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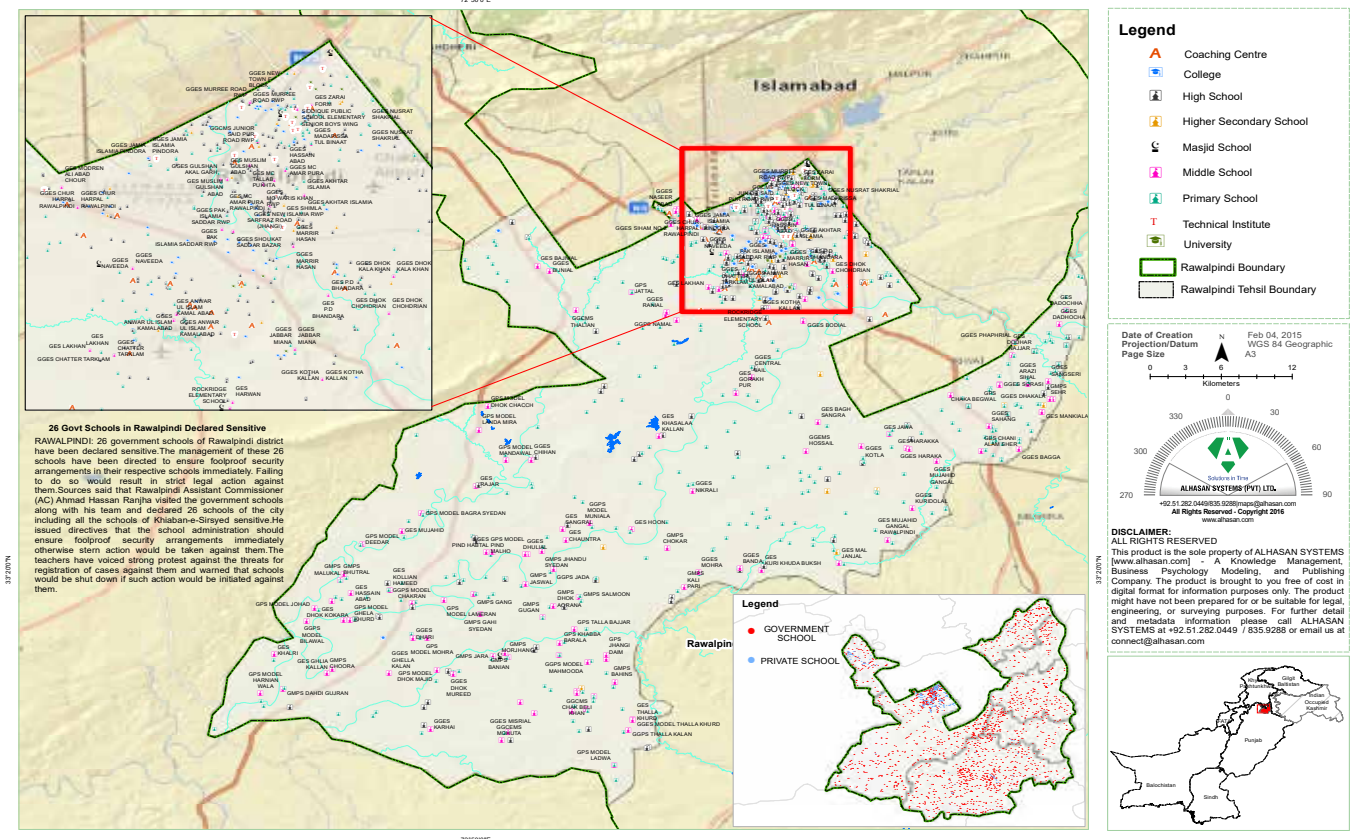
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

‘Thar only makes the news when there’s drought and deaths’

Express Tribune, February 7, 2016

‘Over Rs10 billion distributed among earthquake victims’

Daily Pakistan, February 7, 2016

Much needed to mitigate sufferings of calamity-hit Chitralis

Chitral Today, February 6, 2016

DETAILS

KARACHI: Tharparkar’s demography is silently changing from a peaceful and tolerant land to a hostile one; this phenomenon is not natural, but forced. This was the crux of the session, ‘Tharparkar: Desert Woes’, on the second day of the 7th Karachi Literature Festival.

“Around 100 acres in Nagarparkar have been given to Jaish-e-Muhammad, a proscribed militant organisation, despite a ban on transferring land in the border town,” said Dr Sono Khangharani, a social activist. Nagarparkar is the town that borders the Indian Rann of Kutch, and where centuries-old mosques and temples exist. Extremist activities in the desert area known for its impeccable religious harmony have been ongoing since 1965, claimed Khangharani while answering a question about the rising footprint of Jamaatud Dawa in Thar.

Apart from Khangharani, Masood Lohar and Tanveer Ahmed were also part of the panel. The session’s moderator, Sadiqa Salahuddin, had first referred the question to human rights activist IA Rehman, who was sitting in the audience. Rehman said the area was made nearly inaccessible for the public due to the extensive questioning by security forces. However, religious organisations were allowed to roam freely, he deplored. According to unofficial data, Thar’s population has grown to 1.5 million and comprises both Hindus and Muslims. The area is one of the most undeveloped parts of the country and mostly remains in the news for drought and death.

PESHAWAR (Staff Report) – The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) has so far distributed over Rs10 billion among owners of houses damaged in October 26, 2015 earthquake.

Official told newsmen that over six billion rupees were given to owners of seventy thousand nine hundred thirty-eight partially damaged houses, whereas over four billion rupees to the owners of twenty-seven thousand and fifty-seven fully damaged houses. A 7.5 magnitude strong earthquake struck northern parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan on October 26, 2015. Over 300 people died in the disaster.

BOONI: Chitral having a total area of 14,850 sq.km and population of about half a million is prone, throughout the year, to varying intensity of natural hazards, including flash flooding, glacial lakes outburst floods (GLOFs), landslides, avalanches, heavy snowfall and earthquakes.

The following table illustrates the occurrences to which Chitral is prone to, throughout the year. The given illustration reveals the fact that Chitralis – perhaps the sons of lesser god – live in an atmosphere of perpetual fear, just waiting and thinking as how to evacuate themselves in case of any emergency which could happen any time, any moment.

The inhabitants, including 69% Sunni Muslims, 31% Ismaili Muslims and about 2,000 households of the ancient Kalash tribe, have been facing “the wrath of nature” in form of all the above calamities since 2010 when floods destroyed hundreds of households. Since then the frequency of the occurrences have increased and in 2015 many people lost their precious lives in addition to losses to properties on high scale due to flood in the last two weeks of July and the high magnitude earthquake on October 26. Government agencies and dozens of NGOs reached the people in the aftermath of both the calamities and were successful in providing emergency relief to a certain extent but their rescue and relief rhetoric seemed more eloquent in the media than on the ground. Moreover, criminal silence about rehabilitation and restoration on part of the stakeholders is a concern for the affectees and must be one for international community and the other stakeholders. The affected people shivering in tents in freezing temperatures with piled up relief items by their side look towards a messiah, who could give them shelters which may inhibit the harsh temperatures from piercing the fragile bodies of their infants and aged. It is said God helps those who help themselves but helping those who can’t help themselves is more noble in the sight of God.

I am writing the following lines in order to bring the plight of the calamity-hit people of Chitral into the notice of the global community with the hope that it may help the privileged, if there are any, to extend their assistance to the less-privileged, who are living under abject conditions after the calamities of 2015. The following line presents a look at the two high intensity destructions which Chitral witnessed during 2015 and the response by different stakeholders followed by some suggestion which may be helpful in rehabilitating the affectees.

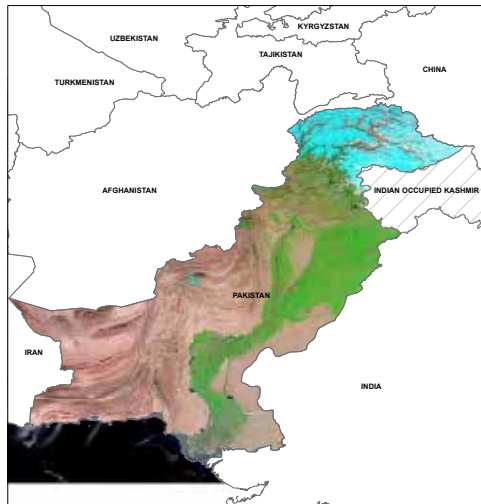
Floods of July-Aug 2015

During the third and fourth weeks of July 2015, different parts of Chitral were hit by glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF) which resulted in highly destructive torrents and flash floods washing away anything on its way. Villages, roads, bridges, water supply installations, powerhouses, livestock, private business, schools, mosques, jamat khana were destroyed. Besides destroying agricultural lands, the whole process left 293 houses fully damaged and 154 partially damaged in lower Chitral and another 510 houses fully damaged and 529 partially damaged in upper Chitral. Whereas, six and 29 people lost their lives in lower and upper Chitral, respectively.

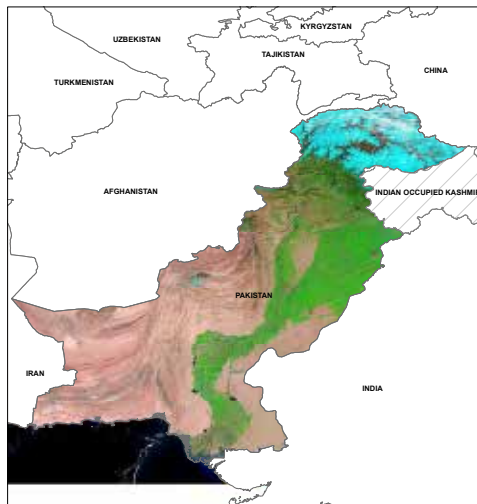
Snapshot of sectoral-based damages and the required fund for recovery is given in the following table. The information is taken from government sources except serial number 13, which has no mention in the report published by the concerned govt agency. The effectiveness of government response to this calamity was evident from the fact that financial relief announced by the government were not provided to the effectees till the time when another calamity in form of the October 26 earthquake hit Chitral. During his visit to Chitral in the aftermath of the earthquake, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif took notice of the delay in providing the announced amount to the

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (January 31, 2016 to February 07, 2016)

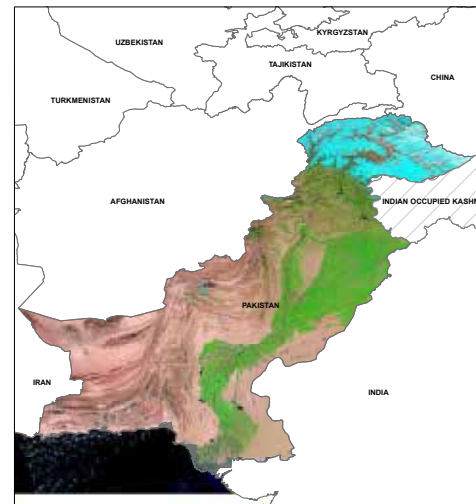
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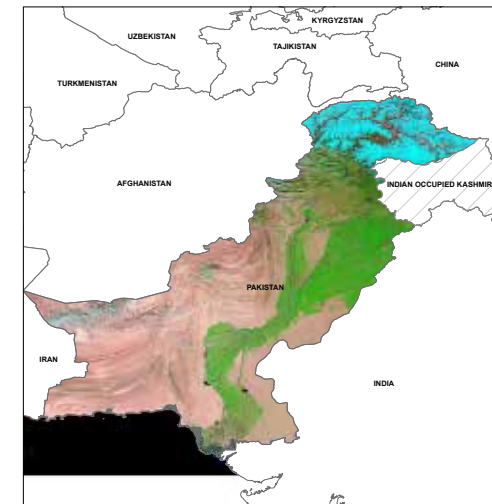
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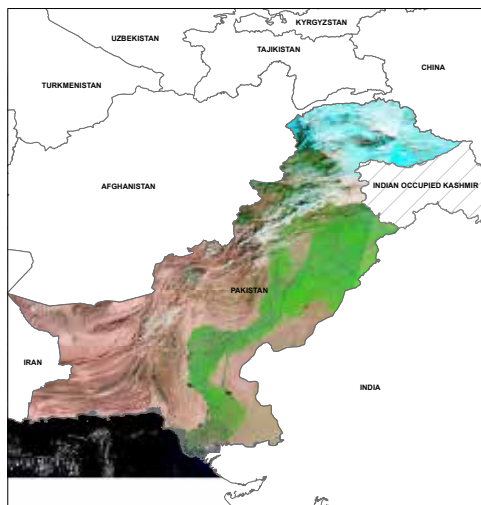
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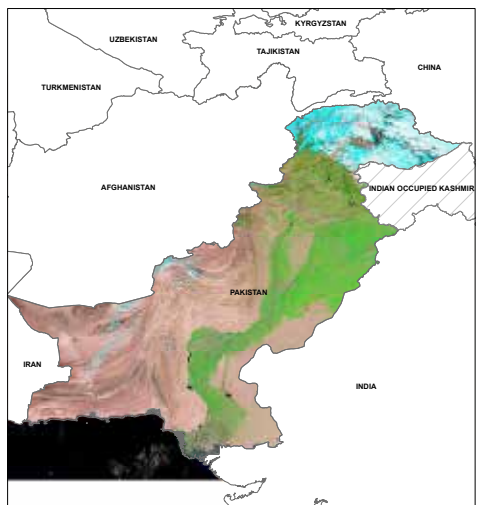
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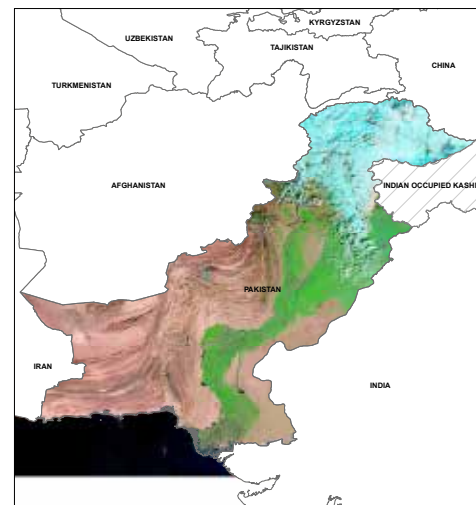
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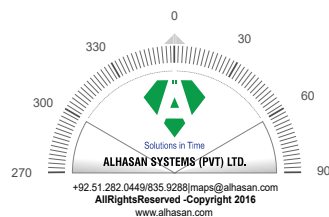
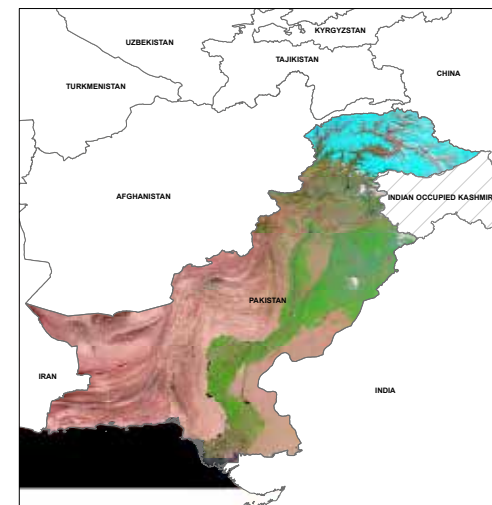
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owner of the perished houses that the administration wokeed from slumber and expedited the process of giving the cheques.

NGOs like FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance and Al-Khidmat Foundation were seen in providing relief to the affectees. However, till date the affectees are living in tents with an added sorrow gained from the earthquake. The local people and volunteers also took part and rendered valuable services in relief and rescue operations. Thanks to the sense of voluntarism which does not lack in the people of this under-privileged part of the world.

Earthquake October 2015

On October 26, 2015, an earthquake of 7.5 magnitude on Richter scale with epicenter in Hindukush near northeastern Afghanistan struck areas of Pakistan. The Meteorological Department of Pakistan reported about 120 aftershocks of varying magnitudes felt across Pakistan but more intensive in KP (13 districts) of Pakistan especially Chitral. In the process, 188 lives were lost and 1,138 were injured in the KP province.

The earthquake played havoc in the area, including irreparable loss to lives, destroying residential houses, farmland and livestock, Government buildings, water supply and irrigation schemes, Roads and bridges and energy infrastructures. Based on the sector wise need-based recovery assessment of KP government, the government needs 317.97 USD during the coming two years for recovery of the affected areas from the earthquake.

The earthquake and aftershocks were severely felt in many districts of KP and Gilgit-Baltistan (GB); however, the intensity in Chitral was extraordinary because of its proximity to the Hidukush range, says, the KP government. The government is right in reporting the intensity of the destruction in Chitral but miserably failed to identify the number of fully and partially damaged houses. This lethargy is perhaps because of giving itself relief from the burden of compensation which it is going to pay for the fully and partially damaged houses or due to the apathy involved in the survey conducted by government officials. The government has announced compensation package for the earthquake victims, viz; USD 5725.72, USD 1908.57 and USD 954.29 each for a deceased, fully damaged and partially damaged houses respectively. An additional amount of USD 1908.57 has been declared to be the right of those who may have lost their leg or limb.

Even the survey of the affectees conducted by the NGOs is not accurate. There have been even public agitations against the survey conducted by an organization as prestigious as FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance. The report published by Provincial Disaster Management Authority on December 7, 2015, shows 3,378 fully damaged and 15,921 partially damaged houses in Chitral. The same report identified 33 deaths and 200 injured. This is ridiculous, one can agree with the report as far as the statistic about the fully damaged houses and human losses are concerned but the figure about partially damaged houses is far from truth. As many as 90% of houses are partially damaged in form of cracks in walls, having 2 to 5 inches separation of wall from each other which the government is not ready to consider. The survey has not taken into consideration such damages.

I personally know poor people who came to me to write applications for them addressing the government authorities to include their names in the partially damaged list but no one paid any heed to their grievances. A 75-year-old widow from my village, who survived the earthquake when the villagers came to rescue her under the debris of the razed boundary wall of her mud-constructed house, came to me to accompany her to the administration office to get relief items for her. She couldn't keep pace with me on walking to administration office. Unable to walk properly due to pain in her legs and back, because of surviving under the razed wall, she reached the office in an hour which otherwise is a distance of about five minutes. This widow never got any relief despite of her feeble struggles. This is the situation of poor affectees living in the administrative headquarters, what to say of those living miles away from it.

The following table illustrates the sector based costs in USD for rehabilitation in Chitral as identified by the provincial government report. The report takes into account partially and fully damaged infrastructure but do not gives any figure as to the cost of reconstruction and rehabilitation of damaged houses. However, data on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction cost on damaged houses could be provided to interested organizations and individuals who may want to involve in any way in reconstruction and rehabilitation process.

As for as the damaged houses are concerned, which have not been identified in the above table, a help of 5 to 6 thousand USD and 2 to 3 thousand USD each for every fully damaged and partially damaged houses respectively could help in rehabilitation and reconstruction of each respectively in addition to the Pakistan government's promised amount. The affectees looking towards the government, NGOs, donor agencies for help in the reconstruction of their damaged houses, which could start in March once snow recedes.

External response and shortcomings

The aftermath of both the calamities witnessed external responses from the government and NGOs. Few NGOs reached Chitral in the relief and rescue phase and their number exceeded a dozen in the aftermath of the Earthquake. These included the subsidiary organs of the AKDN, especially the FOCUS Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan, Karachi Welfare Trust, Al-Khidmat Foundation, CRS, Islamic Relief, HANDS, WFP and others to name a few. The relief which these NGOs provided were food items, kitchen utensils, cash by some NGOs extending to the limit of 143.14 USD to each household in selected areas, tents, warm garments and the like things. All these were laudable, but were not sufficient to help the effectees who are living in tents in freezing temperature. The urgent need was of temporary shelters which were never provided. However, FOCUS is saying that it will provide shelters in the coming few weeks. Perhaps it is waiting for the freezing temperature to recede!

Another NGO – perhaps Karachi Trust – is providing shelter but requires the affectees to

Multi- Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Capacity Building Workshop inaugurated in Peshawar, Pakistan

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contribute some 50% of the total cost in the installation of the one-room shelter.

There were some short comings as well, of the external response. Lack of correct survey and delay, inefficiency and mishandling in the distribution of relief items tops the list of the external response shortcomings. In many instances, provision of the same items by different stakeholders piled up bags of flour in an affectees possession with no rice to boil. Furthermore, no agency paid any attention to provide emergency shelters which are still direly needed, for people are living in tents amid snow. If the people are alive under such circumstances is due perhaps to the hope of any assistance in the coming few months.

Under this sorry state of affairs, the involved stakeholder must expedite their activities to provide emergency shelters and it is the moral responsibility of everyone to play our part in helping the really deserving poor people of Chitral.

What you can do

It is a moral obligation of everyone to help others in need you can do much in any capacity you are in. You may be an individual donor, an NGO, a trust, a think tank, a policy making body or any individual with no personal capacity to fund, but can raise the concerns of the poor affectees in relevant platforms who may help them. If you are an NGO/trust/think tank, policy body or research institution:

In any of the above capacity you can help by:

- Donating for rehabilitation in consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- Undertaking a neutral survey to identify affectees who for some reason have been left by previous government and NGOs surveys.
- Assisting already involved stakeholders or through self initiatives in identifying medium, short and long term measures to deal with such occurrences immediately and in future. These may include possibility of constructing low cost earthquake proof houses/ infrastructure by keeping in view the practices of communities across the globe who are more prone to earthquake and other natural disasters.

Addressing the fear and mental concerns which the people harbor in mind due to frequent occurrences of natural disasters. The people live in perpetual atmosphere of fear, which adversely affect their health.

Pre and post-disaster mental preparation and rehabilitation training/workshops/sessions could be one activity. Extending your expertise and research to undertake research regarding glacial lake outburst floods etc. Extending your jurisdiction/area of activity to the affectees.

If you are an individual donor: In this capacity, you can share your sympathies with the people by donating to the organizations working in the area. Transparency, a crucial factor for efficacy, must be sought and mechanism must be enacted before extending donations to organization. Many NGOs, civil society organizations, local support organizations are active. Connecting with them could bring positive repercussions. If you are not a donor:

Not everyone could be a donor. You may be a student, a writer, a researcher etc. In any capacity you can raise the concerns of the people in your own circles, in print and electronic media and in other number of forum. Giving general awareness to the people clearly informing them about ground realities could be effective in facilitating others to extend their attention to the affectees.

Mother Teresa once famously said, "I alone cannot change the world. But I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples". The ripples crated by your endeavors may become a precursor of the breeze of happiness which the calamity hit people of Chitral are waiting for.

Currently, most of the dwellers of the fully damaged houses are living in tents in freezing temperatures. If nature inflicts no more cruelties they will withstand the harsh weather and in March they will start reconstructing their abodes. The people looking towards each and every one of us to help them in whatever capacity we are through whatever means we could.

Pakistan, February 06, 2016 – UN-Habitat, in close collaboration with the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and in partnership with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (APDC) and Community Resilience Initiative (CRI), held a two-day workshop to build the capacity and support of the Government at the National and Provincial level under the Supporting Government in developing more synergized, cohesive, and inclusive disaster risk management policies project.

Mr. Amer Afaq, Director General for PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, attended as the Chief Guest and inaugurated this capacity-building workshop which focused on the Multi-Hazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment done in two districts, Chitral and D.I. Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Experts from the government, academia and humanitarian sector attended the event and discussed the challenges pertaining to improved Disaster Risk Management (DRM) policies, various assessment tools including remote sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS) and their use and importance in disaster management, as well as participated in group discussions and activities leading to valuable suggestions to improve DRM policies.

Mr. Amer Afaq, while addressing the participants, said: "This is a very important exercise for us; we need proper and updated information regarding our area's vulnerability to both natural and man-made disasters. One dollar spent today for assessments can save us ten dollars tomorrow for response. I request each district's administration and line departments to coordinate and facilitate the implementing partners to make this initiative successful as it is going to help us become disaster resilient."

Multi- Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Capacity Building Workshop inaugurated in Peshawar, Pakistan1Ms. Bella Evidente, Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat Pakistan,

Earthquake jolts Swat

Thefrontierpost, February 5, 2016

Earthquake jolts Swat, Shangla

Pakistan Today, February 5, 2016

139 children die in one month in drought-hit Pakistan district

Irinnews, February 4, 2016

commented in relation to the discussion at the workshop and said: "UN- Habitat is pleased to provide technical advisory support to the provincial government through PDMA in strengthening the policy and planning process at provincial and district levels. The investment in good quality assessment pays back during the master planning and improvement of socio-economic conditions of the area. UN-Habitat is proud to be working closely with the Government of KP for a cohesive and inclusive policy advice and support."

Ms. Sumera Izhar and Mr. Asad ur Rehman of UN-Habitat, Dr. Shafique, Dr. Amir Khan, Mr. Asif Khan, Dr. Anwar Saeed Khan and Mr. Naveed of CRI imparted valuable information regarding the project's process, results, and findings and gave suggestions to scale up the benefits at the National and Provincial level. Notable persons from other districts and communities from divisional headquarters (Abbottabad, Swat, Mardan, Kohat, and Bannu) actively participated in the discussions and also provided valuable contributions and suggestions from their experience.

The Multi-Hazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessments were carried out in Chitral and D.I. Khan with the involvement of the government, academic and science-based institutions. Local community engagement and participation during the project's implementation was a significant component and allowed the grassroots expertise to be consulted to the maximum extent possible. Dissemination of information and transfer of knowledge to relevant National, Provincial and District officials were undertaken along with defining roles and responsibilities to facilitate effective coordination among all stakeholders in increasing resilience in these districts and successfully managing repeated disasters.

SWAT (INP): Earthquake jolts were reported in Swat and adjoining areas on Friday. According to reports, magnitude of earthquake was 3.0 on richtar scale and depth was 80 Km. No casualty has been reported.

A three-magnitude earthquake shook Swat, Shangla and adjacent areas on Friday afternoon. According to details, the epicentre of the quake was in Swat Valley, at the depth of 10 kilometres. Fear and panic gripped the residents as people came out of their houses and started offering prayers. Fortunately, no loss of life or damage to property was reported till the filing this report.

THARPARKAR: At least 139 children died of waterborne disease in January in Pakistan's impoverished desert district of Tharparkar, which has been devastated by drought since 2013. Civil society groups and opposition politicians say the Sindh provincial government's response to the crisis has been insufficient to prevent widespread hunger and disease. "We have not seen any benefits, despite government claims," said Kamla Bibi of a local civil society group called Thardeep. Nisar Khuhro, the provincial government spokesman, admitted there were problems, but told IRIN that needs were being "urgently addressed".

Yet, four years into the crisis, farmers are still in need of seeds and fertiliser, according to preliminary data in an unpublished report being prepared by the Pakistan Food Security Cluster, which is led by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization and the World Food Programme. New irrigation systems also need to be built and old ones repaired, according to a draft of the report obtained by IRIN. Officials from the FAO and WFP cautioned that the survey results have not been finalised and that the findings of the report could change. But there is no doubt that people are suffering as harvests fail and livestock die. This is especially true in the hard-hit southeast of Sindh province, where Tharparkar is located. Although 96 percent of households surveyed said they had received food assistance during the preceding two years, 90 percent said drought had adversely impacted their food consumption.

"It can be safely concluded that food deprivation caused by the drought in the southeast is increasing and worsening malnutrition, especially among children, pregnant and lactating women," says the draft report. In addition to lack of food, 68 percent of households surveyed in Tharparkar reported that they drew water from potentially unsafe sources, which exposes them to diarrhea that can cause malnutrition and vice-versa. The conditions "can be linked in a vicious cycle amongst children," according to the World Health Organisation.

According to a 31 January report by Alhasan Systems, a company that specialises in gathering humanitarian data, at least 139 children died in Tharparkar in January. Alhasan Systems attributed the deaths to a combination of drought-related disease and poor access to healthcare. Asha Bibi, who heads a local civil society group called Polki, said his organization also counted at least 100 deaths from hospital records, but he told IRIN that it was possible that adults or other children were dying.

"These are the children who die in hospitals," he said. "There could be other deaths occurring in small hamlets and villages which we know nothing about." The survey carried out by the Food Security Cluster highlighted that access to healthcare is a major problem in the region. The average distance people must travel to health facilities in Tharparkar is 17 kilometres. Out of the nine districts surveyed in Sindh, researchers found: "Households in Tharparkar travel the longest distance on average to access healthcare services."

Even if a sick person makes it to a clinic, they may not receive adequate care. There are only 298 doctors in the district, which is home to more than 1.3 million people, while more than 215 village dispensaries that sell medication and sometimes provide minor healthcare are "non-functional", according to Alhasan Systems.

The deaths of children in Tharparkar have sparked fierce debate in the provincial legislature. Opposition members proposed in the 28 January session that the government require new doctors entering the public health system in Sindh to work for a period of time in Tharparkar. Khuhro, the provincial government spokesman, told IRIN that the government is committed to improving health facilities, although he did not provide details of the plan. "We are doing everything we can to

Swine flu claims life of 'two' women

Dawn News, February 4, 2016

Un-Habitat, PDMA, APDC to cope with disasters jointly

Pak Observer, February 3, 2016

Drought in Thar sparks debate over children's deaths

Brecorder, February 2, 2016

improve conditions at hospitals," he said.

BAHAWALPUR: The swine flu claimed the life of two 'women patients' at the Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH) here on Wednesday. The BVH officials confirmed only one death due to swine flu claiming that other patient Ghazia having a pregnancy of seven weeks had some internal and gynae complications and that pneumonia was the cause of her death.

Dr Aamir Aziz of the emergency ward said Ruqaya was admitted to the special ward about three days back.

He said she was tested H1N1 positive by the NIH laboratory in Multan and was being treated. He said her condition became serious on Tuesday night despite being properly looked after and she died on Wednesday.

Dr Aziz said that Ghazia of Chak 131, Murad, Chishtian tehsil, was hospitalized about five days back. Her blood samples were sent to the NIH laboratory in Multan, which declared her result negative. He said she was being treated for other complications arising out of her pregnancy, but she expired..

PESHAWAR—The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UNHabitat) in close collaboration with Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and in partnership with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (APDC) and Community Resilience Initiative will work together to support the government under the "Supporting Government in developing more synergized, cohesive, and inclusive disaster risk management policies" Project. This was stated by Amer Afaq, Director General, PDMA KP during capacity building workshop focused on the MultiHazard Vulnerability Risk Assessment done in two districts, Chitral and D.I. Khan in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, held at PDMA Office.

Experts from the government, academia and humanitarian sector attended the event and discussed the challenges pertaining to improved DRM policies, various assessment tools including remote sensing and Geographical Information System (GIS) and their use and importance in disaster management, as well as participated in group discussions and activities leading to valuable suggestions to improve DRM policies.

Afaq, while addressing the participants said this is a very important exercise for PDMA, which needs proper and updated information regarding our area's vulnerability to both natural and manmade disasters. He said PDMA requests each district's administration and line departments to coordinate and facilitate the implementing partners to make this initiative successful as it is going to help us become disaster resilient.

Ms Bella Evidente, Country Program Manager, UNHabitat Pakistan said, "UNHabitat is pleased to provide technical advisory support to the provincial Government through PDMA in strengthening the policy and planning process at provincial and district levels. She said, the investment in good quality assessment pays back during the master planning and improvement of socioeconomic conditions of the area. She said, UNHabitat is proud to be working closely with the Government of KP for a cohesive and inclusive policy advice and support."

Amer further added the MultiHazard Vulnerability and Risk Assessments were carried out in Chitral and D.I. Khan with the involvement of the government, academic, and sciencebased institutions. He said, Local/community engagement and participation during project implementation was a significant component allowing the grassroots expertise to be consulted to the maximum extent possible.

A non-profit group has requested a legal probe into a wave of children's deaths in southern Pakistan, saying authorities should do more to protect residents from a long-running drought. "More than 100 children have died since the start of January" in Sindh, said Shuja Qureshi of Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER). "And we do not see any plan to tackle this issue."

"We sent an urgent application to the Sindh High Court on January 22 to resume hearing our petition of 2014 for a probe to know the reasons for the deaths," he said. Children are apparently dying from malnutrition and lack of medical services in the province's desert district of Tharparkar.

In 2014, the district saw 250 children's deaths linked to the problems, he said. A court order that year to determine the extent and causes of the problem was resisted by the provincial arm of the government of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of former president Asif Ali Zardari. Officials this year defended the authorities' more recent response, and said the death count was being inflated and played for political gain by critics.

"Media is giving exaggerated figures," said Allah Joria, superintendent of the district administrator office in Tharparkar. "I think they also include deaths of [older] boys and elderly people." "So far only 40 [infant] deaths have been reported since the start of January," Joria said. The figures at the heart of the debate are unclear. Pakistan's infant mortality rate is among the highest in the world.

The average nation-wide rates, as estimated by the World Bank, would account for around 200 deaths per month of children under one year old in Tharparkar, whose population is estimated at 1.5 million. But families who lost children agree with activists in Tharparkar that the problem is bigger than official counts show, and that authorities are failing to tackle the problem. "I lost my four-month-old son, Dil Shad, two weeks ago," resident Yousaf Jarar said. "I know many people who have buried their kids in the past weeks."

Jarar's son was brought to a hospital with pneumonia but died on the same day due to "weakness," according to the official record, he said. Regular drought since 2011 has killed off livestock and affected crops, said Ali Akbar, chief of local health organisation AWARE. "The drought has added to malnutrition. New-borns are often weak and vulnerable to diseases," he said.

"Last year there was rain but it was not enough and it also came late," he added. Sono

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Khangharani, a local health activist, said "poverty and lack of proper food" is at the heart of the problem, and has been compounded by an inadequate government response. "The government is not ready to accept the problem of deaths or malnutrition," he said.

"There is also the issue of corruption, as medicines meant for poor people are stolen by officials who sell them to private clinics." Poor infrastructure and remoteness - Tharparkar covers around 22,000 square kilometres - could be another reason for the deaths, according to Amar Gurior, a local freelance journalist. But the government said the issue of infant mortality is a conspiracy to destabilise it.

Joria rejected allegations that authorities were responding slowly or that aid was inadequate. "We do not have shortages of anything. We have enough grains for people and enough medicine to deal with patients," he told dpa. According to a report by the Sindh branch of the National Disaster Management Authority, from March 2104 to March 2015 the government provided 752,228 bags of wheat flour to stricken families.

It also provided blankets, food, mosquito nets and other emergency materials. It said 259,946 families were affected by the drought. "In addition to hospitals, the mobile health teams are working in the district to provide medical services," Joria said. But such claims are little consolation to those who have lost children. "The situation is not good. None of the officials came to me with offers of help when my son was sick and even after the death nobody came to offer financial or material support," Jarar said.

As many as 143 children under five years of age have died due to various diseases in Tharparkar district of Sindh province during the last four months. According to the report issued by the Sindh health department, at least 143 children under five years of age have died due to various diseases like malnutrition, starvation, premature births, drought and lack of health facilities in Tharparkar district in last four months.

The report further revealed that 6,362 children were brought to various hospitals' OPDs in the month of October 2015, out of which 542 were admitted for treatment, while 31 died during treatment. In November 2015, 5,940 children with various pediatric ailments were shifted to healthcare centers, out of which 458 were admitted for treatment, while 28 died later due to multiple reasons. It stated that 7036 children were shifted to public hospitals in various areas of Thar in the month of December 2015, out of which 722 got admissions for treatment while 44 died during treatment.

Similarly, malnutrition, starvation, and lack of health facilities claimed 40 lives in first month of 2016 out of 877 admissions. More than 8,778 children under five years of age were brought to the hospitals in the month of January. A total 2,80,00 children were brought to different hospitals of Tharparkar in four months, out of which 2,599 were admitted for treatment in this time period.

LAHORE: A swine flu patient died on Monday bringing the death toll from the influenza in Lahore to seven since January 1, a spokesman for the Health Department said.

The patient whose identity could not be ascertained had been admitted to Nawaz Sharif Social Security Hospital on being tested positive for the virus.

ISLAMABAD: Preservation of Marghalla Hills National Park is imperative for protection Federal Capital's environment and ecosystem.

Minister of State for Capital Administration & Development Division (CA&DD) Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary on Tuesday on Tuesday expressed thses views in a meeting on Development Plan for Capital, according to a news release. About the recommendations of Islamabad Wildlife Association regarding Margallah Hills National Park, Minister of State said "I am committed to preserve, conserve and protect the bio-diversity of Marghalla Hills National Park. He said "protection of Margallah Hills National Park is my commitment with the residents of Capital."

He said this park is the beauty of Islamabad, the Capital and its protection is part of Islamabad Development Plan. The Minister of State directed the Capital Development Authority to take all necessary measures and appropriate steps to bring the management of the park upto the international standards. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary also issued directions to increase the number of forest guards, deployed for the protection of the park.

THARPARKAR: Three more children died of malnutrition at Civil Hospital Umerkot in drought-hit Tharparkar late on Monday. Hospital sources said three children who died late on Monday included a newborn, a two-month old and five years old, respectively. The dead children's names were Omar and Asif while, the newly born child's father name is Keeval Bheel.

Dozens of children, suffering from malnutrition, are still being treated at in the Hospitals. On the other hand, drought-hit people are migrating to safer place along with their livestock amid Sindh government's apathy.

KARACHI: Swine flu or H1N1 Influenza has started taking its toll in Karachi and health officials in the city on Monday confirmed two deaths due to the infectious disease alone in the month of January 2016.

"A one-year-old baby girl died due to H1N1 influenza complications yesterday (Sunday) at a private hospital in the city while an 83-year-old man had died due to swine flu and pneumonia on January 16," Director of Health Karachi, Dr. Zafar Aijaz, told The News.

Earlier, a two-year-old child Allah Bux was tested positive for H1N1 Influenza during medical tests conducted at the Sentinel Influenza lab at the Civil Hospital Karachi, making the total swine flu positive cases to seven, officials said.

Health authorities in Karachi asked people to report to them if a person has high-grade fever with cough, sore throat, diarrhea and vomiting but added that swine flu is an ordinary flu which only

Two more died in drought-hit Tharparkar

Online Indus, February 1, 2016

Environment dept notices create unrest in industry

The Nation, February 1, 2016

Another swine flu patient dies in Lahore

Pakistan Today, February 1, 2016

causes complications in people with compromised immunity including very old and sick people and small children.

An outbreak of swine flu in various cities of Punjab has claimed lives of several people in Multan, Lahore and Rawalpindi and some other cities of the province and now it has traveled to Karachi and resulted in the deaths of, at least, two people.

THARPARKAR: Two more children on Monday fell prey to malnutrition in Tharparkar, death toll risen to 120. As per details, in Civil Hospital Mithi (CHM), 18-days-old Barkat and 18-months-old Khadija in Saghror village died as a result of the outbreak of waterborne diseases.

At least 120 children have lost their lives in a span of 32 days. Rescue efforts have still not been started in the far flung areas of Thar whereas the basic health centers and dispensaries established in the villages lack medical facilities. Moreover, neither medicines nor medical teams have been provided by the Sindh government to the affectees of drought-hit Thar. Lack of resources has further added to the misery of the locals.

LAHORE - Pakistan Industrial and Traders Association Front (PIAF) Chairman Irfan Iqbal Sheikh has said that issuance of notices to industries by the Environment Department without even properly probing the issue is a sheer injustice. "It has created unrest and panic among the businessmen as they were unaware of the whole issue." Irfan Iqbal Sheikh urged Punjab CM Shehbaz Sharif to direct the Environment Department to desist from such practices in future that are bound to put reverse gear to all government efforts aimed at economic turnaround.

He said that at a time when no new local or foreign investor is ready to put his money in any new venture in the province, the bureaucracy is busy in making moves against the existing businesses. He said that the PIAF, since its very inception, is striving for the promotion of trade and industry but the recent issuance of notices to industrial units is a calculated move to thwart these efforts. He said that business community knows well that the environmental issues were of prime importance therefore the export-oriented industry has already been tackling them on priority, asking the Punjab government to also extend every possible help to the industrial sector in this regard. He said that compliance to environmental standards was a prerequisite to do business with the developed world therefore the Environment Department should work tirelessly to educate the business community on these standards. He suggested the government to encourage the establishment of low-cost water treatment plants and plants to control carbon emission, announcing some subsidy or incentives as the industry cannot afford high cost plants. The Chairman said that the PIAF was taking all possible measures to educate its members about the environmental standards in vogue the world over. He said that the cases should not be registered against the businessmen on environmental issues as the industrialists always try their level best to comply with all government rules and regulations.

Another swine flu patient died in Nawaz Sharif Social Security Hospital (NSSH) here on Monday, bringing the death toll to seven in Lahore since January 1.

The victim, whose identity could not be ascertained, was a resident of Lahore and he had been admitted to the hospital after he was tested positive for the swine flu virus.

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DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Army has sought additional funds from the finance ministry to raise a new security division and an additional 28 security battalions, it emerged on Sunday. A statement released by the ministry of finance said senior officials from the army had a meeting with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar at his ministry in Islamabad, where the demand for "financing and the release of funds" was made by military officials. The statement quoted Dar as saying that the "government attaches the highest importance to security matters" and assured the "provision of funds for the new security division and additional battalions." Pakistan Army is currently spearheading a war against terrorism in Pakistan's northern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, where terrorists from militant organisations are believed to have taken refuge.

In June 2014, the army launched a comprehensive military operation – Zarb-i-Azb – against Taliban militants threatening the writ of the state by launching brazen attacks on government and military installations. Since then, the military has claimed to kill thousands of militants in air raids in the north and through intelligence-based operations in various parts of the country. But the threat of militancy and extremism is far from over. Despite the military offensive and stringent counter-terror measures, Taliban terrorists managed to breach the security of a university in Charsadda last month, killing 21 students and professors in an attack that bore resemblance to the brazen Dec 2014 assault on an army-run school in Peshawar that killed 144.

LAHORE: The Punjab Safe Cities Authority bill passed by the provincial assembly this week seeks development and maintenance of an integrated command, control and communication (IC3) system in major cities of the province. The bill says that a separate fund – called the IC3 fund – will be set up for the authority to meet its expenses. The funds will consist of grants from federal and provincial governments, foreign aid and loans and proceeds from all charges and income from sale of its assets and any recovery made otherwise. A special provision in the bill grants immunity from legal proceedings to those associated with the authority including consultants. The bill reads: "No suit, prosecution or any other legal proceedings shall lie against the authority, the chairperson, the vice chairperson, the managing director, the secretary, any other member, officer, employee, expert or consultant of the authority, in respect of anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this act." The bill says that the authority may construct and maintain IC3 systems for future expansion and enter into contracts, grant licenses, leases, make other arrangements and perform all tasks necessary for efficient functioning of these systems. The bill states that the authority will work under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. It will have a vice chairperson. Other members will include the finance minister, the chief secretary, the Planning and Development chairman, the home secretary, the finance secretary, the Punjab Information Technology Board chairman, the police heads of cities concerned, three eminent persons nominated by the government and lawmakers.

The authority will have an executive committee chaired by the chief secretary and a management committee chaired by the IGP. It will have a chief operating officer who will also serve as the secretary of the authority, the bill states. Speaking about the expected role of the authority, the chief minister said on Saturday that it would play help maintain law and order and control crime in cities. He said all resources would be utilised for maintenance of law and order and protection of life and property. "The use of latest technology is the need of the hour for curbing crime and making the cities safer. The completion of this important project will help control crime and keep a watchful eye on miscreants," he said. The bill was passed on Monday and would become an Act as soon as it was signed by the governor. In its report on the bill, the Standing Committee on Home Affairs had submitted that the project would be initiated in Lahore and replicated in Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Multan in the second phase. Later, it will be expanded to other major urban centres in the province.

ISLAMABAD: The chief of the country's primary civilian intelligence agency will brief a Senate committee on Feb 9 on counter-measures taken to guard against 'spy signals' emanating from the Diplomatic Enclave, ostensibly aimed at the Prime Minister's Secretariat and other sensitive buildings in its vicinity. Intelligence Bureau Director General Aftab Sultan is expected to tell the Senate Standing Committee on Interior about the gadgets and technology that were being used to spy on Pakistan and detail the measures being taken. Rehman Malik, a former interior minister and chairman of the committee, told Dawn that very strong signals had been detected during a meeting in the prime minister's cabinet room, back in 2012. He said the meeting had to be postponed as the local security apparatus was unable to block the signals. The disclosures that certain foreign embassies were involved in bugging the phones of important personalities, and that the cabinet room was still being spied on, were made by Senator Malik in June last year during a meeting of the committee. He made these claims days after a PML-N lawmaker, Chaudhry Tanvir Khan, moved an adjournment motion in the Senate, seeking the suspension of normal business to discuss the phone-tapping of important personalities by foreign embassies. The matter was finally referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Interior for a probe into the claim.

Senator Malik told Dawn that the initial part of the meeting, where the issue of spying and phone-tapping would be discussed, would be in-camera. Sources said that the Chairman of Senate Standing Committee on Rules and Privileges, retired Col Tahir Hussain Mashhadi – who is also a member of the committee on interior – may use the opportunity to raise the alleged tapping of former Finance Minister Salim Mandviwala's phone by the Intelligence Bureau. Mr Mashhadi's committee had summoned the IB chief last year to respond to a privilege motion, moved by Mr Mandviwala, alleging that his mobile phone was being tapped by a spy agency. The IB chief,

Two suspected terrorists killed, 35 rounded up in Quetta raid

The Express Tribune, February 7, 2016

Army chief, US envoy discuss regional security

The Express Tribune, February 6, 2016

Nine killed, 34 injured as suicide attack targets security forces' vehicle in Quetta

Daily Dawn, February 6, 2016

however, had said the bureau was not tapping the telephones of politicians and parliamentarians, but it had blanket permission to tap the phones of suspected terrorists and criminals. He said the bureau required prior permission from the prime minister to tap someone's phone. "I can say categorically that I have not received any directives, either from previous or the present prime minister, to tap the telephones of parliamentarians," he had said. After the DG's remarks, Mr Mandviwala showed the committee a copy of an internal IB communiqué, carrying a directive to provide the complete call data of his personal number. The IB chief initially said that the "internal memo" was fake, but sought more time to verify its authenticity when asked to say so in writing. Even though a report was sought from the IB chief within ten days, the status of that internal memo still remains a mystery. Other items on agenda of the Standing Committee on Interior include the reasons and contributing factors for illegal immigration from Pakistan, total figures of illegal immigrants for the last five years, implementation of Immigration Ordinance 1979 and the number of fake recruiting agencies and action taken against them by the Federal Investigation Agency.

QUETTA: At least two suspected militants of a banned militant outfit were killed while another 35 were arrested on Sunday during a search operation conducted by Frontier Corps in Sariyab and adjoining areas of Quetta. "Two militants of a banned organisation were killed and 35 were rounded up during a search operation," an FC spokesperson said, adding arms were recovered from the possession of the accused. "Two hand grenades, two SMGs, one Makarov pistol, one shotgun, seven TT pistols, one 9mm pistol, two 30 bore pistols and several rounds were also recovered from the possession of the suspects," the spokesperson added. The development comes only a day after as many as 10 people, including four security personnel, were killed while 23 others sustained injuries in a suicide attack targeting the FC in Quetta.

A convoy of FC personnel comprising a truck and two other vehicles was on a routine patrol on the Adalat Road of the provincial capital on Saturday when a suicide attacker who was riding a bicycle targeted the convoy, sources told The Express Tribune. Soon after the attack, the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for the attack. "The TTP's TSG unity carried out the attack that targeted the convoy of security forces," Taliban spokesperson, Mohammad Khorasani said. Earlier this week, Army chief General Raheel Sharif termed Balochistan a "hotbed of proxy wars" as he promised a relentless fight to restore peace in the volatile province which has been wrecked by militant, sectarian, ethnic and terrorist violence since 2004.

NEWS DESK: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif discussed overall regional security situation with greater reference to Afghanistan in a meeting with US special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan Richard G Olson. Ambassador Olson called on the army chief at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi on Saturday where matters related to regional security came under discussion, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. The visiting ambassador has appreciated the efforts of Pakistan in fighting against terrorism. On February 4, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the army chief discussed the role of hostile foreign intelligence agencies and their collaborators in fomenting instability in the country. According to the ISPR, in a high-level meeting at the ISI headquarters, the army chief emphasised the need for continued efforts across the country to consolidate gains of operation Zarb-e-Azb. "The role of hostile [foreign] intelligence agencies and their collaborators in fomenting instability in Pakistan and undermining Pakistan's interests was discussed in detail," the statement said. It added that management of Pak-Afghan border including way forward was also discussed during the meeting.

QUETTA: A suicide attack targeted a security forces' vehicle near the premises of the heavily guarded Quetta district courts on Saturday. At least eight people, including two Frontier Corps (FC) personnel, were killed on the spot and at least 35 others were wounded in the powerful explosion. Later, another wounded person succumbed to his injuries in a hospital bringing the death toll to nine. DIG Imtiaz Shah confirmed it was a suicide attack and said the attacker blew himself up near a vehicle belonging to the FC. The banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has claimed responsibility for the attack in an email sent to journalists. The claim could not be independently verified. Balochistan province's home secretary Akbar Durrani told journalists that six people were injured in the blast. "We can not ascertain right now whether it was an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) or a suicide bomb attack," said Akbar Durrani. The blast partially damaged the security forces' vehicle and shattered the window panes of nearby buildings.

Television footage showed several wounded FC personnel being shifted from the scene. Rescue and emergency teams reached the blast site. An emergency was declared in all nearby hospitals, while the wounded have been shifted to Civil Hospital Quetta. All the injured were rushed to Civil hospital Quetta for medical treatment. Dr. Rasheed Jamali, an on-duty physician in the hospital told DawnNews that eight people among the injured were in serious condition and were moved to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) for medical treatment. Traffic in the area is usually jam-packed with a market, district sessions courts and a number of government building situated in the vicinity. The explosion was heard in a wide area. Inspector General Frontier Corps General Sher Afgan while talking to media confirmed that it was a suicide attack, adding that the terrorists are attacking soft targets as the successes achieved by armed forces and FC during anti-terror operation have destroyed their power. "Such attacks cannot dampen our spirits as we will continue fighting these elements till the establishment of peace in Balochistan," said General Sher Afgan.

Condemnations pour in

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and other political leaders condemned the blast. In statement released from PM House, the prime minister while condemning the attack, directed authorities to give best medical treatment to the injured. The PM also directed law enforcement officials to hunt down the culprits responsible for this terror attack. PPP Chairman, in his condemnation statement, said that terrorism is menace and can only be eliminated by standing united and strengthening democracy. Bilawal Bhutto

Pakistan fully supports Afghan Reconciliation process: Sartaj Aziz

The News, February 6, 2016

18 senior Punjab police officers likely to be demoted

Daily Dawn, February 6, 2016

Rs1 billion fund for TDPs stuck in red tape

The Express Tribune, February 6, 2016

expressed sympathies with the members of the bereaved families and prayed for the early recovery of injured. Quetta is the provincial capital of Balochistan. The province has been experiencing incident violence and targeted killings since more than a decade. The largest province of the country by area, is home to a low-level insurgency by ethnic Baloch separatists. Al Qaeda-linked and sectarian militants also operate in the region. The province shares borders with Afghanistan and Iran.

ISLAMABAD: The Quadrilateral Coordination Group on Afghanistan meeting is under way here today to contemplate a roadmap for peace and reconciliation, government sources said yesterday. Senior officials of Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and the US are attending the meeting, the third since formation of the four-nation group in December. Addressing the opening session, Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said that Pakistan fully supports Afghan reconciliation process. He hoped that a roadmap for the peace talks between the Afghan government and the Afghan Taliban would soon be finalised. The Coordination Group will pick up the third from the second meeting held in Kabul last month. Member-countries of the Heart of Asia Process on the sidelines of the conference on Afghanistan, hosted by Pakistan in December last year, formed the Quadrilateral Group to strive to steer out Afghanistan from the decades of violence and establish peace through peaceful means. The group has so far held three meeting to move beyond the continuous cycle of conflict by engaging the Taliban who have so far not joined the reconciliation process even though the main faction of Taliban, led by Mullah Akhtar Mansur, has hinted at joining it at an appropriate time. Political observers and analysts believe that peace and reconciliation process in Afghanistan will not bear fruits until the Afghan government offers some attractive incentives to the insurgents to come to the negotiation table.

LAHORE: Eighteen senior police officers, two DIGs among them, are likely to be demoted after the Supreme Court verdict declaring "out-of-turn" promotions illegal. These officers (mostly SPs) will get the rank of deputy superintendent of police and even inspector. The Punjab police have been employing delaying tactics in implementation of two similar judgments the Supreme Court had passed in 2013 and 2015. The apex court in its judgement of 2013 had declared: "No police personnel or civil servant is entitled to out-of-turn promotion on account of gallantry award or otherwise." In its latest decision on Jan 26, 2016, the SC expressed its utter displeasure over non-compliance of the earlier orders and warned the Punjab IG, the home secretary and the chief secretary of contempt of court proceeding. "The non-compliance of this judgment shall expose these officials concerned to contempt proceedings," the SC declares in its judgment (a copy is available with Dawn). DIG Akhtar Omar Hayat Lalayka and CIA SP Umar Virk were among the beneficiaries of out-of-turn promotions. Officials say Mr Virk, who is using the rank of CIA SSP these days, is most likely to be made DSP if the Punjab police implement the Supreme Court order in letter and spirit. Similarly, some others may be demoted to the rank of inspectors and if the demotions are effected on the expected scale, it will be a 'rare' happening in the Punjab police history.

The other police officers included SPs Shahid Pervez Rana, Shahid Razaq Qureshi, Awais Malik, Faisal Gulzar Awan, Ijaz Shafi Dogar, Mansoor Naji, Raja Basharat Mahmood, Tahir Maqsood, Naeemul Hassan Khan, Syed Jamat Ali Bukhari, Karamatullah Malik and Rai Zameerul Haq. DIG Javed Husain Shah and SPs Zarait Kiyani and Irfanullah have already retired. The Punjab Police have sought from the regional and district police the promotion record of all these officers to process the case for demotion. Outgoing Headquarters DIG Muhammad Farooq Mazhar had written a letter on Feb 1 last to the regional police officers (RPOs) and district police officers (DPOs) concerned seeking details about 20 police officers. The letter states: "The cases of out-of-turn promotions/gallantry awards are being processed by Establishment II Branch". The letter further states the record of the out-of-turn promotion cases of the following police officers, including recommendations received from the Regions, Units, courts' orders and other related material/record, may be furnished to this office at the earliest to proceed further in the matter. Earlier, the Advocate General Punjab in a written assurance apprised the SC that the Punjab government has started implementing the judgments.

"We must record our displeasure over the inaction on the part of the Punjab government for the directions issued by this court in 2013 and 2015. We expect that all the out of turn promotions granted either to the police personnel or gallantry award or otherwise shall be undone within four weeks from today and their seniority be re-fixed," the Supreme Court declares in its judgment. It further states that the out-of-turn promotions from constables to any gazetted officers shall be streamlined in terms of the aforesaid two judgements. "On completion of the exercise the Punjab IG, the home secretary and chief secretary shall submit a compliance report with the assistant registrar of this court for our perusal in chambers," the SC directed.

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary panel will soon take up the issue of non-disbursement of funds to families from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) which had been displaced due to Operation Zarb-e-Azb. "The approved Rs1 billion is shuttling around in different files and in our next meeting we will scrutinise the federal government's glaring injustice," said Jamiat Ulama Islam-Fazal (JUI-F) Jamaluddin, who is chairman of the National Assembly's Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions (Safron). He claimed that nearly 20 months after an operation against militants in the tribal areas began, codenamed Zarb-e-Azb, the government had released only Rs10 billion. Out of this a paltry sum of Rs1 billion had been marked for disbursement among TDPs for rehabilitation while the remaining was for the security establishment. But this sum was still stuck in the bureaucracy and red tape. The government had earmarked Rs100 billion for Fata of which Rs55 billion was reserved for rehabilitation of 336,762 Fata families affected by Operation Zarb-e-Azb, while the remaining Rs45 billion was for military purposes. According to Economic Affairs Division's secretary, the Fata Secretariat is providing each returning family a one-time transportation covers of Rs. 10,000 in addition to a one-time Rs25,000 rehabilitation sum.

Jamaluddin, whose JUI-F is an ally of the government, criticised incumbent Pakistan Muslim

Pakistan ready to share its counter-terror expertise with others: COAS

Daily Dawn, February 5, 2016

Global response needed to defeat terrorism: General Raheel

The Express Tribune, February 4, 2016

Main facilitator of BKU attack arrested

Daily Dawn, February 3, 2016

League-Nawaz for unfairly attaching the military establishment with Fata. "There is need to understand the concept that Fata needs special treatment," he stressed. "The federal government is not sincere about rehabilitation and development in the tribal areas." He lamented that the government had failed to provide tents to returning TDPs. "We will give our recommendations (during the committee) for the disbursement of the pledged amount among real stakeholders, the people of the tribal region," he said, adding, "There is no compensation for war displaced people of the region." Recently, officials of the finance ministry had briefed the lawmakers on the status of Rs100 billion package announced by the government during the 2015-16 budget. The Jamaluddin-led parliamentary panel had expressed concern over the slow pace of work on rehabilitation of TDPs. Decrying the attitude of the minister for Safron, who is an ex-officio member of the committee yet he does not attend its meetings, Jamaluddin said the committee will probably take up the matter next week.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Gen Raheel Sharif visited the National Counter-Terrorism Training Centre (NCTC) in Pabbi on Thursday and witnessed the Pakistan-Sri Lanka-Maldives exercise, an Inter-Services Public Relations press release said. The two-week 'Eagle Dash-I' exercise was focused on counter-terrorism operations and sharing of field combat experiences of three armed forces. Owing to successes achieved by Zarb-i-Azb military operation, a large number of friendly countries have requested Pakistan Army to organise training for their troops at the NCTC, which is equipped with latest facilities. The Pakistan Army has so far conducted exercises with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, China and Jordan to enhance their combat efficiency. Pakistani troops have also imparted counter-terrorism training to police and other law-enforcement agencies of all four provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. The army chief congratulated the participants of the exercise for displaying high level of professionalism and combat skills. He emphasised that such exercises would consolidate the special relationship among three forces and help eliminate terrorism from the region.

Gen Sharif said terrorism was a global phenomenon and terrorists had no country, religion or sect. Pakistan had been victim of terrorism for over a decade and sacrificed a lot but in the end, the country had turned the tide primarily because of resilience displayed by the whole nation and professionalism of the armed forces, he added. "We are willing to share our experiences with the world for the benefit of humanity and as an obligation towards international peace." He said that Pakistan Army had also taken the initiative of providing counter-terrorism training to the personnel of police and other law-enforcement agencies in Pakistan in an effort to enhance their capacity and make them capable of dealing with this menace in an efficient manner. Praising the performance and potential of the trainees, he said such training would enhance the confidence of law-enforcement agencies. Foreign military delegates from Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and South Africa witnessed the exercise and lauded professionalism of Pakistan Army.

NEWS DESK: Army Chief General Raheel Sharif has said terrorism is a global phenomenon and required a coordinated, global response. According to the ISPR, General Raheel visited on Thursday the National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) to witness exercise "Eagle Dash-I" between Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives in Pabbi, Nowshera district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Congratulating the participants for displaying high level of professionalism and combat skills, army chief underscored that such exercises consolidate special relationship between the forces and help eliminate terrorism from the region. "Terrorism is a global phenomenon and terrorists have no country, religion or sect. Hence, a coordinated global response from us all [is required]." "Pakistan has been victim of terrorism for over a decade and sacrificed a lot but at the end we have turned the tide primarily due to resilience displayed by the whole nation and professionalism of our armed forces," added the COAS.

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PESHAWAR: In a major breakthrough, intelligence agencies have claimed to have arrested the main facilitator of the attack on the Bacha Khan University that left about 20 people dead and several others wounded, credible sources said.

According to them, Waheed Ali alias Arshad, categorised as "Terrorist A", was arrested in Nowshera last week. "He had made arrangements to flee to Afghanistan and hired a taxi to take him to the Pak-Afghan border at Torkham. Had there been any further delay, the man would have slipped away," the sources said. "He had shaved his beard and had packed up. His taxi was intercepted and he was picked up after positive identification," said the sources, requesting they not be identified.

In his initial statement, according to the sources, the alleged facilitator who is in his early 30s said the planning of the attack on the university had been in works for six months in Achin district of Afghanistan, the base of the militant commander Khalifa Omar Mansoor alias Omar Naray. He said he had surreptitiously made videos of the Punjab Regiment Centre and a police station in Mardan as possible targets and taken the footages in a memory chip to Omar Naray, but the plans had been dropped because of heavy security in the two places. The mastermind and planners, Waheed said, later opted for Abdul Wali Khan University in Mardan and prepared a group of four militants to carry out the attack. He said that he was the one who had made the video of the four

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attackers with Khalifa Mansoor and that was the reason why the Abdul Wali Khan University was mentioned in the video. He said Khalifa Mansoor had provided him Rs1 million to execute the plan and procure arms and ammunition for the attack. The plan to attack the Abdul Wali Khan University was also cancelled because of better security arrangements and the mastermind was informed about the new target in Charsadda.

According to the sources, the suspect said he had brought with him two attackers while the other two were already with another facilitator, Riaz, in Charsadda. He identified the four attackers, including an Afridi, one from Orakzai, one from Swat and one from South Waziristan. Waheed met Baitullah Mehsud in 2008 and has since been associated with the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. He had fled to Karachi where he was involved in extortion. He did his matriculation from Karachi and had lived there in the past as well. He is fluent in Urdu. According to the sources, Waheed returned to his native town of Amankot in Nowshera about nine months ago and established contacts with Khalifa Mansoor. He had been to Afghanistan a few times to coordinate attacks. The alleged facilitator also provided the names of people from whom he had procured arms and ammunition. With the arrest of the main facilitator, security agencies had completed the ring of all facilitators of the Charsadda attack. Five other suspects identified as facilitators in the attack are already in the custody of security agencies.

SUKKUR: The Larkana police arrested on Monday two policemen on charges of criminal activities in Shikarpur on Tuesday. The two suspects, Shahzad alias Babloo and Babar, are said to be involved in the kidnapping of a contractor. Their accomplices have yet to be arrested. On January 17, contractor Iqbal Sial, a resident of Sachal Colony, Larkana, was overseeing construction work of a building in his locality when four people arrived at the site in a car and introduced themselves as police officials, said a Larkana-based journalist. The men took Iqbal with them to question him about his involvement in some crimes, he added. The four police officers were identified as Akram Farooqui, Majid Ali, Madah Hussain Samo alias Shahzad alias Babloo and Babar. Iqbal was first kept in a quarter at Shikarpur police station and after a week was handed over to Khanpur SHO for interrogation. Iqbal was suspected of being involved in a suicide attack on former MNA Dr Ibrahim Jatoi in 2013, said the journalist. Iqbal was found innocent, but instead of releasing him, the officials demanded Rs. 350,000 as ransom from his family. Iqbal's brother, Shakeel Sial, had registered a complaint at the Sachal police station when Iqbal did not come home on January 17. A police team and the ASP accompanied Shakeel when he went to Khanpur to pay the ransom. Shakeel and the ASP, who was dressed in plainclothes, called the police constable Shahzad after reaching the police station.

The officer came out of the police station, took the ransom money and asked the two to wait. The journalist said that another man dressed in an army officer's uniform came out of the station along with Iqbal and the police constable Shahzad. The ASP's guards, who were nearby, managed to get hold of the man in army fatigues but the police constable resorted to aerial firing and fled. Khanpur SHO Ayub Dogar reportedly forced the ASP to release Bilal, but the ASP refused. SHO Dogar then called the Shikarpur SSP Nasir Aftab, who requested the ASP to release Babar which the ASP did, the journalist added. Later on, the ASP informed Larkana DIG about the matter. The DIG suspended and demoted SHO Dogar and ordered an inquiry into the matter. During inquiry, SHO Dogar admitted his fault and expressed his willingness to accept any punishment, revealed a source privy to the case. He claimed that his officers used him as a tool and denied receiving his share of ransom money, the source added. SHO Dogar handed over the four police officers to the Shikarpur police, but after investigation only two of them were arrested. ASP Naeem confirmed to The Express Tribune that during inquiry, four policemen, including, Farooqui, Ali, Shahzad and Babar have been implicated of being involved in criminal activities. The inquiry committee has not yet finished its work, but the developments have revealed that these four police constables are involved, he claimed. As far as the SHO Ayub Dogar is concerned, he has already been suspended and demoted by the DIG, ASP Naeem added.

SSP Aftab did not answer his phone when contacted for his comments on the case.

Arms, ammunition were recovered from their possession. One hundred and twenty suspects were arrested in Swabi on Wednesday. Arms and ammunition were recovered from them. Meanwhile, a terrorist Suleman, who was wanted to Nowshera Police, was arrested in Lower Dir.

PESHAWAR: Eighteen Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants of the banned organisation's Sajna group were killed in a drone strike in Afghanistan's Paktika province on Monday night, security sources said. Members of the TTP offshoot were holding a meeting in Paktika's Birmal area during which its leader Khan Said Sajna was expected to appear, sources said. It is pertinent to mention that Sajna was reported killed in a drone strike last year, but the information had not been independently verified. The Mehsud tribal faction, which Sajna heads, had not denied claims of Sajna's death at the time. Of the TTP men killed today, 14 belong to the Mehsud tribe and four to the Wazir tribe. Claims relating to the strike and the deaths could not be independently verified. Khan Said Sajna became TTP's deputy leader following the death of Wali-ur-Rehman in May 2013. He fought in Afghanistan and is believed to be involved in the attack on a Naval base in Karachi. Sajna is credited with masterminding a 2012 jailbreak in which the Taliban freed 400 inmates from a prison in Bannu. Khan Said Sajna leads the Mehsud faction, which split from TTP in May 2014 after former TTP leader Hakimullah Mehsud was killed in a United States (US) drone strike. In a public statement following the split, he stated his continued commitment to terrorist activity. The US designated Sajna a global terrorist in Oct 2014.

QUETTA: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday said the terrorists aggravating the security situation in Balochistan are externally supported. Addressing a seminar titled "Prospects of Peace and Prosperity in Balochistan" attended by Chief Minister Balochistan Sanaullah Zehri, former CM Abdul Malik Baloch and members of civil society, Gen Raheel claimed that Balochistan is facing a number of socio-economic, ethnographic, sectarian issues. "These

Large number of fake CNICs seized

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Security review: NAP takes centrestage at civil-military huddle

The Express Tribune, February 2, 2016

issues are further complicated by the foreign interference in the largest province of Pakistan which also has a porous border spanning hundreds of kilometres," he added.

Establishment of NUST campus

He was of the view that youth are the future of Balochistan. It is, therefore, important to make the youth of this province partners in peace and prosperity so they do not get lured by vague slogans and elusive dreams. He also announced the establishment of a National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) campus in Quetta to provide quality education to students of the province. The army chief claimed that recently, almost 18,000 young men from Balochistan were recruited in armed forces and Frontier Corps (FC). "Peace through Integrated Approach" has been our primary focus, where federal and provincial governments, state institutions, entire security apparatus and people of Balochistan are working towards creating an environment of harmony, progress and prosperity, said Gen Raheel. He said that politics of violence, hatred and terror has tarnished the image of Quetta and the province but we need to continue our endeavours with full resolve and dedication to bring back stability to the province and return the charm of Quetta that it was once admired for. "On a personal note, Balochistan is very close to my heart. I was born in Quetta at 10 Litton Road. As a young lieutenant, my first posting was at Khuzdar. I have spent almost nine years in Balochistan and served as Chief of Staff Southern Command," said Raheel Sharif.

KOHAT: Thousands of fake computerised national identity cards (CNICs), degrees, official stamps and tampered bank cheques were confiscated in a raid on a house in Shpalkiwal area of Darra Adam Khel on Monday. Assistant Political Agent Ali Asghar told Dawn by telephone that a large number of fake arms and driving licences, degrees with stamps of vice chancellors and certificates had been found during the raid. The stamps include those of deputy commissioners, political agents, assistant political agents and educational staff. The business had been going on for 15 years and many people had got government jobs through these fake documents, suspect Arshad reportedly admitted. Arshad surrendered to authorities who used the Collective Responsibility Clause 21 of the Frontier Crimes Regulations.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif pledged on Monday to defeat the obscurantist terrorists involved in attacks on educational targets in the country as schools across Punjab resumed classes after a three-day closure over security concerns. "Those threatening our kids from going to school will be defeated," he said at a high-level meeting convened to review the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism and extremism. State-run and private schools in Punjab and military-run schools across the country were briefly closed days after terrorists unleashed a wanton killing spree at the Bacha Khan University in Charsadda on January 20. At least 21 people, mostly students, were killed in the chilling assault that bore resemblance to the 2014 deadly rampage at Peshawar's Army Public School. According to an official handout, the prime minister renewed the nation's 'unflinching' resolve to counter terrorism, saying every effort would be made to root out the malady from every nook and cranny of the country. He added "The unmatched sacrifices rendered by the law enforcement agencies (LEAs) are commendable in this regard," he said. The meeting was briefed about different stages of NAP implementation across the country. Participants appreciated the successes achieved in Operation Zarb-e-Azb. Attendees included army chief General Raheel Sharif, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, ISI chief Lt Gen Rizwan Akhtar, National Security Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Nasser Janjua and senior civil and military officials.

Sectarian purge in Punjab

Sources privy to what was discussed in the meeting told *The Express Tribune* that the military leadership said that a counter-sectarianism purge in Punjab was essential for the success of NAP. Interior Minister Nisar and Punjab's police chief Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera briefed the meeting on the steps taken thus far against sectarianism in the province. In its last meeting held in November, last year, Punjab's Apex Committee had urged Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif to requisite the services of Punjab Rangers to dismantle the hubs of sectarianism and militancy in the province, but that has not been done thus far, sources said. After poring over the crucial subject, both civil and military leaders concurred that sectarianism was rampant in Punjab, and bold steps would have to be taken to eliminate this menace. The meeting also decided to put in place an effective mechanism to choke funding of outlawed militant and sectarian groups, sources added. An array of banned groups, including Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM), Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) and Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD), has a visible and strong presence in Punjab, especially in the impoverished southern region. According to sources, the meeting also discussed the January 2 attack on an Indian Air Force base in Pathankot which New Delhi blamed on the JeM. Subsequently, Pakistan's government launched a crackdown against the group, detaining dozens of its activists. Sources said IGP Sukhera briefed the meeting on the crackdown.

Karachi operation

Sources said the military leadership appreciated the federal government's unequivocal support for the ongoing targeted operation in Karachi, especially for the arrest of 'kingpin' Lyari violence Uzair Jan Baloch, who is said to have alleged that he committed countless crimes at the behest of PPP leaders. This, sources said, has sent out a message that the civil and military leaderships were on the same page vis-à-vis Karachi operation. The participants concurred that the Karachi operation would be accelerated till it achieved all set goals.

SIT India visit

National Security Adviser Janjua briefed the meeting about the contacts he's so far had with his Indian counterpart Ajit Doval over the Pathankot attack probe and delayed talks between foreign secretaries of the two countries. According to sources, Janjua told the participants that India was awaiting a visit of Pakistan Special Investigation Team (SIT) after which New Delhi would finalise the date for foreign secretary-level talks. The team sought more information on the Pathankot

Four Afghan nationals arrested with weapons, fake IDs

The Express Tribune, February 1, 2016

Banned outfit commander nabbed in Lyari

The News, February 1, 2016

182 seminaries sealed under NAP

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assault which New Delhi refused to share, sources quoted Janjua as saying. Although the SIT is divided on the India visit, most participants of Monday's huddle favoured the trip. Subsequently, sources said, the prime minister directed Janjua to discuss the modalities for the SIT's India visit.

Afghan peace process

The civil and military leadership also agreed to push ahead with the quadrilateral initiative on Afghanistan even though the United States is skeptical about Pakistan's role in the process, source said. The military leadership told the prime minister that after the Charsadda university attack, they were waiting for the Americans and the Afghans to take action against Pakistani Taliban sheltering on Afghan soil. Pakistan's military had shared 'leads' with both showing that the assault was controlled from Afghanistan.

CHARSADDA: At least four Afghan nationals were arrested by law-enforcement agencies in Mandani, Charsadda on Sunday. Officials suggested the suspects were working for a foreign agency and were allegedly linked to the Bacha Khan University attack. The same day, 21 suspected militants were also nabbed during search operations in the district. A law-enforcement official confirmed the arrests and said four Afghan nationals identified as Noor Agha, Raheemullah, Khan Agha and Khanimullah were arrested from Yusaf Khan Kali in Mandani and were shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. He said the arrested suspects were brothers. The official added weapons, including Kalashnikovs and pistols, and various SIMs were also seized from their possession. He said the suspects were residing in Mandani and possessed fake national identity cards. The main suspect of the group, Naveed Khan, was still at large. The official claimed the suspects were working for a foreign agency and were allegedly linked to the Bacha Khan University attack. Similarly, in another raid in Rajar, security personnel nabbed the father of a suspected militant Abdul Hai as he was not present at his home during the raid. He was identified as Azam Khan. Charsadda DPO Sohail Khalid said the police imposed a curfew and searched Mehmoodabad in Umerzai. At least 21 suspects were arrested. He stated arms and ammunition, including non-licensed weapons, were also seized from the suspects.

Continuing raids

On January 24, the military announced the arrest of five men accused of facilitating the deadly attack on Bacha Khan University in Charsadda district which killed 21 people and injured dozens more. The suspects were identified as Noorullah, Adil, Riaz, his son Ibrahim, and Ziaullah. The ISPR said the four terrorists were trained in Afghanistan and entered Pakistan from Torkham Border in Khyber Agency. On January 17, the counter-terrorism department arrested a suspected terrorist at Turnab Chowk in Charsadda. CTD personnel acted on a tip-off and arrested the suspect. The detained man was identified as Yar Mat, a resident of Spin Qabar area of Bara in Khyber Agency. At least 39 packets of special commercial explosive used in IEDs, a TT pistol, an electric detonator, a prima card and ammunition were recovered from him. The CTD claimed the suspect was a member of a banned outfit.

KARACHI: Law Enforcement Agencies late on Sunday night arrested commander of a banned outfit from Baghdadi area of Lyari. According to details, the LEAs carried out action in Baghdadi area and apprehended banned outfit commander Yaseen alias Papu. The accused was involved in many attacks in Lyari. Sources said the accomplice of the accused, Muhammad Ali aka Mama had been in exchange of fire with Preedy Police.

ISLAMABAD: Acting under the National Action Plan (NAP), law-enforcement agencies have so far sealed 182 religious seminaries in Punjab, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa because of their involvement in promoting extremism and other suspicious activities. As part of the strategy to choke terror financing, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has so far frozen Rs1 billion in 126 accounts which have a link to banned militant organisations. Law-enforcement agencies have also recovered around Rs251 million in cash. The money was traded through Hawala and Hundi. Data shows that the government has recovered Rs19.77 million from suspects involved in the 2004 'Chowk Yadgar Operation' in Peshawar.

The government has put names of 8,195 people in the fourth schedule and 188 on the Exit Control List. Movement of 2,052 hardcore militants has been restricted. Similarly, the government has registered 1,026 cases and arrested 230 terror suspects. There were 64 banned organisations in the country while 74 have been declared unlawful by the United Nations. Activities of some organisations are constantly being monitored and their activists are under surveillance. With regard to hate speech, over 1,500 books and other hate material have been confiscated and 73 shops have been sealed. Law-enforcement agencies have registered 2,337 cases for hate speeches and material and arrested 2,195 people.

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HYDERABAD: Waterborne diseases and malnutrition claimed six more babies' lives in drought-ravaged Thar on Saturday, raising the toll to 173 since Jan 1, but adviser to the Sindh chief minister on information Maula Bux Chandio stuck to the official stance that the Sindh government is not responsible for it. Mr Chandio told journalists in Tando Mohammad Khan that the government was making serious efforts to improve the Thar situation. "The government is deeply worried over deaths of newborn babies because the depth of love a family feels for its baby can not be put into words," he said. He admitted that life in Thar was very hard with its own peculiar social dynamics like underage marriages etc. Besides, people lived in remote villages with little communication among one another, these and other such problems had also contributed to the present situation, he said. Mr Chandio said the government had done a lot to help Thar people. Mithi district headquarter hospital had been equipped with several facilities and now it could be compared with any other hospital in urban areas, he claimed. He dismissed the formation of an anti-PPP alliance and said such alliances were formed in the past as well but they had little impact on people and they always voted PPP to power. He said that though the local bodies department had powers to provide basic facilities to people these powers could be reviewed whenever the government felt the need and more powers could be transferred to LGs.

GUJRANWALA: Two labourers suffered burns on Saturday when they accidentally touched live wires while unloading goods from a truck near Awan Chowk. Rescue 1122 shifted Sarfraz Yaqub and Samiulla to the District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital. Also, a minor boy fell from the rooftop of his house in Farid Town on Saturday and was shifted to the DHQ Hospital for treatment. Rescue 1122 officials said six-year-old Hasnat was flying a kite at the roof of his house when he fell down.

LAHORE: Pakistan Railways has upgraded the Business Train by increasing passengers' capacity from 486 to 958 seats with an investment of Rs 70 million. Earlier operating under the private public-partnership by the Four Brother Group, now Pakistan Railways is controlling the operations after the Supreme Court decision in favour of PR, as private partners defaulted around Rs 2 billion. Although the operation continued during the litigation, the upgraded train would be re-launched from tomorrow (Monday) with an estimated daily income of around Rs 4 million. According to sources, five business express trains have been renovated with additional facilities for passengers, costing Rs 70 million to PR. The upgraded train comprises three AC business coaches, three AC standard and eight economy coaches. The arrangements of Wifi Internet, LED lights, mineral water, curtains, separate cleaning staff for each coach, and modern washrooms have also been made in the upgraded business trains. The revised ticket charges are Rs 4,000 AC Business Class, Rs 2,800 for AC standard and Rs 1,430 for economy berth while Rs 1,330 for economy seats. To facilitate the passengers, the train would stop at Khanewal, Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Rohri, Nawab Shah and Haiderabad and at all these station, reservation quota has been fixed. The Business Express was launched under private-public partnership in 2012. The Four Brothers Group had partnered with PR, however, the group made a default of Rs 2.22 billion, according to Pakistan Railways. Pakistan Railways regained the control of the train thorough court after a legal battle with the Four Brother Group. However, Pakistan Railways Chief Executive Officer Javed Anwar has said that PR also has the ability to operate a luxury train similar to the Pak-Business Express. Railway is also operating another train Shalimar Express under Private Public Partnership. It is noteworthy that Federal Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique has promised the PR employees that the largest department of Pakistan would not be privatised. Earlier on January 12, the minister launched the Margala Express rail car (Lahore-Rawalpindi-Lahore) service. He said that due to untiring efforts of the PR employees, the department was making progress and its efficiency was on the rise. Railways Director General Public Relations (DGPR) Rauf Tahir said this was the second train that has been upgraded after the Green Train. "The Karachi Express will also be upgraded during the year 2016 as Railways is on the development track now," he said. On recovery around Rs 2.2 billion from Four Brothers Group, he said the mode of payment was being discussed by the legal team of PR and the group.

LAHORE: Advocate Imran Ghuman moved a petition before the Lahore High Court (LHC) against the private airlines, challenging increase in their airfare after strike by employees of Pakistan International Airline (PIA). The petitioner alleged that the private airlines had increased the fares up to Rs 300 per person, which was unjust and illegal. He stated that these airlines had taken advantage of the crisis situation, as operations of the national flag carrier are suspended due to the strike. He said these private airlines have been fanning the protests of the PIA employees to achieve their ulterior motives of earning more money. Ghuman stated that due to this increase, the passengers are forced to travel on ridiculously exorbitant fares of the private airlines. He requested the court to order the Civil Aviation Authority to take strict action against all private airlines and rationalise their fares.

ISLAMABAD: Senator Pervaiz Rashid, federal minister for information, broadcasting and national heritage, said on Saturday that the government of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) always respected the mandate of other political parties and never interfered in their affairs. He said that opposition political parties were not reciprocating this policy of the PML-N, especially in the case of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). He said the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government was introducing reforms in the health sector despite opposition from doctors. Since it was a legitimately elected government, the federal government did not interfere in its affairs, he said. Political parties should have reciprocated such policies of the PML-N, but they are interfering in the affairs of the federal government by politicising the PIA privatisation issue, Rashid said while speaking at the first anniversary of a news channel in Lahore. He said that elected governments had to make their

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Encroachments in F-6 Super Market a security hazard

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Lahore to get OMT, Karachi content with three-wheelers

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decisions by themselves as public gave them mandate for reforms. The minister said he received numerous calls from people during the last three days who suffered due to the strike of the PIA employees. People could not reach their destinations due to the ongoing strike, he added. Rashid said the PIA was a service-oriented organisation and common people were suffering due to the suspension of its services. He said that PIA's assets were eroding. He said the government wanted to revive the PIA; therefore, it increased the number of its aircraft from 18 to 38. On the contrary, he said, some 700 employees were performing duties against one plane in the past. The minister said the government was committed to reviving all non-profitable organisations. He said that previous governments did nothing for the revival of the national flag carrier. He said that majority of the PIA shares would remain with the government despite its privatisation.

ISLAMABAD: National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) under the Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Programme (PMYSDP) will provide training to 50,000 students in various technical institutes across the country. The training would help the students to get employment within and outside the country and after getting the training, free loan would also be provided to them. Meanwhile, NAVTTTC had divided the province of Punjab in six regions for skill competition and overall 125 institutions are engaged in providing the training. NAVTTTC has selected ten fields of training including welding, plumber, electrician, auto-cad, computer graphics, professional cooking, dressmaking, computer application and beautician.

ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan has constituted several 'Panels of Experts' to review higher education institutions across the country to ensure adherence of universities' policies and practices to the defined quality assurance criteria and guidelines for good governance. Complying with the special directives of the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, HEC has so far reviewed quality assurance and governance mechanism of 100 universities both in public and private sector while 50 more universities will be reviewed in the coming week. It is expected that the current phase of this whole review would be completed by the end of March, said a press release issued on Saturday. The initiative would not only improve quality of teaching and research in the universities but will also sensitise the higher education institutions to contribute towards the socio-economic priorities of the country. HEC Chairman Prof Dr Mukhtar Ahmad has issued special instructions to expedite the process being carried out under the patronage of HEC's Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). Before the initiative of this review process, HEC convened a brainstorming session back in November 2015 with the expert academicians to finalise the parameters for review of the universities. The session was held at the HEC secretariat that was chaired by the HEC chairman and attended by a number of academic experts and quality practitioners from across the country many of which joined the session through video conferencing. In the session, improving overall governance of universities and the broader context of aligning higher education system with the national priorities were discussed at length and after thorough deliberation, several parameters were finalised.

ISLAMABAD: Encroachments in Super Market in the posh area of sector F6 of the federal capital not only creating problems for shoppers but also have become a security risk. Vendors dealing in different goods have encroached upon almost all the pavements and parking lots. Reportedly, shopkeepers charge money from the vendors for setting up stalls in front of their outlets. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) officials seems to have shut their eyes to the illegal business going on in the Super Market's footpaths and roads that make it possible for the buyers to move freely. According to official sources, most of the vendors who have set up stalls in the Super Market area are those who had earlier been doing business at Faizabad on state land and their illegal outlets were dismantled by the Capital Development Authority in its anti-encroachment drive. The sources said that the shopkeepers are the main reason for rapid growth of encroachments as they mint money from the vendors. Whenever Capital Development Authority tried to launch a campaign to remove the encroachments, the same influential people got it stopped. Aslam who is a regular shopper at the Super Market said that the people visiting the market faced difficulty in moving freely as almost all the pavements and verandahs are occupied by illegal stallholders. He further said that the shopkeepers themselves are responsible for the mess as they mint money from the vendors in return for allowing them to set up stalls in front of their shops. Another shopper Karim said that foreigners and diplomats visit the business centre as it is located in a posh area. Presence of unregistered vendors is a serious security risk as terrorists might intrude the market, he added. He said that the Capital Development Authority should remove all the encroachments from the market without any discrimination.

KARACHI: Lahore is witnessing the futurist plan of the Orange Line Metro Train, while the largest city of Pakistan is still at ease with its orange-coloured Qingqi. The provincial government has shown lukewarm interest in the mass transit projects of the city and is least interested in the repair of an old and vital Karachi Circular Railway (KCR) track and making it functional. Vision, commitment and honesty of political leadership work wonders in rapid socio-economic change of the society. The role of modern communication facilities in urban development could not be undermined. All developed urban cities have progressed and are prosperous because of heavy investment in public transport. The rulers of Punjab have realised that modern facilities of commuting are key to urban development and after the successful Metro bus project, giving Lahore the gift of Orange Line Metro Train. The orange line is an under construction Lahore Metro network. Once completed, it would connect Raiwind, Multan Road, McLeod Road, Lahore Railway Junction and the Grand Trunk Road. It will be the first line of the Lahore Metro, which is country's first mass rapid transit train system. It is financed and developed by the Chinese government as a part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) through the export and import bank of China. The corridor will be capable of accommodating two trains running both up and down the track, ferrying up to 30,000 passengers per hour. The architecture, construction and operation of the orange line have been entrusted to the Chinese government and the estimated completion time is 27 months. The project was initiated with a signed agreement between the governments of Pakistan and China in May 2014. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif signed the agreement at a ceremony witnessed by President Mamnoon Hussain and

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27 trains to be acquired for metro project

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the Chinese President Xi Jinping. The project was started 15 months after the inauguration of Pakistan's first rapid transit of buses, Lahore Metro bus. The project will cost \$1.6 billion and is under construction, to be completed by October 2017. The Orange Line Metro Train will run on a 27-kilometre track, of which 25.4 kilometres will be elevated. The service will initially benefit around 250,000 passengers a day. The capacity will be increased to 500,000 passengers a day by 2025. The Punjab government says that the metro bus, the metro train would be implemented in other cities after Lahore. Even, the government of Balochistan has approved a mass transit train plan that will run between Kuchlak and Spizand railway stations. Stations will be built after every five kilometres on the track, which would be state-of-the-art while parks and trade zones would also be built along the track. The implementation of the project would provide people with a cheap travelling option and also decrease air pollution. The working paper of the train project would be furnished by February 15th and the project would be completed within six months to a year. Sadly in Karachi, millions of commuters are compelled to commute in Qingqi. Commuters say that these yellow-orange coloured makeshift motorcycle rickshaws are their metro buses and trains, as without them the urban commuting system in the metropolis goes paralysed. Karachi has an equipped track of the KCR, which could be repaired not in years but weeks and local trains could successfully run on it within a couple of months, provided the government of Sindh cooperates with the Pakistan Railway to make the KCR functional. The repair of the KCR and running of local trains on it would facilitate millions of commuters but the rulers of Sindh instead of going for a simple and cost-effective solution of repairing the KCR are going for foreign loans to reconstruct it, which is a very costly and time consuming option. The rulers of Punjab have chosen the metro buses and metro trains for Lahore while the rulers of Sindh are still content with Qingqi as hundreds of thousands of these run in the city, Karachi is known as the Chung Chi City of the world. However, it is up to the government to change its public transport options and give the city a respectable public transport system. The provincial government should seriously think about an urgent repair of the KCR with the assistance of the Pakistan Railway to give some relief to the city commuters. It can revolutionise the road-based urban transport by banning minibuses and coaches and giving liberal concessions to the transporters to ply wide-bodied buses on the streets of Karachi.

KARACHI: Hundreds of thousands of motorists and commuters face immense problems due to the delayed repair of a section of University Road and the removal of encroachments from it. The civic authorities have failed to repair a miles long stretch of Main University Road that is heavily damaged due to potholes and cracks. To make things even worse dozens of roadside eateries and hundreds of pushcarts and roadside vendors have occupied a major portion of the road, causing more problems for citizens. The Mosmiyat section of the Main University Road has been damaged due to leaking water and gutter lines and needs urgent repair to facilitate commuters and motorists. The busy road linking the Karachi University Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre to Safora Chowrangi is in a very bad shape caused by potholes, cracks and ditches. The road has also developed cracks because of the use of substandard material in its construction and repair. Frequent traffic jams have been witnessed every day, while the worst affected includes students and teachers of the Karachi University. Encroachment of the road by restaurants, vendors and shopkeepers is yet another menace which the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) had yet to remove. The citizens have requested the Local Government Minister Jam Khan Shoro to pay a personal visit to the area and order unclogging of the choked water and gutter lines, removal of encroachments, besides repair, widening and reconstruction of the road and placing barriers on it to check encroachments and flow of traffic. The road also links the city to the Malir Cantonment and Jinnah Airport besides providing an alternate approach to the Superhighway. The citizens have requested the Local Government Department and KMC to order repair the road without further delay.

LAHORE: As many as 27 trains will ply the Orange Line Metro Train (OMT) track with an average headway of two minutes, local media quoting sources reported on Friday. According to reports, 27 train sets, comprising of 135 cars, would be procured at an estimated cost of \$1 billion. The project will be funded through a loan provided by China's Exim Bank. These trains will run on the Orange Line in five-car formation that will include three motorcars and two trailers. The new mass transit system has the capacity to carry 30,000 passengers per hour. As many as 300,000 passengers are expected to use the train daily. Operating hours of OMT will be 18 hours (5:30am to 23:30pm). Maximum speed of the train has been set at 80 kilometres per hour, barring some turns and curves. Documents show that a double-track will be built, with three rails on each track. The middle rail at the bottom of each track will energise trains with 750-volt direct current. These trains will have a stainless steel, fireproof body. Wires and cables used on the rolling stock shall be halogen-free, fire-retardant and low smoke. No flammable material will be used in the rolling stock. Two high-voltage substations will be built near the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) and the Shahnoor Station. Each substation will be connected to 132KV power supply. The project will also have a Power Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (PSCADA) for monitoring, control and communication. This system will enable provision of data and control of the power rail.

RAWALPINDI: Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) has launched a survey to identify illegal housing societies within its jurisdiction in Rawalpindi city. During the survey, RDA team has identified four new illegal housing societies on Adiala Road. RDA has displayed banners and posters on Adiala Road to warn the citizens against making investment in these illegal societies. RDA is evolving a strategy to deal with these illegal societies on legal front. Survey team checked Ideal Farmhouses, Islamabad Farmhouses, Metro Homes and Safari Villas and found that the owners of these societies have not obtained No Objection certificate (NOC) from RDA. Survey team has issued notices to these housing societies.

RAWALPINDI: Labour Court Judge Muhammad Ittefaq Abbasi has issued orders for the regularisation of 140 work charged employees working in Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) since more than last three years. The court has also issued orders to pay outstanding dues to them against the previous period of service treating them as regular employees during the said period of time. These 140 work charged employee had prayed the labour court through their counsel that they

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are working in WASA for more than three years but they are not being regularised while as per law work charged employees are required to be regularised after completion of more than 90 days duty period.

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) health services director has said that a three-day anti-polio campaign under CDA would start from February 15 in the federal capital. The director told this in a meeting of District Polio Eradication Committee (DPEC) held under CDA Environment Member Sana Ullah Amman. He said that anti-polio drive will continue upto February 18 and all the necessary arrangements in this regard have been finalised on this count. About 1,36,000 children in the age group of below than five years will be administered polio drops during this campaign in all the sectors and rural areas of the federal capital. He further said that the CDA Health Services Directorate has set up 427 mobile, 83 permanent and 43 transit teams to make this campaign a success. Federal capital has been divided into 20 different zones in the perspective of this drive. As many as 20 zonal supervisors and 93 area in-charge will supervise this campaign and 1,023 polio workers will participate in the drive. He stated that about 50 doctors from different hospitals of the federal capital would be part of the CDA's polio eradication campaign.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) has so far imparted vocational training among 98,334 poor women across the entire country aiming to enable them to generate their own income, said official sources. According to the sources, PBM is running 157 Vocational Dastkari Schools (VDS) across the country including Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. Currently 8,000 poor widows and girls are being imparted with technical education in two shifts in the centres. Trainees are being paid Rs 30 per day as stipend with the aim to make them self-sufficient. Sources further said that the PBM is planning to establish at least one Vocational Dastkari School in each district. Duration of each training session would be six months. Courses that would be offered include cutting, drafting, tailoring, hand embroidery, machine embroidery and hand knitting. Raw material would be provided free of cost. The trainees are being imparted with basic knowledge of computer, office equipments, fax, photocopiers, printers, interior decoration, beautician, cooking, tie and dye and glass painting, etc. They said that 64 such schools are working in Punjab, 30 in Sindh, 32 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA, 18 in Balochistan, 11 in Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Northern Areas. Widows with dependent children including orphans, poor women are eligible for admission in such schools.

ISLAMABAD: 40 secondary school teachers are set to depart for the United States on the Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA) Programme. These government school English language teachers who were selected through a competitive process will have the opportunity to enhance their English teaching skills through a six-week intensive programme for teaching skills. During a pre-departure orientation organised by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP), the US Embassy's Regional English Language Officer Jen MacArthur said, "Past participants in the TEA Programme have learned from each other as well as from new American friends and colleagues. We have high hopes for this year's participants that they would make lasting connections to benefit their students and schools throughout Pakistan for years to come." USEFP Executive Director Rita Akhtar said, "The TEA Programme prepares teachers to serve as leaders and education champions in their communities when they return to Pakistan and share their newly acquired knowledge with their peers and students." This year, about 40 teachers representing every region of Pakistan are selected to participate in the TEA programme. They will spend a week in Washington DC where they will meet US government representatives. This will be followed by a five-week collaborative training programme at selected US universities where the teachers will learn the latest techniques in teaching methodology. In Pakistan, the TEA programme is sponsored by the US State Department that has sent more than 150 Pakistani teachers to the United States since 2012. The programme has been designed to build on teachers' existing expertise and equip them with a better understanding of lesson planning, methodology and the use of technology in teaching. Programme participants would develop these proficiencies while also learn about diversity and culture in the United States. The Regional English Language Office of the public affairs Section of the US Embassy in the federal capital implements a wide variety of programmes both in Pakistan and through educational exchanges. USEFP is a commission established in 1950 by the governments of Pakistan and the United States. It is one of the 49 Fulbright commissions worldwide.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has directed the authorities to ensure a transparent and smooth population census and sought the help of the armed forces for this purpose. He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting here on Friday that reviewed arrangements for the population and housing census, which is scheduled to take place this year. Senior officials of the Ministry of Finance and Bureau of Statistics attended the meeting. Chief Statistician Asif Bajwa briefed the meeting about the preparations for the census being made by the Federal Bureau of Statistics and other federal and provincial institutions. He said that regular meetings of the officials concerned and experts were being convened to fine-tune the arrangements for the census. The finance minister directed the chief statistician to coordinate with the relevant authorities and submit a complete action plan for his consideration within three days. He said that all efforts should be made to ensure that census activities are carried out as per the schedule. Separately, Dar chaired a meeting here on Friday that discussed matters relating to the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), Prime Minister's Youth Loan Scheme, micro finance and expansion of electronic banking services. Senior officials of the Ministry of Finance briefed Dar about the progress on various initiatives. The meeting reviewed the targets set for various programmes and the achievements made so far. The way forward on each programme was also discussed. The finance minister stated that it was the aim of the government to expand the outreach of banking services to the maximum number of people, especially the under-served and underprivileged sections of the society. He said that government programmes should make maximum use of the latest developments in information technology to expand the coverage of financial services to the remotest parts of the country. The meeting also reviewed arrangements for the visit of Dr Jim Yong Kim, president of World Bank, and Queen Maxima of Netherlands. Senior officials of the Ministry of Finance, EAD, BISP, micro finance institutions and other relevant departments were also

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ISLAMABAD: Successful completion of negotiations on the Tenth Review under three-year Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme for an amount of \$6.4 billion to Pakistan by IMF will help secure release of the next tranche amounting to \$500 million to the country. Completion of the Tenth Review lends credence to the government's commitment in implementing structural reforms in areas of taxation, energy, monetary/financial sectors and public sector enterprises, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said at a joint press conference with IMF Mission Chief Harald Finger. "Our performance on the tenth review has been highly satisfactory," said the finance minister while sharing salient features of the Pakistan-IMF parleys with the media persons. Ishaq Dar said, "Our performance on the tenth review has been highly satisfactory." The minister said, "We have met all of the end-December 2015 Quantitative Performance Criteria - SBP's Net Domestic Assets, Net International Reserves, Foreign currency swap/forward position by significant margins. Similarly, the Quantitative Performance Criteria on government borrowing from the SBP and budget deficit for end-December 2015 have been over performed underlining government's commitment to sustained fiscal consolidation". Dar said the indicative target for end-September 2015 on targeted cash transfer through BISP; and on accumulation of power sector arrears were also met.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday reiterated its demand for early resolution of the lingering dispute of Kashmir in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and aspirations of the people of Kashmir for a lasting peace in the region. All federating units, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and Gilgit-Baltistan will observe the Kashmir Solidarity Day today (Friday). Foreign Office spokesman Qazi Khalilullah said the nation would observe February 5 as Kashmir Solidarity Day to highlight the plight of the Kashmiri people and call for early resolution of the dispute. Speaking here at the weekly briefing, the spokesman said, "India continues to violate the human rights and brutalise Kashmiris in the occupied Kashmir." "Pakistan has always condemned these atrocities. The Kashmir Solidarity Day, to be observed on Friday (today), reminds us of the Indian atrocities," he added. Pakistan has always raised its voice against gross human rights violations by the Indian forces in the Occupied Kashmir. When asked about the new date for the foreign secretary level talks between Pakistan and India, Khalilullah said "no date has been fixed for the foreign secretary-level talks" so far. He however said that both sides were in touch with each other in this regard. To a question regarding Indian President Pranab Mukherjee's memoirs wherein he described the demolition of the Babri Mosque by Hindus extremists as a matter of national shame, the spokesman said, "We respect the views of the president of India in this regard. We believe that all places of worship should be respected and protected." The spokesman confirmed that Pakistan, Afghanistan, China and the United States would meet as per schedule on Saturday to discuss the Afghan peace. Regarding the attack on the Bacha Khan University in Charsadda, the spokesman said that Pakistan and Afghanistan were in touch at various levels on the use of Afghan territory by militants for attacks inside Pakistan. When asked about the dossiers detailing India's involvement in fomenting terrorism in Pakistan, the spokesman said they had already been shared with the United Nations and the US leadership. The Foreign Office spokesman said that Pakistan was taking action against terrorists of all shades without any discrimination under the Operation Zarb-e-Azb. He said that Pakistan's successes in the operation against the terrorists had been recognised by the world.

LAHORE: The people in Punjab have been facing low gas pressure and interrupted gas supply, particularly during the months of December and January. This shows the dilapidated state of affairs in which public at large is totally exposed to lingering gas shortfalls year after year without any respite while no serious efforts have been made to bridge the demand and supply gap. The public woes have not increased owing to misery faced during both the summer and winter season in which both electricity and gas utilities have failed to live up to the expectation. It is evident that SNGPL should have undertaken measures to combat the energy shortfall situation, which is not the case. However, it is witnessed that the load shedding of gas this winter is better managed to some extent that the major chunk of the households continued to receive gas during morning and evening hours. However, the situation in the previous year was bleaker wherein large number of localities remained out of gas supply for a number of weeks which had led to tremendous public outcry while gas is not available even for cooking purposes. The gas companies carried out more organised load shedding schedule this winter and a vigorous energy conservation media campaign that may have helped this slight easing out of the situation. However, it is alarming that gas supplies would further decline next year and energy shortfall situation would further deteriorate. Therefore, SNGPL must take measure like early import of LNG and introduction of energy efficient devices to ensure uninterrupted supply of gas to the consumers during the winter season.

LAHORE: The mushrooming of cattle pens in the middle of densely populated residential areas in UC-69 in Gulshan Riaz Colony near Bund Road is adding to pollution and causing serious health hazards for the residents. The area residents have protested over the issue because dengue, malaria and other diseases are on the rise due to filthy environment. The Punjab government has issued clear instructions that cows and buffaloes are not allowed to be kept in the city. The area residents said that the workers of Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) have refused to clean the streets several times despite the fact that they collect a handsome amount from the residents in the name of cleanliness drive. Some residents also said that the owners were arrested on number of occasions but they returned after giving bribe to them. The businesses have been destroyed drastically in the area because of extremely dirty surrounding despite the fact that the locality was once considered an industrial area. The residents and businessmen have demanded the government to take stern action against the owners of buffaloes.

LAHORE: Lahore High Court (LHC) Justice Mansoor Ali Shah has held that the Punjab Healthcare Commission or the board do not enjoy power to seal any healthcare establishment or set up any anti quackery cell that can deal with third party complaints. The judge held that the commission could seal the healthcare establishments only if it does not have a valid registration to render the healthcare service. The judge held that the Punjab Healthcare Commission Act did not allow the commission to

185 women learn to drive motorcycles

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Rs 20b compensation: CM vows justice to OMT victims

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Senate body for regularisation of daily-wage teaching, non-teaching staff in capital

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make its own laws to curb quackery. "The commission may explore the possibility of proposing amendments in the act or framing necessary rules and regulations under the act to achieve what it wanted. The commission could only impose penalties in the shape of monetary fine and there is no provision for sealing or passing an order for closing down a healthcare establishment. However, until such an exercise is completed, the commission or the board constituted under the act, do not enjoy any power to seal any healthcare establishment or set up any anti quackery cell that can deal with third party complaints," the judge observed. He held that under the act, the commission was authorised to keep watch on working of the healthcare centres and not to seal them. The judge issued the order on a petition moved on behalf of the commission challenging an order of the district and session judge from Toba Tek Singh, who declared null and void sealing of a healthcare centre. Brief facts of the case are that the petitioner commission initiated proceedings against the health service provider and also sealed the establishment. The victim challenged the commission's action before district and sessions judge who on October 16, 2015, set aside the sealing of the premises on the ground that there was no provision under the Act to seal the premises and directed the commission to decide the matter regarding notice issued to the centre.

LAHORE: The city traffic officer (CTO) on Thursday visited women motorcycle training classes at the City Traffic Driving School, where 185 drivers, out of 260, completed their driving trainings while the remaining are expected to complete soon. On the occasion, The CTO said that the aim of providing this training was to encourage and empower women to drive motorcycles and utilise the vehicle as per requirement. He said that city traffic was providing international level training programmes to women drivers. According to the details, 260 women drivers enrolled themselves in a fifteen-day course in which two hours of daily driving training was given by the two Honda instructors and three traffic police instructors. In first badge, 150 women motorcyclists and in second badge 110 women motorcyclists completed trainings.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that the biggest package of history worth Rs 20 billion has been announced for the payment of compensation to the owners of the land acquired for Lahore Orange Line Metro Train Project and he is personally monitoring its implementation. While addressing a meeting through video link at Civil Secretariat on Thursday, he said that the payments are being made to the landowners by meeting all demands of justice and the interests of everyone will be safeguarded, adding that due compensation will be paid to the owners of the land besides additional amounts are also be given as compensation for the constructed building, loss to business and relocation of residence. The chief minister issued instructions to further accelerate the pace of payment of compensation. He said that a comprehensive system has been evolved for payment of compensation and the entire process of verification is completed immediately at one-window payment centres set up under the new system. He said that it is the best system of payment in Pakistan under which all phases of verification are completed immediately for payment of compensation. Shahbaz Sharif said that the elements criticising the biggest project of Pakistan are in fact enemies of the common man and the development of the country. "OMT project will prove to be a milestone in the provision of best travelling facilities to common man and the masses will avail respectable transport facilities of international standard through this project," he added. He said that OMT would be unique with regard to transparency and standards, like metro bus and other projects. The chief minister directed that ministers, assembly members and administrative officers should visit payment centres regularly while all out facilities should be provided to the landowners coming to these centres. He appreciated the efficiency and hard work of the political and administrative teams and expressed hope that the process of payment to the landowners will be completed within next few days. Lahore development Authority (LDA) DG Ahad Cheema gave a briefed the meeting regarding the procedure of payment of compensation to the owners of the land and the detail of payments. He said that a sum of Rs 85 crore was paid to 217 landowners on the first day, adding that special committees have been constituted for addressing complaints at payment centres and all necessary facilities are being provided to the landowners. Provincial Ministers Rana Sanaullah, Mujtaba Shujaur Rehman, Rana Mashhood Ahmed, Bilal Yasin, Tanveer Aslam Malik, Advisor Kh Salman Rafiq, MNA Pervaiz Malik, along with the Lahore commissioner, DCO and senior officials attended the meeting through video link.

ISLAMABAD: A Special Standing Committee of Senate on Cabinet Secretariat on Thursday urged that Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) to bring a policy about the regularisation of daily-wage teaching and non-teaching staff working in different educational institutions of federal capital. The Senate Special Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat met at Parliament, Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood chaired the meeting. Senators including Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Kamil Ali Agha, Najma Hameed, Haji Saif Ullah Khan Bangash were also present on the occasion. The committee recommended that all teachers should be regularised without any discrimination as they all are competent and performing their duties with full of responsibility. Senate body said that it is the responsibility of the state to give the respect to the teachers. A delegation of teachers informed the committee that more than 2,000 daily-wage and contractual employees have been regularised in the federal capital during the present government but teachers are still facing problems and 600 teaching and 1,500 non-teaching staff are demanding job security. The Senate body unanimously passed a bill, "The Civil Servant Amendment Bill 2015" and appreciated the best performance of NDMA in the area of Gilgit-Baltistan. The committee showed serious concerns over the slow pace of work on the development of sector D12 since 2005. The officials of CDA assured the committee that remaining development work would be completed as soon as possible while committee have given the last date for the completion of progress work till June 30.

BAHAWALPUR: The swine flu claimed the life of two 'women patients' at the Bahawal Victoria Hospital (BVH) here on Wednesday. The BVH officials confirmed only one death due to swine flu claiming that other patient Ghazia having a pregnancy of seven weeks had some internal and gynae complications and that pneumonia was the cause of her death. Dr Aamir Aziz of the emergency ward said Ruqaya was admitted to the special ward about three days back. He said she was tested H1N1

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positive by the NIH laboratory in Multan and was being treated. He said her condition became serious on Tuesday night despite being properly looked after and she died on Wednesday. Dr Aziz said that Ghazia of Chak 131, Murad, Chishtian tehsil, was hospitalized about five days back. Her blood samples were sent to the NIH laboratory in Multan, which declared her result negative. He said she was being treated.

ISLAMABAD - Under the public-private partnership policy of the government, Pakistan Railways was planning to engage private sector for running the passenger trains, which were not generating enough revenue. The move will not affect service of any employee and earn more revenue for national entity," an official of the Ministry of Railways told APP. with the involvement of private parties in the commercial management and facilitation, the passenger trains running between Sindh and Punjab capitals have been a success story, he remarked. To a question, he said that work on 75 level-crossing in Punjab will soon be completed," he said and vowed to retrieve the all occupied land of the Railways across the country.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday declared PML-N's Sheikh Mohammad Akram as returned candidate from NA-89 Jhang, after he was unseated by an election tribunal on April 9, 2014, which had declared his opponent, Mohammad Ahmed Ludhianvi, as the returned candidate from the constituency. A three-member bench of the apex court headed by Justice Saqib Nisar heard the case and announced its verdict on a petition submitted by Akram in 2014 following his disqualification by an election tribunal in April 2014. The tribunal had declared runner-up candidate Maulana Mohammad Ahmed Ludhianvi of the Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat elected. The court also declared the decision of election tribunal as null and void. Earlier, in December 2015, the top court while reserving its verdict on the petition had suspended the decision of the election tribunal, which had declared the runner-up Muhammad Ahmad Ludhianvi as successful candidate from the constituency. Ludhianvi, the head of the "proscribed" Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ), and Akram contested May 11, 2013 polls on the National Assembly seat NA-89 (Jhang). "The judgment is reserved," Justice Mian Saqib Nisar had announced in December last year, after conducting an extensive hearing. Both Ludhianvi and his opponent's son Sheikh Waqas Akram, were present in court along with their supporters. Ludhianvi was represented by senior counsel Tariq Mehmood, while Makhdoom Ali Khan was the counsel for Mr Akram. Akram had contested the election and won the NA-89 seat in place of his son, Sheikh Waqas Akram, who had been mired in legal proceedings related to a fake degree charge. The Jhang constituency has always considered a hotbed of sectarian strife. It was won by the founder of the now-outlawed Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP), Haq Nawaz Jhangvi, in the 1988 general elections. In 2002, Maulana Azam Tariq – who was the head of the SSP at the time – won the elections on an independent ticket while in prison, defeating Dr Tahirul Qadri and Sheikh Waqas – who were contesting from the platform of the National Alliance. Maulana Azam Tariq was later killed in Islamabad and Sheikh Waqas was able to win the seat in the subsequent by-election by defeating the slain SSP leader's brother, Maulana Alam Tariq. In the 2008 general elections, NA-89 was contested between Ludhianvi as an independent candidate and Sheikh Waqas on a PML-Q ticket. This time, Akram defeated Ludhianvi, securing, 51,976 votes against Ludhianvi's 45,216.

ISLAMABAD: Garbage heap at Korang Nullah along the Expressway exposed the high claims of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to make the capital city clean and green. Disgusting smell produced by the garbage heap is a constant irritation for the residents and motorists using the road on daily basis. The Nullah near the Expressway is filled with garbage heap and concerned staff burns the garbage at the site and smoke of this garbage is polluting the environment which is very much dangerous for the people. Residents of the area are of the view that the CDA and private housing societies on both sides of the Expressway are equally responsible for the unhygienic situation because they do not have appropriate facilities to dispose of the solid waste in an environment friendly manner. Residents and visitors of the area said that sanitary workers and garbage collectors from different localities dump filth in the Korang Nullah that sometimes block the flow of water causing floods especially during the monsoon season. Local residents said that no existing or upcoming housing society has a proper design or plan to construct a separate site or incineration plant to dispose of solid waste produced by the residents on daily basis. A government servant Ali Sultan who commutes between Rawat and federal capital using the Expressway every day said that his colleagues have developed the habit of covering their noses even while sitting in a car with closed windows passing through the area. He further said it is beyond our comprehension that why the department concerned is oblivious to the garbage heap that is having a negative impact on environment and health of the citizens. A local resident Abdul Salam said that the dumping site had become a source of diseases and should be shifted immediately. Malik Abid who received his guests coming from abroad at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport said, "He felt ashamed when passing through the nullah along with the guests to reach his home in Kahuta." Health experts are of the view that such a huge pile of garbage could cause various dangerous diseases like dengue, hepatitis in the capital city.

ISLAMABAD: The marketing companies reduced prices of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) by Rs 15 per kg on Wednesday following decline in its price in international market. LPG Distributors Association Chairman Muhammad Irfan Khokhar told that prices of domestic cylinder are decreased by Rs 175 and commercial cylinder by Rs 700. He informed that the local market witnessed dip in LPG prices after reduction of \$ 70 per tonne from \$370 to \$300 price per metric tonne in international market. He said that the new prices would be effective from February 3 throughout the country.

RAWALPINDI: 26 government schools of Rawalpindi district have been declared sensitive. The management of these 26 schools have been directed to ensure foolproof security arrangements in their respective schools immediately. Failing to do so would result in strict legal action against them. Sources said that Rawalpindi Assistant Commissioner (AC) Ahmad Hassan Ranjha visited the government schools along with his team and declared 26 schools of the city including all the schools of Khiaban-e-Sirsyad sensitive. He issued directives that the school administration should ensure

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Gas theft: CNG station owner denied bail

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Shops and banks sealed by administration

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Gen Sharif announces to set up NUST campus at

foolproof security arrangements immediately otherwise stern action would be taken against them. The teachers have voiced strong protest against the threats for registration of cases against them and warned that schools would be shut down if such action would be initiated against them.

LAHORE: Punjab Planning & Development member Muhammad Hassan Iqbal has said that the government has intensified its efforts to provide people with safe drinking water through various initiatives especially in rural and underserved areas. He said the government aims to eliminate open defecation in the next 3-4 years in addition to installation of wastewater treatment plants. He disclosed this while addressing the dissemination ceremony of Punjab Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) Sector Development Plan 2014-24 jointly organised by UNICEF Punjab and Planning & Development Department at the P&D Complex on Wednesday. Hassan Iqbal unveiled the government's WASH Sector Development Plan 2014-2024 that will achieve 100% piped water coverage and 82% sewerage and drainage in cities and towns, while 65% piped water coverage and 70% sewerage and drainage in rural areas during the next 10 years. Addressing the participants, he emphasised that the sector plan would be fully implemented and every effort would be made to achieve the strategic goals and actions enunciated in the document. "All initiatives in the province with the support of donors and sector partners shall be aligned with this plan, and a due emphasis will be laid to strengthen the coordination and performance management," he added. He appreciated the technical and financial support of UNICEF in development of the sector plan through Avicenna Consulting (Pvt) Ltd. Iqbal informed that the plan was developed through a consultative process with all stakeholders. "The proposed strategic measures in the sector development plan are aligned with the Punjab Economic Growth Strategy 2014-2018, Vision 2025 Pakistan and the newly signed Sustainable Development Goals." UNICEF Punjab Chief Douglas G Higgins lauded the efforts of Punjab government for the socio-economic development of the province. "Punjab was the first province to develop a WASH sector plan in line with Pakistan's commitment made at the high level meeting in Washington in 2014," he added.

KARACHI: A busy street behind the Sindh Secretariat is blocked by encroachers including illegal garages set up on footpaths and faulty vehicles waiting repair parked on the street, blocking traffic flow and creating nuisance for general public. A big garbage dump is also set up on the street displaying poor sanitary condition under the nose of the provincial government. The citizens have repeatedly appealed to shift the garbage dump from the area but all gone in vain. The Sindh Local Government Department has been claiming to remove illegal encroachments from Karachi but sadly the department has been blind to wholesale encroachments on the street that is right behind the new Sindh Secretariat Building and Tughlaq House. The street is called 'Muhammad Hashim Gazdar Road' and depicts a sorry picture of illegal encroachments, road blockage due to illegal parking, occupation of road and footpaths and pathetic sanitary conditions. Dozens of illegal garages and food cooking centres are situated on the street, blocking its footpaths. These garages park the faulty vehicles and carry out their repair on the street, blocking smooth traffic flow. Similarly the food cooking centres also occupy footpaths forcing the pedestrians to walk on the road that is already blocked due to traffic jams. Most of these businesses are set up illegally by encroached footpaths and roads but the Saddar DMC and KMC do not take any action to revive the writ of law even in the backyard of the Sindh Secretariat. The citizens have appealed to the Sindh governor, chief minister, chief secretary, local government minister and administrators of the KMC and DMC to remove the encroachments from the Muhammad Hashim Gazdar Road and open the street for smooth traffic flow. They also requested to remove the garbage dump from the area, which feeds foul smell in the vicinity including the new Sindh Secretariat Building.

ISLAMABAD: Capital city traffic police have decided to launch 'Road Safety Campaign' from next week in the federal capital. Traffic Police SSP Malik Matloob said that a special drive would be launched against the owners of vehicles without side mirrors, indicators, head lights and number plates and under age motor cycle riders. Strict action will be taken against those found involved in one wheeling and those who would be found riding motorcycles without helmet. He stated that special squads have been set up which would erect barricades on important highways and intersections in the federal capital.

LAHORE: The Supreme Court on Tuesday denied bail to a CNG station's owner allegedly involved in gas theft, causing a loss of over Rs30 million to the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL). Narang Mandi police had registered a case against Tariq Rasheed on charges of stealing gas by tampering with the meter installed at his CNG station. Counsel for the suspect argued before a two-judge bench of the apex court that the gas station staff was actually involved in the theft and his client had nothing to do with the pilferage. An Additional Prosecutor General, Asjad Javed, said tampering with the gas meter at the suspect's CNG station had been proved after laboratory examination. He said the station staff had been stealing gas on the direction of their employer, Rasheed. Heading the bench, Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa observed that citizens were forced to burn wood for cooking because of gas shortage, while CNG stations were stealing the fuel. He said the mafia involved in gas theft did not deserve any concession. The bench dismissed the bail petition after which police arrested the suspect.

GWADAR: Local administrations of Gwadar and Turbat sealed many shops, hotels and private banks for observing a shutter down strike against the killing of BNM Secretary General Dr. Mannan Baloch in an alleged armed encounter four days ago in Mastung. Most of the shops remained closed on the third consecutive day on Tuesday in the two cities. However, the local administration asked the traders, hotel owners and private bank officials to open up their businesses. The administration sealed their businesses after they refused to follow the directives. Similar was the position in Turbat where over a dozen shops and private bank branches were sealed by the local administration. Heavy police and personnel of Frontier Corps were deployed in both towns.

ISLAMABAD - Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday said that a campus of National University Science and Technology (NUST) would be set up at Quetta. This was announced

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Pakistan contributes Rs 5b wheat to WFP for TDPs
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by the COAS while addressing a Seminar at Quetta. He said NUST campus is meant to cater for youth of Balochistan.

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has welcomed the government's announcement of releasing 124,000 metric tons of wheat worth Rs 4.97 billion for the temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) from Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) as well as returnees. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar had approved the immediate release of the wheat urgently required to continue providing relief and livelihoods assistance to these groups. Having made previously available 519,000 mt of wheat worth Rs 20 billion to WFP between 2013 and 2015, Pakistan ranks the first as host government donor to WFP worldwide and the second largest donor to WFP in the country, after the US, says a press release issued by the WFP. The in-kind support by the government of Pakistan in 2016 is further enhanced by international donors, USAID, Germany and Japan, whose contributions are partially covering the associated costs of milling, fortification, transportation, distribution and monitoring. In March 2015, the government initiated the implementation of its return and rehabilitation strategy, as a result of which some 730,000 previously displaced individuals returned to their areas of origin in FATA. The numbers of TDPs are thus progressively declining while 1.1 million in displacement will be returning in 2016, according to a plan by FATA Secretariat.

Reducing emissions: MoU signed to strengthen sustainable transport initiatives'
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KARACHI: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Tuesday between National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) and Component Implementation Unit-Trucking of Pakistan Sustainable Transport project. The overall objective of this activity is to provide research oriented technical support to strengthen the institutional capacity of the relevant federal and provincial government departments to promote the sustainable transport initiatives in Pakistan. To address the issues of transport PAKSTRAN is conceived and funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and GEF that is being implemented by the Ministry of Water and Power. The PAKSTRAN project activities are executed under the visionary leadership and support of Hassan Nasir Jammy who was the chief guest on the occasion. The MoU signed would facilitate the project team on the objective of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption from the transport sector with technical assistance from the academia and subject experts. The MoU was signed by Ministry of Water and Power Additional Secretary and National Project Director PAKSTRAN Project Hasan Nasir Jammy and NUST School of Civil and Environmental Engineering (SCEE) Principal Dr Tariq Mahmood. On the occasion Hassan Nasir congratulated the team of CIU-Trucking PAKSTRAN and the faculty of NUST on the useful initiative and also appreciated the efforts of the National Project Manager Saleem Janjua for engaging academia to achieve the sustainable development goals of the country. Tariq Mahmood expressed the wish to work in collaboration with PAKSTRAN. Dr Saleem Janjua informed that the PAKSTRAN project through collaborative arrangements with potential national and international partners is providing technical assistance to the government of Pakistan for implementation of Bus Rapid Transit initiatives and the modernisation of trucking sector. He further said that PAKSTRAN through its trucking component has involved renowned universities to provide repository of information, knowledge management and consultancy and policy advocacy on environmentally sustainable transport and climate change related services in the country. Saleem Janjua further said that 2016 is significant to initiate the efforts towards the achievement of global sustainable development goals and PAKSTRAN can contribute in this regard as three goals are directly linked with it, which are SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and SDG 13 (Climate Action). Director Roads and Director of CIU-Trucking PAKSTRAN project Hameed Akhtar briefed that PAKSTRAN under the valuable guidance of Saleem Janjua is providing technical support to the ministry of communications in the formulation of guidelines and technical standards for modernisation of truck freight sector. While briefing on the MoU he said that the objective of the partnership was to extend the support through the collection of data and information and the evaluation of the studies from technical and policy perspectives. Component Manager of CIU-Trucking PAKSTRAN project Irfan Haider organised the MoU signing ceremony and was contributing towards achieving the project outcomes efficiently. Moreover, representatives from United Nations Development Programme Pakistan and Ministry of Communications were also present during the event.

Rs 3.83 per unit power tariff cut approved
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ISLAMABAD: National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has approved Rs 3.83 per unit reduction in power tariff for December 2015 under the monthly fuel price adjustment formula. Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) had requested NEPRA to reduce the electricity price owing to reduction in prices of furnace oil and high-speed diesel in the international market. The customers of all the distribution companies except K-Electric and lifeline consumers using less than 50-300 units would get relief in the next month. The decision was taken after a public hearing presided over by NEPRA Chairman Brig (r) Tariq Sadozai on a petition filed by CPPA on behalf of the distribution companies. NEPRA was apprised that 6.673 billion units were sold to the distribution companies during December 2015. The total impact of lower fuel price adjustment is estimated at over Rs 20 billion. The CPPA said that the reference fuel cost for December was fixed at Rs 8.10 per unit but the power generation cost remained Rs 5.45 per unit. It was further said that 36 percent power was generated through furnace oil and 30 percent from gas resulting improvement in over all energy mix. Better energy mix resulted in Rs 2 billion saving during the said period.

Inefficient security of private schools in capital irks students
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ISLAMABAD: Most of the private schools in the federal capital have found insufficient security measures in their respective premises as security measures are being considered quite necessary in the current situation to secure institutions and its staff. In the wake of recent attack on Bacha Khan University Charsadda, the law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) are striving hard to ensure security of the educational institutions in the capital to restrict intruders from entering into their premises. The government has directed the management of the private schools to tighten their security by posting trained security staff especially at entry and exit points, raise the boundary wall up to 8 feet, fix barbed wire over the wall and install CCTV cameras. A citizen Saad Ali said that strict security measures would help to ensure security of the students and staff of the schools. A mother Aysha Khan who's children are studying in prominent private schools of the capital complained that the

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security staff of these private schools have been noticed busy in the managing traffic flow in front of the schools rather than to perform their actual duty to ensure security for the premises. She said that the lack of security arrangements by these private schools have put the life of the students at risk. A private school's administration said that, "We are doing our best to make the staff and students feel secure and are taking immediate steps in this regard adding that as part of security measures, our school have started to train the security guards to avoid any untoward situation.

LAHORE: The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) has sensitised the citizens on proper disposal of waste and announced to launch an awareness campaign in the locality of Shadbagh on Tuesday. LWMC briefed the local residents about LWMC's waste collection schedule, use of waste bins and more importantly, people's role in the maintenance of clean environment in communities and public places. In an awareness walk, passing through streets and major roads, LWMC briefed the masses to ensure the use of bins placed by the company. Camps were set up for on the spot registration and redressal of waste related complaints. A large number of workers and machinery were deployed for sweeping and mechanical washing of major roads and streets, giving the area a clean and healthier look.

ISLAMABAD: Decision has been taken to construct a 350-chair state-of-the-art dental hospital in the federal capital. The hospital will be built at the cost of Rs 3 billion and PC-1 for the proposed hospital has been worked out. The decision for setting up a dental hospital has been taken to overcome the rush of patients in already operating dental hospitals in the federal capital. According to CADD Ministry sources, hundreds of patients infected with dental related diseases come to hospitals daily in the capital city. Therefore, it has been decided to set up a dental hospital with latest facilities of international standard in federal capital. Sources said that this dental hospital would be built in the premises of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS). Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will lay foundation stone for the proposed dental hospital this month. CADD Ministry has already sent a letter to PM House to seek time from prime minister for laying foundation stone of the said dental hospital. Sources further said that the said dental hospital would be completed within a period of two years. This hospital will be affiliated with medical and dental college, sources added.

LAHORE: Opposition political parties, civil society organisations and Orange Line Metro Train affectees on Tuesday jointly held a march against the Punjab government to stop the construction of OMT. In a rally taken out from GPO to Faisal Chowk, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen (MWM), Pakistan Muslim League (Q), Awami Workers Party (AWP), Civil Society Network (CSN), residents of Kapurthala House and Bangali Building along with OMT affectees participated. Opposition leader in Punjab Assembly Mian Mehmoodur Rashid, PPP former federal minister Samina Khalid Gurki, JI leader Dr Waseem Akhtar, PML leader Zahiruddin, CSN President Abdullah Malik and MWM leader Asad Abbas Naqvi were present in the protest. On the occasion, Mehmoodur Rashid presented a resolution on OMT, which was passed by the participants. The resolution raised several concerns on the project and urged the government to immediately stop the project and review its route. The protestors also gave an ultimatum to the government that if their demands would not be fulfilled, they would again protest on roads with their party leaders. The opposition leader said one million people would suffer from different problems due to OMT for which the government should use Tunnel-Boring Technology in order to save thousand of houses. He said that Punjab government is misguiding the people on OMT and is hiding the original facts. "The government could have started new projects like building 25,000 schools, 500 hospitals and 100 clean drinking water plants on this budget," he added.

ISLAMABAD: Total confirmed cases of seasonal influenza A (H1N1) across the country have risen to a total of 238 till Tuesday. According to an update issued by an official of National Institute of Health (NIH) for the period of January 1st to February 2nd 2016, total suspected cases of the influenza are 1,032. A total of 72 confirmed cases of the influenza are reported from the federal capital, 136 in Punjab, 21 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, two in Sindh, four in Gilgit Baltistan and three in FATA. No cases of the disease have been reported from Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the province of Balochistan. So far 28 persons died from this severe disease in which 21 persons died in Punjab, five in federal capital and two in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. During last 24 hours, NIH processed 30 samples and three are declared positive for H1N1.

ISLAMABAD: In a move to stall an impending strike, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday enforced the Essential Services (Maintenance) Act 1952 for six months, barring protesting members of the Pakistan International Airlines from participating in any union activity. "Any person found guilty of an offence under this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year and shall also be liable to a fine," the legislation reads. The law essentially restricts union activity in state-administered sectors, including railways, postal services, telephone and affiliated services, and airports and seaports. The aviation division had sent a summary to the prime minister which was approved on Monday. Talking to reporters after the enforcement of the Act, Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid made clear that strict action will be taken against protesting employees. "Let me make clear that those who continue the strike will be treated as enemies of PIA and Pakistan and they will end up losing their jobs." Responding to a question, Rashid said flight operations will not be halted from tomorrow, adding that the government had made alternate arrangements of pilots and engineering staff to ensure that operations continue smoothly. Rashid said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had made clear that no PIA employee will be laid off during privatisation, reiterating that the government will not tolerate strikes. Employees of the national carrier have threatened to go on strike from today (Tuesday) because of what they called the government's refusal to accept their main demand of calling off the organisation's privatisation plan. PML-N Senator Mushahidullah Khan announced on Friday that the government had postponed the privatisation of the national flag carrier for six months and requested the protesting workers to end their strike. Mushahidullah asked the joint action committee of PIA employees to withdraw its decision of the strike and resume flight operations, otherwise the government would use its authority and impose the Essential Services Act, if PIA employees did not call off their strike. The act was also invoked by the government in January 2013

NDMA-UNICEF to develop school safety guidelines at national level

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Govt to ensure 100% enrolment of school-going children

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Educational institutes to remain open in capital

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NDMA, British Council to develop 'Education in Emergencies' strategy

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during the doctors' strike for better wages and regularisation, resulting in the sacking of young doctors for participating in a strike. Soon after the PM's decision to enforce the Essential Services Act was announced, Chief of Joint Action Committee of PIA's protesting employees Capt Sohail Baloch told journalists that the body will go ahead with the strike they had announced earlier. "We are going to go ahead with our plan. I don't know what the restrictions are... but if there are any restrictions we are ready to face them, even if we are baton-charged," he said. "The government has till 7am tomorrow for negotiations, after that we will go on strike," he said. The impending protest might result in cancellation of all flights and blockade of airports around the country. The announcement came on Sunday following last-minute negotiations between PIA's union leaders and government officials that saw emotions running high and one of the key labour leaders breaking down in tears before a news conference. Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid said on Monday that the PML-N government had revived PIA during the last two and a half years. Talking to reporters, he said the PIA losses had touched Rs 30 billion mark in 2013, and the present government improved its health.

ISLAMABAD - National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)-Pakistan on Tuesday held first consultative dialogue to develop comprehensive school safety guidelines at national level. The Gender and Child Cell of NDMA, with the support of the UNICEF was in the process of developing a set of national school safety policy guidelines to be used by public and private schools across the country in times of natural and man-made disasters. NDMA Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz stated that schoolchildren required special attention as they were among the most vulnerable segment during occurrence of disasters, according to a press release. The purpose of school safety guidelines was establishment and training of a school disaster safety team, development of the school safety and security plan, awareness creation about possible disasters, analysis of the specific vulnerability and hazards of the school environment, evacuation routes and identified safe places, developing cooperation with the community and practical exercises and evacuation mock drills to enable the school community to be prepared and to act adequately to save lives in case of an emergency. Participants from various organisations including the Pakistan Red Crescent, UN Habitat, IOM, WFP, Oxfam, UNESCO, Hope 87 and the Federal Ministry of Education attended the dialogue and gave objective inputs for the formulation of Guidelines.

ISLAMABAD: The government is going to launch a national level enrolment campaign this year to ensure 100 percent enrolment of school-going children by the year 2018. According to official sources in the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, "Prime minister and all chief ministers of the provinces will lead this campaign to show strong commitment to the education." The sources said that the education is part of the 4Es pledged in Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) manifesto that includes education, energy, economy and fighting extremism. Vision-2025 lays great emphasis on human resource development and education is the key to produce quality human resource in the country, sources added. Though, education is a devolved sector under 18th amendment but federal government has a key role for coordination between federating units and maintaining national standards in the country. The sources further said that the major initiatives taken in the education sector includes launch of National Curriculum Reforms, Examination System Reforms and transformational teacher training initiatives for bringing radical changes in the education sector. The government is working to provide accessibility to higher education at district level by setting up the different universities' campuses in every district of the country, the sources added. The sources said that for this expansion programme of higher education, the country needs around 10,000 PhDs in next ten years. The government has also initiated work on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to produce 10,000 PhDs to meet the growing faculty needs in the year to come.

ISLAMABAD: The educational institutes in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) will remain open as there is no issue to close the schools and colleges. An official of the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) on Monday informed that all government schools and colleges in federal capital are open and there is no plan of holiday for educational institutions in the capital city. "No order has been received from the federal government to close the educational institutions of the federal capital," he added. He said that the security measures are being made at all federal educational institutions to avoid any untoward incident. The Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU) would also remain open, an official in the university informed. He said that the university is taking several steps for the enhancement of security measures for the students.

ISLAMABAD: The British Council in Pakistan and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Monday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop and collaborate for education during emergencies and disasters through mutual collaborative activities. The joint partnership aims to support vision of NDMA to achieve sustainable social, economic and environmental development in Pakistan through reducing risks and vulnerabilities particularly marginalised communities in the country. Through the aid of this partnership, the British Council would provide technical support and advocacy to develop research, content and training modules. Furthermore, it will play a key role in capacity building, curriculum development and raising awareness to help NDMA achieve goals for the year 2022. Whiel speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Pakistan's British Council Country Director Peter Upton stated, "The British Council in Pakistan is a global organisation with a local approach. Through education in emergencies, we aim to support NDMA's vision to achieve sustainable development in Pakistan through capacity building and building strategic partnerships that would benefit the future of Pakistan. We are dedicated to create sustainable solutions by providing expertise in education and research which we hope would have a long term impact." NDMA Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz stated that Pakistan is most vulnerable to the effects of climate change and its consequences resulting into natural disasters as witnessed in last decade. While the frequency of natural disaster may record increase, the country also faces the challenges of man made disasters. The provision of education to our children affected by disaster remains a constant challenge. A comprehensive national approach for education during emergencies and disasters along with provision of safe and secure environment is necessary. At this juncture, the MOU will strive for continuous improvements in education sector toward better quality and relevance by carrying out

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activities through networking of institutions as well as information and knowledge sharing between Pakistani and UK institutions through the coordination of NDMA Pakistan. The British Council in Pakistan has a diverse education portfolio that aims to create linkages between higher education institutions in Pakistan and the UK to build the capacity of teachers, students and organisations across Pakistan. The MoU will meaningfully contribute towards the neglected areas of education during emergencies and disasters.

RAWALPINDI: City Traffic Police (CTP) has issued 316 tickets to the drivers of vehicles and motorcycles found indulged in over-speeding during last month. According to CTP spokesman, CTP in its efforts to control road traffic accidents launched grand operation in the month of January to check over speeding of vehicles on on city roads. Special CTP squad imposed fines to the traffic rule violators amounting to Rs 116,000. CTP have also installed speed cameras on various roads to check the movement of over-speeding vehicles. He said that the traffic police is making all efforts and taking all possible steps to ensure safe driving on roads. The cameras have been installed to check increasing number of speed violations so that accidents could be avoided on roads, he added. The facility has also been extended to other tehsils as well. He urged motorists not to indulge in rash driving as the traffic police department is fully determined to stop dangerous and reckless driving. Special CTP squad formed by City Traffic Officer (CTO) Shoaib Khurram Janbaz on the instruction of Regional Police Officer (RPO) Muhammad Wasal Fakhar Sultan Raja is checking over-speeding on city roads particularly at Peshawar Road, Jhelum Road and Airport Road.

RAWALPINDI: A decision has been taken to set up six cattle markets on permanent basis in Rawalpindi division. Sources in Cattle Market Management Company (CMMC) said that six cattle markets would be established in Gondal, Domel, Pindigheb, Talagang, Kalli Jagir and Chakwal. CMMC Regional General Manager Mansoor Ahmad said that healthy and clean environment would be maintained in these cattle markets. He claimed that no entry fee would be charged in these markets that will become functional from the month of April. He said that the auction process for setting up hotels, fodder shops, canteens and general stalls would be completed by February 25.

RAWALPINDI: Punjab University has extended the schedule for BA and BSc Part-1 annual examination 2016 under which the last date for submitting admission forms with single fee is February 10. According to the schedule, candidates can submit their forms with double fee until February 18. Single fee for BA part-1 is Rs 3,500 and for BSc part-I is Rs 4,050. The date of commencement of BA and BSc Part-I annual examination will be announced later.

RAWALPINDI: Rescue 1122, Rawalpindi has rescued 2,230 emergency victims in 2,200 emergency operations conducted in the month of January maintaining its average response time of less than seven minutes. Out of total 2,200 emergency calls received during previous month, the emergency service dealt 784 road traffic accidents, 76 fire calls, one building collapse incident, 64 crime incidents, three cylinder blasts, 138 special rescue operations and 1134 medical emergencies. Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) Director General (DG) Brig (r) Dr Arshad Zia on Monday reviewed performance of emergency operations in Punjab during a meeting to ensure uniform standard of the service and quality emergency care without any discrimination. It has been observed that 55,754 victims of emergencies were rescued in 54,492 rescue operations conducted in Punjab during the month of January. Rescue 1122 responded to 54,492 emergency calls including 16,944 road traffic accidents, 30,296 medical emergencies, 931 fire incidents, 1,360 crimes, 17 drowning incidents, 33 building collapses, 23 explosions and 4,888 miscellaneous operations. The DG said that the increasing number of fire emergencies needs public vigilance while using electrical and gas appliances especially electrical and gas heater should be shut off before sleeping to avoid possibility of occurrence of fire emergency. He urged the public to play their role as responsible citizens for safe building construction, installation of proper emergency exits and stairs, fire alarms, availability of fire extinguishers, fire hydrants and sprinkler system for high rise buildings, industry and warehouses for the prevention of fire emergencies and deal carefully with all electrical and gas appliances to avoid occurring of fire emergencies and bearing heavy loss. He said that Rescue 1122 is on a single call away in case of any incident and only timely emergency call can ensure timely emergency response.

LAHORE: Opposition on Monday walked out of the Punjab Assembly (PA) session, claiming that the government was looting the poor masses by collecting extra Rs 40/ litre on petrol despite its actual price in international market being just Rs 14. Opposition Leader in Punjab Assembly Mian Mehmoodur Rasheed will table the resolution against the recent reduction of Rs 5/ litre on petrol in the House today. All the four opposition parties including Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Pakistan Muslim League (Q) and Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) held a protest demonstration on the issue outside the stairs of the assembly building and chanted slogans against the government. The opposition leader on Monday also tried to table his resolution on the petrol prices and demanded the government that it should reduce petrol prices at Rs 40 per litre and should provide the advantages of reduced rates of petrol in international market to the masses directly. However, the speaker did not allow him to move his resolution while Punjab Law Minister Rana Sanaullah also opposed it. On this, the opposition benches walked out of the House for five minutes but returned and joined the session on the request of the speaker and treasury members. Earlier, addressing the House in favour of the said resolution, the opposition leader said that the government was getting petrol on Rs 14 per litre from the international market and after the expenditures of transportation, which are not more than Rs 6 per litre, it was collecting extra Rs 40 from the poor masses. Punjab Assembly session, which started one hour and 45 minutes late, also adopted one hour long Question Hour about the Higher Education Department. Parliamentary Secretary Mehwish Sultana answered the queries of her colleagues in this regard. Later, the House passed two important bills including the Punjab Special Protection Unit Bill 2015 and the Punjab Safe Cities Authorities Bill 2015. Moreover, during this session, 14 different ordinances including the Punjab Local Government (Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Local Government (Second Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Marriage Functions Ordinance, Punjab Education Foundation (Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Economic Research Institute (Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Prohibition of Child

Nepra fines power company for delays in submission of data

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Labour At Bricks Kilns Ordinance, Punjab Forensic Science Agency (Amendment) Ordinance, Fort Monroe Development Authority Ordinance, Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Vigilance Committee Ordinance, Fatima Jinnah Medical University Lahore (Amendment) Ordinance, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, and the Punjab Forest (Amendment) Ordinance were laid before the assembly while the law minister introduced the Punjab Public Representatives' Laws (Amendment) Bill 2016. It is pertinent to mention that the government has proposed to enhance the salaries of the provincial assembly members near to the equivalent of other provincial assemblies. The law minister told the House that the salaries of the chief minister, speaker and advisors were not enhanced in the bill and only the legislators would enjoy the amendment. Anyhow, he confirmed that though the salaries of MPAs have been enhanced in the amendment bill but factually, their salaries were still less than other provincial assemblies of the country.

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) imposed on Monday a fine of Rs1 million on the Central Power Purchase Agency (CPPA), also known as the National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC), for failing to provide information needed for monthly fuel price adjustments within the stipulated time. "NTDC/CPPA has deliberately violated the authority's directions regarding the submission of fuel price adjustment data," said a statement issued by Nepra. It said the authority was required to make monthly fuel price adjustments (FPA) within the first seven days and the CPPA needed to provide relevant information by the third day of every month. Despite repeated instructions, the statement said, the CPPA did not meet the requirements. Nepra sought an explanation for non-compliance and finding CPPA's response unsatisfactory issued a show-cause notice asking why a penalty of up to Rs100m might not be imposed. After receiving a response, it decided to provide an opportunity of hearing, but the CPPA's plea that it had always tried to meet the authority's deadlines was again considered unsatisfactory. The metering data of all common delivery points are usually available at midnight on the last day of each month and, therefore, any delay in compiling the information 'is not justified'. Nepra also observed that the date for submission had been fixed after consultation with the CPPA and, therefore, the latter was bound to meet the deadline. Despite repeated calls and messages, there was no response from the CPPA spokesman, retired Col Sajjad Rana.

Large number of fake CNICs seized

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KOHAT: Thousands of fake computerised national identity cards (CNICs), degrees, official stamps and tampered bank cheques were confiscated in a raid on a house in Shpalkiwal area of Darra Adam Khel on Monday. Assistant Political Agent Ali Asghar told Dawn by telephone that a large number of fake arms and driving licences, degrees with stamps of vice chancellors and certificates had been found during the raid. The stamps include those of deputy commissioners, political agents, assistant political agents and educational staff. The business had been going on for 15 years and many people had got government jobs through these fake documents, suspect Arshad reportedly admitted. Arshad surrendered to authorities who used the Collective Responsibility Clause 21 of the Frontier Crimes Regulations.

Schools in capital at high risk amid inadequate security measures

Daily Times, February 1, 2016

ISLAMABAD: After the brutal terrorist attack on Bacha Khan University in Charsadda, the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) has failed to ensure security of schools as schools lack 1,600 security guards. The federal and provincial government had directed the FDE and Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) to take strict security measures including deployment of trained security guards, installation of CCTV cameras and construction of secure boundary walls to avoid any untoward incident in future but the reality is totally different. Schools of federal capital lack trained security guards. FDE Director General Moinud din Wani said that the CADD Ministry has been asked to ensure provision of funds for hiring trained security guards and we are waiting for the reply. "An application to the CADD Ministry has been already sent in this regard," he added. Following the Army Public School (APS) Peshawar attack, the FDE had hired security guards for colleges and schools but they were terminated due to the shortage of funds. The capital city police on last Sunday had reviewed arrangements to ensure security of all educational institutions, media houses and other important buildings after the Bach Khan University attack. During the survey of different government educational institutions, it was revealed that most of the schools and colleges lack security guards and many schools also lack boundary walls and other security equipment to ensure secure arrangements for the premises. Another FDE official said that many schools in rural areas of the federal capital are vulnerable to security risk as the boundary walls of many schools could not be constructed despite claims by the authorities concerned. "This complacency on the part of the authority would result in a disaster if timely measures would not be taken to ensure secure educational institutions," he added.

Sindh has reservations over gas, energy & NFC award, says Qaim

Daily Dawn, February 1, 2016

MULTAN: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah said on Sunday that the Sindh government stood with the federal government on some issues, but there were certain matters on which it had reservations with the federation. Talking to journalists here, the chief minister said: "We are with the federal government and have respect for it but we also have reservations on some issues like energy, gas, National Finance Commission Award and the implementation on 18th Amendment." Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is a good person and he visits Sindh in connection with the law and order situation but he never addressed our reservations over energy, health and education," Mr Shah complained. The chief minister said that powers had not been devolved to provinces as far as health, education and other sectors were concerned. He said the federal government had not extended the NFC Award despite the fact that it had completed five years. "Finance Minister Ishaq Dar was asked to play his role for the extension of the NFC award, but he did not respond to the provincial government's request," the chief minister said.

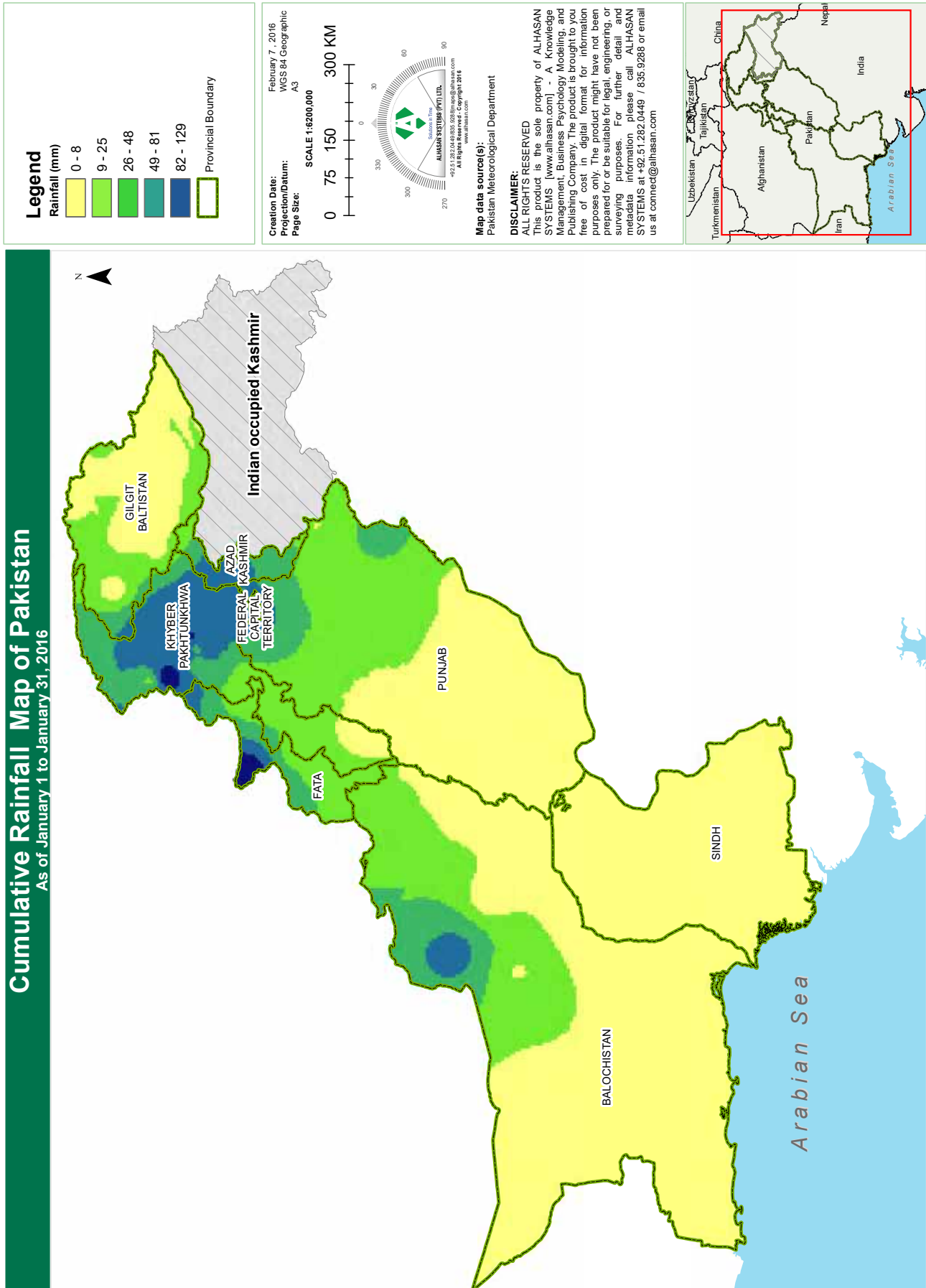
Referring to power situation in the province, Mr Shah said that the province had resources to generate electricity from coal and wind. He said that the cost of a power unit in Sindh, Punjab and other areas of the country was Rs17 to Rs18, but it could be brought down to Rs9 from coal. The chief minister said that 20 licences had been issued to various companies to generate electricity from coal. He said the Sindh government had no objection to the arrest of Uzair Baloch. "We have no

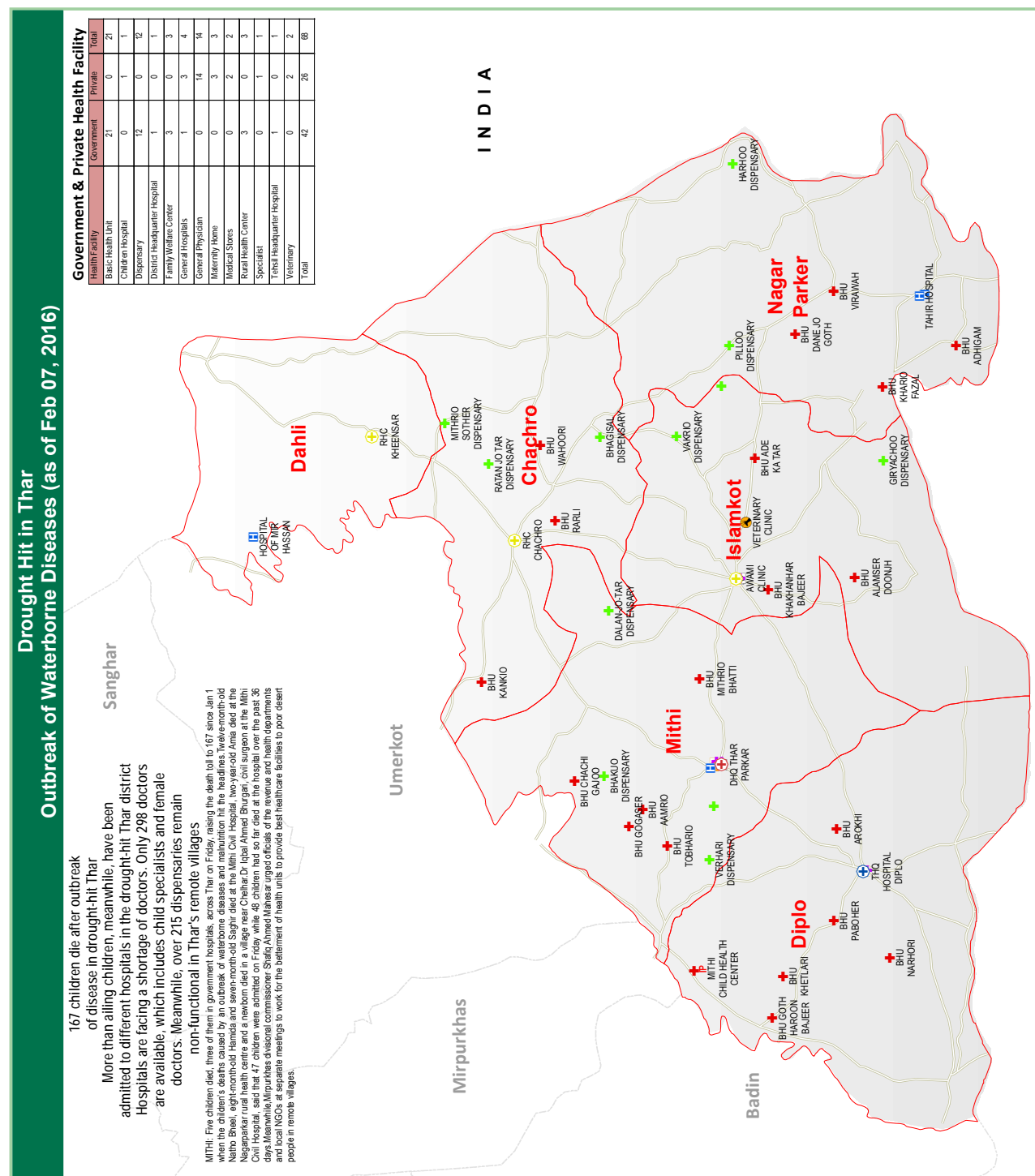
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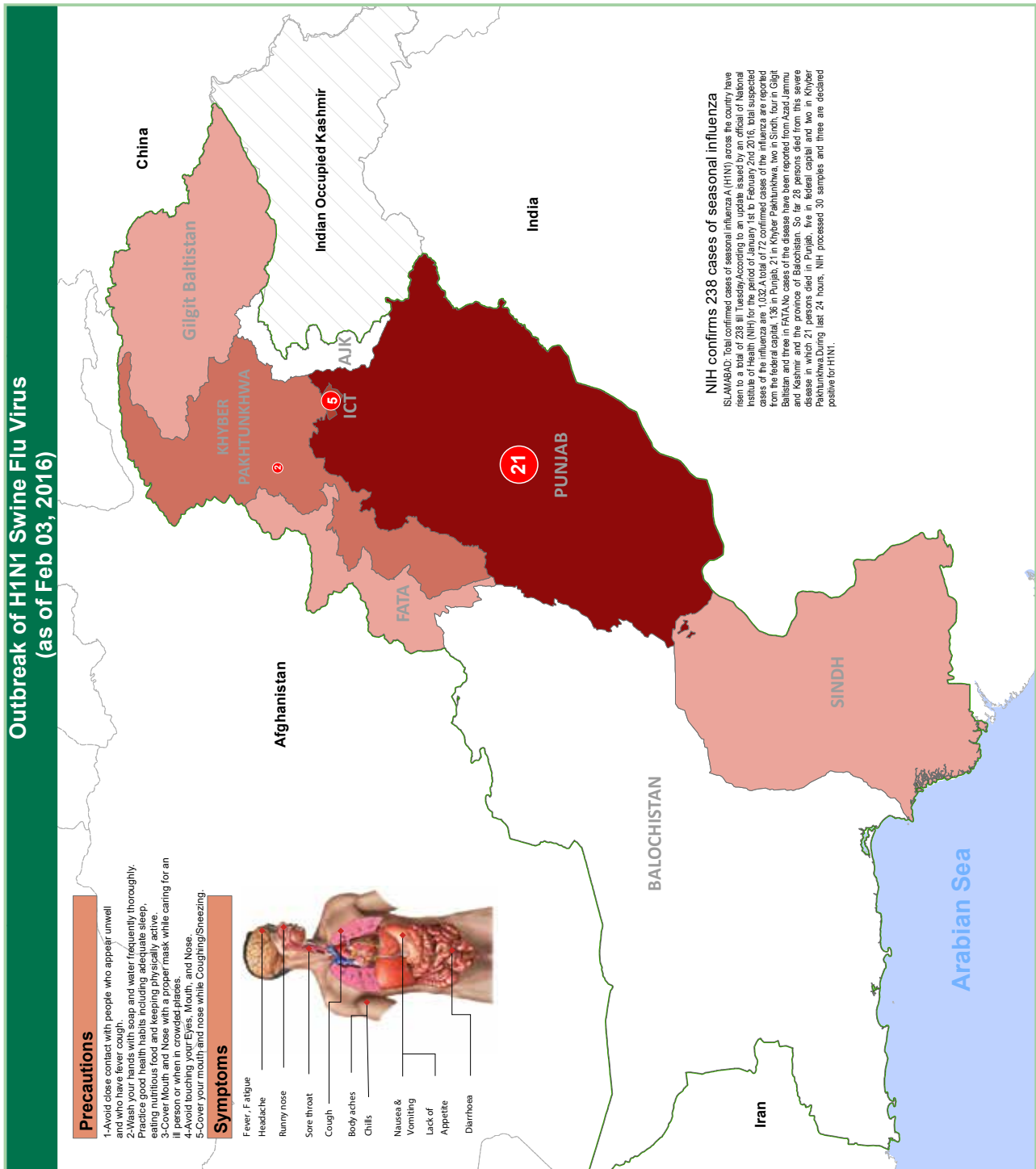
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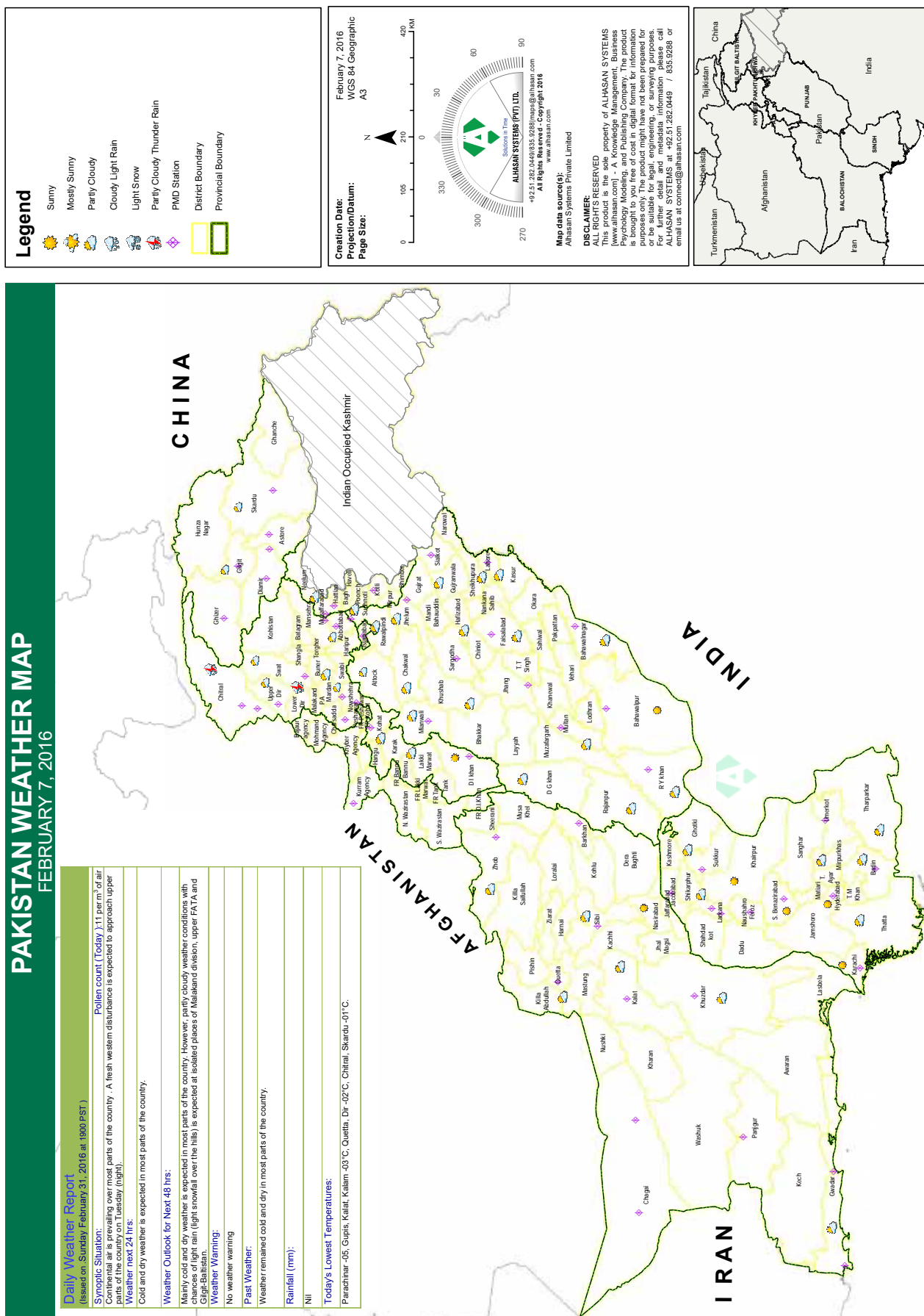
differences with the federal government over the arrest of Uzair Baloch as all criminals should be arrested," he said. He said the provincial government did not know when Baloch had been arrested as some reports suggested he had been arrested earlier. Referring to law and order situation in Sindh, Mr Shah said that it had deteriorated in the province over past 30 years, but it was now improving for a couple of years. He said that corruption existed in all parts of the country and Sindh was not alone in that sense and institutions like National Accountability Bureau and Federal Investigation Agency were there to take action against those elements who were involved in this. Meanwhile, Mr Shah participated in a marriage ceremony during his stay here besides visiting the Gilani House to condole the death of Asad Murtaza Gilani, nephew of former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani. Asad Gilani died in the Mina stampede during Haj. Mr Gilani's brother, Ahmed Mujtaba Gilani, received the chief minister along Khawaja Rizwan Alam, PPP information secretary in south Punjab, when Mr Shah arrived here as former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani was not present in Multan.

QUETTA: Balochistan Health Minister Mir Rehmat Saleh Baloch has warned action against those doctors and paramedics in public sector hospitals who do not perform their duty honestly. He was presiding over a meeting of senior health officials of the province.

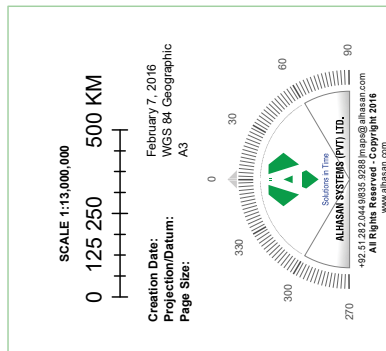
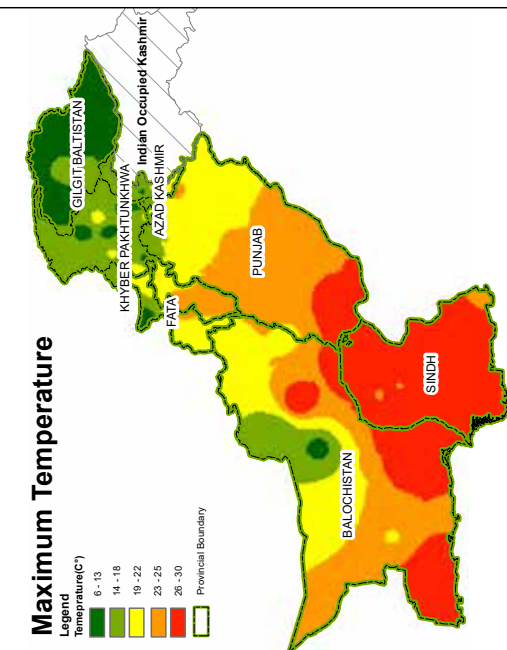






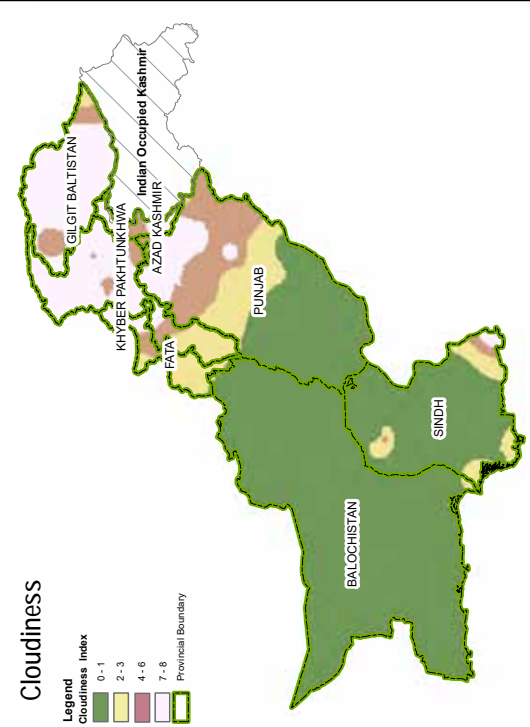
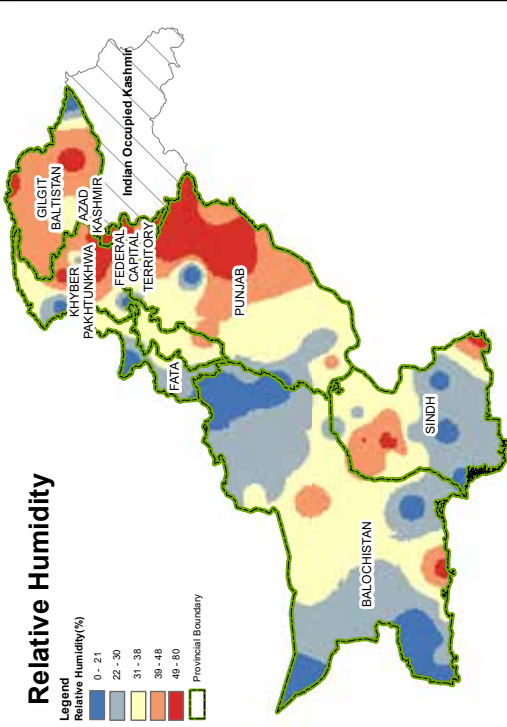
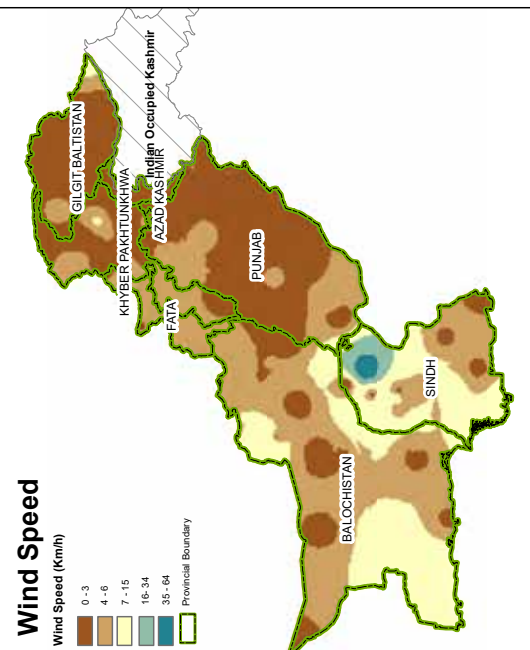


Weather Parameters Map of Pakistan 6 February, 2016

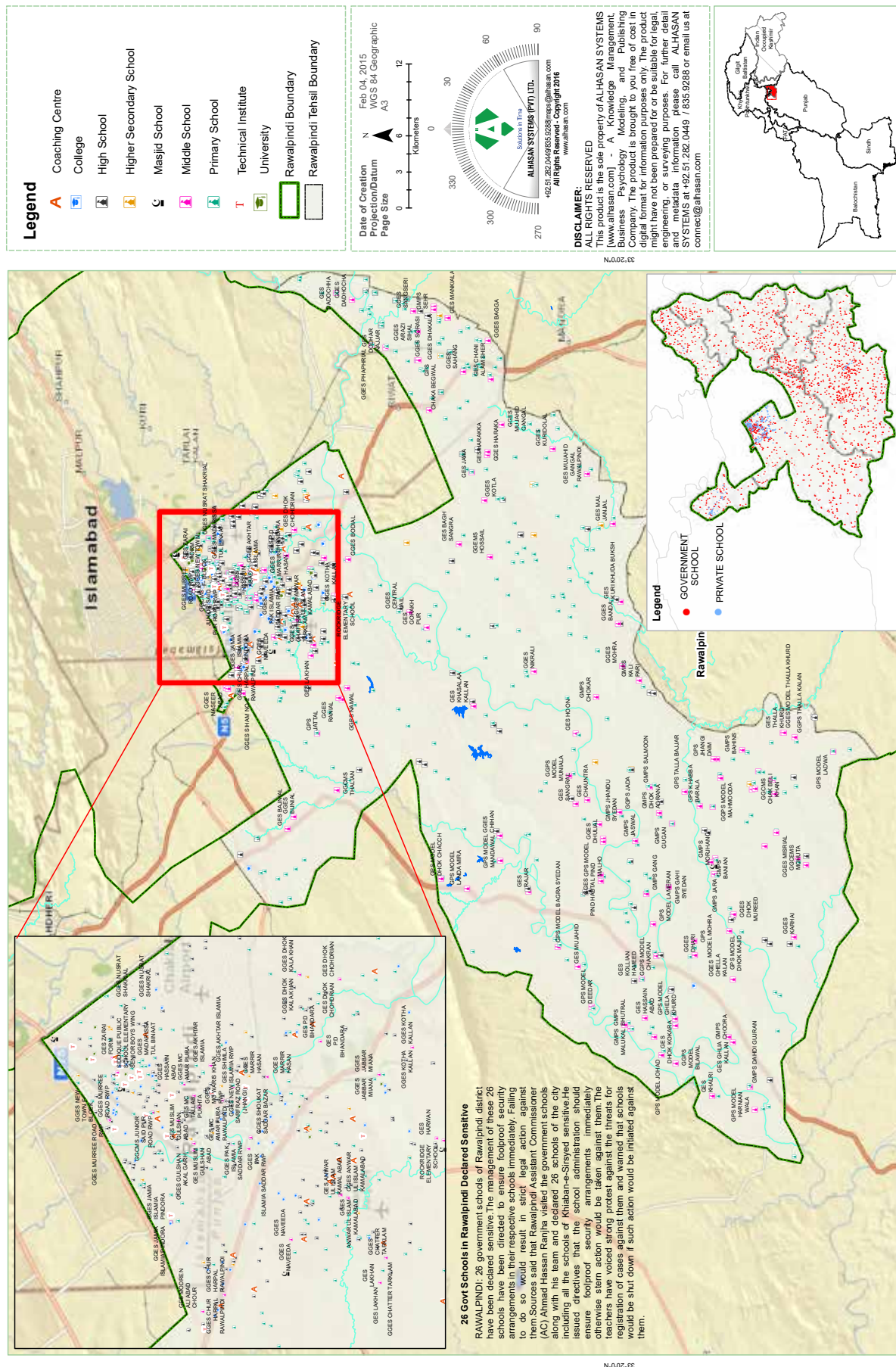


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Rawalpindi - Government Declared Sensitive Schools Map



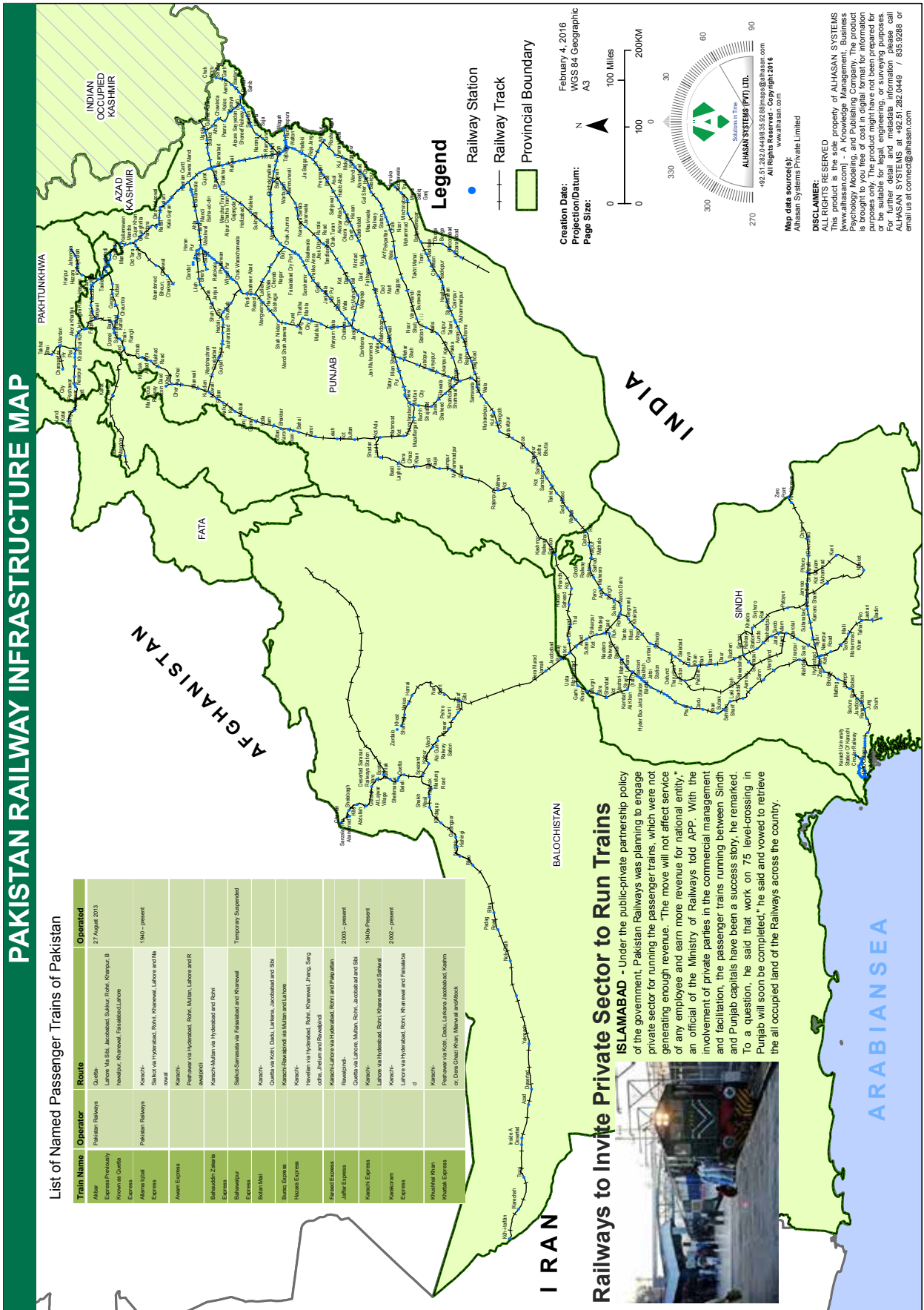
PAKISTAN RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE MAP

List of Named Passenger Trains of Pakistan

Train Name	Operator	Route	Operated
Akbar Express (Previously Known as Quetta Express)	Pakistan Railways	Quetta - Lahore via Sibi, Jacobabad, Sukkur, Rohri, Khairpur, B. Hanjira, R. Nawabshah, Faisalabad, Lahore	27 August 2013
Alamgir Express	Pakistan Railways	Karachi - Sukkur via Hyderabad, Rohri, Khairpur, Lahore and Na. Road	1940 - present
Azadi Express	Karachi	Karachi	
Behawalpur Express	Pakistan Railways	Peshawar via Hyderabad, Rohri, Multan, Lahore and R. Nawabshah	
Behawalpur Express	Pakistan Railways	Karachi via Multan via Hyderabad and Rohri	
Behawalpur Express	Pakistan Railways	Sukkur via Multan via Faisalabad and Rawalpindi	Temporary Suspended
Bikaner Mail	Karachi	Karachi	
Buana Express	Karachi	Quetta via Kotli, Dera, Lahore, Jacobabad and Sibi	
Haripur Express	Karachi	Karachi via Sibi, Dera, Lahore, Jacobabad and Sibi	
Haripur Express	Karachi	Haripur via Hyderabad, Rohri, Khairpur, Jhang, Gurgaon, Jhelum and Rawalpindi	
Haripur Express	Karachi	Karachi via Lahore via Hyderabad, Rohri and Faisalabad	2000 - present
Haripur Express	Karachi	Quetta via Lahore, Multan, Rohri, Jacobabad and Sibi	1940s Present
Haripur Express	Karachi	Karachi via Hyderabad, Rohri, Khairpur and Faisalabad	2000 - present
Haripur Express	Karachi	Lahore via Hyderabad, Rohri, Khairpur and Faisalabad	
Haripur Express	Karachi	Peshawar via Kotli, Dera, Lahore, Jacobabad, Karim or Dera Ghokhri, Multan and Faisalabad	

Railways to Invite Private Sector to Run Trains

ISLAMABAD - Under the public-private partnership policy of the government, Pakistan Railways was planning to engage private sector for running the passenger trains, which were not generating enough revenue. "The move will not affect service of any employee and earn more revenue for national entity," an official of the Ministry of Railways told APP. With the involvement of private parties in the commercial management and facilitation, the passenger trains running between Sindh and Punjab capitals have been a success story, he remarked. To a question, he said that work on 75 level-crossing in Punjab will soon be completed," he said and vowed to retrieve the all occupied land of the Railways across the country.



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انھیں سرٹیفکیشن سکیم کی اہم ذمہ داریاں دی گئی ہیں جب کہ سیناریو نظر انداز کر کے جو نئے افسران کو سینئر اور سینئر افسران کو جو نئے بنادیا گیا تھا۔ 17 گریڈ کے سید ہادی حسن، کاظم رضا، عطا الرحمن اور محمد عارف کو گریڈ 18 میں ترقی دی گئی جب کہ سینئر افسر محمد عظیم صدیقی کی ترقی روک دی گئی تھی۔ اسی طرح سپرنٹنڈنٹ بشرہ بانو کو 17 گریڈ میں ترقی ملی جب کہ سینئر ٹی لسٹ میں ان کا نمبر 43 واں ہے جب کہ ان سے سینئر دو افسران حارث یوسفی اور افتخار احمد کو ترقی نہیں دی گئی اس کے علاوہ آئی ٹی منیجر محمد شہیر و قار اور ڈائریکٹر ریسرچ محمد راشد قدوائی کو گریڈ 19 میں ترقی دیدی گئی تھی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ ٹاؤرگ روڈریلوے اسٹیشن تک شاہراہ فیصل کی بیوٹیکشن مہم کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جاری صفائی و ستھرائی کے انتظامات کا معائنہ کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے محکمہ انسداد تجاوزات بلدیہ کو رنگی کوہدایت کی کہ شاہراہ فیصل جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ ٹاؤرگ روڈ اسٹیشن تک سروس روڈ پر قائم تجاوزات، غیر قانونی تعمیرات اور رکاوٹوں کا خاتمہ کیا جائے اور دیواروں سے وال چائنگ ختم کرنے کے ساتھ اس کی روک تھام کے لئے موثر اقدامات کئے جائیں۔

ایئر پورٹ سے ڈرگ روڈریلوے اسٹیشن تک بیوٹیکشن مہم کا آغاز

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اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) وفاقی دارالحکومت کے ہسپتالوں میں موسمی انفلو نزا کے زیر علاج مریضوں کے لیے انتہائی ضروری ویکسین دستیاب نہ ہونے کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ اسلام آباد کے پمز اسپتال اور پولی کلینک سمیت دیگر طبی مراکز میں بڑی تعداد میں موسمی انفلو نزا کے مریض زیر علاج ہیں لیکن ان ہسپتالوں میں ان مریضوں کے لئے ضروری ویکسین بھی موجود نہیں۔ اسلام آباد کی ہسپتال انتظامیہ یہ ویکسین راولپنڈی سے حاصل کر رہی ہے۔ ڈسٹر کٹ ہیلتھ آفیسر راولپنڈی ڈاکٹر رفیق احمد کا کہنا ہے کہ موسمی انفلو نزا کے مریضوں اور ان کے علاج معالجے کو نا صرف مانیٹر کر رہا ہے بلکہ تمام ضروری انہیں ادویات اور کنکشن فراہم کی جا رہی ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ اسلام آباد کے ہسپتالوں میں زیر علاج موسمی ل انفلو نزا کے مریضوں کے لیے ویکسین باقاعدگی سے فراہم کی جا رہی جو اگرچہ ضلعی محکمہ صحت کی ذمہ داری نہیں تاہم جب تشویش ناک حالت کا شکار مریضوں کے لیے ویکسین مانگی جاتی ہے تو فوری پرویکسین فراہم کر دی جاتی ہے۔

اسلام آباد کے اسپتالوں میں موسمی انفلو نزا کے مریضوں کیلئے ویکسین دستیاب نہ ہونے کا انکشاف

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باڈہ (نامہ نگار) یو ایس ایڈ کی جانب سے ایس آر پی کی ٹیم اراکین حسین سومرو اور جمیلہ عباسی نے چنہ محلہ پر انٹری اسکول کا دورہ کیا اور تدریسی عمل کا جائزہ لیا اس موقع پر حسین سومرو، جمیلہ عباسی نے کہا کہ اساتذہ کا بچوں کو تصاویر اور ماڈل کے ذریعے سمجھانے کا عمل قابل ستائش ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ تعلیم کی بہتری کے لئے بہترین تدریسی عمل ضروری ہے۔

باڈہ: یو ایس ایڈ کی ٹیم نے اسکول کا دورہ کیا

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کورٹ نے تمام انتظامی معاملات کی ذمہ داری ناظر کے سپرد کر رکھی ہے۔ ایسے میں فشری کے مفروضہ چیز میں ڈاکٹر ثار مورانی کے متعین کردہ منیجر حاجی ولی محمد نے گزشتہ ہفتے اچانک روپوشی ختم کر کے از خود فشری پہنچ کر دفتر پر قبضہ کر لیا تھا اور وہ مختلف غیر قانونی احکامات جاری کر رہے ہیں۔ پیر کی دوپہر حاجی ولی محمد اور منیجر فنانس شاہد صدیقی نے نیشنل بینک فشری میں 637 ملازمین کی نئی فہرست تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کیلئے پیش کر دی۔ ہائی کورٹ کے ناظر کے علم میں لائے بغیر تمام ملازمین کی تنخواہوں میں از خود 10 فیصد اضافہ بھی کر دیا۔ نئی فہرست میں فشری کے غیر قانونی منیجر حاجی ولی محمد نے اپنا نام بھی لسٹ میں شامل کر کے اپنی 4 ماہ کی تنخواہ خود ہی جاری کر دی۔ جبکہ لسٹ میں ہائی کورٹ کی جانب سے فشری سے نکالے گئے مطلوب کئی گینگ وار ملزمان کے نام بھی نئی لسٹ میں شامل کر دیئے۔ اس پر بینک منیجر نے ہائی کورٹ کے ناظر کو آگاہ کیا تو ناظر نے اس سلسلے میں یکم جنوری 2016 کی تاریخ سے جاری کردہ اپنا ہی حکم نامہ منسوخ کر دیا اور نیا حکم جاری کیا جس میں رجسٹر اربائی کورٹ کی جانب سے ایف سی ایس کے نئی ملازمین کی فہرست پر نظر ثانی کا حکم دیا ہے۔ رجسٹر اربائی کورٹ نے فشری کے اکاؤنٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹ اور متعلقہ بینک کو فون کر کے تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی فوری طور پر روک دی۔ رجسٹر نے لیگل ایڈوائزر شہزاد قمر کو حکم دیا ہے کہ وہ چھان کے بعد ملازمین کی نئی فہرست تیار کریں جسے 3 دن میں ناظر کو پیش کریں۔ جس پر مخالف فریق نے اعتراض کیا تو رجسٹر نے حکم جاری کیا۔

کراچی (پ ر) پیر سید احسن اشرف اشرفی اجمالی کے اعزاز میں المصطفیٰ ویلفیئر سوسائٹی نے المصطفیٰ میڈیکل سینٹر گلشن اقبال میں استقبالیہ دیا۔ تقریب کے شرکاء سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ جسمانی امراض کے علاج کیلئے المصطفیٰ میڈیکل سینٹر جیسے ادارے اور روحانی امراض کیلئے صوفیائے کرام کے خاتما ہیں شفاء اور فیض رسائی کے مراکز ہیں۔ تقریب سے المصطفیٰ کے سرپرست اعلیٰ حاجی محمد حنیف طیب نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ المصطفیٰ کانیت ورک پاکستان کے طول و عرض میں اکثر چھوٹے بڑے شہروں اور دیہاتوں میں قائم ہے۔ تقریب میں ڈاکٹر جلال الدین نوری، پروفیسر ناصر الدین صدیقی، جامعہ سابق طلباء کی تنظیم یونی کیریز کے سربراہ محمد اقبال نور محمد، ڈاکٹر عبدالرحیم، عبدالغنی سلیمان، الحاج محمد رفیع، اور یس عبد الغفار، مولانا شاہدین اشرفی، ریاض سلطانی، مولانا محمد اشفاق، ڈاکٹر محمود سلیم نوری، مولانا محمد احسن نوری و دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) شوگر چیک کرنے کے لئے عنقریب ایسے گلوکومیٹر متعارف کرائے جائیں جن میں سوئی استعمال کرنے کی ضرورت نہیں پڑے گی۔ ان گلوکومیٹر کے ساتھ کلپ ہو گا جسے کان کی لوست لگایا جائے گا کلپ سے خصوصی برقی شعاعیں (آلیکٹر انک میگنٹک ویو) نکلیں گے اور خون میں شوگر کی مقدار کا پتہ چل جائے گا۔ ان گلوکومیٹر سے ذیابیطس کے مریضوں کی تکلیف کو کم کیا جاسکے گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہر امراض ذیابیطس پروفیسر محمد زمان شیخ نے صحافیوں سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حال ہی میں انٹرنیشنل ڈائیابیطس فیڈریشن کی کنینڈامین کانفرنس منعقد ہوئی جس میں اس نئی ایجاد کے بارے میں بتایا گیا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ذیابیطس کے علاج میں ایک بڑی ڈیولپمنٹ یہ بھی ہوئی ہے امریکا یورپ میں ایک آٹو بینک انسولین پمپ (کلوزڈ لوپ انسولین پمپ) متعارف کرا دیا گیا ہے جو مصنوعی لبلے کے طور پر کام کرتا ہے اور خود جسم میں شوگر لیول چیک کر کے حسب ضرورت انسولین جسم میں داخل کرتا ہے۔ اس پمپ کو مریض کے پیٹ پر لگایا جاتا ہے جس کی 2 سوئیاں ہوتی ہیں دونوں جلد میں داخل کی جاتی ہیں۔ ایک سوئی 24 گھنٹے شوگر چیک کرتی ہے۔ جبکہ دوسری سوئی سے از خود انسولین جسم میں داخل ہوتا رہتا ہے۔ اگر مریض کا شوگر لیول بالکل صفر پر آجائے تو یہ پمپ خود بخود بند ہو جاتا ہے تاکہ مریض کو کوئی نقصان نہ پہنچے۔ یہ ذیابیطس کے علاج میں ایک بہت بڑی ترقی ہے۔ لیکن تاحال یہ پمپ پاکستان میں نہیں آسکے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان میں عام انسولین پمپ (سی آٹو بینک پمپ) آگئے ہیں جو پیچیدگی طرح جسم میں لگے رہتے ہیں جس کی سوئی پیٹ کی جلد میں داخل رہتی ہے تاہم یہ آٹو بینک نہیں ہیں اور کھانا کھانے سے پہلے انہیں پیش کرنا پڑتا ہے جبکہ اس کی سوئی اور سینسر ہر 6 دن میں تبدیل کرنا پڑتا ہے یہ پمپ بہت مہنگا ہے۔ حکومت کی جانب سے انہیں سستا کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) قومی ادارہ برائے امراض قلب (این آئی سی وی ڈی) کی انتظامیہ نے ملازمین کے مکانات کی بجلی بیلر کی شام منقطع کر دی۔ اس سے قبل بیلر کی صبح ملازمین نے انتظامیہ کی جانب سے مکانات خالی کرانے کے خلاف اسپتال میں احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ مظاہرین نے کہا کہ اگر مکانات خالی کر دیئے گئے تو وہ سڑکوں پر آجائیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ این آئی سی وی ڈی کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر ندیم قمر کی جانب سے 26 جنوری کو ایک نوٹس جاری کیا گیا تھا جس میں کہا گیا تھا کہ اگر مکانات خالی نہ کیے گئے تو 31 جنوری 2016 سے مکانات کی بجلی، گیس اور دیگر کنکشن منقطع کر دیئے جائیں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس نے اعلیٰ ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ کراچی میں غیر قانونی تقریروں اور ترقیوں کا نوٹس لے لیا ہے وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس کے افسر فاروق بگٹی کی جانب سے چیرمین بورڈ اختر غوری کو لکھے گئے خط میں ان سے اس حوالے سے رپورٹ مانگ لی گئی ہے واضح رہے کہ بورڈ آف انٹرمیڈیٹ ایجوکیشن کراچی میں سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات کے برخلاف ریٹائرڈ افسر کو اہم عہدے پر تعینات کر دیا گیا تھا دستاویزات کے مطابق اسٹنٹ سکریٹری کے عہدے سے ریٹائر ہونے والے رئیس احمد کو سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات کے برخلاف ریسرچ افسر کی اسامی پر ایک سال کے لئے تعینات کیا گیا اور

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پی اشفاق انور کو بحال کر دیا گیا۔ اگست 2015 میں حکومت بلوچستان نے وفاقی حکومت کو یہ سفارش کی تھی کہ ایس ایس پی اشفاق انور کو نوکری سے برخاست کر دیا جائے اور اس ضمن میں ان پر ایوانی تیل کی سگنگ میں ملوث ہونے کے الزامات عائد کئے گئے تھے تاہم اسٹیبلشمنٹ ڈویژن نے اس سفارش پر یہ اعتراض لگایا کہ محکمہ انکوائری کے بغیر کسی بھی افسر کے خلاف ایسی کارروائی نہیں کی جاسکتی۔ وفاق کے اس اعتراض کے بعد ایس ایس پی اشفاق انور نے حکومت بلوچستان کو یہ تحریری درخواست دی کہ اس معاملہ کی کسی بھی ڈی ایم جی گروپ کے آفیسر سے انکوائری کرائی جائے، جس پر حکومت بلوچستان نے وزیر اعلیٰ کی معاونت ٹیم سے معاملے کی تحقیقات کروائیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ معاونت ٹیم نے دو ماہ کی انکوائری کے بعد اپنی تفصیلی رپورٹ صوبائی حکومت کو پیش کر دی، رپورٹ میں نہ صرف ایس ایس پی پر لگائے گئے الزامات کو بے بنیاد اور غلط قرار دیا گیا بلکہ ایک سینئر افسر کے خلاف بے بنیاد رپورٹ بھیجنے پر پولیس پر بھی کا اظہار بھی کیا گیا، مذکورہ رپورٹ کی روشنی میں حکومت بلوچستان نے اسٹیبلشمنٹ ڈویژن کو کو بھیجا گیا ریفرنس نہ صرف واپس لے لیا بلکہ اشفاق انور کو باعزت بحال کر نیکی استدعا کی ہے، جس کی روشنی میں اسٹیبلشمنٹ ڈویژن نے اشفاق انور کو تمام الزامات سے باعزت بری کر کے بحال کرنے کا حکم جاری کر دیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ ایس ایس پی اشفاق انور مینیز بھٹو قتل کیس کے اہم گواہ بھی ہیں۔ نمائندہ ”جنگ“ کے رابطہ کرنے پر ایس ایس پی اشفاق انور نے کہا کہ وہ ایک اہم مقدمہ قتل میں گواہ ہیں اور کافی عرصہ سے گواہی تبدیل کرنے کیلئے مختلف ذرائع سے ان پر دباؤ ڈالا جاتا رہا تاہم انکار کرنے پر انکے خلاف بے بنیاد اور جھوٹ پر مبنی ریفرنس بھیجا گیا تاکہ عدالت میں بطور گواہ میری ساکھ کو نقصان پہنچایا جاسکے، جو نہ صرف انکوائری میں غلط ثابت ہو بلکہ انکوائری افسر نے انکی کارکردگی، ایمانداری اور ضلع میں امن و امان قائم کرنے میں انکے کردار کو سراہا ہے۔ ”جنگ“ کے رابطہ کرنے پر بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ میں نے تو پہلے ہی روز ایس ایس پی اشفاق انور کے خلاف کارروائی کو ذاتی عناد اور پسند و ناپسند کی کارروائی قرار دیا تھا اور یہ بات واضح کر دی تھی کہ وہ ایک ایماندار اور محنتی افسر ہیں۔

لاہور، کراچی (مانیٹرنگ سیل، اسٹاف رپورٹر) لاہور اور کراچی میں سوائن فلو سے مزید 3 مریض جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق نواز شریف سوشل سیکورٹی ہسپتال میں زیر علاج خوشاب کا غلام رضا جو دو ہفتوں سے زیر علاج تھا مگر جانبر دانہ ہو سکا نہ مریض کی ہلاکت کے بعد صوبہ بھر میں سوائن فلو سے مرنے والوں کی تعداد 23 سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے جبکہ اس وائرس سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد 80 سے زائد بتائی جاتی ہے۔ جبکہ کراچی میں سوائن فلو سے 2 مریضوں کی موت کی تصدیق ہو گئی۔ ایک لڑکی سسلی اور ایک 83 سالہ شخص امین ہلاک ہو گئے دونوں مریضوں کی موت ایک نجی ہسپتال میں ہوئی۔

اسلام آباد (مرچمرہ) سرطان کے علاج کیلئے پینسٹیک کے قاتل ٹیکے کے معاملے پر آج سپریم کورٹ میں سماعت ہوگی۔ درخواست گزار کی جانب سے سینٹ کمیٹی کی توجہ مبذول کرانے کے ساتھ ساتھ نیشنل کمیشن آف ہومن رائٹس سے بھی مداخلت کا مطالبہ بھی کیا گیا۔ اس سے قبل پاکستان انسٹیٹیوٹ آف نیو کلیئر سائنس اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی (پینسٹیک) کے سائنسدان ریاض پاشا نے دستاویزی شواہد پیش کر کے سپریم کورٹ میں یہ بات ثابت کرنے کی کوشش کی تھی کہ پینسٹیک کی جانب سے سرطان کے مریضوں کے علاج کیلئے کس قدر مہلک انجکشن مرتب کیا گیا، اور اس کی نگرانی کیے بغیر اسے استعمال کیا جا رہا ہے۔ عدالت عظمیٰ میں آج اس کیس کی سماعت ہوگی جس میں ریاض پاشا کی دستاویزی شواہد کی مدد سے یہ ثابت کرنے کی کوشش کریں گے کہ اس کے ادارے نے عدالت سے اس ضمن میں کلیں چٹ حاصل کرنے کیلئے کس طرح ریکارڈ میں تبدیلی کی۔ قبل ازیں عدالت عظمیٰ نے اس حوالے سے 2014 میں دی نیوز میں شائع ہونے والی خبر پر از خود نوٹس لیا تھا۔ ریاض پاشا نے درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا ہے کہ سرطان کے مریضوں کیلئے بنایا گئے مذکورہ انجکشن سے ہزاروں افراد مرض کی تشخیص سے قبل ہی موت کے منہ میں چلے گئے ہیں، اس میں غیر مطلوب تابکار مواد موجود ہے، یہ بالکل انسانی جسم میں جوہری بم نصب کرنے کے مترادف ہے، اس کے استعمال سے اعضاء اور مدافعتی نظام ناکارہ ہو کر رہ جاتا ہے۔ درخواست کے ہمراہ لیبارٹری کی رپورٹ بھی منسلک ہے، جس میں انجکشن کو انسانی استعمال کیلئے غیر موزوں قرار دیا گیا ہے۔ موڈی انٹرنیشنل سٹریٹیکشن گروپ کی آڈٹ رپورٹ میں بھی سنگین مسائل کی نشاندہی کی اور پینسٹیک نے ان اعتراضات کا جواب اس کی تصدیق کے ذریعے دیا۔ تاہم اس وقت کے عدالت عظمیٰ کے چیف جسٹس صدق حسین جیلانی نے جب 2014 میں اس معاملے کی تحقیقات کا حکم دیا تو یہ ریکارڈ چھپا دیا گیا۔ درخواست گزار کا دعویٰ ہے کہ اس قاتل ٹیکے کو پاکستان اٹاک انرجی کمیشن (پی اے ای سی) کے 14 اسپتالوں سمیت دیگر اسپتالوں میں بھیجا گیا تھا، لیکن مخصوص کمپلیکس کی اضافی مقدار ہونے کے باعث اس قاتل ٹیکے نے سرطان کی تشخیص کے بجائے لوگوں کو اس مرض میں ہی مبتلا کر دیا۔ اب اس ٹیکے سے کتنے افراد موت کے منہ میں چلے گئے، یہ معلوم کرنے کیلئے پی اے ای سی تحقیقات سے گریزاں ہے۔

کراچی (فضل ندیم ڈوگر) کراچی فشرمین کو آپریٹو سوسائٹی کے مہینہ خود ساختہ اور غیر قانونی فیئر نے فشری کے گھوسٹ اور درخواست ملازمین کو از خود بحال کر کے تنخواہوں میں 10 فیصد اضافہ بھی کر دیا۔ بینک فیئر کی نشاندہی پر سندھ ہائی کورٹ کے ناظر نے تنخواہوں فوری طور پر روکنے کا حکم دے دیا۔ فشری کے لیگل ایڈوائزر شہزاد قمر ایڈووکیٹ کے مطابق فشری کے انتظامی معاملات کے سلسلے میں سندھ ہائی کورٹ میں درخواست زیر سماعت ہے۔ ہائی

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سیکرٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیجو کا کہنا تھا کہ ویب سائٹ واقعی فعال نہیں تھی تاہم اسے فعال کرنے کے لئے کام شروع کر دیا ہے محکمہ کے ایک افسر کو اس کام پر لگایا ہے جو روزانہ کی بنیاد پر نئی پیش رفت ویب سائٹ پر آویزاں کریں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) یو ایس ایڈ کے تعاون سے جاری سندھ ریڈنگ پروگرام اور پاکستان ریڈنگ پراجیکٹ کے باہمی تعاون سے سندھ میں 1 اور گریڈ 2 کے طلباء میں سندھی اور اردو زبان کے معیار کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے ایک مشاورتی ورکشاپ کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ ورکشاپ کی مہمان خصوصی ڈاکٹر فوزیہ خان سربراہ نصاب ونگ حکومت سندھ اور یو ایس ایڈ کے ڈاکٹر رینڈھاٹ فیلڈ تھے اس موقع پر نیکسٹ بک بورڈ کے چیئرمین، ڈائریکٹر بیورو آف سرکولیشن و دیگر مقررین بھی موجود تھے۔ ریڈنگ پرفارمنس سٹینڈرڈز اصلاح کی سطح پر مشاورتی اجلاسوں کا نتیجہ ہیں جو کہ سندھ کے تعلیمی اور اصلاحی ایجنڈے کا حصہ ہیں۔ ورکشاپ میں شرکاء کو بتایا گیا کہ گریڈ 1 اور گریڈ 2 طلباء کے لیے ریڈنگ کے معیار مقرر کرنے کا کیا پیمانہ ہے۔ شرکاء نے ڈرافٹ اسٹینڈرڈز کی سری کا جائزہ لیا اور صوبہ سندھ میں ان کے نفاذ کے طریقہ کار پر تبادلہ خیالات بھی کیا۔ ورکشاپ کے بعد یہ سٹینڈرڈز سندھ وزارت تعلیم کو پیش کیے جائیں گے تاکہ منتخب شدہ سکولوں میں بطور پالیسی پروگرام نافذ کیے جاسکیں۔ یو ایس ایڈ نے حکومت سندھ کو بنیادی تعلیمی پروگرام کی مد میں 165 ملین ڈالر فراہم کر رکھے ہیں جو کہ سندھ ایجوکیشن سیکٹر پلان 2014-15 کا حصہ ہیں۔ اس مالی امداد کا مقصد پرائمری تعلیم کا فروغ ہے جو کہ یو ایس ایڈ کے 100 ملین بچوں کی تعلیمی استعداد میں اضافے کے پروگرام کا حصہ ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ اسمبلی مین تین نجی قراردادیں اتفاق رائے سے منظور کر لی گئیں جن میں ملک کے اندر افغان موبائل فون سمیں بند کرنے اور کراچی میں پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ اسکیم شروع کرنے کے علاوہ کراچی اور سکھر میں ذہنی مریضوں کی بحالی کے لیے مراکز قائم کرنے کے مطالبات کیے گئے ہیں۔ وزیر تعلیم نثار کھوڑو نے وقفہ سوالات کے دوران بتایا کہ سندھ کے 57 ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ سینٹرز کے 34 شعبوں میں 2487 طلباء داخل ہیں، بیروزگاری قومی مسئلہ ہے اور تمام بے روزگار نوجوانوں کو سرکاری اداروں میں نوکریاں نہیں دے سکتے، فکشنل لیگ کی نصرت سحر سے وزیر تعلیم کی اس وقت تعلق ہو گئی جب انہوں نے کہا کہ متعلقہ وزیر نے تیاری نہیں کی جس پر اعتراض کرتے ہوئے نثار کھوڑو نے کہا کہ ارکان کو تبصرے نہیں کرنے چاہئیں، اسپیکر نے ان کا اعتراض تسلیم کرتے ہوئے نصرت سحر کے ریمارکس کارروائی سے حذف کر دیئے۔ منگل کو پرائیویٹ ممبر ڈے تھا۔ پہلی قرارداد میں مطالبہ کیا گیا کہ کراچی اور سکھر میں بھی حیدر آباد کی طرح ذہنی مریضوں کی بحالی کے مراکز اور اسپتال قائم کیے جائیں۔ یہ قرارداد ایم کیو ایم کے رکن سیف الدین خالد نے پیش کی تھی۔ دوسری قرارداد میں مطالبہ کیا گیا کہ پاکستان میں افغان ٹیلی کام کمپنیوں کے موبائلز سم کارڈز کے استعمال پر فوراً پابندی عائد کی جائے۔ یہ قرارداد ایم کیو ایم کی خاتون رکن ارم عظیم فاروق نے پیش کی تھی۔ تیسری قرارداد میں مطالبہ کیا گیا کہ کراچی کے لوگوں کے لیے پبلک ٹرانسپورٹ اسکیم شروع کی جائے۔ یہ قرارداد ایم کیو ایم کے رکن محمد حسین خان نے پیش کی تھی۔ ان قراردادوں کی منظوری کے بعد اجلاس بدھ کی صبح تک ملتوی کر دیا گیا۔ سرکاری یا پرائیویٹ ادارے تمام بے روزگار نوجوانوں کو ملازمتیں فراہم نہیں کر سکتے۔ بے روزگاری صرف سندھ کا ہی نہیں پورے ملک کا مسئلہ ہے۔ حکومت سندھ نوجوانوں کو ہنرمند بنانے کے لیے اقدامات کر رہی ہے تاکہ وہ اندرون اور بیرون ملک روزگار حاصل کر سکیں۔ انہوں نے یہ بات منگل کو سندھ اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں محکمہ محنت سے متعلق وقفہ سوالات کے دوران متعدد ارکان کے تحریری اور ضمنی سوالوں کے جواب میں بتائی۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ ضلع تھرپاکر میں کول ماہنر / چائنا کاکوئی ورکر ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف سیسی حیدر آباد میں رجسٹرڈ نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں 57 ٹیکنیکل ٹریننگ سینٹر ہیں اور ان میں 2487 طلباء کی انرولمنٹ ہے۔ ان سینٹرز میں 34 شعبوں میں تربیت فراہم کی جاتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یکم جنوری 2011ء سے 31 دسمبر 2013 تک ایسپلائمنٹ ایکسچینج میں 144595 بے روزگار افراد نے رجسٹریشن کرائی، جن میں سے 127346 مرد اور 17238 خواتین اور 11 ریٹائرڈ فوجی شامل تھے۔ ان میں 10668 کو ملازمت دلائی گئی۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ 2008ء میں 19731 افراد رجسٹرڈ ہوئے۔ ان میں 10958 افراد کو ملازمت دلائی گئی۔ 2009ء میں 127410 رجسٹرڈ افراد میں سے 12636 کو، 2010ء میں 52378 میں سے 12371 کو، 2011ء میں 48290 رجسٹرڈ افراد میں سے 8583 کو، 2012ء میں 49822 رجسٹرڈ افراد میں سے 8401 کو جبکہ 2013ء میں 47280 رجسٹرڈ افراد میں سے 8120 افراد کو ملازمت دلائی گئی۔ سرکاری ادارے بھی سب لوگوں کو نوکریاں نہیں دے سکتے۔ ہر سال لاکھوں نوجوان میٹرک پاس کر لیتے ہیں۔ اس لیے حکومت نوجوانوں کو ہنرمند بنانے پر توجہ دے رہی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں 8 لیبر کورٹس ہیں، جن میں کراچی میں پانچ اور حیدر آباد، لاڑکانہ اور سکھر میں ایک ایک لیبر کورٹ ہے۔ ان عدالتوں میں 2008ء سے 2013ء تک 11533 مقدمات دائر ہوئے، جن میں 9367 کا فیصلہ ہو چکا ہے جبکہ 3166 مقدمات زیر سماعت ہیں۔ نصرت سحر اور نثار کھوڑو کے مابین تعلق کے دوران سید مراد علی شاہ نے کہا کہ اسپیکر کو چاہئے کہ وہ ارکان کو روک دیں جبکہ کئی سوالات بھی قواعد کے مطابق نہیں ہوتے ہیں۔ انہیں اسمبلی سیکرٹریٹ میں مسترد کر دینا چاہئے۔

اسلام آباد (بلاڈ ڈار) وزیر اعلیٰ معائنہ ٹیم کی بلوچستان پولیس کو سرزنش، ایرانی تیل کی اسمگلنگ میں ملوث ہونے کا الزام غلط ثابت ہونے پر ایس ایس

یو ایس ایڈ کے تحت طلباء کے لئے مشاورتی

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ہی کر سکتے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (خصوصی نامہ نگار) وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے سی ڈی اے کی طرف سے نجی اسکولوں کو صرف 15 دنوں میں رہائشی علاقوں سے نکل جانے کی ڈیڈ لائن دیے جانے کا نوٹس لے لیا ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا ہے کہ کوئی متبادل پلان دیئے بغیر پندرہ دنوں میں 1352 اسکولوں کو نجی جگہ پر منتقل کرنا کیسے ممکن ہے؟ چوہدری نثار علی خان نے سیکریٹری داخلہ کو چیرمین سی ڈی اے سے بات کر کے مناسب حل تلاش کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے انہوں نے کہا ہے کہ سی ڈی اے ناقابل عمل ڈیڈ لائن سے بلاوجہ ہزاروں بچوں اور انکے والدین کو ذہنی پریشانی سے دوچار نہ کرے۔

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قومی ادارہ برائے امراض قلب کے

ملازمین کا مظاہرہ

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گسٹ انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف سائنس، بیڈ اور

دوائیاں ناپید، صفائی کا فقدان، مریض

پریشان

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ریجنر کے تحت فری میڈیکل کیمپ

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کراچی میں اضافے کے خلاف احتجاج

روزنامہ جنگ

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محکمہ صحت سندھ کی ویب سائٹ دو سال

سے غیر فعال

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) قومی ادارہ برائے امراض قلب (این آئی سی وی ڈی) کے ملازمین نے انتظامیہ کی جانب سے مکانات خالی کرانے کے خلاف منگل کو دوسرے روز بھی اسپتال میں احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا اور زبردست نعرے بازی کی۔ مظاہرین نے پلے کارڈز اور بنرز اٹھار کھے تھے جن پر ان کے مطالبات درج تھے۔ ملازمین نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سے مطالبہ کیا کہ وہ اسپتال انتظامیہ کو مکان خالی کرانے سے باز رکھیں۔

رائی پور (نامہ نگار) گسٹ انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف سائنس میں ادویات سہولیات اور صفائی کا فقدان انتظامیہ نااہلی کے باعث پیدا ہو رہا ہے۔ غریب اور مستحق مریض نجی اسٹورز سے مہنگے داموں پر ادویات خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں جبکہ مریض مختلف امراض کے ٹیسٹ بھی مہنگے داموں پر کروانے پر مجبور ہیں۔ انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں مریض کے لئے بیڈ بھی ناپید ہیں بچوں، خواتین اور ضعیف العمر مریضوں کا موسم سرد ہونے کے باوجود کھلے آسمان میں ٹھنڈے فرش پر علاج کیا جا رہا ہے مریضوں کا کہنا ہے کہ ڈاکٹر ز مہنگے ادویات نجی اسٹورز پر لکھ کر دیتے ہیں اور ٹیسٹ بھی باہر سے کروانے کا مشورہ دیتے ہیں شاید وہ لیبار میز زانہی ڈاکٹر کی جانب سے قائم ہے یا وہاں ان کی کمیشن مقرر ہیں۔ انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں جگہ جگہ گندگی کے ڈھروں سے اٹھنے والے نفعن باعث مریض صحتیاب ہونے کے بجائے مختلف امراض میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں ساتھ ہی ہم بچوں کے ٹھنڈے فرش پر علاج کروا رہے ہیں اور بچے صحت یاب ہونے کے بجائے بیماری میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں جبکہ انتظامیہ غائب ہے اور شہر کی سماجی تنظیمیں بھی انسٹی ٹیوٹ میں انتظامیہ کے اس عمل پر خاموش تماشائی بنی ہوئی ہے۔ مریضوں نے حکام بالا سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ صحت کے نام پر مریضوں سے ہونے والے مظالم اور کرپشن کا زخموں کو نوٹس لیں۔

ٹنڈوالہ یار (نامہ نگار) یونین کونسل مسن میں واقع رورل ہیلتھ سینٹر میں غریب عوام کے لئے ریجنر کی جانب سے ایک فری میڈیکل کیمپ کا انعقاد کیا گیا جس میں بچوں کی بیماریوں کے ماہر کیپٹن ڈاکٹر جاوید خشک، ماہر امراض قلب ڈاکٹر شوکت میمن، ڈاکٹر احسان، سی ڈی ایف کے ایڈمین آفیسر آنکھوں کے امراض کے ماہر ڈاکٹر شاہد خانزادہ، ماہر امراض جلد لیڈی ڈاکٹر جہاں آرا، جنرل فزیشن ڈاکٹر علی رضا، سی ڈی ایف کے ایم ایس ڈاکٹر عثمان ہارون، ای این ٹی کے ماہر ڈاکٹر صولت جعفری، خواتین کی جملہ بیماریوں کی ماہر لیڈی ڈاکٹر پشپا نے کیمپ میں آنے والے مریضوں کا مفت چیک اپ کیا اور انہیں فری ادویات فراہم کی گئیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی میں پوائنٹ ٹرمینل پر طلبہ نے ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں میں اضافے کے خلاف احتجاج کیا۔ احتجاجی طلباء سے انچارج انتظامی امور اسلامی جمعیت طلبہ جامعہ کراچی سید عزیز اختر نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پوری دنیا میں تیل کی قیمتوں میں کمی ہو رہی ہے اس کے باوجود جامعہ کراچی کی انتظامیہ کی جانب کی پوائنٹ کرایوں میں اضافہ کیا گیا۔ جامعہ کے کل 30 میں سے 12 پوائنٹ زبوحالی کا شکار ہیں۔ جن کے نائز تک بچے ہوئے ہیں۔ جو کہ کسی ناخوشگوار حادثہ کا سبب بن سکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے انتظامیہ سے مطالبہ کیا کہ تمام پوائنٹس کی فی الفور مرمت کے جائے۔ اس دوران مظاہرین سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے صدر طلباء ایکشن کمیٹی نے کہا کہ انتظامیہ ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں میں اضافہ کر کے طلباء پر مزید بوجھ نہ ڈالے اور کراچی میں اضافہ فوری واپس لیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ صحت سندھ کی عدم توجہ کے باعث محکمہ کی ویب سائٹ گزشتہ دو سال سے غیر فعال ہے۔ ویب سائٹ پر موجودہ سیکرٹری صحت کے بجائے سابقہ سیکریٹری کا نام درج ہے جبکہ ایسے افسران کے نام موجود ہیں جو اپنے عہدوں پر ہی نہیں۔ ویب سائٹ کو 2014 کے بعد اپ ڈیٹ نہیں کیا گیا۔ مختلف اسپتالوں کے ان میڈیکل سپرنٹنڈنٹس کے نام درج ہیں جو تبدیل ہو چکے ہیں۔ ویب سائٹ پر بیماریوں سے متعلق کوئی آگہی و ہدایات نہیں۔ محکمہ صحت کی جانب سے عوام کو کوئی سہولیات کن اسپتالوں میں میسر ہیں، ایمر جنسی کی صورت میں کہاں رابطہ کیا جاتا ہے، بیماریوں کی ویکسینیشن کہاں کی جاتی ہے۔ مختلف اسپتالوں میں کون سے ٹیسٹ ہوتے ہیں، کس اسپتال میں علاج سے متعلق نئی پیش رفت ہوئی ہے، بیماریوں کے ہائی الرٹس کب جاری کیے جاتے ہیں، محکمہ نے کونسی نئی ملازمتوں کے اشتہارات دیئے ہیں سمیت دیگر کئی اہم معلومات ویب سائٹ پر درج نہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق نجی و سرکاری اسپتال سوائن فلو، ڈینگی، نگلیریا، پولیو، ملیریا سمیت دیگر امراض میں مبتلا کسیر کی تفصیلات روزانہ کی بنیاد پر محکمہ صحت سندھ کو ای میل کرتے ہیں لیکن محکمہ صحت ان کو ویب سائٹ پر آویزاں نہیں کرتا جس کے باعث عوام کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں

تاہم 9 سال اور اس کے اوپر عمر کی تمام عورتیں سرویکیل کینسر کے خلاف ویکسی نیشن کر سکتی ہیں۔

نئی تعمیرات اور سڑکوں کے جال سے صوبے میں رعنائی آرہی ہے

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ہوشاب: سنگلاخ چٹانوں اور ریگزاروں کی سرزمین بلوچستان کے جنوبی علاقے میں بدھ کی دوپہر وہ منظر دیدنی تھا جب وزیراعظم نواز شریف ساحلی شہر پسپائی کے ہوائی اڈے پر اترے تو ان کا خیر مقدم کرنے کے لئے بری فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف، جنوبی کمانڈ کے سربراہ لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عامر ریاض اور آئی ایس پی آر کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم سلیم باجوہ اور بلوچستان کی مسلم لیگ نون کی صوبائی حکومت کے سربراہ سردار ثناء اللہ زہری اپنے گورنر محمد خان اچکزئی، صوبائی کابینہ کے ارکان بشمول سرفراز بگٹی اور دیگر عائدین موجود تھے۔ اپنی حیثیت اور نیابت کے اعتبار سے ان ممتاز افراد نے وزیراعظم کا بڑے تپاک سے استقبال کیا جن کے ہمراہ قومی سلامتی کے لئے ان کے مشیر لیفٹیننٹ جنرل ناصر خان جنجوعہ، نیشنل پارٹی کے سربراہ میر حاصل خان بزنجو بھی یہاں آئے تھے۔ وزیراعظم کے وفد میں ان کے سیکریٹری فواد حسن فواد بھی شامل تھے جنہوں نے اپنی زندگی کے بہترین تیرہ سال مختلف اہم حیثیتوں میں یہاں خدمات انجام دی تھیں کہات کے مطابق انہیں بلوچستان کی چٹانوں اور ذروں کا علم بھی حاصل ہے وہ بڑے جذباتی لہجے میں بتا رہے تھے کہ اس صوبے میں انہوں نے وہ وقت بھی دیکھا ہے جب امریکا سے حاصل کردہ بھاری بھر کم جیپیں بھی اس کی سڑکوں پر چلنے سے عاجز آجاتی تھیں اس کے باوجود اس صوبے میں کشش موجود تھی اب نئی تعمیرات اور سڑکوں کے بچھ رہے جال سے اس صوبے میں رعنائی اور لطافت آرہی ہے اس کے دل آویز ساحل اور ان کے آر پار چلنے والی جان افزا ہوا سے دنیا کا حسین ترین علاقہ بنا دیتی ہے جس سے لطف اٹھانے کے لئے اس میں گم ہوا جاسکتا ہے وزیراعظم نواز شریف یہاں اس شاہراہ کا افتتاح کرنے کے لئے آئے تھے جسے پاک فوج کے پامرد جوانوں نے فرنیچر و کس آرگنائزیشن کے سائے تلے بجلی کی رفتار سے اور محیر العقول مدت میں مکمل کیا ہے جنرل راجیل شریف اس پورے خطے کے معاملات سے کس قدر آگاہ ہیں اس کا سراغ بند کمرے کی اس بریفنگ سے ملا جس کی تفصیلات کا افشا قرین مصلحت نہیں ہو گا انہیں گوارہ سے لیکر کوئٹہ تک اور ژوب سے لیکر مکران تک کے ماحول اور مسائل بخوبی آگہی حاصل ہے۔ پسپائی ایران کی سرحد سے تقریباً دو سو کلومیٹر کے فاصلے پر واقع ہے جہاں ایرانی مصنوعات کی اس قدر بہتات ہے کہ وہاں پاکستانی اشیاء بھی ان کے سامنے ماند پڑی ایرانی صابن سے لیکر کتا تک اور پٹرول بھی ایرانی مل جاتا ہے اس میں مزید دلچسپ پہلو یہ ہے کہ پاکستانی کرنسی کے پہلو پہ پھلو ایرانی کرنسی کا بھی اس علاقے میں چلن ہے اب سے چند سال قبل اگر زیادہ تخصیص سے کام لیا جائے تو محض اٹھائیس تیس ماہ پہلے تک اس پورے علاقے میں امن شکن اور ملک دشمن عناصر کی دہشت گردانہ سرگرمیاں زوروں پر تھیں اس علاقے کے لئے سڑکوں کی تعمیر اور دیگر تعمیراتی منصوبے ساہا سال سے کاغذوں میں پڑے بوسیدگی کا شکار ہو رہے تھے موجودہ حکومت بالخصوص وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے اس یوسٹ کا قلع قمع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا اور سڑکوں کے منصوبے شروع کر دیئے ملک نئے منصوبوں کا بھی عہد کیا ابتداً شہر کی انتظامیہ کو یہ ذمہ داری تفویض کی گئی جس نے علاقے کا ماحول اور اس کی تلخی دیکھ کر ان منصوبوں کے بھاری پتھر کو چوم کر رکھ دیا اب وزیراعظم کی نگاہ انتخاب اپنی مسلح افواج پر مرکوز ہوئی جس کے فرنیچر و کس آرگنائزیشن کی خدمات حاصل کی گئیں۔ اس نے بڑی پامردی کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے جنگی بنیادوں پر شاہراؤں کی تعمیر شروع کر دی شورش پسندوں کی بڑی تعداد فوج کا حوالہ سنتے ہی فرار ہو گئی بعض کم بخت مصر رہے کہ وہ اس کام میں رخنہ ڈالیں گے ان قابل نفرت لوگوں نے تعمیراتی سرگرمیوں میں مصروف جوانوں اور سرکاری اہلکاروں پر حملے شروع کر دیئے فرنیچر و کس آرگنائزیشن نے اس چیلنج کو قبول کرتے ہوئے تعمیراتی کام جاری رکھا اور 44 اہلکار دہشت گردوں کے ہاتھ شہید ہوئے جن میں جیپس فوج سے تعلق رکھنے والے قابل فخر فرزند تھے متعدد زخمی بھی ہوئے۔ فوج نے ان عناصر کے خلاف زبردست کارروائی کی اور انہیں نہ صرف مار بھاگا یا بلکہ ان کی کمین گاہوں کو تباہ کیا اور بڑی تعداد میں موت کے گھاٹ اتار دیئے گئے جنرل عامر ریاض نے اپنے چھتری اہراتے ہوئے بڑے عجز کے ساتھ دعویٰ کیا کہ اب یہ پرسکون علاقہ ہے اور پاکستان کے دوسرے حصوں کی مانند آپ کسی بھی وقت کسی بھی جھے میں سفر کر سکتے ہیں۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے جس دیدہ زیب سڑک کا افتتاح کیا وہ گوارہ کو تربت کے راستے کراچی سے ملاتی ہے اس میں توسیع کر کے اسے تو ڈیرہ سے ملایا جا رہا ہے جہاں سے انڈس ہائی وے اور پھر موٹروے کا حصہ بن جائے گی۔ اگر یہ کہا جائے کہ ایم ایٹ کہلانے والی اس سڑک کو چین پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری کا متمر کہا جائے تو ہرگز غلط نہیں ہو گا اسے راہداری کا ہی آئندہ مرحلے میں حصہ بن جانا ہے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے افتتاحی تحفے کی نقاب کشائی کرنے کے بعد اس شاہراہ کا معائنہ کرنے میں دلچسپی ظاہر کی تو بری فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل شریف نے ان کی جیپ کو خود چلانے کا قصد کیا کھلی فوجی جیپ جس پر قومی پرچم اور چارسنہرے ستارے جھلملا رہے تھے وزیراعظم نواز شریف جنرل راجیل شریف کے ہمراہ تھے فرنیچر و کس آرگنائزیشن کے سربراہ مجبر جنرل محمد افضل ان کے عقب میں سوار تھے کوئی لمبا پوڑا حفاظتی دستہ ان کے ساتھ نہیں تھا۔ جنرل راجیل نے جیپ کو مدھم، درمیانہ اور پھر تیز رفتاری کے ساتھ چلا کر کھلے اور پر فضا علاقے میں لے گئے اس دوران انہیں گمان ہو رہا تھا کہ وہ یورپ کی کسی موٹروے پر محو سفر ہیں واپسی پر انہوں نے تعمیر کے معیار اور نفاست کو بہت سراہا یہ اس بلوچستان کا ہلکا سا عکس تھا جس کا مین نقشہ پاکستان کے اس صوبے کے سینے پر تیزی سے نمودار ہو رہا ہے یہ کس قدر افسوسناک امر ہے کہ ایک طرف تعمیر و ترقی کی مشکل منازل کو طے کرنے کی سعی ان بے آب و گیاہ علاقوں میں ہو رہی ہے دوسری جانب سیاسی قبیلے کے بعض افراد قوم کی اس منزل کو کھوٹا کرنے کے لئے وہ ہتھکنڈے اختیار کر رہے ہیں جن سے پاکستان کے دشمنوں کو راحت ملی ہے اس تکلیف دہ تفاوت کا ازالہ صرف عوام

کے ساتھ نظر ثانی کی جائے گی جس سے آزاد حکومت مزید ایک ارب روپے سالانہ وصول کرے گی۔ نیلم جہلم پراجیکٹ معاہدے کے تحت آزاد کشمیر میں دواضافی گرڈ سٹیشن بھی تعمیر کئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ 148 میگاواٹ پٹرینڈ ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ دسمبر میں مکمل ہو جائیگا اور اس کو مظفر آباد سرینگرہائی وے پر واقع رام پورہ گرڈ سے منسلک کیا جائے گا۔ اس سے ریاست میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کی صورتحال میں بہتری آئے گی۔ وزیر برقیات نے مزید بتایا کہ آزاد حکومت وادی نیلم میں جاگراں ٹو، گلدر اور دواریاں میں 100 میگاواٹ کے ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک پاور جنریشن کے منصوبوں پر کام کر رہی ہے۔ ان منصوبوں سے نیلم، مظفر آباد اور ہٹیاں بالا کے اضلاع میں اپنے وسائل سے بجلی کی کمی دور کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگلے ماہ حکومت آزاد کشمیر اور واڈا کے درمیان زیر التوا معاہدے پر دستخط ہو جائیں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گزشتہ ہفتے میں شہر میں ڈینگی وائرس کے 20 کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں۔ جس کے بعد رواں سال کراچی میں ڈینگی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد 172 ہو گئی ہے۔ ڈینگی پر پویشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کی جاری کردہ رپورٹ کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں کی اوپی ڈیز میں 18 ایسے مریضوں کو لایا گیا جو ڈینگی سے متاثر تھے جبکہ 12 مریضوں کو ڈینگی کی شکایت پر مختلف اسپتالوں میں داخل کیا گیا۔ جن اسپتالوں میں کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے ان میں سول اسپتال، آغا خان اسپتال، ضیاء الدین اسپتال، لیاقت نیشنل اسپتال اور کھارادر جنرل اسپتال شامل ہیں۔

کراچی: ایک ہفتے میں ڈینگی وائرس سے متاثرہ 20 کیسز رپورٹ

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لاہور (ایکسپریس) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ راجن پور اور رحیم یار خان میں 2320 میگاواٹ کے 6 پاور پلانٹس لگائیں گے، دوست ممالک کے تعاون سے پاکستان سے اندھیرے دور کریں گے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق پنجاب حکومت اور چین وڈنمارک کی کمپنیوں کے مابین جنوبی پنجاب میں 2320 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبے لگانے کے معاہدے طے پا گئے، یہ معاہدے آج ماڈل ٹاؤن میں منعقدہ دو الگ الگ تقاریر میں طے پائے جس کے مہمان خصوصی وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف تھے۔ وڈنمارک کی کمپنی راجن پور میں 4 وڈن پاور پلانٹس جبکہ چینی فرم رحیم یار خان میں 2 کول پاور پلانٹس لگائے گی، پنجاب حکومت اور وڈنمارک کے درمیان طے پانوالے معاہدے کے تحت وڈنمارک کی وڈن پاور جنریشن کی بین الاقوامی کمپنی (ویسٹاز جنوبی پنجاب کے علاقے راجن پور میں 250 میگاواٹ کے 4 وڈن پاور پلانٹ لگائے گی جبکہ چین کی معروف کمپنی ہیوانینگ شین ڈونگ پاور اور پنجاب حکومت کے مابین ہونوالے معاہدے کے مطابق چینی کمپنی رحیم یار خان میں 660 میگاواٹ کے 2 کول پاور (Hauneng Shandong) کے مابین ہوا اسے ایک ہزار میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبے کے (VESTAS) پلانٹ لگائے گی۔ پنجاب حکومت اور وڈنمارک کی کمپنی ویسٹاز (LOI) کو لیٹر آف انٹنٹ (Mr.Gerard Carew) حوالے سے منعقدہ تقریب کے دوران وزیر اعلیٰ نے ویسٹاز کے نائب صدر جیراڈ کیریو دیا، جس کے تحت جنوبی پنجاب میں 250 میگاواٹ کے چار وڈن پاور پراجیکٹس لگائے جائیں گے جن پر 2 ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری ہوگی۔ قبل ازیں پنجاب کے مابین آج یہاں 1320 میگاواٹ کے کول پاور پلانٹ لگانے (Hauneng Shandong) حکومت اور چین کی کمپنی ہیوانینگ شین ڈونگ پاور کے معاہدے پر دستخط ہوئے۔ اس منصوبے پر تقریباً 2 ارب ڈالر سرمایہ کاری ہوگی۔ معاہدے کے تحت چینی کمپنی رحیم یار خان میں 660 میگاواٹ کے 2 کول پاور پلانٹ لگائے گی۔

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کندھ کوٹ (نامہ نگار) الخدمت فاؤنڈیشن ضلع کندھ کوٹ کی جانب سے جمعۃ المبارک 05 فروری کو امراض چشم کا مفت کیسپ گولیہار میں الخدمت میڈیکل سینٹر میں صبح 10 سے سہر 03 بجے تک ہوگا ضلع صدر ڈاکٹر ان اللہ سہریانی نے مزید بتایا کہ امراض چشم کے ماہر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر ظہیر عمر شیخ آنکھوں کی بیماریوں کا مفت علاج کرنے کے ساتھ مفید مشورے دیں گے۔

سرویکل کینسر سے بچاؤ کیلئے حکومت

ویکسین کو حفاظتی ٹیکہ جات پروگرام میں

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں روزانہ تقریباً 20 خواتین سروویکل کینسر (بچہ دانی کے منہ کا سرطان) کی وجہ سے ہلاک ہو جاتی ہیں۔ پاکستان کا شمار دنیا کے ان ممالک میں ساتویں نمبر پر کیا جاتا ہے جہاں سروویکل کینسر کی وجہ سے سب سے زیادہ اموات ہوتی ہیں۔ سروویکل کینسر ایک وائرس سے پیدا ہوتا ہے جو عام ہے اور آسانی سے منتقل ہو جاتا ہے اس کی ویکسین دستیاب ہے جس کے استعمال سے ان اموات کو روکا جاسکتا ہے۔ اس لئے حکومت خواتین کی زندگیاں بچانے کے لئے اس ویکسین کو قومی حفاظتی ٹیکہ جات پروگرام میں شامل کرے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ڈاکٹر شیر شاہ سید اور ڈاکٹر ایم این لال نے یونائٹڈ ایجنسیز سروویکل کینسر کے تحت کراچی پریس کلب میں کینسر کے عالمی دن کے حوالے سے منعقدہ پریس بریفنگ میں کیا۔ ڈاکٹر شیر شاہ سید نے کہا کہ سروویکل کینسر دیگر اقسام کے کینسروں سے مختلف ہے۔ جو ایک وائرس کی وجہ سے پیدا ہوتا ہے۔ اس کی وجہ سے پاکستان میں روزانہ ز تقریباً 20 خواتین موت کے منہ میں جا رہی ہیں۔ خواتین میں کینسر کی وجہ سے ہونے والے اموات میں دوسری بڑی شرح سروویکل کینسر کی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت اس سلسلے میں آگہی پیدا کرے اور خواتین اس مہلک لیکن قابل علاج مرض کے خلاف اپنی اسکریننگ اور ویکسینیشن کروائیں۔ ڈاکٹر ایم این لال نے کہا کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت کی جانب سے کی جانے والی ایک اسٹیڈی کے مطابق سروویکل کینسر کی روک تھام کے لئے بہت سے ٹولز اور ٹیکنالوجیز موجود ہیں۔ ان کی بڑی حد تک ان لڑکیوں اور عورتوں کو رسائی حاصل نہیں ہے جنہیں ان کی سخت ضرورت ہے چونکہ یہ مرض ایک وائرس سے پیدا ہوتا ہے، اس لئے ہر عورت کو اس کا خطرہ لاحق ہے۔ ویکسینیشن کروانے کا سب سے بہترین وقت ازدواجی زندگی کا آغاز ہے۔

صورت اختیار کر لیتا ہے جو کہ جان لیوا بھی ثابت ہوتا ہے۔ مقررین نے کہا کہ ایڈز سے بچانے کے لئے ایچ آئی وی کا ٹیسٹ ضرور کرنا چاہئے خصوصاً ان لوگوں کو جو 3،4 سال میں مختلف لوگوں سے جنسی تعلقات میں ملوث رہے ہوں یا بلڈ ٹرانسفیوژن یا اسپتالوں میں سرنج یا سر جیکل آلات کا استعمال ہوا ہو۔ پروگرام مینجر نے بتایا کہ اس وقت صوبے کے مختلف اضلاع میں کئی اسپتالوں، اور دیگر جگہوں پر مفت سینئر زکام کر رہے ہیں جہاں مفت ٹیسٹ، تشخیص و علاج کی سہولت موجود ہے جس میں سول اسپتال کراچی، شیخ زید اسپتال لاڑکانہ کے علاوہ آغا خان اور انڈس اسپتال کراچی میں بھی یہ سہولیات موجود ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ حاملہ خواتین کا اگر بچے کی پیدائش سے قبل تشخیص و علاج کروالیا جائے تو مولود بچے میں یہ بیماری منتقل نہیں ہوتی۔ اس موقع پر فوکس گروپ ڈسکیشن کے شرکاء نے پروگرام کی اہمیت و افادیت اور اس پر بھرپور عملدرآمد کے لئے آگاہی و تدارک پر زور دیا۔

کراچی (طاہر عزیز + اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی وائر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ نے آئوٹ آف ٹرن اور ایکس کیڈر پر وٹومینز منسوخ کئے جانے کے باوجود 3 سو سے زائد افسران کو پرانے اسکیل کے مطابق تنخواہیں ادا کر دیں۔ لوکل فنڈ آفٹ حکومت سندھ نے اس اقدام کو سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات کی کھلی خلاف ورزی قرار دیتے ہوئے غیر قانونی قرار دے دیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ایم ڈی وائر بورڈ مصباح الدین فرید نے 10 دسمبر 2015 کو اپنے ایک حکم نامے کے ذریعے سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات پر عمل کرتے ہوئے گریڈ 18، 19، 20 اور دیگر گریڈ میں کام کرنے والے تقریباً 3 سو ڈپٹی مینجنگ ڈائریکٹرز، چیف انجینئرز، سپرنٹنڈنٹ انجینئرز اور دیگر افسران کو جنہوں نے ماضی میں آئوٹ آف ٹرن اور ایکس کیڈر ترقیاں حاصل کی تھیں انہیں منسوخ کر دیا جس کے نتیجے میں یہ افسران واپس اپنے گریڈ میں چلے گئے تھے۔ محکمہ آئی ٹی نے جنوری کے آغاز میں ایک نوٹ شیٹ کے ذریعے ڈائریکٹر فنانس، سینئر ڈائریکٹر ایچ آر ڈی اینڈ اے سے رائے طلب کی کہ تنخواہیں پرانے اسکیل پر یا موجودہ پوزیشن کے تحت ادا کی جائیں تاہم ایچ آر ڈی پارٹنمنٹ نے پرانے اسکیل کے مطابق تنخواہیں ادا کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی جبکہ اسسٹنٹ ڈائریکٹر لوکل فنڈ آفٹ نے اس کی شدید مخالفت کی اور کہا کہ موجودہ اسکیل کے مطابق ہی تنخواہیں دی جائیں۔ ایم ڈی نے بھی نوٹ شیٹ پر حکومت کی ہدایت کے مطابق تنخواہیں ادا کرنے کو کہا لیکن تنزیل پانے والے افسران اتنے طاقتور ثابت ہوئے کہ انہیں تنخواہیں ان کے پرانے گریڈ کے مطابق ادا کی گئیں اور سپریم کورٹ کے احکامات پر عمل نہ ہو سکا۔

وائر بورڈ ترقی کی منسوخی
کے باوجود پرانے اسکیل پر تنخواہوں کی
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اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) پاکستان اور ایران کے درمیان پاک ایران گیس پائپ لائن منصوبے پر مذاکرات کل ہوں گے۔ اس سلسلے میں وفاقی وزیر پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل شاہد خاقان عباسی کی سربراہی میں پاکستان کا ایک وفد مذاکرات کے لئے ہفتہ کو ایران کا دورہ کرے گا۔ ایران میں قیام کے دوران وفد ایران کے اعلیٰ حکام سے ملاقاتیں کرے گا اور پاک ایران گیس پائپ لائن منصوبے پر پیش رفت کے حوالے کیا جائے گا۔ واضح رہے کہ ایران پر عائد پابندیوں کے خاتمے کے بعد اس منصوبے پر تیزی سے پیش رفت کا امکان ہے۔ پاک ایران گیس پائپ لائن منصوبے کی تکمیل سے پاکستان میں توانائی بحران پر قابو پانے میں مدد ملے گی۔

لاہور (فہمیدہ جنگ) شمالی چوک میں ایک شخص اور بیٹ لائن ٹرین منصوبے کیلئے کھودے گئے گڑھے میں گر کر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ اس سے پہلے بھی اور بیٹ لائن منصوبے کی جانیں لے چکا ہے۔ بتایا گیا ہے کہ 35 سالہ امان اللہ موٹر سائیکل پر جا رہا تھا کہ منصوبے کیلئے کھودے گئے گڑھے میں گر گیا۔ اس وقت وہاں کوئی نہ تھا جس کی وجہ سے وہ گڑھے میں تڑپ تڑپ کر ہلاک ہو گیا۔ ریسکیو 1122 کے عملے نے جب اسے نکالا تو وہ جان کی دم توڑ چکا تھا۔ پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق امان اللہ پر اجیکٹ پر کام کر رہا تھا، واقعہ کی اطلاع ملنے پر اہل علاقہ نے شدید احتجاج کیا، لاش ورثاء کے حوالے کر دی گئی۔

لاہور، اور بیٹ لائن ٹرین منصوبے کیلئے
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مظفر آباد (جنگ نیوز) حکومت آزاد کشمیر اور واپڈا کے درمیان وائر یوز چارجز اور رائلٹی کے معاملات طے پا گئے، واپڈا آزاد کشمیر حکومت کو 42.5 پیسے فی یونٹ کے حساب سے ادائیگی کرنے کا پابند ہو گا۔ جب کہ دیگر صوبوں کے ٹریف کے اضافے کی صورت میں آزاد کشمیر کو بھی اسی حساب سے اضافی رقم ملے گی۔ یہ بات آزاد کشمیر کے وزیر برقیات راجہ فیصل راٹھور نے سیکرٹری برقیات فیاض علی عباسی کے ہمراہ اخبار نویسوں سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نیلم بہلم ہائیڈرو الیکٹرک پاور پراجیکٹ کی تکمیل کے بعد پیداوار شروع ہونے کے ساتھ ہی آزاد کشمیر حکومت کو رائلٹی کی مدد میں رقم ملنا شروع ہو جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس معاہدے کی رو سے وائر یوز چارجز رائلٹی کی مدد میں واپڈا اس منصوبے کی پیداوار کے بعد آزاد حکومت کو 42.5 پیسے فی یونٹ ادائیگی کرے گا۔ دیگر صوبوں کے ٹریف میں اضافے کی صورت میں واپڈا ہمارے ریٹ میں بھی اضافہ کرنے کا پابند ہو گا۔ منگلا ڈیم کی نسبت نیلم بہلم منصوبے سے 0.27 روپے فی یونٹ زیادہ رقم ملے گی۔ منگلا ڈیم سے سالانہ 80 کروڑ روپے وائر یوز چارجز ملنے ہیں جبکہ نیلم بہلم منصوبے سے 2 ارب روپے سالانہ وائر یوز چارجز وصول ہوں گے۔ انہوں نے امید ظاہر کی کہ آزاد حکومت اور واپڈا کے درمیان بجلی کے ٹریف کا معاملہ بھی خوش اسلوبی سے حل کر لیا جائے گا۔ اگلا ریٹ مقرر ہونے تک واپڈا ہم سے 5.79 روپے فی یونٹ چارج کرے گا۔ واپڈا کی جانب سے 60 ارب کے بقایا جات کے مطالبے پر انہوں نے کہا کہ نئے ریٹ کے مطابق نظر ثانی کر کے یہ کم کر کے ایک چوتھائی ہو جائے گا۔ جو فرق ہو گا اس کی ذمہ داری وفاقی حکومت لے گی اور ہمارے ذمہ مستقبل میں کوئی پیسہ بقایا نہیں ہو گا۔ آزاد حکومت کے جاگراں فیرون کے 30.4 میگا واٹ کے معاہدے پر بھی واپڈا

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کلیہ سماجی علوم پر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مونس احمد نے کہا کہ ہم دنیا میں پاول، کپاس اور آم برآمد کر کے بہت خوش ہوتے ہیں لیکن ٹیکنالوجی کے فروغ میں آج بھی ہم دنیا کے دیگر ممالک سے بہت پیچھے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈہرنے کہا ہے کہ سندھ واحد صوبہ ہے جہاں بلڈ ٹرانسفیوژن اتھارٹی کی باقاعدہ عمارت ہے جو مریضوں کو صاف خون کی فراہمی میں ایک سنگ میل ہے۔ یہ بات انہوں نے سندھ بلڈ ٹرانسفیوژن اتھارٹی کے سیکرٹری ڈاکٹر زاہد انصاری سے سندھ اسمبلی بلڈنگ چیمبر میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کی۔ انہوں نے ڈاکٹر زاہد انصاری کو ہدایت دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ اتھارٹی غیر قانونی بلڈ بینکنگ کو مرکز نگاہ رکھے اور ان کے خلاف فوری کارروائی کرے۔ علاوہ ازیں انہوں نے گسٹ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف میڈیکل سائنسز میں ادویات کی قلت اور سول اسپتال ٹنڈوالہ یار میں ڈاکٹر زود دیگر عملے کی کمی کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے سیکرٹری صحت کو عملے کی کمی دور کرنے کی ہدایت کی۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ محکمہ صحت سندھ کی ویب سائٹ کو فعال کیا جا رہا ہے اور وہ تمام ضروری مواد مہیا کیا جا رہا ہے جو ویب سائٹ کو ڈاؤن کرنے والوں کی ہوتی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ صحت سندھ کا شعبہ پبلک ہیلتھ عملاً غیر فعال ہو گیا ہے جس کے باعث صوبے میں مختلف بیماریوں کی روک تھام کے لئے چلائے جانے والے ورٹیکل پروگرامز کی کارکردگی متاثر ہو رہی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق تقریباً 5 ماہ قبل پبلک ہیلتھ کے انسپیکٹریں کا تبادلہ کر دیا گیا تھا جس کے بعد نئے سیکریٹری کی تعینات نہیں کیا گیا جبکہ شعبے میں 3 ڈپٹی سیکریٹریز اور کئی ایس او کی نشستیں بھی خالی ہیں جنہیں تعینات نہیں کیا جا رہا جس کے باعث شعبہ عملاً غیر فعال ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ پبلک ہیلتھ ہی کے تحت صوبے میں حفاظتی ٹیکہ جات پر وگرام، غذائیت کا پروگرام، ماں اور بچے کی صحت کا پروگرام، ڈینگی، نیگلے یا، کنگو، ملیریا، ہیپاٹائٹس، ایڈز کنٹرول پروگرام اور یو ایس ایم ڈی کے پروگرام چلائے جاتے ہیں جو فعال نہ ہونے سے ان تمام کی کارکردگی متاثر ہو رہی ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیکو کا کہنا تھا کہ شعبہ پبلک ہیلتھ کی کارکردگی متاثر نہیں ہو رہی کیونکہ اس کے بہت سارے اختیارات ڈی جی ہیلتھ سندھ کو منتقل کر دیئے ہیں۔ ڈی جی ہیلتھ کے سیکریٹریٹ میں 8 سے 10 ڈائریکٹرز ہیں جو اس کا کام کو دیکھ رہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں کینسر کی وجہ سے اموات بڑھ رہی ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار لیاقت نیشنل اسپتال کی پروفیسر روینا سومرو، کرن اسپتال کے ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر اختر احمد، کنسلٹنٹ کلینیکل آنکولوجسٹ ڈاکٹر اصغر، چیئر مین میڈیکل اینڈ سوشل ویلفیئر کمیٹی آرٹس کونسل ڈاکٹر قیصر سجاد، ڈاکٹر محبوب، ڈائریکٹر ہیلتھ کراچی ڈاکٹر ظفر اعجاز، سینیٹر حبیب خان اور ڈاکٹر عیسیٰ لیبارٹریز کی وائس چیئر مین صبیحہ عیسیٰ نے سرطان کے عالمی دن کے سلسلے میں آرٹس کونسل کے منظر اکبر ہال میں منعقدہ آگاہی سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ پروفیسر روینا سومرو نے کہا کہ چھاتی کا سرطان دنیا بھر میں خواتین میں دوسرا بڑا کینسر ہے۔ خواتین اپنی چھاتی کا خود معائنہ کرتی رہیں اور کسی گھٹلی کی صورت میں فوری طور پر مستعد ڈاکٹر سے رجوع کریں اور میموگرافی کرائیں۔ ڈاکٹر اختر احمد نے کہا کہ پاکستان اٹاک انرجی کمیشن کی جانب سے اس وقت ملک بھر میں کینسر کی تشخیص اور علاج کے 18 سینٹرز کام کر رہے ہیں جہاں مریضوں کو نیوکلیئر میڈیسن اور ریڈی ایشن آنکولوجی کے جدید طریقہ علاج کے مطابق علاج کی سہولت فراہم کی جاتی ہے۔ ڈاکٹر قیصر سجاد نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں منہ کے کینسر کے مریض بھی بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ منہ کے کینسر کی بڑی وجہ چھالیہ، تمباکو، سگریٹ نوشی، شیشہ نوشی، زہریلے دھوئیں، مصنوعی رنگ والی میٹھی چیزیں وغیرہ ہیں۔ سینیٹر حبیب خان نے کہا کہ آگاہی پروگرام لوگوں کے لیے بہت مفید ہیں یہ سلسلہ جاری رہنا چاہیے۔ ڈاکٹر ظفر اعجاز نے کہا کہ کینسر سمیت دیگر بیماریوں کی عوامی سطح پر آگاہی بڑھانے کے لیے وہ ضلعی ایکشن پلان بنا رہے ہیں جس کے تحت لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز اور دیگر صحت کارکنان کو پہلے تربیت اور آگاہی دی جائے گی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) بیرون ملک میں سے آنے والے افراد میں غیر معمولی حد تک ایڈز کی شکایات میں اضافہ دیکھنے میں آیا ہے، اور یہ ہی لوگ ملک میں اس کی منتقلی اور پھیلاؤ کا باعث بن رہے ہیں۔ بیرون ملک سے آنے والے افراد، گھروں سے دور رہنے والے افراد خاص کر مزدور طبقے میں ایڈز کی شرح خطرناک حد تک بڑھتی جا رہی ہے جو بڑے شہروں سے پھیل کر چھوٹے شہروں تک منتقل ہو رہا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین طب، ڈاکٹر زاہد اور محکمہ ٹرانسپورٹ، سماجی بہبود، پاپولیشن ویلفیئر، محکمہ اطلاعات کے افسران و دیگر ماہرین نے محکمہ صحت کی جانب سے منعقدہ فوکس گروپ ڈسکیشن میں کیا جس کا موضوع کراچی شہر میں ایڈز و ایچ آئی وی سے متعلق تدارک و آگاہی کے سلسلے میں منصوبہ بندی تھا۔ یہاں یہ بات بھی قابل ذکر ہے کہ یہ پروگرام یو این ایڈز کے تحت چل رہا ہے جس کے تحت کراچی کو دنیا کے 26 بڑے شہروں میں سے پروگرام کے لیے منتخب کیا گیا ہے۔ فوکس گروپ ڈسکیشن میں پروگرام میجر ڈاکٹر یونس چاچڑ و دیگر مقررین نے بتایا کہ اس خطرناک مرض میں مبتلا 100 سے 150 مریض روزانہ کراچی میں داخل ہوتے ہیں جبکہ صوبہ سندھ کے 80 فیصد مریض اور ملک کا 35 سے 40 فیصد مریض کراچی میں ملتے ہیں جو کہ باعث تشویش ہے۔ ماہرین نے مزید بتایا کہ 2030 تک ایڈز، ایچ آئی وی کا خاتمہ ممکن ہے جبکہ اس وقت تک ہمیں لوگوں کو اس خطرناک مرض سے متعلق آگاہی و شعور دینا ضروری ہے تاکہ بروقت ٹیسٹ تشخیص و علاج ممکن ہو سکے۔ ایڈز خاموش قاتل مرض ہے اور اگر بروقت ایچ آئی وی کا ٹیسٹ نہ کرایا جائے تو چند سالوں میں ایڈز کی

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تفصیلات

تھریپارکر..... صحرائے تھر میں آج پھر ایک اور بیماری چل رہی، گزشتہ 37 دنوں میں مختلف امراض اور غذائیت کی کمی سے انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 122 تک پہنچ گئی ہے۔ تھر میں مختلف امراض اور غذائیت کی کمی کے باعث بچوں کی ہلاکت کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں ایک سال کی بچی جاں بحق ہو گئی۔ اب بھی مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں 44 بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔ زیر علاج بچوں کے والدین کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کے بچوں کے لئے نہ تو مناسب طبی امداد فراہم کی جارہی ہے اور نہ ہی مفت دوائیں دی جارہی ہیں۔ اب تک سال کے 37 دنوں میں 122 بچوں کی زندگی کے چراغ گل ہو چکے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد..... پی آئی اے کے ملازمین کی پانچ روزہ ہڑتال کے بعد گلگت میں جزی طور پر پروازیں بحال ہوئیں جبکہ دیگر شہروں میں اب بھی ہڑتال جاری ہے۔ اسلام آباد اور گلگت کے درمیان پی آئی اے کی فلائٹ سروس جزی طور پر بحال ہوئی ہے۔ پی آئی اے کی پرواز پی کے 606 مسافروں کو لیکر گلگت ایئرپورٹ پہنچی ہے، یہی پرواز مسافروں کو اسلام آباد لے کر بھی آئی ہے۔ جبکہ پی کے 608 منسوخ کر دی گئی ہے۔ ملتان میں آج آٹھ پروازیں منسوخ ہو گئی ہیں۔ بنگ آفس اور کارگو سروس بھی اب تک معطل ہے۔ فیصل آباد اور رحیم یار خان سے بھی دو پروازیں معطل ہو گئی ہیں۔ سکھر میں بھی آج تین پروازوں کی منسوخی سے مسافروں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان میں 12 ملین افراد میپائٹائٹس بی اور سی میں مبتلا ہیں، جگر کی سوزش کو میپائٹائٹس کہتے ہیں، جنوبی ایشیاء میں ہر 30 سیکنڈ بعد ایک فرد میپائٹائٹس سے مرتا ہے، عوام میپائٹائٹس بی اور سی سے متعلق کم آگاہی رکھتے ہیں جو انتہائی نقصان دہ ہے، یہ امراض خطرناک ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ قابل علاج بھی ہیں مگر وقت پر امراض کی تشخیص ضروری ہے۔ یہ بات ہیلتھ فاؤنڈیشن کے ماہر امراض جگر و معدہ و آنت پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سعد خالد نیاز نے بدھ کو ڈاکٹر پنجو بی سینٹر برائے مالیکیولر میڈیسن اور ڈرگ ریسرچ (پی سی ایم ڈی) کے سینینار روم میں عوامی آگاہی پروگرام کے تحت ”میپائٹائٹس بی اور سی سے متعلق آگاہی“ کے موضوع پر اپنے خطاب کے دوران کہی۔ لیکچر کا انعقاد ڈاکٹر پنجو بی سینٹر برائے مالیکیولر میڈیسن اور ڈرگ ریسرچ، بین الاقوامی مرکز برائے کیمیائی و حیاتیاتی علوم، جامعہ کراچی اور وچول ایجوکیشنل پروگرام برائے پاکستان کے باہمی تعاون سے ہوا۔ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سعد خالد نیاز نے کہا میپائٹائٹس بی اور سی جگر کے ناکارہ ہوجانے کے اسباب میں سب سے اہم ہیں جبکہ یہ قان میپائٹائٹس اے اور ای سے ہوتا ہے جو جگر کی سوزش کا نتیجہ ہوتا ہے۔ انھوں امراض کے پھیلنے کے اسباب بتاتے ہوئے کہا کہ میپائٹائٹس ایک ہی سوئی کئی افراد کو لگانے سے پھیلتا ہے جبکہ دیگر اسباب میں آلودہ یا غیر معیاری سرنجوں یا دیگر طبی آلات کا استعمال، متاثرہ اور غیر تصدیق شدہ خون کا استعمال بھی شامل ہے، پیدا ہونے والے بچے کو متاثرہ میپائٹائٹس بی سے بھی یہ مرض پھیلتا ہے، انھوں نے کہا غیر ضروری ٹیکے، ڈرپ اور خون لگوانے سے بچنا چاہیے، استعمال شدہ بلیڈ کے دوبارہ استعمال اور جلد کو کھدوانے سے گریز کرنا چاہیے جبکہ ناک اور کان چھدوانے کیلئے ہمیشہ نئی سوئی استعمال کرنی چاہیے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) معروف سائنسدان پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عطا الرحمن نے کہا کہ رقبہ اور آبادی کے لحاظ سے سنگاپور کراچی کا ایک چوتھائی ہے اور قدرتی وسائل نہ ہونے کے باوجود آج ان کا جی ڈی پی 518 بلین ڈالر ہے جبکہ پاکستان قدرتی وسائل سے مالا مال ہے لیکن اس کے باوجود سنگاپور کا جی ڈی پی پاکستان سے 20 فیصد زیادہ ہے اور یہ سب جب ہی ممکن ہوا جب انہوں نے تعلیم کی اہمیت کو سمجھتے ہوئے اس پر خصوصی توجہ دی۔ سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کی ترقی نے دنیا کو وسطہ حیرت میں ڈال دیا ہے، جدید ٹیکنالوجی تھری ڈی پرنٹنگ سے اب گر دے، جگر اور جڑ ا بھی پرنٹ کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ میٹامیٹریلز سے جو بھی چیز بنتی ہے اس سے روشنی نہیں گزر سکتی۔ بلیٹ پروف کاغذ تیار کیا جا رہا ہے جس کا وزن بلیٹ پروف جیکٹ کے مقابلے میں نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے اور اس کو بلیٹ پروف جیکٹ کی جگہ استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ نہایت افسوس کے ساتھ کہنا پڑتا ہے کہ اسلامی دنیا میں سائنس کے موضوع پر ایک بھی نوبل انعام حاصل نہیں کیا گیا جبکہ یورپ اس میدان میں کہیں آگے ہے۔ ہمیں علم کے حصول کو ہر صورت ممکن بنانا ہے کیونکہ جو قومیں علم حاصل نہیں کرتیں وہ کسی صورت بھی آگے نہیں بڑھ پاتیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جامعہ کراچی کے کلیہ سماجی علوم کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ سیمینار بعنوان ”معلومات ایک ذریعہ برائے معاشرتی اور اقتصادی ترقی“ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ ڈاکٹر عطا الرحمن نے مزید کہا کہ کسی بھی ملک کی معاشی ترقی کا دار و مدار اس کے تعلیمی نظام پر منحصر ہوتا ہے، اگر ہمیں پاکستان کو ترقی یافتہ ممالک کی صف میں کھڑا کرنا ہے تو ہمیں تعلیم و تحقیق پر خصوصی توجہ دینی ہوگی۔ ہم نے ویب سائٹ پر پوری دنیا کے لئے فری سائنس اور سوشل سائنس کی معلومات فراہم کر دی ہے۔ اس موقع پر ریکس

سرخیاں

صحرائے تھر میں 37 دنوں 122 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے

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پی آئی اے کے جہاز اڑان بھرنے لگے، کچھ اب بھی عملے کے منتظر

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پاکستان میں ایک کروڑ 20 لاکھ افراد میپائٹائٹس میں مبتلا ہیں، ڈاکٹر سعد خالد

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جیکٹ کی جگہ بلیٹ پروف کاغذ تیار کیا جا رہا ہے، ڈاکٹر عطاء الرحمن

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دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں پولیس اور رینجرز کی جانب سے جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف آپریشن میں ایک مرتبہ پھر تیزی آگئی ہے، رات بھر افلاح سوسائٹی، جٹ لائن، طارق روڈ، پی آئی بی کالونی، لیاقت آباد، لیاری، پاک کالونی اور گلستان جوہر سمیت دیگر علاقوں میں مصدقہ اطلاعات پر چھاپوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہا جس کے دوران 56 ملزمان کو حراست میں لے کر ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ، دستی بم، فشیات اور دیگر سامان برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ پولیس اور رینجرز حکام کے مطابق حراست میں لئے ملزمان میں ٹارگٹ کلر اور بھتہ خوروں کے علاوہ اشتہاری اور مفرور افراد بھی شامل ہیں۔ ان میں سے 8 ملزمان کا تعلق سیاسی اور 6 کا تعلق کالعدم مذہبی تنظیموں سے ہے۔

پاکستان انٹرنیشنل ایئر لائن کے ملازمین کی جانب سے ادارے کی نجکاری کے خلاف احتجاج 12 ویں روز میں داخل ہو چکا ہے جب کہ مسلسل تیسرے روز فلائٹ آپریشن بند ہونے سے اب تک 100 سے زائد اندرون اور بیرون ملک پروازیں منسوخ ہو چکی ہیں۔ پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے شہر کراچی کے جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر پی آئی اے کے فلائٹ آپریشن مکمل طور پر بند جب کہ دفاتر میں تالے لگے ہوئے ہیں، جناح ٹرمینل سے اسلام آباد، لاہور، گواد، سکھر اور پشاور کی پروازیں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں جب کہ کراچی سے لندن، کھٹنڈو، ڈھاکا اور نئی دہلی کی فلائٹس بھی روک دی گئی ہیں۔ فلائٹ آپریشن بند ہونے کے باعث پی آئی اے کے سیکڑوں ملازمین اور مسافر دنیا بھر کے مختلف ہوائی اڈوں پر پھنسے ہوئے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب کراچی میں قومی ایئر لائن کے ہیڈ آفس کے سامنے پی آئی اے کی جوائنٹ ایکشن کمیٹی کا ادارے کی نجکاری کے خلاف احتجاج جاری ہے جس میں ملازمین کی بڑی تعداد موجود ہے۔ لاہور کے علامہ اقبال انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر بھی پی آئی اے کا فضائی آپریشن مکمل طور پر معطل ہے اور ایئرپورٹ سے قومی و بین الاقوامی تمام پروازیں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں۔ لاہور سے دوحہ، ریاض، دبئی، لندن، مسقط، مدینہ، ابو ظہبی، بحرین، ٹوکیو، دمام، کویت اور جدہ جانے والی پروازیں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں، اس کے علاوہ کراچی جانے والی 4، اسلام آباد کی 3 اور سکھر کی 1 پرواز بھی منسوخ جب کہ اندرون و بیرون ملک سے لاہور آنے والی 20 پروازیں منسوخ ہوئی ہیں۔ راولپنڈی کے بینظیر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ سے بھی 30 پروازیں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں، کراچی سے آنے والی 4 جب کہ کراچی جانے والی 3 پروازوں کی آمد و روانگی غیر یقینی ہے، اس کے علاوہ اسلام آباد ایئرپورٹ سے بیرون ملک کی 24 گھنٹے میں 20 پروازیں منسوخ ہو چکی ہیں۔ پشاور اور کوئٹہ کے ایئرپورٹس پر بھی فلائٹ آپریشن مکمل طور پر معطل ہونے کی وجہ سے نجی ایئر لائن نے کرایوں میں من مانا اضافہ کر دیا ہے، پی آئی اے کی ہڑتال کے باعث ہزاروں مسافر متاثر ہو رہے ہیں جب کہ 10 روز میں قومی خزانے کو 3 ارب سے زائد کا نقصان ہو چکا ہے۔

پشاور: کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے مالاکنڈ میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے اسکولوں کو دھماکا خیز مواد سے اڑانے والا دہشت گرد گرفتار کر لیا۔ محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی پشاور کی جانب سے جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاعات پر مالاکنڈ ریجن میں کارروائی کے دوران ایک دہشت گرد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ مبینہ دہشت گرد کو نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کیا گیا ہے جہاں اس سے تفتیش کی جارہی ہے۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ حراست میں لئے گئے دہشت گرد کا نام سلیمان ہے اور وہ نوشہرہ میں اسکولوں کو دھماکا خیز مواد سے اڑانے کے واقعات میں ملوث ہے جب کہ صوبائی حکومت نے سلیمان کے سر کی قیمت 20 لاکھ روپے مقرر کی تھی۔

اسلام آباد: وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ سول اور عسکری اداروں کی کوششوں سے بلوچستان میں امن قائم ہو گیا ہے۔ سرکاری نشریاتی ادارے کے مطابق اسپیکر بلوچستان اسمبلی راجیلہ درانی نے اسلام آباد میں وزیراعظم نواز شریف سے ملاقات کی، ملاقات کے دوران بلوچستان میں امن و امان کی صورت حال، ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر پیش رفت اور دیگر امور پر تفصیلی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ ملاقات کے دوران وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ پہلی بار کسی خاتون کا بلوچستان اسمبلی کی اسپیکر منتخب ہونا خوش آئند ہے، بلوچستان ان کے دل کے قریب ہے۔ بلوچستان میں امن اور خوشحالی حکومت کی اولین ترجیح ہے۔ سیکورٹی اداروں کی کوششوں سے بلوچستان میں امن قائم ہوا ہے اور حکومت کے ترقیاتی ایجنڈے میں بھی بلوچستان سرفہرست رہے گا۔

اور پولیس کی کارروائیاں، 56 ملزمان گرفتار

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پی آئی اے کے فلائٹ آپریشن تیسرے روز بھی بند، 100 سے زائد پروازیں منسوخ

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نوشہرہ میں اسکولوں کو تباہ کرنے والا دہشت گرد مالاکنڈ سے گرفتار

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سیکیورٹی اداروں کی کوششوں سے بلوچستان میں امن قائم ہو گیا، وزیراعظم

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زمیوں کو علاج و معالجے کی بہترین سہولتوں کی فراہمی کی ہدایت بھی کی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے آئی جی پولیس اور سیکریٹری داخلہ سے واقعہ کی تفصیلات معلوم کیں اور ہدایت کی کہ شہر میں سیکورٹی ہائی الرٹ کر کے حفاظتی اقدامات کو مزید موثر اور فعال بنایا جائے، سیکورٹی فورسز کے گشت میں اضافہ کیا جائے اور بالخصوص عوامی مقامات پر سیکورٹی لہکار تعینات کئے جائیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ ثناء اللہ زہری نے کہا کہ اپنی بزدلانہ کارروائیوں کے ذریعہ بے گناہ لوگوں کا خون بہانے والے دہشت گردوں کا نہ تو کوئی دین، مذہب اور قوم قبیلہ ہے اور نہ ہی وہ انسان کہلانے کے قابل ہیں، وہ صرف دہشت گرد ہیں لہذا دہشت گردوں ان کے سرپرستوں اور سہولت کاروں کے خلاف نتیجہ خیز کارروائی کو ہر صورت یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان ثناء اللہ زہری نے دھماکے میں جاں بحق افراد کے ورثا اور زخمیوں کے لیے امداد کا اعلان کیا ہے، وزیر اعلیٰ نے دھماکے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کے لواحقین کے لیے 10 لاکھ، شدید زخمی افراد کے لیے 5 اور معمولی زخمیوں کے لیے ایک لاکھ روپے فی کس امداد کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی کونینہ دھماکے کی مذمت کرتے ہوئے متعلقہ اداروں کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ دہشت گردی میں ملوث افراد کو کنہرے میں لایا جائے۔ وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری شجاع علی نے بھی دھماکے کی مذمت کی ہے۔

کراچی: ڈی ریجنل میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کا کہنا ہے کہ پی آئی اے ملازمین پر فائرنگ کے واقعے میں اگر پولیس یا ریجنل زکا کوئی اہلکار ملوث پایا گیا تو اسے کیفر کردار تک پہنچایا جائے گا۔ یکسپرس نیوز کے مطابق سہیل بلوچ کی قیادت میں پی آئی اے جو انٹ ایکشن کمیٹی کے 3 رکنی وفد نے ڈی جی ریجنل سندھ میجر جنرل بلال اکبر سے ملاقات کی جس میں گزشتہ روز پی آئی اے ملازمین کے احتجاج کے دوران فائرنگ کے واقعے کی تحقیقات پر بات چیت کی گئی جب کہ اس موقع پر ڈی جی ریجنل میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کا کہنا تھا کہ احتجاجی ملازمین پر فائرنگ اور جاں بحق افراد کے قتل میں ملوث افراد کا چشم دید کواد یا شاہد یا پھر ویڈیو کسی کے پاس بھی ہو تو وہ تحقیقاتی کمیٹی کو مہیا کرے۔ ڈی جی ریجنل نے کہا کہ اگر پولیس یا ریجنل زکا کوئی اہلکار بھی واقعے میں ملوث پایا گیا تو اسے کیفر کردار تک پہنچایا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ مجھے سمیت ریجنل حکام جاں بحق ہونے والے پی آئی اے ملازمین کے اہل خانہ سے تعزیت کے لیے ان کے گھر جائیں گے۔ جو انٹ ایکشن کمیٹی کے چیئرمین سہیل بلوچ کا کہنا تھا کہ فائرنگ کے حوالے سے جو انٹ ایکشن کمیٹی نے کوآرڈینیشن کمیٹی بنادی ہے کیوں کہ ہم تفتیش میں معاونت کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ڈی جی ریجنل نے دھرنے کے مقام سے ریجنل زکا ہٹانے کی یقین دہانی کروادی ہے اور واقعے میں ملوث افراد کو کیفر دار تک پہنچانے کا بھی وعدہ کیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب پی آئی اے کی جو انٹ ایکشن کمیٹی کی جانب سے ہڑتال کے باعث چوتھے روز بھی درجنوں پروازیں منسوخ کردی گئی ہیں جن میں کراچی سے 50، راولپنڈی سے 45، لاہور سے 35 اور پشاور سے 6 پروازیں شامل ہیں۔ پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے شہر کراچی کے جناح انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر پی آئی اے کا فلائٹ آپریشن آج بھی مکمل طور پر بند جب کہ دفاتر میں سناٹا ہے۔ جناح ٹرمینل سے اندرون و بیرون ملک جانے والی تمام پروازیں منسوخ ہیں۔ دوسری جانب کراچی میں پی آئی اے کے مرکزی دفتر کے سامنے جو انٹ ایکشن کمیٹی کا ادارے کی نجکاری کے خلاف احتجاج جاری ہے۔ لاہور کے علامہ اقبال انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر بھی پی آئی اے کا فضائی آپریشن مکمل طور پر معطل ہے، شہر سے اندرون بیرون ملک جانے والی 35 اور بیرون ملک سے آنے والی 8 پروازیں منسوخ کردی گئی ہیں جب کہ فلائٹ انکوائری اور سول ایوی ایشن حکام کی جانب سے ٹیلی فون ریسپونڈ کرنے کے باعث مسافروں کو معلومات حاصل کرنے میں بھی شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ راولپنڈی کے مینظیر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ پر بھی 4 روز میں 153 پروازیں منسوخ ہو چکی ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ پشاور سے 62 پروازیں اور کوئٹہ سے بھی درجنوں پروازیں منسوخ کردی گئی ہیں۔ ملتان سے بھی پی آئی اے کی تمام پروازیں منسوخ کردی گئی۔ پی آئی اے ملازمین کی ہڑتال کے باعث ابو ظہبی، بحرین، مدینہ، کویت، لندن اور دہلی کی پروازیں بھی منسوخ کردی گئیں جب کہ جدہ ایئرپورٹ پر 500 سے زائد اور دہلی میں 92 مسافر پھنس گئے۔ ترجمان پی آئی اے کے مطابق قومی ایئر لائن کے تمام 38 طیارے گراؤنڈ ہیں۔ گزشتہ روز پی آئی اے کی جانب سے کہا گیا تھا کہ دو نجی ایئر لائنز کے ساتھ معاہدہ ہو چکے ہیں جس کے تحت کنفرم ٹکٹس والے مسافر ایئر لیبیا و شاہین ایئر میں بھی سفر کر سکتے ہیں تاہم دونوں نجی ایئر لائنز کی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ پہلے ہم اپنے مسافروں کو ترجیح دیں گے اور اگر سیٹس بچ گئیں تو بھرنی آئی اے ملازمین کو فراہم کی جائیں گی۔

کراچی مشیر اطلاعات سندھ مولابخش چانڈیو کا کہنا ہے کہ الیکشن کمیشن سیاسی دباؤ کے تحت مخصوص نشستوں پر الیکشن نہیں کرا رہا۔ کراچی میں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے صوبائی مشیر اطلاعات مولابخش چانڈیو کا کہنا تھا کہ مخصوص نشستوں پر الیکشن ملتوی کرنے کے فیصلے پر تعجب ہو اسے اور بلدیاتی الیکشن کے مراحل مکمل نہ ہونے پر عوام میں بھی شدید تشویش پائی جاتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ الیکشن کمیشن نے مخصوص نشستوں پر انتخابات کو سیاسی دباؤ کے تحت ملتوی کیا ہے لیکن ہم غلطی سطح تک اختیارات کی منتقلی میں الیکشن کے فیصلے کو رکاوٹ نہیں بنے دیں گے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ عدالت نے الیکشن کے انعقاد کا حکم دیا تھا لیکن عدالتی فیصلے کے بغیر ہی الیکشن ملتوی کرنا عوام کے ساتھ زیادتی ہے۔

کراچی پولیس اور ریجنل مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کرتے ہوئے 56 ملزمان کو حراست میں لے کر ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کرنے کا

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الیکشن کمیشن سیاسی دباؤ کے تحت مخصوص نشستوں پر الیکشن نہیں کرا رہا، مشیر

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تفصیلات

سرخیال

کوئٹہ: گزشتہ روز ایف سی کے قافلے پر خودکش حملے کے بعد شہر کے نواحی علاقوں میں سیکورٹی فورسز اور پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا ہے جس میں 2 شہر پسند ہلاک جب کہ متعدد مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق گزشتہ روز کوئٹہ کے علاقے منان چوک میں ایف سی کے قافلے پر خودکش حملے کے بعد سیکورٹی فورسز اور پولیس نے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کارروائیوں کو تیز کر دیا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں کوئٹہ کے نواحی علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ کارروائی کے دوران 35 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے جب کہ اس دوران فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 2 شہر پسند بھی ہلاک ہوئے ہیں، جن کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم نے بتایا جا رہا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز ایف سی کے قافلے پر خودکش حملے کے نتیجے میں 11 افراد شہید جب کہ 29 زخمی ہو گئے تھے، شہید اور زخمی افراد میں ایف سی اہلکار بھی شامل ہیں۔

کراچی پولیس اور ریجنل فورسز نے مختلف علاقوں میں نارگنڈ آپریشن کے دوران 56 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں ریجنل فورسز اور پولیس نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر مختلف علاقوں میں نارگنڈ آپریشن کئے۔ مصدقہ اطلاعات پر کی گئی کارروائیاں لانڈھی، ملیر، لیاقت آباد، لیاری، عثمان آباد، رنچھوڑ لین، گھاس منڈی، صدر اور لائنز ایریا میں کی گئیں۔ آپریشن کے دوران 56 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے کر ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ، دستی بم، منشیات اور دیگر سامان برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ پولیس اور ریجنل فورسز کے ذرائع کے مطابق حراست میں لئے گئے ملزمان میں نارگنڈ کلرز، بھتہ خور، اشتہاری اور مفور، ملزمان بھی شامل ہیں، ان ملزمان میں 7 کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیموں اور جب کہ 5 سیاسی جماعت سے ہے۔

کوئٹہ ضلع پکھری کے سامنے سیکورٹی فورسز کے قافلے پر خودکش حملے میں 2 سیکورٹی اہلکاروں سمیت 10 افراد شہید جب کہ 30 سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے۔ کوئٹہ کے علاقے شاہراہ اقبال پر واقع ضلعی پکھری کے بیرونی گیٹ پر دوپہر کے اوقات میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی بڑی گاڑی اور پک اپ کو نشانہ بنایا گیا جس کے نتیجے میں سیکورٹی اہلکار سمیت 4 افراد موقع پر جاں بحق ہو گئے جب کہ دیگر افراد اسپتال پہنچنے کے بعد زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے۔ عینی شاہدین کے مطابق دھماکے سے قریب گزرنے والی گاڑی دوسری طرف میٹرو پولیٹن کی فٹ پاتھ پر جاگری جب کہ رکشہ موٹر سائیکلیں بھی تباہ ہوئی، دھماکا اس قدر شدید تھا کہ اس کی آواز شہر بھر میں سنی گئی اور اس سے قریبی عمارتوں کے شیشے بھی ٹوٹ گئے، دھماکے کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں نے موقع پر پہنچ کر جائے وقوعہ اور اس کے اطراف عام عوام کا داخلہ بند کر کے شواہد اکٹھا کرنا شروع کر دیئے۔ شاہراہ اقبال پر دھماکے کے بعد کئی زخمیوں کو ایمبولینسز، پرائیویٹ گاڑیوں اور موٹر سائیکلوں پر لوگوں نے سول اسپتال کوئٹہ پہنچایا جن میں سے معمولی زخمی ہونیوالے 20 کے قریب زخمیوں کو طبی امداد کے بعد اسپتال سے فارغ کر دیا گیا جب کہ شدید زخمیوں کے علاج معالجے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، دھماکے کے بعض شدید زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر کمانڈ ملٹری اسپتال کوئٹہ منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق زخمیوں میں 5 کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ خودکش بم دھماکے کے نتیجے میں جاں بحق ہونیوالوں میں ایف سی اہلکار لائنس نائیک محمد آصف ولد امام بخش، رمضان، حزب اللہ، شمرین، عبدالولی، عبدالحکیم، لیاقت علی اور ایک نامعلوم شخص شامل ہے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق ابتدائی شواہد سے معلوم ہو رہا ہے کہ دھماکا خودکش تھا جب کہ آئی جی پولیس احسن محبوب کے مطابق ابتدائی طور پر نہیں کہا جاسکتا کہ دھماکا خودکش تھا یا پھر سائیکل و موٹر سائیکل میں دھماکا خیز مواد نصب کر کے ایف سی کی گاڑیوں کو نشانہ بنایا گیا تاہم شواہد سے ایسا لگتا ہے کہ یہ خودکش حملہ تھا۔ بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کے مطابق خودکش بمبار سائیکل پر سوار تھا جس نے اپنے جسم کے ساتھ 8 سے 10 کلو گرام دھماکا خیز مواد باندھ رکھا تھا اور اس نے سائیکل ایف سی کے ٹرک سے ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں زوردار دھماکا ہوا۔ صوبائی حکومت کے ترجمان انوار الحق کا کڑے نے کہا ہے کہ ہمیں شہید ہونیوالے سیکورٹی اہلکاروں اور عوام کے خاندانوں سے دلی ہمدردی ہے، دہشت گردوں کا کوئی دین مذہب یا مسلک نہیں ہوا کرتا، سیکورٹی فورسز اور عوام کو نشانہ بنا کر وہ حکومت کو اپنے خلاف جاری کارروائی سے روکنا چاہتے ہیں جو ہمیں کسی بھی صورت جاری کارروائیوں سے نہیں روک سکتے بلکہ ان کارروائیوں کو مزید موثر بنایا جائے گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان نواب ثناء اللہ خان زہری نے کوئٹہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی گاڑی کو دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بنانے کے واقعہ کی شدید الفاظ میں مذمت کرتے ہوئے واقعہ میں معصوم انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر دلی رنج و غم کا اظہار کیا ہے اور واقعہ میں ملوث دہشت گردوں کی فوری گرفتاری اور انہیں کیفر کر دیا تک پہنچانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے اپنے اس عزم کا اعادہ بھی کیا ہے کہ صوبے سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے تمام وسائل بروئے کار لائے جائیں گے اور عوام کے جان و مال کے تحفظ کو ہر صورت یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے دھماکے کے

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سمیت 10 افراد شہید

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سے بڑا ذریعہ درخت ہیں۔ اگر وافر مقدار میں درخت ہوں تو گرمی کی ہلاکت خیزی کم کی جاسکتی ہے۔ لیکن، افسوس شہر قائد میں درخت کی تعداد بھی دن بدین گھٹ رہی ہے۔ درخت بارش لانے کا سبب بھی ہیں۔ لیکن، جہاں ال نینو موجود ہو وہاں گرم پانی بھاپ کی شکل میں اوپر اٹھتا ہے، لیکن بادل نہیں بننے اس لئے بارش بھی نہیں ہوتی۔ لیکن موسم گرم ہو جاتا ہے۔

بہاولپور... بہاول پور میں سوائن فلو سے متاثرہ 2 خواتین و کٹوریہ اسپتال میں دم توڑ گئیں۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق چشتیاں سے تعلق رکھنے والی سوائن فلو سے متاثرہ 31 سالہ مریضہ غازیہ بی بی کو چند روز قبل وکٹوریہ اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا تھا جو آج انتقال کر گئیں جبکہ 2 روز قبل لودھراں کے نواحی علاقے کھروڑکھ کی رقیہ بی بی کو اسپتال کے سوائن فلو وارڈ میں داخل کرایا گیا تھا وہ بھی آج دم توڑ گئیں۔ اسپتال میں سوائن فلو سے متاثرہ 5 مریض لائے گئے، جن میں سے 3 مریض صحت یاب ہو گئے جبکہ 2 خواتین انتقال کر گئیں۔

بہاولپور میں سوائن فلو سے 2 افراد جاں بحق

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تعلیم اس شہر میں ہوئی ہے اور تھر بھی سب کا ہے۔ سندھ اسمبلی میں جمہرات کو تھر کی صورت حال پر بحث کے دوران صوبائی وزراء نے اپوزیشن کی اس تنقید کو مسترد کر دیا کہ تھر میں حکومت نے کچھ نہیں کیا ہے۔ سندھ کے وزیر برائے تعلیم و پارلیمانی امور نثار احمد کھوڑونے کہا ہے کہ تھر ہمیشہ سے ہمارے دل کے قریب رہا ہے اور پیپلز پارٹی کی حکومت نے اس کی حالت بہتر بنانے کے لیے ہمیشہ ٹھوس اقدامات کیے ہیں۔ وہ جمہرات کو سندھ اسمبلی کے ایوان میں تھر کی صورت حال پر پیش کردہ اپنی تحریک پر اظہار خیال کر رہے تھے۔

ملتان (سٹاف رپورٹر) ضلع ملتان میں سوائن فلو ڈینگی سمیت صحت سے متعلق دیگر مسائل کا جائزہ لینے کیلئے گزشتہ روز کمشنر آفس میں ویڈیو لنک کانفرنس کا انعقاد کیا گیا کانفرنس سے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف اور سیکرٹری ہیلتھ نے خطاب کیا اور ملتان میں جاری صحت کے منصوبوں پر پیش رفت کے علاوہ ڈینگی اور سوائن فلو بارے تفصیلات پوچھیں وزیر اعلیٰ نے ملتان انتظامیہ کو ہدایت کی آنے والا موسم چونکہ ڈینگی کی افزائش کیلئے موضوع ہے اس لئے ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کیلئے تمام حفاظتی اقدامات کئے جائیں انہوں نے ملتان میں صحت سے متعلق دیگر مسائل بھی سنے اور سیکرٹری ہیلتھ کو ان کے حل کیلئے موثر اقدامات کرنے کی ہدایت دیں ویڈیو لنک کانفرنس کے موقع پر کمشنر ملتان ای ڈی او ہیلتھ افتخار قریشی، انچارج ڈینگی کنٹرول پروگرام و موکل پرسن سوائن فلو ملتان ڈاکٹر عطاء الرحمن و دیگر افسران کمشنر آفس میں موجود تھے۔

لاہور (شہزادہ خالد) ماحولیاتی آلودگی نے دنیا بھر کیلئے خطرہ کا باعث بننے کے ساتھ ساتھ پاکستان کو بھی لپیٹ میں لے لیا ہے۔ سپریم کورٹ نے گزشتہ ماہ ماحولیاتی آلودگی سے متعلق وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں کو 755 نوٹس جاری کئے۔ 613 ماحولیاتی تحفظ آرڈر جاری کر کے جبکہ 72 مقدمات زیر سماعت ہیں۔ سپریم کورٹ نے وفاقی سمیت صوبوں سے ماحولیاتی آلودگی سے بچنے کے حوالے سے پیشرفت رپورٹ طلب کی۔ پنجاب اور سندھ نے رپورٹس جمع نہیں کرائیں۔ پی کے کے نے اپنی رپورٹ میں بتایا ہے کہ 7 اضلاع میں آلودگی سے محفوظ رہنے کا شعور جاگ کر کرنے کیلئے ورکشاپس کرائی گئیں 33 سکیموں کو قانون کے مطابق قرار دیا گیا 2801 گاڑیوں کو جرمانے ہوئے، 2281 تھانوں میں بندی لگائی گئیں 7135 گاڑیوں اور دیگر معاملات میں بہتری لائی گئی۔ درخت لگانے کیلئے 19 کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے رکھے گئے۔ بلوچستان کی طرف سے جمع کرائی گئی رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ ماحولیاتی تریبول میں 106 مقدمات کے چالان جمع کروادیئے گئے ہیں۔ یہ مقدمات ہسپتالوں، لیبارٹریز، کرسٹنگ پلانٹس، سینیٹل ری رولنگ ملز اور دیگر شامل ہیں، تریبول نے 40 مقدمات نمٹا دیئے ہیں۔ حکومت سندھ کی جانب سے رپورٹ جمع نہ ہو سکی جس پر عدالت نے ان سے پیشرفت رپورٹ طلب کی ہے حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے بھی رپورٹ پیش نہ ہو سکی۔

کراچی سے ’برائے نام‘ سردی کا موسم بھی تقریباً سٹ ہی گیا۔ فروری کا مہینہ شروع ہو چکا ہے، لیکن نہ نومبر میں سردی کی تیز لہر آئی نہ دسمبر میں کسی کو ٹھہرتے دیکھا گیا۔ کہا گیا تھا کہ جنوری میں بارش برسی تو موسم سب کو کپکپانے پر مجبور کر دے گا۔ لیکن، اس بار ایسا بھی نہیں ہوا۔ دو تین روز پہلے کوئٹہ میں بارش ہوئی تو حسب روایت آس جاگی کہ اب تو کچھ خشکی موسم میں آہی جائے گی۔ لیکن، کچھ بھی نہیں ہوا اور اس بار سردیوں کا موسم ’یونہی‘ گزر گیا۔ سردی کی یہ بے رخی صرف کراچی والوں کے لئے تھی ورنہ پورے ملک معمول کے مطابق شدید سردی کی لپیٹ میں رہا۔ ماہرین موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی جیسے بڑے شہروں سے سرد موسم ختم ہونے کا خطرہ پیدا ہو گیا ہے۔ اور اس کی سب سے بڑی وجہ ’ال نیو‘ ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کراچی کے سابق چیف میٹرو لوجسٹ، توصیف عالم نے ’وائس آف امریکہ‘ کو بتایا کہ ”پاکستان کو ’ال نیو‘ کے اثرات کی وجہ سے خشک موسم کے نقصانات کا سامنا ہے اور یہی وجہ ہے کہ اس بار کراچی میں سردی کی لہر نہیں آسکی۔“ موسمیاتی تبدیلی کے ماہرین ڈاکٹر پرویز عامر، سابق ڈی جی موسمیات اور ماہر ماحولیات قمر الزماں چوہدری کا کہنا ہے کہ ”ال نیو موسمیاتی تبدیلی کی ہی ایک شکل ہے جس کے مضر اثرات کی وجہ سے موسم اپنے معمول کے مطابق نہیں رہتے۔ اس کی واضح مثال کراچی ہے جہاں اس سال ان مہینوں میں بھی سردی پوری طرح نہیں پڑ سکی جن میں اب تک پڑتی آئی ہے۔“ ماہرین شہر قائد کے رہنے والوں کے سر پر منڈلاتے اس خدشے کی جانب بھی نشاندہی کرتے ہیں کہ ’ال نیو‘ کے سبب کراچی میں سرد موسم بتدریج کم اور گرم موسم بتدریج زیادہ ہوتا جائے گا۔

اس سال میں گرمی غضب ڈھائے گی!

پاکستان کا محکمہ موسمیات اور ماحولیات پر تحقیق کرنے والے کچھ عالمی ادارے سال 2015 کو اب تک کا گرم ترین سال قرار دے چکے ہیں۔ تاہم، ان کی یہ بھی پیش گوئی ہے کہ نیا سال، یعنی 2016 پچھلے سال پڑنے والی گرمی کا بھی ریکارڈ توڑ دے گا خاص کر کراچی میں جہاں جون میں پڑنے والی قیامت خیز گرمی سے 1200 سے زائد افراد لقمہ اجل بن گئے تھے۔ کراچی میں گرمی کے غضب کی وجہ یہاں کا محل وقوع ہے۔ توصیف عالم کے مطابق، ”کراچی میں اونچی عمارتیں بے ہنگم ٹریفک کی طرح ہر روز بڑھ رہی ہیں۔ ان عمارتوں کے سبب ہوائی آزادانہ آمد و رفت تقریباً ختم ہو کر رہ گئی ہے۔ ال نیو بننے کی بڑی وجوہات میں کوئلہ، ڈیزل اور پیٹرول کا بطور ایندھن استعمال، کارخانوں، فیکٹریوں اور سب سے زیادہ آلودگی کا کاربن ڈائی آکسائیڈ بھرے دھوئیں نے آکسیجن کا گلوٹ گھونٹ دیا ہے۔“ ماہرین یہ بھی کہتے ہیں کہ فضا میں کاربن کو ختم کرنے اور آکسیجن کی تعداد بڑھانے کا سب

ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کیلئے اقدامات کئے جائیں

وزیر اعلیٰ کی ملتان انتظامیہ کو ہدایت

اردو وار

5 فروری 2016

ماحولیات کا تحفظ ”سپریم کورٹ نے“

وفاق، صوبوں کو 755 نوٹس جاری کئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 فروری 2016

کراچی میں اس بار سردی نہیں پڑی، گرمی

خوب پڑے گی: ماہرین

اردو وار

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تفصیلات

سُرخیاں

تھر: مزید 5 بچے دم توڑ گئے

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روزنامہ جنگ

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ملک کے بالائی علاقے بدستور سردی کی

لپیٹ میں

روزنامہ جنگ

6 فروری 2016

تھر میں بچوں کی جان بچانے کیلئے طبی

ماہرین سے مشاورت کر رہے ہیں:

وزیر اعلیٰ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

5 فروری 2016

تھر پارکر (نامہ نگار) تھر میں غذائی قلت اور مختلف بیماریوں کے باعث معصوم بچوں کی ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ جمعہ کو مزید 5 بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ رواں برس ہلاک ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 140 ہو گئی ہے۔ مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں مختلف بیماریوں کا شکار مزید 3 جبکہ چھا چھرو میں 2 بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ دم توڑنے والے بچوں میں 15 ماہ کی دو بچیاں جبکہ 23 اور 4 ماہ کے 3 بچے شامل ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق مٹھی سول ہسپتال، چھا چھرو اور اسلام کوٹ کے ہسپتالوں اب بھی 50 کے قریب بچے زیر علاج ہیں جبکہ 5 بچوں کو حیدر آباد ریفریکریا گیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ کا کہنا ہے ہم نے تھر کا نقشہ تبدیل کر کے رکھ دیا ہے اور اب تھر کا تذکرہ واشنگٹن میں بھی ہوتا ہے۔

تھر پارکر..... صحرائے تھر میں آج پھر ایک اور بیمار بچی چل بسی، گزشتہ 37 دنوں میں مختلف امراض اور غذائیت کی کمی سے انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 122 تک پہنچ گئی ہے۔ تھر میں مختلف امراض اور غذائیت کی کمی کے باعث بچوں کی ہلاکت کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، آج بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں ایک سال کی بچی جاں بحق ہو گئی۔ اب بھی مٹھی کے سول ہسپتال میں 44 بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔ زیر علاج بچوں کے والدین کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کے بچوں کے لئے نہ تو مناسب طبی امداد فراہم کی جا رہی ہے اور نہ ہی مفت دوائیں دی جا رہی ہیں۔ اب تک سال کے 37 دنوں میں 122 بچوں کی زندگی کے چراغ گل ہو چکے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد..... محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ملک کے بالائی علاقے بدستور سردی کی لپیٹ میں ہیں جبکہ میدانی علاقوں میں سرد اور خشک موسم کی وجہ سندھ کے شہروں گلگت بلتستان کے پہاڑوں پر وقفے وقفے سے ہونے والی برف باری سے سردی اور بڑھ گئی ہے۔ سے مختلف امراض پھیل رہے ہیں۔ چین، بھٹان، نیپال اور میں موسم بہتر ہونا شروع ہو گیا ہے جبکہ پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں صبح کے اوقات میں گہری دھند کا راج ہے۔ موسمیات خیل سمیت بلوچستان کے شمالی علاقوں میں موسم بدستور سرد اور خشک ہے۔ جس کے باعث موسمی بیماریوں میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے آنے والے ہفتے کے وسط میں شمالی بلوچستان، خیبر پختونخوا، فانا اور پنجاب میں بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری کی پیش گوئی کی ہے

کراچی (قائم نگار) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ ہینڈلز پارٹی کی حکومت کو تھر کی ترقی سب سے زیادہ عزیز ہے۔ ہینڈلز پارٹی کی حکومت نے تھر کی ترقی کے لیے بہت کچھ کیا ہے۔ تھر کو مزید ترقی دی جائے گی اور وہ دن دور نہیں، جب اس کا شمار دنیا کے بہترین علاقوں میں ہو گا۔ اس علاقے کی ریت میں برکت ہو گئی ہے، جس نے سونا گنا شروع کر دیا ہے۔ وہ جمعات کو تھر کی صورت حال پر بحث کو سہیلے ہوئے سندھ اسمبلی میں پالیسی بیان دے رہے تھے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ گزشتہ 7 سالوں میں 7 ہزار لوگوں کو روزگار دیا۔ جو لوگ دس دس برس سر اقتدار رہے، وہ یہ بتائیں کہ انہوں نے اپنے دور میں کتنے لوگوں کو نوکریاں دیں۔ انہوں نے اپنے دور میں لوگوں کو نکالا ضرور ہے۔ اس زمانے میں غریبوں کا کوئی پرسان حال نہیں تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کا کوئی جواز پیش نہیں کر رہے۔ وہ ہمارے بچے ہیں۔ ایک بچے کی موت پر بھی بہت افسوس ہوتا ہے۔ زندگی موت اللہ کے ہاتھ میں ہے لیکن ان کی جان بچانا حکومت کی ذمہ داری ہے۔ ہم ملکی اور بین الاقوامی طبی ماہرین سے مشاورت کر رہے ہیں کہ اس صورت حال پر کیسے کنٹرول کیا جائے اور محکمہ صحت اس حوالے سے بڑے پیمانے پر کام کر رہا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ بھٹو کے دور میں ایرڈزون بنایا گیا تھا۔ اب ہم تھر ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی بنا رہے ہیں۔ تھر کے لوگوں کو پینے کا پانی فراہم کرنے کے لیے 400 آر او پلانٹس لگائے گئے ہیں۔ اب تھر کے بیشتر علاقوں میں بجلی، اسپتال اور صحت کی بنیادی سہولتیں موجود ہیں۔ سندھ حکومت نے اسکولوں کی مرمت اور تدریس و آرائش کی ہے۔ سندھ حکومت کے اقدام سے بچوں کی اموات میں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے اور اس علاقے میں اب جانوروں میں بھی بیماری موجود نہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے اپوزیشن اور میڈیا کی جانب سے تھر کے حوالے سے کیے جانے والے دعوؤں کو مبالغہ پر مبنی قرار دیا اور کہا کہ 1971 میں جب شہید ذوالفقار علی بھٹو کی ہدایت پر میں مٹھی سے چھا چھرو گیا تھا تو اس وقت یہ سفر کرنے میں مجھے 9 گھنٹے لگے تھے۔ اب یہ فیصلہ ڈیڑھ گھنٹے میں آسانی سے طے ہو سکتا ہے۔ انہوں نے اس علاقے سے تعلق رکھنے والے سابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ ڈاکٹر اباب غلام رحیم کو مخاطب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ وہ سندھ کی ترقی کے بڑے دعوے کرتے ہیں تو وہ یہ بتائیں کہ انہوں نے کون سا تیر مارا تھا۔ انہوں نے قائد حزب اختلاف کی تقریر میں 35 محکموں کی کارکردگی کے حوالے سے کی جانے والی بات کا جواب دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس موضوع پر میں چار پانچ گھنٹے بات کر سکتا ہوں لیکن ہر معاملے میں تنقید رائے تنقید مناسب نہیں۔ ہم پورے صوبے اور تھر پارکر کے لیے بہت کچھ کر رہے ہیں۔ اگر میں یہ بتا دوں کہ تھر پارکر کے لیے کتنی رقم خرچ کی جا رہی ہے تو مصیبت یہ ہے کہ پھر یہ کہا جائے گا کہ سارے اخراجات تھر پارکر پر ہو رہے ہیں، کراچی میں کچھ نہیں ہو رہا لیکن میں یہ کہتا ہوں کہ کراچی بھی سب کا ہے۔ میری پوری

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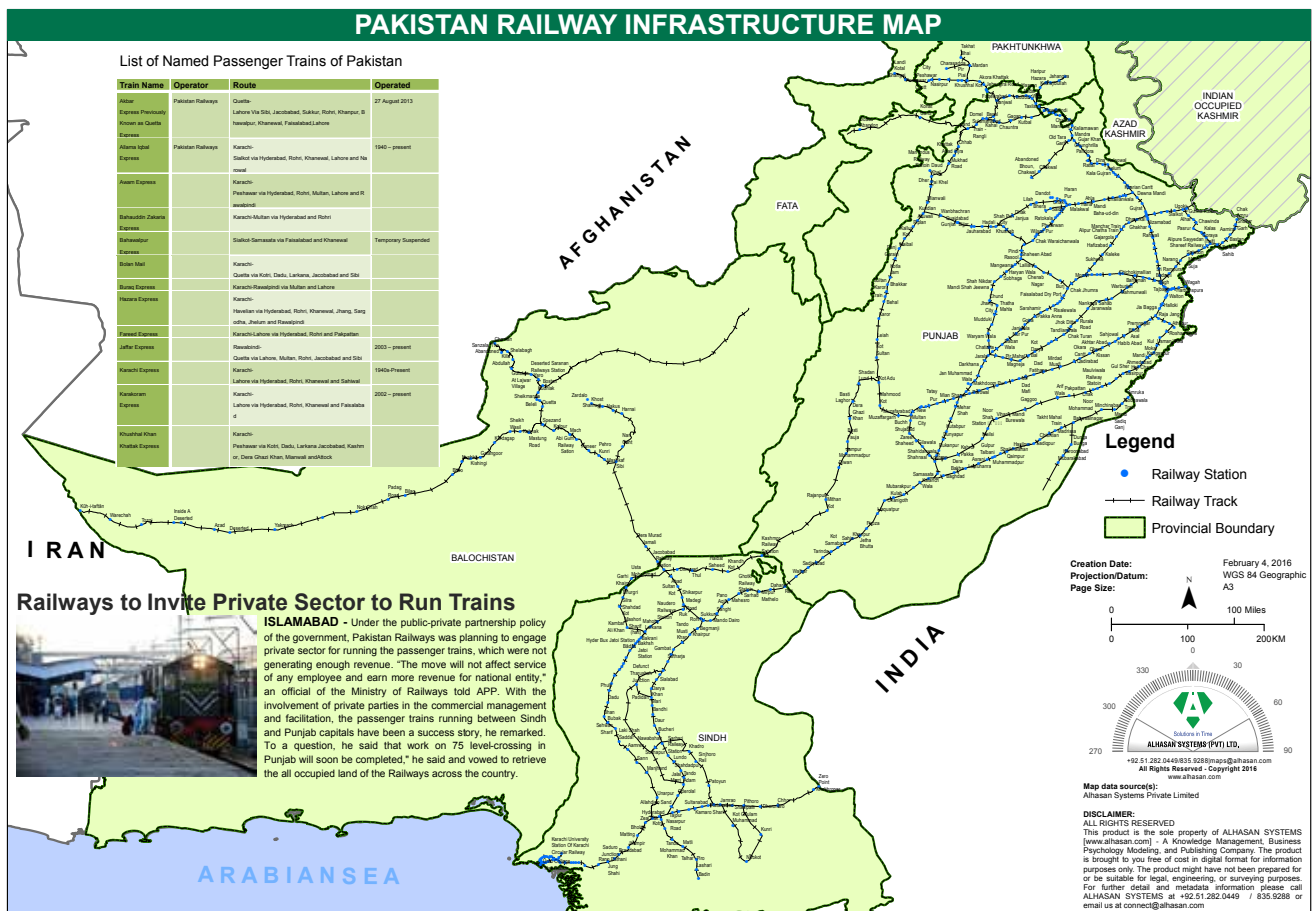
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