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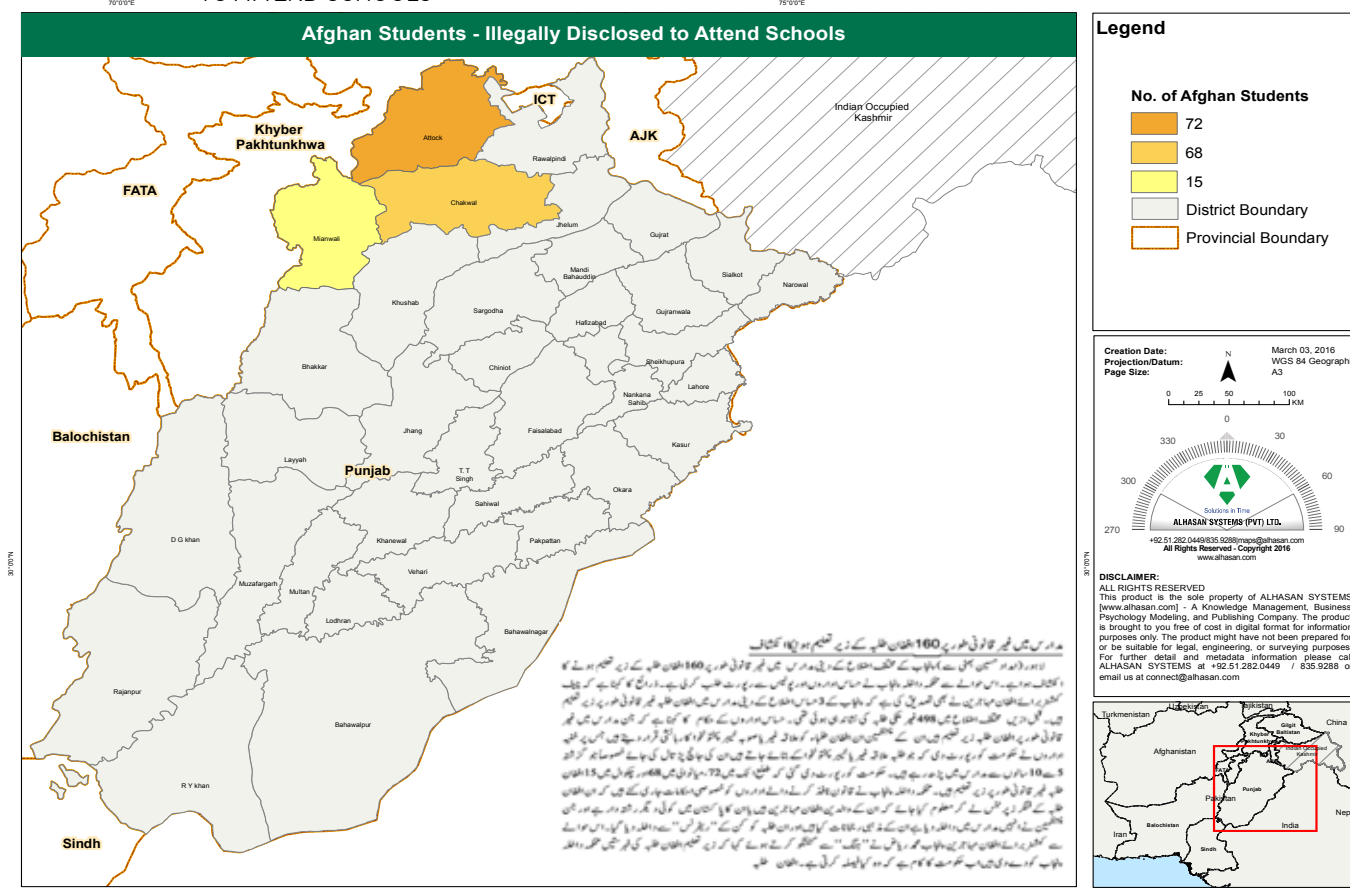
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IMF's Lagarde eyes subsidies, simple things to tackle climate change

Brecorder, March 6, 2016

Better late than never

Brecorder, March 6, 2016

Earthly matters: Conserving water

Dawn News, March 6, 2016

DETAILS

Turning the tide on global warming should be tackled by big and small steps that range from cutting subsidies to riding bicycles, International Monetary Fund managing director Christine Lagarde said on Friday. "Removing fossil fuel subsidies would go a long way to cutting consumption," Lagarde said in answer to a question at Massachusetts Institute of Technology about how climate change can be addressed.

She had delivered a speech on how to promote growth in the face of an aging population and said that "game changers" including competition among insurers and raising the retirement age could go a long way to helping. Speaking months after the end of the hottest year on record, Lagarde said "If subsidies were removed and carbon prices set properly now and taxed that would go a long way in addressing the climate change issues the world is facing."

She also encouraged individuals to do their part by simple things such as opting to ride a bicycle instead of driving cars, drawing applause from the audience of students, faculty and local residents. In December, nations agreed to a landmark global climate accord for transforming the world's fossil fuel-driven economy within decades. Lagarde said that the IMF, which has not historically focused on the issue of climate change, is now becoming more engaged by producing research papers on the right price of energy and how to remove subsidies. She called the steps the "beginnings of our contributions."

A recent report in this paper that the Prime Minister has approved the launch of "Green Pakistan Programme" comes as a pleasant surprise to all those concerned about the environmental degradation. The plan is to plant 100 million trees during the next five years all over the country along canals and roadsides as well as in the forest areas of KPK, Fata, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Kashmir, Balochistan, Punjab and Sindh. The federal government, which is to oversee all aspects of the revival and preservation initiative, would provide 50 percent of the funding requirement while the provinces are to meet the rest of the cost. Although late in coming this green programme is reflective of a realization that any further neglect can lead to disastrous consequences.

As it is, Pakistan is one of the top ten countries most at risk of suffering from the effects of climate change. In fact, extreme weather events have already begun. During the recent years, floods have been playing havoc with life and property from the hilly areas of the north to the plains of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan. Except for KPK, where one-billion-tree campaign is already under way and the government has banned even routine logging to prevent wanton destruction of forests by timber mafias, the provinces are yet to show a serious interest in planting trees - the single most important defence against environmental degradation caused by greenhouse gas emissions. Under the present initiative, the Ministry of Climate Change is to devise plans for the assessment of forests depletion using modern technology, and also for both short- and long-term forest resource expansion. The ministries of Climate Change and Science and Technology are to work together, helped by the Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission's imaging technology, to monitor the forests for illegal logging and degradation on a regular basis, and produce periodic reports. This should provide efficient evaluation on the state of forestry. The next step, of course, has to be ensuring sustainable management. For that the government needs to lay down well thought-out guidelines and mechanisms for disease and fire control, as well as normal harvesting in a way that does not cause depletion.

Hopefully, the present initiative will impel provincial governments to preserve and enlarge forests. For a successful outcome, forestry needs to be put on the concurrent list. While planting trees along roads is vital to offset carbon emissions they must also adopt other measures to reduce environmental pollution. Until a few years ago, it was mandatory for vehicles to annually obtain road fitness certificates. Over time, this important practice has fallen by the wayside. Similarly, the previous government had announced Euro-2 emissions standards to control harmful vehicular emissions. Compliance is sporadic at best. It is about time these requirements are effectively implemented.

Unlike other rivers that are largely dependent on melting snow or rainfall, Pakistan's main river, the Indus, is very much dependent on glacier melt. Experts say that on average, around 40pc of its water comes from glaciers melting in the summer, in the high mountains of the Hindu Kush, Himalayan and Karakoram mountain ranges. With increasingly warmer temperatures due to climate change, the glacier melt is going to decrease in the future (as the glaciers lose their mass of accumulated ice). In the near future, we should expect a major increase in summer floods but then what does the long-term future hold for us in this region, especially those who completely depend on the Indus for their water needs?

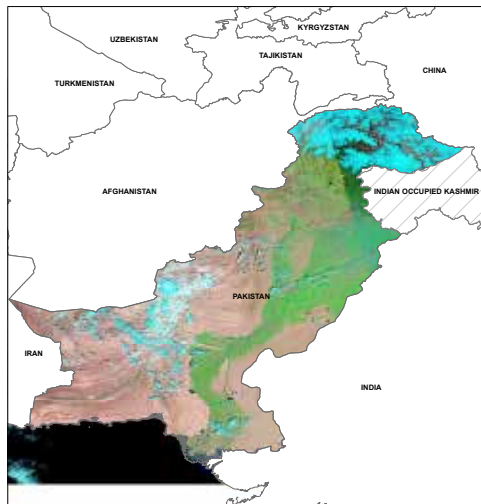
Journalists from China, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India met in Kathmandu to discuss challenges facing the Indus at a media dialogue organised by the Third Pole Network, in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). The meeting point was in Nepal because of visa issues between India and Pakistan, the two countries that predominantly share the Indus waters.

The ultimate source of the Indus is in Tibet (now in China); then it flows northwest through Ladakh (in India) and Baltistan into Gilgit, just south of the Karakoram Range. The Shyok, Shigar and Gilgit rivers carry glacial waters into the main river, which then flows to the south, emerging from the hills between Peshawar and Rawalpindi and then going further down to the plains of the Punjab and Sindh and out to the Indus Delta and the Arabian Sea. Much of the river runs through Pakistan and according to the Indus Water Treaty, we have access to its water.

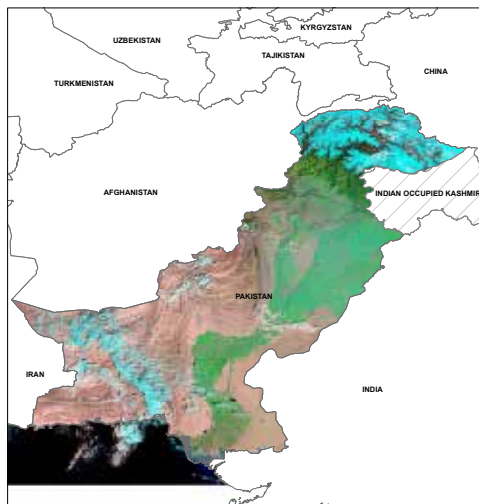
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WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (February 28, 2016 to March 06, 2016)

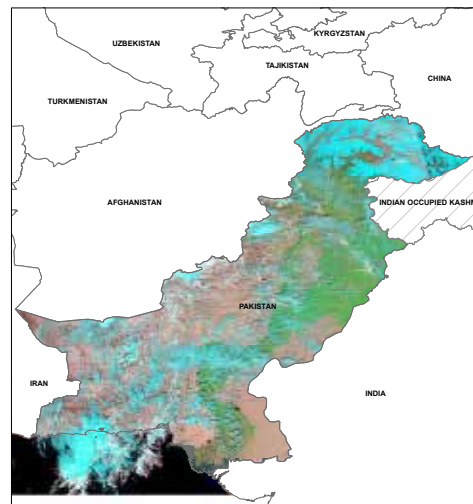
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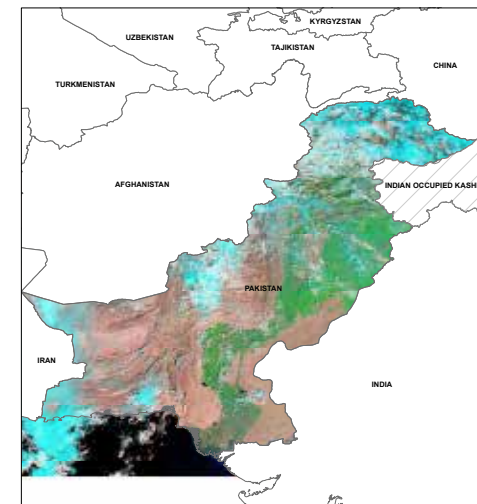
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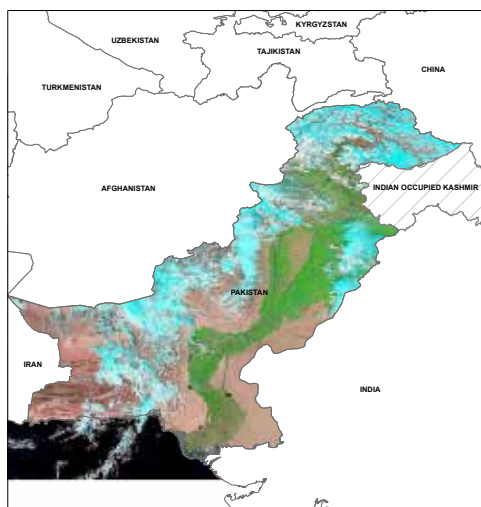
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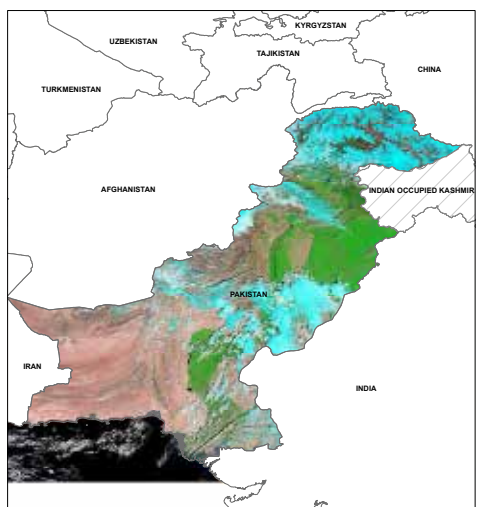
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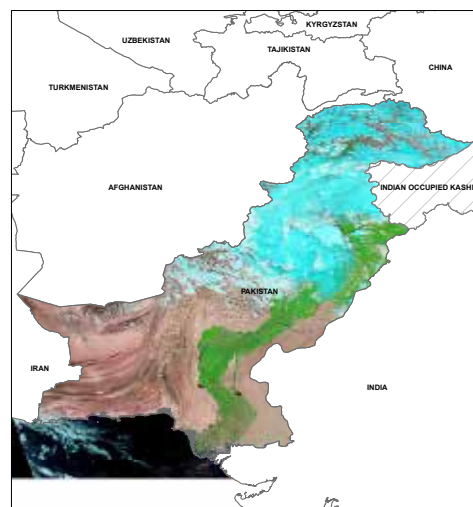
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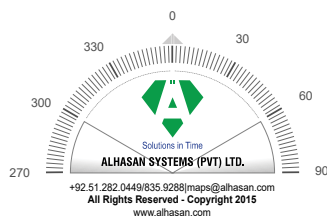
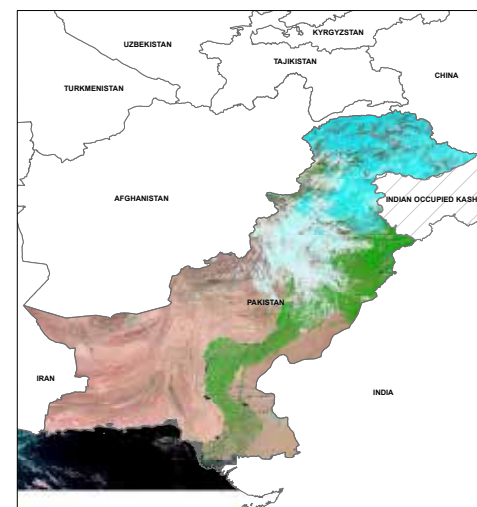
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headed for disaster

According to Arun Shrestha of the Integrated Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), which is based in Kathmandu, "There has been a 20pc to 30pc area loss in glaciers in the region and the Indus will lose more ice in the future". This is despite the so-called 'Karakoram Anomaly' according to which a few glaciers in the Karakoram are advancing; perhaps due to more precipitation at higher altitudes, which is just a guess as there are no weather observatories above 5,000 metres. "The knowledge is scanty but a lot of research is going on," pointed out Shrestha, a senior climate change specialist. ICIMOD is helping to set up an Upper Indus Network so that the research is not duplicated and its results can be shared.

However, there is still a long way to go with climate models and more mass balance studies need to be done on large glaciers in this region to find out if they are growing or receding. Currently, less than 10 actual mass balance studies are being conducted, according to Shrestha. Mass balance is simply the gain and loss of ice from the glacier system; glaciers losing more mass than they receive will be in negative mass balance and so will recede. Overall, glaciers in the region are losing their mass due to progressive global warming and then there is the addition of 'black carbon' from local sources such as the burning of biomass, diesel fumes and other aerosols that are making them melt faster.

According to Arif Anwar, the IWMI expert based in Lahore who spoke about the state of the Lower Indus Basin, "Pakistan uses 63pc of the water of the Indus and 93pc of this water is used for agriculture ... 300 million people live in the Lower Indus Basin and are dependent on this basin". The irrigation system set up here is the largest contiguous irrigation system in the world and the agriculture done in the Indus Basin contributes to one quarter of Pakistan's GDP.

However, the bad news is that water per capita is shrinking to a level that is unsustainable. "We are at the limits of our water resources," pointed out Anwar. "Groundwater has saved Pakistan but that is also threatened by over-extraction and [water scarcity] is going to hit our cities the worst." Over the past few decades, the water economy of Pakistan has survived largely because of the tapping of groundwater by farmers, villagers, urban dwellers and industries. Groundwater levels are now dropping fast and urgent steps need to be taken to recharge the groundwater.

According to Anwar's research, Quetta, Peshawar and Lahore are going to face water shortages very soon. In fact, in Quetta the water crisis has already started and it will hit Lahore soon, since it is growing faster than the rest of Pakistan. We are not responding through better management fast enough to the water challenges, considering a growing population that places an increasing demand on water supply. With climate change, land degradation (as farmlands and wetlands are turned into housing) and a business-as-usual approach, we are clearly headed for disaster. "Water is not saved here — as more water becomes available, more land comes under cultivation," explained Anwar. "We need better water management and more storage in the Indus."

The Indus is literally the lifeline of the country and we need to be looking at the impacts of climate change on our water resources more seriously. We need to be talking about this challenge at various forums and raising awareness about the impending water crisis in the media, as veteran journalist Joydeep Gupta, the head of the Third Pole Network from India pointed out. IWMI has been working on solutions that should be brought to the attention of our policy makers, farmers and urban dwellers: developing new storage and improving water infrastructure (repairing barrages and canals), growing more food with less water (using better water conservation technologies) and better managing groundwater resources.

LAHORE: As rain continued to lash many parts of the country on Saturday, the Met department forecast above normal downpour in the country in March and April, compensating for the below average rainfall in the fading winter.

Frequent spells of rainfall and isolated hailstorms associated with windstorm may hamper the harvesting and threshing of wheat and sowing of cotton during the two months, said the Pakistan Meteorological Department on Saturday. It said May and first half of June are likely to remain drier and hotter than normal. That would increase the probability of occurrence of heatwaves over plains and coastal belt of the country. Heatwave conditions in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral may accelerate glacier melting and trigger GLOF (glacial lake outburst flood) events in the coming summer season. Due to intense heating, monsoon onset is expected to be early during second half of June 2016.

El Niño that caused less rain in summer is declining and global climate models predict it to run in the neutral phase during monsoon season. Prevailing oceanic, atmospheric and surface climatic conditions suggest that uncertainties in Pakistan's weather pattern will persist towards the early summer till El Niño comes to neutral phase in May-June this year. Meanwhile, the rain-generating westerly wave was affecting upper parts of country on Saturday and was likely to move northeastward in next 24 to 36 hours. The Met department forecast rain-thunderstorm accompanied by gusty winds at scattered places in Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Lahore, Sargodha, Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Dera Ghazi Khan divisions), Islamabad, KP (Hazara, Mardan, Peshawar, Bannu, Kohat, Dera Ismail Khan divisions), Fata and Kashmir, while at isolated places in Malakand division in the next 24 hours. Hailstorm is likely at isolated places during the period. It remained cloudy to partly cloudy in Lahore which experienced intermittent rain last (Friday) night. The Met office reported that Parachinar received 38mm of rain, Kohat 28mm, Bannu 17mm, Toba Tek Singh and Khanpur 15mm, Jhang 14mm, Dadu 12mm, Sukkur 10mm, Rahim Yar Khan, Rawlakot 9mm, Dera Ismail Khan 8mm, Garhi Dupatta and Cherat 7mm, Faisalabad, Peshawar, Shorkot and Muzaffarabad 6mm, Bahawalpur and Kot Addu 4mm, Murree, Kakul, Lahore, Larkana and Zhob 3mm, Islamabad and Layyah 2mm, Dera Ghazi Khan, Balakot and Bahawalnagar 1mm.

ISLAMABAD: A person will have to play a due role – in individual and collective capacity – for ensuring safe and moral environment of the future generations, premised on the Islamic values

March-April forecast: Rain to be a mixed blessing
Dawn News, March 6, 2016

Joint Efforts Imperative For Safe, Moral

Environment

Pak Observer, March 6, 2016

Climate change to cause half million deaths by 2050

Pakistan Today, March 5, 2016

Rising sea level could sink Karachi, displace 40 million people

Pakistan Today, March 5, 2016

Parts of country receive rain

The News, March 5, 2016

Heavy rain lashes Quetta city

Geo News, March 5, 2016

and mutual respect. This was the main theme and emphasis of speakers at the 'National Haya Conference', inaugurated on Saturday at the Faisal Campus of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI).

Religious scholars, students, women and people from different walks of life, participated in the two-day conference by keenly listening and observing to the speakers. Chairman Tehreek-e-Haya Engineer Sultan Bashir Mehmud in his introductory speech said that Haya is a major and important topic in 'Islamic Aqeedah' and ethics.

He said that Haya is one of the main ingredients of Islamic ethics and one prime attribute of a "true Muslim". Dr. Muhammad Ameen said that Haya brings extra sincerity to the divine relationship between the soul and his Creator. He stressed the members of society to promote culture based on mutual respect besides having a strong faith in the Creator. Ms. Humera Masih Uddin also shared her experience as an anthropologist. She said mutual respect by society members can ensure social harmony and peace. Renowned Scholar and Writer Khalid Hassan said that the life, given by Allah Almighty, needs due importance which would ultimately decide about the life in the world Hereafter.

Climate change is an ever-growing concern in the world. Melting glaciers and ice sheets, rising pollution levels, deforestation, etc., all contribute or are reflective of the very fact that global warming and/or climate change is, after all, very much real.

Last year saw the leaders of the world come together in Paris for the summit on climate change, where, various proposals were agreed upon to cut down on each country's respective carbon footprint. However, the effects of climate change are not just limited to the melting of glaciers. They reach out far and wide and even affect food production. So much so, that the effects of climate change on food production could lead to the deaths of more than half a million adults in 2050, according to researchers' estimates. Published in The Lancet, the research also said that three-quarters of those deaths are likely to occur in China and India.

According to a report in UPI, by 2050, lower levels of fruit and vegetable consumption could cause twice as many deaths as poor nutrition, the study based on computer modeling found. As per UPI, This is the strongest evidence yet of the devastation climate change could have on food production and health worldwide, study leader Marco Springmann and colleagues said in a journal news release. The team predicted the impact in 155 countries.

"Much research has looked at food security, but little has focused on the wider health effects of agricultural production," said Springmann, quoted by UPI. These changes can lead to increase in the risk of diseases and conditions such as heart disease, stroke and cancer and death from those diseases. Furthermore, the changes in food availability would impact China and India the hardest. The researchers estimated the changes would result in 248,000 deaths in China and 136,000 in India. The study authors also looked at the opposite scenario. A future without climate change would increase food availability and consumption, and prevent 1.9 million deaths, the researchers said.

The National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) has warned that Karachi could drown Karachi in the next 35-45 years. The NIO has warned that parts of Malir have already sunk and if emergency measures are not taken 30-40 million people could be displaced due to climate changes.

Over the years climate change has had devastating repercussions, thousands of deaths, earthquakes, floods and severe drought are clear indicators of climate change. In Karachi alone 1200 people lost their lives due to an extreme heat wave just last June. With sea level rising by 6 millimeters annually, experts have warned that the greatest threat to the country is not from terrorism but from climate change. With parts of district Malir already having been reclaimed by the ocean, they fear that Karachi as we know it may not exist in the next four decades. Germanwatch, an international think-tank has warned that Pakistan is among the top 10 countries most at risk due to climate change.

It is feared that if a catastrophic event similar to the 1945 Tsunami hits Karachi, rehabilitating the approximately 45 million people that will be displaced will post a great challenge. Experts continue to warn, that if climate change is not taken seriously the resulting damage will be unimaginable and irreparable.

KARACHI: Light and moderate rain lashed parts of the country including Islamabad, Quetta, FATA and Kashmir on Saturday.

According to reports, Islamabad, Kalat, Quetta, Sibbi, Sukkur, Larkana, Hazara, D.I Khan, Multan, Sargodha, Bahawalpur, D.G Khan, Faisalabad, FATA and Kashmir received rain. Pakistan Meteorological Department recorded rainfall in various cities including Parachinar 28mm, Khanpur 17mm, Bannu 13mm, Dadu 12mm, Sukkur 10mm, Rahim Yar Khan 9mm, Kalat 6mm, Shorkot 6mm, Jhang 5mm and others. The Met Office has also forecast, rain thundershower with gusty winds at scattered places in Punjab, FATA and Kashmir during next 24 hours. Hailstorm is likely at isolated places during the period.

QUETTA: Heavy rain coupled with hailstorm lashed major parts of Balochistan including Quetta valley on Friday which turned the weather very cold.

The met department has forecast heavy rainfall this week in parts of Balochistan which might result in flash floods. In the next 24 hours more rain is expected in Quetta, Zhob and Sukkur. Heavy rains may trigger flash flooding in Kech, Panjgur, Awaran, Khuzdar, Kalat, Bolan, Jhal Magsi, Sibbi, Harnai, Kohlu, Loralai and Quetta during the period, the Met department forecast said. Several mud houses were damaged due to rain in Dalbandin area of Chaghi district. Rain water accumulated on roads in Quetta city including Double Road, Imdad Road, Jinnah Road, Prince Road and other road causing difficulties for pedestrians and creating traffic jams. In some areas, electricity supply was suspended. Residents moved to different parks of the capital to enjoy the weather. Farmers in

Drought-hit Tharparkar: Two more kids die

The Nation, March 4, 2016

CM Reviews Steps For Clean Environment Of Big Cities

The Nation, March 4, 2016

Exploration of ground water resources

The News, March 3, 2016

17 more dengue cases emerges in city

Pakistan Today, March 3, 2016

Pakistan Conscious Of Climate Change Obligations: Zahid

Brecorder, March 3, 2016

the province were delighted as the Hub Dam and Hanna Lake in Quetta filled with rainwater. Balochistan Chief Minister Nawab Sanaullah Zehri directed authorities concerned to take immediate measures to drain out rainwater.

THARPARKAR: Two more children died of malnutrition in drought-hit Tharparkar today morning, raising the death toll to 194 in 64 days.

Doctor sources said that two children who under treatment in Mithi Civil hospital for many days have died. Dozens of children suffering from various disease caused by malnutrition are being treated in various hospitals of Thar.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presided over a meeting here Thursday, and reviewed various steps for beautification and clean environment of big cities of the province through horticulture.

Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister (CM) said that trees, saplings and flowers eliminated pollution and enhance beauty of cities. He said promotion of horticulture was necessary for providing pollution-free atmosphere to the people. He said the government is making big cities gorgeous and attractive through horticulture. He said that the projects executed in the cities were also being beautified through horticulture. The CM said that besides plantation of saplings under tree plantation campaign, there is need to look after the saplings and for this, steps should be taken. He directed that setting up of a training institution of horticulture should be considered and the recommendations be presented. He said that construction of swimming pools for men and women in cities should be considered. He said that the tree plantation drive should be launched during current month and a final plan be submitted in this regard.

Palaeochannel in Thar Desert is the excellent and great source of groundwater and can be effectively used for groundwater exploration to manage with the water scarcity in the Thar Desert. About six thousand years ago green Thar Desert, is now dry and under water stress due to numerous droughts and less rainfall. The history shows that the Hakra River (Palaeochannel), main tributary of Saraswati River (India), dried out about 6000-4000 BC, which once flowed through alluvial planes stretching parallel to the existing Indus River (Pakistan) at present buried under sand cushion of the Thar Desert due to earthquake, thickness of dunes about ranges between 100 and 150 meters. It started from Himalayan Range passed through the Indian territory as Ghaggar River and subsequently entered the existing Nara valley planes.

Thar Desert is the largest among all the four deserts of Pakistan, it extending eastwards from irrigated plains on the left bank of River Indus towards the Indian states of Rajasthan and Gujarat. The Desert covering the districts of Tharparkar, Umerkot, Sukkur, Khairpur and Ghotki, Thar Desert is one of the most populated desert in world. Most of the population is settled in towns and villages, however a significant number of people lives deep inside the Thar Desert and lives a nomadic life style and depends mostly on rain and livestock for their livelihoods.

Many people have diverse thoughts about the courses of historical Hakra River. In the last decades with the development in Geographical information system and remote sensing techniques, palaeochannels can be map systematically. Further satellite imagery of palaeochannels on the Thar Desert could be confirmed through lithological and archeological signs, water quality monitoring, isotopic analysis and radiocarbon dating.

In Thar desert, maximum water has evaporated and deep percolated from the surface due to sand cover and hot climate. In the view this perspective, the contribution of historical Hakra River to relatively profound groundwater resources needs to be studied scientifically. Nevertheless exploration of deep groundwater resources is very costly, to alleviate water shortage these so far unexplored resources want courtesy. Ground water resource is of extreme importance to mankind for healthy growth of the population and livestock assets in Great Thar Desert.

As many as 18 more dengue viral fever cases were reported from Sindh province in a week, out of which 17 have been detected from Karachi alone.

As per the weekly report issued by the dengue prevention and control programme, at least 18 new dengue fever cases were detected from across the province, out of which 17 were reported from Karachi and one from Tando Muhammad Khan from February 26 to March 03, 2016.

A total of 261 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since January 1, 2016, out of which 250 were detected from Karachi, five from Hyderabad, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirbad, while no death was reported from dengue this year so far.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid Thursday said Pakistan was conscious of its obligations to tackle environmental issues after the Paris agreement.

"Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has directed the ministry to develop a comprehensive plan to effectively combat climate change," he said while talking to a delegation of the Agence Francaise De Development (AFD) who called on him here. The delegation was comprising of head of Asia Department AFD Paris Office Pascal Pacaut, Country Director AFD Pakistan Office Jacky Amprou, Regional Coordinator for Pakistan and Afghanistan Frederic Contin and Team Leader AFD Pakistan Office Nauman Bhutta, said a press release. Zahid Hamid apprised the delegation that Pakistan's position in the ranking of worst climate change hit countries in last 20 had improved, adding that it had gone to number 8 from 10. "We are planning to bring legislation changes and adaptation plans to combat climate change. Pakistan is first country to have its parliament on solar energy," he said.

He said Pakistan was also planning to get reliable estimates through expert studies to know it stood in carbon emissions. During the meeting, both the sides agreed to cooperate and invest for countering climate change issues effectively. AFID is a public developing bank owned by the

Scarcity of water

Brecorder, March 3, 2016

SHC tells govt to submit details on 'independent' Thar commission

Express Tribune, March 3, 2016

Tharparkar failing

Express Tribune, March 2, 2016

French government in incharge of funding and implementing development projects in Pakistan. Its mandate is to fully focus on energy sector including renewable energy and energy efficiency. AFD is committed to support green energy in Pakistan which will contribute to the reduction of the energy crisis.

Through the columns of your renowned and well-reputed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of higher authorities towards acute shortage of water in Karachi. The Sindh government, KWSB and the district administration miserably have failed to deliver to this city. Various areas of the city are without or very low supply of water over a long period of time.

The problem has been aggravating day by day and no one at the helm seems to pay heed to the acute water crisis and people are left with no option but to buy water and that too at exorbitant prices. Karachi has been left at the mercy of tanker mafia who are fleecing consumers by charging Rs 3,000 to Rs 8,000 per tanker. It has been reported time and again that the government conducted raids to stop water theft but it has miserably failed to eliminate this menace. It is now a known fact that water is being siphoned off through illegal connections to illegal hydrants and it seems that the tanker mafia enjoys covert patronage and support of politicians and the corrupt KWSB bureaucracy. It is about time the government paid attention to the water crisis and ensure smooth supply of clean and safe potable water to the residents of the city.

I am cognisant of the fact that apart from water theft, massive influx of migrants, pipeline leaks and scarcity of rainfall have also led to the water woes, but still it is for the governments, federal or provincial, to initiate projects to the rising water demand of the metropolis.

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court (SHC) directed on Wednesday the provincial chief secretary to submit a report containing the names, mandate and working time frame of an 'independent' commission being constituted to investigate the causes of deaths in drought-hit areas of Thar. Headed by SHC Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, the division bench asked the top provincial bureaucrat to file these details by March 17.

The two judges passed these directives while hearing three identical petitions seeking judicial probe into the deaths of nearly 200 people, including women and children, due to the drought in Tharparkar district. The petition was jointly filed by the Pakistan Industrial Labour Education and Research (Piler), Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum and human rights activist Javed Iqbal Burki, who had sought a judicial inquiry into the negligence of the officials that allegedly led to the deaths, mostly of women and infants. One of the petitioners, Piler, had sought contempt proceedings against the provincial chief secretary under Sections 3, 6 and 12 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance 2003 read with Article 204 of the Constitution.

On April 11, 2014, the court had directed the chief secretary to propose names of the members of the judicial commission, the petitioner pointed out. Instead the officer himself constituted a commission, which is a violation of the court's order, therefore, contempt of court proceedings may be initiated against him, the petitioner had pleaded.

During Wednesday's proceedings on the contempt plea, Sindh chief secretary Muhammad Siddique Memon appeared along with his focal person, Dr Saeed Ahmed Quraishy, Board of Revenue senior member Muhamamd Waseem, health secretary Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo, special initiatives secretary Ejaz Ahmed Khan and livestock secretary Muhammad Ramzan Awan. At the outset, the chief secretary gave the court details of the measures taken by the provincial government to improve living conditions in Thar. Memon told the judges that the Sindh government is ready to constitute an independent commission, as a three-member commission formed on February 10 this year, has 'shown reluctance to undertake the assignment'. On the other hand, Advocate Faisal Siddiqui, who appeared for one of the petitioners, said he will address a letter to the chief secretary in a day or two suggesting names of credible persons that can be taken on board for the commission. The secretary said that any names suggested by the petitioner will be more than welcomed.

"In the circumstances, the chief secretary would, after considering the names suggested by Advocate Faisal Siddiqui, submit before this court the names of the commission on March 17 with their mandate and period in which they have to report," ordered the chief justice, before dismissing the contempt application, which was no more pressed by the petitioner's lawyer.

In the past few years it has become a norm that a few hundred newborn babies and infants will inevitably die in Sindh's beautiful Tharparkar desert every year. Conflicting figures are quoted in the media and by government functionaries, about the number of deaths and their causes. Even if one fully agrees with the official version, unfortunately, there are no visible actions on part of the government of Sindh or the federal government to tackle the deadly issue on sustainable basis. As a result, we see the inhabitants of Mithi offering special prayers in temples amid a rising death toll of children and their helplessness in the face of it. Irrespective of the fact of whether 200-plus children died in the past 50 odd days or 75 newborns and infants breathed their last in Tharparkar's hospitals, even a single preventable death is criminal. Why are we unable to respond to this situation?

Child health and nutrition experts and child rights activists believe that it is due to a lack of understanding of the issue at the decision-making level and the lack of political will to respond to it. If someone is going to look at it and try to resolve it from the health perspective only, then we will continue to see such horrific figures of newborns deaths for the years to come as is the case for the past few years. It should be understood that there are multiple factors for the current situation in Tharparkar and there is a need for multi-sectoral interventions to address the social, economic and cultural reasons behind this mayhem. Similarly, responding to malnutrition also requires a multi-sectoral approach involving health, education, social protection, water and sanitation, and the agricultural and private sectors. There needs to be a high-level commitment from the leadership to plan and implement multi-sectoral interventions.

According to the findings of The Lancet as well as leading nutrition and child health experts in the world, including Pakistan, most of the irreversible damage due to malnutrition happens during conception and in the first 24 months of life, meaning that the risk begins from the day of conception to up to two years of age (also referred to as the first 1000 days). Poor nutrition for mothers during pregnancy, too few calories, poor quality of food, repeated infections such as diarrhoea and malaria, poor feeding practices and so on are some of the major causes of malnutrition in Pakistan. Tharparkar is no different. Rather, these issues are much severe there because of poverty, poor water and sanitation resources, high rates of child marriage, the lack of education, family planning and health facilities in far-flung areas like Nagarparkar, which makes the situation worse.

The nutrition challenge facing Sindh is substantial. Sindh has a dangerously high rate of nutritional stunting among children under the age of 5 (49.8 per cent) as compared to 43.7 per cent of the national average. The prevalence of underweight children is 40.5 per cent as compared to 31.5 per cent of the national average, while wasting prevalence is 17.5 per cent as compared to 15.1 per cent of the national average. As per the World Health Organisation's standards, a national average of 15 per cent or above is labeled an 'emergency'. These figures have not changed significantly in the past decade and require special attention at all levels. I believe the figures in Thar region will be even worse than the provincial figures for Sindh. Since the Tharparkar child deaths are viewed as something related to malnutrition and health, the whole focus is on health response, which is not something new. Traditionally, in Pakistan, nutrition has been viewed as a problem to be looked after only by the health sector planning commission or the Ministry of Health at the federal level and Department of Health at the provincial level. This narrow approach then excludes those remedies that would cater to the wider economic and social contexts that predispose a community to poor nutrition. Major findings of the National Nutrition Survey 2011 clearly indicate the urgent need to address malnutrition through an integrated approach, which addresses immediate, underlying and basic causes of malnutrition. This is a challenge to mainstream nutrition and to ensure that all relevant departments and stakeholders are cognisant of their roles and have effective coordination.

Responding to malnutrition issues using a multi-sectoral approach was a practice realised a few years back and the government of Sindh notified the Provincial Nutrition Steering Committee and Inter Sectoral Technical Working Group in December 2012. The Technical Working Group had a number of meetings with the support of the Development Partners for Nutrition Group and Sindh became the first province to adopt the Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy in late 2013. The Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy is ambitious and seeks to reduce chronic malnutrition in children under two years of age, by 10 percentage points from an estimated 49.8 per cent to 39.8 per cent by the end of 2016. Likewise, Anemia in children is to be reduced from 73 per cent to 62 per cent and maternal anemia from 59 per cent to 49 per cent, through sustainable, effective and inter-sectoral interventions by the end of 2016. The target group for the nutrition in interventions includes pregnant and lactating mothers. A 1,000-days-plus approach is used, with nutrition supplies and provision of food vouchers and meals to women living in difficult conditions.

The strategy further focuses on the introduction of incentives such as conditional cash transfers and food vouchers to encourage enrolment and daily attendance of children of Benazir Income Support Programme beneficiaries in schools, mid-day meals through school feeding programmes and the introduction of policy and strategy for introducing mid-day meals for all students in high-risk areas. The Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy further calls for increased access to safe water and sanitation through rehabilitation, improvements, extension and augmentation of schemes. It also calls for ensuring the provision of drinking water and sanitation facilities in schools operating in prioritised districts in rural areas and to create an enabling environment for improving food security. In addition, it envisages increasing the ratio of female agriculture extension officers and field assistants and building training centres for them at district level. Now, one simple question would be whether there are more difficult situations or high-risk areas all over Sindh and not just in Tharparkar alone. What has been done in Tharparkar so far when regarding the implementation of the Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy? Have any steps been taken to implement these strategies? What has been done for female empowerment and income-generation opportunities for women in Tharparkar? What is the status of the implementation of the Sindh Right to Free and Compulsory Education 2013, the Sindh Protection and Promotion of Breastfeeding and Child Nutrition Act 2013 and the Sindh Child Marriages Restraint Act 2014? The implementation of the Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy and all these laws is essential in improving the situation of child deaths in Tharparkar.

The government of Sindh should take concrete measures for the implementation of the related strategies and legislation and make budgetary allocation for the implementation of the Sindh Inter Sectoral Nutrition Strategy. Tharparkar could be made a case study for a pilot multi-sectoral intervention to respond to this situation. Steps should be taken to promote women employment and income, social safety nets such as BISP should focus on Tharparkar, increase the number and enhance the skills of health care providers and lady health workers to promote exclusive breastfeeding for six months. The private sector should be encouraged as well to play their due role. They can support other sectors in development and implementation of standardised messages through capacity building of their outreach workers in the areas of nutrition promotion. The government of Sindh should also promote tourism in beautiful and scenic Tharparkar to increase income-generation opportunities.

ISLAMABAD: Owing to the effects of climate change, agriculture sectors in different countries may become more vulnerable due to either excessive rainfall in some parts of the globe or droughts in others.

There are multiple reasons for climate change, one leading towards the other. Use of excessive energy, deforestation, rapid urbanisation and air pollution are leading factors of climate change

Urbanisation blamed for climate change in Pakistan
Daily Times, February 29, 2016

Food security, climate change: Sindh Peoples Caravan sets off today to raise awareness

Express Tribune, February 29, 2016

across the globe.

Pakistan, mostly relying on agriculture, is no exemption as country's ever-growing population's food requirements are increasing day by day. Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Deputy Director General Akram Anjum said country's agriculture sector was already facing some major risks caused by climate change. "Rise in sea level, melting of glaciers and rise of temperature were contributing to this affect." He said country's several areas were hit by drought and cultivable land was turning into barren. Deforestation and rapid urbanisation were prime factors contributing to Pakistan's climate change as compared to the rest of the world.

"There were two phases of El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO), one El Nino and the other La Nina. La Nina was the cold phase while El Nino was the warm. These deviations from normal surface temperatures could have large scale impacts not only on ocean processes but also on global weather and climate," said PMD Director Muhammad Hanif. He said during La Nina year winter temperatures were warmer than normal in the southeast and cooler than normal in the northwest. "In Pakistan, this year the ratio of heat was increased from 1 to 2.5 degree Fahrenheit, increasing summer from 120 to 150 days, while shrinking winters from 110 to 98 days and spring from 45 to 25 days. The ratio was increasing one day every year while cold was decreasing half day per year," he explained.

Hanif said scientists claim that in the mid of this century, that means by 2050, the cycle of global warming would change as there was no such thing like global warming some 325 years ago. The climate change has devastating effects on different crops' production volume. Bananas' crops production has declined to 70 percent and that of vegetables to 80 percent in the areas of Sindh due to extreme weather conditions. The production of wheat is feared to be declined by 1-2.5 percent and rice by 2-4 percent by the end of 2020, said a report of State bank of Pakistan.

Rise in temperature is leading towards so many problems including increase in number of floods in the country. "Warm days are increasing, as now the winter has become comparatively warmer, while summer is also having extreme weather due to climate change," said Climate Change Ministry Deputy Director for Media and Communication Muhammad Saleem. Saleem said all the developed countries were responsible for global warming as they had a competition of industrial advancement. To accommodate developing countries, he said UN had initiated a fund by the name of green climate fund, in which, the global body had asked all the developed countries to contribute money so that it could help developing countries to counter climate change. UN collected \$ 10 billion till 2015 and now their next target is to collect \$100 billion till 2020.

He said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had also sanctioned a policy of forestation on war footing basis. Forests constitute 5 percent of the national land. The target was to increase that ratio to 10-12 percent till the end of current year while in the coming 40 years it should increase to 25 percent, he added. To prevent crops, he said Rs 35 million were allocated for new projects which include introduction of new variety of seeds. Those seeds will be much reliable and would not be affected by floods as well, he said.

KARACHI: Fishermen are all set to launch the 14-day 'Sindh Peoples Caravan' on Tuesday (today) to stress the importance of climate change and food security. The caravan, being organised by the Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF), will move through different districts of Sindh, including Thatta, Sajawal, Badin, Tharparkar, Umerkot, Naushero Feroze, Sanghar, Shaheed Benazirabad, Dadu, Jamshoro and Hyderabad. Majority of the participants are fishermen, peasants and labourers.

"Food insecurity is a global issue," said PFF chairman Mohammad Ali Shah. "We are in favour of food sovereignty," he added, saying poverty is increasing due to capitalism which ultimately ruins means of livelihood of people from the lower income group. Speaking to The Express Tribune, Shah said food insecurity cannot be reduced until people have access to natural resources. According to the PFF, the caravan aims to address key issues of climate change, gender inequality and food sovereignty. The purpose of the caravan will be to deepen, extend and nurture networks of grassroots movements in South Asia and build international solidarity around specific campaigns concerning issues of climate change and food sovereignty. Talking about climate change, the PFF chairman said Pakistan's contribution to climate change is less but it is on number five in facing its impact globally. According to PFF programmes manager, Mustafa Gurgaze, the caravan is meant to create public awareness and highlight the issue of food insecurity. He said around 55% of Pakistan's population is food insecure. "The majority of them live in the coastal belt of Sindh," he said, adding that areas such as Umerkot and Tharparkar regions are also considered food insecure.

"The basic aim shouldn't be to provide food to people but sovereignty must be ensured," urged Gurgaze. He added that people who are directly involved in food making lack access to the food they generate. There is a need of agrarian and land reforms in Pakistan, especially in Sindh, he suggested. Cultural and musical events have also been organised for participants in different areas. Starting from Karachi, the caravan will end in the province's second largest city, Hyderabad, on March 14 where participants will also celebrate the International Rivers Day.

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Law and order situation close to ideal in Sindh, says IGP

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DETAILS

HYDERABAD: Sindh Inspector General of Police Ghulam Hyder Jamali said on Saturday that just two years ago police faced a complex situation but they managed to bring everything under control and now the "law and order situation in the province is close to ideal". After having successfully tackled the situation in Karachi and the rest of the province "today we find time enough to indulge in sports activities which is a very positive sign," said the IGP while speaking at 'police sports festival' organised by the Hyderabad range of police at the police ground. He paid tribute to policemen who laid down their lives in the line of duty for the restoration of peace and praised media for backing Sindh police in its efforts to restore peace to the terrorism-torn city of Karachi. "Everything is now under control [in Karachi], be it bank robberies, targeted killings, terrorism or kidnapping for ransom," he said. He said that kidnapping for ransom which had become a chronic and routine crime in rural parts of the province had almost been eliminated. "There is a remarkable improvement in the situation which is close to ideal I dare say," he said. Police as a department would now move forward. "We are now turning our focus to bringing improvement in the working and atmosphere of the police station which is the basic unit of policing," he said.

He said that since the community was directly linked with the police station, policemen needed to be cordial with the general public, especially women, children and vulnerable communities. He said that some basic changes were to be introduced in police station's functioning. Some decisions had been taken which would yield positive results and bring a qualitative change in police behaviour at the police station level, he said. He said credit went to Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah, the home minister and the political leadership of the present provincial government for the improved situation. "[Police's] salaries have been raised and the heirs of the martyred policemen now get compensation. These measures have a cumulative financial effect of Rs7bn to Rs8bn," he said. Institutions like SZABIST had promised to impart education to the children of slain policemen and plots had been given to the heirs in recognition of the martyrs' services, he said. To improve operational capability of police, he said, police had been armed with bombproof vehicles, armoured personnel carriers and satellite-based locators to meet modern day challenges of crime combating and terrorism. He thanked Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif and the Karachi Corps Commander for providing latest training to Sindh police officers and policemen at the army facility in Kharian.

He praised Hyderabad SSP Irfan Baloch whose five team members lost their lives in an encounter in January 2015 in Mirpurkhas, which also led to the killing of a notorious bandit, Chutto Narejo. "The incident in fact gave impetus to police efforts for restoration of peace," he said. Later, he told journalists that the case of the attack on Hyderabad Press Club on Friday would be lodged and taken to its logical conclusion. Police would not spare anyone in this regard, he said. He said that when the apex court took suo motu notice of lawlessness in Karachi, the city witnessed 4,000 murders in 2011 alone. Now only sporadic incidents of murders and those too mostly driven by personal enmity were reported, he said. The IGP said that out of 750 police stations 100 would be provided new buildings. Of them, 30 were in Karachi and 70 in the rest of the province. About the second joint interrogation team report (JIT) on Baldia factory fire involving defecting MQM leader, Anis Kaimkhani, he said: "The JIT has reached the home secretary's office and he has not yet seen it so he can't comment on it". He dismissed a question about his weak authority within the police department and reports of irregularities in recruitment, saying "such things do happen in the department". DIG police Hyderabad range, Khadim Rind, SSPs Irfan Baloch, Fida Hussain Mastoi and others were also present.

US moves to finalise F-16 deal with Pakistan

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WASHINGTON: The US government has formally notified the intended sale of eight F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan, taking a major step towards finalising the deal. "This proposed sale contributes to US foreign policy objectives and national security goals by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner in South Asia," said the notification published in the US Federal Register on Friday, along with a copy of the Feb 11 letter which the Defence Security Cooperation Agency wrote to speaker of the House of Representatives, Paul Ryan. "We are grateful to the US administration and members of Congress for their acknowledgment of Pakistan's decisive actions against extremists and terrorists and of the effective role the F-16a play in our counter-terrorism efforts," said Ambassador Jalil Abbas Jilani while commenting on the notification. The notification estimates the total cost of the deal to be nearly \$700 million. Indian government and some US lawmakers, however, are questioning Washington's rationale that such an arms transfer will help combat terrorism. They claim the fighter jets will change the military balance in South Asia and will ultimately be used against India. In a policy justification, posted on the Federal Register, the US administration rejected this assertion. "The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region," it argued, adding that the aircraft would improve "Pakistan's capability to meet current and future security threats".

The administration also noted that the additional F-16 aircraft would facilitate operations in non-daylight environments and "enhance Pakistan's ability to conduct counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations". The Obama administration also explained that the sale would increase the number of aircraft available to the Pakistan Air Force to sustain operations, meet monthly training requirements, and support transition training for pilots new to the Block-52, F-16 aircraft. Implementation of the proposed sale would not require the assignment of any additional US government or contractor representatives to Pakistan. There would be no adverse impact on US defence readiness either, it said. An additional note to the House speaker said the sale was "necessary in furtherance of the US foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification". The administration also assured Congress that Pakistan "can provide the

Karachi police kill four 'terrorists'

The News, March 5, 2016

K-P seeks Rs66b for security

The Express Tribune, March 4, 2016

4 suspected militants killed in clash with FC

Daily Dawn, March 4, 2016

Rangers kill three gangsters in Lyari

The News, March 4, 2016

Uzair Baloch's former right-hand man arrested during raid

The Express Tribune, March 3, 2016

same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the US government". The 30-day notice period for Congress expires on March 11, after which the deal will be final. Adviser on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz said at a news briefing in Washington earlier this week that Pakistan had initially requested for 18 F-16s, but because of financing problems it was purchasing just eight. He said the F-16s were a critical tool in the war against terrorism.

KARACHI: Police on Saturday claimed to have killed four terrorists in an exchange of fire in Safoora Goth area of the city. "Four terrorists belonging to Al-Qaeda in Sub-continent and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (Lej) have been killed," said SSP Malir Rao Anwar. He claimed that the terrorists were planning a major attack in Karachi when police killed them in a shootout. Anwar said two of the terrorists were identified as Sohail alias Kanga and Noman Akhtar. He said the suspects were also involved in the killing of police officers.

ISLAMABAD: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government has put forward its long-standing demand before the federal government for a special financial package of Rs66 billion to meet emerging security challenges. The top provincial bureaucrats made this demand during a meeting of the Senate's Special Committee on 24 requests of K-P related to issues of energy, water and power projects. Senator Muzaffar Hussain chaired the meeting of the panel, which has Talha Mehmood as the only member. Senator Shibli Faraz showed up at the meeting on a special invitation. K-P Home Secretary Munir Azam and Additional Chief Secretary Azam Khan talked at length about the grievances of the province and how the centre could easily resolve its problems. They contended the province needed to equip police, counter-terrorism teams, bomb disposal squads and other special units not only to handle the worsening law and order situation but also for the security of 200km of roads, including the Karakoram Highway (KKH). Besides, Azam said, the K-P government needed to man 500 miles of border areas along with Afghanistan that were vulnerable to attacks from militants coming from the other side.

"There is no mechanism of police patrolling or picketing. Over 1,000 people have been killed in targeted killings at time when over one million people are displaced in tribal areas. A similar number of Afghan refugees are also a challenge," he explained. "Heed should be paid to these critical demands." Senator Talha agreed with the demands, saying the KKH was insecure near Kohistan where the frontier constabulary had only two vehicles to cover over 100 miles. Munir, the K-P home secretary, said the budget for security officials was increased from Rs8 billion to Rs32 billion but still a lot was required to be done from the federal government, especially when the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) was coming up. He added the army division raised for the CPEC would only be for emergency responses to protect foreigners, but well-equipped police had to be on roads to avoid untoward incidents. These demands were made in 2013 as well but for some reason assistance could not be provided. The planning and development ministry said the federal government had provided the province Rs114 billion as per the National Finance Commission (NFC) Award.

Concessions

The additional chief secretary also demanded special concession to the industries in K-P, especially those situated in conflict-hit areas, and waivers from custom duty, federal excise duty and sales tax on goods. The Federal Board of Revenue officials responded that the federal government had already given such waivers and concessions and was even considering withdrawing certain statutory regulatory orders. Azam complained the province was bearing the burden of Afghan refugees, internally displaced people and the onslaught of militancy but the federal government always had such an attitude.

Bus service

K-P Transport Secretary Zubair Qureshi said the Pakistan Railways was not giving the clearance to the province to construct a bus rapid transit service on both sides of railway tracks in Peshawar. Senator Shibli contended the centre was deliberately delaying the project.

QUETTA: Four suspected militants were killed and two others injured during a search operation conducted by security forces in Kahan area of Kohlu district on Thursday. Three suspects were picked up from Dera Bugti and 12kg of explosive material and wire were seized from them. Personnel of the Frontier Corps (FC) and an intelligence agency carried out the search operation on information about the presence of militants in Kahan area, official sources said, adding that a heavy exchange of fire took place in which four militants were killed. The FC spokesman said the deceased belonged to a banned organisation and five hideouts were busted. Besides explosive material, an improvised explosive device and weapons were recovered. The spokesman said the militants were involved in attacks on security forces, targeted killings and other subversion activities. He said investigation was under way.

KARACHI: Three gangsters were killed in exchange of fire with Rangers in Lyari late on Thursday night. According to the Ranger spokesman, the exchange of fire with accused took place in Kumhar Wara area of Lyari. In the shootout, three gangsters were killed. The spokesman said the accused killed in the shootout were identified as Gul Nawaz alias Pera, Bilawal alias Mendo and Naeem. The terrorists, killed in the encounter, belonged to Uzair Baloch and Sheeraz Comrade groups of Lyari gangs and were involved in hand grenade attacks and other heinous crimes.

KARACHI: Law enforcement agencies reportedly arrested on Wednesday a suspect who is considered to be a close associate of notorious gang-leader Uzair Baloch. The suspect, identified as Waseem Ahmed, was reportedly arrested during a raid at the Karachi Fisheries and is believed to be the former right-hand man of Lyari gang leader Uzair Baloch. The law enforcers reportedly took him into custody on charges of financing gangsters. The money used to finance the gangsters was allegedly misappropriated from the fisheries department. The accused is a former joint secretary of the Collective Bargaining Agent Union of the Fish Harbour and also was an active member of the Lyari gang war during the tenure of former chairperson of the Fishermen Society,

Eight killed in two Karachi police encounters

The News, March 3, 2016

Police action: Shikarpur operation to be re-launched in mid-April

The Express Tribune, March 3, 2016

Infiltration of militants from Balochistan being effectively checked: Siyal

Daily Dawn March 2, 2016

Abdul Saeed Khan. He was also an official of the Officer's Association Union at the fisheries department and used to handle matters related to European countries. The accused has been shifted to undisclosed location; however, no law enforcement agency has taken responsibility for the arrest.

Meanwhile, two suspected gangsters were killed on Wednesday in an encounter with the Rangers in Tharu Lane in Lyari. The Rangers spokesperson said that the gangsters tried to escape under the cover of fire but due to heavy retaliatory fire by the Rangers, they were killed. Their bodies were taken to Civil hospital for autopsies where they were later identified as Younus alias Zohaib alias Obama and Farooq alias Farooqa. The spokesperson said that both the gangsters belonged to the Jamil Changa sub-group of the Uzair Baloch group of Lyari gangsters, adding that they were involved in multiple targeted killings, as well as firing on police personnel, grenade attacks and extortion. Weapons and ammunition were also recovered from their possession. A Rangers' personnel was also injured during the exchange of fire but his condition is stable, said the spokesperson.

KARACHI: Eight suspected militants were killed in two separate police encounters in Karachi's Surjani Town and Machar Colony late on Wednesday night. According to details, Anti-Violent Crime Cell (AVCL) took an action against a kidnapper group in Surjani Town, in which five kidnappers were killed. Police also seized weapons from their possession. Separately, three suspected terrorists were also killed in police encounter in Machar Colony. According to the SSP City Fida Hussain Janori, on the information about the presence of terrorists, police carried out search operation where exchange of fire took place with the militants. Three terrorists were killed in the shootout. The police officer said terrorists killed in the encounter belonged to Lyari gang-war and the accused were involved in grenade attacks, target killings, extortion and kidnapping. Police also recovered weapons from their custody. Meanwhile, a minor girl injured in grenade attack at a medical store in Lyari on Wednesday succumbed to injuries today (Thursday).

SUKKUR: In spite of tremendous effort and resources and the loss of a head constable, the Shikarpur police are no closer to recovering the missing persons allegedly being held in the katcha area. According to police officials, the suspended operation to recover these people will be resumed in mid-April, while other officials claim the operation was never suspended and is still ongoing. The Garhi Tegho area, situated in the katcha of Khanpur, has been a safe haven for criminals and, despite the fact that the police are aware of this, no effective operation has been carried out to eliminate the threat of criminals. Former Larkana DIG Khadim Rind had openly claimed that deals for the release of kidnapped persons always take place in Shikarpur, no matter where they were kidnapped from. The controversial statement had sparked debates across the province, including in the Sindh Assembly, which finally resulted in Rind's transfer. Fifteen days ago, the Shikarpur police had launched an operation in the katcha of Khanpur to recover three kidnapped persons, including a minor girl who was kidnapped near Thull more than eight years ago. During the operation, the law enforcers lost a head constable and two policemen were injured, while they claimed to have killed five dacoits but, despite the lapse of 15 days, the police failed to recover their bodies. However, the police managed to rescue a woman who, along with five other women, was kidnapped from Sehwan two years ago. Shikarpur SSP Nasir Aftab had vowed to continue search till the recovery of the last kidnapped person but the operation was called off without achieving the goal.

According to a Shikarpur police officer, the SSP has written a letter to the Sindh IG requesting the establishment of a police station at Garhi Tegho. The sources added that it has been planned to launch a drastic operation against the criminals in mid-April, however, they claimed that the timing of the operation coincides with the harvesting of the wheat crop in the katcha and that the police have chosen this time to confiscate the harvested wheat. The police often conduct operations in the katcha areas from the last week of March till mid-April to confiscate wheat. SSP Aftab was not available for comments but Irfan Panhwar, the personal staff officer of SSP Aftab, said the SSP's mobile phone is switched off as he is on the way to Karachi and said he knew nothing about the operation in Shikarpur. A Shikarpur police officer, SP Masood Bangash, claimed that the operation was never suspended and was still ongoing. He said they hope to clear the area of criminals by the end of April. An influential landowner in Shikarpur district, who wished to remain anonymous, said this is because of the inefficiency of the government functionaries. "Shikarpur district has remained a safe haven for criminals for a long time but neither the elected representatives, nor the police and administrative officers are taking any interest in checking these criminals," he said. "The katcha area between Shikarpur and Larkana has always served as the safe haven for the outlaws and if there is willingness, it could be cleared once and for all," he said. However, he alleged that criminals could not survive on their own without the backing of politicians and other influential people.

LARKANA: Home Minister Suhail Anwer Siyal presided over a meeting here on Tuesday to discuss overall law and order and progress in the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) in the province as well as the on-going operation against dacoits in Shikarpur and the issues relating to the welfare of police personnel. Provincial police chief Ghulam Haidar Jamali, the additional home secretary, additional inspector-general, and DIGs and SSPs of Larkana and Sukkur division attended the meeting. Speaking to journalists after the meeting, the home minister said that the border police force had been revived after it was established that militants had moved into Sindh from the Mastung area of Balochistan to carry out attacks. The force, he added, effectively checked such infiltration from the identified points. The minister said that personnel of the border force would also be deployed at the entry/exit points along the borders of Qambar-Shahdadkot, Kandhkot-Kashmore and Jacobabad districts. Mr Siyal lauded the role of the army chief, Sindh Rangers and police in restoring peace to Karachi and said that the operation would continue till the elimination of the last terrorist. Recalling that all stakeholders were taken on board before the launch of the Rangers-led operation in Karachi, he rejected the impression that the

Pakistan's fight against terror a 'role model'

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Blast kills 2 US mission staffers in Mohmand

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Warning issued: Orakzai jirga urges govt to start IDPs repatriation

ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) or the Sindh government was now opposing it. The PPP, he argued, wanted elimination of terrorism more than any other party as it lost its leader Benazir Bhutto to terrorists.

Rejecting the allegation that the PPP was trying to save certain elements involved in criminal activities, the home minister said that Lyari, which had always been PPP's stronghold, underwent many operations but his party never approached the police or Rangers for the release of anyone arrested for his alleged involvement in criminal activities. "I hope that the Karachi operation will reach its logical conclusion," he said. Mr Siyal appreciated the performance of Sindh police saying that they succeeded in locating and arresting all suspects of the Jacobabad and Shikarpur bomb blasts. Expressing his satisfaction over the law and order in Sindh, he observed that people were now travelling from one place to the other without any fear [of being kidnapped, looted or killed]. The system of providing police escort to passenger buses had been done away with due to the improved situation, he said. In reply to a question, the home minister said that the Sindh government was not interfering in the investigations being conducted by the National Accountability Bureau including those concerning [former petroleum minister] Dr Asim Hussain. Replying to another question, he said Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah effectively pleaded Sindh's case with regard to census at the recent meeting of the Council of Common Interests in Islamabad. Regarding the security situation in Shikarpur, Mr Siyal said the operation against criminals there would continue and "many no-go areas within the district's katcha belt have already been cleared of criminals".

ISLAMABAD: Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon said on Tuesday that Pakistan's ongoing war on terror was a 'role model' for the rest of the world. The Tajik premier made these remarks during a meeting with army chief General Raheel Sharif, who paid a day-long visit to Tajikistan, according to a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR). According to the military's media wing, the two leaders discussed the regional situation with particular reference to common challenges of fighting terrorism and reconciliation in Afghanistan, which shares a border with both countries. The Tajik president appreciated Pakistan's role of facilitating the reconciliation process in Afghanistan and also lauded Pakistan Army's phenomenal achievements during Operation Zarb-e-Azb.

He noted with admiration the operation being conducted by Pakistani forces against terrorists was a role model for rest of the world. "General Raheel's visit will further cement bilateral relationship with Pakistan and provide an impetus to defence cooperation between both countries," Rahmon said. The Chief of Army Staff said Pakistan attached great importance to its relations with Tajikistan and offered Pakistan's full support in capacity building of Tajikistan's forces to counter terrorism. The army chief also held a meeting with the Tajik defence minister and the chief of general staff. On arrival at the army headquarters, the COAS was accorded a warm welcome and presented with a guard of honour. Gen Raheel later visited the Military Institute and the Military Training Centre of Tajikistan.

PESHAWAR / SHABQADAR: A roadside bomb killed two Pakistanis working for a US diplomatic mission and injured four others accompanying them on an anti-narcotics operation in Mohmand Agency on Tuesday. The US Consulate in Peshawar confirmed in a statement that two of its employees – Faisal Khan, a project development specialist, and driver, Abid Shah – died in the blast in the Sangar area of Ambar tehsil. They were working with the Fata Development Project's Narcotics Affairs Section. "We extend our condolences to their families and friends and our deepest sympathy to the injured in the attack on Pakistan's Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) convoy," read the statement. "The US government strongly condemns the attack. We offer our assistance to the government of Pakistan in investigating the incident and bringing the perpetrators to justice." In Washington, US Secretary of State John Kerry also expressed grief over the incident. "I woke to the news we had lost two local employees in Peshawar who worked with our consulate there, [and] who were going out on an effort to eradicate narcotics fields," he told an event on countering violent extremism. The deceased were employed by the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), an agency that works with the local anti-narcotics force, a mission spokesperson told The Express Tribune.

An official of the political administration in Mohmand Agency said the blast took place around 11.30am when the jeep the officials were travelling on hit an improvised explosive device planted by a roadside. The bodies were brought to the Agency Headquarters Hospital. The injured included Tehsildar Faramosh Khan, Narcotics Affairs Section official Aftab Khan and a Khasadar officer. A passer-by was also seriously injured in the explosion. The Tehsildar and the anti-narcotics officer were later shifted to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar for treatment of their life-threatening wounds. A Khasadar officer, who accompanied the team, told The Express Tribune the group had surveyed Sangar for poppy cultivation and when they were about to leave the site, an IED went off, destroying the vehicle. Political Agent Mehmood Aslam was distributing cheques in Ekka Ghund to the families of nine Khasadars killed in a recent militant attack when the IED attack took place. "There will be tolerance for terrorists, who have once again carried out an attack today," said Aslam at the ceremony. "We do not want the tribes to fight, as our forces are fighting terrorists. But it is the responsibility of the tribesmen to cooperate with political administration and security officials to share information on militants in their areas," he added. The outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's Jamaat-ul-Ahrar faction claimed responsibility for what it called remotely controlled attack. In a statement sent to Peshawar-based journalist, the group's spokesperson Ehsanullah Ehsan threatened that his group would carry out more such attacks till the enforcement of Sharia law in the country. The claim could not be verified independently.

HANGU: A jirga of at least 18 tribes and clans from all over Orakzai Agency was held in Hangu on Monday. It urged the government to commence repatriation of internally displaced persons (IDP) on March 15 as promised. The jirga was held under the auspices of Muttahida Qabail Party and addressed by Malik Habib Noor and several other elders. The participants insisted that the

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Rangers seize Indian SIMs, passport from policeman in Lahore

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Govt to tighten noose around members of banned outfits

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Gunmen target Balochistan Home Minister convoy

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Military helicopter crash kills officer, injures two others in Tarbela

The Express Tribune, February 29, 2016

Crossfire: 3 killed in police encounter

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government start repatriation of IDPs to their homes on March 15. Otherwise, they threatened, protests will be held throughout the country. Noor in his address, listed out the sacrifices rendered by tribespeople in every struggle particularly, at the time of independence. "We are still living like refugees in the country," he said. "Tribespeople have been deprived of their rights." He pressed the government to address their needs and cease discriminatory actions. Noor also welcomed the governor nominee Zafar Iqbal Jaghira and hoped he would help resolve problems plaguing the tribal belt and its people. He said tribespeople have a lot of faith in Jhagra, "especially as far as the early repatriation of IDPs is concerned". The participants at the jirga also discussed arrangements for re-polling at NA-39 to be held on March 6.

LAHORE: Rangers conducted raid at a house in Lahore's Batapur and seized Pakistani and Indian SIMs (subscriber identity module) besides passports and heroin and arrested an accused. Sources said the paramilitary force recovered 21 Pakistanis, two Indian SIMs, passports, weapons and heroin from the custody of the accused. Rangers sources said accused Nadeem is a police constable and deployed in the Investigation Department. Further investigation was underway.

ISLAMABAD: The authorities have cleared the introduction of drastic restrictions against suspected terrorists, members of proscribed organisations and human traffickers. On Monday, the interior ministry said it was ready to cancel the travel documents, computerised national identity cards and driving licences of suspects placed under the fourth schedule. They will not even be allowed to open a bank account or buy a mobile SIM either. The fourth schedule is a section of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997, under which someone suspected of terrorism is kept under observation. It is mandatory for the suspect to register his attendance with the local police regularly. "All efforts will continue towards safeguarding the rights of citizens," said Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar at a high-level meeting on Monday. "We will not falter in fulfilling our commitment towards ensuring security of the motherland and to check the elements bringing a bad name to the country in one way or the other."

The minister said the law and order has markedly improved owing to tireless efforts of law enforcement authorities. But there is a need to build on these gains and to double the efforts for further improving the security situation, he added. The meeting discussed a host of issues, including various measures taken against the members of proscribed organisations, human traffickers and proclaimed offenders, the progress made so far by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in corruption cases and the efforts to purge the FIA of corrupt practices. Senior police officials briefed the minister about the measures taken for the security of schools and media houses in the Islamabad Capital Territory. The minister also reviewed the arrangements to meet any emergency situations and to effectively counter criminals. Nisar directed the police chief to carry out performance audits at police stations to identify officers putting in extra efforts and to acknowledge them for their hard.

QUETTA: Unknown gunmen on Monday targeted convoy of Balochistan Home Minister Sarfaraz Bugti near Dera Bugti area of the country's southwestern province. "He was heading towards Dera Bugti from Sui area of the province when his convoy came under armed attack, in which he remained unhurt" Geo News reported. The attackers fled as the security guards returned fire. On January 22, Bugti narrowly escaped life attempt when his convoy was targeted with a roadside bomb. Sarfaraz Bugti was on an official visit to his hometown when his convoy was hit by a roadside bomb in Baker tehsil of Dera Bugti.

HARIPUR: An Army Aviation's helicopter crashed near Tarbela Dam Monday evening, killing a senior military officer and injuring two others. "An MI-17 helicopter of Army Aviation was on a routine training operation when it crashed within the Army Aviation Base Ghazi, some 55km from Tehsil Ghazi, after developing some technical fault at sunset killing Lt-Col Tauqir on the spot," DSP Ghazi Tehsil Hakim Khan told The Express Tribune. The two others who were also onboard at the time of crash sustained injuries. They were identified as Major Usman and Hawaldar Basharat. The DSP added that the injured and body have been transported to CMH Ghazi. Meanwhile, the army's media wing, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), has confirmed the death of Lt-Col Tauqir but has not mentioned of injured officers in the crash. The accident follows a string of crashes in recent months. Two Pakistan army pilots were killed earlier in February when their Mushak plane crashed during a training flight. Last August, 12 people were killed when a helicopter belonging to the army crashed in the northwest parts of the country. An Mi-17 army helicopter crashed at a holiday resort in the picturesque hills of Gilgit killing seven people, including two foreign ambassadors, in May last year.

BAHAWALPUR: Three men were killed in a police encounter in an Uch Sharif police precinct on Saturday. Police said one of their accomplices had managed to flee. The deceased were identified as Muhammad Irfan, Ateequr Rehman and Atta Muhammad. Police said they had been nominated in several murder, kidnap-for-ransom and armed robbery cases. Uch Sharif SHO Tahir Khan was on a patrol assignment when he was informed that a man had been robbed near Hamza Petroleum. Police said Abdul Ghafoor had contacted them about the incident. He had said that four armed men had snatched his valuables and motorcycle near the petrol station and were headed in the direction of Khairpur Daha. SHO Tahir Khan then ordered policemen to set up pickets in the area. Police said that the SHO chased the criminals and spotted two of them near Nanday Laal. They went down a link road when they spotted the patrol vehicle. Dhoorkot SHO Ghulam Rasool Bhatti was informed and he led a police team in the area. The two teams surrounded the men. Police said the robbers shot at them and they returned fire. A shootout ensued for some time. Three of the men had been badly wounded. They died before they could be treated, police said. One of their accomplices had managed to flee. Police said they seized a 0.222 bore rifle and two 0.30 bore pistols lying near the bodies of the deceased. They also seized their motorcycles, one of which had belonged to Ghafoor.

Police said that they had registered a case and were investigating. The bodies of the deceased



were taken to Bahawal Victoria Hospital for post-mortem examination. Ateequr Rehman was identified by his brother Hafeezur Rehman and another man was identified by Raja Raam, an investigation officer. In Multan, two suspected robbers were killed in a police encounter near Sayadanwali Bypass on Sunday. Police said that they had been shot dead by their own accomplices. They said that they had received information that four men on two motorcycles had snatched Rs60,000 from a man in a Bahauddin Zakariya police precinct. A patrolling team chased them up to Sayadanwali Bypass. The men shot at the police and the cops retaliated. Police said two of the robbers were shot with “bullets from their own accomplices”. They were badly wounded and fell to the ground but their accomplices had managed to flee. Police said they were looking for them.



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DETAILS

LAHORE: A patient died on Friday allegedly due to electric current in medical equipment while receiving treatment at Mayo Hospital's burn unit. Hafiz Akhtar, 28, and his uncle Sadiq were shifted to the burn unit of the Mayo Hospital from Shakargarh. According to doctors, Hafiz Akhtar was suffering 40 per cent burns while his uncle 25 per cent and both were admitted for critical care. During treatment, the family of the patients alleged, Akhtar died due to electric shocks he received by a medical equipment. The family later shifted Sadiq to another health facility to avoid any further loss and demanded action against those responsible for the death of Akhtar. Health Secretary Najam Ahmad Shah made an inquiry committee, headed by additional secretary Dr Salman Shah, to look into the facts. He also directed him to make a list of missing facilities at the burn unit.

KARACHI: Pakistan Paramedical Staff Association (PPMSA) Sindh chapter President Ismail Jiskani has demanded the Health Department to regularise the low cadre contract employees of Jinnah Post Graduate Medical Centre. He said the jobs of lower cadre contract employees of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center could not be regularised despite the lapse of nine years. An employee of Neurosurgery Department on condition of anonymity said that about 250 employees were hired in 2007 by the federal government on contract basis, but unfortunately about 100 lower cadre employees from grade 01 to 15 could not be regularised. The administrative power of the hospital was handed over to provincial government in 2012-13.

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and Higher Education Commission (HEC) will be jointly preparing a national policy on open distance learning (ODL) system. According to press release issued on Saturday, a high-level conference would be convened next month to seek suggestions from the institutions regarding imparting education through ODL. While reviewing the arrangements of conference, AIOU Vice Chancellor (VC) Dr Shahid Siddiqui stressed that such a policy is need of the hour to make the ODL system more effective. He said, "Since some other institutions have also come up to educate the people through the ODL, we are required to adopt a unified system". Dr Siddiqui said that the AIOU would provide its academic and professional support to propose a policy, institutionalise the ODL and promote coordination and exchanges among the relevant institutions.

RAWALPINDI: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has approved Rs 2.5 billion for clean drinking water supply schemes in 36 union councils in Gujjar Khan, a meeting was told. Water filtration plants would be set up in all 36 union councils to ensure supply of potable water to the citizens. Work on the project would begin during current fiscal year, MNA Raja Muhammad Javed Ikhlas said while presiding over a meeting. He directed the officials to ensure timely completion of the project.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Model College for Women F-7/2 would soon have a gymnasium. An official source said that the construction work on the gymnasium could not be started for the last years due to shortage of funds adding that now funds have been made available to the administration to start work on the project.

KARACHI: Sindh Health Department has provided services of 39 doctors of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC) to Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU), where they will deliver lectures. JSMU has been affiliated with JPMC. According to a notification, following doctors from JPMC are allowed to join their new assignments at JSMU as per list provided under their current post. These doctors will deliver lectures at JPMC for one-year period. The health department has provided services of three professors, eight associate professors, 16 assistant professors and 12 senior registrars to JSMU. The services of Head of Radiology Department Prof Tariq Mehmood, Professor of Psychiatry Iqbal Afridi and Professor of Chest Medicine Dr Nadeem Rizvi were handed over to JSMU. These professors will also remain heads of their departments at JPMC. The associate professors are Dr Syed Masroor Ahmed, Dr Alyscia Cheema, Dr Sugra Parveen, Dr Syed Raza Hussain Rizvi, Dr Rukhsana Abdul Sattar, Dr Muhammad Asif Durrani, Dr Shahnaz Imdad Kher and Dr Muhammad Saeed Minhas. The assistant professors include Dr Sameer R Qureshi, Dr Muhammad Usman, Dr Qurban Shaikh, Dr Shahid Rasool, Dr Shabnam Naveed, Dr Lal Rehman, Dr Syed Zafar Haider, Dr Naila Tariq, Dr Syed Mehboob Alam, Dr Khadija Bano, Dr Muhammad Anwar, Dr Shahzad Ali, Dr Haleema Yasmin, Dr Muhammad Nadeem Munir, Dr Shoaib Malik and Dr Khalid Sher. Following are senior registrars Dr Ghulam Haider, Dr Muhammad Iqbal Khan, Dr Mazhar Iqbal, Dr Shabnam Naveed, Dr Rukhshanda Jabeen, Dr Zeeshan Ali, Dr Nausheen Ahmed, Dr Shahbaz Haider, Dr Sham Kumar, Dr Muhammad Mansoor, Dr Shahbaz and Dr Muhammad Rasheed Durrani also relieved from JPMC. The services of medical officer Dr Ghulam Mustafa Khan was also provided to JSMU from JPMC.

KOHAT: Expressing anguish over the appearance of a polio case in Hangu, commissioner Kohat division Musarrat Hussain has said that the crippling disease cannot be eliminated without stern accountability. Addressing a meeting at his office on Friday, he said that the appearance of a polio case in Lakahatai Banda Afghan refugee camp showed that the officials concerned were not performing their duties as desired. The meeting was attended by political agents of Orakzai and Kurram agencies, deputy commissioners and district police officers of Kohat, Hangu and Karak. He asked the officials to keep strict vigil in high-risk areas like camps and backward areas. He also warned the health staff to perform their duty with honesty. Dr Imtiaz Ali Shah and area coordinator of WHO briefed the meeting about steps being taken in Kohat division for eradication of polio. The participants were also briefed about the anti-polio efforts in Fata and FR Kohat. Meanwhile,

Polio officials criticised for not addressing refusal cases

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speaking at 'Youn-i-Kashtkaran' function on Friday, the Kohat commissioner asked the farmers to adopt modern technology for increasing per acre yield and also plant cash crops like olive to get more profit. The meeting was attended by district agriculture officer Sakhi Marjan and other relevant officers. The deputy commissioner said on the occasion that under the Insaaf Seed Programme eight tons of wheat seed had been provided free of cost to the farmers.

LAKKI MARWAT: The district polio eradication committee has criticised the WHO and other concerned officials for not wholeheartedly taking up the task of convincing the reluctant parents on immunisation of their children despite getting hefty salaries. The committee, which met here at the district headquarters complex, Tajazai, on Friday also discussed preparations for the upcoming polio eradication campaign commencing from March 14. Deputy commissioner Mohammad Bakhtiar Khan chaired the meeting which was attended among others by DPO Ali Akbar Shah, DHO Dr Abdul Ghaffar Wazir, DEO Hazique Rehman, EPI coordinator Dr Hafeezullah and district khateeb Maulana Abdul Wahab. Several suggestions came from participants for ensuring 100 per cent coverage of refusal cases. The meeting also tasked administration, police and health department officials with visiting the certain union councils, holding meetings with reluctant parents and engaging area elders and local government representatives in covering the refusal cases. "The coverage of refusal cases is a continuous process and the activity should be sustained till the next polio eradication campaign to bring such cases to zero level," said the deputy commissioner. Mr Bakhtiar directed the officials of local health department, People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI) and National Programme for LHWs to submit within two days progress in cases of disciplinary proceedings against negligent employees. He also directed the health authorities to improve the routine immunisation of children. Also in the day, deputy commissioner presided over a meeting at his office to overview progress on anti-encroachment drive in Lakki and Naurang towns. Naurang tehsil nazim Maulana Ezazullah and officials of Lakki and Naurang tehsil municipal administrations and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Highway Authority were in attendance. The meeting decided to extend the anti-encroachment campaign to other towns of the district, especially Darra Pezu, Serai Gambila and Tajori. It also discussed matters pertaining to traffic issues, availability of a parking stand for auto rickshaws in Naurang and alternative space for footpath vendors.

Plane's tyre bursts

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RAWALPINDI: The tyre of an Airblue plane burst before it landed at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport (BBIA) on Friday. However, the plane which was carrying 217 passengers and eight crew members, landed safely. According to airport sources, the tyre on the rear left of Airbus A-321 had burst and was noticed when the plane had landed and was taxiing for parking at 10:45am. The pilot noticed that the plane was off balance and informed air traffic control, the sources said. The plane then parked safely at Bay 4. No tyre or rubber pieces were found on the runway during preliminary investigations which suggests that the tyre had burst before the plane landed. Civil Aviation Authority has said in a statement that an investigation into the matter has been started and that it will ensure the aircraft is safe and can operate properly before its next flight.

Eight pass out as ammonia cylinder explodes

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BAHAWALPUR: Eight people, including a woman and child, and several cattle fell unconscious when an ammonia cylinder exploded in a non-functional factory on Thursday night in a locality near Qaimpur, about 70km from here. Labourers were cleaning and conducting annual repair of the machinery at an ice factory in Manzoorabad village near Qaimpur. When they left after the day's work, a huge explosion took place in the factory. Ammonia leaking from a large cylinder spread in the entire area resulting in several locals and a number of animals falling unconscious. Six of the eight unconscious people were rushed to a nearby rural health centre where they were provided first aid and discharged. On receipt of information, the Hasilpur Tehsil Municipal Administration dispatched two units of fire brigade with water tanks to the area to defuse effects of the gas.

Lyari's four feeders exempted from load shedding

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KARACHI: K-Electric has exempted four feeders of Lyari from load shedding after months of planning, execution and educating the residents of the advantages they would have once they cooperate with the power utility to end electricity theft and start paying their monthly utility bills consistently. Giving details, K-Electric's press statement said that these four feeders of Lyari, namely, Muslim Garden, Bengal Oil, Jillani Centre and Rampat Road were previously incurring losses and the residents of the localities being served by these feeders resorted to theft of electricity. These feeders had residential, commercial and industrial consumers on them and KE has successfully brought them down to a low-loss category, which translates into very minimal or no load-shedding from a previous three-hour load-shedding daily. K-Electric's spokesperson said this is a message for all those consumers who resort to illegal usage of electricity through kunda connections. "If these consumers cooperate with us and help us curb these losses and theft, they too will face minimal load shedding just like the consumers of Lyari under these four feeders," the spokesperson said, adding that K-Electric is continuously planning to execute similar projects where losses and load shedding duration are brought down in other areas as well, and this could only be done if consumers residing in high-loss and very high-loss areas support K-Electric's cause. This would resultantly benefit them as load shedding in their area would eventually stop.

Schools urged to follow research-oriented IB system

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LAHORE: The office bearers of an emerging educational system, International Baccalaureate (IB), urged Pakistani schools and parents of students to go global with IB education if they want future of Pakistani youth equipped not only with quality education but character building as well. First Pakistani IB school Principal Taymur Mirza, IB School Services Head Kevin House and IB Asia Pacific Product Manager Gregory Biggs addressed the press conference at a local hotel on Friday. Kevin House said that the primal focal point of the philosophy, curriculum and teaching of IB education is to make the mind think, engage with others and reflect on the knowledge rather than the reproduction of it. While explaining IB, Kevin said that International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) is a non-profit independent body governed by educationists, visionaries and leaders from all around the world. The independence of this organisation from politics and agenda of any government allows it to be innovative with its educational programmes, he added. He further went on introducing IB that currently there are 44,571 IB schools in 150 countries, with

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2,742 IB schools in the Americas, 994 in Africa, Europe and Middle East and 704 in Asia-Pacific. On average, from approximately 140,000 IB Diploma candidates every year, 80% are awarded the Diploma with only 0.1% (140) getting the maximum IB Score of 45 points, Kevin said, adding that IB qualifications are internationally well regarded as a leading qualification for entering into leading universities of the world. Taymur Mirza said that IB system is extremely research-oriented for students aged 3 to 18 years and thus it better prepares students to meet the demands of the 21st century. The journey for the schools to become IB schools include curriculum development, management and leadership capacity development, aligning policies and procedures for quality delivery of IB education and professional development of teachers, he added.

LAHORE: Information Technology University's (ITU) Scientometrics Lab (SLAB) on Friday launched quality research rankings of more than 200 universities and research institutions of Pakistan. According to ITU-QRR rankings, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad topped the overall ranking followed by COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, University of Agriculture (UAG) Faisalabad, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), University of the Punjab, Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS), University of Karachi, University of Engineering and Technology (UET), and Government College University (GCU). The ITU-QRR also issued rankings of specialised institutions of Pakistan. Agha Khan University topped the category followed by Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences (PIEAS), Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), National Institute for Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering Pakistan, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI), NED University of Engineering and Technology Pakistan, University of Sindh, University of Engineering and Technology (UET) Taxila, NWFP Agricultural University, and University of Arid Agriculture. Commenting on the launch, ITU Vice Chancellor Dr Umar Saif said that ITU quality research rankings is distinctive because it only aggregates work published in top research journals and conferences. It uses international criteria to rank Pakistani institutions in terms of real quality and impact. "We are delighted to share Pakistan's first research ranking of universities and institutions with very interesting and insightful data showing where we stand in quality research," he added. ITU Scientometrics Lab head Dr Saeedul Hassan said, "ITU quality research ranking is a first step that will go a long way to start a culture of quality research in Pakistan. It is based on international quality research publications in Pakistani institutions, which would be helpful in promotion of research culture in Pakistan."

Brick kiln workers demand enforcement of minimum wages

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LAHORE: A large number of brick kiln workers and labourers along with their families staged a protest demonstration on Friday in front of Lahore Press Club demanding social security and enforcement of minimum wages. According to details, hundreds of brick kiln workers and labourers gathered in front of LPC and demanded minimum wages rupees 1,500 of a daily wage and asked the concerned authorities to enforce the social security benefits of workers. The brick kiln workers jointly protested to voice their demands with the Bounded Labour Liberation Front (BLLF). Protesters were holding placards and banners inscribed with their banners included 'stop violence against brick kiln workers', 'give us our rights', 'stop bonded labour' and 'No education! Slavery, Education! No slavery'. The brick kilns workers on the occasion said that they want benefits from the recently passed ordinance, which restricts child labours at the brick kilns and urged children to get enrolled in schools. The protesters, in which large number of women participated and staged a sit-in with their children who were helping them in daily labour and earning money for the household, said they wanted benefits promulgated in the recently passed ordinance. They said enforcement of minimum wages was the prime issue of the workers working at brick kilns. They also said that the owners of the brick kilns were not paying them properly wages. Due to the protest, heavy traffic jam was witnessed around the press club and neighbouring roads. No government officials approached the protesters to resolve the matter.

Skill development : Govt, World Bank agree to create job opportunities for youth

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LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting on Friday, which was given a briefing by the World Bank on the creation of new job opportunities for the youth through skill development. The World Bank and the Punjab government also agreed to evolve a comprehensive programme for provision of jobs through skill development. A framework will be formulated in this regard with the cooperation of World Bank Consortium. Addressing the meeting, the chief minister said that draft of the framework should be presented at the earliest so that its speedy implementation could be ensured. He said that youth are future of Pakistan, adding that a major portion of country's population comprises youth who are to be provided quality employment opportunities through skill development. He said that the Punjab government has evolved Development Strategy-2018 under which a target of imparting skill to 2 million youth has been fixed, adding that the agreement between Punjab government and the World Bank to evolve a comprehensive programme of provision of job opportunities through skill development is a link in this regard. He said that there is a vast scope in skill development sector for the empowerment of youth so that they could stand on their own feet and play their due role for the strengthening of economy. Shahbaz Sharif said that the cooperation of the World Bank for the development of social sectors in Punjab is commendable. "Various programmes with the cooperation of the World Bank for the uplift of social sectors are running successfully in the province. The government has carried out basic reforms for the improvement of education, health and other social sectors. Special attention is being paid to make youth skilful in accordance with the market needs, however, cooperation of the World Bank will be welcomed in this sector in view of the increasing demand in skill development sector." He added The chief minister said that there is a need to move ahead speedily for achieving the targets of skill development and participation of women in this programme is of vital importance. He further said that a practicable model would have to be evolved and its speedy implementation would have to be ensured. World Bank Country Director Patchamuthu Illangovan on the occasion said besides other social sectors, cooperation with Punjab government in skill development sector would also be increased and the draft of the framework in this regard would soon be presented. The meeting also reviewed various proposals for the provision of quality job opportunities to the youth through promotion of skill development.

Capital's newly elected mayor sworn in

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Four booked for selling fake pesticides

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Three electrocuted as crane hits live cables

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CDA filtration plants providing water unfit for consumption

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Provincial Ministers Raja Ashfaq Sarwar, Rana Mashhood Ahmed, Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Advisors Kh Salman Rafique, Dr Ijaz Nabi and Chief Secretary Khizar Hayat Gondal participated in the meeting. Meanwhile, a delegation of investors led by Malaysian Deputy Minister for Transport Datuk Aziz Kaprawi met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Matters of mutual interest, Pak-Malaysia relations and promotion of cooperation in trade, economic and other sectors were discussed in the meeting. It was agreed on the occasion that besides strengthening of trade and economic relations, cooperation in different sectors especially livestock and Halal food would also be increased. The chief minister congratulated the Malaysian minister and members of the delegation on the launching of flight operation of Malindo Airline to Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: The first-ever newly elected Mayor Sheikh Ansar and three deputy mayors of Islamabad Metropolitan Corporation (IMC) took oath of their offices on Friday. District and Sessions Judge Irum Niazi administered the oath of capital's Mayor Sheikh Ansar and Deputy Mayors Zeeshan Ali Naqvi, Chaudhry Rifhat Javed and Muhammad Azam. Elected chairpersons from 50 union councils of the federal capital along with 27 members from reserved seats voted to elect the mayor and deputy mayors of the federal capital. State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Asif Kirmani, MNA Malik Ibrar, MD Pakistan Baitul Mall Abid Waheed Sheikh and Chairman of UCs participated in the oath taking ceremony. The elections of mayor and three deputy mayors were held on February 15. Various departments of Capital Development Authority (CDA) including its staff would be transferred to Islamabad Metropolitan Corporation (IMC) for smooth functioning of IMC. The capital's first-ever mayor will get the benefits equal to the grade 20 official while the deputy mayors would get benefits equal to grade 19 officials.

MUZAFFARGARH: Police booked two employees of a pesticide company and as many others for selling fake pesticides here on Thursday following a raid conducted by the district agriculture department. Agriculture Deputy District Officer Iqbal Niazi, who conducted the raid, said he took the action after receiving a complaint from farmers that the firm, Agri Care Pesticides, was selling fake products. He took samples of the pesticides on sale and sent them to Multan for laboratory test which confirmed that the product was not original. He said he sealed the shop and asked police to register the case. Khangarh SHO Ramzan Shahid said the case was registered under section 21-A of the Agricultural Act 1973/ amended 1997, through FIR No 80/16 against salesmen Waseem and Faheem, marketing manager Shareef Khosa and a shopkeeper. Mehr Shajeel, sales manager, said the main culprit was Khalil Ilyani, the owner of the company. Sources said that more than a dozen pesticides companies were selling fake pesticides in the district without any check, adding that the companies also offered huge bribe to government officials. They said as it was start of BT cotton season, these company's were looting the farmers. DDO Niazi said despite receiving threats and bribe offers he got the case registered, claiming the company owner would also be behind the bars soon. DOC Hafiz Shoukat Ali said he had formed a special team to check sales licences and pesticides' samples to curb sale of fake agricultural products.

RAWALPINDI: Three people were electrocuted after a crane with which they were pulling out a vehicle from a ravine hit live overhead power cables in Ratta Amral on Thursday. Six other people were also injured in the incident. Mohammad Usman, 45, the owner of an ice factory, parked his vehicle along the roadside without pulling its hand break. As he left the vehicle at a descending position, it started moving and finally plunged into a ravine. Police said the owner sought help from a crane operator to pull the vehicle out. As the crane operator started lifting the vehicle, some labourers and passersby gathered there and started pushing the vehicle up. The crane operator didn't realise that high tension electric power cables were passing overhead. As the crane's arm hit the live power lines, nine people received electric shock. The injured shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital where three — Noor Zada, 26, a resident of Bajaur; Mohsin Shah, 24, from Mansehra, and Mohammad Tariq, 29, of Parachinar — were pronounced dead.

ISLAMABAD: Residents of the federal capital may have been consuming unsafe water from filtration plants due to the negligence of the Capital Development Authority (CDA). Sources in the CDA's water directorate told Dawn that the majority of filtration plants installed in various sectors were supplying contaminated water. "This is something alarming. If water from the filtration plants is not fit for human consumption, what about the water being supplied from other sources," said a senior CDA official. On February 15, CDA's own water testing laboratory checked 11 filtration plants, and found that seven of the plants were providing water unfit for drinking. CDA's own test reveals that 7 out of 11 filtration plants supplying contaminated water. A few years ago a monitoring report compiled by the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) — the premier research institute in the country — also revealed surprising findings regarding CDA water filtration plants. The council stated that 28 out of 33 filtration plants had been providing unfit and unsafe water. According to the tests conducted by CDA, filtration plants in F-9 Park, F-10/1, G-8/1, Margalla Town, Minister Enclave, I-9/4 and G-9/2 are providing "bacteriologically unfit" water. However, the report stated that filtrated plants installed at G-9/2 (sample code 033-6) and another plant in the same sector (sample code 033-4), G-10 Markaz and I-10/2 are providing drinkable water. A CDA official privy to the developments, said that investing in water was cheap because government that failed to invest in the purification of water had to spend a huge chunk of taxpayer funds to counter waterborne diseases. "The CDA's priority only seems to be developing roads as it is neglecting clean environment and health issues like safe drinking water facilities for residents," he said.

Health expert Dr Sharif Astori said that consuming contaminated water puts an individual at risk of gastroenteritis, cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery, hepatitis A and E and typhoid. In addition, an individual who consumes contaminated water for an extended period of time can fall prey to liver and kidney problems. He added that waterborne diseases are also a frequent problem in the city. The concerned member of the CDA, Member Engineering Shahid Sohail, said he had no knowledge of the test report in question. However, he said that if there are such reports that point

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to the consumption of contaminated water, "we will fix it and ensure completely safe drinking water for citizens". He added that if CDA's reports revealed that water provided by its own filtration plants is unsafe, that is a sign that the authority is seriously monitoring water quality. "We have outsourced these filtration plants, but... we will take action and will adopt remedial measures," he said. CDA spokesperson Ramzan Sajid also expressed ignorance over the issue. He said: "Before seeing the reports, I would not comment on this issue, but generally I will say that there are no complaints or reports of contaminated water." He added that CDA and PCRWR have been monitoring filtration plants to ensure clean drinking water for residents.

KARACHI: Tharparkar district is looking to initiate free legal aid to deserving people under District Legal Empowerment Committees (DLECs). The object of the committees, formed under Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan's Rules 2011, is to provide free legal aid to poor litigants and poor prisoners by providing lawyers and bearing court expenses. As per rules, on the front of seeking free legal aid for deserving applicants, respective district committees comprising district and session judge as chairperson, deputy commissioner, jail superintendent, president district bar and one member of civil society would to shape into reality. District Legal Empowerment Committee Tharparkar is expected to materialise during this year as some activism is seen in last two months," said Javed Bajeeer, a member of District Legal Empowerment Committee and the Tharparkar District Bar Association president. According to him through some publicity, people have started contacting DLEC for free legal aid. "In this connection District Legal Empowerment Committee Tharparkar conducted two meetings in last two months. A third meeting is likely to be held soon to finalise and decide to entertain or otherwise the case of applicants, said Bajeeer. Initially Rs 200,000 to each of the districts were allocated but mostly funds were not utilised over lack of awareness among masses. Bajeeer is hopeful that project could provide free legal aid to deserving people even though it is starting quite late in the district. "Hopefully, poor litigants would be benefited through project and get legal free aid through this system to some extent," Bajeeer said. To create awareness among masses about these committees, a civil society coalition named Insaaf Network Pakistan (INP), with the support from Enhanced Democratic Accountability and Civic engagement (EDACE), has launched campaign in districts Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Umerkot, Sukkur, Larkana, Ghotki, Jacobabad and Kashmore and Tharparkar. Lala Hassan, provincial representative of INP said that Legal Empowerment project is aimed at providing legal awareness, legal advice and legal aid to poor sections of the society. He said Umerkot and Ghotki districts have taken lead in providing free legal aid to poor litigants by taking up 10 cases. On the other hand, Abdul Razzaq Mahar, president of Ghotki District Bar and member of District Legal Empowerment Committee, said it might take some time realising people about the project. "This project would be helpful for those who are facing small nature of crimes and poor," said Mahar.

KARACHI: Karachi Commissioner has rejected milk sellers demand to fix milk price at Rs 90 per litre. Following a meeting held at Commissioner's office on Wednesday, the Dairy Farmers Association (DFA) and milk dealers had asked for Rs 90 per litre, however, the Karachi Commissioner while exercising his powers has fixed the price at Rs 80 per litre from prevailing price of Rs 70 per litre, allowing them an outright jump of Rs 10 per litre. The notification of the new price has also been issued by the commissioner's office. Late last night, the Commissioner Karachi and DFA held 14 hours meeting before deciding the prices.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan has directed police authorities to improve the environment inside police stations so as to remove the negative impression about police in masses. This will also encourage complainant to lodge FIRs with their concerned police stations without any fear. This he directed during his visit of Saddar and Aziz Bhatti police stations last night. Home Minister Suhail Anwar Siyal and Additional IGP Mushtaq Maher also accompanied the governor. He said that with small adjustments for the betterment of police stations the confidence of masses could be restored. Dr Ebad said that effective monitoring and coordinated system could end prevailing crimes and to achieve this aim, police must improve its intelligence system to get desired results. "Community policing is the key to end street crimes and all rapidly developing cities of the world have adopted community policing," he added Dr Ebad was of the view that there was an urgent need to analyse the data of crime on scientific basis because there are always few hot spot in the jurisdiction of every police station with regards to rate of crime. He said that police along with other law enforcement agencies has played its key role in establishing peace in Karachi under National Action Plan and Karachiites are thankful to them for their strenuous efforts. He reiterated the pledge that Karachi operation against terrorists, target killers, extortionists and kidnappers would continue till the elimination of last terrorist and its logical end. Speaking to the media men, the governor said that main purpose of this visit was to apprise himself of the facts on ground and the performance and problems of police stations. Replying to a question, he said that after establishment of law and order in the metropolis and initiation of development projects, attention is being paid on improving condition of police stations. He also met with a complainant at Saddar police station, who complained about the police behaviour and directed senior police officers to resolve his complaint. Later, the home minister said that project of computerisation of police stations would be revived. He said that he was also conducting surprise raids at police stations and pickets to improve their performance.

LAHORE: The Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) on Thursday revealed that 15% of Punjab's children aged 6-16 still remain out of school, despite the recent focus of the federal and provincial governments on enrolment drives as a rhetoric on Article 25 A, the remaining 85% that are enrolled in the 6-16 age bracket are not learning much either. These findings were made public in the report of Pakistan's largest-annual citizen-led household based ASER Survey 2015 – the sixth ASER Survey report in a row. As many 2,200 volunteers managed by Idara-e Taleemo Aagahi (ITA) along with many key civil society/semi autonomous organisations including National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), Democratic Commission for Human Development (DCHD), NRSP and RCDO across Punjab have conducted the ASER 2015 survey. Proportion of out-of-school children has remained the same as compared to 2014. In 2015, 15% of children

Polish envoy visits thalassaemia centre of PBM

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Three-day moot on gastroenterology starts today

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Three driving training centres to be established in Sindh

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were reported to be out-of-school, 8% children have never been enrolled in school and 7% have dropped out of school for various reasons. An interesting trend has been observed this year as reflected by ASER findings. ASER 2015 results illustrate a considerable number of children going to public schools this year as compared to non-state schools. As many as 65% children between the age of 6-16 were enrolled in public schools in 2015 while last year the percentage was 63%. According to the report, student competencies in learning English, Arithmetic, and Language have improved, 30% (37% in 2014) of the children from Class V cannot read Class II level text in Urdu. In English, only 60% (57% in 2014) of the surveyed Class V students could read sentences, which should ideally be read by students from the second grade. A similar trend has been observed in Arithmetic capabilities of children where only 59% (51% in 2014) of class V children could do a two-digit division, something that is expected in second grade curriculum, the report added. The ASER survey also identified that children enrolled in private schools are performing better as compared to those studying in government schools; 76% children enrolled in Class-V in private schools were able to read a story in Urdu compared to 67% Class V students studying at government schools. The difference in learning levels is starker for English, where 67% Grade V could read English Class II level sentences compared to only 57% public sector students. For arithmetic, 64% children enrolled in class V and going to private school can do 2-digit division as compared to 57% government school children enrolled in class V. Furthermore, the survey explains that boys are outperforming girls in literacy and numeric skills in rural Punjab. As many as 56% of boys were found able to read at least sentences in Urdu as compared to 54% girls, 57% boys could read at least English words while 55% girls can do the same. For Arithmetic, 54% of Class V boys were able to do Class II level subtraction as compared to only 51% Class V girls. In addition to the assessment of children, the report also highlights school functioning across every district in Punjab. The ASER rural survey informs that over all teachers' attendance in government schools stood at 92% as compared to 91% in private schools on the day of the survey. Private teachers were reported to have better qualifications at graduate levels; for example, 37% teachers in private schools are graduates in comparison to only 28% in government schools, however the reverse is the case for MA/MSc or post graduate qualifications, whereby larger percentage of public sector teachers have a higher qualification than private sector counterparts.

ISLAMABAD: Polish Ambassador Piotr Opalinski on Thursday visited Thalassaemia Centre of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (PBM) at Fatima Jinnah Park, Islamabad. PBM Managing Director Abid Waheed Sheikh briefed the ambassador about the ongoing core social welfare projects of the organisation. The ambassador lauded the medical facilities being provided to the deserving thalassaemia patients in the centre. Appreciating Pakistan Bait ul Mal (PBM) for providing basic amenities to the neglected segment of society, he vowed to extend humanitarian assistance to vulnerable people of the country. He thanked the Polish ambassador for showing willingness to support the poor people. Abid Waheed said that the purpose of inviting diplomats at Pakistan Thalassaemia Centre was to enhance awareness about the prevention and eradication of the fatal disease. "Main objective of centre was to increase life expectancy and improvement in the quality of life for those inflicted by this daunting disease and provide a ray of hope amidst miseries of the children with neglected backgrounds, orphans and less privileged who cannot afford the cost for the treatment of this serious disease," he said. Polish Ambassador also met with the patients under treatment there and inquired about their health.

RAWALPINDI: The 32nd conference of gastroenterology and hepatology is being held today (Friday). An excellent team of national and international faculty has been arranged to discuss the common liver and gastrointestinal problems faced here in Pakistan. The chairman of organizing committee, Brigadier Dr Amjad Salamat, has appreciated the efforts of Dr Tasawar Hussain, Prof Aurangzeb Durrani, Dr Junaid Saleem and Prof Masood Siddique to put a very comprehensive and pertinent programme catering to the needs of gastroenterologists and hepatologists in training as well as for senior physicians already in practice. The programme has been formulated as such that every doctor involved in treating such diseases shall benefit from it. Dedicated lectures on common diseases and detailed workshops have been organised, especially for trainee doctors. The purpose of these workshops is for the trainee doctors to have first-hand experience in discussing general problems faced in Pakistan with international and national expert consultants. Scientific Committee Chairman Prof Muzzaffar Latif Gill has expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation for arranging this conference with national and international level experts. This should benefit physicians at all levels tremendously, he remarked.

ISLAMABAD: Argentinean Ambassador Rodolfo J Martin Saravia said Thursday his country was helping the Capital Development Authority (CDA) build a state-of-the-art, over 1,000-bed hospital, named as Argentine Pavilion in Sector G6. This facility will be part of an extension project of the Polyclinic hospital which he expects to inaugurate before his departure to his country, he said at a breakfast meeting here hosted by former ambassador Shahid Ahmad Kamal to bid farewell to the outgoing ambassador. His biggest achievement during his 12 years stay in Pakistan, Rodolfo said, was a joint venture between two countries in manufacturing of medicines in 2009, which were now treating thousands of cancer and hepatitis patients in Pakistan. This venture in Lahore was inked between Ferozesons and Bago Laboratory of Argentina and was inaugurated by the then prime minister Yusuf Raza Gilani.

KARACHI: The Transport and Mass Transit Department of the Sindh government in collaboration with Motorway Police will establish three driving training centres in the province. Talking to Daily Times, Transport and Mass Transit Department Secretary Taha Ahmed Farooqi has told that summary about the working with Motorway police has been submitted to the Planning and Development Department to establish the centres for the new learners to reduce accidents and proper trainings of heavy transport vehicles and light transport vehicle. The project will be started in 2016, after approval by the chief minister, he said, adding that four driving training centres in Karachi, Hyderabad and Larkana have been completed. He said the Transport Department will take measures on modern lines and standard trainings on international level with speedy

STEVTa 'reluctant' to release funds for students' training

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Flood victims told to vacate 1,000 flats at Northern Bypass

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Ombudsman gives two-week deadline for

facilitations for driver to learn from reputable organisation. However, Naeem Ghori in Motorway police talking to Daily Times disclosed that there are 17 Road Safety Transport Institutions (RSTIs) in Sindh already providing training to the learners.

KARACHI: The Sindh Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (STEVTa) administration has transferred the Government College Technology (GCT) Mechanical Department head after he demanded budget to conduct training of the students. The students of the Government College of Technology have also observed protests over the unavailability of the funds. Sources have also alleged that STEVTa has misappropriated billion of rupees funds allocated for the Government College Technology. Sources said that the GCT Mechanical Department Head Professor Abdul Aziz Chachar has been transferred to Kandhkot over alleged differences with the GCT Principal Munir Shaikh. When contacted, GCT Principal Munir Shaikh said that Professor Abdul Aziz Chachar was transferred on administrative grounds by STEVTa managing director, and all the allegations are baseless. Sources unearthed that the GTC administration was reluctant to hand over the budget allocated for different departments of the college and the students of college are spending money by their own pockets for training. They alleged that GCT administration was minting money instead of resolving the problems of institution. It is pertinent to mention here that the authorities concerned spent Rs 1.4 million for the construction of mosque (Masjid) and purchased a tractor by funds "embezzlement". When contacted, Professor Abdul Aziz told this scribe, that budget was at least Rs 0.5 million, but authorities concerned failed to provide funds for well being of students and teaching objectives, adding that students were carrying out 80 percent practical work by their own expenditures. He demanded a fair inquiry into the matter. However, Director Syed Nazar Ali Shah did not respond after repeated attempts.

KARACHI: K-Electric (KE), under its operation against power defaulters and thieves, conducted 70 raids and cut off around 7,500 hook connections in different vicinities of the city. In a press statement, the power utility said its teams disconnected 1,100 connections in the areas of Defence, Clifton, Saddar, Garden, Tipu Sultan and Bahadurabad for the outstanding dues of Rs 63 million. Likewise, 2,214 connections were disconnected in the areas of Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, Surjani, Liaquatabad and Federal B Areas for the outstanding dues of Rs 170.78 million. The power utility seized wire over 1,100 kg during these raids against defaulters. The power connection of a hospital located in Federal B Area was disconnected for tampering the electric meter. Moreover, several connections of the defaulters were disconnected in the areas of Awami Colony, P&T Colony, Bhittai, KDA and Bilal Colony of Korangi area. Over 15 residents from the same vicinities were caught red-handed involved in electricity theft. KE teams charged them penalties on the spot despite the resistance of some "negative" elements. Orangi, Defence, North Karachi Surjani, Lyari, Clifton, Bahadurabad, Saddar, Garden, Liaquatabad, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Orangi, Uthal and Site were amongst the areas that were also raided. KE teams removed several illegal connections in areas of Pehlwan Goth, Surjani, Lyari, and Lines Area amongst risky locations. Speaking about the ongoing operation, KE's spokesperson said, "Our team is brave enough to handle any difficult task at hand. During this operation, our teams are facing various obstacles, however, this has not wavered our determination in eradicating power theft from the city."

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah has ordered removal of illegal occupation of "outsiders" from 1,000 apartments constructed for workers at Northern Bypass. "This is intolerable and this ejection must be made within two months." He issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of Labour Department here at the CM House on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Mohammad Waseem, Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput, Labour Secretary Rasheed Solangi and others. Briefing the chief minister, Labour Secretary Rasheed Solangi said that 1,000 apartments were constructed at Northern Bypass. In those flats, the flood victims of 2010 floods have settled "illegally" but now they have refused to vacate. The chief minister ordered chief secretary to get those flats vacated through police and Rangers within two months. "These flats are meant for labours and they must be given to them. I would not tolerate these qabza groups anymore," he said. The secretary said that Workers Welfare Board (WWB) has provided 7,097 flats and 1,898 houses in different labour colonies. These colonies are located in Landhi with 1,128 flats and 850 houses; SITE 887 flats and 800 houses, North Karachi 154 flats, Korangi 920 flats and 248 houses, Northern Bypass 3,008 (the project is under completion) and Gulshan-i-Maymar 1,000 flats. Apart from these, some other labour colonies of 1,504 flats in Hyderabad, 512 flats in Kotri, 192 flats at Nooriabad, 96 at Larkana and 100 houses at Ranipur are likely to be completed shortly. He said that there were 24 WWB model schools all over the province, of them 22 are functional. The WWB has also two intermediate colleges where 5,743 children of workers receiving education. "The board provides uniforms, shoes and books to the students free of cost," he said. The labour secretary told the CM the Sindh government has fixed minimum wage at Rs 13,000. However, the chief minister said that he had reports that the Labour Department has failed to implement the minimum wage. "It is our commitment with workers and this commitment must be realised in true letter and spirit," he directed. Talking about Sindh Employees Social Security Institution (SESSI), Secretary Rasheed Solangi said that its main objective was to provide medical facilities to secured workers. Some 29,755 factories with 759,339 workers are registered with SESSI. It has also registered 49,902 shops with 124,338 workers. Qaim Ali Shah directed the Labour Department to settle the issue of Worker Participation Fund in consultation with stakeholders on top priority basis. He also issued clear directive to the department to work strongly against child labour. "This is a serious issue and I feel that drastic measures have not been taken to eliminate child labour," he said.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Ombudsman Secretariat on Wednesday gave a deadline of two weeks to the Ministry of Communications to formulate the first-ever national transport policy. A meeting presided over by Senior Adviser Hafiz Ahsan Ahmed Khokher took strict notice of non-serious

transport policy

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attitude of Communications Ministry by not taking concrete steps to improve transport sector, the seventh pillar of Pakistan's Vision 2025. Khokhar directed the ministry to submit a compliance report in this regard to the secretariat with its recommendations and updates about the transport policy. During the meeting, Dr Umar Gul, a transport expert, in his briefing said that the country was in dire need of a fresh transport policy. He said the Motor Vehicle Rules, 1969, were still being practiced in the country which speaks volumes about seriousness of the ministry. "National Highway Safety Ordinance was made in 2000 but yet no rules have been formulated under this ordinance," he said, and added that according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) report, every year 35,000 deaths occur on Pakistani roads. He said at least 244,000 people are directly affected by these accidents besides financial losses that are equal to the education budget of Pakistan. Hafiz Ahsan Ahmed Khokhar, while showing concern over the figures, directed the officials of the Communications Ministry to come up with doable proposals and make a comprehensive policy in this regard. He said that the ministry should focus on the vehicles piling on national highways and motorways in the first phase and directions should be displayed prominently at all toll plazas throughout the country. He also directed the National Highways and Motorways Police to prepare annual national road safety plan within 30 days. The commissioner said that the Communications Ministry should evolve measures for road safety that may include improvement of roads infrastructure and awareness mechanism for commuters to avoid road accidents. It was also suggested during the meeting that short courses should be conducted for long vehicles' drivers to create awareness among them on avoiding risks at highways and motorways. Khokhar suggested that non-registered vehicles should be impounded and strict action should be taken against the drivers of such vehicles.

PIFD closed down, students left in lurch

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ISLAMABAD: The fate of scores of students hangs in balance following the unannounced closure of the Islamabad chapter of Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD). The faculty and staff were handed over termination notices on Wednesday by the college administration. Founded in 2010 by Ministry of Commerce, government of Pakistan, the PIFD branch in capital aimed to promote fashion design for the students of Islamabad, Potohar, AJK, Gilgit Baltistan, KP and tribal areas. But the college has been closed down without any prior intimation to the students and the faculty members. This closure has taken place at a time when more than 50 students were waiting for admission for the past one year after passing the admission tests and interviews. The college was not allowed to take admissions for nearly two years for its four-year degree programme. The college introduced a two-year associate degree program, which mainly catered for the middle class. Students in huge number are keen on joining the programme only to be told that the college is not allowed to start it due to unknown reasons. The closure of the college has severely affected the livelihood of the faculty and other staff members. Despite repeated attempts, the authorities concerned could not be contacted for comments on the issue.

Sustained anti-polio campaigns to eradicate crippling disease in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will carry out sustained anti-polio campaigns with the hope to eradicate the crippling disease in year 2016. According to an official of National Emergency Operation Centre, there would be a focused effort to continue delivering high quality immunisation activities in the coming months everywhere with particular focus on areas with evidence of poliovirus transmission especially in Karachi, Killa Abdullah, Khyber Agency, Peshawar and Sukkur. A high level Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Chair Jean Marc Olive during his recent visit to Pakistan noted that the government had improved quality of its polio eradication programme across all the provinces and districts and the full shift was towards finding and vaccinating missed children. The Technical Advisory Group is formed by Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) which is a public-private partnership led by national governments and spearheaded by the World Health Organisation (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. TAG has introduced innovative approaches like Continuous Community Protected Vaccination (CCPV) to improve quality and coverage in the highest risk union councils in Pakistan. TAG had concluded that the goal of interruption of transmission is achievable but at risk unless there is further reduction in the immunity gaps especially in the core reservoirs. The most important risk to timely interruption of transmission of poliovirus in Pakistan is Karachi. The city remained a hub for population interactions across Pakistan and Afghanistan and an amplifier of imported and indigenous virus. The anti-polio programme is focused on further enhancing involvement of deputy commissioners, strengthening the focus on core reservoirs and identifying specific action plans for poorly performing districts. Pakistan is getting generous contributions to the programme by Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA), government of Canada, government of Germany, Islamic Development Bank (IDB), government of Japan, USAID, World Bank, government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the government of Saudi Arabia and the GPEI partners including Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary International.

Rs 150m for sewerage upgradation

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ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has allocated Rs150 million for upgradation and improvement of sewerage system in the federal capital. Under the project, all sewerage lines will be connected to sewerage treatment plant and new sewerage lines would be laid under a comprehensive plan, an official said. A team of engineers has been formed to carry out the project. The official said that the decision for upgrading the sewerage system has been taken in the wake of fast expanding population in urban areas.

177 parks of capital need CDA's attention

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ISLAMABAD: As many as 177 parks in different sectors of the federal capital is in very bad condition as the citizens instead of feeling pleasure facing discomfort in these parks. These parks need attention of the top officials of Capital Development Authority (CDA). 101 parks of the federal capital have no name while 76 parks have a proper name given by the CDA. Parks in posh sectors of the capital city are much developed than middle class sectors. 10 out of 14 parks of sector 110, three out of eight parks of sector 19 and nine out of 20 parks of sector 18 are not fully developed and in a bad condition and visitors irritate due to the extreme dusty environment. More than 70 percent parks need to clean immediately. People from different walks of life go there in evening but there are no proper lights in the parks. CDA Member Environment Sana Ullah Aman is not

Plan to upgrade 200 schools, colleges under PMERP

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able to provide any information regarding this matter and CDA spokesperson said that we are working on it to upgrade all parks of federal capital at national level and many parks are in process of up-gradation.

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhary on Tuesday said that the government has planned to upgrade Islamabad Model College for Girls F/7-2 into a university and in this regard a comprehensive work has been completed. While addressing Qirat and Naat Competition Ceremony at Islamabad Model College for Girls (IMCG) F/7?2, the state minister said that 200 schools and colleges of the federal capital would be upgraded within six to eight months in the next phase under Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme (PMERP). He said that in first phase, the structure of the 22 public educational institutions has been completed. Besides structure, new teachers would also be hired according to the need of the institutions, he added. The state minister said that the training programme for teaching staff would be started soon to improve the quality of education. The country is facing numerous difficulties only because of the lack of education but now the government has decided to promote the education sector on priority basis, he added. He said that the past governments did not pay full attention on the education sector adding that the incumbent government of PML-N is working practically for the promotion of this sector in the country. Tariq Fazal said that in the last phase of the Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme, remaining 200 schools and colleges would be upgraded. He said that besides education, the federal government is also focusing on health sector and all hospitals of the capital would be upgraded in this regard, he added. Meanwhile, the Capital Development Authority (CDA) is going to launch a comprehensive drive for cleanliness and conservation of Margalla Hills National Park in collaboration with civil society, schools and the people associated with the environment to further beautify the natural environment of Margalla Hills in the federal capital. The Margalla Hills National Park enriched with flora and fauna exhibits the green character of the capital city, which makes it unique among the different capitals of the world. While presiding a meeting in this regard, CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal directed the environment wing to make all efforts for conservation of national park and up-gradation of the walking and hiking tracks. He said that thousands of the people from different walks of life daily visits national park area to benefit from the natural environment and healthy recreational facilities in the park. He directed the environment wing to involve people from different segments of the society particularly the serious hikers in this campaign to make Margalla Hills National Park more clean and green. During the campaign, different activities have been planned to raise awareness about protecting natural beauty of federal capital. Moreover, symbolic litter collection by public figures particularly the celebrities will also be carried out in addition to the engagement of students of different educational institutes. The campaign would also include an awareness expedition in the Margalla Hills National Park, which is spread over an area of 31,142 acres. It has around 600 plant species, 250 bird varieties, 38 species of mammals and 13 of reptiles. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal said that the civic body is taking consolidated steps for the improvement of environment in the federal capital and many initiatives have also been taken to reduce the pollution in the capital city. He further said that the Margalla Hills are beautiful gift of nature and every effort would be made for its protection and preservation. He directed the environment wing of the authority to ensure involvement of people from all walks of life in this campaign so that the desired results could be achieved.

KE signs \$8m deal to lay 220kV transmission line

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KARACHI: In order to continuously upgrade its existing network, Karachi-Electric (KE) has entered into an agreement worth \$8 million with LS Network and LS Cable and System Consortium from Korea. As per this agreement, a new double circuit 220kV transmission line would be laid between Lalazar and the Mauripur Grid Station up to ICI PLDP. This would enhance the transmission network capacity and increase K-Electric system's stability / reliability. The signing ceremony was held at the KE House between K-Electric's Chief of Generation and Transmission Dale Sinkler, Korean Firm LS's Global Business General Manager James Jang and Energy Global Director Gisu Kim. K-Electric's Projects Head Bilal Mirza along with other senior KE representatives were also present at the signing ceremony. K-Electric's spokesperson said that the power utility is continuously investing in not only its existing network but also in the future expansion projects. "This new underground transmission line would support our transmission network and the consumers would reap benefits in days to come," he added.

170 closed dispensaries made functional in Tharparkar

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KARACHI: The Sindh Health Department has made functional some 170 closed dispensaries in Tharparkar where 557 trained and skilled employees have been posted for the larger interest of poor people living in the desert. This was disclosed by Health Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar while briefing Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah here at the CM House. The meeting was attended by Health Secretary Saeed Mangnijo and others. Health Minister Jam Mehtab said that he had personally visited far flung areas of Thar and found that 170 dispensaries were not functional. "On your {CM} directives, all the buildings of dispensaries were repaired and made functional by providing necessary equipments and staff," he told the chief minister. The salaries of the technical and non-technical staff members have not been released so far, he complained. On this, the chief minister directed the chief secretary to release the salaries as soon as possible. Replying to a question of the chief minister, Health Secretary Saeed Mangnijo said that the budget of medicine which was increased by the chief minister from Rs 20 million to Rs 60.5 million have been released. "All the newly functional dispensaries have also been provided medicines," he said. The minister said that he had selected some 167 local girls and gave them a three-day training course of midwife. He said the locals have also been given training of conducting safe and secure deliveries, adding that they have also been told to apply chlorhexidine ointment just after cutting the umbilical cord. "The infection was largely due to unhygienic cutting of umbilical cord and was one the main causes of death of newborns," he added. The other cause of death of newborn babies in Thar is asphyxia - a respiratory problem the infants develop when their mother experience prolong labour pains. The minister said that untrained nurses have also been provided Ambo bags through which respiration can be restored in the asphyxia cases. These bags are

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Two million youth to be imparted skill training in Punjab

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Suspension of salaries increases doctors' woes

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City needs 9,000 buses to facilitate commuters: PBIF

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operated manually and are easy to operate,

he explained. The health minister said that Rs 4 billion nutrition programme was going on in eight districts of the province, including Thar. However, the chief minister expressed his dissatisfaction with the programme. The performance of the programme is deplorable, he said. He said the lady health workers have also failed to produce proper results. "I am also not satisfied with their performance. There is a dire need to build their capacity and use their services in the larger interest of women living in rural areas particularly in primary health sector. The chief minister directed the health minister to take drastic measure to improve nutrition programme. The chief minister also directed the health minister to send him a summary for appointment of 1,000 doctors so that they could be posted in Thar and other areas where their services were required. "I want these recruitments on merit and on emergency basis," he said.

LAHORE: After petrol price reduction, Lahore Transport Company (LTC) has revised the fare of urban transport for intra city public transport vehicles. According to a notification issued on Tuesday, the minimum fare/first stage (0 to 4 km) of non-AC intra city diesel buses/mini buses would be Rs 9, and up to sixth stage (30.1 km and above) Rs 28 will be charged to the passengers. Whereas for intra-city wagons/mini buses running on petrol the minimum fare/first stage (0 to 4 km) would be Rs 11, and up to sixth stage (30.1km and above) Rs 26 rupees will be charged. The overall reduction in intra-city public transport fares is 6 percent for non-AC diesel buses and 11 to 12 percent for wagons and mini buses on petrol. According to the spokesperson of LTC, the company's enforcement department will proceed against those public service vehicles who overcharge. In addition to this people can register their complaints of overcharging on LTC help line 042-111-582-111 as well as on mobile complaint number 0331-4440-582.

LAHORE: Provincial Minister for Mines and Minerals Chaudhry Sher Ali Khan has said that two million youth will be imparted skill development training to enable them to get better job opportunities in local as well as international market under Punjab Growth Strategy 2018. He stated this while presiding over a meeting to review skill-training programme in Mining Sector of the Department on Tuesday. "Punjab Mines and Mineral Department will provide skill development training to more than 4,780 youth in the mining sector which will help prepare skilled manpower and improve economy by discovery of new minerals," he said. Khan directed the officers concerned to extend this training facility to all districts of the province so that maximum people could get benefit from the programme. He apprised the meeting that according to the vision of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, these training courses would not only help upgrade the traditional mining methods, increase job opportunities but also enhance capacity building of mining department for new explorations. Earlier, briefing the meeting, Chief Inspector of Mines Engineer Siddique Chaudhry said that according to current ADP, as many as 2,000 youths would be imparted latest skill development training in eight sectors of mining, including underground mining, surface mining, health and safety management, geographic information system, drilling and sampling, mines electrician and machinery operator, handling storage and use of explosives through Punjab Schools of Mine in Mianwali, Khushab, Chakwal and other places. "The under-training youth will also be provided Rs 3,000 stipend per month during the six months training programme," he said. Director Mines Welfare Ch Riaz informed the meeting that around 2,780 youth would be provided skill training according to routine training courses of the department comprising two weeks to two months duration in different categories as well.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has signed a document with the USA for 250 PhD scholarships in five years under Fulbright Scholarships Programme. Pakistan will contribute \$25 million equal to the United States contribution in the scholarships. The document was signed during the meeting of Working Group on Education, Science and Technology in Washington under Pakistan-US strategic dialogue, according to a message received on Tuesday. Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms Ashan Iqbal who led the working group on Education, Science and Technology signed the document for 250 PhD scholarships. This is in addition to 10,000 PhD scholarships being negotiated with the US. The minister also discussed with the US side about the expansion of centres of advanced studies in Pakistani universities and establishment of community colleges to promote technical education. He emphasised for closer collaboration between science foundations of big countries.

ISLAMABAD: Non-regularisation of the service and suspension of payment of salaries to the contract employees of Cardiac Centre in PIMS Islamabad has caused discomfort among them. According to media reports, 30 doctors including head of PIMS Cardiac Centre and paramedical staff who were appointed on contract basis 10-years back have not been regularised so far. The payment of salaries since the last eight months has also been suspended to them. PIMS staff was appointed back in 2006 on this project but their future prospects of job seem to be bleak. The non-payment of salary to the lower grade paramedical staff has compounded their families' financial woes. Sources said that Ministry of Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) have sent summary to Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif for regularisation of doctors but no action has so far been taken.

KARACHI: City requires at least 9,000 buses to bridge the gap between demand and supply which continues to take toll on masses with elderly and women most affected, said Pakistan Businessmen and Intellectual Forum (PBIF) President Zahid Hussain on Monday quoting transport experts. Highlighting city transport woes, the PBIF president said the port city had around 22,000 minibuses in 2011, which has now reduced to 9,000 adding to the problems of the masses. Hussain said that inauguration of Rs 17 billion Green Line bus service was the part of the plan of the government to provide transport facilities of international standard to the masses as those buses would serve 10 million commuters per month. He said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was transforming Karachi into one of the best cities in the region. "After improving law and order situation to a great extent, the premier has focused on addressing Karachi's transport woes for

Rs 8.48 per litre cut in petrol prices, Rs 4.67 in diesel's

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Minister lauds 'exemplary services and professionalism' of NH&MP

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Breach of HEC affiliation rules by Arid Agriculture University

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which masses and business community are feeling grateful." He said the current number of buses, minibuses, taxis were insufficient to cater to the needs of over 20 million inhabitants of the city. Hussain demanded immediate allocation for construction and improvement of Lyari and Malir Expressways, and Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway which will have a significant impact on masses as well as the economy. He said that all the sections of motorway should be completed and government should also take steps to resolve issue of water and energy scarcity for which masses and the business community is paying heavy price.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday announced a major cut in the prices of petroleum products. According to the announcement, the petrol prices have been cut by Rs 8.48 per litre, high speed diesel prices by Rs 4.67 per litre, light diesel prices by Rs 1.97 per litre and high octane prices by Rs 2.98 per litre. The prime minister announced that the prices of kerosene oil would remain unchanged although the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) had moved a proposal for Rs 1.66 per litre increase in the prices. Sharif said in a statement that Pakistan was the only country in the region that passed on the decrease in the petroleum prices to the masses. Despite the deficit or shortfall in revenue, the government gave priority to the interests of the people and passed on the relief to them, he said. The new prices of petrol would be Rs 62.77 per litre and HSD Rs 71.12 per litre. The prime minister said he also wanted to decrease the burden of taxes on the people.

ISLAMABAD: The State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Sheikh Aftab Ahmad on Monday said that the Motorway Police is serving the nation for the past 18 years and uphold its high standards of professionalism. He said that the Motorway Police is an exemplary institution with excellent performance. The minister said, "I commend the leadership and all officers of the department for their continuing efforts to serving the nation in an excellent way." He said National Highways and Motorway Police (NH&MP) is performing a commendable job in reducing risks to road users and this is well demonstrated by the fact that its jurisdiction continues to expand day by day. The state minister said that the establishment of standardised driving training school at district level in the country by NH&MP is a right step towards meeting the future challenges of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). This would also facilitate in reducing the accidents on highways and motorways. He was addressing the briefing session organised by the NH&MP at Police Lines Headquarters Islamabad. He said that the enchantment in the salaries of NH&MP employees is the need of the time, as for the so many years NH&MP is being neglected and now other police institutions are getting high salaries as compared to NH&MP. The shortage of manpower and patrolling vehicles would be provided as the earliest, he added. The NH&MP inspector general (IG) said that during the past 18 years, NH&MP has attained the status of the premier, lead traffic regulation and enforcement agency in Pakistan. By sticking to its core values of honesty, courtesy and help, NH&MP has won hearts of the public, he added. He said that the people look towards us as matter of pride, which is a great satisfaction for all of us adding that the NH&MP driving licensing system would get ISO-17024 shortly, which would also attain the international status. The state minister was informed that NH&MP is covering 2898 kilometres of area, which includes 679 kilometres of motorways and 2219 kilometres of highways. He was informed that the Motorway Police is facing shortage of over 400 patrolling vehicles along with the extreme shortage of manpower. He was also informed that the Motorway Police is managing enforcement at Murree Expressway, Faisalabad Gujrat and Multan Khaniwal sections of M-4, Lyari Expressway and Northern Bypass Karachi from existing resources. The minister promised to meet all these shortages at the earliest. The minister was informed that the NH&MP has setup road safety training institutes at district level in the country to impart standardised driving training to the people, which would also meet the future challenges of CPEC. The minister was also informed that refresher courses have also been organised for the drivers of heavy vehicles all over the country. The minister was also informed that an e-ticketing system has been launched at motorways, which would be extended at all highways shortly. The NH&MP IG presented a shield to the state minister for Parliamentary Affairs. Later on, the State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Sheikh Aftab Ahmad laid the floral wreath and offered Fateha at Shuhdha Monument in the Police Lines Headquarters.

ISLAMABAD: Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agricultural University, Rawalpindi violates affiliation criteria of Higher Education Commission (HEC) while granting affiliation to several educational institutions whereas the Punjab Governor Rafique Rajwana has formed a committee to investigate the matter. While answering to a question in the National Assembly, the State Minister for Federal and Professional Education Engineer BalighUr Rahman stated that the university granted a joint Venture and affiliation to various educational institutions with the approval of university syndicate without having No Objection Certificate (NOC) from HEC. The educational institutions functioning in the federal capital of the country need to seek approval (NOC) from HEC and the affiliated colleges of other regions needs permission from the respective provincial higher education departments according to the defined criteria of HEC for the affiliation of educational institutions with public sector universities. Public sector universities can grant affiliation to various educational institutions subject to the provisions in their act or charter after acquiring respective statutory approval from their authorised governing body, syndicate or board of governors by adhering the "affiliation criteria" devised by HEC. The issue was highlighted by Member National Assembly (MNA) Malik Abrar Ahmed who questioned about the alleged ignorance of rules by the said university while granting affiliations to educational institution. The minister briefed the house that the university has granted a joint venture and affiliation to various educational institutions with the approval of university syndicate without having NOC from HEC. He said only the NOC for "Barani Institute of Information Technology (BIIT), Rawalpindi" was acquired from HEC. On the other hand, the chancellor of the university constituted a committee to thrash out the matter and further anticipated that no parallel action by HEC could be initiated till the final outcome of the committee.

Separate emergency, filter clinic for PIMS

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While talking to the Daily Times, HEC Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed told that only one affiliated institute of Arid Agriculture University acquired NOC from HEC and rest of the institutes are working without obtaining NOC from the commission. He further said, "Currently we are unable to attest the degrees of these affiliated institutes but we served notices to all these institutions to fulfill prescribed requirements otherwise we will have no option other than to close these institutions." The Arid Agriculture University Registrar Dr Sarwat Naz has told the Daily Times, "We have already directed all the affiliated institutions to fulfill the requirements of HEC and hopefully they will be able to obtain NOC from the commission within a period of 90 days." He further explained that we follow our institutional requirements like recommendations of expert committee, recommendations of academic council and approval by the university syndicate."

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) would have a separate emergency and a filter clinic. Sources said that State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry has issued directives for construction of the new emergency and reopening of filter clinic after he evaluated the existing emergency centre, which is not spacious enough to cater to the needs of growing number of patients. The source said that after the directives, a feasibility report on the project has been initiated for preparation. The new emergency will have all the facilities including CT Scan and X-ray machines along with other equipment, the source added. According to the sources, emergency patients will be categorised in three colours of red, green and yellow. The patients under red category will be admitted to emergency immediately. The green category patients will be discharged soon after providing them first aid. The patients under yellow category will be sent to wards after their treatment in the emergency.

LAHORE: A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Punjab government and Chinese company, Sino Hydro Corporation, for cooperation in the water sector on Monday. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was the chief guest on the occasion. Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) Managing Director Ch Naseer Ahmed signed the MoU on behalf of Punjab government and Sino Hydro Corporation Vice President Lyu Liushan on behalf of the corporation. Under the agreement, the Chinese company would provide cooperation and technical assistance for the improvement of water sector. The chief minister said deep-rooted friendship between Pakistan and China is turning into strong economic cooperation, adding that due to increasing collaboration between Punjab government and a number of Chinese companies, bilateral economic cooperation is continuously improving. He said that Punjab government is implementing a mega project for the supply of potable water to the people and 40 million rural people would benefit from this project. Shahbaz Sharif said the government is spending billions of rupees for the provision of potable water to the people of the province under Saaf Pani Project, adding that the Chinese company can extend cooperation in implementation of the project. The chief minister said that the technology and expertise of China would be fully utilised. "The work is being carried out on the project with speed, transparency and high standard. Cooperation of Sino Hydro Corporation will also be welcomed for the mega project of provision of potable water to the people. Provision of clean drinking water is a big challenge and the government is working sincerely on it," he added. The CM said that the project of provision of potable water to the people is of great importance for protecting them from diseases and providing healthy environment. He said that Chinese company could also cooperate for the improvement of sewerage system and provision of clean drinking water. Earlier a high level delegation of Sino Hydro Corporation led by Vice President Lyu Liushan met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and showed interest in investment in construction of water and waste water project infrastructure. He said that his company wants to work with Punjab government for the development of water sector. Provincial Housing Minister Tanveer Aslam Malik and Chinese Consul General Yu Boren were also present on the occasion. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute is of great importance for the treatment of kidney and liver diseases and it will be a state-of-the-art institute of the region. He was presiding over a high level meeting to review the pace of some matters of Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute and Research Centre on Monday. Addressing the meeting, Shahbaz Sharif said with the setting up of Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute and Research Centre, latest treatment facilities would be available to the patients of kidney and liver under one roof and free treatment facilities will be provided to the poor, deserving and destitute patients. He said that the institute would be a masterpiece with regard to medical science, clinical research and public health facilities. He said that the completion of the institute would result in provision of facility of kidney and liver transplant and this institute would among the best in the world. He said that like other projects of Punjab government, Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute would be a masterpiece with regard to its standard and transparency. The chief minister directed concerned provincial and federal institutions to make rapid progress on the project. Advisor on Health Kh Salman Rafique, NESPAK managing director, Pakistan Kidney and Liver Transplant Institute Board of Governors President Dr Saeed Akhtar besides other senior officials attended the meeting.

ISLAMABAD: The users of private and public transport are already feeling nervous at the prospect of upcoming severe traffic jams at the Islamabad Highway in the wake of construction work on major portions of prime minister sanctioned Signal-Free Corridor. Hence, the commuters started pleading for complete ban on heavy traffic particularly trucks on the highway during peak hours when the work is taken in hand. As the authorities are ready to kick off work at Koral Interchange to be followed sooner by the widening of the road from Koral to Rawat, the motorists can foresee the chaos and disorder on the road when the work would be in full swing. The two dilapidated lanes on each side of the highway from Koral Chowk to T Chowk are fully packed with traffic due to presence of large number of private housing societies alongside the road and ban on the entry of heavy traffic into Rawalpindi. It is being feared that during the construction of three interchanges one each at Koral, Japan Road and T-chowk together with an underpass at Gulberg-Judicial Intersection, the problems of motorists will further inculcate and some immediate steps are

Surveillance system to prevent outbreak of diseases in KP

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required to be taken in this regard. Project Director Shahid Mehmood said that the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has already started trimming of grass and cleaning of surrounding parts of Koral Chowk while laboratory testing and installation of concrete plants has also been initiated. The interchange would cost Rs 1.70 billion and would be completed within a period of eight months, he added. A businessman Murtaz Alvi living in Judicial Colony said, "Once the machinery will arrive and formal work would be started at the junction, flow of traffic will definitely disturb adding to the woes of motorists." He said that the long queues of vehicles could already be witnessed at the very point particularly during peak hours and the authorities concerned must foresee the complexity of the situation. He said that a 12.5 kilometre portion of the highway from Koral Chowk to GT Road is perhaps the busiest part as far as movement of vehicles both light and heavy is concerned adding that the wear and tear of the road speaks off the negligence on the part of authorities concerned for so long before the incumbent government decided to rehabilitate it on modern grounds. SSP Traffic Malik Matloob said that two inspectors for Lohi Bher and Sihala had already been designated to regulate traffic in the section. He was of the view that the road is only two-lane and in dilapidated condition while movement of heavy traffic is also a tough task. He said being established with a cost of Rs 21.814 billion, the Islamabad Signal-Free Corridor once established would benefit hundreds of thousands of motorists by reducing the travel time over the 25 kilometre road by at least 20 minutes besides giving a comfortable journey to them. A resident Zahoor Ahmed of Media Town said, "When the road was last reconstructed and changed into a concrete pathway back in 2007, there used to be severe traffic mess as it usually took almost an hour to reach to Koral Chowk from PWD Housing Society." He said that the situation this time would get worsen this time as during past eight years the population had increased considerably in the private housing societies adding that every second day, a truck breaks down in the middle of the road and cause traffic jam. The SSP traffic admitted the fact that technical faults develop in most of the loaded trucks due to poor condition of the road and it takes seven to eight hours to remove the faulty vehicles. A banker Zulfiqar Shah who is a resident of Soan Gardens suggested that the entry of heavy traffic on Islamabad Highway from GT Road should be banned at least during peak hours in order to avoid traffic mess. Meanwhile, Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) Public Relation Officer (PRO) Sajjad Haider said that currently there is no such plan of banning the entry of heavy traffic into the capital. However, an alternative plan would be given once expansion of the road is initiated, he added.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has launched Integrated Disease Surveillance System to ascertain information about health indicators and take desired measures to prevent outbreak of diseases, according to officials. "The government is piloting an 18-month project with the financial assistance of DFID in six districts to know about disease's trend and take quick action and prevent occurrence of epidemics," Dr Shaheen Afridi, deputy director of public health, told Dawn. The programme is aimed at focusing on priority diseases in the designated districts and controlling epidemic besides applying brakes on preventable deaths. It is an innovative programme and all in the network are linked through mobile phone SMS and internet to ensure prompt exchange of integrated information and alerts are issued in case of measles and diphtheria to quickly respond. The programme is being launched in Buner, Karak, Nowshera, Dera Ismail Khan, Haripur and Lakki Marwat with plans of extension following phasing out of the Disease Early Warning System (DEWS), started by the World Health Organisation in seven districts in 2005 after the earthquake and later extended it to 14 districts to know about prevalence of diseases in calamity-affected population. Pilot project launched in six districts likely to be extended to entire province. Dr Shaheen said that district oversight committee comprising deputy commissioners, local government representatives, district health officer and members of the district government departments would be constituted and a disease surveillance unit at the directorate of health would coordinate the operations and receive updates from the selected districts. She said that government had shown commitment to extend the programme to the entire province on the basis of its effectiveness in disease control at the local level. "The government will also know about the cost of the programme in the specified districts to implement it in other districts accordingly," she added.

Standardisation of facilities in line with the WHO's guidelines is also part of the programme because the system will also identify gaps and weaknesses that hamper patients' treatment. Dr Shaheen said that it would cover 23 diseases. According to her, the WHO and National Institute of Health are imparting three-day training to medics about the new system. "We will cover all health facilities in the district and in case of rising trend in any disease, coordinated action will be taken on the basis of epidemiological findings," said Dr Shaheen. Dr Asif, the coordinator of the programme, said that field visits of doctors had also been planned during training to ensure scientific reporting as the statistics collected through the system would be utilised by government to formulate policy about prevention and control of diseases. He said that there were no hard and fast rules and new diseases could be added to the system while others could be deleted upon epidemiological field reports. "For example, yellow fever has not been emerged in Pakistan yet, but if it does, we can include it our list of diseases," he added. Dr Asif said that following completion of training of staffers, there would be trials to see if they worked properly in the field. "It will be teamwork, connected through proper networking, for correct identification of diseases to put in place comprehensive response on the basis of scientific causes of the multiple infections covered under the programme," he added.

123,148 students to appear in annual SSC exams

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RAWALPINDI: Secondary School Certificate (SSC), matric annual exams 2016 would start from tomorrow (Tuesday) as all the arrangements in this regard have been finalised by Rawalpindi Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (RBISE) for transparent and smooth holding of exams in which 123,148 students will take part. According to RBISE spokesman Arslan Cheema, apart from the board's office at Morgah near Attock Oil Refinery Rawalpindi, the students can also contact controller examination's phone number 0515450917 in case they face any problem. The spokesman informed that 67,281 male and 55,867 female students have been issued roll number

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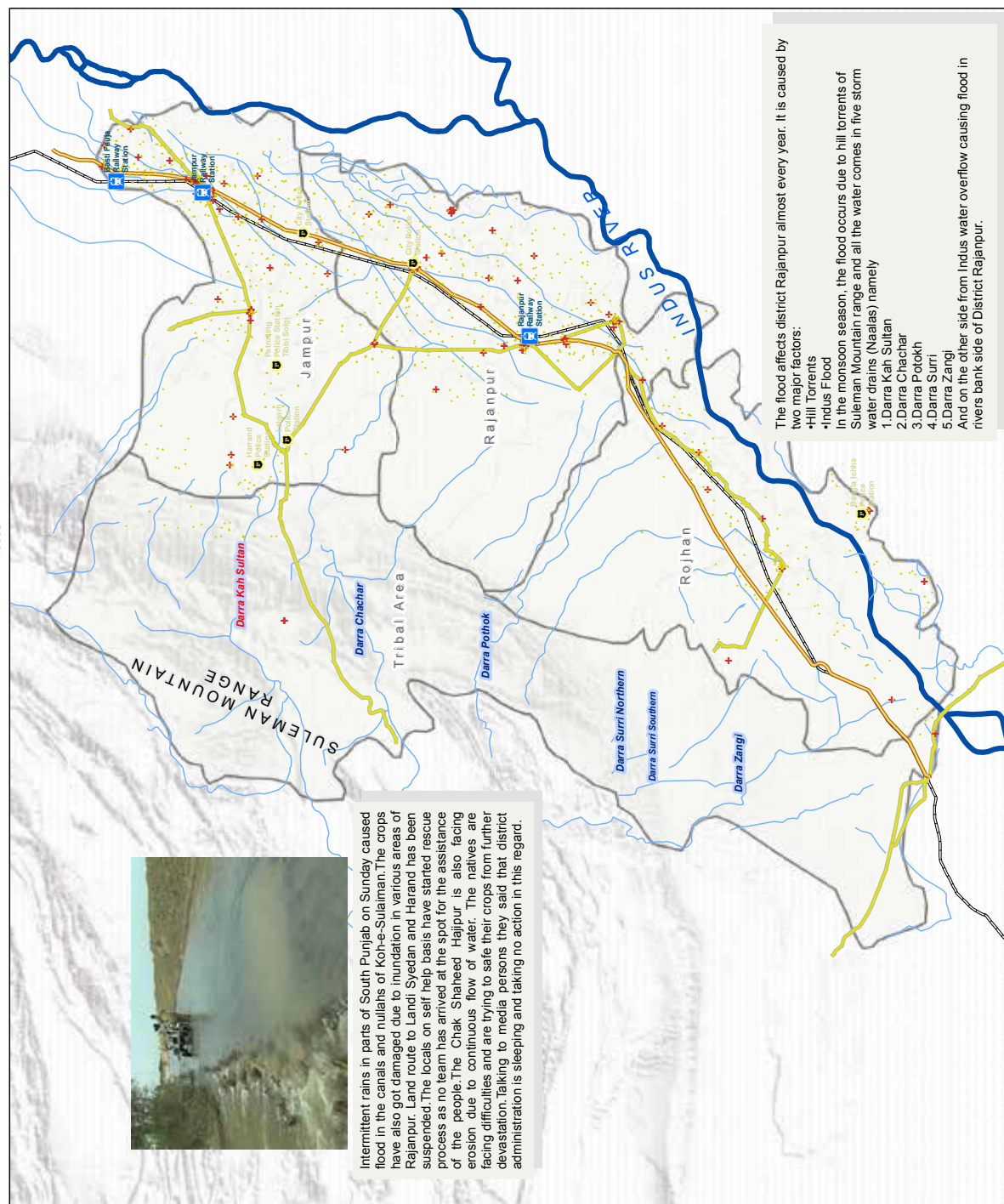
slips to appear in the exams while total 355 examination centres have been set up in this regard.

RAWALPINDI: City Traffic Police (CTP) of Rawalpindi have issued 1,770 tickets to underage drivers during first two months of the current year while a number of vehicles and motorcycles were impounded in different police stations under special campaign launched against underage drivers. According to City Traffic Officer (CTO) Shoaib Khurram Janbaz, under the campaign CTP is taking strict action against the traffic rules violators and they are being dealt in accordance with the law. He said that underage driving is increasingly becoming a serious problem for the city adding that the underage drivers having no knowledge about traffic rules cruise on their bikes and cars on the city roads showing stunts and one wheeling endangering their own lives as well as of other pedestrians. The CTO said that all sector in charges and traffic wardens have been directed not to deal the underage drivers tenderly rather take strict actions against them. The CTO appealed the parents that young children should not be allowed to use motorbikes and cars on roads until they are not issued traffic licenses as in this way the precious lives of the road users could be saved.












KHAR: Two children were killed and three others received serious injuries when a water tank fell on them in the remote Barang tehsil of Bajaur Agency. Officials said that the children of the family of Nooristan Khan were playing inside their home in Amankot area when the water tank suddenly collapsed and fell on them. As a result, two children, Raina, 10, and Sadam Khan, 5, were killed on the spot. Three other children were injured in the incident. Local people rushed to the spot soon after the incident and retrieved the dead and the injured children from the debris. The victims were shifted them to agency headquarters hospital in Khar. The local administration launched investigation into the incident, said an official. He told reporters that an inquiry team comprising officials and local elders was constituted for the purpose.

KOH-E-SULEMAN RANGE: Intermittent Rains Cause Flood

March 06, 2016

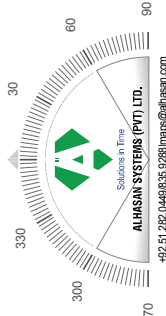


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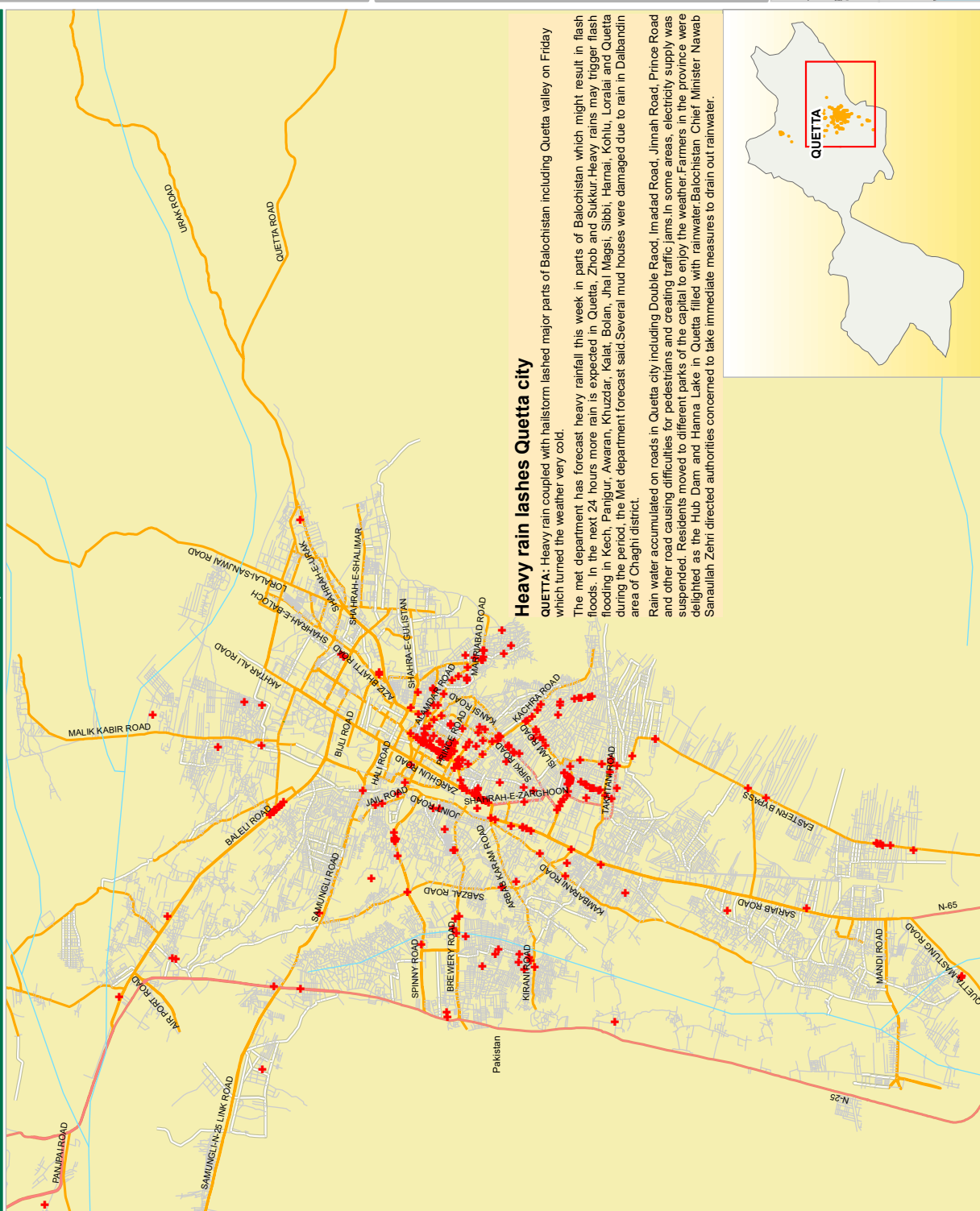
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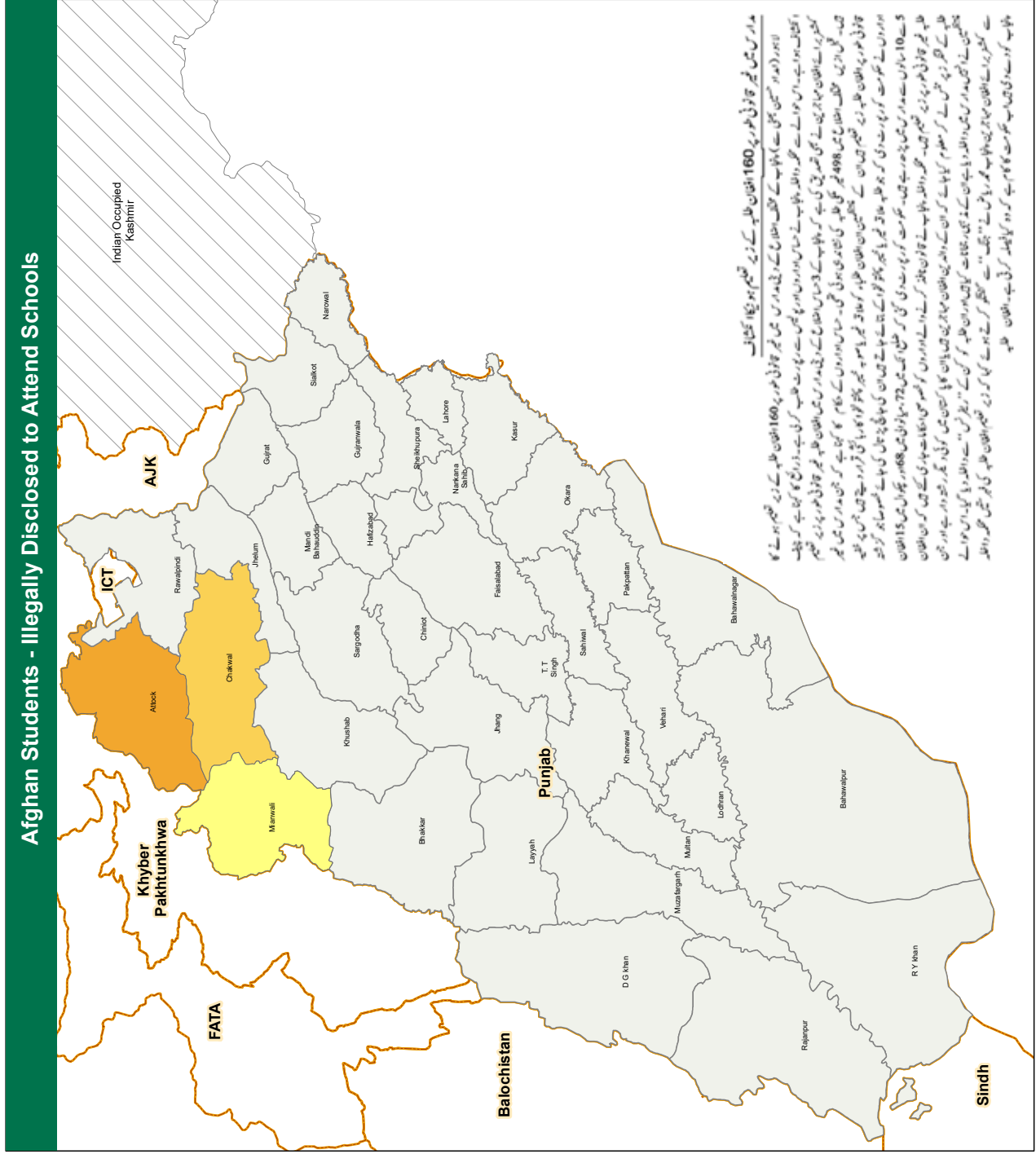


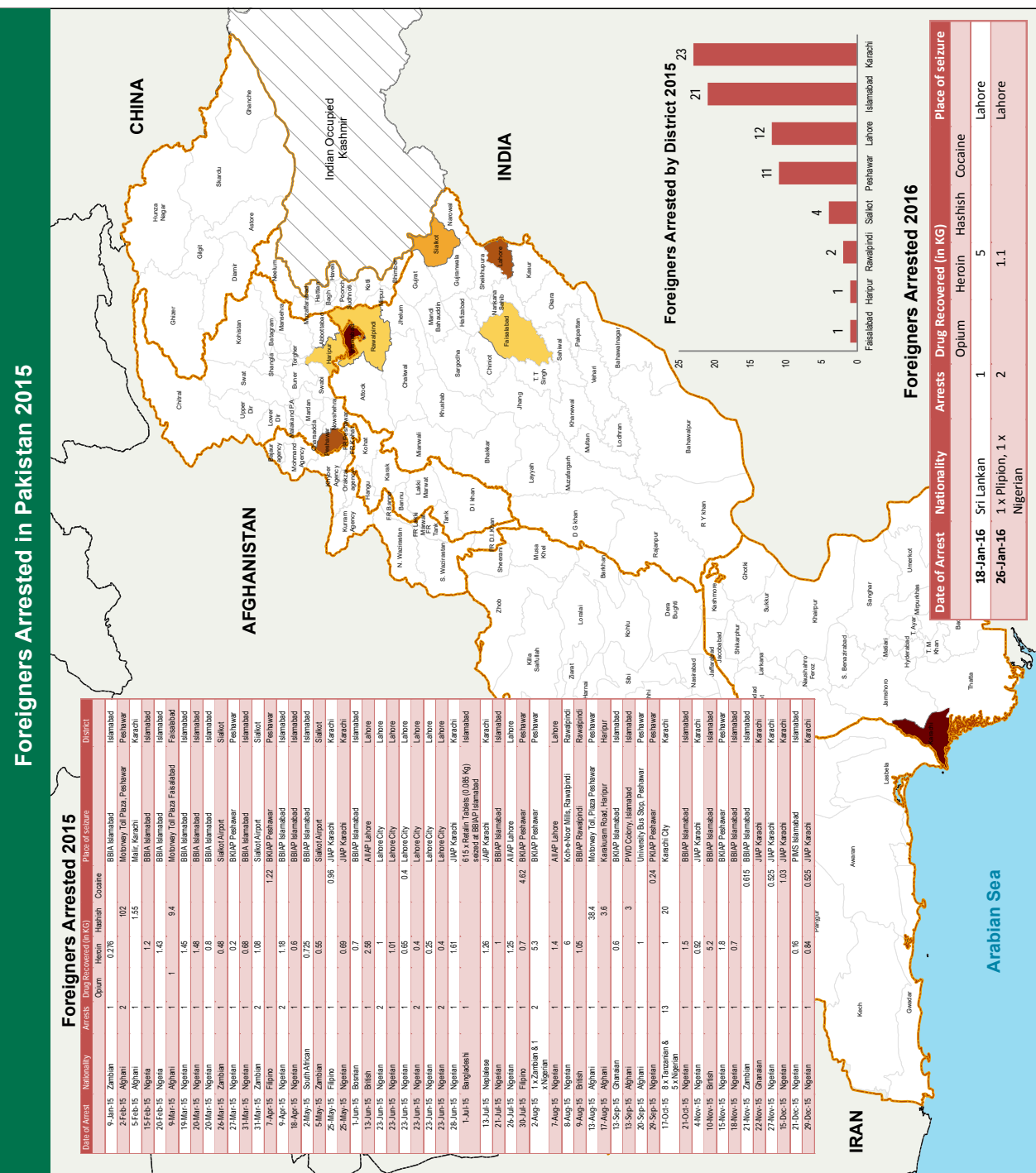
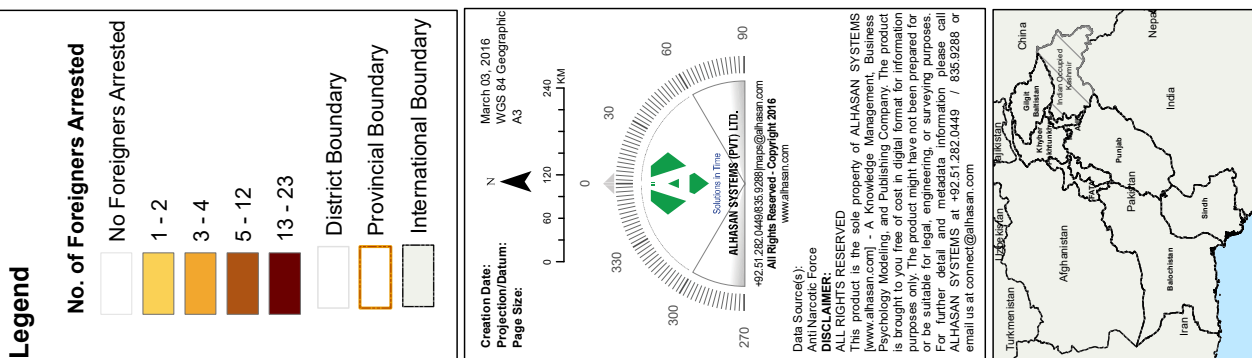


Torrential Rainfall - Quetta

As of 5 March, 2016







Weekly Accident Map of Pakistan (From Feb 29, 2016 to March 6, 2016)

9 DIE, 24 HURT IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

A trailer passenger coach collision in Lakki Marwat claimed the lives of at least five people and wounded eight others.

In Islamabad's area Major, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Priz was severely injured in a crash. His car was damaged and he was taken to a hospital. A driver was also injured and taken to a hospital.

Rescue teams shifted him to Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) while the driver managed to escape from the accident scene.

Meanwhile, a woman and her son died and 15 got hurt when a bus toppled on the National Highway in Nowshera Feroz.

The bus en route to Karachi from Sargodha turned turtle near Shah Jamal petrol pump due to overspeeding.

On getting information of the incident, motoway police and locals reached the place and evacuated the dead bodies and injured from the bus.

The wounded were shifted to Karachi after receiving medical aid from a local hospital.

On the other hand, a passenger lost his life when a dumper filled with gravel lost control and ran over him in Karachi's Hub Rower road in Baldia Town.

Pakistan has one of the world's worst records for fatal traffic accidents, blamed on poor roads, badly maintained vehicles and reckless driving.

Over 9,000 road accidents are reported to the police every year, killing on average around 5,000 people, according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

AIRBUS PLANE NARROWLY ESCAPES ACCIDENT AS TYRE BURSTS DURING LANDING



An Airbus aircraft narrowly escaped an accident on the runway at Islamabad International Airport (BBIA) on Friday, airport officials said. Flight PA 271, coming from Jordan landed at Islamabad airport when one of the tyres burst. The aircraft veered towards its left side after landing. The tyre burst caused the plane to tilt on its side. DawnNews reported that the plane was tilted on its side. The tyre burst caused the plane to tilt on its side. The tyre burst caused the plane to tilt on its side.

FIVE KILLED IN DUKHAN ROAD ACCIDENT

Five people were killed and many injured when a truck and a passenger van collided on Sunday.

According to police, the accident took place in Chunda area when the van that was heading towards Dera Ismail Khan from Bannu district collided with a truck. Five people were killed and many injured. The injured were shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital for treatment.

CHINA

BLIND TURN: 6 DEAD IN ROAD ACCIDENT

ABBOTABAD: Six people died and a minor was critically injured when a van plunged into a roadside gorge in Kenhali, some 35 kilometres north-east of Abbottabad, said the police.

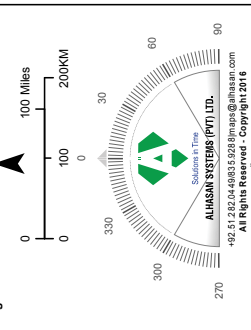
Nawansher police told the media a high roof van with three women, a man, two minors and a driver was en route to Abbottabad from Kenhali village. The driver tried negotiating a blind turn when he lost control of the steering. The vehicle careened into a deep ravine. Police said three women, two men, including the driver, and a minor died on the spot.

DRIVE RESPONSIBLY: TWO DEAD, 21 INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

KHANWALA/MULTAN/ISLAMABAD: Two people died and 21 were injured in two road accidents, one in Khanwala and another in Islamabad, on Wednesday night and Thursday.

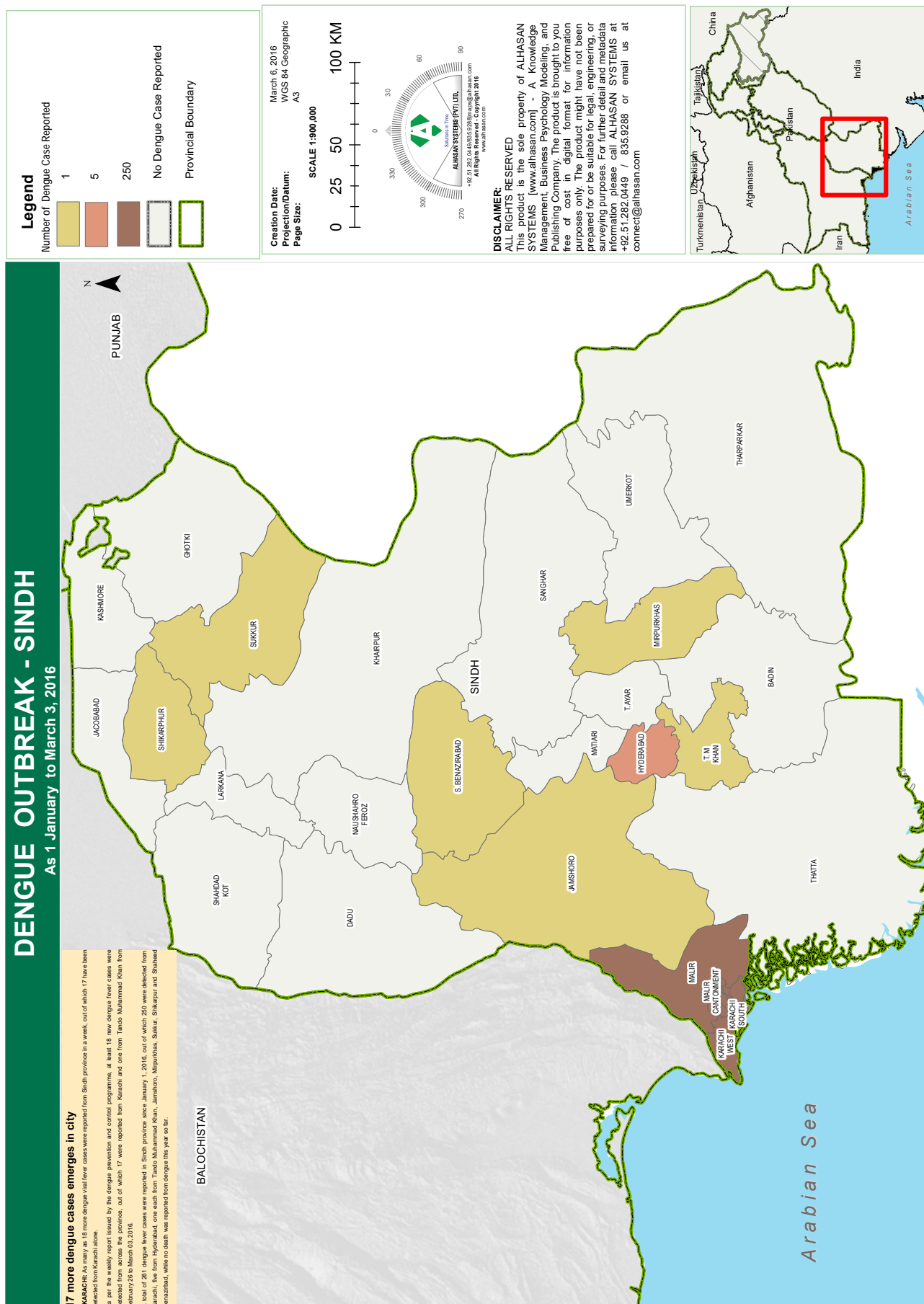
In Khanwala, a car was involved in a collision with a truck. Two people died and 21 were injured. In Islamabad, a car was involved in a collision with a truck. Two people died and 21 were injured. The accidents were caused by driver negligence and poor road conditions.

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جعفری، اصغر عباسی، ایڈمن آفیسر عبدالرشید سہتو دیگر نے کہا کہ موٹروے پر سفر کے دوران اور اسپڈ، اور لوڈنگ، چھتوں پر مسافر بٹھانے اور موٹر سائیکل سوار بغیر ہیلنٹ کے سفر سے گریز کریں۔ ان ہدایت اور احتیاط سے حادثات سے بچا جاسکتا ہے اور حادثات میں کمی آسکتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ قانون پر عمل درآمد سے کئی قیمتی انسانی جانیں بچائی جاسکتی ہیں۔ معززین نے موٹروے پولیس کی کادشوں سے ٹرانسپورٹرز اور شہریوں کو آگاہی کے سلسلے میں منعقدہ سیمینار کے اقدام کو سراہا۔

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

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ہو میو ڈاکٹرز کنونشن کل ہوگا

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کہا کہ جامعہ کراچی کے پوائنٹس کے ڈرائیورز حفاظتی اصولوں کو مد نظر نہیں رکھتے جو کسی حادثے کا باعث بن سکتا ہے 78 فیصد کے نزدیک اگر مختلف اوقات کار میں پوائنٹس گزریں تو طلبہ کے لیے آسانی ہو جائے گی اس کے علاوہ پوائنٹس میں جامعہ کا کارڈ چیک نہیں کیا جاتا جو کے سیکورٹی رسک ہے، طلبہ نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ نہ صرف پوائنٹس کی تعداد کو بڑھایا جائے بلکہ ان کی حالت کو بھی بہتر بنایا جائے اس کے علاوہ ایسے ڈرائیورز کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے جو حفاظتی اصولوں پر عمل نہیں کرتے جبکہ سیکورٹی کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے پوائنٹس کا سفر کرنے والے تمام طلبہ کا جامعہ کا کارڈ چیک ہونا چاہیئے اسی طرح مختلف اوقات کار میں پوائنٹس چلنے کا سلسلہ دوبارہ شروع ہونا چاہیئے۔

ڈگری (نامہ نگار) جھڑو اور گردنواح کے علاقوں میں سردی میں کمی اور موسم کی تبدیلی کے ساتھ ہی بجلی کی آنکھ پھولی اور بجلی کا بغیر کسی شیڈول کے کئی کئی گھنٹے غائب رہنا معمول بن گیا ہے، 8 گھنٹے کی اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے علاوہ چار سے پانچ گھنٹے تک غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے شہری پریشانی اور اذیت کا شکار ہو گئے ہیں، اکثر بجلی غائب رہنے سے کاروبار زندگی مفلوج اور معمولات درہم برہم ہو کر رہ جاتے ہیں، غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ میں اچانک اضافے سے شہریوں کی زندگی اجیرن ہو کر رہ گئی ہے، جس پر صارفین نے شدید احتجاج کرتے ہوئے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا فوری طور پر خاتمہ کیا جائے۔

**جھڑو: بجلی کی آنکھ پھولی، غیر اعلانیہ
لوڈ شیڈنگ سے شہری پریشان**

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ مصباح الدین فرید نے واٹر بورڈ کے ہائیڈرنٹس سے بجلی کے بلوں کی مناسبت سے واجبات کی عدم وصولی پر برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے متعلقہ افسران کو متنبہ کیا ہے کہ واٹر بورڈ کے ہائیڈرنٹس سے بجلی کے بلوں کی مد میں واجب الادا رقم فوری طور پر وصول کی جائے، ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے اس ضمن میں ایک کمیٹی تشکیل دیدی ہے جو باقاعدہ لائحہ عمل طے کر کے واجبات کی وصولی کو سو فیصد یقینی بنائے گی، تفصیلات کے مطابق 2007 میں ٹینکر مالکان اور کنٹریکٹرز سے معاہدہ ہوا تھا کہ وہ ہائیڈرنٹس سے پانی بھرنے والے ہر 1000 گیلن کے ٹینکر کے واٹر بورڈ کو بجلی کی مد میں 15 روپے کے حساب سے ادائیگی کریں گے لیکن اس وقت سے اس مد میں قلیل رقم واٹر بورڈ کو وصول ہوئی ہے جبکہ اس دوران بجلی کے نرخ میں کئی مرتبہ اضافہ ہو چکا ہے، لیکن واٹر بورڈ اور ہائیڈرنٹس مالکان / کنٹریکٹرز کے درمیان ہونے والے معاہدہ کے تحت 15 روپے فی ٹینکر 1000 گیلن پانی بھرنے کے لئے کی رقم میں کوئی اضافہ نہیں کیا گیا، اس وجہ سے واٹر بورڈ کو مالی طور پر بہت نقصان ہو رہا ہے۔

**واٹر بورڈ کے ہائیڈرنٹس سے بجلی
کے واجبات فوری وصول کرنے کی
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کراچی (طاہر عزیز / اسٹاف رپورٹر) گرمی میں اضافہ ہوتے ہی شہر میں پانی کا بحران شدید ہو گیا جس نے لوگوں کی پریشانیوں میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے وزیر بلدیات اور کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ کے گرمیوں سے قبل انتظامات مکمل کرنے کے دعوے دھرے رہ گئے ہفتہ اور اتوار کو ٹینکر مالکان نے شہریوں سے منہ مانگے دام وصول کئے عوام نے شکایت کی کہ واٹر بورڈ کے بیشتر افسران اور عملے نے گرمی پڑنے ہی نہ صرف اپنے موبائل فون بند کر دیئے بلکہ اپنے علاقائی دفاتر میں بیٹھنا چھوڑ دیا پانی کی مساویانہ اور منصفانہ تقسیم کے بجائے بد انتظامی عروج پر رہی شہریوں نے سوال کیا کہ اگر ہائیڈرنٹس کی تعداد کم کی گئی ہے تو اس کا پانی کہاں جا رہا ہے جن علاقوں کو زیادہ قلت کا سامنا کرنا پڑا ان میں لاٹھی، کورنگی، ملیہ، ڈی ایچ اے، اختر کالونی، منظور کالونی، جھیش ٹاؤن، لیاری، فیڈری بی ایریا، لیاقت آباد اور جنوبی کے تقریباً تمام علاقے شامل ہیں واضح رہے کہ حب ڈیم خشک ہونے کے بعد واٹر بورڈ نے دریائے سندھ سے سپلائی معمول کے مطابق جاری رہنے کا شہریوں کو عندیہ دیا تھا اور اس سلسلے میں گزشتہ دنوں وزیر بلدیات جام خاں شور و اور ایم ڈی مصباح الدین فرید نے تمام بڑے پمپنگ اسٹیشنوں حب فلٹر پلانٹ کے دورے کر کے شہریوں کو پانی کی سپلائی معمول کے مطابق جاری رکھنے کی یقین دہانی کروائی تھی لیکن حالیہ دو تین روز کی گرمی نے واٹر بورڈ کے تمام تر دعوؤں کا پول کھول دیا ہے اور وزیر بلدیات کے آئے روز کے دورے بھی کسی کام نہ آسکے شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ ابھی تو اصل گرمیاں شروع نہیں ہوئیں واٹر بورڈ کا عملہ جو ابھی شہریوں سے تعاون نہیں کر رہا ہے آئندہ کس طرح شدید گرم موسم میں سپلائی جاری رکھ سکے گا ان کا مزید کہنا ہے کہ ہائیڈرنٹس پر بھی چیک کا کوئی مناسب انتظام نہیں ہے ایک ہی جگہ برسوں سے تعینات عملہ اب کسی کو جو ابده نہیں رہا واٹر بورڈ کے بعض سینئر افسروں کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ صورتحال ایک جو نیز افسر کو ہائیڈرنٹس کا تمام انتظام سپرد کرنے کے باعث پیدا ہوئی ہے جو مختلف اضلاع کے چیف انجینئرز کے احکامات نہیں مانتے جن علاقوں کو پانی کی قلت کا سامنا ہے ٹینکر پہنچانے کا کوئی انتظام نہیں ہے دریں اثنا ڈپٹی چیف ڈائریکٹر ٹیکنیکل سروسز افتخار احمد نے کہا ہے کہ ہفتہ کے روز دھانچ پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے ٹرانسفر مر تبدیل کرنے کے لیے 6 پمپ بند کرنا پڑے جنہیں رات کو دوبارہ اسٹارٹ کر دیا گیا تھا اس وجہ سے شہر میں پانی کی سپلائی پر اثر پڑا۔ دوسری جانب شہری پانی کی موجودہ صورتحال سے انتہائی پریشان دکھائی دیتے ہیں ان کا کہنا ہے کہ کے فور منصوبہ جو ابھی شروع نہیں ہو اچار پانچ سال بعد مکمل ہو گا حب ڈیم خشک ہو گیا لیکن واٹر بورڈ کی جانب سے مسئلے کا شارٹ ٹرم حل نظر نہیں آ رہا ہے جو پانی دستیاب ہے اسے بھی واٹر بورڈ کا عملہ تمام علاقوں تک یکساں پہنچانے سے قاصر ہے عملی اقدامات نظر نہیں آرہے۔

**گرمی پڑنے ہی پانی کا بحران شدید، ٹینکر
مانیا کراچ، عوام بلبللا اٹھے**
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پڑ عید (نامہ نگار) ڈی آئی جی موٹر وے ولی اللہ دل کی ہدایت پر موٹر وے پولیس کے ایس پی ساجد سیال کی زیر نگرانی کنڈیاری میں موٹر وے پولیس کی جانب سے روڈ سیفٹی کے عنوان سے سیمینار منعقد کیا گیا، سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ڈی آئی جی ایس پی نوشاد شیخ، ڈی ایس پی شفاعت حسین

**موٹر وے پولیس کی جانب سے روڈ سیفٹی
کے عنوان سے سیمینار**

رکھ کر دھرنایا تو سینکڑوں افراد جمع ہو گئے جنہوں نے حکومت کے خلاف نعرے بازی بھی کی۔ دوسری جانب تھر میں گرمیوں کا موسم شروع ہوتے ہی موروں کی ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ بھی شروع ہو گیا ہے۔ سرنگھو سمیت اسلام کوٹ کے مختلف دیہات میں دودر جن سے زائد مورو ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ہلاکتوں کی وجہ بھوک اور پیاس بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ گاؤں مکین قربان و ساپیو اور دیگر نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ ہمارے گاؤں میں مورو ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں جو باقی ہیں وہ بھی بیمار ہیں۔ تھر میں قحط کے تسلسل سے مزید ہلاکتوں اور حالات کی خرابی کے خدشات موجود ہیں۔ جس کی وجہ اب غذائی قلت کے ساتھ گرمی کی شدت ہو سکتی ہے۔ ایک ہی دن میں 6 بچوں سے ہمیشہ ہمیشہ کیلئے محروم ہو جانے والی مائیں آہ و بکا کرتی اور اسپتال کے دروازے پر دباؤ میں نکل رہی ہیں، یہ منظر دیکھنے والے لوگ آبدیدہ ہو گئے علاقے کا ماحول سوگوار ہو گیا۔ مگر اس سب کے باوجود انتظامیہ کی بے بسی برابر جاری ہے۔ متعلقہ حکام و منتظمین کے کانوں پر جوں تک نہیں رینگ رہی۔ مگر سندھ حکومت اسپتال میں بچوں کے وارڈ میں عملہ تک تعینات کرنے کو تیار نہیں ہے۔ سرکاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق صحرائے تھر میں 60 دنوں کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 229 بچے لقمہ اجل بنے ہیں۔ تھر کے مکینوں نے حکومت اور سماجی تنظیموں سے ہنگامی بنیادوں پر مدد کی اپیل کی ہے۔

لندن (رائٹرز) سعودی عرب کی جانب سے قیمتوں میں استحکام کیلئے دیگر ممالک کے ساتھ تعاون کے عندیے کے بعد عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کا رجحان دیکھا گیا۔ بریٹن کروڈ آئل کی قیمت 87 سینٹ اضافے کے بعد 35.97 ڈالر فی بیرل ہو گئی جبکہ امریکی خام تیل کی قیمت 97 سینٹ اضافے کے بعد 33.75 ڈالر فی بیرل رہی۔

عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل مہنگا

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ہائر ایجوکیشن کے بانی چیرمین پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عطاء الرحمن نے کہا ہے کہ اس دور میں قدرتی وسائل میں سب سے اہم قدرتی وسیلہ انسانی قوت ہے جو تعلیم کے ذریعے لیس ہو کر ملک اور قومیں اسی کے ذریعے تعمیر اور ترقی یافتہ ہو سکتی ہیں۔ تاہم تعلیم کو سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی سے لیس ہونا چاہیے کیونکہ سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی نے پوری دنیا کا احاطہ کر لیا ہے اور ہمیں اپنی تعمیر نو اور ترقی کے لئے اس کی شدید ضرورت ہے اس لئے تعلیم میں سرمایہ کاری کرنا گویا ملک و قوم کی ترقی کے لئے کام کرنا ہے وہ ہمدردی و یورسٹی کراچی کی چانسلر محترمہ سعدیہ راشد کی زیر صدارت یونیورسٹی کے 20 ویں کانووکیشن سے عبدالمعید ہال، مدینہ الحکمہ کراچی میں خطاب کر رہے تھے جس میں ہمدردی و یورسٹی کے سات فیکلٹی کے کل 1166 فارغ التحصیل طلبہ کو ڈگریاں دی گئی جن میں 617 حاضر اور 549 غیر حاضر طلبہ تھے اس کے علاوہ بہترین تعلیمی کارکردگی پر 24 طلبہ کو ہمدردی و یورسٹی گولڈ میڈلز اور 9 طلبہ کو بہترین طالب علم ہونے پر شہید حکیم محمد سعید گولڈ میڈلز دئے گئے۔ کانووکیشن میں دی جانے والی ڈگریوں میں 7 پی ایچ ڈی اور 21 ایم فل کی ڈگریاں شامل ہیں تمام ڈگریاں اور میڈلز ڈاکٹر عطاء الرحمن، چانسلر محترمہ سعدیہ راشد اور وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر حکیم عبدالننار نے طلبہ کو دیں چانسلر محترمہ سعدیہ راشد نے اپنے صدارتی خطبے میں کہا کہ یہ بانی ہمدردی و یورسٹی شہید حکیم محمد سعید کا وٹن اور جدوجہد تھی جس نے یونیورسٹی کو کامیابی کی اس منزل پر پہنچایا ہے اس جامعہ کے بارے میں اُن کے الفاظ ہیں جو وہ اس موقع پر دہرائے ہیں۔ "اس جامعہ کو قائم کرنے کا ان کا مقصد پاکستانی نوجوانوں کو مستقبل کے چیلنجز کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لئے تیار کرنا ہے اور ان میں ایثار اور قربانی، جذبہ حب الوطنی، عزم و ارادہ اور خدمت انسانیت کے جذبے کے اوصاف پیدا کرنا ہیں۔

سرکاری اسپتالوں میں اموات کی وجہ جانے کیلئے مورٹالٹی میٹنگز نہیں ہوتیں

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) صوبے کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں مورٹالٹی میٹنگز منعقد نہیں کی جاتی جس کے باعث مریضوں اور زخمیوں کی اموات میں ڈاکٹروں اور طبی عملے کی غفلت اور اسپتالوں میں سہولتوں کے فقدان سمیت دیگر وجوہات سامنے نہیں آتیں۔ ماہرین صحت کے مطابق دنیا بھر کے ممالک میں سرکاری و نجی اسپتالوں میں ہفتہ وار یا ماہانہ بنیادوں پر مورٹالٹی میٹنگز کی جاتی ہیں جس میں اسپتال میں ہونے والی اموات کی وجوہات جانی جاتی ہے اگر اموات میں ڈاکٹر یا طبی عملے کی غفلت سامنے آئے تو ان کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جاتی ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں اور طبی عملے کے لائسنس تک منسوخ کر دیئے جاتے ہیں اور اگر سہولتوں کے فقدان سے ہلاکت ہوئی ہو تو اسے بہتر بنایا جاتا ہے۔ ان میٹنگز میں ہر کیس کا تجزیہ کیا جاتا ہے کہ آیا اس مریض کو بچایا جاسکتا تھا۔ مزید برآں ان میٹنگز سے جو نیز ڈاکٹروں کو بہت کچھ سیکھنے کو ملتا ہے کیونکہ سینئر ڈاکٹر زمریض کی جان بچانے کے حوالے سے مختلف آپشنز پر روشنی بھی ڈالتے ہیں۔ لیکن سندھ کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں مورٹالٹی میٹنگز نہیں کی جاتی جس سے ڈاکٹروں اور طبی عملے کا احتساب نہیں ہوتا اور وہ غیر ذمہ داری کا مظاہرہ کرتے رہتے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکرٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیجو کا کہنا تھا کہ اسپتالوں میں جزل میٹنگز ہوتی ہیں جن میں یہ ایجنڈا بھی ہوتا ہے اور اموات کو ڈکس کیا جاتا ہے تاہم الگ سے مورٹالٹی میٹنگز بھی ہوتی چاہئیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ حکمہ کی جانب سے چیک کیا جائے گا اور باقاعدگی سے مورٹالٹی میٹنگز منعقد کرائی جائیں گی۔

جامعہ کراچی میں 35 ہزار طلبہ کیلئے

صرف 28 پوائنٹس، سروس بھی اطمینان بخش

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی میں 35000 طلبہ کے لیے صرف 28 پوائنٹس موجود ہیں جس کے باعث جامعہ کراچی کے صرف 10 فیصد طلبہ ہی اس سے استفادہ کرتے ہیں، جامعہ کراچی کی بسوں میں سفر کرنے والے 75 فیصد پوائنٹس سروس سے اور 96 فیصد پوائنٹس کی حالت زار سے مطمئن نہیں ہیں، تفصیلات کے مطابق شعبہ ابلاغ عامہ جامعہ کراچی کے طلبہ کی جانب سے کئے گئے ایک سروے کے مطابق 68 فیصد طلبہ نے

گئی تاہم ان سے رابطہ نہ ہو سکا۔

کراچی (اے پی پی) روٹی کے بھاء 4 ہزار 750 روپے سے 5 ہزار 100 روپے فی من ریکارڈ کئے گئے۔ پیر کو کراچی کاٹن ایسوسی ایشن نے بتایا کہ ملک کے مختلف شہروں سے حاصل کردہ تفصیلات کے مطابق ڈومیسٹک ٹرانزیکشن کے تحت روٹی کی فصل برائے 2015-16ء کی 2 ہزار 400 گانٹھوں کے سودے 4 ہزار 750 روپے سے 5 ہزار 100 روپے فی من پر بند ہوئے۔ انہوں نے مزید بتایا کہ شاہ پور چاکر کی روٹی کی ایک ہزار 600 گانٹھوں کے سودے سب سے کم بھاء 4 ہزار 750 روپے جبکہ یازمان منڈی کی روٹی کی 800 گانٹھوں کے سودے سب سے زیادہ ریٹس 5 ہزار 100 روپے فی من ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ دریں اثناء روٹی کے آفیشل اسپاٹ ریٹس برائے 37.324 کلو گرام اور 40 کلو گرام کے بھاء میں مندی کا رجحان رہا۔ پیر کو 37.324 کلو گرام اور 40 کلو گرام کے ریٹس میں بالترتیب 50 روپے اور 54 روپے کی کمی رونما ہوئی۔

فیصل آباد (آن لائن) وفاقی وزیر برائے کامرس انجینئر خرم دستگیر خان نے کہا کہ ہماری حکومت کا مقصد پاکستان کو ترقی دینا اور معاشی ترقی پر گامزن کرنا ہے۔ یہ بات انہوں نے جیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری فیصل آباد میں ایک اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی انہوں نے کہا کہ موجودہ حکومت کی کاوش اور وزیر اعظم پاکستان کی انتھک محنت اور آپ لوگوں کی دعاؤں کے نتیجہ میں جی ایس پی پلس کا دورانیہ 31 دسمبر 2023 تک ہو گیا ہے جس سے معیشت پر مثبت اثرات رونما ہوں گے اور اب دیکھنا یہ ہے کہ آپ اس سے کتنا فائدہ اٹھا سکتے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ یہ موجودہ حکومت کا کارنامہ ہے کہ سولہ سولہ گھنٹوں کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ کم ہو کر چار گھنٹہ رہ گیا ہے جو بتدریج مزید کم ہو رہا ہے یہ حکومت کی مثبت پالیسیوں کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی کے ٹیرف کو بھی کم کیا جا رہا ہے جس کا فائدہ اگلے ماہ سے ملنا شروع ہو جائے گا اور اس کے ساتھ ساتھ ایل بی جی کی درآمد سے گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی کافی حد تک کم ہو جائے گی انہوں نے کہا کہ بیرون ممالک کمرشل قونسلٹ کی تعیناتی شفاف طریقے سے کی جا رہی ہے تاکہ پاکستان کی برآمدات میں اضافہ ہو سکے جس سے بیروزگاری میں کمی آئے گی انہوں نے کہا کہ جب ہماری حکومت قائم ہوئی تو ہمیں دو بڑے چیلنجز درپیش تھے ایک دہشتگردی اور دوسرا توانائی کا بحران اس جہوری حکومت کی کاوشوں سے دونوں بحرانوں پر کافی حد تک قابو پایا ہے انہوں نے ایکسپوٹرز پر زور دیا کہ وہ خام مال کی برآمد کی بجائے اس سے تیار مال پر اپنا فوکس کریں اور جو دنیا چاہتی ہے وہ ایکسپوٹ کریں نہ کہ روایتی طرز کی اشیاء برآمد کریں انہوں نے یہ اعلان بھی کیا کہ اگر جیمبر آف کامرس اینڈ انڈسٹری فیصل آباد ہمیں یہاں زمین دیں تو ہم ایکسپو سینٹر بھی یہاں بنانے کے لیے تیار ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ کے وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈاہر نے کہا ہے کہ سندھ میں اسپیشل کیڈرز کے ڈاکٹرز کی 500 خالی اسامیوں کو جلد پر کر لیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے یہ بات پیر کو پاکستان مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رکن سید امیر حیدر شاہ شیرازی کے قہر دلاؤ نوٹس پر بتائی۔ وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈاہر نے کہا کہ سول اسپتال ٹھٹھہ میں ڈاکٹرز کی 169 اسامیاں ہیں، جن میں 133 اسامیاں خالی ہیں۔ یہ حقیقت ہے کہ ڈاکٹرز کی قلت ہے۔ سندھ پبلک سروس کمیشن سے کہا گیا ہے کہ اسپیشل کیڈرز کے ڈاکٹرز کے ٹیسٹ اور انٹرویوز کا عمل جلد مکمل کر کے ان کی بھرتیوں کی سفارش کی جائے۔ صوبے بھر میں اسپیشل کیڈرز کی کل 1500 اسامیاں خالی ہیں، جنہیں جلد پر کیا جائے گا۔

اسلام کوٹ (نامہ نگار) تھریار کر میں قسط سالی سنگین ہو گئی غذائی بحران نے بھی شدت اختیار کر لی۔ مزید 6 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ 60 دنوں کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 229 بچے لقمہ اجل بن چکے ہیں۔ بچوں کی ہلاکت کے واقعات مٹھی اور اسکے نواحی علاقوں میں پیش آئے۔ مرنے والے بچوں کی مائیں آہ و بکا کرتی اور اسپتال کے در و دیوار سے ٹکریں مارتی رہیں، یہ منظر دیکھ کر لوگ ابدیدہ ہو گئے، ضلع کے مختلف اسپتالوں میں 2 سو سے زائد بچے اب بھی زیر علاج ہیں۔ مویشیوں کی ہلاکت کے ساتھ ساتھ تھر کے خوبصورت پرندے مور کو بھی وبائی مرض نے آلیا۔ مختلف دیہات میں دودر جن سے زائد مور ہلاک ہو گئے۔ تھریار میں حکومت دن بدن بگڑتی صورتحال کے باوجود مکمل خاموشی اختیار کیے ہوئے ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق تھر میں قسط سالی سنگین سے سنگین تر ہوتی جا رہی ہے غذائی بحران نے بھی شدت اختیار کر لی۔ پیر کے روز مزید 6 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ رواں سال کے 60 دنوں کے دوران مجموعی طور پر 229 بچے لقمہ اجل بن چکے ہیں۔ مویشیوں کی ہلاکت تو عرصے سے جاری تھی اب اس کے ساتھ ساتھ تھر کے خوبصورت پرندے مور کو بھی وبائی مرض نے آلیا۔ مختلف دیہات میں دودر جن سے زائد مور ہلاک ہو گئے۔ تھریار میں حکومت دن بدن بگڑتی صورتحال کے باوجود مکمل خاموشی اختیار کیے ہوئے ہے۔ صحرائے تھر میں بچوں کی اموات کے بعد مور اور مویشی بھی ہلاک ہوتے جا رہے ہیں۔ مٹھی سول اسپتال ایک سالہ بچی جمنا اور کلین گلاب کا بچہ، ڈیڑھ سالہ بھوانی، دو سالہ روبنا، اور عنایت اللہ کا نو مولود بچہ گاؤں مٹھڑاؤ میں سوما کا نو مولود بچہ دم توڑ جانے والوں میں شامل ہیں۔ اسی طرح ضلع بھر کے اسپتالوں میں 2 سو سے زائد بچے زیر علاج ہیں۔ گزشتہ دو ماہ کے دوران 229 بچے غذائی قلت و بیماریوں کے باعث دم توڑ گئے ہیں۔ مٹھی اسپتال میں سوما بھیل نے اپنے نواسے کی ہلاکت پر مٹھی اسپتال کے ڈاکٹر ز پر الزام عائد کیا کہ ڈاکٹر ز اسپتال میں علاج کرنے کی بجائے نجی کلنک پر بھیج دیتے ہیں۔ سوما نے بچے کی لاش اسپتال کے گیٹ پر

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بجلی ٹیرف میں کمی اور ایل بی جی کی درآمد سے گیس لوڈ شیڈنگ کم ہو جائے گی،

وفاق وزیر تجارت

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ڈاکٹر ز کی 500 خالی اسامیوں کو جلد پر کر لیا جائے گا، وزیر صحت

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تھریار کر میں سنگین قسط سالی، غذائی بحران بھی شدید، مزید 6 بچے جاں بحق

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لیے تعمیر کی گئی عمارت میں دل کا شعبہ قائم نہیں ہو سکا تو محکمہ صحت کے ملازمین نے اسے زرعی فارم بنادیا ہے عمر کوٹ کے مشرق میں چھوڑ روڈ پر بجکتھر لاکھ کی لاگت سے تعمیر کی گئی عمارت کا کام 2014 میں مکمل کر دیا گیا تھا جس کا جولائی 2014 میں صوبائی وزیر سید علی مردان شاہ نے افتتاح بھی کیا مگر وہ فوٹو سیشن ہی ثابت ہوا عمارت میں جب دل کا شعبہ قائم نہیں کیا جاسکا تو محکمہ صحت کے ملازمین نے مال قیمت سمجھ کر عمارت کے صحن میں گندم کاشت کر دی ہے فصل کی کاشت سے سبم پیدا ہونے کے باعث عمارت کو نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے اور اگائی ہوئی گندم کو پانی دینے کے لیے ایک طرف کی دیوار بھی توڑ دی گئی ہے۔ عمارت کی نامناسب دیکھ بھال و تعمیر کے دوران ناقص میسریل کے استعمال کی وجہ سے دیواروں میں دراڑیں پڑنا شروع ہو گئی ہیں۔ عمر کوٹ میں امراض قلب کا شعبہ نہ ہونے کے باعث عمر کوٹ سمیت تھر پار کر کے پسماندہ علاقوں سے دل کے مریضوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے ہنگامی حالات میں مریضوں کو حیدر آباد یا میر پور خاص منتقل کیا جاتا ہے جس سے بیشتر مریض راستے ہی میں دم توڑ جاتے ہیں عمر کوٹ کے شہریوں اور سماجی حلقوں کا مطالبہ ہے کہ عمر کوٹ میں فوری طور پر دل کا شعبہ قائم کر کے دل کی مریضوں کی پریشانی کو دور کیا جائے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) معروف ماہر معاشیات اور وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان کے مشیر ڈاکٹر قیصر بنگالی نے کہا کہ چائنا پاکستان اقتصادی راہداری منصوبہ پاکستان کے معاشی جغرافیہ کو بدل کر رکھ دے گا اور اس سے پاکستانی معیشت کو بیش بہا فائدہ پہنچے گا۔ ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ اس ضمن میں بلوچستان کی معاشی محرومیوں کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے اقدامات کئے جائیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے جامعہ کراچی کے کلیہ سماجی علوم کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ لیکچر بعنوان ”چائنا پاکستان اکنامک راہداری اور بلوچستان میں معاشی ترقی کو درپیش چیلنجز“ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ ڈاکٹر قیصر بنگالی نے مزید کہا کہ یہ امر انتہائی تشویشناک ہے کہ اس منصوبے کی اکنامک فیزیبلٹی رپورٹ تاحال مرتب نہیں کی گئی ہے جو حکومت کی غیر سنجیدگی کا نتیجہ ہے، اگر بلوچستان اور خیبر پختونخوا کے پسماندہ علاقوں کو ترقی سے ہمکنار کرنا ہے تو اس کے لئے ضروری ہے کہ ان تمام اضلاع کے مابین سڑکوں کا جال بچھایا جائے، جدید صنعتی انفراسٹرکچر وضع کیا جائے اور مقامی افراد کو پورٹ مینجمنٹ سے متعلق آگاہی اور مناسب تربیت فراہم کی جائے۔ پاکستان پورٹ مینجمنٹ میں مہارت کا حامل ہے جس کا ثبوت کراچی پورٹ ہے مگر گوادار کا گہرے پانی کی بندرگاہ کو بیرونی ممالک کو منتقل کیا جا رہا ہے۔ مذکورہ منصوبہ چین کی ترقی کے لئے انتہائی ناگزیر ہے اور چین اس ضمن میں گوادار پاکستان پر انحصار کر رہا ہے۔ ماحولیاتی آلودگی کو بڑی حد تک کم کرنے کے لئے ہائی وے کے ساتھ ساتھ اگر ریل کی پٹری بھی بچھادی جائے تو اس سے ماحولیاتی آلودگی کی واقع ہو سکتی ہے۔ اس موقع پر رئیس کلیہ سماجی علوم پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مونس احمد نے کہا کہ ہمارے پالیسی سازوں اور پروفیشنل اپروچ میں ایک خلج نظر آتی ہے، پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے کو سیاسی پوائنٹ اسکورنگ کے ذریعے متنازع بنایا جا رہا ہے جو معاشی اور قومی مفاد کے لئے خطرہ ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جامعہ کراچی کے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر محمد قیصر نے ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کی کمیشن کی جانب سے کی جانے والی درجہ بندی کو مسترد کر دیا ہے اور کہا ہے کہ یہ درجہ بندی غیر شفاف اور نا انصافی پر مبنی ہے اگر صحیح درجہ بندی کی جائے تو جامعہ کراچی کا پہلا نمبر ہو گا۔ وہ اپنے دفتر میں صحافیوں سے خصوصی بات چیت کر رہے تھے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس عجیب و غریب درجہ بندی میں کبھی کسی ادارے کو بزنس کے درجے میں شامل کر دیا جاتا ہے تو کبھی اسے جزل درجے کا حصہ بنادیا جاتا ہے انہوں نے کہا کہ ان کے جامعہ کراچی میں چار سال کے دوران جرمیات کو باقاعدہ شعبے کی شکل دی گئی اور اسکول آف لاء قائم کیا گیا جبکہ شعبہ امتحانات سے کرپشن کو ختم کر دیا گیا، نئے ناظم امتحانات کا تقرر کر کے نتائج کو شفاف اور بہتر بنایا گیا ہے جبکہ سینیٹ، سینڈیکٹ اور ایکڈمک کونسل کے اجلاس باقاعدگی سے ہو رہے ہیں اور امن و امان کی صورت حال کو بہتر بنایا گیا ہے ہم نے طلبہ تنظیموں کے درمیان تصادم کے سلسلے کو بھی ختم کر دیا ہے۔ ایک سوال کے جواب میں انہوں نے کہا کہ اردو یونیورسٹی میں ابھی تک کالج کا ماحول برقرار ہے اردو کالج کو یونیورسٹی کا درجہ تو مل گیا مگر وہ کالج کے اثر سے باہر نہیں نکلی۔ انہوں نے ڈاکٹر محمد قیصر سے کہا کہ جامعہ کراچی کے میڈیکل کالج کے قیام کا معاملہ آخری مراحل میں داخل ہو چکا ہے ایک ادارے سے اس حوالے سے معاہدہ طے ہو چکا ہے۔ جلد ہی میڈیکل کالج کے قیام کا اعلان کر دیا جائے گا۔ دریں اثناء معلوم ہوا ہے کہ جامعہ کراچی ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کے آٹھویں درجے میں پہنچنے کی وجہ شعبوں کا کوالٹی اینشورنس سے تعاون نہیں کرنا ہے شعبوں نے کوالٹی اینہاسیمنٹ سیل کے فارم ہی واپس نہیں کئے جو تحقیق اور درسی و تدریسی سے متعلق ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) قومی ادارہ صحت برائے اطفال (این آئی سی ایچ) کی لیبارٹری میں کیمیکل ختم ہونے کے باعث خون کے مختلف ٹیسٹ نہیں کیے جا رہے جس کے باعث مریض بچوں اور ان کے والدین کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق این آئی سی ایچ میں کیمیکل ختم ہو گئے ہیں اسپتال کی ایمرجنسی میں سی بی سی اور یورین ڈی آر ٹیسٹ نہیں کیا جا رہا۔ اوپی ڈی میں سی بی سی، یو سی، یورین ڈی آر، ایل ایف ٹی، پی ٹی، اے پی ٹی ٹی کے ٹیسٹ نہیں کیے جا رہے جبکہ وارڈوں میں بھی یہ ٹیسٹ نہیں کیے جا رہے جس کے باعث مریض بچوں کے والدین ہزاروں روپے ادا کرنے کے نخی لیبارٹریوں سے ٹیسٹ کر رہے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں این آئی سی ایچ کے ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر جمال رضا سے رابطہ کرنے کی کوشش کی

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ٹنڈوالہ یار (نامہ نگار) صوبہ سندھ کے پسماندہ اور دور دراز علاقوں کے تقریباً دو کروڑ سے زائد غریب اور مستحق عوام کو پی پی ایچ آئی کی جانب سے بنیادی طبی سہولتیں فراہم کی جارہی ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار چیف ایگزیکٹو آفیسر پی پی ایچ آئی سندھ ڈاکٹر ریاض احمد مین نے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈکوارٹر ایسٹ پی پی ایچ آئی ٹنڈوالہ یار کی جانب سے نمایاں کارکردگی کا مظاہرہ کرنے کے سلسلے میں سالانہ ایوارڈ 2015 تقسیم کرنے والی منعقدہ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ قبل ازیں ڈسٹرکٹ منیجر پی پی ایچ آئی ٹنڈوالہ یار ڈاکٹر نور محمد مین نے خطبہ استقبالیہ پیش کیا۔

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گبٹ (نامہ نگار) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے جمہوریت کو گبٹ میں قائم انسٹیٹیوٹ آف سائنس میں لیور ٹرانسپلائٹیشن سینٹر کا افتتاح کیا اور اس میں قائم یونٹوں کا معائنہ کیا انہوں نے کہا کہ مجھے اس میڈیکل کالج کو جو تیار ہے کو مزید فنڈنگ کا اعلان کرنا تھا لیکن اس سال خرچ زیادہ ہو گیا ہے میں آئندہ سال جون کے بجٹ میں اس کالج کو میڈیکل یونیورسٹی کرنے کا اعلان کرتا ہوں انہوں نے 8 جرمن پروفیسر ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیم کا شکریہ ادا کیا جنہوں نے یہاں اس موڈی مرض کے خاتمے کیلئے وزیر صحت جام مہتاب ڈھر سے کام کرنے کا معاہدہ کیا ہے اس موقع پر جرمن ٹیم کے چیئر مین ڈاکٹر پروفیسر بیکر نے کہا کہ ہم یورپ میں انسانیت کی بھلائی کے شعبوں میں دلچسپی رکھتے ہیں لیکن اس مرتبہ گبٹ جیسے چھوٹے شہر میں غریب افراد میں بڑھتی ہوئی بیماری لیور کی پیوند کاری کا علاج شروع کر دیا ہے، گس کے ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر بھٹی نے اپنی تقریر میں کہا کہ پہلے ان کو چیف منسٹر نے اس کام کے کیلئے 9 سو ملین روپے منظور کئے تھے اور لیور ٹرانسپلائٹیشن سینٹر قائم کر دیا ہے جس کا انہوں نے افتتاح کیا ہے انہوں نے مزید کیا کہ گبٹ کے اس ٹرانسپلائٹ، ہارٹ سرجری، 4 بجو گرافی اور اب لیور ٹرانسپلائٹیشن سینٹر قائم کر دیا ہے اس کے بعد وزیر صحت جام مہتاب ڈھر نے بتایا کہ کراچی، نوابشاہ اور سکھر میں بلڈ اسٹور تاج قائم کئے جا رہے ہیں جس سے مریضوں کو خون کے عطیے دیے جاسکیں گے۔

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ٹھری میر واہ (نامہ نگار) تحصیل ہیڈ کوارٹر رورل ہیلتھ سینٹر اسپتال ٹھری میر واہ پر جو ڈیشل مجسٹریٹ ٹھری میر واہ بلاول علی پیر زادو نے عملے کی غیر حاضری کی شکایت پر اچانک چھاپہ مارا اور عملے کی حاضری سے متعلق معلومات حاصل کیں۔ جو ڈیشل مجسٹریٹ نے اسپتال کے عملے کو پابندی سے اپنی ڈیوٹی انجام دینے اور عوام کو صحت کی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کی بھی ہدایت کی۔

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اسلام کوٹ (نامہ نگار) تھری پارک میں ڈینگی کا پہلا کیس ظاہر ہونے کے باعث لوگوں میں خوف و حراس پایا جا رہا ہے۔ چھاپچھر کے ڈاکٹروں نے گائوں اور کراڑ کے مکین مبارک کہار کی تین سالہ بچی حلیمہ کو ڈینگی ہونے کی شک پر کراچی ریفر کیا۔ جہاں پر ڈینگی ہونے کی تصدیق کی جا چکی ہے۔ بچی کے والد مبارک نے جنگ کو فون پر بتایا کہ بچی کے ناک سے خون بہنے اور بخار کے باعث کراچی لائے ہیں جہاں پر ڈینگی کی تصدیق کی گئی ہے اور علاج جاری ہے۔

تھری میں ڈینگی کا پہلا کیس ظاہر، مبتلا بچی کراچی منتقل
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ڈپٹی کمشنر ضلع غربی محمد آصف جمیل نے ضلع کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں ڈاکٹر ز اور پیرامیڈیکل اسٹاف کی بغیر اطلاع غیر حاضری پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کیا ہے اور غیر حاضر ڈاکٹر ز و ملازمین کو شو کاز نوٹس جاری کرنے اور ان کے خلاف سخت محکمہ جاتی کارروائی کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ ڈپٹی کمشنر ضلع غربی محمد آصف جمیل نے ایڈیشنل ڈپٹی کمشنر ٹو کے ہمراہ گڈشتر روزوارنگی ٹائون کے علاقے منصور نگر میں واقع 50 بستروں کے اسپتال پر اچانک چھاپہ مارا، ایڈمن آفیسر کے دفتر میں حاضری رجسٹر کو چیک کیا اور ایم ایس اسپتال سے غیر حاضر اسٹاف کے بارے میں معلوم کیا اسپتال سے بغیر اطلاع ڈاکٹر ز اور اسٹاف کی غیر حاضری اور اسپتال میں صفائی ستھرائی کے ناقص انتظامات پر ڈپٹی کمشنر نے سخت برہمی کا اظہار کیا۔ انہوں نے ڈینٹل اور اوپی ڈی میں جاری علاج و معالجے کی سہولتوں کی تعریف بھی کی لیکن ساتھ ہی مریضوں کو دوائیں نہ ملنے کی شکایت کے ازالے کا بھی حکم دیا۔

سرکاری اسپتالوں سے بغیر اطلاع غیر حاضر عملے ڈاکٹروں کے خلاف کارروائی کی ہدایت
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ مدرسۃ الاسلام یونیورسٹی کے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر محمد علی شیخ اور حبیب بینک کے پریذیڈنٹ نعمان کے ڈار نے سندھ مدرسہ یونیورسٹی اور حبیب بینک کے درمیان تعلیم کے شعبے میں ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ تعاون کرنے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ بدھ کو سندھ مدرسہ یونیورسٹی میں ڈاکٹر محمد علی شیخ کے ساتھ حبیب بینک کے وفد کی ہونے والی ملاقات میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ سندھ مدرسہ یونیورسٹی کے انڈرگریجویٹ اور پی ایچ ڈی کے طلبہ کو حبیب بینک کی جانب سے اسکالرشپس کے ساتھ گریجویشن کرنے والے طلبہ کو انٹرنشپ کی سہولت دی جائے گی۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر محمد علی شیخ نے کہا کہ سندھ مدرسہ یونیورسٹی اور حبیب بینک ملک کے اہم ادارے ہیں جو کہ تعلیم اور بینکنگ کے شعبوں میں بنیادی کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر محمد علی شیخ نے سندھ مدرسہ یونیورسٹی اور حبیب بینک کے تعلق پر بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ یہ دونوں ادارے ایک دوسرے کے قریب واقع ہیں۔ ان کا ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ ایک تعلق یہ بھی ہے کہ حبیب بینک کا قیام پاکستان کا قائد اعظم محمد علی جناح کی خواہش پر عمل میں لایا گیا تھا، جو کہ سندھ مدرسہ کے سابق طالب علم تھے۔

حبیب بینک سندھ مدرسۃ الاسلام یونیورسٹی کے طلبہ کو اسکالرشپس دیگا
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سلامارو (نامہ نگار) محکمہ صحت و علاقے سے منتخب نمائندوں و ضلعی حکام کی مسلسل لاپرواہی و غفلت کے باعث عرکوٹ میں شعبہ امراض قلب کے

عرکوٹ، غیر فعال شعبہ امراض قلب

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

کراچی..... کراچی میں پانی کی قلت کے مسئلے پر بات کرتے ہوئے چیئر مین واپڈ اظفر محمود نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کی پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی صلاحیت صرف 10 فیصد ہے جبکہ اہم مسئلہ پانی کی قیمت کا تعین نہ ہونا ہے۔ کراچی میں مقامی ہوٹل میں جنگ گروپ کے زیر اہتمام پانی کی قلت کے موضوع پر پروگرام سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مہمان خصوصی چیئر مین واپڈ اظفر محمود کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان کو آبادی میں اضافے کی وجہ سے پانی کے مسائل کا سامنا ہے، پاکستان کا 90 فیصد پانی کاشتکاری کے لیے استعمال کیا جاتا ہے لیکن پانی کی قیمت کا تعین نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے صرف 25 فیصد لاگت ہی وصول ہوتی ہے۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ پانی کی پالیسی نہ بننے کی وجہ سے بھی مسائل کا سامنا ہے جبکہ پاکستان میں پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی قوت صرف 10 فیصد ہے جس کو بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ چیئر مین واپڈ کا کہنا تھا کہ پانی کی قلت کے مسئلے کو حل کرنے کے لیے کاشتکاری کی تکنیک میں تبدیلی لانے کی ضرورت ہے۔

رحیم یار خان... رحیم یار خان میں شیخ زید میڈیکل کالج کے طلباء طالبات نے پاکستان میڈیکل اینڈ ڈینٹل کونسل کے خلاف احتجاجی ریلی نکالی۔ شیخ زید میڈیکل کالج کے سینکڑوں طلباء طالبات نے پاکستان میڈیکل اینڈ ڈینٹل کونسل کے خلاف اوپن ڈی سے اسپتال کے مین گیٹ تک احتجاجی ریلی نکالی۔ طلباء طالبات نے پی ایم ڈی سی کے خلاف نعرے بازی کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کالج کے 260 طلباء طالبات پی ایم ڈی سی سے غیر رجسٹرڈ ہیں انکی فوری رجسٹریشن کو یقینی بنایا جائے اور شیخ زید میڈیکل کالج کو 150 ایم بی بی ایس سیٹوں کے لیے فوری طور پر منظور کرایا جائے۔

تھر پار کر... غذائیت کی کمی کے باعث آج سول اسپتال مٹھی میں 15 دن کا ایک بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ رواں سال کے ابتدائی دو ماہ میں انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 195 ہو گئی ہے۔ سول اسپتال مٹھی میں اس وقت بھی 47 بچے زیر علاج ہیں جبکہ چھ چھرو، اسلام کوٹ، ننگر پار کر اور ڈیپلو کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں زیر علاج بچوں کی تعداد 80 سے زائد ہے۔

اسلام آباد..... اسلام آباد میں بھاری آمدنے بہت سے شہریوں کو خوف زدہ کر دیا ہے، اگلے چند دنوں میں پولن کا زور ہو گا اور ان مریضوں کو احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کرنی ہوں گی۔ بھاری آئی تو کھلتی کلیاں، رنگارنگ پھول اور ہر سو پھیلی ہریالی نے اسلام آباد کو اور بھی حسین کر دیا، مگر بہت سوں کی جان پہ بن آئی ہے، دم گھٹنے لگا ہے اور وجہ ہے پولن الرجی۔ درختوں کی کوئٹلیں، جنگلی شہوت، پیلے پھول اور خاص قسم کی گھاس ہے اس پولن کا سبب۔ پولن شدت اختیار کرے گا مارچ کے وسط میں، درختوں کی کوئٹلیں جو پھوٹی ہیں اس سے پھول نکلیں گے، ان پھولوں سے پولن منظر عام پر آئے گا، تیز ہوا جلدھر کو چلے تو پولن ادھر کو زیادہ بکھرے گا۔ فضا میں پولن کی مقدار 6500 سے 13000 فی کیوبک میٹر ہو تو یہ درمیانہ درجہ ہے، 13000 سے 50000 تک ہو تو شدید پولن ہوتی ہے۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) 5 ماہ گزرنے کے باوجود محکمہ صحت سندھ سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان کے احکامات پر تشکیل دی گئی مانیٹرنگ کمیٹیوں کو فعال نہیں کرا سکا اور صوبے کے سرکاری اسپتالوں، صحت کے تعلیمی اداروں (ہیلتھ ایجوکیشن انسٹیٹیوٹس)، ڈسپنسریوں اور بنیادی صحت کے مراکز کی نگرانی شروع نہیں ہو سکی جس کے باعث ان اداروں کی کارکردگی متاثر ہو رہی ہے اور مریضوں کو دی جانے والی سہولیات اور طبی تعلیم کا معیار بہتر نہیں ہو پا رہا۔ سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان کے احکامات پر محکمہ صحت سندھ نے 9 نومبر 2015 کو صوبے کے 16 اضلاع کراچی، حیدرآباد، شہید بینظیر آباد، سکھر، میرپور خاص اور لاڑکانہ میں کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی تھیں۔ کمیٹیوں کی یہ ذمہ داری تھی کہ وہ اپنے اضلاع میں قائم اسپتالوں، ڈسپنسریوں اور بنیادی صحت کے مراکز کی صفائی، عملے کی حاضری، وارڈوں اور شعبہ حادثات میں مریضوں کی دی جانے والی سہولیات، آکسیجن کی سپلائی، ایبوسلینس سروس، آپریشن تھیٹر کی کارکردگی، طبی فضلے کو ٹھکانے لگانے کے مناسب انتظام، فنڈز کے استعمال، لیبارٹری، بلڈ بینک اور ایکس رے کی سہولیات، عملے کی کارکردگی، کینیٹین میں فراہم کی جانے والی اشیاء کے معیار سمیت آلات کی اسٹرائٹیزیشن اور معیار چیک کریں گے جبکہ صحت کے تعلیمی اداروں میں عملے کی حاضری، تھیوری کورسز کا وقت پر مکمل کرنا، اسپتالوں میں ڈیوٹی کے روسٹریجیک کرنا اور اساتذہ کے ہمراہ پریکٹس کے اوقات کار کو چیک کریں گے۔ اس سلسلے میں محکمہ صحت سندھ کا موقف جاننے کے لئے سیکرٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنچو سے رابطہ کرنے کی کوشش کی گئی تاہم ان سے رابطہ نہ ہو سکا۔

سرخیاں

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کے مریض خوفزدہ

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محکمہ صحت، 5 ماہ گزرنے کے باوجود
مانیٹرنگ کمیٹیاں فعال نہ ہو سکیں

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اسلام آباد: ضلعی انتظامیہ نے سکیورٹی خدشات کے باعث دارالحکومت میں 2 ماہ کے لئے دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں سکیورٹی خدشات اور دہشت گردی کے ممکنہ خطرات کے پیش نظر ضلعی انتظامیہ نے آئندہ 2 ماہ کے لئے دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی جس کا نوٹی فکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق تمام ہوٹلز، گیسٹ ہاؤسز اور کرائے پر مکان دینے والوں کو ضلعی انتظامیہ کو کوائف فراہم کرنا ہوں گے اور 2 ماہ کے لئے اسلام آباد میں جلسے، جلوس اور مظاہروں پر پابندی ہوگی۔

اسلام آباد میں سکیورٹی خدشات کے
باعث 2 ماہ کے لئے دفعہ 144 نافذ

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2 مارچ 2016

راولپنڈی: تاجکستان کے صدر امام علی رحمانوف کا کہنا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب میں پاک فوج کی مثالی کامیابیاں قابل ستائش ہیں اور دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستانی فورسز کا آپریشن دنیا کے لیے رول ماڈل ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف ایک روزہ دورے پر تاجکستان پہنچے جہاں ان کا شاندار استقبال کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق آرمی چیف نے تاجکستان کے فوجی ہیڈ کوارٹر کا دورہ کیا جہاں ان کا پرتپاک استقبال کرتے ہوئے گارڈ آف آنر بھی پیش کیا گیا جب کہ اس موقع پر جنرل راحیل شریف نے تاجک وزیر دفاع اور چیف آف جنرل اسٹاف سے بھی ملاقاتیں کیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آرمی چیف نے تاجک ملٹری انسٹیٹیوٹ اور تربیتی مرکز کا دورہ کیا اور تاجک فورسز کے لیے انسداد دہشت گردی کی تربیت کی بھی پیش کش کی۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے تاجکستان کے صدر امام علی رحمانوف سے ملاقات کی جس میں علاقائی صورتحال خصوصاً دہشت گردی کے مشترکہ چیلنج پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا اور دونوں ملکوں کا دفاعی شعبوں میں تعاون بڑھانے پر اتفاق کیا گیا جب کہ اس موقع پر افغانستان میں جاری مفاہمتی عمل سے متعلق بات چیت کی گئی جس میں تاجک صدر نے مفاہمتی عمل میں پاکستان کے سہولت کاری کے کردار کو سراہا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آرمی چیف سے ملاقات میں تاجک صدر کا کہنا تھا کہ جنرل راحیل شریف کے دورے سے دونوں ملکوں میں باہمی تعاون مزید مستحکم ہوگا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف آپریشن ضرب عضب پوری دنیا کے لیے مثال ہے اور اس میں پاک فوج کی کامیابیاں قابل ستائش ہیں جب کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستانی فورسز کا آپریشن دنیا کے لیے رول ماڈل ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق اس موقع پر جنرل راحیل شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ تاجکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات کو اہمیت دیتے ہیں جب کہ تاجکستان میں جاری دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کے لیے تاجک فورسز کی مکمل مدد کریں گے۔

دہشت گردی کے خلاف پاکستانی فورسز کا
آپریشن دنیا کے لیے رول ماڈل ہے،

تاجک صدر

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جاسکتا ہے۔ نامہ نگار ریاض سہیل کے مطابق کراچی میں نمائش سے پریس کلب جانے والی ریلی جب صدر میں موبائل مارکیٹ کے قریب پہنچی تو کھلی دکان دیکھ کر کچھ افراد مشتعل ہو گئے، اور انھوں نے پتھر اڑا دیا جس کے بعد تمام دکانیں بند ہو گئیں۔ اسی دوران مظاہرین کی پولیس اور رینجرز کے ساتھ جھڑپیں بھی ہوئی ہیں۔ نمائش سے پریس کلب جانے والی ریلی جب صدر میں موبائل مارکیٹ کے قریب پہنچی تو کھلی دکان دیکھ کر کچھ افراد مشتعل ہو گئے اور پتھر اڑا کر دیا جس کے بعد تمام دکانیں بند ہو گئیں۔ اسی دوران مظاہرین کی پولیس اور رینجرز کے ساتھ جھڑپیں بھی ہوئی ہیں۔ مظاہرین کی جانب سے ایم اے جناح روڈ سے لہجہ صدر کی مختلف سڑکوں پر وزیراعظم میاں نواز شریف کے خلاف نعرے بازی بھی کی گئی ہے۔ اس سے پہلے حیدر آباد میں مظاہرین کے گھیراؤ کے باعث تقریباً 30 صحافی کلب میں محصور ہو گئے تھے۔ وہاں موجود ایک نئی وی کے بیورو چیف حمید الرحمان نے بتایا کہ 'مظاہرین نے صحافیوں کو نازیبا الفاظ کہے توڑ پھوڑ کرنے کے بعد بعض صحافیوں کو زدوکوب بھی کیا۔' ضلعی انتظامیہ اور پولیس کی مداخلت کے بعد مظاہرین منتشر ہو گئے ہیں جبکہ پریس کلب میں سامان سمیٹا جا رہا ہے۔ حیدر آباد پریس کلب میں محصور صحافیوں نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ گھیراؤ کرنے والے افراد کی تعداد ڈھائی ہزار کے لگ بھگ ہے اور ان کا تعلق مختلف مذہبی جماعتوں سے ہے۔ یہ لوگ سابق گورنر پنجاب سلمان تاثیر کے قتل کے مجرم ممتاز قادری کو پھانسی دیے جانے کے خلاف احتجاج کے لیے پریس کلب کے باہر جمع ہوئے تھے۔ جماعت اسلامی سمیت متعدد مذہبی سیاسی جماعتوں نے ملک گیر احتجاج کی کال دے رکھی تھی۔ کراچی اور لاہور سے بھی میڈیا کے اداروں پر حملوں کی اطلاعات مل رہی ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ عوامی حلقوں میں نیوز چینلوں پر ممتاز قادری کے جنازے کی کوریج نہ کرنے پر اشتعال پایا جاتا ہے۔ نامہ نگار ریاض سہیل کے مطابق حیدر آباد کے ایس ایس پی عرفان بلوچ نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ ممتاز قادری کی پھانسی کے خلاف سنی تحریک اور جمعیت علماء پاکستان کی جانب سے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا جا رہا تھا اس میں دیگر جماعتوں کے بھی کارکن شامل ہو گئے ہیں۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ 'مشتعل افراد نے پریس کلب میں داخل ہو کر توڑ پھوڑ کی جبکہ باہر کھڑی ہوئی موٹر سائیکلوں کو بھی نقصان پہنچایا، اس موقع پر پولیس موجود تھی لیکن انھوں نے اس وجہ سے کوئی ایکشن نہیں لیا کہ صورتحال بگڑ نہ جائے۔ بعد میں بھاری تعداد میں پولیس پہنچ گئی جس نے صورتحال کو قابو میں کر لیا۔' کراچی میں نمائش چوری پر مذہبی جماعتوں کی جانب سے ممتاز قادری کو پھانسی کے خلاف احتجاج کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا۔ شام کو آج ٹی وی کے دفتر پر مشتعل افراد نے پتھر اڑا دیا اس دوران باہر موجود گاڑیوں کو نقصان بھی پہنچا ہے۔ آج ٹی وی پر دکھائے جانے والی فوٹج میں لوگوں نے ہاتھوں میں سنی تحریک کے جھنڈے اٹھا رکھے تھے۔

کراچی: لیاری میں رینجرز سے مقابلے میں گینگ وار کے 3 ملزمان ہلاک ہو گئے جن کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے لیاری میں رینجرز کی موبائل گشت پر تھیں کہ اس دوران خفیہ اطلاع پر علاقے میں کارروائی کی گئی تو وہاں موجود 3 مسلح ملزمان نے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کرتے ہوئے فرار ہونے کی کوشش کی تاہم اس دوران رینجرز کی جوابی فائرنگ میں تینوں ملزمان ہلاک ہو گئے۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق رینجرز اور ملزمان میں مقابلہ کلاوٹ تھانے کی حدود کمار والا بروہی چوک کے قریب ہوا جس میں ہلاک ہونے والے ملزمان کا تعلق شیراز کامریڈ عزیز بلوچ گروپ سے تھا جب کہ ملزمان کی شناخت بلال عرف میندو، نعیم اور نواز عرف پیرا کے نام سے ہوئی جن کے قبضے سے بھاری اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور: پنجاب حکومت نے سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر میٹروپولیٹن سروس کو بند کر دیا ہے۔ سروس کی بندش کا فیصلہ سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر کیا گیا ہے، جب کہ بسوں کو گوجر مت بس ڈپو منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ میٹرو سروس کی بندش کی وجہ سے بڑی تعداد میں لوگوں کو اپنے روزگار تک پہنچنے میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے، لوگوں کو اپنی منزل پر پہنچنے کے لئے لوکل ٹرانسپورٹ کا سہارا لینا پڑ رہا ہے۔ میٹرو بس سروس کی بندش کے حوالے سے پنجاب حکومت کی موقف میں تضاد پایا جاتا ہے، میٹرو بس سروس کے ترجمان کہتے ہیں کہ سروس آج شام 5 بجے بحال کر دی جائے گی جب کہ وزیر تعلیم پنجاب رانا مشہود نے میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ میٹرو بس سروس 2 دن کے لئے بند کی گئی ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ میٹرو بس سروس کی معطلی کا اقدام انٹیلی جنس اداروں کی رپورٹس کی بنیاد پر اٹھایا گیا ہے، ان رپورٹس میں خدشہ ظاہر کیا گیا ہے کہ دہشت گرد میٹرو بس سروس کو نشانہ بنا سکتے ہیں، سکیورٹی کلیئر نس ملتے ہی میٹرو سروس کو بحال کر دیا جائے گا۔

کراچی: پولیس نے مجھڑ کالونی میں کارروائی کے دوران لیاری گینگ وار کے 3 ملزمان کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے مجھڑ کالونی میں پولیس اور ملزمان کے درمیان مقابلے میں 3 ملزمان ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایس ایس پی سنی فدا حسین کے مطابق کارروائی ڈاکس تھانے کے علاقے میں کی گئی جس میں ملزمان نے پولیس پارٹی پر فائرنگ کی اور اس دوران پولیس کی جوابی فائرنگ میں 3 ملزمان ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایس ایس پی کے مطابق ہلاک ملزمان کا تعلق لیاری گینگ وار کے عزیز بلوچ گروپ سے تھا جب کہ ملزمان نارگٹ کلنگ، دستی بم حملوں، بھتہ خوری اور اغوا برائے اتاوان کی وارداتوں میں ملوث تھے۔

کراچی کے علاقے لیاری میں رینجرز سے مقابلے میں گینگ وار کے 3 ملزمان ہلاک

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سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر لاہور کی میٹرو بس سروس بند

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کراچی کے علاقے مجھڑ کالونی میں کارروائی کے دوران 3 ملزمان ہلاک، پولیس

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تفصیلات

اسلام آباد ریجنل پولیس نے شہر میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 12 مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق اسلام آباد میں پولیس اور ریجنل سمیت دیگر قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے سرچ آپریشن کیا اور اس دوران مختلف علاقوں کی مارکیٹوں اور رہائشی عمارات کی بھی تلاشی لی گئی جب کہ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے آپارہ مارکیٹ میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران ہوٹلوں کی تلاشی لی اور 12 مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق حراست میں لیے گئے افراد سے شناختی کارڈ اور دیگر دستاویزات طلب کی گئی ہیں جب کہ انہیں تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی کا کہنا ہے کہ جب تک حکومت بھارت کی سیکورٹی سے مطمئن نہیں ہوگی تب تک قومی ٹیم کو ٹوئٹی ورلڈ کپ میں شرکت کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ اسلام آباد میں پولیس کا نفرنس کرتے ہوئے وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار نے کہا کہ ورلڈ ٹوئٹی میں شرکت سے متعلق معاملے پر وزیر اعظم سے ملاقات ہوئی جس پر انہیں سیکورٹی معاملات پر بریفنگ دی، اس معاملے پر شہر یار خان سے بھی کئی بات ملاقات ہو چکی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کھیل سے محبت کرنے والا ملک ہے، ہمارے یہاں کرکٹ سے دیوانگی کی حد تک لگاؤ ہے لیکن اس محبت اور دیوانگی کو ٹیم کبھی ٹیم ہینڈل کر لیتی ہے اور کئی مرتبہ نہیں بھی کر پاتی، وزیر اعظم نے قومی ٹیم کی شکست پر رپورٹ طلب کرنے کا کہا ہے جس پر پبلک کیا جائے گا۔ چوہدری نثار نے کہا کہ پچھلے چند دنوں سے بھارت سے جو اطلاعات آرہی ہیں وہ قابل تشویش ہیں، آج بھی وہاں عسکری گروپ نے قومی ٹیم کے وہاں کھیلنے میں رکاوٹ ڈالنے کا کہا اور امن وامان خراب کرنے کی دھمکی دی جس پر پاکستانی حکومت اور خود میری ذمہ داری ہے کہ بھارت میں ہمارے کھلاڑیوں کو مکمل سیکورٹی دی جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس سے پہلے بھی بھارت میں ہمارے بڑے بڑے ناموں کی تشکیک ہوئی جس میں خود شہر یار کان بھی شامل ہیں، یہ تمام چیزیں بہت سنگین ہیں، شہر یار خان سے بھی کہا ہے کہ یہ مسئلہ آئی سی سی کے سامنے پیش کریں جس پر انہوں نے بتایا کہ آئی سی سی کی سیکورٹی ٹیم بھارت میں موجود ہے۔ وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ بھارت میں قومی ٹیم کی سیکورٹی سے متعلق جائزہ لینے کے لیے سینئر افسران پر مشتمل 3 رکنی کمیٹی بنادی ہے اور کوشش کر رہے ہیں کہ وہ ٹیم بھارتی حکومت کی منظوری کے بعد روانہ ہو، اگر ٹیم نے ابتدائی رپورٹ مثبت دی تو ٹیم پروگرام کے مطابق روانہ ہوگی ورنہ جب تک واضح پیغام نہیں آجاتا کہ بھارت ہمارے کھلاڑیوں کے لیے محفوظ ہے تب تک ٹیم کی روانگی کچھ روز کے لیے ملتوی کرنا پڑی تو کریں گے اور جب تک حکومت مطمئن نہیں ہوگی تب تک ٹیم کو گرین سگنل نہیں ملے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ورلڈ کپ میں پاکستان کی شمولیت ضروری ہے کیونکہ ہم ایک اہم ملک ہیں اور اس ایونٹ کے ورلڈ چیمپئن بھی رہ چکے ہیں اس لیے آئی سی سی اور بھارت کی بھی ذمہ داری ہے کہ پاکستانی ٹیم کو مکمل سیکورٹی فراہم کی جائے جب کہ یہ کہنا آسان ہے کیونکہ صرف ہوٹل میں قیام اور ایک سے دوسری جگہ جانا سیکورٹی نہیں ہے، خاص طور پر کھلاڑیوں کو گراؤنڈ میں سیکورٹی کی ضرورت ہے جہاں ہزاروں لوگ ہیں اور وہاں یہ ضروری ہے کہ ہمارے لڑکوں کو کرکٹ کھیلنے دیا جائے اور سیاست کا نشانہ نہ بنایا جائے۔

کراچی پولیس نے صفورا گوٹھ کے قریب مقابلے میں کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی اور القاعدہ بر صغیر شاخ کے 4 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راؤ انوار کے مطابق صفورا گوٹھ کے علاقے پگل میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاعات پر کارروائی کی گئی تو سرچ آپریشن کے دوران علاقے میں چھپے دہشت گردوں نے پولیس پارٹی پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے بعد پولیس کی جانب سے جوابی کارروائی کی گئی اور دو طرفہ فائرنگ کا مقابلہ کافی دیر تک جاری رہا تاہم اس دوران پولیس کی فائرنگ سے 4 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ راؤ انوار نے بتایا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی اور القاعدہ بر صغیر کی شاخ سے تھا جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ، دستی بم اور دیگر سامان بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گرد شہر میں بڑی کارروائی کا منصوبہ بنا رہے تھے اور مخصوص سیاسی جماعت پر حملے کی تیاری کر رہے تھے جب کہ یہ ریجنل پولیس اور دیگر سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملے میں ملوث تھے۔ پولیس نے دہشت گردوں کی لاشیں تحویل میں لے کر ضابطے کی کارروائی شروع کر دی ہے جب کہ ان کے مزید ساتھیوں کی گرفتاری کے لیے بھی علاقے کے اطراف سرچ آپریشن کیا جا رہا ہے۔

پاکستان کے مختلف شہروں میں مشتعل مظاہرین کی جانب سے میڈیا فائر پر حملے کیے گئے ہیں۔ حیدرآباد میں سینکڑوں افراد نے مقامی پولیس کلب کا گھیراؤ کر لیا جبکہ کراچی اور لاہور میں بھی ٹیلی ویژن کے دفاتر اور گاڑیوں پر مشتعل افراد نے حملے کیے۔ کراچی اور لاہور میں ٹیلی ویژن آج نیوز کے دفاتر پر بھی حملہ کیا گیا ہے۔ نشر ہونے والے مناظر میں مشتعل موٹر سائیکل بردار درجنوں افراد کو مرکز کی گیٹ پر ڈنڈے اور پتھر برساتے دیکھا

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لشکر جھنگوی اور القاعدہ کے 4 دہشت گرد

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گرلز ہائی اسکول میں ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کا اسپرے کیا گیا جس سے 33 طالبات بے ہوش ہو گئیں۔ متاثرہ طالبات کو ڈی ایچ کیو اسپتال جہلم منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جہاں انہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جارہی ہے جب کہ والدین بھی اسپتال پہنچنا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ اسپتال انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ طالبات کی حالت خطرے سے باہر اور مکمل ہوش میں آگئی ہیں، جلد ہی انہیں اسپتال سے فارغ کر دیا جائے گا۔ دوسری جانب اسکول انتظامیہ کا موقف ہے کہ اسکول میں کوئی ڈینگی اسپرے نہیں کروایا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ کچھ عرصے قبل بھی انک میں گورنمنٹ گرلز ہائی اسکول میں ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کے اسپرے سے 50 طالبات بے ہوش ہو گئیں تھیں۔

تھرپارکر میں ایک اور بچہ چل بسا

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تھرپارکر... غذائیت کی کمی کے باعث آج سول اسپتال مٹھی میں 15 دن کا ایک بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ رواں سال کے ابتدائی دو ماہ میں انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 195 ہو گئی ہے۔ سول اسپتال مٹھی میں اس وقت بھی 47 بچے زیر علاج ہیں جبکہ چھا چھرو، اسلام کوٹ، ننگر پارکر اور ڈیپلو کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں زیر علاج بچوں کی تعداد 80 سے زائد ہے۔

کراچی: ایک ہفتے میں 17 افراد ڈینگی

کا شکار

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کراچی... کراچی میں گزشتہ ایک ہفتے کے دوران 17 افراد ڈینگی کا شکار ہو گئے۔ جس کے بعد رواں سال شہر میں ڈینگی نے 260 افراد کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا ہے۔ انسداد ڈینگی سیل کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر مسعود سولنگی کی جانب سے جاری کردہ رپورٹ کے مطابق کراچی میں گزشتہ ایک ہفتے کے دوران 17 افراد میں ڈینگی کی تصدیق ہوئی جس کے بعد رواں سال سندھ بھر میں 261 افراد ڈینگی کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔ 150 افراد کا تعلق کراچی سے ہے۔ سندھ کے ماہرین طب کے مطابق ڈینگی مجھڑے سے بچنے کے لئے طلوع اور غروب آفتاب کے دیگر اضلاع میں اب تک 11 افراد میں ڈینگی کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ اوقات میں جسم کو مکمل طور پر ڈھانپ کر رکھیں۔ صفائی ستھرائی کا خاص خیال رکھیں اور گلی، محلے یا گھر میں پانی کو جمع ہونے نہ دیں۔

رواں سال قحط سالی سے دنیا بھر میں

گندم کی پیداوار 72 کروڑ 30 لاکھ ٹن

رہنے کا امکان، پاکستان چین میں ریکارڈ

اضافہ ہو گا، رپورٹ

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لاہور (این این آئی) قحط سالی کے باعث رواں سال دنیا بھر میں گندم کی پیداوار 72 کروڑ 30 لاکھ ٹن رہنے کا امکان ہے جبکہ پاکستان سمیت چین میں گندم کی کاشت اور پیداوار میں ریکارڈ اضافہ متوقع ہے۔ عالمی ادارہ خوراک کے مطابق رواں سال روس، یوکرین، بھارت سمیت دنیا کے دیگر خطوں میں قحط سالی اور خشک موسم کی وجہ سے گندم کی پیداوار میں 1.4 فیصد کمی ہو سکتی ہے۔ رواں سال دنیا بھر میں گندم کی پیداوار 72 کروڑ 30 لاکھ ٹن رہنے کا امکان ہے تاہم یہ شرح گزشتہ برس کے مقابلے میں ایک کروڑ ٹن کم ہے اس کے برعکس پاکستان اور چین میں رواں سال زیادہ رقبے پر گندم کی کاشت کی جاسکے گی جس سے پیداوار میں بھی ریکارڈ اضافہ متوقع ہے۔

ملتان: ایک بار ڈینگی کے حوالے سے

حساس قرار

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ملتان... ملتان کے مختلف مقامات سے 65 ڈینگی لاروا برآمد ہوئے ہیں جس کے بعد ملتان کو ایک بار پھر سے ڈینگی کے حوالے سے حساس قرار دے دیا گیا ملتان کے مختلف مقامات پر محکمہ صحت کی خصوصی ٹیموں کو 65 مختلف مقامات سے ڈینگی لاروا برآمد ہوا ہے جس کے بعد محکمہ صحت کے مطابق ہے۔ ڈی۔ سی۔ او ملتان زاہد سلیم گوندل کی ہدایت کے بعد پی ایچ اے اور سالڈ ویسٹ مینجمنٹ ڈینگی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ کمپنی کے اہلکاروں پر مشتمل ٹیمیں تشکیل دے دیں گئی ہیں جو ڈینگی لاروا کے خاتمے کے لئے کام کریں گی۔ دوسری جانب نشتر اسپتال میں ڈینگی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کو علاج فراہم کرنے کے لئے علیحدہ وارڈ بھی مختص کر دیا گیا ہے۔

ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کیلئے محکمہ واٹر بورڈ میں

ہائی الارٹ جاری

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ میں ڈینگی سے بچاؤ کیلئے ہائی الارٹ جاری کر دیا گیا، ایم ڈی مصباح الدین فرید نے تمام افسران اور ملازمین کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ شہریوں کو موڈی مجھڑوں سے بچانے کیلئے ادارہ کی جانب سے جاری کردہ احکامات پر عملدرآمد کریں، اس سلسلے میں کسی قسم کی غفلت و لاپرواہی کو برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا، تفصیلات کے مطابق موسم گرما کے آغاز پر صوبائی وزیر بلدیات جام خان شورو نے شہر میں ڈینگی مجھڑوں کی افزائش روکنے اور اس مرض سے شہریوں کو بچانے کے لئے اہم ہدایات جاری کی ہیں جن کی روشنی میں گزشتہ روز ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے افسران کا ایک اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس طلب کیا، اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے کہا کہ شہر میں ڈینگی مجھڑوں کی افزائش کی روک تھام کے لئے صوبائی وزیر بلدیات اور چیئرمین واٹر بورڈ جام خان شوراہم کردار ادا کرتے ہوئے متحرک ہیں، ڈینگی کے مرض سے شہریوں کو محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے ہر ممکن اقدامات کئے جا رہے ہیں اس ضمن میں صوبائی وزیر بلدیات و چیئرمین واٹر بورڈ نے واٹر بورڈ سمیت دیگر متعلقہ محکمہ جات اور اداروں کو ضروری ہدایت دی ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ پائپ لائنوں میں ہونے والے رساو کی وجہ سے پانی جمع ہو جاتا ہے جو جوہڑ کی شکل اختیار کر لیتا ہے جس سے ماحول خراب ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ مجھڑوں کی افزائش بھی ہوتی ہے اور خاص طور پر ڈینگی مجھڑے بھی ٹھہرے ہوئے صاف پانی میں پرورش پاتا ہے اس سبب چیف انجینئر، سپرنٹنڈنگ انجینئر اور ایگزیکٹو انجینئرز اپنے متعلقہ زون میں فراہمی و نکاسی آب کی لائنوں، پمپنگ اسٹیشن، ریزروائرز اور واٹر بورڈ کی تنصیبات پر گہری نگاہ رکھیں اور جہاں کہیں بھی فراہمی آب کی لائنوں میں لیکجز ہوں تو وقت ضائع کئے بغیر اس کی فوری مرمت کروائیں اور رساو کی جگہ سے کھڑے ہونے والے پانی کو فوری طور پر صاف کر لیا جائے تاکہ ڈینگی مجھڑوں کی افزائش کو روکا جاسکے۔

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تفصیلات

سُرخیاں

لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں بارش، ٹالہ باری، کرنٹ لگنے سے ماں بیٹا باری کرنٹ لگنے سے ماں بیٹے سمیت تین جاں بحق

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لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر + نامہ نگار خصوصی + نامہ نگار + نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت) لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں بارش، ٹالہ باری، کرنٹ لگنے سے ماں بیٹا سمیت 3 جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق صوبائی دارالحکومت میں بارش اور تیز ہوائے لیسکو کے بجلی کے نظام کو متاثر کیا۔ 21 کے قریب فیڈرز بند ہو گئے جس سے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی بند رہی، تیز ہوائوں اور بارش نے بجلی کے نظام کو متاثر کیا۔ اقبال ٹاؤن، مزنگ، جی ٹی روڈ، شاہدرہ، مصری شاہ، بند روڈ، سمن آباد، پاکستان منٹ، داروغہ والا، شاہ دی کھوئی، مغلیہ پورہ، دھرم پورہ، گڑھی شاہو، نیو مزنگ، اتحاد کالونی اور دیگر میں فیڈرز بند رہے۔ لیسکو حکام کا کہنا تھا متاثرہ علاقوں میں بجلی کی سپلائی بحال کر دی گئی تھی بعض علاقوں میں ٹریننگ ہوئی تھی کہیں بھی بجلی زیادہ دیر بند نہیں ہوئی۔ شیخوپورہ سے ہمارے نامہ نگار خصوصی کے مطابق شہر اور گردونواح میں شدید ٹالہ باری اور بارش ہوئی، ٹالہ باری سے طارق روڈ پر بجلی کی ہائی ٹرانسمیشن کے تار ٹوٹ گئے جس سے ایک ریڈیو بیٹن سلطان جاں بحق جبکہ ایک شخص شدید زخمی ہو گیا۔ تار گرنے سے پانچ گھروں کی بجلی کی وائرنگ جل گئی جس سے گھروں میں موجود بجلی کا سامان جن میں فریج ٹی وی اور دیگر سامان شامل ہے جل کر خاکستر ہو گیا۔ ریسکیو 1122 نے زخمی کو سول ہسپتال پہنچایا۔ 25 سے 30 گاڑیوں کے شیشے ٹوٹنے کی اطلاعات بھی وصول ہوئی ہیں جبکہ ٹالہ باری سے شہر کی سڑکیں اور میدان سفید ہو گئے۔ بارش سے بجلی کا نظام بھی درہم برہم ہو گیا شہر کے اکثر علاقوں میں بارش کے ساتھ ہی بجلی بند ہو گئی۔ رات گئے تک بارش کا سلسلہ وقفے وقفے سے جاری ہے بارش اور ٹالہ باری سے موسم میں خنکی بھی بڑھ گئی۔ سرگودھا میں تیز ہوا اور موسلا دھار بارش کے ساتھ ٹالہ باری نے ہر طرف جل تھل کر دیا۔ اسلام پورہ میں کرنٹ لگنے سے ماں اور بیٹا جان کی بازی ہار گئے۔ اسلام پورہ 10 سالی علی کو اس کی والدہ گلی میں پانی بھر جانے کی وجہ سے اٹھا کر گزر رہی تھی قریب ہی بجلی کی تنگی تاروں کی وجہ سے لوہے کے دروازے میں کرنٹ آ رہا تھا علی اور اس کی والدہ نے جیسے ہی دروازہ کو چھوا تو ان کو بجلی کا شدید جھکاکا جس سے دونوں کی موقع پر ہی موت واقع ہو گئی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج بھی موسم ابر آلود رہے گا۔ سیالکوٹ میں بارش کے بعد سیالکوٹ میں موسم سرد ہو گیا۔ بچیانہ اور گردونواح میں گرج چمک کے ساتھ موسلا دھار بارش اور ٹالہ باری، تمباکو کی تیار فصل کو شدید نقصان، خنکی میں اضافہ ہو گیا۔ گذشتہ روز 4 بجے سہ پہر بچیانہ اور گردونواح میں موسلا دھار بارش کے ساتھ شدید ٹالہ باری ہوئی۔ نواحی گاؤں گنگاپور میں سینکڑوں ایکڑ پر تیار کھڑی تمباکو کی فصل کو شدید نقصان پہنچا۔ علاوہ ازیں کمالیہ میں بارش سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں کوئٹہ سے این این آئی کے مطابق صوبہ بلوچستان کے مختلف اضلاع میں شدید بارشوں سے نظام زندگی درہم برہم ہو گیا ہے جبکہ محکمہ موسمیات نے مزید طوفانی بارشوں کی بھی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ طوفانی بارشوں سے بلوچستان کے سمندر میں طغیانی کا خدشہ ہے جس کی وجہ سے محکمہ فشریز نے مابی گیروں کے لیے الارٹ جاری کرتے ہوئے انھیں 5 اور 6 مارچ کو سمندر میں جانے سے روک دیا۔

کراچی 45 سال میں سمندر برد ہو جائے گا

روزنامہ جنگ

6 مارچ 2016

کراچی..... ہوشیار خبر دار نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف اوشنو گرافی نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ کراچی کے 35 سے 45 سال میں مکمل طور پر ڈوب سکتا ہے۔ نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف اوشنو گرافی نے کہا ہے کہ ملیر کا کچھ حصہ پہلے ہی ڈوب چکا ہے، دیگر علاقے بھی آہستہ آہستہ سمندر برد ہو رہے ہیں، فوری اقدامات نہ کئے تو مستقبل میں ساڑھے تین سے چار کروڑ افراد ماحولیاتی مہاجرین بن سکتے ہیں۔ سال 2015ء موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے باعث ہزاروں اموات، سیلاب، زلزلے، بدترین خشک سالی اور کراچی میں گزشتہ جون کے آخری مہینے میں قیامت خیز گرمی کے باعث 1200 سے زائد ہلاکتیں ملک میں موسمیاتی تبدیلیوں کے واضح اشارے ہیں۔ اب تک جو لوگ یہ سمجھتے آئے ہیں کہ آنے والے وقتوں میں ملک کو سب سے بڑا خطرہ دہشت گردی سے ہے ان کے لئے اطلاع ہے کہ سمندر کی سطح سالانہ 6 ملی میٹر بلند ہو رہی ہے۔ ضلع ملیر کے کچھ حصوں کی طرح ساحلی علاقوں کی زمین مسلسل سمندر برد ہو رہی ہے۔ نیشنل انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف اوشنو گرافی کی رپورٹ کے مطابق سمندر زمین کو یونہی کھاتا رہا تو کراچی کے پاس اپنے وجود کو لیکر صرف 35 سے 40 سال بچے ہیں۔ عالمی تھنک ٹینک جرمن وائچ نے گلوبل کلائی میٹ رسک انڈیکس میں پاکستان کو ماحولیاتی تبدیلیوں کے باعث دنیا کے 10 سب سے غیر محفوظ ممالک میں شمار کیا ہے۔ لیکن اس سے بھی خوفناک بات یہ ہے کہ 1945 کے سنو کی طرح اگر کراچی کو خدا نخواستہ کسی بڑی آفت کا سامنا ہوتا ہے تو ان ساڑھے تین سے چار کروڑ ماحولیاتی مہاجرین کا کیا بنے گا جنہیں آباد کرنے کے لئے پڑوسی ملکوں سے بھی کوئی فوری امید نہیں لگائی جاسکتی ہے۔ ماہرین بار بار خبردار کر رہے ہیں کہ ماحولیاتی آلودگی کو سنجیدگی سے لیا جائے، ورنہ نقصان ناقابل اندازہ اور ناقابل تلافی ہو گا۔

جہلم: گورنمنٹ گراؤنڈ ہائی اسکول میں ڈینگی اسپرے سے 33 طالبات بے ہوش ہو گئیں۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق جہلم میں گورنمنٹ

جہلم کے سرکاری اسکول میں ڈینگی اسپرے سے 33 طالبات بے ہوش



بلیٹن میں شامل

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کا امکان، پاکستان چین میں رکارڈ اضافہ ہو گا

اسلام آباد میں قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کا سرچ آپریشن، 12 مشکوک افراد

زیر حراست

سیکورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر لاہور کی میٹروپس سروس بند

اسلام آباد میں سیکورٹی خدشات کے باعث 2 ماہ کیلئے دفعہ 144 نافذ

پاکستان میں پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی صلاحیت صرف 10 فیصد ہے، چیئرمین واپڈا

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