain a complete record of people who have received calls from extortionists since August. The decision was taken at a meeting which was held last week at Malik Saad Shaheed Police Lines and chaired by the CCPO. SSP Operations Dr Mian Saeed, SDPOs, SHOs and other officers attended the meeting. Speaking to The Express Tribune, a police official said, "The decision to maintain a complete record was taken by the CCPO and SSP operations." He added, "All SHOs and rider squads have been directed to visit complainants in their respective jurisdictions on a daily basis." According to the official, the complainants have also been asked to keep a register with them. "Police officials will sign the register during each visit," he said. "The register will be checked by the SDPOs on a regular basis." The complainants have also been asked to install CCTV cameras at their residence and hire guards for their safety. As per the police official, recent attacks orchestrated by extortionists outside the houses of businessmen suggest militants have become active.

#### House damaged

A house in Phase-I, Hayatabad was partially damaged in a hand grenade attack. According to the police, the house was owned by Hijab Gul Koki Khel. "The owner received a call from militants in Afghanistan on November 23," an official of Hayatabad police said. "They demanded Rs50 million as extortion from him." According to the official, Koki Khel had constantly received threats from militants who called him using different SIM cards in Afghanistan. He added, "In a separate incident, Shohar Khan, a resident of Inqilab Road, received a message from a militant group demanding extortion." The official said the group asked him to come to Afghanistan so that the matter could be resolved. He added, "The CTD has registered an FIR and are investigating the matter."

#### Extortionist remanded

An anti-terrorism court sent an extortionist on physical remand for four days. Qari Matiullah, a resident of Garhi Sher Khan, had demanded Rs10 million as extortion from Khalid Khan, a trader. He also threatened to kill Khalid if he failed to fulfil the demand. After registering an FIR, the police managed to arrest the accused and produced him before the court.

**RAWALPINDI:** Nearly 40 per cent of the internally displaced persons have so far returned to their homes, Army Chief General Raheel Sharif was apprised during his visit to the North Waziristan Agency on Saturday. The army chief was briefed about the progress of ongoing Operation Zarb-e-Azb and the return of IDPs, read a statement issued by Inter-Services Public Relations. Details related to the ongoing rehabilitation work, and its effects on the socio-economic landscape of the area were also shared with the military chief. Gen Raheel expressed satisfaction over the pace of rehabilitation work and directed all concerned to ensure a dignified return of IDPs — to a better built and rehabilitated area. Giving details, the formation commander said that around 291,827 families were internally displaced due to the Zarb-e-Azb operation. So far, nearly 108,503 families have returned to their homes following the successful culmination of the military operation. The army chief interacted with the tribal elders and recently returned IDPs, and assured them that the army will stay in the area till the completion of resettlement process.

The tribal elders appreciated the efforts of military in carrying out successful operations, and affirmed that with the help of the army, terrorists will never be allowed to return in the area. General Raheel Sharif also inaugurated a 110 bedded Tehsil headquarters hospital in Mir Ali, which has been equipped with state of the art equipment, the ISPR said. He appreciated the army engineers for their dedicated efforts in executing quality construction work. To enhance education standards and help locals benefit from the emerging economic opportunities, Gen Raheel announced the construction of a cadet college near Mir Ali for children of Waziristan. Appreciating intense hard work by intelligence agencies and law enforcement agencies, the army chief said that terrorist networks and their linkages are being unearthed across the country and this nexus will be broken at all cost to bring enduring peace.

**WEB DESK:** At least three suspected militants were killed on Saturday, and one security personnel injured when a convoy of security officials was targeted by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) in North Waziristan's Tehsil Tarayza, Express News reported. According to a security

*The Express Tribune, December 19, 2015*

### **US agrees to extend military assistance to Pakistan for another year**

*The Express Tribune, December 19, 2015*

official, the IED, planted by unidentified militants, exploded with the help of a remote control when security officials were on a routine patrol of the area. Following the attacks, a crossfire commenced between security forces and suspected militants, killing three of the suspects. Further, security forces cordoned off the area and began a search operation. As per the ongoing operations Zarb-e-Azb and Khyber-II search operations are carried out frequently in attempts to eradicate terrorism from the country. On April 30, the military claimed a 'huge success' after 'intense fighting' that left 27 terrorists dead. The Khyber-II operation was launched in mid-October last year following reports that some militants had fled the ongoing military offensive in North Waziristan Agency to seek shelter in the strategic Tirah Valley of Khyber Agency.

**ISLAMABAD:** The United States has agreed to extend Pakistan's military assistance under the Coalition Support Fund (CSF) for another year, a defence ministry official said on Friday after high-level talks between the two countries in Washington. Pakistan had sought the extension in US assistance under the CSF, which is meant to reimburse costs Islamabad incurred in the fight against terrorism. The CSF, which was established by the US in 2001 to cover some of the cost issues countries face in the fight against extremist violence, was originally supposed to expire in 2014. The US extended the facility for Pakistan until 2015 last year. "Now, the CSF arrangement will continue in 2016 as well," the defence ministry official told *The Express Tribune* on the condition of anonymity. The agreement was reached during the meeting of the US-Pakistan Defence Consultative Group (DCG) held in Washington on December 16 and 17, he said. Defence Secretary Lt-Gen (retd) Alam Khattak led the Pakistani delegation and US Under-Secretary of Defence for Policy Christine E Wormuth led the Americans. According to the official, the US also gave a commitment that the assistance for Pakistan would continue beyond 2016. It is not clear, though, as to whether this assistance will continue under the CSF or if the two sides will have a new arrangement. A joint statement issued after the DCG talks said the US and Pakistan discussed continuing support for security assistance and CSF. The statement said both sides welcomed the continued positive trajectory of the US-Pakistan bilateral security relationship and acknowledged that this cooperation was vital for peace and stability in the region.

"They expressed satisfaction that bilateral security relationship had played a critical role in degrading al Qaeda and other violent extremists in the region," the statement added. The US reiterated its support to the Pakistan military in their ongoing operation in North Waziristan Agency and recognised that disruption of militant networks as significant progress towards stabilising the Pak-Afghan border. The joint statement further said the US recognised the sacrifices of Pakistani security forces in securing areas along the border with Afghanistan. Pakistani side, on its part, assured the US that its ongoing military offensive against terrorists and extremists would continue. The two countries reviewed and shared their perspective on the current challenges facing the region. They expressed their support to efforts seeking the resumption of stalled Afghan reconciliation process, the joint statement said.

### **PM chairs high-level meeting to review law, order situation in Lahore**

*The Express Tribune, December 19, 2015*

**LAHORE:** A high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is underway in Lahore during which the law and order situation of the province will come under review, Radio Pakistan reported. During the meeting, the premier will be briefed by Punjab Home Secretary and Inspector General of Police, pertaining to the security situation in the province. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar along with senior provincial officials of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) are also in attendance of the meeting. Earlier on Friday, PM Nawaz chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the internal security and Afghan situation in Islamabad. Senior civil and military officials, including Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif and Director General Inter-Services Intelligence Lieutenant Gen Rizwan Akhtar, are attending the meeting along with Adviser to the PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and several others.

### **Khyber air strikes: At least 23 suspected militants killed, several injured**

*Daily Dawn, December 18, 2015*

**PESHAWAR:** At least 23 suspected militants were killed in air strikes carried out by the Pakistan Air Force (PAF) in the Rajgal area of Khyber Agency's Tirah Valley close to the Pak-Afghan border on Tuesday. "PAF jets struck hideouts of the militants in Tirah valley," said a statement issued by Inter-Services Public Relations. The statement further added that six hideouts of terrorists were destroyed while 10 suspected militants were also injured as a result of precise air strikes. Khyber Agency and North Waziristan are among Pakistan's seven semi-autonomous tribal districts near the Afghan border, rife with homegrown insurgents and foreign militants. The tribal area is off limits to journalists, making it difficult to verify the identity and the number of dead. These areas have also been considered home to religious extremist organisations including Al Qaeda and the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Military operation Zarb-i-Azb and the National Action Plan were launched against insurgents following attacks on Karachi's Jinnah International Airport and Peshawar's Army Public School in 2014. Officials say nearly 3,400 militants have been killed since the launch of the latest offensive. The number of attacks in Pakistan has fallen around 70 per cent this year, due to a combination of a military offensive against Taliban bases along the Afghan border and government initiatives to tackle militancy.

### **PM chairs high-level meeting to discuss Afghanistan, internal security situation**

*The Express Tribune, December 18, 2015*

**PESHAWAR:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the internal security and Afghan situation in Islamabad, Radio Pakistan reported. Senior civil and military officials, including Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif and Director General Inter-Services Intelligence Lieutenant Gen Rizwan Akhtar, are attending the meeting along with Adviser to the PM on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz and several others. Earlier this month, PM Nawaz and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani inaugurated the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process Ministerial Conference in Islamabad. In his opening remarks, PM Nawaz assured the people of Afghanistan that "any enemy of Afghanistan is an enemy of Pakistan." "Terrorists like Da'ish should strengthen our resolve against terrorism," the premier said, adding that all efforts are underway to eradicate terrorism from the region. "There must be collective and coordinated measures to ensure that the struggle against terrorism are irreversible," he asserted.

## **NADRA gave CNICs to Indian nationals, reveals report**

*The Express Tribune, December 18, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** If Afghan refugees and Middle Eastern militants were not enough, NADRA is understood to have issued national identity cards to entire Indian families. The latest deed of granting Pakistani citizenship to foreigners in the long list of irregularities at the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has been uncovered by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Reports of the ISI and NADRA's Vigilance Directorate suggest at least two Indian families acquired Pakistani citizenship through corruption and by outsmarting officials at the registration authority. Several NADRA officials, including some retired army officers, have been said to be involved in issuing computerised identity cards, which were introduced in 2001, on fake documents after accepting bribes. In the first case, seven members of an Indian family came to Pakistan in 1998 but never returned to their home country. They managed to obtain their CNICs in 2004 under fake names. This issue only surfaced last year when the authorities launched a comprehensive intelligence scrutiny as part of new counterterrorism operations. NADRA proclaims itself as the "safest and largest" centralised citizen database in the world. The family of Khanu Khan had arrived in Pakistan on April 27, 1998, on a visit visa.

They initially went to stay at a village in Rahimyar Khan of Punjab and obtained their residential permit from the district police – a requirement for Indian nationals. The family was supposed to stay at the address until May 22, 1998. Khanu travelled to Pakistan with his wife, a son and four daughters. After the expiry of their residence permit, the family silently disappeared without informing the authorities. Their new destination was Iprukha in Sindh. They obtained their Pakistani identity cards in 2004 and were living at the same address until they were traced in March 2014. The report states the family managed to obtain the Pakistani CNICs with the help of "agent mafia" after changing their names. Khanu went under the name of Ali Muhammad and was issued a card bearing the number 31302-9980252-9. Likewise, his wife Huran Mai (31302-9202224-4), son Kamal Khan (31301-9107608-5), and daughters Kamali Mai (31301-9756017-6), Mahran Mai (31301-9755162-6), Chakmal Mai (31302-7484972-0) and Sardaran Mai (31302-1898311-4) all managed to acquire fake identities. The second such case is of the family of Kamal Khan – the fake name adopted by an Indian national. An ISI letter dated November 13 states Kamal (31301-9107608-5) and his family were initially marked as "Suspect Aliens".

A joint verification committee of NADRA later declared the family Pakistani. However, investigations into the issue revealed the family was from India. The case is now pending with NADRA. The authority has launched an inquiry against its officers for issuing identity cards to foreign nationals, including some members of the Afghan Taliban and al Qaeda. A recent ISI report had claimed identity cards were issued against bribes ranging between Rs10,000 and Rs20,000. The report also named some senior ranking NADRA officers, including retired army personnel, for their alleged involvement in the scam. On December 14, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar told the National Assembly that disciplinary proceedings against 256 NADRA officers were already underway. Some 116 employees have been fired from service. Since 2011, the database authority has blocked 136,981 identity cards issued illegally.

## **CTD apprehends six Lashkar-i-Jhangvi 'activists' from Lahore**

*Daily Dawn, December 17, 2015*

**LAHORE:** The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police apprehended six suspected activists of the banned sectarian outfit Lashkar-i-Jhangvi (LeJ) from Lahore on Thursday. The CTD spokesman claimed that the arrested activists were running the affairs of proscribed LeJ after the death of Malik Ishaq. The police also claimed to have recovered a huge amount of explosives and electronic detonators from the arrested accused. Three suspects were arrested from Khokhar Chowk area near College Road, while the other three were nabbed from Baidian Road, the CTD spokesman said. The arrested accused are namely Umer sajid Jhangvi, Hidayatullah Farooqi, Muhammad Sadiq, Inamul Haque, Ataullah Usmani and Muhammad Yaseen. Moreover, two separate First Information Reports (FIRs) were registered in CTD police station against the six suspects over possession of explosives. In July this year, former LeJ chief Malik Ishaq along with his two sons Usman and Haq Nawaz was killed in an alleged exchange of fire with police personnel.

A spokesman for CTD Multan at the time had said Ishaq and his two sons were taken to Muzaffargarh to aid in the recovery of arms and explosives. As the police party was returning after making the recovery, it was attacked by some 12 to 15 gunmen following which an encounter ensued. Ishaq and his sons were arrested by the CTD only a week before the alleged encounter took place. The LeJ is also said to have links with Al Qaeda. The organisation was banned more than a decade ago by former president Pervez Musharraf. Ishaq, who was the leader of the feared organisation, was implicated in dozens of cases, mostly murder.

## **DG Rangers, Sindh Governor discuss law, order**

*The News, December 17, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Director General Sindh Rangers, Maj Gen Bilal Akbar called on Sindh Governor, Dr. Ishratul Ebad Khan here on Thursday. According to spokesman, Governor House, Maj Gen Bilal Akbar and Governor Ishratul Ebad discussed law and order besides targeted actions being taken against the criminal elements in Karachi. Meanwhile, traders' community staged a rally in Karachi against the curtailment in Rangers powers through a Sindh assembly's resolution passed on Wednesday. He said in case the Rangers were not allowed the special powers as before, they would welcome the army and Governor's rule in Sindh.

## **Joint intelligence directorate to be functional within months, Nisar tells NA**

*The Express Tribune, December 17, 2015*

**WEB DESK:** Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar announced on Thursday that a joint intelligence directorate will commence work within a few months while mega centres of National Database Registration Authority (Nadra) will be created across the country by 2016. "The interior ministry has taken measures to curb corruption in Nadra and Federal Investigation Authority (FIA). Further, efforts have been made to streamline the process of obtaining passports and computerised national identity cards," Nisar said, while addressing the National Assembly on Thursday. The interior minister said a performance report on the interior ministry's two-and-a-half years performance has been prepared. Nisar said his ministry played a crucial role in coordinating efforts between the various civil security agencies and the military. "This coordination led to a significant drop in terror activities across the country," he upheld. "We have had cooperation with Sindh and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) despite the fact that opposition parties are in the government in those

### 300 seminaries receiving funds from abroad

*The Express Tribune, December 17, 2015*

### Pakistan confirms participation in Saudi-led anti-terror alliance

*Daily Dawn, December 17, 2015*

provinces," Nisar added. The minister further said, "We want to create a new tradition of ministers' accountability in the Parliament. Although I don't say all is well but I have tried to create a tradition of accountability as government is accountable to the parliament."

The interior minister went on to inform the lawmakers that his ministry shared more than 2,500 intelligence reports with government institutions within its tenure of 2.5 years, adding he wanted the Parliament to discuss his ministry's performance. Nisar added that while terrorism has largely been tackled, he warned that the threat has not been completely eliminated. "Although we have achieved substantial gains in our war against terrorism but they [terrorists] have just been marginalised and have not been eliminated completely." Nisar added that some militants have fled across the border, and the security apparatus of the country will maintain their momentum in combating the scourge of terrorism. He said a lack of human resource is one of the major problems being faced by the country. "If a position in a government department goes vacant due to any reason, it takes months to find a suitable candidate to fill the vacant post," Nisar told parliamentarians on the floor of the lower house of Parliament. The security czar pointed out that the civil service used to be the backbone of the country but it has crippled and needs immediate attention.

**ISLAMABAD:** Nearly 300 madrassas in Pakistan are receiving financial support from around 10 countries, the government has informed the lower house of parliament, as it admitted it had no idea about the total amount of funds or any other kind of support these seminaries receive. The interior ministry, in a written response to a question, told the National Assembly that 285 seminaries were receiving funds from countries such as Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, Iran, Turkey, the US, the UK, and South Africa. Of the seminaries identified by the interior minister, 147 are located in Punjab, 95 in Gilgit-Baltistan, 30 in Balochistan, 12 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and one in Sindh. The figures were submitted to the house on the eve of the first anniversary of the gruesome massacre at the Army Public School in Peshawar, which had prompted a 20-point National Action Plan (NAP). Under the NAP, the government was supposed to track foreign funding of seminaries which had ties to surreptitious activities.

The report went on to add that most of the seminaries identified belonged to the Deoband school of thought. While some of these madrassas receive funds through the legal channels, the administrators of some seminaries raise money by visiting sponsors in foreign countries. The interior ministry said it had no tangible intelligence whether these countries were facilitating the seminaries in terms of training, capacity building, and curriculum development. The ministry, while admitting it had no idea about the total amount of funds these seminaries received, said it had tracked three to four cases where money had been transferred through banks and that two seminaries had received Rs2.5 million and Rs3 million per year respectively. It added that seminaries continue to receive funds through unfair or illegal means, which makes it almost impossible for the government to track the flow of funds. Earlier, in January 2015 the interior minister had told the Senate that around 80 seminaries in the country had received Rs300 million from around a dozen countries. "Some madrassas are receiving financial support from Muslim countries. However, it is often difficult to trace the transaction of such money," he had said in his written reply.

**ISLAMABAD:** After initial ambiguity, the Pakistan government confirmed on Wednesday its participation in a Saudi-led military alliance for 'fighting terrorism', but said the scope of its participation would be defined after Riyadh shared the details of the coalition it was assembling. "Pakistan... is awaiting further details to decide the extent of its participation in different activities of the alliance," a statement issued by the Foreign Office said. Saudi Arabia had announced on Tuesday that it had forged the 34-nation alliance of Muslim countries for fighting terrorism and extremism, which included Pakistan. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al Jubeir had later explained that the participating countries would themselves decide about the extent of their participation. The coalition was envisaged to serve as a platform for security cooperation, including provision of training, equipment and troops, and involvement of religious scholars for dealing with extremism. Senior officials at the foreign ministry initially expressed surprise at Pakistan being included in the new group, and said that Riyadh had not taken Islamabad on board. But subsequent developments revealed that Saudi Arabia had been given a secret commitment regarding joining the alliance, about which the Foreign Office was not aware. There were speculations about who had given that assurance. The military had started in October a new phase in the bilateral defence relationship by training Saudi special forces personnel in countering terrorism. Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif visited Saudi Arabia after the special exercises for discussions on counter-terrorism efforts.

The Foreign Office statement tried to brush off the embarrassment caused to Riyadh because of the reports that it had included Pakistan in the coalition without its prior knowledge by saying that it welcomed the formation of the counter-terrorism alliance. It impliedly conceded that some information had been shared with it before the announcement from Riyadh, as the statement noted that it was awaiting 'further' details. The Foreign Office said it consistently supported all efforts at fighting terrorism and a resolution adopted at the 42nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation had called on members to "join regional and international efforts to fight terrorism and extremist thought". Anwar Iqbal adds from Washington: The United States said on Wednesday that the new coalition supplemented its efforts to defeat terrorism and it had long been urging its Muslim allies to form such an alliance. "It certainly is in line with what we have long been saying and urging countries in the region to do, which is to coalesce around the need to deal with the terrorist threat there in the region," US State Department spokesman John Kirby said at a news briefing. "We welcome, as we have welcomed, any intensification of the effort against ISIL (the militant Islamic State group) in the region, as well as against other terrorist networks. Any effort to increase pressure on those networks is a welcome

**PM Nawaz vows revenge  
one year after APS attack**  
*The Express Tribune, December  
16, 2015*

**45 females among 127  
committed suicide in a  
month: HRCP**  
*The News, December 16, 2015*

**Pakistan successfully test  
fires Shaheen 1A ballistic  
missile**  
*The News, December 15, 2015*

effort."

He said the US was waiting for details on how this force would operate but noted that the Saudi announcement had given a broad outline. "I would only point you to what the deputy crown prince himself said, which is that they're not ruling anything in or out at this point in terms of what it could mean," Mr Kirby said. "There's every expectation and anticipation by this coalition to work with neighbours and partners in the region in ways that collectively they think is most appropriate to go after terrorist threats," he added. Asked if it would be a parallel alliance or work with the US-led international coalition, Mr Kirby said those 34 nations were already part of the 65-plus-member coalition against the IS. "This is something separate and distinct that they have done themselves and have arranged for themselves, ... but they are already part of the coalition countering" the IS in the region, he said.

**PESHAWAR:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, speaking beneath portraits of children killed by Taliban bullets, called on Wednesday for vengeance as the country marked the first anniversary of a school massacre that killed 151 people in its worst-ever extremist attack. Families of the victims along with military and political leaders attended an emotional ceremony at the army-run school in the north-western city of Peshawar to mark the assault, which mostly claimed the lives of schoolchildren and has been termed a "mini-9/11" for the country. Relatives were accompanied by students bearing images of their loved ones as they spoke one by one of children with bright smiles who worried about their hair and handwriting but had dreams of being artists and engineers. Many of the parents broke down on seeing students in the Army Public School uniforms, an AFP reporter said. "My children, today I make this promise to you, that I will take revenge for every drop of your blood," Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said, addressing the victims directly. But angry and distraught parents told AFP nothing could bring back their children, with many reiterating calls for a judicial inquiry into the security failings that led to the attack. "They can't stop the tears of my wife," said Jamal Abdul Nasir, breaking down into tears himself as he remembered his son Awais. "We want nothing, only justice." At least a dozen families boycotted Wednesday's ceremony in protest.

Powerful military chief Raheel Sharif and opposition leader Imran Khan also attended the ceremony. A military official told AFP there were some 2,500 guests including celebrities and sports stars. "We think a lot about the students who lost their lives," Abu Bakar, a teacher who was shot three times as he threw himself in front of fleeing children during the siege, told AFP, saying the loss was "something that cannot be described". "This should not have happened to them. They were innocent students," he said. Groups in other major cities organised their own vigils, while on social media, many Pakistanis changed their profile pictures to an image depicting an APS uniform with a bloody bullet hole and a caption reading: "Some stains don't wash out". The Taliban have said they carried out the attack, in which all nine gunmen died, in retaliation for an army offensive on extremists in the tribal areas. But the attack hardened public opinion against extremism and prompted a military-led crackdown that has improved security. This year is on course for the fewest deaths linked to extremist violence since 2007, the year the Pakistani Taliban were formed. Sharif said he hoped the day was "not very far when these terrorists will be eliminated forever and every corner of Pakistan will be a place of peace and prosperity". However, critics say there are no long-term steps to eradicate extremism. "We're halting the growth of the cancer but not addressing why we keep getting it," lawyer and activist Mohammad Jibran Nasir told AFP.

In Peshawar residents held their own ceremonies and candlelit vigils as the area around the school was designated a red zone, with army helicopters hovering as hundreds of soldiers guarded main junctions. One year on, a veneer of normality has returned to the Peshawar school, where children play while soldiers stand atop recently fortified walls. But the trauma lingers for many, with parents of the slain children saying they are still seeking answers about how the security apparatus could have failed them so completely. Parents who spoke to AFP said the government's compensation efforts were useless. "I only want an answer to my question... Why did the state fail to protect my child?" said one parent who would only identify himself as the father of Hamid Ali Khan. Parents also protested at a later ceremony organised by the provincial government, demanding an inquiry as Imran Khan tried to speak. Khan later promised to do "whatever we can do" for the parents. In August, after a military trial behind closed doors, the army announced that six militants linked to the Peshawar assault would be executed, while a seventh was given a life sentence. Four were hanged on December 2. Teachers and students told AFP that education was their best revenge. "The Taliban want us to quit our studies and become ignorant like them," 13-year-old Uzair Khan told AFP. "We don't want to do that. God willing, we will continue our education, move forward and avenge them."

**ISLAMABAD:** One-twenty-seven people including forty-five women had committed suicide across the country last month, said a report of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP). According to the report, fourteen people including nine women were killed in the name of honour in Sindh alone. The report said most of the people took the extreme step of committing suicide due to financial problems and challenging circumstances. It said 194 cases of suicide and attempted suicide were reported in the last 30 days from across the country but only four incidents were registered. The report stated that 55 people including 28 women were raped between October 21 and November 7, 2015. The rape victims also included children aged between 4 and 7 years.

**RAWALPINDI:** Pakistan on Tuesday conducted a successful flight test of Shaheen 1A ballistic missile, capable of delivering different types of warheads to a range of 900 kilometers. The flight test was aimed at re-validating several design and technical parameters of the weapon system. The launch with impact point in Arabian Sea was witnessed by senior officers from Strategic Plans Division, strategic forces, scientists and engineers of strategic organizations. Director General Strategic Plans Division, Lieutenant General Mazhar Jamil, congratulated the scientists and engineers for their dedication, professionalism and commitment towards yet another display of strengthening Pakistan's defence. Pakistan's strategic capabilities are based on Credible Minimum Deterrence and desire for peaceful co-existence in the region. Shaheen-1A with its sophisticated

**Federal govt spends Rs9bn annually on Sindh Rangers, asserts Nisar** *The Daily Dawn, December 14, 2015*

and advanced guidance system makes it a highly accurate missile system. The successful test launch has been warmly appreciated by the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan who congratulated the scientists and engineers on achieving another outstanding milestone.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Monday claimed that the federal government is spending about Rs9 billion annually on Rangers in Sindh. In an apparent reply to his critics, Nisar said that some forces in the Sindh government are trying to give impression that the federal government is not spending a single penny on Karachi operation. "I must clarify that aside from spending a huge amount on intelligence agencies in the province, the federal government is spending about Rs9 billion annually on Rangers in Sindh," said Nisar in a statement issued on Monday. The interior minister was of the view that some people are using the name of Sindh province to hide their own shortcomings and when an institution tries to hold them accountable, "they term it an attack on Sindh". "The actual enemies of Sindh are those who have occupied lands and resources of the province for years," asserted Nisar. Nisar said his press conference had become due as the provincial government was delaying the matter of extension of special powers granted to Rangers in Sindh despite a week of meetings and discussions in this regard.

The interior minister said that he was astonished to hear that the matter is 'entirely provincial' as in fact, the Karachi operation was started on the behest of federal government and the operation is monitored by intelligence agencies, which are directly under control of federal government. He added that "Supreme Court of Pakistan's clear directives are present in this regard". Talking about, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) activities in Sindh, he said NAB is an independent body and cannot take any action on federal government's orders, adding that the head of the anti-graft watchdog was selected after consultations with the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). Nisar maintained that MQM, ANP and Sunni Tehreek (ST) had also expressed reservations about Rangers activities in Karachi but none went as far as the PPP government did, "thus hurting the momentum of the operation". In the end, the interior minister repeated that Karachi operation should continue for the greater good of the province and city but if someone attacks him personally, in order to divert attention from the matter, he has all the right in the world to respond.

**Centre, Sindh in war of words over Rangers**

In a presser on Saturday, Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali went so far as to hint at the possibility of imposing Governor's Rule in Sindh to continue the Karachi operation. Nisar alleged the provincial government's tactics were aimed to save just one man – an implicit reference to Dr Asim Hussain – and were endangering the Karachi operation. He said that the delay in extending Rangers' powers was a message to embolden terrorists and extremists, adding that in case Sindh did not comply, the government had four to five different options within the "constitutional, legal and democratic framework". In the same breath, however, the minister hoped that sanity would prevail. "If the MQM and PPP have some reservations, we are ready to sit with them to address those issues with maturity and seriousness," he remarked. Maula Bux Chandio soon responded on behalf of the Sindh government in equally confrontational terms, but dispelled a potential standoff when he declared that the government would move a resolution in the Sindh Assembly on Monday to ensure that Rangers were given special policing powers. The question of extending Rangers' stay in Karachi became controversial when the Sindh government failed to renew it before the expiry of the previous order on Dec 6.

**QUETTA:** Security forces claimed to have killed at least 12 suspected militants during a search operation in Balochistan's Awaran district on Monday. "12 militants belonging to an outlawed organisation were killed after exchange of fire with security forces, a huge cache of weapons was recovered from their custody," a security official who requested anonymity said. The incident occurred as security forces were busy during a search operation in Barnat and other parts of the Awaran district. Elsewhere, Frontier Corps arrested two suspected militants with their link to another outlawed militant group in the province's Barkhan district. The FC spokesman said that the forces also recovered weapons from the possession of the arrested suspects. The security forces have intensified their actions in Quetta and other parts of Balochistan after the announcement of National Action Plan to combat terrorism in the country.

**PARACHINAR / PESHAWAR:** A powerful bomb ripped through a busy weekly bazaar in the main town of Kurram Agency Sunday morning, killing 24 people and injuring many more. A proscribed sectarian extremist group claimed responsibility for the blast that came after a long hiatus in violence in the region which has seen some of the worst sectarian attacks in the past. Local administration officials said the bomb weighed 35 kilos and it was planted in a garbage dump outside Eidgah, in the heart of Parachinar city, the headquarters of Kurram Agency. It was remotely detonated when a Sunday Bazaar, set up near Eidgah, was crowded with shoppers. The weekly bazaar is popular among tribesmen from Parachinar and adjoining areas as it offers everyday items, mainly used clothes, at cut prices. Officials said the blast was so powerful that it killed 18 people immediately. Another six succumbed to their injuries later at hospitals. The dead and the injured were mostly marketgoers and shopkeepers, they added. Some teenaged vendors and labourers are also among the victims. Political Agent Amjad Ali Khan confirmed the death toll. Local television footage showed hundreds of marketgoers fleeing the area, which was strewn with clothing and debris from the explosion as police tried to cordon off the location and ambulances rushed to the site. In all, 50 people were wounded in the blast. They were driven to the Agency Headquarters Hospital Parachinar and other hospitals in the city. Hundreds of tribesmen were seen queuing up outside the hospitals to donate blood. Officials and medics feared the death toll might go up as some of the injured have life-threatening wounds.

Since the Agency Headquarters Hospital Parachinar is poorly equipped, the local administration requested the paramilitary Frontier Corps to airlift the critically injured to Peshawar. Subsequently, two military helicopters ferried 22 injured to Peshawar where a state of emergency was declared at

**Twelve 'militants' killed in Balochistan's Awaran district**

*Daily Dawn, December 14, 2015*

**LeJ claims responsibility for Parachinar bazaar bomb**

*The Express Tribune, December 14, 2015*

the main hospitals. However, the casualties were shifted to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) instead of the city's main Lady Reading Hospital. According to the ISPR, 12 of the injured were airlifted from Parachinar and 10 from Thal Cantt where they were provided preliminary treatment. At least two more injured are admitted at CMH Thal and one at CMH Kohat. Sajjad Hussain, 43, who owns a stall at the bazaar, said he was bringing tea from a nearby stall when the bomb went off. "The explosion was huge, it threw me back five feet and human flesh and blood hit my face and body, I was covered all over," he told AFP in a Peshawar hospital, where he was being treated for shrapnel wounds to his legs. Twenty-four-year old Aftab Alam, who cleans vehicles at the bazaar, said he was sitting in a van when he heard the blast. "There was a loud bang and something hit my shoulder, a pool of blood was coming out of my shoulder and when I stepped out of the van there was dust and smoke and everybody was screaming," Alam told AFP at the same hospital. "The air was filled with the stench of burnt human flesh and blood," he said.

The outlawed sectarian extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) said it had planted an improvised electronic device at the Sunday Bazaar in retaliation for Shia support of Iran and Bashar al Assad. "We warn the Shia parents that if they don't stop their children from participating in the war of Bashar al Assad [in Syria], they would face more attacks like this," Ali Bin Sufiyan, believed to be LeJ spokesperson said in a message sent to the media. Kurram Agency, which shares borders with tribal regions of North Waziristan, Orakzai and Khyber, is known for sectarian clashes between Sunnis and Shias. However, Sunday's blast happened after a long hiatus in violence resurrecting fears of renewed sectarian tensions in the region. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the blast and expressed grief and sorrow over the loss of life and property. "Our resolve to eradicate the menace of terrorism is getting stronger and stronger with the loss of innocent lives and sacrifices of the officials of Pakistan Army and law enforcement agencies," said the prime minister who was in Turkmenistan on two-day visit. He said the fight is an irreversible process until terrorism is rooted out from the country. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervez Khattak and PTI Chairman Imran Khan also denounced the deadly bombing. "Now, all Pakistanis are on the same page and they will fight against terrorism till its elimination from the country," said Imran, who was at the Islamia College University in Peshawar at the time of the attack. ANP Central President Asfandiyar Wali and Central General Secretary Mian Iftikhar Hussain said such acts of terrorism could not dispirit the public. "This act of terror is most probably a response of the ongoing Operation Zarb-e-Azb," they said in a statement.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Despite closure of CNG stations, gas shortage persists

*Daily Dawn, December 20, 2015*

#### Punjab to support health sector in Gilgit-Baltistan

*The Nation, December 20, 2015*

#### Polio in Karachi

*The News International, December 20, 2015*

### DETAILS

The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) used to blame the CNG stations for the shortage of gas to domestic consumers. But even after the arrival of shipments carrying liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Qatar and injecting it into the supply system, the consumers still face an acute shortage of gas in the city. The shortage of gas in the winter has become a routine in the Potohar region, especially in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The residents have to go for the alternatives to burn their stoves in the cold weather. They find wood, coal as the cheaper alternates because liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders have also gone out of their reach. The citizens wonder why even after the arrival of LNG in the supply system, the shortage of gas could not be resolved. "We closed down CNG stations to overcome the shortage of 50 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) in Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The demand and supply gap leads to the low pressure as the residents start switching on geysers and heaters in the cold weather," Chaudhry Zahoor, the general manager of the SNGPL, Rawalpindi region, told Dawn. He said the gas shortage in the twin cities was also caused by some technical problems in the oil field but the situation would gradually improve in the coming days. The official said people should avoid using gas heaters and geysers. He said there was also a need to create public awareness that excessive use of gas heaters was harmful for human health. "Another reason for the low pressure is consumers have installed compressors in the domestic units that suck gas from the main supply lines." He said the SNGPL had started taking action against such consumers for using compressors illegally. About any action against shopkeepers who were selling compressors openly, the official said only the district administration can take action against them.

"We can take action only against those who have installed compressors in our supply lines," he said. However, people mostly do not agree with the demand and supply gap reason of SNGPL and said the government was providing gas to the industry instead of the domestic consumers. All Pakistan CNG Association leader Pervaiz Khattak said despite the closure of the CNG stations, there was still a shortage of gas. He termed it mismanagement by the gas supply company. He said bigwigs in the country managed to get gas for their industrial units and left the domestic consumers unattended. PTI Punjab north former general secretary Zahid Kazmi said instead of resolving the issue the PML-N government had increased the miseries of the citizens. "In the last three years, the government failed to resolve the energy crisis. Natural gas is being supplied to fertilizer, sugar and textile industrial units owned by the ruling party industrialists." He said it was strange that instead of improving its mismanagement, the SNGPL was asking people not to use geysers and heaters. In most of the urban areas, people only use gas for cooking purposes. He said the previous PPP government was better than the PML-N government as it provided gas to the domestic units and closed the CNG stations and the industry. PML-N former MNA Malik Shakil Awan told Dawn that though the residents were facing the shortage of gas, the government was trying to resolve the issue. But it will take time to resolve issues created by the PPP and Musharraf governments, he added. He said in Rawalpindi city the SNGPL had replaced old and narrow pipelines so that the consumers could get gas without any hurdle. He said new pipelines were laid in many areas to resolve the issue. He claimed that after the closure of CNG stations, the shortage situation had improved and in the coming days the citizens would get gas without any hurdle.

**LAHORE:** The Punjab government will provide financial and technical cooperation to Gilgit Baltistan for development in health sector. The health department will provide assistance in up-gradation of hospitals, training of manpower and provision of equipments. A delegation led by GB minister Haji Akbar Tabani called on CM's adviser Kh Salman Rafiq at civil secretariat yesterday. Health Secretary Jawad Rafiq Malik, Additional Development Secretary Mahmood Hassan, Prof Saeed Akhtar and other officers were also present on the occasion. The delegation informed that there was acute shortage of health facilities in the mountainous region including lack of medical college and tertiary care hospital. Similarly, there is no institution of education and training for paramedics or nursing school. Medical facilities are available only at secondary level whereas serious patients are taken to Rawalpindi and Islamabad. The delegation requested cooperation for developing DHQ hospitals Skardu and Gilgit, improving infrastructure of other health centers and providing training to human resource. Kh Salman Rafiq assured the delegation of full cooperation.

Even as Pakistan continues its desperate battle against polio, and remains the country from where the largest number of cases continue to be reported, the Sindh government appears to have shown total indifference to the need to wiping out a crippling and fatal disease. As a new polio campaign began at the beginning of the month in three sensitive districts of Karachi, thousands of children below the age of five could not be given the polio drops because only 1,893 police personnel out of the expected 4,325 showed up for duty. Even these policemen showed up late and in many cases seemed to have little idea of what was expected of them. We know there have been multiple attacks on polio vaccination teams in the country, creating the need for maximum security to be offered to them. The disastrous situation led to the WHO delegation rushing to the Sindh chief minister's house to apprise him of the lack of security and make an informal complaint. Security conditions did not improve and around 200 polio workers were not able to go out in the field in the last campaign against polio in the city. It is only recently, just as it was thought Pakistan may have moved onto the front foot in its battle against polio, that six new cases of polio have emerged, four of them in Karachi. The provincial government in Karachi appears to be completely oblivious to the fact that the city is becoming a possible centre for polio transmission in the country. The four new cases were reported in the city in September, while one new case has come in from Balochistan and another from Fata. The total number of cases this year in Pakistan currently stands at 49. Yes, this is a vast improvement on the 306 reported last year. But is improvement enough? Experts believe that curbing polio in the low transmission season that begins after October each year is essential to eradicating

the disease. Pakistan does not appear to be managing this very well. The chief reason seems to be apathy. This indifference has already left thousands of children over the years permanently disabled by an illness that can so easily be prevented by ensuring they swallow a few drops of liquid. The failure to give polio teams the security they need to enable them to achieve this is deeply disquieting.

It's been years now since hockey fell off the radar in Pakistan. The country's national sport, which was once regarded as a chief source of national pride, has over the years lost its sheen and now fails to capture the attention of the masses like it used to do back till the 1990s. Over the years, from a team that rode roughshod over its rivals and captured major international titles almost at will, Pakistan has been reduced to the status of a second-tier side that even failed to qualify for World Cup 2014 in Holland and next year's Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. But the good news is that, after years of turmoil and infighting, the Pakistan Hockey Federation has found leadership that seems serious to put our team back at the very top of the international hockey rankings. The new PHF top brass, which includes a former Pakistan hockey legend and an ex-army team captain, has already initiated a campaign to put hockey on the right track. Though it's too early to make any predictions one can safely say that early signs are looking good. After a series of big setbacks, Pakistan qualified for the Junior World Cup in Malaysia last month. More recently, a new turf has been installed at the iconic Hockey Club of Pakistan Stadium in Karachi. The facility, once regarded as the best in the hockey-playing world, was a picture of neglect for years but will now be hosting the National Championship starting next week. These are all positive developments and it is hoped that the PHF bosses will build up on them and continue reaching more goals as Pakistan hockey needs to achieve a series of targets – including expanding player base, establishing academies, enhancing the volume and standard of domestic competitions and improving the performance of national teams at the international level. The popularity of hockey, which once rivaled cricket as a national pastime, has really gone down in Pakistan. But all hope is not lost and with a concerted effort hockey can bounce back. It might take a few years but it is something that has to be done.

For the last one year we have been told over and over again that Pakistan is fighting a decisive battle against terrorism. Operation Zarb-e-Azb, the National Action Plan, military courts and special powers have become a part of the daily lexicon of the average Pakistani. But there are times when we must wonder aloud whether the state has been delivering what it has loudly promised. The presence of Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar in the National Assembly on Friday amidst the background music offered by more terrorism-related arrests and mobile phone service suspensions offers one such moment. This week two major arrests were made in connection to the Karachi Safoora Goth massacre of members of the Ismaili community. One of the arrests was of an alleged shooter; but it was the second arrest that raised greater alarm. The CEO of a private university in Karachi was arrested for allegedly supporting the attack. According to police, the man's wife had been working with a group of women to distribute Daesh literature. If true, this is another reminder of how well-entrenched extremist indoctrination has become and how easy it still is to carry out militant propaganda.

The case and point of this ease is Lal Masjid in the capital. A tragic military operation was carried out there in 2007 but to what purpose, we wonder, if the cleric responsible for the Lal Masjid radicalisation has remained free to disseminate extremism and even invite Daesh into the country. Our proclaimed satisfaction – that there is no Daesh presence in the country – seems perfectly designed to fool ourselves. What credit does it earn our rulers even if there really is no direct Daesh presence – yet? Blocking phone services to tackle Aziz makes a caricature of the whole anti-terror effort. When Chaudhry Nisar says the ulema are not a target, do we also take it to mean that Maulana Aziz remains free to preach extremism every Friday? Why is the cleric still able to do so right in the midst of the federal capital? An FIR was registered against him last year – but from that point on we appear to have left him and others like him untouched. What is the reason for this? Where does the power and apparent impunity of such clerics stem from? Also, what is the security establishment thinking and doing about it? Certainly, tackling terror on its breeding grounds should be the primary priority of the state in its own war on terror. Yet, somehow, it seems that tackling at least some of these grounds is now no longer on the list of actions the government wishes to undertake. Were these places ever on the list? And if this is and remains the case, how credible is the situation where Dr Asim Hussain, apparently charged with corruption, is talked of as if he were the biggest terror threat to the country? The recent arrests in Karachi are developments in the right direction, but on many other key issues, including the Lal Masjid cleric, the state has appeared hapless. Is it scared or helpless? Or is it that certain places, groups and individuals are still immune from any actions and effects of the state's strategy to counter terror? Only concrete action can answer these questions. It seems we are not working with any real sense of direction and targets and, as a result, those who continue to spread intolerance and perpetuate support for violence in various forms are able to continue their work. Some of them have even participated in the local government elections. This must count as a failure. We need to know who or what is responsible for this, so that facts can be unjumbled and the truth laid out.

**KARACHI:** As per the recent statistics published by the United Nations Development Programme, 1.4 billion people worldwide do not have access to electricity and another one billion have an unreliable electricity network. This has led to a numerous efforts by various private sector organisations to develop solutions for electricity in remote locations. One such initiative is that of Hub Power Company Limited (HUBCO) with expertise from Reon Energy Limited. In this regard, The Citizen's Foundation (TCF) School, HUBCOIPGDL Campus collaborated with Reon to provide for an uninterrupted source of electricity for the school. The school is one of the pioneers in the TCF network of schools to be equipped with a solar electrification system. The system has been installed with backup batteries to provide energy during night and cloudy days. The project was completed within a month's time. REON Energy Limited chief executive officer Inamur Rahman said, "Pakistan due to its strategic geographic location can make use of solar energy technologies for a constant and a free energy supply. An uninterrupted source of energy is crucial for a quality education. Public and

## TCF School at HUBCO goes solar

*Daily Times, December 20, 2015*

## Low gas pressure hits parts of twin cities

*Daily Times, December 20, 2015*

## CDA urged to dispose of waste properly

*Daily Times, December 20, 2015*

## Shahbaz welcomes British cooperation in health sector

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

private sector hence must partner to eradicate this energy depravity from the lower stratum of Pakistan." Reon Energy Limited, the solution provider for the project, is the renewable energy company of Dawood Hercules Corporation. DHCL is the largest player in the private energy sector in Pakistan - intotal controlling up to 1,800 MW of generation capacity with ventures like HUBCO, Tenaga Generasi Limited, Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company, Engro Powergen and Larai Energy. Reon Energy's solar solution has now been running effectively for more than a year and has created cost synergies for the institution. TCF School HUBCO has emerged above dismal conditions and is the foremost school in the Southern Region to operate on solar energy.

**ISLAMABAD:** As cold weather is gradually becoming harsh, natural gas supply has shrunk in many areas of the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi with low to zero pressure. Households have to face problems to prepare breakfast or cook meals on working days in general and on weekends in particular. "Who can cook meals on zero gas pressure. We had planned to eat fish on this Saturday, but the unavailability of gas has shattered our plan. It is a routine that our children go to schools either without having breakfast or eating some bakery item," said Shahid Jamal, a resident of G7 sector. Residents of sectors G6, G7, G9 and I9 have urged the authorities concerned to take notice of their ordeal because of low gas pressure and take remedial measure to improve gas supply. "We have been facing the problem for the last several weeks due to gas load-shedding. It even takes hours to make tea on low gas pressure," said Taimur, a resident of G-9. He said the gas pressure remained almost zero in the morning and evening, and they had to arrange cooked food from hotels and tandoors, which was expensive. Meanwhile, residents of various localities in Rawalpindi, including Waris Khan, Committee Chowk, Dhoke Khaba, Umer Road, Dhoke Elahi Bukush, Nadeem Colony and Arya Mohallah have also complained of low gas pressure. The area people have to hold demonstrations demanding proper gas supply. They urged the minister for petroleum to take action for restoration of gas pressure. According to Sui Gas Rawalpindi Region General Manager M Zahoor, the gas pressure would improve in a few days, as steps were being taken to solve the problem.

**ISLAMABAD:** Residents of the capital have urged the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to adopt a comprehensive policy for proper disposal of waste, particularly plastic bags to avoid respiratory diseases. They urged the civic body to adopt a comprehensive mechanism for proper collection and disposal of solid waste, as the heaps in Sohan, Faizabad, New Shakaryal and other areas posed serious threat to the citizens' health. Waheed Khan, a senior citizen, said the residents of Faizabad and Sohan had to breathe in foul stench, emanating from garbage heaps. "But the Capital Development Authority seemed oblivious to the problem, as heaps had a permanent source of nuisance for the residents since long, he regretted. Mohsin Ali, a resident of sector I9, said the issue of waste disposal required immediate attention of the authorities. He said that sanitary workers used to collect the waste material from houses, and then instead shifting the same to landfill site, dump it on roadsides. This caused trouble to the residents, especially the elders suffering from a range of ailments. An official of Capital Development Authority municipal wing, on the other side, complained that the people themselves were responsible for the state of affairs. Instead of throwing solid waste in dustbins provided by the civic body, the people dumped it at open places, he argued. He said huge piles of rubbish can be seen even in front of the dustbins. Waste material in most of areas is dumped on streets or vacant plots, which creates difficulty for the CDA workers, he added. The CDA sanitary officials have also complained that the residents usually throw the waste in streets and sewerage drains. "We are doing our best but it is shared responsibility of our and the residents to keep cities and waste courses clean. The citizens must also fulfill their responsibility," he said. Meanwhile experts have said that improper disposal of waste in various areas of the federal capital was a serious health hazard for the people, causing various ailments. According to Federal Government Poly Clinic (FGPC) Executive Director Dr Zahid, due to lack of a proper waste disposal system, residents of the capital were suffering from infectious diseases. Plastic waste accumulation on city roads, particularly in Faizabad and Pirwadhai areas, posed serious threat to the health of citizens, he added. Dr Mian Tariq of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) said that the fumes emitting from the burning plastic waste could cause serious respiratory problems for the people. Open garbage dumps in city areas, including hospitals, have become a nuisance both for the residents and patients, he said, adding that the heaps of garbage make it difficult for the people to breathe. Dr Tariq said the garbage dumps could become also breeding grounds for bacteria, causing spread of diseases such as diarrhoea, malaria, cholera, and dengue. The dumps had also become an eyesore, he added.

**LAHORE:** A delegation of LGC, a British laboratory of international repute, called on Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and discussed cooperation for making modern drug testing laboratories in Punjab, at par with international standards. Talking to the delegation, Shahbaz Sharif welcomed the cooperation of the British institution for making existing drug testing labs in Punjab according to international standard. He said that immediate steps would be taken for making existing drug testing labs in Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad and Bahawalpur modern and steps would be taken keeping in view all international protocols in this regard. He said that modern drug testing labs are essential for ensuring provision of quality medicines to the people, adding that highly trained staff would be deputed in all the labs. He said that a state-of-the-art new drug-testing lab would be set up beside establishment of a forensic science lab in Lahore, adding that besides medicines, samples of water and eatable items would also be tested in these labs. Shahbaz said that experience of LGC would benefit the local health sector, adding that the new labs would be completely autonomous. The chief minister directed the concerned officials to constitute a committee for the recruitment of new staff and its training for drug testing labs. The members of the delegation, while speaking on the occasion, said that they will cooperate with Punjab government for organising drug testing labs on modern lines and making these labs according to international standards. Provincial Ministers Bilal Yasin, Tanvir Aslam Malik, Advisor Health Kh Salman Rafique, Parliamentary Secretary Kh Imran Nazir and MPA Muhammad Kashif were also present on the occasion.

British Department for International Development (DFID) new head in Pakistan Joanna Reid met Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, in which ongoing programmes in education, health and skill

## 422 government schools, colleges to be renovated

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

development sectors and recent visit of the chief minister to London were discussed. Joanna Reid congratulated the chief minister on his successful visit to Britain and assured further enhancement of partnership with the Punjab government. Speaking on the occasion, Shahbaz Sharif said that his recent visit to UK was the most successful visit of his political career. He said that due to his visit, relations between Pakistan and Britain have improved and further cooperation would enhance in various sectors between both the countries. He said that during the visit, meetings with British officials for the promotion of skill development and teachers' training remained useful, adding that Pakistan and Britain are strong partners in the journey of development and prosperity and collaboration between Punjab and DFID in various sectors is increasing. The chief minister said that the policy of transparency and high quality is being observed in Punjab at every level and the provincial government is utilising every penny by considering it as a trust. He welcomed the new DFID head on assuming responsibilities in Pakistan. Talking on the occasion, Joanna Reid said that Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif is working expeditiously for the development of the province and under his leadership, marvellous work is being carried out in health, education and other sectors in Punjab. She said that the steps taken by the CM for the uplift of education and health sectors are commendable. Provincial Finance Minister Dr Ayesha Ghaus Pasha was also present on the occasion.

**ISLAMABAD:** In order to tackle the widespread concern of the public, government has unveiled its plans on Friday to make the schools and colleges of federal capital a role model for the rest of the country. It is decided to renovate the buildings of 422 government schools and colleges besides improving teacher training to ensure standard of education. The dilapidated buildings of government schools and colleges in the federal capital and lack of basic facilities in them such as toilets, playgrounds, transport, clean drinking water and trained teachers often force the parents to get enroll their children in private educational institutions. However, it is almost impossible for the salaried class and low-income people to afford the increasing fees structures and expenses of these private schools and colleges. Parents of students urged the government to take prompt measures on war-footing basis to address the issue of government educational institutions particularly in the suburbs of the capital to ensure a better and prosperous future for their children and country at large. Prime minister launched the programme on the outskirts of the capital where he announced the up-gradation of Government Model School Punjgran Chak Shahzad to college status. According to the programme, more than 440 schools and colleges will be benefited during the next six months. The schools would be provided with new science and IT laboratories, libraries and a fleet of 200 extra buses, new buildings, clean drinking water and sports grounds. Islamabad Model College Assistant Professor Shujat said,

"I hope its implementation would bring a remarkable improvement in sub-urban schools which are in extremely bad shape." The plans are also welcomed by a number of schoolteachers and lecturers of the federal capital. The programme includes refresher courses for teachers and foreign scholarships for the most promising young teachers. The prime minister later told teachers and students of Government Model School Punjgran that his government would provide maximum possible funds to offer children and students quality education. "I want to see all these schools and colleges equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. I want to see each and every children in the capital territory enrolled in school," he said. He said a computerised system would be introduced to monitor all educational institutions in the federal capital while biometric systems would ensure attendance and punctuality of the teaching staff. The upgrade system would also enable the parents to keep in touch with schools through electronic mail and SMS. Muhammad Shafique, father of school-going-students in Sohan said, "Education is the only way forward to prepare the youth to cope with the challenges of the contemporary world." Reforms in education sector through improved curriculum, teachers training and facilities are need of the hour, he added. Shaukat Dab, a teacher at Islamabad Model School F/8-3 said, "Quality education can be imparted to the students only if teachers remain satisfied with their jobs while performing their duties." To encourage the environment of competition, he urged the government to allocate some funds for offering incentives and best teacher awards for outstanding performance of the teachers. Shaukat said that the infrastructural reforms of the government are appreciable. However, the focus should be diverted towards educational reforms such as students and cultural exchange programmes, fully equipped classrooms with multimedia and other facilities, and scholarships for the most bright students, he added.

## Schools in Sindh asked to beef up security

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**KARACHI:** The Sindh government Education and Literacy Department has issued a letter for taking security measures in all educational institutions of the province to overcome persisting threats to educational institutions. Complying with the above direction, Larkana district education officer for Secondary and Higher Education issued letter to all the principals, head masters and head mistresses to take preventive measures by following the list of security measures which include use of identity cards for entry into the institution, CLI facility in all schools to be installed to identify and deter threaten calls, a duress alarm at school reception desk which should have access to Rescue 15 police service, all classroom windows meant to provide secondary means of escape/exit should be in working order and not be blocked screens, security grills etc., scouts volunteers shall be deployed on entry points of schools, all schools share the details of staff along with their residential address to the deputy commissioner/police station, drills/demonstration should be carried out to teach students how to confront emergency, name tags shall be issued to all students, entry of strangers shall be strictly discouraged and the head of the institution shall be responsible for ensuring the security plan at his/her school in respect to overcome prevailing threats. According to sources, all concerned were directed to ensure compliance of above measures for the safety and security, but none of them have been implemented at any of the school so far in Larkana except forcing students to get ID cards by paying fee. However, no senior education officer has so far visited the schools to see whether the instructions have been complied with or not. Complaints are pouring in that students are forced to pay extra amounts to get an ID cards through some unregistered NGO despite the fact that school education is free in Sindh, added sources.

### US Consulate donates computers to KPC

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**KARACHI:** United States Consulate General Karachi donated three computer, network and printer systems and software to the Karachi Press Club. The Consulate gave the equipment to the club to support city-based journalists in their day-to-day reporting. "The media plays a very important role in a free society," said US Consul General Brian Heath. "Journalists in Pakistan face challenging and dangerous conditions. That is why I wanted to come here today to express my gratitude and appreciation for all of your hard work and dedication," he added. He said the US government has worked with many Pakistani journalists through its journalism exchange and training programmes. The US State Department is investing \$4 million to fund the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Journalism at Karachi's Institute of Business Administration, said Heath. The centre is dedicated to providing journalism training to support the professional development of Pakistan's journalists, he maintained.

### My Karachi expo from March 2016

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) has formally announced to hold 13th annual My Karachi exhibition from March 25, 2016. The exhibition is aimed at highlighting metropolis image positively in the international business market to get more attention of foreign investors. Addressing the press conference, KCCI office bearers and Businessmen Group chairman Siraj Kassam Teli said that they are supporting the Rangers operation, which has improved law and order situation in the city. He said he do not want to discuss the corruption issues of leaders, as they are playing their part and the business community wants fair law and order, adding the business community supports only those who play a vital role for restoration of peace in the provincial capital. He said the exhibition will be inaugurated by President Mamnoon or Prime Minister Sharif on March 25th, 2016, under the auspices of Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Spreading over 2,500 sq km and one of the top metropolitan city in the world, the 13th annual My Karachi exhibition will provide a vibrant platform to all the local and foreign traders to display their products and services through hundreds of stalls, he hoped. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry has also played as key role in the social services, he said. Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Younus Mohammed Bashir, My Karachi Special Committee chairman Mohammed Idrees, Former KCCI presidents Amir Abdullah Zaki and Zubair Ahmad Motiwala and others briefed the media about 13th Annual My Karachi exhibition for women, children and all sections of the city. He said that companies of some foreign countries would also participate in the exhibition and free entry will be allowed to the participants. They also thanked all the media organisations, who have supported all the times in the past exhibitions and hoped that they would continue to play their role to support in this regard.

### overcharging-drive : 77 shopkeepers arrested, fined Rs 48,000

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**LAHORE:** The City District Government Lahore (CDGL), during its drive against overcharging, arrested 77 shopkeepers besides lodging 58 FIRs against violators of Price Act on Friday. The CDGL teams also sent 19 people out of total 77 to the prison for three days after summary trial on the spot. As many as 32 shopkeepers were challaned and a fine worth Rs 48,000 was imposed. The CDGL Special Price Control magistrates conducted raids on 968 shops in various areas of the city and inspected price of commodities at local level. DCO Capt (r) Muhammad Usman issued directions to the town administrators to continue a crackdown against profiteering to provide relief to the masses. It may be mentioned that following the directions by the Punjab chief minister, CDGL during its drive in November, arrested 1,867 shopkeepers besides lodging 1,295 FIRs against violators of the Price Act. The Price Control magistrates had conducted raids on 21,543 shops in various areas of the city and sent 573 people out of total 1,867 to the prison for three days after summary trial on the spot. As many as 798 shopkeepers had been challaned and fine was imposed worth Rs 1,099,500 in November.

### PAC expresses concern over poor sanitary condition of PIMS

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** Members of National Assembly's Public Account Committee (PAC) visited Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences and Polyclinic. Shahida Akhtar was heading the standing committee members. While giving briefing to committee, the Polyclinic administration told that CADD Ministry has issued Rs 45 million to CDA for expansion of Polyclinic. According to the reports, the hospital is to be expanded to the half of the Argentine Park. Performance of hospital would become much better with the construction of new blocks and more patients would be treated with better facilities. In addition, heavy and expensive machinery would also be installed in which CT scan and the heart diseases machines would be included, told by administration. Meanwhile, the members of PAC also visited PIMS. A member of the committee said that PIMS cardiac centre should have opened three years ago. At that time, total expenditure was estimated for Rs one billion and now it has been estimated Rs three billion. The members of the committee also stressed to provide more facilities at the hospital and to meet the deficiency of staff. They also showed concern at the poor sanitary conditions in the hospital.

### Consumers protest low gas pressure

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**RAWALPINDI:** The residents of different localities along Murree road held a protest demonstration against low gas pressure on Friday. The residents protested for low gas pressure and said that they are unable to prepare meals and are compelled to buy chapati from markets. The protestors demanded petroleum minister to take prompt action for restoration of gas pressure. People residing in different areas of district are facing acute shortage of gas and difficulties due to low gas pressure. SNGPL Regional GM M Zahoor said that gas pressure would improve in few days as steps are being taken to resolve the problem. The gap between demand and supply is constantly increasing, he added. He urged consumers not to use gas heaters and geysers so that regular supply of gas could be ensured for the domestic users.

### IHC directs to establish new slaughterhouse in capital

*Daily Times, December 19, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration to set up a new slaughterhouse in the federal capital. A single-member bench headed by Justice Amir Farooq issued the orders after taking up a petition regarding the sale of sub-standard meat in the federal capital. Petitioner Advocate Yasir Mahmood told the court that the sale of sub-standard meat is on the rise in capital. He said that the butchers inject water into the meat through injections and officials concerned are not taking any action against them in this regard. Sale of sub-standard meat is a cause of spreading diseases among the people in the city while Haram meat is also being sold due to shortage of slaughter houses in the federal capital, he added. The petitioner

## 24pc of costly anti-polio vaccine goes down the drain in Punjab

*Daily Dawn, December 18, 2015*

requested the court to take action against those who are involved in the sale of sub-standard meat and order to establish new slaughter house. Upon the request, the court ordered and directed to set up a new slaughterhouse in the federal capital.

**LAHORE:** The Punjab Expanded Programme on Immunization staff has wasted 24 per cent of the expensive Inactivated/Inject-able polio vaccine (IPV) which was introduced recently in the routine immunisation campaign all over the province. Mishandling and misuse of the vaccine by the programme field staff had been identified in an evaluation of the immunisation programme by Gavi, a global health partner and donor, and was conducted by international experts. Since the Punjab government could not "afford" the vaccine due to its high cost, Gavi had been providing it absolutely free for the children in the province who needed some 300,000 doses every month. Gavi is an international organisation - a global vaccine alliance, which has been bringing together public and private sectors with the shared goal of creating equal access to new and underused vaccines for children living in the world's poorest countries. Interestingly, the IPV was introduced in Punjab for the "high-risk" population only but the field staff had been administering it to all under-five children. According to World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, only four and a half months old children fall in the "high-risk" category in need of IPV, an official privy to the information told Dawn. Holding the health executive district officers (EDOs) responsible for the negligence, he said the lapse during the last six months had irked Gavi. The issue surfaced when Gavi raised serious concern over wastage of 24 percent IPV vaccine by the EPI staff in Punjab and the lack of interest among the health EDOs to address the issue. By providing a very costly vaccine (IPV) to Punjab absolutely free of cost, Gavi was setting a rare precedent of human service, the official said, adding, "Look what we are making of such a kind gesture."

Under an agreement, he said, Gavi would provide free IPV to Punjab for two years to help eradicate the crippling disease from the country. He said a developing country like Pakistan could not even imagine procuring such a costly vaccine from international market. Presently, he said, the target population (under-five children) which required anti polio vaccine in Punjab had reached to 3.3 million. The government had hired 37,000 vaccinators to reach out to these children all over the province through routine immunization programme. He said as one dose of IPV costs Rs500 in the international market, Gavi's initiative was saving Rs150 million for the national exchequer per month. On the other hand, a single dose of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) costs Rs17 only. "The health secretary has taken serious notice of this negligence, and initially set a target to bring the wastage percentage down in the first phase from 24pc to 10pc immediately", Punjab EPI programme director Munir Ahmad said. He regretted that neither the vaccinators nor the EDOs had been following the WHO criteria. This attitude prompted Gavi and other global organisations to get the matter investigated. "In the last meeting of the EDOs (health) held in Lahore, we had also discussed various options to address the concerns of Gavi and its health partners", Dr Munir said, adding that after inquiry the health department had issued a warning to the EDOs of Sialkot and Chakwal where the vaccine wastage percentage was reported even more than 24pc.

## 7,000 imposters fired from KMC

*Daily Times, December 18, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Around 56 taluka officers (TOs) in Sindh were suspended for their failure to get the record checked. However, 22 out of them have been reinstated after they got their record verified, said Local Government, Housing and Town Planning Secretary Imran Atta Soomro. "National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Anti-Corruption and our department are conducting probe individually against fake appointments." Salaries will be recovered from those appointed illegally, he said. Soomro said that the government is planning to produce electricity from garbage collected in Karachi, Nawabshah and Larkana. He said that so far, 7,000 fake employees have been fired from Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), adding, in Larkana 275 imposters have been found from BPS-1 to 5, along with 22 in Kandhkot and their record is being verified. The secretary said that there are no surplus employees in the Local Government Department. Soomro said that very soon biometric system will be introduced in the department and all employees will have to get themselves verified through this system, adding, the employees of Karachi Water Board have already been verified through this system and now it is the turn of the KMC employees, and then it will be extended to other parts of Sindh. Soomro said that bank accounts of employees are also being verified. He said that Rs 200,000 were given to each union council in the past but in 2007, it was reduced to Rs 100,000 only due to shortage of staff, but now employees have been increased, hence, Provincial Finance Commission should immediately be restored and then the financial issues will be resolved. He said that municipal and town committees should also use their own resources to generate funds, which are not being done at the moment. He said that through billboards, the city is earning more tax than other cities, which should also be collected in other big towns. He said that monthly rent of local government shops is very low, adding in Karachi, rent of one shop is Rs 200 monthly, which should now be increased as per prevailing situation. He said that he had recommended to the Sindh government to give grant to Larkana Municipal Corporation, so that their employees' monthly salaries could be paid timely. The secretary said that Hyderabad, Sehwan and Larkana development authorities have failed to deliver for which their officials will have to improve performance.

## FMH's infection awareness programme concludes

*Daily Times, December 18, 2015*

**LAHORE:** The closing ceremony of the Fatima Memorial Hospital (FMH) Annual Infection Control Week was held at its General Attique-ur-Rehman Auditorium on Thursday. The closing ceremony was also the culmination of the week, which was held to increase awareness of the infection control measures that need to be taken within the institution. The three-day week consisted of Standard Precautions Day, Waste Management Day and Safety Day; teams were sent out each day across the hospital to train and reinforce infection control measures that need to be taken to provide an infection free environment for improved patient care. The teams also took feedback from all departments of the hospital to assess current practices and further improve on them. The closing ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran followed by a welcome note by FMH Infection Control Officer Dr Shahzad Naseem. A presentation on the findings of the week was also given by the Infection Control Team on the occasion. The teams were distributed certificates of appreciation while winners of the poster presentation were awarded cash prizes and certificates. FMH Dr Director Arif Amir Nawaz, School of Health Sciences Dean Dr Rakshanda Rehman and NUR International University (NIU)

## NAVTTTC to introduce 59 short courses in less privileged areas

*Daily Times, December 18, 2015*

Chairman Dr Zafar Iqbal Qureshi spoke at the closing ceremony and gave their remarks.

**ISLAMABAD:** National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) on Thursday approved introduction of 59 short-term skill development projects with major emphasis to less privileged areas of the country. Approval for launch of projects was accorded at 10th project steering committee of NAVTTTC who had a meeting with Executive Director Zulfiqar Iqbal Cheema at its Headquarters. The meeting was attended by representatives from all provincial Technical Education and Vocational Training Authorities (TEVTA) along with joint secretary labour and Manpower Department Balochistan and joint secretary Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training. Formal apprenticeship programme was introduced at the meeting that is the first of its kind in Pakistan. Under this programme, around 600 trainees would be imparted with six-month training in the large-scale industries and their 100 percent employability would be ensured. The apprenticeship training would be imparted in collaboration with Chamber of Commerce and TEVTA. Zulfiqar Cheema said that preference is always being given to those marketable skills that are in demand both on national and international level. He said that it is imperative to implant technical and vocational education to the youth that would ultimately help in overcoming terrorism and extremism across Pakistan. He said that unemployment is one of the major root causes of the current weary situation of our country and it is only through enabling the youth to earn honorable livelihood that the dream of peaceful Pakistan to be materialised.

## Oil worth Rs 400b lost annually due to traffic jams: moot told

*Daily Times, December 17, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Experts stressed the need for proper implementation on traffic management policy and suggested the government to continue it to counter increasing traffic congestion for larger benefit of business community, commuters and private transporters in the metropolis. They were speaking at a workshop entitled Sustainable Urban Transport Policy and Transport/Traffic Management Issues, organised by Pakistan Sustainable Transport (PAKSTRAN) project, Sindh, in collaboration with UNDP. The program was attended by a large number of people from different walks of life including Sindh CIU, PAKSTRAN Director Fazal Karim Khatri and Manager Yar Muhammad, Karachi Traffic Police DIG Dr Amir Ahmed Shaikh and other traffic police officials, CNG Owners Association President Malik Khuda Bux, NED University Department of Urban and Infrastructure Engineering Chairman Mir Shabbar Ali and representatives from Pakistan Oil Tankers Owners Associations. The draft policy on PAKSTRAN project Sindh prepared by NED University was presented before the audience for constructive discussion to get suggestions on it, while the solutions were sought to resolve traffic management issues in the city. Prof Dr Mir Shabbar Ali said that at least Rs 400 billion of fuel burns annually due to the traffic congestion in the city, which is directly or indirectly costing the individuals, as per the survey report conducted by NED University. Dr Shabbar said there was dire need of rapid bus transit system that could minimise the tension of commuters facing acute shortage of public transport in the metropolis. Dr Shabbar suggested that a large number of traffic signals should be installed along 25 major roads including Shara-e-Faisal, MA Jinnah Road, University Road and Tariq Road, for betterment of traffic management in the city. He said illegal encroachments should be removed to get quick relief from traffic congestion on different roads and areas including Saddar, MA Jinnah, Tariq Road, Gulistan-e-Johar and Gulshan-e-Iqbal. Parking plazas should be constructed in busiest areas of the city, he suggested. Sindh Building Control Authority should strictly implement its laws for leaving space for parking areas, he said. He said that pedestrians, women and disabled people should be given top priority in the Rapid Bus Transit, which is underway to facilitate Karachiites. He said the population growth in Pakistan is 2.54 percent, while the Sindh is growing too fast in urban population with 2.58 percent. The RBT project is the need of the hour in the city, which will be expanded to other urban cities of Sindh including Hyderabad, Badin, Larkana, Nawabshah and Sukkur, he added. Yar Muhammad said that the transport sector should be declared as the industry in Pakistan so that private investors could invest in it. He said they are bringing sustainable urban transport, which will be fuel-efficient, cost-efficient, sustainable and environment-friendly. He said they had focused on coordination and communication with relevant departments in order to make this project successful. For the capacity building, they had organised many workshops and traffic awareness sessions in the city for transporters, commuters, students and traffic police, while latest equipments will be brought for betterment of the traffic system, he said. The city is facing acute shortage of public transport where only 6 percent public transport is available for 42 percent commuters so they are working with sincerity to facilitate public as soon as possible. Fazal Karim Khatri in his vote of thanks said that they are going to inaugurate the one corridor of Orange Line soon in the city. He said all stakeholders are on same page to make this project successful to facilitate commuters. He thanked all guests for their participation.

## Meeting urges officials to send their children to govt schools

*Daily Times, December 17, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Speakers at a consultation meeting on Wednesday called for making it mandatory for government officials to send their children to government-run schools to maintain the merit and quality of education. They realised that since government officials enrol their children in private schools, it causes destruction of government schools, which cannot maintain quality and produce better students to compete in market. The consultation meeting with civil society Sindh on International Commitments and State Obligations on Citizen's Rights was organised by Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO). They pointed out that almost all political parties have neglected womenfolk to encourage them in contesting local bodies elections in Sindh. That is why hardly a small number of women might have been elected in LB polls. The programme was aimed to getting input from the civil society members to convince the provincial government to design and implement the policies at all levels to benefit the communities and rural workforce in the context of the economic, social and cultural rights, as per guidelines of International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) as rectified the government of Pakistan in 2008. After 18th Amendment, all the provinces are bound to devise the policies in the light of the treaties and conventions ratified by the federation of Pakistan. SPO Regional Head Hyderabad Mustafa Baloch said despite tall claims by the government, the poverty is increasing in rural areas. According to him, he said he saw in one district, 11 villages out of 12 do not have safe drinking water and people are crying against this discrimination. He said class division in education is violating the merit. He alleged local parliamentarians themselves are involved in keeping poor and deserving students back in

## Japan grants Rs 9.2 million for Sukkur Hospital

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

foreign scholarships. He said usually scholarships go to those children who belong to rich families and poor children do not have access to such facilities. Talking about the increasing extremism in Sindh, Baloch said it is an organised effort to promote hatreds at the land of Sufis and peaceful people. He gave examples in which how certain people have replaced the names of once philanthropists from historic buildings, hospitals, schools and roads. Despite the fact they contributed a lot for peace and education promoting in these areas.

**KARACHI:** Under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme, the Japanese government has extended a grant of Rs 9.2 million to Sukkur Blood and Drug Donating Society for the provision of medical equipment for mother and child healthcare to Sukkur Hospital. The grant contract was signed on December 15, at the Japan Information and Culture Centre of the Japanese Consulate General in Karachi, between Japanese Consul General Akira Ouchi and Sukkur Blood and Drug Donating Society President Muhammad Naeem. The grant will cover the cost of medical equipment such as operation tables, incubators, anesthetic instrument, etc. The Sukkur Hospital established by Sukkur Blood and Drug Donating Society has been providing health care services to the people living in northern Sindh since 1998, and it has recently set up a new Maternal and Child Health ward to provide better mother and child health services to the people living there. These equipment is expected to provide proper medical services to about 400 pregnant women and about 175 newborn babies every month, and will contribute to the expansion of mother and child healthcare services of the hospital. Ouchi hoped that the equipment provided under the grant would greatly improve mother and child healthcare services in rural Sindh. He also wished that this support from the people of Japan would strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan. Under the GGP scheme, Japan has funded more than 340 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 15th GGP project to be implemented by the Japanese Consulate General in Karachi since 2009.

## Residents demand monitoring of water filtration plants

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** Residents of different sectors of federal capital on Monday urged the civic body to ensure regular monitoring of water filtration plants of the city. Residents have criticised the Capital Development Authority (CDA) over its apathy for not making the out of order plants functional. A resident of G-6, Gul Muhammad said that condition of the water filtration plants in the federal capital is pathetic. He said that quality of water available on these filtration plants is not being monitored. A resident of H-9 Rafique Ahmed said that out of order water filtration plants have deprived the residents of the federal capital for the facility of clean drinking water. A CDA official said that teams have been constituted under the headship of deputy director water management for the monitoring of water filtration plants. He said that out of the total 37 water filtration plants 30 are operative in different sectors of the city that are being regularly monitored to check the quality of water supplied to the residents. Seven water filtration plants are out of order and efforts are being made to make these plants functional. Filters for these filtration plants are changed after every six months, he added. A resident of sector I-10 Ajab Khan said that he had to travel for a kilometer to fetch drinking water as the plant that is located near to his home is out of order. He demanded the CDA authorities to install more water filtration plants besides making the installed ones functional. An official of Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) Lubna Naheed said that the council could make monitoring of the water quality of the filtration plants. She said water filtration plants should be monitored regularly to ensure provision of clean drinking water to people.

## Taxi drivers overcharging passengers

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** Despite decreasing trend of petroleum prices, the taxi drivers of twin cities are fleecing passengers by overcharging fares at their own will. A frequent passenger Rashid Khan complained that most of the taxi stand drivers decide the rates of certain places with mutual consent. The passenger could not able to meet the rates with a driver or if he approached to the other taxi driver he charges exactly the same fare from the passengers. The taxi drivers are charging fare from G-8 to G-9 for Rs 150, F-8 to F-10 Rs 200 that is not far places from each other while they are charging Rs 600 from Islamabad to Rawalpindi which is not fair. A taxi driver Inam ullah said that this is the only source of income for him and his family and he has to fulfill their needs. Secretary Transport Shazia Kazi said that fixing of meters in taxis is in process and after the process is completed then the complaints of overcharging will be redressed for the relief of the passengers.

## Decision taken to hand over 274 primary schools to PEF

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

**RAWALPINDI:** Decision has been taken to hand over 274 primary schools to Punjab Education Foundation (PEF). Teacher organisations have voiced strong protest over this decision and demanded for its immediate withdrawal. Education sources said that the decision has been taken in pursuance of Punjab government policy that all such primary schools having strength below 100 regular students during the last three years will be handed over to PEF. There are 274 primary schools operating in the district wherein the strength of regular students has been recorded below 100 during the last three years. These 274 schools include 41 in Tehsil and city schools, 29 Kallar Syedan, 43 in Kotli Sattian, seven Taxila, 90 Gujjar Khan, 23 Kahuta and 29 in Murree. The teachers of these schools will be declared surplus after these are handed over to PEF. Meanwhile, 500 teachers will be appointed initially in the schools of federal capital under Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme (PMERP) in order to overcome shortage of teachers. Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has evolved strategy for appointment of teachers in phases. Training programme for the teachers already working in the schools of federal capital will also be launched and annual calendar for imparting training to teachers of 422 schools would be worked out. Every teacher will be provided training for at least 15 days in a year. Master trainers will also be provided training. These 422 schools are facing shortage of 1500 teachers at present. The appointment of teachers will be ensured on 100 percent merit basis. In first phase, 300 to 500 teachers will be appointed.

## CPEC will change the fate of Pakistan: HEC chairman

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** A two-day international conference on "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Strategic Impact on Regional Development" organised by National University of Modern Languages (NUML) started at NUML on Tuesday. CPEC parliamentary committee Chairman Mushahid Hussain Syed was the Chief Guest in the inaugural session whereas NUML Rector Major General (r) Ziaud Din Najam and Higher Education Commission (HEC) Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed participated as keynote speakers. Addressing the occasion, Mushahid Hussain Syed said that Pakistan has become a centre of gravity for the world and shift of power can be seen from west to east. Pakistan is situated

### EFS seeks funds to enrol out-of-school children

*Daily Times, December 16, 2015*

### Dengue takes another life in Sindh, toll rises to 11

*Daily Dawn, December 15, 2015*

### Anti-polio campaign launched amid strict security

*Daily Dawn, December 15, 2015*

### Rizvi to make Sukkur 'nucleus' of medical activities

*Daily Times, December 15, 2015*

in the hub of area geographically as well as geopolitically which will be a key player in the future of world politics and world economy, he added. He said CPEC is not just an origin but a concept and it must be taken in a broader sense. "CPEC would become a symbol of unity among the people of Pakistan and China", Mushahid said. HEC Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed said CPEC will change the fate of Pakistan and HEC is planning to establish an excellence centre for Central Asian Universities to share knowledge and will initiate collective projects to make the region a land of opportunities. CPEC project will cover all the aspects like food security, economic growth, climate change and energy, he added. He was of the view that this is the right time to make and establish cluster of educational institutions across the globe to make our motherland and the region more peaceful and prosper. Earlier, NUML Rector Major General (r) Ziaud Din Najam in his welcome address said that the language is the only way to promote mutual interest and to endorse friendship to maximum level. He said that NUML has started Chinese language as an optional subject for different faculties keeping in view the future demand and make our students more proactive towards CPEC project. He remarked that NUML was the first university to sign MoU with Xinjiang Normal University China to open NUML International Centre of Education (NICE) in China to teach Chinese foreign languages of the world. It is a source of pride for the university. He said NICE project is included in 51 MoUs that were signed under CPEC project, rector added. He hoped that this international conference will serve the purpose of both countries and bring more clarity for the future of Pakistan which are our youth. He thanked the chief guest and guests especially from China and participants for attending the seminar. Former ambassador and Institute of Strategic Studies Director General (DG) Masood Khan said that CPEC refers to peace, harmony and development. It will not come into reality in the period of one year but it is a continuous thought of both states, he added. Associate Professor XJNU Chen Jun elaborated the complete details of the rail and road route of CPEC project and informed the participants that how both the country will get benefit from the project.

**KARACHI:** After enrolling more than 120,000 out-of-school children across Sindh, Education Fund for Sindh (EFS) has started its donation drive to support its mission. The EFS organised its awareness and fundraising drive at three different venues, Forum Mall, Millennium Mall and Port Grand to engage people and persuade them to be the part of this change movement. EFS Brand and Corporate Communications Manager Asad Mughni said, "The organisation has the vision that every child in Pakistan has access to good quality and cost-effective education. We are currently working in Karachi, Khairpur and Qamber Shahdadt Kot under various programmes. This drive is aimed at spreading the message of our cause." He said that due to the current education crisis, Low-Cost Private Schools (LCPS) have proven to be a significant platform for the promotion of education in Pakistan. "Under the EFS Education Voucher Scheme, the EFS partners with low-cost private schools for enrolment and education of out-of-school children (OOSC).

**KARACHI:** This year's death toll from dengue rose to 11 when provincial health authorities on Monday reported the death of 45-year-old Mohammad Azeem, resident of Liaquatabad, who was admitted to a private hospital in critical condition on Dec 12. He died the following day. "It was yet another case of late arrival. The patient was in a shock due to extremely low blood platelet count and thin plasma when he was brought to hospital. At this stage, it was too difficult to save him," said head of the Dengue Control and Surveillance Programme in Sindh Dr Masood Solangi. Responding to a question, he said that the frequency of dengue cases had fallen from 300 cases per week during the peak season to 70 last week with the onset of winter. "It has just been a week since the weather has got a bit cold. However, it is still mild/warm in the day, thus helping the mosquito to remain active as it is a day-time insect," he explained, when asked about why the mosquito, known to be active in the summer, was making people ill in the winter. Besides, viruses adapted to weather conditions, he added. So far, 3,512 cases of dengue have been reported in the province. All the 11 mortalities have been reported from Karachi.

**QUETTA:** Anti-polio drive began throughout Balochistan on Monday during which over 2.4 million children will be vaccinated. Strict security measures have been taken for the campaign which will last for three days. "The campaign has started in all 30 districts of the province and we are expecting better results of the campaign," said Dr Syed Saif Ur Rehman, Coordinator Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Balochistan. Vaccinators in 6,463 mobile teams would go door-to-door to give oral polio vaccine to children. There are teams posted at 782 fixed-site and 311 transit points to perform their duties. "I am in Killa Abdulla to monitor the campaign which is one of the high risks areas in Balochistan," he told this scribe. As many as seven cases of wild polio virus have been reported in Balochistan — five in Quetta, one each in Loralai and Killa Abdullah. "The Chief Secretary and Commissioner Quetta division are going to chair meetings to review the performance of the teams," said Dr Saif who was also going to chair the evening meeting in Killa Abdullah. The Health Department, government of Balochistan, Unicef, WHO and other partner agencies are working together to improve the quality of the campaign. According to statistics, the Balochistan province is improving but recent surge in polio cases in Karachi had set off alarm bells for Balochistan province. Karachi connects with Balochistan and there would be issues, if the situation did not improve in Karachi, said Dr Syed Saif Ur Rehman.

**KARACHI:** Renowned surgeon and Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT) Director Prof Adib Rizvi has said he would like to see that activities in the field of medical and basic sciences may flourish in the city of Sukkur in the days to come. Prof Rizvi said the activities of his institute providing special medical treatment free to ailing population is not only confined to Karachi but spread in other parts of the country; therefore "Sukkur is a part of Karachi". He also pointed out that a huge participation of medical professionals from abroad is a testimony that they also endorse the philosophy of SIUT. He reminded the visiting international dignitaries that the province of Sindh is a custodian of thousands years old civilization and a land of peace and harmony. The others who spoke at the seminar, included Dr Luc Noel an Advisor to the WHO, Philip Ransley a leading Paediatric Urologist from UK, Dr Magdi Yaqoob Prof of Nephrology at a London Hospital, Dr Tariq Shakoor Gastroenterologist from the US, Professor Manzoor Husain and Prof Murli Lal of SIUT. The experts presented their papers on various subjects including on chronic kidney diseases, treatment of

## Motor vehicle tax checking to be extended

*Daily Times, December 15, 2015*

## Stress likely to contribute to Alzheimer's disease

*Daily Times, December 15, 2015*

## 2,000 blue passports cancelled: Nisar

*Daily Times, December 15, 2015*

Hepatitis C and management of fistulae. The symposium was largely attended by doctors and medical professionals from Sukkur and other adjoining areas.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Minister for Excise & Taxation Gyan Chand Essrani has said that the checking of motor vehicle tax should be extended to all parts of the city and for this purpose officials should be deputed for strict vigil. This he said while presiding over a meeting of Excise & Taxation Department here on Monday. In the meeting, the Provincial Minister was informed that a campaign for recovery and checking of Motor Vehicle Tax had been launched at various important points of the city and officials of the Department were checking the vehicles whether they have paid the tax or not. It was pointed out that the apex committee has also recommended to scan the vehicles of the taxpayers and the non payers are to be kept under vigilance.

**ISLAMABAD:** Feeling stressed increases the chance of older people developing mild cognitive impairment which can be a forerunner to Alzheimer's, according to a report published in Alzheimer Disease & Associated Disorders. Stress in older people can increase the chance of aMCI and Alzheimer's. Around 470,000 Americans are diagnosed with Alzheimer's. For many, the first sign is mild cognitive impairment - a pre-dementia condition that significantly increases the risk of developing Alzheimer's in the following months or years. In the current study, researchers from Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Health System - both in New York looked at the connection between chronic stress and amnesic mild cognitive impairment (aMCI) which is considered as the most common type of MCI, the main feature of which is memory loss. The team studied data collected from 507 people enrolled in the Einstein Aging Study (EAS), a community-based cohort of older adults. Since 1993, the EAS has systematically recruited 507 adults aged 70 years and over who live in Bronx County, NY. Participants undergo annual assessments that include clinical evaluations, neuropsychological tests, psychosocial measures, medical history, assessments of daily living activities and reports of memory issues and other cognitive complaints by participants and their relatives or carers. In 2005, the EAS began assessing stress using the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS). The PSS is a widely used 14-item measure of psychological stress designed to be sensitive to chronic stress. It measures stress perceived over the previous month due to ongoing life circumstances, possible future events and other causes. PSS scores range from 0-56 with higher scores indicating greater perceived stress. The diagnosis of aMCI was based on standardised clinical criteria including the results of recall tests and reports of forgetfulness from the participants or from others. All the participants were free from aMCI or dementia at their first PSS assessment. They then attended at least one follow-up evaluation each year for an average of 3.6 years. An aMCI diagnosis was made for 71 participants during the study. The higher the stress level, the greater the participants risk for developing aMCI. For every five-point increase in PSS scores, the risk of developing aMCI increased by 30%. Participants were then divided into five groups or quintiles based on their PSS scores ranging from high stress in the top quintile to low stress in the bottom one. Participants in the highest-stress quintile were nearly 2.5 times more likely to develop aMCI than those in the remaining four quintiles combined (low stress). Participants in the high-stress group were also more likely to be female to have a lower education level and higher levels of depression. To confirm the role of stress in elevating the risk for aMCI, all the researchers then assessed whether depression might also have contributed. Depression is associated with stress, cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease. However, depression did not appear to affect the relationship observed between stress and the onset of aMCI significantly. Similarly, stress appeared to have no impact on cognitive status in participants who had at least one e4 allele of the APOE gene. This gene increases their risk for developing late onset Alzheimer's. First author Mindy Katz says that "Perceived stress reflects the daily hassles we all experience, as well as the way we appraise and cope with these events. Perceived stress can be altered by mindfulness-based stress reduction, cognitive-behavioral therapies and stress reducing drugs. These interventions may postpone or even prevent an individual's cognitive decline." Since stress is treatable, the results suggest that detecting and treating stress in older people might help delay or even prevent the onset of Alzheimer's.

**ISLAMABAD:** National Assembly (NA) on Monday debated the consumer price list, blue and green passports, identity cards, tax collection and loan write-offs. Responding to Pakistan Peoples' Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P) lawmaker Shazia Sobia on the implementation of consumer price list, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz parliamentarian Marriyum Aurangzeb said that recently 1,380 shops were fined and 30 shopkeepers arrested. Responding to Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl's (JUI-F) Naeema Kishwar Khan, Marriyum Aurangzeb said that the process of applying for a fresh or renewing existing passports an online biometric system is being worked upon and for which a software is currently under development and asserted that soon the system will be put in force. For the information of the lower house, Interior Minister Nisar Ali Khan clarified that although the online passport system was initially opposed but as he maintained his stance that if United States of America (USA) can issue visas through internet despite all the security risks then why not Pakistan the system was given a go. Khan believes that the system will go online countrywide by April 2016 reminding that 83 foreign missions of Pakistan are currently using the machine readable passports and they too will offer the same service through the internet by April. He said this measure has been taken for eliminating the fake passport business. Responding to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) legislator Arif Alvi's claim that those in possession of blue passports have to wait for a longer time to get the visas stamped compared to with those having green, Nisar Ali Khan said, "The previous two governments distributed the blue passports like candies, which resulted in cases of human smuggling where blue passports were used." Khan said that his ministry has cancelled 2,000 blue passports issued to people who failed to qualify. He said the current government in its two and a half years has issued the blue passports to only those who qualified for it on merit, reminding the house that ministers have the authority of relaxing the rules for giving out the passports so that public interests are kept intact. He asked the House for detailing as to what public interests are under consideration when personal assistants and non-government servant were issued blue passports. Khan further clarified that efforts will be taken for making sure that females are able to apply for their passports especially in regions whereby they find it difficult to interact by introducing female counters. Khan

### **CDA deploys 2,000 sanitation workers**

*Daily Times, December 14, 2015*

### **Media houses, educational institutes on high alert**

*Daily Times, December 14, 2015*

said that a hundred thousand fake identity cards and hundreds of passports have been blocked. He said that there is no discriminatory policy at passport offices countrywide. Responding to PTI's Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari's question as to why the tax base was not enhanced when there was a tax collection failure, PML-N's Rana Afzal Khan said, "There has been an average growth of 33% in tax collection over two years, the tax base has at least been enhanced by 40% with a growth in direct taxes." With PPP-P Nafisa Shah interfering for clarifying further, Rana Afzal Khan said, "The fall in revenue has been because of falling fuel premiums in international market despite which there has been a 16.9% growth in revenue during the first 5 months of the current fiscal year." He said that only those areas have been taxed which will not lay any further burden over the poor masses reminding that Rs 27 billion tax revenue will be distributed among the provinces. He said that in July the revenue from direct taxes was Rs 58 billion while it rose further to Rs 60 billion in August. Responding to PTI's Asad Umar's allegation that the high targets not met were thrice revised and reduced aims, Rana Afzal Khan clarified that there was a fall in overall tax collection last year which shrunk the tax base. He said that in the current year there was a Rs 40 billion shortfall but that the government is working on fine tuning the process.

**ISLAMABAD:** CDA has deployed 2,000 sanitation staff to address sanitation problems and to ensure clean environment in the federal capital. The staff working under CDA Directorate of Sanitation is actively discharging duties to remove garbage and other waste material from both public and private sectors to ensure cleanliness in the federal capital. The residents living in the federal capital are enjoying the facilities of sanitation without facing any difficulty, a CDA official informed. Over 600 staff members are specifically performing duties for removal of waste and garbage to provide clean environment to the people living in the capital. There are loaders, carry van, lifters, and other equipments for making the city clean and neat. There is a help line (1334) with additional facility of telephone no (0519213908) for registering complaints regarding removal of garbage and other waste material, sources added.

**ISLAMABAD:** Senior Superintendent of Police (Operations) SSP Sajid Kiani has directed all the police officials for maintaining high security around all educational institutions and media houses. He made these directions while presiding over the meeting held to review the crime prevention measures in the city. The meeting was attended by all SPs, SDPOs and SHOs. SSP directed to ensure effective security measures in the city through resolving public complaints in decent manner and maintaining check and balance on performance of policemen. SSP also directed for strict patrolling and vigilance to ensure effective security arrangements and special crackdown against the criminal elements. He ordered to ensure arrest of proclaimed offenders and other criminals involved in crimes of heinous nature including auto-theft, murder, attempt to murder, dacoities and terrorism activities. He also directed for maintaining tight security around all the educational institutions, media houses and other important points and activities. SSP urged all the SHOs to involve security guards in to loop for their respective residential areas to monitor the activities of suspects and inform Rescue 15 or local police immediately after observing such elements. He said police officials responsible in delaying the registration of cases and doing sluggish investigation would not be spared and strict disciplinary action would be taken against them. SSP checked the performance of each police station and issued directions to improve measures in order to combat crime effectively. He said that further hard work and effective measures are imperative to curb activities of anti-social elements. While reviewing the performance of SHOs, SSP said that disciplinary action would be taken against SHOs having sluggish attitude. He further said that an effective strategy is vital to control crime and also ordered to adopt professional and responsible attitude to mitigate the sufferings of the people. He also directed all the police officials performing duties at police stations to improve their performance and address the grievances of the masses on immediate basis following the merit to win the confidence and support of the people for the police department. He stressed for speedy disposal of cases, investigation purely on merit and earliest arrest of criminals.

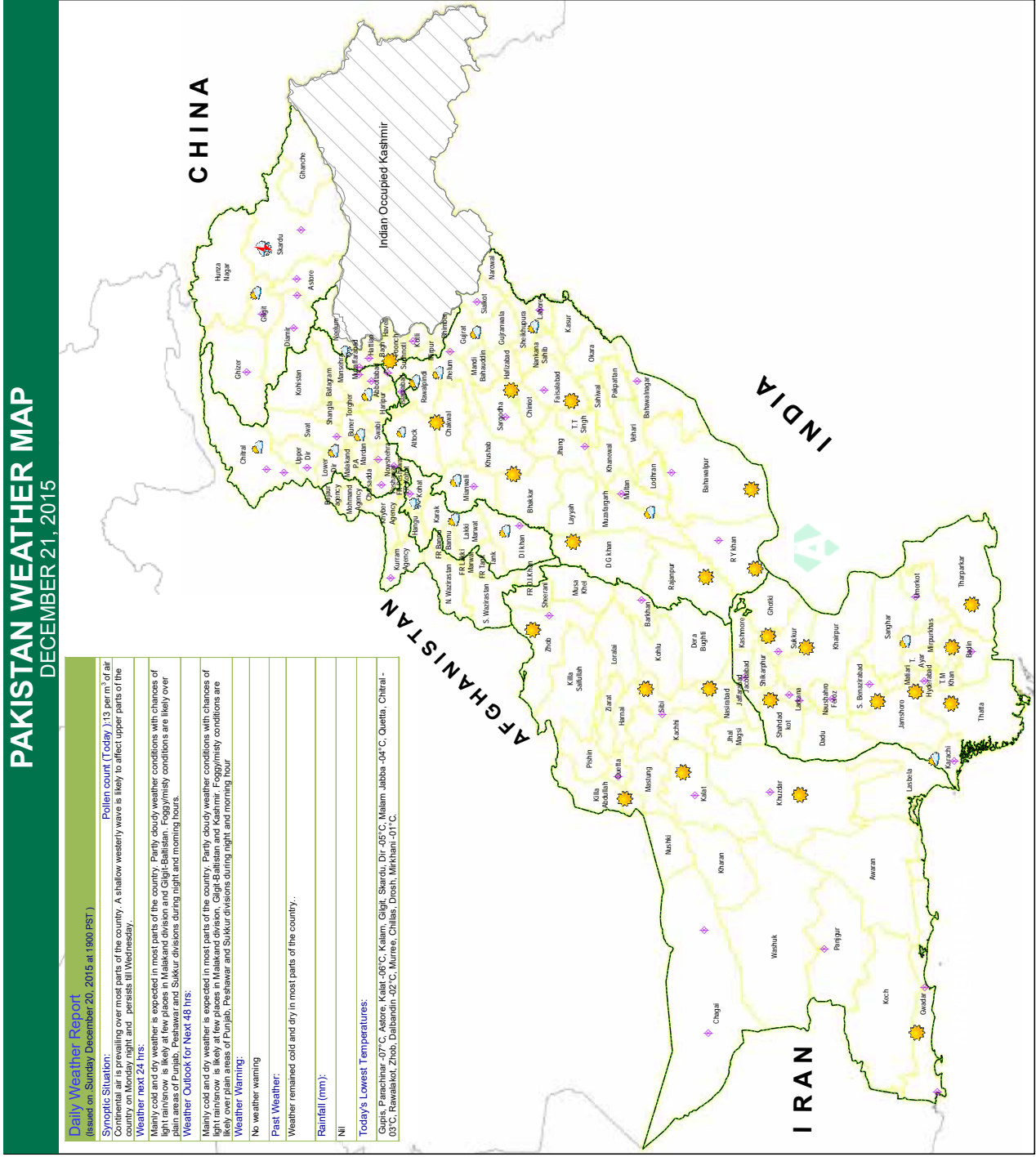
### Legend

- Sunny
- Mostly Sunny
- Partly Cloudy
- Cloudy Light Rain
- Light Snow
- Partly Cloudy Thunder Rain
- PMD Station
- District Boundary
- Provincial Boundary

**Creation Date:** December 21, 2015  
**Projection/Datum:** WGS 84 Geographic  
**Page Size:** A3

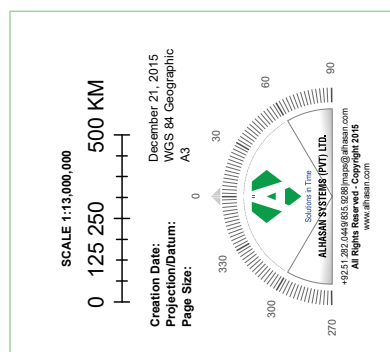
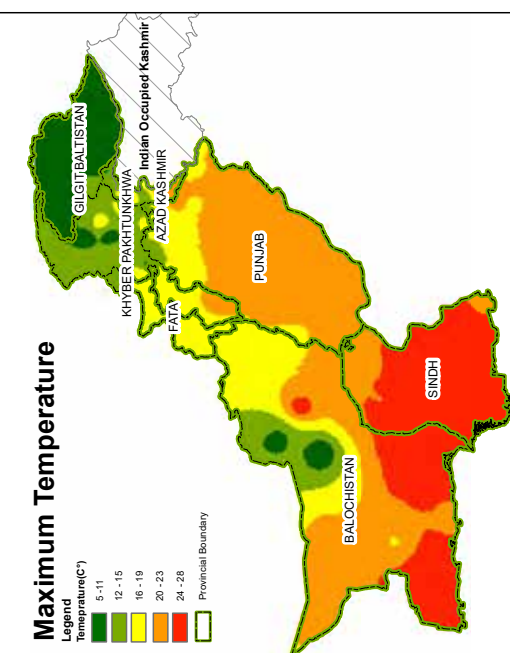
**Map data source(s):**  
 Alhasan Systems Private Limited

**DISCLAIMER:**  
 ALL RIGHTS RESERVED  
 This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS [www.alhasan.com] - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is designed for informational purposes only. The product may not be used for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92-51-262-0449 / 855-9286 or email us at [contact@alhasan.com](mailto:contact@alhasan.com)



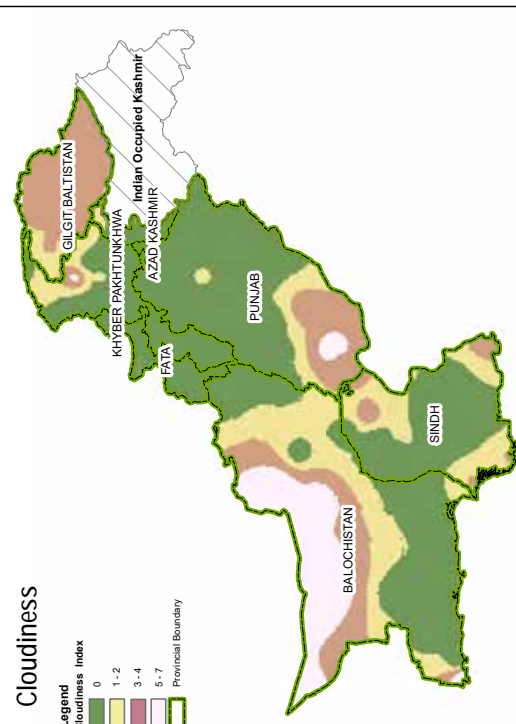
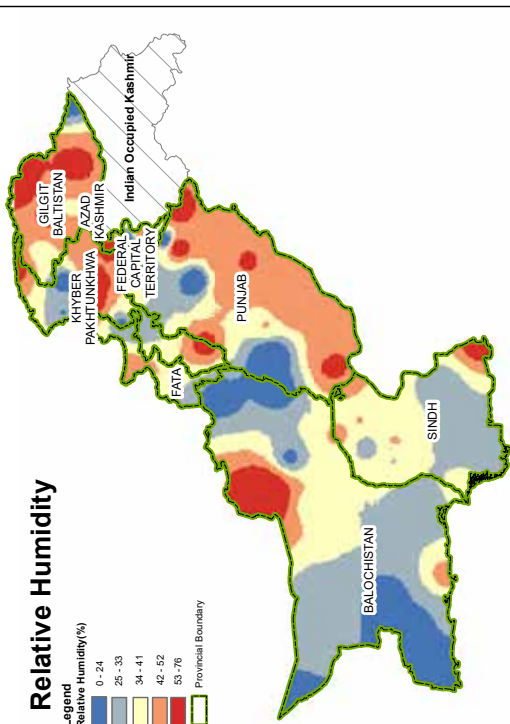
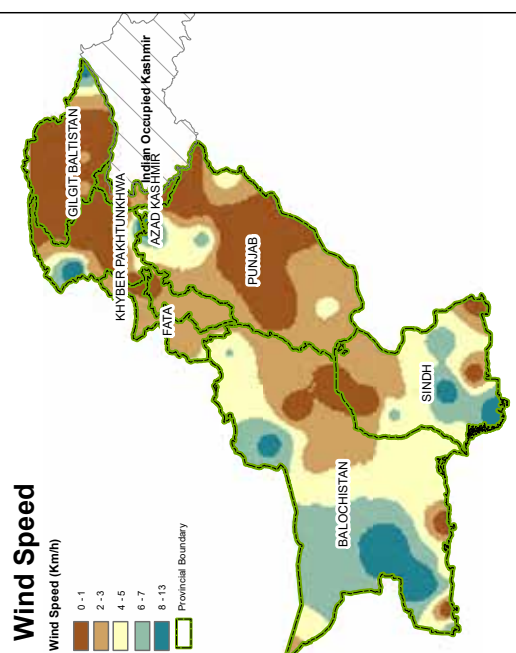
# Weather Parameters Map of Pakistan

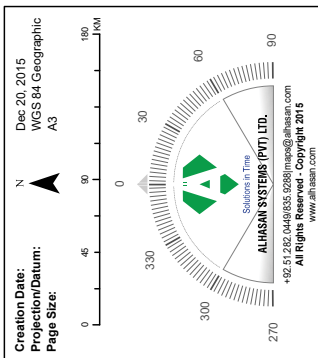
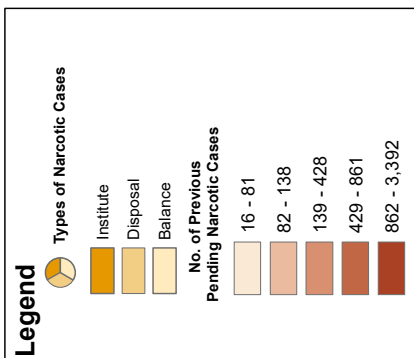
20 December, 2015



**Map data source(s):**  
Pakistani Meteorological Department

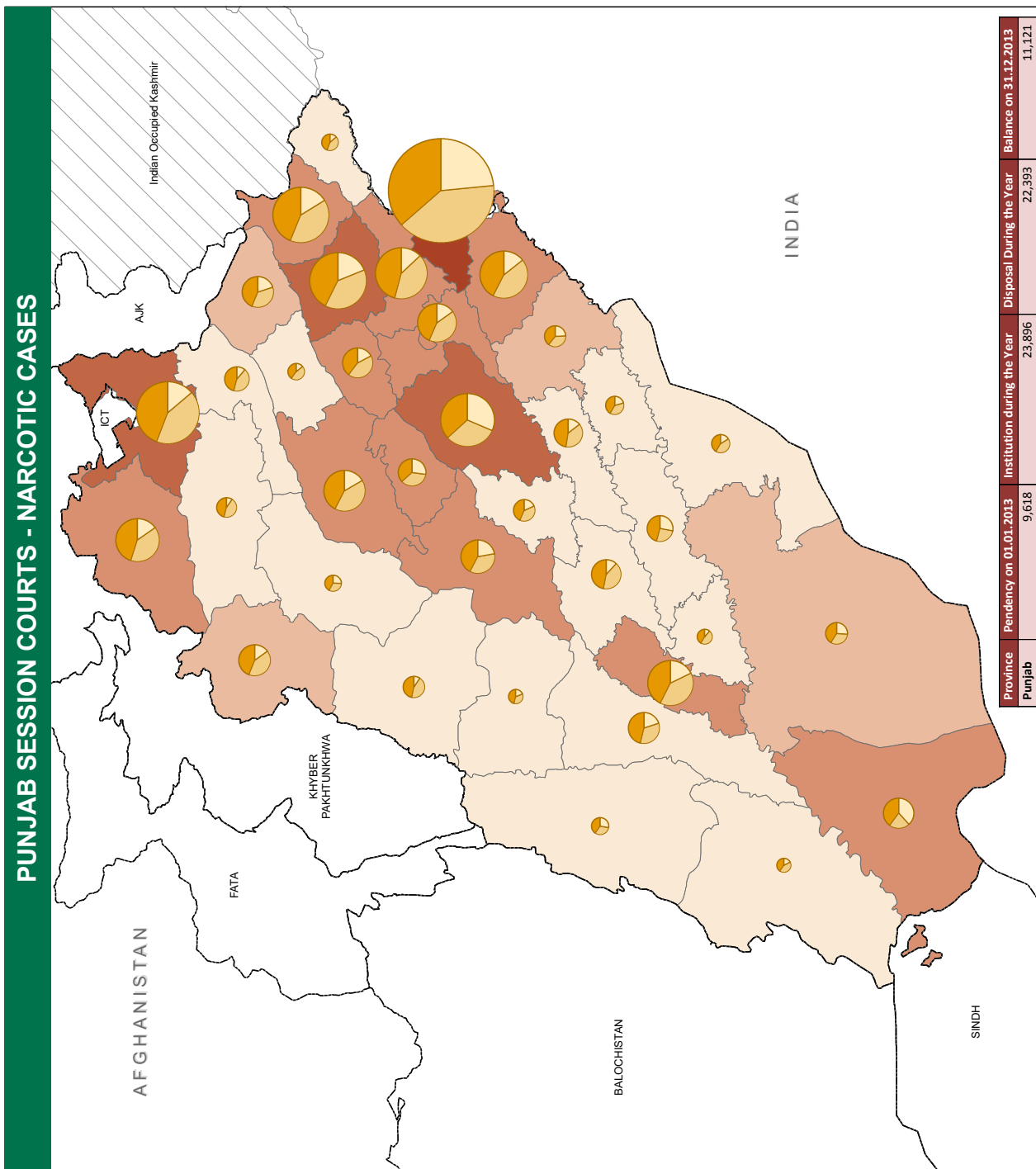
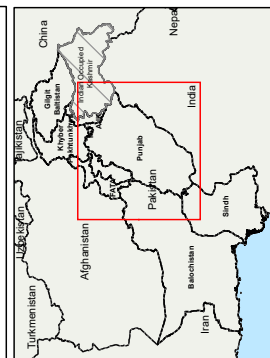
**DISCLAIMER:**  
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED  
This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS (www.alhasan.com) - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92 51 282 0449 / 835 9288 or email us at connect@alhasan.com





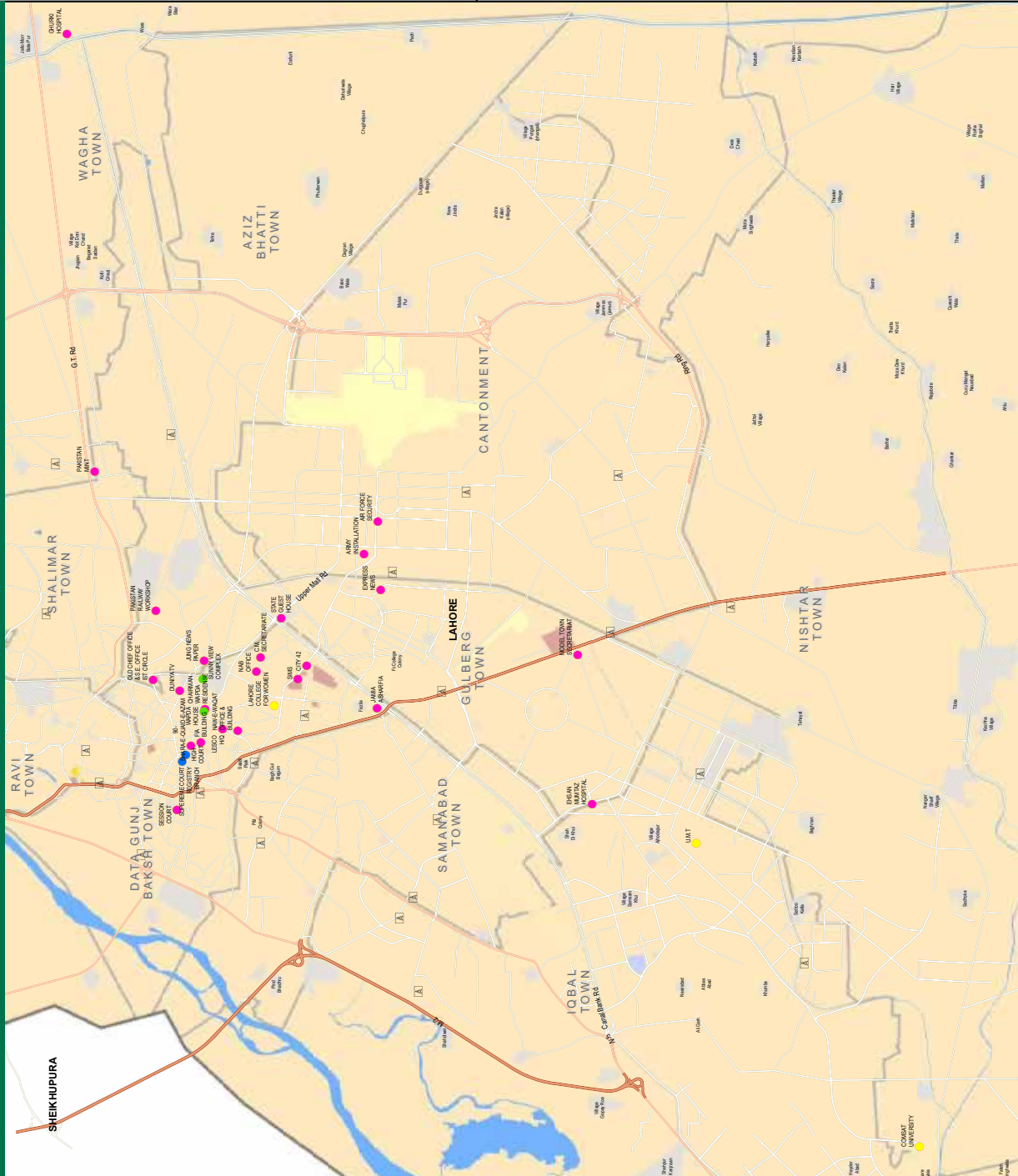
Data Source(s):  
Judicial Statistics of Pakistan: Statcal data 2013

**DISCLAIMER:**  
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED  
This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS (PVT) LTD. and is not to be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92 51 282 0449 / 835 9288 or email us at connect@alhasan.com





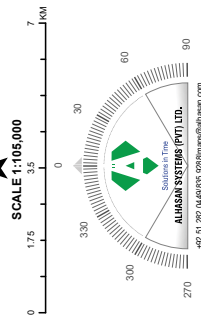
# CITY DISTRICT LAHORE IMPORTANT FEEDERS ELECTRICITY LOAD MANAGEMENT MAP



## Legend

- Grid Station
- Load Management Time
- EXEMPTED
- 0015-0315, 0215-0315, 0315-0615, 0715-0815, 0515-0615, 0715-0815, From 0800 TO 1900 1915-2015, 2215-2315
- 0115-0215, 0415-0515, 0615-0715, 1615-1715, 1815-1915, 2315-2415
- 0215-0315, 0715-0815, 1015-1115, 1315-1415, 1715-1815, 2115-2215

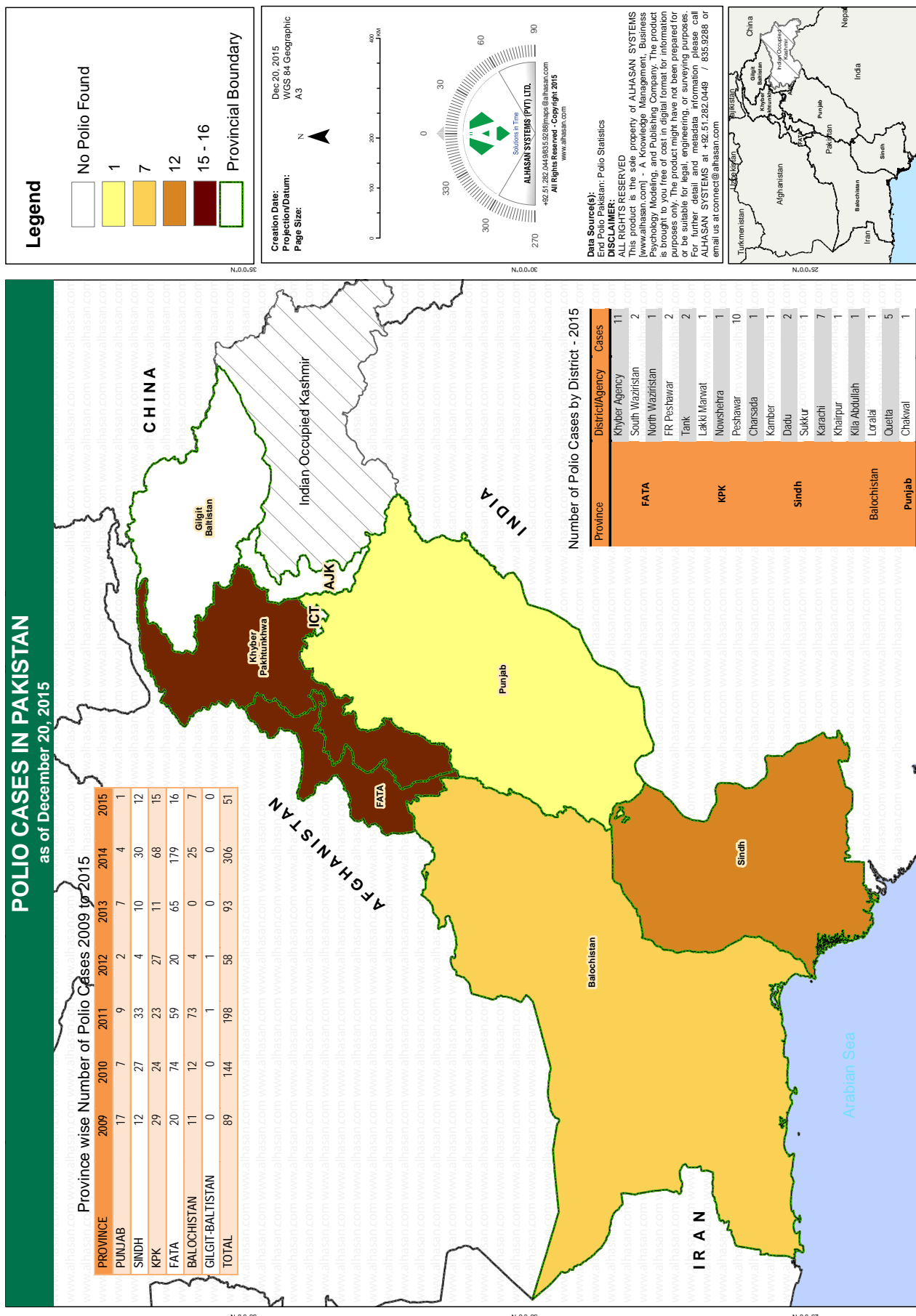
Creation Date: December 15, 2015  
Projection: WGS 84 Geographic  
Page Size: A3



Map data sources:  
All Rights Reserved  
Ahasan Systems Private Limited  
www.alhasan.com  
+92 31 262 0449/035 9285/035 9286/035 9287  
All Rights Reserved Copyright 2015

DISCLAIMER:  
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED  
This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS (www.alhasan.com) - A Knowledge Management, Business Intelligence and Analytics Solutions Provider. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call +92 31 262 0449/035 9285/035 9286/035 9287 or email us at connect@alhasan.com

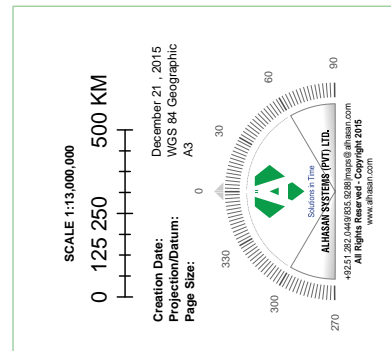
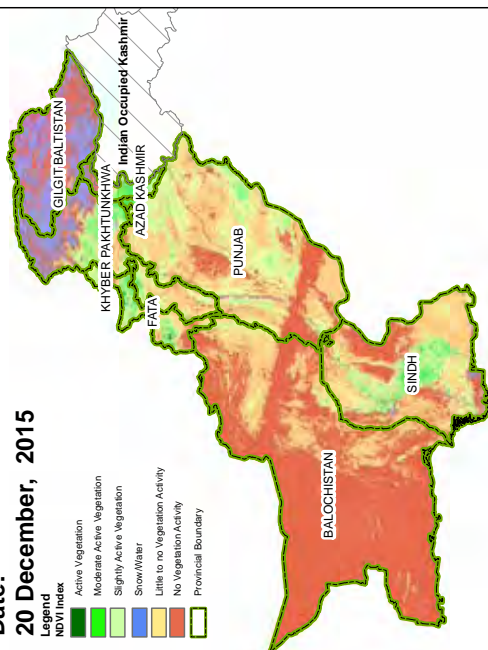




# Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan 20 December, 2015

Date:  
20 December, 2015

Legend  
NDVI Index  
Active Vegetation  
Moderate Active Vegetation  
Slightly Active Vegetation  
Snow/Water  
Little to no Vegetation Activity  
No Vegetation Activity  
Provincial Boundary



Map data source(s):  
MODIS NASA

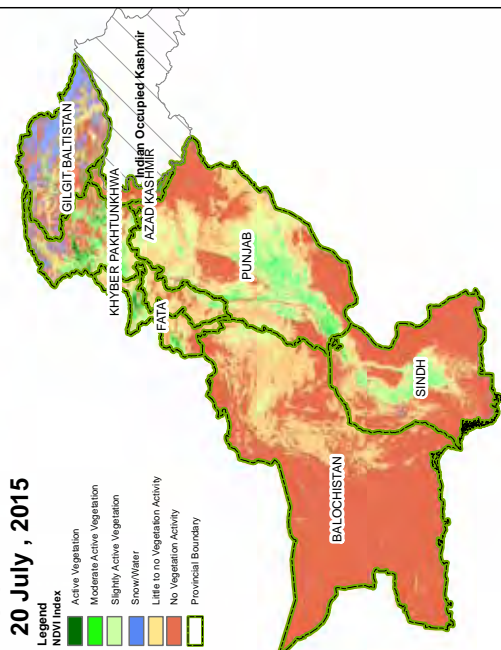
DISCLAIMER:

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED  
This product is the sole property of ALHASAN SYSTEMS (www.alhasan.com) - A Knowledge Management, Business Psychology Modeling, and Publishing Company. The product is brought to you free of cost in digital format for information purposes only. The product might have not been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. For further detail and metadata information please call ALHASAN SYSTEMS at +92 51 282 0449 / 835 9288 or email us at connect@alhasan.com



Date:  
20 July, 2015

Legend  
NDVI Index  
Active Vegetation  
Moderate Active Vegetation  
Slightly Active Vegetation  
Snow/Water  
Little to no Vegetation Activity  
No Vegetation Activity  
Provincial Boundary



14 دسمبر 2015

ٹیلیفون پر بات چیت کی اور ان کو حکم دیا کہ تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ کو فوری طور پر تنخواہیں ادا کی جائیں وزیر اعلیٰ نے کمشنر سکھر ڈویژن محمد عباس بلوچ سے بھی کہا کہ وہ اساتذہ کو تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کو یقینی بنانے کے لیے اپنا کردار ادا کریں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) میونسپل کمشنر بلدیہ ملیر منظور حسین عباسی نے کہا ہے کہ جراثیم کی روک تھام کے لئے اسپرے مہم شروع کر دی ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے فوگن مشین میں جراثیم کش ادویات ڈال کر اسپرے مہم کا افتتاح کرتے ہوئے کیا۔

جراثیم کی روک تھام کے لئے  
اسپرے مہم شروع کر دی ہے، میونسپل  
کمشنر

روزنامہ جنگ

14 دسمبر 2015

نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل

ایئر پورٹ 2016 کی بجائے 2017 میں  
پر وازوں کیلئے کھلے گا

روزنامہ جنگ

14 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد (حنیف خالد) نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ 2016 کی بجائے 2017 میں پروازوں کے لیے کھول دیا جائے گا 31 دسمبر 2016 تک پاکستان کے اس سب سے بڑے اور جدید ترین ایئر پورٹ کا سول ورکس، الیکٹریکل، مکینیکل الیکٹرانک ایکونپمنٹ کی کمیشننگ کا کام مکمل کر لیا جائے۔ نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی سالانہ پسنجر ہینڈلنگ کی گنجائش 90 لاکھ مسافر سالانہ کی ہوگی جب کہ بے نظیر بھٹو انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی سالانہ پسنجر ہینڈلنگ کی صلاحیت 35 لاکھ مسافروں کی ہے 2016 کے اختتام پر نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ ملکی و غیر ملکی پروازوں کے لیے اس لئے نہیں کھولا جاسکے گا کیونکہ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی دورانہدیش نگاہوں نے چائنا پاک اکنامک کوریڈور کی تکمیل کے نتیجے میں نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کو خطے کا سب سے معروف انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی حیثیت سے دیکھا ہے۔ انہوں نے اپنے خصوصی معاون برائے ایوی ایشن کیپٹن شجاعت عظیم کو ہدایت دیں کہ نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ پر بیک وقت 9 طیاروں کی بجائے 15 طیاروں کے مسافر سوار کرنے کی صلاحیت پیدا کی جائے وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون برائے ہوا بازی شجاعت عظیم نے اس وقت نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی انٹرنیشنل اور ڈومیسٹک پروازوں کے مسافروں کے لائونجز میں ٹرمینل بلڈنگ کے دونوں طرف مزید تین تین بورڈنگ برج سے طیارے سے مسافروں کے اتر کر براہ راست ٹرمینل بلڈنگ میں داخلے اور ٹرمینل بلڈنگ کے مسافروں کے پسنجر کوریڈور (بورڈنگ برج) کے ذریعے سوار ہونے کے لئے سیٹ آف دی آرٹ ایر برج اور ان کے ٹرمینل بنانے کا کام شروع کر دیا گزشتہ ہفتے سول ایوی ایشن اتھارٹی کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ایئر مارشل (ر) احسن سلمان نے گزشتہ ہفتے مسلسل دو دن صبح سے شام تک نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کے کنسٹرکشن مراحل کا جائزہ لیا نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کے پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر بریگیڈیئر (ر) پرویز نیازی نے دس گھنٹے تک ان کو بریفنگ دی اور بتایا کہ نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی تعمیر کا کام 2008 میں شروع ہوا اس کا رقبہ دو اضلاع اسلام آباد اور فتح جنگ (انک) کا ہے دسمبر 2015 تک نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی تعمیر پر 49 ارب روپے خرچ ہوئے ہیں نظر ثانی شدہ پی سی۔ ون میں اسکی لاگت کا تخمینہ 81 ارب 30 کروڑ روپے ہے نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کا الیکٹریکل مکینیکل الیکٹرانک ایکونپمنٹ کی تنصیب تیزی سے شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ ساتھ ساتھ ایکونپمنٹ جو جیسے جیسے پہنچتا جائے گا اسے نصب کیا جاتا ہے 31 دسمبر 2016 تک نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کا سٹرکچر سار سول ورکس الیکٹریکل، مکینیکل، الیکٹریکل آلات نصب کر دیئے جائیں گے جسکے بعد 2017 میں سارے ایکونپمنٹ سول سٹرکچرل ورک رن وے، بورڈنگ برج، واٹر سپلائی، الیکٹریک سپلائی، کمپیوٹر انڈر فلوئٹ انفارمیشن سسٹم، سائونڈ سسٹم، واکنگ کوریڈور، انٹرئل، تزئین و آرائش شروع کر دی جائے گی رن وے پر وسیع الحجامت طیارے اے-1380 بیربس وغیرہ مسافروں سے بھرے تجزیاتی بنیادوں پر لینڈ اور ٹیک آف کرانے کا سلسلہ شروع ہو گا چونکہ نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ سول ایوی ایشن اتھارٹی کا پاکستان میں بنایا جانے والا پہلا سنگاپور انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کے سٹینڈرڈ کا ایئر پورٹ ہو گا اسلئے اس پر دنیا کے جدید ترین ہوائی اڈوں پر آج کل نصب ہونے والا سیٹ آف دی آرٹ الیکٹریکل مکینیکل الیکٹرانک کمپیوٹر انڈر فلوئٹ ایکونپمنٹ نصب کرنے کی ہدایت وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون برائے ایوی ایشن شجاعت عظیم نے دی ہے۔ اس جدید ترین ایکونپمنٹ آرڈر دینے کا سلسلہ تیزی سے جاری ہے اسلام آباد سے ایئر پورٹ تک کی اپروچ روڈ کی تعمیر 31 دسمبر 2016 سے بہت پہلے تعمیر کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ امریکہ یورپ جاپان مشرق بعید خلیجی ممالک میں سنے انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کی تعمیر مکمل ہونے کے بعد ان کے ایکونپمنٹ کی کمیشننگ اینڈ ٹیسٹنگ چھ ماہ سے بارہ ماہ تک کرنے کا سٹینڈرڈ ہے وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون برائے ایوی ایشن شجاعت عظیم نے بھی گزشتہ ہفتے کے اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس میں نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ کے سٹرکچر، الیکٹریکل، مکینیکل، الیکٹرانک، کمپیوٹر انڈر آلات کی ٹسٹنگ عالمی معیار کے مطابق کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا۔

سال کے دوران 26 بلوں کی ایوان نے منظوری دی تاہم 2014 کے مقابلے میں اس سال پنجاب اسمبلی میں کم قانون سازی ہوئی اس ایک سال کے عرصے میں سات نئے اراکین میں رانا محمود الحسن، چودھری اختر علی، چوہدری ناصر چیمہ جہانگیر خانزادہ، شعیب صدیقی ضمنی انتخابات جیت کر اور فائزہ مشتاق، فاطمہ فریحہ خواتین کی مخصوص نشستوں پر منتخب ہو کر ایوان کا حصہ بنیں۔ سال 2015 میں پنجاب اسمبلی کے آٹھ اراکین میں صوبائی وزیر شجاع خانزادہ دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بنے اور ایک صوبائی وزیر چودھری عبدالوحید دوہرا شناختی کارڈ رکھنے پر نااہل ہوئے دو سابق صوبائی وزرا میں چودھری شمشاد احمد خان قتل ہوئے اور مخدوم سید علی رضا شاہ کا انتقال ہوا اور ان کی جگہ انک سے شجاع خانزادہ کے صاحبزادے جہانگیر خانزادہ اور ملتان سے عبدالوحید کی جگہ رانا محمود الحسن اور گوجرانوالہ سے چودھری شمشاد خان کی جگہ ان کے بھائی چودھری اختر علی خان مسلم لیگ (ن) کے ٹکٹ پر کامیاب ہو کر پنجاب اسمبلی کے رکن بنے ان کے علاوہ مسلم لیگ (ن) کے لاہور سے رکن اسمبلی محسن لطیف کے نااہل اور گوجرانوالہ کے چودھری اشرف وڑائچ کے حلقہ میں چند پولنگ سٹیشنوں پر دوبارہ انتخاب ہونے کے نتیجے میں دو نشستوں پر پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے شعیب صدیقی اور ناصر چیمہ کامیاب ہو کر اپوزیشن بن گئے۔ دو خواتین اراکین کرن عمران ڈار کے رکن قومی اسمبلی منتخب ہونے پر ان کے استعفیٰ اور فیصل آباد سے کرن اختر کے انتقال سے خالی ہونے والی نشستوں پر فاطمہ فریحہ نے پنجاب اسمبلی کی رکن کاحلف اٹھایا، دو اراکین لاہور سے میاں نصیر اور ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ سے مخدوم علی رضا کی نشستوں پر ابھی تک ضمنی انتخاب نہ ہونے سے یہ دونوں نشستیں خالی ہیں۔ سال 2015 میں سوائے بجٹ اجلاس کے دیگر تین اجلاسوں میں اراکین کی اکثریت کی ایوان کی کارروائی میں عدم دلچسپی کے باعث کورم کا مسئلہ درپیش رہا اور پیکیٹر کو متعدد بار اجلاس ملتوی کرنا پڑا۔ اس عرصے کے دوران پنجاب میں اراکین کی منظور کی گئی 17 قرار دادوں پر ابھی تک عملہ آمد نہیں ہو سکا۔ 2015 میں پیکیٹر پنجاب اسمبلی رانا محمد اقبال خان نے گورنر چودھری سرور اور ان کی جگہ اور نئے گورنر ملک رفیق رجوانہ کے غیر ملکی دوروں کے دوران 42 دن تک قائم مقام گورنر کے عہدے پر فائزہ کر 56 مرتبہ قائم مقام گورنر پنجاب بننے کا بیڑا رکھا قائم کیا۔ لاپرواہی سال 2015-2016 کے دوران صرف 72 اراکین نے ایوان کی کارروائی میں بھرپور حصہ لیا جبکہ 261 اراکین نے ایوان میں چپ سادھ کر کروڑوں روپے کی تنخواہیں اور دیگر مراعات حاصل کیں اور ایوان میں خاموش رہ کر اپنے حلقے کے عوام کا حق رائے دہی ادا نہ کیا۔ 2015 میں سرکاری رکن شیخ علوان الدین کی سب سے زیادہ مفاد عامہ کی انتواء کار کی تحریکیں زیر بحث آئیں اور اس عرصے کے دوران 12 توجہ دلاؤ نوٹسز، چار استحقاق کی تحریکیں بھی زیر بحث آئیں۔ 2015 میں صوبائی وزیر قانون رانا ثناء اللہ خان کے بحال ہو کر آنے سے دوبارہ ایوان کی رونقیں لوٹ آئیں اور سرکاری اور اپوزیشن اراکین ان کے جملے بازی سے خوب محظوظ ہوئے اپوزیشن لیڈر میاں محمود الرشید اپوزیشن کے اراکین میاں اسلم اقبال، سردار شہاب الدین، چودھری وقاص اختر موکل، سبطین خان، عامر سلطان چیمہ، احسن رضا فقیانہ نے اجلاسوں میں مل کر اعتراضات اور بجٹ میں بھرپور حصہ لے کر حکومت کو ٹلف ٹائم دینے کی کوشش کی۔ سال 2015 میں حکومت کی طرف سے فنڈز کی عدم فراہمی کے باعث پنجاب اسمبلی کی نئی عمارت کی تعمیر اور پرانی بلڈنگ کی توسیع و مرمت پر کام بند رہا اور 2008 سے پنجاب اسمبلی کے تعمیراتی منصوبے پر کام ٹھپ ہونے سے کروڑوں روپے کی مشینیں ناکارہ ہونے کے خدشہ کے علاوہ تعمیراتی اخراجات 2 ارب سے تجاوز کر گئے۔ پنجاب اسمبلی کی نئی عمارت کے لئے بھرتی کئے گئے 641 افسران اور ملازمین گزشتہ 8 سالوں سے ڈیڑھ ارب روپے کی تنخواہیں اور مراعات لے رہے ہیں۔ اس اضافی سٹاف کے لئے دفاتر میں جگہ نہیں ہے درجنوں ملازمین وزرا اور افسران کے دفاتر اور گھروں میں کام پر مامور ہیں۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) میٹھادر صرافہ بازار میں واقع دکان میں اتوار کی صبح اچانک آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس نے دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے پوری دکان کو اپنی لپٹ میں لے لیا، واقع کی اطلاع پر فائر بریگیڈ کی ایک گاڑی نے موقع پر پہنچ کر آگ پر قابو پایا، فائر بریگیڈ حکام کے مطابق آگ شارٹ سرکٹ کے باعث لگی تاہم نقصان کا تخمینہ نہیں لگایا جا سکا۔

میٹھادر صرافہ بازار میں واقع دکان میں آتشزدگی

روزنامہ جنگ

14 دسمبر 2015

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) منارٹی ونگ سندھ کے صدر ڈاکٹر شام سندر کے ایڈوانائی نے پی ایس 59 بدین گولارچی کے 37 حلقوں میں دوبارہ انتخابات کے سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کو تباہی اور حق و صداقت کی فتح قرار دیا ہے۔ دھاندلی زدہ حلقوں میں دوبارہ انتخابات کا فیصلہ دراصل مسلم لیگ (ن) کی قانونی اور اخلاقی فتح کا اعلان ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم نے سندھ کو امن و آشتی اور استحکام دیا ہے جس پر سندھ کی تاجر اور کاروباری ہندو برادری وزیراعظم کے اقدامات کو تحسین کی نگاہ سے دیکھتی ہے۔ مسلم لیگ (ن) سندھ میں بلا تفریق رنگ و نسل انسانیت کی بہبود کیلئے ہر سطح پر کام کر رہی ہے جس سے باہمی نفرتوں اور تعصبات سے بھی لاشعوری طور پر قوم کو نجات حاصل ہو رہی ہے۔

پی ایس 59 میں دوبارہ انتخابات کا فیصلہ حق و صداقت کی فتح ہے، ڈاکٹر شام سندر

روزنامہ جنگ

14 دسمبر 2015

خیبر پور (بیورو رپورٹ) تین برس سے تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ کے وفد نے شیر خان کلہوڑو اور شوکت مگنی کی قیادت میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ کے ساتھ سرکٹ ہاؤس خیبر پور میں ملاقات کی تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ گذشتہ 40 روز سے خیبر پور میں کورٹ روڈ پر بھوک ہڑتال کئے ہوئے تھے۔ بھوک ہڑتال کی اطلاع پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے اساتذہ کو سرکٹ ہاؤس بلایا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے فوری طور پر چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کے ساتھ

خیبر پور، اساتذہ کو فوری تنخواہیں ادا کی جائیں، وزیر اعلیٰ کی ہدایت

روزنامہ جنگ

کے دوران متعدد ارکان کے تحریری اور ان کے ضمنی سوالات کے جواب دے رہے تھے۔ سید ناصر حسین شاہ نے کہا کہ ماضی میں بھی وفاق کی غلط پالیسیوں کے باعث صوبہ سندھ کو گندم کے حوالے سے شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا اور اس کا غمناک آج بھی ہم بھگت رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یوکرین سے غیر معیاری گندم پر وفاق سے طے پایا تھا کہ وہ ہمیں نہ صرف گندم کی برآمد کی اجازت دی جائے گی بلکہ 90 ڈالر فی میٹرک ٹن سبسڈی بھی وفاق فراہم کرے گا، جسے بعد میں 45 ڈالر وفاق اور 45 ڈالر صوبے میں تقسیم کر دیا گیا تھا۔ لیکن افسوس کہ تاحال ہمیں نہ تو سبسڈی فراہم کی گئی اور گندم کی بیرون ملک برآمد پر بھی قدغن لگا دی گئی ہے۔ ایک تحریری سوال کے جواب میں صوبائی وزیر خوراک سید ناصر حسین شاہ نے کہا کہ محکمہ خوراک میں ویکلینس کمیشن پورے سال کام کریں گی اور انہیں گندم کی خرید، ان کی گوداموں تک پہنچانے اور دیگر صوبوں سے صوبہ سندھ میں اسمگلنگ کے ذریعے گندم لانے کی پابندی پر پوری طرح نظر رکھنے کی ہدایت دی گئی ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ بھی شکایات ملی ہیں کہ اس وقت صوبہ پنجاب سے گندم کے آٹے میں چاول کا آملاوٹ کر کے اسے یہاں بھیجا جا رہا ہے، جس کے باعث ہمارے صوبے میں موجود گندم کی خریداری میں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سلسلے میں ویکلینس کمیشن کو وہاں تعینات کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ انہیں مارکیٹوں اور گوداموں میں اس طرح کے آٹے کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن کرنے کے بھی احکامات جاری کر دیئے ہیں اور بین الصوبائی گندم اور آٹے کی آمدورفت کو روکنے کے لئے محکمہ داخلہ سندھ کو دفعہ 144 کے نفاذ کے لئے بھی خط لکھ دیا ہے اور آئندہ ایک سے دو روز میں اس کا اطلاق کر دیا جائیگا۔ ایک اور سوال کے جواب میں صوبائی وزیر سید ناصر حسین شاہ نے کہا کہ صوبے میں ہولوں اور کھانے پینے کے مراکز کے معائنہ اور ان پر محکمہ خوراک کے انسپکٹر کی رسائی کیلئے ضروری ہے کہ فوڈ اتھارٹی کا قیام عمل میں لایا جائے گا جس کیلئے جلد ہی سندھ اسمبلی میں بل بھی پیش کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ صوبہ سندھ میں محکمہ خوراک کے پاس اس وقت صرف 7 لاکھ میٹرک ٹن گندم ذخیرہ کرنے کی گنجائش ہے، اس کو بڑھانے کے لئے پیپری سمیت دیگر علاقوں میں مزید گودام بھی بنائے جائیں گے تاکہ زائد گندم کو ذخیرہ کیا جاسکے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) قدرتی ذخائر سے مالا مال اور بہترین جغرافیائی حدود پر مشتمل اکنامک کو آپریشن آرگنائزیشن کا علاقائی خطہ کاروبار اور سرمایہ کاری کیلئے بے بہا موقع کی وجہ سے دنیا بھر میں اہمیت اختیار کرتا جا رہا ہے۔ یہ بات ایران میں ای سی او کی ریجنل پلاننگ کونسل کے 26 ویں اجلاس میں ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری کے صدر میاں محمد ادریس نے اجلاس کے دوران اپنے خطاب میں کہی۔ انہوں نے وسطی ایشیائی ممالک میں ای سی او کے علاقائی اقتصادی تعاون کی اہمیت کو اجاگر کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس علاقائی سطح پر معاشی سرگرمیوں میں اضافہ اور علاقائی ممالک کے مابین تجارتی حجم میں اضافہ اور جو انٹو وینچر ز اور سرمایہ کاری کے نئے مواقع کی تلاش اور اضافہ میں اہم کردار ادا کر رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ پاکستان میں تعمیر ہونے والا چائنا پاکستان اکنامک کوریڈور سے ای سی او کے علاقائی خطہ میں معاشی انقلاب آئیگا اور وسطی ایشیائی تمام ای سی او ممبر ممالک اس سے مستفید ہو گئے۔ واضح رہے کہ ریجنل پلاننگ کونسل کے اجلاس کے ساتھ ساتھ ٹریڈ اینڈ انوینٹنٹ اکنامک ریسرچ اینڈ ڈیولپمنٹ، شاریات، ٹرانسپورٹ اینڈ کمیونیکیشن، زراعت، انرجی، معدنیات، سیاحت اور ماحولیات سے متعلق الگ الگ اجلاس کے ادوار ہو گئے۔ اور آر پی سی کا اجلاس بدستور 17 دسمبر تک جاری رہیگا۔ صدر ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس کے ہمراہ اسماعیل ستار، ای سی او چیئرمین کے اکنامک ایڈوائزر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر ایوب مہر اور احمد زمان خان بھی ایران کے دورہ پر ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری ای سی او سے ملحق انتہائی اہم ادارہ ہے جسکی صدارت اور سیکریٹریٹ پاکستان کے پاس ہے۔ ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس کی سرگرمیاں علاقائی اقتصادی اور معاشی ترقی کے لیے انتہائی اہم ہیں۔ میاں ادریس نے آر پی سی کے افتتاحی اجلاس میں خطاب کے دوران ای سی او چیئرمین آف کامرس کی سرگرمیوں اور انفرہ ترکی میں دسمبر میں ہونے والے ایگزیکٹو کمیٹی اور جنرل اسمبلی کے اجلاس اور اسپیشلائزڈ کمیٹیوں کے ہونے والے اجلاسوں کے بارے میں بھی تفصیل سے آگاہ کیا۔

سنگاپور (ای پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں بیرونی کو خام تیل کے نرخوں میں ایک مرتبہ پھر کمی کا رجحان رہا۔ کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران امریکا کے ویسٹ ٹیکساس انٹر میڈیٹ کے آئندہ سال جنوری میں ترسیل کے معاہدے 16 سینٹ کی کمی سے 35.46 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے جبکہ بریٹن نارٹھ سی کروڈ کے جنوری میں ہی ترسیل کے سودے 26 سینٹ کی کمی سے 37.67 ڈالر فی بیرل میں ہوئے۔ توانائی کے عالمی ادارے نے اپنی ایک رپورٹ میں کہا ہے کہ خام تیل کی زائد رسد آئندہ سال کے اختتام تک برقرار رہنے کا امکان ہے۔

لاہور (مقصود اعوان) پنجاب اسمبلی کے تیسرے پارلیمانی سال 2015-16 کے دوران اب تک پہلے 7 ماہ میں صرف 4 اجلاس منعقد ہوئے جن میں 26 دن کارروائی ہوئی جبکہ 8 روز چھٹیوں میں گزر گئے۔ پارلیمانی سال میں آئین کی 18 ویں ترمیم کے تحت اجلاس کے 100 دن پورے کرنا لازمی ہیں۔ اب اگلے 5 ماہ میں آئینی تقاضا پورا کرنے کیلئے سیکر کو 66 دن اجلاس چلانا ہوگا۔ سال 2015 کے دوران پنجاب اسمبلی میں پنجاب لوکل گورنمنٹ ترمیمی بل 2015 کی منظوری دی گئی جس کے صوبے میں پہلی بار جماعتی بنیادوں پر مرحلہ وار بلدیاتی انتخابات ہوئے ان کے علاوہ رواں

## اکنامک کوریڈور سے ای سی او کے علاقائی خطہ میں معاشی انقلاب آئیگا، میاں ادریس

روزنامہ جنگ

15 دسمبر 2015

## خام تیل کے نرخوں میں کمی

روزنامہ جنگ

15 دسمبر 2015

## پنجاب اسمبلی، 7 ماہ میں 4 اجلاس، 261 ارکان نے چپ کاروزہ نہ توڑا

روزنامہ جنگ

14 دسمبر 2015

اسکولوں کی اس حالت کے باعث ہزاروں بچوں کا مستقبل داؤ پر لگا ہوا ہے۔ حکومت کی جانب سے تعلیم کے بجٹ سے خرچ کئے گئے کروڑوں روپوں کے باوجود بچے تعلیم جیسے زیور اور بنیادی حق سے محروم ہیں۔ ضلع بھر کے چھوٹے بڑے شہروں سمیت دیہاتوں میں بند پڑے ہوئے متعدد اسکولوں میں مقرر کیا گیا تدریسی و غیر تدریسی عملہ گھر بیٹھے ہوئے مفت کی تنخواہ کے مزے لوٹ رہا ہے، جبکہ بچے معاشرتی بے راہ روی کا شکار ہوتے جا رہے ہیں۔ بچوں کی تعلیم کو دیمک کی طرح چائے والے سینکڑوں اساتذہ نے تو اپنے اسکول کا منہ تنک نہیں دیکھا ہو گا۔ دوسری جانب جن اسکولوں میں درس و تدریس کا عمل جاری ہے وہاں محکمہ تعلیم کی جانب سے طلباء و طالبات سمیت اساتذہ کو بنیادی سہولیات تک میسر نہیں ہیں، جہاں اسکولوں کی زیور حالی کے باعث طلباء و طالبات خوف کے سائے تلے تعلیم حاصل کرنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ حکومت کی جانب سے اسکولوں کو جاری کردہ ایس ایم سی فنڈز کی مد میں آئے ہوئے لاکھوں روپوں کی کرپشن کے باعث محکمہ تعلیم کے افسران اسکولوں کو بنیادی سہولیات تک فراہم کرنے میں مکمل طور پر ناکام ہو چکے ہیں۔ اسی کرپشن کی زیر نظر ضلع شکارپور میں تدریسی و غیر تدریسی شعبوں میں اعلیٰ افسران سمیت دیگر خالی پڑی ہوئی اسیا میں پر ابھی تک کوئی افسر تعینات نہیں کیا گیا، جو کہ باعث تشویش عمل ہے۔ اس عمل سے ضلع بھر کے تعلیمی اداروں میں زیادہ تر امور تھقل کا شکار ہیں، جس کا بچوں کی تعلیم پر بہت گہرا اثر پڑ رہا ہے۔ اب ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ حکومت پاکستان، حکومت سندھ، تعلیم کے وزراء سمیت اعلیٰ حکام کو تعلیم میں سدھاروں کے لئے نیا نظام متعارف کرانا چاہئے یا پھر پہلے سے بنے اس نظام پر بہتر نمونے سے عملدرآمد کر کے مستقبل کے ان معماروں کو تعلیم جیسے زیور سے آراستہ کر کے انہیں بھی اس ملک و قوم کی ترقی و خوشحالی میں شامل کیا جائے۔

**پیر جو گوٹھ (نامہ نگار) 30 برس سے پیر جو گوٹھ میں قائم صحت مرکز پیر جو گوٹھ کو تعلقہ اسپتال کا درجہ نہیں مل سکا اور صحت مرکز دن بدن مسائل کا شکار ہے، جس میں ڈاکٹروں کی کمی، ٹیکنیکل اسٹاف کی کمی و دیگر مسائل شامل ہیں، صحت مرکز کو جدید سہولیات سے بھی آراستہ نہیں کیا گیا جس کی وجہ سے عوام سائنس کے اس جدید دور میں صحت کی جدید سہولیات سے محروم ہیں، صحت مرکز میں ایمر جنسی کی بھی کوئی خاطر خواہ سہولیات مہیا نہیں ہیں، جس کی وجہ سے ایمر جنسی میں مریضوں کو خیر پور منتقل کیا جاتا ہے۔ صحت مرکز کے باخبر ذرائع سے معلوم ہوا ہے کہ کئی برسوں سے ڈسٹریکٹ ایکسپریس مشین و دیگر جدید آلات اور مشینری صحت مرکز کو ملی تھی جو ٹیکنیکل اسٹاف نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے زنگ آلود بن چکی ہے، جبکہ ڈاکٹروں کی کمی اہم مسئلہ ہے، کہا جا رہا ہے کہ کچھ ماہ قبل سیکریٹری ہیلتھ سعید احمد منگنیچو نے بھی صحت مرکز کا دورہ کیا تھا اس موقع پر صحت مرکز انتظامیہ نے صحت مرکز کے مسائل سے سیکریٹری ہیلتھ کو آگاہ کیا تھا پر تاحال کوئی خاطر خواہ نتائج نہیں مل سکے۔ صحت مرکز پیر جو گوٹھ مسائل کا شکار اور جدید سہولیات سے محروم ہونے پر تعلقہ کنگری کے عوام میں مایوسی پائی جا رہی ہے**

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) روٹی کے بھاد 5 ہزار 25 روپے سے 5 ہزار 600 روپے فی من ریکارڈ کئے گئے۔ پیر کو کراچی کا ٹن ایسوسی ایشن نے بتایا کہ ملک کے مختلف شہروں سے حاصل کردہ تصفیلات کے مطابق ڈومیسٹک ٹرانزیکشن کے تحت روٹی کی فصل 2015-16ء کی 7 ہزار 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے 5 ہزار 25 روپے سے 5 ہزار 600 روپے فی من پر بند ہوئے۔ انہوں نے مزید بتایا کہ ساگر ٹی کی روٹی کی ایک ہزار گانٹھوں کے سودے سب سے کم بھاد 5 ہزار 25 روپے فی من رہے۔ اسی طرح چشتیاں اور دھڑن والا کی روٹی بالترتیب 800 گانٹھوں اور 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے 5 ہزار 200 روپے سے 5 ہزار 225 روپے فی من پر بند ہوئے جبکہ خیر پور اور تونسہ شریف کی روٹی کی بالترتیب 800 گانٹھوں اور 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے 5 ہزار 350 روپے فی من رہے۔ ایسوسی ایشن نے بتایا کہ بنوعاقل اور گوٹھی کی روٹی کی فی کس 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے سب سے زیادہ ریٹس 5 ہزار 600 روپے فی من پر بند ہوئے۔ اسی طرح جلال پور اور بورے والا کی فی کس 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے 5 ہزار 500 روپے فی من رہے۔**

**کراچی (این این آئی) گزشتہ ہفتے ملک میں مہنگائی کی شرح میں 0.2 فیصد اضافہ دیکھا گیا ہے۔ ملک بھر میں مرغی، ایل پی جی گیس، انڈے اور سگریٹ سمیت 19 اشیائے ضروریہ کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ وفاقی ادارہ شماریات کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے 12 ہزار روپے ماہانہ آمدنی والوں کیلئے مہنگائی کی شرح میں 0.1 فیصد اور 35 ہزار روپے آمدنی والوں کیلئے 0.2 فیصد اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ گزشتہ ہفتے مرغی، ایل پی جی، سگریٹ، کیلے، دال ماش، انڈے اور گندم سمیت 19 اشیائے ضروریہ کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ دیکھا گیا تھا۔**

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے وزیر خوراک سید ناصر حسین شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ وفاق کی غلط پالیسیوں اور گندم کی برآمد پر عائد قدغن کے باعث صوبہ سندھ میں اس وقت بھی ساڑھے 12 لاکھ میٹرک ٹن گندم گوداموں میں موجود ہے۔ پنجاب سے چاول کا آٹا ملتا ہوا گندم کا آٹا سندھ میں آرہا ہے، جس کو روکنے کے لئے ویکسینس کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی جا رہی ہیں اور بین الصوبائی گندم کی روک تھام کے لئے وزیر داخلہ سندھ سے دفعہ 144 کے نفاذ کے لئے بھی خط لکھ دیا ہے۔ کھانے پینے کی اشیاء کے معائنے کے اختیارات کے لئے فوڈ اتھارٹی کا قیام لازمی ہے، جس کے لئے جلد ہی سندھ اسمبلی میں بل پیش کیا جائے گا۔ اس وقت سندھ حکومت کے پاس صوبے میں گندم کا ذخیرہ کرنے کے لئے گوداموں کی کمی ہے اور ہم صرف 7 لاکھ میٹرک ٹن گندم ہی اپنے گوداموں میں ذخیرہ کر سکتے ہیں، اس کو بڑھانے کے لئے نئے گوداموں کی تعمیر کا بھی آغاز کیا جا رہا ہے۔ وہ پیر کو سندھ اسمبلی میں وقفہ سوالات**

## کرلیا گیا

روزنامہ جنگ

16 دسمبر 2015

تیار کیا گیا جس میں وفاقی وزیر اور چیئرمین ایف بی آر نثار محمد خان کے علاوہ وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون ہارون اختر خان ایف بی آر کے ممبران لینڈ ریونیو (آپریٹرز) ڈاکٹر ارشد ایف بی آر کے ممبران ان لینڈ ریونیو (پالیسی) رحمت اللہ وزیر، ایف بی آر کے ممبر کسٹم ناصر مسرور احمد اور دوسرے عہدیداروں نے شرکت کی یہ پیکیج تیار کر نیوالا اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس کئی گھنٹے تک بند کرے میں جاری رکھا گیا پیکیج تیار ہونے کے بعد ایف بی آر کے ممبران لینڈ ریونیو آپریٹرز ڈاکٹر ارشد سیالکوٹ اور گوجرانوالہ کے ہنگامی دورے پر روانہ ہو گئے جب وفاقی وزیر اسحاق ڈار وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون برائے ریونیو ہارون اختر خان چیئرمین ایف بی آر نثار محمد خان ممبران لینڈ ریونیو پالیسی رحمت اللہ وزیر کانسٹریکشن روم میں چلے گئے جہاں انہوں نے ملک بھر کے تاجروں کاروباری طبقے کے نمائندوں شیخ عامر وحید، اجمل بلوچ، میاں عبدالمنان ایم این اے، اسد مشہدی، مزل صابری، خواجہ شفیق، نعیم میر، اسلم بھلی، ملک پرویز اور ان کے رفقاء کے سامنے پیکیج کا ڈرافٹ رکھا بزنس نمائندوں نے پیشکش کی کہ نان فائبر اگر ایک کروڑ روپے کا ورکنگ کیپٹل سرمایہ کاری سالانہ آمدن ٹیکس گوشوارے میں دکھائے تو اس پر نصف فیصد ٹیکس لے کر معاملہ ختم کر دیا جائے ایف بی آر کے ایک سینیئر عہدیدار نے جنگ کو بتایا کہ سالانہ ٹیکس گوشوارے میں نان فائبر جتنا ورکنگ کیپٹل دکھائے گا اس پر نصف فیصد ٹیکس وصول ہو گا اگر ایک کروڑ روپے کا ورکنگ کیپٹل سرمایہ کاری سالانہ آمدن ٹیکس گوشوارے میں دکھائے گا تو اس سے پہلے سال 0.5 فیصد ٹیکس لیا جائے بشرطیکہ وہ سالانہ ٹرن اور 4 کروڑ روپے کے دکھائے گا جس پر مقررہ ٹیکس ادا کرے گا اس کے اگلے سال 25 فیصد زیادہ ورکنگ کیپٹل پر ٹیکس ادا کرے گا اور 25 فیصد زیادہ ٹرن اور دکھائے گا اس پر قانون کے مطابق ٹیکس جمع کرے گا ایک سال تیسرے سال اسی طرح 25 فیصد اضافہ ورکنگ کیپٹل پر اور پچھلے سال کی ٹرن اور میں 25 فیصد اضافہ کرے گا ٹیکس ادا کرے گا چوتھے سال آخری سال تیسرے سال کے ورکنگ کیپٹل اور ٹرن اور کو 25 فیصد بڑھا کر اس پر بننے والا ٹیکس ادا کرے گا وزیر خزانہ کسی اہم مصروفیت کی وجہ سے آدھے گھنٹے بعد چلے گئے ان کے بعد وزیراعظم کے خصوصی معاون برائے ریونیو ہمایوں اختر خان کی صدارت میں مذاکرات 4 گھنٹے تک جاری رہے۔ مذاکرات کا اگلا دور آج بدھ کی شام چھ بجے ایف آر میں ہو گا آج رات 165 دنوں سے معرض التواء میں پڑے ہوئے مذاکرات کا حتمی نتیجہ نکلنے کی فریقین نے امید ظاہر کی ہے۔

## جیکب آباد، آرمی پبلک اسکول پشاور کے

شہید طلبہ کی یاد میں تقریب

روزنامہ جنگ

15 دسمبر 2015

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) جیکب آباد کے دستگیر کالونی میں واقع پارس پبلک سینڈری اسکول میں آرمی پبلک اسکول پشاور کے شہید طلبہ کی یاد میں تقریب کا انعقاد کیا گیا جس کے مہمان خاص محکمہ تعلیم کے اے ڈی ای او محمود علی پٹھان اور اسکول کے پرنسپل ملک نعیم اعوان تھے تقریب میں اسکول کے طلبہ نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف ٹیبلو پیش کیا اور میں ایسی قوم سے ہوں جس کے وہ بچوں سے ڈرتا ہے گانے پر شہید طلبہ کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا مذکورہ گانے پر ماحول سو گوار ہو گیا اور تقریب کے کئی شرکاء کی آنکھیں نم ہو گئیں ٹیبلو میں زین، ربیعان علی، عائشہ، اسد اللہ، ریاض، شاہزیب، انجم، ایمان، طیبہ، دعا، سحر، مریم، حیدر اور جنید نے بہترین کارکردگی کا مظاہرہ کر کے حاضرین سے داد وصول کی اس موقع پر اے ڈی او محمود علی پٹھان نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ شہید کی جو موت ہے وہ قوم کی حیات ہے دہشت گرد بچوں کو مار کر بھی انہیں نہیں ہراسے ہمارے حوصلے اور بھی بلند ہو گئے ہیں آج کی تقریب میں طلبہ کی کارکردگی دیکھ کر انہوں نے کہا کہ دسمبر سانحہ گزرے سال ہونے کو آیا ہے۔ مگر یہ لمحات اب بھی آنکھوں میں نمی لاتے ہیں۔ انور پبلک اسکول کے پرنسپل ربذو سومرونے بچوں کی حوصلہ افزائی کی تقریب میں پشاور سانحہ میں شہید ہونے والے بچوں کے حق میں خصوصی دعا بھی کی گئی۔

## ٹھٹھہ، 13 سرکاری اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز

کے سپرد کرنے بخلاف احتجاج

روزنامہ جنگ

15 دسمبر 2015

ٹھٹھہ (نامہ نگار) ٹھٹھہ اور سجادول کے 13 سرکاری اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز کے سپرد کرنے کے خلاف پیر امیڈیکل اسٹاف، آپکا ہیلتھ ونگ، ڈاکٹر نرس ایسوسی ایشن، سندھ نرسنگ ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے عابد امام زیدی، سکندر شاہ، محمد یوسف، حاجی اسد خشک، ابراہیم سمیعو و دیگر کی قیادت میں کام کا بائیکاٹ کر کے دو گھنٹے تک علامتی ہڑتال کی گئی اور ریلی نکال کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر مظاہرین نے بتایا کہ سرکاری اسپتالوں کی کارکردگی تسلی بخش ہونے کے باوجود حکومت دانستہ طور اپنی من مانی کرتے ہوئے اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز کے حوالے کر کے کیا ثابت کرنا چاہتی ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ انہوں نے اس فیصلے کے خلاف سندھ ہائی کورٹ میں درخواست دائر کی ہے جس کی سماعت 16 دسمبر مقرر کی گئی ہے اور وہ عدالت سے انصاف کی امید رکھتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ واپس لیے جانے تک وہ روزانہ دو گھنٹے علامتی ہڑتال کریں گے۔ انہوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ، صوبائی وزیر صحت و منتخب عوامی نمائندوں سے مطالبہ کیا کہ سرکاری اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز کے حوالے کرنے کے فیصلے کو واپس لیا جائے۔

## ضلع حکار پور کے بند 200 اسکول

گوداموں اور بھینسوں کے باڑوں میں

تبدیل

حکار پور (نامہ نگار) حکومت و محکمہ تعلیم کی عدم توجہی اور اعلیٰ حکام کی کرپشن کے باعث ضلع حکار پور کی چاروں تحصیلوں شکار پور، گڑھی یا سین، خانپور اور لکھی غلام شاہ کے مختلف چھوٹے بڑے شہروں سمیت دیہاتوں میں کئی برسوں سے بند پڑے ہوئے 200 سے زائد اسکولوں کو اب تک نہیں کھلوا یا جا سکا ہے۔ انہی بند پڑے ہوئے اسکولوں میں اب تک بااثر افراد نے بھینسوں کے باڑے، مال گودام اور ذاتی بیٹھکس قائم کر رکھے ہیں۔

کراچی (رپورٹ: آغا خالد) شاہراہ فیصل سمیت دیگر مرکزی سڑکوں پر ناقص پیوند کاری پر کٹھن کراچی شعیب صدیق کے ایم سی کے عملے پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے تحقیقات کا حکم دیا ہے۔ بعض عوامی حلقوں کی جانب سے کٹھن کراچی کے علم میں لایا گیا تھا کہ انکی ہدایت پر شاہراہ فیصل سمیت شہر کی اہم سڑکوں پر گڑھے بڑھنے کا آغاز کیا گیا تھا مگر سب سے پہلے شاہراہ فیصل پر گڑھے بڑھنے کے عمل میں کوتاہی رہتے ہوئے ڈامر ملا مصالحہ گڑھوں کے اوپر پھینک دیا گیا ان پر نہ رو لڑ چلا گیا اور نہ ہی مصالحہ کو پھیلایا گیا جبکہ بھاری گاڑیوں سے وہی مصالحہ ٹیلوں کی شکل اختیار کر گیا جو حادثات کا سبب بن رہا ہے۔

مرکزی شاہراہوں کی ناقص پیوند کاری،  
کٹھن کراچی کا تحقیقات کا حکم

روزنامہ جنگ  
18 دسمبر 2015

گھارو (نامہ نگار) حسیکو حکام نے بجلی کے واجبات کی عدم ادائیگی پر 50 سے زائد گھوٹوں کی بجلی منقطع کر دی گئی جو میں بجلی بند ہونے سے شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی معطل ہو جانے سے شہری سخت پریشان تفصیلات کے مطابق حسیکو حکام نے بجلی کے واجبات کی عدم ادائیگی پر گھوٹ شہر سمیت 50 سے زائد گھوٹوں کی بجلی منقطع کر دی جس سے تمام کاروبار زندگی معطل ہو کر رہ گئی گھوٹ شہر میں بجلی کے بند ہونے سے واٹر سپلائی کا عمل رک جانے سے شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی اور شہر میں پانی کا بحر ان شدت اختیار کر گیا جو میں شہریوں نے حسیکو کے اس عمل کے خلاف احتجاج کرتے ہوئے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا مظاہرے سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے عرفان علی عدنان راشد فاروق احمد اور دیگر نے کہا کہ گزشتہ دو ماہ کے دوران ٹی ایم اے میر پور ساکرو نے واٹر سپلائی کی مد میں حسیکو حکام کو 8 لاکھ روپے ادا کیے ہیں اسکے علاوہ گھوٹ کے درجنوں صارفین نے لاکھوں روپے واجبات کی مد میں ادا کیے ہیں اسکے باوجود حسیکو حکام نے گھوٹ شہر کی بجلی بند کر دی ہے جو کہ سراسر ظلم ہے انھوں نے حسیکو حکام سے مطالبہ کیا کہ فوری طور پر گھوٹ شہر کی بجلی بحال کی جائے بصورت گھوٹ شہر میں مکمل ہڑتال کر کے قومی شاہراہ پر دھرنا دیں گے۔

گھارو، بجلی کے واجبات کی عدم ادائیگی پر  
50 سے زائد گھوٹوں کی بجلی منقطع

روزنامہ جنگ  
18 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نمائندہ) نیپرا نے سولر انرجی اپ فرنٹ ٹیرف کا اعلان کر دیا، شمالی ریجن کیلئے امریکی سینٹ 11.35 فی کلو واٹ اور مغربی ریجن کیلئے 10.72 امریکی سینٹ فی کلو واٹ مقرر کیا ہے۔ جنوری 2014ء میں پہلی بار سولر پی وی پلانٹ کیلئے جو ریٹ مقرر کیا تھا 16.30 امریکی سینٹ تھا۔ نیپرا کے تمام سٹیک ہولڈر سے مشاورت کے بعد قوانین نے ملک کے نئے اپ فرنٹ ٹیرف کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ نیپرا کے مطابق نئے اپ فرنٹ ٹیرف سے نئے سرمایہ کاروں کی اس شعبہ میں سرمایہ کاری کیلئے حوصلہ افزائی ہوگی، یہ ٹیرف یکم جنوری 2016ء سے لاگو ہوگا اور 6 ماہ کیلئے رہے گا۔

نیپرا نے سولر انرجی اپ فرنٹ  
ٹیرف کا اعلان کر دیا

روزنامہ جنگ  
17 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) پاکستان زرعی تحقیقاتی کونسل (پی اے آر سی) نے تلہ گنگ میں زمین سے پانی نکالنے کے لئے سولر پمپ کی کامیابی سے تعجب کر کے ایک اہم سنگ میل حاصل کیا ہے۔ سولر پمپنگ سسٹم سے کسان کم لاگت سے پانی حاصل کر سکیں گے۔ بدھ کو پی اے آر سی کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر ندیم اجد اور سابق چیئرمین پی اے آر سی ڈاکٹر افتخار احمد نے ضلع پکوال کی تحصیل تلہ گنگ میں سولر پمپ کا افتتاح کیا۔ اس موقع پر خطاب کرتے ہوئے پی اے آر سی کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر ندیم اجد نے کہا کہ پی اے آر سی کے زرعی سائنسدانوں کی کاوشوں سے زیر زمین گہرائی سے پانی کے حصول کے لئے سولر پمپنگ کا تجربہ کامیاب رہا ہے جس سے کم لاگت پر کاشتکاروں کو پانی مہیا ہو سکے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس نظام سے ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں خصوصاً بلوچستان میں زیر زمین گہرائی سے پانی کے حصول میں مدد ملے گی اور آب پاشی کے لئے پانی کی قلت پوری ہو سکے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پی اے آر سی غذائی تحفظ کو یقینی بنانے اور زرعی شعبہ کی ترقی کے لئے کام کر رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ملکی اور بین الاقوامی اداروں کے تعاون سے تحقیقی سرگرمیوں کے فروغ کے لئے بھی موثر حکمت عملی کے تحت کام کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس موقع پر سابق چیئرمین پی اے آر سی ڈاکٹر افتخار احمد، زرعی سائنسدانوں اور دیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

سولر پمپنگ سسٹم سے کسان کم لاگت  
سے پانی حاصل کر سکیں گے، چیئرمین پی  
اے آر سی

روزنامہ جنگ  
17 دسمبر 2015

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ پیپلز پارٹی کی حکومت لوگوں کو معیاری طبی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے میں بڑی دلچسپی لے رہی ہے اور یہی وجہ ہے کہ رواں مالی سال کے دوران ضلعی اور تعلقہ ہیڈ کوارٹر کے ہسپتالوں کو 16 ارب روپے کی لاگت سے اب گریڈ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ حکومت وفاق سے ملنے والے صحت کے ورڈیکل پروگرام کو بھی چلانے کیلئے بڑی رقم خرچ کر رہی ہے تاکہ نجی سطح تک لوگوں کو معیاری طبی سہولیات حاصل ہو سکے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ ہائوس کراچی میں وفاقی سیکریٹری صحت ایوب شیخ اور انکے ساتھ آئی ہوئی ٹیم کے ساتھ اجلاس کی صدارت کر رہے تھے۔ اجلاس میں وفاقی سیکریٹری صحت سے سندھ حکومت کی 65 فیصد رقوم کی مدد سے ہیلتھ انشورنس پروگرام کے متعلق بریفنگ کے بعد جس میں بتایا گیا تھا کہ پروگرام کے پہلے مرحلے میں سندھ حکومت کی 65 فیصد مالی سپورٹ کی مدد سے صوبے کے تجویز کردہ چار اضلاع میں غربت کی لکیر سے نیچے رہنے والے تقریباً ایک ملین بیمار لوگوں کو ہیلتھ انشورنس پروگرام کے تحت طبی سہولیات فراہم کی جائیں گی۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے سینئر صوبائی وزیر خزانہ سید مراد علی شاہ کی سربراہی میں پانچ رکنی کمیٹی تشکیل دی۔

ضلعی و تعلقہ اسپتالوں کو اپ گریڈ  
کر رہے ہیں، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ

روزنامہ جنگ  
16 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد (حنیف خالد) ایف بی آر نے سالانہ ٹیکس گوشوارے جمع نہ کرینوالوں کو 31 دسمبر 2015 تک سالانہ آمدن ٹیکس گوشوارے جمع کرانے کیلئے ایک پیکیج دیا ہے۔ یہ پیکیج وفاقی وزیر خزانہ ریونیو اقتصادی امور شریات و نجکاری سینیٹر اسحاق ڈار کی زیر صدارت ہونیوالے اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس میں

نان فائیلز کو 31 دسمبر تک ٹیکس  
گوشوارے جمع کرانے کیلئے پیکیج تیار

## پبلک سروسز

### سرخیاں

### تفصیلات

سول اسپتال، 12 منزلہ جدید ٹراماسینٹر کا  
افتتاح بدھ کو ہوگا

روزنامہ جنگ

19 دسمبر 2015

کراچی (سید محمد عسکری / اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے چیئر مین بلاول بھٹو زرداری بدھ 23 دسمبر کو ملک کے سب سے بڑے اور جدید ٹراماسینٹر کے افتتاح کی تقریب کے مہمان خصوصی ہوں گے۔ سول اسپتال میں قائم ہونے والا 12 منزلہ جدید ٹراماسینٹر اہلیان کراچی کے لئے ایک تحفہ ہوگا جہاں ایمر جنسی کی صورت میں آنے والے مریضوں کو علاج کی جدید سہولتیں فراہم ہوں گی، تین فلور کار پارکنگ کے لئے مخصوص ہوں گے جہاں 400 کاریں اور 300 سے زائد موٹر سائیکلیں کھڑی کرنے کی گنجائش ہوگی جب کہ چھت پر پہلی ہیڈ بھی بنایا گیا ہے۔ سول اسپتال کے جدید ٹراماسینٹر کے خیال کو حقیقت کا رنگ بھرنے والے سول اسپتال کے میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سعید قریشی نے جنگ کو بتایا کہ 2005 میں جب وہ پہلی مرتبہ سول اسپتال کے ایم ایس مقرر ہوئے تو ان کے ذہن میں جدید ٹراماسینٹر کے قیام کا خیال آیا، اس وقت اس کی لاگت کا تخمینہ 12 ارب روپے لگایا گیا تھا تاہم میرا تبادلہ ہو گیا اور جب 2008 میں دوبارہ تقرر ہوا تو اس کو عملی جامہ پہنایا گیا اور 10 جنوری 2009ء کو اس جدید ٹراماسینٹر کی تعمیر کا افتتاح اس وقت کے وزیراعظم یوسف رضا گیلانی نے کیا تھا۔ ستمبر 2012ء کی تاریخ مقرر کی گئی تھی، تاہم وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے فنڈز کے عدم اجراء کے باعث اس کے قیام میں تاخیر ہوئی۔ 8 منزلہ عمارت کی تزئین و آرائش مکمل ہو چکی ہے اور تمام فلور پر طبی آلات و مشینز کی تنصیب کا کام مکمل کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اب تک اس پر 5 ارب روپے کی لاگت آچکی ہے تاہم اس کے رقبے میں بھی اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ ٹراماسینٹر میں 500 سے زائد بستروں کی گنجائش ہوگی جس میں برنس، انکھوں، امراض قلب، نیوروسرجری، پیڈیاٹرک سمیت دیگر شعبوں کے جدید آپریشن تھیٹر، انتہائی نگہداشت (آئی سی یو) وارڈ کی سہولتیں میسر ہوں گی۔

خام تیل کے نرخوں میں کمی کا رجحان  
برقرار

روزنامہ جنگ

19 دسمبر 2015

سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشیائی آئل مارکیٹ میں جمعہ کو بھی خام تیل کے نرخوں میں کمی کا رجحان برقرار رہا اور خام تیل کی قیمتیں فروری 2009ء کے بعد پہلی مرتبہ 35 ڈالر فی بیرل سے کم سطح پر آگئیں۔ سنگاپور میں کاروباری سرگرمیوں کے دوران خام تیل کے جنوری میں تریل کے معاہدے 18 سینٹ کی کمی سے 34.77 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے جبکہ نیویارک میں خام تیل کے نرخ 34.95 ڈالر فی بیرل کی سطح پر بند ہوئے۔ یورپی منڈیوں میں برینٹ نار تھ سی کروڈ کے آئندہ سال کے پہلے ماہ جنوری میں تریل کے معاہدے 9 سینٹ کی کمی سے 36.97 ڈالر فی بیرل میں طے پائے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق خام تیل کے نرخوں میں اضافے کی وجہ زائد رسد کے بارے میں بڑھتے ہوئے خدشات اور ڈالر کی شرح تبادلہ میں اضافہ ہے۔

برس سے تنخواہوں سے محروم اساتذہ کی  
بھوک ہڑتال جاری

روزنامہ جنگ

18 دسمبر 2015

خیبر پور (بیورو رپورٹ) خیبر پور میں 314 اساتذہ کی تین برس سے تنخواہ نہ ملنے پر 43 روز سے کورٹ روڈ پر بھوک ہڑتال جاری ہے۔ بھوک ہڑتالی اساتذہ شیر خان کابوڑو، شوکت منگی، اقبال گلال، ولی اللہ بھیمو اور دیگر نے بھوک ہڑتالی کیپ پر صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ تین برس سے تنخواہیں نہ ملنے پر انہوں نے 43 روز قبل کورٹ روڈ پر بھوک ہڑتال شروع کی تھی۔ احتجاج کے دوران انہوں نے سرکٹ ہاؤس میں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی موجودگی کے دوران دھرنا دیا جس پر وزیر اعلیٰ نے ان کو بلایا اور چیف سیکرٹری سندھ کو ٹیلیفون پر تنخواہوں کی فوری ادائیگی کا حکم دیا لیکن ان کو تنخواہیں نہیں ملی جس کی وجہ سے انہوں نے بھوک ہڑتال جاری رکھی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تنخواہیں ملنے تک وہ اپنی بھوک ہڑتال جاری رکھیں گے۔

انسداد پولیو مہم، مختلف یونینوں کو نسلر کے  
میڈیکل افسران کے خلاف کارروائی کا  
فیصلہ

روزنامہ جنگ

18 دسمبر 2015

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کمشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی کی زیر صدارت انسداد پولیو ناسک فورس کا جائزہ اجلاس منعقد ہوا جس میں چار روزہ مہم کی کارکردگی کا جائزہ لیا گیا اجلاس میں مختلف یونینوں کو نسل کے میڈیکل افسران کے خلاف کارروائی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا۔ بعض کا تبادلہ کر کے ان کی جگہ ذمہ دار میڈیکل افسران کا تقرر کیا جائے گا۔ کمشنر نے اگلے ہفتہ یو سی ایم او کا ایک اجلاس طلب کر لیا ہے۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ تین اضلاع کو رگگی، وسطی اور جنوبی میں چار روزہ مہم ختم ہو گئی۔ مہم میں آٹھ لاکھ 54 ہزار 29 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا تھا جس میں 94 فیصد ہدف حاصل ہوا۔ آٹھ لاکھ چھ ہزار 594 بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔

پبلک سیکٹر اداروں کا خسارہ 600 ارب  
روپے سے بڑھ گیا

روزنامہ جنگ

18 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد (حنیف خالد) حکومت پاکستان کے زیر انتظام چلنے والے اداروں بشمول پی آئی اے، پاکستان اسٹیل، پاکستان ریلوے کا قومی خزانے پر سالانہ بوجھ 6 سو ارب روپے سے تجاوز کر گیا ہے ملک کے ٹیکس گزاروں سے بھرنے والے خزانے کو مذکورہ اداروں کے خسارے کی وجہ سے مسلسل خالی کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس خسارے کی ایک اہم وجہ ان اداروں کی ٹریڈ یونینز اور ان کے عہدیدار ہیں جو دیانتدار سربراہوں اور عہدیداروں کے خلاف ہڑتالیں کر کے ان کی چھٹی کراتے چلے آ رہے ہیں۔

تحقیقاتی ادارے ایف آئی اے کا دائرہ اختیار طور شم تک بڑھانے، 450 کلومیٹر طویل سرحد پر گاڑیوں اور انسانی آمد و رفت روکنے کے لیے روکاؤ ٹین بنائی گئی ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ سرحد پر سیورٹی فورسز کی گشت بھی بڑھائی گئی ہے۔

اسلام آباد پاکستان نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف سعودی عرب کی سربراہی میں بننے والے 34 ممالک پر مشتمل اسلامی فوجی اتحاد میں شمولیت کی تصدیق کر دی ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں صحافیوں کو ہفتہ وار پریس بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے ترجمان دفتر خارجہ قاضی خلیل اللہ کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف علاقائی اور عالمی کوششوں کو سراہتے ہیں جب کہ پاکستان اور سعودی عرب دہشت گردی سمیت مختلف شعبوں میں شراکت دار ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ 34 ملکی اتحاد کا خیر مقدم دہشت گردی کے خلاف موقف کے باعث کیا تاہم اتحاد کے حوالے سے مزید تفصیلات کا انتظار ہے جس کے بعد اس بات کا فیصلہ کریں گے کہ سعودی اتحاد میں کس حد تک شامل ہوں گے۔ ترجمان دفتر خارجہ کا کہنا تھا کہ آرمی پبلک اسکول کے شہداء کے جذبات کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہیں جب کہ ہارٹ آف ایشیا کا نفرنس پاکستان اور خطے کے لئے مفید ثابت ہوئی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان افغانستان میں امن عمل کا خواہاں اور مفاہمتی عمل میں سہولت کار کا کردار ادا کر رہا ہے، پاکستان اور افغانستان کا مفاد الزامات بڑھانے سے نہیں بلکہ ایک دوسرے سے خوشگوار تعلقات بنانے میں ہے۔

اسلام آباد وزیراعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی آپریشن تمام جماعتوں کی مشاورت سے شروع ہوا جسے اپنے منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے۔ چین سے وطن واپسی پر طیارے میں صحافیوں سے بات کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نواز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ پاک بھارت تعلقات میں بہتری کی شروعات ہوئی ہے اور یہ معاملات فہم و فراست سے آگے بڑھانے چاہئیں کیونکہ مسائل کے حل اور منزل پر پہنچنے کا واحد راستہ صرف مذاکرات ہیں۔ ایک سوال کے جواب میں وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ کراچی آپریشن تمام جماعتوں کی مشاورت سے شروع ہوا جسے اپنے منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے کیونکہ ملکی حالات میں بہتری کراچی کے حالات سے جڑی ہے۔

اسلام آباد وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے اسلام آباد کے 122 اسکولوں اور کالجوں کو شہدائے آرمی پبلک اسکول کے ناموں سے منسوب کرنے کی منظوری دے دی۔ گزشتہ سال 16 دسمبر کو پشاور کے آرمی پبلک اسکول پر حملے کے نتیجے میں 130 سے زائد بچے شہید ہوئے تھے جن کی پہلی برسی کے موقع پر ملک بھر میں ان کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا جا رہا ہے جب کہ اس موقع پر وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے اسلام آباد کے 122 اسکولوں اور کالجوں کے نام شہدائے اے پی ایس کے ناموں سے منسوب کرنے کی منظوری دیدی ہے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے اپنے پیغام میں کہا کہ دشمن نفرت اور انتہا پسندی چاہتے ہیں لیکن ہم برداشت کو فروغ دے کر ان کا جواب دیں گے، ہم علم دشمنوں کو کبھی بھی کامیاب نہیں ہونے دیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آرمی پبلک اسکول کے شہید بچوں نے اپنی جانوں کا نذرانہ دے کر جہالت کا مقابلہ کیا اور روشن خیالی کی بنیاد رکھی، شہدائے یادیں مادر وطن کی بقا کے ساتھ جڑی ہیں اور شہدائے یادوں کو وطن کی بقا سے الگ نہیں کیا جاسکتا، ان کی قربانی کو ہمیشہ یاد رکھا جائے گا۔

## پاکستان کی دہشت گردی کے خلاف اسلامی فوجی اتحاد میں شمولیت کی تصدیق

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

17 دسمبر 2015

## کراچی آپریشن کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے، وزیراعظم نواز شریف

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

15 دسمبر 2015

## اسلام آباد کے 122 اسکول اور کالج شہدائے آرمی پبلک اسکول کے ناموں سے منسوب

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

14 دسمبر 2015

سندھ میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں اور گورنر عشرت العباد کے بعد کور کمانڈر کراچی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار نے بھی ریجنر اختیارات میں مشروط توسیع کی مخالفت کر دی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں امن ریجنر کو دیے گئے خصوصی اختیارات سے ہی ممکن ہو سکے گا۔ کور کمانڈر لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار نے جمعے کی صبح ریجنر ہیڈ کوارٹر کا دورہ کیا، جہاں انھوں نے آپریشن میں حصہ لینے والے افسران سے خطاب کیا۔ جنرل نوید مختار اس سے قبل بھی غیر روایتی انداز میں اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کرتے رہے ہیں۔ ریجنر کے ترجمان نے ان کے دورے کے بعد چھ سطروں پر مشتمل ایک اعلامیہ جاری کیا ہے۔ کور کمانڈر لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں ریجنر کا دہشت گردی کے خلاف کردار ریڈ کی ہڈی کی حیثیت رکھتا ہے اور شہر میں امن ریجنر کو دیے گئے خصوصی اختیارات کے بغیر ممکن نہیں ہو گا۔ جنرل نوید مختار کے مطابق غیر یقینی حالات جرائم پیشہ عناصر کو تقویت دیتے ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ریجنر کراچی کے عوام کو دہشت گردی کے خلاف تحفظ پہنچانے میں اپنا موثر کردار ادا کرتی رہے گی۔ یاد رہے کہ گذشتہ روز ڈائریکٹر جنرل ریجنر میجر جنرل بلال اکبر نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ سے ملاقات کے بعد گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد سے ملاقات کی تھی۔ جس کے بعد گورنر سندھ کا یہ بیان سامنے آیا تھا کہ کراچی آپریشن روکنے کے لیے کوئی دباؤ قبول نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ دوسری جانب سندھ اسمبلی میں اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے ریجنر اختیارات میں مشروط توسیع کی مشروط قرارداد اور رائے کا اظہار کرنے کی اجازت نہ دینے پر احتجاج کیا، جس پر سپیکر نے اجلاس منگل تک ملتوی کر دیا ہے۔ ریجنر کے اختیارات میں مشروط توسیع کے معاملات نے ایم کیو ایم اور تحریک انصاف کو ایک دوسرے کے قریب کر دیا ہے۔ ایوان سے باہر بلدیاتی انتخابات میں دونوں جماعتیں ایک دوسرے کے خلاف شدید تنقید کرتی رہی ہیں لیکن اب حکومت مخالف پیش قدمی میں ساتھ ساتھ نظر آرہی ہیں۔ ایم کیو ایم کے پارلیمانی رہنما خواجہ اظہار الحسن نے اسمبلی کے باہر میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے واضح کیا کہ ایم کیو ایم اختیارات میں توسیع کی مخالفت نہیں ہے۔ دراصل وہ چاہتے ہیں کہ یہ اختیارات کراچی سے باہر پورے صوبے پر محیط ہوں۔ جس طرح خیر پور میں انتخابات کے دوران تصادم ہوا، شکار پور میں دہشت گردی کا واقعہ پیش آیا یا ساگھڑ میں دو روز قبل جو سیاسی کشیدگی کا واقعہ پیش آیا، ہم چاہتے ہیں کہ ریجنر کو اختیارات دیے جائیں اور آئینی و قانونی تقاضے پورے کرتے ہوئے ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا جائے۔ تحریک انصاف کے رکن اسمبلی شمر علی خان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ مخالفت برائے مخالفت نہیں کر رہے، اور جب عوام کے مفادات کے خلاف کوئی معاملہ آتا ہے تبھی وہ مخالفت کرتے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کورم پورانہ ہونے کے باوجود سپیکر نے قرارداد منظور کر لی اور اس حد تک کے دونوں کی گنتی تک نہیں کی گئی تھی جو قواعد و ضوابط کی کھلی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ مسلم لیگ ن کے رکن شفیع جاموٹ نے ان کے موقف کی تائید کی اور کہا کہ جس طریقے سے اسمبلی چلائی جا رہی ہے وہ من مانی ہے جو جمہوری روایت کے خلاف ہے۔ ان کے مطابق سپیکر غیر جانبدار نہیں رہے وہ اب اس عہدے کے اہل نہیں رہے۔

ریجنر کو خصوصی اختیارات کے بغیر

کراچی میں امن ناممکن

بی بی سی اردو

18 دسمبر 2015

دہشت گردی کے 1100 سے زائد

واقعات، 650 مبینہ شدت پسند ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

18 دسمبر 2015

پاکستان میں پشاور سکول حملے کے بعد اس سال دہشت گردی کے واقعات میں کمی دیکھی گئی ہے لیکن سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 1100 سے زائد واقعات ریکارڈ کئے گئے۔ ان واقعات میں تقریباً 650 مبینہ شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے جبکہ 710 گرفتار ہوئے۔ یہ اعداد و شمار وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے جمعے کو سینٹ کے اجلاس میں سینٹر سحر کامران کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے ایک سوال کے جواب میں بتائے۔ اس سال ملک میں رونما ہونے والے دہشت گردی کے واقعات کی تفصیل بتاتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ قبائلی علاقوں میں سب سے زیادہ دہشت گردی کے ساڑھے چھ سو سے زائد واقعات رونما ہوئے۔ دوسرے نمبر پر شورش سے متاثرہ صوبہ بلوچستان رہا جہاں تقریباً 200 واقعات رونما ہوئے جن میں 100 کے قریب افراد ہلاک ہوئے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ 2015 میں 193 واقعات کے ساتھ خیبر پختونخوا تیسرے نمبر پر رہا جہاں جہاں 73 شدت پسندوں کی جانیں گئیں۔ پنجاب میں 55 جبکہ سندھ میں 36 شدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے۔ قبائلی علاقے سرفہرست رہے جہاں 373 مبینہ شدت پسند مارے گئے۔ لیکن دہشت گردی کے واقعات پر نظر رکھنے والی آن لائن ویب سائٹ ساوتھ ایشیا ٹیرزم رزلٹس کے مطابق رواں برس پاکستان میں مجموعی طور پر 2300 سے زائد شدت پسند مارے گئے ہیں۔ حکومت نے عام شہریوں کی ان واقعات میں ہلاکتوں کی تعداد تو نہیں بتائی لیکن اس ویب سائٹ کے مطابق 900 عام شہری بھی اس سال ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ سال 2014 کے مقابلے میں عام شہریوں اور شدت پسندوں دونوں کی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد میں کمی دیکھی جاسکتی ہے۔ سال 2014 میں تقریباً 1800 عام شہری اور 3200 شدت پسند مارے گئے تھے۔ پاکستان کے زیر انتظام کشمیر مکمل طور پر پر امن رہا اور وہاں کسی دہشت گردی کا واقعہ ریکارڈ نہیں کیا گیا جبکہ پر امن سمجھے جانے والے گلگت بلتستان میں بھی چھ واقعات میں صرف ایک شخص جان سے گیا۔ اگرچہ دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کے لیے جاری قومی ایکشن پلان کے تحت حکومت ہزاروں مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کرتی رہی ہے لیکن وزیر داخلہ کے بیان کے مطابق اس سال 710 دہشت گرد گرفتار کئے گئے۔ سب سے بڑی تعداد خیبر پختونخوا سے یعنی 301 ایک رہی۔ دوسرے نمبر پر بلوچستان رہا جہاں سے 267 گرفتاریاں ہوئیں۔ فائنا میں ہلاکتیں تو سب سے زیادہ رہیں لیکن گرفتاریاں محض 88 ہی ہوئیں۔ پنجاب سے حیران کن طور پر محض دو دہشت گردوں کی گرفتاری کی معلومات دی گئی ہیں۔ سندھ میں یہ تعداد 52 رہی۔ ایک اور سوال کے جواب میں وزیر داخلہ نے ایوان بالا کو بتایا کہ افغانستان کے ساتھ سرحد پر دہشت گردوں کی نقل و حرکت روکنے کے لیے وفاقی

## سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاء

کراچی سندھ حکومت نے صوبے میں رینجرز کے اختیارات میں 60 روز کی توسیع کر دی ہے جس کا اطلاق 6 دسمبر سے ہو گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ نے رینجرز کے اختیارات میں توسیع کی سمری پر دستخط کر دیئے ہیں جس کے تحت رینجرز کو حاصل اختیارات میں 60 روز کی توسیع کی گئی ہے جس کا اطلاق 6 دسمبر 2015 سے ہو گا اور رینجرز کو دہشت گردی فرقہ وارانہ قتل، مارگٹ کلنگ بھتہ خوری اور اغواء برائے تاوان کے ملزمان کے خلاف کارروائی کے لئے خصوصی اختیارات حاصل ہوں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ سندھ اسمبلی میں منظور کی گئی قرارداد کے تحت اب رینجرز کو سرکاری دفاتر میں چھاپے اور سرکاری افسران سے پوچھ گچھ کا اختیار نہیں ہو گا۔ رینجرز کو یہ اقدام کرنے سے قبل وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سے اجازت لینا ہو گی۔

شمالی وزیرستان سیکورٹی فورسز کے قافلے کے قریب نصب بم دھماکے میں ایک سیکورٹی اہلکار زخمی جب کہ جوابی کارروائی میں 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق شمالی وزیرستان کی تحصیل تیارزہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز کا قافلہ گزر رہا تھا کہ دہشت گردوں نے سڑک کنارے پہلے سے نصب دھماکا خیز مواد کو ریموٹ کنٹرول کی مدد سے اڑا دیا۔ دھماکے کے نتیجے میں ایک اہلکار زخمی ہو گیا۔ واقعے کے بعد سیکورٹی اہلکاروں نے علاقے کا گھیراؤ کر کے سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا، کارروائی کے دوران فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ علاقے میں سیکورٹی فورسز کا سرچ آپریشن تاحال جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے جنوبی وزیرستان ایجنسی میں اہلکاروں کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی کے دوران دوشدت پسند ہلاک جبکہ بارودی سرنگ سے ٹکرانے کے نتیجے میں ایک سپاہی زخمی ہوا ہے۔ ایسی اطلاعات ہیں کہ سیکورٹی فورسز کا کنڈے غر کے پہاڑی علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن آج دوسرے روز بھی جاری ہے۔ یہ سرچ آپریشن جمعے کی صبح سات بجے شروع کیا گیا تھا۔ ذرائع نے بتایا ہے کہ سیکورٹی فورسز کو یہ اطلاع موصول ہوئی تھی کہ اس پہاڑی علاقے میں شدت پسند روپوش ہیں۔ اس سرچ آپریشن کے دوران ایک بارودی سرنگ سے ٹکرانے سے ایک سپاہی اجمل زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ اس آپریشن میں کسی گرفتاری کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی۔ اہلکاروں نے بتایا کہ مدے جان اور سپلاؤٹی کے علاقے میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں پر بھاری آرٹلری سے فائر کیے جس میں اطلاعات کے مطابق دوشدت پسند ہلاک ہوئے ہیں۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ سرچ آپریشن آج صبح دوبارہ شروع کیا گیا ہے لیکن اب تک اس میں کسی جانی نقصان کی اطلاع نہیں ہے۔ فوج کی جانب سے آپریشن ضرب عضب شمالی گزشتہ سال جون سے جاری ہے اور گزشتہ روز خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقے تیراہ میں فوجی کارروائی میں حکام نے شدت پسندوں کی ہلاکت اور ان کے ٹھکانے تباہ کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا تھا۔ اس کارروائی میں جیٹ طیاروں سے بمباری کی گئی تھی۔

وفاقی دارالحکومت میں جمعہ کے روز موبائل سروس بند کر دی گئی تاہم اس پیش رفت کے بارے میں نہ تو وزارت داخلہ اور نہ ہی پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی نے عوام کو آگاہ کیا تھا۔ اسلام آباد کی ضلعی انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ لال مسجد کے سابق خطیب مولانا عبدالعزیز جمعے کا خطبہ مسجد میں جاکر دینا چاہتے ہیں لیکن حکومت نے ان پر غیر اعلانیہ پابندی عائد کر رکھی ہے۔ لال مسجد کے سابق خطیب نے ملک میں اسلامی نفاذ کے انعقاد کے لیے حکومت کو ایک ماہ کی مہلت دے رکھی تھی جو ختم ہو گئی ہے۔ اسلام آباد کی انتظامیہ کے اہلکار کے مطابق مولانا عبدالعزیز انتظامیہ کی طرف سے لگائی گئی پابندی کے باوجود ٹیلی فون کے ذریعے جمعے کا خطبہ دینا چاہتے ہیں جس کی وجہ سے جمعے کی نماز سے لے کر دو گھنٹے تک وفاقی دارالحکومت میں موبائل سروس بند کر دی گئی۔ اہلکار کے مطابق مقامی پولیس مولانا عبدالعزیز کو مکان سے نکلنے کی اجازت نہیں دے رہی۔ اہلکار کے مطابق گزشتہ دو ہفتوں سے اس پالیسی پر عمل کیا جا رہا ہے جبکہ کسی ناخوشگوار واقعے سے نمٹنے کے لیے پولیس اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں کی بھاری نفری لال مسجد کے باہر تعینات کر دی گئی ہے۔ آرمی پبلک سکول پر شدت پسندوں کے حملوں کے نتیجے میں ہلاک ہونے والے افراد کی پہلی برسی کے موقع پر سول سوسائٹی کے کچھ افراد نے مولانا عبدالعزیز کے خلاف مظاہرہ کیا تھا جن کو پولیس نے حراست میں لے لیا۔ مظاہرین کا کہنا تھا کہ لال مسجد کے سابق خطیب نے آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملہ کرنے والوں کی مذمت نہیں کی تھی۔ لال مسجد کے سابق خطیب نے ملک میں اسلامی نظام کے نفاذ کے لیے سپریم کورٹ میں ایک درخواست بھی دائر کر رکھی ہے۔ تاہم اس کے قابل سماعت ہونے یا نہ ہونے سے متعلق سپریم کورٹ نے ابھی کوئی فیصلہ نہیں کیا۔

سندھ میں رینجرز کے اختیارات میں 60

روز کی توسیع

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

20 دسمبر 2015

شمالی وزیرستان میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے

قافلے پر بم حملہ، جوابی کارروائی میں 3

دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

19 دسمبر 2015

جنوبی وزیرستان میں فورسز کی کارروائی، دو

شدت پسند ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

19 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد: خطبے کے وقت موبائل سروس

بند

بی بی سی اردو

18 دسمبر 2015

کراچی..... کراچی میں پولیو کا ایک اور کیس سامنے آگیا۔ محکمہ صحت کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ پولیو متاثرہ بچہ گلشن اقبال کارہائشی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے ذرائع کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ مذکورہ کیس سامنے آنے کے بعد رواں سال کراچی میں پولیو کیسز کی تعداد 7، سندھ بھر میں 12 اور ملک میں 50 ہو گئی۔

روزنامہ جنگ

15 دسمبر 2015

**گلگت بلتستان کے پہاڑوں پر برف باری،**

**موسم مزید سرد ہو گیا**

روزنامہ جنگ

12 دسمبر 2015

اسلام آباد..... گلگت بلتستان کے پہاڑوں پر برف باری سے موسم مزید سرد ہو گیا ہے، محکمہ موسمیات نے کل سے پنجاب سمیت پشاور اور سکھر ڈویژن میں شدید دھند کا امکان ظاہر کیا ہے۔ غدر، استور، اسکردو، دیامر سمیت گلگت بلتستان کے پہاڑوں پر آج تیسرے روز بھی برف باری کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ لوئر ڈیر اور چترال میں برف باری سے کئی مقامات پر رابطہ سڑکیں بند ہو گئی ہیں، ہزارہ ڈویژن میں نارن اور کاغان میں برف باری کے بعد راستے بند ہونے کے پیش نظر سیاحوں نے واپسی کا سامان باندھ لیا ہے، مری، سوات، مالم جبہ اور مالاکند ڈویژن کے پہاڑوں پر برف باری کے بعد سخت برف ہوائیں چل رہی ہیں۔

میدانی علاقوں میں موسم ابر آلود ہے، مختلف شہروں میں گزشتہ روز کی بارش اور برف باری سے سردی مزید بڑھ گئی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے اگلے دو سے تین روز کے دوران شمالی بلوچستان سمیت ملک کے بالائی اور وسطی علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہنے کا امکان ظاہر کیا ہے۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر + اپنے نامہ نگار سے) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے خنق کے باعث بچوں کے جاں بحق ہونے کے واقعہ کی تحقیقات کا حکم دے دیا ہے اور وزیر اعلیٰ کی ہدایت پر تحقیقاتی کمیٹی تشکیل دے گئی ہے جس کے سربراہ چیئرمین وزیر اعلیٰ معائنہ ٹیم ہوں گے جبکہ کمیٹی کے دیگر ارکان میں کمشنر ساہیوال ڈویژن اور وائس چانسلر کنگ ایڈورڈ میڈیکل یونیورسٹی شامل ہیں۔ تحقیقاتی کمیٹی واقعے کا ہر پہلو سے جائزہ لے کر وزیر اعلیٰ کو رپورٹ پیش کرے گی اور غفلت کے ذمہ داروں کا بھی تعین کرے گی۔ علاوہ ازیں خنق کی بیماری سے ہلاکتوں اور سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ادویات کی عدم دستیابی کے اقدام کو لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں چیلنج کر دیا گیا۔ یہ درخواست جوڈیشل ایکنائز مینٹل کے سربراہ اظہر صدیق ایڈووکیٹ کی جانب سے دائر کی گئی ہے۔ درخواست میں کہا گیا ہے کہ سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ویکسین اور ادویات موجود ہی نہیں۔ خنق کی ویکسین موجود نہ ہونے سے اب تک لاہور کے چلڈرن ہسپتال میں بیس سے زائد بچے دم توڑ چکے ہیں۔ حکومت صحت کے لئے مختص بجٹ غیر قانونی طور پر غیر ضروری منصوبوں کی تکمیل پر صرف کر رہی ہے۔

**خنق سے اموات، تحقیقاتی کمیٹی تشکیل،**

**ادویات کی عدم دستیابی ہائیکورٹ میں چیلنج**

اردو ایئر

12 دسمبر 2015

## قدرتی آفات

### تفصیلات

### سُرخیاں

اسلام آباد..... ملک بھر میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے۔ شدید سردی کے باعث شانگلہ کے ندی نالوں میں پانی جم گیا۔ زیارت میں گیس کی بندش نے لوگوں کو سرد موسم میں مشکلات سے دوچار کر دیا۔ گلگت بلتستان میں کڑا کے کی سردی پڑ رہی ہے۔

مالاکنڈ ڈویژن کے بیشتر علاقے بھی شدید سردی کی لپیٹ میں ہیں۔ شانگلہ کے علاقے پختونگے میں دن کے اوقات میں بھی درجہ حرارت نقطہ انجماد سے گرنے کے باعث ندی نالوں میں پانی جم گیا ہے۔ بلوچستان میں چن، پشین اور زیارت سمیت کئی علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک ہے۔ زیارت میں شدید سردی کے دوران گیس کی بندش سے گھروں میں چولہے ٹھنڈے ہو گئے ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہنے کی توقع ہے۔ مالاکنڈ ڈویژن، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں چند مقامات پر ہلکی بارش اور برف باری کا امکان ہے۔

سجاول (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبار آن لائن۔ 20 دسمبر۔ 2015ء) سندھ میں ایک اور میگا کرپشن کا اسکینڈل سامنے آیا ہے، پانچ سال قبل سجاول میں سیلاب کی تباہی کے بعد سجاول کے سیلاب زدگان کے لئے ترک حکومت کی جانب سے مہکلی پر ترکش ہاؤسنگ اسکیم کے تحت بنائے گئے دو ہزار سے زائد گھروں کو غیر متعلقہ سفارشی افراد کے حوالے کئے جانے کا انکشاف ہوا ہے، ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ مذکورہ گھروں کو سیلاب متاثرین کو دینے کے بجائے جیالوں کی لاشیں ترتیب دیکر تقسیم کیا گیا تھا تاہم اس پر عدالت سے رجوع کے بناء پر یہ کام روک دیا گیا تھا، تاہم اب دوبارہ ان گھروں کو تقسیم کرنے کے لئے خانہ پری کی کوشش کی جا رہی ہے، ذرائع کے مطابق سجاول کے لاکھوں سیلاب زدگان کے بجائے ٹھٹھہ کے بااثر جیالوں میں یہ گھر تقسیم کرنے کی تیاری کی گئی ہے، جیالوں کے علاوہ غیر متعلقہ افراد اور جعلی صحافیوں کے نام بھی ڈالے گئے ہیں، بظاہر قرعہ اندازی کی خانہ پری کی جا رہی ہے، جس سے سجاول کے حقیقی متاثرین شدید مایوس ہیں، دریائے سندھ میں پانچ سال قبل سیلاب سے سجاول شہر اور قریبی علاقہ متاثر ہوا تھا، اور لاکھوں افراد کو نقل مکانی کرنی پڑی، دیگر امدادی اداروں کے علاوہ ترک حکومت کی جانب سے یہ گھر بنانے کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا، تاہم اب یہ سجاول کے چند مخصوص جیالوں اور جعلی صحافیوں کے نام ڈالنے سمیت باقی ٹھٹھہ میں بااثر افراد میں سفارش پر تقسیم کرنے کی تیاری کی جا رہی ہے، ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ سجاول اور ٹھٹھہ ضلع میں سیلاب متاثرین کو وطن کارڈ کے نام پر ایک لاکھ سے زائد متاثرین کو مکمل ادائیگی نہ ہو سکی ہے غیر ملکی ڈونرز کی جانب سے متاثرین کے لئے ایک لاکھ روپے فی خاندان کے حساب سے ادائیگی کی گئی تاہم وطن کارڈ میں بیس ہزار کی صرف دوسے تین قسطیں ادا کی گئیں، باقی اربوں روپے کی رقم کی ادائیگی نہ ہو سکی ہے، ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ تمام رقم بنکوں میں رکھ کر کروڑوں روپے مارک اپ بھی کھایا گیا، جبکہ دوسے تین قسطوں کی اربوں روپے کی رقم بھی غائب کر دی گئی ہے، دوسری جانب متاثرین کے وطن کارڈ اے ٹی ایم کے پن کوڈ بھی کم ہو گئے ہیں اور اے ٹی ایم کارڈ کی مدت دو ہزار سولہ میں ختم ہو جائے گی، اس طرح نہ رہے گا بانس اور نہ رہے گی بانسری، وطن کارڈ اور ترکش ہاؤسنگ کی مد میں اربوں روپے کا میگا کرپشن کا اسکینڈل حکومت سندھ اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کے لئے درد سر بننے جا رہا ہے، جس میں مقامی پی پی حکمران اور افسران ملوث ہیں سجاول کے سیلاب زدگان نے اس معاملے پر وفاقی احتسابی اداروں سے رجوع کر لیا ہے، متاثرین سیلاب نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ فوری طور پر وطن کارڈ کی مد میں تمام ادائیگی مکمل کرائی جائے اور ترکش ہاؤسنگ اسکیم کے گھر سجاول کے حقیقی سیلاب متاثرین میں شفاف انداز میں تقسیم کئے جائیں، انہوں نے جعلی اور سفارشی ناموں کے خلاف کھلی تحقیقات کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

لاہور (دقائق نگار خصوصی) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے خنقا سے ہلاکتوں اور سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ادویات نہ ملنے کیخلاف درخواست پر حکومت پنجاب سے جواب طلب کر لیا۔ جسٹس محمد خالد محمود خان نے سماعت کی۔ درخواست گزار کے وکیل نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں خنقا جیسی موذی بیماری سے نمٹنے کے لئے ویکسین اور ادویات موجود ہی نہیں ہیں۔ اب تک لاہور کے چلڈرن ہسپتال میں 22 سے زائد معصوم بچے دم توڑ چکے ہیں۔ حکومت صحت کے لئے مختص بجٹ غیر قانونی طور پر میٹرو، اورنج لائن اور دیگر غیر ضروری منصوبوں کی تکمیل کے لئے صرف کر رہی ہے۔ عدالت سے استدعا کی گئی خنقا سے ہلاکتوں کے ذمہ داروں کا تعین کیا جائے اور سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں خنقا کی ادویات فوری فراہم کرنے کے بھی احکامات صادر کئے جائیں۔ صحت کے بجٹ کو اورنج لائن ٹرین منصوبے پر صرف کرنے سے روکا جائے جس پر عدالت نے حکومت پنجاب کو 17 دسمبر کے لئے نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے جواب طلب کر لی

ملک بھر میں موسم سرد اور خشک، شانگلہ کے ندی نالوں میں پانی جم گیا

روزنامہ جنگ

20 دسمبر 2015

سندھ میں ایک اور میگا کرپشن اسکینڈل سامنے آگیا، سجاول کے سیلاب زدگان کیلئے ترک حکومت کی جانب سے مہکلی پر ترکش ہاؤسنگ اسکیم کے تحت بنائے گئے دو ہزار سے زائد گھر غیر متعلقہ سفارشی افراد کے حوالے کئے جانے کا انکشاف

اُردو پوائنٹ

20 دسمبر 2015

خنقا سے ہلاکتوں، سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ادویات نہ ملنے پر ہائیکورٹ نے پنجاب حکومت سے جواب مانگ لیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 دسمبر 2015



## سُرخیاں

- 46 ملک بھر میں موسم سرد اور خشک، شانگلہ کے ندی نالوں میں پانی جم گیا  
44 سندھ میں رینجرز کے اختیارات میں 60 روز کی توسیع  
42 کراچی آپریشن کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے، وزیراعظم نواز شریف  
42 اسلام آباد کے 122 اسکول اور کالج شہدائے آرمی پبلک اسکول کے ناموں سے منسوب  
41 پبلک سیکٹر اداروں کا خسارہ 600 ارب روپے سے بڑھ گیا  
41 خام تیل کے نرخوں میں کمی کا رجحان برقرار  
40 سولر پمپنگ سسٹم سے کسان کم لاگت سے پانی حاصل کر سکیں گے  
38 مہنگائی کی شرح میں 0.2 فیصد کا اضافہ  
35 نیو اسلام آباد انٹرنیشنل ائیرپورٹ 2016 کی بجائے 2017 میں پروازوں کے لیے کھلے گا

## بلیٹن میں شامل

- 46-35 اردو کی خبریں  
46-45 قدرتی آفات سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں  
44-42 سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں  
41-35 پبلک سروسز سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں  
28-34 نقشہ جات  
03-27 انگریزی کی خبریں  
03-08 قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں  
09-16 سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں  
17-27 پبلک سروسز سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

