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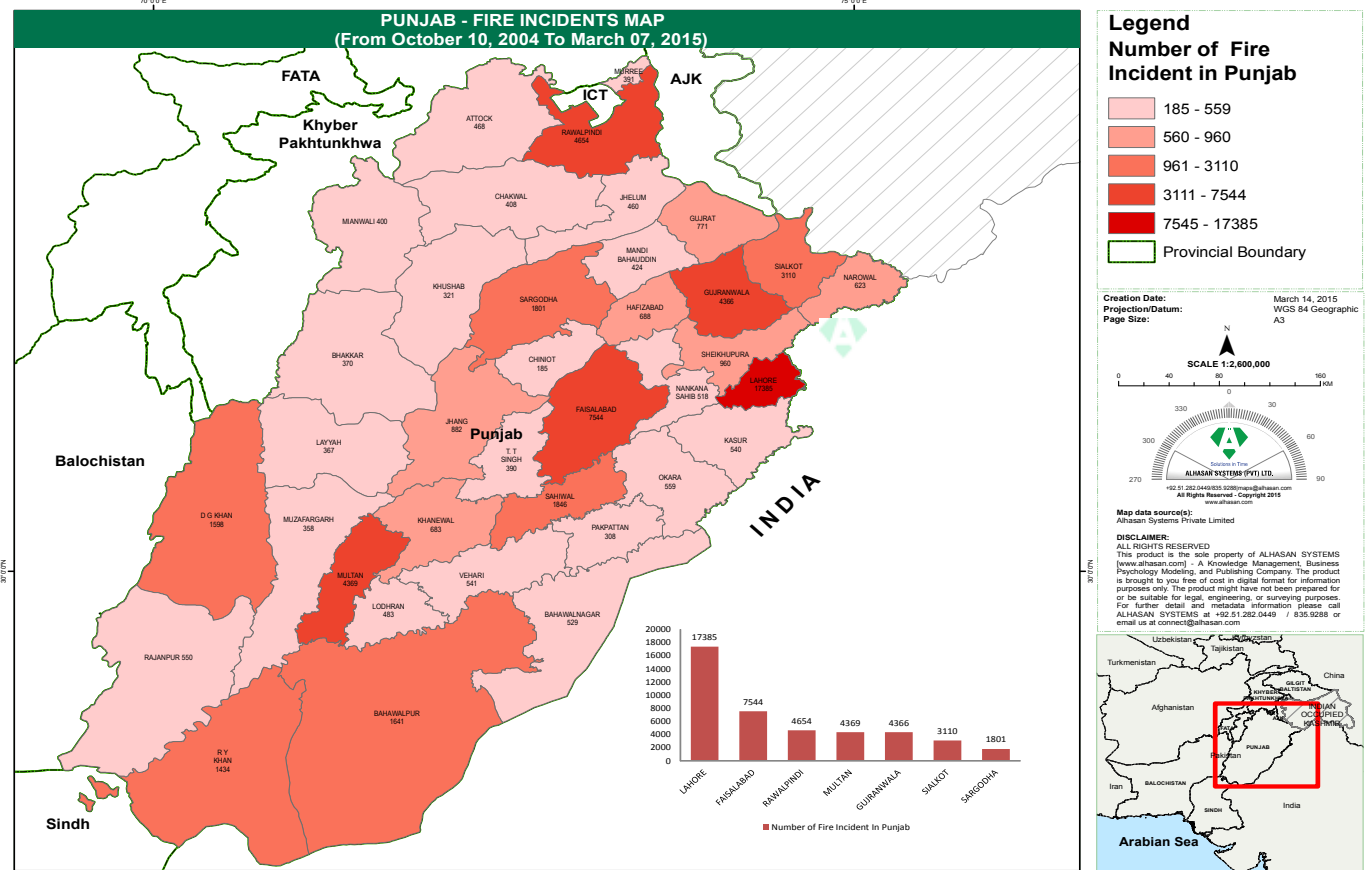
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Scores Homeless As Storm Pounds Balochistan

*Express Tribune, March 15, 2015*

#### Fatemi Attends UN Conference On Disaster Risk Reduction

*Pakistan Herald, March 15, 2015*

#### Three Killed, One Injured As Roof Collapses In Multan

*Dunya News, March 15, 2015*

#### Teenage Siblings Die, Parents Hurt In Korangi Roof Collapse

*The News, March 14, 2015*

### DETAILS

**QUETTA:** Snowfall and rain triggered by intermittent storms swept through large swathes of territory in Balochistan on Saturday 14 March 2015, leaving one person dead, 10 other injured and rendering at least 50 families homeless. Electricity, being the first casualty of rain, was missing along with breakdown of sewerage system and disruption in traffic on roads and highways on day two of the wet spell.

"A man was killed and ten wounded when a passenger van was washed away by flash-floods in Mach Town of Bolan district," Home Minister Sarfraz Bugti told reporters in Quetta. "More than 50 families were rendered homeless when torrents washed away their mud houses," he said. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and Pakistan Army are on high alert to deal with any situation developed after the heavy rains in plains and snowfall on mountains, the minister said. Bugti said that urgent relief items including tents and food have been dispatched to the affected areas.

**SENDAI:** Special Assistant on Foreign Affairs Syed Tariq Fatemi arrived here on Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, to represent Pakistan to 3rd World United Nations Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. Soon after his arrival Tariq Fatemi represented Pakistan at the opening session of the event which has brought hundreds of world leaders, specialists and experts on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction to this major global event. On the margins of the conference, Fatemi was received this afternoon, for a formal bilateral meeting by Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida, who recalling their meeting of last August on the margins of ARF, warmly welcomed him.

Expressing gratitude for Pakistan's participation and support to the event, Kishida stated that Japan looked forward to sharing knowledge on Disaster Risk Reduction with Pakistan, which itself has suffered from natural disasters in the past. Kishida appreciated Pakistan's sacrifices and efforts against terrorism and expressed solidarity with the people of Pakistan, while assuring him of his country's continued support for the policies of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. While thanking Kishida, the special assistant conveyed greetings from the prime minister and people of Pakistan to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the people of Japan. Fatemi briefed the Japanese foreign minister on government's economic policies, as well as efforts to promote a peaceful neighborhood in South Asia. He urged increased Japanese interest in investment opportunities in Pakistan, as well as provision of greater market access to Pakistan, emphasizing the linkage between economic growth and the need to confront terrorism, stressing that the energy and infrastructure sectors in Pakistan presented huge investment opportunities.

The Japanese foreign minister assured Fatemi that his government was giving serious consideration to these issues. Fatemi appreciated the successful holding of the Japan-SAARC Energy Symposium in Islamabad last week and thanked the government of Japan for its efforts to promote peaceful cooperation and connectivity in South Asia. Mainichi Shimbun, Japan's second largest circulated daily interviewed Tariq Fatemi soon after his arrival in Japan.

**MULTAN:** At least three people lost their lives while one sustained injuries as roof collapsed in Bilal Nagar area of Multan on Friday. As per details, Tehmina, her 19-year-old son Rehan, three months old daughter Zainab and nephew Ahmad got entrapped under the rubble when the dilapidated roof collapsed due to heavy rain. On getting the information about the incident, rescue teams arrived at the scene and extracted the family from the rubble and shifted them to the hospital in critical condition whereas the siblings and their cousin succumbed to injuries and died on the way. Moreover, the condition of Tehmina is still critical.

**KARACHI:** Two teenage siblings passed away and their parents were injured when a wall of his neighbour's house collapsed, subsequently causing the roof of their own house to cave in after a shower hit the city on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The family was brought to the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre. The doctors declared 16-year-old Faizan and 13-year-old Sonia to be dead while their parents, Salman and Rubina were admitted for treatment. The family lived in House No 277, in Korangi Sector 51-B. According to the neighbours, the wall of the house next to Salman's collapsed and the falling debris caused the roof of his house to cave in, causing the death of his two young children. Shower clears the air: The pre-dawn light shower — accompanied by thunder, lightning and dusty wind — helped clear the hazy weather in the city on Friday. The first round of rain occurred around 5am while another drizzle settled the air around 1 pm in the afternoon. An official of the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) explained that a fresh westerly wave had entered Balochistan and will prevail in eastern areas of the country for the next two to three days. He said rain and thunderstorms in scattered parts of the country could also be expected because of the prevailing system.

According to him, Suddar received two millimetres of rain while the amount reduced to 0.2 millimetres by the time the clouds reached the Jinnah International Airport. He said the minimum and maximum temperatures recorded on Friday were 19 and 28 degrees Celsius, respectively, with 33 percent humidity. Other areas of the city which received rain include Defence, Clifton, old city areas Gulistan-e-Jauhar, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Federal B Area, Liaquatabad, Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, North Karachi, New Karachi, Shah Faisal Colony, Korangi and Bin Qasim. The weatherman also predicted that light showers might hit the city again on Saturday and the temperature is expected to stay between 18 and 28 degrees Celsius.

**Roads flooded:** As customary, a number of major roads in the city flooded while sewers were clogged with thin attendance of sanitary workers. The handful who were present, were observed

### Trees Play Key Role For Controlling Climate Change, Global Warming

*Pak Observer, March 14, 2015*

### Pakistan, South Korea To Work Jointly To Dealing With Natural Disasters

*Pak Observer, March 12, 2015*

to be trying to clear the muck with brooms and spades. With the roads already in a pretty dilapidated state, underwater potholes proved to be quite a nuisance for a number of motorists. Traffic jams were observed at few locations including main University Road, new and old M A Jinnah Road, Saddar and old city areas.

**Power supply:** The officials at K-Electric claimed that less than five percent feeders were affected due to the rainfall. They stated that there were over 1,300 feeders in Karachi and very few of them tripped during the rain. However, the power supply was resumed within a short span of time. They said if citizens faced problems in the supply of electricity during the rain then it might have been for other technical faults, such as snapping of wires.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister for Climate Change, Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan said that trees are, in fact, the factories of oxygen production and play key role for controlling the climate change and global warming. Planting 100 million trees could reduce an estimated 18 million tons of carbon per year, he added. Trees and forests are vital for fighting carbon dioxide. This great role that the green vegetation plays an important role in enabling human being to live healthy life on earth," the minister added. He expressed these views during his keynote address as chief guest at the 'Tree Plantation Campaign at Muslim Hands School' here on Friday. Mushahid Ullah Khan said that if each one of us plants a tree today, we would have 200 million trees in a matter of single day. He highlighted that educational institutions, particularly teachers, can play their important part to achieve this goal and educate children about the significance of trees in our environment and health and how these can help take natural disasters including floods and landslides, which have shown increased frequency due to climate change.

The minister said that trees are sign of the life on earth and they are inevitable for tackling escalating environmental degradation and different health diseases. The minister said that since the beginning, trees have furnished us with two of life's essentials, food and oxygen. As we evolved, the trees, which are nature's gift for the healthy human survival, have provided additional necessities such as shelter, medicine, and tools. Today, their unprecedented importance continues to increase and more benefits of trees are being discovered as their role expands to satisfy the needs created by our modern lifestyles, he added. The minister said that Trees are a significant part of every society. Our streets, parks, playgrounds and backyards must be lined with trees, for these create a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment. Earlier, he appreciated country manager, Syed Zia-ul-Noor, of the Muslim Hands International, an international non-governmental organization, and his organization for play their part in promotion of tree plantation, implementation of different programmes in water, disaster risk reduction, poverty alleviation and livestock sectors in Pakistan. Syed Zia-ul-Noor also presented a shield to the Minister Mushahid Ullah Khan.

**ISLAMABAD:** Ambassador of the Republic South Korea to Pakistan, Dr. Song Jong-hwan called on Federal Minister for Climate Change, Mushahid Ullah Khan here on Wednesday. Both sides agreed to boost cooperation in hydropower, water, agriculture, livestock, industry and science & technology. During the meeting held in the Committee Room of the ministry, the minister Mushahid Ullah Khan said Korea has advanced in these socio-economic sectors and has matchless ability to deal with climate change-induced disasters. This is the first such meeting of the minister since his re-election as senator. The minister told the ambassador that Prime Minister Mian Mohammad Nawaz Sharif is deeply concerned over unchecked deforestation in the country, which has exacerbated country's vulnerability to the natural disasters, particularly flood, land erosion and landslides. "However, the prime minister is keen for development of the forest sector of the country and tackling environmental degradation, which costs over Rs. 400 billion to the national kitty. I will leave no stone unturned to achieve these challenging tasks as desired by the prime minister, come what may," the minister stressed.

"Given its advancement in economic sectors particularly in agriculture, water, hydropower, disaster risk management, the position of Korea is unique in Asian region and other countries of the region like Pakistan can benefit from the Korea's experience in advancement in the field of science and technological research to achieve sustainable socio-economic development goals," the minister said. Mushahid Ullah and south Korean ambassador said they both see promising future of bilateral collaboration in socio-economic sectors and reiterated that they will make all-out efforts to achieve these very targets within limited timeframe. The minister said that the next century belongs to Asia, in which Pakistan and south Korea has unprecedented strategic value and the both countries can play an imperative role for the ultimate development of the region and to tackle climate change-induced disasters, particularly floods, in an effective manner. The both sides were of the agreed view that Pakistan and south Korea are already enjoying fraternal and friendly ties. However, they pledge to take this relationship to new height for the people of both countries. "This is the prime objective of my meeting with you (the minister Mushahid Ullah Khan) to discuss the areas of mutual interest and how better cooperation could be enhanced for socio-economic uplift for the both countries," Dr. Song Jong-hwan highlighted. The ambassador told the minister south Korean experts are already serving Pakistan in the field of water, hydropower, livestock and agriculture. He further apprised the minister that his country has been giving 350 million dollars annually on low interest credit loan for development of different sectors including hydropower, livestock and water.

"Another loan of 10 million dollars will be also given for boosting Pakistan's livestock and e-governance sectors, science and technology and construction sectors, the south Korean ambassador Dr. Song Jong-hwan.

He elaborated that the Korean International Cooperation Agency is establishing a Pak -Korea Capacity Building Center For Arid Agriculture & Live Stock Technology Rawalpindi to contribute to the empowerment of the Agriculture University through the improvement of educational infrastructure, improve human and institutional capacities of Pakistan in the effective



## Japan, UNESCO To Implement \$4m Flood Warning Project

*The Nation, March 11, 2015*

construction of infrastructure and agriculture technology by transferring Korea's experience and know-how to the Pakistani counterpart, increase farm income through quality improvement and enrichment of products. The ambassador also added that his country has already completed 100 megawatt hydropower in 2013 and work on another hydropower of the same capacity is in progress and will be completed by end of 2016. The minister Mushahid Ullah told the ambassador that he wants to work with Korea hand-in-hand to make the Asia climate-resilient, for the natural disasters have become a major roadblock to region's progress and efforts meant for achieving sustainable development goals. Earlier, the ambassador Dr. Song Jong-hwan extended invitation to the minister Mushahid Ullah Khan for visit to south Korea, which the latter accepted. The ambassador also greeted the minister Mushahid Ullah at his re-election as senator.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Government of Japan and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) have agreed to implement a project worth US\$ 4.05 million to further improve flood warning and management capacity of the govt of Pakistan. An agreement was signed to this effect on Tuesday in the presence of Kazuyuki Nakane, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, Takashi Katae, Chargés d'Affaires ad interim of Japan to Pakistan and Mitsuyoshi Kawasaki, Chief Representative of JICA Pakistan Office, signed agreements with Vibeke Jensen, Representative / Director, UNESCO Islamabad, Pakistan. This project is the second phase of the earlier project implemented by UNESCO with the financial assistance of Japan.

In the first project, flood forecasting systems using satellite technology, the Integrated Flood Analysis System (IFAS) and the Runoff-Inundation model (RRI model), have been successfully developed for the upper and lower catchment of the Indus River. More than 39 districts are now being covered with the flood forecasting and early warning system of IFAS, and more than 53 million residents in 32 districts located in the lower Indus River Basin are now served with the new flood hazard maps generated by the RRI model. However, the Eastern Rivers are yet to be covered by IFAS and the RRI model; and the accuracy of IFAS should be further increased.

The Government of Japan, therefore, decided to conduct the second project in collaboration with UNESCO and the govt of Pakistan for further improvement of the early warning system. This project will contribute to enhancing the reliability and accuracy of IFAS as well as expanding the coverage of IFAS and RRI model to Eastern Rivers. In addition, JICA and UNESCO plan to promote sharing of flood forecasting information among Pakistan and its neighbouring countries, especially Afghanistan. At the signing ceremony, Nakane, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, expressed his hope that this project contributes to protecting more lives and properties from future floods. He reaffirmed Japan's commitment to help Pakistan to be more resilient to future natural disasters. Referring to the "Third UN World Conference on Disaster Management" to be held in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18, March, 2015, he also said, "We will work together with international society including Pakistan to reduce the number of people suffering from natural disasters as much as possible." In her remarks, Vibeke Jensen, Representative/Director, UNESCO Islamabad applauded the govt of Japan's support to building effective flood warning systems in Pakistan. She expressed her deep gratitude to the Government of Japan for supporting the next phase which will be particularly helpful in extending the flood early warning models to the eastern rivers of the country. She underlined the successful completion of the first phase of the project and reaffirmed UNESCO's strong commitment to continue building Pakistan's capacity in disaster forecasting and management. She mentioned UNESCO's key role in strengthening tsunami early warning systems in the world and in Pakistan.

Disaster management is one of the priority areas in Japan's development assistance to Pakistan. Earlier, Japan helped the govt of Pakistan to formulate the "National Disaster Management Plan", the first comprehensive plan at the Federal level to address disaster management. Japan also installed the flood forecasting and warning system in the Lai Nullah River, which has contributed to reducing the number of flood victims. Recently, Japan provided pumps and cleaning equipment to improve the sewerage and drainage system in Faisalabad and is implementing a similar project in Gujranwala, which mitigates damage of floods. Japan also agreed in November 2014 to finance the establishment of the weather forecasting center in Islamabad.

Met Office predicted more rains in southern parts (Balochistan and Sindh) during Thursday/ Friday, and upper & central parts of the country during Saturday/ Sunday. Met Office informed that another westerly wave will enter in Balochistan on Thursday evening and likely to grip eastern parts of the country on Friday/Saturday.

Under the influence of this weather system; Rain/thundershowers are expected at scattered places in Balochistan (with isolated heavy falls in Makran division) on Thursday/Friday. Rain/thundershowers are expected at isolated places in Sindh on Friday.

Rain/thundershowers are expected at scattered places of Punjab (with isolated heavy falls in Gujranwala and Lahore divisions) Islamabad and Kashmir on Saturday and Sunday. Rain with snowfall over the hills is expected at isolated places in upper Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan on Saturday and Sunday.

**KASUR:** Instead of using funds on reconstruction of new safe buildings of schools in place of the dilapidated ones, the departments concerned are spending them on constructing boundary walls and toilet blocks in other schools. Children at the Government Primary School Sheikhpura Kohna have a holiday whenever it rains there as their school has no classrooms. During the recent rains and cold weather, the students had holidays and this has been going on for the last five years. The students have classes in the open as the three-room building of the school has been declared unfit for use due to cracks. The school, established in the 1960s on a

## More Rains Predicted In Coming 4 Days

*PMD, March 11, 2015*

## Rainy Day Is Holiday In Dilapidated School

*DAWN News, March 10, 2015*

## Mountain Watch Groups Save Lives In Pakistan's Flood-Prone Valley

*Pakistan Today, March 10, 2015*

self-help basis by villagers with a single room, now accommodates 132 students. Its present structure was built in 1985 but the building was declared dangerous about five years back, forcing students to attend classes in the ground. There are only two teachers in the school for all the students and subjects. The school got electricity for the first time a few months back. School Committee chairman Mirza Naseeb Baig says they have registered repeated complaints with the education department but got no response, adding the school has insufficient furniture, one hand pump but no fans. Villagers Muhammad Aslam, Asif Ali, Karamat and Khushi Muhammad demand the government not only to construct the school building but also to upgrade it. They say the village, consisting 400 houses, has only two primary schools – one each for boys and girls. They say girls of the non-affording families stop getting education after primary education as they either do not afford private schools or going to the city.

EDO Education Zulfiqar Ahmed says the Government Primary School Sheikhpura Kohna is one of the several schools whose buildings have been declared dangerous but the department lacks funds. He regrets that the education sector is given a very low share in the budget while its problems are countless, adding the political intervention also makes it difficult for the department to give prioritise schools that are in more need of funds. He claims that he has already sent a proposal to the district administration regarding this school. It is learnt that seven schemes had been approved for the construction of additional classrooms, 47 schemes for boundary walls, and 27 schemes had been given a go-ahead for toilet blocks.

**BAGROT:** For wheat farmer Noor Hussain, it was “no less than a miracle” that the lives of nearly 900 people and hundreds of cattle were saved by evacuating them from Chirah Bala village hours before a glacial lake burst its banks last May. Hussain, 45, was busy weeding his land in the Bagrot valley when young members of a local “hazard watch group” rushed up to him and other villagers, advising them to leave quickly due to the risk of flash flooding. They took their livestock and escaped hours before water from a huge glacial lake – nearly 1 km above Chira Bala village – swept down the mountain. No lives were lost. “The flood washed away a 25-year-old bridge over Bagrot River, which is fed by five glaciated peaks,” Hayat said. Mazhar Hussain Hayat, chairman of the Dubani Development Organisation in Bagrot, said damage to infrastructure and agriculture would have been much worse had flood control measures, including small dams and retention walls, not been built in the upper areas of the village a few weeks before. He gave credit for the avoided disaster to Ashoor Ali, who leads the 10-member hazard watch group. Standing on a mountain ridge beneath a pine tree overlooking the snow-capped, pyramid-shaped Diran peak, Ali said he and his team members went out to monitor glacial lakes once a week. When on patrol last May, a cattle herdsman in a hamlet near Diran told them he had seen snow-melt water leaking from the banks of a lake while grazing his animals nearby. “When we went to take stock of the state of the lake, what we noticed was shocking – a glacial lake on the verge of outburst,” Ali said. They hurried to inform villagers of the impending danger and advised them to move to higher ground, just a few hours before the flood happened, saving the lives of humans and animals. Locally led initiatives like this have begun to spread in recent years, with governments expected to give them formal backing in a new global action plan for disaster risk reduction due to be adopted at a March 14-18 conference in Japan.

**‘Grim Scenario’:** Some 460 miles north of Pakistan’s capital, Islamabad, Bagrot comprises 10 scattered villages. Local people depend on streams that bubble forth from the Karakoram mountains in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas, the world’s most heavily glaciated area outside the polar regions. Several dozen glacial lakes have formed a few miles up the valley, seven of which have been declared potentially dangerous by the authorities. They could burst their banks at any time, triggering flash floods in the area. Quoting reports from the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), program manager Khalil Ahmed said there were more than 3,000 potentially hazardous lakes in the country’s remote mountain valleys, an increase from 2,400 in 2010. In response to the mounting threat, hazard watch groups have been set up in each village in Bagrot under a \$7.6 million project launched in 2011 to address the risk of glacial lake outburst floods. Financed by the UN Adaptation Fund and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme and the Pakistani government, the project aims to reduce the vulnerability of mountain communities to glacial lake floods. “The grim scenario of the rising number of glacial lakes, as the summer months are becoming hotter and extended, underlines the need to make mountain valleys... climate-resilient,” he said.

**Early warning:** In Chitral, a district in northwestern Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province, hazard watch groups were rolled out in mid-2013 in the nine villages of the Bindo Gol valley, following their success in Bagrot. Chitral has around 550 glaciers and 132 glacial lakes, more than 20 of them regarded as a threat. The first recorded glacial lake outburst flood struck the Bindo Gol valley in 1920, followed by others in 1971, 1980 and 1992. Between 2000 and 2014, three more hit, according to the PMD. Mountain farmer Mohammad Ibrahim has long lived in fear of such disasters, which have become more frequent as summer temperatures rise, accelerating melting of the glaciers surrounding the valley, which is home to 8,000 people. But Ibrahim said local people were confident the hazard watch groups would now provide timely warnings of impending floods. “They will give us enough lead-time to scurry to safer ground,” Ibrahim said. In Ghokir village in the Bindo Gol valley, Azizullah Chitrali heads a group of 15 young volunteers. The team monitors changes in the Bindo Gol glaciers and shares the information with a disaster risk management committee in Ghokir, made up of village elders and other trusted community members. “I steer (them) to protect our communities and their livelihoods from any potential glacial lake flood threat or other disasters like landslides or earthquakes that could occur at any time,” Azizullah Chitrali said, standing by the turquoise Chitral river. The deputy commissioners of Chitral and Gilgit districts say they are looking at developing plans for similar groups in other valleys.

## PRCS-MONSOON 2014 RESPONSE REPORT as of MARCH 12, 2015

- Provision of early warning and assisted in evacuations through PRCS Trained staff & volunteers in affected areas.
- PRCS conducted initial assessments through deployment of 24 assessment and distribution teams (10 AJK, 3 GB, 11 and Punjab) of various sectoral compositions.
- 140 PRCS volunteers were engaged in disaster response actively .
- PRCS, out of its own stocks, with support of local donors and RC Movement Partners, has deployed mobile health units, conducted distributions of food and emergency shelter & essential non-food items. PRCS Punjab Branch distributed cooked food to 111,000 individuals along with 69,000 litres of bottled water. The branch has also distributed 1,000 tents to affected people donated to them by local philanthropists.
- PRCS, with support of Movement Partners, has catered the emergency needs of the people through provision of 18,503 x Food packs along with provision of Non Food Items (NFIs) (comprising of emergency shelter & essential household items) to 3,392 families in Punjab, AJK and GB.
- 6 MHUs (4 Punjab & 2 AJK) were deployed. Total 23,720 patients have been treated in Punjab and AJK.

The detailed breakdown of provision of food (dry ration), NFIs and Health assistance is given as under; population data was used in the analysis.

Area/ Districts	Provision of NFI	Provision of Food					Health (MHUs & Patients)
		22 kg with support of DRC	61 kg by IFRCF	61 kg by DRC	22 Kg by DRC	25 kg by TRC	
Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK)							
Bagh	265	-	200	73	230	-	2 MHUs 5, 243 Patients
Poonch	473	-	200	200	390	-	
Haveli	822	-	400	206	500	-	
Sudhnpti	200	-	-	-	200	-	
Muzaffarabad	62	-	-	-	50	-	
Hattian	-	-	-	-	130	-	
Kotli	200	-	-	-	200	-	
Sub Total of AJK	2,022	-	800	479	1,700	-	
Total Food AJK (a)						2,979	
Punjab							
Sialkot	200	500	2,250	-	-	1,000	2 MHUs 18,477
Gujrat	200	300	500	-	-	-	
Hafizabad	300	750	1,000	300	-	-	
Sheikhupura	-	300	-	-	-	-	
Jhang	200	1,350	2,500	-	-	-	
Multan	-	800	2,000	-	-	-	
Toba Tek Singh	100	250	-	-	-	-	
Khushab	-	250	550	300	-	-	
Khanewal	200	-	-	-	-	-	
Rajanpur	100	-	-	-	-	-	
Muzaffargarh	-	-	-	224	-	-	
Sub Total of Punjab	1,300	4,500	8,800	824	-	1,000	
Total Food Punjab (b)						15,124	
Gilgit Baltistan (GB)							
Astore	70	-	200	-	-	-	23,720 Patients
Sakrdu	-	-	200		-	-	
Sub Total of GB (c)	70	-	400	-		-	
Sub Total (a+b+c)	33,92	4,500	10,000	1,303	1,700	1,000	
Grant Total of Food	3,392				18,503 Food Packs		

Source: PRCS Monsoon 2014 Final Report, Published on 12-3-2-015

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Twin blasts at churches in Lahore kill 14

*The Nation, March 15, 2015*

#### Punjab home ministry restores Lakhvi's detention

*The Express Tribune, March 14, 2015*

#### IS cannot be a bigger threat than Taliban: Peshawar corps commander

*The Express Tribune, March 14, 2015*

#### Pakistan test fires indigenous armed drone 'Burraq'

*The News, March 13, 2015*

### DETAILS

**Lahore:** Bombs outside two churches in the Pakistani city of Lahore killed 14 people and wounded more than 78 during Sunday services, rescue workers said, and witnesses said quick action by a security guard prevented many more deaths. A Pakistani Taliban splinter group claimed responsibility. The blasts went off minutes apart in a majority Christian suburb of the eastern city. Police said it seemed they targeted two churches, one Catholic and one Protestant that are very close to each other. After the blasts, enraged resident lynched two suspects, police said. "I was sitting at a shop near the church when a blast jolted the area. I rushed towards the spot and saw the security guard scuffle with a man who was trying to enter the church, after failing, he blew himself up," said witness Amir Masih. "I saw his body parts flying through the air." The guard died as well, he said. It was not clear if the first blast was also triggered by a suicide bomber, Masih said.

At least 10 people were killed and 55 wounded, said Khawaja Rafiq, the health adviser to the provincial chief minister. "The rescue operation is still underway and the death toll may increase," rescue services spokesman Sajjad Hussain said. Taliban faction Jamaat-ul-Ahrar claimed responsibility. Following the blast, enraged residents lynched two men they suspected of involvement, a police official said. Journalist Riaz Ahmed said he had seen the two burned bodies at an intersection. Militants in Pakistan have attacked Christians and other religious minorities often over the last decade or more. Many blame the government for doing little to protect them. Pakistan's police are notoriously poorly trained and under funded.

Lahore is the capital of Punjab, Pakistan's wealthiest and most populous province and the political heartland of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. The city is generally considered peaceful compared with many other areas of Pakistan, but violence there has been increasing after the government's failed attempts to hold peace talks with the Taliban last year. After the talks failed, the military launched an offensive in the remote northwestern region of North Waziristan along the Afghan border to push the Taliban from the last major region they controlled. The military now holds the major urban centers there, but residents say many militants fled before the offensive began and others remain in rural areas.

**Web Desk:** A day after the Islamabad High Court (IHC) ordered the release of Punjab Mumbai attacks 'mastermind' Zakiur Rahman Lakhvi, Punjab home ministry on Saturday issued orders to restore his detention for one month, Express Newsreported. IHC on Friday ordered the release of Lakhvi, and declared his detention illegal. Justice Noorul Haq N Qureshi announced the decision, while suspending the detention orders issued by Islamabad administration last year. On December 18, 2014, Islamabad's Deputy Commissioner Mujahid Sherdil issued Lakhvi's detention orders under the Maintenance of Public Order, which was subsequently extended for a third time. The prime objective of the detention was to prevent Lakhvi from attending any public meeting and potentially regrouping. However, Lakhvi's lawyer Rizwan Abbasi argued that an anti-terrorism court had granted bail to his client; but the government was flouting the court orders by not releasing him. Lakhvi, a senior figure of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba, is accused of planning, financing and executing the Mumbai attacks which killed over 160 people.

**PESHAWAR:** Corps Commander Peshawar Lieutenant General Hidayatur Rehman on Saturday denied that militant group Islamic State (IS) posed a great threat to Pakistan. "Is what the Taliban have done over the last 12 years any less than what the Daesh could do?" General Rehman questioned. The Peshawar corps commander was addressing a joint press conference with Governor Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Mehtab Abbasi at the Governor House in Peshawar. "Defections are taking place among militants; however, law enforcement agencies are on alert," he added. The corps commander's statement comes weeks after the Foreign Office said the militant group, which has taken over large swathes of land in Iraq and Syria, posed a threat to the country. "The government is on alert to the IS threat in the region," Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry said, while briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs in Islamabad on February 23.

#### TDPs repatriation

Further, the K-P governor announced that phase I of the repatriation of temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) would start from March 16. He said, "2,500 families from Sarwakai and Sararogha tehsils of South Waziristan would return to their homes." On March 20, over 20,000 families from Akakhel area of Bara tehsil would repatriate to their villages, while on March 31, over 18,000 families from Mir Ali tehsil of South Waziristan would start to return to their homes. "About 245,000 persons would return to their homes in the first phase," he said. Sardar Mehtab said that this process is likely to cost about Rs80 billion earmarked for compensation and household reconstruction. Mehtab further said that tribesmen would get Rs 400,000 compensation for completely destroyed houses and Rs. 160,000 for partially damaged ones.

**RAWALPINDI:** Pakistan has successfully test fired an indigenous developed armed drone "Burraq" and a laser-guided missile "Barq" on Friday, Army spokesman said. Director General (DG) Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Major General Asim Bajwa, on Twitter said that Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif witnessed the test fire on static and moving target with 'impressive pinpoint accuracy in all weathers and multiplies capability against terrorists'. The Army Chief commended engineers and scientists for their untiring efforts to acquire an state of the art technology that can put Pakistan in a league of its own. He termed it a great national achievement and momentous occasion, adding that the new technology would



### Security forces recover IEDs from militants in Hangu, Kurram Agency

*The Express Tribune, March 13, 2015*

### IDPs to start going home to North Waziristan this Sunday: Qadir Baloch

*The Express Tribune, March 13, 2015*

### Govt directs provinces to move swiftly on executions

*The Express Tribune, March 13, 2015*

### Army chief reaffirms commitment to eliminate terrorism from Pakistan

*The Express Tribune, March 12, 2015*

### Balochistan insurgency: Seven insurgents killed in Dera Bugti clash

*The Express Tribune, March 12, 2015*

### Displaced tribesmen: Army seeks more rehabilitation funds

*The Express Tribune, March 12, 2015*

prove a multiplier in the ongoing anti-terrorism campaign and operations.

Gen Raheel also congratulated the nation, scientists and technicians involved in developing the indigenous drone. "Let's join hands to take Pakistan forward in our respective fields," he added. The test has taken Pakistan a step closer to acquiring the technology it has long demanded from the United States. The US has run a controversial drone programme against militant hideouts in northwestern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan since 2004. Pakistan publicly opposes the missile strikes by US drones, terming them a violation of its territorial sovereignty and has long asked the US to give them the technology required to run their own programme.

**HANGU:** Security forces on Friday recovered three high intensity improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in Hangu district and Kurram Agency. Sources confirmed to The Express Tribune that security forces officials booked two wanted militants and recovered the explosives from them. Further, the source said that each of the explosive devices weighed more than 20kgs each. IEDs like these are used to cause heavy destruction and reports suggest that they were supposed to target security officials in the area. The arrested culprits were shifted to an undisclosed location for questioning. Their identities haven't been disclosed to the media.

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal government will on Sunday start returning the first batches of nearly a million civilians ordered to leave their homes ahead of operation Zarb-e-Azb in North Waziristan, officials told Reuters on Friday. "It will take time to send so many people home but when things get better in these areas, we will start to shift more and more people," Minister for States and Frontier Regions Abdul Qadir Baloch said. The offensive in North Waziristan began in June 2014 and displaced nearly a million people. Civilians will also be allowed back in other regions, Baloch said. "We have almost two million people to send back, between North Waziristan, South Waziristan and Khyber agency," he said, referring to parts of the northwestern tribal areas that have served as the base of some of the country's most feared al Qaeda-linked militants. All three regions border Afghanistan. Military offensives in Khyber and South Waziristan began in 2009; civilians have been allowed to return to only parts of those areas. Khyber saw more fighting last year. A generation of Pakistani militants have used the areas to launch attacks on the Pakistani state and US-led forces in Afghanistan.

**ISLAMABAD:** The government has written to all provincial home departments to resume execution of death sentences quickly, The Express Tribune has learnt. Joint Secretary Law Abdul Sattar Khokhar, in immediate instructions, wrote to all provincial home departments that "the execution of death sentences may be carried out strictly as per law and only where all legal options and avenues have been exhausted and mercy petitions under Article 45 of the Constitutions of Islamic Republic of Pakistan have been rejected by the President." A copy of this letter was sent to Chief Secretary Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan and Chief Secretary State and Frontier Regions. More than 8,000 prisoners are on death row, mercy petitions of most of whom have already been rejected by the President. Below is an image of copy of the letter that The Express Tribune has acquired.

**ISLAMABAD:** Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif has said that the terrorists have no place to hide and they will be hit wherever they are found. The army chief made this statement during a visit to North Waziristan Agency (NWA) to review the progress in operation Zarb-e-Azb.

He was accompanied by Air Chief Marshal Tahir Rafique Butt. Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Major General Asim Salim Bajwa in his tweets said both the chiefs were briefed on the operation's progress, and future plans to clear the area of all terrorists. They also met troops fighting what has been dubbed a decisive battle against terrorism. The chief military spokesperson said the army chief and air chief acknowledged that a new level of "jointness" between the army and air force had been achieved in the ongoing operation.

**QUETTA:** At least seven Baloch separatist militants were killed in an hours-long gunfight with paramilitary troops in the troubled Dera Bugti district of Balochistan on Wednesday, according to the Frontier Corps (FC). The paramilitary troops also seized 20 improvised explosive devices, 20 boxes of ball bearings, 30 detonators, four small machineguns and a rocket launcher from the hideouts of the militants in the Haideri Nallah Pirkoh area of Dera Bugti, a spokesperson for the FC said. "A massive search operation was conducted in Haideri Nallah Pirkoh on a tip-off about the presence of militants in the region," he said. The militants hiding there triggered a gunfight with the troops that lasted for several hours, he added. "These militants were involved in deadly attacks and sabotage on gas pipelines," he said. IGFC Maj-Gen Sher Afgan appreciated his force for the successful operation. "Those working on foreign agenda in Balochistan will never achieve their evil designs," he said.

**ISLAMABAD:** As it prepares to repatriate families displaced by the ongoing military operations in the tribal areas, the military has asked for more funds for the process since the estimated cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction is expected to cross the Rs75 billion mark. The military's second-tier leadership discussed financial requirements for the repatriation and rehabilitation of temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) with Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Wednesday. Vice Chief of General Staff Maj-Gen Umar Farooq Durrani and Director General Military Budget Maj-Gen Tauqeer Ahmed, while asking for disbursement of funds, informed Dar that the cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction would exceed initial estimates of Rs75 billion, officials privy to their discussions told *The Express Tribune*. "The estimation process [for the cost of TDPs rehabilitation] was evolving. Conservative estimates suggest the overall cost may go up to Rs80 billion," a finance ministry official said.

According to an earlier assessment, conducted jointly by civil-military teams and shared with international donors, the government needed Rs75.3 billion for rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. The estimate included Rs12.5 billion for cash disbursement among TDPs, Rs15 billion for compensation against damaged private property, Rs11.5 billion for rehabilitation, Rs30 billion for

## Pakistan Security Forces Raid MQM Party Headquarters

*One Pakistan, March 12, 2015*

## Security plan formulated for Pakistan Day parade

*Daily Times, March 12, 2015*

reconstruction, Rs5 billion for restoring basic services and Rs1.4 billion for transporting the affected tribespeople. Generals Durrani and Ahmed also demanded roughly Rs7 billion on an 'immediate basis', over and above the Rs1.5 billion released by the finance ministry a day earlier, to facilitate the TDPs' return, the officials added. A course of action for the release of future installments was also discussed in the meeting.

"Both sides agreed that work regarding rehabilitation and reconstruction should be undertaken with full vigour and the restoration of health and educational facilities should be extended due priority," said a terse statement issued by the finance ministry after the meeting. The finance minister, while saying that "a clear picture of financial requirements had been shared with donors," directed the Economic Affairs Division to sensitise the donors afresh regarding their commitments for TDPs, the statement said. It added that both sides also reached consensus on the "speedy restoration of electricity supply to affected areas." Wednesday's meeting came as a follow-up to Dar's talks with army chief General Raheel Sharif at the General Headquarters (GHQ) two weeks ago. Although military budget meetings are usually held at the finance secretary-level, sources say the finance minister is taking a personal interest in the matter this time around.

**ISLAMABAD:** Security forces in Karachi, Pakistan raided the offices of a powerful political party Wednesday morning, saying they arrested "criminals" and confiscated "banned weapons." The Rangers, a paramilitary force used to maintain security in conflict areas, broke down the barricades surrounding the offices of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement or MQM, the party with the second-largest presence in the assembly of Sindh province. Rangers spokesman Colonel Tahir Mahmood said the barricades blocked 21 routes, creating a "no-go area" which was beyond the purview of a political party. Some of the half-a-dozen people arrested had death sentences against them from the courts, Mahmood said in a press briefing. One of them, a man by the name of Faisal Mota, had been sentenced to death for the murder of journalist Wali Khan Babar. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists had often demanded action in the case. A dozen or so other people were detained for questioning.

In the two-hour operation, Rangers went through the files and equipment of MQM before handing the offices over to police for further investigation. They also found weapons that were banned in Pakistan, according to Mahmood. He said he thought some of these weapons may have been stolen from NATO containers. Although U.S. officials in the past have said that they do not ship any weapons or sensitive military equipment through Pakistan's ground routes, stories of weapons stolen from NATO containers have often circulated in local media. MQM has denied the charges and called the raids politically motivated. Party leaders said any weapons found in their offices were legal with permits and were used to safeguard against threats from extremist elements like the Pakistani Taliban. Party chief Altaf Hussain alleged the Rangers planted any illegal weapons found in their offices. Hussain leads the party from London, where he lives in self-imposed exile and is facing a police investigation on money laundering charges.

MQM also accused the Rangers of killing one of their young workers, Waqas Ali Shah, during the raid. Rangers say the young man was killed with a handheld gun that their personnel do not use. Journalist Mazhar Abbas said the operation was expected ever since the Rangers issued a report last month, blaming MQM for a deadly factory fire that killed more than 250 people. The report said the factory was burned down when the owners refused to pay extortion money to an MQM official – another charge the party denied. Pakistan's biggest city, Karachi had been in the throws of violence for several years. Criminal activity had intensified, targeted killings, extortion and kidnappings had become common and stories of militant strongholds appeared in international media. Throughout this time, MQM, the port city's most powerful political party, was often accused of being behind most of this violence. MQM has always called these allegation false. The current Rangers action was part of an ongoing operation that started in late 2013 to rid Karachi of criminal elements.

**ISLAMABAD:** After an interval of 7 years, the nation is set to celebrate Pakistan Day under tight security measures. The security arrangements include a detail of 1200 policemen in Islamabad and 20 closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras to monitor the ongoing parade. The task of setting up the cameras has been handed over to the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA). The traffic police are formulating a special plan to deal with the traffic in the areas of Faizabad, Highway and Zero-point. In light of added security measures, notifications have been issued to close 41 madrassas and shrines falling within 2-kilometer radius of the parade zone till March 24. The marriage halls in the vicinity of parade area have also been notified to reschedule all events taking place on the 23rd March. The local administration has also advised the owners of the guesthouses to display responsibility as the event approaches and to report any suspicious person to police immediately.

The federal authorities have sought details of the medical staff serving in the hospitals of the federal capital also. In addition, the guesthouses have also been given instruction to take the identity cards of any person that stays at their facility during that period. Police has arrested nine outlaws and five suspects also during high vigilance in the city besides recovering narcotics and weapons from their possession, a police spokesman said. He further said Islamabad IGP Tahir Alam Khan directed all SDPOs and SHOs to enhance patrolling as well as checking in various areas of the city and conduct search operation at slum areas, Afghan habitats, under construction buildings, workshops, bus stands and inns. Following his directions, sub-divisional police officer performing in Islamabad headed this search operation. Station house officers of Tarnol and Shehzad Town police stations along with police team conducted search in the area of Dorrar, area near EME College, Faisal Colony, Margalla Town and under construction buildings as well as plazas there. Police teams succeeded to nab 5 suspects who are being investigated further. Police teams of Secretariat, Margalla, Tarnol, Sabzi Mandi and Koral police arrested nine accused namely Muddassir, Hassan, Sami Shaikh, Sohail Khan, Faisal, Saqib Basheer, Ifnan

### **Pakistan imported \$1.65bn security equipment** *The News, March 11, 2015*

### **Pakistan to register 1.4m Afghan refugees by July: minister** *The Express Tribune, March 11, 2015*

### **Pakistan to offer JF-17 jets to Bulgaria** *The Express Tribune, March 11, 2015*

Anwer, Akbar and Gulfam.

Meanwhile Rawalpindi Police register seven cases for renting rules violations. According to details, police have registered cases against seven property landlords on violation of Punjab Information of Temporary Residence Ordinance 2015, as the accused did not pass on the required particulars about their tenants to the police. According to Rawalpindi police spokesman, Waris Khan police registered FIRs against house owners namely Shahid and Ashraf for not giving the record of their tenants. Cant police also lodged FIRs against hotel owners identified as Hoshiyar Khan, Idrees Khan, Attique ur Rehman, Mehtab Hussain and Zafar Jameel on the violation of the rules. Following the directions of Rawalpindi, City Police Officer (CPO) Israr Ahmed Khan Abbasi action in accordance with the law is being taken against hotels and houses owners not keeping records of their guests/tenants.

**KARACHI:** Public and private sector of Pakistan imported security and safety equipment worth \$1.65 billion in 2014 in order to cope with the security situation of the country, Managing Director, Pegasus Consultancy, Aamer Khanzada said. Khanzada, while addressing a large gathering at the 11th International Safe and Secure Exhibition, said the expo is aimed to address the safety and security needs of the region by bringing together major international and local exhibitors to display latest technology. The three day expo took place at Pak-China Friendship Centre, Islamabad and was attended by 250 companies from 31 different countries. Maj Gen. Asghar Nawaz, Chairman NDMA (National Disaster Management Authority) appreciated the role of Pegasus Consultancy for organizing the event and said being a disaster manager, we cannot prevent the disasters but the risks can be reduced with better preparation in response to the effects.

Director General, Punjab Emergency Services and Emergency Services Academy, Dr Rizwan Naseer appreciated the role of Rescue 1122. "Rescue 1122 has managed thousands of fire incidents successfully, but still more professionalism in the safety and security industry is required," he said. He added that these types of international exhibitions bring an interactive platform for the exchange of industry knowledge. Anwar A. Ghauri General Secretary Fire and Security Association of Pakistan appreciated the role of Pegasus consultancy in organizing the event and bringing local and international exhibitors on a single platform third time in Islamabad. The products displayed at the expo included, intelligence equipment, firefighting equipment, industrial safety equipment, alarm systems, access control systems, surveillance cameras, thermal imaging cameras, fire resistant door, industrial safety shoes, fire protection paints and security software.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan plans to register 1.4 million Afghan refugees currently living in the country illegally by July, the Minister for States said Frontier Regions Lt General (retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch on Wednesday. There are an estimated three million Afghan refugees living in Pakistan either officially or unofficially, most of whom left their country to escape conflict in the 1980s and 1990s. But they are viewed with deep suspicion inside Pakistan and routinely accused by authorities of harbouring militants, increasingly so after the December 16 attack on a school in Peshawar. "We have agreed to form a committee to ensure registration of unregistered Afghan refugees, which will be completed in four months," Baloch said at a press conference with his Afghan counterpart. The minister said there were 1.6 million registered Afghan refugees and another 1.4 million unregistered Afghan refugees in the country. The minister added that representatives of Afghanistan, Pakistan and UNHCR would contact to global donor agencies for help in repatriating the refugees once the registration process is complete.

Pakistan had earlier set a target of repatriating all Afghan refugees by December this year; however, the minister said the deadline might be extended as it was a "difficult" task. Afghan minister for Refugees and Repatriation, Sayed Hossein Alimi Balkhi said there was a perception in Afghanistan that Afghan refugees are being harassed in Pakistan after the Taliban massacred nearly 150 people, mostly children, at a Peshawar school. "But document suggested that there were no such things, the Pakistani people are very generous and kind to their Afghan guests," he added. However, in February the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) said more than 30,000 Afghans living in Pakistan had returned home since the start of the year after coming under intense scrutiny following the Peshawar school attack. The dignified repatriation of Afghan refugees was top priority of his country and the national government of Afghanistan, Balkhi added.

#### **Government releases Rs1.5bn for TDPs: Dar**

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar has said that the government has released an amount of Rs1.5 billion for repatriation and rehabilitation of Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs), Radio Pakistan reported. He disclosed this during a meeting with a two-member delegation at the GHQ on Wednesday. Financial requirements and measures for repatriation and rehabilitation of the TDPs were reviewed in detail in the meeting.

**WARSAW:** Pakistan plans on offering its PAC JF-17 Thunder fighter jets to Bulgaria in a bid to acquire 16 combat aircraft for its military, reports Defene News. According to Bulgarian news agency Nevinite, the Bulgarian Air Force is aiming to replace its outdated Soviet-designed Mikoyan MiG-21 aircraft. Up till now, Bulgaria's Defense Ministry has shortlisted three offers which include US bid of F-16s, Eurofighter Typhoon and Sweden's Gripen. Recently, Bulgarian Defense Minister Nikolai Nenchev said he aimed to visit the United States in the first quarter of 2015 to discuss potential procurement. JF-17's first prototype was launched in May 2003. Since then, the Pakistan Aeronautical Complex and China's Chengdu Aircraft have been jointly producing the jet since 2007.

If the Bulgarian government decides to acquire the JF-17, Pakistan would become the aircraft's first foreign operator. The aircraft is enabled with a service ceiling of 55,500 feet and a maximum speed of 700 knots, according to data released by Pakistan Aeronautical Complex. The



### Operation across Sindh to continue till lasting peace is restored: IGP

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### 31 Afghans arrested in Diamer, sent to Peshawar

*Daily Dawn, March 10, 2015*

### Dignified repatriation: Body to document Afghan refugees

*The Express Tribune, March 10, 2015*

### Exchange of fire: Top Taliban commander gunned down

*The Express Tribune, March 10, 2015*

Islamabad-based manufacturer says that the fighter jet's glass cockpit and hands-on throttle and stick controls reduce pilot workload, and it can be armed with beyond-visual-range active missiles with a range of 70 to 100 kilometers, and highly agile imaging infrared short-range missiles.

**SHIKARPUR:** The recent unearthing of a bomb-making factory in Abdul Khaliq Pindrani Brohi village of the Sultankot area and the subsequent arrest of suspects involved in the Jan 30 bombing of Shikarpur's central imambargah was a breakthrough in eliminating the network of terrorist outfits in Sindh. This was stated by Inspector-General of Police Ghulam Haider Jamali while speaking to journalists at a reception hosted by Shikarpur SSP Saqib Ismail Memon at his residence on Monday. Referring to the unrest among the Shia community in Shikarpur, he said it was wrong to say that the pace of investigation into the imambargah bombing was slow, adding that not only the clue to the actual culprits had been found but those linked with the terrorist network had either been arrested or identified. He said suspects of other acts of terrorism in Sindh including the Ghulam Shah Marri shrine bomb attack and the Shabirabad (previously Napierabad) incident had also been arrested.

The IGP said that the Sindh police and other law enforcement agencies were making joint efforts to curb terrorism and other criminal activities including kidnapping for ransom and extortion across the province in general and Karachi in particular. He said action was being taken against all terrorists and criminals without considering their political or religious affiliation. He claimed that a remarkable reduction in heinous crimes was noted after launching of operations in Shikarpur, Karachi, Hyderabad, Jamshoro and other areas. **SUKKUR:** At a press conference held in the office of the Sukkur DIG, the Sindh police chief said the law and order situation in Karachi had registered a significant improvement due to the Rangers-led operation, which would continued until lasting peace was restored to that city. He said terrorists and criminals were using more sophisticated arms and equipment than those possessed by the Sindh police but now police were suitably equipped with modern weapons, strong vehicles and helicams to detect and overrun criminals' hideouts.

**GILGIT:** Diamer police on Monday arrested 31 Afghan nationals and sent them to Peshawar. Diamer Superintendent of Police Rauf Qaiserani told Dawn that the local police arrested 31 Afghan nationals, including women and children, for staying illegally in the district. He said that the arrested Afghan nationals had been shifted to a refugee camp in Peshawar. Last week, the Gilgit-Baltistan government had ordered all Afghan nationals living in Diamer district to leave the region voluntarily, or they would be shifted to refugee camps in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The police official said that Diamer police would make all efforts to ensure implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) in letter and spirit. Mr Qaiserani said that police accompanied by Diamer deputy commissioner Usman Ahmad also conducted search operation in Chilas district jail and recovered cell phones, knives and other instruments from prisoners. He said that jail officials had been directed to step up security at the jail.

**PESHAWAR:** Pakistan and Afghanistan have agreed to devise a methodology for documentation of unregistered Afghan refugees in the country. The methodology will be worked out by a NADRA committee, commissionerate for Afghan refugees and the ministry of refugees and repatriation. The decision was made during a meeting led by Governor Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Mehtab Ahmad Khan with a nine-member delegation headed by Afghan Minister for Refugees and Repatriation Sayed Hussain Alimi Balkhi in Peshawar on Monday. The K-P governor assured Pakistan's full support to the Afghan government and internal organisations in dignified repatriation of the Afghan refugees back to their home country, said a handout issued by the Governor House. He said no crackdown will be launched against the registered Afghan refugees in Pakistan. However, due to security concerns in the present circumstances, action will be taken against the unregistered Afghans in the country.

For the documentation of the unregistered Afghan refugees, a committee comprising representatives of Nadra, Commissionerate for Afghan refugees, Pakistan and ministry for refugees and repatriation, Afghanistan will devise a proper and possible plan for their registration. The Afghan minister appreciated the Pakistan government and people for hosting Afghan refugees for decades, saying the Ghani government has an appropriate plan for the dignified repatriation of Afghans. The meeting was attended by K-P Chief Minister Pervez Khattak, Minister for States and Frontier Regions Abdul Qadir Baloch, K-P Chief Secretary Amjad Ali Khan and K-P police chief Nasir Khan Durrani.

**KARACHI:** A Taliban leader was shot dead along with three of his companions during an alleged encounter with law enforcers in the city on Monday night.

#### The latest encounter

Abid alias Chota Abid, the Karachi commander of a Taliban splinter group, was killed along with three of his companions who were later identified as Fareed Khan alias Lala, Amjad and Sardar Rab during an exchange of fire with the police and Rangers on Monday night in Surjani Town. Law enforcers claim the encounter took place when the police and Rangers conducted a raid at the militants' hideout after they received information about presence of Chota Abid — the Taliban's Karachi chapter commander, in the area. The law enforcers also claim to have recovered suicide jackets and explosives from the hideout. Chota Abid, according to the police, was an expert in making motorcycle-borne improvised explosive devices and was suspected of being the mastermind behind attacks on law enforcement agencies. The police suspect that the group was plotting more attacks. The deceased commander was the successor of Abid Mucchar — another TTP commander of the Karachi chapter who was killed in an alleged encounter with the Rangers in Musharraf Colony, Hawke's Bay Road, in December last year. Sources claim that Chota Abid was running the group after Mucchar's death. The source added that Chota Abid was dealing with the Taliban and running its operations in the city. Another leader with the same



### Govt lifts death penalty moratorium completely: officials

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### Handcuffed: Seven militants, commander held

*The Express Tribune, March 10, 2015*

name, Abid alias Abid Choto, was killed with four companions in an exchange of fire with the Rangers in Manghopir in June, 2014. "Three commanders with the same name, Abid, have been killed," said a former SHO of the Manghopir police station, Nasir Mehmood. "The bad news is that there are still two Abids — Abid Sankay and Abid Tor — who are alive and operating in District West."

#### The target

Over 200 suspected militants belonging to different groups of the Taliban have been killed while several others were arrested during encounters and raids conducted by the police and Rangers in the city since the Karachi operation started in 2013. Most of these alleged encounters have taken place in areas considered to be Taliban strongholds, Sohrab Goth, Gulshan-e-Maymar, Bin Qasim Town, Landhi, Manghopir, Sultanabad and SITE. Law enforcers and militants, according to a source, have been giving each other a tough time, particularly in Karachi. Besides Mucchar, Choto and Chota, several other commanders, including Sher Khan Mehsud, Sher Zaman Mehsud, Fakhruddin alias Fakhr and Misbah Mehsud have been killed by the police and Rangers in various encounters. Top Taliban commanders such as Azizullah Shanzai, Zikria Mehsud, Khan Zaman Mehsud and Zawwel Mehsud are still alive and operating in the city from Manghopir and Sohrab Goth. So far the police have been unable to trace them. "Initially, all of them worked with the Hakeemullah Mehsud group," said senior police officer Ashfaq Baloch. "Soon after, fights broke out among them, mostly over finances and turf. Many of them formed their own splinter groups, such as the Waliur Rehman, Hikmatyar and Maulvi Fazlullah groups." He added that the militants had also started to target each other. An officer, who did not wish to be named, said that the group will find a replacement for Chota Abid soon, just as they did for Mucchar.

**ISLAMABAD:** The interior ministry has lifted its moratorium on the death penalty in all capital cases, officials said Tuesday, after restarting executions for terrorism offences in the wake of the Peshawar school massacre. The interior ministry has directed provincial governments to proceed with hangings for prisoners who had exhausted all avenues of appeal and clemency, a senior interior ministry official told AFP. Another government official confirmed the news. Pakistan has hanged 24 convicts since resuming executions in December after Taliban militants gunned down more than 150 people, most of them children, at a school in the restive northwest. The partial lifting of the moratorium only applied to those convicted of terrorism offences, but officials said it has now been extended. "The government has lifted the moratorium on the death penalty," the senior interior ministry official told AFP.

"The interior ministry has directed the provincial home departments to expedite the executions of all condemned prisoners whose mercy petitions have been rejected by the president." Until December's resumption, there had been no civilian hangings in Pakistan since 2008. Only one person was executed in that time — a soldier convicted by a court martial and hanged in November 2012. Rights campaign group Amnesty International estimates that Pakistan has more than 8,000 prisoners on death row, most of whom have exhausted the appeals process. Supporters of the death penalty in Pakistan argue that it is the only effective way to deal with the scourge of militancy. The courts system is notoriously slow, with cases frequently dragging on for years, and there is a heavy reliance on witness testimony and very little protection for judges and prosecutors. This means terror cases are hard to prosecute, as extremists are able to intimidate witnesses and lawyers into dropping charges. Rights groups and the European Union have been highly critical of the resumption of executions.

#### Rights groups condemn lifting of moratorium

Criticising the government's decision, human rights organisations said people who witnessed 'unfair' trials will now fall prey to the penalty. Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) chairperson Zohra Yusuf while speaking to The Express Tribune said the quality of investigation and prosecution was poor in the country. "A person is tortured to confess and on that confession, he may be handed down the death penalty. There is no way to bring him back to life in case he had an unfair trial or was forced to confess." According to the HRCP, there are currently around 8,300 prisoners on the death row in the country. Citing the case of Shafqat Hussain, Yusuf said in the absence of a good lawyer, no one raised the issue of juvenility when Shafqat was awarded the death penalty by the ATC in 2004 at the age of 14. "With the lifting of the moratorium, I foresee more hangings in future which is sad," she added. Further, executive director of the Justice Project Pakistan (JPP) Sarah Belal said the government has gone back on its word in two months when it said only terrorists would be hanged. "There is immeasurable injustice in Pakistan's criminal justice system, with a rampant culture of police torture, inadequate counsel and unfair trials. Despite knowing this, the government has irresponsibly brought back capital punishment, condemning the lives of its most vulnerable citizens and possibly children to death," Belal said in a statement.

**KARACHI:** The commander of a banned militant outfit and seven of his accomplices were apprehended by the Anti-Extremist Cell (AEC) of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday. Officials said that the militants arrived in the city from Waziristan, allegedly to carry out a major terror activity. They added that explosives and weapons were seized from the militants. The arrests were made after an exchange of fire between the CTD officials and militants when the CTD conducted a raid at the militants' hideout in Ittehad Town, Baldia. AEC in-charge Ali Raza claimed that his team carried out a raid on information that a commander of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's Swat chapter and his accomplices were staying there. He claimed to have recovered nearly 50 kilogrammes of explosives, 10 ball bombs, three rifles, eight TT pistols and two motorcycles. The officer did not disclose the identity of the militants. He did, however, add that they were going to make more arrests based on information provided by those who were arrested.

### Homecoming: Registration begins as SWA IDPs pack bags to return home

*The Express Tribune, March 10, 2015*

**DI KHAN:** Registration of South Waziristan Agency's displaced persons has begun at its political compound in Tank. Speaking to The Express Tribune, an SWA political administration (PA) official said the process began on Sunday and will continue until March 11, with approximately 8,000 families slated to return to 14 villages of the agency. IDPs are breathing a sigh of relief as their six-year-long displacement comes to an end. The exodus of tribespeople from SWA began in 2009 when Pakistan Army launched Operation Rah-e-Nijat against militants. "The repatriation will begin from March 16 for which all arrangements have already been made," the official said, adding the IDPs will return to eight villages in Sarwakai tehsil and six in Sararogha tehsil. The PA official said each family will be provided a stipend of Rs. 25,000 and edibles sufficient for six months. "We will also provide free transportation facilities," he said.

The registration process, much to the delight of returning tribespeople from across the country, is in full swing. A large number of families have already arrived from Karachi, but lack of appropriate documents remains a problem. Abdul Majid, an IDP who returned all the way from Karachi, told *The Express Tribune* that authorities will only issue the Watan Card and travel permit to him. "I have a CNIC issue hence have been denied other promised privileges," he said. SWA Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl MNA Maulana Jamaluddin said the IDPs have travelled from one city to another in search of facilities in their own country. Demanding registration papers and CNICs will only add to their humiliation. "I had raised the issue with federal minister Abdul Qadir Baloch and Governor Sardar Mehtab Ahmad. They promised to look into the matter but no arrangements have been made to facilitate those who are not in possession of CNICs," he said.

A total of 11,924 families out of 79,000 have so far returned to their homes after the military offensive ended in approximately five months. Another PA official said between 2009 and 2013, 107,000 families were registered and their data was forwarded to the National Database and Registration Authority. "CNICs have been issued to 67,500 so far," he added. Centralisation of data collection has been a perennial issue with the IDPs as figures from the Federal Disaster Management Authority, political administrations and security forces contradict each other. "Infrastructural development projects are under way in the hometowns of the returning IDPs," said SWA Political Agent Islam Zeb, while speaking to the media. "The government is well aware of the miseries of Mehsud tribespeople. It is time we employ all resources at our disposal and bring the neglected people into the mainstream," he said.

### TDPs Statistics

*FDMA, March 10, 2015*

Agency	Total Registration	NADRA Verified	Registered Return	Spontaneous Return	Un-Registered Return	Active for Food	Total Balance
Bajaur	86,407	72,895	72,895	0	0	0	0
FR-Tank	2,256	2,228	1,852	0	0	376	376
Khyber	176,396	97,367	11,260	0	15,730	86,107	86,107
Kurram	56,122	47,802	21,937	6,135	2,022	19,730	25,865
Mohmand	48,954	36,759	36,759	0	0	0	0
NWA	102,047	101,788	0	0	0	101,788	101,788
Orakzai	48,656	38,275	8,660	8,367	14,114	21,248	29,615
SWA	94,096	71,124	4,146	44	7,455	40,988	66,978
Grand Total	614,934	468,238	157,509	14,546	39,321	270,237	310,729

## PUBLIC SERVICES

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#### **Shutdown notice**

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#### **Education dept admits its 'inefficiency' before SHC**

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#### **KP Governor for giving national priority to education**

*Geo Tv, March 14, 2015*

#### **CDA fails to verify educational certificates of its staff**

*Pakistan Today, March 14, 2015*

### DETAILS

**FAISALABAD:** The Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) has issued a shutdown notice for necessary repair, maintenance and expansion of electricity lines. According to the notice issued by the company, power supply from Miani feeder emanating from 132-KV Samundri Road grid station will remain suspended from 9 am to 3 pm while Rodala, Faisalabad Road and Bucheki Road feeders originating from 132-KV Jaranwala grid station, Ali Abad feeder emanating from 132-KV Sitiana grid station, Lathianwala and Fakhar Abad feeders originating from 132-KV Khurarianwala grid station will observe shutdown from 9 am to 1 pm on Monday (March 16). Similarly, electricity supply from all feeders of 132-KV HB Shah, Jhang City, Jhang-II and Khewa grid stations will also remain suspended from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm on March 16.

The Sindh education department has shown its inability to enforce particular provision of 'Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2013' which mandates the private schools to provide free education to at least 10 per cent students of their total strength and bounds government to monitor inflated fees charged by the schools. The provincial authorities had informed the Sindh High Court's division bench that they could not implement provision of the Act on account of pendency of petitions of management of the private schools through which the government's power to enforce free education in private schools and check fees charged by them was questioned. In response to the court notice, the Sindh education department's secretary submitted a report in a petition filed by the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (PILER), Aurat Foundation, and other NGOs against the provincial government for failing to provide free and compulsory education to all children. Petitioner's counsel submitted that the petition had served its purpose as most of the prayers had been acceded by the government. He said the Act 2013 mandates the private schools to provide free education to at least 10 per cent of students of total strength and further bounds the government to monitor exorbitant fees charged by private schools' management.

However, the education department showed its inability to enforce this particular provision of the Act on account of pendency of various petitions. The judges were told that this court had granted stay order against government's power to control and monitor the fees charged by schools, whereas, another petition filed to question government's right to enforce free education in private schools was also pending. In order to decide these petitions swiftly, the court directed its office to club together all four petitions and fix for hearing before the same bench after issuance of notice to all concerned. Earlier the petitioners, represented by advocate Faisal Siddiqui, submitted that education was a fundamental right recognised under Article 9 of the Constitution and this right to education was also enshrined in Article 37(b) of the Principles of Policies. They said that after the passage of the 18th Amendment, provincial governments are bound to ensure provision of free education to all children between the ages of five to 16 years but the government had failed to do so. The counsel argued that education is a fundamental right which the government could not refuse to anyone. He said failure of the education department to provide free and compulsory education to all children was unconstitutional, adding the government was also under a constitutional obligation to check and monitor exorbitant fees charged by private schools.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan Saturday said that it is imperative to give education the national priority as this is essential for national cohesion and prosperity. Addressing as the chief guest at the 2nd Convocation of Islamia College University of Peshawar, the Governor said it is an era of science, technology and research and stressed the need for development in information technology, science and qualitative research for putting the country and the nation on the road to prosperity. The Governor congratulated the distinguished students and their parents and said you have a great future and you have to compete with the rest of the world and earn good name for your country and added that the graduates must realize this world of knowledge.

The Governor said that we can achieve the objective of education only if it is supplemented by character building of our younger generations. "They must have a clear sense of our history, our cultural values and religious principles," he added. Felicitating all the graduating students, the governor also wished them a successful future. "Whatever you do, do it with love and passion, respect yourself and respect others, be tolerant and open hearted, strive hard and aim high," he further advised the students. Appreciating the services of this great institution, the Governor said that Islamia College is not just a College but also stands for a great vision and its students and faculty have led and served the nation in an exemplary manner during the last 100 years. Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Dr Ajmal Khan also highlighted salient features of the achievements as well as performance of the university. Earlier the Governor awarded degrees and medals to graduates.

Capital Development Authority (CDA) is still unable to verify educational certificates of its staff from the respective boards raising suspicions that employees have fake degrees. In the year 2011, former prime minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani had ordered verification of the degrees and certificates of officials and employees working in CDA. Action would be taken against the employee working in the organization with fake educational documents. Establishment Division asked CDA to implement the orders of Prime minister in year 2012. CDA decided to form a separate section for investigating the matter. The Security Department was given the task to verify the certificates and degrees of employees working in Grade 1-16. But when tempo of fake degrees started to increase investigation transferred to Director Human Resource to keep inquiry aside. Orders were given that 1,200 employees will submit their degrees from grade 17 onwards

## Maleeha says Pakistan striving to expand opportunities for girls' education

*Daily Times, March 14, 2015*

to secretary board, who will be verifying their education degrees. Practical Implementation of law in CDA can be gauged from fact that so far only 35 degrees have been verified.

**UNITED NATIONS:** Pakistan is confronting the challenge of girls' education through innovative schemes and pilot projects, with the objective of scaling up the successful models, while addressing the gender gap in the system, Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi told a side-event as the UN Commission on the status of women continues its deliberations. Speaking at the event on "Catalytic partnerships for gender equality in education," organized by UNESCO on "Catalytic partnerships for gender equality in education," she told a packed-to-capacity auditorium of the education voucher scheme in Punjab and conditional grants in education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, saying they were working well. Ambassador Lodhi also referred to the pilot project under the Benazir income support programme of conditional cash grants to mothers who can demonstrate that their 5 to 12 year olds are enrolled in school and have better than 70 % attendance records.

She said for too long many developing countries have accepted a narrative of failure that focuses on what is not happening rather than what is, and what can happen. Inspired by this spirit Pakistan is trying to address the gender gap in education through different kinds of partnerships. Asked during the question-answer-session about the terrorist attack on the army public school in Peshawar, she said this tragedy had united people in the resolve to stand up to and defeat the dark and tyrannical forces of violent extremists. The determination of students to return to their school spoke of the resilient character of the Pakistani people. Ambassador Lodhi spoke at length about how low-cost private schools were changing the education landscape, making education accessible to may more people from under privileged backgrounds not just in towns and villages but also in rural Pakistan. She also talked about what she described the "power of Malala", the spirit inspiring girls to go to school and increasingly outperform boys.

She said one of the reasons why Malala had captured the imagination of people the world over is because she symbolized the non-negotiable and urgent need to make education an integral part of growing up for every girl, in every country and for all times. Although Pakistan faced many imposing challenges it was trying to address the pivotal issues of increasing enrolment rates for girls and ensuring they stayed to carry on with their secondary and higher education. In the evening, heads of diplomatic missions accredited to the United Nations, senior UN officials, academics and prominent citizens attended a reception hosted by Munir Akram, a former Pakistan ambassador to the UN, and Ambassador Sahebzada A. Khan, Pakistan's deputy permanent representative to the UN, to introduce Ambassador Lodhi. The reception, held at the Pakistan House, was well-attended. Akram paid tributes to Ambassador Lodhi's diplomatic and journalistic skills and wished her a successful tenure at the UN. Ambassador Lodhi said she would do her best to highlight Pakistan's positions on key international issues and to further enhance its standing at the UN.

## Special purpose: Fatima Group to establish transmission company

*The Express Tribune, March 14, 2015*

**KARACHI:** Fatima Group, which is building Pakistan's first independent power project (IPP) that will directly sell electricity to bulk consumers has also sought permission to establish a special purpose transmission company. Its subsidiary, Fatima Energy Limited (FEL), is constructing a 120-megawatt (MW) power plant at a cost of \$250 million in Muzaffargarh, which is unique since it does not add pressure on the government to pay a guaranteed tariff. The company will also directly sell electricity to bulk consumers. Under the model, FEL will work out the price of electricity with its own bulk consumers and use the national grid to transport it. This would require it to pay rent to the state-controlled National Transmission and Distribution Company (NTDC). The model is called private-to-private (P2P) business model. However, for this to happen, Multan Electric Power Company Limited (MEPCO), which has exclusive rights for supplying power in southern Punjab, has to lay the necessary infrastructure. "MEPCO told us they don't have the money to do that. So, we have to build our own transmission lines from the power plant up to the point where it can be connected to the grid," said a company official. "We plan to start commercial operations of the power plant by March 2016 and cannot take any risks," he said, adding the FEL has taken loans to finance the project.

For the purpose, the group has established a special purpose Fatima Transmission Company Limited (FTCL) and asked the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority to issue the relevant licence. FTCL will build a 37-kilometre long double circuit transmission that will run over 150 towers. "We are still in talks with authorities to figure out how the cost of this project will be recovered. It will probably be adjusted in the wheeling tariff," said the official. The concept of selling power directly to bulk customers eliminates uproar that surrounds inefficient power producers being allowed to cheat public. FEL, which will run on a mix of bagasse and coal, is the first IPP that would not rely on government guarantees, subsidies, tariffs and all the other assorted benefits to produce and sell energy. It would be up to the company and its consumers to decide the power tariff. Under a wheeling agreement, which covers the use of the national grid by power producers, Fatima will pay MEPCO a certain fee to use its transmission lines. When the project was conceived, sponsors were hoping to sell half of the power to NTDC – but it was severely criticised by some officials who insisted that Fatima Energy was more a captive power plant than an IPP. Now, the company is going to sell the power to bulk consumers who are subsidiary companies of the group that include Fatima Sugar, Fazal Cloth Mills, Reliance Weaving Mills and Pak-Arab Fertilizer after signing separate power purchase agreements.

## NEPRA says K-Electric charging bank fees twice

*Daily Dawn, March 14, 2015*

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) has accused the K-Electric (KE) of concealing facts and charging since 2006 its consumers bank charges twice. In an order issued on Friday, the regulator directed the KE to "immediately stop charging of Rs8 as bank collection charges from its consumers, being illegal, unlawful and unjustified". It asked the company to submit details of amounts it had collected over the past 10 years so that it could be refunded to consumers. "At present, K-Electric is charging bank collection charges in duplication i.e. through tariff as cost of O&M which was Rs2 per bill in multi-year tariff determination .increasing to Rs6.23 (in 2013-14) and through electricity bills at Rs8 per bill per month", the



### Funds for projects: Wapda to re-evaluate its assets

*Business Recorder, March 14, 2015*

### Pakistan to produce 3600 MW electricity with LNG

regulator noted. Nepra said the KE had been charging bank collection charges since 2002 under a multi-year tariff approved by the regulator at Rs2 per bill as part of operation and maintenance expense, rising to Rs6.23 per bill in 2013-14 due to its indexation with inflation and reached Rs8 per bill per month now.

Separately, the distribution companies requested NEPRA to allow bank charges recovery from consumers as the State Bank of Pakistan increased collection charges from Rs2 to Rs8 in 2006. The regulator after hearing the case allowed such charges. It said the KE instead of seeking regulator's approval unilaterally started collecting bank charges at Rs8 per bill. When questioned by NEPRA, the utility applied afresh for bank charges but "concealed the fact from the authority regarding presence of bank collection charges in its multi-year tariff". It said a number of hearings were held where the KE repeatedly stated that bank collection charges were not part of its operation and maintenance cost in the multi-year tariff. A number of letters were exchanged between 2006 and 2014 but despite Nepra's orders to stop collecting bank charges twice, the KE went on with the illegal activity. The regulator noted that the record revealed that 'bank collection charges' of the Karachi-based power utility stood at Rs24 million in 1999 gradually increasing to Rs33.6 million in 2001. The company's financial statements for 2002 noted Rs44.2 million as 'service and billing expense. Subsequent financial statements also showed bill collection charges at Rs2 per bill were part of the overall O&M cost and the collection amount reached Rs100 million in 2013-14.

The regulator said the KE was granted multi-year tariff whose spirit required that tariff was locked for certain a period of time. "During that locked period, KE cannot claim any other expense or charge, any other cost in any head to the consumer and it can only claim certain pre-determined adjustments and variations as expressly provided in the multi-year tariff determinations and its adjustment mechanisms".

**K-ELECTRIC VERSION:** The KE criticised Nepra's decision on bank charges and termed it illegal and in violation of Nepra rules and regulations. KE spokesman Usama Qureshi said in a statement the regulator had itself directed KE to collect these charges from consumers. He said that on May 27, 2010, NEPRA had clearly termed such collections as 'lawful'. "This was further approved by Nepra in tariff terms and conditions to be collected separately," he said, adding that again on July 2013 Nepra confirmed that such charges were in accordance with its approval. He said all DISCOs have included these bank charges in their tariffs while the KE kept them separately on its bill to show transparency. The KE spokesman said there was confusion among NEPRA officials on the issue and they should try to understand it before contradicting their own earlier decisions. He claimed there was no sort of duplication of such charges as claimed by NEPRA.

The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has decided to re-evaluate its assets under the present market rates and offer part of these assets to the public as shares on a need basis. In a meeting held at the Wapda House on Friday, with Chairman Zafar Mahmood in the chair, it was decided that the authority would pursue this possibility in earnest and use its standing as a commercial sector entity to generate funds for its projects so that it could play its mandated role effectively to develop water and hydropower sectors. The meeting discussed about the abundant water resources while Pakistan has only managed to develop 14 percent of the storage capacity of surface water against a world average of 40 percent. It said over the years that too have considerably eroded because of rising sedimentation. The meeting was told, "The country has a total hydropower potential of about 100,000 megawatts with an identified potential of 60,000 megawatts. Despite possessing this enormous potential for generation of low-cost electricity, Pakistan has so far been able to generate just 7,000 megawatts of hydel electricity, which is merely a fraction of total identified potential, and the financial difficulties are at the heart of non-development of hydropower resources."

It then discussed about the implementation of the Indus Basin Replacement works that include two mega dams, Mangla and Tarbela, five barrages, eight inter-river canals and one siphon carried out by WAPDA with assistance of the World Bank as a lead agency, following the signing of the Indus Basin Treaty in 1960. It went on, "After the construction of the Mangla and Tarbela Dams and of their power stations, the finance ministry used to determine the end-consumer tariff, which retained built-in financial cushion, thus enabling Wapda to build future projects. With financial space so available to WAPDA during those days, it was able to build several projects such as thermal power plants Jamshoro and Muzaffargarh. "However, the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority took over the role of tariff determination, after its establishment. WAPDA is now being treated like other IPPs for tariff determination and the present mechanism for power tariff determination for Wapda hydel generation does not have any fiscal space for implementation of future projects.

"As a result of difficulties in arrangement of funds, WAPDA has failed to attain Financial Close for ongoing 969-megawatt Neelum-Jhelum, 106-megawatt Golen Gol and other hydropower projects. Because of narrowing down of fiscal space both locally as well as internationally, financial constraints are creating hurdles in the execution of other projects, such as Diamer Basha Dam, Dasu and Bunji Hydropower Projects. WAPDA has approached capital markets to generate funds to build its projects by issuing Wapda Bonds and Sukuk Bonds." The meeting then praised the authority over having never defaulted on those bonds, though it did mention about the issuance of such bonds as having its own limitations since they were being accompanied by sovereign guarantees. The meeting also came to know that the value of assets owned by the authority ran into billions of rupees and it was decided then that the authority's assets to be re-evaluated under the market rates to assess their present value.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan will produce 3600 Mega Watt (MW) additional electricity with LNG imported from Qatar. As per detail, a comprehensive plan has been prepared to overcome energy crisis and provide relief to people. According to Radio Pakistan quoting official sources that

*Customs Today, March 14, 2015*

### **Pakistan signs agreement with Qatar for LNG import**

*Pakistan Today, March 13, 2015*

### **If dues are not paid, electricity will not be provided: Asif**

*Geo Tv, March 13, 2015*

### **PM orders to complete current electricity projects on emergency basis**

*Dunya News, March 13, 2015*

### **3P-Pakistan 2015: Bol chief claims end to energy crisis in two years**

*Business Recorder, March 13, 2015*

### **APCNGA for tapping new local resources as well as import of LNG**

*The Statesman, March 13, 2015*

several hydel, solar and wind energy projects have been launched to eliminate load-shedding.

Sources also said that 13 billion dollars will be spent on power generation through alternative sources. Steps are also being taken to control power theft and to replace old and obsolete power transmission to avoid line losses, they added.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan on Friday signed an agreement with Qatar for the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in order to reduce the cost of power generation.

Talking to media representatives in Islamabad, Federal Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said that the first shipment of LNG will reach Pakistan by the end of March. He claimed the power generation cost through LNG will reduce by 40 per cent as compared to diesel. The Minister also said that the LNG import price will be submitted before the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) for approval. "Pakistan heavily relies on its import of furnace oil and diesel to fuel power stations and both fuels are relatively expensive as compared to LNG, which is cheaper and a more efficient alternative. LNG is also cleaner and considered environment-friendly," said Abbasi.

**ISLAMABAD:** Federal Minister for Water and Power, Khwaja Asif said on Friday that electricity supply to areas where dues are not paid will be discontinued. Speaking to journalists after attending a memorial event for two WAPDA employees, Asif said if the need arises, transformers will be removed from areas where electricity theft is rampant.

Asif added, that for the first time industries are not facing load-shedding. The infrastructure is being upgraded, however areas where theft is rampant will require more attention, the minister said.

**ISLAMABAD –** Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif ordered on Thursday to complete the current electricity generating projects on emergency basis. While talking in Islamabad he said that the time span of load shedding in summer should not be more than 6 hours in urban and 8 hours in rural areas. PM Nawaz Sharif chaired the 11th meeting of cabinet's committee for power and electricity. PM ordered to start an action plan unit to complete running electricity projects and complete Jamshoro Power Plant till 2018. The projects of generating 3600 megawatt electricity through LNG were also discussed during the meeting. PM said that LNG projects should be finished before February 2017.

Board of Investment Pakistan Chairman Dr Miftah Ismail has claimed that the energy shortage in the country will be overcome in the next two years. He told reporters at the 11th International Plastic, Printing and Packaging Exhibition (3P-Pakistan 2015) that local products' exhibitions held in and outside the country were helping promote the country's image abroad. "The government is playing a vital role in the development of the country," he added. While responding to a question posed by one of the media representatives about the electricity crisis, he said the government was taking several initiatives to find solutions to the electricity crisis and definitely in the coming future the electricity crisis would be minimised. The state minister lauded the efforts of the event organiser FAKT Exhibitions to arrange 3P-Pakistan helping to promote the country's image and that the event was a forum for interaction and strong business alliance between Pakistan and the rest of the world. The chief guest met participants and witnessed local products. Over 250 companies from over 25 countries including Austria, China, Germany, India, Italy and Taiwan etc participated the event. The Largest Exhibition and Conference of Plastic, Printing and Packaging industry opened for trade visitors, displaying efficient emerging technologies, machineries and modern equipment specifically designed to remodel the plastic sector. Most of local and international players in the plastic, printing and packaging industry enthralled the visitors by displaying the cutting-edge technologies to incorporate the prevailing best standards in Pakistan. The concurrent event of the 11th International Food and Technology Pakistan Exhibition and Conference, along with the main event, turned out to be as successive as expected. The growing need of food safety, research and development and food preservation attracted a great deal of food technologists and premier companies of the food industry to employ and experience the exhilarated portfolio of exhibitors and trade visitors. 3P-Pakistan 2015, supported by government bodies and trade association, plays a vital role in developing the local industry.

**PESHAWAR:** All Pakistan CNG Association (APCNGA) has said there is an urgent need to tap new local resources as well as importing liquefied natural gas (LNG). "LNG seems to be the most feasible short term solution," an official of APCNGA told APP. He said that APCNGA supported the efforts of the government to act swiftly and add natural gas to the existing network before the start of next winter season. "APCNGA has also embarked on the possibility of importing gas itself for its 3395 member CNG stations in the country," he added. He said this will entail a huge investment and would require at least 400mmCFD of natural gas for which the CNG sector has the will and financial capacity. "We have always taken pride in the fact that CNG is globally promoted for the sake of environment and we have become the leading nation in achieving a landmark of environment preservation," he remarked.

Mohammed Azim Hashimi, an investment specialist in Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Private Sector Operations Department said in a recently released statement that Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a US\$30 million project loan to Engro Elengy Terminal Private Limited, a special purpose company which will build Pakistan's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) regasification terminal. He said that regasification of LNG will allow generation facilities to reach their maximum potential, using a cleaner and more efficient fuel, and will support the country's push for greater energy security and diversification. The loan, to the special purpose unit of listed Pakistani company, Engro Corporation Limited, will be used to build and operate the regasification facility at Port Qasim, Karachi. The plant will have the capacity for regasification of upto 3 million tons of LNG per annum from March 2015 onwards. The fuel, suitable for use at most of the country's combined cycle power plants, will be supplied to the state-owned Sui

### Speaker asks SNGPL for early provision of gas to Swabi

*The Statesman, March 13, 2015*

### Skin disease spreading in Khyber for lack of treatment

*Daily Dawn, March 13, 2015*

### Experts warn of swine flu outbreak

*Daily Dawn, March 13, 2015*

### Special teams to probe polio surge in northern Sindh

*Daily Dawn, March 13, 2015*

### Teaching hospitals directed to install biometric system

*The News International, March 12, 2015*

### Kidney diseases on the rise in Pakistan

Southern Gas Company's gas distribution network via a new high pressure pipeline. The converted fuel will help the government make an estimated savings of about \$1 billion per annum on its current fuel import bill of nearly \$15 billion. Regasification converts LNG into natural gas, making it easier to store and distribute through pipelines to end users including power generators. The project will help avoid upto 2 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions a year. The regasification project is expected to set legal and financial benchmarks for similar projects in future. – APP

**PESHAWAR:** Speaker, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, Asad Qaiser has directed the removal of the complications in the provision of Sui gas to district Swat as soon as possible to provide the facility to the people of the district as soon as possible. He was presiding over a meeting regarding Sui gas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa House, Islamabad on Thursday. Besides, Senior General Manager (Distribution) North, Syed Zahid Hussain, General Manager (Coordination) Abdul Ahad, General Manager (KP), Arbab Saqib, Deputy Chief Engineer, Shafqat Virk, Deputy Director, MNPR, Aleem Khan and Executive Engineer, Fawad Khan, MNA Aqibullah Khan was also present on the occasion. The Speaker, KP Assembly asked the SNGPL authorities for provision of Sui gas to Marghuz, Kotha, Thandakoi, Zarobi, Gar Munara, Ghara Akakhel, Ambar, Kunda, Pontia, Mankai, Zaida, Kalabat, Minai, Jaloza, Jalbai, Thordher, Punjpir, Yousufi, Chota Lahore, Shah Mansoor, Kaddi, Bamkhal, Dhok, Batakara and Hamlet on priority basis. The meeting decided that as per unanimous resolution passed by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly, the Ministry of Petroleum should send summary to Prime Minister for provision of gas to district Swabi. – AP

**LANDI KOTAL:** The number of patients suffering from leishmaniasis has crossed the 1,000 figure in Khyber Agency and no proper treatment is available at local hospitals. Health officials said that the patients were faced with severe health complications owing to shortage of required injections at the agency headquarters hospital in Landi Kotal. They said that a leishmaniasis patient needed 21 injections for complete cure from the high fever disease. They said that private medicine stores were exploiting the situation by selling the injections at high rates which many patients could not afford. The disease is caused by sand fly. The local people alleged that health officials failed to conduct anti-insecticide spray in the affected areas of Khyber Agency despite their repeated requests. Meanwhile, journalists here on Wednesday organised a blood donation camp at the local hospital to help the patients suffering from thalassaemia. More than 12 local journalists donated their blood, which local doctors said would be given to thalassaemia patients.

Doctors at the hospital said that the number of thalassaemia patients was increased manifolds during the last few months. The hospital was short of resources to cure the ailing patients, they added. Ali Shinwari, president of Landi Kotal Press Club, said on the occasion that the basic objective of the camp was to create awareness among local people about the importance of blood donation and helping the needy patients. Medical Superintendent Dr Khalid Pervaiz appreciated the spirit of the tribal journalists and said that donating blood would not have any negative effect on the health of a human being. He said that a healthy person could donate blood after every three months.

**KARACHI:** Expressing concern over the spread of swine flu in India that has claimed the lives of almost 1,500 people since December, experts have called for precautionary measures against the infection at a personal and government level. They have also rejected media reports that have linked swine flu with poultry, insisting that swine flu does not infect birds. The influenza virus that infected birds was H5N1. Swine flu, according to experts, is a respiratory disease caused by the H1N1 strain, a subtype of the influenza A virus, that also circulated among pigs

**KARACHI:** The Sindh emergency operation centre (EOC) on polio has decided to send special teams to Qambar, Dadu and Sukkur districts — from where confirmed polio cases, one from each district, have been reported — and conduct thorough field investigations, it emerged on Thursday. Officials said an emergency meeting jointly chaired by head of the provincial polio eradication programme Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho and adviser to CM Shahnaz Wazir Ali was held in the provincial EOC on Tuesday. Dr Altaf Bosan, from the national EOC, a representative from WHO Geneva and officials of the provincial technical team attended the meeting. The meeting participants evaluated the quality of previous polio campaigns and the appearance of wild poliovirus cases from the three districts of northern Sindh and decided to send special five-member teams on recommendations of the federal team.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department has directed all the teaching hospitals to ensure in and out of all the employees through biometric system already provided to them by March 16, 2015. Through a notification, the Health Department on Wednesday directed the three tertiary care hospitals in Peshawar, the Lady Reading Hospital (LRH), Khyber Teaching Hospital (KTH) and the Hayatabad Medical Complex (HMC) that as per their demand, the biometric devices had already been provided to them and now it would be responsibility of the hospital authorities to install these equipment and bound all the teaching and non-teaching staff to register all the staff and ensure their entry and out timing through such machines.

In this regard, the department gave March 16 as the last deadline to these hospitals, saying staff members found missing in the system after the deadline would be considered as absent. The LRH and HMC had already installed biometric devices while the KTH administration on Wednesday directed its staff to provide their Computerised National Identity Cards (CNICs) and thumb impression to the concerned quarters of the hospital before March 13 for their biometric registration.

**RAWALPINDI:** The Pakistan Kidney Patients Association (PKPA) president said that kidney diseases are on the rise and creating awareness among general public and its treatment has



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### **New health warning on cigarette packs from March 30**

*The News International, March 12, 2015*

### **Nullah Lai dredging to be completed this month: WASA**

*The Statesman, March 12, 2015*

### **Indus Organisation to take over district hospital Badin**

*The Statesman, March 12, 2015*

### **Water quality regularly monitored, KWSB informs**

become essential to control these diseases. He was briefing the journalists here on Wednesday about the 'Problem of Kidney Disease' held at Dialysis Kidney Centre near Kalma Chowk. The briefing was also attended by Col (r) Yunus Bhatti, secretary general of the association who briefed comprehensively about the kidney problem including its symptoms and dangers. Dr Zaheer-Ud-Din told that kidney diseases are caused by two main reasons including hypertension and diabetes. He told that kidney problem is not detected and felt unless 75 per cent kidney is damaged. He said that the patients suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure should consult a doctor to have a kidney test once or twice in a year. He informed that in European countries, blood and kidney tests are conducted twice a year. He said that due to mental stress, worries and obesity problem in kidney occurs and the ailment starts. The treatment of kidney disease is very expensive including its transplant before and after operation. A common man or a middle class segment could not bear the expenses of treatment of kidney. Sensing the gravity of the situation PKPA established a Dialysis and Kidney in Center. Col (r) Yunus Bhatti told that PKPA is a non profitable charity organization which provides free dialysis, lab test and treatment to the poor kidney patients. Over 45 to 50 patients get the treatment of dialysis daily. PKPA is purely being run on donations without obtaining Zakat funds.

The management is considering seriously to expand the center due to increase in number of patients and requirement but lack of funds and suitable land are set backs for implementing this project, he told. Answering a query related to illegal business of sale of kidney across the country particularly in Punjab areas, both Dr Zaheer-Ud-Din and Yunus Bhatti agreed the fact and said that the government should have a watch dog over this issue in order to control this unlawful practice. When his attention was drawn towards involvement of doctors in this illegal practice, Dr Zaheer-Ud-Din condemned it saying that if they are involved in this crime then they should not be termed and called doctor. It is really a heinous crime which has to be checked and effective and practical measures are required in this regard, he stated. At the end, Dr Zaheer-Ud-Din told that in connection with the World Kidney Day, PKPA would arrange a walk from the office of Kidney Centre to Kalma Chowk in order to create awareness among the people about the disease of kidney. Earlier on, the journalists were taken for inspection of the machines used in dialysis and kidney treatment procured purely through donation of funds where Yunus Bhatti briefed about their functioning.

**ISLAMABAD:** Putting all rumours to rest, the government Tuesday issued a notification under which 85% of the front and back of cigarette packs and outers will have to carry a pictorial health warning. The notification was preceded by a Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) last Friday for enhancement of the health warning. The government had been enduring immense pressure from the tobacco industry to withdraw the SRO ever since it announced this landmark decision for tobacco control in Pakistan. The new warning will come into effect from March 30, 2015. "The government will leave no stone unturned to protect the health of its citizens. It has now become mandatory to have the pictorial health warning published on all cigarette packs produced, imported and sold in Pakistan. Strict disciplinary action will be taken for non-compliance of this law," the minister of state for health Saira Afzal stated on the occasion. A press release issued by the ministry states that the government is also taking measures to raise tax on cigarettes in the upcoming budget.

**ISLAMABAD:** Nullah Lai dredging will be completed by the end of March as the work is in full swing and going according to the schedule. According to Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) spokesman, this year Rs 30 million were allocated by Punjab government for the purpose and work was started in February this year and would be completed by the end of March. He informed that currently WASA has started the work on up and downstream of Dhoke Naju, Phagwari Bridge Khyaban-e-Sir Syed and Pir Wadhai Bridge. The main focus was to restore the channel width and depth of Nullah Lai as per original specifications. He said that the Nullah Lai Monitoring Committee has also asked Rawalpindi Solid Waste Management Company to place containers around the Nullah Lai to stop dumping of solid waste into it. The spokesman said now, strict measures would be taken to stop dumping of solid waste and building waste material into Nullah Lai. He said, MD WASA Raja Shaukat Mahmood has appealed the residents particularly residing along Nuallah Lai to avoid throwing and dumping solid waste into it because this creates hindrances to the flow of Nullah which results in flooding during monsoon season. WASA has also displayed awareness banners and distributed pamphlets. - APP

**KARACHI:** The district headquarters hospital Badin's administrative affairs will be handed over to the Indus Hospital Organization. It was agreed in a meeting held with Sindh Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Environment, Coastal Development and head of Sindh Health Advisory Board, Dr Sikander Mendhro in chair here Wednesday. CEO Indus Hospital Karachi, Dr Abdul Bari Khan along with other officials of the organization and Sindh Health Department also attended the meeting held in the office of the minister at Sindh Assembly Building, said a statement. Dr Mendhro said that the consensus regarding handing over Tehsil headquarter hospital Tando Bhago and Tehsil headquarter hospital Mirpur Sakro to the administration of Aga Khan hospital, will also be developed in a day or two. The signing of agreements of all three hospitals to the private health organizations will be formally organized soon, he added. He said that the government wants to further develop and provide health facilities to the people at their door steps with the cooperation of prominent private health organizations. Handing over administrative affairs of some of the hospitals to the private health organization is indeed a test of their efficiency, he observed. The minister said that a scheme is also under consideration to construct apartments adjacent to the district headquarters hospital Badin to provide residential facilities to the doctors and professors of the hospital. - APP

**KARACHI:** The Sindh High Court was informed that potable water is supplied to the city as its quality is regularly monitored. Karachi Water and Sewerage Board's counsel submitted a report on test of potable water to a division bench which was hearing a petition seeking supply of



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## All set for Lakki anti-polio drive

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## WHO concerned over poor immunisation in Tank

*Daily Dawn, March 12, 2015*

## Kidney cases rising alarmingly in Faisalabad

*Daily Dawn, March 12, 2015*

## CNG closure today

*Daily Dawn, March 12, 2015*

## Emergency polio vaccination drive kicks off in eight high-risk UCs today

*The News International, March 11, 2015*

## Vaccine worth \$1.3m 'goes bad' in health ministry store

*Daily Dawn, March 11, 2015*

potable water to the city.

In response to the court directions, the KWSB submitted a report, stating a laboratory was regularly monitoring the quality of the water being supplied to Karachi from Indus River. It added the laboratory has been established at the Chillia Rest House and qualified and well-experienced staff collects water samples from Kinjhar-Gujjo Canal after every four hours. It added the situation has improved after proper steps were taken for test of water. The petition was filed by Rana Faizul Hasan, a civil right campaigner and secretary general of the United Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. In the petition, he submitted that the supply of potable water to citizens was the duty of the KWSB but it was supplying water to citizens without filtration. He said according to newspaper reports potable water was being supplied to the citizens without any filtration and without adding chlorine to it. The petitioner asked the court to direct the KWSB to ensure supply of drinkable water to the citizens after filtration. – PPI

**LAKKI MARWAT:** The district health department has finalised arrangements for administering anti-polio drops to 179,872 children, including 9,826 displaced children from North Waziristan Agency, in the forthcoming vaccination campaign. The development occurred during a meeting at the District Headquarters Complex Tajazai on Wednesday. Lakki Marwat assistant commissioner Sher Alam Khan chaired the meeting, where DHO Dr Nek Nawaz, EPI coordinator Dr Hafeezullah, DSP Rafiullah Khan, ASDEO Abdul Rehman, ADEO Shagufta Amin, DHCSO Dr Irfan, district khateeb Maulana Abdul Wahab and other officials were in attendance. The participants discussed security of anti-polio teams and monitoring mechanism for the campaign. A local health official told the meeting that 429 teams would go from door to door to vaccinate targeted children, while 47 teams would administer anti-polio drops to children at hospitals and health facilities across the district. He also said 23 transit teams would be deployed at specific points to vaccinate children traveling along parents in public transport vehicles. The official said a special attention would be given to address vaccination refusal cases and vaccinate displaced children.

**PESHAWAR:** The World Health Organisation has expressed concern over poor immunisation and irregularities in Tank and sought immediate government's attention to take measures in the area that is one of the poliovirus reservoirs in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "The situation is worrisome because we have failed to implement recommendations of technical advisory group regarding vaccination," said a letter sent by World Health Organisation (WHO) to the health department.

**FAISALABAD:** Kidney failure patients are increasing in Faisalabad where two state-run hospitals – Allied and DHQ – lack machinery and resources to treat patients coming with terminal stage renal failure. Influx of patients is also creating a plethora of problems for the doctors who are finding it difficult to maintain the quality of dialysis. Punjab Medical College, Allied and DHQ Hospitals have no professor, associate professor, assistant professor and senior registrar of nephrology as the seats have been lying vacant for a couple of years.

**KARACHI:** All compressed natural gas (CNG) stations in Sindh will remain closed from 8am on Thursday till 8am on Friday due to a short supply from a gas field and subsequent low pressure in the network. Therefore, there will be no shutdown of CNG on Friday

**KARACHI:** Senior officials of the health and anti-polio efforts in the province sprang into action again on Tuesday and held an emergency meeting after three children tested positive for the crippling disease in Kambar-Shahdadt, Sukkur and Dadu districts this month. It was decided that a four-day vaccination drive will be held in the city from today, March 11 till 14, in the eight high-risk union councils in five areas of Karachi. The emergence of three more cases in the province has raised serious doubts over the effectiveness of vaccination campaigns in the province, especially when the officials of Sindh's Expanded Programme of Immunisation (EPI) had claimed to have achieved 103 percent coverage in the last anti-polio drive held in December and January. The emergency meeting on Tuesday was presided over by MNA Azra Fazal Pechuho, the chairperson of Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) for polio eradication, with officials from Sindh health department, EPI, WHO, Unicef, commissioners and district health officers in attendance.

The EOC chairperson warned commissioners and district health officers that no negligence would be tolerated in the vaccination drives. She directed the EPI officials, commissioners and health officers to upgrade their micro plans before the beginning of next immunisation drive in the province and focus on vaccinating the children who were missed earlier. She asked them to target children who hadn't received a single dose of the polio vaccine and improve the status of routine immunisation. On the occasion, district health management committees were also set up. They will be required to submit monthly reports of the progress made in covering missed and zero-dose children, besides the steps being taken to improve routine immunisation and reduce vaccine wastage. Two separate response teams, comprising health department officials, and representatives of WHO and Unicef, were also set up on the instructions of health secretary Iftikhar Shallwani. The teams will visit Sukkur, Dadu and Kambar-Shahdadt districts to investigate the reported polio and monitor the next immunisation drive. Meanwhile in the four-day campaign planned for high-risk union councils in Karachi, a total of 240,955 children below the age of five years will be targeted in UC1 and 2 of Landhi, UC4, 5 and 8 of Gadap, UC2 of Baldia, UC7 of Orangi and UC9 of SITE area.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pentavalent Vaccine worth \$1.3 million, enough to vaccinate 400,000 infants against five potentially deadly diseases, has spoiled in a storage room at the National Health Services (NHS) Ministry. Three junior officials have been suspended for negligence which resulted in the temperature variation causing the vaccine to spoil. According to an NHS Ministry official, an email sent from a fake account informed Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq that Pentavalent vaccine worth \$1.3 million had spoiled in the storeroom because of variation in

### Boy's death: doctor, dispenser booked for 'negligence'

*Daily Dawn, March 11, 2015*

### Skin clinic ordered to pay damages to woman

*Daily Dawn, March 11, 2015*

### Third polio case confirmed in Sindh

*Daily Dawn, March 11, 2015*

### KP Assembly passes The KP Medical Officer Bill 2015

*The Statesman, March 11, 2015*

### Sindh govt increases budgetary allocation for polio eradication

*The Statesman, March 11, 2015*

### Drug crisis: Number of patients drops at KIHD

*The Statesman, March 11, 2015*

temperature. Copies of the email had also been sent to the World Health Organisation (WHO), Unesco and other international donors. The senator who is the Prime Minister's Focal Person on Polio received the email on February 22, from a sender posing to be Dr Rana Mehmood, National Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) Manager.

**OKARA:** A senior doctor and a dispenser were booked over alleged negligence that resulted in the death of a boy on Monday. Sikander Ali was taken to the clinic of senior physician Dr Hafiz Liaquat Ali on Sahiwal Road on Sunday morning. After initial treatment, he was referred to the Sahiwal District Headquarters Hospital for a CT scan and from there to Lahore. But on Monday, he died and was laid to rest in the Ghory Shah graveyard. On Tuesday, Ali's parents and relatives reached in front of the doctor's clinic, staged a sit-in and damaged windowpanes of the building. Division A police on the report of Ali's father Khalid Mahmood registered a case under Section 322 of the PPC against Dr Liaquat and his dispenser. The Okara chapter of the Pakistan Medical Association (PMA) protested against what they called a baseless first information report against the doctor. The PMA has called a meeting on Tuesday (today) to chart the further course of action.

**LAHORE:** A consumer court on Tuesday ordered a skin care clinic to pay Rs150,000 compensation in a damages suit. Petitioner Aisha submitted that she went to a skin care clinic on MM Alam Road to get treatment for her unwanted hair growth on her neck. She informed the court that the doctor burnt her skin. She prayed to the court for payment of damages besides returning her treatment cost to the tune of Rs50,000. The clinic's counsel stated in the court that the doctors conducted standard treatment but the skin of the woman was extra sensitive and due to the sensitivity it received burns. District consumer court judge Amjad Parvaiz after hearing both parties found the clinic guilty of burning the skin of the woman due to deficiency in treatment and ordered to pay Rs150,000 as damages.

**KARACHI:** Another polio case was confirmed in Sindh, bringing this year's tally to three across the province, officials said on Tuesday. This time an 18-month-old boy from Sukkur was diagnosed with the virus, while the previous two cases were reported from Dadu and Qambar Shahdadkot districts. Uzair, son of Qullo, was not immunised in routine campaigns, but was seven times vaccinated in special campaign days. Special Secretary for Health Dr Khalid Shaikh, who takes care of polio operations in the province, said the boy resided in the Bachal Shah Miani union council of New Sukkur taluka. The stool samples of the boy had been sent to the National Institute of Health, Islamabad, a month ago, he added. The new case was confirmed just three days after an 11-year-old boy from Dadu had been detected with the virus.

**PESHAWAR:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa assembly on Tuesday passed "The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Medical Officer (Regularization of Services) Bill 2015. With the passage of the bill the services of as many as 533 contract/adhoc doctors (BPS-17) in the province were regularized with immediate effect. This figure includes 503 Medical Officers and 30 Dental Surgeons who were appointed on contract/ adhoc basis against vacant post in various public sector hospitals during the year 2011-13. The provincial assembly in its session held here on Tuesday with speaker Asad Qaiser in the chair unanimously passed the bill tabled by senior minister for Health Shahram Tarakai with necessary amendments proposed by various MPAs. It merits a mention here that from 19th April 2011 to 13th December 2013, the provincial government had appointed 503 medical officers and 30 dental surgeons on contract/adhoc basis against vacant post in various hospital of the province who were still working on contract basis.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Government during current fiscal year has increased its budgetary provision to Rs 630 million supplementing the efforts of national and international organisations working for Polio eradication. A senior official associated with provincial health department talking to APP Tuesday said raise in fund allocation has also been complimented with upgradation of strategic action plans to ensure across the board immunization of all under five children against polio virus. Our focus at the moment is on Low Transmission Season, that would continue till June 2015, he said. With specific reference to Karachi, the official said systematic community based approaches have been incorporated in the schemes to remove operational and communication barriers in security-compromised areas of the metropolis. The plan was said to include 340 female community visitors (FCVs) who would be part of permanent teams and 136 religious support persons (RSPs) to address cultural as well as religious sensitivities of the worst affected communities. To a query with regard to raise in the stipend for polio team workers, he said this would be ensured in the coming months. – APP

**KARACHI:** The number of visiting patients at Karachi Institute of Heart Diseases (KIHD) has drastically dropped in past five years due to non-supply of medicines and lack of other facilities due to financial crisis in the institution, sources at KIHD told PPI on Tuesday. A senior administrative official of city's second largest heart disease healthcare run by Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) wishing not to be named informed that KIHD has been suffering severe financial crisis for last many years and it cannot provide free of cost healthcare facilities to the patients of cardiovascular diseases. He said needy patients have to purchase costly medicines as provincial authorities are not supplying medicines to the hospital for past five years.

He said healthcare administration is providing all available treatment facilities to the poor patients from its limited resources. However, due to no non-supply of medicines the number of visiting patients has drastically dropped from 700 to 350 per day. He said KMC could not provide funds for medicines and other operational activities for last several years. KMC authorities have provided medicines in too low quantity to the hospital and they are not sufficient to cater its needs.

He further informed that KIHD is a teaching hospital, fully equipped with emergency room, CCU, medical wards, surgical wards, private wards, intensive care unit, two cardiac catheterization

### District health dept staff insufficient for food monitoring

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laboratories, two surgical theaters, ECHO, ETT and nuclear imaging department, rehabilitation center, research department and laboratory for routine blood investigations. KIHD caters needs of heart patients from not only Karachi but from interior of Sindh and Balochistan, other parts of country and Iran and Afghanistan as well. He said due to non-supply of drugs and financial crisis the poor and needy patients now prefer to go other government cardio-care hospitals. He said high-ups of KMC and provincial health department are well aware current situation of the institution but failed to address its crises. - PPI

**ISLAMABAD:** District Health Department (DHD) has failed to ensure provision of hygienic food to the citizens of district Rawalpindi due to insufficient staff. The details say that there are only 2 Food Inspectors with 13 other staff members in DHD Rawalpindi who are quite insufficient to monitor the food quality of more than 0.1 billion shops and hotels of the district. According to the sources in DHD, the reasons behind the growing complaints about the quality of food in Tehsils Rawalpindi like Gojar Khan, Murree, Taxila, Kallar Syedan and Kahuta is nothing but the insufficiency of staff.

To monitor the quality of food and cleanliness in the hotels of the entire district including the above mentioned Tehsils, a total of 2 Inspectors, 1 Tehsil Sanitary Inspector and 10 Sanitary Inspectors exist. When asked from the DHD Rawalpindi staff about the complaints against food quality, they replied that they cannot help this situation as the provincial Government is continuously neglecting the insufficiency of staff. The sources said that the department staff is not only overburdened but also not being promoted for years. The sources told that though the staff of DHD is disappointed over not being promoted and overburdened under huge workload but continuously struggling to ensure availability of hygienic food to the public of the district. - DNA

### Network for women with HIV established

Daily Dawn, March 10, 2015

**ISLAMABAD:** A network for women with HIV has been established with an aim to register women from across the country so their rights may be ensured. Positive Female Network (POFEN) has been established by the Association of People Living with HIV (APLHIV) Pakistan, according to a statement issued by the Ministry of National Health Services (NHS) on Monday. According to estimates, there are 90,000 to 120,000 people with HIV/Aids in the country but only 11,000 are registered with government departments. Social stigma associated with the disease prevents patients, especially women, from getting themselves registered. The unavailability of reliable data makes it difficult for the government to devise a policy for prevention or treatment of patients. A ceremony was held in Islamabad where women with HIV from across the province participated. The ceremony was chaired by MNA Syeda Zahra Fatemi. The network also aims to mobilise women leaders to influence policy, law, programmes and funds to empower women living with and affected by HIV. Women living with and affected by HIV have a right to healthy, dignified and respectful lives, free of stigma, discrimination and violence, the statement says.

### Fire erupts in Income Tax building

Daily Dawn, March 10, 2015

**KARACHI:** A fire broke out in the multi-storey Income Tax building located near the Sindh Secretariat on Monday morning, according to fire brigade officials. The blaze erupted on the 9th floor, where the canteen is located. The flames spread to the fourth floor of the building where a minor blaze erupted as a result. It took several fire tenders over two hours to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire could not be ascertained immediately, said fire brigade chief Ehtishamuddin. Since the fire broke out in the canteen, no loss to documents was reported, added the officer. As it is considered a sensitive area with its close proximity to the secretariat, the fire created much hype in the media and triggered panic, said the fire chief.

### LNG conversion into natural gas to begin from April 1

The News International, March 10, 2015

**ISLAMABAD:** Chairman Privatisation Commission Muhammad Zubair has said that the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project had been completed in 13 months and no other country in the world had built such a big project in such a short span of time. He said that this would convert LNG into natural gas from April 1. During a special interview with The News, he said that this project, which was completed under the able leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, has the potential to convert 800 million LNG into natural gas per day. Immediately 200 MMCFD LNG will be converted into natural gas and given to Sui Southern Pipeline Limited and Sui Northern Pipeline Limited. This additional LNG will be provided to the thermal plants of Punjab and Sindh to produce electricity, he added. With the fall of prices in petroleum prices, Zubair said that Pakistan would import LNG from Qatar in much lower rate (less than \$12) through special ships than India which is also getting LNG from Qatar for \$12 MMBTU. While answering a question he said that the Privatisation Commission had approved the privatisation of Heavy Mechanical Complex (HMC) Taxila during a meeting on Monday which was headed by ministers of Finance, Privatisation, Revenue Economic and Statistics. He said that the Privatisation Commission would carry out in such a transparent manner that would satisfy the whole nation.

### Akamai to help PTCL boost broadband experience

The News International, March 10, 2015

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) has announced a strategic partnership with Akamai Technologies, Inc. aimed to boost broadband experience in the country, says a press release. The partnership would further enrich video and mobile content delivery in the country by leveraging Akamai's globally-distributed Intelligent Platform to deliver its solutions. As the global leader in Content Delivery Network (CDN) services, Akamai makes the Internet fast, reliable and secure for its customers across all devices. This partnership is intended to enable PTCL broadband subscribers to enjoy faster and higher-quality Internet experience. Under the agreement, PTCL will implement the Akamai Accelerated Networks Programme (AANP) across its robust nationwide telecommunications infrastructure, comprising fiber-optic backbone and state-of-art digital exchanges. The partnership also entails hosting Akamai Solutions across PTCL infrastructure that is designed to optimize network operations and data handling, allowing wider network coverage for content delivery.

Commenting on the partnership, Kamal Ahmed, Chief Digital Services Officer PTCL said, "We believe the new partnership with Akamai will enable us to deliver higher level of Internet user experience to customers and further consolidate PTCL's leadership position in the broadband



### Malaria cases on the rise in Larkana

*The Statesman, March 10, 2015*

### National Child Protection Centre starts helpline

*The Statesman, March 10, 2015*

### WHO updates clinical practices for Ebola treatment, care

*The Statesman, March 10, 2015*

### Online initiative launched to promote better diabetes management

*The Statesman, March 10, 2015*

market." "PTCL, as the ICT leader in Pakistan, is continuously striving to offer enhanced digital experience, raising the bar on performance expectations, and drive customer satisfaction through integration of cutting-edge ICT platforms. This new investment in Akamai's state-of-the-art CDN solutions is reflective of PTCL's commitment to provide next-generation digital experience in Pakistan," added Kamal Ahmed.

**LARKANA:** Sudden outburst of Malaria cases in entire Larkana district has made lives of poor ailing people miserable. As many as 10 cases were treated by only one private medical doctor Irshad Ahmed Jokhio in Larkana during last week and more than 40 others registered in the Government Hospital (GH) Naundero till March 08. Duty doctors of GH told PPI that these poor patients arrived in the hospital from almost all the nearby villages to get treatment for the ailment. They further said that due to recent rains, the mosquitos had started biting people due to which Malaria cases will continue to increase. Private medical practitioners have confirmed that Malaria cases had risen as four to five patients arrive at their clinics for treatment daily. Dr Altaf Jokhio, private medical practitioner in Ratodero told this scribe that he examined as many as 12 patients during the last week at his clinic which showed that the disease had surfaced in Ratodero as well. He said the most common symptoms of the disease are high fever with shivering, severe body pain and headache with no hunger. He said that if mosquitoes are eliminated, there will be almost no chance for eruption of the disease. – PPI

**ISLAMABAD:** National Child Protection Centre (NCPC) has started a helpline for registering complains against child rights violations. The helpline 080011515 will be available 24 hours a day, where highly trained staff is deputed to take quick action on complaints and refer them to relevant sections for immediate response. According to an NCPC official, the helpline is aimed at protecting children who are vulnerable to a number of evils if trapped by people involved in criminal and immoral activities. "We have introduced the helpline and now it is the responsibility of citizens to play their role for better future of (homeless) children," the official told APP Sunday. He said the Centre had so far reunified 3,586 children with their families since its inception in 2007. Almost half of the children came back to the Centre after being unified with their families, he said adding that so far approximately 1500 children had been facilitated. Replying to a query, he said they took an affidavit from parents that they would take proper care of the children. Those, who came back to the Centre, were given special attention to find out reasons for their return, he added. The official said Rs 8.793 million was allocated for the Centre in the fiscal year 2013-14 and Rs 9.532 million in the budget for 2014-15. Eightyfive percent of the allocated amount was spent as non-development expenditure of the Centre. More funds were required to expand the project and set up new centres for the well-being of homeless children, he added. – APP

**PESHAWAR:** The World Health Organization (WHO) updated its clinical practices for treating and caring for Ebola patients. The move came after WHO convened a meeting to update its current clinical standards for hemorrhagic fevers. Technicians involved in the care of patients with Ebola, scientists and representatives from WHO clinical networks and NGOs also jointed the meeting, Xinhua News reported. "It is very clear adequate support of care reduces fatality rates substantially. The Ebola treatment unit using intravenous fluid resuscitation and other symptomatic treatments have dropped fatality rates considerably, getting them down as low as 25 to 45 percent," Margaret Harris, WHO technical adviser, said. She noted that early health screening and better practices in the community have contributed to better survival rates as well. Harris said fluid replacement therapy remained a basic step in supporting good treatment. It could be done orally if people can drink. If people start to get symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhea, it is more ideal to apply the therapy intravenously. As regards to experimental drugs, "there has not been any published information indicating a clear evidence of effect as yet," she noted. Harris highlighted the necessity to address special and vulnerable groups such as children and pregnant women. She said children under five have a very high rate of mortality because they need a great deal of support to be fed and cared for. – APP

**PESHAWAR:** A regional online initiative, "My Diabetes Story," was jointly launched by Pakistan Endocrine Society and diabetes associations from Middle Eastern and North Africa (MENA) sector to raise awareness, education and a positive attitude among people with diabetes in the region. The launching of this online peer support portal promoting communication between people with diabetes was part of the day-long Second International Diabetes Conference organised by Sanofi Pakistan in collaboration with the Diabetic Association of Pakistan (DAP) and the WHO Collaborating Centre. It brought together distinguished delegates from International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and globally recognised centres of academic excellence in the USA, Germany and the MENA (Middle East & North Africa) region. Sir Michael Hirst (President, International Diabetes Federation); Prof. K.M. Venkat Narayan (Ruth and O.C. Hubert Chair of Global Health and Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health, Professor of Medicine at Emory University School of Medicine & Director of the Emory Global Diabetes Research Center, USA).

Prof. Adel Abdel Aziz El-Sayed (Chair of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), Professor of Internal Medicine & Chair of the Diabetes Unit at Sohag Faculty of Medicine, Sohag University, Egypt. Prof. Richard Kahn (Chief Scientific and Medical Officer of the American Diabetes Association, USA). Prof. Peter Schwarz (Professor of Internal Medicine, Head of the Department of Prevention and Care of Diabetes at the Technical University, Dresden, Germany and Prof. A. Samad Shera (Secretary General of the Diabetic Association of Pakistan, Honorary President International Diabetes Federation, Head of WHO Collaborating Center) were among the prominent participants of the moot. Sir Michael Hirst on the occasion identified diabetes as an increasingly serious social, economic and medical threat faced by nations. Mentioning that 1/8th of the world's population will have diabetes or be at risk of developing diabetes by 2035, he said countries must accord high priority to its management.

Diabetes Management must be part of national policies as the health condition is not just a health



### Fire sparks off panic during exam

*Daily Dawn, March 09, 2015*

### Probe into hospital medicines' sale

*Daily Dawn, March 09, 2015*

### House fire kills man, two children

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### Thalassaemia, haemoglobinopathy foundation notified

*Daily Dawn, March 09, 2015*

issue but also a development issue that hinders national progress, said the expert. Following the scientific session, Sanofi announced the launch of "My Diabetes Story" forum (<https://mds.diabetesportals.com>), available in English and Arabic. Under the programme patients and care-givers of individuals with diabetes are encouraged to register and join the community so as to interact with patients from around the region. Each country was said to be represented by a diabetic patient who is in control of his/ her diabetes and is also leading a successful, healthy life. These people were also said to be passionate about raising awareness, education and a positive attitude about dealing with diabetes in societies and communities.

These individuals are known in "My Diabetes Story" as Ambassadors, while the programme itself is supported by diabetes associations from around the MENA region, including the Pakistan Endocrine Society and features patient Ambassadors and members from multiple countries including UAE, Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Pakistan is the latest addition to the online community and joins the programme with the appointment of its Ambassador Sana Ajmal who has the experience of having served as the Vice President and the President-Elect of the Young Leaders in Diabetes (YLD) which is an IDF programme aimed at identifying, nurturing and supporting young people with leadership qualities in the international diabetes community. — APP

**KASUR:** A fire devoured valuables at the upper storey and computer lab of the Government Girls High School, Allahabad, on Sunday as high-tension wires dangling over the building sparked during wind. The CCTV cameras and electricity wiring were damaged and the school administration put out the fire after Lesco switched off power. The incident spread panic among the students of Grade 8 who appeared for their Urdu paper in the examination hall. Constant sparking and flames shocked the students who scampered towards the ground but returned. Six of the students 'fell unconscious' due to the shock and were treated in the school. The examination restarted after a delay of two hours but the students were given ample time to complete their paper. It is learnt that fire-fighters from Pattoki reached there after two and-a-half hours of the incident. It's the third such incident in the area as high-tension wires dangle over the residential area and people's repeated reminders to Lesco authorities to solve the issue remain unheeded.

**FAISALABAD:** The district administration has formed a three-member committee to probe the sale of medicines provided to the General Hospital, Ghulam Muhammad Abad, in market. The inquiry team, comprising District Officer Coordination Saba Adil (head), EDO Health Dr Waqar Sadiq and the medical superintendent of the Hilal-e-Ahmar Hospital, will also find out that why the hospital administration is giving medicines to patients having no government stamps. The issues of medicines without stamp and their sale in the local markets came to the fore when DCO Noorul Amin Mengal paid a surprise visit to the hospital on Saturday. During inspection of the dispensary and process of issuance of medicines to the patients, he found that drugs being given to patients had no government stamps. The DCO took EDO (health) Waqar Sadiq and the hospital's medical superintendent Syed Masood Bukhari to the task and asked them to carefully monitor the process of medicine issuance. He also took notice of the poor cleanliness at the hospital and asked the MS to fire the delinquent staff concerned. He personally made the sweepers to clean certain portions of hospital points. Mr Mengal told Dawn the inquiry committee would submit its report within 42 hours.

**DADU:** A fire that broke out in a house located in Mohammed Shah Colony in Dadu late on Saturday night left a man and his two children dead. His two other children sustained serious burns and were rushed to Karachi for treatment. Initial investigation suggested that the fire was caused by a candle lit by the inmates in a room before going to sleep in the same room. They woke up only when the fire had already engulfed the entire room, some neighbours said. The deceased were identified as Qurban Odhano, his 17-year-old daughter, Darya Khatoon, and nine-year-old son, Subhan. Mirjana, 7, and Irfana, 5, were taken to a Karachi hospital in a serious condition.

**KARACHI:** The health department has finally notified the thalassaemia and haemoglobinopathy foundation more than a year after the passage of the Sindh Prevention and Control of Thalassaemia Bill, 2013, it emerged on Sunday. Officials in the provincial health department said they had lately received the chief minister's approval for the notification of the foundation that was considered to be the first step towards effective implementation of the law to contain the increasing number of thalassaemic patients in Sindh. However, the foundation would take time to function properly, as nominations were yet to be made for its governing body, a special fund created and rules and regulations formulated, the officials added. A summary note, earlier sent to the chief minister, stated the Sindh government according to Section 9(1) of the thalassaemia law had to establish a foundation that would take all measures it deemed necessary for the promotion, development and financing of thalassaemia and haemoglobinopathy centres across the province for the prevention and treatment of thalassaemia and to implement provisions of the act. According to the law, the foundation will be a body having perpetual succession and a common seal with power to acquire, hold and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and will by the said name sue and be sued.

Its head office will be situated in Karachi. Its composition and governance will be notified by the government. The foundation will establish a fund — Thalassaemia and Haemoglobinopathy Foundation Fund — which will invest in the foundation and to which will be credited grants made by the provincial and federal governments and local bodies; income from investments made by the foundation; donations and endowments; revolving funds placed by government at the disposal of the foundation; and all other sums received by the foundation and income from other sources. The government, by notification in official gazette, will make rules for carrying out the purposes of the act. A major objective of the law is to provide compulsory pre-marital blood test for marrying couples to diagnose their thalassaemia and take concrete steps controlling the

### Burns centre faces acute shortage of doctors

*The Statesman, March 09, 2015*

### Water shortage in various sectors of Federal Capital

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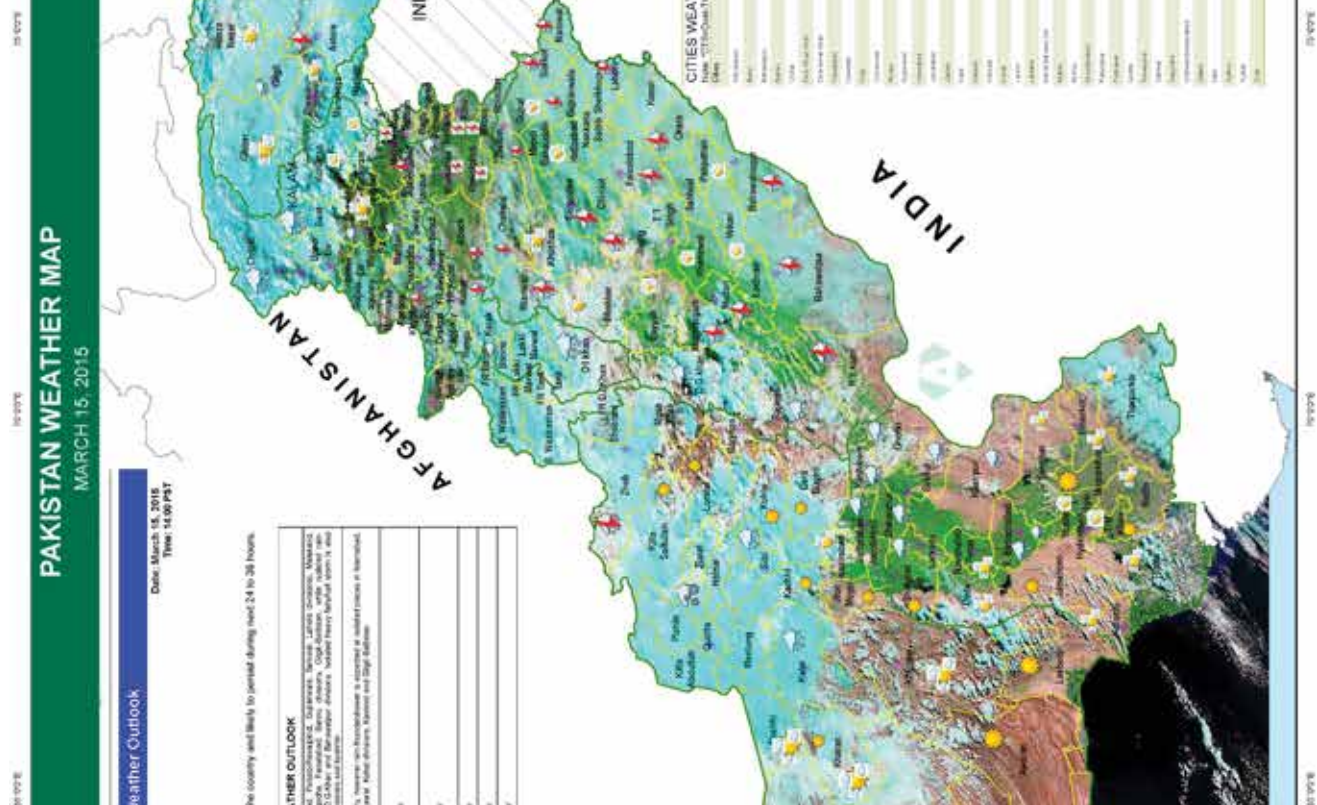
disease. Apart from many clauses to create public awareness, the law has a key provision requiring the health care facilities treating thalassaemia patients to ensure that blood relatives of the children are all screened for the disease.

Besides, the blood relatives of thalassaemia patients should be advised and counselled to obtain a pre-marital blood screening to ensure that they were not carrying the trait. Antenatal tests will be carried out on pregnant women, who are known carriers and whose spouses are also carriers of the trait, subject to approval having been obtained from the pregnant women and their spouses. The law requires all individuals, who are or will ever be in the reproductive phase – capable of bearing children, to have their thalassaemia status checked by a simple blood test called hemoglobin electrophoresis. All non-governmental organisation centres dealing with thalassaemia should ensure that 10 per cent of their budget is spent on developing facilities for thalassaemia and prenatal diagnosis of thalassaemia. The officials, however, said all those plans were pending till funds, infrastructure and rules were not available.

**KARACHI:** Burns Centre, Civil Hospital Karachi (CHK), is facing acute shortage of paramedical staff, while Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has been running sans specialist doctors, putting lives of dozens of children with burn injuries on stake, sources at the centre told PPI on Saturday. Well-informed sources at Burns Centre, wished not to be named, said there had been acute shortage of doctors and paramedics since past few months in evening and night shifts which had badly affected the routine work in Sindh's sole treatment centre for burns injuries. "Although doctors and paramedics were available in the morning shift but there was urgent need of specialists doctors and skilled staff for evening and night shifts as well," they said. They said Burns Centre administration had six months ago transferred and fired over 100 employees from Burns Centre due to their involvement in political activities. Half of the employees were reappointed later on contract through a private recruiting company, while significant number of posts were still vacant in the centre.

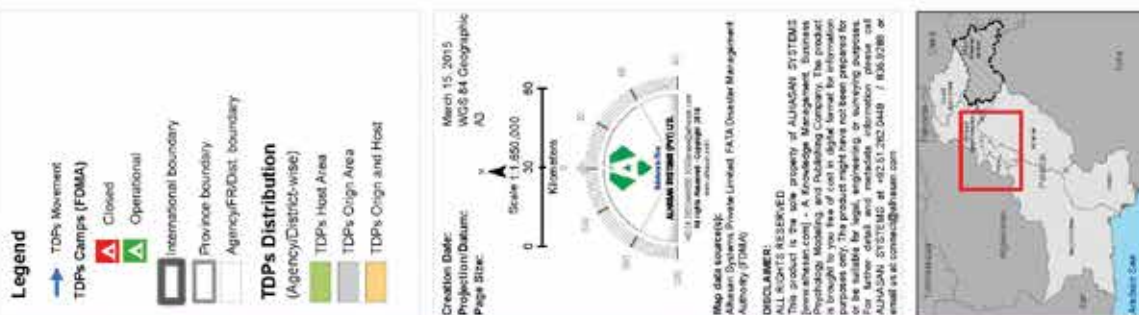
Sources said no specialist doctor was available in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (ICU), putting lives of children with various kinds of burns injuries in danger. They informed that paedics ICU had facility of ten housing patients at a time, but there was need of doctor to cope such cases. They said shortage of paramedical staff in 70-bedded Burns Centre had increased the miseries of visiting patients and also people rushing to the Burns Centre's emergency. "Burns patients have to wait for several hours for dressing and getting medicines." Sources further said there is no qualified pharmacist available in centre to run Pharmacy Department. The department is being run by non-qualified staff. "The administration has miserably failed to fill the shortage of doctors and paramedics despite the passage of several months and patients left are left at the mercy of unqualified staff especially in the evening and night shifts," they said. In-charge of Civil Hospital Karachi (CHK) Burns Centre Dr Ehmer -Al-Ibran was not available for comment. - PPI

**ISLAMABAD:** The residents of several residential sectors in the Federal Capital are facing water shortage for the last few weeks and the situation has apparently not improved so far. According to a survey conducted by this agency, the sectors including G-10, G-11, I-10 and I-9 are facing water scarcity due to short supply. Ms. Uzma, a resident of I-10 sector said that water shortage irks residents. Another resident of I-9 area said despite several complaints to Water Wing of Capital Development Authority (CDA), there was no positive response. While a resident of sector G-11 opined that due to poor planning, various houses in the sector are getting insufficient supply of water and CDA should take steps to ensure water supply. An CDA official said, in G and I sectors, water is supplied from tubewells and pumping stations, which require regular supply of electricity". He appealed the public to avoid misuse of water and not to waste it by watering gardens and washing cars. – APP

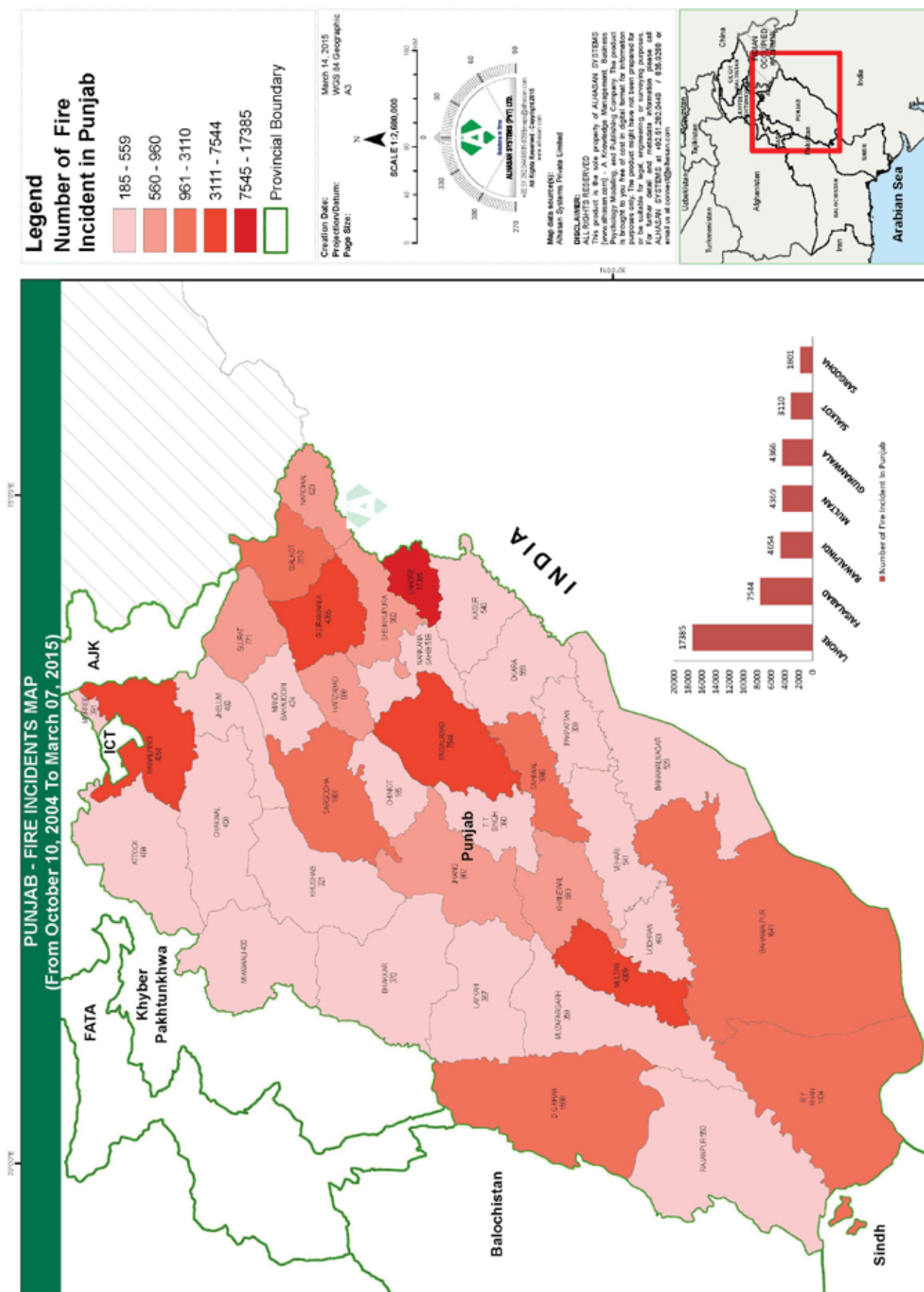




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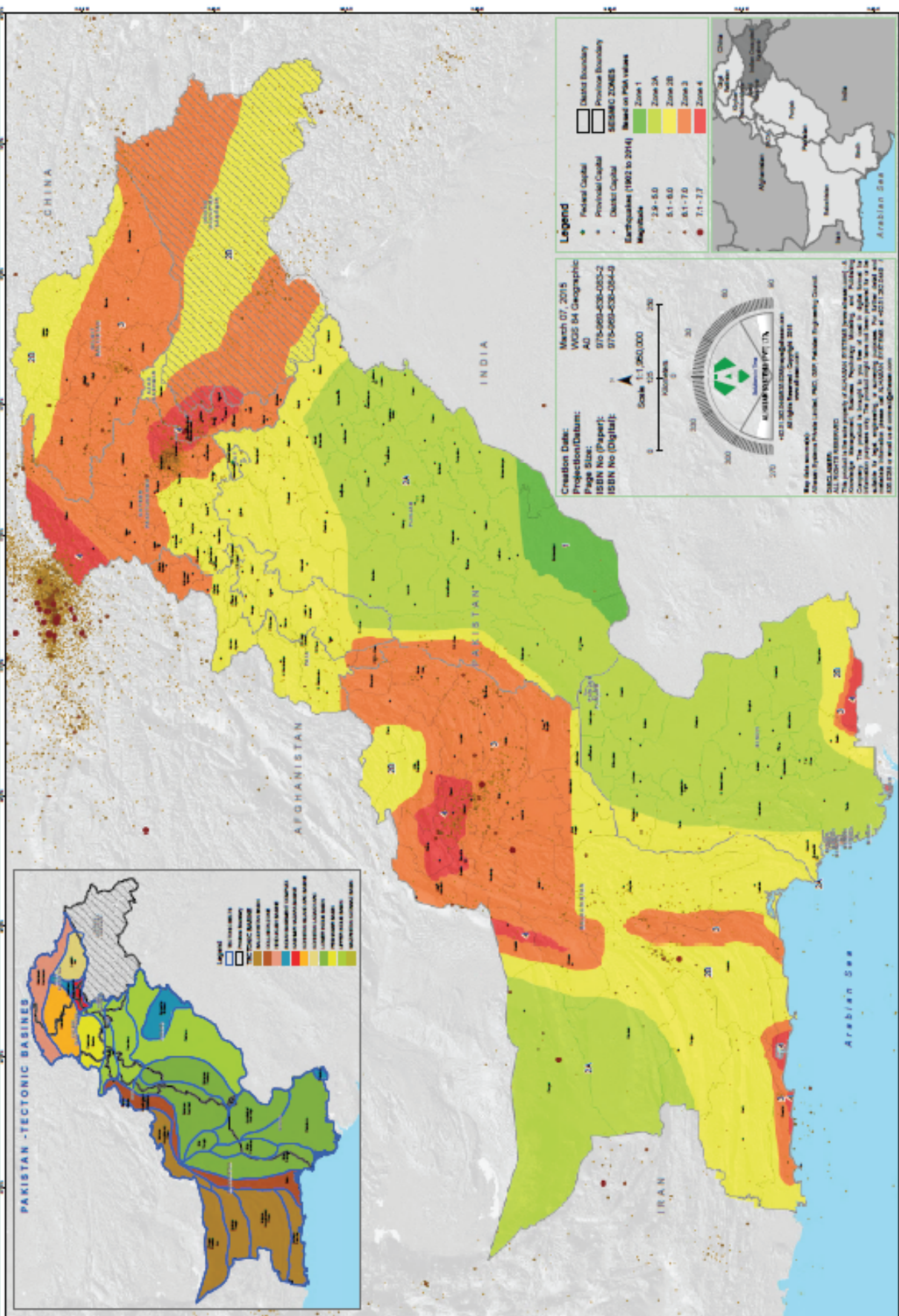








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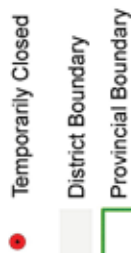






Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

An official at the education department said they recently conducted a test through NTS for the recruitment of more teaching staff.



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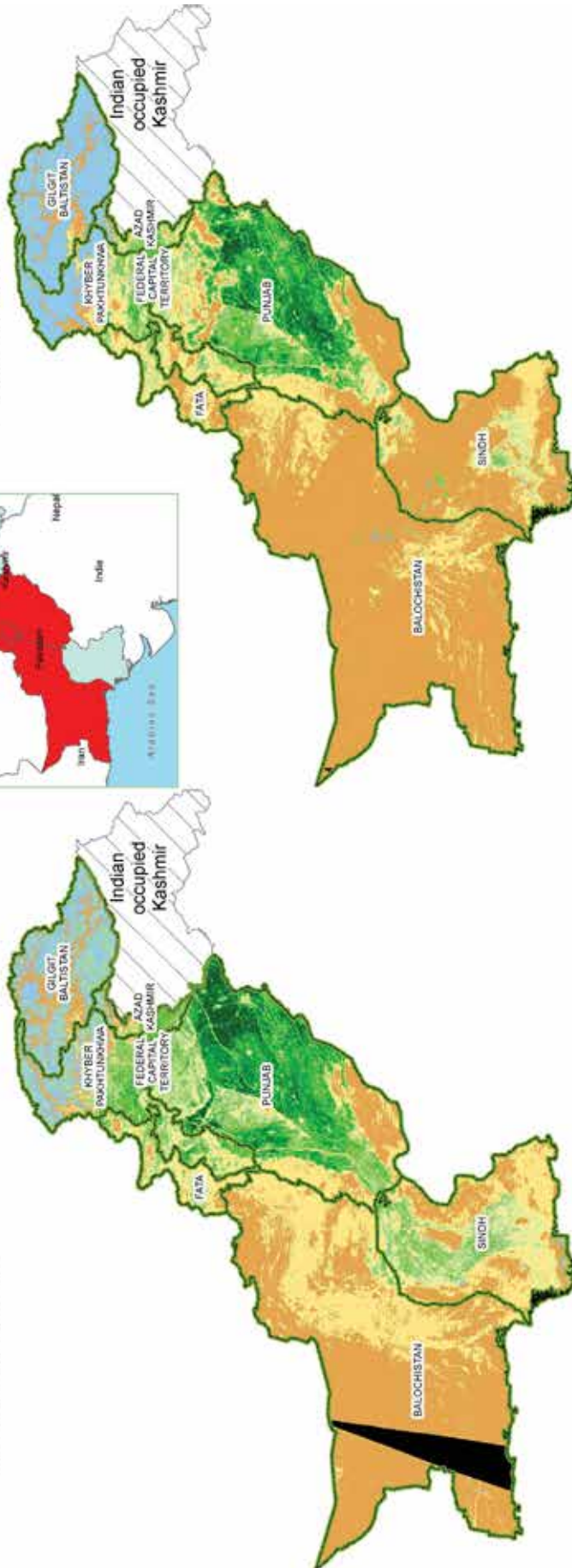


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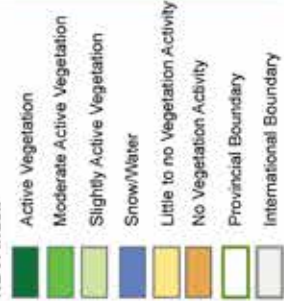
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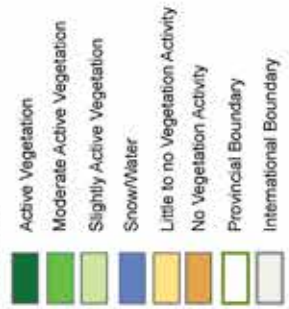
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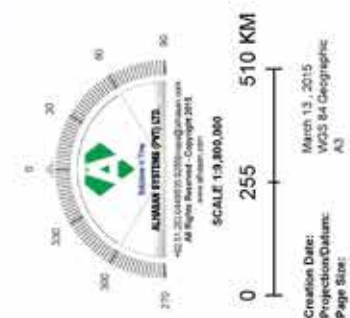


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منصوبے کی تکمیل میں دلچسپی ظاہر کی ہے، ہمیں جس طرح دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے نیشنل ایکشن پلان کی ضرورت ہے وہاں ملک کو درپیش بحرانوں سے نمٹنے اور قومی الیٹوز کے حل کیلئے نیشنل ایکشن پلان ضروری ہے۔ پانی اور بجلی کی قلت ماضی کی بدانتظامی کا نتیجہ ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے مقامی ہوٹل میں ساؤتھ ایشیا واٹر 4 کنفرینس فورم کے تیسرے اجلاس سے خطاب اور بعد ازاں سیڈ اے سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر چیئرمین واٹر اففیر محمود، وزیر مملکت و بینظیر انکم سپورٹ پروگرام کی چیئرمین ماروی میمن، چیئرمین ڈیپو ای ایف ٹار اے میمن سمیت غیر ملکی وفود بھی موجود تھے۔ خواجہ محمد آصف نے کہا کہ بھارت کے ساتھ پانی کے مسائل کو انڈس واٹر کمیشن سندھ طاس معاہدہ کے مطابق ذیل کرتا ہے بھارت کے ساتھ پانی کے مسائل معاہدے کے مطابق حل ہوں گے اگر بھارت نے کہیں انکروچمنٹ کی تو حکومت اس معاملے کو دیکھے گی۔ پاکستان بھارت کے ساتھ آبی تنازعات حل کرنا چاہتا ہے اگر بھارت نے ہمارے آبی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی کی تو ہم اپنا مقدمہ مناسب فورم پر لڑیں گے۔ ہمیں جس طرح بجلی کی پخت کی ضرورت ہے اسی طرح پانی کے ضیاع کو روکنا بھی ضروری ہے۔ بد قسمتی سے ہماری واٹر مینجمنٹ کاسٹ ریکوری صرف 20 فیصد ہے اور 80 فیصد ریکوری نہیں ہوتی، ہمارا آبپاشی کا طریقہ فلڈ اری گیشن ہے جسے تبدیل کر کے ڈرپ اری گیشن کا طریقہ اپنانے کی ضرورت ہے۔ ٹیوب ویل سے پانی نکالنے پر 3000 روپے جہاں لاگت آتی ہے وہاں اگر ہم نہری پانی استعمال کریں تو 100 روپے کا پڑتا ہے۔ گھریلو استعمال کے پانی سے جو ریکوری ہوتی ہے اس سے بھی نظام کو برقرار نہیں رکھا جاسکتا۔ ہر سال بدترین سیلاب آرہے ہیں مگر ہمارے پاس پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی گنجائش موجود نہیں ہم اگر پاکستان میں آبی ذخائر بنانے کا سوچتے ہیں تو یہ معاملات گزشتہ 30،40 سالوں سے سیاسی مفادات کی بھینٹ چڑھ جاتے ہیں جمہوری اور آمر حکمرانوں کے ادوار میں بھی ان مسائل کا حل نہ نکالا جاسکا۔ ہم تیزی سے پانی کے قحط والی صورتحال کی طرف بڑھ رہے ہیں جس کا مقابلہ کرنے کیلئے ہم تیار نہیں قومی سطح پر بھی اس مقصد کا ادراک نہیں۔ حکومت جامع طویل المدتی پلان پر عمل پیرا ہے جس سے پانی کے ذخیرہ کی استعداد میں اضافہ ہو گا اور چھوٹے بڑے ڈیم بھی تعمیر کئے جائیں گے۔ حکومت دیا میر بھاشا ڈیم پر کام کر رہی ہے جس کیلئے 100 ارب روپے مالیت سے زائد کی زمین خریدی جا رہی ہے۔ قبل ازیں تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ ملک سے بجلی کا بحران آئندہ دو سے تین سالوں میں ختم ہو جائے گا لیکن پانی ہمارے لئے سنجیدہ مسئلہ ہے جس کیلئے ہمیں توجہ دینے کی ضرورت ہے۔ تقریب سے چیئرمین واٹر اففیر محمود، ٹار اے میمن و دیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

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ایس ایس جی سی نے تین روزہ گیس بندش کے شیڈول کو تبدیل کرتے ہوئے رواں ہفتے کے لئے نیا شیڈول جاری کر دیا ہے، شیڈول کے مطابق آج صبح آٹھ بجے سے منگل دس مارچ کی صبح آٹھ بجے تک کراچی سمیت سندھ بھر کی سی این جی اسٹیشنز چوبیس گھنٹوں کے لئے بند رہیں گے سی این جی کی دوسری بندش بدھ گیارہ مارچ کو ہوگی جبکہ سندھ بھر کے سی این جی اسٹیشنز شیڈول کی تیسری بندش کے تحت جمعہ تیرہ مارچ کی صبح آٹھ بجے سے چوبیس گھنٹوں کے لئے بند رہیں گے، ایس ایس جی سی کے مطابق شیڈول کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والے سی این جی اسٹیشنز کی گیس منقطع کر دی جائے گی۔ شیڈول کی تبدیلی پر آل پاکستان سی این جی اسٹیشنز سندھ زون کے چیئرمین کا کہنا ہے کہ ایس ایس جی سی کی جانب سے اچانک ردوبدل عوام الناس کے حق میں نہیں ہے، انہوں نے وفاقی حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کے عوام دشمن اقدامات پر پابندی لگائی جائے۔



اضافہ کی وجہ سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کے دورانیہ میں دو سے تین گھنٹے تک کا اضافہ کر دیا گیا۔ مرمت کے نام پر بجلی کی بندش ایک بار پھر شروع کر دی گئی جبکہ گیس کی بندش کینال نارنگ منڈی اور شرپور شریف میں احتجاج کیا گیا۔ گزشتہ روز شہروں میں 12 گھنٹے اور دیہی علاقوں میں 16 گھنٹے تک کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔ ملک میں ہائیڈرو پاور تھرمل کی پیداوار میں کمی ہوئی ہے۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق سوئی گیس کی جبری بندش کینال زبردست احتجاج کیا گیا اور خواتین گھروں سے نکل آئیں اور محکمہ سوئی گیس کے خلاف سینہ کو پی کرتی رہیں انہوں نے بتایا کہ گیس کا مقامی سٹاف کئی ہفتوں سے جان بوجھ کر پریشان کر رہا ہے وہ شہر کی مین سپلائی صبح 6 بجے سے رات 10 بجے تک بند رکھتا ہے۔ شرپور شریف سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گیس پریشر میں شدید کمی کے باعث شہری پریشان ناشتہ ہوٹلوں پر کھانے پر مجبور ہو گئے۔ شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے جبکہ بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے۔ ادھر ماموں کالج میں بجلی کی طویل بندش کینال نارنگ منڈی جلا کر سڑک بلاک کر دی گئی۔

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پاکستان سٹیٹ آئل نے حکومت کو وارننگ دی ہے کہ اگر پاور سیکٹر نے رقم ادا نہ کی تو اپریل یا مئی میں پٹرول بحران کا جن پھر سراٹھا سکتا ہے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی واجب الادا 192 ارب 20 کروڑ روپے ادا کرے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی کو لکھے گئے خط میں پی ایس او نے کہا ہے کہ اپریل کے آخر یا مئی میں پٹرول اور فرنس آئل کی قلت کا امکان ہے۔ بقایا جات کی ادائیگی خاطر خواہ رقم کی شکل میں کی جائے اور ترجیحی بنیادوں پر ہوں۔ اگر ادائیگیاں نہ کی گئیں تو پٹرول، فرنس آئل کا بحران پیدا ہو سکتا ہے۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار) صوبائی دارالحکومت سمیت کئی شہروں میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہی اور لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا جبکہ کاروبار بھی شدید متاثر ہوئے جبکہ کئی شہروں میں گیس کی بندش بھی برقرار ہے اور گھروں میں چولہے ٹھنڈے رہے۔ اوکاڑہ میں گیس کی بندش کینال شدید کیا گیا اور خواتین نے بچوں کے ہمراہ چولہے اٹھا کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ اور دھرنے دیا۔ احتجاج میں شامل سیکٹروں خواتین نے احتجاج کرتے ہوئے سوئی گیس اعلیٰ حکام کے خلاف سخت نعرہ بازی کی اور دھرنے دیا۔ ننگنا صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں بجلی کی بار بار بندش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، شہر میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 14 بجے دیہات میں 16 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر گیا جس کے باعث زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی۔ شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ شرپور سے نامہ نگار کے شرپور میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے کاروبار ٹھپ ہو کر رہ گیا۔ غیر اعلانیہ طور پر 14 سے 16 گھنٹے لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری رہا جس سے کاروباری طبقہ اور طلباء طالبات کو امتحان کی تیاری کرنے لئے انتہائی پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ علاوہ ازیں گزشتہ ایک ہفتہ سے جاری گیس پریشر میں شدید کمی کے باعث شہری پریشان ناشتہ ہوٹلوں پر کھانے پر مجبور ہو گئے اور سرایا احتجاج بن گئے اور مظاہرہ کیا۔

ایرانی کمپنی زاہدان میں ایک ہزار تین سو میگاواٹ کا پاور پلانٹ لگائے گی اور اس سے آٹھ سے گیارہ روپے تک فی یونٹ پر بجلی خریدی جائے گی، این ڈی ایم اے کے ڈپٹی جنرل محمد شبیر کا کہنا تھا کہ ایرانی کمپنی تیس سال تک بجلی فراہم کرنے کی پابند ہوگی، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ایرانی بارڈر سے کوئٹہ تک ٹرانسمیشن لائن پر اٹھاون کروڑ ڈالر لاگت آئے گی، این ڈی ایم اے کے ڈی جی کا کہنا تھا کہ ایران نے ٹرانسمیشن لائن کیلئے ستر فیصد فنڈنگ کی پیشکش بھی کی ہے، اس منصوبے کے بعد ایران مزید تین ہزار میگاواٹ بجلی فراہم کرنے پر تیار ہے، ممبر ٹیرف خواجہ محمد نعیم کا کہنا تھا کہ این ڈی سی نے ایران کیساتھ بہت عمدہ معاہدہ کیا ہے، اس معاہدے سے ملک کو بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کم کرنے میں کافی مدد ملے گی۔

لاہور (واقعہ نگار خصوصی) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے واسا اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کو گندے نالوں کی توسیع کیلئے کچی آبادیاں گرانے سے روکتے ہوئے حکم امتناعی جاری کر دیا۔ گزشتہ روز جسٹس چوہدری محمد اقبال کی عدالت میں درخواست گزار عمران سلیم نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ ضلعی انتظامیہ واسا کی ملی بھگت سے بازو احاطہ، بیگم روڈ، مزنگ اور لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں سے گزرنے والے گندے نالوں کی توسیع کی کچی آبادیاں گرانے کا منصوبہ بنا چکی ہے۔ کچی آبادیوں کے مکین قیام پاکستان سے قبل اس جگہ پر آباد ہیں تاہم ضلعی حکومت انہیں بے گھر کر رہی ہے۔ محکموں نے کئی دہائیوں سے گندے نالوں کی صفائی نہیں کی اور اپنی غفلت چھپانے کیلئے نالوں کی توسیع کا منصوبہ بنایا جو کچی آبادی کے مکینوں کے بنیادی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ عدالت نے حکم امتناعی جاری کرتے ہوئے ڈی سی اور لاہور اور ایم ڈی واسا کو نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے 25 مارچ کو جواب طلب کر لیا۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) وفاقی وزیر پانی خواجہ محمد آصف نے کہا ہے کہ پانی کی قلت سنگین مسئلہ ہے ہمیں ملکی بقا کیلئے پانی کو محفوظ رکھنا ہوگا، بجلی بحران پر تو تین سال میں قابو پالیں گے مگر پانی کا مسئلہ طویل مدتی ہے یہ دو تین سال میں حل نہیں ہوگا جس پر توجہ دینے کی ضرورت ہے، حکومت پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی استعداد میں اضافے اور چھوٹے بڑے ڈیموں کی تعمیر کے جامع طویل المدتی منصوبہ بندی کر رہی ہے کیونکہ پاکستان تیزی سے پانی کے خطہ والی صورتحال کی طرف بڑھ رہا ہے۔ آبی ذخائر کی تعمیر ہمارے لئے زندگی موت کا مسئلہ ہے پانی کا ضیاع بہت زیادہ ہے جس کی وجہ سے 7 سال بعد پانی کا قحط آجائے گا۔ دیامیر بھاشا ڈیم منصوبے کے لئے زمین کے حصول کیلئے 100 ارب روپے جاری کر دیئے گئے ہیں، بین الاقوامی پارٹنرز نے بھی اس

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کینال شرپور، اوکاڑہ میں احتجاج

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ہزار میگاواٹ بجلی خریدنے کی منظوری

دے

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## لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے گندے نالوں کی

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## آبی ذخائر کی تعمیر زندگی موت کا مسئلہ

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کوئی ریلیف دے سکتے ہیں۔ پرائس کنٹرول مجسٹریٹ نے گزشتہ روز شادمان میں وفاق کے زیر انتظام یوٹیلیٹی سٹور پر بھی چھاپہ مار کر وفاقی حکومت کی ریٹ لسٹ دکھانے کے باوجود پنجاب حکومت کے نوٹیفکیشن کے مطابق گھی اور خوردنی تیل فروخت نہ کرنے پر منیجر کو حراست میں لے کر تھانہ شادمان میں بند کر دیا۔ دوسری طرف پاکستان بنائیتی مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن نے پنجاب میں سپلائی روکتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ پنجاب حکومت نے اپنی مرضی کے مطابق ریٹ لسٹ جاری کر دی جسے کسی صورت تسلیم نہیں کرتے۔ ایسوسی ایشن کے سیکرٹری جنرل عمر اسلام نے کہا ہم گھی اور خوردنی تیل کی قلت پیدا کر کے عوام کو مسائل کا شکار نہیں کرنا چاہتے۔ ہم حکومت سے تمام معاملات مذاکرات سے حل کرنا چاہتے ہیں لیکن حکومت کی طرف سے گرفتاریاں اور جرمانے قابل مذمت ہیں۔ مزید برآں این این آئی کے مطابق ڈی سی اولاهور کیپٹن (ر) محمد عثمان نے پرائس کنٹرول مجسٹریٹس کو شہر میں گھی اور کوکنگ آئل کی نئی قیمتوں پر عملدرآمد کروانے کے لئے الٹ رہنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ ڈی سی اولاهور کی اس ہدایت کے بعد ٹاؤن ایڈمنسٹریٹر اور پرائس کنٹرول مجسٹریٹس نے شہر بھر میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 752 مقامات پر چھاپے مارے۔ ٹاؤن ایڈمنسٹریٹر نے پرائس کنٹرول مجسٹریٹس کی خود نگرانی کی اور خود بھی فیلڈ میں جاکر شہر کے بڑے بڑے سٹور کو چیک کیا۔ گھی اور کوکنگ آئل کو نئی مقرر کردہ قیمتوں پر فروخت نہ کرنے پر 92 افراد کو گرفتار کر دیا گیا جبکہ 2 لاکھ 78 ہزار 6 سو روپے کے جرمانے بھی عائد کئے گئے۔ گوجرانوالہ کے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق صوبائی حکومت کی ہدایت پر ضلعی انتظامیہ نے گھی اور کوکنگ آئل مینڈک دھاموں فروخت کرنیوالی ملز، ہول سیل ڈیلرز اور دکانداروں کیخلاف کریک ڈاؤن کیا، تین ملز سیل، ملز مالکان سمیت 8 افراد کو جیل بھیجا دیا گیا۔ انتظامیہ کی کارروائی کیخلاف تاجروں نے دکانیں بند کر کے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ چھاپے مار ٹیموں نے ہول سیل ڈیلرز کیخلاف کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دو تاجروں ابو بکر، فاروق کو گھی اور کوکنگ آئل مینڈک دھاموں فروخت کرتے ہوئے پکڑ کر انہیں جرمانے کی ادائیگی کے بعد 10 روز کیلئے جیل بھیجا دیا۔ دوسری طرف گھی کے بڑے تاجروں نے انتظامیہ کی چھاپے مار کارروائیوں کیخلاف دکانیں بند کر کے ڈی سی او آفس کے باہر جرنالوں اور گرفتاریوں کیخلاف احتجاج کیا۔ معلوم ہوا ہے کہ بعض دکانداروں نے ہڑتال کو جواز بنا کر گھی اور کوکنگ آئل کی بلیک میں فروخت شروع کر دی ہے۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) نیشنل ٹرانسمیشن اینڈ سپلای کپنی کی نیپرا سے بجلی 2 روپے 8 پیسے فی یونٹ سستی کرنے کی درخواست سماعت کے لئے منظور، نیپرا 18 مارچ کو منظوری دے گا۔ نیپرا حکام کے مطابق جنوری کی فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں بجلی سستی کرنے کی درخواست کی گئی، فیول لاگت میں کمی کے باعث بجلی سستی کرنے کی درخواست کی گئی۔ کے الیکٹرک کے سوا ملک بھر کے صارفین کو 12 ارب روپے کاریلیف ملے گا، جنوری میں بجلی کی پیداوار پر مجموعی فیول لاگت 55 ارب 75 کروڑ 44 لاکھ کی گئی، جنوری کے لئے ریفرنس فیول لاگت 11 روپے 36 پیسے فی یونٹ مقرر تھی، جنوری میں بجلی کی پیداوار پر اصل فیول لاگت 9 روپے 25 پیسے فی یونٹ رہی۔

اسلام آباد (اساغنی/نیشنل رپورٹ) پاکستان کا تیس فیصد امیر طبقہ امیر ترین ہوتا جا رہا ہے اور یہ طبقہ 20 فیصد غریب ترین لوگوں کے مقابلے میں پانچ گنا زیادہ وسائل استعمال کر رہا ہے۔ امیر ترین اور غریب ترین افراد میں یہ فرق آمدنی اور ٹیکس کی غیر منصفانہ وصولی ہے۔ 2011-12ء میں ٹاپ ٹین فیصد اخراجات 31.3 فیصد جبکہ 40 فیصد نیچے کی طرف سے صرف 20 فیصد تھی۔ اس کا مطلب ہے کہ 18 ملین امیر ترین کے اخراجات ایک طرف اور 72 ملین غریب افراد دوسری جانب ہیں۔ آکسفیم کی ایس ڈی پی آئی کے ساتھ مشترکہ رپورٹ کے مطابق وفاقی بجٹ 2015-16ء میں حکومت کو 50 ملین غریب طبقے کے مسائل کو سامنے رکھنا ہو گا جنہیں غربت کی لکیر سے نکالنا ہو گا۔ رپورٹ کئی حوالوں سے ناانصافی کی وجوہات کی نشاندہی کرتی ہے جس میں صحت، تعلیم سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں مواقعوں کی کمی شامل ہے۔ غیر واضح پالیسیوں، ٹیکس کی غیر منصفانہ وصولی و ادائیگی، ناانصافی اور شہریوں کی عدم سیوری کی وجہ سے بھی غربت میں اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ ایف بی آر کو 60 فیصد آمدنی بالواسطہ ٹیکس کی مد میں حاصل ہوتی ہے۔ طاقتور طبقہ ٹیکس کی چھوٹ سے فائدہ حاصل کرتا ہے جس سے غربت پر قابو پانے میں مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ ٹیکس کی کم وصولی کے باعث بجٹ پر دباؤ پڑتا ہے جس سے مہنگائی میں اضافہ ہوتا ہے۔ آکسفیم کی جانب سے تجاویز دی گئی ہیں کہ مختلف شعبوں میں ناانصافیوں پر قابو پا کر غربت کو کم کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

لاہور (خبرنگار) کشر لاہور ڈویژن عبداللہ خان سنبل نے ہدایت کی ہے کہ چڑھ رنگنے والی فیکٹریوں سے خارج ہونے والے کیمیائی مادوں سے آلودہ پانی کے باعث ماحولیاتی آلودگی سے بچاؤ کے لیے واٹر ٹریٹمنٹ پلانٹس کے مکمل طور پر فعال ہونے کو باقاعدگی کے ساتھ چیک کیا جائے اور واضح ہدایات کے باوجود آلودہ پانی خارج کرنے والی فیکٹریوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات قصور کے دورے کے دوران ایک چڑھ رنگنے کی فیکٹری کا چانک معائنہ کرتے ہوئے کہی۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران) ملک میں بجلی کی پیداوار میں کمی کے باعث شارٹ فال چار ہزار میگا واٹ سے تجاوز کر گیا۔ شارٹ فال میں

فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ: نیپرا نے بجلی 2 روپے 8 پیسے یونٹ سستی کر دینی درخواست سماعت کیلئے منظور کر لی

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آلودہ پانی خارج کرنے والی فیکٹریوں کیخلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے، کشر لاہور

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2017ء تک مکمل کیا جائے۔ وزیراعظم کو بتایا گیا کہ آئندہ موسم گرما تک نیشنل گرڈ میں 1500 میگا واٹ سے زائد اضافی بجلی دستیاب ہوگی جو گلدو، تندی پور سمیت ہوا سے بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبوں سے حاصل کی جائے گی۔ وزیراعظم نے ہدایت کی کہ بجلی کی بچت اور چوری روکنے کے لئے مزید ٹھوس اقدامات کئے جائیں گے۔ اجلاس میں پنجاب کے وزیراعلیٰ شہباز شریف، وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار اور وزیر پٹرولیم شہباز شریف نے ہدایت کی کہ بجلی کی بچت اور چوری روکنے کے لئے مزید ٹھوس اقدامات کئے جائیں گے۔ اجلاس میں پنجاب کے وزیراعلیٰ شہباز شریف، وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار اور وزیر پٹرولیم شہباز شریف نے ہدایت کی کہ بجلی کی بچت اور چوری روکنے کے لئے مزید ٹھوس اقدامات کئے جائیں گے۔

وزیراعظم نواز شریف سے افغان وزیر برائے مہاجرین سید حسین بلخی نے ملاقات کی جس میں پاکستان افغانستان تعلقات، افغان مہاجرین کی واپسی سمیت اہم امور پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ وفاقی وزیر سرحدی و ریاستی امور عبدالقادر بلوچ، وزیراعظم کے مشیر طارق فاطمی بھی موجود تھے۔ وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ افغانستان پاکستان کا ہر اور ملک ہے، دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان خوشگوار تعلقات قائم ہیں۔ ان تعلقات میں مزید بہتری کے خواہاں ہیں۔ پاکستان اور افغانستان مل کر خطے میں امن و امان اور دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے مل کر کام کرتے رہیں گے۔ قانونی مہاجرین کے خلاف کوئی کارروائی نہیں کی جائے گی بلکہ ان مہاجرین کو باوقار طریقے سے واپس افغانستان بھیجیں گے۔ افغانستان سمیت خطے کے تمام ممالک کے ساتھ مستحکم اور تعاون پر مبنی تعلقات استوار کرنا ان کے پر امن پڑوس کے ویژن کا حصہ ہے۔ افغانستان میں قیادت کی تبدیلی کے بعد دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دو طرفہ تعلقات سے تاریخی باب کا آغاز ہوا ہے۔ دونوں ممالک نے ماضی کو فراموش کر کے باہمی مفاد پر مبنی تعلقات قائم کرنے پر اتفاق کیا ہے۔ ہماری توجہ کا مرکز زیادہ سے زیادہ سیاسی مذاکرات، سکیورٹی اور انسداد دہشت گردی میں تعاون، معاشی شراکت اور علاقائی تعاون شامل ہیں۔ دہشت گردی دونوں ممالک کی مشترکہ دشمن ہے، اسے شکست دینے کیلئے مشترکہ کوششوں کی ضرورت ہے دونوں ممالک نے دہشت گردی کے ہاتھوں شدید نقصانات اٹھائے ہیں۔

پاکستان نے آپریشن ضرب عضب شروع کر کے دہشت گردی کے نیٹ ورک کی کسر توڑی ہے، ہمارا عزم ہے کہ ایک دوسرے کے خلاف اپنی سر زمین استعمال نہیں کرنے دیں گے۔ پاکستان افغان مہاجرین کی وطن واپسی کیلئے حکمت عملی کی توثیق کرتا ہے۔ پاکستان رضاکارانہ واپسی کے اصول کا احترام کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دو طرفہ تعلقات کو مزید بڑھانے کیلئے کامل کا دورہ کریں گے۔ افغان وزیر حسین علیم یلخی نے افغانستان میں بر فانی طوفان کے نقصانات پر حکومت پاکستان کے اظہار تشویش کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور پاکستانی مدد کی تعریف کی۔ انہوں نے افغان صدر کی طرف سے وزیراعظم کو نیک تمناؤں کا پیغام پہنچایا اور کہا کہ افغانستان میں بین الاقوامی بورڈ بنایا گیا ہے جو افغان مہاجرین کی وطن واپسی کے معاملات کی نگرانی کرتا ہے۔ صدر اشرف غنی بورڈ کی خود صدارت کرتے ہیں۔ درس اثناء سردار اختر مینگل سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ حکومت بلوچستان کی ترقی کو ترجیح دیتی ہے، ان کی خواہش ہے کہ تمام فیصلے صوبائی پارٹیوں کے تعاون اور مشاورت سے ہوں، حکومت انفراسٹرکچر کی تعمیر کے ذریعے ملک کے تمام حصوں میں بسنے والوں کو زندگی گزارنے کے مواقع دینا چاہتی ہے۔ بلوچستان جمہوری وفاقی نظام کا اہم حصہ ہے۔ نواز شریف نے کہا کہ افغانستان اور پاکستان اپنی سر زمین ایک دوسرے کے خلاف استعمال نہیں ہونے دے گا۔ دونوں ممالک نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف بھاری قیمت ادا کی ہے۔ دہشت گرد دونوں ملکوں کے مشترکہ دشمن ہیں، پاکستان اور افغانستان انہیں مل کر شکست دیں گے۔

**لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر)** مشیر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب برائے صحت خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے کہا کہ ڈینگی چھڑکھڑکھ کر افواہیں پھیلنے لگی ہیں۔ انہوں نے یہ بات سول سیکرٹریٹ میں ٹیکنیکل ایڈوائزر کی کمیٹی برائے انسداد ڈینگی کے اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے بتایا کہ لاہور، راولپنڈی، شیخوپورہ میں چونکہ ڈینگی کا مرض زیادہ ہے لہذا حکومت نے وبائی امراض کی روک تھام کے پروگرام کے تحت ریگولر فورس قائم کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا جس کیلئے نیا سٹاف بھرتی کیا جائے گا۔

**لاہور (نیوز رپورٹر)** پنجاب حکومت کی طرف سے تمام برانڈز کے گھی اور خوردنی تیل کی قیمتوں میں 15 روپے فی کلو کی کمی نوٹیفیکیشن پر عملدرآمد نہ ہو سکا، حکم نامے پر عملدرآمد نہ کرنے پر گرفتاریوں اور بھاری جرمانے عائد کرنے کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا گیا جسکے باعث کئی علاقوں میں دکانداروں نے فروخت بند کر دی، پاکستان بناسیتی مینوفیکچررز ایسوسی ایشن نے پنجاب میں گھی اور خوردنی تیل کی سپلائی روکتے ہوئے پورے پاکستان سے نمائندوں کا ہنگامی اجلاس آج (جمعہ) کو لاہور کے مقامی ہوٹل میں طلب کر لیا جسکے بعد سیکرٹری انڈسٹریز پنجاب سے مذاکرات کئے جائیں گے۔ پنجاب حکومت نے بدھ کے روز پرائس کنٹرول، منافع خوری و ذخیرہ اندوزی کی روک تھام کے ایکٹ مجریہ 1977 کی شق 3 کے تحت خوردنی تیل اور گھی کے تمام برانڈز کی قیمتوں میں 15 روپے فی کلو کی کمی نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کرتے ہوئے اسکا فوری نفاذ کر دیا تھا تاہم صوبائی دارالحکومت سمیت صوبہ بھر میں اس نوٹیفیکیشن پر عملدرآمد نہیں ہو سکا۔ دکانداروں کا کہنا ہے مجھے داموں خریدے ہوئے گھی اور آئل کو کس طرح 15 روپے کم کر کے فروخت کر سکتے ہیں۔ گھی اور خوردنی تیل کے ڈسٹری بیوٹرز اور ڈیلرز سے رابطے کے ہیں لیکن وہ اس نوٹیفیکیشن کے مطابق قیمتیں طے کرنے کیلئے تیار نہیں اور ان کا کہنا ہے کہ پہلے سے موجود سٹاک کو کم قیمت پر فروخت کر سکتے ہیں اور نہ نئی قیمت کے حوالے سے دکانداروں کو فروخت کئے گئے گھی اور خوردنی تیل پر

**ڈینگی کی افزائش روکنے کیلئے فوری**

**اقدامات کئے جائیں خواجہ سلمان رفیق**

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 مارچ 2015

**گھی، آئل مہنگا بیچنے پر 3 ملز سیل،**

**مالکان سمیت 100 افراد گرفتار،**

**تاجروں کا مظاہرہ**

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## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

اسلام آباد (کن لائن) چاروں صوبوں سمیت ملک بھر میں تقریباً 75 فیصد پانی آلودہ اور انسانی صحت کیلئے غیر محفوظ پایا گیا، اس بات کا انکشاف پاکستان کو نسل آف ریسرچ ان واٹر ریسورسز کے لئے جانے والے لیبارٹری ٹیسٹ میں کیا گیا۔ انگریزی اخبار کی رپورٹ کے مطابق پانی کی کوالٹی کو بہتر بنانے کے لئے تحقیقاتی ٹیم چاروں صوبوں سمیت ملک بھر کے چوبیس بڑے شہروں میں کام کر رہی ہے جس کا مقصد ملک میں آلودہ پانی کی تحقیقات اور ملک بھر میں پانی کے معیار کو بہتر بنانا ہے۔ ٹیم نے کل 360 پانی کے نمونے حاصل کئے جن میں 90 محفوظ اور 270 غیر محفوظ اور انسانی صحت کیلئے ناقابل استعمال تھے۔ ریسرچ کو نسل نے پنجاب کے 12 بڑے شہروں سے 163 پانی کے تجزیاتی نمونے لئے جن میں سے 60 نمونے محفوظ اور 103 نمونے غیر محفوظ پائے گئے ہیں۔ جن شہروں سے یہ نمونے حاصل کئے گئے ان میں بہاولپور، فیصل آباد، گوجرانوالہ، گجرات، ملتان، راولپنڈی، سیالکوٹ، سرگودھا اور شیخوپورہ شامل ہیں۔ سندھ کے چار شہروں سے پانی کے 85 نمونے حاصل کئے گئے جن میں تین نمونے محفوظ اور 82 غیر محفوظ اور انسانی صحت کیلئے ناقابل استعمال تھے اسی طرح خیبر پٹی کے سے چالیس میں سے چھتیس نمونے غیر محفوظ اور چار محفوظ بلوچستان سے 47 نمونوں میں سے 7 محفوظ اور 40 غیر محفوظ اور آلودہ پائے گئے۔ ترجمان پاکستان کو نسل آف ریسرچ ان واٹر ریسورسز ڈاکٹر نبی بخاری کا کہنا ہے کہ پانی کے نمونوں کا تجزیہ اور ٹیسٹ کرنے کے بعد ثابت ہوا ہے کہ بیشتر شہروں میں استعمال ہونے والا پینے کا پانی آلودہ ہے ماہر ماحولیات آصف شجاع کا کہنا ہے کہ اکثریت آبادی کو آلودہ پانی پینے پر مجبور کیا جا رہا ہے۔

کوسٹ بلوچستان کے 29 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم 16 مارچ سے شروع ہو رہی ہے۔ جس کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے گئے ہیں، سیکورٹی کی عدم دستیابی کے باعث کوسٹ میں انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم ایک ہفتہ کیلئے موخر کر دی گئی تھی۔ محکمہ صحت کے مطابق تین روزہ مہم کے دوران صوبے کے 29 اضلاع میں 24 لاکھ 72 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو انسداد پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے، مہم کے دوران چھ ہزار چار سو 98 موبائل ٹیمیں، 789 فیکلڈ سائٹ، 311 ٹرانزٹ روٹس اور 1332 ایریا انچارج حصہ لیں گے۔ مہم میں افغان پناگزیں کے بچوں کو بھی انسداد پولیو قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ کوسٹ میں 4 لاکھ 85 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو انسداد پولیو کے قطرے ایک ہفتہ بعد پلائے جائیں گے۔ بلوچستان میں رواں سال پولیو کے دو کیسز سامنے آئے ہیں، جس میں پہلا کیس قلعہ عبداللہ جبکہ دوسرا کیس لورالائی میں سامنے آیا۔

اسلام آباد پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی کے چیئرمین اسماعیل شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ ملک بھر میں جنوری سے اب تک 5 کروڑ 7 لاکھ سموں کی تصدیق کی جا چکی ہے جب کہ ایک کروڑ 10 لاکھ غیر تصدیق شدہ سموں کو بند کر دیا گیا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے اسماعیل شاہ نے کہا کہ سموں کی تصدیق کا عمل آخری مرحلے میں داخل ہو گیا ہے، ملک بھر میں جنوری سے اب تک 5 کروڑ 7 لاکھ سموں کی تصدیق کی جا چکی ہے جب کہ ایک کروڑ 10 لاکھ غیر تصدیق شدہ سموں کو بند کر دیا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ملک بھر میں موبائل فون کمپنیوں نے سموں کی بائیومیٹرک تصدیق کے لئے 15 ہزار سے زائد مشینیں نصب کی ہیں جس سے باآسانی تمام شہری اپنی سمیں تصدیق کروا سکتے ہیں۔ اسماعیل شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اتھارٹی اور موبائل فون آپریٹرز نے سموں کی تصدیق کے عمل کے لئے دی گئی تاریخ میں توسیع نہ کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے اور 13 اپریل کے بعد تمام غیر تصدیق شدہ سمیں بند کر دی جائیں گی تاہم پی ٹی اے نے صارفین کی سہولت کے پیش نظر بند ہونے والی سمیں 6 ماہ تک کسی اور کے نام پر منتقل نہ کرنے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا ہے لہذا صارفین بند ہونے والی سمیں 6 ماہ کے اندر قریبی متعلقہ فریجنائز سے تصدیق کے بعد دوبارہ حاصل کر سکیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پی ٹی اے نے اوور سیز پاکستانیوں کی سہولت کی خاطر اوور سیز پاکستانیوں کے زیر استعمال رومنگ شدہ سمز بند نہ کرنے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا ہے اور انہیں یہ سہولت بھی دی گئی ہے کہ وہ اپنی سم رشتہ داروں کے نام پر ٹرانسفر کرا سکتے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نمائندہ خصوصی + ایجنسیاں) وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے جانشوروں میں 660 میگاواٹ کے دو الگ الگ بجلی گھروں کی تعمیر 2018ء تک ہر صورت میں مکمل کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ کابینہ کمیٹی برائے توانائی کے گیارہویں اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے نواز شریف نے کہا کہ جانشوروں میں 1320 میگاواٹ کے بجلی منصوبے جلد از جلد مکمل کرنے کے لئے کوششیں تیز کی جائیں تاکہ بجلی نیشنل گرڈ میں شامل کی جاسکے۔ اس موقع پر کمیٹی نے کوسٹ سے 3600 میگاواٹ بجلی پیدا کرنے کے منصوبے کا جائزہ لیتے ہوئے وزیراعظم کو بتایا کہ اس منصوبے کے لئے اخراجات عوامی شعبے کے ترقیاتی پروگرام (پی ایس ڈی پی) کے ذریعے فراہم کئے جائیں گے۔ وزیراعظم نے ہدایت کی کہ اس منصوبے کو فروری

### سرخیوں

ملک بھر میں 75 فیصد پینے کا پانی آلودہ اور غیر محفوظ ہے: تجزیاتی رپورٹ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 مارچ 2015

کوسٹ: انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم 16 مارچ

سے دوبارہ شروع

روزنامہ جنگ

15 مارچ 2015

ایک کروڑ 10 لاکھ غیر تصدیق شدہ

سموں کو بند کر دیا گیا، چیئرمین پی ٹی اے

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

14 مارچ 2015

موسم گرما: شہروں میں 6 دیہات میں 8

کھنڈے سے زائد لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ کی جائے:

وزیراعظم

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ہو گئے۔ پولیس اہلکاروں پر حملے کی ذمہ داری کا عدم عسکریت پسند تنظیم بلوچ لبریشن آرمی نے قبول کی ہے۔ خاتون کی ہلاکت کا واقعہ ایران سے متصل ضلع کچ کے علاقے ہوشاب میں پیش آیا۔ کچ انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ نامعلوم افراد نے ہوشاب میں سڑک کنارے دھماکہ خیز مواد نصب کیا تھا۔ دھماکہ خیز مواد پھٹنے کے نتیجے میں ایک خاتون ہلاک ہو گئیں۔ ایک ہفتہ قبل ضلع لورالائی میں بھی پولیس اہلکاروں پر حملہ ہوا تھا جس میں تین پولیس اہلکار ہلاک جبکہ ڈی پی او ہرنائی زخمی ہوئے تھے۔

**لاہور (پ ر)** زعیم قادری نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت پنجاب نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تندی اور مستعدی سے عمل کر رہی ہے۔ شرجیل میمن سندھ حکومت کی کارکردگی پر توجہ دیں۔ سندھ حکومت کراچی اور اندرون سندھ کے معاملات سے لا تعلق ہے۔ زعیم قادری نے کہا کہ حکومت پنجاب نے موثر اور دیر پا اقدامات کے ذریعے دہشت گردوں پر زمین تنگ کر دی۔ جنوبی پنجاب میں دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانوں کی بات کرنے والے ملک و قوم سے مخلص نہیں، دہشت گردی کے خلاف اتحاد اور یکجہتی کی فضا کو کمزور کرنے والے ہوش کے ناخن لیں۔

**پنجاب حکومت نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تیزی سے عمل کر رہی ہے، شرجیل میمن سندھ کی کارکردگی پر توجہ دیں:**  
**زعیم قادری**

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**لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار)** سنی اتحاد کونسل کے چیئرمین صاحبزادہ حامد رضا نے کہا ہے کہ قوم دہشتگردوں کے خلاف اعلانات نہیں عملی اقدامات چاہتی ہے۔ سینیٹ الیکشن میں 63,62 پر عمل نہیں ہوا۔ اسمبلیوں میں بیٹھے 80 فیصد ممبران صادق اور امین نہیں ہیں۔ سیاست کرپشن اور پیسے کا کھیل بن چکی ہے۔ عوام کو ریلیف دینا حکومت کی ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں۔ ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد میں تاخیر افسوسناک ہے۔

**قوم دہشت گردی کیخلاف اعلانات نہیں عملی اقدام چاہتی ہے، حامد رضا**  
**زعیم قادری**

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**اسلام آباد (آصف بشیر چودھری + دی نیشن رپورٹ)** بعض تکنیکی اور قانونی وجوہات کی بنا پر الیکشن کمیشن کا کہنا ہے کہ بیرون ملک مقیم 5.5 ملین پاکستانیوں کو ووٹ کا حق دینا قابل عمل نہیں ہے۔ اس سے قبل پارلیمانی پینل نے یہ ہدایت کی تھی کہ سری لنکا اور بھارتی ماڈلز سے رہنمائی لی جائے۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے اس حکومتی ڈرافٹ بل پر رائے دی ہے جس کا مقصد انتخابات میں اوور سیز پاکستانیوں کو ووٹ کا حق دینے کیلئے انتظامات کرنا تھا، حکومت یہ بل سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کی روشنی میں لے کر آئی تھی۔ ایک پارلیمانی پینل نے حال ہی میں الیکشن کمیشن سے رائے لی اور اس بنیاد پر قانون سازی موزع کر دی کہ یہ منصوبہ فی الحال قابل عمل نہیں۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے ڈی جی (لیگل) عبدالرحمن نے حال ہی میں ارکان پارلیمنٹ کو بتایا کہ پاکستان تحریک انصاف کی سپریم کورٹ میں دائر کردہ آئینی درخواست میں اوور سیز پاکستانیوں کو انتخابی عمل میں شامل کرنے کے حوالے سے 4 تجاویز دی ہیں، ان میں ووٹ دینا، پر کسی ووٹنگ میکانزم، مختلف مقامات / پولنگ سٹیشنز بنانا، الیکٹرونک ووٹنگ کیلئے سفارتخانوں میں عمارت حاصل کرنا شامل ہے۔ اب تک بیرون ملک 5.5 ملین پاکستانیوں کے پاس شناختی کارڈ (NICOP) ہیں۔ سعودی عرب میں 1.9 ملین پاکستانی مقیم ہیں۔ پی پی رہنما سینیٹر جہانگیر بدر کا کہنا ہے کہ کمیشن اس معاملے پر ہوم ورک نہیں کر سکتا اسے اس معاملے پر عوامی سماعت کے ذریعے رائے لی جانی چاہئے۔ اعترافاً حسن کا کہنا ہے کہ کئی بیرون ممالک اتنی تعداد میں پاکستانیوں کو اکٹھا نہیں ہونے دیں گے۔

**تکنیکی، قانونی وجوہات: بیرون ملک پاکستانیوں کو ووٹ کا حق دینا ممکن نہیں:**  
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نیب نے پنجاب میں کرپشن کے خاتمہ، گڈ گورنس کیلئے اپنی خدمات پیش کر دیں

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12 مارچ 2015

پولیس کو انتہائی مطلوب 109 دہشت گردوں کی فہرست مل گئی، مطیع الرحمن کے سر کی قیمت ایک کروڑ روپے

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12 مارچ 2015

نائن زیر و پر رینجرز آپریشن کے دوران 6 انتہائی مطلوب ملزمان سمیت 20 افراد گرفتار: ترجمان رینجرز

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11 مارچ 2015

ڈیرہ بگٹی میں فورسز کی کارروائی میں 7 دہشت گرد ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

11 مارچ 2015

صوابی میں پولیس مقابلہ، 4 شدت پسند ہلاک، 1 ہلاک جاں بحق، 6 زخمی

روزنامہ جنگ

10 مارچ 2015

مہاجرین کی واپسی کیلئے افغان صدر نے جامع پلان تشکیل دیدیا

روزنامہ جنگ

09 مارچ 2015

بلوچستان میں تشدد کے واقعات، تین افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

09 مارچ 2015

لاہور (سپیشل رپورٹر) نیب نے پنجاب میں کرپشن کے خاتمہ، گڈ گورنس کے لئے اپنی خدمات پیش کر دی ہیں جس پر چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب نے تمام سیکرٹریوں سے اس بارے میں تجاویز طلب کر لی ہیں تفصیلات کے مطابق ڈی جی نیب آپریشن زاہر شاہ نے چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب کو لیٹر لکھا ہے۔ ڈی جی نیب نے اپنے لیٹر میں کہا ہے کہ نیب نجی سطح پر کرپشن ختم کرنے کے لئے مدد فراہم کرنے کے لئے تیار ہے اسلئے صوبے اپنی تجاویز بھیجوا دیں جس پر چیف سیکرٹری پنجاب کے حکم پر تمام صوبائی سیکرٹریوں سے تجاویز طلب کر لی ہیں۔

لاہور (نوائے وقت رپورٹر) پولیس کے پاس موجود انتہائی مطلوب دہشت گردوں کی فہرست سامنے آگئی ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق فہرست میں 109 دہشت گرد شامل ہیں فہرست میں شامل انتہائی مطلوب دہشت گردوں کے سر کی بھاری قیمت مقرر ہے فہرست میں نمبرون مطیع الرحمن کے سر کی قیمت ایک کروڑ روپے مقرر ہے۔

نائن زیر و پر رینجرز آپریشن کے بعد بھاری مقدار میں پکڑا جانے والا اسلحہ میڈیا کے سامنے پیش کیا گیا۔ ترجمان سندھ رینجرز کرنل طاہر نے میڈیا بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ جرائم پیشہ افراد کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاع کے بعد نائن زیر و اور اطراف کے علاقوں میں کارروائی کی گئی، کارروائی کے دوران بھاری تعداد میں غیر ملکی اور نیو کینٹینر سے چوری شدہ اسلحہ برآمد ہوا، اس قسم کا اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا جس کا پاکستان میں لانا ہی ممنوع ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ آپریشن کے دوران نارگٹ کلر اور جرائم پیشہ افراد سمیت بیس افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جن میں صحافی ولی بار کے قتل کے الزام میں مطلوب خالد عرف مونا سمیت چھ ملزمان بھی شامل ہیں۔ کرنل طاہر کا کہنا تھا کہ کوئی رکن قومی یا صوبائی اسمبلی کو حراست میں نہیں لیا گیا، البتہ عامر خان سے پوچھ گچھ کی جارہی ہے، خورشید میموریل سیکرٹریٹ کو سیل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان رینجرز کا کہنا تھا کہ شہریوں کی حفاظت اولین ترجیح ہے، کسی بھی قسم کا نقص امن برداشت نہیں کیا جائے گا۔ ٹرانسپورٹرز اور تاجر حضرات اپنا کاروبار کھلا رکھیں۔

کوئٹہ ڈیرہ بگٹی کے علاقے پیر کوہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی کے دوران 7 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ترجمان ایف سی کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر ڈیرہ بگٹی کے علاقے پیر کوہ میں کارروائی کی گئی جہاں دہشت گردوں نے فورسز پر حملہ کر دیا جس پر ہلاکوں کی بھرپور جوابی کارروائی میں 7 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہلاک دہشت گرد گیس پائپ لائنز اور سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملوں میں ملوث تھے اور ان کے قبضے سے 30 کلو گرام خیر مواد بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔

پشاور صوابی میں پولیس مقابلہ ہوا ہے جس میں 4 شدت پسند مارے گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ایک ہلاک بھی جاں بحق ہوا ہے جبکہ ڈی ایس پی، 2 ایس ایچ او اور 3 ہلاک زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ شدت پسندوں نے شیواہ اڈا کے علاقے میں گھر میں پناہ لے رکھی تھی، پولیس کی کارروائی پر شدت پسندوں نے دستی بم پھینکے اور فائرنگ کی۔

پشاور پاکستان سے افغان مہاجرین کی واپسی کیلئے افغانستان کے صدر اشرف غنی نے جامع پلان تشکیل دے دیا۔ افغان مہاجرین واپسی کے لیے پاک افغان حکام اعلیٰ سطحی اجلاس ہوا جس میں افغان وزیر مہاجرین محمد حسین نے باضابطہ طور پر پاکستان کو افغانستان کے صدر کے فیصلے سے آگاہ کیا۔ افغان وزیر مہاجرین محمد حسین کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ واپس آنے والے مہاجرین کیلئے مراکز کے قیام کی نشاندہی کر دی گئی، وطن واپس لوٹنے والے افغان مہاجرین کیلئے سفری اخراجات بڑھانے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ جواب میں پاکستان نے غیر رجسٹرڈ افغانیوں کو نکالنے کے بجائے ان کی ڈاکو منٹیشن کرنے کا عندیہ دے دیا۔ گورنر خیبر پختونخوا مہتاب عباسی کا اس حوالے سے کہنا تھا کہ نادرا، افغان کمشنریٹ اور افغان وزارت مہاجرین مل کر اسے قابل عمل بنائیں گی۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں فائرنگ اور دھماکہ خیز مواد پھینکنے کے واقعات میں دو پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ ہلاک ہونے والوں میں ایک خاتون بھی شامل ہے۔ پولیس پر حملہ کا واقعہ پیر کو ضلع نوشکی میں پیش آیا۔ نوشکی پولیس کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا ہے کہ کئی بھٹو کے علاقے میں ایک اسسٹنٹ سب انسپٹر سمیت دو اہلکار معمول کے گشت پر تھے جب نامعلوم مسلح موٹر سائیکل سواروں نے ان کی گاڑی پر پیچھے سے حملہ کیا۔ حملے کے نتیجے میں دونوں اہلکار موقع پر ہلاک ہو گئے۔ اہلکار کے مطابق فائرنگ کے بعد حملہ آور فرار ہونے میں کامیاب

ہے، امید ہے قومی ٹیم آئرلینڈ کے خلاف اپنی جیت کی روایت برقرار رکھے گی۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) بے نظیر انٹرنیشنل ایئر پورٹ اسلام آباد پر امریکی سفارتخانے کے سکیورٹی افسر سے نو ایم پلسٹ کی گیارہ گولیاں اور میگزین برآمد کیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق امریکی اہلکار بیٹریک ٹونانی اہلکار غیر ملکی پرواز کے ذریعے اومان جا رہا تھا۔ اسے ایس ایف نے امریکی اہلکار کو تحویل میں لے لیا تاہم امریکی سفارتخانے کی تصدیق اور سکیورٹی اہلکار کے تحریری بیان کے بعد اسے چھوڑ دیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) وفاقی پولیس نے یوم پاکستان کے موقع پر پاک فوج کی پریڈ کیلئے سکیورٹی پلان کو حتمی شکل دے دی، پنجاب پولیس سے ایک ہزار نفری طلب کر لی گئی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پنجاب پولیس کے 30 کمائنڈوز کی گاڑیاں اہلکاروں سمیت بھی مانگ لی گئی ہیں۔ ٹریفک پلان کو بھی حتمی شکل دے دی گئی ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں 23 مارچ کے موقع پر سکیورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر دفعہ 144 نافذ، اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی، ڈرون کیمرہ اور پتنگ بازی سمیت موٹر سائیکل پر ڈبل سواری کی پابندی لگانے پر بھی غور جاری ہے۔ وفاقی دارالحکومت میں ایک ماہ کیلئے دفعہ 144 نافذ کی گئی ہے۔ موٹر سائیکل پر ڈبل سواری سمیت اسلحہ نمائش پر پابندی لگانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں مکمل طور پر موٹر سائیکل پر ڈبل سواری اور اسلحہ نمائش پر پابندی پر سختی سے عملدرآمد کروایا جائے گا۔ 23 مارچ کو فیض آباد سے اسلام آباد آنے والے راستے کو مکمل طور پر سیل کر دیا جائے گا۔

کوسید (نمائندہ جنگ) ڈیرہ گہنی کے مختلف علاقوں میں سکیورٹی فورسز کے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران دوسرے روز بھی شریپندوں سے لڑائی جاری رہی اور مزید 6 شریپند ہلاک ہو گئے جس کے بعد ہلاک شریپندوں کی تعداد 13 ہو گئی، سکیورٹی فورسز نے درنجین نالہ اور رستم بازار میں آپریشن کیا جس کی فضائی نگرانی بھی کی گئی، شریپند بجلی اور گیس کی سپلائی لائنز اڑانے کے واقعات میں ملوث تھے جبکہ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ سرفراز گہنی نے کہا ہے کہ مرنیوالے بلوچ لیبرن آرمی کے کارندے ہیں جس کے شواہد ہمارے پاس موجود ہیں۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق سکیورٹی فورسز نے جمعرات کو دوسرے روز گیس پائپ لائنوں ٹاورز کو اڑانے اور سکیورٹی فورسز پر حملوں میں ملوث کالعدم تنظیم کے افراد کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر ڈیرہ گہنی کے ہی علاقوں درنجین نالہ اور رستم دربار میں سرچ آپریشن کیا جس میں ایک ہزار سے زائد اہلکاروں نے حصہ لیا درنجین نالے اور رستم بازار میں موجود مسلح افراد نے سکیورٹی فورسز پر جدید ہتھیاروں سے فائرنگ شروع کی اور راکٹ فائر کئے سکیورٹی فورسز نے بھی جوابی فائرنگ کی فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کئی گھنٹے تک جاری رہا سکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق فورسز کی فائرنگ سے چھ مسلح افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ بارود کا وسیع ذخیرہ بھی تباہ ہو گیا سکیورٹی فورسز نے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ دھماکا خیز مواد اور راکٹ قبضے میں لے لیے ہلاک ہوئیوالے گیس پائپ لائنوں ٹاورز کو اڑانے اور سکیورٹی فورسز پر حملوں میں ملوث تھے جن کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے تھا۔ دریں اثناء ایف سی ترجمان کے مطابق فورسز کو رسد پہنچانے کیلئے وزارت داخلہ کا ٹیلی کاپٹر بھی استعمال کیا گیا واضح رہے کہ سکیورٹی فورسز نے بدھ کو بھی پیر کوہ کے علاقے حیدری نالے میں سرچ آپریشن کیا تھا دروز سے جاری سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 13 شریپند ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں۔ ادھر آئی جی ایف سی میجر جنرل شیر افگن نے فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان کی کامیاب کارروائی کو سراہتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ بیرونی ایجنڈے پر عمل پیرا شدت پسند عناصر اپنے مذموم مقاصد کی تکمیل کیلئے سکیورٹی فورسز پر حملے اور قومی تنصیبات کو نقصان پہنچا کر بد امنی پھیلانے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔ لیکن فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان سکیورٹی ایجنسیز اور عوام کے تعاون سے شدت پسندوں اور دہشت گردوں کا یہ خواب شرمندہ تعبیر نہیں ہونے دے گی انہوں نے اس عزم کا اعادہ کیا کہ بلوچستان کو پرامن اور مثالی صوبہ بنانے کیلئے کسی قربانی سے دریغ نہیں کیا جائے گا۔

پشاور (وائے وقت رپورٹ) آپریشن راہ نجات کے متاثرین کی جنوبی وزیرستان واپسی کیلئے رجسٹریشن کا دوسرا مرحلہ بھی مکمل ہو گیا۔ پولیسٹیکل انتظامیہ کے مطابق جنوبی وزیرستان کے 4 ہزار 600 متاثرہ خاندانوں نے واپسی کیلئے رجسٹریشن کر لی، 36 ہزار متاثرین گاڑیوں کے ذریعے ٹانک سے 16 مارچ کو روانہ ہو گئے۔ محسوس علاقے میں آپریشن کے دوران علاقہ چھوڑنے والے ایک لاکھ 7 ہزار خاندانوں کی رجسٹریشن کی گئی۔

پشاور (وائے وقت رپورٹ) خیبر پی کے حکومت نے نیشنل ایکشن پروگرام پر عملدرآمد کی رپورٹ جاری کر دی۔ صوبائی محکمہ داخلہ کے جاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق صوبے میں اب تک 5 ہزار 668 آپریشنز کے دوران 14 ہزار 910 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار، 346 کو دھماکا خیز مواد اور ڈیڑھ لاکھ مختلف بور کے کارتوس برآمد کئے گئے۔ صوبے کے 75 ہزار سے زیادہ تعلیمی اداروں کی سکیورٹی کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد ایئر پورٹ پر امریکی سفارتخانے کے سکیورٹی افسر سے اسلحہ برآمد، گرفتاری درہائی

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13 مارچ 2015

یوم پاکستان پر فوجی پریڈ کیلئے سکیورٹی پلان کو حتمی شکل دیدی گئی، اسلحہ کی نمائش، ڈرون کیمروں، ڈبل سواری پر پابندی کیلئے غور

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13 مارچ 2015

ڈیرہ گہنی میں فورسز سے لڑائی جاری، مزید 6 شریپند ہلاک

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

13 مارچ 2015

آپریشن راہ نجات کے متاثرین کی جنوبی وزیرستان واپسی کیلئے رجسٹریشن جاری 36 ہزار افراد 16 مارچ کو روانہ ہو گئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 مارچ 2015

خیبر پی کے میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت 5668 آپریشنز، 14910 افراد گرفتار ہوئے: محکمہ داخلہ

## سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

لاہور (این این آئی) اتحاد تنظیمات المدارس نے حکومت سے ایک مرتبہ پھر نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تحفظات دور کرنے کا مطالبہ کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے۔ مدارس کو بلاوجہ تنگ کرنے کا سلسلہ بند کیا جائے۔ مدارس کی رجسٹریشن اور دیگر معاملات پر میں تاخیر مدارس نہیں بلکہ خود حکومت کی طرف سے ہے۔ مدارس کے تحفظ اور ان کی حرمت کے لئے پختہ عزم ہیں۔ اپریل کے دوسرے ہفتے سے مدارس کو کنٹرول کا آغاز کیا جائیگا، پرامن اور باوقار طریقے سے مطالبات پیش کرنے سے حکمرانوں کے کانوں پر جوں نہیں رنگتی اسی وجہ سے لوگوں کو نظام زندگی معطل کرنے کی پوزیشن پر آنا پڑتا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مفتی نیب الرحمن نے جامعہ المستنصر میں اجلاس کے بعد میڈیا کو بریفنگ دیتے کیا۔ اتحاد تنظیمات المدارس کی مجلس عاملہ کے اجلاس میں دستور کو حتمی شکل دی گئی جس کے مطابق صدر وفاق المدارس العربیہ (دیوبندی)، نائب صدر وفاق المدارس الشیعہ (اہل تشیع)، ناظم اعلیٰ تنظیم المدارس اہل سنت (بریلوی)، ناظم مالیات وفاق المدارس السلفیہ (البحریت)، اور ناظم نشر و اشاعت رابطہ المدارس الاسلامیہ (جماعت اسلامی) سے مقرر ہوں گے جبکہ اس موقع پر دینی مدارس کے حوالے سے حکومت کے طرز عمل اور رویے کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں آیت اللہ حافظ ریاض حسین نجفی، نیاز حسین نقوی، محمد افضل حیدری، محمد حنیف جالندھری، یاسین ظفر، عبدالمالک، غلام محمد سیالوی، احمد عاص سعید، ریحان امجد، محمد لقمان حامد، فضل الرحیم اشرفی اور عبدالمصطفیٰ شریک ہوئے۔ اجلاس کے بعد میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے انہوں نے کہا حکومت سے مذاکرات ہوئے ہیں اور یہ نتیجہ خیز بھی رہے اور دونوں اس نتیجے پر پہنچے تھے کہ اسکے فالو اپ میں کچھ چیزیں آئیں گی، حکومت کی طرف سے غور کرنے کے بعد دوبارہ اکٹھے ہونا تھا لیکن حکومت کی طرف سے تاحال کوئی جواب نہیں آیا۔ کسی بھی ضابطہ اخلاق کی تیاری میں تاخیر مدارس نہیں بلکہ خود حکومت کی طرف سے ہے۔ ہم آئین و قانون کے دائرے میں رہتے ہوئے اور قانون کے احترام میں اپنے مدارس اور جامعات کا مکمل تحفظ اور ان کی حرمت کیلئے پختہ عزم ہیں اور اس پر کوئی سمجھوتہ نہیں کیا جائیگا۔ وزیر اعظم سمیت سب کو خط لکھ چکے ہیں لیکن کوئی جواب نہیں ملا، مدارس کو بلا وجہ پریشان کیا جا رہا ہے تاہم مدارس کا ہر قیمت پر تحفظ کیا جائیگا۔ حکومت سے بار بار کہا ہے مذاکرات سے معاملات کو طے کیا جائے۔ وزیر اعظم، وزیر داخلہ اور وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کو مذاکرات کیلئے لکھے گئے خطوط کا جواب تک نہیں دیا گیا۔ مفتی نیب الرحمن نے مزید کہا مدارس کے دہشت گردی میں ملوث ہونے کا الزام ہوائی باتیں ہیں۔ اگر حکومت کے پاس شواہد ہیں تو بند کروادے ہمیں اعتراض نہیں ہوگا۔ مدارس کے طلباء و طالبات اور اساتذہ کو بھی پاکستانی سمجھا جائے۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) مسلم لیگ ورکرز آرگنائزیشن کے مرکزی صدر خواجہ محمود احمد نے کراچی میں جاری آپریشن کو ملک و قوم کی بقاء کیلئے ضروری قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ٹارگٹ کلرز اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کا تعلق خواہ کسی سیاسی جماعت یا گروہ کے ساتھ ہو اس کے خلاف بلا امتیاز کارروائی امن کے لیے اہم ہے۔ وہ گزشتہ روز ”آرگنائزیشن“ کے اجلاس سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر آرگنائزنگ سیکرٹری طیبہ فاروق، جنرل سیکرٹری پنجاب نانکہ عمر، وسیم ہٹ، وسیم قریشی و دیگر نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

کابل (اے پی پی) افغانستان کی سکیورٹی فورسز نے ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران 34 دہشتگردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا جبکہ کارروائیوں میں 4 افغان فوجی اہلکار بھی ہلاک ہو گئے۔ وزارت دفاع کی طرف سے بیان میں بتایا گیا کہ گزشتہ 48 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کی گئیں۔ ان کارروائیوں میں اسلحہ اور گولہ بارود برآمد کرنے کے علاوہ متعدد بارودی سرنگیں ناکارہ بنادی گئیں۔

اسلام آباد: وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات و نشریات سینیٹر پرویز رشید نے کہا ہے کہ دہشت گرد جہاں بھی ہو وہ مجرم ہو تاہم خواہ اس کا تعلق کسی بھی سیاسی جماعت یا فرقے سے ہو مجرموں کے خلاف بلا تفریق کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ اسلام آباد میں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے پرویز رشید نے کہا کہ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے ملک سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمہ کا عزم کر رکھا ہے۔ کراچی سمیت دیگر شہروں میں مجرموں اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کا خاتمہ کیا جائے گا۔ دہشت گردوں کا تعلق خواہ کسی بھی سیاسی یا مذہبی جماعت سے ہو ان کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ پاکستانی ٹیم نے گزشتہ مہینے میں کچھ کچھ بھی آئے، پاکستانی ٹیم اچھا کھیل رہی

### سرخیال

نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تحفظات دور،

مدارس کو بلاوجہ تنگ نہ کیا جائے: اتحاد

تنظیمات المدارس

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کراچی میں آپریشن ملک و قوم کی بقاء کیلئے

ضروری ہے: خواجہ محمود احمد

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افغانستان: سکیورٹی فورسز کا مختلف

علاقوں میں آپریشن، 34 دہشت گرد،

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دہشتگردوں اور مجرموں کے خلاف

بلا تفریق کارروائی کی جائے گی،

پرویز رشید

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

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ای اے نے کہا ہے کہ چین اور او ای سی ڈی ممالک میں توانائی کے استعمال کے بدلے ہوئے رویے جن میں قابل تجدید توانائی کی طرف جھکاؤ بھی شامل ہے، گرین ہاؤس گیسوں کے اخراج اور اقتصادی ترقی کو علیحدہ کرنے میں کردار ادا کر رہے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ پنجاب کے جنوبی شہر ملتان میں دو افراد میں سوائن فلو وائرس کی تشخیص ہوئی ہے جو اس وقت ایک مقامی اسپتال میں زیر علاج ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت کے اعلیٰ عہدیداروں نے ان دو مریضوں میں سوائن فلو وائرس 1 این 1 وائرس کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے اس سے ملک میں صحت عامہ کو کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہے کیونکہ ان کے بقول گزشتہ چند سالوں میں سوائن فلو وائرس 1 این 1 وائرس کی شدت بھی کم ہو گئی ہے اور اس کے علاج کی مناسب سہولتیں بھی میسر ہے۔ عہدیداروں کے مطابق سوائن فلو سے متاثرہ دونوں مریض ملتان کے مقامی اسپتال میں داخل ہیں جہاں ان کو طبی سہولت فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔ متاثرہ مریضوں میں سے ایک کی حالت اب بہتر ہے جسے جلد اسپتال سے فارغ کر دیا جائے گا جبکہ دوسرا مریض انتہائی نگہداشت کے وارڈ میں زیر علاج ہے۔ پاکستان کے ڈائریکٹر جنرل ہیلتھ ڈاکٹر اسد حفیظ نے وائس آف امریکہ سے گفتگو میں کہا کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت "ڈیلیو ایچ او" نے سوائن فلو کو صحت عامہ کے لیے خطرناک ترین امراض کی فہرست میں کم درجے پر منتقل کر دیا ہے کیونکہ اب یہ ماضی کی نسبت زیادہ خطرناک نہیں ہے۔ "کچھ عرصہ پہلے سوائن فلو کی تشخیص ہونا یا ایچ او یا این ون کی تشخیص ہونا صحت عامہ کی ایک ہنگامی حالت تصور کیا جاتا تھا تاہم کچھ عرصہ پہلے ڈیلیو ایچ او نے اس کو صحت عامہ کے لیے خطرے والی فہرست سے نکال کر اس کو نارمل موسمیاتی کام کی فہرست میں شامل کر دیا ہے اس کا مطلب عام زبان میں یہ ہے کہ اب اس کو ایک ہنگامی صورت حال اور صحت عامہ کے لیے خطرہ نہیں سمجھا جاتا ہے۔" ڈاکٹر اسد نے کہا کہ سوائن فلو قابل علاج مرض ہے اور حالیہ برسوں میں ہونے والی پیش رفت کی وجہ سے صحت کے ماہرین کو اس کے پھیلاؤ کے بارے میں مکمل آگاہی ہے جو اس کو کنٹرول کرنے میں مددگار ہوتی ہے۔ "اب آپ یوں سمجھیے کہ جس طرح نارمل زلہ زکام ہوتا ہے اسی کی یہ ایکسٹنٹ قسم ہے۔۔۔ لیکن بعض اوقات یہ موت کا بھی باعث بن سکتی ہے لیکن یہ کسی طرح بھی صحت عامہ کے لیے کوئی خطرہ نہیں ہے۔ جیسا کہ کچھ عرصہ پہلے ایبولا تھا یا چند سال پہلے برڈ فلو، ایو این فلو یا سوائن فلو کو سمجھا جاتا ہے اس لیے اس سے کسی قسم کی پریشانی عوام کو نہیں ہونی چاہیے۔" ڈاکٹر اسد نے بتایا کہ اس مرض کی تشخیص کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ ڈاکٹر سے رجوع کیا جائے اور اس مرض میں ماسی طرح کی احتیاط کی ضرورت ہے جس طرح عام زلہ زکام میں ضرور ہوتا ہے۔ "یہ چھینک کے ذریعے، لعاب کے ذریعے اور قریبی رابطے سے پھیلتا ہے، اگر کوئی بیمار مریض ہو تو اس سے ہاتھ ملانے کے بعد ہاتھ دھوئیں اور جب تک وہ اس مرض سے متاثر رہتا ہے تو اس کے استعمال کی چیزیں کو استعمال کرنے سے پرہیز کریں اور مریض کے لیے جو مناسب علاج ہے وہ ضرور کریں اور یہ مناسب دیکھ بھال سے دوسروں تک نہیں پھیلتا ہے۔"

طبی ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ سوائن فلو کے دستیاب علاج کے باعث اس سے ہونے والی اموات کی شرح کم ہو گئی ہے اور اس کے بچاؤ کی ویکسین دستیاب اور وقت کے ساتھ سوائن فلو کے وائرس کثید تکم ہونے سے اس کے پھیلاؤ کا خطرہ کم بھی ہو گیا ہے اور بہت سے ملکوں میں سوائن فلو کا مرض وقوع پذیر ہونے کے باوجود اب رپورٹ بھی نہیں ہو رہا۔

## ملتان میں دو افراد میں سوائن فلو کی

### تصدیق

اردو دوا

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رہے تھے۔ میں نے ان سے پوچھا کہ یہاں اتنی ویرانی کیوں ہے تو اس نے زمین کی طرف اشارہ کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ یہ زمین ندی کے بیٹھے پانی سے آباد ہوتی تھی، پانی آتا بند ہو گیا اب تو کھارے پانی کا سیلاب ہے جس سے زمینیں بنجر بن گئیں اور ملک ویران ہو گیا اور اب وہ زندہ ہیں نہ مردوں میں۔ کشمیر اور پنجاب سے پانی آتا تھا، اب جب وہاں پانی زیادہ ہوتا ہے تو چھوڑتے ہیں ورنہ پانی چاہیے سے بند ہے۔

ماہی گیروں کی تنظیم پاکستان فشر فوک فورم کے سربراہ محمد علی شاہ کہتے ہیں 1890 میں جب پنجاب میں نہری نظام تشکیل دیا گیا تو ڈیلٹا میں بیٹھے پانی کی کمی کی ابتدا ہوئی۔ انڈس ریور سسٹم پر بیراج اور ڈیم بنتے رہے اور پانی کی راہ میں رکاوٹیں حائل ہوتی رہیں جس وجہ سے انڈس ڈیلٹا کی رگیں سوکھ پاکستان میں دوصوبوں، گنیں اور جواں سال ڈیلٹا بوڑھا ہو گیا۔ دریائے سندھ نے ہی ڈیلٹا بنایا تھا اب جب دریا سوکھ گیا تو سمندر آگے آگیا ہے۔ سندھ اور پنجاب میں پانی کے تقسیم پر تنازع رہا ہے۔ ماہرین اور سندھ حکومت کا مطالبہ رہا ہے کہ ڈاؤن سٹریم کوٹری میں کم سے کم 30 ملین ایکڑ فٹ پانی کا بہاؤ ہونا چاہیے تاکہ انڈس ڈیلٹا زندہ رہے لیکن 1991 میں ایک غیر مقبول فیصلے کے تحت دس ملین ایکڑ فٹ پانی چھوڑ پر اتفاق کیا گیا لیکن اس پر بھی عمل درآمد نہیں ہو سکا ہے۔ محمد علی شاہ کا کہنا ہے کہ 1986 تک بھی ضلع ٹھٹہ کے اس ساحلی علاقے میں صورتحال اس قدر ابتر نہیں تھی۔ ارضیاتی ماہر اور سندھ یونیورسٹی کے ٹھٹہ ’یہاں فروٹ فارم تھے، گندم اور چاول کی کاشت کی جاتی تھی لیکن اب یہ سب کچھ ماضی کا حصہ بن چکا ہے۔ کیمپس کے پرووائس چانسلر پروفیسر سرفراز سولنگی زمین سمندر دوز ہونے پر تحقیق کر رہے ہیں۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ 1979 اور 2015 کی سیٹلائٹ تصاویر کے مشاہدہ سے معلوم ہوتا ہے کہ ایک بڑی اراضی سمندر نگل گیا ہے اور اس کی وجہ یہ ہے کہ دریا کا پانی اور اس کے ساتھ ریت نہیں آ رہی جو سمندر کو پیچھے دھکیلتے تھے۔ دریائے سندھ کا پانی 17 کھڑیوں کے ذریعے بحیرہ عرب میں جاتا تھا۔ پروفیسر سرفراز سولنگی کے مطابق دریا میں پانی کی مقدار انتہائی کم ہو گئی اور نتیجے میں سمندر نے کٹاؤ کیا جو کھڑی دو کلو میٹر چوڑی تھی اب وہ تین سے چار کلو میٹر تک پھیل گئی ہیں اور ان میں سمندر کا پانی داخل ہو چکا ہے۔

پاکستان فشر فوک فورم کی تحقیق کے مطابق سمندر ٹھٹہ اور بدین کی 35 لاکھ ایکڑ زرعی زمین نگل چکا ہے، اس کے علاوہ ہزاروں گاؤں ویران ہو گئے اور لوگوں کی ایک بڑی تعداد نے کراچی کے ریڑھی گوٹھ اور ابراہیم حیدری بستی کا رخ کیا ہے۔ تنظیم کے سربراہ محمد علی شاہ کے مطابق انڈس ڈیلٹا ویران ہونے سے یہاں کی روایت، ثقافت بھی دم توڑ رہی ہیں اور اس علاقے میں جو جانور اور پرندے پائے جاتے تھے اب ناپید ہو چکے ہیں۔ زمین پانی کے باہر اور اندر دونوں میں ہی پانی کھار ہے، محمد نواز نامی ایک ماہی گیر نے بتایا کہ انہیں تین سے چار ہزار روپے میں پانی کا ٹینکر منگوانا پڑتا ہے۔ نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے یہاں جانور بھی پال نہیں سکتے۔ جب بھی مہمان آتے ہیں تو شرم محسوس ہوتا ہے جبوری میں انہیں خشک دودھ کے چائے پلاتے دریائے کا تازہ پانی سمندر میں نہ گرنے کی وجہ سے ماہی گیری بھی متاثر ہوئی ہے۔ محمد علی شاہ کے مطابق ہزاروں لوگ کاشت کاری چھوڑ کر ہیں۔ ماہی گیری کی جانب آئے مگر اب قریبی پانی میں مچھلی موجود نہیں۔ دو سال سے خطہ ہے، گہرے سمندر میں بڑے ٹرالر پوری مچھلی لے جاتے ہیں اگر ماہی گیر آگے جائیں تو بھارتی نیوی گرفتار کر لیتی ہے۔ پاکستان کے ایوان بالا سینیٹ نے بھی پھرے ہوئے سمندر کی پیش قدمی پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے اور سینیٹ کی سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کی قائمہ کمیٹی نے وزیر اعظم پاکستان سے مطالبہ کیا ہے مقامی اور بین الاقوامی ماہرین پر مشتمل کمیٹی تشکیل دی جائے جو صورتحال کا جائزہ لے اور تجاویز پیش کرے۔ پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے سینیٹر ڈاکٹر کریم خواجہ اس کمیٹی کے سرگرم رکن ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ 2050 سے 2060 تک سمندر ٹھٹہ، بدین اور کراچی کا حشر خراب کر سکتا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ ان کی درخواست پر کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں محکمہ موسمیات، اوشینوگرافی، محکمہ ارضیات اور وائٹرائیڈ پاور اتھارٹی سے حکام نے شرکت کی اور تصدیق کی کہ ٹھٹہ اور بدین اضلاع کے بعد کراچی کو بھی خطرہ ہو سکتا ہے کیونکہ ملیر ضلع کی زمین سمندر نگلنا کر چکا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر کریم خواجہ کے مطابق اگر سمندر کے کٹاؤ کی روک تھام کے لیے اقدامات کیے جائیں تو صورتحال قابو میں آسکتی ہے۔ ان کے خیال میں جس طرح دریائے سندھ کے ساتھ بند بنائے جاتے ہیں اس طرح دیوار تعمیر کرنے کے علاوہ ڈاؤن سٹریم میں پانی کا بہاؤ برقرار رکھا جانا چاہیے۔

انٹرنیشنل انرجی ایجنسی کے مطابق گزشتہ برس عالمی سطح پر کاربن گیسوں کے اخراج کی سطح میں اضافہ نہیں ہوا ہے۔ ایجنسی کے مطابق یہ گزشتہ 40 برس میں پہلی مرتبہ ہوا ہے کہ کسی اہم اقتصادی بحران کی غیر موجودگی میں کاربن ڈائی آکسائیڈ کا سالانہ اخراج مستحکم رہا ہے۔ پیرس میں قائم تنظیم نے کہا کہ جب سے وہ کاربن کے اخراج کا ڈیٹا اکٹھا کر رہی ہے صرف تین مرتبہ سالانہ اخراج میں کمی یا رکاوٹ آئی ہے لیکن یہ اس وقت ہوا جب اقتصادی طور پر بھی دنیا میں مندی کا رجحان تھا۔ عالمی طور پر 2014 میں گیس کا سالانہ اخراج 32 گیگا ٹن رہا جس میں اس سے پچھلے سال کی نسبت کوئی تبدیلی نہیں ہوئی۔ تاہم آئی ای اے نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگرچہ نتائج حوصلہ افزا ہیں لیکن خاطر جمعی کی کوئی گنجائش نہیں۔ آئی ای اے کے تجزیہ کار کہتے ہیں کہ کاربن ڈائی آکسائیڈ اخراج کی چیف اکنامسٹ فتح برون کہتے ہیں کہ ’یہ ایک خوش کن تعجب کی بات ہے اور بہت اہم بھی ہے۔ رفتار میں یہ کمی اس بات کی طرف اشارہ ہے کہ چین اور اوائسی ڈی ممالک میں توانائی کے استعمال کے طریقوں میں تبدیلی واقع ہوئی ہے۔ آئی، یونیورسٹی آف ایسٹ انگلیا کے پروفیسر کورین لی کیور کہتے ہیں کہ ’اس میں اہم جز 2014 میں چین کے کولے کے استعمال میں کمی ہو سکتی ہے۔

دنیا میں 2014 میں کاربن کے اخراج

’میں اضافہ نہیں ہوا

بی بی سی اردو

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مٹھی (نامہ نگار) ماؤں کی غذائی قلت کے باعث تھرا پار کر کے مزید دو نو زائدہ بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ یہ بچے مٹھی سول ہسپتال میں ہلاک ہوئے۔ ایک بچے کے والد کا نام رمیش اور دوسرے کا بھیموں بتایا گیا ہے۔ مٹھی سول ہسپتال میں اس وقت بھی متعدد بچے داخل ہیں۔

ملتان..... ملتان میں بارش کے باعث مکان کی چھت گرنے سے زخمی ہونے والوں میں دو بچوں سمیت 3 افراد نشتر میں پہنچ کر دم توڑ گئے ہیں۔ ملتان کے علاقہ چوگنی نمبر 14 پر بارش کی وجہ سے خستہ حال مکان کی چھت گر گئی جس کے نتیجہ میں دو بچوں سمیت چار افراد شدید زخمی ہو گئے جن میں دو بچوں سمیت تین افراد نشتر میں دم توڑ گئے جہاں بچت ہونے والوں میں 19 سالہ ربیان، 3 ماہ کی زینب اور 8 ماہ کا احمد شامل ہیں جبکہ 21 سالہ سلیم اللہ زخمی نشتر اسپتال میں زیر علاج ہے دوسری جانب ملتان میں 3 سو سے زائد خستہ حال عمارتوں میں مقیم افراد کو تاحال محفوظ مقامات کی طرف منتقل نہیں کیا گیا ہے جو کسی بھی وقت بڑے حادثہ کا باعث بن سکتی ہیں۔

کراچی / کوئٹہ (خصوصی رپورٹر + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) سندھ میں پولیو کا ایک اور کیس سامنے آگیا۔ دادو میں ساڑھے 4 سال کی بچی میں پولیو وائرس پایا گیا ہے۔ رواں سال پولیو کیسز کی تعداد 19 ہو گئی۔ دریں اثناء کراچی میں جاری پولیو مہم میں پانچ ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلائے گئے۔ ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی غلام قادر تھیبو نے کہا ہے کہ شہر کے کچھ علاقے پولیو کے خطرناک ہیں۔ حساس یونین کونسلوں میں پولیو مہم پولیس اور منیجر کے پہرے میں جاری ہے۔ اورنگی ٹاؤن یو سی 7 میں لگائے گئے۔ کیمپ میں بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کے ساتھ خواتین کو مفت دوا بھی فراہم کی گئیں۔ ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی، پولیو سندھ کی انچارج شہناز وزیر علی اور کمشنر کراچی نے کیمپ کا دورہ کیا۔ غلام قادر تھیبو نے کہا، گلشن بوئیر سمیت دیگر علاقے تاحال پولیو مہم کے لئے خطرناک ہیں۔ گزشتہ 48 گھنٹوں میں شہر میں کوئی ٹارگٹ کلنگ نہیں ہوئی۔ شہناز وزیر علی نے کہا کراچی میں اکتوبر سے اب تک کوئی پولیو کا کیس سامنے نہیں آیا۔ دوسری طرف بلوچستان میں انسداد پولیو مہم پیر سے شروع ہو گئی۔ محکمہ صحت بلوچستان کے مطابق سیورٹی کی عدم دستیابی کے باعث کوئٹہ میں انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم ایک ہفتے کیلئے موخہ خرابی کی صوبے کے 29 اضلاع میں مہم کے دوران 24 لاکھ 72 ہزار 6 سو بچوں کو انسداد پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ سندھ میں بھی تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم 16 سے 18 مارچ تک چلائی جائے گی۔ سندھ کے 22 اضلاع اور کراچی کے 18 ٹائونز کے 82 لاکھ بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔

کوئٹہ..... بلوچستان کے 29 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم 16 مارچ سے شروع ہو رہی ہے۔ جس کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے گئے ہیں، سیورٹی کی عدم دستیابی کے باعث کوئٹہ میں انسداد پولیو کی قومی مہم ایک ہفتہ کیلئے موخر کر دی گئی تھی۔ محکمہ صحت کے مطابق تین روزہ مہم کے دوران صوبے کے 29 اضلاع میں 24 لاکھ 72 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو انسداد پولیو کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے، مہم کے دوران چھ ہزار چار سو 98 موبائل ٹیمیں، 789 فیکلڈ سائیڈ، 311 ٹرانزائٹ روٹس اور 1332 ایمریا انچارج حصہ لیں گے۔ مہم میں افغان پناگزیں کے بچوں کو بھی انسداد پولیو قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ کوئٹہ میں 4 لاکھ 85 ہزار سے زائد بچوں کو انسداد پولیو کے قطرے ایک ہفتے بعد پلائے جائیں گے۔ بلوچستان میں رواں سال پولیو کے دو کیسز سامنے آئے ہیں، جس میں پہلا کیس قلعہ عبداللہ جبکہ دوسرا کیس لورالائی میں سامنے آیا۔

کراچی..... کراچی میں تھوڑی سی جو بارش نے شہر میں گندگی کے ڈھیر لگا دیئے ہیں جبکہ بیمار یوں کا خدشہ بھی پیدا کر دیا ہے، صفائی کے ذمہ دار ٹھیکیدار مشینری کے انتظار میں ہیں۔ مختلف علاقوں میں گزشتہ رات کی بارش نے کراچی میں گندگی کے ڈھیر لگا دیئے ہیں۔ ناظم آباد، لاندھی، ملیر، اولڈ سٹی ایریا سمیت شہر کے نشیبی علاقوں میں بارش کا پانی جگہ جگہ کھڑا ہو گیا ہے جس سے کچھڑاؤ کچرے میں بدبو پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ کچرے میں پانی کے ملنے سے بیماریاں بھی پیدا ہونے کا خدشہ ہے۔ شہری انتظامیہ کے ٹھیکیدار سڑکوں پر صفائی کرتے نظر آئے تو انکا بھی رونا گنا ساتھ رہا کہ پانی نکالنے کیلئے مشینری کا انتظار کر رہے ہیں۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر میں صفائی کے دعوے دار چند گھنٹوں کی بارش سے پریشان ہو گئے ہیں تو مسلسل تیز بارش سے شہری حکومت کا کیا حال ہو گا۔

کیٹی بندر کے قریب سجن واری گوٹھ کے قریب ماہی گیروں کی کشتیاں گہرے سمندر میں کئی روز کا سفر مکمل کر کے کنارے پر لگ رہی ہیں۔ بعض کشتیوں سے مچھلیاں اتار کر انہیں پک اپ میں بھر اجا رہا ہے۔ یہ چھوٹی چھوٹی اور زیادہ سے زیادہ ایک سے ڈیڑھ فٹ کے سائز کی مچھلیاں تھیں جن کو ٹھٹھ سے کراچی تک پہنچانے لیے ان پر برف کی تہیں لگائی گئی ہیں۔ یہ کشتیاں پہلے اس مقام سے تقریباً 12 کلومیٹر دور کھارو چھان قصبے کے ساحل پر لنگر انداز ہوئی تھیں لیکن سمندر آگے بڑھتا رہا اور کھارو چھان کو زیر آب لاکر اب سجن واری تک پہنچ گیا ہے۔ جس جگہ کشتیاں کھڑی ہیں وہاں سڑک کے نشانات موجود ہیں جو کھارو چھان جاتی تھی گمراہ وہاں صرف کشتی کے ذریعے ہی سفر ممکن ہے۔ یہاں کے لوگوں کی گزر بسر ماہی گیری پر ہے لیکن پہلے ایسے نہ تھا۔ ایک کونے میں خود کو گرم شمال سے لپیٹے ہوئے عبدالرحمان خاموشی سے کشتیوں سے اترتے چڑھتے ماہی گیروں کو تنک

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لاہور + کوئٹہ (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ + آن لائن) بلوچستان، زیریں سندھ، کراچی اور جنوبی پنجاب کے اکثر علاقوں میں ہفتہ کے روز بھی بارش کا سلسلہ جاری رہا۔ لاہور میں بادل چھائے رہے اور بعض جگہوں پر بوند اباندی بھی ہوئی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق بلوچستان کے شہروں سی، بولان، لہڑی اور گردونواح میں وقفے وقفے سے موسلا دھار بارش کا سلسلہ دوسرے روز بھی جاری رہا۔ مجھ کے قریب سی سے کوئٹہ جانیوالی ویگن ندی کو کراس کرتے ہوئے پہاڑ سے آنیوالے سیلابی ریلے میں بہہ گئی۔ حادثہ میں ایک مسافر جاں بحق اور 10 شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ لیویز اہلکاروں نے زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر سول ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا۔ جاں بحق مسافر کی شناخت نہ ہو سکی۔ ادھر شدید بارشوں کے باعث تربت سے گواد اور کراچی کا زمینی راستہ 24 گھنٹے بعد بحال ہو گیا۔ کوئٹہ میں شدید بارش سے سیوریج کا نظام درہم برہم، گلیوں میں اور سڑکوں پر گند پانی جمع ہو گیا جس سے عوام کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ اسکے علاوہ قلات، قلعہ عبداللہ، قلعہ سیف اللہ، مستونگ اور نوشکی جبکہ کراچی میں رات گئے بارش ہوئی۔ جنوبی پنجاب کے شہر ڈیرہ غازیخان میں ہفتہ کی شام موسلا دھار بارش کا سلسلہ رات تک جاری رہا جس سے پہاڑی ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آنے کا خدشہ ہے۔ سی میں شدید بارش کے باعث دریائے ناٹھی میں 12 ہزار کیوسک پانی کا ریلہ گندرا۔ ادھر ملتان میں شیر شاہ روڈ پر نادر آباد عسکری بائی پاس کے قریب چھپرہ ٹول کی چھت شدید بارش کے دوران گرنے سے 120 افراد بلبے تلے دب کر زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری طور پر ریسکیو اہلکاروں، پولیس اور لوگوں نے باہر نکال کر ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا۔ علاوہ ازیں ٹوب کے علاقے زاروڑی میں ایک گھر پر آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے ماں اور بچہ جاں بحق ہو گئے۔

کوئٹہ..... بلوچستان کے ضلع بولان اور ہرنائی میں شدید بارشوں سے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی ہے، جبکہ سیلابی ریلے اور آسمانی بجلی گرنے کے واقعات میں تین افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ وادی کوئٹہ میں گزشتہ روز ایسی جھڑی لگی کہ شام تک برسات ہوتی رہی۔ کبھی ہلکی پھوار اور کبھی تیز بارش نے جھل تھل ایک کر دیا۔ مجھ میں ایک مسافر وین سیلابی ریلے کی زد میں آگئی، جس سے ایک مسافر ڈوب کر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ضلع ٹوب کے گاؤں میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے ایک خاتون اور دو سالہ بچہ جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ ہرنائی اور گردونواح میں وقفے وقفے سے بارش جاری ہے، جس کی وجہ سے زیریں علاقے زیر آب آگئے ہیں۔ کئی مقامات پر سڑکیں پانی میں ڈوبی ہونے سے ہرنائی کا زمینی رابطہ بھی منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ صوبائی وزیر ڈیزاسٹر منیجمنٹ میر سرفراز بگٹی نے بتایا ہے کہ دریائے ناٹھی میں سیلاب کے خطرے کے پیش نظر ضلعی انتظامیہ اور پاک فوج کو الارٹ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب جنوبی پنجاب میں مظفر گڑھ کے علاقے رنگپور میں تیز بارش کے باعث دریائے چناب میں ایک کشتی پھنس گئی ہے۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کے مطابق کشتی میں 35 افراد کی موجودگی کی اطلاع ہے جو دریابار میت کی تدفین کے لیے گئے تھے۔ امدادی ٹیمیں کشتی میں سوار افراد کو ریسکیو کرانے کے لیے روانہ کر دی گئی ہیں، تاہم تیز بارش کے باعث مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

ٹوب..... ضلع ٹوب کے علاقے زاروڑی میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے خاتون اور بچہ جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ لیویز ذرائع کے مطابق ضلع ٹوب کے علاقے لک بند کے گاؤں زاروڑی میں بارش کے دوران آسمانی بجلی ایک گھر پر گرنے سے ایک خاتون اور اس کا دو سالہ بیٹا جاں بحق ہو گئے۔

کراچی (آئی این بی) کراچی میں تیز ہواؤں کے ساتھ بارش ہونے سے جہاں موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا ہے۔ وہیں بارش کے باعث شہر میں حادثات بھی رونما ہوئے ہیں جبکہ کورنگی میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ رات گئے کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ تیز بارش ہوئی جس کی وجہ سے بعض علاقوں میں بجلی کا تعطل بھی ہوا۔ بارش شروع ہوتے ہی شہر کے کچھ علاقوں میں بجلی کی فراہمی بھی متاثر ہوئی، شہر کی سڑکوں پر پھسلن کے باعث متعدد موٹر سائیکلیں گر گئیں اور موٹر سائیکل سوار زخمی بھی ہوئے۔ نرسری کے قریب دو گاڑیاں آپس میں ٹکرائیں۔

کراچی (آن لائن) تربت سے گواد اور کراچی زمینی رابطہ 25 گھنٹے بعد بحال ہو گیا اور گاڑیوں کی آمد و رفت کا شروع ہو گئی۔ 2 روز قبل کچھ گواد سمیت مکران ڈویژن کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث زمینی رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا تھا۔

### سُرخیاں

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