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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Sugar mills violating environment protection law

Daily Times, February 28, 2016

Climate study points to disasters in Malakand, Hazara

Express Tribune, February 28, 2016

Integrating climate information

Daily Times, February 28, 2016

DETAILS

KARACHI: Sugar mills in Mirpurkhas and Sanghar districts have allegedly been violating Environment Protection Act 2014 as they have no proper treatment plants for treatment of wastewater and dangerous effluents.

This is adversely affecting the surrounding areas and population in the form of increased pollution. Reliable sources say there was a need for proper treatment plants for wastewater in Mirpurkhas Sugar Mill, Al Abbas Sugar Mill, Tharparkar Sugar Mill, Digri Sugar Mill and Sanghar Sugar Mill. Sindh Environmental Protection Agency Director General Naeem Ahmed Mughal had ordered his staff for taking samples of wastage water of the said sugar mills. Sources said laboratory result revealed some improvement in wastewater over the last year but more work was required to minimise it. Sources confirmed the authority had also issued environmental protect orders to aforementioned sugar mills and directed them to install proper treatment plants.

PESHAWAR: At least 11 districts in Malakand and Hazara divisions, which have faced devastation amid climactic shifts over the last decade, are in danger of falling prey to this phenomenon once again. Experts believe if proper methods of risk reduction, mitigation and adaptation are not implemented, these natural hazards will turn into catastrophic disasters. These are the early estimates provided by the Climate Change Advisory Committee nominated by the government to formulate a policy. In its initial assessment on the impact of climate change in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, the committee has shown the effects of changing weather patterns are felt in the province because it is situated in a mid-latitude region.

The Express Tribune spoke to three members of the committee who said there was a dearth of even the most basic awareness regarding climate change. "We hope the government will take the recommendations seriously and help implement and formulate [a climate change] policy," an expert on the panel said. "[Such a policy] is a basic need of the province."

Rainfall patterns

As per the draft policy on climate change, monsoon rain is likely to increase and extend to the northern parts of the province due to warmer temperatures. In addition, wet regions will receive more precipitation while dry regions will receive less precipitation than before. Such heavy precipitation patterns will accelerate glacial melting. As a result, flash floods are expected in wet regions and less precipitation in dry regions will trigger droughts.

The main regions of K-P expected to face flood hazards are Buner, Shangla, Lower Dir, Upper Dir, Swat, Chitral, Haripur, Battagram, Mansehra, Abbottabad and Kohistan. "It is highly likely these regions will experience intense rainfall," a member of the panel said. "Galiyat, lower Kaghan Valley and southern parts of Kohistan will be especially affected."

Food insecurity

Experts believe DI Khan will be particularly affected by drought. Although the drought will not lead to considerable destruction, it is likely to compromise on food security. Agricultural land between Peshawar, Mardan, Charsadda, Nowshera, Swabi, Kohat, Hangu in the central valley plain and Bannu, Karak, Lakki Marwat, Tank, DI Khan in the southern districts constitute 1,115,000 hectares of cultivated area. With rising temperatures and decreasing rainfall, these areas are going to be water-stressed in the coming years.

According to experts, high temperatures are likely to impact crop cultivation. Although it will be easier to cultivate some crops, high temperatures will increase evapotranspiration and increase water requirements for most crops. Initial studies reveal the quantity and availability of groundwater and irrigation water will be vital in determining the extent of water stress in the area.

Advocacy and sensitisation

The draft policy is divided into nine chapters that explain the impact of climate change through a sectoral analysis. According to the draft policy, climate change and its impacts must be taught to students at schools.

"These are just initial estimates of the effects of the climate change," Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Cell Deputy Director Afsar Khan told The Express Tribune. "The department was busy getting feedback from all stakeholders involved. The climate change policy has to go through a number of drafts."

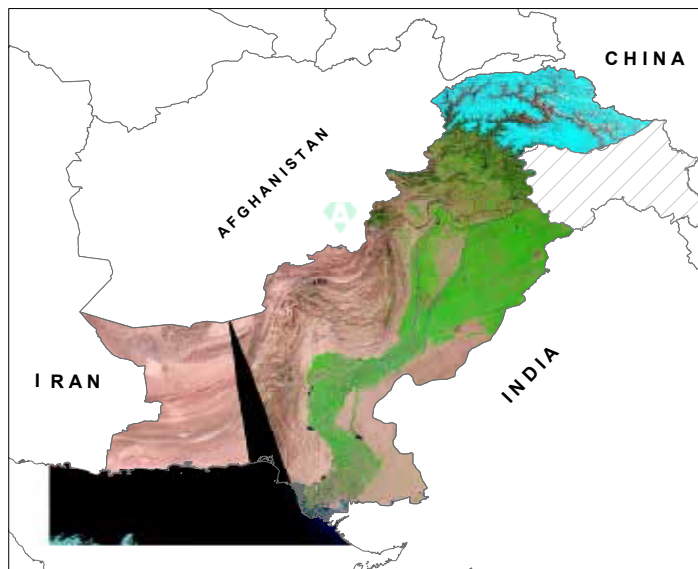
Climate change is affecting various sectors of Pakistan, be it agriculture, industry or exports. According to a media report, the country lost more than two billion dollars due to extreme weather conditions. Pakistan enacted several national policy initiatives in the areas of forestry, energy conservation, disaster management and renewable energy development, among others. These policies integrate scientific climate information into development priorities.

Disaster risks such as unplanned urbanisation, weak enforcement, unchecked construction in flood plains and expansion of economic activities in hazard prone areas, water resource mismanagement, land degradation, desertification, environmental degradation and climate change have further increased vulnerabilities.

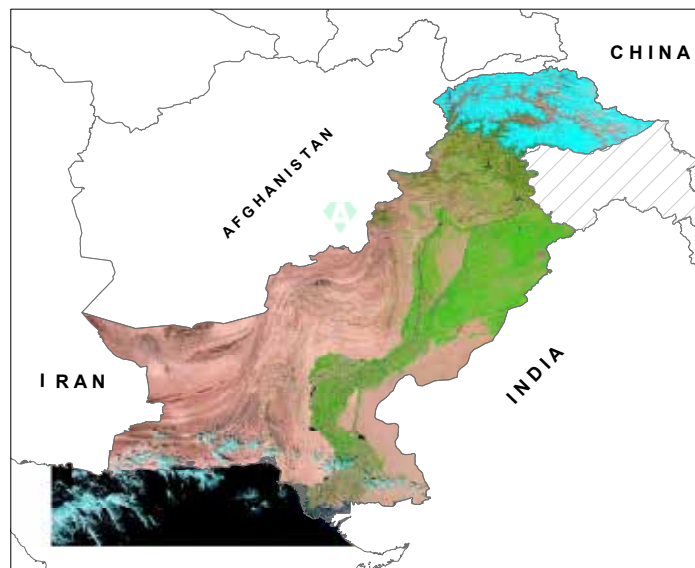
In view of the above, there is an urgent need to better manage the rising risk of extreme events through better early warnings, better disaster relief and risk reduction as well as climate smart programmes for healthcare, water, sanitation and food security. Also, there is a need to empower key stakeholders, including policymakers, to explore how the best policies and strategies can

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (February 22, 2016 to February 27, 2016)

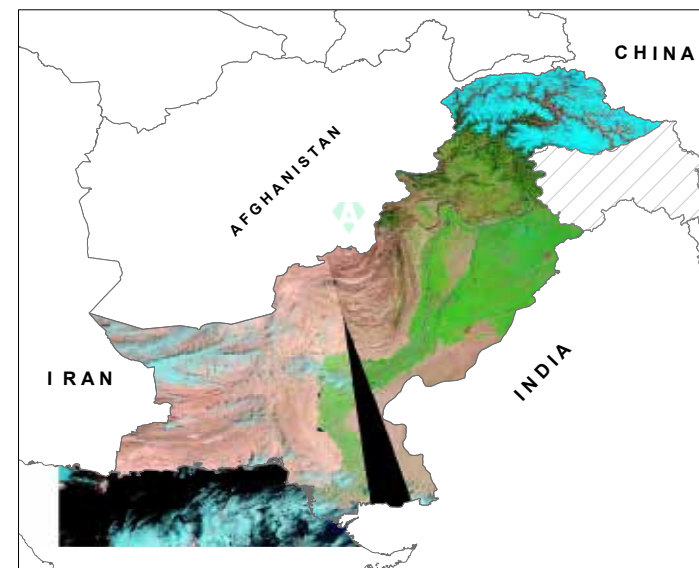
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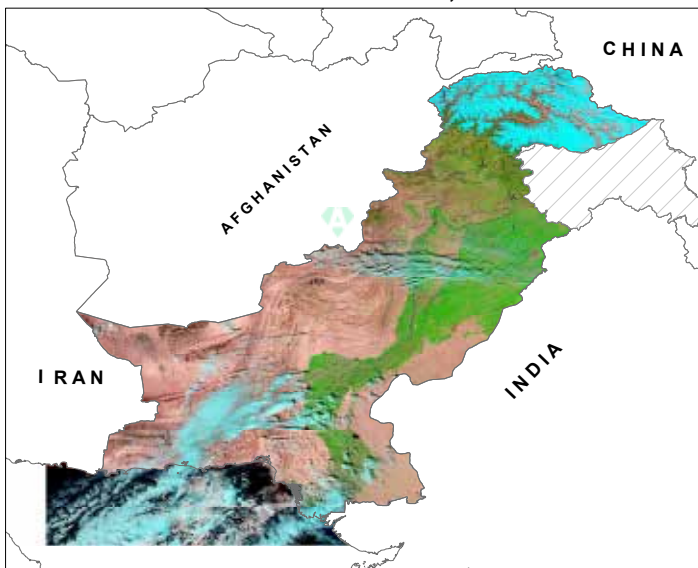
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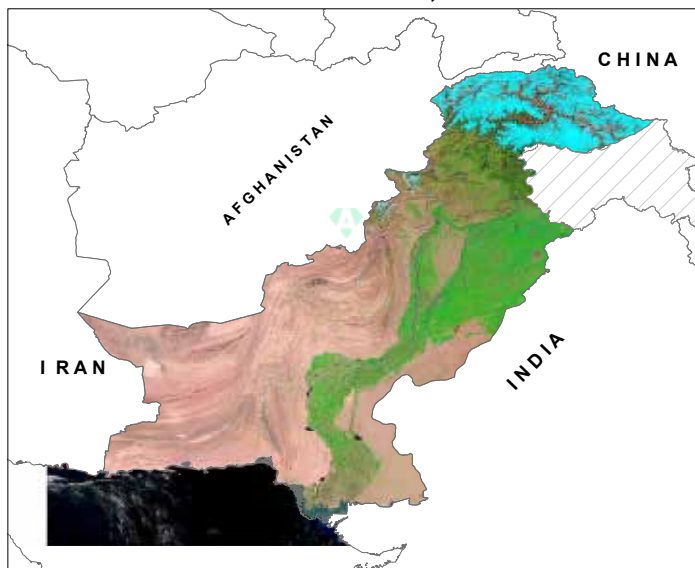
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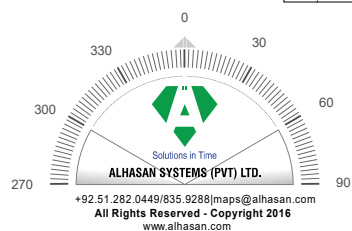
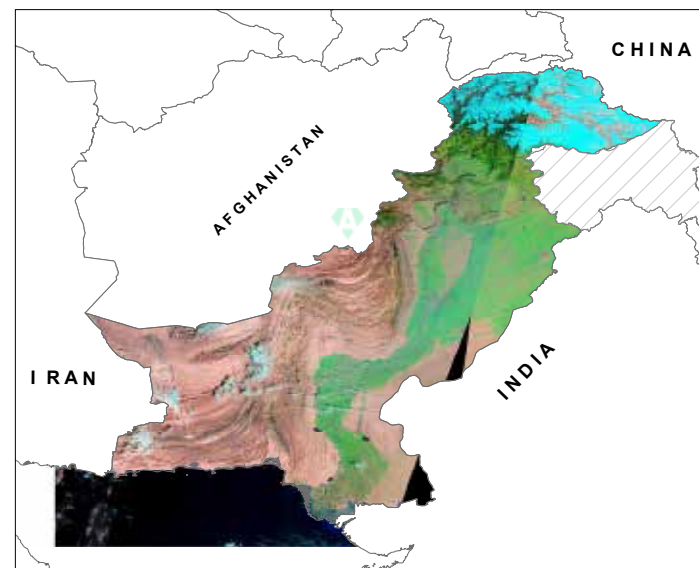
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Plantation Eliminates Pollution

Pak Observer, February 28, 2016

serve as a source for the successful implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement.

Zhob: Justice Balochistan High Court Justice Jamal Mandokhail inaugurated tree plantation campaign on the premises of District & Session Court by planting a sapling here on Saturday. Deputy Commissioner Nazar Muhammad Khetran, Session Judge Dawood Khan Nasar, Senior Civil Judge Rahim Dad Khilji, Judicial Magistrate Yahya Asif, Member Qazi Syed Sultan Shah, Chief Officer Abdul Qadir Tarakai, X.En B&R Hidayatullah Pindrani, Ex-President District Bar Zhob Advocate Samad Khan Mandokhail, Advocate Gulab Mandokhail, Advocate Malik Zaman Mandokhail, Advocate Sheikh Azam Mandokhail and Superintendent Abdul Wahid Babar were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Justice BHU Justice Jamal Mandokhail said that a greener environment was vital for a healthy nation. The objective of the tree plantation campaign was to create awareness among the people about the environmental and economic benefits of trees and motivate them for planting maximum trees. Chief Justice said, "The tree plantation plays an important role for eliminating environmental pollution. The people should plant maximum trees during the campaign", he said, adding the trees not only enhance natural beauty but also provide a clean environment to the people.

ISLAMABAD: Except for the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) government, all provinces, ministries and divisions have failed to come up with action plans to tackle climate change issues under the National Climate Change Policy. The policy provides a framework for addressing the issues Pakistan faces due to changing climate.

At the first meeting of the National Climate Change Policy Implementation Committee (NCCPIC) held in Islamabad on April 23, 2015, provinces, relevant ministries and divisions had been asked to submit their short, medium and long-term plans spelling out adaptation measures and ways and means to tackle climate change issues. Moreover, provincial governments were also asked to submit their project concept notes related to the United Nation's Green Climate Fund (GCF). The GCF is a fund within the framework of the UNFCCC as a mechanism to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.

The Climate Change Ministry, however, has not received an encouraging response from provinces regarding submission of proposals for the GCF grants. "The ministry received a total of 27 concept notes on irrigation sector, coastal areas, public engineering, field intrusion of sea water," an official said adding that except for one almost all the concept notes were rejected for not meeting the GCF criteria. The official said that the provinces do not have the capacity or expertise and the ministry also lacks the technical know-how to extend help to the provinces to come up with proposals to meet the GCF criteria.

The official said only one \$33 million project for glacial lake outburst floods has been submitted to the GCF board which was likely to be taken up in the board's next meeting. "The AJK government has developed its climate change action plan, while Sindh and Punjab are holding meetings with stakeholders to finalise their action plans," another ministry official said adding that other federating units and ministers were yet to submit their blueprints.

At a second meeting of NCCPIC held on February 24, which was attended by officials of federal ministries, provincial governments, experts and development partners, Climate Change Minister Zahid Hamid only talked about the importance of the National Climate Change Policy and its implementation framework, a source privy to the meeting told The Express Tribune while requesting anonymity. The source said that representatives of Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa expressed their anger over non-serious attitude of Climate Change Ministry officials in extending cooperation regarding different climate adaptation and mitigation programmes.

The three provinces also lodged a complaint with the minister and the secretary stating that the ministry officials never respond to their queries on time. The source said that the secretary told the provincial representatives to directly contact him if they faced any problem in the future, the source said. Deputy Director Media Saleem Shaikh denied that the provinces have lodged complaint against the ministry officials. He claimed that the ministry was very much serious about coping with climate change issues in collaboration with the federating units.

PESHAWAR: The canals running through the provincial capital have turned into garbage dumps – a cause for concern given the environmental and health concerns. Canals in Gulbahar, Faqirabad and Yakatoot are brimming with organic and solid waste. Talking to The Express Tribune, Wahadat Khan, a resident of Supply Road area, said, "The canal in our area is filled with rubbish. The absence of garbage bins has forced residents to toss everything in the water." He said food vendors who set up their stalls along the canal also throw their leftover produce and edible items. "The canal has become a dumping ground for rotten fruits and vegetables as well," added Wahadat. He pointed out since summer was just around the corner, he was worried the sludge-like canal would become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, flies and other insects. "Children living in the vicinity are not only susceptible to cholera, diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases, but also dengue now," he said.

Wahadat suggested the provincial government should fine those found throwing waste into the canals in order to check pollution. "In cases where laws do exist, proper implementation should occur so [health and environmental] risks can be minimised," he said.

It's all a matter of planning

Abdullah Sadiq, another resident of Supply Road area, concurred and said, "The government should take the matter seriously and place garbage collection bins in the area to maintain cleanliness." He said places around the canal bear such a foul smell that no one can cross them without holding their breath. "The stink is unbearable and the diseases being spread are obviously

National climate change policy: Provinces, ministries fail to come up with action plans

Expree Tribune, February 28, 2016

City's canals flooded with organic, solid waste

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Alarming: Dengue larvae found at 51 places

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Saturday hottest February day in Karachi in over two decades: Met

Dawn News, February 27, 2016

Deaths in Thar

Daily Times, February 26, 2016

Drought in Makran

Pak Observer, February 25, 2016

Climate cost of the CPEC

Daily Times, February 25, 2016

worse," Sadiq added.

However, Sadiq was not convinced waste collection points would solve the problem. "In the past even with bins, people used to throw their garbage everywhere, including the canals. He added, "What is needed more is to educate people by launching awareness campaigns about the hazardous effects and impact of water pollution."

Ball's in your court

When contacted, Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar (WSSP) Media and Communications Manager Taimur Ahmad said, "Cleaning waste from canals does not fall into our domain." He said this was the task of the irrigation department. Irrigation department executive engineer Asad Zamad said, "It is our responsibility to clean silt from canals; removing solid waste does not fall into our jurisdiction." He added, "It is the duty of the WSSP." Zamad reiterated, "Our responsibility includes keeping canals operational, repairing boundary walls and removing silt."

RAWALPINDI: Health department teams found dengue larvae at 51 places in Rawalpindi district during the last week. Executive District Officer (EDO) Health Dr Arshad Sabir said 483 teams inspected a total of 55,857 places during the last week and found dengue larvae at 51 places. Sabir briefed Punjab Minister for Labour and Manpower Raja Ashfaq Sarwar about the anti-dengue camping in the district on Saturday. The minister directed all the departments concerned to double their efforts to curb the threat of dengue virus. He instructed the EDO-health to ensure availability of anti-dengue vaccine at all public hospitals.

ISLAMABAD: With the mercury topping 36.5 degrees Celsius on Saturday, Feb 26, Karachi witnessed it's hottest day of the month in over two decades, the Met office said Sunday. The heatwave is expected to continue till Monday or Tuesday after which temperatures will gradually dwindle down, officials say. The reason for yesterday's unprecedented heat was a "disconnect of sea breeze towards Karachi", Pakistan Meteorological Department Director General Dr Ghulam Rasool told Dawn.com.

Wind blowing from the "land surface towards the sea" instead of the other way round, bringing humidity levels down to around 30 per cent is responsible for the rise in temperature, he said. The breeze will shift direction around Sunday evening, the DG Met said, adding that temperatures will return to normal by Tuesday, falling to around 32 degrees.

A scorching heatwave engulfed Sindh at the beginning of summer last year, claiming the lives of over 1,300 people — with most of the deaths taking place in Karachi. The crisis was worsened by the faulty power grid and shortage of potable water in the metropolis. Experts last year said that the wave of high temperatures could also be attributed to the increasing concrete cover and an acute lack of parks and green belts in the city as such spaces, they said, help lower the temperature of an area.

"The heatwave disaster is a wake-up call for the public and the government. There is need to create awareness on how to cope with severe hot weather and help high-risk populations protect themselves against it," said Rab Nawaz, serving Sindh regional director of World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (WWF-P) last summer. The impact of climate change, especially a rise in temperature, he had said, have become very apparent in Pakistan over the last decade and the current situation in Sindh, especially Karachi is worrisome. According to these experts, the recent wave of high temperatures can also be attributed to the increasing concrete cover and an acute lack of parks and green belts in the city as such spaces, they say, help lower the temperature of an area.

Dr Qamar uz Zaman Chaudhry, senior climate change expert last year said that the government could learn from other countries that faced similar disasters. "A good example in this regard is Ahmedabad, India, though its plan to protect poor communities from the heatwave was not implemented in other parts of the country," he said. The plan came into effect in the Indian state after around 1,300 people died as a result of a heatwave in 2010. Authorities in Ahmedabad had established an early-warning system against extreme heatwaves as well as setting up water stations and cooling spaces in public places, malls, temples, etc after the 2010 disaster.

Despite tall claims by the government and health authorities, infants are dying on a daily basis due to malnutrition that continues to haunt the drought-hit Tharparkar region. The situation is alarming and there is an urgent need to provide emergency healthcare services, rehabilitate water-harvesting structures and establish a nutrition surveillance system along with livelihood assistance and vaccination in the affected area.

The concerned authorities are requested to scale up the rescue operation with an effective monitoring system to alleviate the suffering of people so that the lives of thousands of children can be saved from the disaster.

Owing to the paucity of seasonal rains during the last two years, the deadly drought has hit Makran and as a result thereof, people are migrating from their native places to other different areas of the Balochistan Province. The farms and pastures are almost ruined due to water absence and the animals are dying in large numbers.

The most affected area is Gwadar city where the people are agitating against the shortage of water. Pasni and other areas are also affected by this drought and unfavourable climatic conditions. The wells have dried up resulting in water shortage. The authorities are requested to pay specific attention to these zones.

The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), referred to as a 'development package' from the government of China to Pakistan, will expand Pakistan's road and rail transport infrastructure, energy production, project financing and 'intelligence transfers'- currently worth \$ 45 billion — more than half of which are to be developed before 2018 as an 'early harvest'. Following

Pakistan, Germany To Work Jointly On Human Rights And Climate Change: Zahid Hamid

Brecorder, February 25, 2016

successful lobbying by the Pakistan government since this project was first proposed in 2013, the interest rate for the loan from the Chinese government to the Pakistan government has been reduced from three percent to a heavily subsidised 1.6 percent.

The reasons behind China's investment in strategically placed Pakistan has much to do with its revised approach to foreign policy, taking a more proactive approach to its involvement in the geopolitics of the region. Most importantly, the CPEC will be an extension of its 21st century Silk Route initiative, now known as the 'One Belt, One Road' initiative, which will provide China direct access to the Indian Ocean through which it receives up to 70 percent of its energy and trade imports.

From an energy perspective, the CPEC is investing in renewable energy projects such as the \$ 1.6 billion hydropower project in Karot, the \$ 1.2 billion solar power park in Bahawalpur and the \$ 260 million 100-megawatt wind farm in Jhimpir. However, the total investment in renewable energy is dwarfed by investment in dirty, coal powered energy: \$ 2.8 billion for developing four coal-fired stations with a capacity of 1,980 megawatts in Thar (Sindh), \$ 2.2 billion for two coal-mining blocks in Thar (Sindh), two billion dollars to develop coal-fired generation plants at Port Qasim Karachi and two billion dollars to build a natural gas pipeline between Gwadar and Nawabshah, then connecting to Iran.

The CPEC has been met with scepticism by some and welcomed by others. However, for Pakistan and China, both countries that have been in the limelight in the climate change arena for the wrong reasons, this blatant investment in fossil fuel heavy energy should raise alarm bells. Economically, Pakistan has its sights set on becoming the 25th largest economy in the world; its 'Vision 2025', an economic roadmap, aims to achieve this through "human resource development, regional connectivity, knowledge economy, inclusive growth and shared prosperity". And whilst the roadmap does take into account the "looming threat of climate change", on the ground, the very real threat of climate change to Pakistan is not reflected. Pakistan's recent, very dismal submission of its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reinforces its actual lack of commitment to the issue. As a low emitter, Pakistan has frequently stated its priority to adaptation but if it is to achieve its goal of becoming the 25th largest economy, it is important to connect the planned economic growth targets to account for projected carbon emissions.

China, on the other hand, despite the slowing down of its economic growth rate over the past three years, is still the second largest economy in the world and experts have indicated that the slowing down of the growth rate does not mean that it is on the verge of collapse. China is also the world's largest emitter and its INDC, submitted in December 2015, was one of the most highly anticipated, pledging, among other reductions, to reduce its carbon intensity (CO₂ emissions per unit of GDP) by 60 to 65 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and increase its share of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 20 percent by the same year. While China is shifting from its heavy reliance on coal-fired energy towards renewable sources, its investments in Pakistan do not necessarily reflect this.

For developing countries, emissions reductions are alarming as they are perceived as barriers to economic growth. It is increasingly clear that the climate cause and economic growth are not mutually exclusive, and this is particularly pertinent to note in the case of the CPEC. Both countries face pressure to commit strongly to the climate cause, whilst both also are faced with unique opportunities for economic growth.

Pakistan was unable to submit a meaningful INDC in December 2015 at the Paris Summit due to the lack of an established baseline. While the country works on developing this baseline and crafts its contribution, it is an opportunity for the country to showcase its commitment to the climate cause through its investment in renewable energy as well as its award winning efforts at reforestation. Similarly, China has very publicly announced its intention to move away from coal as an energy source and investment in renewables has the potential to demonstrate this.

That said, we are still left with the reality of China's massive investment in coal-based energy in Pakistan and the Pakistani government's encouragement of this. Pakistan faces a huge energy deficit that arguably takes precedence over any sort of international commitments to the climate cause. However, it is imperative at this fledgling stage of the CPEC for Pakistan to agree with the Chinese government on a carbon/emission trading mechanism that will offset the carbon cost of this venture, before it is too late.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid said on Thursday that Pakistan and Germany will work jointly on human rights and climate change. The Minister expressed these views during meeting with Germany Ambassador in Pakistan, Ina Lepel. During the detailed meeting the German ambassador lauded present government's policy initiatives and programmes for improving present human rights situation and coping with climate change issues. She appreciated the present government's heightened efforts to tap country's massive renewable and clean energy potential, particularly solar and wind.

Ina Lepel told the minister that her government is ready to help Pakistan improve its climate change resilience, disaster management, human rights and transfer clean and renewable energy technology. The minister Zahid Hamid thanked the German ambassador and said, "Efforts will be made to benefit from the Germany's experience in the renewable and clean energy, disaster management, climate change and human rights and we will work with the Germany government on this score and on all scales." He told the German ambassador that present Pakistani government was very much aware of the climate risks and taking all out measures to mitigate impacts of these risk and making efforts to make different socio-economic sectors, particularly water, sanitation, energy, food, health, education, agriculture sectors climate-resilience with the help of different climate change adaptation programmes in the light of the national climate change policy. He added any technical help in this regard from Germany would be appreciated, he added.

'Senno technology' to promote clean air for safe environment

Daily Times, February 24, 2016

ISLAMABAD: A new Senno technology has been introduced that could help in creating an air quality monitoring system as air pollution has become the world's single biggest environmental health risk causing around seven million deaths in a year. Canadian University Dubai (CUD) School of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology Associate Professor Dr Adel Ben Mnaouer is part of a team of international scientists that has developed the Senno technology that enables high-efficiency air quality monitoring to help promote a cleaner environment and reduce the health risks associated with poor atmospheric quality, a gulf newspaper reported.

Senno was created as part of a \$1 million research initiative funded by the Qatar Foundation's National Priorities Research Programme (NPRP) and has now secured Dh1.31 million from the Qatar Science and Technology Park for a 16-month 'proof of concept' prototyping project.

The innovation, which was developed in collaboration with academics from Qatar University and the University of Brescia is using advanced sensor technology to manage energy drawn from the environment enabling the continuous operation of air quality monitoring systems without human intervention. Environmental monitoring has previously relied on portable and limited-life energy sources such as batteries in order to support sensor functionality as a costly approach requiring regular manual replacement. However, the Senno prototype uses ambient power sources and applies sensor technology to dramatically improve energy efficiency. Dr Mnaouer explained that sensor networks dedicated to atmospheric monitoring could provide an early warning of environmental hazards. However, remote systems need robust and reliable sensor nodes, which requires high levels of power efficiency for autonomous, continuous and long-term use. He said, "Our technology harvests environmental energy such as sun and ambient light, heat differentials, radio frequency radiations and mechanical vibration."

New industrial zone proposed to protect environment

The News, February 24, 2016

LAHORE: In a bid to improve environmental conditions, Environment Protection Department (EPD), Punjab has proposed the government to establish a new industrial zone for over 1,000 surgical manufacturing units operating in Sialkot and nearby regions. Sources said recently provincial Secretary EPD Dr Farooq Chohan held a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Sialkot and discussed the issue of completion of Sialkot Tannery Zone at Khambranwala as well as establishment of Sialkot Surgical Zone. Sources said that over 300 leather units would be shifted to the Sialkot Tannery Zone, which would be completed till end of 2016 while for over 1,000 surgical manufacturing units, a new industrial zone was proposed in the meeting. This will protect the environment of the Sialkot city and will address the social issues besides enhancing exports by fulfilling international obligations as the zone will be equipped with Combine Effluent Treatment Plants.

Sources said that in the meeting President SCCI Maj (R) Mansoor Ahmed highlighted the issue of non-availability of sewerage system in the Cantonment Area of Sialkot. He assured that now onward, SCCI will take every step for the timely completion of work of STZ. Sheikh Naveed Ahmed along with Project Manager, Sialkot Tannery Association Guarantee Limited (STAGL) apprised the participants that Phase-1 roads of 120 & 90 feet had been completed except carpeting. He said 65 percent work on Phase-II (60 feet) roads had been completed while 50 percent Culvert has been completed. The meeting also reviewed ongoing tree plantation drive during which 4,500 trees have so far been planted. During the meeting, it was also revealed that 332 provisional allotment letters had been issued (who deposited four installments of land cost). However, final allotment letters will be issued after deposit of development charges; 80 percent installments have been received from the plot owners of their shares of purchase of land of STZ. Prior consideration form has been filled in and submitted to Syed Amjad Haider, Climate Change Division, Islamabad. The meeting discussed that waste water treatment plant, chrome recovery plants etc will be installed in the zone at an estimated cost of Rs1,300 million. Global Environment Facility (GEF) / UNIDO has already sanctioned grant amounting to Rs330 million for the installation of waste water treatment plant. Now SCCI / STAGL has approached Ministry of Commerce for grant amount of Rs600 million for the civil work of the waste water treatment plant etc under Environment Development Fund (EDF). Remaining Rs370 million will be arranged by the STAGL for this purpose through members. It was also briefed that GEF detailed proposal had already been submitted to GEF Headquarters by UNIDO. During the meeting, Secretary EPD Dr Iqbal Muhammad Chohan emphasised the need of acceleration of pace of work. He requested the management of STAGL to speed up the documentation work of construction of CETP, Chrome Recovery Plants and Fat Extraction Units for the approval of the competent authority. He said that the Punjab government was supporting industrialists by providing interest-free loan amounting to Rs289 million and acquired land at reasonable prices.

Nasim-ur-Rehman, Director (EIA), EPA Punjab while talking with The News said that "Establishment of Sialkot Surgical Zone" to shift hundreds of surgical units within the city was floated by Secretary EPD. He said these units were creating environmental problems because use of electroplating process, use of heavy generators etc. but traffic and other social problems were the additional factors. He said from the day first, it is clear that establishment/construction of infrastructure is the responsibility of the tanners. However, Environment Department always supported for funding from donors for the installations of treatment plants, fat extraction units, chrome recovery plants etc. but establishment of STZ is the responsibility of the tanners. He said EPA Punjab shall ensure operation of the combined effluent treatment plant of Sialkot Tannery Zone under the Punjab Environment Protection Act, 1997 (Amended 2012). Similarly Sialkot Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Environment Protection Agency (EPA), Punjab shall not allow any tannery to work at any other place in the Sialkot City except Sialkot Tannery Zone (STZ) after its establishment and shall ensure shifting of all tanneries to the STZ.

Magnitude-4.4 earthquake rattles KPK

Channel 24, February 24, 2016

PESHAWAR: A magnitude-4.4 earthquake jolts have been felt on Wednesday (today) in different sites of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Pakistan. Channel 24 News reported. Sites where shakes have been felt including Peshawar, Chitral Nowshera, Mardan, Deer, Swat, Malakand and

Ministry sends climate policy draft to provinces

The Nation, February 24, 2016

Pollution & climate change Economy suffers Rs 344 billion loss per annum, NA told

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Question hour: Govt yet to counter the 'danger' of climate change

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Shangla. However, no loss of human life or property has been reported so far.

ISLAMABAD - The Ministry of Climate Change has dispatched the first National Forest Policy draft to provinces to seek their approval for early implementation of the document in the country, The Nation has learnt. The sources claimed that after the by provinces' approval, the draft would be presented in the upcoming meeting of Council of Common Interests (CCI) on February 28.

Earlier, the ministry had sent the draft to provinces for their input and they pointed out some missing points which should be part of the policy. The ministry again moved the draft to provinces incorporating their input in the draft for final preview. The federal ministry had also taken on board the private stakeholder during preparation of the policy. Federal Minister of Climate Change Zahid Hamid had also said on the floor of National Assembly that the first forest policy is ready to be presented in the CCI meeting.

The main objectives of the National Forest Policy include promotion of ecological, social and cultural functions of forests through sustainable management and use of forest produce including wood and non-wood forest products, facilitating and harmonizing inter-provincial movement, trade and commerce of wood and non-wood forest products through the Federal Forestry Board and inter-linking natural forests, protected areas, wetlands and wildlife habitats to reduce fragmentation. Enhancing role and contribution of forests in reducing carbon emissions and enhancing forest carbon pools are also part of the policy.

According to the draft, Pakistan is one of the low forest cover countries with only five percent of land area under forests and tree cover. Major forest types include coastal mangroves, riverine forests, sub-tropical scrub forests, moist temperate conifer forests, dry temperate conifer forests and irrigated plantations including linear plantations.

This policy also addresses the Sustainable Development Goals agenda by the United Nations General Assembly in the resolution adopted in September 2015. The existing forest resources of Pakistan are inadequate for meeting the domestic demands of wood for the increasing population of the country. It is also mentioned in the policy draft that all provinces, FATA, AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan routinely implement their respective tree planting programmes and projects from an annual budget. In addition, Capital Development Authority, National Highway Authority, and Armed Forces participate in seasonal tree planting campaigns with limited targets. On an average, a target of 70-80 million tree saplings is fixed annually at the national level which is absolutely insufficient to meet even domestic demands for wood.

Environmental pollution and climate change is damaging the economy of Pakistan at an estimated cost of Rs 344 billion per year, Federal Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid on Tuesday informed the National Assembly. He was referring to the latest report of World Bank while winding up debate on motion moved by Nighat Parveen Mir regarding problems arising out of increasing pollution in the country.

The minister said that according to the previous report-2006 of World Bank, "An estimated cost of environmental and natural resources damage is about Rs 365 billion per year in Pakistan. This amounts to a loss of Rs 1 billion per day." He said that high cost from inadequate water supply sanitation and hygienic is Rs 112 billion, agricultural soil degradation, Rs 70 billion and indoor air pollution Rs 67 billion and urban air pollution adds another Rs 65 billion. He said that estimated cost of lead exposure was about Rs 45 billion. He said that rangeland degradation cost were about Rs 7 billion.

The minister said that the livestock population of Pakistan is over 167 million heads, a large portion of which is concentrated in the rangelands of Pakistan, constituting over half the land area of the country. He said that the World Bank has estimated that the health cost of ambient air pollution alone is Rs 62-65 billion per annum. He said that Pakistan is also a victim of environmental impacts that have resulted from actions beyond its border and resulted in such phenomenon as climate change. He said that the impacts of climate change will be quite serious on the country.

"The economic dependence of the country on agriculture makes it highly climate sensitive. Agriculture in the country is increasingly at risk due to variability in monsoon rains and, increasing floods and droughts," he said. The minister said after the passage of 18th Constitutional Amendment, pollution is provincial subject while the federal government only deals with it in Capital and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). He said that Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA) was being empowered at the federal as well as provincial level. He said that it is responsibility of the provinces to control the pollution in their respective provinces.

He said that Pakistan was placed at 8th number in the countries which were severely affected due to climate change. He said that there is need of maximum sapling and forest in the country to clean the atmosphere and province should play their role for this purpose. He said that his ministry under the direction of the Prime Minister is formulating National Forest Policy and we will soon announce it.

ISLAMABAD: The Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid told the National Assembly on Monday that "climate change is the biggest danger for Pakistan as the country was the worst hit due to global warming." Hamid was replying to MNA Sajida Begum regarding the steps taken by the government to control major threats the country was facing. He added that the country's exposure to climate change impacts have aggravated further.

However, the information shared with the house was months old as the minister discussed the planned climate change policy saying that it would be implemented in consensus with the provinces. The government had formulated a national climate change policy in 2012 but has yet to implement it. Provincial implementation committees on climate change were formed in 2015 though at a time when the country is most vulnerable, no province except Azad Jammu and

'Women more vulnerable to climate change'

Daily Times, February 22, 2016

Kashmir has been able to develop a 'climate change action plan'. In a meeting held in August 2015, it was decided that the provinces would nominate focal persons for future correspondence on climate change. An implementation committee was also notified for reporting actions to be taken in priority areas and it was also decided that provinces, relevant ministries and divisions would submit short, medium and long-terms plans for climate change. However, the situation has not changed much as the minister restated old information to the house and reiterated the government's stance to push for improvement to counter the danger. MNA Tahir Iqbal asked about the measures taken by the government to control excess gases harmful for the environment. The minister replied that measures would be taken once the framework with the provinces was finalised.

ISLAMABAD - National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz has said empowerment of women is an important ingredient in building climate resilience. "Women are disproportionately vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters and climate change, where their rights and socio-economic status are not equal to those of men. Hence, empowerment of women is an important ingredient in building climate resilience," he said. at the inaugural address of roundtable on "Gender and Climate Vulnerabilities: Future Direction for Policy Research and Action", organised by Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan, in collaboration with Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), OXFAM Novib and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

He appreciated LEAD Pakistan's role in organising the discussion on the important nexus between gender and climate change, an issue which concerns broader segment of the society, especially vulnerable women. LEAD Pakistan CEO Ali Tauqeer Sheikh gave the welcome address and highlighted that women in Pakistan are increasingly getting affected from the impacts of climate change and there's a dire need to integrate gender into Climate Change.

The panel discussion facilitated by Ali Tauqeer informed that gender and equity are central to sustainable development with climate change having a gender differentiated impact, where women are disproportionately affected, there is a dire need to address gender inequality, which has become a serious challenge for achieving sustainable and equitable climate compatible development. "At the moment the world is grappling with two challenges. First is poverty, as half of world's population is below the poverty line, whereas the second is Climate Change. After COP21, if the world successfully limits global warming to 1.5 Degree Celsius, we'll experience up to 3 Degree Celsius rise in temperature, which will further make our population vulnerable to the impacts of Climate Change," he said. The panel comprised distinguished experts from the government, embassies, and development sector, including Dr Khawar Mumtaz, Member Board of Governors, LEAD Pakistan, and Former Chairperson, National Commission on Status of Women; Samar Minallah, Member Board of Governors, LEAD Pakistan, and Documentary Filmmaker & Anthropologist; Huma Chughtai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Human Rights; Leslie Tinney, First Secretary, Canadian High Commission; Dr Farhat Sheikh, Gender Advisor, Canadian High Commission; Seher Afsheen, Programme Manager, OXFAM Novib; Kay Schwendinger, Head of Resident Coordinator's Office, United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO); and Dr. Virginie la Masson, Research Officer, Social Development/Climate and Environment, Overseas Development Institute, London.

5.9-magnitude earthquake hits parts of K-P

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A moderate 5.9-magnitude earthquake shook parts of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa on Sunday, with tremors felt in different cities, but officials said there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties. The epicenter was in the Hindu Kush mountain range inside Afghanistan at a depth of 157 kilometers, senior Pakistani meteorological official Mushtaq Shah told AFP. The quake was felt in different northwestern cities and tribal regions including Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Swat and Bajaur. The US Geological Survey put the magnitude at 5.5. In October last year a 7.5-magnitude quake ripped across Pakistan and Afghanistan, killing almost 400 people and flattening buildings in rugged terrain that impeded relief efforts.

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LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Saturday the scope of Punjab Safe Cities Project would be expanded. The chief minister chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Law and Order that decided to make police stations across the province model police stations. Sharif said the first phase of Safe Cities Project would be completed in Lahore in October. He said the project would then be extended to Multan, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Gujranwala. "The cities will be made safer under the scheme... modern technology will be used to keep an eye on criminals," Sharif said. He ordered that able officials be recruited for the Integrated Command, Communication and Control Centre. The chief minister praised the performance of Punjab Safe City Authority Chief Operating Officer Akbar Nasir. He also approved a programme for model police stations. Sharif said the initiative would help address complaints more effectively. He said resources would be available to provide justice to the common man and improve the Police Department. The chief minister asked police to come up to the expectations of people. He said a digital monitoring system would be introduced to monitor the performance of model police stations. "Police will have to work diligently in order to curb crimes and protect the lives and properties of people. No efforts should be spared in this regard," he said. Law Minister Rana Sanaullah, Chief Minister's Special Assistant Rana Maqbool Ahmed, Chief Secretary Khizar Hayat Gondal, the IGP and the home secretary attended the meeting. MPA Jehangir Khanzada attended it from Attock via video link.

Street crime: Dolphin Force (almost) ready to serve

Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif will preside over the passing out of the first batch of the Dolphin Force by the end of March, officials in the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) told The Express Tribune. Dolphin Force, a new force within police, is an initiative of the provincial government. It has been modelled on the lines of the Turkish Dolphin Force. The force will be tasked with maintaining law and order, patrolling and curbing street crime in the city. "The training of the first batch is almost complete. It is ready to serve. The force will help curb street crime and make the provincial metropolis safer," a CMO official told The Express Tribune. Turkish experts have trained some 25 master trainers who were sent to Turkey to be trained. The trainers then trained around 700 police officials of the first batch with the assistance of the Turks. The force will be equipped with tailored heavy bikes and sophisticated weaponry. "Officials will be posted with regard to crime and crowd concentrations. The Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) has been working to geo-tag provincial crime data which will be used to deploy the officials. Their movement will be tracked by GPS. The officials will use bikes to patrol areas. This will enable them to pursue suspects across the city's narrow lanes with greater efficiency and effectiveness," another CMO official told The Express Tribune.

The force will consist of 1,800 constables, 60 ASIs, 15 SIs, four DSPs and an SP who will work in three shifts with 300 motorcycles. Other equipment being raised includes 10 minibuses for field support, 600 helmets, 600 body cameras, 200 GPS locators and 300 wireless radios. Force officials will be attired in a special uniform to distinguish them from regular police. The force will operate under the administrative control of the operations DIG. Confirming the near completion of the first batch's training, Operations DIG Haider Ashraf said its officials would be allotted 138 beats. He said policemen from regular police had been selected and trained for the first batch.

SHABQADAR: A tribal elder was gunned down while another was critically injured in an improvised explosive device blast, in Bajaur Agency. The elder from Mullah Said Banda in Salarzai tehsil, identified as Fazal, was known for supporting the government. He was on his way for morning prayers on Saturday when he was attacked and killed. The political administration confirmed his murder and was considering it an act of target killing. A tribal elder identified as Malik Noor Zada was injured in a blast in Kamangara, Nawagai subdivision. Noor Zada was wounded when an IED, which was planted along his route, exploded in Kacha Road area Saturday afternoon. He was rushed to Peshawar in critical condition. The Bajaur Agency administration official told The Express Tribune a search operation was carried out in both areas against suspect militants.

Gas explosion

In Aman Kot village, Barang tehsil, two children of a family died while two others were injured when gasses in a water tank exploded, local sources and a political administration official told The Express Tribune. They said Nooristan's two children, five-year-old Sadam and 10-year-old Raina, were killed when the blast occurred, while three other children were injured. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital where their condition was stated to be out of danger.

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to start much-awaited registration of Islamic seminaries in April. Even though the exercise has been long overdue under the National Action Plan (NAP), the government is considering a carrot and stick approach. The madrassas that cooperate with the government and register voluntarily will be offered 'incentives' while those that refuse to cooperate will not be entitled to any 'benefits', officials told The Express Tribune on Saturday, without elaborating. Before starting the exercise, the government will convene a meeting of all provincial chief ministers in March where they will be taken on board. Sources said the Ittehad Tanzeem-ul-Madaris, which oversees thousands of religious institutions in the country, has now no issues with the registration of seminaries as the new policy includes its input. Only a small group still has some reservations but all major stakeholders have agreed to registration, they added. Under the NAP devised after the 2014 Peshawar school massacre, the government

Uncertain situation: UN urges Pakistan to resolve Afghan refugees' status

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had decided to streamline religious schools across the country. Last year, the government had also started digital mapping of madrassas on agreed parameters with different seminary education authorities. The geo-tagging of these institutions has been completed in the Islamabad Capital Territory and Punjab.

According to official documents, Sindh has so far mapped 80% of the seminaries operating in the province with Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) and Balochistan following behind with 75% and 60%, respectively. These documents show the progress of NAP in the past six months. The digital mapping of madrassas includes information on the location, especially its GPS coordinates and proximity to other places. While the geo-tagging data contains only the physical location of the seminaries, the registration and data forms would include all sorts of information on the institutions' faculties and bank accounts. According to the progress report, 167 unregistered seminaries have been closed so far in Sindh, 13 in K-P and two in Punjab. None of the seminaries have been closed over suspicions of fuelling extremism. About 190 madrassas were found to be funded from abroad with 147 located in Punjab, six in Sindh, seven in K-P and 30 in Balochistan. The report also highlights a significant decline in terrorism and crime in Karachi. Targeted killing have gone down by 53%, homicides by 50%, terror attacks by 80% and robbery cases have come down by 30%. About 69,179 criminals have been arrested in the past six months, including 890 terrorists, 676 proclaimed offenders and 10,426 absconders, 124 kidnappers and 545 extortionists. Around 16,304 weapons have been seized during the ongoing Karachi operation.

KALABAT: A senior UN official has urged Pakistan to resolve the status of more than 2.5 million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan whose registration cards have expired or who remain unregistered. In December, registration cards providing temporary legal stay to more than 1.5 million Afghan refugees expired, and were granted a six-month extension by the government. But Afghans say they are hassled by police for carrying the expired cards, and members of the estimated one million Afghans who are still unregistered also face difficulties with the authorities, aid workers say. The issue is now before Pakistan's cabinet. UNHCR Assistant High Commissioner George Okoth-Obbo said his agency was engaged in 'continuing discussions' with the Pakistani government to resolve the population's uncertain situation. "We await with a lot of interest the decision of the government on those questions," Okoth-Obbo told Reuters during a Friday visit to Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. Since 2009, international donors have poured more than \$30 million into improving basic services in K-P communities that have hosted their neighbours for decades.

"People have hosted (the Afghan refugees) for over 35 years," Imran Zeb, Pakistan's chief commissioner for Afghan refugees, told Reuters after a ceremony inaugurating one of three schools in the area to have been refurbished with aid money. Pakistan is committed to helping refugees voluntarily get back to Afghanistan, Zeb said, but: "There is definitely some host fatigue." The government is trying to improve education and opportunities for the 70 per cent of the refugees who are under 25 so they 'can do something positive' and not fall into crime or recruitment by "elements that are not desirable," he said. With security in Afghanistan deteriorating over the past year, many of the Afghans living in the Kalabat area have no interest in going home anytime soon. "We have no option... We don't have land. Where should we go?" asked Jawlai, a mother of five children who fled to Pakistan in the 1980s and, like many Afghans, uses only one name. "When the war is finished, then we'll go," she said.

16 suspects held in Karachi raids

The News, February 28, 2016

KARACHI: Police and intelligence agencies on Sunday arrested 16 suspects including two activists of a political party during raids conducted in different parts of the metropolis. Sources said acting on a tip off personnel of an intelligence agency took Rizwan alias Bayya and Khurram into custody on the charges of extortion. Political affiliation of the suspects was yet to be known. 11 more suspects were arrested during a search operation in Pakistan Bazaar area of Orangi Town. The police said arms were also recovered from the possession of the suspects. Two drug peddlers identified as Muinuddin and Ayaz Ali were held in a raid in Sohrab Goth while a suspect was taken into custody following an exchange of fire in Rizvia Society area of Karachi.

At least 19 terrorists, four security personnel killed in Shawal gunbattle

The Express Tribune, February 27, 2016

NEWS DESK: At least 19 terrorists were killed and four security forces personnel, including an officer, lost their lives during a gunbattle with terrorists near the Pak-Afghan border on Saturday. The ground forces had surrounded a group of fleeing militants in Mangroti area, Shawal valley of North Waziristan, and killed 19 of them during intense exchange of fire, the army's media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said in a statement. On February 24, Pakistan Army had launched its final phase of Operation Zarb-e-Azb to go after the terrorists still holed up in the strategic valley. At the commencement of the phase, Army chief General Raheel Sharif expressed his complete satisfaction over the gains and effects of the operation and acknowledged the resolve of troops to eliminate terrorists from their leftover sanctuary.

Zarb-e-Azb began on June 15, 2014 following a brazen terrorist attack on Karachi airport and the failure of peace talks between the government and the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Most areas of the erstwhile safe haven of homegrown and foreign militants have been purged. Tens of thousands of tribesmen displaced by fighting have started returning to their homes in the areas cleared by the military. Shawal valley in Datta Khel tehsil is situated on the confluence of borders between North and South Waziristan tribal regions. It also shares a border with neighbouring Afghanistan and thus offers a safe transit for terrorists.

Pakistan Army is the best army: General Raheel

The Express Tribune, February 26, 2016

NEWS DESK: In a rare admission, Army chief General Raheel Sharif on Friday said Pakistan Army is the best army in the world. "With our current achievements in the ongoing war on terror and standard of conventional war, ours is the best army," General Raheel said, according to DG ISPR Lt Gen Asim Bajwa. The army chief said Pakistan should remain ready for a full spectrum of threat. "We have to remain ready for full spectrum of threat-morale of troops sky high, combat fitness commended," the head of the military's media wing said on Twitter while quoting the army

Afghan national among 50 suspects held in Peshawar

The News, February 26, 2016

82 suspects apprehended in Peshawar, Nowshera Army Chief lauds troops' training standard at military exercise

The News, February 25, 2016

Over 250 madrassas shut down countrywide

The Express Tribune, February 25, 2016

Rangers kill three 'terrorists' in alleged Karachi encounter

Daily Dawn, February 24, 2016

chief. The army chief's statements came as he monitored an exercise of the Pakistan Army's Bahawalpur & Multan Corps which ended Friday morning in Cholistan desert. Earlier, the army chief had an Ariel view of the offensive manoeuvres during the military drills onboard a combat attack helicopter.

PESHAWAR: Over 50 suspected persons including an Afghan national were arrested during the search operation conducted by security forces and police in Peshawar early on Friday morning. According to sources, during the joint action conducted by police and security forces in Yakatoot and its adjacent areas, over 50 suspected persons including an Afghan national were taken into custody. Police also seized five pistols, one Kalashnikov and hundreds of cartridges from their possession. The detained persons were shifted to the Agha Mirjani police station.

Fifty suspects were arrested in Yakatoot area of Peshawar and 32 in Nowshera. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 82 suspects were arrested in Peshawar and Nowshera on Friday. Fifty suspects were arrested in Yakatoot area of Peshawar and thirty-two in Nowshera.

RAWALPINDI: Lauding training standards of participating troops in ongoing exercises of Bahawalpur and Multan formations in the Cholistan desert, Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif on Thursday expressed satisfaction over operational preparedness of the Army. The Chief of Army Staff (COAS) is on a two-day visit to Bahawalpur and Multan to witness the military exercises, said a statement issued here by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). Speaking to the participating troops, he said all available means must be utilized to improve the operational capability of the Army to effectively respond to full spectrum of threat. "Strenuous training and highest standard of preparedness in peacetime are the only guarantors of peace," he said. The Army Chief visited training area near Fort Abbas and Dingarh and witnessed training exercise of Bahawalpur Corps wherein the operational capability of the field formations was being tested in near war environment, to validate the new war fighting concept.

The exercise involves large scale integrated maneuvers of infantry, mechanized forces, combat aviation and Pakistan Air Force (PAF). On arrival in the field area, Gen Raheel was given a detailed briefing on the aim and objectives of ongoing exercise by the Field Commander. The scope of the exercise includes offensive and defensive maneuvers by Army to ensure complete dominance of the battlefield. The formations and units have been undergoing this exercise under strenuous field conditions for over one month now and the final phase of the exercise along with the validation is underway. Earlier, the COAS inaugurated the newly constructed Church and soldiers mess at Bahawalpur garrison. He was received by Corps Commander Lieutenant General Javed Iqbal on arrival in Bahawalpur.

ISLAMABAD: The government has shut down 254 suspected and unregistered madrassas across the country, the lower house of parliament was told on Wednesday. One hundred sixty-seven suspected seminaries in Sindh, 13 in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, two in Punjab, and 72 unregistered madrassas in Sindh have been closed, Minister of State for Interior & Narcotics Control Balighur Rehman told the National Assembly in response to a query by Pakistan Peoples Party MNA Shahida Rehmani. The minister shared the government's measures to curb sectarian violence under the National Action Plan, their implementation and the results achieved until February 16. "The government is countering hate speech and banning dissemination of extremist material."

Results

So far 2,471 cases have been registered, 2,345 people arrested and 73 shops involved in the business sealed, Rehman told the house. On misuse of loudspeakers, he said 9,945 cases had been registered, 10,177 people arrested and 2,664 devices confiscated. This information prompted Shahida to ask about action against Lal Masjid cleric Abdul Aziz's hate speeches, to which the minister said action had been taken in accordance with the law. NA Deputy Speaker Javed Abbasi asked Rehman to hand over the FIR against Aziz to the PPP lawmaker. Regarding registration and regulation of seminaries, the state minister said the government had completed 100% mapping on agreed parameters in Islamabad and Punjab. Eighty per cent of the mapping exercise has been completed in Sindh, followed by 75% in K-P and 60% in Balochistan, he added. "There are 190 foreign-funded seminaries in the country, of which 147 are in Punjab, 30 in Balochistan, seven in K-P and six in Sindh."

Plans

Rehman told the house that the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill 2015 was also being considered to strengthen the federal and provincial governments to effectively curb sectarian violence, extremism and propagation of hate material. He said action had been initiated against authors, publishers and retailers circulating hate material. The government was also working on removing objectionable material from textbooks. "Similarly, the PM's Youth Loan Programme is targeting youth to tackle the menace of terrorism." The minister said NAP was being pursued through vigorous monitoring by the federal and provincial governments to eliminate sectarian violence in the country. He said the government measures included countering hate speech and extremist material, dismantling communication networks of terrorists, and ending sectarian terrorism.

KARACHI: Three suspected terrorists were killed in a shootout with Rangers in the Manghopir area of Karachi on Wednesday, said a spokesman for the paramilitary force. The spokesman said Rangers personnel started a search operation in Manghopir on reports about the presence of some terrorists. The raid turned into an exchange of gunfire. "The armed men in the hideouts attacked the Rangers team when they were taking positions following a tip-off about the presence of terrorists in the area; more forces were called in to join the operation and after an exchange of gunfire three terrorists were killed. They all belonged to a banned outfit," said the spokesman. He claimed that the suspects, who are yet to be identified, were involved in a missile attack on

NCA expresses satisfaction over security of strategic assets, nuclear installations

The Express Tribune, February 24, 2016

IED blast injures five FC personnel in South Waziristan

The Express Tribune, February 24, 2016

BCom student, another TTP suspect held in Karachi

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Last bastion of terrorists being cleared in North Waziristan: army chief

The Express Tribune, February 24, 2016

Razmak Cadet College besides taking part in the murder of at least 50 army men and 12 police officers. The 'operation' against criminal elements in Pakistan's commercial hub was initiated back in September 2013 after the federal cabinet empowered Rangers to lead a targeted advance with the support of police against criminals already identified by federal military and civilian agencies for their alleged involvement in targeted killings, kidnappings for ransom, extortion and terrorism in Karachi. A high-level apex committee meeting chaired by the Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif on May 14, 2015 had decided to implement effective policing and surveillance in the "vast suburbs of Karachi", to prevent what the military spokesperson said were "sneaking terrorist attacks".

ISLAMABAD: The National Command Authority (NCA) has expressed satisfaction over measures to ensure highly effective security of strategic assets and installations, a statement said on Wednesday. "NCA reposed full confidence in the reliable command and control system of the national strategic capability and appreciated the high standard of operational preparedness of the strategic forces," the statement, which was released after the 22nd meeting of NCA under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, read. The high-level huddle was attended by defence, finance and interior ministers along with the chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Army Chief General Raheel Sharif. The meeting took a comprehensive review of the regional and international security environment, and took note of the growing weapons' development in the region. Those present in the meeting reiterated the policy of full spectrum deterrence, maintaining that the nuclear capability is the factor of stability in South Asia.

"Acknowledging the services and professionalism displayed by the scientists and engineers, NCA congratulated them for the recent successful tests of various ballistic and cruise missile systems," the statement stated. The authority was also briefed on the impending Nuclear Security Summit, scheduled to be held in Washington DC, during which those present ratified the Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material. "It was re-affirmed that, as a responsible nuclear state, Pakistan would continue to contribute meaningfully towards the global efforts to improve nuclear security and nuclear non-proliferation measures," the statement added.

PESHAWAR: At least five Frontier Corps (FC) personnel were injured in a remote-controlled blast in South Waziristan on Wednesday. According to security sources, an improvised explosive device (IED) targeting an FC convoy exploded in Tani Village, leaving five personnel wounded. Soon after the blast security forces initiated a search operation in the area. The attack took place hours before Army Chief General Raheel Sharif arrived in Shawal area of North Waziristan to review the progress of operation Zarb-e-Azb. During the visit, General Raheel was briefed by the operation commander regarding operational gains made so far and the impending operations, the military's spokesperson Lt-Gen Asim Bajwa confirmed. General Raheel also directed troops participating in the operation to commence forthwith the last phase of the operation in North Waziristan, which aims at clearing the remnants of terrorists from their hideouts in deeply forested ravines.

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department of police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested two Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan suspects including a BCom student. The student, Fahad Javed alias Mulla, and Mohammed Arsalan were arrested in the area of Hub River Road near Shell Petrol Pump in Baldia Town, said Dr Sanaullah Abbasi, additional inspector general of the CTD police. Fahad Javed was a resident of Bilal Colony, said the officer. "The held suspects got militancy training in Waziristan and also remained active with the TTP in Waziristan in Pakistan and Afghanistan, respectively," added the Sindh CTD chief. Earlier in the year 2013, their accomplice, identified as Marafullah, was killed in an 'encounter' by the CID police. "This group is allegedly involved in the killing of 30 people."

"The held suspects were trying to regroup after the death of their leader, Umar, in a drone attack," said Dr Abbasi, adding that they collected donations for a 'Jihadi cell' in Karachi University. However, the chairperson of the KU commerce department said he was unaware about any such arrest. He added that the university did not hold BCom classes though several colleges affiliated with the university did offer this programme to their students. Meanwhile, the CTD chief asked academic institutes to conduct scrutiny or verification of their students through the special branch of police and intelligence agencies and develop their own 'intelligence network' on the campus to keep a watchful eye on such elements.

NEWS DESK: Army Chief General Raheel Sharif on Wednesday visited Shawal area of North Waziristan to review the progress of operation Zarb-e-Azb. During the visit, General Raheel was briefed by the operation commander regarding operational gains made thus far and the impending operations, the military's spokesperson Lt Gen Asim Bajwa confirmed. "The army chief was also briefed about the deeply forested ravines of Shawal Valley and the area ahead of Data Khel which have been frequent infiltration routes of terrorists between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and are now the last bastion of terrorists left in North Waziristan," Bajwa said in a series of tweets. Further, General Raheel also directed troops participating in Operation Zarb-e-Azb to commence forthwith the last phase of the operation in North Waziristan, which aims at clearing the remnants of terrorists from their hideouts in deeply forested ravines. "The last phase aims at isolating terrorists and and indiscriminately severing their links with their abettors across the country," COAS told the troops.

Expressing satisfaction over the gains and effects of the operation, General Raheel acknowledged the resolve of troops to fully eliminate terrorists from their left over sanctuary. He lauded their morale, paying tribute to their resilience and sacrifice. "Sacrifices of soldiers will not go to waste and we will achieve the ultimate goal of a terror free Pakistan," General Raheel said. Upon his arrival in Shawal, General Raheel was received by Lieutenant General Hidayat Ur Rehman, Commander 11 Corps Peshawar. Pakistan Army launched Operation Zarb-e-Azb on June 15, 2014 following a deadly attack on the Karachi airport after talks with the Tehreek-e-

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Eight 'terrorists' killed in Karachi shootout

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Taliban Pakistan failed. Over a year after it began, General Raheel Sharif confirmed that the operation was in its final stages as most of the terrorists in the region had been eliminated.

NEWS DESK: Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari has said incidents of terrorism, sectarian violence and unrest in Balochistan are part of a larger conspiracy to destabilise Pakistan. "Taliban, other terrorist and criminal organisations as well as separatists are working to destabilise the country at the behest of their foreign masters," he said in a statement issued from Dubai on Tuesday. Organised crimes in Karachi coupled with extortion and inciting terror at educational institutions are part of a mischievous plan of our enemies, Zardari added. While admiring the Army Chief General Raheel Sharif's decision to refuse an extension in his tenure, the PPP leader called for taking the war on terror to its logical conclusion.

"The nation is united, hopeful and is counting on the success of the war against terrorism with the leadership's consistency and resilience of armed forces playing a major role," Zardari said. The nation and army, he said, are fighting this war shoulder-to-shoulder. The PPP co-chairman also called for dispelling any rumours against the cause. "Certain quarters are pointing out the military's role in political matters, accountability and national affairs should refrain from doing so." Pakistan Army should be given credit for its significant achievements in leading decisive operation Zarb-e-Azb which has surely broken the backbone of terrorists, Zardari said, adding that the entire nation is fully cognisant of this fact and stood by them.

RAWALPINDI: In line with the Supreme Court directives, the regional police officer (RPO) Rawalpindi on Monday demoted 121 police officials by withdrawing their out-of-turn promotions. Last week 96 police officials were demoted by RPO Mohammad Wisal Fakhar Sultan Raja while out-of-turn promotions of 197 officials were withdrawn by City Police Officer (CPO) Israr Ahmed Abbasi. So far, 414 officials have been demoted in the Rawalpindi division. The apex court on January 26, 2016, directed the Punjab government to withdraw all the out-of-turn promotions or gallantry awards granted to the police personnel within four weeks and that their seniority should be re-fixed. The RPO formed a seven-member committee, headed by SSP Sikandar Hayat, to review the cases of police officials/officers who had got out-of-turn promotions and other benefits.

In light of the committee's recommendations, the police officials were demoted while their seniority would be re-fixed later, said a notification issued by the RPO. Among the 121 officials demoted on Monday, 18 were sub-inspectors, 14 assistant sub-inspectors, 61 head constables and 28 constables. As many as 40 of the demoted officials had already retired from service while one official was sacked. The demotion has created an uncertainty among police personnel about their future. However, SSP Sikandar Hayat said all the demoted officials would be working on their existing posts until their seniority was re-affixed.

SAHIWAL: Two death row convicts were executed in the Central Jail of Sahiwal early on Tuesday morning. According to the jail sources, both convicts were involved in murder. The first convict hanged early on Tuesday was Faiz, who had killed Barkat in 1992. The second death row convict person was Ramzan. He was involved in the killing of three women in 2004 over property dispute.

PESHAWAR: Over 100 suspected persons including 12 Afghan national were arrested during the search operation conducted by security forces and police in Peshawar early on Tuesday morning. According to sources, search operation was carried out within the limits of Gulburg, Dawoodzai and Sarband police stations. During the joint action conducted by police and security forces, over 100 suspected persons including 12 Afghan national were taken into custody. Police also seized 2 kg narcotics, three pistols and dozens cartridges from the possession of suspects.

ISPR says 8 hideouts destroyed in the strikes. In North Waziristan, fifteen terrorists have been killed in aerial strikes at Data Khel near Pak-Afghan border. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), eight terrorist hideouts were destroyed in the strikes.

KARACHI: Eight suspected militants were killed during an alleged exchange of fire with the law enforcement agencies in the outskirts of the city on Monday evening. The militants were killed during a joint operation by police and the intelligence agencies, after a raid was conducted at the hideout of alleged terrorists near Pipri, Bin Qasim Town, Malir. The police claim they faced retaliation from the terrorists, when they were surrounding the area. More law enforcers were called at the site and after a shootout that lasted of two hours, eight terrorists were killed. The suspects' accomplices managed to flee the scene, said SSP Rao Anwar. Police seized huge cache of explosives, weapons from their possession, police uniforms and suicide jackets from their possession. The bodies of the militants and the injured police officers were taken to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre for autopsies and medical treatment. Five of the eight terrorists who were gunned down were later identified as Sohail, Khalil, Bilal, Talha and Abdul Salam. Their bodies were shifted to Edhi morgue in Sohrab Goth.

Other militants have yet to be identified. However, SSP Anwar claimed that the killed militants belonged to the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) and alQaeda in the Indian Subcontinent. According to the police, these were involved in the targeted killings of three deputy superintends of police (DSPs) in Karachi, while the weapons seized from their possession seemed to be the officials' weapons which they snatched from the police officials. "Our four jawans [cops] were also wounded by the firing of the terrorists," claimed SSP Anwar. "The raid was conducted on the information provided by Naeem Bukhari and Farooq Bhatti." The arrests of Naeem Bukhari, LeJ Karachi chief, Sabir Khan alias Munna, the deputy chief of LeJ Karachi chapter and Farooq Bhatti alias Musanna, the deputy of the Afghanistan-based leader of alQaeda in South Asia, were disclosed by the military on February 12.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister, Syed Qaim Ali Monday ordered IG Sindh Ghulam Hyder Jamali to take effective steps to put a check on brief kidnappings of the citizens and the Madaris

kidnappings

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36 suspects detained in Peshawar

The News, February 22, 2016

Indefinite curfew imposed across Mohmand Agency following terror threats

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(religious seminaries) operating illegally in Mirpurkhas and Umerkot. The CM Sindh issued the directives while presiding over a meeting of the provincial cabinet here at CM House. He also ordered to expedite action against illegal migrants and enhance cooperation between police and Rangers. Qaim Ali Shah directed the Sindh Chief Secretary to speed up the setting up of 10 more anti-terrorism courts in the province. Briefing the meeting, the IG Sindh informed that two more suspects, identified as Ibrahim and Abdul Basit, have been rounded up in connection with the bomb blast in Jacobabad. He said the are affiliated with the proscribed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

The IG said that 3 members of Al-Qaeda, 177 of TTP and 200 involved in Lyari gang-war have been killed in separate raids in Karachi. Ghulam Hyder Jamali said the legal committee has approved 35 cases for sending to the military courts while 21 more cases were being reviewed. He said the military courts have already awarded punishments to the criminals involved in three cases including attacks on polio vaccination teams, Rangers and police personnel. The IG told the meeting that proceedings were underway for 3,949 cases in anti-terrorism courts while punishments have been awarded in 45 cases.

PESHAWAR: Over 36 suspected persons including three Afghan nationals were detained during search operation conducted by security forces and police in Peshawar late on Sunday night. According to sources, during the joint action conducted by police and security forces, 36 suspected persons including three Afghan citizens were taken into custody from Karkhano market at the border of Khyber Agency and Peshawar. Police also seized 1-kg explosive material and six bottles of wine from their possession. Due to the security concerns, curfew has been imposed in Mohmand Agency and Banu-Miranshah road for indefinite period.

SHABQADAR: The political administration has clamped a curfew in Mohmand Agency, one of the seven quasi districts that make up the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata), citing potential security threats. "After the recent incidents of violence which included improvised explosive device (IED) attacks and more recently the killing of nine Khasadar officials on last Friday, a curfew has been clamped in the agency," a senior political administration official told The Express Tribune on Monday. A local teacher from a government-run school said on the condition of anonymity that they had been told by the authorities not to sit in groups within the school premises. "We have even been asked to keep a watchful eye on the school's non-teaching staff last week," he added. All education institutions, hospitals and local and government buildings remained shut throughout the day.

Meanwhile, officials of the political administration upheld that the reason behind the curfew was to maintain law and order in the area. The officials said the curfew will remain imposed for an indefinite period of time. The connecting road from Ekkaghund till Mamad Gat also remained closed for all sorts of traffic with commuters advised to use the alternate route from Lower Dir for travelling. In 2009, operation Brekhna was launched in the Agency and by 2011 the tribes people were asked to repatriate. While Mohmand remains a denotified area and official stats do not show any IDP's from the area, there are hundreds of families that have not gone back to the area and remain outside the Agency owing to the precarious law and order situation prevailing in the area.

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ISLAMABAD: Based on the existing high tax rates, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) recommended on Friday up to 12 per cent reduction in prices of all petroleum products, except kerosene oil, for the month of March. In a summary sent to the government, Ogra said that a substantial reduction in oil prices had been witnessed in international market in February. The benefit of this decline in prices should be passed on to consumers, it said. In its working paper, the regulator recommended a reduction of 11.9pc in the price of petrol, 6.2pc in that of high speed diesel (HSD), 3.95pc in that of high octane blending component (HOBC) and 4.93pc in that of light diesel oil (LDO). Ogra proposed an increase of about 3.8pc in the price of kerosene. An official said that prices of petroleum products could be brought down by up to 55pc if the general sales tax rate was reverted to the normal 17pc, but the government had continued to offset losses in revenue collection through the highest-ever tax rates on them. He said that prices of crude oil and allied products had declined by 15 to 18pc in the international market. Ogra has formulated its working paper on the basis of the existing tax rates under instructions from Finance Minister Ishaq Dar. The federal petroleum minister promised in his recent public statements that benefit from the decline in international prices of the products would be passed on to the consumers.

The final prices will be announced on Monday after approval by the prime minister. Based on the existing tax rates and PSO purchases from the international market, Ogra worked out a reduction of Rs8.48 per litre in the ex-depot price of petrol (motor gasoline) for March to Rs62.77 from the existing Rs71.25. It recommended that the ex-depot price of HSD be brought down by Rs4.67 to Rs71.12 from Rs75.79 per litre. It also worked out ex-depot price of light diesel oil at Rs37.97 per litre, down by Rs1.97 from Rs39.94. Likewise, Ogra calculated the price of high octane blending component at Rs72.62 per litre instead of Rs75.60 — a decrease of Rs2.98. Ogra proposed that ex-depot price of kerosene be increased by Rs1.66 per litre to Rs44.91 from the existing Rs43.25. Currently, the government is collecting about Rs25 per litre on petrol in the form of a fixed sales tax of Rs14.58 and Rs10 as petroleum development levy. Similarly, the government is collecting about Rs38 per litre in taxes on HSD, including a fixed sales tax of Rs29.57. Petrol and high speed diesel are the two major products which generate most of the revenue in the oil sector. The HSD sale across the country on an average is 600,000 tons per month against the consumption of around 400,000 tons of petrol, while kerosene sales are less than 10,000 tons and those of the HOBC less than 6,000 tons.

LAHORE: The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Friday sealed a pickle factory, eateries and restaurants besides imposing fine on others for flouting hygiene standards and rules/regulations. According to a spokesperson, a special PFA team headed by director Ayesha Mumtaz sealed a pickle factory (Pearl Foods) in Madina Colony in Allama Iqbal Town. The officials in Shalimar Town sealed Fri-Chicks at Ghaas Mandi while the Gulberg Town's PFA team sealed Pak Tent and Catering Service near Kalma Chowk. Samanabad Town's PFA officials sealed Hafiz Sweets and imposed fine on Ghaffar Nan Shop in Shera Kot while another team in Aziz Bhatti Town imposed fine on Village Restaurant. Meanwhile, various price control magistrates on Friday got arrested at least 90 shopkeepers and imposed fine of Rs55,500 on several others for overcharging, hoarding and selling substandard commodities.

KARACHI: The water and board has announced that the water supply will remain suspended for around seven hours on Saturday from 10am to 5pm due to a repair work at the Dhabeji pumping station. The K-electric would carry out the repair work. Almost all areas of the metropolis will be affected by the short-supply of water. People have been asked to use water carefully.

KARACHI: A leading eye care hospital working with a vision to eliminate blindness across the country has achieved distinction by conducting fifty-six corneal transplant operations in one month. Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospital has upgraded facility to conduct at least fifty corneal transplants every month and so far 235 operations have been conducted successfully since July 2015, said a senior official of Al-Shifa Trust. The trust has emerged as the only facility in Pakistan to operate such a large number of patients, which is a great achievement, said President of the hospital, Lt General (r) Hamid Javed. While briefing a group of journalists, he said that the success would not have been possible without the sincere efforts of all the staff, especially that of Prof Wajid Ali Khan, the Chief Consultant of Al-Shifa Trust who is recognised globally for his expertise in corneal grafting. He said that the facility will be further improved with special attention on corneal transplant and refractive surgery. A cornea transplant is an operation used to remove all or part of a damaged cornea and replace it with healthy cornea tissue from the eye of a suitable donor, he informed. Over seventy percent patients are treated free of cost by the trust therefore it is impossible to provide matchless service without the continuous support of community, he added. Lt Gen Hamid Javed said that corneal transplant is a specialized treatment which require corneal donations and nothing gives us more pleasure than becoming a source through which blind get their sight back. Worldwide 45 million people are blind while 80 percent of blindness is preventable which deserve attentions of government, donors and general population. Al-Shifa Trust Eye Hospitals shine in these surgeries as 1,500 patients with corneal disease have been operated and cured in one decade. Our aspiration has always remained bigger than resources, but there is acute shortage of donor corneas which require masse awareness as this amounts to donating sight to others.

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Friday fined branches of three banks in Barakau area due to poor security arrangements. Askari Bank, HBL and Allied Bank were amongst those who were fined on inappropriate security arrangements. According to the reports, Assistant Commissioner (Sectt) Capt (r) Waqas Rashid inspected Askari Bank, Habib Bank and

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Allied Bank Barakhu branches on complaint by SHO Barakahu. The ICT administration team heavily fined these branches for not ensuring requisite security measures to secure their premises and the visitors. The team observed that CCTVs cameras were out of order, lesser number of security guards were employed, there were no protective shields for guards and no fire alarm system was installed in the said banks. Cases have been registered against the managers of the banks under Shops and Establishment (Security) Act 1999. The managers had assured to complete the deficiencies and observations within a period of 15 days.

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab government has accorded approval to run feeder buses in Rawalpindi to help citizens have easy access to metro bus stations. The approval was given at a meeting held in Lahore chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. The feeder buses will run from Kalma Chowk, Dhok Syedan Chowk, Swan Pull, Dhok Kala Khan, Airport Road, Railway Station and other areas. MNA Malik Ibrar Ahmad said that the Punjab chief minister has issued directives to complete the work on the project at the earliest.

ISLAMABAD: Capital's Deputy Mayor Chaudhry Rifat Javed has vowed to eliminate land mafia from the federal capital territory. Rifat said on Friday that he aims to correct the functioning of the land revenue department to make it more dynamic in capital. The deputy mayor said that he would also focus on resolving the longstanding issues of rural and urban residents to bridge the gap between the 'have and have nots'. He said that the people have elected us on the condition that their issues would be resolved at the earliest." Chaudhry Rifat said that all lacking facilities would be provided to the residents of rural areas in capital. Overseas Pakistanis would also be invited to participate in festivals to seek their help and to acquaint them with the local culture.

KARACHI: Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH) Karachi's telephone connections have been disconnected once again due to non-payment, it was learned on Friday. An official at Karachi Metropolitan Corporation said that ASH has 40 telephone connections out of which 30 had been disconnected over non-payment of the bills. He said Karachi Metropolitan Corporation's finance department had not paid the hospital's telephone bills amounting to Rs 0.8 million since last few months due to financial crisis; therefore, telephones connections of the healthcare had been disconnected. He further said the telephone connection of various departments had been disconnected on default in payment. The hospital management had been facing acute shortage medicines, while food supply to the patients had also been stopped due financial issues since last few years. The official said Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) had also issued warning to the hospital administration to clear its outstanding dues amounting to over Rs 10 million; otherwise, the gas supply to the hospital would be disconnected within a week. "The contractor supplying oxygen to the hospital has also been demanding early release of his dues," the official said. ASH's Medical Superintendent Dr Azfar Moid confirmed that the hospital's telephone connections had been disconnected over non-payment. He said the hospital administration was unable to clear dues because of financial crisis.

ISLAMABAD: The City School (TCS) nursery and pre-junior branch held an "Open Day" as part of an emotional experience for children and parents. The cheerful morning encompassing the essence of sentiments was held on Friday. Principal Moazzam Munawar Sheikh was the chief guest and he appreciated the effort of teachers. TCS Nursery Branch Head Mistress Romana Zaidi said, "A parent will get a feeling when they walk in and that often dictates which school they choose for their child." With many attendees from the school including guests, the event was completely organised by the school management for their students, teachers and parents. The students enlivened the event with songs, music, face painting, bookstalls and science projects.

ISLAMABAD: Nepotism and irregularities continue in National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) with regard to extension of temporary employees services. Muhammad Saim, who was dismissed in the tenure of former director general Tariq Malik over corruption charges, is working with Federal Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and drawing a salary from NADRA. According to a report obtained by Online, NADRA Chairman Usman Mubeen has been "awarded" for being a classmate of Ali Sadiq, son of National Assembly Speaker Ayaz Sadiq. At the same time, many people are being hired despite not meeting the criteria for their posts. Two days ago non-bailable warrants were issued for NADRA Deputy Director Muhammad Faisal Hamid who was involved in hiring an Afghan national in the authority. Last year 86,000 fake national ID cards were cancelled. Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on January 7 submitted in National Assembly that no illegal appointment was made in NADRA. However, a report unearthed corruption by NADRA management during general elections of 2013. A total of 450 employees who were inducted into the authority during elections were fired in 2015, and some of them have been reappointed on references of influential people. While talking to Online, dozens of employees said they were fired from jobs for not having any powerful references. The report said that contracts of several employees were extended while some were merged into the authority. Sources said Aleena Waheed was appointed as a software developer despite having a BS degree in economics. Apart from this several employees were hired on high salaries. DG Administration Tahir Ikram is being accused of holding a fake degree, and according to sources he was reinstated to his post over the reference of NADRA chairman. Syed Ali Sherazi, who was appointed as an internee in 2011, was illegally promoted to T-4. Interestingly, he was given another promotion from T-4 to T-7 and his salary was increased by 800 percent. By law, T-4 employees get salary of Rs 25,000, while Syed Ali Sheraz is getting Rs 80,000 per month. After getting promotion to T-7, his salary was increased to Rs 612,000, while according to law an officer of his grade gets Rs 65,500 per month.

KARACHI: The Defence Housing Authority (DHA) and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Turst (SKMT) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Wednesday to establish a cancer hospital in Karachi. Under the MoU, DHA City Karachi (DCK) will provide land to SKMT for establishment of a cancer hospital in the port city. Speaking on the occasion, DHA Karachi administrator Brigadier

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Zubair Ahmed said that establishment of a cancer hospital in DHA City Karachi is indeed a gift to the people of the metropolis and a great service to humanity. He said that the state-of-the-art cancer treatment facility is reflection of the trust of people in the institution and administration of DHA. SKMT chief executive officer Dr Faisal Sultan said that the cancer hospital being established at DCK will be the most advanced and modern cancer treatment facility that will have the biggest oncology centre in the country and state-of-the-art chemotherapy and radiation treatment centres. He added that the location of cancer hospital at DCK is best suited for the needy people from both the provinces of Sindh and Balochistan. People who attended the ceremony appreciated the establishment of the cancer hospital at DHA City Karachi and termed it a milestone for cure of cancer patients.

KARACHI: City's nominated mayor Wasim Akhtar has said that crisis of clean water and garbage collection is deepening with every passing day in the port city. After assuming charge as mayor, provision of clean water and improving cleanliness in city will be his first priority. He was speaking at the closing ceremony of three-day Pak Water Expo organised by Prime Event Management with support of Pakistan Standards Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) in Expo Centre Karachi here on Thursday. "City is converting in a garbage station. If issue of mayor-ship of Karachi is resolved, provision of clean drinking water and maintenance of cleanliness will be my first priority," Akhtar said. He said that common people and industrialists are suffering due to water shortage and absence of cleanliness in the city but none of parties enjoyed government put an ear to their woes. "The Sindh government was least interested to delegate powers of mayor and eyeing on new fiscal budget," he lamented.

KARACHI: The Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machines of three major hospitals have been not functioning since last several days, causing grave inconvenience among the patients with psychological and neurological problems, sources said on Thursday. The MRI machines of two major hospitals Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre and Abbasi Shaheed Hospital are non-functional since last two weeks due to some fault, while MRI machine in Civil Hospital Karachi has been lying out of order since one month owing to some technical fault which has doubled the miseries of visiting and admitted patients, added sources. The patients with psychological and neurological diseases and bones problems have been left on the mercy on private laboratories. An official at Civil Hospital Karachi confirmed that MRI machine was lying out of order since last one month, causing grave inconvenience to patients. He said dozens of patients were being tested for MRI with complaints of problems in brain, spinal cord, and bones every day in the past in the healthcare free of cost but due to fault in machine, the majority of under treatment and visiting patients had been compelled to pay heavy fees for tests carried out by some private hospitals in the city. The patients used to get this facility free of cost at CHK, while Abbasi Shaheed Hospital and Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center management charged Rs 1,500 to 3,000 in the name of service charges. The poor patients had been compelled to pay heavy fees for tests in private hospitals. When contacted, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) Health and Medical Services Director Dr Salma Kusar said ASH administration had not brought the issue into her notice that MRI machine is not functioning in healthcare. She vowed to address the issue at the earliest.

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE), under its operation against power defaulters and thieves, conducted 75 raids and cut off around 5,000 hook connections in different vicinities of the city. In a press statement issued on Thursday, the power utility said its teams raided a number of areas in in Orangi, Lyari, Clifton, Bahadurabad, Saddar, Garden, Liaqatabad, Gulshan e Iqbal, Orangi, Uthal and Site and seized wire weighed over 1,350 kg. 1,147 connections were disconnected only in the areas of Orangi, Lyari, Uthal, Baldia and SITE for the outstanding dues of Rs 83 million. The power utility, with the help of law enforcement agencies, conducted a massive hook removal drive in the high loss area of Baldia where seven PMTs were raided and 300 connections were disconnected on spot. A residential consumer in Apsara Apartment was caught red handed using electricity through illegal means. An FIR was also launched in this case. In another case, a travel agency in Gulshan-e-Iqbal was raided where around 6 KW load was being used illegally. The lines were disconnected in both the cases and penalty was charged on the spot. KE spokesman said, "We would like to inform our media friends that from areas where illegal connections are being removed along with illegal PMTs, the culprits resort to protests and block roads which is uncalled for. We are conducting these raids round-the-clock and these are done after thorough investigation. We would again like to thank our good customers who are pin-pointing the exact locations as well, and it makes it easier for us to target those involved in electricity theft." Several illegal connections of the defaulters were also disconnected against heavy dues in Naz Plaza, Jinnah Plaza, Mayfair Centre, Saddar Bazar, Burns Road, Hijrat Colony and Railway Colony.

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Education Department has regularised 149 educators after their contract and probation period was completed, a source said. They included 72 female and 77 male educators who were inducted in 2012 on contract basis. According to the source, the case seeking regularisation of these educators was presented before education department of Punjab on the demand of Punjab Educator Teachers' Association (PETA). The order for regularisation of service of these educators was issued following the completion of paper work.

ISLAMABAD: Marvi Memon, chairperson of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), on Thursday chaired the 25th meeting of the BISP board at the BISP Secretariat in the federal capital. It was the 4th board meeting since she assumed the office of the BISP chairperson in February 2015. Board members Dr Zeba A Sathar, Yawar Irfan Khan, Dr Sania Nishtar and Dr Ali Cheema, BISP Secretary Saleem Ahmed Ranjha and representatives of the Finance Division, EAD and Foreign Office also attended the meeting. In her welcome note, Memon highlighted recent initiatives of the support programme and briefly discussed the agenda for the meeting. She said it was encouraging that BISP was ranked 5th in targeting worldwide. As BISP was ready to update the National Socio Economic Registry, she said, it would make sure that the entire country is covered equally in the update. She said that technologically superior solutions would be employed

Minister promises to fulfill all infrastructural needs of QAU

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to maximise the accuracy for the registry update. She said the support programme was moving towards a dynamic registry for the first time in the history. BISP board members were given a detailed briefing on the progress on the registry update that would be carried out in two phases. In the first phase, a survey would be conducted in 16 districts of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas from June this year. In the second phase, there would be a national rollout of the resurvey. It was said that Finance Minister Ishaq Dar had given approval for the update. After thorough deliberations on the agenda, the board approved the recommended de-crediting policy in the larger interest of the BISP beneficiaries. The board also granted approval for the spent de-credited amount for the operational expenditure.

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Engr Muhammad Balighur Rehman assured his full support for the development of the Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU), which is considered as the top ranked academic institution of the country. The state minister congratulated the faculty, staff and students of the QAU for securing the top position. While speaking on the occasion, he said that this success is an obvious demonstration of university's dedication to research and academic excellence. In recognition of outstanding faculty on merit and to celebrate the academic excellence, a ceremony was organised by the Quaid-e-Azam University (QAU). While addressing the ceremony, QAU Vice Chancellor Dr Javed Ashraf lauded the academic contributions of the faculty including scholarly publications and the training of students. He said that the QAU has consistently been ranked as top university in the country by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). According to the US News and World Report, QAU is the only academic institution in Pakistan among the top 500 universities in the world. However, financial constraints are the main hurdle for providing state-of-the-art facilities to its students, staff and faculty. He urged the minister to support QAU as it draw students from lower and middle-income classes of the country. The VC said, "Pour your resources in this institution of higher learning and you would get higher returns on it. We have the best faculty, brilliant brains, what we need is physical infrastructure." The minister assured that all infrastructure development needs of the university would be fulfilled on priority. The Higher Education Commission (HEC) has recently ranked QAU as a top institution of higher education in the country judged on the basis of quality assurance, teaching quality, research, finance and facilities. A large number of faculty and staff attended the meeting.

Shops of 115 tax defaulters sealed

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RAWALPINDI: The enforcement team of Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) in a crackdown against property tax defaulters on Thursday sealed 115 shops of Mobi Plaza for non-payment of the property tax. RCB spokesman said that the RCB recovery team sealed Mobi Plaza in Saddar Bazaar for non-payment of property tax worth of Rs 25 million while 46 shops of the said plaza were de-sealed as the plaza administration paid 25 percent arrears. 69 shops of the plaza are still sealed and would be de-sealed when the total tax arrears would be cleared, he added. Later, RCB team carried out an anti-encroachment operation on Masrial Road, Chungi No 22, Bank Road and others markets of Saddar Bazaar and confiscated six truckloads of goods. He said that the team also removed illegal banners and posters from different markets. Anti-encroachment operation is being conducted on daily basis to make RCB areas encroachment free.

NAB involves City School students in 'Saying No to Corruption' campaign

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ISLAMABAD: National Accounting Bureau (NAB) Awareness and Prevention of Corruption Director General (DG) Aliya Rashid visited The City School, capital's campus and conducted a session on the importance of "Saying No to Corruption". This exercise was done in an effort to involve the future generation in the fight against corruption as this war cannot be won by one person or one institution. In her address, Aliya Rashid discussed about the various forms of corruption that are damaging the society and cited Quaid-e-Azam words that "corruption is a poison and we must put it down with iron hands." She also highlighted the initiatives taken by the NAB to create awareness amongst the general public through seminars, talks, books and advertisements. She urged students to focus primarily on their education and build character on the foundations of honesty and integrity rather than being materialistic and only desiring wealth as this attitude leads to dishonesty in the society. She said that it had become a phenomenon that children demand such status of life, which is beyond the financial status of their parents, and regularly complain about not having luxury items that others are enjoying. This innocent and unintentional act by children is often due to lack of awareness about the negative impact of such demands which their parents cannot fulfill and can greatly contribute to transform from honest to dishonest characters. The DG said that it could lead them to a situation where they choose wrong ways and means to make their family happy but at the same time the ill-gotten wealth can cause irreparable loss to the society. "When wives and children demand luxury items, it's like telling a husband or father on wheel chair to run a marathon," she added. She urged children to make their parents proud of what they are and to appreciate their efforts for the family. She sensitised the audience that as "charity begins at home" similarly "accountability begins at home". Principal Mehsoona Waqar along with the students and faculty participated in the event and pledged to take the initiative further. NAB DG Aliya Rashid informed that Awareness and Prevention Division of NAB under the leadership of NAB chairman intensified the awareness campaign against corruption and is using different forums for spreading the message "Say No to Corruption". A postal stamp with the message "Say No to Corruption" has been issued by NAB in collaboration with Pakistan Post. The said message is also printed on utility bills through IESCO, SNGPL, PTCL, NTC, CNIC carrier paper through NADRA, driving licenses through Islamabad traffic police, newspapers of Balochistan and Gilgit-Baltistan. The message "Say No to Corruption" is also being flashed on ATM screens in all the banks as well as on the cinema screens after national anthem across the country. In the end, the students joined NAB DG enthusiastically in singing a special song "Say No to Corruption" as a pledge to help build a corruption free Pakistan.

Qaim approves Rs 275m for dengue control

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KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has approved Rs 274.982 million for Dengue Prevention and Control Programme in the province. He took this decision while presiding over a meeting of Health Department here at the CM House on Thursday. The meeting was attended by Senior Minister for Finance and Energy Syed Murad Ali Shah, Health Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar,

Power Ministry's assets worth Rs 240 million 'stolen'

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'Police, public coordination must for crime elimination'

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PYPA demands price cut in hepatitis medicines

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Education Dept launches Rs 2b school uplift project

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Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Mohammad Waseem, Health Secretary Saeed Mangnejo, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput, programme managers and project directors of different schemes and others. Briefing the meeting, Health Secretary Saeed Mangnejo said that dengue is endemic in more than 110 countries. It infects 50 to 528 million people all over the world every year. Over 25,000 deaths are reported worldwide every year. This increase is believed to be due to a combination of urbanization, population growth, increased international travel and global warming. He said first major outbreak in Pakistan occurred in 2010 when 4,072 cases were reported in Sindh and 5,400 in Punjab. In 2011, Punjab faced the worst type of epidemic with 21,000 cases and 350 deaths while in Sindh, the reported cases were 1,079 with 18 deaths. Last year 3,692 cases were reported in Sindh and 11 deaths were reported while in Punjab more than 5,000 cases were reported with 40 deaths. The secretary said Sindh Health Department has controlled the dengue to some extent but even then a separate dengue control programme was imperative to launch. The secretary said that from January to February 24, some 217 dengue cases were reported in the provincial capital, out of them 132 were admitted in hospitals and 85 were given treated in OPD. "With the grace of God no death has occurred so far," he said. Giving data from 2010 to 2016, Saeed Mangnejo said that 17,039 dengue cases were reported in the province, of them 106 had lost their lives. In 2010, some 4,072 cases were reported, of them 25 died which shows fatality ratio of 0.6 percent. In 2011, the fatality ratio increased to 1.6 percent with 1,079 dengue cases of them 18 had lost their lives. "The Health Department took some concrete steps and launched awareness drive, as a result in 2012 only 731 cases with four deaths were reported which shows a 0.5 percent fatality ratio. In 2013, the number of dengue cases increased to 5,970 with 32 deaths but fatality ratio of 2012 (means 0.5) remained the same. In 2014, though the number of dengue cases came down to 1,276 but deaths went to 16, which shows fatality ratio of 1.2 percent. Last year, the number of cases increased to 3,692 of them 11 patients died. This shows fatality ratio of 0.2 percent." After the detailed briefing by the health secretary, the chief minister approved Rs 274.982 million for launching Dengue Prevention and Control Programme. Under the programme, active surveillance by collecting data from all public and private hospitals would be conducted, isolation wards in all government hospitals will be established, eight cell separator machines will be installed in all tertiary care hospitals in addition to the dengue diagnostic kits and platelets mega units will be provided in all government

ISLAMABAD: Costly vehicles worth Rs 240 million have been stolen from Ministry of Water and Power, but no action has been taken by the ministry high-ups for their recovery. According to documents available with Daily Times, the vehicles were stolen from the ministry and its subordinate departments last year. The ministry high-ups demonstrated lethargy, and cases were registered against unidentified persons instead of the officials responsible. The documents reveal that expensive vehicles and electric equipment worth Rs 15 million were stolen from FESCO, vehicles worth 14.70 million from HESCO, vehicles costing Rs 600,000 from Gujranwala Division, vehicles valuing Rs 21.70 million from GESCO, vehicles worth Rs 85.90 million from IESCO and vehicles costing Rs 60 million were stolen from Multan division. Electric equipment valued at Rs 21.4 million was stolen from National Transmission Despatch Company, equipment valuing Rs 13.8 million from Peshawar Division, equipment worth Rs 10.7 million from Quetta Division and equipment worth Rs 1,300,000 from MEPCO. The ministry said in the documents that cases would be registered on account of stolen vehicles and equipment later. Ministry of water and power sources said that senior officers are involved in this massive theft and action should be initiated against them. When contacted, Water and Power Secretary Muhammad Younus Dagha did not reply.

ISLAMABAD: A contact between police and public is necessary to promote community policing and there is a need of steps in this regard, said Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Security Sultan Azam Temuri. While addressing a meeting of International Police Association (IPA) as chief guest, he said that public coordination with police is essential to control crime in any society. He underlined the importance of necessary steps to minimise the distance between police and citizens to establish a better and peaceful society. The community policing should be activated as it could help in addressing the issues of citizens and maintaining law and order situation across the country, he added. While advising other members to join IPA for community policing, Sultan Azam Temuri said that we should all play our role to strengthen the contacts between police and public to promote community policing.

LAHORE: Pakistan Young Pharmacists Association (PYPA) on Wednesday demanded a price cut in hepatitis medicines and appealed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to take action against the recent price hike by the Drug Regulatory Authority (DRAP). The PYPA office bearers said this in a press briefing on Wednesday. PYPA Vice President Dr Muhammad Ahmad, Joint Secretary Dr Haroon Yousuf, General Secretary Dr Hina Shaukat and Patients Rights Forum Pakistan President Dr Noor Mehar were present on the occasion. The association demanded the prime minister, chief justice of Pakistan and chief ministers to make available all the medicines of hepatitis-C in the market with low price and best quality. They further demanded to remove Aslam Afghani from DRAP, who according to them, was sitting illegally.

KARACHI: The Sindh Education Department with the funding of World Bank has launched Rs two billion project to provide missing facilities to 10,000 schools. Presently, work on provision of missing facilities to 300 schools have been taken up, an work on 1,600 schools would be completed by the end of June 2016. This was disclosed in a meeting held under the chairmanship of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah regarding development schemes of Education Department here at the CM House on Wednesday. Those who attended the meeting include senior Education Minister Nisar Khuhro, Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo, Secretary Education Fazal Pechuho, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Mohammad Waseem, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput and others. Education Secretary Fazal Pechuho said that the Education Department has launched a project with the assistance of World Bank for Rs two billion. He added that there were

AKU tops HEC ranking for medical universities

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Quackery on the rise in city

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Qaim orders removal of encroachments from heritage sites

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10,000 schools, which lack basic facilities such as washrooms, compound wall, drinking water and such others. In the first phase, Nisar Khuhro said, the Education Department has taken up 1,600 schools to provide them missing facilities of washrooms, compound walls, drinking water. "We are going to provide facilities to 300 schools by the end of June," he said. The chief minister directed the Education Department to take necessary measures to provide missing facilities to schools, particularly washrooms and compound wall on war footings. "Under security plan of schools compound walls are most important," he added. Briefing the chief minister, the Education secretary said that his department was working on Rs 10 billion development schemes of six different sub sectors including 24 schemes for elementary education, seven schemes for teachers education, three schemes for Sindh Education Foundation, 66 schemes for secondary education, 54 schemes for college education and 41 miscellaneous schemes. He said that Education Department would complete 16 schemes by the end of June, which include establishment of Shaheed Mohterma Benazir Bhutto College of Education for Rs 178 million, construction of auditorium, compound wall, water supply scheme at Cadet College Petaro for Rs 163.4 million, reconstruction of Commerce and Arts Block in exiting Degree College Nazimabad for Rs 74.5 million. On the elementary education side, the schemes to be completed by the end of current year are rehabilitation of existing schools damaged by heavy rains in Larkana district for Rs 56.13 million, construction of one additional class room in existing three primary schools of Kashmore district for Rs 8.5 million. The schemes of secondary education include establishment of single section high school Khairpur for Rs 45.12 million; rehabilitation/addition of class rooms and gymnasium hall at Marrie and Girls School Safia Memorial Jamshed Town Karachi for Rs 84.91 million, repair of educational institutes of Gulshan-i-Iqbal Town,, establishment of single section high school at Khairpur for Rs 45.49 million, repair of girls primary school Sharafabad for Rs 95.8 million, upgrading of secondary schools in different districts for Rs 849.89 million, rehabilitation of boys schools in Sinjhor, Sanghar district for Rs 14.19 million, covering drainage nullah passing through Sindh govt schools at PAF Faisal Base, Karachi for Rs 50 million and some others. The chief minister directed the education minister to personally keep visiting development schemes of Education Department to ensure their quality work in time.

KARACHI: The Aga Khan University has maintained its position as the top medical university in Pakistan for the fifth time in a row in the ranking released by the Higher Education Commission - the primary regulatory body of higher education in the country. AKU was also ranked as the top private university and fifth of 129 public and private universities in different categories - including general, engineering and technology, business education, agriculture and veterinary, medicine, and arts and design. HEC Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed unveiled the ranking on February 23 in Islamabad. Previously, rankings were announced in 2006, 2012, 2013 and 2015. In the medical category, AKU was ranked as the best of 13 universities, including University of Health Sciences, Dow University of Health Sciences and Khyber Medical University. The parameters considered in a comprehensive selection process included quality assurance, teaching quality, research, finance and facilities, and social integration or community development.

KARACHI: The Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) has expressed its concern over the rising menace of quackery in the country saying that patients of cancer, HIV and other chronic diseases are victim of these so-called doctors. It said the quacks were misleading the public by advertising their 'expertise' through billboards, posters and handbills. Hundreds of quacks are running clinics and maternity homes in the metropolis, spreading diseases and increasing medical complications among the patients who visit them due to lack of awareness. Health Department and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation authorities seem to be taking no solid action against them, it added. "The Health Department and civic authorities have failed to devise a comprehensive strategy to bring an end to illegal practices of quacks in the city, as old and suburban areas of the city have become hub of illegal dental and medical clinics." The old city areas of city like Saddar, Lee Market, Lyari, Mauripur, Quaidabad, Landhi and Malir, New Karachi, Manghopir, Surjani Town, North Nazimabad, Orangi Town, Korangi Town and Sohrab Goth have become target of illegal dental and medical clinics and maternity homes. These non-qualified doctors and midwives have been using the names of city known physicians and surgeons to lure more and more innocent citizens. The Health Department and Karachi Metropolitan Corporation have launched several campaigns against quacks, but unfortunately, all drives could not produce desired results due to "poor planning and lack of coordination among departments". The private hospitals, dental clinics, medical clinics and maternity homes have become major sources of spread of various lethal diseases including hepatitis B, C and HIV/AIDS. The quack practitioners are looting the uneducated people. Many patients develop serious complications due to wrong medicines. Pakistan Medical Association Secretary General Mirza Ali Azhar said anti-quackery law exists in Sindh, but "unfortunately violation of law had become common in our society". He said that about 0.7 million quacks are running dental and medical clinics across the Pakistan out of which 0.2 million are in Sindh. He urged the government to come to the rescue of the people from organised quackery as all branches of the PMA would extend help to the government in its war against quackery.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has directed the Culture Department to coordinate with district and divisional administration to remove encroachment around the heritage buildings and restore them in their actual glory for public. "How encroachment is allowed to appear at and around the heritage buildings. This is intolerable and must be taken accordingly." He issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of Culture Department here at the CM House on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Special Assistant to Chief Minister on Culture Sharmila Farooqui, Principal Secretary to CM Alamuddin Bullo, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Mohammad Waseem, Culture and Tourism Secretary Niaz Abbasi, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput and others. The chief Minister said that he has personally witnessed that encroachments and illegal occupations have appeared along and around the cultural monuments. "There is lot of encroachment at Shahjehan Mosque Thatta, near Masoom Shah's Minar Sukkur, Chowkundi graveyard, Lakhian Jo Daro, Makli, Pacca Qila Hyderabad and at various other areas," he said and

directed his Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo to talk to divisional and district administrations to cooperate with Culture Department in removing encroachments from the heritage sites. Giving presentation to the chief minister, Sharmila Farooqi said that 11 schemes would be completed by the end of June. These schemes include preservation of Chitori Graveyard at Mirpurkhas, Khairpur State Museum, Sindhi Cultural Village Karachi, old Mukhtiarkar building Shikarpur, Cultural Complex Rani Kot, rehabilitation of Wooden Road of Shahi Bazar Shikarpur, construction of resort at Baqar Lake, conservation of Thatta and Karachi Press Club buildings, construction of visitors facility at Malki, conversion of zoo garden into Natural Science Museum and establishment of Tourist Information Centre at Divisional Headquarters. Sharmila Farooqi said that she had ordered construction of Sindhi Cultural Village at National Museum for Rs 30 million. The chief minister said that he would love to inaugurate this cultural village. It would help to organise cultural event there. Abbasi said that restoration of old Mukhtiarkar building Shikarpur has been initiated for Rs 44.61 million. He said that he had constituted district Heritage Committee under deputy commissioners concerned. The chief minister directed all the deputy commissioners to comply with the instructions because these committees have been constituted on his directives. Culture Minister Sharmila Farooqi said that a scheme of rehabilitation of wooden roof of Shahi Bazar has been launched for Rs 54.7 million. This bazar is about one km long and has wooden road. The chief minister directed her to rehabilitate old shops and cover the open drain running along the bazar. "You can generate some funds from the shopkeepers," he suggested. Briefing about Cultural Complex at Rani Kot, the culture secretary said that it was a Rs 32 million scheme to construct compound wall, sheds, water tank and making drinking water arrangements. It is also near completion. The project would turn to be a good facility for the visitors. Briefing the chief minister, Abbasi said that restoration of Thatta and Karachi Press Clubs have been started for Rs 17.2 million. He said restoration of Thatta Press Club has been completed while 60 work of Karachi Press Club has been done so far. Abbasi said that the project of construction of Museum, up gradation of visitors' facility at Makli has been launched for Rs 53.2 million. He said that on the directives of chief minister two important schemes are being launched. One is of double-decker bus service, which would take visitors from Mohatta Palace and go around the old city. Under the other scheme, two 50-seater boats are being purchased for visitors. One boat would be kept at Beach Site near KPT to show the visitors sea-sites of Karachi and other one at Sukkur, near Labe Mehran from where it would take the visitors and sail them in the River Indus up to Rohri. Both the boats would provide ferry service. Niaz Abbasi also told the chair that he was establishing six archeological and cultural monument centres. The chief minister appreciated the efforts of Culture Department and urged them to ensure quality work in time.

LWMC sensitises people on proper disposal of waste

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LAHORE: The Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC) in collaboration with the Lahore Bar Association Model Town Courts launched an awareness campaign to sensitise lawyers and masses about use of waste bins and people's role in the maintenance of clean environment in communities and public places. The LWMC team comprised of LWMC Head of Communication Department Jamil Khawar, Deputy Managers Shafqat Rasool, Muhammad Umair Khan, Rehman Rashid, Jaam Abbas along with sanitary workers and social mobilisers carried out an awareness walk on Wednesday. They briefed the lawyers and plaintiffs to ensure the use of bins placed by the company across the city. Lahore Bar Association Model Town Courts Vice President Shahzad Khan Kakar along with lawyer community attended the campaign. While distributing informational pamphlets among residents, the lawyers' community was of the view that the work of sanitation staff could be reduced by disposing of waste into bins or by using bags. Proper disposal of waste can also help us maintain aesthetics of our streets and roads as well as health of people, they added.

Capital to get Safari Park, Rs 400 million allocated

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ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to establish Safari Park over an area of 100 acres in Fatima Jinnah F9 Park. Initially, an amount of Rs 400 million has been allocated for the purpose. The Safari Park would have facilities and amusement features in line with international safari parks of the world. This was informed during a meeting held in this regard at CDA headquarters on Wednesday. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal while Member Administration and Estate Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Environment Sanaullah Aman and senior officers of relevant formations were also present during the meeting. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal was informed that up-gradation of F9 Park established over 745 acres is in progress. He was informed that facilities in 40 acres area have already been up-graded while more facilities are being added in addition to improvement of the existing facilities in 200 acres area of F-9 Park. He was informed that installation of forest wheel facility in the name 'See Islamabad' has also been planned in the F9 Park. The meeting was also briefed that the facilities include a children park, walking and jogging tracks, cycling track, skating track, cricket ground and other amusement facilities are also being up-graded. On this occasion, CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal directed the environment wing for early completion of codal formalities so that practical work on the project could be initiated. The meeting was also informed that not only all the major parks of the city are being up-graded but also a special attention is being paid on the uplift of parks in sectoral areas. The meeting was informed that provision of missing facilities and up-gradation of existing ones is also being ensured.

USAID-funded project on gender studies launched at AIU

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ISLAMABAD: A USAID-funded project under Gender Equity Programme (GEP) of Aurat Foundation was launched on Wednesday at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) to strengthen gender and women studies for community development. Under this project, AIU would provide research opportunities to students from seven different regions. Orientation workshops would be conducted over fifteen months aimed at strengthening the university's Gender and Women Studies Department to conduct a research-based study. In these workshops, students and faculty would be sensitised on gender and pro women legislation. While speaking at the launching ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Shahid Siddiqui termed the project as highly important in capacity building of the faculty and non-faculty staff of gender studies. He said that the university would soon introduce MPhil degree for gender and women studies in order to sensitise the community on a wider level about the role of gender in the overall socio-economic development of the country. Dr Shahid also

CDA to bring roads to international standards

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CDA approves plots' balloting in Park Enclave-II

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City facing water shortage of 550m gallons every day

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committed that AIOU would fulfill its responsibility to conduct research on issues of the women and disseminate its findings to policy makers and other relevant quarters. He said that the female section of the society has proved over the years that the ability to compete with the males in achieving excellence in various fields. The society particularly the media and the educational institutions are required to determine their role and highlight their importance in reformation of society and nation building, he added. The launching ceremony was also addressed by the representatives of Aurat Foundation Naeema Mirza and Mahpara Shakil Ghouri who gave an overview of the organisation's role and achievements in enhancing the respect and living conditions of women. They also spoke about their efforts to combat gender-based violence and promote welfare of women workers. Earlier, Gender Studies Department Chairman Dr Riffat Haque highlighted main features of the project and said that they will soon offer need-based courses to expand the academic network on gender studies.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has decided to further uplift roads infrastructure in different 'Marakiz' of the federal capital. Machinery Pool Organisation (MPO) of the authority has been tasked to mobilise the machinery so that work could be started by next week. This was decided during a meeting held at CDA headquarters on Wednesday. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal chaired the meeting while Member Engineering Shahid Sohail, Member Administration Amer Ali Ahmed, Member Environment Sanaullah Aman and Senior officers of the authority were also present in the meeting. The meeting decided that under this project all the facilities will be improved and would be uplifted in line with the international standards. Moreover, footpaths would be upgraded, missing street lights would be installed, sewerage system in the markets would be improved and most importantly the existing connecting roads with in the 'Marakiz' will be upgraded and new links would be built to provide an easy and friendly access with in the markets to the people visiting these markets. Initially, development and revamping work would be started from the Markaz G11 and F11 while its canvas would be expended in the entire city. MPO directorate of the authority has been directed to ensure initiation of development work by next week. The meeting was informed that in addition to the revamping and uplift of the 'Marakiz', work on capital's up-gradation and rehabilitation plan is in full swing. Under this project not only road infrastructure across the city is being improved and revamped but comprehensive uplift work in other segments including beautification of the city, improvement of sewerage system and installation of missing street lights. The meeting was further informed that re-carpeting work on major roads in sector F7, F6 and G6 while lane marking, fixation of sign boards and improvement of the green areas have also been completed. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal said that uplift work in the 'Marakiz' would not only enhance the economic activity in the city but will also help address longstanding issues of the traders. He said that the aim of the federal capital's rehabilitation and up-gradation plan is to improve the face of Islamabad and uplift the city in line with international standards. He further said that those areas where rehabilitation work has been completed remarkable change could be witnessed. He directed the concerned formations to ensure initiation of work on uplift of 'Marakiz' without any delay so that development and rehabilitation on all segments could be completed simultaneously.

ISLAMABAD: The allotment letters to the successful allottees of Park Enclave-II would be issued during on-going week as Capital Development Authority (CDA) Board has formally approved the balloting of residential plots held on February 9. It has also been decided that lists would be forwarded to concerned banks without any delay so that dues deposited could be refunded to unsuccessful applicants. A fair and transparent balloting for the allotment of 300 residential plots in Park Enclave-II, which is a unique housing project of CDA was conducted on February 9 at Pak-China Friendship Centre in the presence of large number of applicants, media persons and people from different walks of life and whole procedure was supervised by a high level committee. Park Enclave-II is an extension of CDA's prime Park Enclave Housing Project where CDA has already completed development work within the given time frame. The contract for the development of Park Enclave that include development of road infrastructure, sewerage system, water tanks, boundary wall, main gate and other allied development activities. Through superior monitoring and effective planning, the development work in the project has now been completed and steps are being taken to hand over possession of plots in this scheme. Commitment of CDA towards deliverance of services on time is one of the reasons, which compelled people not only from all over the country but overseas in large number submitted their applications to get plots in the extension of Park Enclave. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal said that the completion of development work in Park Enclave Housing project has boosted the confidence of general public in the policies of CDA's incumbent management and it is a major reason that people from all over the country applied to get plots in Park Enclave-II. He said that in next few days development work would be formally launched in Park Enclave-II as well so that allottees of the said housing project could avail an opportunity of healthy and quality life style in the scheme having beautiful surroundings. The CDA chairman further said that CDA is also planning to launch more new residential ventures in the federal capital that would help cope with increasing housing requirements and would also stabilise the prices of real estate in the federal capital.

KARACHI: Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) Managing Director Misbahuddin Fareed has said that there is need of 1,100 million gallons of water every day to meet city water needs, against which only 550 million gallons are being supplied through Indus river system. Distribution of this water is a great challenge for water board. At present, River Indus is the only source of water for Karachiites and that too has reservoir of seven days, he lamented. This he said while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a three-day Pak Water Expo 2016 as chief guest and later talking to media in Expo Centre, Karachi. The event is organised by Prime Event Management with support of Pakistan Standards Quality Control Authority (PSQCA). PSQCA Quality Control Director Shabir Ahmed Qureshi participated as guest of honour. Fareed told the participants that supply of 100 million gallon water from Hub Dam is still discontinued causing more water shortage in the metropolis. Due to this many areas of city are experiencing acute water shortage as such areas

161 sensitive schools to get arms licences

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Patients' lives at stake amid closure of dialysis units in Benazir General Hospital

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are getting water supply only once in 15 days. Last year, he said, heat waves killed 2,200 people and shortage of water was told to be one of reasons. This year too, heat waves are predicted and if it is experienced situation will get worse. The government should take abreast of situation and take steps including construction of dams and water reservoirs, he urged. International organisations are predicting that glaciers are melting at pace in Pakistan it will deepen further and irreparable loss of human, marine life and industry. He said that 420 million gallons of untreated sewage is being poured in sea causing pollution. There is also much need of desalination plants in the city. "The Supreme Court of Pakistan has ordered to install treatment plants in all industries at shores to curtail pollution, which is yet to be implemented." All industries should install their own treatment plants, he advised. The Sindh government has approved PC-1 for installation of combined effluent treatment plant having capacity to treat 500 million gallons of water and work has started on project. "Untreated domestic and industrial waste is being discharged in River Ravi which is poured in River Indus and finally in Arabian Ocean. Treatment plants should be installed in all parts of country." He said that many major companies are selling water in the bottles pretending it as mineral water to consumers, which should be stopped. "Pak water expo is a good initiative which should be expanded at further level," he suggested. Project Director Kamran Abbasi said that more than 24 companies have participated in this event and more than 30 stalls are established. Equipment used in water distribution, treatment and conservation will be at display in the three-day expo, he added. PSQCA Quality Control Director Shabir Qureshi said that laboratories of authority are providing testing services and raising consumer awareness about mineral water.

RAWALPINDI: Under the directives of Punjab government, education department of Rawalpindi district has issued forms to 161 sensitive schools of the city for supply of arms to them. Licences would be issued in the names of heads of these schools. The education department has directed the headmasters of these schools to fill in the forms and file them in arms branch of DCO office so that arms licences could be issued to them for security purposes in schools. The forms have been issued to 161 A plus and A category schools in the first phase. These schools had deposited Rs 11,27,000 out of their funds for obtaining the arms licences.

RAWALPINDI: The closure of dialysis units of 15 machines in Benazir General Hospital in Rawalpindi due to up-gradation work has put the lives of kidney patients at stake. The patients are being referred to Holy Family Hospital and civil hospital for dialysis and most of the patients are forced to resort to private hospitals for undergoing dialysis treatment at highly inflated rates. As many as 10 dialysis machines are operating in Holy Family Hospital and four machines are installed in district headquarters (DHQ) Hospital Rawalpindi. The pressure of work has increased in these two hospitals due to closure of dialysis units in Benazir General Hospital. Five old machines are already operational in Benazir Hospital and due to upsurge in kidney patients, 10 more dialysis machines were provided to this hospital. In order to make these new machines functional and connect them with RS system and ongoing work of up-gradation of Urology Department, these dialysis machines were closed down. Benazir General Hospital's Medical Superintendent (MS) Dr Asif Qadir Mir said that the dialysis unit has been closed down due to up-gradation work in Urology Department. The dialysis process would be restored as soon as RS system is installed.

RAWALPINDI: Under the directives of Rawalpindi division acting commissioner, Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA) Director General (DG) Sajid Zafar Dal, enforcement wing of RDA is continuously conducting operations against illegal encroachments in the Rawalpindi district. MPTE Director Jamshed Aftab planned operation on Chakri Road and RDA enforcement team with machinery sent for operation. RDA and Town Municipal Administration (TMA) Potohar Town's enforcement teams conducted operation against illegal speed breakers and barriers on Chakri Road in the city. Under the operation, illegal speed breakers and barriers demolished by RDA and TMA Potohar enforcement team. RDA DG has directed enforcement wing to take strict action against illegal constructions and encroachments without any fear and influence.

LAHORE: A local resident Suby Khan moved a petition against the Punjab government on its failure to enforce child labour laws. Petitioner counsel Sheraz Zaka stated that the government has turned a blind eye to the issue of child labour and at present the kids were working as labourers in many construction activities across the city. He stated that as work on various projects including the Gulberg Signal Free Corridors and Orange Line Metro Train projects is being carried out by the government's contractors under the supervision of Lahore Development Authority, a number of underage workers have been hired for menial jobs. He stated that the children working at brick kilns and children being exploited for begging manifest that the Child Protection Bureau and Welfare Department has also failed to perform their statutory obligations. He stated that it was violation of law as well as infringement of enforcement of fundamental rights. He said the provisions of Employment of Children Act 1991 as well as Punjab Destitute and Neglected Children Act 2004 need to be enforced strictly, which the government has failed to implement across the province. He requested to order the government to enforce the child labour laws.

LAHORE: National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) have returned Rs 0.2 million to the original heir and upheld the core values of honesty, courtesy and rendering help to road users. This was stated by Motorway Police spokesman Syed Imran Ahmed Shah on Tuesday. The Motorway Police officers Riaz Ahmed and Faisal Masood found Rs 0.2 million on the highway near Chicha Watni. A citizen, Farhan Ashraf of Sahiwal, informed the Motorway Police help line about the loss of his valuable bag. After hectic efforts, the Motorway Police traced out the owner of the said valuables and handed over his belongings after completion of formalities. NH&MP DIG Mirza Faran Baig appreciated the efforts of the officers and granted them commendation certificates and cash reward for their excellent performance. He urged the officers to uphold the core values of the department.

UET, Chinese company sign accord to resolve energy crisis

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Top duo reviews CPEC, Afghan reconciliation

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Vaccines against common childhood ailments disappear from Karachi market

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LAHORE: University of Engineering and Technology's (UET) Energy Research and Development (CERAD) and a Chinese company, Zonergy, signed for a mutual collaboration for development of energy solutions and technologies, which are within the domain of mutual expertise and are needed for the country. The MoU would initiate further collaboration for the projects of mutual interest. According to agreement, Zonergy would train 10 engineers from UET for Quid-e-Azam Solar Park Bahawalpur. The signing ceremony was held at UET and was attended by UET Vice Chancellor Lahore Prof Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Zonergy Director Ma Yu and KICS' Director Waqar Mahmood. Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid said that the friendship between Pakistan and China is extremely strong, adding that Pakistan is facing massive energy crisis and China is working on many projects in this regard. This MoU would facilitate to fulfill the desired quality Human Resource for solar project of Bahawalpur. The UET VC also informed about the Chinese centre and Chinese language training centres functioning at the university. Ma Yu on the occasion highlighted the efficiency of his company as to how it has been working in the field, especially the Quid-e-Azam Solar Park Bahawalpur. He also explained the benefits of this useful collaboration.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Mamnoon Hussain on Tuesday discussed progress on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and Afghan reconciliation process. They also discussed overall law and order and economic situation in the country, Zarb-e-Azb and the Karachi operation. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who called on President Mamnoon here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, exchanged views on matters of national importance, a press release issued by the President's office said. The prime minister briefed the president on policies and decisions of the government on different issues. They also reviewed the Zarb-e-Azb operation and the law and order situation in Karachi. Both the leaders expressed satisfaction at the successes achieved and resolved that the operation would continue till elimination of the last terrorist from the country. Expressing satisfaction at the pace of implementation of CPEC projects, the duo hoped that the completion of these projects would be a game changer not only for Pakistan but for the entire region also. The two leaders agreed that this landmark project would benefit the whole country, including all regions. The president noted with appreciation that the prime minister and his economic team have revitalised the national economy through sound policy initiatives and the two resolved to pass on the benefits of the improved economic situation to the common man. They reiterated their commitment to lay greater emphasis on the health and education sectors for betterment of the people. Both the leaders emphasised upon timely completion of the ongoing power generation projects to get rid of the malaise of load shedding from the country. The prime minister also briefed the president on his foreign visits and various agreements and memorandums of understanding signed therein, including the recent LNG deal with Qatar. He also took the president into confidence regarding making the state enterprises profitable and service oriented. Premier Sharif also apprised the president about holding of the census and they hoped that the exercise would be beneficial in policy formulation and judicious allocation of national resources for development of the country. Both the leaders reviewed the regional situation and reiterated Pakistan's desire to have friendly relations with all the neighbouring countries for peace and prosperity in the region. The two leaders underscored the need for national unity and cohesion in order to confront and overcome the challenges being faced by Pakistan and put the country on the path to progress and prosperity.

KARACHI: Patients seeking to get their children immunised against hepatitis B, typhoid, chicken pox and other diseases are facing immense difficulties to find the vaccines in the markets, it emerged on Tuesday. Speaking to Dawn, some parents expressed their frustration over the 'absence' of the vaccines against chickenpox — a mild and common childhood illness caused by Varicella-zoster virus — at pharmacies. "I couldn't find the vaccine against chickenpox anywhere in the markets of Karachi. Finally, I sent a letter to the pharmacy of a reputable private hospital requesting them to share the reason behind the unavailability of the vaccine. But I didn't receive any reply," said former chairman of the Pharmaceutical Association of Pakistan Saeed Allahwala. However, he added, he couldn't contact the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan in this regard. The chief executive officer of the regulatory authority Dr Mohammad Aslam was not available for comments. Speaking to Dawn, doctors associated with various hospitals in the city expressed concern over the situation and said in a country that already had very low vaccination coverage, the 'absence of certain vaccines' would deprive parents of their right to take good care of their children.

High-quality vaccines for certain diseases, they said, had almost disappeared from the market after periodic shortages. "High-quality vaccines like the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine have been running into serious shortage for some time. There is also a serious shortage of vaccines to prevent Hepatitis B, typhoid, chicken pox and another vaccine providing protection against six diseases," said Dr Khalid Shafi working as assistant professor at the Dow University of Health Sciences. Dr Shafi, also an active member of the Pakistan Paediatric Association, said the past two years had witnessed periodic shortages of the vaccines. "We have no direct contact with the DRAP over this issue, but what we have heard is that there have been some manufacturing gaps in the production of vaccines. It seems the demand for vaccines has increased but the supply couldn't catch up." However, he said the vaccines were available in the countries which offered good prices to their manufacturers. "Certainly, the DRAP will have a clear picture of the actual situation," he said in reply to a question. According to Dr Shafi, Indian and Chinese vaccines against these diseases are available in limited stocks in the market but there was no reliability of these products. He said the vaccines included in the national expanded programme on immunization were available free of cost at public sector hospitals. "In a country where we have 30pc vaccination coverage and people are unable to avail the vaccines being provided free of cost, it's a sorry state of affairs," he said, adding that he had been seeing a lot of chickenpox and measles cases these days. Dr Jamal Raza, heading the National Institute of Child Health, too, was unaware of the actual reason behind the vaccine shortage while agreeing that certain vaccines had disappeared from the market after periodic shortage for the past couple of years. "Perhaps there

Year's first polio case found in Balochistan

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are issues over their rates. I have also heard that there is a global problem in their manufacturing," he said.

QUETTA: A 30-month-old boy of Quetta was tested positive for poliovirus on Tuesday, confirming the first case of the crippling disease in Balochistan this year. The victim was identified as Mohammad Ikram, a resident of Samungli Road area, a locality on the outskirts of Quetta. This is the third polio case reported in the country this year. Last year, seven polio cases were reported in Balochistan. Dr Syed Saifur Rehman, the coordinator of Emergency Operation Centre in Balochistan, said that vaccination campaign against polio was launched in Balochistan every month. A recent campaign was launched in 15 sensitive districts of the province, he added. He said poliovirus was found in the sample of sewage in Qila Abdullah. He appealed to parents to cooperate with vaccinators for making the polio eradication campaigns successful. Ikram Junaidi adds from Islamabad: The Polio Virology Laboratory at the National Institute of Health (NIH) on Tuesday confirmed poliovirus in Quetta's Mohammad Ikram. An official of the Ministry of National Health Services said that the sample from the child was taken on Feb 1. "The male child was a resident of UC Samungli, Quetta, and he belongs to a local tribe. He has received seven doses during a polio campaign. However, he did not receive any dose of polio vaccine during routine immunisation which shows that the access of routine immunisation is very poor," he said.

Under routine immunisation children get polio vaccine at the time of birth and then at 6, 10 and 14 weeks of age. Meanwhile, polio vaccine is also given during polio campaigns. "The current case has increased our worries because we are in second month of the year and polio cases have been reported from three provinces — Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan," he said. "However, the only thing which is giving us hope is that all three children, who have been reported with polio, had received multiple doses of polio which shows that we are going on right way," he said. "Last year as many as 54 cases of polio were reported. We are still hopeful that the polio will be completely eradicated from the country in 2016 because we are not going to miss any child during polio campaigns," he said. Pakistan and Afghanistan are only two countries on the globe where poliovirus is found. The two countries share a long border. Although children are vaccinated at all legal entry points, a large number of people travel between the two countries using illegal routes. Talking to Dawn, head of National Emergency Operation Centre Dr Rana Safdar said that though children were being vaccinated in Pakistan they were still vulnerable to the crippling disease because of low immunity level. "Areas where there are bad sanitary and hygiene conditions the immunity level has dropped. If a child has diarrhoea during polio campaign the vaccine does not stay in the body and becomes less effective," he added. Giving the example of India where polio has been eradicated, Dr Rana Safdar said that when India was close to the eradication of the disease children who had received 10 doses were reported positive for poliovirus. "We were already anticipating it and it shows that we are close to polio eradication because now children are not missed during campaigns. We have identified some pockets in Karachi, Khyber, Quetta and Peshawar and decided to introduce Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) in next campaign to be held in March," he said.

Crackdown on fuel stations, hotels, marriage halls

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RAWALPINDI: Civil Defence Department (CDD) Rawalpindi on Monday issued challans to several hotels, CNG stations and marriage halls operating without fire extinguishers. CDD District Officer Sanjeeda Khanum inspected several public places including marriage halls, hotels and CNG stations at Kurri Road while Naveed Iqbal CNG Station, Wajahat Ali Shah Baba CNG Station, Raj Marriage Hall and some hotels where security arrangements were unsatisfactory and lacking fire fighting equipment were challaned. The district officer informed that crackdown against the factories, buildings and other places operating without modern fire extinguishers is being initiated. She said that despite notices issued, certain factories, petrol pumps, CNG stations, hotels and marriage halls lack fire-fighting arrangements. Action in accordance with the law is being taken against the rules violators, she added. The officer said that commercial plazas and buildings situated in Rawalpindi division would also be challaned in this regard adding that the CNG stations, hotels and marriage hall owners are being warned of strict action if the instructions of the government would not be followed.

Bus stops without sheds irk commuters

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ISLAMABAD: The commuters in capital have demanded the civic body for early construction of bus shelters at the major bus stops in the capital is without sheds. Hundreds of commuters use local transport for traveling in the city but have to wait on roadside and face harsh weather conditions and other dangers. The commuters are of the view that Capital Development Authority (CDA) has yet to install sheds on the main bus stops particularly at the Zero Point Interchange. The residents complained about the non-existence of the shelters at bus stops, which includes GPO, Civic Centre, Lal Masjid, Three Number Itwar Bazar, PIA eastern side, CDA, fire brigade, Urdu University and Zero Point. A commuter waiting for a bus at Zero Point bus stop said that he always wait on footpath or the roadside for transport due to absence of proper bus stop and sheds.

Acute shortage of life-supporting equipment at PIMS

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has been facing acute shortage of ventilators and other life-supporting equipment amid reshuffling of the administration. The largest hospital in the capital has 50 functional ventilators amid heavy load of patients. The facility should have at least 250 ventilators. A source in the CADD Ministry said that while taking notice of public complaints about the availability of spurious drugs, poor services, corruption and mismanagement, Prime Minister's daughter Maryam Nawaz Sharif recently intervened and asked the Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Ministry to look into the matter. After her directives, the CADD minister reshuffled the whole PIMS administration by inducting National Institute of Medical Rehabilitation Director Dr Fazal Maula as new administrator. While talking to Daily Times, CADD Minister Tariq Fazal Chaudhry said that the affairs at the PIMS are very precarious and they are trying to improve it. He said that when he assumed charge of CADD minister, only 50 ventilators were in working condition. After his intervention, 10 more ventilators were added to the hospital adding that 11 ventilators have also been donated by a philanthropist and soon they will be added to the pool of equipment. The minister said that the hospital still needs

Plan afoot to supply water from Ghazi Barotha to Islamabad

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Govt to provide quality health care facilities in capital

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250 to 300 ventilators to cater the needs of the patients' coming from the twin cities and its surrounding areas including Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir. He further said that PIMS OPD receives around 7,000 patients daily while in the emergency department 5,000 patients in 24 hour, which is a huge load on the hospital. New PIMS Administrator Dr Maula said that it is beyond his comprehension why the previous administration did not get the machinery in use as it is rusting in the warehouse. He said that he would brief the CADD minister and Maryam Nawaz on the state of the affairs of the hospital to further improve the service delivery in the hospital. A source in the CADD Ministry said that the CADD minister is mulling over sending corruption cases of PIMS hospital to the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) for a thorough inquiry. The source further said that corruption in awarding medicine contracts, purchase of equipment and corruption in construction of the emergency and embezzlement in liver transplant plant would also be sent to the FIA for a formal probe.

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CAAD) Tariq Fazl Chaudhary on Monday informed the National Assembly that a plan is afoot to supply water from Ghazi Barotha to Islamabad to meet the water requirement of the federal capital for next 25 years. While replying to a calling attention notice raised by Asiya Naz Tanoli and Night Parveen Mir regarding the sub-standard functioning and inadequate maintenance of water filtration plants installed in the federal capital resulting in spread of several diseases, the minister said that the project would cost around Rs 60 to 70 billion. He said that earlier, the project could not materialise due to objections of the provinces adding that now all reservation of the provinces except Sindh had been addressed. He said that Sindh province had also assured willingness on the project adding that currently major chunk of water requirement of the federal capital is being met through water supply from Simly and Khanpur dams. The minister said that only one out of total 37 water filtration plants is out of order. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) had outsourced the maintenance of these filtration plants to a private company and it costs over Rs16 million annually. He said that the civic authority had its own water quality control cell in sector G10 and another of Pakistan Council of Water Research (PCWR), which regularly ensures the quality of water and if any complaint received, the CDA takes action in this regard.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government is working on projects to build more hospitals and improve health facilities for the citizens of urban and rural areas of federal capital. According to official sources, the government has planned a 1,200-bed hospital in the capital city to cater to long-standing demand of the people for quality health care facility in the capital. The sources said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has approved a 1,200 bed hospital project. 20 acres of land at Kuri Road will be allocated for the said purpose. Necessary directives have been issued to the Health Ministry to initiate the process of acquiring the land, sources added. The Agha Khan Foundation (AKF) would provide free of cost technical assistance in the project, which would have 600 beds for specialised care units. Another project is a state of the art cancer hospital for the federal capital during the current fiscal year. Steps are also being taken to expand capacity of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Polyclinic Hospital. The new projects would reduce workload on main hospitals like Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Polyclinic. PIMS has been catering to about 10,000 patients on average from Islamabad, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP), FATA, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and upper Punjab. Polyclinic would be expanded within months as the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has given possession of about 20 kanal to the hospital where previously Argentina Park was located. However, one step that needs to be taken is to improve the condition of Basic Health Units (BHUs) and Rural Health Centres (RHCs) of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). It is being planned to send doctors of PIMS and Polyclinic on rotation to BHUs and RHCs to ensure better medical treatment. Currently, the federal capital has a concentration of hospitals only in the old G sectors while over the years the city has seen considerable expansion on its western and southern fringes with the construction of thousands of new homes in dozens of new housing societies. In view of shortage of the hospitals, the new projects would help in providing necessary quality health facilities to the citizens.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) is organising an evacuation drill to create awareness amongst the airport employees working at Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIA) today (Tuesday). Creating awareness amongst airport functionaries is essential for the management and reduction of fire risk at airport. In case of fire emergency, earthquake or any unlawful act, evacuation of terminal building is required. Only airport employees, ambulances and firefighting units will participate in this exercise today. The general public is being informed in advance to avoid panic during the evacuation drill. During the exercise, flight operations will remain normal. As part of the exercise, mock drills are going to be held to ensure that fire and safety services provided at the airports are managed well, equipped, staffed, trained and operated on the standards of International Civil Aviation Authority (ICAO). The purpose of this fire fighting drill is to promote fire and safety awareness and to develop safety culture at the airport. The key role of rescue and fire fighting services (RFFS) is to save human lives during aircraft and non-aircraft emergencies and to minimise the extent of damage and consequences. PCAA provides rescue and fire fighting services at all domestic and international airports operated by Civil Aviation Authority management. Rescue and fire fighting services is comprised of efficient and dedicated professionals and are equipped with latest fire apparatus.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) has banned kite and pigeon flying in the capital city for two months by imposing section 144 to protect the lives of general public as well as to prevent any inconvenience and danger in the rehearsal flights of fighter jets with regard to Pakistan Day parade on March 23. The capital's Additional District Magistrate Capt (r) Abdul Sattar Isani by exercising his powers conferred to him under section 144 of CRPC 1998 has banned the kite flying and pigeon flying in the federal capital on Monday. The two separate notifications were issued by the office of district magistrate clearly indicating that the manufacturing and sale of the kites, flying kites with string wire will be banned for coming two months within the federal capital territory whereas taking as precautionary measure, the district magistrate also imposed complete

170 illegal blood banks sealed

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Potholes, encroachers claim University Road

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Better healthcare : Governor orders formation of board for ASH uplift

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ban on pigeon flying as it can harm the rehearsal and flight pass of fighter jets for the upcoming Pakistan Day parade to be held on March 23. The notification also warned the owners and occupants of the buildings, shops and hospitals to not allow their rooftops for kite flying. It is further revealed that action has also been taken on the special directives of Interior Ministry. The citizens welcomed the ban imposed on kite flying but also demanded that the government should organise kite-flying events in open places such as parks to provide healthy entertainment to the masses in the federal capital. On the other side, while talking to the Daily Times, G10 Union Council Vice Chairman Atiqur Rahman has told, "Only the announcement of ban on kite-flying is not sufficient to protect the lives of common people but capital administration should also implement its orders." He further suggested that the best way to restrict kite flying is to stop the manufacturing and sale of kites in the capital city. Kite flying is a cultural festival but it misused by few people by using copper wire, sharp maanjha and nylon cord which create danger for human life and safety of general public. While demanding government patronised Basant Festival for capital, a student said that the spring season is considered as the best suitable time for kite flying and the scenic view of Margalla Hills also make kite flying more charming in the federal capital. Meanwhile, a colourful Basant Festival featuring various other entertaining activities is expected to be organised on February 26 at F-9 Park in federal capital. The Basant festival is indeed a festival replete with hues and colors in which people also choose to wear bright yellow and vibrant green colours to be a part of the colours of spring. Despite the fact that over a dozen people get injured while flying the kites but still hundreds of citizens enjoy the festival with full energy. Like previous year, the district administration has decided to take stern action against kite fliers during Basant. A source in the ICT administration said that police have been directed to crack down on people flying kites as part of Basant festival. The source further said that an awareness drive would also be launched to enlighten the public about the danger associated with flying kites with iron string. Kite flyers should avoid using iron wires, which can prove to be dangerous, he added.

KARACHI: Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has said that a crackdown is going on against illegal blood banks. In 2015, as many 26 illegal blood banks were sealed while during the last four years 170 were shut down, Dahar said while presiding over a meeting at his office. Health Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo and Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority Secretary Dr Zahid Ansari also attended the meeting. The health minister was informed that presently 157 registered blood banks are functioning in the province, out of which 43 are under the government. The minister directed the SBTA secretary to make the registration criteria strict and ensure transparency is maintained because it is the matter of human lives, therefore credentials of pathologists and other staff working at blood banks must be verified. While briefing the minister, Dr Ansari said that the registration fee had been increased and now it is Rs 30,000, while renewal fee is Rs 10,000. The meeting was told that there were 85 blood banks in Karachi while 72 were functioning in other districts of Sindh.

KARACHI: A battered road being used by hundreds of thousands of Karachiites is yet to be repaired despite passage of more than one month. The Mosmiyat section of University Road was damaged due to leaking water and gutter lines one month ago and still needs repair to facilitate commuters and motorists. Hundreds of thousands of motorists and commuters face immense problems due to the delayed repair of this section of University Road. 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 busy road linking the Karachi University Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre to Safoora Chowrangi is in a very bad shape because of 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 Karachi University. Encroachments on the road by restaurants, vendors and shop keepers is yet another menace, which the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has to remove yet. The citizens have requested 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.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan has ordered a detailed working paper for the constitution of a board comprising medical experts and philanthropists to ensure provision of better healthcare facilities to patients at Abbasi Shaheed Hospital (ASH). He issued this order during his visit of ASH. Principal Secretary to the Governor, Muhammad Hussain Syed, Karachi Commissioner Syed Asif Hyder Shah and KMC Municipal Commissioner Samiuddin Siddiqui were also present on the occasion. The governor said that with the establishment of a board, the hospital would also be managed smoothly and properly. Every healthcare institution should always prioritise the welfare of patients over every other thing and it should be the same at ASH, he observed. Ebad also nominated principal secretary, municipal commissioner and KMC senior director medical services for compiling data about existing facilities and required resources for better and improved functioning of ASH in the larger interest of patients. While taking notice of lack of facilities in emergency and lab and non-provision of medicines to admitted patients, the governor directed the authorities to make every effort in this regard. He directed KMC municipal commissioner to take immediate steps to ensure better cleanliness in wards and corridors of the hospital to give it a nice and pleasant look. The whole hospital should be covered with CCTV cameras, especially in the corridors, Ebad said while ordering utilisation of 100% of the revenue collected in shape of user charges in the hospital most preferably in radiology department. He further directed for taking immediate steps to provide meals to the admitted patients, which the

Govt hospitals in Rawalpindi facing shortage of ventilators

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patients are not getting since last 18 months. Talking to media on the occasion, the governor said the purpose of this visit was to get firsthand knowledge about the facilities, requirements and problems of ASH and to make a viable strategy to resolve the same with short- and long-term measures. All departments concerned and institutions would be approached to make this health facility more effective, he added. He said that hospital authorities have been asked to prepare a detailed report containing and covering all aspects for making ASH a much improved healthcare centre. Replying a question Ebad said he would visit other health facilities of the city also to apprise himself about their issues. On a question about Karachi operation, he said it is continuing according to the parameters laid down in National Action Plan (NAP). It has achieved tremendous results which are visible to everyone, he said, adding that the people of Pakistan and especially Karachi are thankful to Rangers and other law enforcement agencies for peace and tranquillity in Karachi. Ebad said due to their strenuous efforts economic, cultural, social and recreational activities are continuing in full swing and Karachi is once again becoming the "city of lights".

RAWALPINDI: When the 70-year-old father of Nasir Hussein, a resident of Rawalpindi, went through respiratory failure after combating high blood pressure for some time, doctors recommended putting the patient on a ventilator to help him breathe. The only problem was that the three government-run hospitals in the city did not have one to spare for Nasir's father. The 35-year-old had to go from hospital to hospital asking their intensive care units (ICU) if they have a ventilator his father could be put on. In the end, Nasir, who works in a private firm, borrowed Rs100,000 from his cousin and took his father to a private hospital. Doctors at the three government-run hospitals told him that other, younger patients were usually given beds in an ICU and that older people were not prioritised because they had lower odds of survival and of making a recovery. The fees for private hospitals, on the other hand, are very high. "I was charged Rs80,000 per day for the ventilator which I borrowed from family. So, I am faced with two difficult situations. One, my father is ill and second, I have to think of how to pay back the money I borrowed from my limited salary," Nasir said. Another local of the garrison city, Mohammad Ashfaq, faced a similar situation when his mother's asthma got worse and had to be put on a ventilator. There were no beds or ventilators for Mohammad's mother at the three hospitals either. "I called a private hospital to check if they will put her on a ventilator before taking her there," he said. Saying the government had ignored them, Mohammad suggested such health care facilities should be available to low income patients at state-run hospitals because getting treated at private ones is too expensive. He asked why the government was so keen on starting up transport projects like the ones for trains and buses when the condition of hospitals worsened everyday and added that at state-run hospitals, one can only get medicine for fever and stomach aches. Nasir and Mohammad are just two of many in the garrison city who faced problems because of a shortage of ventilators in the three hospitals.

A ventilator is a machine that supports breathing, helping with getting oxygen into the body and taking out carbon dioxide. Though there is a shortage of ventilators in the three hospitals, a leader of the ruling PML-N, Hanif Abbasi, maintained that the provincial government had brought improvements in state-run hospitals and that they had been provided with ventilators, both for the ICUs and for other departments. The ICU in the Holy Family Hospital (HFH) has 38 beds and the same number of ventilators, but the beds are usually occupied by accident victims. HFH Medical Superintendent Dr Raja Shafique said the 38 ventilators in the hospital were enough to meet the requirements of the city. What creates problems, he said, was the inflow of patients from other areas. He added that when people find there are no ventilators free to be used by their loved ones, most of them take their patients to private hospitals. They then come back to state-run hospitals after they are told of the fee they will be charged. Dr Shafique said children, surgical and cardiac patients were prioritised for putting on ventilators and that the government had said the hospital will be provided with more ventilators soon. The Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) has only eight ventilators when more than 50 patients usually need it every day. Of the hospital's ventilators, a senior doctor at BBH said: "We have a centralised oxygen supply system and oxygen cylinders are also used."

BBH Medical Superintendent Dr Asif Qadir Mir told Dawn that though the ventilators in the ICU were in running condition, only eight patients at a time could be put on them. "Funds for procuring 20 more ventilators were approved by the government and the process of procuring them is likely to start by the end of this fiscal year," he said. He said the shortage of ventilators did mean that all patients could not be accommodated and that they usually referred patients to the other two government hospitals. The District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital has even fewer ventilators, with two of a total five ventilators not working since last year. Former MNA Hanif Abbasi argued that the government was working to improve the conditions and facilities at government hospitals across the province and especially to those in the garrison city. "The Holy Family Hospital was provided with 20 new ventilators and the other two hospitals will also be given two each," he said, adding that the Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology was an example of how committed the government was about improving the health sector. On the other hand, PTI local leader Zahid Kazmi said that while the PML-N led government had spent Rs170 billion on the Orange Line and the metro bus project, it had ignored improving health facilities. "The government will privatise government run hospitals and take away free healthcare from the people," he alleged, saying PTI will not 'allow' this to happen. Already, he said, the pathology departments in the government hospitals refer tests to private laboratories which are run by government employed doctors, working outside the hospitals and that there was always a shortage of medicines in the hospitals.

GILGIT: Activists of political and religious parties in Diamer on Monday alleged that subsidised wheat meant for Gilgit-Baltistan was being sold in Mansehra district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They were speaking at a multi-party conference convened by Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam-F at Chilas, the district headquarters of Diamer, to discuss public issues. JUI-F local leader Abdul Hanaan, PML-N's Abdul Waheed, PPP's Mohammad Wali, PTI's Atiqullah, Diamer-Bhasha Dam-affected people committee spokesman Najeebullah and others spoke on the occasion. They said GB people faced

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wheat shortage while their subsidised commodity was being sold in black market in Mansehra. They accused the concerned contractors and food department officials of being involved in the malpractice. The leaders demanded that those involved in the black-marketing of wheat should be given punishment. Speaking on the occasion, Abdul Hanaan said people of Diamer region were being ignored in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project. He demanded that GB should be declared a tax-free zone. PPP leader Mohammad Wali said GB people should also be given benefits of the CPEC. The speakers said a university should be established in Diamer to end educational disparities in the area. They said the government wasn't paying heed to the demands of the Diamer-Bhasha Dam-affected people.

KOHAT: Residents of Junglekhel area here on Monday blocked the Kohat-Peshawar Road against power, gas outages and poor cleanliness. The protesters complained that 18 hours of power outages, and gas loadshedding in the morning and during night had stressed them out. They said sanitary staff didn't come to the area for weeks, as a result garbage littered the streets and drains overflowed. The protesters opened the road on assurance of the police officials that they would take up the matter with the authorities concerned. However, the protesters warned to block the highway again for an indefinite period if their woes were not addressed.

KARACHI: A panel of experts while speaking at Sindh Policy Studies Dialogue on 'Water and Census Issues' rejected the proposed Akhori Dam project, describing it 'uneconomic' venture, besides being against the interests of this province. The experts also called for implementing the Supreme Court verdict on illegal immigrants, utilising the database of NADRA for ensuring fair census process, stopping the people of other provinces from casting their vote in Sindh, besides taking certain constitutional measures like issuance of work permit to restrict their movement to this province. The dialogue was organised by Sindh Writers and Thinkers Forum. Former Planning and Development additional chief secretary Fazlullah Qureshi, former Sindh Irrigation secretary Muhammad Idrees Rajput, former secretary Abdul Ghaffar Soomro, Ghulam Mustafa Abro, Prof Aijaz Qureshi, Muzaffar Chandio, Noor Ahmed Memon, Nasir Aijaz and Manzoor Solangi also spoke at the meeting. The proposed project is part of Water Vision 2025 of the federal government. Its site is located near Akhori Village, 28 km east of Attok and 40 km west of Islamabad in Punjab province. The proposed dam, with height of above 400 ft and length of 5.16 km would have reservoir capacity of above 6 MAF water. "It would inundate more than 30 villages and displace 50,000 people but hardly 600MW electricity could be produced." "As per plan, the dam will be filled by the water spilled from Tarbela Dam during the flood season, while the Indus flood pattern shows that the water spills out from Tarbela only after two or three years, which means even if the proposed dam receives water in certain season, there would be no water supplies to it for a long period making it unworkable," the experts viewed. "Investing billions of rupees on such a project would just be a bad investment for not being economically feasible," they said exhorting the authorities at the helms of affairs to attach first priority to the Bhasha dam, which is a consensus project. The experts were of the view that executing the "disputed" project of Akhori Dam like that of Kalabagh dam would further widen the gulf of distrust against Punjab. "The revised PC-I of the Akhori dam project includes construction of Akhori-Rasul link canal that would draw Indus water like Chashma-Jehlum and Taunsa-Punjab link canals, which is ample proof that Indus water would be diverted to Jehlum," they said. Discussing the census issue, the experts cited the examples of "manipulation" taking place in house-counting in the past and urged the government to take extra measures for conducting fair census. "Karachi in particular and rest of Sindh in general cannot afford further influx of people from other provinces. Sindh lacks infrastructure and employment resources even for its own people, therefore, the movement of people from other provinces and tribal areas is direly needed to be checked," they added. The experts demanded that the illegal immigrants including Afghan refugees should be counted and registered separately and similarly the people from other provinces should have no right of vote in Sindh.

KARACHI: The residents of Korangi on Sunday staged a demonstration to protest consistent electricity load-shedding and water shortage in the area. As per details, hundreds of people blocked Korangi's main road by burning tyres. They chanted slogans against the government for power outages and shortage of water. The protestors urged the government to resolve the problems as early as possible. They later dispersed peacefully on the persuasion of police. Meanwhile, an accused identified as Shayan was held by citizens while snatching mobile in Defence area of the metropolis. He hailed from North Nazimabad and both of his parents are doctor by profession. The citizens caught four armed robbers dressed in police uniform when they attempted to commit robbery in a house near Islam Chowk in Orangi Town. The detainee was given sound thrash before they were handed over to police.

ISLAMABAD: Height of boundary walls of 46 educational institutions operating under Federal Directorate of Education (FDE) would be completed soon, a senior official of Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) said. He said that the remaining walls of schools would be raised in the second phase under the Prime Minister's Educational Reform Programme (PMERP). He said that in addition to raising the walls, razor wires are also being installed as per security measures advised by the concerned authorities. The security measures included upraising of boundary walls of educational institutions, installation of close-circuit television cameras, placing effective Security Inspection Monitoring System (SIMS) for real time monitoring, analysis and reporting security inspection. He said that the government have also designed and developed Daily Visitor Invigilation System (DVIS) for schools and colleges. A total of 597 security guards are available in 422 educational institutions of federal capital while recruitment against vacant posts of security guards is under process. Federal Directorate of Education is also in a process to hire security guards from private security agencies. The official said that Rs 180 million under Prime Minister Educational Reform Programme (PMERP) has been allocated in federal capital to promote quality education and upgrade buildings and provide other facilities. The details of PMERP include provision of missing facilities like labs, washrooms, clean drinking water,

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renovation of classrooms and boundary wall etc, restructuring of Federal Directorate of Education, formulation of recruitment rules for teaching and non-teaching staff.

Islamabad: The Flagship Millennium University College (TMUC), H-11/4 in federal capital in collaboration with United States Education Foundation Pakistan (USEFP) organised a visit of 23 US universities to talk and brief Millennials about global undergraduate scholarships on Sunday, said a press release issued. The visiting institutions from US include the University of Kentucky, Emporia State University, Old Dominion University, Hiram College, Foothill and De Anza Colleges, Savannah College of Art and Design, State University of New York, Plattsburgh, Minot State University, Western Kentucky University, Luther College, Valparaiso University, University of Bridgeport, Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, Northeastern Illinois University, St Peter's University, University of Arizona, Minerva School at KGI, Arizona State University, Colorado State University, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, St. John's University and Wichita State University to talk and brief Millennials about global undergraduate scholarships. The university representatives were there for on-spot counselling sessions about scholarships and study prospects in United States of America (USA). It was a productive and interactive session for the Millennium University College and Roots Millennium Schools' students. The students from Islamabad, Abbottabad, Peshawar, Mirpur and Gujranwala campuses participated in the event. In a highly interactive question and answer session in which undergraduate, AS and A level students posed pertinent questions regarding "study in USA", the cultural difference and environment in USA colleges and universities. After the question and answer session, the Roots Millennium Schools Chief Executive Faisal Mushtaq presented memento to the representatives for honouring the Millennium University College campus for a one on one talk session. Later, a group photograph of the university representatives, students and staff was taken to mark the ending of the grand ceremony. The Roots Millennium School is a global school and college committed to meet the needs and ambitions of a diverse range of students by providing challenging academic programmes underpinned by innovative research, scholarships and professional practices.

ISLAMABAD: Emergency Response Centres (ERC) will be established along with the highways of far-flung areas of Balochistan, said an official of Ministry of Communication. He said that each centre would have the facilities of ambulance, recovery vehicles and mobile workshops. The official said that in addition to emergency response centres, ambulance service would also be started in coordination with Punjab Rescue 1122 Department on National Highways. The secretary home department government of Punjab had been requested to direct director general (DG) Punjab Emergency Services Rescue 1122 to provide technical assistance for establishment of emergencies system on Motorways and National Highways within the limits of Punjab province.

ISLAMABAD: Local chapter of Institution of Engineers, Pakistan (IEP) on Sunday adopted an action plan to enhance professional standard of engineering community enabling them to play their effective role in the country's socio-economic development. Under the plan, a series of events will be arranged in the coming months to help the engineers working in various disciplines to update their technical knowledge and sharing each other's experience. The plan was adopted at the meeting of Finance and Administration Committee held under the Chairmanship of Engr Hafiz M EhsanUI Haq Qazi. The committee discussed various proposals for their capacity building in order to ensure transparency and efficiency in engineering practices and profession. It was decided to launch membership drive to expand the institution's network. This task was given to the respective Vice Chairmen of IEP's Rawalpindi-Islamabad centre. Some proposals regarding revenue-generation were also adopted. It was decided that a new IEP's building would be constructed soon and for this purpose a working committee was formed. Vice Chairmen Dr Attaullah Shah, M Tahir Faisal, Ch Sikandar Hayat Tahir Hussain and Azadar Hussain Mazhar and Secretary Shafiqur Rehman attended the meeting and resolved to make the institution an effective body to promote the interest of the engineering community. Engr Qazi who had earlier served as honorary secretary of Engineering Cooperative Housing Society assured that all decisions will be taken on consensus and the forum will be solely used for the promotion of engineering community. IEP is the apex body of the professional engineers and operates with the objective of promoting and advancing engineering and technology throughout Pakistan. It also promotes professional interest and social welfare of members besides promoting the study of engineering with a view to disseminate information for facilitating the scientific and economical development of engineering profession in Pakistan. The committee decided to start a lecture series from February 27. A renowned environmental expert Javed Ali Khan will deliver the first lecture on GHG emissions trends and technology options for reduction in Pakistan.

SUKKUR: A three-year-old boy, Yousuf, son of a labourer, Nawaz Leghari, was burnt alive while his mother and brother also sustained burns of different degrees when a fire broke out in their house in Bhari Leghari village near Khanpur Mahar town of Ghotki district, police said on Sunday. They said a candle left unattended in the house caused the fire late on Saturday night. Naheed Leghari and Babar, 9, were admitted to the Sukkur Civil Hospital for treatment.

MUZAFFARABAD: Telecom services in the picturesque Neelum Valley of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), that were once the worst, have been upgraded. Col Mohammad Ali Nadeem, AJK Sector Commander of Special Communication Organisation (SCO), a subsidiary of the Pakistan Army, told Dawn that the telecom company had not only improved its fixed line phone services, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) internet services but also upgraded its mobile telephone service (GSM) across the state, particularly in the areas popular with tourists. Although the rest of AJK was thrown open to multinational cellular companies after the 2005 earthquake, Neelum and Leepa valleys in Muzaffarabad Division and Haveli district in Poonch Division, that straddle the heavily militarised Line of Control (LoC), remained an exception apparently because of the alleged security concerns. Residents of these areas were discontent with SCO's fixed line phone service in general and mobile phone facility, SCOM, in particular. Explaining the reason for the lack of communication

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services in these areas Col Nadeem said the difficult terrain had made it hard to provide better services before. "Even if multinational companies had been allowed to operate there, trust me, no one would have ventured out there because of the difficult terrain and the small expected revenues", he said.

Citing the shifting of two base transceiver stations (BTS) by a multinational cellular company from the Jhelum Valley, reportedly because of low returns, he said SCO would not be doing the same. "We cannot do that because we are not here to make profits but to serve the public," he added. He explained that 35 of the 90 DSL BTS installed by SCO were making just about Rs2,000 against a maintenance cost of Rs11,000 per day but these would not be closed or moved to another place. "No matter what the weather is like, our teams are always ready for the maintenance of the network," he added. Col Nadeem said 11 DSL BTS had been installed in the Neelum Valley and that another 4 were to be installed soon to boost services. "Mobile services have been extended to Kel, in the upper part of the valley, and DSL facilities have also been made available in almost all towns," Col Nadeem added. The company has also introduced tourist SIM cards in the Neelum Valley, he said. Col Nadeem said DSL and mobile phone services had also been introduced in Leepa Valley, though on a limited scale in the beginning. Due to better conditions along the LoC and an improved road network between Muzaffarabad and Athmuqam, there has been an increase in the number of tourists visiting Neelum valley, though up till two years ago, they had to face a complete telecommunication cut off.

PESHAWAR: Lack of specialised paediatric health services in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's hospitals, including its teaching institutions, has been causing complications to the child patients requiring specialised treatment by nephrologists, neonatologist, neurologists, gastroenterologists, pulmonologist, etc. "Those who can afford treatment can take their children to Lahore, Islamabad and even abroad, but the poor ones have to rely on general paediatricians," doctors said. They said that there was no planning by the government or vision to think and take measures and develop services at least on the pattern of Punjab, if not Agha Khan University, which had enhanced facilities and services for over two decades now. There are 40 sub-specialties in the Lahore's Children Hospital where children with different diseases have access to specialist doctors and proper services. The Punjab government has provided training to doctors in UK and other advanced countries long ago and now they have established full-fledged departments which are training more and more paediatricians. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa neither have specialist paediatricians except paediatric cardiologist at present nor has a plan to develop such services in the near future, they said. The doctors said that wards for adults were being developed at the three teaching hospitals of Peshawar from time to time, but for children the facilities were very limited and could not meet the needs of the growing number of patients. At present, the province's hospitals have only 1,000 beds for a population of 11 million children, which means that there is one bed per 10,000 children. The government, being signatory to about 20 international conventions related to child rights, is yet to cater to the needs of children, paediatricians said.

The government recently shelved the establishment of another children ward in the Khyber Teaching Hospital due to lack of space. According to a source in the health secretariat, there has been no extension of beds and other facilities for children from the past 15 years, though children are 45 per cent of the population. Sources said that the province had a limited number of paediatricians, but children with chronic ailments suffered the most for lack of specialists. The previous government had started the Khyber Institute of Child Health (KICH) and Children Hospital in Hayatabad for the specialised services and paediatric sub-specialties with the help of the federal government, but the present government could not take forward the project at a good pace. According to paediatricians, about 78 of every 1,000 children under age five died whereas 67 of 1,000 below one year of age children didn't celebrate their first anniversary in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. They said that KICH had suffered after its founder-director, who had planned and designed the project, was replaced by the previous government due to which the institute supposed to serve as an umbrella for the child health services in the province couldn't be built at a desired pace. There are about 100 beds for child patients in the Khyber Teaching Hospital, 70 in Hayatabad Medical Complex and 150 in Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, where doctors have to admit three children on one bed. This practice has been causing infections to the minor patients, but doctors couldn't refuse admission to the seriously ill patients.

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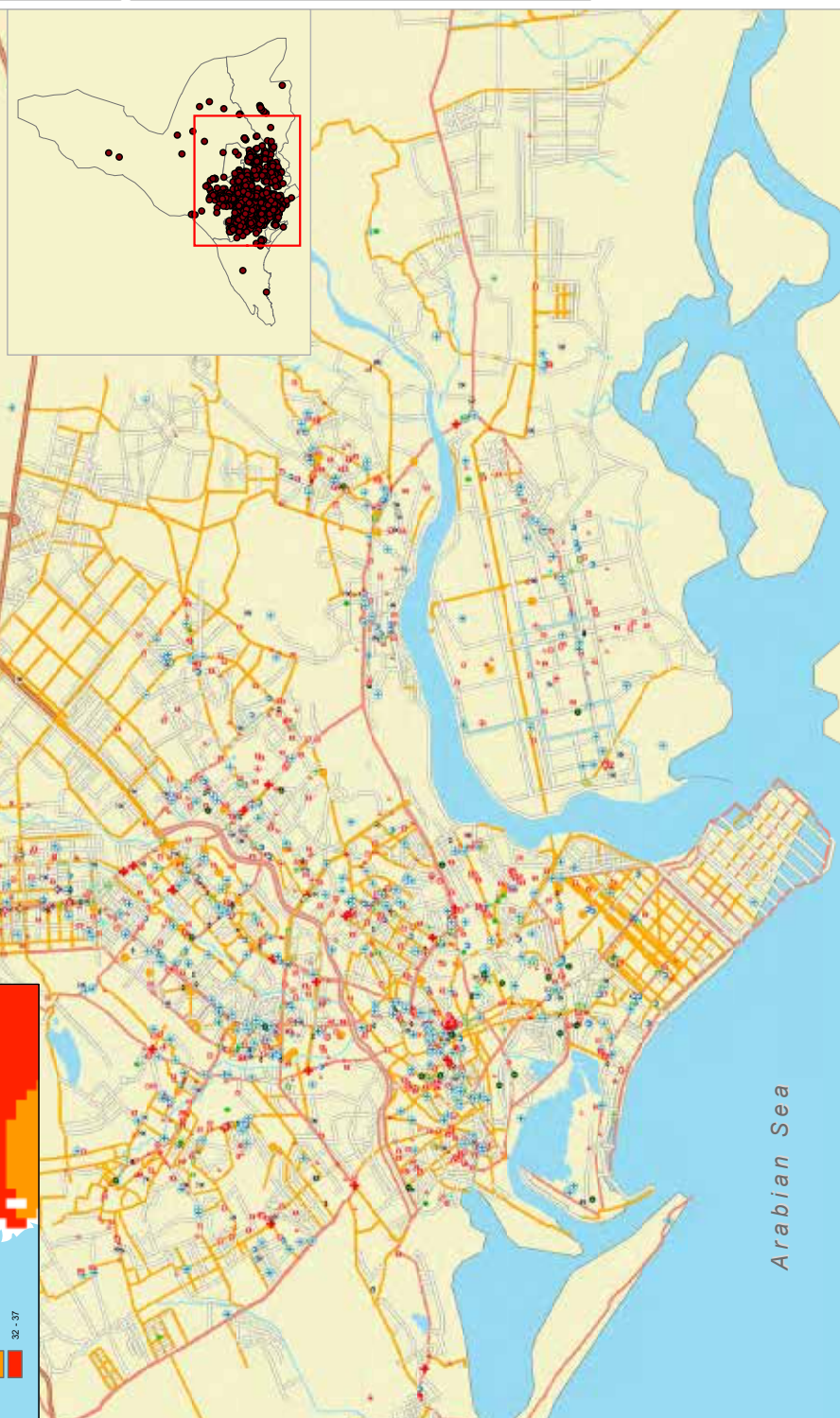
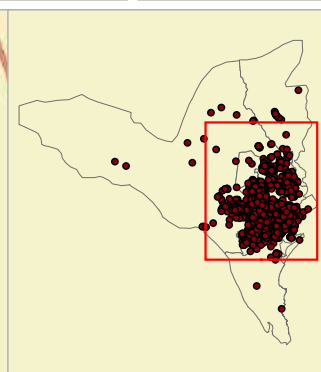
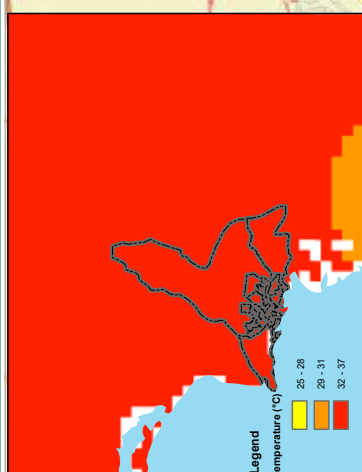
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Saturday hottest February day in Karachi in over two decades: Met

KARACHI(Dawn News): With the mercury topping 36.5 degrees Celsius on Saturday, Feb 26, Karachi witnessed it's hottest day of the month in over two decades, the Met office said Sunday.

The heatwave is expected to continue till Monday or Tuesday after which temperatures will gradually dwindle down, officials say.

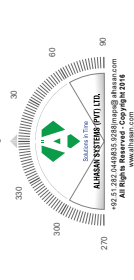
The reason for yesterday's unprecedented heat was a "disconnect of sea breeze towards Karachi", Pakistan Meteorological Department Director General Dr Ghulam Rasool told Dawn.com. Wind blowing from the "land surface towards the sea" instead of the other way round, bringing humidity levels down to around 30 per cent is responsible for the rise in temperature, he said. The breeze will shift direction around Sunday evening, the DG Met said, adding that temperatures will return to normal by Tuesday, falling to around 32 degrees.



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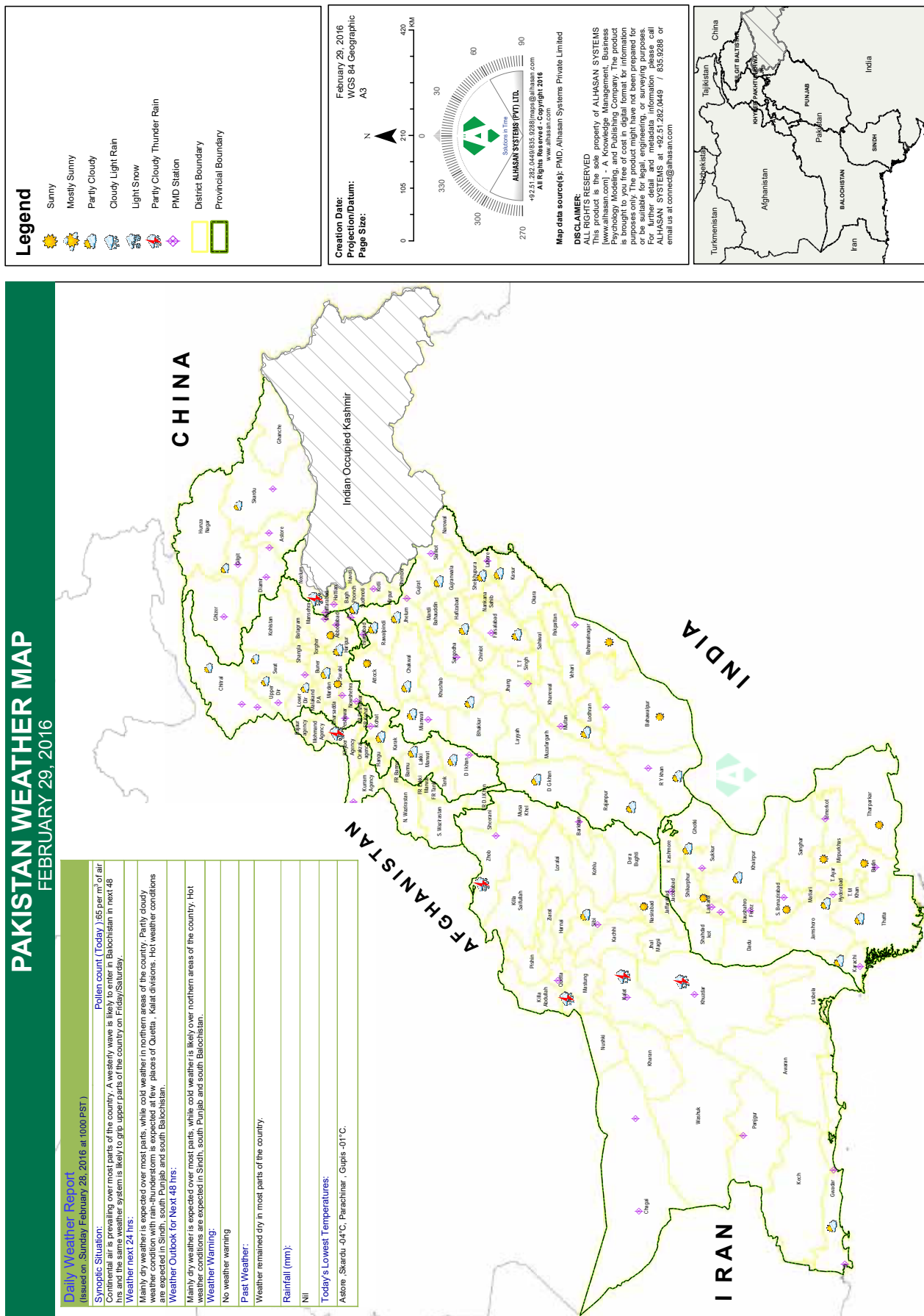
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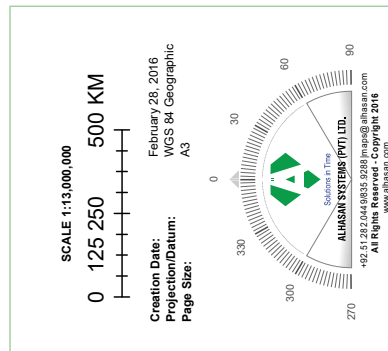
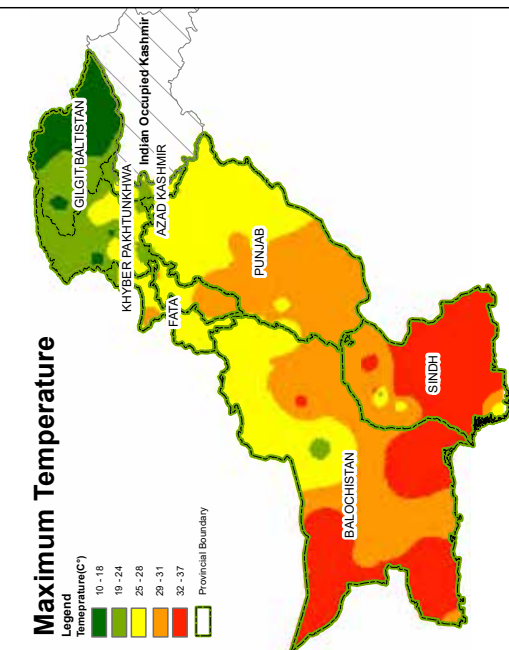
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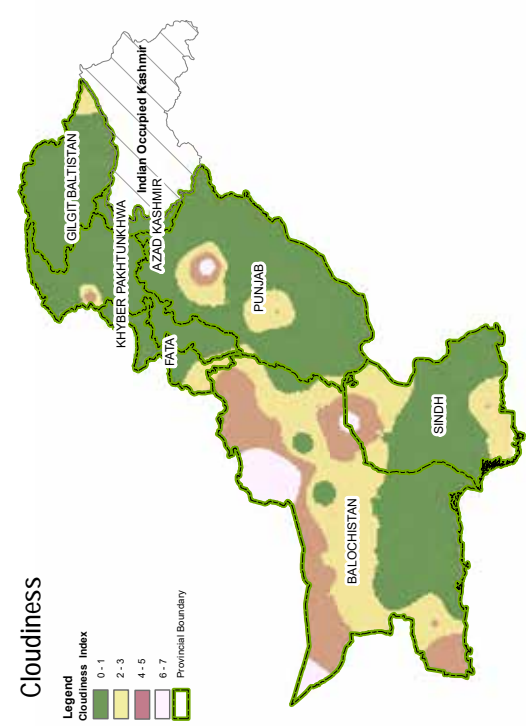
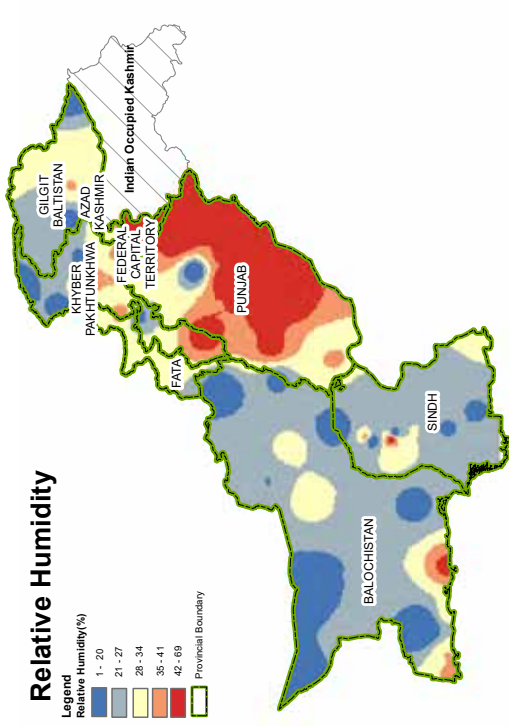
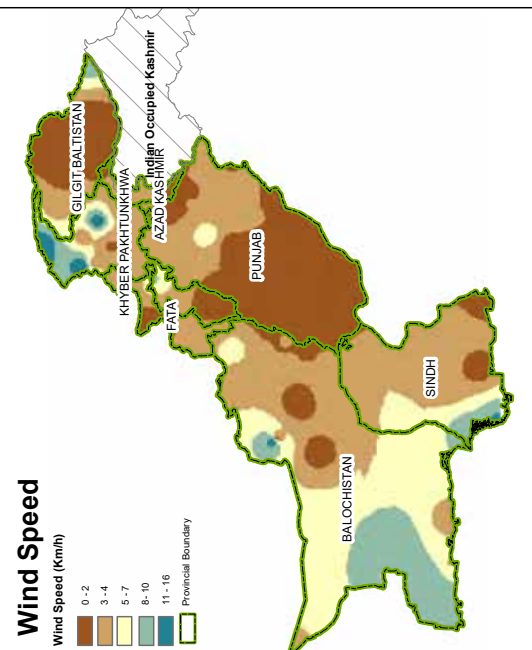


Weather Parameters Map of Pakistan 27 February, 2016



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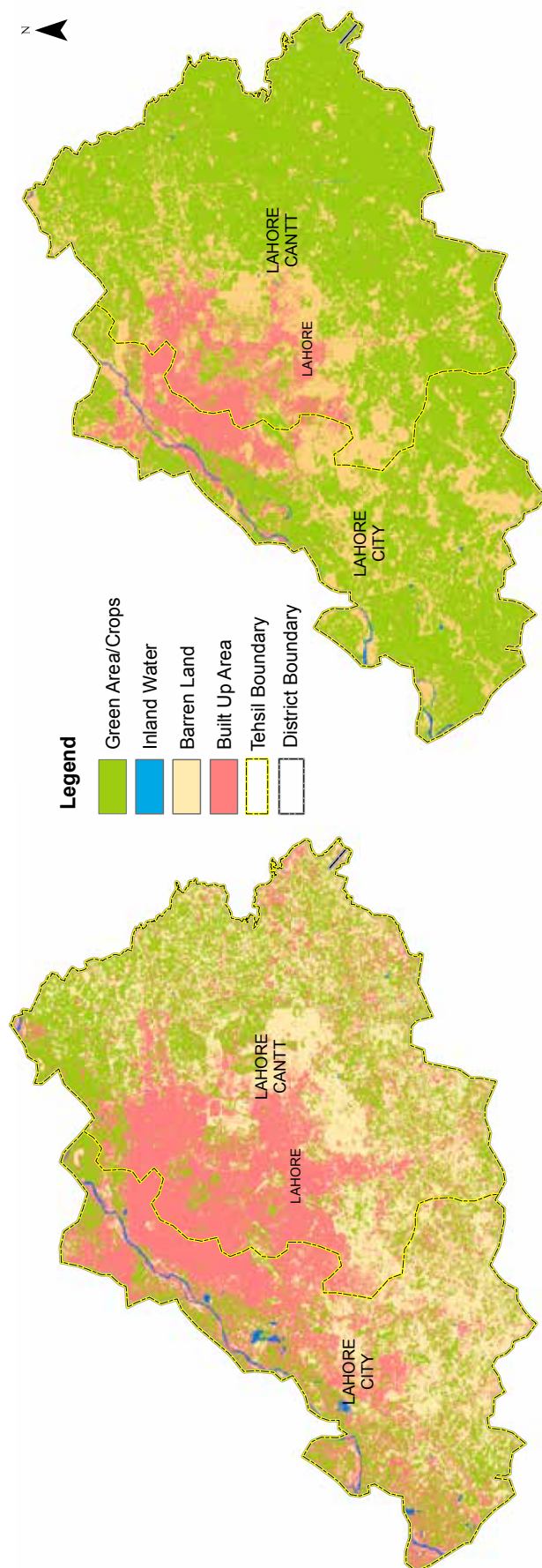
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CHANGE DETECTION ANALYSIS-LAHORE

Lahore Land Use Analysis 2015

Lahore Land Use Analysis 2000



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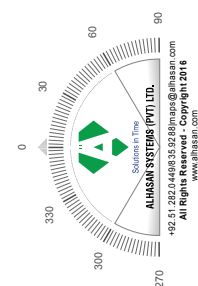
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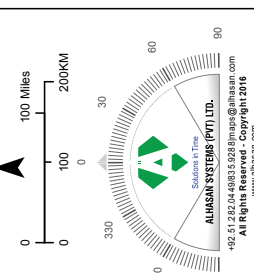
MUZZAFARABAD: At least six passengers were killed and 20 others injured when a bus collided with an oil tanker in Muzaffarabad on Saturday. According to police, a speedy oil tanker careened off the road and rammed into a passenger vehicle, killing six passengers on the spot and around 20 others injured. The identity of the victims could not be ascertained immediately. The injured and the dead were shifted to a local hospital for treatment and autopsy. The police have registered a case and started investigation.

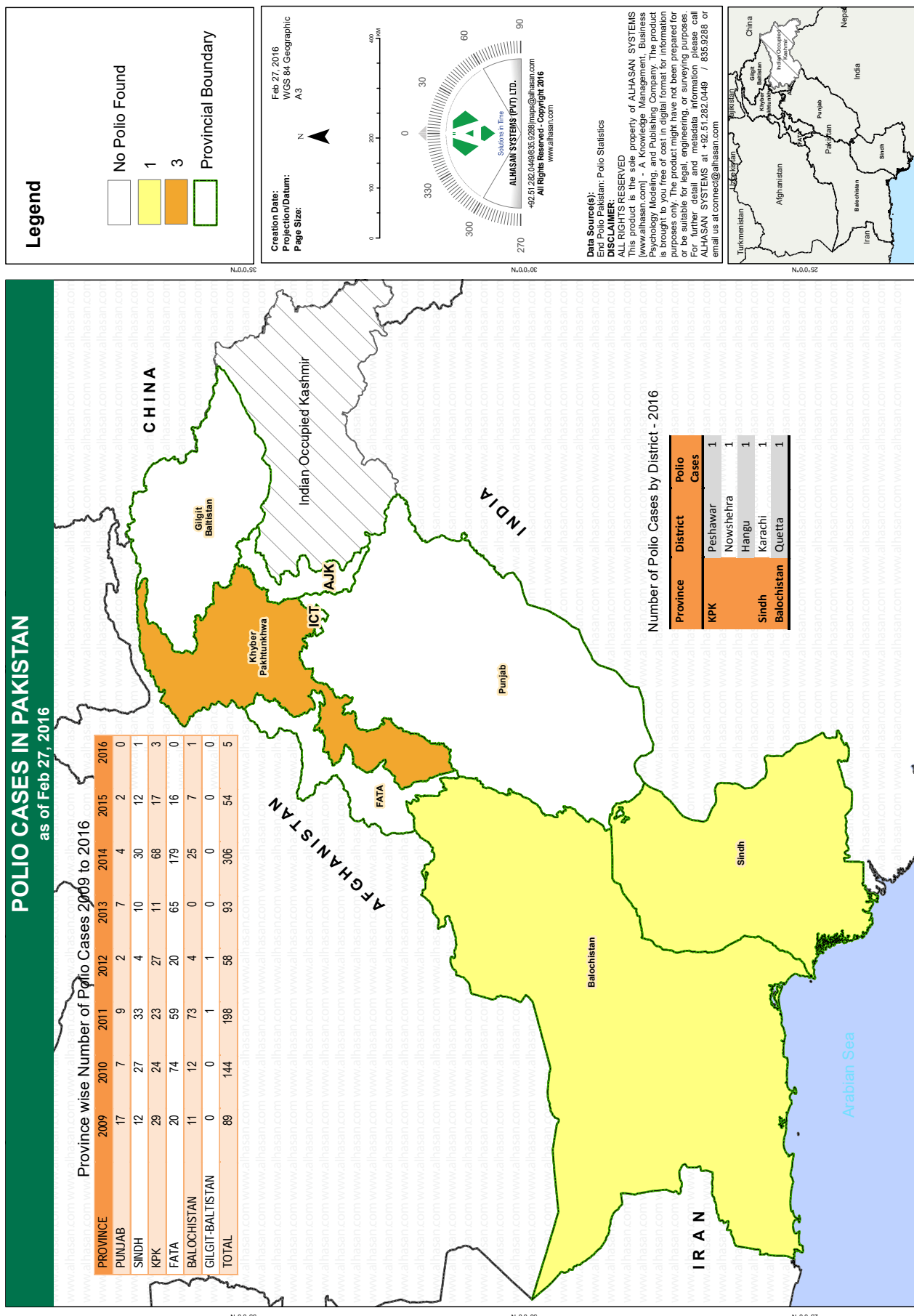
Man injured in accident
MUSLIMABAD: A man was injured in a road accident on Saturday. According to the police, a speeding car, driven by unidentified man, hit Mangta Masih near F-7 Markaz. He was taken to the Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences where he is stated to be in stable condition. The police registered a case against the driver but have not arrested him yet.

Three killed, 15 injured in Okara road accident. OKARA: Three were killed immediately and 15 injured in a road accident on GT Road, Dunya News reported. The accident occurred on Monday night at 10.30 p.m. on the Okara road. The vehicle involved was a trailer carrying a passenger bus, a passenger van, bus and a trailer slammed in one another due to dense fog near the military main headquarters. High speed van hit a trailer carrying a passenger bus, which slammed into the bus carrying a passenger van. As a result, 15 people got wounded on the GT Road. The injured were shifted to Jinnah Hospital owing to their critical conditions. Earlier on February 10, at least ten people died and more than 20 were injured when a tanker carrying liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) crashed into a car and the car's gas leakage fuelled an inferno. According to eyewitnesses, the accident occurred when the driver of the tanker lost control while overtaking a vehicle near a turn. Rescue teams reached at the site to shift the injured to the hospital and recovered bodies from the blaze. Firefighters were also called in to extinguish the flames. Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Shahbaz Sharif expressed sorrow over the accident and ordered an inquiry in the matter.

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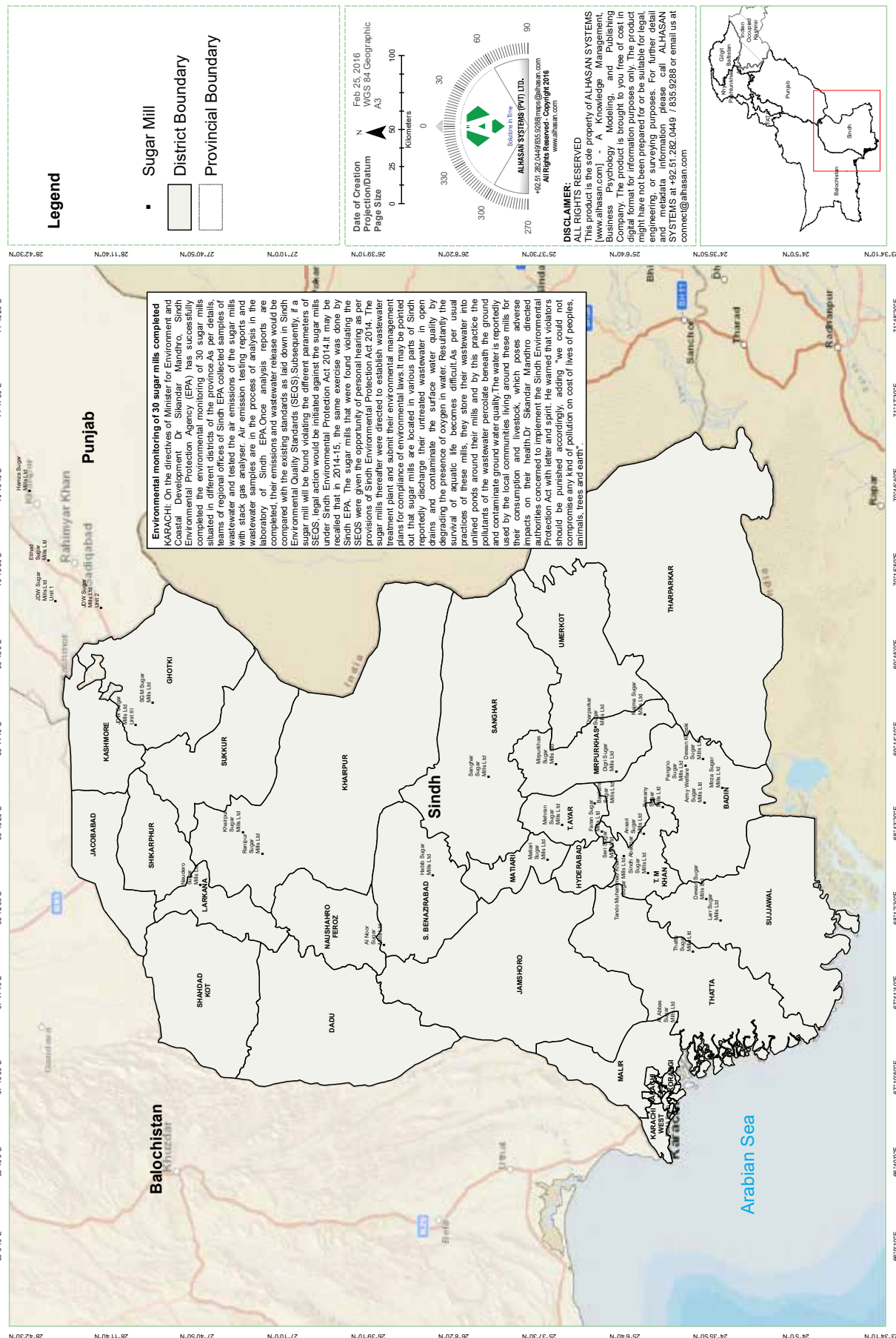




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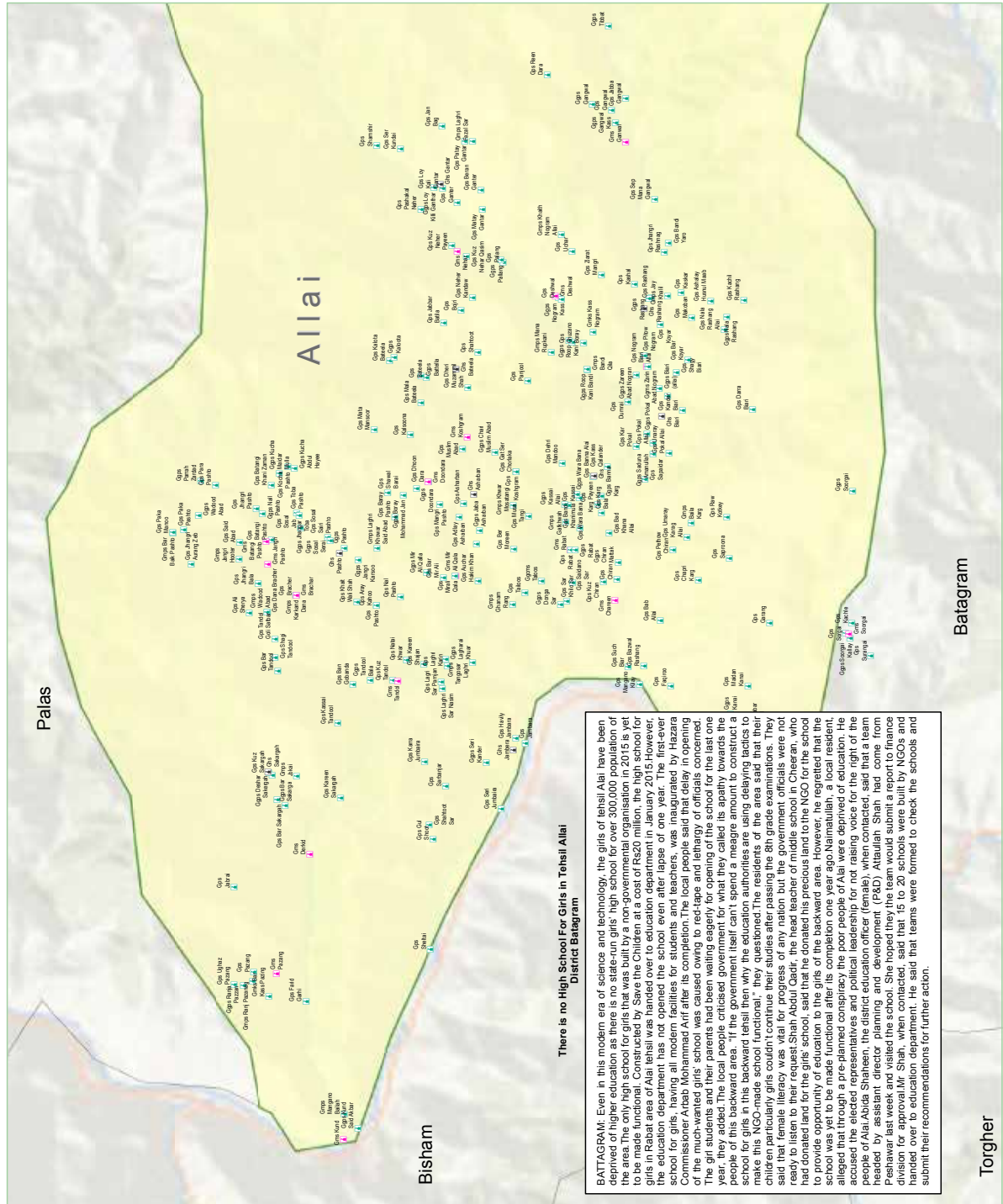
Sindh Environmental Protection Agency





Tehsil Allai - No High School For Girls

District Batagram



There is no High School For Girls in Tehsil Allai District Batagram

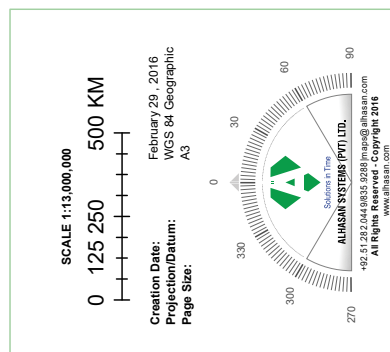
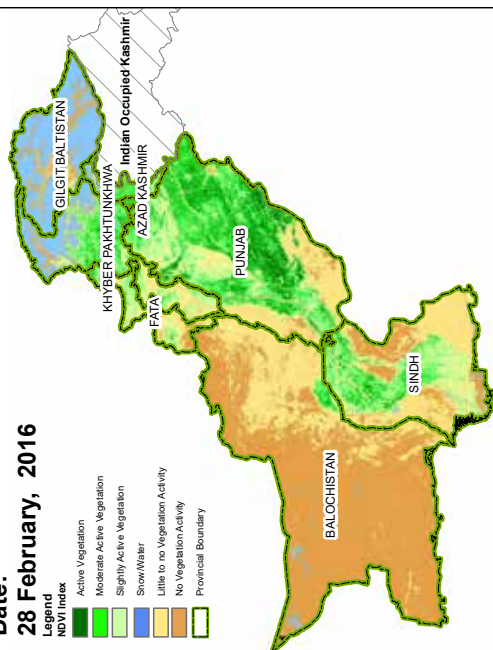
BATTAGRAM: Even in this modern era of science and technology, the girls of tehsil Allai have been deprived of higher education as there is no state-run girls' high school for over 300,000 population of the area. The only high school for girls that was built by a non-governmental organisation in 2015 is yet to be made functional. Constructed by Save the Children at a cost of Rs20 million, the high school for girls in Rabat area of Allai tehsil was handed over to education department in January 2016. However, the education department has not opened the school even after lapse of one year. The first-ever school for girls in the backward area of Allai tehsil was built by a non-governmental organisation, Commissioner Aftab Mohammad Arif after its completion. The local people said that delay in opening of the much-wanted girls' school was caused owing to red-tape and lethargy of officials concerned. The girl students and their parents had been waiting eagerly for opening of the school for the last one year, they added. The local people criticised government for what they called its apathy towards the people of this backward area. "If the government itself can't spend a meagre amount to construct a school for girls in this backward tehsil then why the education authorities are using delaying tactics to make this NGO-made school functional," they questioned. The residents of the area said that their children particularly girls couldn't continue their studies after passing the 8th grade examinations. They said that female hierarchy was still in progress in any nation but the government officials were not making any progress in this regard. They said that the school was built on a plot of land that had been donated for the girls' school, said that he donated his precious land to the NGO for the school to provide opportunity of education to the girls of the backward area. However, he regretted that the school was yet to be made functional after its completion one year ago. Namatullah, a local resident, alleged that through a pre-planned conspiracy the poor people of Allai were deprived of education. He accused the elected representatives and political leadership for not raising voice for the right of the people of Allai. Abda Shahen, the district education officer (female), when contacted, said that a team headed by assistant director planning and development (P&D) Altauliah Shah had come from Peshawar last week and visited the school. She hoped the team would submit a report to finance department within a week. She said that 15 to 20 schools were built by NGOs and the government had provided over educational department. He said that teams were formed to check the schools and submit their recommendations for further action.

Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

28 February, 2016

Date:
28 February, 2016

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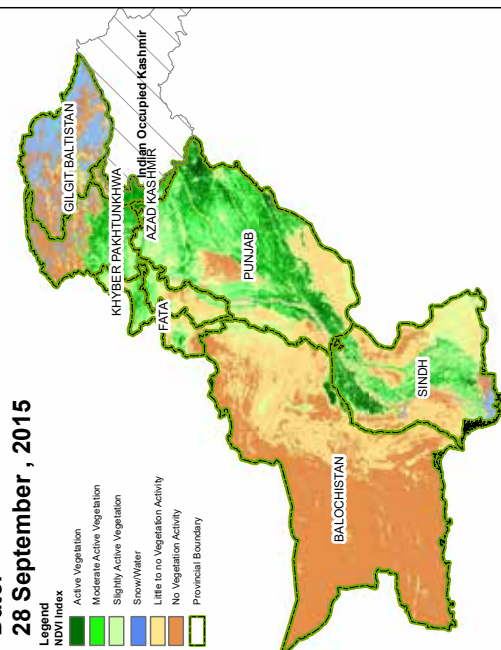
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بھائیوں کی لگن دیکھی اور اسٹریٹ چلڈرن کا شوق دیکھا تو ہم نے بھرپور مدد کا فیصلہ کیا پہلے تو یہ دونوں اپنی جیب خرچ سے کر رہے تھے لیکن اب ہم ان کی مدد کر رہے ہیں، 50 روپے فی بچہ روز کے علاوہ ہم کتابیں، کاپیاں، قلم، پنسل دیتے ہیں اور روزانہ چائے یا سافٹ ڈرنک بھی دیتے ہیں، اکثریت بچوں کا تعلق اندرون سندھ سے ہے اور مادری زبان سندھی ہے لیکن کچھ پشتو بھی بولتے ہیں چند بچے ہندو بھی ہیں، تمام بچے اتنے خوش ہیں کہ وہ ہر روز آتے ہیں اور بہت دلچسپی لیتے ہیں، کلاس لینے والے بچوں محمد خان اور شعلہ نے بتایا کہ روزانہ 50 روپے ملتے ہیں جو وہ اپنے والد کو دیتے ہیں، اسی لیے وہ انھیں روز بھیجتے ہیں، انھیں لکھنا، پڑھنا اچھا لگتا ہے پھر چائے اور ایک کولڈ ڈرنک بھی ملتی ہے، وہ عام بچوں کی طرح یونیفارم پہن کر اسکول بھی جانا چاہتے ہیں اور پڑھ لکھ کر بڑا آدمی بننا چاہتے ہیں، حسن اور شیریں کی والدہ ثروت علی نے بتایا کہ کچھ دن بد رکمرشل میں کلاسیں شروع کیں پھر دہشت گردی کے باعث یہاں سی ویو کے قریب کلاسیں شروع کر دی ہیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ چاہتے ہیں کہ اسٹریٹ بچے غلط باتھوں میں نہ چلے جائیں۔

شیخ، عبدالصمد بڈھانی وائس چیئرمین ایف پی سی آئی کے آتم پرکاش و دیگر شخصیات نے طبی کیمپ کا دورہ کیا۔

ٹھری میرواہ (نامہ نگار) ٹھری میرواہ میں جلد کی بیماری میں اضافہ کئی بچے خواتین مرد بیماری میں مبتلا ہو گئے۔ تفصیل کے مطابق ٹھری میرواہ تحصیل بھر میں جلد کی بیماری میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے اس سلسلے میں کئی بچے خواتین مرد جلد کی بیماریوں میں مبتلا ہو گئے ہیں۔ جس سے کے باعث اسپتال مریضوں سے بھر گئے ہیں مریضوں کا کہنا ہے کہ پرائیویٹ کلینکوں میں ڈاکٹروں کو دکھاتے ہیں اور مہنگی ادویات استعمال کرنے کے باوجود بھی ادویات سے کوئی فائدہ نہیں مل رہا ہے ڈاکٹر مریضوں کو لوٹ رہے ہیں۔ جبکہ سرکاری اسپتالوں میں جلد کی امراض کی ادویات کی عدم دستیابی ہے جس سے مریضوں کو سخت پریشانیوں کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ جلد کے امراض کے مریضوں نے حکام سے مطالبہ کیا ہے جلد کی بیماری پر کنٹرول کیا جائے اور ادویات فراہم کی جائے۔

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روزنامہ جنگ

22 فروری 2016

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) بین الاقوامی مرکز برائے کیمیائی و حیاتیاتی علوم (آئی سی سی بی ایس) جامعہ کراچی کے سربراہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد اقبال چوہدری نے کہا ہے کہ صنعتی تجزیاتی مرکز میں قائم خصوصی حلال تجزیاتی لیبارٹری نے غذا، کاسمیٹکس، ادویات میں موجود غیر حلال اجزاء کی تجزیاتی سروس بھی شروع کر دی ہے، اس تجزیاتی مرکز میں سائنسدان مختلف تجربات سے متعلقہ اشیاء میں غیر حلال کیمیائی و حیاتیاتی اور مصنوعی اجزاء کی موجودگی کی جانچ پڑتال کریں گے، اس سروس میں خنزیر سے متعلق مواد کی کھوج لگانے سمیت، الکوحل، خنزیر کی چربی، ممنوع جیلیشن اور جانوروں کی چربی کا پتہ لگایا جاتا ہے، بین الاقوامی مرکز ملک میں سرکاری اور غیر سرکاری اداروں کو سائنسی جانچ پڑتال کی اعلیٰ سہولیات فراہم کر رہا ہے۔ یہ بات انھوں نے ہفتے کو بین الاقوامی مرکز برائے کیمیائی و حیاتیاتی علوم جامعہ کراچی میں سائنسدانوں کے ایک وفد سے گفتگو کے دوران کہی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ صنعتی تجزیاتی مرکز ایچ ای جے ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف کیمسٹری، آئی سی سی بی ایس جامعہ کراچی کے تحت کام کر رہا ہے، جس کے قیام کا مقصد سرکاری اور غیر سرکاری اداروں کو حلال اور غیر حلال کے عنوان سے مصنوعات کی صحت کا تعین کرنے کے لئے سائنسی تجزیاتی سہولیات فراہم کرنا ہے، انھوں نے مصنوعات کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے کہا صرف کاسمیٹک میں ہی بہت سے اجزاء حرام یا حلال جانوروں کے شامل کئے جاتے ہیں جیسے کہ فیس ماسک، باڈی لوشن، صابن، واشنگ پاؤڈر، ٹوتھ پیسٹ، شیونگ برش اور دیگر 185 ایسے پروڈکٹس ہیں جو خنزیر کی چربی، خون، بال اور چمڑی سے بنتے ہیں، اسی طرح ادویات سازی میں سب سے بڑا حرام جزو الکوحل ہے جو خنزیر ہی کی طرح ممنوع ہے، اسکے علاوہ جیلان جو کیسپول بنانے کیلئے استعمال کیا جاتا ہے پچاس فیصد سے زیادہ سور کے جسم سے حاصل کیا جاتا ہے۔ ادارے کی یہ سائنسی تجزیاتی سہولت تجربہ کار اور لائق سائنسدانوں کی زیر نگرانی کام کر رہی ہے، ان سائنسدانوں میں پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد اقبال بھنگر، ڈاکٹر کامران عظیم، ڈاکٹر غلام مشرف، ڈاکٹر اشتیاق اور ڈاکٹر شکیل احمد بھی شامل ہیں، انھوں نے کہا بین الاقوامی مرکز جامعہ کراچی تعلیمی اور تحقیقی عنوان سے اعلیٰ پشہ ورانہ ماحول کا حامل ہے، انھوں نے کہا بین الاقوامی مرکز حلال صنعتی تحقیقی ضروریات کے پیش نظر اعلیٰ پیشہ ور محققین اور انسانی وسائل فراہم کریگا۔

اسٹریٹ چلڈرن کو بلاناغہ تعلیم، 50 روپے

یومیہ وظیفہ

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کراچی (سید محمد عسکری / اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کے پوش علاقے سی و پو کے قریب ڈیفنس بلاک 5 میں اولیول اسکول کے زیر تعلیم بہن اور بھائی نے اسٹریٹ چلڈرن کو تعلیم دینے کا بیڑا اٹھایا ہے اور روزانہ بلاناغہ شام کو ایک سے ڈیڑھ گھنٹے بھیک مانگنے والے بچوں، کچرا چھنے والے بچوں کو پڑھانا شروع کر دیا ہے، بچوں کو روزانہ 50 روپے وظیفہ دیا جاتا ہے اور دوران تدریس ان کی تواضع چائے یا سرد مشروب سے کی جاتی ہے، جب کہ کرسیاں اور میزیں مقامی کیفے والے فراہم کرتے ہیں اور اتوار کو بھی کلاس ہوتی ہے۔ جو کام اربوں روپے کا بجٹ رکھنے والے محکمہ تعلیم کے شعبہ نان فارمل ایجوکیشن کو کرنا چاہئے وہ کام دونوں بہن بھائی سرکاری وسائل کے بغیر کر رہے ہیں اسٹریٹ چلڈرن کو تعلیم دینے والے حسن ظفر ابس وی اے اسکول کلفٹن میں دسویں جماعت یعنی اولیول اور ان کی ہمیشہ شیریں ظفر چھٹی جماعت میں زیر تعلیم ہیں۔

جنگ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے بتایا کہ چند ماہ قبل وہ کار میں تھے اور کلفٹن میں سگنل پر کار کی تو کار دھونے والا ایک بچہ آیا اور اس نے جہکام میں نے جواب دیا تو وہ آگے کچھ نہیں بول سکا تو میں نے سوچا کہ کیوں ناس طرح کے بچوں کو پڑھانا شروع کر دوں، ہم نے اپنی انگریزی میں کہا والدہ کو بتایا تو انھوں نے کہا نیک کام میں دیر مت کرو اور ہم دونوں نے اسٹریٹ چلڈرن کو جمع کیا، شروع شروع میں پانچ بچے تھے، ہم انہیں اپنی جیب خرچ سے 20 روپے فی بچہ دیتے اور چائے بھی پلاتے، کتا میں، کاغذ اور قلم بھی دیتے لیکن اب دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے ان کی تعداد 25 تک جا پہنچی ہے، ایک این جی او ”اوشین“ ویلفیئر آرگنائزیشن نے بھی ہماری مدد شروع کر دی ہے، ان کی طرف سے فی بچہ 50 روپے روز دینے جاتے ہیں اور ہم بچوں کو روزانہ انگریزی، اردو، ریاضی اور سائنس پڑھاتے ہیں، بچوں کو پوری اے بی سی ڈی آچکی ہے، 100 تک گنتی بھی آگئی ہے اور انگریزی کے کئی الفاظ بھی بولتے اور جواب دیتے ہیں، حسن ظفر نے بتایا کہ میں نے اپنے اسکول کے دوستوں کو بھی کہا کہ وہ بھی ہمارا ساتھ دیں لیکن انہیں کراچی کے حالات اور دہشت گردی کے خطرے کی وجہ سے ان کے والدین نے اجازت نہیں دی، اوشین این جی او کی سربراہ سیدہ انفاس شاہ نے کہا کہ ہماری این جی او تعلیم و صحت اور صفائی کے لیے کام کرتی ہے، غیر ملکی امداد انہیں ملتی ہے، ممبران مدد کرتے ہیں، ہم نے جب ان دونوں بہن

واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ نے ناغہ سسٹم نافذ کر دیا ہے واٹر بورڈ کے ذمہ دار ذرائع نے بتایا کہ پہلے جن علاقوں میں پانی ایک روز چھوڑ کر سپلائی ہوتا تھا اب وہاں دو دن کا ناغہ ہو کرے گا اسی طرح بلدیہ ٹاؤن میں جہاں پہلے ہفتہ اور دس روز بعد پانی فراہم کیا جاتا تھا اس ناغے میں مزید اضافہ کر دیا گیا ہے، کئی دیگر علاقوں میں بھی ناغہ سسٹم نافذ کر دیا گیا ہے مذکورہ علاقوں میں پانی کی قلت شروع ہو گئی ہے واٹر بورڈ جس کا دعویٰ ہے کہ دریائے سندھ سے آنے والے پانی کی مذکورہ علاقوں میں سپلائی شروع کر دی گئی ہے لیکن اس کی مقدار کم ہونے کے باعث ان علاقوں کے لوگوں کی مشکلات بڑھنا شروع ہو گئی ہیں واٹر بورڈ نے موسم گرما میں اچانک طلب میں ہونے والے اضافے کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے حب ڈیم پر بیوی پمپ نصب کر کے پانی سپلائی کرنے کی منصوبہ بندی شروع کر دی ہے واٹر بورڈ کو اس کام کے لیے بیوی ڈیزل پمپ درکار ہوں گے اور کروڑوں روپے ڈیزل پر خرچ ہوں گے حب ڈیم سے جو نہر کراچی کے لیے نکلتی ہے وہاں بجلی نہیں ہے لہذا صرف ڈیزل جزیئر پر مکمل انحصار کرنا ہو گا واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل واٹر بورڈ نے کبھی بھی پمپوں سے پانی حاصل نہیں کیا ہے گرمیوں کی صورت حال کے پیش نظر واٹر بورڈ کے اعلیٰ حکام پریشان ہیں کیونکہ دریائے سندھ سے کیننجر جھیل کے ذریعے شہر کو سپلائی کئے جانے والے پانی کے 1550 ایم جی ڈی کوٹے میں مزید اضافہ ناممکن ہے سسٹم اس قابل نہیں ہے کہ دریائے سندھ سے مزید پانی لیا جاسکے اس طرح حب ڈیم سے 10 کروڑ گیلن یومیہ کی سپلائی بند ہونے کا اثر پورے شہر پر پڑے گا۔

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معذور افراد کو شناختی کارڈز کے اجراء کیلئے

کل کیمپ لگایا جائیگا

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ سماجی بہبود پی سی آر ڈی پی کے ایک اعلامیے کے مطابق معذور افراد کیلئے ایک ہی دن میں شناختی کارڈز کے اجراء کیلئے بلاک 16 گلستان جوہر میں کیمپ لگایا جائے گا 2- st اشتراک سے (Adults) 25 فروری جمعرات صبح 9 تا شام 4 بجے ایسوسی ایشن فائر فیکلٹی پیڈ کیمپ پڑے گا جہاں لیبر، ہیلتھ، سوشل ویلفیئر ڈیپارٹمنٹ اور صوبائی آفس نادرا کی طرف سے عملہ تعینات کیا گیا ہے جہاں ایک ہی دن میں ایسٹابلیشمنٹ ایکسچینج سرٹیفکیٹ، معذوری میڈیکل سرٹیفکیٹ کے ساتھ ساتھ شناختی کارڈ کا اجراء بھی کیا جائیگا۔ معذور افراد اپنی 5 دقت تصاویر، والد کا شناختی کارڈ، تعلیمی اسناد کے ہمراہ رجوع کر سکتے ہیں۔ سماجی و فلاحی، معذور افراد کے لئے کام کرنے والی تنظیمیں اور ادارے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ریاض فاطمہ سے یا ایس ایم نشاط سے رجسٹریشن اور معلومات کیلئے رابطہ کر سکتے ہیں۔

قوی ادارہ برائے امراض قلب، آپریشن

کیلئے لمبی تاریخیں، مریض پریشان، نجی

اسپتالوں میں جانے پر مجبور

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) قوی ادارہ برائے امراض قلب (این آئی سی وی ڈی) کے ڈاکٹروں کی جانب سے مریضوں کے آپریشن میں تاخیری حربوں کے باعث غریب مریض نجی اسپتالوں سے آپریشن کرانے پر مجبور ہو رہے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق این آئی سی وی ڈی میں ڈاکٹروں کا ایک گروہ آنے والے مریضوں کے فوری طور پر آپریشن نہ کرنے کے بہانے بنا کر نجی اسپتالوں میں جانے کا مشورہ دیتا ہے جہاں سے انہیں مریض بھیجے پر کمیشن بھی ملتا ہے۔ ان نجی اسپتالوں میں غریب مریضوں سے لاکھوں روپے وصول کیے جاتے ہیں اس ضمن میں اسپتال انتظامیہ کو شکایات موصول ہونے کے باوجود ڈاکٹروں کے خلاف کوئی کارروائی نہیں کی جا رہی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق مریضوں کو جب اسپتال لایا جاتا ہے تو ابتدائی طبی امداد کے بعد وارڈ میں داخل کیا جاتا ہے اور آپریشن کے لئے لمبی تاریخیں دی جاتی ہیں جس پر ڈاکٹر مریضوں کو لالچ دیتے ہیں کہ کم پیسوں میں جلدی اور کامیاب آپریشن کر دیا جائے گا۔ ڈاکٹر انہیں نجی اسپتالوں (جہاں وہ پارٹ ٹائم کلینک کرتے ہیں) میں بھیج دیتے ہیں۔ ان نجی اسپتالوں میں مریضوں کے غیر ضروری ٹیسٹ بھی کرائے جاتے ہیں اور علاج کی مد میں لاکھوں روپے وصول کیے جاتے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں مریض اکثر و بیشتر شکایات بھی درج کر آتے ہیں۔ اسی طرح کی شکایت چند دن قبل ایک مریض محمد اخلاق ولد یوسف علی نے اسپتال انتظامیہ کو درج کر رکھی تھی۔ درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا ہے کہ انہیں اسپتال کے ایک ڈاکٹر نے نجی اسپتال سے علاج کرانے کا مشورہ دیا اور انجیو گرافی کی مد میں 20 ہزار روپے وصول کرنے کے بعد اسٹنٹ لگوانے کے 2 لاکھ 60 ہزار روپے طلب کیے جس پر اس نے علاج کرانے سے انکار کرتے ہوئے دوبارہ این آئی سی وی ڈی سے رجوع کیا اور ایک لاکھ روپے میں اسٹنٹ ڈلوایا۔ مریض نے اسپتال کے ڈائریکٹر سے درخواست کی ہے کہ اسپتال کی نیک نامی اور اس کی ساخت و معیار بہتر بنانے کی غرض سے عملے پر نظر رکھیں تاکہ غریب مریض ڈاکٹروں کے غلط بہکاوے میں نہ آسکیں۔ مریض نے درخواست کے ہمراہ این آئی سی وی ڈی اور نجی اسپتال کی تمام رسیدیں بھی منسلک کی ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں اسپتال کی چیف آپریٹنگ آفیسر عذرا مقصود کا کہنا تھا کہ انہیں یہ درخواست موصول نہیں ہوئی تاہم وہ اس کیس کو ضرور دیکھیں گی اس کی تحقیقات کرائی جائیں گی اور اگر کوئی ملوث پایا گیا تو اس کے خلاف کارروائی بھی کی جائے گی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ جب سے اسپتال کی نئی انتظامیہ آئی ہے وہ ٹینک ٹائم زیر ویر آگیا ہے ہماری ترجیح ہے کہ مریضوں کو در بدر نہ کیا جائے۔

سندھ ریجنل ز عبد اللہ شاہ غازی ونگ کے

تحت تین روزہ مفت طبی کیمپ

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کراچی (پ ر) بسم اللہ پارک کھارادر میں سندھ ریجنل ز عبد اللہ شاہ غازی ونگ 61 کی جانب سے تین روزہ مفت طبی کیمپ کا افتتاح سیکنڈ ونگ کمانڈر عنایت اللہ درانی نے کیا۔ کیمپ کے انعقاد میں سول اسپتال کے علاوہ پاکستان کیمسٹریس ایڈڈر گسٹ ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے ادویہ کی فراہمی کے علاوہ مریضوں کی مفت تشخیص ڈاکٹر عیسیٰ لیہاٹری کی جانب سے کی گئی۔ تین روزے کے دوران ساڑھے آٹھ ہزار مریضوں کو طبی سہولیات فراہم کی گئیں اس موقع پر چیئر مین ایف پی سی سی آئی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے کیمسٹریس ایڈڈر گسٹ غلام ہاشم نورانی، سابق چیئر مین پی سی ڈی اے صلاح الدین

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منعقدہ اجلاس میں بتائی گئی۔ اجلاس میں سینئر صوبائی وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑو، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے پرنسپل سیکریٹری علم الدین بلو، سیکریٹری تعلیم فضل اللہ چٹھو، ایڈیشنل چیف سیکریٹری (ترقیات) محمد وسیم، سیکریٹری خزانہ سہیل راجپوت و دیگر نے شرکت کی۔ سیکریٹری تعلیم فضل اللہ چٹھو نے کہا کہ منصوبے کے تحت صوبے میں 10 ہزار اسکولوں کو بنیادی سہولیات مثلاً واش رومز، کمپائونڈ وال، پینے کی پانی کی فراہمی سمیت دیگر سہولیات کی فراہمی شامل ہے۔ صوبائی وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑو نے کہا کہ پہلے مرحلے میں محکمہ تعلیم نے 1600 اسکولوں کو بنیادی سہولیات کی فراہمی کا اہتمام کیا جن میں سے جون 2016 کے آخر تک 1300 اسکولوں کو مذکورہ تمام سہولیات فراہم کی جا رہی ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے محکمہ تعلیم کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ اسکولوں کو رہ جانے والی سہولیات بالخصوص واش رومز اور کمپائونڈ وال کی ہنگامی بنیادوں پر فراہمی کے لئے تمام تر ضروری اقدامات کئے جائیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سیکورٹی پلان کے تحت اسکولوں کی کمپائونڈ وال کی تعمیر اشد ضروری ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو اپنے محکمے کے بارے میں پریزنٹیشن دیتے ہوئے سیکریٹری تعلیم نے بتایا کہ انکا محکمہ 6 مختلف ذیلی شعبوں میں 10-11 ارب روپوں کے ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر کام کر رہا ہے، جن میں ایلیمنٹری ایجوکیشن میں 768.13 ملین روپوں کی 124 سکیمیں، ٹیچر ایجوکیشن میں 152 ملین روپوں کی 17 سکیمیں، سندھ ایجوکیشن فاؤنڈیشن میں 512.5 ملین روپوں کی 13 سکیمیں، سینڈری ایجوکیشن میں 4.6 ارب روپوں کی 166 سکیمیں، کالج ایجوکیشن میں 2376.577 ملین روپوں کی 154 سکیمیں اور 1.5 ارب روپوں کی 41 مختلف اسکیمیں شامل ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ محکمہ تعلیم جون 2016 کے اختتام تک 16 سکیمیں مکمل کرے گا۔

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) سول اسپتال کا فرسٹ سینئر سول اسٹنٹ سیشن جج کا دورہ، سول سرجن سمیت تمام عملہ غیر حاضر، 1 ڈاکٹر سمیت 6 ملازم ڈیوٹی پر موجود، عملہ کی غیر حاضری پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق فرسٹ سینئر سول اسٹنٹ سیشن جج جیکب آباد جاوید حسین میرانی نے سول اسپتال جیکب آباد کا اچانک دورہ کیا تو ڈیوٹی پر صرف ایک ڈاکٹر محمد علی انصاری، ڈسپینسر محمد موسیٰ رند، عبدالمالک، فاروق ابڑو، قربان علی، میر محمد ہانچی موجود تھے جبکہ دیگر تمام عملہ غیر حاضر تھا، جج نے دورے کے دوران سول سرجن، ڈاکٹر زسمیت دیگر عملہ کی غیر موجودگی پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کیا اور سول سرجن کے آفس میں موجود 4 مسٹرول اپنے ہمراہ لے گئے، فرسٹ سینئر سول اسٹنٹ سیشن جج جاوید حسین میرانی نے اسپتال کے مختلف وارڈز کا دورہ کیا جہاں پر مریضوں نے سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی پر شکایت کی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ صحت سندھ نے فیلڈ ایپی ڈیمولوجی اینڈ لیبارٹری پروگرام پاکستان (ایف ای ایل ٹی پی) کے اشتراک سے بیماریوں کی روک تھام کے لیے نگرانی کے نظام (ڈیزیز سروریلنس) کے موضوع پر تربیتی ورکشاپ کا انعقاد کیا۔ جس میں ڈائریکٹر پبلک ہیلتھ سندھ سید میران محمد شاہ سمیت ڈی ایچ او اور 100 سے زائد سینئر ڈاکٹروں اور محکمہ صحت کے دیگر افسران نے شرکت کی۔ ایف ای ایل ٹی پی کے ٹرینرز ریگیڈیٹر ڈاکٹر کمال الدین سومرو، ڈاکٹر موسیٰ رحیم، ڈاکٹر تمکین غفور، ڈاکٹر ذاکر حسین، ڈاکٹر نوید مسعود مین اور تائبندہ ملک نے متعدد بیماریوں کی روک تھام کے طریقے کار اور منصوبوں پر خطاب کیا جبکہ امریکا کے ادارے ڈیزیز کنٹرول اینڈ پریوینشن (سی ڈی سی) نے تعلیمی مواد فراہم کیا تھا۔ ورکشاپ کا مقصد مستقبل میں کسی متعدی بیماری کے پھونکنے کی صورت میں اس پر قابو پانے کے طریقے کار پر تبادلہ خیال کیا جائے۔ ورکشاپ میں سیکرٹری صحت سعید احمد منگنیخو کا پیغام پڑھا گیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پیپری اسٹیشن پر کراچی وائر اینڈ سیورسٹی بورڈ کئی ایکڑ زمین سے دستبردار ہو گیا یہ فیصلہ سننے کے بعد قابضین میں خوشی کی لہر دوڑ گئی اور انہوں نے مٹھائیاں تقسیم کیں باخبر ذرائع نے بتایا کہ پیپری پیپنگ اسٹیشن سے ملحق کئی ایکڑ زمین پر کچھ عرصہ قبل بعض افراد نے قبضہ کر لیا جس میں زیادہ افغانی باشندے تھے جاتے ہیں وائر بورڈ کے متعلقہ افسران نے اس سلسلے میں وائر بورڈ کے اعلیٰ حکام کو آگاہ کیا تاہم اب معلوم ہوا ہے کہ وائر بورڈ کے بلک ڈپارٹمنٹ نے اپنی رپورٹ میں زمین سے لاطعلق کا اعلان کر دیا ہے دوسری جانب وائر بورڈ کے جن افسران کا موقف ہے کہ یہ زمین وائر بورڈ کی ملکیت ہے انہوں نے ایم ڈی وائر بورڈ کو صورتحال سے آگاہ کیا جس پر انہوں نے سخت برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے اس کی دوبارہ تفصیلی رپورٹ بھیجنے کی ہدایت کی ہے پیپری پیپنگ اسٹیشن سے متعلق یہ زمین کروڑوں روپے مالیت کی بتائی جاتی ہے اور اس پر گزشتہ کچھ عرصے سے ایک منصوبہ بندی کے تحت قبضہ کیا جا رہا تھا وائر بورڈ جو آئے دن اپنی زمینوں پر قبضے کے حوالے سے محکمہ داخلہ، رینجرز، پولیس اور دیگر اداروں کو خط لکھتا رہتا ہے لیکن پیپری پیپنگ اسٹیشن کے معاملے میں وائر بورڈ کے انجینئرز اور افسران کی خاموشی سمجھ سے بالاتر ہے۔

کراچی (طاہر عزیز / اسٹاف رپورٹر) حب ڈیم خشک اور کراچی کو 10 کروڑ گیلن پانی کی سپلائی بند ہونے کے بعد منسلک علاقوں میں ناغہ سسٹم نافذ کر دیا گیا جبکہ ڈیم سے پانی کے ذریعے سپلائی پر غور شروع کر دیا گیا تفصیلات کے مطابق حب ڈیم کے مکمل خشک ہونے کے بعد چند روز قبل کراچی کو پانی کی سپلائی مکمل طور پر بند ہو چکی ہے حب ڈیم سے منسلک علاقوں اور گنگی، بلدیہ، سائٹ، سائٹ لمیٹڈ، سر جانی وغیرہ کے علاقوں میں کراچی

جج کا سول اسپتال جیکب آباد کا دورہ،

سرجن سمیت متعدد ڈاکٹر و عملہ غیر حاضر

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حب ڈیم خشک، مختلف علاقوں میں پانی کا

ناغہ سسٹم نافذ

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پر عمل درآمد نہ کرنے پر ایڈمنسٹریٹر کے ایم سی روف اختر فاروقی، لائسنس یافتہ ڈیولپمنٹ پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر فرید احمدمیں یوسفانی و دیگر کے خلاف توہین عدالت کی دائر درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ دوران سماعت لائسنس یافتہ ڈیولپمنٹ پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر کی جانب سے عدالت کو بتایا گیا کہ عدالتی احکامات پر عمل کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی تاہم امن وامان کی صورت حال کے پیش نظر کارروائی مکمل نہ ہو سکی جبکہ پولیس کو بھی مدد کے لیے طلب کیا گیا تاہم پولیس فورس بھی مہیا نہیں کی گئی۔ قبل ازیں درخواست گزار آغا سید عطا اللہ نے دائر توہین عدالت کی درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا کہ رہائشی مکانات کا کمرشل استعمال کمرشل اور سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی قوانین کے برخلاف ہے ایف ٹی سی پل سے متصل گول پارک کے سامنے میں واقع پلاٹ نمبر 78 سے 86 پر رہائشی مکانات A رہائشی مکانات واقع ہیں جہاں درخواست گزار کی بھی رہائش ہے۔ مذکورہ گلشن ظہور کے سیکٹر 8 میں مگر ان رہائشی مکانات کا کمرشل استعمال کیا جا رہا ہے نیچے دوکانیں قائم کر دی گئی ہیں اور مکانات کے اوپر دیو قامت بل بورڈ لگا دیئے گئے ہیں مذکورہ بل بورڈز کی لمبائی 110 فٹ تک ہے اور ایک بل بورڈز 5 مکانات تک پھیلا ہوا ہے اتنے بڑے بل بورڈز لگانے کے سبب رہائشیوں کو خطرات لاحق ہیں۔ درخواست گزار نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ عدالت اپنے متعدد مواقع پر مدعا علیہان کو بل بورڈز ہٹانے اور کمرشل استعمال کو روکنے کے احکامات جاری کر چکی ہے مگر مدعا علیہان عدالتی احکامات پر عمل درآمد نہیں کر رہے درخواست گزار نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ عدالت نے مدعا علیہان کو یہ بھی حکم دیا تھا کہ عدالتی احکامات پر عمل درآمد کر کے رپورٹ 8 ہفتوں میں عدالت کے روبرو پیش کی جائے تاہم ایڈمنسٹریٹر کے ایم سی، سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی نے ان عدالتی احکامات پر بھی عمل نہیں کیا لہذا استدعا ہے کہ مدعا علیہان کے خلاف توہین عدالت کی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے۔

راولپنڈی (نمائندہ جنگ) احتساب عدالت نمبر تین راولپنڈی کے جج سہیل ناصر نے ہائوسنگ سوسائٹی کے نام پر فراڈ کرنے کے الزام میں گرفتار ایک ملزم کو رقم کی ادائیگی پر رہا کرنے کا حکم دیدیا، جبکہ ساتھی تاحال حراست میں ہے، نیب نے اڈیالہ روڈ کے علاقہ میں ایک وٹارینریز نیشا کے نام پر لوگوں کو گھروں کا جھانسنہ دیکر فراڈ کرنے کے الزام میں محمد اعظم اور خالد شاہ کو گرفتار کر کے دونوں کے ذمے دو کروڑ 69 لاکھ روپے کی رقم بتائی تھی، ملزم خالد شاہ جو سوسائٹی میں چالیس فیصد کا پارٹنر ظاہر کیا گیا تھا کے ذمے نیب نے ایک کروڑ نو لاکھ اٹھارہ ہزار 338 روپے بنائے تھے جو ملزم کے بھائی نے فوری طور پر چیز میں نیب کے نام کا پے آرڈر بنا کر عدالت میں جمع کروا دیئے تھے جس پر گزشتہ روز عدالت نے ملزم کو رہا کرنے کا حکم دیدیا، دریں اثنا عدالت نے گلیکسی ہائوسنگ سوسائٹی فتح جنگ روڈ کے نام پر مجموعی طور پر ساڑھے پندرہ کروڑ روپے کا فراڈ کرنے کے الزام میں گزشتہ ایک سال سے گرفتار ملزم بھائیوں شیخ راجیل اور شیخ سبیل کے مقدمہ کی سماعت کو کلچر تال کی وجہ سے بغیر کسی کارروائی کے 29 فروری تک ملتوی کر دی، دونوں بھائیوں پر 2008-9 میں سیکڑوں افراد کو جمع پونجی سے محروم کرنے کا الزام ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ جنگ) موجودہ مالی سال کے لئے توانائی کے 62 منصوبوں کے لئے بجٹ میں 120 ارب رکھے گئے تھے جس میں سے صرف 30 ارب روپے ملے۔ جس کی وجہ سے منصوبوں کی تکمیل میں نہ صرف تاخیر ہو رہی ہے بلکہ لاگت میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا۔ یہ بات قومی اسمبلی پانی و بجلی کی قائمہ کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں بتائی گئی۔ کمیٹی کا اجلاس گزشتہ روز منعقد ہوا۔ اجلاس میں اگلے مالی سال کے لئے پانی کی ایس ڈی پی کے بجٹ تجاویز پر غور کیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں تمام محکموں اور ڈیپارٹمنٹوں کو ہدایت کی گئی کہ جاری منصوبوں کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر حل کیا جائے۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبے کے کسی سرکاری اسپتال میں ویکسین لٹر سرجری کا شعبہ موجود نہیں جس کے باعث حادثات کے دوران زخمی ہونے والوں کو نجی اسپتالوں سے رجوع کرنا پڑتا ہے اور علاج کی مدتیں لاکھوں روپے ادا کرنے پڑتے ہیں جو انہیں زخموں کی تکلیف اور پریشانی کے ساتھ معاشی مسائل میں بھی مبتلا کرتا ہے لیکن اس سلسلے میں محکمہ صحت سندھ کی جانب سے کوئی اقدامات نہیں کیے جا رہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق رگوں میں خون جم جائے، حادثات میں نسیں، ہاتھ، بازو، ٹانگ یا پیر کٹ جائے تو اسے جوڑنے کیلئے ویکسین لٹر سرجری کی ضرورت پڑتی ہے۔ ایسی صورت میں نسیں کو ملانا پڑتا ہے۔ خون کی سرکولیشن ٹھیک نہیں ہوتی جس کیلئے نسیں کی سرجری کرنی پڑتی ہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق اگر حادثے میں کسی کا ہاتھ یا پیر کٹ جائے تو وہ آدھے گھنٹے کے آپریشن سے جڑ سکتا ہے لیکن سرکاری سطح پر پورے صوبے کے اسپتالوں میں ویکسین لٹر سرجری کا شعبہ اور ویکسین لٹر سرجن موجود نہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکرٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد مشکینہ جو کا کہنا تھا کہ ویکسین لٹر سرجنری سے بات چیت جاری ہے جنہیں سول اسپتال کے ٹرامائینٹر میں تعینات کیا جائیگا۔ فی الحال ہم جزل سرجنری سے ہی ویکسین لٹر سرجری کا کام لے رہے ہیں جو کسی حد تک ضرورت پوری کر رہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) محکمہ تعلیم سندھ نے عالمی بینک کی دو بلین روپے کی فنڈنگ سے 10 ہزار اسکولوں کو بنیادی سہولتوں کی فراہمی کے منصوبے کا آغاز کیا ہے، اس وقت 1600 اسکولوں کو رہا جانے والی بنیادی سہولیات کی فراہمی پر کام ہو رہا ہے جن میں سے 300 اسکولوں کو جون 2016 تک سہولیات فراہم کر دی جائیں گی۔ یہ بات وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت محکمہ تعلیم کی ترقیاتی اسکیموں سے متعلق وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں منعقدہ

ہائوسنگ سوسائٹی کے نام پر فراڈ کا ملزم رقم

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تھے، قائمہ کمیٹی کو بریفنگ

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پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سیکرٹری جنرل آئی ایچ ایم اے کراچی ڈاکٹر سید راشد علی نے کہا ہے کہ اسلامک ہومیو پیٹھک میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کراچی کے زیر اہتمام جماعت اسلامی سے وابستہ اور ہم خیال مرد و خواتین ہومیو پیٹھک ڈاکٹرز، نان پریکٹیشنرز واسٹوڈنٹس کا ”ہومیو ڈاکٹرز کنونشن“ 28 فروری بروز اتوار سہ پہر 3 بجے ادارہ نور حق نزد اسلامیاہ کانچ میں ہوگا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کی بندرگاہ پر جمعہ کو گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران 2 لاکھ 10 ہزار 180 ٹن کارگو بینڈل کیا گیا جس میں 1 لاکھ 75 ہزار 25 ٹن درآمدات اور 35 ہزار 155 ٹن برآمدات شامل ہیں۔ درآمدات میں 65 ہزار 99 ٹن کنٹینرز ڈکارگو، 4 ہزار 704 ٹن بلک کارگو، 39 ہزار 684 ٹن کوئلہ اور 65 ہزار 538 ٹن آئل اینڈ لیکویڈ کارگو جبکہ برآمدات میں 29 ہزار 385 ٹن کنٹینرز ڈکارگو، 20 ہزار 100 ٹن ٹیکسٹائلز اور 2 ہزار 650 ٹن آئل اینڈ لیکویڈ کارگو شامل ہے۔ گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران بندرگاہ پر کنٹینرز اور ٹیکسٹائلز سے لے ہوئے مزید 7 بحری جہازوں کو برتھ فراہم کی گئیں۔ پورٹ قاسم پر ایک لاکھ 73 ہزار 645 ٹن سامان کی نقل و حرکت ریکارڈ کی گئی۔

اسلام آباد (مہتاب حیدر) زونگ نے پاکستان بھر میں اپنی تھری جی اور فوری جی سروس کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے 2016ء میں مزید 30/40 کروڑ ڈالر سرمایہ کاری کا اعلان کیا ہے جس کے تحت 100 فیصد علاقوں میں تھری جی سروس جبکہ 60 فیصد علاقوں میں فوری جی سروس میسر ہوگی۔ زونگ کے ڈپٹی چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر نیاز اے ملک نے جمعہ کو پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ گزشتہ برس ایک ارب ڈالر کی سرمایہ کاری اور 250/ سے زائد شہروں میں تھری جی اور فوری جی کی تیز ترین سروسز کی فراہمی کے ساتھ ساتھ پورا ملک اب اس سال کے آخر تک تیز رفتار ٹیکنالوجی سے مستفید ہوگا، 2700/ سے زائد سائٹس کو فوری کے قابل بنایا جا چکا ہے، زونگ کے پلان کے مطابق ہمارا ہدف اس سال موجودہ سائٹس کو دگنا کرنا ہے۔ نیاز اے ملک نے مزید کہا کہ پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری کے تناظر میں پاکستان میں فوری جی کی بڑھتی ہوئی طلب کو پورا کریں گے، پاکستان کی عوام بہت جلد زونگ کی مزید بہتر تھری جی اور فوری جی سروسز سے استفادہ کر سکیں گے۔ پنجاب حکومت کی جانب سے موبائل انٹرنیٹ سروسز پر 19.5 فیصد ٹیکس کے خاتمے کو خوش آئند قرار دیتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر دیگر صوبے بھی اس پر عمل پیرا ہوں تو اس کا براہ راست فائدہ پاکستانی معیشت کو ہوگا اور روزگار کے مزید مواقع میسر ہوں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ڈی ایچ اے اور شوکت خانم میموریل ٹرسٹ کے مابین ایک مفاہمتی یادداشت پر دستخط کیے گئے ہیں جسکے تحت ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی میں شوکت خانم کینسر اسپتال تعمیر کیا جائے گا سپر ہائی وے پر ڈی سی کے میں ایک پروکار تقریب منعقد ہوئی جس میں ایڈمنسٹریٹو ڈی ایچ اے بریگیڈیئر زبیر احمد نے ڈی سی کے میں شوکت خانم کینسر اسپتال کی تعمیر کے فیصلے کو خوش آئند قرار دیتے ہوئے اسے تاریخ ساز اور سنگ میل اہمیت کا قرار دیا۔ بریگیڈیئر زبیر نے کہا کہ کینسر ہسپتال کی تعمیر کے لئے زمین ڈی ایچ اے نے دی ہے جو سندھ کے عوام کے لئے ایک تحفہ اور انسانیت کی خدمت کے لئے ایک کاوش ہے ڈی ایچ اے عوامی فلاح و بہبود کے فروغ کو اپنی اولین ترجیحات میں رکھتا ہے اور اسی جذبے کے تحت ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی میں ایک ہیلتھ کیئر ڈسٹرکٹ قائم کیا جا رہا ہے جہاں قومی اور بین الاقوامی اہمیت کے حامل مختلف اسپتال اور طبی ادارے اپنے کیسپس قائم کریں گے۔ اس ضمن میں شوکت خانم کینسر اسپتال پہلا ادارہ ہے جو ڈی ایچ اے سٹی میں قائم کیا جا رہا ہے۔ شوکت خانم میموریل ٹرسٹ کینسر اسپتال قائم کرنے کے لئے ڈی ایچ اے سٹی کراچی کا انتخاب Specialized کے ایڈمنسٹریٹو ڈاکٹر فیصل سلطان نے بتایا کہ انکے ادارے نے منصوبے کے محل وقوع کی اسٹریٹجک اہمیت کی بدولت کیا ہے جہاں نہ صرف سندھ کے بڑے شہروں کے عوام بلکہ اندرون سندھ کے لوگ آسانی سے آکر کینسر سے بچانے کے لئے جدید طبی سہولیات حاصل کر سکیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ڈی سی کے میں بننے والے شوکت خانم کینسر اسپتال میں عالمی معیار کی جدید ترین آلات و مشینیں ہوں گی بلکہ دنیا کے ماہر ترین معالج (ڈاکٹرز) اور ہیلتھ کیئر کی سہولیات بھی میسر ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کینسر اسپتال میں پاکستان کا سب سے بڑا اوکولوجی سینٹر ہوگا اور کیو تھراپی وریدیشن کے ذریعے علاج معالجے کی بہترین سہولیات میسر ہوگی۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ہائی کورٹ نے رہائشی مکانات سے دیو قامت بل بورڈز ہٹانے اور رہائشی پلاٹوں کے کمرشل استعمال سے روکنے سے متعلق دائر درخواست پر متعلقہ ایس بی اور ایس ایچ او کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ پروجیکٹ ڈائریکٹر لائسنس یافتہ پولیس فورس فراہم کریں اور متعلقہ حکام آئندہ سماعت تک عدالتی احکامات پر عمل درآمد کریں۔ جمعرات کو جسٹس سید حسن ظہر رضوی کی سربراہی میں قائم کردہ کنری بینچ نے عدالتی احکامات

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سخت کرنے کی ہدایات کردی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق آئی جی سندھ نصرت حسین منگن کی جانب سے کراچی کی سینٹرل اور ملیر جیل کے ڈپٹی سپرنٹنڈنٹس شاکر حسین شاہ اور مرید عباس شیخ کو تحریری طور پر ہدایات جاری کی گئی ہیں، جس میں کہا ہے کہ القاعدہ کی برصغیر شاخ اور کالعدم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کے گرفتار دہشت گردوں نے تفتیش کے دوران انکشاف کیا ہے کہ کراچی کی دونوں جیلوں پر حملے کی منصوبہ بندی کی جارہی ہے۔ سیکیورٹی کے معاملے میں کسی بھی قسم کی غفلت خطرناک ثابت ہو سکتی ہے، اس لئے متعلقہ حکام جیلوں کی سیکیورٹی کو مزید سخت کریں۔ واضح رہے کہ 2014 میں بھی دہشت گردوں نے کراچی سینٹرل جیل پر حملے اور سرنگ کھود کر اپنے ساتھیوں کو چھڑانے کی سازش کو ناکام بنایا گیا تھا۔

آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے پاک فوج کے جوانوں کو دہشت گردوں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن ضرب عضب کا آخری مرحلہ شروع کرنے کی ہدایت جاری کردی ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے شمالی وزیرستان کی تحصیل شوال کا دورہ کیا اور دہشت گردوں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن ضرب عضب کا جائزہ لیا۔ آرمی چیف کو آپریشن ضرب عضب سے متعلق بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا گیا کہ مقامی آبادی کی مدد سے شوال سے دہشت گردوں کا خاتمہ کیا گیا ہے۔ جنرل راجیل شریف کو بتایا گیا کہ شوال اور دتہ خیل دہشت گردوں کے خاص علاقے تھے جس کے ذریعے وہ پاکستان اور افغانستان کے درمیان نقل و حرکت کرتے تھے وہاں سے دہشت گردوں کا خاتمہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جنرل راجیل شریف نے آپریشن ضرب عضب پر مکمل اطمینان کا اظہار کیا۔ آرمی چیف نے آپریشن میں حصہ لینے والے جوانوں سے ملاقات کی اور ان کے حوصلے کو سراہا۔ سربراہ پاک فوج نے جوانوں کو آپریشن ضرب عضب کا آخری مرحلہ شروع کرنے کی ہدایت دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ دہشت گردوں کی باقیات اور سہولت کاروں کو ہر صورت ختم کیا جائے۔ پاک فوج آپریشن ضرب عضب کے آخری مرحلے کیلئے تیار ہے۔ آرمی چیف نے کہا کہ آپریشن کے دوران فوجی جوان کی قربانیوں کو رائیگاں نہیں جانے دیئے۔ پورے ملک کو دہشت گردی سے پاک کرنے کے مشن میں کامیابی حاصل کریں گے۔ آپریشن کی کامیابی تکمیل اور آخری مرحلے کیلئے فوجی جوان پر عزم ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ علاقے دہشت گردوں کی اہم پناہ گاہیں تصور کئے جاتے تھے۔ مقامی آبادی دہشت گردوں سے مکمل نجات چاہتی ہے۔ دہشت گردوں کو تنہا کر کے ملک میں ان کے سہولت کاروں سے رابطے ختم کئے جائیں۔ آرمی چیف نے کہا کہ دہشت گردوں کی پناہ گاہیں تباہ کی جائیں۔ شمالی وزیرستان آپریشن کے حتمی مرحلے میں دہشت گردوں کے بچے کچے ٹھکانوں کے خلاف کارروائی کا آغاز کیا جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دہشت گردوں کی معاونت مکمل ختم ہو گئی ہے۔ دہشت گردوں اور ان کے خفیہ ٹھکانوں کا خاتمہ کیا جائے۔

کرم ایجنسی میں افغانستان سے ملحقہ سرحدی علاقے شہید انوڈنڈ میں امریکی ڈرون حملے میں چار افراد ہلاک، ایک زخمی ہو گیا، ڈرون طیارے سے تین خالی مقامات پر چار میزائل فائر کئے گئے، زخمی شخص کو دو آہستہ ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق لوئر کرم ایجنسی میں پاک افغان سرحد سے علاقے شہید انوڈنڈ میں علی الصبح امریکی ڈرون طیارے نے مختلف مقامات پر 3 گھروں پر میزائل داغے جس کے نتیجے میں عسکریت پسندوں کے اہم کمانڈر سمیت 4 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ ڈرون حملے کی زد میں آکر ایک شہری زخمی بھی ہو گیا جسے دو آہستہ ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق حملے میں عسکریت پسندوں کے 3 ٹھکانے اور 2 گاڑیاں بھی تباہ ہو گئیں۔ دوسری طرف علاقے میں ڈرون طیارے کی چٹائی پروازوں سے مکینوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا۔

حملوں کا خدشہ، سیکیورٹی انتظامات سخت

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شروع، دہشت گردوں کی باقیات،

سہولت کاروں کا ہر صورت ختم کیا

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سرخیال

کراچی شہر قائد میں پولیس اور رینجرز نے ٹارگٹ کارروائیوں کے دوران کئی جرائم پیشہ افراد سمیت 54 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور دیگر بارودی مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں پولیس اور رینجرز نے مصدقہ اطلاعات پر پرانی سبزی منڈی، جشید کوارٹر، احسن آباد، سہراب گوٹھ، لیاری، موچکو، اسٹیل ٹاؤن، نیلم کالونی، شاہ رسول کالونی اور اطراف کے علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کیں۔ کارروائیوں کے دوران کئی جرائم پیشہ افراد سمیت 54 ملزمان گرفتار کر لیے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار کئے گئے ملزمان میں ٹارگٹ کلر، بھتہ خور، اشتہاری اور مفرور قرار دیئے گئے افراد بھی شامل ہیں، جن میں سے 8 کا تعلق سیاسی اور 6 کا لعدم تنظیموں سے ہے۔ گرفتار ملزمان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ، دستی بم، اور دیگر مسروقہ سامان بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں

رینجرز اور پولیس کی ٹارگٹ کارروائیاں،

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بھارتی ریاست پنجاب کے شہر پٹھان کوٹ میں گذشتہ ماہ بھارتی فضائیہ کے اڈے پر کیے جانے والے حملے میں ملوث ہونے کے شبہ میں پاکستان میں تین افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ گوجرانوالہ کی ایک عدالت نے ان افراد کو چھ روزہ تفتیشی ریمانڈ پر پولیس کے حوالے کر دیا ہے۔ بھارت نے پٹھان کوٹ ایئر بیس پر حملے کے بعد الزام عائد کیا تھا کہ پاکستان میں موجود عسکریت پسند تنظیم جیش محمد اس حملے میں ملوث ہے۔ یہ واضح نہیں ہے کہ گرفتار افراد کا تعلق کس گروہ یا تنظیم سے ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ 18 فروری کو پاکستان کے صوبہ پنجاب کے محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی نے بھارتی فضائیہ کے اڈے پر حملے کا مقدمہ درج کیا تھا۔ مقدمے کے بارے میں حکام کا موقف تھا کہ یہ پٹھان کوٹ میں حملہ کرنے والے مبینہ حملہ آوروں اور ایک کا لعدم تنظیم سے تعلق رکھنے والے ان کے سہولت کاروں کے خلاف درج کیا گیا ہے۔ حال ہی میں پنجاب حکومت نے اس معاملے کی تحقیقات کے لیے ایک مشترکہ کمیٹی تشکیل دی ہے۔ یہ پانچ رکنی ٹیم محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی اور انٹیلیجنس ایجنسیوں کے حکام پر مشتمل ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ دو جنوری کو پاکستان کی سرحد سے پچیس کلو میٹر کے فاصلے پر واقع پٹھان کوٹ ایئر بیس پر ہونے والے حملے میں بھارت کے سات فوجی ہلاک ہو گئے تھے جبکہ چار دن تک جاری رہنے والے آپریشن کے بعد تمام حملہ آور بھی مارے گئے تھے۔

پٹھان کوٹ حملہ: پاکستان میں تین افراد

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پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع آواران سے تین افراد کی تشدد زدہ لاشیں برآمد کی گئی ہیں۔ آواران میں انتظامیہ کے ذرائع نے اس کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ تینوں لاشیں ضلع کی تحصیل منگے سے برآمد کی گئیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق تینوں افراد کو گولیاں مار کر ہلاک کیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ لاشوں کی تاحال شناخت نہیں ہو سکی ہے اور نہ ہی ان کو ہلاک کرنے کے محرکات تاحال معلوم ہو سکے ہیں۔ بلوچ نیشنل فرنٹ کی جانب سے مقامی میڈیا کو جاری کیے جانے والے ایک بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ہلاک کیے جانے والے افراد بلوچ ہیں۔ بیان میں ان افراد کو ہلاک کرنے کا الزام ریاستی اداروں پر عائد کیا گیا ہے۔ بلوچ قوم پرستوں کی جانب سے ماضی میں بھی اس طرح کے الزامات عائد کیے جاتے رہے ہیں لیکن سرکاری حکام ان کو سختی کے ساتھ مسترد کرتے رہے ہیں۔ اس ضلع سے پہلے بھی تشدد زدہ لاشیں برآمد ہوتی رہی ہیں۔ بلوچستان سے 2008ء میں تشدد زدہ لاشوں کی برآمدگی کا سلسلہ شروع ہوا تھا۔ محکمہ داخلہ حکومت بلوچستان کے مطابق گزشتہ سال بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں سے 129 افراد کی لاشیں برآمد ہوئی تھیں۔ محکمہ کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق 2010 سے اب تک نو سو سے زائد افراد کی لاشیں برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔ تاہم لاپتہ افراد کے رشتہ داروں کی تنظیم وائس فار مسنگ بلوچ پر سزا کا کہنا ہے کہ بلوچستان سے برآمد ہونے والی لاشوں کی تعداد اس سے بہت زیادہ ہے۔

بلوچستان: ضلع آواران سے تین تشدد زدہ

لاشیں برآمد

بی بی سی

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پشاور کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے رنگ روڈ کے قریب باڑہ چوک پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام بناتے ہوئے کا لعدم تنظیم کے دہشت گرد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پشاور میں رنگ روڈ کے قریب باڑہ چوک پر ناکہ بندی کر کے سی ٹی ڈی نے کا لعدم تنظیم کے دہشت گرد گل منان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ سی ٹی ڈی اہلکاروں کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گرد کا تعلق افغانستان سے ہے جس کے قبضے سے بولٹ نمائیم اور دستی بم برآمد کر لئے گئے اور گرفتار دہشت گرد شہر میں دہشت گردی کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہا تھا۔ دوسری جانب پشاور کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس اور سیکورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا، آپریشن کے نتیجے میں 70 افراد گرفتار کیے گئے، گرفتار افراد میں 8 غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم افغان باشندے اور 10 کرایہ دار بھی شامل ہیں۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار افراد سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے جب کہ تحقیقات کے لیے انہیں نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

پشاور میں دہشت گردی کا بڑا منصوبہ

ناکام، کا لعدم تنظیم کا دہشت گرد گرفتار

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کراچی آئی جی جیل خانہ جات سندھ نے شہر قائد کی دونوں جیلوں پر دہشت گردوں کے حملوں کا خدشے کے پیش نظر متعلقہ حکام کو سیکورٹی مزید

کراچی کی جیلوں پر دہشت گردوں کے

کے آغاز میں کراچی میں اچھی بارش ہونے کا امکان ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے پہلے 20 سال قبل 25 فروری 1996 میں زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت 36.1 ریکارڈ کیا گیا تھا۔

خیرو (پور پورٹ) نارا تحصیل کے تھل اور اچھڑو تھڑ کے علاقوں میں مویشیوں میں وبائی بیماری پھیل گئی ایک ہفتے کے دوران 30 مویشی ہلاک ہو گئے وبائی بیماری گائے، بھینسوں اور بکریوں میں پھیلی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق خیرو پور کی تحصیل نارا کے تھل اور اچھڑو تھڑ کے علاقوں میں مویشیوں میں وبائی بیماری پھیل گئی ہے ایک ہفتے کے دوران 30 مویشی ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں مویشیوں میں وبائی بیماری پھیلنے سے مویشی مالکان میں بڑی تشویش اور بے چینی پھیل گئی ہے کیونکہ تھل اور اچھڑو تھڑ کے لوگوں کا گذر بسر مویشیوں پر ہے جو مویشیوں کو اپنے سامنے مرتے دیکھ کر سخت مایوس اور پریشان ہو جاتے ہیں مویشی مالکان کا کہنا ہے کہ مویشیوں میں پھیلی ہوئی وبائی بیماری پر قابو پانے کے لیے ہسپتال، ہسپتالری کے ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیمیں ہنگامی بنیادوں پر نارا بھیجی جائیں۔

تھل اور اچھڑو تھڑ میں وبائی بیماری پھیلنے سے 30 مویشی ہلاک

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حب ڈیم سوکھنے کے باعث کراچی کو یومیہ کروڑوں گیلن پانی کی بندش نے آدھے سے زیادہ شہر کو خشک کر دیا۔ ضلع غربی کے اکثر علاقوں سائٹ ایریا، میٹروول، بلدیہ ٹاؤن، لیاری، سرجانی، نیو کراچی سمیت نصف شہر میں پانی کا ناغہ بڑھا دیا گیا۔ کراچی کے باسی بوند بوند کو ترسنے لگے۔ گلستان جوہر، نار تھ ناظم آباد، نیو کراچی، ماڈل کالونی، ایف سی ایریا، ناظم آباد، بلدیہ ٹاؤن سائٹ، اورنگی ٹاؤن سمیت آدھے سے زائد شہر میں پانی کی فراہمی بند ہے۔ ان دوسری طرف واٹر اینڈر علاقوں کے مکین شدید مشکلات کا شکار ہیں جو بورنگ کا پانی استعمال کرنے کی وجہ سے مختلف بیماریوں میں مبتلا ہو رہے ہیں سیوریج بورڈ کے پاس صنعتوں کو پانی کی فراہمی بڑھانے کی گنجائش نہیں لیکن ٹینکر مافیا واٹر بورڈ کی لائنوں سے پانی نکال کر پورے شہر کو فراہم کر رہی ہیں، ٹینکر مافیا نے پیا سے شہریوں کا خون چوسنے کیلئے فی ٹینکر کی قیمت میں من مانا اضافہ کر دیا۔ پانی کے بحران نے صنعتوں کو بھی لپیٹ میں لے لیا ہے،، صنعتی علاقے پانی کی بدترین قلت کا شکار ہیں، سائٹ، کورنگی، لائڈھی، فیڈرل بی ایریا، نار تھ کراچی، سائٹ سپر ہائی وے اور بن قاسم میں صنعتوں کو شدید قلت کا سامنا ہے،، ملک میں سب سے مہنگے داموں پانی خریدنے کے باوجود کراچی کی صنعتوں کو ان کی ضرورت کے مقابلے میں نوے فیصد تک کم پانی فراہم کیا جا رہا ہے

شہر قائد میں پانی کا بحران سنگین ہو گیا، حب ڈیم سوکھ کر چرچا گاہ کا منظر پیش کرنے لگا

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اسلام آباد..... ملک کے اکثر میدانی علاقوں موسم گرم ہونا شروع ہو گیا ہے ادھر بالائی علاقوں میں سرد ہوائیں چلنے سے موسم اب بھی سرد ہے محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران کونید، قلات میں مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود اور بعض مقامات پر بارش کا امکان ہے۔ سندھ، پنجاب اور بلوچستان کے بیشتر میدانی علاقوں میں دھوپ سے سردی کی شدت میں کمی واقع ہونا شروع ہو گئی ہے جبکہ دن کے اوقات میں سردی کی شدت نہ ہونے کے برابر ہے۔ صبح اور رات کے وقت موسم تھوڑا ٹھنڈا ہوتا ہے۔ ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں سردی کی شدت برقرار ہے۔ خشک موسم کے باعث موسمی امراض میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے ہفتے کے دوران اسلام آباد، بالائی پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، بلوچستان، فانا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔

تھر پارکر میں موت کے بادل چھٹ نہ سکے۔ غذائی قلت اور بیماریاں مسلسل معصوم کلیوں کی زندگیاں نگلنے میں مصروف ہے۔ مٹھی اور دیگر علاقوں کے اسپتالوں میں وبائی امراض میں مبتلا بچوں کو داخل کرانے کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ معصوم بچوں کی ہلاکتیں دوسو کے قریب پہنچ گئیں لیکن سندھ حکومت کو ترس نہ آیا۔ بیشتر علاقوں میں صحت کی بنیادی سہولتوں کا انتہائی فقدان ہے۔ مٹھی سمیت تھر پارکر کے اسپتالوں میں دوسو سے زائد بچے اب بھی زیر علاج ہیں۔ ہزاروں من گندم گوداموں میں بڑی بڑی سڑگی۔ جو بچی ہے اس کی تقسیم کا عمل اب تک انتہائی سست روی کا شکار ہے۔ بیشتر دور افتادہ علاقوں میں گندم اب تک نہیں پہنچائی جاسکی۔ چار ا ختم ہو جانے پر بہت سے علاقوں کے ملین مویشیوں کے ساتھ نقل مکانی کر رہے ہیں۔

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محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے اکثر علاقوں میں موسم خشک رہنے کی توقع ہے تاہم کونید اور قلات ڈویژن میں مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود رہنے کے علاوہ بعض مقامات پر گرج چمک اور بارش کا بھی امکان ہے۔ آئندہ دو سے تین روز کے دوران گندم کی کاشت کے بارانی اور نہری علاقوں میں بھی موسم خشک رہنے کی توقع ہے۔ اگلے ہفتے کے دوران اسلام آباد، بالائی پنجاب، خیبر پک، بلوچستان، فانا، گلگت بلتستان دوسری طرف کراچی میں روز بروز گرمی بڑھنے لگی ہے، اور کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی بھی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے فروری ہی میں پارہ سینٹین ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک جا پہنچا ہے۔ اسلام آباد، لاہور اور پشاور سے بھی سردی نے رخت سفر باندھ لیا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں کم سے کم درجہ حرارت دس، جبکہ زیادہ سے زیادہ ستائیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا، لاہور میں کم سے کم بارہ، اور زیادہ سے زیادہ اٹھائیس، پشاور میں کم سے کم گیارہ، زیادہ سے زیادہ اٹھائیس

محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ شمالی علاقوں میں بر فباری کا سلسلہ بھی، جبکہ کونید میں کم سے کم بیچھے اور زیادہ سے زیادہ چھبیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا جاری ہے۔ استور اور اسکر دو میں درجہ حرارت منفی چار تک گر گیا ہے جبکہ پاراچنار اور گوپس میں پارہ منفی ایک ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم خشک رہا

ملک بھر کے عوام بہار کے خوبصورت موسم سے لطف اندوز ہو رہے ہیں لیکن کراچی میں فر فر کرتے فروری میں سورج آنکھیں دکھا رہا ہے اور ہفتے کے روز درجہ حرارت 36.5 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک جا پہنچا ہے۔ کراچی میں فروری کے ماہ میں ہی سورج نے آنکھیں دکھانا شروع کر دی ہیں، گزشتہ چند روز کے دوران گرمی میں بتدریج اضافہ دیکھا جا رہا ہے اور ہفتے کے روز درجہ حرارت 36.5 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک جا پہنچا ہے۔ جو کہ گزشتہ 20 برس کے دوران فروری کے مہینے میں سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ ماہرین موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ درجہ حرارت میں اضافے کا سبب سمندر کی جانب سے آنے والی ٹھنڈی ہواؤں کا بند ہونا ہے، جس کی وجہ سے کراچی میں شمال مشرق سے گرم ہوائیں داخل ہو رہی ہیں۔ اس وقت ہوائیں نمی کا تناسب 8 فیصد جب کہ ہوا کی رفتار صرف 9 کلو میٹر فی گھنٹہ ہے۔ ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ ہوائیں نمی کم ہونے کے باعث گرمی کی شدت بہت زیادہ محسوس نہیں ہوگی۔ ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ فروری میں گرمی آنے سے پریشان ہونے کی ضرورت نہیں۔ چند روز میں ہوا چلنے کے بعد کراچی میں گرمی کی شدت میں بتدریج کمی آئے گی، مارچ

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تھر پارکر: مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں مزید 3 بچے چل بسے، رواں سال دو مہینوں میں ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 195 ہو گئی

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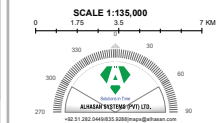
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