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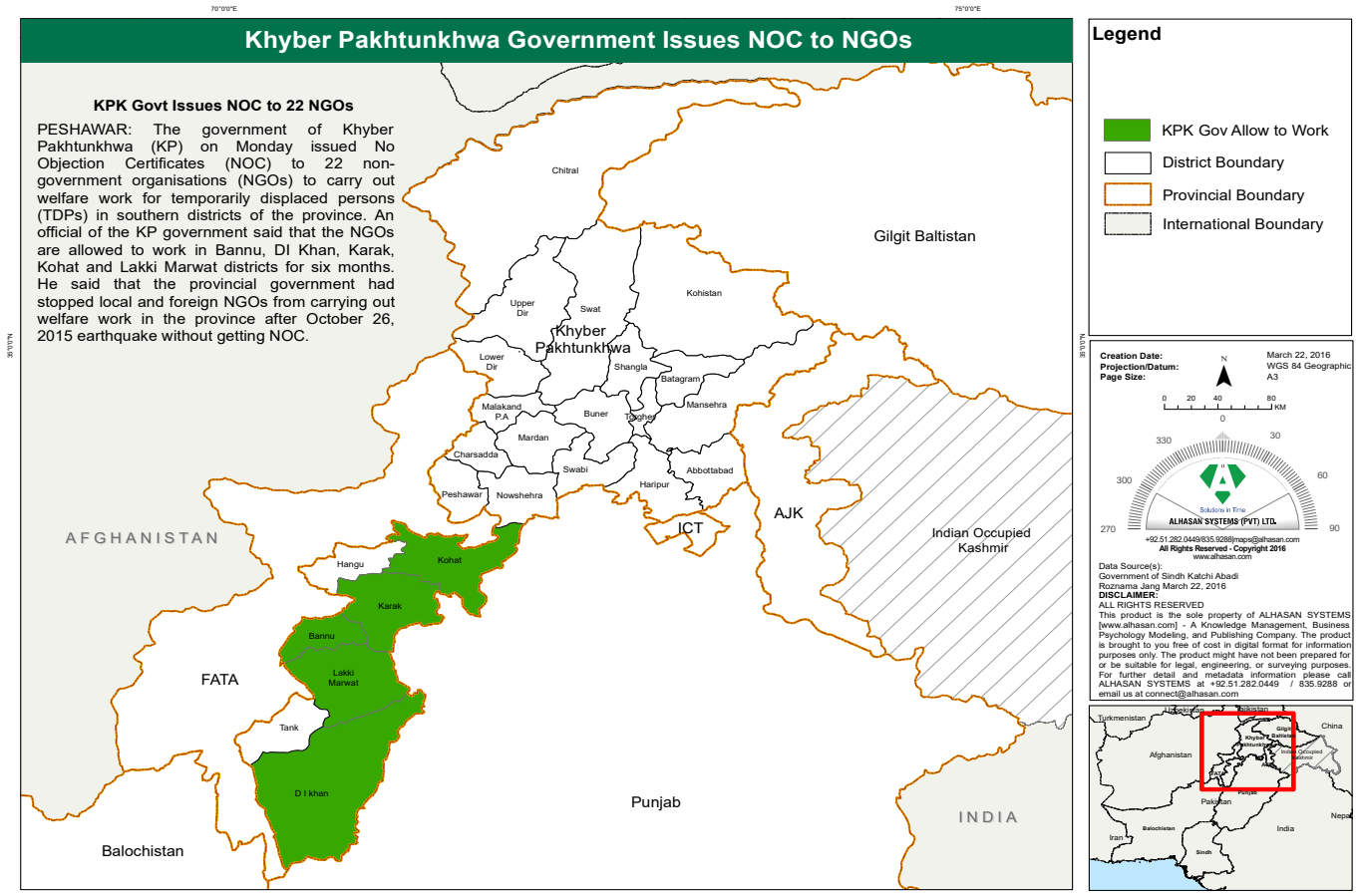
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

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EPA takes action against steel mills operating in residential areas

Pakistan Today, March 27, 2016

Earthquake jolts Sawaat and surroundings

The News Tribe, March 27, 2016

Climate change and wetlands

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DETAILS

Following the drive against air polluters, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) has started lodging cases with the environmental tribunal against those steel mills causing air pollution in the provincial capital, Pakistan Today has learnt. According to details, the EPA had completed inspection of over 350 steel mills operating in different parts of the city. The CDGL had administered the monitoring operation following the directions of the EPA.

Sources privy to the development told Pakistan Today that the department was receiving complaints by the citizens of the provincial capital that the steel mills operating in their areas were polluting air badly. The sources underscored that over 350 steel mills were currently working in the city and most of them were polluting air, according to a departmental inspection.

Following the numerous complaints filed by citizens, the EPA held a meeting on January 25 and decided to deal with the violators with an iron fist. For the said purpose, the EPA formed five special teams to monitor the steel mills failing to abide by the environmental protection laws. When contacted, District Officer (DO) Environment Lahore Anjum Riaz told Pakistan Today that nearly 350 steel mills were currently working in Lahore. Out of these, 340 were present in northern Lahore and most of them were found using sub-standard fuel in the burning process. He said that the department raided and closed such steel mills many times in the past, but they always started reopened after paying fines.

Anjum further said that the department has sent cases of 30 steel mills to the environmental tribunal who were responsible for polluting air. "The department has lodged cases against them under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act (PEPA)" he said, adding that reports of other steel mills were also being analysed. He further said that some steel mills' owners were backed by political bigwigs.

Monitoring Laboratory and Implementation Director Tauqeer Ahmad Qureshi said that the EPA came to know about a number of steel mills located in northern Lahore that were causing serious environmental hazards and most were operating in residential areas so these were directly related to health of dwellers. Majority of the steel mills use sub-standard fuel, used-tyres and restricted burning material, so the plants can be kept running, he said. He added that these mills release pollutants such as sulphur dioxides, nitric oxide, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and toxic metals. He further said that the hazardous gases of the steel mills were the major cause of increasing number of cancer patients in the city. The department has constituted five different teams, each comprising four members, and all teams would be equipped with testing laboratories, he added. Spokesperson of the EPD Naseem ur Rehman Shah, while talking to Pakistan Today, said that sub-standard fuel and used tyres were much cheaper than electricity and gas, that is why steel mills relied on this alternative energy. The department had already issued notices to the steel mills to observe the laws and use the energy according to the environmental laws but they paid no heed, he informed, adding that the EPA has started action against violators under section 16 of PEPA.

SWAT: An earthquake at the Hindu Kush mountain jolted Sawaat and surrounding areas. The quake originated 174 kilometers under the surface. Earthquake was recorded a 4.4 on the rector scale however no major losses have been reported so far. Sawat lies on an earthquake belt known for seismic activities from time to time.

Climate change affects all sectors of life but its effects on natural resources are more pronounced. It is a pervasive threat to species' survival and health of ecosystems. Wetlands are one of the natural resources that are affected by climate change phenomenon thereby affecting not only the biodiversity they support but also affect the livelihood of millions of wetland dependant people.

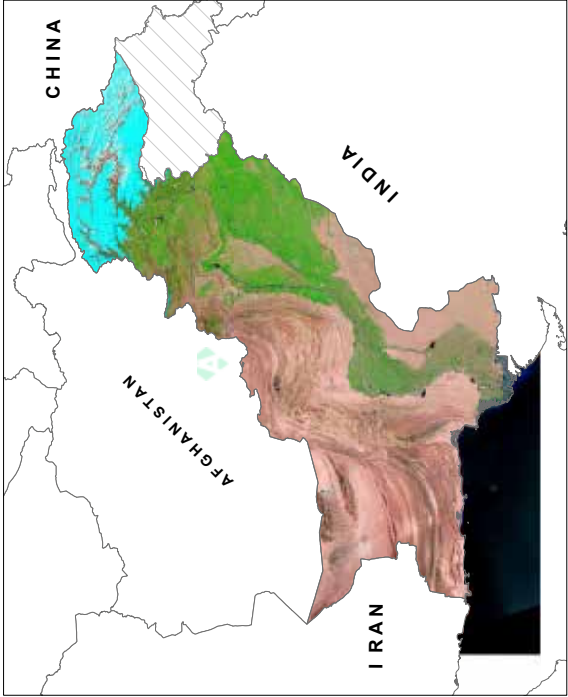
The Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention has recognised the link between socio-economic development, poverty, and natural assets. Under Goal 7 of the MDGs, four indicators have direct/ indirect link with wetlands. Loss of wetlands due to anthropogenic activities and climate change will render irreparable loss to human beings and ecosystems which will undermine the sustainable livelihood development approaches. Wetlands are mainly the product of glaciers and rains. Increased temperature will accelerate melting of glaciers and disrupt rain pattern which is one of the factors contributing towards drying out of fragile wetlands ecosystems. The drought and desertification factors in the wake of climate change will also affect livelihood of local communities at large scale.

Pakistan lies at the crossroads of Asia's major migratory routes of fauna. There are 225 wetlands of high significance in Pakistan. Diversity of freshwater and marine wetlands covers nearly 10 per cent of the country. In our country, wetlands support over 130 million human population. These wetlands supporting diversity of species have intrinsic values. These wetlands support eighteen threatened mammalian species including Indus River Dolphin, besides twenty birds' species, twelve reptilian species, and over 190 freshwater fish species. The high altitude alpine wetlands are of unique characteristic such as Kurambar Lake and Saucher Lake over 4100m elevation.

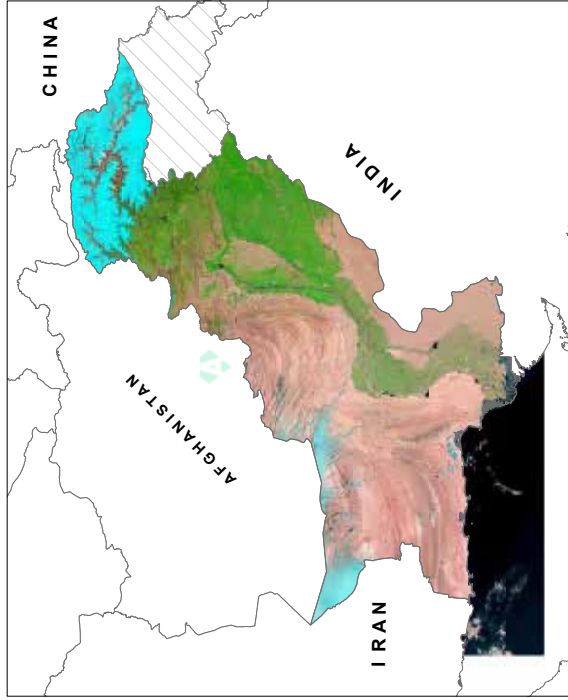
Biotic factors coupled with climate change have far reaching impacts. An increase in the frequency of both of them will register direct loss to these ecological entities. Majority of population that dwells in the rural areas also exerts high pressure on the natural resources especially on the fragile wetland ecosystem. They support the local economies of the upstream and downstream communities. Irrigation is one of the most important functions of the wetlands which play key role in livelihood development of the local people. Climate change will ultimately

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (March 21, 2016 to March 26, 2016)

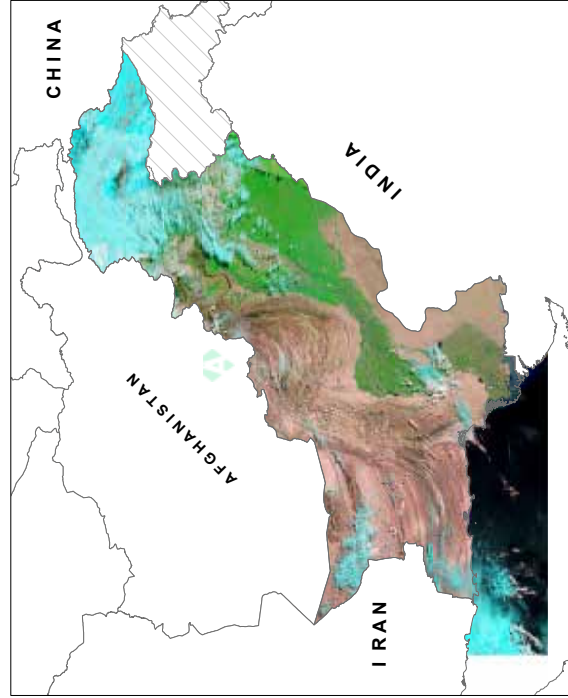
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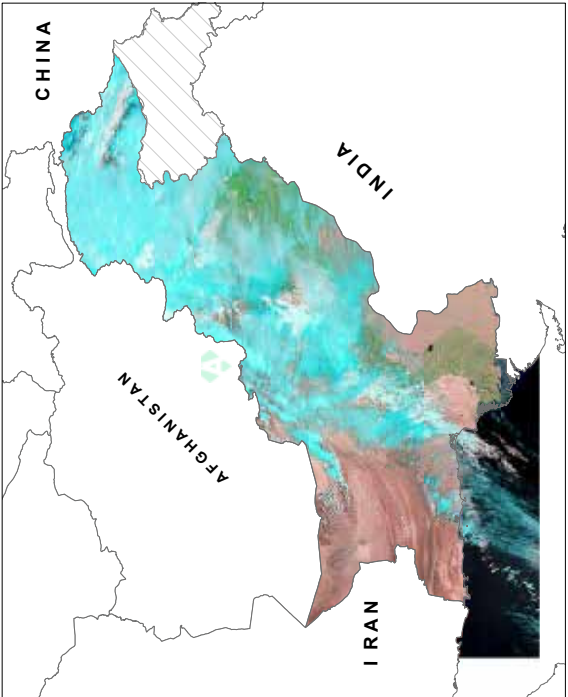
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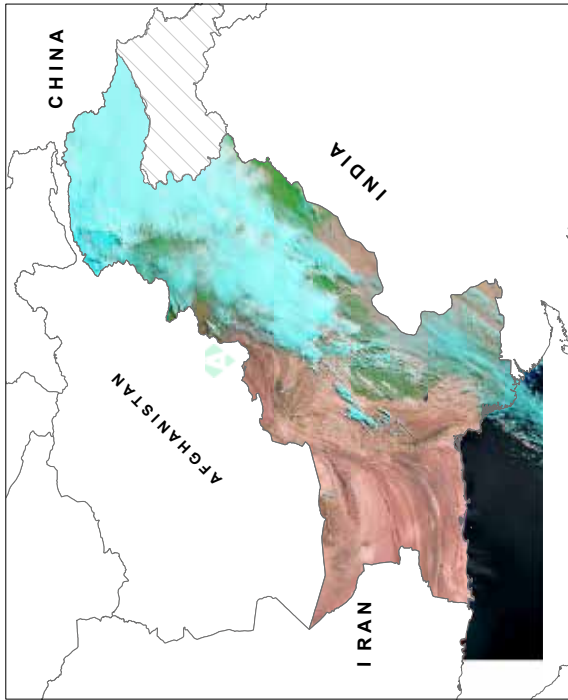
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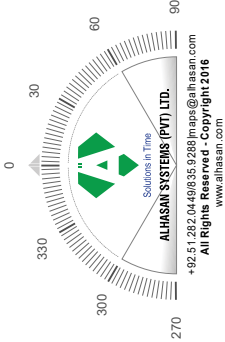
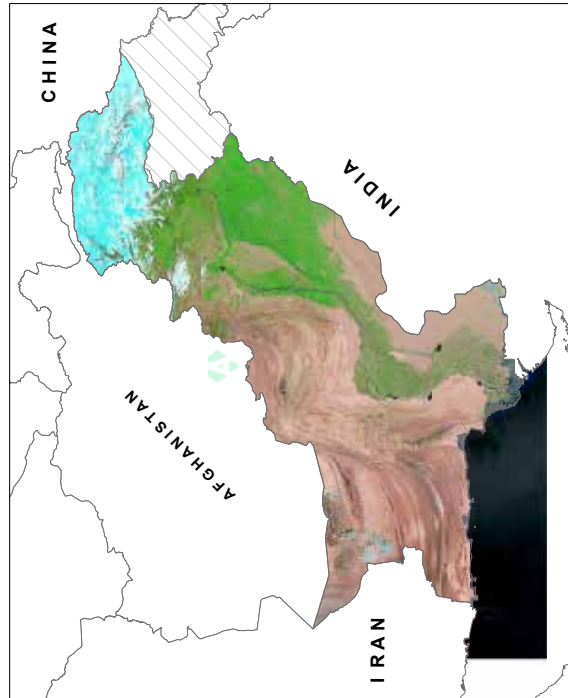
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Climate change- threat or a farce

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decrease the water yield and resultantly hit the biodiversity, people, their crops, and livestock with a chain reaction effect.

The contributions of wetlands to the uplift of local economy can not be overlooked. The local people not only benefit from the substantial economic growth but these ecosystems are also a source of staple food, livestock grazing and fodder, fuel-wood, transport, energy generation and irrigation. Around the world about one billion people eat fish as wetlands product, in addition to crab, shrimp, and salmon. They provide balanced nutrition and good health prospects to the local people because they are valuable sources of protein and micronutrients. Wetlands are also a source of rice staple food of over 3 billion people throughout the world. Apart from this the local people also graze their livestock. The local communities also use wetlands for transportation purposes to meet their needs. In addition to this they extract emergent or floating vegetation for fuel and fodder and also use them in preparation of mats, baskets, and ropes.

Wetlands promote eco-tourism opportunities in an area where thousand of people come for recreation by virtue of their aesthetic values. Lake Saiful Maluk, Haliji Lake, Kinjar Lake to mention a few attract thousands of tourists every year. The local people in many areas have set up their shops to earn their living from such development opportunities. According to an estimate every year millions of tourists visit wetlands for sight seeing, wildlife observation, hiking, trekking, boating and photography. All these activities contribute towards the development of local economy which contributes towards poverty alleviation.

In developing countries like Pakistan, wetlands play a significant role in building not only local economy but also national economy at large. This as a trade off contributes towards effective wetlands conservation.

In addition, these ecosystems provide essential habitats for a number of important mammal species like the smooth coated otter, Indus dolphin, fishing cat, hog deer and waterfowl. They connect nations through water flow and the migratory birds and fauna that migrate from one country to the other. The increased human demand from the wetlands contributes towards growing biotic pressure which has posed large scale threats to physical existence of the existing wetlands on account of unsustainable practices and lack of awareness at large. Conversion, diversion, agriculture expansion and changed land use practices, increased sedimentation, drainage, pollution, hunting, and over-exploitation of wetland resources are some of the contributing drivers that bring about significant changes in the ecology of the wetlands.

Destructive fishing practices are also serious threats to the aquatic fauna. Due to these factors both wildlife and million of people worldwide have equally suffered who derive wide range of benefits from wetlands. It presents a sad reality that the condition of the existing wetlands is gradually deteriorating which needs to be conserved through wise use approach as our natural assets through active participation of the local people. This is important in the sense because both anthropogenic interference and climate change are the two main contributing factors causing deterioration of wetlands. Given sustainable utilisation scenario and climate change adaptation measure, wetland will keep on delivering services in ecological perspective for the benefit of the wetlands-dependant communities. This is possible with integrated management practices in agriculture, fisheries, irrigation, wildlife, and tourism sectors.

Literature is the collection of human expression using different genres. Tragedy, melodrama, irony, comedy or farce, all depictions are the encapsulations of time, history and events in prose. All the time human beings are passing through some of these literary experiences. Strange to note, even scientific discoveries come under the influence of either of these. Every scientist of intent has to be immersed in the romanticism of discovery through sensory perception. Pakistan is facing a challenge about which very little awareness exists in the society. Climate change or the weather shenanigans are now unleashed in its different manifestations. Like all the developing countries our wannabes are taking it as something which will only affect the developed world. Chicken have already come home to roost, the effects have started appearing, but the naysayers are still adamant that this is just a whiff of passing clouds. Pakistan is endowed with a very benevolent weather system that depends upon the Monsoons from the Indian Ocean and their harvesting at Himalayas.

The snow caps of Northern Areas are one of the biggest reservoirs of fresh water, which is available throughout the year. Pakistan is an agrarian economy, 70 percent of its population is directly and another 20 percent indirectly linked to agriculture. When Monsoon fails the society is at the Precipice; now when the glaciers are melting at an alarming rate, the existence of complete lower riparian is in jeopardy. The Indians probably sensed the same a decade ago and made several reservoirs upon our rivers, when we were busy in our political tangos back stage. No more time left for any other polka event. In stratosphere, the ozone over Pakistan is depleting with an alarming speed, the data from ozone stations around the world dating 1987-2013 proves this disturbing development.

This is enough reality to keep every Pakistani up at night, but the slumber is the only thing we see as our strategy to face the upcoming challenges. The recent five days rains which affected the wheat crop is the result of al-Nino. This is not where it stops; it might also result in the decreased Monsoon this year, as the jet streams over the Pacific oceans have shed the moisture leaving the Monsoon to be very weak in intensity.

The harvesting of rice over an ever increased area is also resulting into the green house effect as the methane from rice fields are acting as additional warmer to the already heated blanket. In Pakistan even climate velocity has started taking place. Climate velocity is a term not even known to the climate savvy minority of the country.

The animals are migrating from their habitats rather they are moving up the country. The pigs from Margallas and surroundings have moved towards Murree Hills; the mountain crows who where usually seen in areas at around 4,000 feet are now only seen at around 6,000 and above. The

11 more dengue cases reported in city

Pakistan Today, March 26, 2016

DDWP meeting summoned for approval of climate projects

The Nation, March 24, 2016

Dengue larvae being reported in Lahore, Pindi, Sheikhpura

The News, March 23, 2016

Sindh govt, Reckitt

monkeys from the hills are desperately in search of more food as the shrebs in the mountain are withering away due to rise in temperature. This all is happening in Pakistan some 30 kilometers away from the capital.

This disturbing phenomenon is the climate velocity. The effect of climate change is now threatening the security of Pakistan. The failure of crops, mass migrations, populations stress and rising temperatures will unhinge the social fabric of already ethnically divided society. Security threats are dealt with a mechanism which starts from realization of the problem, the measures to correct the deviations and a long term strategy to tackle; all of these things are missing in dealing with the climate vows of Pakistan. World has moved beyond the terminologies of green house gases or chloro-floro-carbons. This is the age of global commons. In Pakistan's security calculus the global commons is a missing concept which is still not a priority.

The state was fighting the menace of terrorism, which has challenged its authority. As now due to the success of Zarb-e-Aazb, it is time to concentrate on effects of climate change. The principle of adaptation and mutual restraint will not be effective if the people are not made aware of the coming danger. During coming decades the Pakistani people might have to face the much less availability of water, erratic weather, droughts, pest and viral infestations and the rising poverty. All these issues come under the realm of national security, now is the time to launch the climatic facet of Zarb-e-azab. Even after having a feel of climatic change, we do not respond as a nation. Then the history will write a literary irony depicting us as a nation which was reading a transcript of action from 17th century circa the broad day light of 21st century.

At least 11 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported in Karachi in a week, taking the patients toll to 313 in the city since January 1, 2016. According to the weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention and Control Program Sindh, 11 new dengue fever cases were detected in Karachi from 18th March to 24th March 2016. A total 328 dengue fever cases had been reported in Sindh province since January 1, 2016, out of which 313 were detected from Karachi, five from Hyderabad, two from Sukkur, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Ghotki, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirbad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far.

ISLAMABAD: The ministry of climate change has summoned the meeting of Departmental Development Working Party (DDWP) for getting the approval of seven key projects of the ministry for avoiding the destruction caused by the national disasters, The Nation has learnt. Sources informed The Nation that the ministry would also get the approval of Rs 3300 million for the completion of seven projects. The officials of finance division, planning division, chairman National Disaster Management Authority, inspector general of forest, director general environment department and other concerned people have been asked to ensure their presence in the meeting.

Sources said the ministry will get the permission of the project for establishment of climate change reporting unit in ministry, worth Rs 400 million; up-gradation of Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, worth Rs 200 million; installation of Risk Assessment and National Disaster Risk Information system, worth Rs 580 million; National Disaster Special Data Infrastructure, worth Rs 596 million; awareness campaigns, capacity building and trainings of government officials and other stakeholders on how to perform during emergency situation, worth Rs 240 million; bringing natural disaster-affected people to mainstream, worth Rs 580 million; and data compilation in accordance with the international agreements on wildlife, sea life and forestry, worth Rs 600 million.

LAHORE: Adviser to Chief Minister Punjab on Health Khawaja Salman Rafiq presided over a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Dengue at the Civil Secretariat on Tuesday. Senior officers and representatives of all the departments concerned, institutions and agencies attended the meeting. According to a handout issued on Tuesday, Commissioners, DCOs and EDOs Health of Gujranwala, Rawalpindi, Faisalabad and Multan briefed the meeting regarding the anti-dengue activities in their respective districts through video link. The meeting was informed that vigorous indoor and outdoor dengue surveillance has been carried out due to which dengue larvae are being reported at different places in Lahore, Rawalpindi and Sheikhpura. However, no confirmed dengue patient has so far been reported in Punjab.

Secretary Dengue Experts Advisory Group (DEAG) Dr. Somia Iqtidar informed the meeting that DEAG has imparted case management training to 700 doctors of public and private sectors in the current season. She also informed the meeting that Divisional DEAGs are also conducting training to the doctors and nurses for better treatment of dengue patients. The meeting has also checked the stock of medicines used in dengue spray and spray pumps, fogging machines available with the district governments. Kh. Salman Rafiq directed that dengue surveillance teams should give more concentration on the surveillance in such areas where larvae are still not reported so that no chance of any leniency can be spared. He observed that effective strategy and better arrangements would be possible on the basis of available data of larvae. The meeting was informed that Town Emergency Response Committees (TERC) have been reactivated and regular meetings of TERC are being held on weekly basis. Director Punjab Information Technology Board disclosed that the PITB has prepared a map and database of dengue cases of every city and town keeping in view the last three years dengue cases. He said it has been uploaded on the dashboard. He observed that this document would help to evolve a better future strategy for effective dengue control. Moreover, it will also be helpful to check the performance of the departments. Kh. Salman directed that all the departments should continue their anti-dengue activities according to the Standard Operating Procedure to check the dengue breeding in their respective areas.

KARACHI: Government of Sindh with the cooperation of Reckitt Benckiser has launched a campaign to further the cause of a dengue-free Pakistan, TheNewsTribe.com reported. Dr Shireen

Benckiser launch anti-dengue campaign

The News Tribe, March 23, 2016

Shakarparian cricket stadium opposed by environment body

Express Tribune, March 23, 2016

Sindh Govt Taking Every Step For Eradication Of Dengue

Pakobserver, March 22, 2016

PDMA issues report on devastation caused by torrential rain in KP

The Nation, March 22, 2016

Bilawal slams govt for inaction on rain-related damages

Pakistan Today March 22, 2016

Narejo, Special Secretary Health Government of Sindh, along with Fahad Ashraf, Director Marketing Reckitt Benckiser, and Asim Saleem, representative from Plan International Pakistan announced the launch of "Dengue Se Paak Pakistan" campaign. The announcement was made at a press briefing held in Karachi where the importance of undertaking proactive measures to reduce the incidence of dengue was highlighted.

This year, provincial governments are taking proactive measures at the grass root level to ensure reduction in the incidence of dengue in Pakistan, which has significantly increased in the last 5 years. In 2015 alone, 3,692 cases were reported in Sindh while KPK and Punjab accounted for 1,397 and 4,281 dengue victims. These cases were reported across urban cities as well as rural settlements. The Campaign aims to reduce the incidence of dengue all over the country through a multi-pronged approach that will focus on a number of pre-planned activities characterized by a combination of innovative approaches to generate maximum impact and learning.

ISLAMABAD: The National Council for Conservation of Wildlife (NCCW) has opposed the construction of a cricket stadium in Shakarparian. The Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) had sought from the council the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report of the project before giving permission to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for construction of the stadium.

In its reply, the council, a wing of the climate change ministry, responsible for the conservation and sustainable development of indigenous flora and fauna, habitats including wetlands, national parks and other protected areas, concluded that the proposed site of Islamabad cricket stadium fell within the jurisdiction of Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP). It said that permission for construction of the stadium would be a sheer violation of the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance 1979 as well as violation of the city's master plan.

Environmentalists as well as International Cricket Council (ICC)'s former president, Ehsan Mani has termed the project catastrophic for the environment of the federal capital. They have also declared it economically unviable. The capital's civic agency and the PCB signed a memorandum of understanding in 2012 under which the CDA allotted 35 acres of land near Shakarparian for the construction of the stadium. The project was supposed to be completed within a year, with 30 per cent of income from international matches and sponsorships to be given to the CDA, while remaining 70 per cent to go to the cricket board.

The project was abandoned due to PCB's financial woes. Last month, the PCB took up the project once more and applied for NOC from the Pak-EPA to execute the project. In addition, to the proposed 50,000 seat stadium, a cricket academy, a five-star hotel, and other related facilities were part of the project in the forest area. The stadium would be constructed in three years at a cost of Rs2 billion, according to initial estimates. According to an environmental impact assessment (EIA) report, the project will cause environmental degradation in the form of loss of 450 to 500 fully grown trees, while vegetation and shrubs on 15 acres will be affected.

KARACHI: Sindh Government is taking every steps for the eradication of Dengue from the province in this regard Chief Minister, Syed Qaim Ali Shah, has approved the PC-1 of the Dengue control programme. This was stated by the Manager of the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme, Dr. Masood Ahmed Solangi. Speaking at a seminar here on Tuesday, he said that owing to awareness among the people, the cases of Dengue are on the decline. Dr. Solangi pointed out that for fostering awareness, the Sindh Government has entered into a two-year contract with an NGO Plan International Pakistan and Reckitt Benckiser Pakistan for spreading awareness about Dengue.

He stated that the awareness drive in this regard would commence from March 30 in the province. Dr Solangi said that this year some 317 cases of Dengue were registered in the province so far. Special Secretary Health Sindh, Dr. Shereen Narejo, said that the provincial government is initiating a drive against Dengue under public-private partnership. Director General Health Balochistan, Dr. Masood Mishwani, also assured support of the Balochistan Government in this regard. Fahad Ashraf and Asim Saleem also spoke on the occasion.

PESHAWAR: Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) on Monday issued complete report on destruction caused by heavy rainfall in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) in past 10 days. The rain began late Thursday across the country, with the southwestern province of Balochistan and northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa worst hit. According to the report, as many as thirty people have lost their lives while 22 have sustained severe wounds from March 11 to March 20. It stated that nine people dead in Chitral, five in Peshawar, two in Bannu, two in Swabi, five in Lower Dir, one in Tank, two in Malakand, one in Lakki Marwat, one in Shangla and two have succumbed to injuries in Mardan.

Poorly-built homes, particularly in rural areas, are most susceptible to collapse during heavy spring rains. About 111 houses have been demolished due to heavy downpour in the province. 33 houses were destroyed in Peshawar, 15 in Abbottabad, 16 in Swabi, two in Bannu, two in Lower Dir, one in Tank, eight in Malakand, four in Upper Dir, two in Lakki Marwat while 13 houses were collapsed in Shangla. The report also disclosed that as many as 154 animals were killed in the natural disaster. On the other hand, the overall death toll from torrential rain has risen to 90. The heavy showers also triggered landslides in various areas of Azad Kashmir which left several homes destroyed. Communication system also went down due to the rain.

Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has castigated the federal government for sitting cross-legged while the unseasoned rains, hailstorm joined by land-slides and avalanches inflict heavy losses in terms of precious human lives, livestock and crops and other agriculture produces in several parts of the country. Last week, Bilawal had alerted the federal government and other provincial governments about the predicted imminent heavy downpours

Four die in Charsadda roof collapse accident

Pakistan Today March 22, 2016

Introduction of new syllabus on natural environment stressed

The News, March 22, 2016

Environment behind nearly quarter of global deaths

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Earthquake jolts Khuzdar and surrounding areas

and hailstorms and their negative effects on the farmers and areas prone to landsliding and avalanches and asked for preparedness in advance to face the situation and mitigate sufferings of the people. "It seems the government slept and ignored my calls for pre-emptive humanly possible measures to save human lives and standing crops," Bilawal said in a statement released on Monday. The PPP chief lamented that slumber of the rulers in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa continued while torrential rains ravaged vast areas. The federal government extended no support to Azad Jammu and Kashmir where heavy rains caused landslides and destroyed dozens of houses, he said.

Bilawal pointed out that official reports put the number of those perished around 79 and wounded around a hundred, but the actual losses could not be estimated accurately as many affected areas were still inaccessible for rescuers following the mud-sliding and avalanches. He said parts of Punjab, FATA, Malakand, Hazara, Azad Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan had been battered by the heavy rainfall and hailstorm that flattened the standing crops, but the government seemed callous and unmoved. The PPP chairman expressed deep concern over the loss of human lives, property and damage caused to the standing crops and demanded the federal government to immediately provide compensation and relief to all the affected areas without any discrimination.

At least four people were killed and six others sustained injuries as the roof of a house collapsed in the border area of Mardan and Charsadda on Monday. According to details, the roof caved in due to heavy rainfall in Bako area of Parhoti and the house was dilapidated too. The mishap took lives of as many as four people including two children, Yaseen and Talha, a 50-year-old man named Lal Farooosh and a woman and left six injured. Rescue teams reached the spot and shifted the injured to District Headquarters Hospital for medical assistance. The death toll from torrential rain that has lashed Pakistan for the past few days has risen to 90, authorities said, with collapsed roofs blamed most for the fatalities. Poorly-built homes, particularly in rural areas, are most susceptible to collapse during heavy spring rains.

ISLAMABAD: The conservationists have demanded of the government to introduce new chapters directly related to the conservation and preservation of the natural environment in the curriculum of the schools as part of the efforts aiming at coping with the growing challenges in this respect. "Now there is a time to educate everyone especially our children to protect and preserve the natural environment to avoid disastrous situation in the future. Our children and youngsters have the potential to come up with strength and commitment to protect the natural environment," said Shahid Abbas, a conservationist. He said there is a need to create awareness among the coming generation that if they want a secure and safe future then the protection of the natural environment is a must otherwise its negative impacts may affect their lives in the coming years. Shahid Abbas said the globally recognized environmental education for sustainable development (EESD) should be introduced in the educational institutions that would greatly help Pakistan come up with a strong response against challenges related to the natural environment. He said active teaching learning methods in EESD involve students in the learning process such as discussions, writing, asking and answering questions and these activities in turn require students to use critical thinking skills such as analysis and evaluation.

One in four deaths world-wide are due to environmental factors like air, water and soil pollution, as well as unsafe roads and workplace stress, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said on Tuesday. An estimated 12.6 million people died in 2012 as a result of living and working in unhealthy environments, 23 percent of all deaths reported globally, according to the new study. "If countries do not take actions to make environments where people live and work healthy, millions will continue to become ill and die too young," warned WHO chief Margaret Chan in a statement. The report defines environmental causes broadly, drawing links between a long line of environmental risk factors like pollution, chemical exposure, climate change and ultraviolet radiation, as well as access to firearms and more than 100 diseases and injuries.

As many as 8.2 million of the deaths could be blamed on air pollution, including exposure to second-hand smoke, which is responsible for heart disease, cancers and chronic respiratory disease, the report said. Among the deaths attributed to environmental factors were 1.7 million caused by "unintentional injuries", including road accidents. The report also counted 846,000 diarrhoeal disease deaths among environmental mortalities, adding that many were linked to pollution and unsafe drinking water.

Road accidents, suicides

The WHO reported 246,000 deaths due to intentional injuries, including suicides, which it linked to the unsafe storage and access to firearms, as well as to pesticides - used in a full third of the world's suicides - among other factors. The report found that most environmentally-linked deaths happened in Southeast Asia, which accounted for 3.8 million such deaths in 2012, followed by the Western Pacific region with 3.5 million. The least affected region was the Americas, with 847,000 deaths blamed on environmental conditions. Europe had 1.4 million environmentally-linked deaths while Africa reported 2.2 million.

The WHO said that better environmental management could prevent the deaths of 1.7 million children under five, who are especially prone to serious illnesses arising from respiratory infections and diarrhoea. "There's an urgent need for investment in strategies to reduce environmental risks in our cities, homes and workplaces," said Maria Neira, WHO's public health chief. "Such investments can significantly reduce the rising world-wide burden of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, injuries and cancers, and lead to immediate savings in healthcare costs," she said. The report is the second of its kind and follows an initial WHO study a decade ago.

KHUZDAR: An Earthquake has jolted Khuzdar and surrounding areas in Balochistan sending ripples of fear in the area. Earthquake has reported to hit the surroundings of Khuzdar region

The News Tribune, March 21, 2016

Endangering lives, environment: Civic agency dumping waste near Rawat without treatment

Express Tribune, March 21, 2016

33 killed in separate rain-related mishaps across country

The Nation, March 20, 2016

however no deaths have been reported so far. According to the earthquake monitoring center the earthquake was recorded 5.3 on the rector scale. The quake originated 15 kilometer west of Khuzdar .Khuzdar lies 76 kilometer south west of a seismic fault-line in Balochistan. Other areas near the same fault line include Bela at 25 kilometer from Khuzdar and 121 kilometer from the fault and Surab at 133 kilometer from the fault line.

RAWALPINDI: Waste collection mechanism may have improved with award of a multi-million dollar contract to a Turkish firm, the Rawalpindi authorities are yet to find a sustainable solution to dispose of the waste. Al-Buraq, a Turkish firm, was handed over the task of collecting and disposing of solid waste in 63 union councils of Rawalpindi city and one union council of Murree city. Earlier, waste management was the responsibility of the now defunct, District Solid Waste Management Department (DSWMD). The Punjab government set up the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) in 2012 replacing the (DSWMD). The RWMC awarded a Rs8 billion contract to the Turkish company for seven years.

Earlier on the DSWMD, used to spend Rs500 million annually. The waste collection has significantly improved with Al-Buraq taking over the responsibility. The 250 tons of waste collected the DSWMD has increased to 850 tons of collection by the Turkish firm at present. The RWMC, however, has not been able to put in place a sustainable waste disposal mechanism. The company has allowed the contractor to set up a transfer and segregation station at a public park beside the offices of the Rawalpindi Development Authority (RDA). The station is located near Nullah Leh where over 200 vehicles of Al-Buraq bring waste material from across the city. From the station, trucks transfer the waste to Losar landfill site near Rawat. The transfer station itself had become a nuisance and environmental hazard as the waste is often strewn in open place in the park.

The RDA office, Rawalpindi Municipal Corporation's office, and the Rawalpindi Press Club are located close to the waste transfer station. Many have complained about the stench arising from the waste. Earlier, the transfer station was located near the bus terminal on the bank of Soan River along the GT Road. It was moved within the city after the Turkish company won the contract. The dumping and disposal of the waste is still the responsibility of the RWMC. The RWMC continues to dump the waste into huge holes dug up at Losar without treatment. The company fills a hole, covers it up with soil and mud and moves to the next. The area around the landfill has become uninhabitable due to environmental issues and stench.

The landfill, built under the Rawalpindi Environmental Improvement Project (REIP), is expected to accommodate the waste from the city till 2025. However, some officials of the city government said that due to enhanced collection the landfill site could only be used for two to three more years.

Under the project, 75 acres of land were purchased in Losar. The landfill was supposed to have drain lines under the dumping site. The waste was to be dumped on iron bars for drainage. The site was to be covered with trees and was to have buffer zones for better environment. The RWMC Managing Director, Irfan Ahmed Qureshi, said that the department had decided not to develop the Losar landfill site as it could become unusable in 24 to 30 months. He said the company was looking for 1,500 kanals of land for a new landfill, which he said would be developed "properly" and according to modern ways. Qureshi said the waste transfer station was moved within the city as it was a requirement of the Turkish firm. He said that the RWMC would build a new transfer station at the site of a weekly bazaar near RMC's office within next three months. Qureshi said that the city government had approved the site for the waste transfer station. He said that the park would be restored after the new transfer station was set up.

ISLAMABAD/ LAHORE: At least thirty three people have been killed in rain-related incidents across the country today. As many as four women were killed while two others sustained wounds as roof of a house in Jaranwala caved in due to heavy rainfall on Sunday.

According to details, the incident took place in the morning when the roof collapsed, killing laborer Tahir's wife, two daughters and his sister while two other sustained injuries. The locals gathered at the spot and rescue the affectees. The injured were shifted to the hospital for medical assistance. The dead have been identified as Shabana, four-year-old Muqaddas, Two-year-old Ayesha and Shakeela. Separately, torrential rains continue to wreak havoc Saturday in Azad Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Kurram Agency, leaving 32 people dead including women and children in a series of collapsing roofs and land sliding episodes. Several houses were left destroyed in Azad Kashmir while land contact has been cut off in several areas. At least five members of a single family including the wife and husband lost their lives in Muzzaffarabad's local area of Surli Sucha when showers triggered a mountain avalanche that destroyed their home and buried them under the rubble. A young girl miraculously survived the destruction however and was recovered alive from the debris by Pak Army soldiers.

In Rawalakot's village of Chagar, two women were killed when the roof of a house caved in due to the rain. A husband and wife lost their life in Bagh while 4 of their daughters sustained injuries during a landslide incident. Two women were also killed when a house weakened by the rain collapsed in Haveli district, located at Line of Control (LOC). A woman and her daughter were also buried alive under the rubble of their destroyed home in Batul village of Abbaspur. The heavy showers also triggered landslides in various areas of Azad Kashmir which left several homes destroyed. Many roads including Shahrah-e-Neelum have also been closed due to the heavy rains and Bagh's contact with Islamabad was cut off. The roof of a home collapsed due to the torrential rain which killed a husband, his wife and their four children in in Gondal area of Kurram Agency. In Lower Dir, near Timur Gura in Mian Banda, 5 family members of a single family were killed while two were injured in a roof cave in incident. Four children also sustained injuries when a wall collapsed in Sadhu Khail area of Khyber Agency.

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DETAILS

QUETTA: Interrogation of the arrested Indian intelligence operative Kulbhushan Yadav revealed he had been imparting Naval fighting training to Baloch separatists in an attempt to target Pakistani ports, a security official who declined to be named said on Sunday. Yadav, who was arrested in Balochistan, is believed to be a member of Indian intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). The Indian Foreign Ministry earlier confirmed the arrested man was a former Indian Navy officer, but the Pakistani government claimed to have recovered travel documents and multiple fake identities of Yadav, establishing him as an Indian spy who entered into Balochistan through Iran — holding a valid Iranian visa. After his arrest, Yadav was shifted to Islamabad for interrogation, during which it was revealed that he had purchased boats at the Iranian port in Chabahar in order to target Karachi and Gwadar ports in a terrorist plot, the official said, adding that the 'RAW agent' is believed to be expert at Naval fighting techniques. Yadav was also transporting 'anti-state elements' from Pakistan to New Delhi for training by RAW, he said. Following recent revelations by the 'Indian spy', security has been tightened across Balochistan, especially at the shared borders with Iran and Afghanistan, and more arrests are expected, he said. After his arrest, Pakistan summoned Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale to lodge a strong protest over 'India's spying activities' in Balochistan and Karachi.

The arrest of the 'RAW agent' comes just days before a possible meeting between Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington. Indian media reports claim the foreign secretaries of both countries, who's meeting to restart the Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue (CBD) in January was derailed by the Pathankot attack, are also due to meet in Washington. At the beginning of March, Aziz had said that foreign-secretary levels talks would resume after the probe team's visit. The Pathankot Joint Investigation Team left for New Delhi on Sunday (today) and is expected to investigate the attack over the next week. Pakistan and India had agreed to resume peace talks under the newly-coined phrase of CBD during Swaraj's visit to Islamabad for the Heart of Asia Conference last year. The dialogue was to take on matters related to peace and security, Jammu and Kashmir, Siachen, Sir Creek, Wullar Barrage, Tulbul Navigation Project, economic and commercial cooperation, counter-terrorism, narcotics control and humanitarian issues, people to people exchanges and religious tourism.

KARACHI: The Rangers informed the anti-terrorism courts' administrative judge about the 90-day preventive detention of six suspected target killers affiliated with different political parties. The paramilitary force's law officer told the judge that Nadim alias Ajay, Abdul Rasheed alias Mama and Amin were involved in gang warfare in Lyari, while the others, Asif alias Bobby, Asif alias Sabunwala and Zubair alias Doctor, were affiliated with the Muttahida Qaumi Movement. The law officer told the judge that the paramilitary force had 'credible information' against the suspects for their alleged involvement in targeted killings, extortion, kidnapping and other acts of terrorism. The suspects have been grilled for 90 days under section 11EEEEE of the Anti-Terrorism Act, the court was informed in the detention order bearing the signature of a brigadier-ranked sector commander of the paramilitary force. The court directed that a joint investigation committee be constituted within 15 days to question the suspects.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Iran on Saturday decided to constitute a high-level task force to further strengthen security cooperation between the two countries. The task force has been constituted under the supervision of the interior ministers of the two countries as a way forward to further cement relations and identify mutual areas of concerns besides recommending measures for effective redressal of those issues, said a press release. The two sides also reaffirmed their commitment to work hand in hand for achieving shared objectives and for ensuring peace and security in the region. It was agreed to enhance mutual cooperation in the area of security with greater interaction among law enforcing agencies and intelligence sharing for effective border management controlling trans-border crimes including drug-trafficking and human smuggling. This understanding was reached during the meeting of Interior Minister Chaudhary Nisar Ali Khan and his Iranian counterpart Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli here at the Punjab House. The two leaders discussed the whole gamut of Pak-Iran relations especially focusing on existing level of cooperation in the area of security, the mechanism of interaction among the law enforcing agencies of the two countries shared challenges and the way forward in removing irritants and further strengthening mutual interaction.

Welcoming the visiting dignitary, the Interior Minister observed that the government and the people of Pakistan greatly valued their friendly ties with Iran that drew their strength not only from the geographical proximity alone but also from religious and cultural affinities. He said: "We must never forget that the two countries not only share borders but our concerns and destinies are intertwined and interlinked." He said the two brotherly countries must never lower our guards against those who would never miss any opportunity to sow the seeds of distrust among them. "We must join hands in neutralizing those elements and work hand-in-hand for peace and socio-economic development of our people," he added. The Interior Minister underscored the need for further strengthening the existing mechanism for effective monitoring and management of porous Pak-Iran border. He said loopholes in border management provided an opportunity to criminals as well as those who wanted to create instability in the two countries and the region. The Iranian Interior Minister reciprocated the sentiments of Chaudhary Nisar and said that there was need to make greater efforts for securing mutual interests of the people of the two countries. Discussing trans-border crimes including the menace of drugs and human-trafficking, Nisar observed that the

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Guardians of public safety: Dolphin Force graduates from police academy

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government of Pakistan had been making serious efforts to curb human-trafficking.

However, he added: "We need to make greater and joint efforts in effectively controlling this crime that is committed through land routes." The two sides agreed to further strengthen their cooperation ineffectively checking the menace of human smuggling. The two leaders also discussed way forward in further cementing the mechanism of intelligence sharing and maintaining liaison among the law enforcing agencies of the two countries. The two sides also agreed upon the need for early implementation of all mutual agreements in the area of security. There was unanimity of views on the need to further improve security atmosphere in the adjacent areas of the two countries especially in those areas where the developmental activities were being undertaken. Regional situation also came under discussion. The Interior Minister reiterated that Pakistan had abiding interest in the security and socio economic development of the region and was making sincere efforts for ensuring lasting peace in the region.

ISLAMABAD: Stressing the need for a strong military to face terrorism and other internal and external threats, President Mamnoon Hussain said on Friday that the government would take all necessary steps to equip the armed forces with modern warfare facilities. "The government will undertake all measures to modernise the country's armed forces so as to enable them to counter internal and external threats and terrorism," he said while addressing a grand lunch hosted for the officers and men of the armed forces who participated in the Pakistan Day Parade on March 23 at Shakarparian grounds. "Only a strong military can protect the nation from the threats the country faces." The president paid tribute to the officers and men of the armed forces who were participating in the operation Zarb-i-Azb and had destroyed the network of the terrorists. "Pakistan is safe only because of the sacrifices of these valiant officers and men of our armed forces." The president expressed the hope that the country would soon get rid of terrorism. He also expressed the hope that the nation should stand united and adhere to the democratic traditions so that the country could prosper and progress in every sphere of life. He lauded the successful holding of the parade and said the nation was proud of its armed forces whose personnel were always ready to render the supreme sacrifice of their lives to protect the motherland. "The March 23 parade is a reflection of the close coordination and a demonstration of the military prowess of the country's armed forces. Every step the marching columns take is not only overwhelming for the enemy but a reaffirmation of the confidence of the nation in their armed forces and their ability to thwart nefarious designs," he said.

The president said the parade revived the spirit the nation had felt when its founding fathers strived for an independent state. He said the parade also raised the country's stature at the global level and showed that the armed forces and their weapon systems were an effective shield against any aggression. "It proved that this nation is invincible and no power in the world can dare cast an evil eye on Pakistan," he said. Lauding manufacturing of the JF-17 Thunder aircraft in the country, the president said it had demonstrated the country's success in self-reliance and progress in this regard would continue. He quoted the Quaid-i-Azam as saying: "Pakistani nation can surmount all problems with unity and solidarity." Mr Hussain urged the officers and men to follow the vision and thoughts of the leader so that the nation could not only confront the challenges, but also stand with pride in the comity of nations. He distributed awards and shields amongst the participants for their outstanding performance.

TURKISH AIR CHIEF: In a separate ceremony, the president conferred the award of Nishan-i-Imtiaz (Military) on Gen Abidin Unal, Commander of the Turkish Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services and contributions in deepening and strengthening relations between the air forces of Pakistan and Turkey and for enhancing strategic cooperation between the two countries. The special ceremony was attended by Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Sohail Aman, the ambassador of Turkey, the defence secretary and senior civil and military officers. Later, Gen Unal and the president discussed matters of mutual interest. The president congratulated him and praised his services in strengthening relations between the two countries. President Hussain lauded the constructive role and efforts of Turkey for ushering in peace and stability in Afghanistan. He called for joint efforts by Pakistan and Turkey to fight terrorism for peace and stability not only in the region but the entire world. Condemning the recent bomb attacks in Brussels, Belgium, the president said such acts of terrorism were against the entire humanity. Gen Unal expressed hope that relations between the two countries would be taken to new heights.

LAHORE: A passing out parade of the first batch of the Dolphin Force was held at Police Training College in Chuhng on Thursday. The Dolphin Force is a venture of the provincial government in collaboration with the Turkish National Police for the establishment of a modern, well-equipped patrolling force to curb street crime. The government has allocated Rs1,192 million for the project. More than 2,400 Dolphin officials will be trained under the project in three phases. The first batch, 628 officials, graduated on Thursday after training for 120 days. The ceremony comprised a demonstration of defence and intervention techniques by officials of the Dolphin Force. It also included a demonstration of motorbike driving skills and Flag Demonstration. The graduates also demonstrated their combat skills and physical strength on the occasion. Riders showed their control of a fast moving vehicle by performing stunts on heavy motorbikes. They showcased use of weapons taking positions and cover while driving. They also jumped through rings of fire. Addressing the graduates, Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Sukhera said the idea for a Dolphin Force had been borrowed from Turkish National Police. He thanked the Turkish police for their cooperation in the venture. "A dolphin symbolises friendliness. The Dolphin Force has been imparted legal, mental, physical training so it is a service-oriented squad," he said. He also appreciated efforts of SSP Mohiuddin Murad and his 25-member team for the speedy completion of training.

He said that reforms aimed at changing the thana culture were bearing fruits. He said the 8787 complaint cell was a part of their IT-led initiatives. He said front desks tested on a pilot project were being replicated more police stations of the Punjab. They were also on establishment of Criminal

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Record Data Management and Specialisation in investigation. Turkish Ambassador Sadiq Babar Gorgan said Turkey and Pakistan shared brotherly relations. "Forefathers of many Pakistanis played a great role in the Turkey's War of Independence," he said. The ambassador said the Dolphin Force was a manifestation of their brotherly relations. "In Turkey, the Dolphin Force was established in 1993 to fight street crime. It has been very successful in this effort." "Cities in Turkey have narrow streets and heavy traffic, much like Lahore. Lahore is to Pakistan what Istanbul is to Turkey. I hope the Dolphin Force will be a success story here." The ambassador also paid tribute to late home minister Shuja Khanzada for his efforts in establishment of the force. "Lahore Dolphin Mubarak ho," he said at the conclusion of his speech.

'Long live Pakistan-Turkey friendship'

Addressing the ceremony, Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said, "This is a big day in the policing history of Pakistan." He thanked the government of Turkey for collaborating with the Punjab government for the establishment of the force. He said that he had written a letter to the Turkish government to express solidarity against terrorism in Turkey. "All Muslim countries must fight against this menace," he said. Pointing at the graduates of the first batch, he said the Dolphin Force would prove guardians of public safety. Four Dolphin officials with a pair of motorbikes will patrol the streets of Lahore as a rapid response team to police rescue calls. The Dolphin Force has been equipped with sophisticated weapons (Berretta pistol and MP-5 rifles), heavy motorbikes (300CC) and special helmets with HD CCTV cameras and advanced communication facilities.

KARACHI: The Sindh government has informed the National Counterterrorism Authority (Nacta) that it has completed geotagging of 6,711 madressahs, a little more than half of the 13,000 madressahs in the province, it emerged on Thursday. The provincial authorities had promised to Nacta last year that they would complete the geotagging of all the madressahs in 15 days, thus it is lagging behind the deadline after eight months to its promise with just half the work done. The letter to Nacta referred to the Special Branch, which has been assigned to accomplish the task. Geotagging is the process to digitally identify and locate places through latitude and longitude coordinates, enabling the authorities to make readily available the required data for any place it desires. Officials said the authorities had continued its survey of madressahs across the province, which, in the first phase, had documented more than threefold to what were the previous figures. However, they said at present around 13,000 madressahs had been documented in Sindh, yet it was not the final list as the authorities had not yet surveyed several remote areas. They said the number of madressahs would still be a couple of thousand more to the present list at least. Earlier, Nacta had blamed the authorities in Sindh and Gilgit-Baltistan for not completing the task of geotagging of madressahs. The authorities in Islamabad complained that despite sending several reminders, the Sindh government gave no satisfactory reply to them.

Officials in the provincial home ministry said they had sought from Nacta for two more months to complete the job. Officials said the task of geotagging had been given to the special branch of the police, which, with all equipment available was busy to do it. "The number of madressahs in Sindh is being re-verified through the special branch and this task is expected to complete soon," said a senior official. In the meantime, said the official, all the madressahs were being brought on the digital map through geotagging. "Earlier, we thought that the whole exercise would be completed in 15 days, but that was too an ambitious task. We have consumed several months and need at least two months more," he added. Officials in Islamabad said geotagging of madressahs was among the key plans envisaged under the National Action Plan to focus and curb all possible routes of terrorism in the city. Recently, Sindh has identified some 53 madressahs having "leanings to militancy". Officials said Punjab had completed geotagging of madressahs months ago after screening over 13,000 seminaries in the province. Similarly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has termed 150 madressahs "sensitive" after mapping more than 3,000 seminaries in the province, while Balochistan has also completed geotagging of its madressahs. The officials in Sindh, however, said the province had completely different challenges than the rest of the country, which led to delay in accomplishing the task.

ISLAMABAD: The government has decided to expand training facilities at the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA) in Kakul to create additional space to cater to the needs of the Special Security Division being raised to protect the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It will be fourth expansion of PMA Kakul and will significantly increase the capacity of the country's premier military training institute to train officers. The financing needs for acquiring additional land and organising civil works expand PMA Kakul were discussed in a meeting held on Thursday at the finance ministry. Pakistan Army Quarter Master General (QMG) Lieutenant-General Javed Mahmood Bukhari apprised Finance Minister Ishaq Dar about the financial requirements. In the first phase, land is being acquired to expand the facilities, said a finance ministry official. The General Headquarters (GHQ) has taken the responsibility of ensuring security of convoys and the routes of CPEC. China has offered Pakistan \$46 billion in loans to develop infrastructure and build energy projects in return for access to Gwadar port. Under the CPEC Framework Agreement, Kashgar will be linked to Gwadar.

The QMG briefed the finance minister on the development, upgradation and expansion of training facilities of Pakistan Army, an official finance ministry handout said. Pakistan is in the process of raising a roughly 15,000-strong force to protect the corridor. It aims to make the Special Security Division operational within this year. The existing facilities are not sufficient to impart training to the newly inducted forces and required massive expansion, said the officials. PMA was established at Kakul in October 1947 soon after the creation of Pakistan. On January 25, 1948, the First Pakistan Battalion was instituted. The Indo-Pak War of 1965 necessitated the academy's expansion. The third expansion came in 1989. Last month army chief Gen Raheel Sharif visited the headquarters of the newly raised Special Security Division (SSD). He was given a detailed briefing on progress in raising the force and wide-ranging security aspects of CPEC. Gen Raheel reiterated the army's commitment to provide security for CPEC and the work force involved.

13 suspects arrested
Daily Dawn, March 25, 2016

RAW agent apprehended in Balochistan: Sarfaraz Bugti
The News, March 24, 2016

Targeted killing: Two policemen shot dead in DI Khan ambush
The Express Tribune, March 24, 2016

Two terrorists sent to gallows in Sahiwal
The News, March 24, 2016

Provincial roundup: CTD arrests 784 militants since 2014
The Express Tribune, March 24, 2016

61 suspects apprehended in Peshawar
Radio Pakistan, March 24, 2016
Report shows remarkable drop in crime, terrorism cases since Karachi operation began
Daily Dawn, March 24, 2016

During the visit, he had termed CPEC a game-changer for Pakistan, which has the potential to transform the lives of people of the country. The finance ministry stated that the QMG also gave a briefing on the occasion about progress with regard to setting up modern terminals at Pakistan-Afghanistan border crossing points at Torkham and Chaman. Pakistan is also beefing up security along the Afghan border to consolidate gains of Operation Zarb-e-Azab and curb smuggling. In recent months, the new head of the Frontier Constabulary in Balochistan has taken numerous measures to crack down on smugglers. The finance minister stated that the development of these border terminals is an important initiative, which will not only ease travel between the two countries but also give a boost to bilateral trade, by reducing the transit time for the cargo to and from Afghanistan. He said that once completed, these facilities will also be helpful in promoting greater trade and commerce with the Central Asian States. He emphasised on the need for early implementation of the project.

QUETTA: Security forces arrested 13 suspects on Thursday during raids in Tump, Sui, Dera Murad Jamali and Quetta. A spokesman for the Frontier Corps said that FC personnel along with intelligence officials conducted a raid in Tump area and rounded up seven suspected militants and seized illegal weapons. Three suspects were picked up from Dera Murad Jamali and one from Sui area of Dera Bugti district. Two suspects were arrested during a raid in Kasi graveyard area.

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Minister, Sarfaraz Bugti Thursday said that a serving agent of India's secret intelligence agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) has been arrested from Balochistan. Talking to media persons here, Sarfaraz Bugti said the arrested man is a serving commander in Indian navy who has been identified as Kulbhushan Yadav. The Home Minister said Yadav was active in Balochistan with an aim to destabilize Pakistan. "It has been our contention that RAW has been involved (in creating unrest) in Balochistan," said the Home Minister. He said investigation from RAW agent Kulbhushan Yadav is being carried out. He said Yadav was arrested in Balochistan on a tip off from a Pakistan's intelligence agency three days ago and later he was shifted to Islamabad for investigation. According to sources, the arrested agent of RAW had links with separatist groups operating in Balochistan, the sources added.

DI KHAN: At least two policemen were gunned down near a checkpoint in Dera Ismail Khan on Wednesday. Constable Faisal and Sepoy Imran were going on their duty when unidentified assailants attacked them near New Bannu Chungi. Imran died on the spot, while Faisal succumbed to his injuries during treatment at hospital. A police official told The Express Tribune that the deceased had been deployed at horse and cattle show being held as part of the annual spring carnival in DI Khan. According to the official, the victims were on their way to the venue when attackers ambushed them with automatic weapon, killing Imran and leaving Faisal critically injured. The wounded constable was rushed to District Headquarters and Teaching Hospital DI Khan where he succumbed to his injuries. The assailants managed to escape after committing the crime. An official at the DPO office said an FIR has not been filed so far. He said it was too early to comment on the case.

SAHIWAL: Two terrorists, convicted by military courts, were executed in Sahiwal Jail on Thursday. Sources said terrorist Ubaid was awarded death sentence on April 07, 2015 and Sohail on August 15, 2015 by the military courts. Both convicts were involved in attack on security forces in which two personnel were martyred and 18 others sustained injuries. Ubaid was also involved in Bannu jailbreak.

PESHAWAR: The counter-terrorism department (CTD) in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has arrested 784 militants across the province since its inception in 2014. At least 19 have been killed in encounters. A police official told The Express Tribune the CTD crackdown against militants was a "real success" story. He added they have so far registered 679 cases against militants. In these cases, 502 challans had been issued and submitted. "There are 679 cases out of which 502 challans have been submitted which means interrogation, investigation and everything related to the cases have been completed and challans [are with the] courts," the official explained. "Around 256 cases remain pending with anti-terrorism courts," he said. "We have arrested 66 proclaimed offenders as well – the count includes nine who surrendered themselves to the police during raids and were subsequently arrested." The official added, "The year 2015 was successful for the CTD as we were able to arrest some hard-core and important terrorists and solve blind terrorism cases, like the suicide attack on [Awami National Party's] Bashir Bilour and the [twin] suicide attack in Islamabad district court," he said. The crackdown against extortionists was also successful but complete elimination would take time, he said.

Arms and ammunition were recovered from their possession. Sixty-one suspects were arrested in different areas of Peshawar on Thursday morning. They include twenty-five Afghan nationals for illegally staying in the city. Arms and ammunition were recovered from them.

KARACHI: Claiming elimination of 175 'terrorists' since January last year, a report compiled by the Sindh police shows a 'drastic' drop in 'acts of terrorism' and murders in the city, which it attributed to the impact of the Karachi operation continuing since late 2013, it emerged on Wednesday. The report shows not a single terror act, 54 murders, a single kidnapping for ransom and 17 extortion cases, which have been recorded in the first two months of this year. However, it offers comparative study of those crimes in the previous three years, which officially constructs a situation that is steadily getting better with each year. According to the report, five terrorism acts were reported last year, while 21 such acts were recorded in 2014 and 78 in 2013. Thus, the situation in this respect improved more than four-fold in 2015 and was extremely comfortable than what it was in 2013. Similarly, 829 murders were registered with the police last year, which were less than half the 1,823 reported in 2014. In 2013, 2,789 murders were recorded, says the report. It says just a single kidnapping for ransom case was reported last year. Some 49 persons were kidnapped for ransom in 2014, while that number was 85 in 2013. Some 203 cases of extortion were registered last year, which was half of the 423 reported in 2014. Some 533 such cases were

Military parade to mark Pakistan Day held in Islamabad

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Planning attacks: CTD nabs three suspected terrorists

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recorded in 2013.

The report further says that 1,824 police encounters took place from Jan 1 last year to the end of the first two months of the current year in which 1,048 gangs were busted. In the same period, it adds, a total of 2,253 'combing operations' were conducted by the security agencies. "A total of 175 terrorists and 410 dacoits have been neutralised since January last year," says the report. Elaborating, an official says 'neutralisation' here means 'elimination'. The report also gives an overall crime situation in Sindh, according to which 2,087 murders were reported in 2015, which was 53 per cent less than previous year's 3,652 murders. A five terror acts were reported last year, some 77pc less than previous year's 22. Only a single kidnapping for ransom was reported last year, which was 98pc less than 2014's 59 such cases. Some 241 acts of extortion in the entire province were recorded last year, which was 54pc less than the previous year's 504 such cases. The report also compares the first two months of the current and last year, which shows 110 murders in the province this year – 71pc less than 2015's 387. No terrorism act has been reported so far while five such acts were reported last year. Kidnapping for ransom remains unchanged with one case apiece, while 61pc drop has been witnessed in cases of extortion, which are 11 so far this year against 28 of last year's corresponding period.

ISLAMABAD: The nation is celebrating the 76th Pakistan Day on Wednesday with a renewed pledge to make the country stronger by eliminating terrorism and achieving sustainable economic growth and greater political stability. A joint military parade was held at the Parade Ground near the landmark Shakarparian hills in Islamabad. Personnel from all three services, Pakistan Army, Navy and Air Force participated. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, President Mamnoon Hussain and Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif were in attendance along with Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Mohammad Zakaullah, and Defence Minister Khawaja Asif. Contingents of the Pakistan Army, Pakistan Air Force, Pakistan Navy, as well as the Frontier Corps and Pakistan Rangers, each held an individual march-past, followed by a salute to President Mamnoon Hussain. The day, which marks the historic event in 1940 when the Lahore Resolution was passed demanding a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent, dawned with a 31-gun salute in the federal capital and 21-gun salutes in provincial capitals. The ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem, followed by an address by the president, chief guest of the event. Addressing the ceremony, President Mamnoon lauded Pakistan Army's stance on fighting terrorism and their sacrifices in the ongoing Operation Zarb-e-Azb. "The operation will not end till terrorism has been eradicated completely from Pakistan's soil," he said.

He said the country's nuclear stockpile and weapons are only for the country's defense. "We are a peaceful nation. Pakistan never has and never will participate in any arms race." "Pakistan's wish to be on friendly terms with its neighbours should not be considered as its weakness," he said, adding "peace in Kashmir is essential and Pakistan will continue supporting its Kashmiri brethren." Officers of the three armed forces jumped from a helicopter with the national flag and the flags of the three services, which was then carried by General Officer Commanding (GOC) SSG Major General Tahir Hussain Bhutta and presented to the president. Various political, social, religious, and literary organisations arranged functions to highlight the importance of the Pakistan Resolution that paved the way for the creation of an independent homeland for the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent. Photo exhibitions were also arranged at the arts galleries in different cities depicting different aspects of the independence movement and photographs of the founding fathers. While programmes were scheduled in Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir as well, Pakistan Day functions will also be held at Pakistani missions abroad where ambassadors and high commissioners will unfurl the national flag and read out the messages of the president and prime minister. Foolproof security arrangements have been made to avoid any untoward incident, besides a special traffic plan for the day in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

Cellular services suspended in Islamabad

Cellular services were suspended in the capital as Pakistan Day celebrations kicked off. Mobile phone networks went offline early morning and will remain suspended through out the day, Express News reported.

President, governors to confer civilian awards

President Mamnoon Hussain will decorate 84 recipients of civil awards – including eight foreign nationals and Pakistanis living abroad – during an investiture ceremony that will be held at Aiwan-e-Sadr. Governors of all the four provinces and Gilgit-Baltistan (G-B) as well as Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee will bestow civilian awards on behalf of the president upon prominent personalities for their contributions in different fields. The president had approved conferment of 159 civil awards on August 14, 2015 – the independence day of the country. Four additional awards were also approved after 14th August, 2015 as special cases.

Bilawal Bhutto, CM Sindh at Mazar-e-Quaid

Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, along with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah arrived at Mazar-e-Quaid, Karachi to pay respects to the father of the nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. Bilawal and the chief minister arrived at the mausoleum where they placed a wreath and offered Fateha and witnessed a change of guard ceremony on the occasion of Pakistan Day.

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of Sindh police claimed to have arrested three suspected terrorists, affiliated with al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), who were allegedly planning to use drones to carry out attacks in the city. CTD officials said on Tuesday that they arrested three suspected terrorists, identified as Usman Naeem, Umair and Imamuddin alias Muavia, during a raid in West district. Two Kalashnikovs and a pistol were recovered from their possession. CTD in-charge Ali Raza said the suspects were affiliated with commander Fahad of AQIS. Umair is said to have completed his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from a

Plot foiled: Police nab LeJ leader and nine others

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private university and was researching drone technology for using it in bomb blasts and other terrorist activities. Of the other suspects, Usman is said to be an arms supplier for banned outfits while Muavia distributed hate material of proscribed organisations, which was also recovered during the raid.

Encounter

Two suspected criminals were killed during an alleged police encounter in Korangi Industrial Area on Tuesday. The suspects, identified as Shakoor alias Grenade and Anwar alias Dodo Mian, were killed when the special investigation unit (SIU) of the Criminal Investigation Agency conducted a raid in Korangi on a tip-off. SIU chief SP Farooq Awan said the suspects opened fire at the police and tried to escape. In retaliation, police fired back and killed the two. The suspects reportedly died of serious injuries en route to a hospital.

KARACHI: District Central police, in collaboration with intelligence agencies, arrested on Tuesday a ring leader of the banned sectarian outfit, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ), along with nine of his comrades. "These terrorists belong to the Mufti Shahid group of LeJ but had a nexus with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan and alQaeda in the Indian Subcontinent" claimed Rizvia SHO Idrees Alam Bangash while speaking to *The Express Tribune*. The ring-leader has been identified as Junaidur Rehman, and his nine comrades include Abdul Haq Haider alias Buland Shah, Muhammad Zahid Nazir Chaudhry alias Zahid Arain, Maaz Noor, Saeed Ahmed, Zafar Iqbal, Muhammad Khursheed Khan, Muhammad Sajid, Fidaur Rehman and Muhammad Altaf alias Shahid. The suspects were arrested after an exchange of fire with police during a raid at their hideout in Nazimabad No 1, said the police. A huge cache of explosives and ammunition, including hand grenades and two Kalashnikovs, were also seized from them. "Junaid was involved in the failed assassination attempt on General (retd) Pervez Musharraf at Sharae Faisal in 2003," claimed SHO Bangash.

According to him, Junaid confessed to the attack. At first, Mufti Shahid of LeJ had to carry out the attack on Musharraf, but the task was later given to Harkatul Mujahideen Al-Almi ring-leader, Imran. The accused parked an explosive laden high-roof van at Falak Naz Plaza on Sharae Faisal, but the van did not explode due to a technical fault, said Bangash while quoting Junaid. "The suspects are also wanted in a number of other cases including attacks on imambargahs, targeted killing of doctors and lawyers, in particular the targeted killing of managing director of Pakistan State Oil (PSO) Shaukat Raza Mirza," he claimed. Mirza and his driver were gunned near PSO House in 2001. Junaid also confessed to killing Mirza, on the directives of Mufti, said the SHO. Three convicts, including Khalil Ahmed, Talha and Mufti, have been executed in 2015 for killing Mirza.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government informed the top court on Tuesday that 353 death row prisoners have been hanged in the country since December 2014. The Supreme Court (SC) had earlier sought the government's response on the status of mercy petitions filed by condemned prisoners languishing in jails for years. The moratorium on executions was lifted in 2008 whereas the condition for terrorism-related cases was lifted on December 16, 2014 when 150 people, mainly students, were massacred in a terror attack on Army Public School (APS) in Peshawar. On behalf of the interior ministry, Deputy Attorney General Sajid Ilyas Bhatti submitted one-page response, saying 444 mercy petitions had been rejected by the president since December 2014. Thirty-eight cases were awaiting a decision by the interior ministry while 33 were under process, he added. On February 2, a three-judge bench of the court took up a petition filed by Barrister Zafarullah, who had requested the court to convert the sentences into life imprisonment and decide the prisoners' fate as per the changes since the Law Reforms Ordinance 1972. There are reportedly more than 6,000 death row prisoners in the country, more than anywhere in the world.

KOHLU: At least 12 suspected militants were killed in an exchange of fire with security forces during a targeted operation in Balochistan's Kohlu district on Monday. Reporters suggested 12 suspects including two proscribed Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) commanders Jamir and Baloch Khan were killed in a search operation carried out by Frontier Corps (FC) and security forces. An FC spokesperson said the suspects were involved in attacks on security forces, target killings and other terrorist activities. Earlier in February, at least two suspected militants were killed and 35 others were rounded up in Quetta in a search operation, launched a day after a deadly suicide attack in the city's red zone. On February 6, at least 12 people, including four paramilitary FC troops, were killed and 37 others injured when a suicide bomber targeted an FC convoy in Quetta's Adalat Road. Khurasani Group, a faction of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) had claimed responsibility for the attack.

LAHORE: A plan to install tracking chips on 1,700 people being monitored for terrorist links has been delayed as the government considers introducing the relevant legislation first, *The Express Tribune* has learnt. Requesting anonymity, a senior government official said that law enforcement agencies had identified the people last year. He said their names had then been added to the Fourth Schedule. "Basic information about these suspects has been geo-tagged. The ankle-bands should have been installed by now, but the government fears that it can be challenged [in a court]," the official told. "The ankle bands have been purchased and are ready to be installed. Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) is working on the project. The tracking chips in the ankle bands will be monitored through a central dash-board system. If those wearing them go outside the prescribed areas, the band will start beeping and the central dash board will also be alerted," another official associated with the project said. The Fourth Schedule defines a terror suspect as "a person who is concerned in terrorism or belongs to a proscribed organisation". Under the law, a person whose name is placed in the schedule must seek permission from the local law enforcement authorities and inform the local police station before leaving the district where he lives. "Many of the fourth schedulers have not been informing authorities about their movement away from the districts. These chips will enable authorities to keep track of their movements," the

Curbing terrorism: Police include more people in Schedule 4 list

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official said.

“Legislation on the subject is important because if the move has the backing of the lawmakers, the government will be on strong footing to go ahead with the project. We are deciding how many of the fourth schedulers should be brought under this plan. The ankle bands will not be installed on all suspects, but only on those suspected of being in active contact with banned organisations or being their facilitators,” the official said. Another senior government official said that some problems had surfaced in the working of the ankle bands. “We have observed that if water is poured on these devices, they stop working. The suspects may use the fact to render them dysfunctional. This problem is also being fixed. Currently, the bands cannot be removed without triggering an alert,” he said. Mahar Ijaz Ahmed Achlana, the Home Department parliamentary secretary, said he was aware of the purchase of the ankle-bands. “However, I cannot comment on why the plan to install those has been delayed,” he said.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa police has revised the list of people kept under the fourth schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 to maintain peace and curb militancy. As per the new list, the number of people placed under the schedule has been increased to 5,362. The list had not been updated for several years. There was a pressing need to update it and make it more comprehensive to ensure stability in the province. Schedule IV of ATA 1997 deals with people who are not directly involved in terrorism activities, but whose affiliation with banned outfits or their previous criminal record makes them suspicious. They are kept under surveillance by the police to remove the possibility of their involvement in any terrorism activity in future. As part of the process, the people are required to provide fresh pictures to the local police station every month and inform the law-enforcers before leaving the jurisdiction of their police stations. They are regularly checked and monitored by police and intelligence officials.

The highest number of individuals placed on schedule 4 belonged to a banned outfit, numbering 4,405 across the province. It is followed by Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan with 456 people on the list. Those repatriated from Afghanistan and former Guantanamo Bay inmates have also been placed in the list. Besides, notorious criminals, who have completed jail sentences, have been included. When contacted, DIG Fasihuddin told The Express Tribune that during the British Raj and afterwards, there used to be a register for such people at each police station. He added, “There was a need to revise this list and we have successfully completed it. The number of people [in it] has doubled.”

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DETAILS

MUZAFFARGARH: Three more people died on Sunday from an oil tanker fire taking the death toll to six. The incident occurred a day before in Muzaffargarh's town Gujrat in which the oil tanker overturned due to tyre burst and caught fire. The blaze engulfed the pedestrians as a result of which three died on the spot whereas 15 sustained severe burns and were injured to Nishtar hospital Multan. Three more people succumbed to their injuries today whereas 10 are still under treatment in the hospital. On the other hand in Sialkot's Daska area at least seven people got wounded in a collision between a bus and van. The injured include Irshad, Shahid, Sadia and a 70-year-old woman who were shifted to civil hospital for medical assistance whereas two critically wounded have been referred to Lahore.

LAHORE: Rescue personnel extinguished the fire that was erupted in a trade centre in Lahore's Lakshmi Chowk today (Sunday). According to details, a sudden fire broke out at McLeod Road but the fire was doused by as many as four fire tenders after the struggle of one hour. The officials reported short circuit as a cause of fire that turned items worth lacs into ashes. However, no loss of life has been reported so far while the cooling process is underway after which the estimation of the total loss would be prepared.

GUJRANWALA: A fake pir allegedly burnt a man alive in Gujranwala while exorcising a genie from him. According to locals, the pir identified as Baba Sain Sarkar, tied 60-year-old Abdul Sattar, a resident of Gujranwala, to a charpoy and put him on burning coals in an attempt to get him rid of genie. The local said that as Sattar was put on the burning coals, he started crying and his son Abu Bakar intervened to save him from burning. The pir scolded him and turned him back hurling abuses at him.—OnlineThe victim was burnt to ashes while pir fled the scene. The police took the body into custody dispatched it to a hospital for medico-legal formalities. The police registered a case against fake pir, who was at large till the filing of this report.

SHIKARPUR: A polio case has been confirmed in a five-year-old boy in village Hasilpur Tehsil Khanpur, district Shikarpur on Saturday. The test was conducted by National Institute of Health (NIH) Islamabad. According to details, Saleem Ahmed, 5, resident of village Hasilpur, district Shikarpur suspected to have a polio virus. District Health Officer Shikarpur collected samples of the boy and sent to NIH for examination some 20 days back. The DHO received a report which confirmed that the boy was affected with polio virus. Shikarpur DHO Imtiaz Ahmed Farooqi told this correspondent that polio teams administered polio vaccine in the village. The boy had also been administered polio vaccine multiple times and they would also launch a campaign across the district from April 6-8 due to surfacing of a polio case in the district. A team was also constituted to know reasons about the polio case. The child would be inspected by a specialist doctor.

ADHO Shikarpur, Qazi Khurshed also confirmed the polio case, saying they are trying to ascertain that despite administering polio vaccine how it is possible. Further investigation is underway by the district health administration till this story was filed. Meanwhile, three dacoits were killed and two police constables received serious bullet injuries during an encounter with the police. Five women were also recovered by the police the other day.

According to reports, the Shikarpur district police along with a large contingent of police called from Jacobabad and Ghotki districts jointly raided the Katcha area of Ghotki forest in search of Fazila Sarki who was kidnapped from Garhi Sarki district, Jacobabad, nine years ago. During the search, the encounter took place between the armed criminals and the police. Three outlaws identified as Abdul Haq, Sanwal and Suhino were killed. Three police constables belonging to Ghotki and Sadhayo tribes, whose names were not ascertained, sustained serious bullet injuries. However, Shikarpur police succeeded in recovering five women from the clutches of the kidnappers. The recovered women were brought to Shikarpur under the police security. The recovered woman Fazila Sarki was not identified by her parents. The kidnapped women were in Shikarpur police custody for their identification. The injured police constables were referred to Sukkur Civil Hospital for treatment. According to Shikarpur police, the dacoits killed during the encounter were wanted in many heinous crimes in various districts. Moreover, a youth died when an electric pole fell on him in village Mir Muhammad Marfani within the jurisdictions of Garhi Yasin Police Station, some 15 kilometers from here, the other day. According to reports, an electric pole fell down over a youth namely Sheer M Marfani, 23. The incident occurred when he was passing near the electric pole outside his village. He received severe injuries. He succumbed to wounds on the way to Garhi Yasin Hospital.

PESHAWAR: A person was injured when a gas kit exploded in a PSO pump at Arbab Road, jurisdiction of Tehkal Police Station on Wednesday. Police sources said that the blast occurred at 12:45am due to leakage of gas in the CNG kit. The blast caused fear and panic in the area. The injured person namely Umer was shifted to the Khyber Teaching Hospital where his condition is stated to be stable. Meanwhile, to thwart any untoward incident on the eve of the Pakistan Day tight security arrangements were put in place in Peshawar. Heavy contingent of police deployed at all important installations. Police also guarded rallies coming out of different places to celebrate the Pakistan Day. Police were also directed to keep watch over the entry points of Peshawar leading from Mohmand and Khyber Agency.

MIRPURKHAS: Divisional Commissioner Shafique Ahmed Mahesar has directed the authorities to take precautionary emergency measures in districts Mirpurkhas, Umerkot and Tharparkar owing to expected heavy rainfall in coming monsoon season. He asked all departments to prepare contingency plans within a week and submit a report to the Commissioner Office.

DUHS organises TB awareness walk

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Presiding a high-level meeting to review the arrangements before expected heavy rainfall, he directed TMOs to submit list of dewatering and pumping water machines to his office within a week. He asked the officers to setup control rooms at each Deputy Commissioner Office and all assistant commissioners should also establish control rooms at their areas. He asked the officers concerned of the Irrigation Department and engineers to strengthen the banks of the canals and distributaries so that rainy water might be flow easily and canals might be saved from any breach. He urged the officers of Health Department to ensure availability of adequate quantity of life saving drugs of different diseases and other treatment in hospitals and healthcare centres and avoid any sort of negligence in the matter. DC Tharparkar Shehzad Thaheem, Umerkot DC Makhdoom Aqeeluz Zaman, Mirpurkhas DC Mehdi Ali Shah, assistant commissioners, TMOs, health, livestock, irrigation, education and officers of concerned departments and engineers attended the meeting.

KARACHI: Dow University of Health Science (DUHS) on Friday organised an awareness seminar followed by a walk to mark World TB Day at Ojha Campus. Speaking on the occasion, Dow University of Health Science Vice Chancellor Prof Masoom Hameed Khan said about one-third of the world's population is currently infected with Tuberculosis TB. He said Pakistan has been ranked 5th among 30 highest TB-burden countries in the world with an estimated 0.5 million new cases and 5,000 deaths per year. "One TB patient may infect 10-12 persons in a year," he said, adding TB is a curable disease and early detection and treatment can save the life of TB patients. Incomplete treatment of TB makes it most dangerous, he added. Film actress Reema Khan and her husband Dr Tariq Shahab also attended the event. Dr Tariq Shahab said, "Pakistan nation has a very high spirit and can overcome any challenge. There is lack of awareness in our population that is why TB is spreading in our country," he said, adding most rapid declines in TB incidence and deaths ever recorded were in places where economic growth was coupled with social, public health and medical advances. Film star Reema Khan stressed the need to create mass awareness in order to reduce this ailment from the country. "It is pleased to see that Dow University is providing state-of-the-art TB treatment facility at Ojha Campus." She assured full support in the fight against TB. The awareness walk started from Ojha Institute of Chest Disease and terminated at Dow International Medical College. Participants were carrying placards and banners inscribed with slogans of 'United to improve TB'. Prof Masood Hammed Khan stressed to have counselling session for TB patients in order to minimise the burden of TB. He said, "It is our responsibility to educate people about the prevention, diagnosis and treatment facilities of TB disease." He added the Dow University is providing free of cost treatment to all TB and MDR TB patients. The existing facilities for the diagnosis, management and treatment of tuberculosis have been greatly expanded, he added. He said patients from all over Pakistan come here and get treated free of cost. It has been recognised as a center of excellence for tuberculosis by the World Health Organisation. Later, Reema along with Dr Tariq Shahab, Prof Masood Hameed Khan and Prof Rana Qamar inaugurated the female MDR TB ward at Ojha Campus. She also visited different wards of Dow University. Dr Rao Nisar and Prof M Masroor also spoke on the occasion.

Hospital in Hub gets solar power

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KARACHI: One of the leading solar companies in Pakistan, Reon Energy Limited, delivered a 5.5kW off-grid solar solution for Jam Ghulam Qadir Hospital at Hub. The project has been sponsored by HUBCO and will provide 24-hour power access to the emergency and labour rooms at the hospital. "The emergency room at this hospital caters to more than 1,500 people every month, whilst more than 240 maternity cases are managed every month at this facility. The solar solution is currently running 25 bulbs, 12 fans and other devices," said Dr Abbas Lasi, one of the key officials at the hospital. This solar solution, aside from bringing energy security and availability to areas where there is none, will also result in cost savings for the hospital. Reon Energy Limited chief executive officer Inamur Rahman stated, "At Reon we see every rooftop as a possible producer of electricity. Solar energy solutions can help transform the quality of healthcare at an institutional level, especially for those residing in the off-grid areas of Pakistan."

Governor launches School Safety Programme

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KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad Khan launched the 'School Safety Programme' – a project of Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC) with the support of Norwegian Red Cross at Governor House on Friday. Expressing his views, the Sindh governor said, "Safety and security of our children is the safety of our next generation. This is very unfortunate that our educational institutions are under threat." He said the programme is one of the exemplary initiatives taken by the Red Crescent in Sindh. "The Red Crescent has enormous experience in the field of emergency response and disaster management all over the world. I am confident that the Sindh Red Crescent is fully capable for providing knowledge and support to the educational institutions for making them well-prepared for any calamity", he added. He urged parents and management of the schools to come forward and extend their full support to the Red Crescent. He requested philanthropists to donate generously for this noble cause and join hands with Red Crescent for achieving the task. He asked Red Crescent to gradually extend the scope of work to other important sectors like universities, public places and government institutions. Appreciating the role of Rangers, police and law enforcers, the governor said, "We will launch 1122 service soon in Sindh with the support of Red Crescent." Speaking on the occasion, Education Minister Sindh Nisar Khuhro said, "Our schools, madrassas, mosques, imambarghas and other religious places are being targeted by terrorists but we have faced it and will respond to it in future as well." He request Red Crescent to conduct a survey of all schools building and let Education Department know about security requirements. The Sindh government will do the needful and it will also complement safety trainings outcome. "We want to give secure today to our children," he said, requesting Red Crescent to provide a brochure containing security guidelines to respond to any eventuality. Earlier, delivering her welcome address, PRC-Sindh Chairperson Farzana Naek said 'School Safety Programme' does not focus around security only, but it is aimed at providing students and teachers the requisite skills to respond to effectively and appropriately when a crisis does occur. This programme works towards engaging the community in increasing their resilience to any natural or man-made disaster through school-based risk reduction. "Our aim is to create a culture of safety in the educational community," she said. Farzana said that till date Red

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Crescent has already imparted necessary knowledge and skills in 23 schools of the provincial capital to keep their children safe. "We request the Sindh Education department and governor to support us in making this a compulsory minimum safety requirement of every school in Sindh," she added. PRC Secretary General Dr Rizwan Naseer announced that Pakistan Red Crescent is extending this programme countrywide in all corners of Pakistan. Regional Head of Norwegian Red Cross Astride Sletten read out the message of Norwegian Ambassador Tore Nedreb. He said, "Indeed, the safety of schoolchildren is a priority of Norwegian government and the best way of reducing the risk to vulnerable communities is to invest in risk reduction activities in order to ensure that students, teachers and others are prepared for disasters. I commend the PRC for their tireless efforts in the humanitarian field and I reaffirm the Norwegian government's interest in supporting these initiatives." Later, PRC Vice President Sardar Yaseen Malik thanked governor, Norwegian envoy, media persons, celebrities, government officials and others for their presence.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif continued the process of surprise visits to hospitals and schools on the second day without any information and protocol for reviewing the provision of educational and medical facilities. The visits of the chief minister were aimed at further improving facilities for the promotion of quality education in schools and public health in hospitals. Shahbaz Sharif visited Shahdra Hospital and Government High School Karbath, adjacent village to Lahore, for more than four hours and personally reviewed the situation and issued necessary instructions to concerned officials. The administration was totally ignorant about the visit of the chief minister. During his visit, the traffic was flowing as per routine and was not stopped at any place rather the vehicle of the chief minister was observed stopping at the traffic signals. During his visit to Shahdra Hospital, an orphan girl, Sana, told the chief minister that she has been asked to bring medicines from outside and a "parchi" was given to her, upon which, Shahbaz Sharif came to the pharmacy along with the girl and inquired about giving a note of medicines to the girl. The chief minister expressed strong indignation over unsatisfactory reply and reprimanded the hospital administration. He directed to provide free treatment to the orphan girl and also announced financial assistance for her. Despite arrival of the chief minister in the morning, MS of the hospital arrived late when Shahbaz Sharif was inspecting medicines store, upon which the chief minister said that some medicines were not being provided to the patients in the hospital. The CM said that he needs such officers who have the spirit of service to the people, directing the DCO Lahore for reviewing facilities in the hospitals and schools. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting, which reviewed progress on the Lahore Orange Line Metro Train (OMT) project and other matters. Addressing the meeting, Shahbaz Sharif said that OMT is a splendid project of public welfare and completion of project would result in availability of respectable, speedy, safe and economical traveling facilities to the citizens. He said that 0.3 million people would reach their destination daily through the modern train, adding that the OMT project is being executed with the cooperation of a friendly country, China. The chief minister said such government-to-government projects do not require tendering process but Punjab government has written a new history through tendering of this project. "After completion of tendering process of the project, billions of rupees of the poor nation have been saved through negotiations. For the first time in history, China has handed over civil works of the project to Pakistan. OMT is a project of common man and work is speedily continuing on this unique and big public welfare project of the history of the country," he added. He said that China has provided funds on soft terms for public welfare projects, adding that the OMT project would bring a prominent change in transport system. "Those opposing public welfare project of metro train want to deprive the people of their right and Punjab government is giving them their right by spending resources on welfare projects." Punjab government spokesman Zaeem Qadri, Punjab advocate general, information secretary, Lahore division commissioner and concerned officials attended the meeting.

LAHORE: A green bench of the Lahore High Court (LHC) comprising Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah, while hearing petitions to enforce pollution charge rules by forming an inquiry committee in collaboration with Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industries (LCCI), summoned Environment Protection Agency (EPA) director general. The judge issued directions while hearing two petitions moved by Zubair Khan Niazi of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf and a local resident Muhammad Naeem questioning vires of Environmental Impact Assessment and Initial Environmental Examination rules. The judge on January 20 had sought report from the secretary environment. He earlier had directed the EPA to enforce pollution charge rules by forming an inquiry committee in collaboration with LCCI. During the hearing on Friday, petitioners' counsel Sheraz Zaka pointed out that blatant violation of pollution charge rules had been taking place and the EPA DG did not submit any report regarding compliance of the court's previous order. He said Pakistan has ratified United Nations Climate Change Convention 1992 and the recent Paris conference in 2015 during which the government pledged to enforce provisions of environmental laws but practically no implementation had been made thus far. The counsel for the EPA sought more time to submit compliance report. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah expressed his dismay and directed the EPA DG to personally appear on March 29. Petitioners submitted that the EPA and other authorities had failed to perform their statutory obligations and there was neither any existence nor any implementation of 'Pollution Charge Rules 2001'. They submitted that the historical city of Lahore was becoming one of the most polluted cities of the world due to non-implementation of the rules and it had made the citizens life miserable. They said that after the Paris agreement signed in 2015 to curb the pollution and environmental degradation, it was utmost necessary for the government to implement the pollution charge rules and adhere with the United Nations Climate Change Convention of which Pakistan was also a signatory. Advocate Saima Khwaja being amicus curie (friend of court), while assisting the bench, said that as long as EPA and its monitoring units did not perform statutory obligations, the whole province of Punjab would continue to get adversely affected by the increasing effects of industrialisation and global warming. In another case of LHC, Justice Ali Akbar Qureshi has summoned the local government secretary on April 17 to reply a petition challenging the appointment of 12 MPAs as directors of

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five different public sector companies. The judge on May 1 had issued notice to the secretary who failed to submit his reply to the petition. The Judge had issued these directions on a petition of Opposition Leader in Punjab assembly Mian Mehmoodur Rasheed. The petitioner submitted that MPA Ramazan Siddique Bhatti is functioning as one of the directors of Lahore Transport Company, MPAs Nasreen Nawaz, Ramzan Siddique Bhatti and Kiran Dar are functioning as directors of Lahore Parking Company, MPAs Kashif Padhiar, Amanullah Khan, Qazi Adnan Fareed, Rana Baber Hussain, Ch Lal Hussain, Mahmood Qadir Khan, Qamarul Islam and Waheed Gull are functioning as directors of Punjab Saaf Pani Company, MPA Majid Zahoor is functioning as one of the directors of Lahore Waste Management Company, while MPA Hussain Jahania Gardezi is functioning as one of the directors of Punjab Agriculture and Meat Company. He submitted that these five companies were incorporated under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 1984 and these companies are owned by Punjab government, which are regulated under Public Sector Companies Corporate Governance Rules 2013. He said that these MPAs were functioning as directors of five different public sector companies in violation of section 3(7) of Public Sector Companies Corporate Government Rules 2013. He said that provision lays down that no person having a political or legislative role could become a director of a company governed by Public Sector Companies Corporate Governance Rules 2013. He said that these 12 were already members of Punjab Assembly and at the same time simultaneously also functioning as directors of the companies controlled by Punjab government as such their functioning as board of directors is illegal and void.

LAHORE: Punjab Planning and Development (P&D) Department's Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate General has entered into partnership with six public sector universities for provision of technical support and services of highly qualified professionals. The memorandum of understanding (MoU), held on Friday at the P&D Complex, was signed between the universities and the P&D to facilitate the development process. Addressing the signing ceremony, Punjab P&D Secretary Iftikhar Ali Sahoo said that the purpose of signing the MoU was to convert research into practical application by filling the gap between academia and policymakers in order to finally create knowledge-based economy and to promote evidence based policymaking approach instead of presumptive policymaking approach. In the ceremony, M&E Director General Dr Sajjad Mubin welcomed all the VCs of public sector universities to attend the MoU signing ceremony that will help in materialising the chief minister's vision of paradigm shift in the capacity of government departments. Addressing the ceremony, Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran said that it will surely help on bridging the gap between academia and the government. University of Engineering and Technology VC Prof Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid said that this initiative would provide the lead to research institutions to get involved at very elementary level of planning. University Veterinary and Animal Sciences VC Dr Talat Naseer Pasha said the students would also get firsthand knowledge of development process and activities. Agriculture University Faisalabad VC Dr Iqbal Ahmad Khan commented that knowledge corridors of 5,000 PhDs in the current year and 20,000 PhDs in years to come would be able to deliver goods and services through this initiative. He further added that it would be the first of its kind hallmark to involve research institutions in consultancy, policy formulation and impact assessment. University of Health Sciences representative Prof Dr Saqib second the idea of Punjab government and ensured their full support in improving the Public Policies regarding health sector. Government College University VC Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah appreciated the concept of P&D to link the academia and public policymakers. He added that this would help academia to interact with the governments on many economic issues.

LAHORE: Due to severe threat of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) amidst fast changing weather, the Wildlife and Parks director general has directed the heads of zoos, wildlife parks and safari zoo parks of the province to ensure medical examination and vaccination of animals and birds in their respective parks and take all precautionary measures for their protection. The department has issued a circular on emergent basis in this regard on Friday. A Punjab Wildlife and Parks spokesman said that the birds and animals were suffering from NDV due to cold in the night and severe heat in day, causing death of 30 birds at the Safari Zoo Park. He said that a notification issued for protection of NDV has been sent through fax, e-mail and whatsapp to all concerned in-charges on emergent basis and its receipt has been confirmed. The spokesman added that Punjab Wildlife and Parks has constituted a four-member inquiry committee regarding the deaths of birds.

ISLAMABAD: Beggars present in the nooks and corner of twin cities have become a nuisance for citizens and they urged authorities concerned to take concrete steps to wipe out this menace from society. While talking to Daily Times, common citizens expressed dismay over the increasing number of beggars and complained that the authorities have badly failed to curb this hazard from twin cities. They are of view that beggars are increasing in numbers by each passing day despite tall claims. It has been observed that children, girls carrying naked babies, pregnant women and disabled people present in different traffic signals, shopping centres and public places annoying citizens and demands hefty amount from people. On the other hand, professional beggars have also been witnessed in the capital prefer to chase foreigners, who visit the markets. There are incidents when the beggars have resorted to stealing from the market-goers despite the markets in presence of police during rush hours. A lady traveler Mehvish Yazdani told Daily Times that she uses to travel on 9th Avenue every day during her trip to Islamabad and she use to keep some amount of coins in her pouch to give beggars present in different location of federal capital. She complained that these beggars are creating numerous problems for riders and sometime they knock at the car window, trying to clean the windscreen forcefully. She said that few years back, only physically disabled people use to beg but now the trend has been changed and young boys and girls are begging. A senior citizen Zaheer Hussain Raja said that the beggars present in capital's shopping malls are not creating problems for the shoppers but also causing security problems in shopping centres. The capital administration has launched a major drive few years back to purge capital city from this menace and it is decided to take effective measures against

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the entry of professional beggars in Islamabad particularly at the traffic signals and in the markets. The administration had also decided to maintain the data of old persons, beggar women and children who are begging due to poverty, later these beggars will be sent to a home established by the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall (PBM) near F9 Park for the poor, needy persons where they will be provided shelter, food and training in some skills to earn their livelihood for themselves with dignity and respect. However, despite many years no such practice could be made in this regard.

RAWALPINDI: The Punjab government has stopped recruitment process of paramedical staff and ward boys on vacant seats in the Allied hospitals over political interference. A senior official in the Punjab government has reportedly taken notice of political intervention and violation of merit in the hiring process and has ordered to stop the recruitment process till further orders, a source in the health department said. According to the source, the recruitment will now be made according to a new policy. The hiring was being made on more than 100 vacant seats of paramedical staff and wards boys in the Holy Family Hospital and the Benazir Bhutto Hospital Rawalpindi. The source said that over 3,000 applicants had applied for the vacant posts adding that only favourites were considered for induction on the alleged pressure of the local political leaders. He said that the induction was suddenly stopped after a senior provincial government official took notice of violation of merit adding that the new date for making inductions would soon be made.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority's (CDA) campaign against illegal constructions and encroachments is in full swing. Teams of CDA Enforcement Directorate are conducting operations against illegal construction across the capital city. In continuation of its campaign, teams of enforcement directorate launched a gigantic and joint operation against the encroachments in sector G-9 industrial and trade centre on Friday. The enforcement team has removed encroachments and demolished several illegal construction from the site and confiscated eight truck of illegal stuff. The enforcement directorate, Machinery Pool Organisation and other concerned authorities participated in the operation. CDA has reiterated that the operation against illegal construction would continue till the complete eradication of encroachments from the city areas.

ISLAMABAD: About 100,000 people die annually due to tobacco use in Pakistan and use of Shisha amongst the youth is an emerging health risk. According to figures of Ministry of Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, about 22-25 million people in Pakistan are smokers and 55 percent of households contain at least one smoker. Around 36 percent of adult males and nine percent of adult females are tobacco users so the male to female ratio is 4:1 whereas the boy to girl tobacco use ratio is 2:1. In a year, five million people get killed in the world as a direct result of tobacco. In 2025, ten million people could die from this addiction worldwide whereas in the 20th century, tobacco epidemic killed 100 million people worldwide. Tobacco killed one in 10 adults worldwide and if unchecked and uncontrolled during 21st century, it could kill one billion. In a widely hailed move, the Ministry of National Health Services last year announced introduction of new larger size of Pictorial Health Warning (PHW) on cigarette packs. The new pictorial warning covers remarkable 85 percent of cigarette pack on both the sides. The measure made Pakistan only the third country in the world besides Thailand and India to have enhanced Pictorial Health Warning to 85 percent. It is a major stride forward in curbing tobacco use. The size of the warning has been more than doubled from 40 percent to 85 percent. The matter of introducing the new enhanced pictorial warning was stalled since 2011. After taking office in June 2013, the government started working with focus on both communicable and non-communicable diseases. A process of consultation was initiated with the provinces to revive the Tobacco Control Programme (TCP) to strengthen it. The ministry also set about the task of aiming the critical measures of introduction of the long overdue Pictorial Health Warning with the stakeholders. Now, Pakistan has fulfilled its obligation under Article 11 of the Frame Work Convention of tobacco control and become a world leader for the other countries to follow. The pictorial warning on tobacco packs in the most effective means of communication with tobacco users. According to a research, a smoker looks at this picture at an average of 7,000 times in a year. Moreover, those who intend to initiate smoking are discouraged by the warning whereas it encourages those who intend to quit smoking. Under the new measure, cigarettes manufactured and sold in the country and imported into the country is required to have the new pictorial warning. Any manufacturer, importer, distributor or retailer violating the new law would be proceeded against according to law.

KARACHI: The first meeting of the commission formed to probe Thar crisis held its first meeting under the chairmanship of former Sindh advocate general Abdul Fateh Malik at Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) head office on Thursday. Representatives of civil society and PDMA Director General Dr Tipu Sultan also attended the meeting. The chair appreciated the decision of the Sindh government to form the commission on the important issue of drought in Thar. The commission emphasised to go at any length in order to enquire the main cause behind the drought and deaths in Thar. It was also unanimously decided to involve the public representatives of the union council, NGOs, bar association, press and all the government departments. The commission also decided to hold meetings with the senior member board of Revenue, secretaries of Finance, Health, Food, Livestock and Fisheries departments and Thar Coal Authority DG in order to get the detailed information about the budget allocated and actual expenditure incurred on all going, completed projects in Thar. Talking to Daily Times, Health and Nutrition Development Society (HANDS) Chief Executive Dr Shaikh Tanveer Ahmed said in order to prevent recurrence of the situation, it would be appropriate that assistance being provided to the victims must include cash compensation and supplies of livestock and seed distribution. Dr Tanveer said provision of primary, secondary and tertiary health facilities, free or subsidised transport system and activation of awareness campaign might also be beneficial for the Tharparkar people.

KARACHI: At least five illegal water hydrants were demolished while pipes, generators and other accessories were confiscated by the Demolition Squad of Karachi Water and Sewerage Board

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(KW&SB) in Baldia town area. The action was taken on an information received by KWSB Managing Director Misbahuddin Fareed, about water theft through opening illegal hydrant at Sector 12, Dawood Goth and Baldia Town, said a statement on Thursday. On receiving the information, the deputy commissioner held a meeting with Water Board officials and directed the officials concerned to demolish the illegal hydrants. The officials of Water Board including Superintendent Engineer Asif Qadri, Assistant Commissioner Riaz Abro along with area police demolished the illegal hydrants.

KARACHI: The provincial dialogue on Sindh Education Budget 2015-16 organised by by Alif Ailaan has expressed dissatisfaction over the appalling condition of education in Sindh and held responsible the authorities concerned. The dialogue, attended by representatives of Finance and Education departments, Reform Support Unit and media personnel, said the Sindh govt has released only Rs 3.87 billion out of allocated amount of Rs 10 billion till the third quarter of the current fiscal year. They said total budget allocated for education in Sindh for the year 2015-16 was Rs 157 billion, which constitutes 2.68 percent of the GDP. It was highlighted that political involvement, corrupt attitude of bureaucracy, lack of accountability and passive role of citizens were the main factors behind the perturbed plight of education in the province. "There is a dire need to improve the education standards in Sindh for which the civil society should also play its due role so that the authorities concerned take actions for the betterment of education at all levels. Speakers urged the government to enhance the budget allocation for education and its effective utilisation. Quoting the Sindh Education Management Information System (SEMIS) data, it was highlighted that 33 percent primary schools consist of a SINGLE ROOM only, 7,179 schools lack shelters, 23,500 lack facility of safe drinking water, 21, 200 have no toilets, 28, 500 have no electricity and 18,900 schools lack boundary walls. It was agreed that all stakeholders work tighter to form a coalition for advocating educational issues and sensitise communities in this regard. The participants suggested initiating a licence for teaching as mandatory for medical and law graduates. The advanced assessment and examination methodologies and tools were suggested by the participants for improving quality assessment and analysis. The public private partnership models and need-based participatory planning were also important suggestions for budget allocations, infrastructure development and capacity building of teachers.

KARACHI: Singh Special Health Secretary Dr Shireen Narejo along with Marketing Director Fahad Ashraf and Asim Saleem, the representative from Plan International Pakistan, announced the launch of 'Dengue Se Paak Pakistan' campaign to further the cause of a dengue-free Pakistan. This was announced at a press briefing held in the metropolis where the importance of undertaking proactive measures to reduce the number of dengue cases was highlighted. They said the incidence of dengue increases in post rainy season due to stagnant water that becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. This year, the provincial governments has started taking proactive measures at the grass root level to ensure reduction in the incidence of dengue in Pakistan, which has significantly increased in the last five years. In 2015 alone, 3,692 cases were reported in Sindh while Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Punjab accounted for 1,397 and 4,281 dengue victims, respectively. These cases were reported across urban cities as well as rural settlements. "The Sindh government is already working on a dengue prevention and control programme. We want to proactively plan for this season to ensure people are adequately equipped with the right tools to protect themselves from diseases like dengue," Dr Shireen Narejo told reporters. Fahad Ashraf highlighted, "This initiative is in line with RB's philosophy of 'Healthier lives, happier homes'. Mortein has been actively involved in enabling and empowering families to protect themselves from mosquito-borne diseases, particularly dengue, since the past several years. We appreciate the government's support immensely in this regard." The campaign aims at reducing the incidence of dengue all over the country through a multi-pronged approach that will focus on a number of pre-planned activities characterised by a combination of innovative approaches to generate maximum impact and learning. These activities will focus on educating people mainly on four key areas including; cover (open water containers and getting rid of stagnant water puddles); clear (trash and keep surroundings clean); safety (use of anti-mosquito products) and support (each other by encouraging this behaviour).

LAHORE: Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairman Dr Nizamud Din has said that teachers' training on modern standards for promoting the quality education is of great importance. While inaugurating the 4th international conference on 'Education and Research' at the University of Education, he said the provincial government is spending a huge budget for the betterment of education sector, sustainable development and for implementing new reforms to meet the professional standards. University of Education Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Raufe Azam presided over the conference while Division of Education Director Dr Intizar Hussain Butt presented the welcome note. The conference was aimed to discuss current challenges and problems by highlighting the core purpose and different approaches of research and education and also to make an authentic forum for effective learning. More than 92 scholars are presenting their research papers on different approaches and aspects of education while renowned scholars from Germany, England, Canada, Saudi Arab and other countries are also participating. Addressing the ceremony, PHEC Chairman Dr Nizamud Din said that education and research is the real base of developed nations. "Our basic responsibility, being educationists, is to handle and manage educational problems and challenges," he added. He said that the appointment of College Teaching Internees (CTIs) in different departments of colleges across Punjab on vacant seats is an educational friendship step of government. "The core purpose of research work of national and international scholars is to serve and improve field of education in true sense so that the dream of an educated and prosperous Pakistan could come true." While presenting a brief introduction of the varsity, University of Education Vice Chancellor Dr Raufe Azam said that quality education is an open secret to real progress and development of any nation. "Establishment of intellectual forums and maintenance of linkages with national and international reputable educational institutions and academia is a key step to promote the quality education," he added. In promoting the culture of learning, he emphasised the role of higher educational institutes and stressed the

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participants to discuss and present a concrete solution to solve real problems of education. Government College University (GCU) VC Dr Hasan Amir Shah, UVAS VC Dr Talat Naseer Pasha, former University of Education VC Dr Munawar Mirza, NACTE Chairman Riazul Haq Tariq, Controller Examinations Dr Ashiq Hussain Dogar, Registrar Dr Manzoor Akhter, varsity directors and principals, national and international scholars, renowned educationists, thinkers, teachers and a large number of students were also present at occasion.

LAHORE: The new Dolphin Force is ready to chase the criminals on all roads, streets and congested areas of the metropolitan with a spirit to make the lives and properties of citizens more secure and safe. With launching of this new force, not only the street crimes would be controlled but it would also improve the patrolling and picketing system in the provincial metropolis. This was stated by Punjab Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera while addressing the passing out ceremony of the first batch, comprising 688 officials, held at Police Training School in Chung on Thursday. Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif, Iranian, Chinese and Turkish Consulates, Home Minister, Provincial Ministers Rana Sanaullah, Zakiya Shahnawaz, Minister, Zaeem Qadri, Chief Secretary Punjab Khizer Hayat Gondal, Home Secretary Major (r) Azam Suleman, Secretary Information Momin Agha, DCO Lahore Capt (r) Muhammad Usman, other members of National and Punjab Assemblies and senior police officers were also present on the occasion. Sukhera said that all civilized nations keep on modifying their forces to control the network of criminals, adding that the dolphin training has been completed into two phases within a period of 120 days with the cooperation of Turkish police instructors. He said that the first batch has been handed over 300 heavy motorbikes with 550 helmets, besides all required accessories and gadgets. He added that a separate police line for the Dolphin Force in area of Walton would be completed very shortly and in all divisions, independent dolphin force offices would be set up. The IGP pinned hope that the dolphin force would perform its duties just like dolphins, which are considered to be human friendly. He thanked the Punjab government for its outstanding cooperation and trust in Punjab Police for launching such a unique and first-ever patrolling force of the country. Later, the IG presented a special souvenir to the Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

LAHORE: Lahore High Court Justice Ali Akbar Qureshi, while hearing a contempt of court petition, summoned the Punjab transport secretary and Punjab inspector general (IG) of police to improve issuance of driving licenses and plying fit vehicles on roads. The judge on March 1 had issued notices and sought replies from both the officials but during the hearing on Thursday, the government counsel sought more time for filing reply. The judge directed the secretary and IG to appear on March 29 with their replies. Petitioner counsel said that LHC in 2013 had directed to ensure that only vehicles in good condition must be allowed to come on roads and the traffic police should also improve the system for issuance of driving licenses. He said that so far three years had passed and this order was not implemented. He said on the roads, the vehicles did not have the mandatory fitness certificates, adding that the traffic police and motor vehicle transport department are ignoring these blatant violations of the law. He submitted that the police also failed to improve the process of driving license issuance, and requested actions against the top officials for violating the court order.

LAHORE: The department of Community Health Sciences of Fatima Memorial Hospital (FMH) College of Medicine and Dentistry collaborated with Gulab Devi Chest Hospital on World TB Day. FMH College of Medicine and Dentistry was part of the event organised by Gulab Devi Chest Hospital, which consisted of an awareness walk, poster competition and a symposium to commemorate the day. The faculty and students of FMH College of Medicine participated in the awareness walk and visited patients in the hospital who were suffering from tuberculosis. The day ended with a symposium that consisted of lectures and award distribution ceremony from the poster competition. World Health Organisation (WHO) called upon representatives of governments, communities, civil society, and the private sector to 'Unite to End TB'. WHO, along with its partners, is promoting dialogue and collaboration that unites individuals and communities in new ways to end the tuberculosis epidemic. Pakistan is ranked 5th in the highest TB burdened countries in the world with 420,000 patients recorded annually. FMH Head of Community Health Sciences Prof Dr Iram Manzoor along with faculty members including Dr Aslam Bajwa and Dr Naureen Omar, Medical Superintendent Dr Hamid Hassan and Gulab Devi Chest Hospital official Dr Aqeelur Rehman organised the World TB Day. FMH College of Medicine and Dentistry began at the dawn of new millennium in year 2000 and is a key component of the Fatima Memorial System and believes in "educating, training and inspiring young people in the science of healing and the art of communication".

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considered to be human friendly. He thanked the Punjab government for its outstanding cooperation and trust in Punjab Police for launching such a unique and first-ever patrolling force of the country. Later, the IG presented a special souvenir to the Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

ISLAMABAD: As many as 17 talented Pakistanis received 'Gold Medal Awards 2016' in a ceremony held on Thursday for their outstanding achievements in different fields of life. The awards were conferred by eminent nuclear Scientist Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan on talented Pakistanis of different ages for their contributions in the areas of promotion of ideology of Pakistan, science and technology, sports, education, social welfare, literature, art and craft, medical etc. The award ceremony was arranged at Aiwan-e-Quaid, Fatima Jinnah Park by Nazariya Pakistan Council (NPC) as its annual feature and part of Pakistan Day celebrations. 'Quaid-e-Azam Award' was conferred on Dr Anwar Naseem, Muhammad Bashir Malik and Raz M Luni while 'Allama Iqbal Award' was given to Naveed Hashmi, Nasim-i-Seher and Waqar Ahmed. 'Sir Syed Award' was conferred on Mehreen Iqbal and Professor Dr Syed Hamid Hussain while 'Madar-i-Millat Award' was given to Gulalai Ismaeel and Noor Fatima. 'Shaheen Award' was conferred on Maheen Aftab, Sadia Gul, Naveed Butt and Sheeba Asad while 'Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan Award' was given to Dr Masud Ghani, Zaeem Siddique and Sania Syedain. While addressing on the occasion, Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan said that there is a need to focus on education sector to bring prosperity in the country. He called for strict legislation to end corruption, unemployment and other crisis to make the country a welfare state. NPC Chairman Dr Naeem Ghani congratulated the awardees for receiving recognition of their services. He said that arranging such award ceremonies is the regular feature of the council to promote the talented people in the country. Media Director Anjum Khaleeq who arranged the event said that the council has been arranging this ceremony since the year 2006 to pay tribute to the outstanding achievers in the fields of literature, science and technology, social work, religious work etc. NPC Vice Chairman Mian Muhammad Javed was also present on the occasion along with people from different walks of life. Similarly, National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) Executive Director Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema has been decorated with Sitara-i-Imtiaz in recognition of his outstanding services in the field of public service. He was awarded with this award at special investiture ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr on Pakistan Day where various other national awards were conferred on individuals belonging to different walks of life including both civilians and military personnel. The special ceremony was attended by ministers, parliamentarians, services chiefs, diplomats and high civil and military officials, said a news release on Thursday. The NAVTTTC executive director was also awarded Tamgha-i-Imtiaz in 2014 on his meritorious services. His citation read at the occasion was "Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema possesses vast experience in the field of administration, training and law enforcement. He is known for his impeccable integrity, courage and commitment. In 2006, while serving as DIG, Dera Ismail Khan, he was transferred to Abbottabad and due to the vacuum created by his transfer, serious law and order situation emerged in DI Khan. The provincial government had to transfer him back for controlling the situation and he did it successfully. In 2007-08, Gujranwala became safe haven of dangerous and desperate criminals, dacoits and kidnappers. He was posted as DIG Gujranwala where he dealt the criminals with iron hand and successfully restored peace in the area. In 2012, similar challenging situation emerged in Sheikhupura where he was posted and he restored peace successfully. In 2013, a very serious crisis gripped the Passport Department due to which hundreds of thousands passports could not be issued. He was posted as head of Immigration and Passport Department and with his determination and leadership qualities he was able to overcome this national crisis in three months only. As IG Motorway Police, he brought tremendous reforms and improvement in NH&MP. Since September 2015, he is heading NAVTTTC. He is the author of a book "Do Tok Batain" which became one of the best sellers of 2015. He was awarded Tamgha-i-Imtiaz in 2010. In recognition of his outstanding performance and services in the field of public service, the president of Pakistan has conferred on Zulfiqar Ahmad Cheema the award of "Sitara-i-Imtiaz".

New biometric system for educational institutes on cards

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RAWALPINDI: The Punjab Education Commission (PEC) has finalised preparation to introduce new examination and biometric system till July 01 to ensure attendance in all the educational institutions across the province, official sources said. According to the sources, the old divisional directorate of Education Department would also be made functional in the 36 districts of the province by July 01. The recruitments of 33,622 educators under a new contract and 2,170 assistant education officers would be completed till the beginning of July.

ICT to conduct survey for property destruction analysis

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Thursday directed all the departments concerned including the police stations to conduct a survey of damages to the property of general public due to recent heavy rains in the federal capital. According to the text of the notification issued by Additional Deputy Commissioner General (ADCG) Abdul Sattar Isani, it has been reported that due to the heavy rains in the capital city, damages have been occurred to the property of general public. The ADCG directed ADCR, all assistant commissioners, administrators of union councils and executive engineer LG and RD to conduct an emergency survey in this regard within a period of two days.

Two eateries, two illegal fuel shops sealed

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ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on Thursday sealed four units including two illegal eateries in residential areas and two other shops for selling open fuel in Koral Market. The district administration teams also managed to arrest six persons involved in illegal business. According to reports, the team traced and sealed illegal ketchup factory and a bakery manufacturing burgers in residential areas of Ashraf Town besides arresting four people in jurisdiction of Koral Police Station. The team also arrested two people and sealed their shops for openly selling fuel in jurisdiction of the same police station. Cases have been registered against the accused and further investigation is underway.

Entry of unauthorised persons banned in CDA's

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) administration has decided to ban the entry of unauthorised persons in the land and estate departments of the civic body to discourage the tout mafia. According to reports, the CDA administration has decided to ban the unnecessary

land, estate departments to discourage mafia

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entry of unauthorised persons in the land and estate departments of CDA. The decision has been taken to discourage the involvement of certain mafia who put undue pressure on CDA staff and the general public visiting these offices. According to the sources, CDA management has passed these orders wherein it has been stated that entry of unauthorised people in land and estate offices has been stopped. Furthermore, the administration has also directed the employees who are not directly concerned with land and estate issues that not to visit these offices unduly and without official business in dealing hours. In this regard, CDA's magistrate and security directorate have been asked to carryout random and surprise monitoring of these offices and directed to take strict action against the presence of irrelevant persons. The sources further told Daily Times that the decision has been taken as a result of complaints received to the higher management of the CDA regarding the difficulties being faced due to undue pressure on the CDA employees and residents visiting these offices. It has been further learnt that the staff of land and estate departments have also been directed to facilitate the general public visiting these offices and special arrangements should be made to dispose off their complaints promptly. An official of the CDA's Estate Management Directorate has briefed the Daily Times about the background of this decision and said, "A group of certain people visit land and estate offices on regular bases and act as brokers. They collect money from the common people by promising them to resolve their matters in CDA offices." He further said that they are also using the name of CDA officers and present themselves as front man and that's why the administration has decided to curb such elements.

Mobile Emergency Alert System launched

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ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Interior has arranged Mobile Emergency Alert System (MEAS) in all the educational institutions as part of precautionary measures to ensure safe and secure educational environment in the institutes. In case of any emergency, institutions are automatically connected with police units and officers by pressing a single "Panic Button". These units include Rescue 15, police control unit, concerned SDPO, concerned SHOs and concerned police stations. As per information, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police has issued Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the security of educational institutions. The other measures include deployment of expert and trained armed security guards, deployment of snipers at vantage points, installation of CCTV cameras, installation of walkthrough gates and barriers at the entrance, boundary walls at least eight feet high with barbed wire, installation of Panic Alert System and implementation of Watch Committee under SP special branch for reviewing security arrangements on regular basis. Moreover, cluster security system for security of educational institutions with deployment of police has been put in place. Patrolling vehicles have also been allocated specific areas for duty during start and closing of educational institutions to avert any untoward incident. Police deployed for security duties of various educational institutions is equipped with SMGs, Kalashnikov 7.62 mm.

WAPDA, agri varsity sign MoU for water management

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LAHORE: The Pakistan Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at WAPDA House with the University of Agriculture Faisalabad. According to the MoU, WAPDA and the University of Agriculture Faisalabad will work together to support research and training activities leading to sustainable development and management of water resources for agricultural sector in Pakistan. WAPDA Chairman Zafar Mahmood and the University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan signed the MoU on behalf of their organisations. Speaking on the occasion, the WAPDA chairman said that 90 percent water in Pakistan is used for agriculture, hence, there is a dire need to focus on this sector for water conservation by introducing latest irrigation techniques instead of the traditional one, which is known as flood irrigation. This would not only help us check wastage of water but also enhance its productivity, he added. The chairman further said that pricing of water is the key to strike a balance between demand and supply in all walks of life, particularly in the agriculture sector. The University of Agriculture Faisalabad vice chancellor said that promoting the prudent and productive use of water in agriculture was close to his heart, adding that by signing the MoU, he would be able to work with WAPDA to promote this cause. He expressed hope that collaboration between WAPDA and the University of Agriculture Faisalabad would help escalate the process of change in agriculture sector. It is pertinent to mention that WAPDA had already signed an MoU with Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro for water management and would soon sign another MoU of similar nature with Sindh Agriculture University in Tando Jam.

Saddar to be made traffic-free zone

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KARACHI: Karachi Administrator Roshan Ali Shaikh on Wednesday said that Saddar area would be made traffic-free zone, while Empress Market would be restored in its original condition. While visiting different markets on Wednesday, Shaikh said that the area would be made encroachment-free where the people can walk and stroll with ease. He said that the restoration work would be started within a week. Taking the notice of wall chocking on the historical buildings, the administrator ordered to remove the slogans written on the walls within five days. He also directed the authorities concerned to remove the encroachments around the buildings to restore their good looks. Transport Senior Director Muhammad Athar apprised that Karachi Metropolitan Corporation would restore Empress Market in its original condition as well as its nearby roads will be made traffic-free.

Rescue 1122 trains over 200 officials ahead of flood season

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LAHORE: The Punjab Emergency Service (Rescue 1122) celebrated Pakistan Day by conducting training for Water Rescue in wake of upcoming flood season, as the flood is a perpetual threat, which is taking an ugly shape due to global warming and climatic changes. In view of this, Rescue 1122 Director General Brig (r) Amir Hamza decided to dedicate Pakistan Day to train the officials to respond to floods in the country. In this connection, over 200 officials of Rescue 1122 took part in the rigorous training at the venue of Marina Boat Club in River Ravi at Head Balloaki, near Lahore. The director general said that in wake of devastation caused by floods in Punjab during previous years, the significance of flood management, rescue and relief activities has increased manifold.

1,200 orphans children

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Day celebration was held at Pakistan Sweet Homes in which more than 1,200 orphan children performed parade. The chief guest of the event was capital's Mayor Ansar

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Azir. He acknowledged the efforts of MD Baitul Mal and Sweet Homes Patron In-chief Zamurad Khan. Pakistan Sweet Homes is the largest orphanage having 3,600 orphan children. "This project was started with one child after Swat operation and now by the grace of Almighty Allah sweet homes have become the true positive face of Pakistan," said Zamurad Khan.

LAHORE: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has inked between the Urban Unit and Government College University (GCU) Lahore for cooperation, partnership and exchange programmes in various domains regarding urban planning and development (P&D) at GCU Lahore. The Urban Unit CEO Dr Nasir Javed and GCU VC Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah on Tuesday signed the MoU to enhance cooperation in internship of students at Urban Unit, sharing and easy access of data, libraries, laboratories and other resources for mutual benefits as and when required. Further, they will collaborate in pursuing joint trainings, scientific research and development projects while making sound participation in workshops, conferences and seminars held at each other's premises. Collaboration for the Pakistan Journal of Urban Affairs being managed by the Urban Unit will also be ensured under the signed MoU. The memorandum also includes staff and expertise sharing programmes for facilitation of both parties and to develop a successful model of urban studies and practice put into action together. Under this partnership, Urban Unit would provide internship opportunity including access to research facilities to GCU students for their research work along with providing job placement opportunities to GCU graduates on priority basis subject to the HR policy of the company. Urban Unit and GCU would make their libraries, laboratories and research facilities accessible to faculty and students on mutual basis, when possible. Sharing of and access to specialised instrumentation and equipment shall be furnished by the both for joint and collaborative research projects. Joint training and research projects would be arranged on a collaborative basis, with a view to promote the image of both institutions as disseminators of the state-of-the-art knowledge in the relevant research fields. The MoU would enable both to work out ways in which the PhD students may be made available for senior positions created from time to time at the Urban Unit. Similarly, the staff of Urban Unit would be given such research positions, if any from time to time at the GCU. Joint workshops, conferences and lectures for students, researchers, teaching faculty as well as the professionals in the field of Urban Planning and Sustainable Development would also be held. On the occasion, Hassan Amir said, "The world is moving towards urbanisation as a goal in this century. With dedicated and well-directed efforts made both by the theory and practice people in relevant fields, we can expect a better urban future for Pakistan. Urban Unit is an institution par excellence with international fame of devising the urban growth strategy for Pakistan and it will be an honor joining hands with them also giving our students a chance to accelerate professionally."

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has awarded the contract for rehabilitation and up-gradation of IJ Principal Road at Rs 168.0 million which is 28 percent below the floor price, worth of Rs 228 million earlier approved in the PC-1 of the project. Capital Development Authority Chairman Maroof Afzal was informed this during a meeting held at Capital Development Authority headquarters on Tuesday. Member Administration Amer Ali Ahmed, member engineering, member planning and design and other senior officers of the authority attended the meeting. The Capital Development Authority chairman was also informed that IJ Principal Road situated at the fringes of Rawalpindi and Islamabad is of immense importance as it tackles huge traffic especially the traffic emerging from Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Azad Kashmir. He was informed that under this project, the IJ Principal Road from Pindora Chungi to GT Road would be re-carpeted, lane marking would be carried out and missing facilities would be provided. He was further informed that drainage system on the both sides of the road would be up-graded in addition to the uplift of green areas along the road. He was further informed that all the codel formalities have been completed for immediate initiation of rehabilitation work on the project. The meeting was further informed that the tenders of the dualisation of service roads, east and west of sector E11 for providing an easy access to sector D12 and second carriage way from the roundabout service road (west) of sector G10 to Khaybaan-e-Iqbal has been opened while development work on both of the project will be awarded soon after the finalisation of codel formalities. The meeting was further informed that the construction of dualised service roads, east and west of sector E11 would be completed with the cost of Rs 240 million while second carriage way from the roundabout service road (west) of sector G10 to Khaybaan-e-Iqbal will cost Rs 320 million. The Capital Development Authority chairman was also briefed that all formalities and procedures for the construction of two under passes on Faisal Avenue in F8/F7 and G8/G7 has been completed and next few days tenders of both the projects will be floated in the national press so that the contract could be awarded. CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal said that due to huge burden of light and heavy traffic on IJ Principal Road and further connecting it with Metro Bus Service, it is dire need of the hour to upgrade IJ Principal Road to facilitate the ever-growing commuters. He directed the concerned formations of the authority to take all possible measures and finalise the modalities for immediate initiation of up-gradation work on IJ Principal Road.

LAHORE: Punjab Police has decided to computerise the criminal index cards of prisoners in 37 jails of the province and for this purpose, two police officials have been appointed in each jail. These police officials are not only compiling the data of the criminals who were sent to jails, but are also responsible to collect the fingerprints, photographs and other relevant information for computerisation purposes. This was decided by Punjab Inspector General of Police Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera while addressing a video-linked RPO Conference at the CPO office on Tuesday. The purpose of the conference was to review the information technology (IT) initiatives being taken by Punjab Police. Senior police officers were also present in the conference. Deputy Inspector General (DIG) IT Shahid Hanif told the IGP that 128,000 index cards of the criminals have been scanned while 10 fingerprints record of 400,000 criminals has been saved. The performance of newly launched 8787 SMS and call service in Central Police Office Lahore's Complaint Cell was also reviewed in detail. Additional Inspector general (AIG) Complaints Syed Khurram Ali told the IGP that 55% of the total complaints received through this service have been addressed while the rest of 45% are under process. The conference also reviewed the progress

SSDA trains orthopedic surgeons

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of establishment of front desks in 250 police stations of 13 districts as replica of Lahore model. AIG Finance Hussain Habib Imtiaz told the IGP that the written test of the applicants in this regard have been completed and after the completion of interviews, these front desks would be made fully operational.

LAHORE: In connection with the '7th PESSI Medical Conference', organised by Social Security Doctors Association (SSDA), a hands on training workshop of orthopedic surgeons was held at Doctors Hospital on Tuesday. A large number of young orthopedic surgeons from all over the country participated in the training workshop. Most senior doctors of Pakistan including Dr G A. Shah, Dr Tariq Sohail, Dr Abu Bakar Siddique, Dr Muhammad Ashraf Nizami, Dr Irfan Mehboob, Dr Zia Bajwa and Brig Dr Sohail Amin trained the young orthopedic surgeons. This successful workshop was organised under the chair of Dr Muhammad Ashraf Nizami. The 7th Medical Conference of PESSI would be held on March 25-26 at Nawaz Sharif Social Security Hospital, while the inaugural ceremony would be held at a local hotel. Provincial Labour Minister Raja Ashfaq Sarwar would be the chief guest on the occasion and Gala Dinner would be held at lawns of University of Lahore.

LAHORE: Punjab Saaf Pani Company CEO Waseem Ajmal Chaudhry has said that around 250,000 people will be provided clean drinking water in first phase of the project through 80 water filter across Punjab. In a statement issued on Monday, Waseem Ajmal introduced the Punjab Saaf Pani project and said that on the special instructions of the Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the Punjab government has launched this initiative, which is aimed at providing safe drinking water supply to the people, particularly focusing on the rural areas of the province. In the first phase, the installation of around 80 water filtration plants would provide safe drinking water facility to over 250,000 residents of District Bahawalnagar, Lodhran, Bahawalpur and Rahimyar Khan. Waseem said that more than 40 million residents of the rural and peri-urban areas of Punjab would have access to safe drinking water through installation of state-of-the-art water filtration plants in 144 tehsils of 44 districts across the province. "Access to safe drinking water is one of the basic human rights but there is also a need to create awareness among the benefiting communities regarding judicious use of this blessing," the CEO added. However, greater awareness in terms of health and hygiene and use of clean containers would help improve the life expectancy in the area, he said, adding that public and private participation is the need of the hour to prevent contamination of fresh water resources while water aquifers must be protected for healthy future generation. With regard to the World Water Day, Waseem Ajmal said that this day reminds us to promote water conservation and understand its importance in various field of life including the environment, health, agriculture, etc.

LAHORE: Civil society organisations, under the platform of Mumkin Alliance, strongly condemned the criticism of religious and political parties over Punjab Protection of Women Against Violence Act 2016. Alliance members on Monday in a press conference said that conservative groups have failed to provide any un-Islamic and unconstitutional evidence against this law, adding that their campaign against women protection law is totally baseless. Members of the Mumkin Alliance strongly condemn the political parties and politicians' having conservation mindsets, saying that they are influencing the government once again to oppress the rights of women for the sake of their own hidden agendas. Aurat Foundation Resident Director Mumtaz Mughal said in press conference that cases of violence against women are increasing day by day, adding that an effective legislation was the need of time and this act has been introduced at the right time. "We appreciate the government's effort and we always will support this cause," she added. Mumkin Alliance Focal person Nabeela Shaheen, Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO) Regional Director Salman Abid, WISE Executive Director Bushra Khaliq and SAP PK National Coordinator Rashim Adnan participated in the press conference. The speakers emphasised that civil society alliance strongly support the law and condemn the baseless arguments of the traditional, religious and political groups. Members of the Mumkin alliance demanded the civil society, political parties and especially from media to strengthen and support this legislation through collective efforts.

ISLAMABAD: The conflict of authority between CDA top brass and federal capital police has been intensified in China cutting case as Bani Gala Police registered the case on the application of local affectees against 60 CDA officials including deputy director general (DDG) of the authority. On the other hand, these CDA employees have refused to present themselves in the police station and to get interim bail from the court after consultation with their officers. The police has decided to apprehend those officials whose name were mentioned in the FIR but due to complexity in the case, the police have not made any arrest from those 60 officers of CDA even after two days of registration of cases of heinous offence against them. According to information available with Daily Times, not a single one among 60 officers of CDA have not filed their petitions for seeking interim bail despite passage of two days after registration of cases of heinous offence against them. The CDA administration has not even suspended them. An affected person of the Village Lakhwal Raja Muhammad Jamil Abbasi has lodged a complaint in the Banni Gala Police Station in which he took stance that almost 60 officials of CDA had maltreated the farmers and beat them with the rods, who were working on a private land. They also kept these peasants into illegal custody and even after showing them land record, the CDA staffers has given life threats to the workers. These officers including DDG Abdul Islam Shah, Rawal Dam SDO Muhammad Bilal, Director Muhammad Haroon, Patwari Waheed Ahmed and 56 other officials. The application stated that these officials conducted an illegal operation but CDA officials said that they were performing their duties and to complete the assignment from the office is not any kind of offence so they don't need any bail. When Daily Times contacted Banni Gala Police Station Station House Officer (SHO) Mehar Nusrat, he said that the case was not registered on the basis of personal grudge but it is the matter of land owned by the people of Village Lakhwal and operation conducted by CDA so he neither can arrest any government servant in the case nor they need any kind of interim bail. The deputy director general recorded his statement in which he said that

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they were on official duty and they performed operation to retrieve back the state land from the clutches of grabbers and they have full proof of it. Whereas a high official of police said that the police registered the case according to law and it is must that all the nominated persons may be included in the investigations and if they would not cooperate in the inquiry, the police would take further action in accordance with the law.

ISLAMABAD: The administration of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) has sought provision of land in the sector I-12 for proposed construction of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU), Daily Times has learnt. The sources revealed that PIMS Vice Chancellor Dr Javed Akram in his letter to CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal has requested allocation of 22 kanals and 10 Marla land in the sector I-12 for the construction of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University few days back. The sources said that the vice chancellor also requested the CDA chairman in his letter to earmark the said portion of land in minimum timeframe and the necessary paper work pertaining to the project could be expedited. The sources further said that PIMS is converted into a teaching hospital in 2004 and given the status of a medical university through an Act of the Parliament. Later, the prime minister through a notification awarded the status of a teaching hospital to PIMS in 2004. On the basis of its teaching status, the Parliament considered giving the status of a medical university to PIMS. In the tenure of previous government of Pakistan People's Party (PPP), the parliament had passed the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University Islamabad Bill, 2013 with two-third majority in the house. However, at that time, the opposition parties had strongly resisted the bill though it eventually became a law. According to that law, all medical colleges and health institutions located in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) will be affiliated with SZABMU.

TANDO MUAHAMMAD KHAN: A police officer says at least 17 Hindus have died after consuming illegally-made alcohol during religious celebrations in southern Pakistan. Niaz Shah said Tuesday that 37 people from the Hindu community in Tando Muhammad Khan district were rushed to hospital on Monday. He says they consumed the hooch during preparations for Holi celebrations, which will begin Wednesday. Shah says 11 people have since been discharged, but nine remain in a critical condition in hospital. He says four people have been arrested over brewing the illegal drink. With the exception of a few licensed shops permitted to sell alcohol to non-Muslims, it is against the law to drink or sell alcoholic drinks in Pakistan. Numerous incidents of mass poisonings from homemade alcohol have been reported in the past.

KARACHI: A fire that started in a paint warehouse in Karachi's SITE area was put out after 16 hours, after fire fighters continued to battle with the raging flames early Tuesday morning. Damages due to the fire have been estimated in the millions. The reason behind the fire could not be ascertained. According to the details, a paint warehouse in SITE area had caught fire in the morning yesterday. The fire turned into a raging inferno which engulfed the whole building due to the chemicals and paint present inside the warehouse. Fire Brigade, however, managed to extinguish the flames after battling for 16 hours. According to the rescue officials, the operation employed 12 fire tenders and 4 bowzers.

LAHORE: Land record of 2,300 villages in Punjab computerised. Newly set up centres of Land Record Management Information System (LRMIS) are facilitating millions of people in getting transfer deed, fard and other documents of their properties across the province. Land record of as many as 2,300 villages out of 2,500 across the province have been computerised under LRMIS and during the process of computerisation more than 4.7 million errors were found. LRMIS Deputy Director Maqbool Ahmed Dhawla said the new process would pave the way for ending disputes, unnecessary litigation, corruption and irregularities in matters relating to immovable properties as well as ridding the people of "patwari culture". Comparing the land record project with a similar project in another province, the deputy director said World Bank representatives had declared the land record computerisation project in Punjab splendid and transparent. He said that manual handling, vulnerability to rigging and discretion in traditional land record keeping had helped to create land mafias in the province, but the rest has become easier for anyone. He said Punjab had a total area of 205,345 square kilometres, and is the most populated province of Pakistan with 80.5 million people. The provincial finance department, judiciary, international lenders, NGOs and different development agencies need accurate data for planning, which has been missing so far. "Property disputes are resulting in enmities and bloodshed, while time and money of the people is being wasted in unnecessary litigation," he added. Dhawla said now it had become easier to get information about immovable properties and the modern system of land record computerisation had started functioning in all tehsils of the province. He said the people can now get proprietary deed in only 30 minutes while the process of transfer of property completes in 50 minutes. Land record relating to almost 20 million landowners has been preserved by 8,000 patwaris, while only 3,000 officials at service centres of the LRMIS made this possible, he said and added had the patwar khana been helping the people appropriately there would have been no need to modify the system.

Dhawla said with the computerisation of land record, a big facility had been provided to the people and this project of the Punjab government costing billions of rupees was providing relief to the common man in the real sense. He said the online monitoring dashboard system had also been evolved and its continuity was of the vital importance. Under the chief minister's directions, there is no room for corrupt and inefficient staff in this project and besides departmental action, cases would also be sent against such elements to anti-corruption, he added. Dhawla said the Punjab chief minister would announce to make this system an autonomous and independent authority at the earliest for the implementation of the project in future and final recommendations be presented after evolving a comprehensive framework for computerisation of urban land record. The chief minister also gave approval to the recruitment of more staff for the project, he disclosed and added that land record management and information system was of vital importance that had rid the people of centuries-old obsolete system. He said credit goes to CM Shahbaz Sharif and the Punjab government for the computerisation of land record. He said that the fee for getting

Govt to give clean chit to 83 'illegal' employees of IESCO

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SZH has performed 70 liver transplants

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700 women assistant professors to be promoted

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CDA unable to start work on Sector C15

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proprietary deed had been fixed at Rs 150, whereas, earlier people had to pay thousands of rupees for this purpose. He said overseas Pakistanis could also get information about their lands through this system. The project had been completed at a cost of Rs 12 billion. A state-of-the-art central data centre is being set up where land record of all areas would be preserved, he added.

ISLAMABAD: Federal government has decided to give clean chit to some 83 employees of Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) who were recruited by violating rules and regulations. However, some 1,113 candidates were not inducted in spite of appearing test and interview but the government selected the blue-eyed persons. The IESCO gave advertisement in the media through a third party private firm with the name of "Excess Resource" for the hiring on about 1200 vacant posts. In response, approximately 75,000 applications were received. In this way, the company collected Rs 37.35 million as it fixed Rs 450 in form of demand draft for each candidate as fees of applying for the job. The amount was distributed in conniving among some top guns of IESCO and "Excess Resources" jointly as they issued appointment letters only to 87 people, who are in their good books. The FIA and NAB had started enquiries on these appointments and declared all the induction against the law. On that IESCO held a departmental probe and announced that only five officers were recruited in violation of law and remaining 82 officials were selected as per merit. After these enquiries, on the directive of Prime Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Water and Power raised questions on IESCO about these appointments. Then the corrupt mafia became activated and tried to calm down the ministry on the matter through big references and approaches and political recommendations. The reliable sources told Daily Times that it is very much likely that Water and Power Minister may remove only four officers from service by declaring their appointments null and void and the services of remaining 83 officials might be regularised by stating their employment legally in next few days. The source also said that the case regarding collection and alleged distribution of Rs 37.35 million rupees from the candidates and not selecting 1,113 applicants that would be referred to FIA. Islamabad Electric Supply Company's spokesperson Afshan Khan did not responded on the issue.

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhary said that the capital's five special children educational institutions would also be upgraded through Prime Minister Education Reforms Programme. He said that the government has transferred these schools to the CADD Ministry aiming to renovate them. The state minister said that through the ongoing reforms programme, five new buses has also been granted to these institutions for special students with disabilities. He said that new teachers are being hired to meet the need of the teaching faculty in these educational institutions. Tariq Fazal said that the teacher training programme to train the teaching faculty is also underway so that they can enable their students to face the challenges and cope with the changes in the world. He said that the standard of education in public schools would be improved to reduce the gap between public and private educational institutions. The state minister said that a "Curriculum Wing" has been created in the CADD Ministry adding that a building has also been allocated to this wing. He said that this wing is created to modernise the curriculum of the educational institutions according to the need of the hour. Tariq Fazal said, "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz are paying special attention for the promotion of education sector and the journey of progress would be continued under their supervision".

LAHORE: The first and only liver transplant unit of Kidney Centre of Sheikh Zayed Hospital (SZH) has performed 70 liver transplants so far since its inception, said Associate Prof Dr Amir Latif of the unit in an exclusive interview on Sunday. He said the transplant was the cheapest in the region and its cost was just Rs 3.5 million while it was being performed for at least Rs 6.5 million in India and other neighbouring countries. Responding to a question, he said survival rate was 85 percent after transplant, but it might be different as some patients could live up to even 20 years after transplant. He said liver diseases were increasing in the country at a rapid pace, adding that kidney of a donor could be transplanted to two people. "The liver can be donated to two people as its 30 percent is enough for a healthy body. A man can even donate 50 percent of his liver," he said. He said lungs and hearts could also be donated to an ailing person. "According to the Cadaver Human Tissue Ordinance 2009 and its passage in the form of an Act in the 18th Amendment, now it is a legal practice to transplant donated organs," he said. Prof Amir Latif said through cadaver donation, transplants could be performed every year. "There is an urgent need to motivate people to donate their organs in larger interest of the ailing humanity," he added.

LAHORE: The process for promotion of 700 women assistant professors from BPS-18 to 19 has been completed after a series of meetings. The recommendations have been sent to Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif for final approval after which a notification will soon be issued by the Higher Education Department Punjab. The Punjab Higher Education Department had sent particulars and working papers of 811 women assistant professors to the Provincial Selection Board-II (PSB-II) to which final recommendations for promotion of 700 women assistant professors to next grade have been sent to the Punjab chief minister, whereas promotion of women teachers who proceeded on long leave and incomplete record has been deferred. Provincial Selection Board has also decided to issue show-cause notices to such women assistant professors who are untraceable. Additional Chief Secretary Shumail Ahmad Khawaja said that promotion of 700 women assistant professors to grade 19 at once is a record in the history of Punjab. Moreover, according to unified seniority list, promotion of more 400 male assistant professors as associate professors fulfilling the required criteria is also under process. A meeting of Provincial Selection Board-II to be chaired by Chairman Shumail Ahmad Khawaja for the promotion of 108 male teachers and 70 female teachers of grade 18 to grade 19 will be held in the last week of current month.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA) has utterly failed to kick off the physical work of its new sector C-15 in spite of the fact that it granted contract to a private firm for developing some four months ago. The new sector C15 was announced in 2008 by CDA, which would comprise of some 4000 Kanals is still delayed. A source on the condition of anonymity, told Daily

Rawalpindi CTO announces traffic plan for Pakistan Day

Daily Times, March 21, 2016

Times that high-ups of CDA awarded contract of sector C15 on December 3rd, 2015 to a private firm Gandapur Constructions on the recommendation of some major players in the government. According the tender, the construction of some major roads, service roads and drainage system was to be completed with 12 months, for which the construction cost was estimated Rs 665 million, whereas the contract was given on 45 percent less value.

RAWALPINDI: The Rawalpindi Traffic Police on Sunday issued traffic plan to be observed by the motorists on the occasion of Pakistan Day on March 23. According to the plan issued on the instructions of Rawalpindi Chief Traffic Officer SSP Shoaib Khurram Janbaz, the traffic towards Rawalpindi and Islamabad will remain completely closed at Faizabad interchange. The Islamabad-bound vehicles coming from Rawalpindi on Murree Road will enter in the capital city from 9th Avenue through Stadium Road. The vehicles coming on the Islamabad Expressway from Koral Chowk will divert to service road from Khana bridge and will enter Islamabad via 9th Avenue through Shamsabad and Stadium Road. The entry of heavy traffic into Rawalpindi will be completely banned. The vehicles entering Rawalpindi from 9th Avenue will divert to IJP Road and enter the city through Katarian, Pindora Chungi and Naka Carriage Factory, instead of Stadium Road. The National Highways and Motorways Police has been asked to block heavy traffic coming from Peshawar at Attock bridge, Haroo bridge, Margalla, Taxila and Chungi No 26. While the traffic coming from Lahore on GT Road will be stopped in Gujrat, Jhelum bridge, Mandara toll plaza and T Chowk in Rawat. The heavy traffic coming from Murree will be blocked at Lower Topa, Double Motorway Turn, Danna Morr and Satra Meel toll plaza. The CTO said that 424 wardens, 43 junior wardens, 16 inspectors and six DSPs have been especially deputed to control the flow of traffic on this occasion. In addition, under the traffic plan issued by Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), entry of heavy traffic from Rawalpindi to Islamabad will remain closed on March 20-21 from 12 am to 1 pm. The heavy traffic will not be allowed to enter Islamabad on March 22-23 from 12 am to 3 pm. According to the statement, the traffic will not be allowed to enter Islamabad from Rawal Dam to Faizabad Flyover to Zero Point. The Islamabad Traffic Police (ITP) has already devised special traffic plan to guide and facilitates the motorists on the occasion of the parade event in Shakarparian ground on March 23. Traffic signs of various colours and army personnel would guide the citizens at the Parade Avenue, while special directives had also been issued to the participants by the administration to ensure foolproof security arrangements on the occasion.

4,412 students sent abroad under HEC grants

Daily Times, March 21, 2016

ISLAMABAD: Higher Education Commission (HEC) has granted a total of 79,554 local and foreign scholarships to the students of PhD, Post Doctoral, MS and MPhil during the year 2014-15. According to an official source, these scholarships include 2825 PhD and Post Doctoral, 50296 MS and M.Phil Local Scholarships under PM Fee Reimbursement Programme and 26433 Undergraduate Local Scholarships under HEC and US Need Based Programmes. A total of 271 students proceeded abroad for PhD during the year 2015-16 whereas 4,412 Pakistani students have been sent abroad under HEC sponsored scholarships programmes for PhD studies till the date.

Sindh assures uninterrupted supply of CNG this week

Dunya News, March 21, 2016

KARACHI: All Pakistan CNG Association Chairman Shabbir Suleman G announced non-stop supply of CNG to Sindh on Monday as earlier Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) announced the closure of CNG and has taken back the decision after successful negotiations, reported Dunya News. Talking to Dunya News Suleman said that earlier Sui Southern had announced the closure of CNG on Tuesday and Friday. Now the decision has been taken back after negotiations with the company. He also said that continuous supply will be ensured to the people and that import of LNG has helped regulating constant supply of CNG to Punjab.

Oil paint factory in Karachi's SITE catches fire, four fall unconscious

Dunya News, March 21, 2016

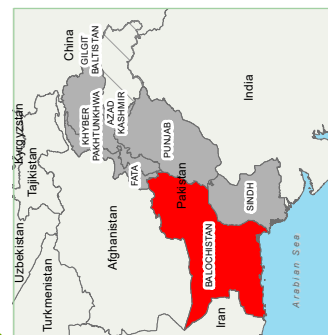
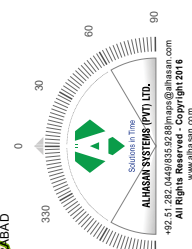
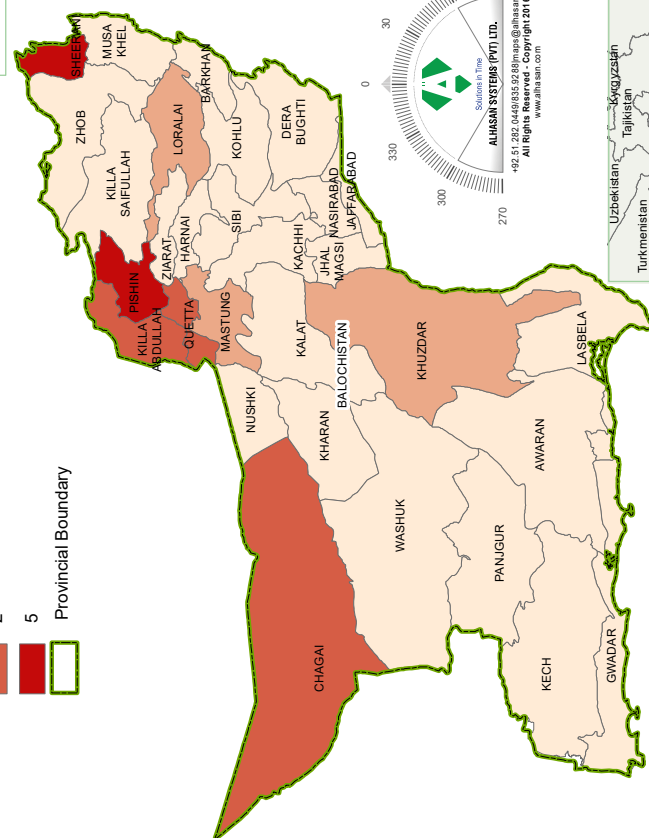
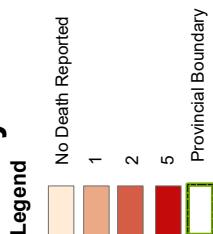
KARACHI: Oil paint factory in SITE area has caught fire knocking four workers unconscious, Dunya News reported Monday. Rescue operation is underway as more than six fire brigade vehicles are operational at the site. Reportedly, fire erupted from the basement of the factory. Four workers were shifted to a nearby hospital as clouds of smoke enveloped the working area. Sources said that the factory is equipped with counter-fire instruments and rescuers would control the situation within some time. SITE is Karachi's industrial area and home to dozens of factories. Several fire-related incidents have surfaced in the past. One of the many tragic stories involve Baldia factory fire, area that borders SITE. More than 250 workers had lost lives in the inferno while at least 600 injured in September 11, 2012. Then prime minister (PM) Raja Pervez Ashraf, who was on a foreign tour called on Sindh Governor Ishratul Ibad while former president Asif Ali Zardari offered condolences to the grieving families. Baldia factory incident is a controversial issue as Rangers, who are operative in Sindh with special policing powers in Karachi, had alleged Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) of having a role in the tragedy. The factory was allegedly set on fire for not complying with extortion money demands.

Balochistan Losses & Damages Due to Torrential Rain

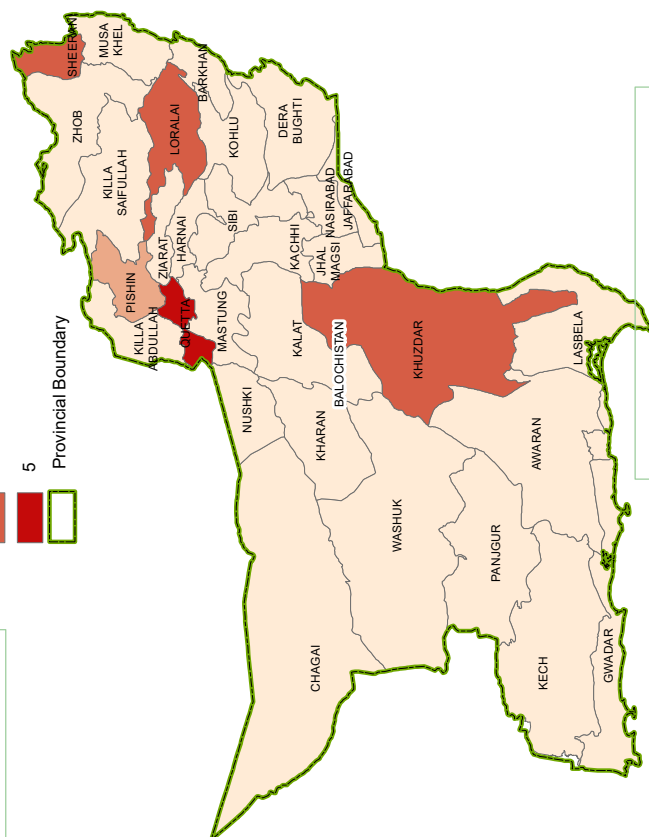
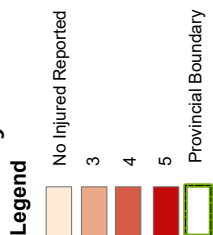
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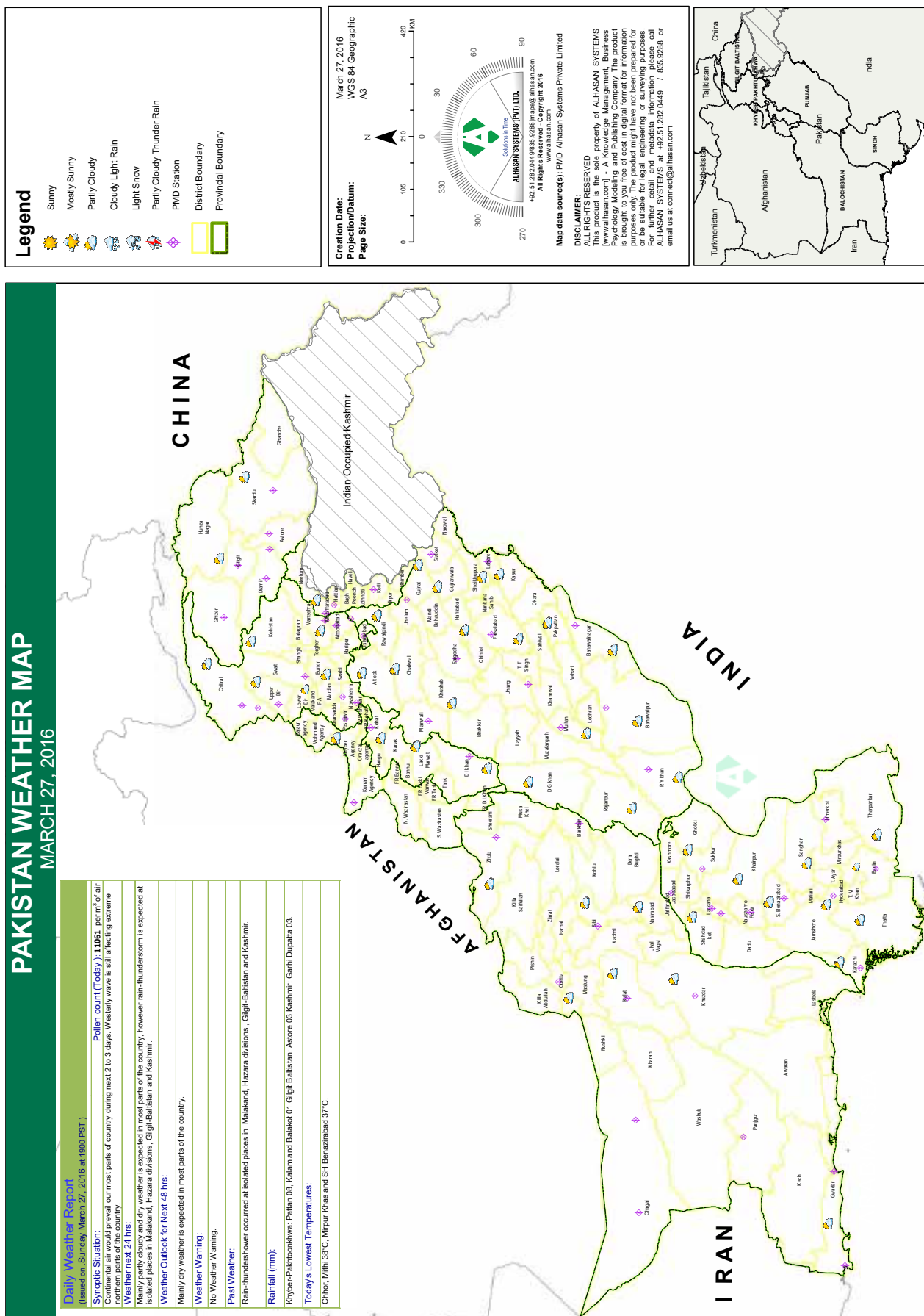


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Harassment of Women at Workplace Jan, 2011 to Feb, 2016

OMBUDSMAN RECEIVES 339 CASES OF HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT WORKPLACE

Islamabad—Federal Ombudsman Secretariat, Islamabad for Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace received 339 cases since its inception in 2011. According to a spokesman of FOS, out of 339 total cases, 332 have so far been disposed off while seven are under proceeding. The office received 311 cases in 2011, followed by 53 in 2012, 79 in 2013, 32 in 2014, 122 in 2015 and 15 in the 53 days of the current year.

Among these, 124 cases were registered from federal capital, 120 from Punjab, 44 from Sindh, 32 from Islamabad Capital Territory, 11 from Balochistan and 10 from Federally Administered Tribal Areas. He informed that the office has recently introduced SKYPE service to hear cases and currently proceedings of two cases, one from Los Angeles and one from Karachi are conducted through latest technology.

"A lady from Pakistan based office in Los Angeles filed a case to this office which is under process but due to lack of proper equipment they are facing problems"

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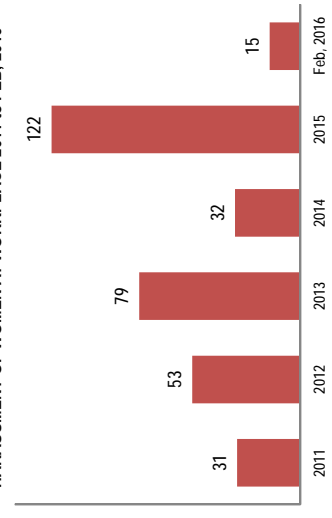
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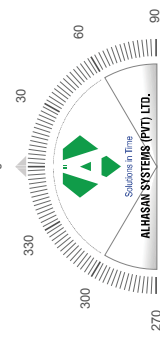


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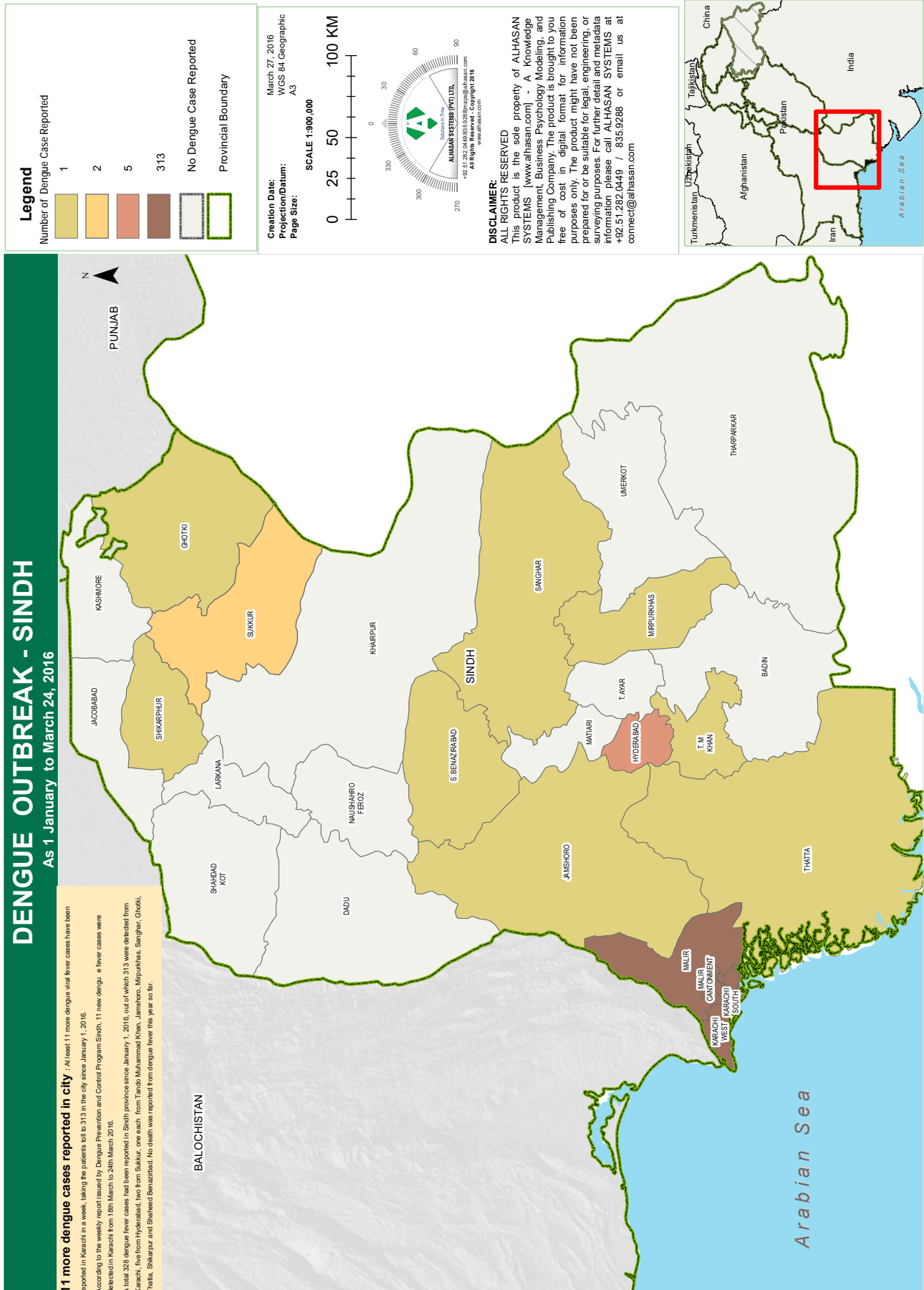
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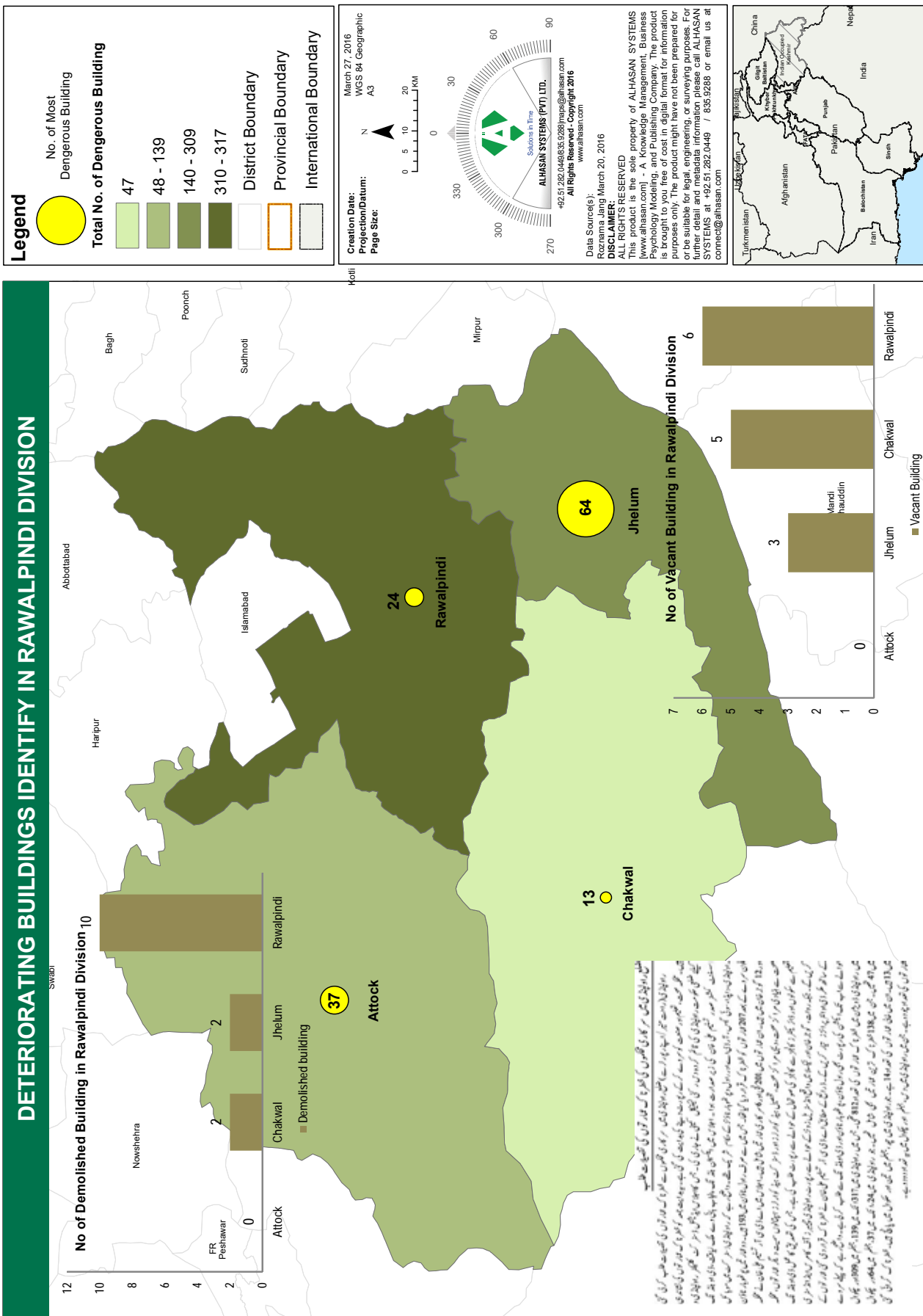
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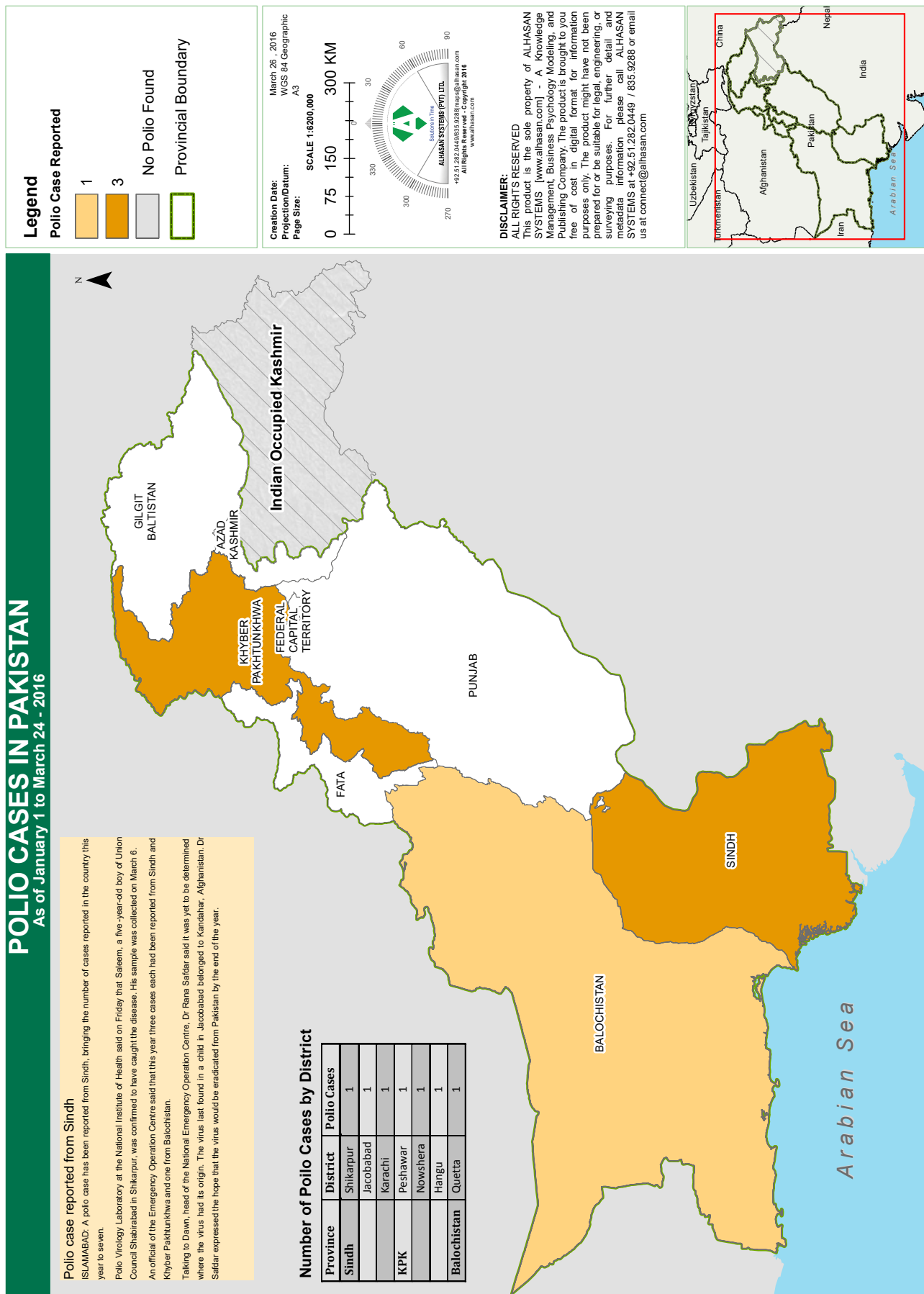
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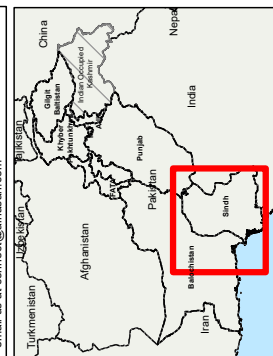
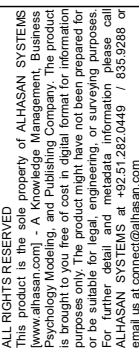
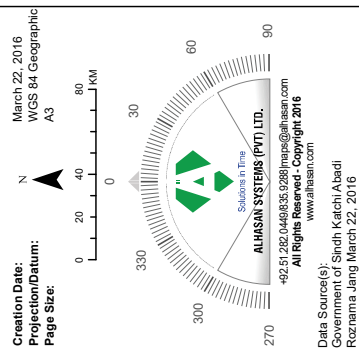
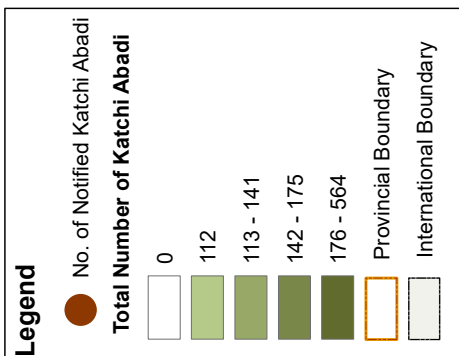
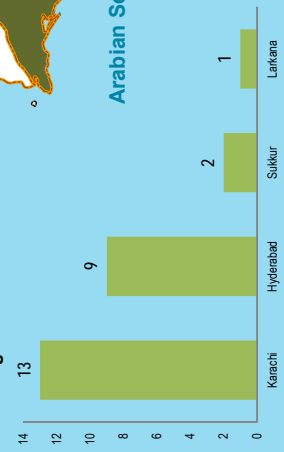
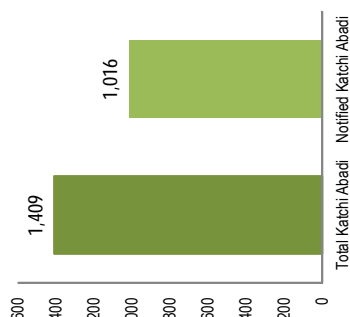








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جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) جیکب آباد کا سول اسپتال انتظامیہ کی نااہلی اور عدم توجہ کے باعث غریب مریضوں کے لیے بے فائدہ بن چکا ہے۔ سول اسپتال میں مقرر اکثر ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی سے غیر حاضر رہتے ہیں جس کے باعث مریض در بدر ہو رہے ہیں۔ سول اسپتال کا کروڑوں کا بجٹ بھی کاغذی کارروائی میں ہڑپ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اسپتال میں مریضوں کو سرخ تنک باہر سے خریدنی پڑتی ہے۔ اسپتال کے کئی اہم شعبے کئی سالوں سے بند ہیں، اسپتال میں قائم ٹی بی وارڈ کو بند کر کے وہاں موجود مشینری کو غائب کر دیا گیا ہے۔ 2002 میں گردوں کے امراض کے لیے قائم کیا گیا ڈائلیسیس سینٹر 2008 سے بند ہے جبکہ ڈائلیسیس سینٹر میں موجود کروڑوں روپے کی مشینری ناکارہ اور کچھ مشینری چوری ہو گئی ہے۔ شعبہ امراض قلب بھی کافی عرصے سے مریضوں کے لیے بے سود ثابت ہو رہا ہے، امراض قلب کے شعبے میں لگے ہوئے ایگزیکٹو مشینز غائب جبکہ وہاں پر لگے ہوئے بلب بھی چوری کر لیے گئے ہیں، ای این ٹی بلاک عدم توجہ کے باعث ناکارہ ہو چکا ہے اور وہاں کی عمارت پر قبضہ مافیائے قبضہ کر لیا ہے۔ سول اسپتال میں پریوینٹڈ کے دور میں آر تھو پیڈک، ہڈیوں کے امراض کے لیے وارڈ قائم کیا گیا مگر اس وارڈ پر بھی تالے لگا دیئے گئے ہیں اور ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی پر موجود نہیں، سول اسپتال میں دانتوں کے ماہر سرجن کا تبادلہ کر دیا گیا ہے جس کے باعث دانتوں کے امراض کا شعبہ بھی ناکارہ ہو چکا ہے۔ سول اسپتال میں موجود ایسویٹ پراسیوٹ طور پر استعمال ہونے لگی ہیں جبکہ غریب مریضوں کو پراسیوٹ ایسویٹس منگوانی پڑتی ہیں، ایمر جنسی کا شعبہ صرف نام کا رہا ہے ایمر جنسی شعبے میں آنے والے مریضوں کو تمام ادویات باہر کے میڈیکل اسٹورز سے منگوانی پڑتی ہیں۔ شہریوں نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ سول اسپتال کو مریضوں کے لیے فائدہ مند بنانے کے لیے اقدامات کیے جائیں۔

ہیلپ انٹرنیشنل ویلفیئر کے تحت تھیلیسیا سے متاثرہ 6 بچوں کی سالگرہ

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ہیلپ انٹرنیشنل ویلفیئر ٹرسٹ کے تحت تھیلیسیا کینسر سینٹر میں تھیلیسیا سے متاثرہ 6 بچوں کی اجتماعی سالگرہ منائی گئی۔ تقریب کے مہمان خصوصی انڈونیشیا کے قنصل جنرل ہادی سٹو سوتھے۔ انہوں نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ انسانیت کی خدمت مقدس پیشہ ہے اور جو لوگ یہ کام کر رہے ہیں ہمیں ان کی مدد اور حوصلہ افزائی کرنی چاہیے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ان بچوں کے چہرے پر مسکراہٹ دیکھ کر بہت خوشی محسوس کر رہا ہوں۔ تھیلیسیا کے متاثرہ بچوں کا علاج اور ان کی ہر ضرورت کو پورا کرنا ہمارا فرض ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ دیکھی انسانیت کی خدمت اور بچوں کی ضروریات کو پورا کرنے میں ادارہ بھرپور کردار ادا کر رہا ہے۔

پیشہ ویلفیئر ایسوسی ایشن کے تحت سول اسپتال میں فیسٹیول

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ڈاؤ میڈیکل کالج کے طلباء کی تنظیم پی ڈبلیو اے (پیشہ ویلفیئر ایسوسی ایشن) نے سول اسپتال کراچی میں سالانہ فنڈ ریزنگ فیسٹیول (اینول بیک سیل) کا انعقاد کیا۔ جس میں ڈاکٹرز، نرسز، پیرامیڈیکس، طلبہ اور عملہ اور مختلف کتب فکر سے تعلق رکھنے والے افراد کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ میلے کے مہمان خصوصی کراچی چیئرمین آف کامرس و انڈسٹریز کے صدر یونس محمد بشیر تھے جبکہ مہمان اعزازی چیئرمین پروگریسو ٹریڈرز صدیق شیخ اور سی ای او لارڈ امیکس طارق شفیع تھے۔ طلبہ کی جانب سے میلے میں کھانے پینے کی اشیاء، دستکاری، پھول، تصاویر، فیس پیٹنگز، غباروں، ایکوریم، فوٹو برتھ اور گیمز سمیت مختلف اسٹالز لگائے گئے تھے، جہاں سارا دن گہما گہمی دیکھنے میں آئی اور شرکاء نے اسٹالز کی تعریف کی۔ میلے کا مقصد غریب عوام کو صحت کی سہولیات کی مفت فراہمی کیلئے فنڈ اکٹھا کرنا تھا۔ اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ڈاؤ میڈیکل کالج کی طالبہ اور پی ڈبلیو اے کی رضا کار افشائ حسین نے بتایا کہ ڈاؤ میڈیکل کالج کے طلباء نے 37 سال قبل اس غیر سرکاری و غیر سیاسی تنظیم کی بنیاد رکھی تھی جس کا واحد اور بنیادی مقصد غریب عوام کو صحت کی مفت سہولیات فراہم کرنا تھا۔ اپنے قیام سے لے کر آج تک پی ڈبلیو اے اس مقصد پر قائم ہے۔ پی ڈبلیو اے کے تحت مخیر حضرات کے تعاون سے سول اسپتال میں بلڈ بینک، ڈرگ بینک، جنرل فالو اپ کلینک اور تھیلیسیا ڈے کینسر سینٹر چلایا جا رہا ہے۔ ڈاؤ میڈیکل کالج کی طالبہ اور پی ڈبلیو اے کی رضا کار شرمہ صدیق پٹیل نے بتایا کہ ہماری تنظیم سالانہ 10 ہزار مریضوں کو مفت ادویات فراہم کرتی ہے۔

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ہم فردودہ روایات کے شکار ہیں اور آج بھی عورت چار دیواری کے اندر قید ہے جو کہ انسانیت کے خلاف ایک جرم ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار جسٹس ریٹائرڈ ماجدہ رضوی نے لیگل رائٹ فورم، عورت فائونڈیشن، بینڈس، ایکشن ایڈ پاکستان اور سول سوسائٹیز کے زیر اہتمام عالمی یوم خواتین کی مناسبت سے منعقدہ سیمینار ”2030 میں مرد اور عورت 50:50 برابری کا مقام ہو گا“ سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ اس موقع پر متحدہ قومی موومنٹ پاکستان کی رکن قومی اسمبلی کشور زہرہ، بیرسٹر شاہدہ جمیل، پاکستان مسلم لیگ ن کی رکن صوبائی اسمبلی سورتھ تھیو، مسلم لیگ فنکشنل

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خصوصی ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کے چیئرمین پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مختار احمد تھے۔ اس موقع پر سر سید یونیورسٹی آف انجینئرنگ اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کے چانسلر جاوید انوار، وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سید جاوید حسن رضوی، رجسٹرار سید سرفراز علی دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔ پروفیسر مختار احمد نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اب آپ عملی زندگی میں داخل ہو رہے ہیں، جہاں آپ کو بہت سی توقعات اور امیدوں پر پورا اترنا ہے وہاں آپ کو بے شمار مسائل و مشکلات کا بھی سامنا کرنا پڑے گا۔ اس حقیقت کو کبھی فراموش نہ ہونے دیں کہ ہماری آبادی کا ایک بڑا حصہ تعلیم جیسی نعمت سے محروم ہے، اس لیے خواندگی کی شرح میں اضافے کے لیے تمام وسائل کو بروئے کار لائیں اور عوام کی اقتصادی حالت کی بہتری کے لیے پوری یکسوئی کے ساتھ کام کریں۔ چانسلر جاوید انوار نے کہا کہ اہل علم، اہل عالم کے لیے آج بھی روشنی پھیلا رہے ہیں۔ یاد رکھیں علم نور ہے جو نہ صرف جہالت کی تاریکی کو ختم کرتا ہے بلکہ اُس سے بڑی ہوئی خرافات کو بھی صفحہ ہستی سے منادیتا ہے۔ علم کا اُجالا آپ کی زندگی کے ہر گوشے کو منور کر دے گا۔ علم حاصل کیجئے، علم سے ہی تقدیریں بدلتی ہیں۔ وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر سید جاوید حسن رضوی نے سر سید یونیورسٹی کی کارکردگی کی تفصیل بتائی۔

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) ورلڈ اورل ہیلتھ ڈے کے موقع پر جیکب آباد انسٹیٹیوٹ آف میڈیکل سائنسز کے زیر اہتمام ایک ریلی ڈائریکٹر جس بریگیڈیئر ریٹائرڈ محمد زبیر شیخ، ڈاکٹر ہاشم قریشی کی قیادت میں نکالی گئی۔ جس میں ڈاکٹروں اور جس کے عملے اور شہریوں نے بڑی تعداد میں شرکت کی، بعد ازاں جس میں سیمینار کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ سیمینار سے ڈی ایچ او ڈاکٹر ساون شیخ، ڈاکٹر غلام محمد چند، احمد بخش بکھرائی، کوئٹہ میڈم قمر بانو دیگر نے خطاب کیا۔ جس میں لگائے گئے دانتوں کے امراض کے کیمپ میں ماہر ڈاکٹر ایاز قریشی نے 1500 سے زائد مریضوں کا معائنہ کر کے مفت ادویات سمیت ٹوٹھ پیسٹ دیے کیمپ سے جیکب آباد و گردنواح سمیت بلوچستان کے مریضوں نے بھی استفادہ حاصل کیا۔

جیکب آباد انسٹیٹیوٹ آف میڈیکل سائنسز کے تحت دانتوں کے امراض کا کیمپ

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان لائبریری ایسوسی ایشن (پی ایل اے) سندھ چیپٹر کے صدر اور آغا خان یونیورسٹی کی فیکلٹی آف ہیلتھ سائنسز لائبریری کے ہیڈ لائبریرین خواجہ مصطفیٰ نے کہا ہے کہ ”فیض احمد فیض، اکبر الہ آبادی، مارکس، منٹو اور رابندر ناتھ ٹیگور جیسے مختلف النوع اور جید مصنفین کی حکمت و دانش کتابی صورت میں محفوظ کی گئی ہے اور یہی تمام کتب آپ کو ایک ہی مقام یعنی عوامی کتب خانے میں میسر ہوتی ہیں تاکہ آپ ان سے زیادہ سے زیادہ فیض حاصل کر سکیں۔“ وہ آغا خان یونیورسٹی میں ’سندھ کے عوامی کتب خانے: اہمیت، موجودہ حالت اور مسائل‘ کے موضوع پر منعقد کردہ سیمینار سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ سیمینار میں سندھ بھر کے عوامی کتب خانوں سے منسلک نمایاں شخصیات، غیر سرکاری تنظیموں کے نمائندوں اور حکومت سندھ کے افسران نے شرکت کی۔ اس سیمینار کا انعقاد آغا خان یونیورسٹی اور گونے انسٹیٹیوٹ نے مشترکہ طور پر کیا تھا۔ سیمینار کے موقع پر ماہرین نے عوام الناس تک علم کی رسائی کے حوالے سے عوامی کتب خانوں کے قیام اور دیکھ بھال کی اہمیت پر زور دیا اور کہا کہ عوامی کتب خانے ہی وہ مقام ہیں جہاں ایک عام شہری سماجی طبقات، مذہب اور علمی قابلیت جیسے مسائل سے بالاتر ہو کر خالص علم سے فیضیاب ہو سکتا ہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق آج ہمارا معاشرہ تیزی سے لسانی اور مذہبی بنیادوں پر تقسیم ہو رہا ہے اور اس صورت حال میں عوامی کتب خانے ہی وہ جگہ ہیں جہاں مختلف عقائد سے بالاتر ہو کر آگاہی اور علم کا حصول ممکن ہے۔ عوامی کتب خانوں کی حالت زار میں بہتری کے حوالے سے بات کرتے ہوئے پی ایل اے، سندھ چیپٹر کے سیکریٹری ریاض علی خاں نے کہا، ”عوامی کتب خانوں میں آنے والوں کی تعداد کم ہو گئی ہے۔ ہمیں اپنے بچوں، نوجوانوں، خواتین اور بزرگوں کے لیے صحتمند علمی ماحول کے فروغ کے لیے حکومتی معاونت کی ضرورت ہے۔“ انھوں نے مزید کہا، ”کتب خانے ثقافت اور تاریخ کی یادداشتوں کو محفوظ کرتے ہیں اور یہی یادداشتیں ہماری تہذیب کی شناخت بنتی ہیں۔“ میونسپل کارپوریشنز اور صوبائی حکومت کو عوامی کتب خانوں کی حالت کو بہتر بنانے پر توجہ دینی چاہیے۔“ سیمینار کے دوران ماہرین نے بتایا کہ صرف کراچی میں 100 سے زائد عوامی کتب خانے موجود ہیں جن میں سے بیشتر کی حالت افسوسناک ہے۔ ماہرین نے اس امر پر بھی تشویش کا اظہار کیا کہ کتب خانوں کی حالت زار معاشرے کی گرتی ہوئی ذہنی صورت حال کی عکاس ہے۔ ڈیفنس سینٹرل لائبریری کی سیکریٹری عائشہ چودھری نے حاضرین سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا، ”انتہا پسندی سے نبرد آزما ہونے اور امن کے تصور سے آگاہی و فروغ کے لیے کتب خانوں اور معلومات کے مراکز کو ہر اول دستے کا کردار ادا کرنا چاہیے۔ اگر انتہا پسندی کی وجوہات اور اثرات کو جاننے کے لیے کتب خانوں کو پلیٹ فارم کے طور پر استعمال کیا جائے تو عوام الناس کی سوچ اور رویوں میں مثبت تبدیلی لائی جا سکتی ہے۔“ انھوں نے مزید کہا، ”تعلیمی اداروں میں موجود کتب خانوں سے قطع نظر سندھ میں عوامی کتب خانوں کی تعداد نہایت محدود ہے اور موجودہ کتب خانہ خصوصاً دیہی علاقوں میں موجود کتب خانے فنڈز کی کمی کے باعث کتب کی خریداری اور ان کی موزوں دیکھ بھال سے قاصر ہیں۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ عوام ان کتب خانوں کا رخ نہیں کرتے۔“ سیمینار کے موقع پر اے کے یو کے ہیڈ لائبریرین خواجہ مصطفیٰ نے صوبہ سندھ میں عوامی کتب خانوں کی حالت زار میں بہتری کے لیے سندھ پبلک لائبریری ایسوسی ایشن کی تجاویز پیش کیں۔

حیدرآباد تعلیمی بورڈ، مارکس شیٹ پر تصویر طلبہ کی، نام طلبہ کا

گھارو (نامہ نگار) گورنمنٹ ہائر سیکنڈری اسکول گھارو سے گلاب زادہ نامی طالب علم نے 2015 میں فرسٹ ایئر کے امتحان کا فارم بھرا، بورڈ حکام کی جانب جو ایگزمنیشن سلپ فراہم کی گئی اس پر تصویر تو گلاب زادہ کی تھی مگر نام طالبہ کا ثناء درج تھا۔ اس موقع پر اسکول انتظامیہ نے بورڈ حکام سے رابطہ کر

سینکڈری اسکول میر و خان اور یو انڈو گرلز ہائی اسکول میر و خان میں اچانک چھاپے مار کر باؤ میٹرک سسٹم کے تحت اساتذہ کی حاضری چیک کی تو ان اسکولوں میں دس مرد و خواتین اساتذہ اپنی ڈیوٹی سے غیر حاضر تھے جس پر ڈی ای او تعلیم نے ان کی خلاف سخت نوٹس لیکر ان اساتذہ کو ڈیوٹی سے غیر حاضری پر شوکانوٹس جاری کر دیئے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں ڈی ای او ایجوکیشن ضلع قمبر یار محمد بالا دی نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ ہم ضلع بھر کے تعلیمی اداروں میں ٹیچنگ و نان ٹیچنگ اسٹاف کی حاضری کو یقینی بنانے کیلئے دورے کر رہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کمشنر کراچی سید آصف حیدر شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ تعلیمی اداروں میں معلومات عامہ کے مقابلوں کا انعقاد اچھی کوشش ہے اس سے طلبہ میں اپنی ذہنی صلاحیتوں کو ابھارنے کا موقع ملے گا، تعلیم کے حصول میں ان کی رہنمائی ہوگی، ان کی قابلیت میں اضافہ ہوگا۔ وہ کراچی کالج برائے خواتین میں پاکستان کوئٹہ سوسائٹی کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ کوئٹہ مقابلہ کی تقریب سے بحیثیت مہمان خصوصی خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ کمشنر نے کہا کہ بچوں کو خاص طور پر طلبہ کو غیر نصابی سرگرمیوں کے زیادہ سے زیادہ مواقع فراہم کرنے کی ضرورت ہے تاکہ انھیں اپنی تخلیقی اور ذہنی صلاحیتوں کو اجاگر کرنے کے مواقع ملیں۔ مقابلے میں کراچی یونیورسٹی نے اول انعام حاصل کیا۔ دوئم انعام وین کالج ناظم آباد جبکہ تیسرا انعام این ای ڈی نے حاصل کیا۔ حکومت طلبہ میں مثبت غیر نصابی سرگرمیوں میں اضافہ کے لئے حوصلہ افزائی کر رہی ہے۔ کمشنر نے کہا کہ پاکستان کوئٹہ سوسائٹی اس سے وابستہ افراد خاص طور پر حافظ نسیم الدین کی معلومات عامہ کے فروغ کے لئے خدمات قابل قدر ہیں۔ پاکستان کوئٹہ سوسائٹی کے چیئرمین حافظ نسیم الدین، ڈائریکٹر جنرل کالج انصاری ناصر، مراد علی، انور صدیقی اور پرنسپل کالج صوفیہ موسوی نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ کوئٹہ مقابلوں میں کراچی کی گیارہ یونیورسٹیوں اور کالجوں نے حصہ لیا۔

حیدرآباد (یورورپورٹ) سندھ میں 12 سو سے زائد اسکول میں ہیڈ ماسٹر زویڈ مسٹریس اور تین درجن سے زائد سپرنٹنڈنٹس کی جگہیں خالی ہیں جن پر من پسند افراد کو چارج دیکر اساتذہ سے مہینہ طور پر بھتہ اور اخراجات میں خورد برد کی شکایات ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق انچارج کی جانب سے مختلف مدت میں مہینہ طور پر ماہانہ 500 سے ایک ہزار روپے اور گھوسٹ اساتذہ سے 10 سے 15 ہزار روپے ماہانہ وصول کئے جاتے ہیں۔ سندھ میں گذشتہ کئی سال سے 2 ہزار کے قریب ایچ ایس ٹی، سبجیکٹ اسپیشلسٹ، ڈی او اے، آفس اسٹنٹس و دیگر کی ترقیوں کے لئے ڈپارٹمنٹل پرموشن کمیٹی کے اجلاسز نہ ہونے کے باعث انتظامیہ پوسٹوں پر افسران کی شدید قلت ہے۔ سندھ میں 4 ہزار کے قریب ہائی اسکولوں میں سے 1370 اسکولوں میں ہیڈ ماسٹر ز و ہیڈ مسٹریس تعینات نہیں ہیں۔ جو نیز و من پسند اساتذہ کو انچارج مقرر کیا گیا ہے تاکہ اعلیٰ افسران کے احکامات پر عملدرآمد ہو سکے۔ اس طرح سندھ میں 60 کے قریب اسٹنٹ 4 سال سے ترقیاں نہیں دی گئیں ہیں جس کی وجہ سے بیشتر آفیسرز اسکولوں میں من پسند افراد کو سپرنٹنڈنٹ کا چارج دیا گیا ہے۔ سپرنٹنڈنٹ کا چارج دیا گیا ہے۔ سندھ سیکریٹریٹ ذرائع کے مطابق سپرنٹنڈنٹس کی ڈی پی سی کے لئے سیکریٹری تعلیم نے متعدد بار احکامات جاری کئے ہیں لیکن متعلقہ افسران اس پر عملدرآمد نہیں کرتے ذرائع کے مطابق اسکول ہیڈ سپرنٹنڈنٹس اور ایس ڈی او وز دیگر کی ترقیوں میں تاخیر کی وجہ سے ماہانہ آنے والا لاکھوں روپے بھتہ ہے جو اساتذہ کے جائز کام کرنے اور گھوسٹ اساتذہ سے وصول کر کے اعلیٰ حکام تک پہنچایا جاتا ہے۔ اس وقت گورنمنٹ ہائی اسکول گول بلڈنگ، حالی روڈ، پھلیلی، لطیف آباد نمبر 6، پائلٹ اسکول جی او آر جامع کلاتھ ہائی اسکول، ایس کے رحیم گاڑی کھانہ سمیت قاسم آباد، لطیف آباد سٹی کے 12 سے زائد اسکولز شامل ہیں۔ ”جنگ“ کی جانب سے اس سلسلے میں سیکریٹری تعلیم فضل اللہ پیچو ہوئے رابطہ کیا گیا لیکن انہوں نے فون اٹینڈ نہیں کیا۔

کوٹری (نامہ نگار) ڈسٹرکٹ ہیلتھ آفیسر جامشورو نے جوڈیشل مجسٹریٹ کے ہمراہ میڈیکل اسٹوروں پر چھاپہ مارا انہوں نے مختلف میڈیکل اسٹوروں پر چھاپہ مارتے ہوئے اسٹوروں میں موجود ادویات کی جانچ پڑتال کی اور اسٹور کالائسنس چیک کیا اس دوران ایک میڈیکل اسٹور کو سیل کر دیا گیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں ایم کیو ایم کے رکن سیف الدین خالد کے توجہ دلاؤ نوٹس پر وزیر صحت جام مہتاب حسین ڈاہر نے کہا کہ بہت سے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں ڈاکٹر ز اور دیگر اہل کار صرف کاغذوں پر کام کر رہے ہیں لیکن وہ اسپتال نہیں آتے۔ میری ارکان سندھ اسمبلی سے گزارش ہے کہ وہ اسپتالوں کی مانیٹرنگ کریں۔ گورنمنٹ قطر اسپتال اور گنگی ناؤن کراچی میں کل 1230 اسمیوں میں سے 47 خالی ہیں جبکہ ڈاکٹر ز کی 133 اسمیوں میں سے 52 خالی ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر ز کی بھرتی کے لیے سندھ پبلک سروس کمیشن کو مقابلے کے امتحانات منعقد کرانے کے لیے کہا ہے۔ بھرتیوں پر پابندی ختم ہونے کے بعد دیگر اسٹاف بھی بھرتی کیا جائے گا۔ اس وقت اسپتال میں کافی ڈاکٹر ز اور اسٹاف ہے۔ اگر وہ کام کرنا چاہیں تو کوئی مسئلہ نہیں ہوگا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سر سید یونیورسٹی آف انجینئرنگ اینڈ ٹیکنالوجی کا انیسواں سالانہ جلسہ تقسیم اسناد ہفتہ کو ایکسپو سینٹر میں منعقد ہوا۔ جس میں 1529 طلباء میں ڈگریاں تفویض کی گئیں جبکہ امتیازی نمبر حاصل کرنے والوں کو طلائی، چاندی اور کانسنے کے تمغے دیئے گئے۔ تقریب کے مہمان

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سر سید یونیورسٹی کا جلسہ تقسیم اسناد، 1529 طلباء کو ڈگریاں تفویض

ٹھٹھہ (نامہ نگار) محکمہ صحت کی نے ٹھٹھہ اور سجاد کے 13 سرکاری اسپتالوں کو انتظامی طور پر این جی او کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ ملتی کر دیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق محکمہ صحت نے 3 ماہ قبل پبلک پرائیویٹ پارٹنرشپ پالیسی کے تحت سول اسپتال ملکی سمیت ٹھٹھہ اور سجاد اضلاع کے 4 تحصیل اسپتالوں اور 8 صحت مراکز کو ایک معاہدے کے تحت انتظامی طور پر غیر ملکی این جی او کے سپرد کر دیا تھا جس کے خلاف محکمہ صحت کے ملازمین نے سول اسپتال ملکی میں احتجاجی کیمپ قائم کر کے 3 ماہ تک مسلسل احتجاج کیا اور سندھ ہائی کورٹ میں فیصلے کے خلاف درخواست دائر کی اور اب محکمہ صحت نے اسپتالوں کو مذکورہ این جی او کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ جو تک ملتی کرتے ہوئے سیکریٹری خزانہ کو ان اسپتالوں کے 3 ماہ سے روکے گئے کوارٹر فنڈز جاری کرنے کی درخواست کی ہے جس کے بعد ادویات اور دوسرے اخراجات کی مد میں مذکورہ اسپتالوں کے دو کوارٹر فنڈز بھی جاری کر دیے گئے ہیں واضح رہے کہ فنڈز جاری نہ کیے جانے کے باعث ان اسپتالوں میں ادویات کی سخت قلت پیدا ہو گئی تھی، ذرائع کے مطابق وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے غیر ملکی این جی او کے متعلق خدشات، کچھ غیر ملکی این جی او پر پابندی عائد ہونے، صحت ملازمین کے مسلسل احتجاج اور معاملے کے عدالت میں جانے کے بعد محکمہ صحت نے اسپتالوں کو این جی او کے زیر انتظام دینے کا فیصلہ ملتی کیا ہے دریں اثناء سول اسپتال ملکی کے سول سرجن ڈاکٹر عباس گوپالگ اور ایپکا صحت ونگ کے رہنما عبدالکریم بھانڈا نے تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ حکومت کی جانب سے فی الحال اسپتالوں کو این جی او کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ واپس لیکر فنڈز جاری کر دیے گئے ہیں جس کے بعد ملازمین نے احتجاج ختم کر دیا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ایڈمنسٹریٹر کراچی روشن علی شیخ نے کہا ہے کہ ہیٹ اسٹروک سے شہریوں کو محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے حکومت سنجیدہ کوشش کر رہی ہے۔ چیف سیکرٹری کی صدارت میں متعدد اجلاس منعقد ہو چکے جبکہ جنگلات میں اضافہ اور حفاظت کے لئے اقدامات کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی شہر میں لاکھوں درخت لگائے گئے ہیں، دھاتیجی میں 3 ہزار ایکڑ پر لینڈ فل سائیڈ تعمیر کی جا رہی ہے جس میں ڈھائی ہزار ایکڑ پر درخت اور جنگلات ہونگے اس سے کراچی کے موسم میں تبدیلی آئے گی مگر سول سوسائٹی کا بھی اس میں اہم کردار بنتا ہے جس کے پاس آگاہی فراہم کرنے اور آواز اٹھانے کیلئے میڈیا سوشل میڈیا سمیت بہت ذرائع ہیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے منگل کو پی ایم اے ہاؤس میں فروزاں اور پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کے اشتراک سے پانی کے عالمی دن کے حوالے سے منعقدہ سیمینار سے مہمان خصوصی کی حیثیت سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ سیمینار سے ڈاکٹر وقار، ڈاکٹر قبصر سجاد اور مختلف این جی او کے نمائندوں اور ماہرین نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ جامعہ کراچی کے ڈاکٹر وقار نے کہا کہ 15 جون 2015 کو کراچی میں آنے والی ہیٹ اسٹروک کی لہر میں سیکڑوں افراد ہلاک ہوئے، موسمی تبدیلیوں کی وجہ سے ہمیں حفاظتی اقدامات کرنے کی ضرورت ہے، مینگروز کے جنگلات گرم ہوائوں کو روکتے ہیں جبکہ گرین بیلٹ اور عمارتوں کے درمیان وقفہ کی ضرورت ہے تاکہ تازہ ہوا کا گزر ہو سکے۔ ایڈمنسٹریٹر کراچی نے سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ 2015 میں ہیٹ اسٹروک سے کافی تعداد میں انسانی جانیں ضائع ہوئیں، یہ شہر کیلئے ایک افسوسناک دور تھا، اس کی سب سے بڑی وجہ ہماری تیاری نہ ہونے کے علاوہ اور بہت سارے عوامل شامل تھے، ہمیں اپنی رہائشی طریقہ کار کو تبدیل کرنا ہو گا، عمارتوں کے اندرونی حصہ یعنی فلور کی بلندی میں اضافہ اور عمارتوں کے درمیان میں جگہ رکھنا ہو گی تاکہ ہوا کا گزر ہو سکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہمیں اب دیسی اور مقامی درخت لگانے ہو گئے جو ہمارے ماحول کو بہتر کر سکیں۔

کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے سے بچوں کو ڈائریا، جلدی امراض اور انقباض کے ساتھ میپائٹائس اے اور ای ہو سکتے ہیں اس لئے بچوں کو پانی ابال کر پلایا جائے، پھل دھو کر کھلائے جائیں، دھوپ میں کھینے سے روکا جائے، بلا ضرورت گھر سے باہر نہ نکلا جائے، باہر کے کھانے اور مشروبات سے پرہیز کر لیا جائے، باریک کپڑے پہنائے جائیں، نوزائیدہ بچوں کو گرم کپڑوں میں نہ لپیٹا جائے اور صفائی ستھرائی کا خاص خیال رکھا جائے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہر امراض اطفال اور قومی ادارہ صحت برائے اطفال کی ایسوسی ایٹ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محسنہ نور ابراہیم نے جنگ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ کراچی میں گزشتہ سال جیسی گرمی پڑ سکتی ہے شہر میں گندگی میں بھی اضافہ ہوا ہے ہر جگہ گٹر بہہ رہے ہیں اس لئے بچوں کا بہت خیال رکھنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ شدید گرمی کے موسم میں معمولی نزلہ اور زکام سے بھی بچوں کو تیز بخار ہو جاتا ہے تیز بخار کے ساتھ بچوں کو جھٹکے آتے ہیں جو خطرناک ہیں اس بخار کو اتارنے کے لئے بچوں کو نہلایا جائے لیکن نہلانے میں نارمل پانی کا استعمال کیا جائے، ٹھنڈے پانی سے نہلانے پر بچوں کو نمونیہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گرمی دانوں سے بچنے کے لئے والدین کو چاہیے کہ صفائی کا خاص خیال رکھیں اور نہلانے کے بعد ڈیٹول یا اینٹی سپٹک (جراثیم کش) محلول کے ایک دو قطرے پانی میں ڈال کر جسم پر بہا دیں۔

قبر علی خان (نامہ نگار) ڈسٹرکٹ ایجوکیشن آفیسر ضلع قبر شہداد کوٹ نے منگل کو ضلع کے مختلف اسکولوں کے دورہ کیا اور اسکولوں سے غیر حاضر رہنے والے دس اساتذہ کو شوکاژ نوٹس جاری کر دیئے ہیں اس سلسلے میں ڈسٹرکٹ ایجوکیشن آفیسر ایلیمینٹری، سیکنڈری و ہائیئر سیکنڈری ضلع قبر شہداد کوٹ یار محمد بالادی نے ضلع قبر شہداد کوٹ کی تحصیل سجاد جو نیو اور میر و خان کے مختلف اسکولوں جن میں گورنمنٹ گرلز وائرس سیکنڈری اسکول ٹھوٹ چوسول، گورنمنٹ بوائز وائرس سیکنڈری اسکول سائیں داد لغاری، بوائز ہائی اسکول سجاد جو نیو، بوائز ہائی اسکول عرضی بھٹو جبکہ گرلز ہائیئر

ٹھٹھہ اور سجاد کے 13 سرکاری اسپتالوں کو این جی او کے حوالے کرنے کا فیصلہ ملتی

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ہیٹ اسٹروک سے شہریوں کو محفوظ رکھنے کیلئے حکومت سنجیدہ کوشش کر رہی ہے،

ایڈمنسٹریٹر

روزنامہ جنگ

23 مارچ 2016

گرمی میں اضافے سے بچوں کو ڈائریا اور دیگر امراض ہو سکتے ہیں، ڈاکٹر محسنہ

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23 مارچ 2016

قبر شہداد کوٹ میں اسکولوں پر چھاپے، غیر حاضر 10 اساتذہ کو شوکاژ

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گڈاپ اور تیسر ٹائون کے بند اسکولوں کو کھولنے کا آغاز

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یونٹ قائم کرتے ہوئے مختلف بیماریوں سے بچاؤ کے ویکسین لگانے والے نظام کو بھی فعال بنانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ کمشنر سکھر آفس میں قائم ایمر جنسی ریپانس یونٹ میں پہلا اجلاس کمشنر سکھر ڈویژن محمد عباس بلوچ کی زیر صدارت منعقد ہوا، جس میں ڈپٹی ایچ او چیف ڈاکٹر صلاح ہاشمی، خیبر پور، سکھر اور گھوٹکی کے ڈپٹی کمشنرز، ڈی ایچ او اور دیگر ملکی و غیر ملکی اسٹیک ہولڈرز نے شرکت کی۔

نوابشاہ (پور پورٹ) روٹری کلب کی جانب سے قاضی احمد، سکرنڈ اور جام صاحب کے مختلف سرکاری پرائمری اسکولوں کے طلبہ میں مفت کاپیاں اور اسٹیشنری تقسیم کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے روٹری کلب کے صدر ظفر آرائیں نے کہا کہ ضلع شہید بینظیر آباد کے سرکاری اسکولوں میں 10 ہزار کاپیاں تقسیم کی جائیں گی۔ ہمارا مقصد غریب اور ہونہار طلبہ کی مدد کرنا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ مدرسہ بورڈ اور محکمہ تعلیم حکومت سندھ کے ادارے سندھ ایجوکیشن فاؤنڈیشن کے اشتراک سے 23 مارچ یوم پاکستان گڈاپ ٹائون اور تیسر ٹائون کے بند اور اجڑے ہوئے اسکولوں کو دوبارہ کھولنے کی افتتاحی تقریبات اور فروغ تعلیم مہم سے منایا گیا۔ اس سلسلے میں گڈاپ ٹائون اور تیسر ٹائون میں واقع سندھ مدرسہ بورڈ کے اسکولوں میں بچوں اور والدین کے بڑے بڑے اجتماعات منعقد ہوئے جس میں بچوں نے عہد کیا کہ وہ سچی لگن اور محنت سے تعلیم حاصل کریں گے۔ والدین اور علاقے کے لوگوں نے علاقے کے بند اسکولوں کے دوبارہ آغاز پر خوشی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے اپنی جانب سے تعلیم کے فروغ کے لئے بھرپور تعاون کا یقین دلایا۔ فروغ تعلیم مہم کے سلسلے میں سندھ مدرسہ بورڈ کے تحت چلنے والے قائد اعظم پبلک اسکول کے طلباء و طالبات اور اساتذہ پر مشتمل گروپس تشکیل دیئے گئے ہر گروپ میں پانچ طلبہ اور دو اساتذہ تھے۔ ان گروپس نے اساتذہ کی سربراہی میں علاقے کے بند اسکولوں سے ملحقہ علاقوں اور گوشوں میں گھر گھر جاکر والدین خصوصاً علاقے میں بچوں کی ماؤں سے رابطہ کر کے انہیں تعلیم کی اہمیت اور افادیت سے آگاہ کیا اور اسکول نہ جانے والے بچوں سے اسکول میں داخلے کے فارم پر کروائے گئے۔ اس مہم میں پانچ سال سے کم عمر بچوں اور بچیوں کے داخلے پر خصوصی توجہ دی جا رہی ہے۔ دریں اثناء گڈاپ ٹائون اور تیسر ٹائون کے بند اور اجڑے ہوئے اسکولوں کو دوبارہ کھولنے کی افتتاحی تقریبات کے موقع پر اسکولوں کو جدید تقاضوں سے ہم آہنگ کر کے ماڈل اسکول بنانے کے سلسلے میں قائد اعظم پبلک اسکول میں سندھ مدرسہ بورڈ کا ایک جائزہ اجلاس منعقد کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کی صدارت سندھ مدرسہ بورڈ کے صدر سابق وائس چانسلر سندھ یونیورسٹی مظہر الحق صدیقی نے کی۔ اجلاس میں بورڈ کے اعزازی سیکرٹری سابق کمشنر کراچی شفیق الرحمن پراچہ، بورڈ کے نائب صدر سابق سیکرٹری تعلیم محمد اشفاق میمن، بورڈ کی خاتون نائب صدر شائستہ آفندی، بورڈ کے اعزازی خازن محمد حنیف بلوچ کے علاوہ بورڈ کے دیگر، ممبران اور اساتذہ کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) سول اسپتال جیکب آباد میں مختلف شعبہ جات کے بند ہونے، مشینری چوری اور عملے کی غیر حاضری کا صوبائی وزیر کی جانب سے نوٹس لینے کے بعد سیکریٹری صحت نے تحقیقاتی کمیٹی تشکیل دے دی تفصیلات کے مطابق جیکب آباد کی سول اسپتال میں امراض قلب، ڈائلاسیس سینٹر، ٹی بی وارڈ، ہڈیوں کا وارڈ سمیت دیگر شعبہ جات کے وارڈز بند ہونے، مشینری کی چوری، اسپتال پر قبضوں اور ڈاکٹر کی غیر حاضری کے متعلق میڈیا میں خبریں شائع ہونے کے بعد صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب ڈہرنے نوٹس لیتے ہوئے سیکرٹری صحت سعید احمد منگلجیو کو سختی سے ہدایات جاری کرتے ہوئے تحقیقات کرنے کا حکم دیا ہے صوبائی وزیر کی جانب سے جیکب آباد کی سول اسپتال کی حالت زار کا نوٹس لینے کے بعد سیکریٹری صحت نے تحقیقاتی کمیٹی تشکیل دے دی ہے تحقیقاتی کمیٹی جلد سول اسپتال کا دورہ کر کے مذکورہ مسائل کو حل کرنے سمیت ملوث عملے کے خلاف کارروائی کرے گی صوبائی وزیر کے نوٹس کے بعد سول اسپتال کے عملے میں کھلبلی مچی ہوئی ہے اور غیر حاضر رہنے والے ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی پر آنے کیلئے آمادہ ہو چکے ہیں اور اپنی غیر حاضری کو چھپانے کیلئے حاضری بک میں پرانی تاریخوں پر اپنی حاضری لگانے کے لیے کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) یوم پاکستان پر جناح اسپتال کراچی میں پرچم کشائی کی تقریب منعقد کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر قومی ترانہ پڑھا گیا۔ اسپتال کے ہیڈ و گراؤنڈ سے متصل نئے پولیٹن کا افتتاح کیا گیا اور ملازمین اور ڈاکٹروں کے درمیان دوستانہ کرکٹ میچ کھیلا گیا۔ یوم پاکستان کی صبح جناح اسپتال کے سابق پروفیسر آف پلاسٹک سرجری پروفیسر فیض محمد نے پرچم کشائی کی ان کے ہمراہ اسپتال کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر انیس بھٹی، ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر جاوید جمالی، پروفیسر ندیم رضوی، پروفیسر اقبال آفریدی، پروفیسر مشہور عالم شاہ، ڈاکٹر محمد سلمان، چوہدری محمد اکرم، ندرت آراعلوی و دیگر بھی موجود تھے تقریب میں ڈاکٹر، نرسز، پیرامیڈیکس، ملازمین اور ان کے اہلخانہ کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ انہوں نے قومی ترانہ پڑھا اور فیض محمد پولیٹن کا افتتاح کیا۔ پروفیسر انیس بھٹی کا اس موقع پر کہنا تھا کہ ہماری شروع سے کوشش تھی کہ اسپتال میں صحت مند سرگرمیوں کو فروغ دیا جائے جس کا افتتاح آج کر دیا گیا ہے امید ہے یہ سرگرمیاں آئندہ بھی جاری رہیں گی۔ بعد ازاں ملازمین اور ڈاکٹروں کے درمیان دوستانہ کرکٹ میچ کھیلا گیا۔ میچ کے اختتام پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے کوآرڈینیٹر حاجی مظفر علی شجرہ نے ٹیموں میں انعامات تقسیم کیے۔

سول اسپتال جیکب آباد میں مختلف شعبے بند ہونے اور مشینری کی چوری کی تحقیقات

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میرپورماہیلو (نامہ نگار) ٹی بی کٹرول پروگرام کی جانب سے گھونکی ضلع کے کوآرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر اشوک کمار نے سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ ٹی بی قابل علاج مرض ہے اسکا وائرس ایک مریض سے دوسرے شخص میں منتقل ہوتا ہے۔ ٹی بی کا ایک مریض 10 سے 15 صحت مند افراد کو متاثر کرتا ہے۔ گھونکی ضلع میں 38 ہزار افراد اس مرض میں مبتلا ہیں۔ سندھ میں ہر سال 7 لاکھ افراد میں ٹی بی کا وائرس منتقل ہو رہا ہے۔

سکھر (ہیورورپورٹ) بنو عاقل چھاؤنی 16 ڈویژن ہیڈ کوارٹرز کی جانب سے ریجنل ہسپتال اسکول سردار گڑھ ضلع گھونکی میں مفت طبی کیمپ 28 مارچ کو منعقد کیا جائے گا جس میں مختلف امراض کے ماہر ڈاکٹرز مریضوں کا مفت معائنہ اور علاج کریں گے۔

کراچی (باہر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) جناح اسپتال کراچی کی انتظامیہ نے گائنی وارڈ میں غیر سرکاری تنظیم کی جانب سے لئے جانے والے ڈیلیوری چار جرنل کر دیئے ہیں گائنی وارڈ میں کچھ سال قبل حاملہ خواتین سے ڈیلیوری چار جرنل وصول کرنے کا سلسلہ شروع کیا گیا تھا جو غریب خواتین کے لئے پریشانی کا باعث بنتا تھا تاہم اسپتال کے ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر انیس الدین بھٹی نے اسے بند کر دیا۔ جنگ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ گائنی وارڈ کو ادویات اور کٹس سمیت دیگر تمام سامان اسپتال کی جانب سے فراہم کیا جاتا ہے اس کے باوجود ڈیلیوری کی فیس وصول کی جاتی تھی جو سمجھ سے باہر ہے گزشتہ ماہ اس فیس کو بند کرنے کے احکامات جاری کر دیئے تھے اور گائنی وارڈ کی انتظامیہ کو بھی مطلع کر دیا تھا کہ حاملہ خواتین سے پیسے نہ لیے جائیں۔ اب وارڈ میں کسی قسم کے کوئی چار جرنل نہیں لیے جاتے۔ تاہم ایسی اطلاعات سامنے آئی ہیں کہ کچھ ملازمین تاحال پیسے طلب کر رہے ہیں جن کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ دیگر جن وارڈوں میں غیر سرکاری تنظیمیں پیسے وصول کر رہی ہیں انہیں بھی جلد بند کیا جائے گا اور اسپتال میں مریضوں کو بالکل مفت علاج مہیا کیا جائے گا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جینیٹ جنرل اسپتال کے زیر اہتمام لاندھی، کورنگی کے عوام کے لیے فری میڈیکل کیمپ لگایا گیا جس میں تقریباً 1500 مریضوں کا معائنہ اور مفت ادویات فراہم کی گئیں کیمپ میں لیبارٹری ٹیسٹ اور آپریشن پر 20 فیصد کی رعایت بھی دی گئی، اس کیمپ میں امراض نسوان، امراض ہڈی و جوڑ، امراض ناک کان و حلق، امراض اطفال، جنرل فزیشن، امراض دماغ، امراض دندان، جنرل سرجری، امراض جلد و ناخن و بال، امراض معدہ و آنت، امراض گردہ مثانہ، امراض نفسیات اور امراض قلب کے ماہر ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیم نے حصہ لیا اور ساتھ ہی ماہر غذائیات (ڈائنیشن) نے بھی مریضوں کو صحت سے متعلق مفت مفید مشورے دیے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ٹی بی کا مرض ترقی پذیر ممالک میں تیزی سے بڑھنے والے امراض میں سے ایک ہے۔ دنیا بھر میں تقریباً نوے لاکھ سے زائد لوگ اس مرض میں مبتلا ہیں اور ہر سال اس سے پندرہ لاکھ افراد کی اموات ہوتی ہیں۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت کے مطابق پاکستان میں ہر سال متعدد افراد ٹی بی کے جراثیم کی زد میں آتے ہیں، ان میں ٹی بی کی تشخیص ہو جاتی ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار ماہرین صحت نے عالمی یوم ٹی بی کی مناسبت سے سندھ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف یورولوجی اینڈ ٹرانسپلانٹیشن (ایس آئی یو ٹی) میں منعقدہ پروگرام سے خطاب کے دوران کیا۔ پروگرام میں مریضوں کو مفت طبی معائنہ و علاج، غذائی مشاورت، ٹی بی سے متعلق معلوماتی مواد، دستاویزی فلم، پوسٹر اور بینرز کے ساتھ ساتھ سوال و جواب نشست کا اہتمام کیا گیا۔ ایس آئی یو ٹی کے ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر ادیب رضوی نے کہا کہ ہمارا ادارہ گردے کے جملہ امراض، جگر معدہ آنتوں کے امراض، اعضا کی پیوندکاری اور انفیکشن کے امراض کا معیاری اور جدید علاج مفت اور عزت نفس کے ساتھ فراہم کر رہا ہے۔ ٹی بی کی روک تھام کے لئے احتیاطی تدابیر، طریقہ علاج اور قومی شعور اجاگر کرنے کی اہمیت پر زور دیتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا ہر سال مریضوں کی ایک بڑی تعداد اس مرض کی وجہ سے موت کی آغوش میں چلی جاتی ہے۔ پاکستان ان تیس ممالک میں شامل ہے جہاں یہ مرض بڑی تیزی سے پھیل رہا ہے تاہم یہ مرض قابل علاج ہے۔ ماہرین نے شرکاء کو مرض کے حوالے سے بتایا کہ عام علامات میں شام کے وقت ہلکا ہلکا بخار ہوتا ہے اور پورے جسم خصوصاً سینے میں درد محسوس ہوتا ہے۔ رات کو ٹھنڈے پسینے آتے ہیں اور بعض اوقات کچھ بھی طاری ہو جاتی ہے۔ شدید کمزوری کے ساتھ وزن میں بھی کمی ہو جاتی ہے۔ ٹی بی ایک مہلک بیماری ہے جو ایک جراثیم سے پیدا ہوتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا اس مرض سے بچنے کی عمومی تدابیر میں صحت مند اصولوں کو اپنانا تو بڑے تمباکو نوشی سے پرہیز، جسمانی ورزشیں اور معیاری و صحت بخش غذا اور مشروبات کا انتخاب سرفہرست ہیں۔ ماہرین نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں ٹی بی کی دوائیوں کی انتہائی قلت ہے جس سے اس مرض کا بچاؤ اور موثر علاج ممکن نہیں ہو رہا۔ ماہرین میں امراض سینہ و دمہ کے ماہر پروفیسر سنبیل اختر، ماہر متعدی امراض ڈاکٹر اسماء نسیم، ڈاکٹر سنیل دودانی اور ماہر غذائیت کہکشاں زہرہ دیگر شامل تھے۔

سکھر (ہیورورپورٹ) سکھر ڈویژن میں پولیو کے خاتمے کیلئے کمشنر سکھر ڈویژن محمد عباس بلوچ کی سربراہی میں سکھر ٹاسک فورس اور ایمر جنسی ریپنس

گھونکی میں 38 ہزار افراد ٹی بی کے مرض میں مبتلا ہیں، ڈاکٹر اشوک کمار

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دواؤں کی قلت کے باعث ٹی بی کے علاج میں دشواری ہے، عالمی یوم ٹی بی پر سیمینار

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ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ حلال احمر کی جانب سے شروع کیا جانے والا اسکول سیفٹی پروگرام بالکل بروقت ہے کیونکہ اس کے ذریعہ اسکولوں کی انتظامہ اور طالب علموں کو دہشت گردی کی کسی ممکنہ کارروائی کی صورت میں کئے جانے والے اقدامات کیلئے تیار کیا جاسکے گا۔ انہوں نے پروگرام میں تعاون پر ناروے کی ریڈ کراس اور حکومت کا شکریہ ادا کیا اور انہوں نے کہا کہ پروگرام کا دائرہ کالجوں اور جامعات تک بھی بڑھانے کی ضرورت ہے انہوں نے اس ضمن میں مخیر حضرات سے تعاون کی اپیل کی تاکہ صوبہ کے تعلیمی اداروں کی سیکورٹی کو مزید بہتر بنایا جاسکے۔ گورنر سندھ نے اسکول سیفٹی پروگرام میں شرکت کرنے والے اسکولوں کی انتظامیہ کے کردار کو سراہا اور امید ظاہر کی کہ اس پروگرام کے تحت کراچی سمیت صوبہ کے زیادہ سے زیادہ اسکولوں کی سیکورٹی کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے گا۔ اس موقع پر خطاب کرتے ہوئے سینئر صوبائی وزیر تعلیم نثار احمد کھوڑونے کہا کہ محکمہ تعلیم صوبہ کے تمام اسکولوں کی سیکورٹی کو یقینی بنانے کے لئے اقدامات کر رہی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) اسلام وہ واحد دین ہے جس میں ہر عہد کے چیلنجز اور سائنسی و فنی ارتقاء کا مقابلہ کرنے کی صلاحیت موجود ہے۔ قرآن میں تمام مسائل کا حل موجود ہے جسے نبی آخری الزماں نے حدیث و سنت کی روشنی میں نہایت آسان طریقے سے امت کو سکھایا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مقررین نے انجمن مہمان رسول جامعہ کراچی کے زیر اہتمام محفل میلاد النبیؐ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ مقررین میں علامہ ثاقب رضا مصطفائی، شیخ الجامعہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد قیصر، حاجی رفیق پریدیسی، محمد زبیر اشرفی اور پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد احمد قادری شامل ہیں۔ ثاقب رضا مصطفائی نے مزید کہا کہ دین ادب سے شروع ہوتا ہے اور عشق پر ختم ہوتا ہے ڈاکٹر قیصر نے کہا کہ ہمارے تمام مسائل کا حل اتباع رسول میں ہے، محبت رسول ہمارے دل میں جاگزیں ہو اور ہم اتباع رسول پر گامزن ہوں تو دنیا اور آخرت میں ہماری کامیابی یقینی ہے۔ تقریب کا آغاز قاری مسییس احمد نعیمی کی تلاوت سے ہوا جبکہ بارگاہ رسالت میں گاہائے عقیدت الحاج صلیح الدین صلیح رحمانی، حافظ محمود الحسن اشرفی، خرم حبیب اور دیگر نعت خوانوں نے پیش کی۔

کشمور (نامہ نگار) کشمور سب ڈویژن اور اسکے آس پاس کے علاقوں میں مجسروں کی یلغار سے اور بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے شہریوں کی رات کی نیند اجیرن ہو گئی ہے اس وجہ سے ملیریا کے امراض میں بھی اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے محکمہ ہیلتھ کشمور کی جانب سے روک تھام کے لیے کوئی اقدامات نہیں کئے جارہے ہیں شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کشمور شہر، گڈو، ایری گیشن کالونی نمبر 1 بھٹاپور، بڈانی اور آس پاس کے علاقوں میں شام ہوتے ہی مجسروں کی یلغار کا سامنا ہوتا ہے مجسروں کے باعث عوام پریشان رہتے ہیں جبکہ رات کے اوقات میں شہریوں کی زندگی اجیرن ہو گئی ہے کشمور سب ڈویژن کے شہریوں نے صوبائی وزیر صحت، سیکرٹری صحت اور اعلیٰ حکام سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ کشمور ضلع میں مجسروں کو روکا جائے۔

حیدرآباد (ہیورپورٹ) تعلیمی بورڈ حیدرآباد نے 28 مارچ سے نویں اور دسویں جماعت کے امتحانات کا شیڈول جاری کر دیا ہے کاپی کلچر کے حوالے سے ضلع حیدرآباد کے 7 سینٹر حساس قرار دیئے گئے ہیں، کسی طالب علم کا امتحان دیتے وقت کوئی دوسرا شخص پکڑا گیا تو اس کے خلاف ایف آئی آر درج کی جائے گی جبکہ ریجنل کی جانب سے ہر سینٹر پر ایک دفعہ گشت کیا جائے گا۔ حیدرآباد پریس کلب میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے حیدرآباد تعلیمی بورڈ کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر محمد یمن نویں اور دسویں جماعت کے 132402 طلباء امتحانات دیگے جبکہ امتحانات کو شفاف بنانے کے لئے انتظامیہ سے خصوصی مدد حاصل کی گئی ہے جبکہ کشمور حیدرآباد نے متعلقہ ڈپٹی کمشنرز کو امتحانات کے دوران سینٹر پر پولیس کی اضافی نفری کی تعیناتی، فوٹو اسٹیٹ مشینوں کو بند رکھنے، بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ کرنے سمیت دیگر احکامات جاری کئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ کاپی کلچر کے حوالے سے حساس مراکز کا ریجنل زون میں ایک دفعہ گشت کرے گی جبکہ ہماری جانب سے نقل کو روکنے کے لئے ہر قسم کے اقدامات کئے گئے ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی کے کچھ سرکاری کالجوں کی جانب سے پریلیئم امتحانات اور پریکٹیکل جرنلزم کی تصدیق کے نام پر طلبہ سے رقم لینے کا انکشاف ہوا ہے جس کا ڈی جی کالج نے نوٹس بھی لے لیا ہے۔ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ کالج میں پریلیئم امتحانات کے دوران طلبہ کو کاپیوں (جو ابی کاپیاں) فراہم کرنے کے بجائے کاپیوں کی فروخت شروع کر دی گئی ہے اور ہر پرچے میں فی کاپی 20 روپے کے حساب سے فروخت کی جا رہی ہے اور پرچے دینے والے طلبہ کو ایک امتحان میں ایک سے زائد امتحانی کاپیاں استعمال کرنے کیلئے فی کاپی 20 روپے کے حساب سے خریدنی پڑ رہی ہے۔ بظاہر طلبہ سے کہا جا رہا ہے کہ کالج انتظامیہ انہیں امتحانی کاپیاں فراہم نہیں کرے گی وہ اپنے ساتھ کاپیاں لاسکتے ہیں تاہم عملی طور پر صرف ایسے طلبہ ہی امتحان میں شریک ہو رہے ہیں جو کالج میں مختلف افراد کی جانب سے فروخت ہونے والی کاپیاں خرید رہے ہیں جبکہ کالج انتظامیہ اس سلسلے میں موجود بھٹ کو طلبہ کے لئے استعمال کرنے پر تیار نہیں ہے۔ ادھر دیگر کئی کالجوں سے پریکٹیکل جرنلزم کی تصدیق رقم کے عوض کئے جانے کا بھی معاملہ سامنے آنے کے بعد ڈائریکٹر جنرل کالج سندھ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر ناصر انصاری نے اس کا نوٹس لے لیا ہے ان کی جانب سے کالجوں کے لئے ایک مراسلہ بھی جاری کیا گیا ہے جس میں کالجوں سے کہا گیا ہے کہ ڈائریکٹوریٹ کے علم میں یہ بات آئی ہے کہ بعض کالجوں کے پرنسپلز اور عملے کے افراد پریکٹیکل جرنلزم اور پریلیئم امتحانات کے نام پر طلبہ سے رقم وصول کر رہے ہیں جو خلاف قانون ہے۔ مراسلے میں متنبہ کیا گیا ہے کہ اس سلسلے کو فوری روکا جائے اگر کسی کالج کی انتظامیہ اس عمل میں ملوث پائی گئی تو اس کی خلاف سخت تادیبی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔

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ٹھٹھہ (رپورٹ: شاہد صدیقی) سول اسپتال مکی میں گزشتہ 6 ماہ سے شعبہ امراض قلب کے بند ہونے کی تکلیف میں مبتلا گیارہویں جماعت کے طالب علم نے تڑپ تڑپ کر جان دیدی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ٹھٹھہ اور سہاول اضلاع کی 18 لاکھ سے زائد آبادی کو صحت کی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے والے سول اسپتال مکی میں ماہر امراض قلب کی عدم تقرری کے باعث شعبہ امراض قلب گزشتہ 6 ماہ سے بند ہے جبکہ گزشتہ روز ٹھٹھہ کے تاجر غلام مجتبیٰ مہبائی کے گیارہویں جماعت میں زیر تعلیم 16 سالہ بیٹے شہر و زمبابوئی کو دل کی تکلیف میں مبتلا ہونے کے باعث سول اسپتال مکی لایا گیا جہاں شعبہ امراض قلب کے غیر بند ہونے اور ماہر امراض قلب کے نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے فوری علاج نہ ہونے کے باعث نوجوان انتقال کر گیا۔ انتقال کر جانے والے نوجوان کے متعلق رابطہ کرنے پر سول اسپتال کے سول سرجن ڈاکٹر عباس گوپانگ نے بتایا کہ انہیں اسپتال میں نوجوان کے انتقال کے بارے میں علم نہیں ہے کیونکہ وہ ڈائریکٹر جنرل صحت کے دفتر میں ایک اجلاس کے سلسلے میں حیدر آباد گئے ہوئے تھے، تاہم انہوں نے اس بات کی تصدیق کی کہ سول اسپتال میں 6 ماہ سے ڈاکٹر نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے دل کا وارڈ بند ہے۔

حیدر آباد (یورورپورٹ) ماہرین طب نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں ہر سال 5 لاکھ ٹی بی کے نئے مریض پیدا ہو رہے ہیں، آگے کے فقدان کے باعث ہر سال 2 لاکھ مریض ٹی بی کا علاج نہیں کراتے، دنیا بھر میں ہر سال 17 لاکھ افراد اس بیماری کے علاج کی آگہی نہ ہونے کے سبب ہلاک ہو جاتے ہیں جبکہ ایک ٹی بی کا مریض ہر سال 10 سے 15 نئے مریض پیدا کرتا ہے، ہمارے ملک میں 90 فیصد ٹی بی پھیپھڑوں کی پائی جاتی ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے تپ دق کے عالمی دن کے موقع پر ڈائریکٹوریٹ ٹی بی کنٹرول سندھ اور ڈسٹرکٹ ایف ٹی بی ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے پاکستان چوک سے پریس کلب تک ”آگہی واک“ اور ٹی بی کے حوالے سے منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ اس موقع پر ٹی بی کنٹرول سندھ کے ایڈیشنل ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر منظور عسبانی اور ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر ریاض قریشی ٹی بی ایسوسی ایشن کے جنرل سیکرٹری ڈاکٹر عبدالصمد شیخ و دیگر نے کہا کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت ڈبلیو ایچ او نے سال 2016ء کیلئے پاکستان سے متعلق اپنی رپورٹ میں کہا ہے کہ ہر سال 5 لاکھ ٹی بی کے نئے مریض پیدا ہو رہے ہیں جس میں سے 3 لاکھ مریض ٹی بی کا علاج کراتے ہیں جبکہ باقی 2 لاکھ مریض ٹی بی کا علاج شعور نہ ہونے کے باعث نہیں کراتے جبکہ حکومت پاکستان نیشنل ٹی بی کنٹرول پروگرام کے تحت گلوبل فنڈز کی بدولت ٹی بی کی مفت تشخیص اور علاج فراہم کر رہی ہیں، ادویات وافر مقدار میں ہر ٹی بی سینٹر میں میسر ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وفاقی جامعہ اردو اور ٹیل اسپتال کے تعاون سے مفت طبی کیمپ
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) وفاقی جامعہ اردو کے شعبہ طب اور ٹیل اسپتال کے تعاون سے جامعہ کے تمام تدریسی و غیر تدریسی ملازمین اور ان کے اہل خانہ کیلئے ”مفت طبی کیمپ“ کا اہتمام کیا گیا جس میں سبلڈ پریشر، شوگر اور خون کے تمام ٹیسٹ کئے گئے اور خون کے عطیات بھی لئے گئے جو کہ ضرورت مند مریضوں کو فراہم کئے جائیں گے۔ اس کیمپ کا مقصد ملازمین کو طب سے متعلق بہترین سہولتیں فراہم کرنا ہے۔ حال ہی میں ٹیل اسپتال کو جامعہ اردو کے پینل اسپتالوں میں شامل کر لیا گیا ہے۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر فوزیہ حق، منیر احمد انصاری، محمد اکرم اور آصف محمود خان نے کیمپ کی نگرانی کی اور شعبہ طب کی جانب سے ملازمین کو مزید سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کا عزم کیا۔ طبی کیمپ سے ملازمین اور ان کے اہل خانہ نے بڑی تعداد میں استفادہ کیا۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے ریکو 1122، گمشدہ افراد کی تلاش کی ہیلپ لائن اور اسکول کے بچوں کو فرسٹ ایڈ دینے کے پروگرام کا صوبہ میں آغاز کرنے کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ان کے ذریعہ ریکو کے کام کو زیادہ بہتر بنایا جاسکے گا۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پاکستان ہلال احمر سندھ کی جانب سے اسکولوں کی سیکورٹی کے حوالے سے شروع کئے گئے اسکول سیفٹی پروگرام کی افتتاحی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ سینئر صوبائی وزیر تعلیم ثار احمد کھوڑو، ڈی جی رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر، سیکریٹری جنرل پاکستان ریڈ کراس ڈاکٹر رضوان نصیر اور ہلال احمر سندھ کی چیئر پرسن فرزانہ نائیک بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہلال احمر اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے تعاون سے صوبہ میں ریکو 1122 سروس کا آغاز کیا جائے گا تاکہ کسی بھی حادثے یا دہشت گردی کے واقعہ کی صورت میں عوام کو ریلیف فراہم کیا جاسکے۔ گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد خان نے کہا ہے کہ تعلیمی اداروں کی سیکورٹی کے لئے بھرپور اور جامع اقدامات وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہیں تاکہ طالب علموں اور اساتذہ کے تحفظ کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پروگرام کے تحت کراچی آپریشن سے بھی شہر قائد کو دہشت گردوں، ٹارگٹ کلرز، بھتہ خوروں اور اغواء برائے تاوان میں ملوث مجرمین سے نجات ملی ہے اور کراچی اپنی سابقہ رونقوں کی جانب لوٹ رہا

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اوکے ڈائریکٹر شوکت رضا مرزا کے قتل میں بھی ملوث تھے جب کہ ملزمان پولیس، رینجرز، وکلاء اور فرقہ وارانہ ٹارگٹ کلنگ سمیت امام بارگاہوں پر دھماکوں میں بھی ملوث ہیں۔ پولیس کے مطابق دہشت گردوں کا تعلق مفتی شاہد گروپ اور کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی سے ہے جن کے قبضے سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ برآمد کیا گیا ہے جن میں 2 کلاشنکوف، 4 ٹی ٹی پستول، بارودی مواد، ڈیٹوئیٹر، 4 دستی بم اور بھاری تعداد میں گولیاں بھی شامل ہیں۔ دوسری جانب کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے بھی منگھوپیر سے 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار کر لیے جن کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ انچارج سی ٹی ڈی علی رضا کے مطابق گرفتار دہشت گردوں میں عثمان نعیم، محمد عمیر اور امام الدین عرف معاویہ شامل ہیں اور ان کا تعلق کمانڈر فہد گروپ سے ہے۔ سی ٹی ڈی انچارج کے مطابق ملزم عمیر نے نجی یونیورسٹی سے انجینئرنگ کی ڈگری حاصل کی اور کالعدم تنظیم کے لیے ڈرون ٹیکنالوجی پر کام کر رہا تھا، ملزم عثمان کالعدم تنظیموں کو اسلحہ فراہم کرتا تھا جب کہ تیسرے ملزم امام الدین عرف معاویہ اشتعال انگیز لیفٹیننٹ اور مواد کی تقسیم میں ملوث ہے۔

وزیر آباد میں قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 101 میں غیر حتمی اور غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق مسلم لیگ (ن) نے میدان مار لیا ہے جب کہ پی ایس 23 سے پیپلز پارٹی کا امیدوار کامیاب ہوا ہے۔ گوجرانوالہ کی تحصیل وزیر آباد میں قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 101 میں ضمنی انتخاب کے لیے پولنگ کا عمل صبح 8 بجے شروع ہوا اور کسی وقفے کے بغیر شام 5 بجے تک جاری رہا۔ ضمنی انتخاب میں مسلم لیگ (ن) کے جسٹس ریٹائرڈ افتخار چیمہ نے 82 ہزار 420 اور تحریک انصاف کے احمد ناصر چٹھہ نے 80 ہزار 123 ووٹ حاصل کیے ہیں جب کہ پیپلز پارٹی کے امیدوار اعجاز چیمہ تیسرے نمبر پر رہے۔ دوسری جانب نوشہرہ و فیروز میں سندھ اسمبلی کی نشست پی ایس 23 کے ضمنی انتخاب میں غیر سرکاری نتائج کے مطابق پیپلز پارٹی کے ضیا الحسن لہجاری نے میدان مار لیا ہے انہوں نے 35 ہزار 325 ووٹ حاصل کیے۔ پیپلز پارٹی کے علاوہ دیگر سیاسی جماعتوں نے ضمنی انتخاب کا بائیکاٹ کر رکھا تھا۔ واضح رہے کہ 2013 کے عام انتخابات میں این اے 101 سے مسلم لیگ (ن) سے افتخار چیمہ ہی کامیاب ہوئے تھے تاہم سپریم کورٹ نے اثاثے چھپانے کے جرم میں انتخاب کالعدم قرار دے کر حلقے میں دوبارہ انتخاب کا حکم دیا تھا جبکہ پی ایس 23 سے نیشنل پیپلز پارٹی کے مسرور خان جتوئی کامیاب ہوئے تھے جنہیں دھاندلی پر نااہل قرار دے کر سپریم کورٹ نے دوبارہ الیکشن کا حکم دیا تھا۔

**این اے 101 وزیر آباد میں ن لیگ
نے میدان مار لیا، غیر سرکاری نتائج**

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کے حل میں مدد حاصل کرنے کی کوشش کرے گا، جبکہ گیس پائپ لائن پر وجیکٹ پر عمل درآمد بھی اہم موضوع رہے گا۔ یہ پائپ لائن معاہدہ مالی پریشانیوں اور بین الاقوامی خصوصاً امریکی دباؤ کی وجہ سے تعطل کا شکار ہے۔ امکان ہے کہ پاکستان کے پھلوں اور فصلوں جبکہ ایرانی پٹرولیم مصنوعات اور پلاسٹک کی درآمد کو بڑھانا بھی ایجنڈے میں شامل رہے گا۔ پاکستان کے وزیر برائے دفاعی پیداوار اور اناستور حسین نے رواں ماہ کے اوائل میں کہا تھا کہ ایرانی صدر کے دورے کے دوران ایک ورکنگ گروپ تشکیل دیا جاسکتا ہے جس سے دونوں ممالک کے درمیان غلط فہمیوں کو دور کرنے میں مدد ملے گی۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع خضدار میں وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان کے قریبی رشتہ دار اور ضلع کونسل کے چیئرمین آغا ٹکلیل درانی پر حملے کی ذمہ داری کا عدم عسکریت پسند تنظیم بلوچ لبریشن آرمی نے ذمہ داری قبول کی ہے۔ خضدار میں ایک پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ چیئرمین ضلعی کونسل کے مکان پر نامعلوم افراد نے بدھ کی شب دستی بم سے حملہ کیا۔ اہلکار کے مطابق دستی بم مکان کے اندر صحن میں گر کر زوردار دھماکے سے پھٹ گیا۔ اس دستی بم کے حملے سے مکان کو معمولی نقصان پہنچا لیکن کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ اہلکار کے مطابق دستی بم پھینکنے والے افراد فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ یاد رہے کہ اس سے قبل بھی بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں سیاسی کارکنوں کے مکانوں پر نامعلوم افراد نے حملے کیے ہیں۔ آغا ٹکلیل درانی گزشتہ سال خضدار کے ضلعی چیئرمین منتخب ہوئے تھے۔ ان کے مکان پر حملے کے محرکات معلوم نہیں ہو سکے ہیں۔ خضدار شہر کوئٹہ سے جنوب مغرب میں کوئٹہ کراچی ہائی وے پر واقع ہے۔ خضدار شہر چند سال قبل تک بد امنی کی شدید لپیٹ میں تھا لیکن گزشتہ ڈیڑھ دو سال سے شہر میں بد امنی کا کوئی بڑا واقعہ رونما نہیں ہوا۔

لاہور میں سٹریٹ کرائمز کے سدباب کے لیے ترکی کی طرز پر ایک نئی ڈولفن فورس متعارف کرا دی گئی ہے۔ سات سو اہل کاروں اور تین سو جدید ہتھیاروں پر مشتمل پہلے بیچ نے تربیت مکمل کر لی ہے جو بہت جلد لاہور کی سڑکوں پر جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف برسرِ پیکار ہوگی۔ لاہور سے صحافی اے این خان کے مطابق جرائم اور دہشت گردی کے خلاف اس سے پہلے پنجاب پولیس کے علاوہ ایلٹ فورس، انسداد دہشت گردی پولیس، کوئٹہ ریسپانس فورس، پنجاب ہائی وے پیٹرولنگ اور محافظ فورس کام کر رہی ہیں، جبکہ ضرورت پڑنے پر قومی رضاکار فورس کی خدمات بھی حاصل کی جاتی ہیں۔ ماضی میں سٹریٹ کرائمز کی روک تھام کے لیے شاہین فورس اور مجاہد سکواڈ بھی قائم کی گئی تھیں لیکن شاہین فورس ختم ہو گئی ہے جب کہ ڈولفن فورس اب مجاہد سکواڈ کی جگہ لے لی گئی۔ ڈولفن فورس کے سات سو اہلکاروں کی پائنگ آؤٹ پر لاہور کے چوتھے ٹریننگ سنٹر میں منعقد ہوئی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف پائنگ آؤٹ کے مہمان خصوصی تھے، جنھوں نے پریڈ کا معائنہ کیا اور شرکاء سے خطاب بھی کیا۔ انھوں نے ڈولفن فورس کے قیام کو ایک بڑی کامیابی قرار دیا اور فورس کی تربیت میں تعاون پر ترک صدر کا شکریہ ادا کیا۔ شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ ڈولفن فورس سے سٹریٹ کرائمز کے خاتمے میں مدد ملے گی۔

اس موقع پر فورس کے اہل کاروں نے حاصل کردہ تربیت کا عملی مظاہرہ بھی کر کے دکھایا اور اس عزم کا اظہار کیا کہ سٹریٹ کرائمز کا خاتمہ کر کے وہ عوام کے دل جیتنے کی کوشش کریں گے تاکہ پولیس کا امیج بہتر بنانے کے ساتھ ایک پر امن معاشرہ تشکیل دیا جاسکے۔ ترکی سے متاثر ہو کر تشکیل دی جانے والی ڈولفن فورس کے لیے تقریباً 12 ارب روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ ڈولفن فورس ابتدائی طور پر لاہور میں اپنا کام شروع کرے گی تاہم بعد میں اس کا دائرہ کار پورے پنجاب تک پھیلا دیا جائے گا۔ لاہور میں اس فورس کے انچارج اقرار شاہ نے بتایا کہ 13 لاکھ روپے مالیت کی 500 سی سی موٹر سائیکل پر گشت کرنے والے اہلکاروں کی یونیفارم بھی خصوصی طور پر تیار کی گئی ہے، انھیں جدید اسلحہ اور جدید یورپی سیوریٹی آلات سے لیس کیا گیا ہے۔ ان کے ہیلموٹ میں جدید مواصلاتی نظام اور کیمرے نصب کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ ان کی نقل و حرکت کی بھی خصوصی مانیٹرنگ کی جائے گی۔ اقرار شاہ کے مطابق ڈولفن فورس کا ریسپانس ٹائم پانچ منٹ ہو گا اور یہ پولیس ایمر جنسی کے فون پر جانے واریات پر پہنچے گی تاہم بعد میں اس کا الگ ایمر جنسی نمبر متعارف کرایا جائے گا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ ڈولفن فورس شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں صرف سٹریٹ کرائمز پر اپنی توجہ مرکوز رکھے گی، یہ کسی تھانے کے ماتحت نہیں ہوں گی اور نہ ہی ان کو کسی جلسے، جلوس یا کسی کی سیوریٹی پر مامور کیا جاسکے گا اور نہ ہی دیگر لائینڈ آرڈر کے لیے استعمال میں لایا جائے گا۔ ناقدین کا کہنا ہے کہ موجودہ وزیر اعلیٰ کے دور میں ہی 1998 میں ایلٹ فورس قائم کی گئی تھی لیکن اس کے زیادہ تر اہلکار وی آئی پیز کی سیوریٹی پر تعینات رہتے ہیں، جبکہ پولیس کے اندر انسداد دہشت گردی ڈیپارٹمنٹ الگ سے قائم ہے، کوئٹہ ریسپانس فورس بھی دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لیے موجود ہے، لیکن محافظ فورس کوئی موٹر سائیکل ڈیڑھ لیٹر پٹرول دیا جاتا ہے جبکہ ڈولفن فورس کی صرف موٹر سائیکل ہی 13 لاکھ روپے کی ہے۔

کراچی پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی کے کارندوں سمیت 13 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے ناظم آباد میں پولیس اور حساس ادارے نے کارروائی کی جہاں سے کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی کے 10 مبینہ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق گرفتار ہونے والے دہشت گرد سابق صدر مشرف پر حملے کی منصوبہ بندی اور پی ایس

خضدار کے چیئرمین ضلعی کونسل کے مکان پر دستی بم حملہ

بی بی سی

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لاہور میں جرائم کے سدباب کے لیے ڈولفن فورس کا قیام

بی بی سی

24 مارچ 2016

کراچی میں پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی کا نیٹ ورک پکڑ لیا

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پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں حکام نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ ایرانی سیکورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے ممبئیہ طور پر ایک پاکستانی سروے ٹیم کے اراکین پر فائرنگ کی گئی ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق سرحدی حدود میں ہونے والی اس فائرنگ سے کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ ایران سے متصل بلوچستان کے ضلع واہنگ میں انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے فائرنگ کے اس واقعے کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ فائرنگ ایک سروے ٹیم پر کی گئی۔ اہلکار کے مطابق ایران اور پاکستان کے درمیان سرحد پر واقع ایک ستون پر تنازع ہے۔ اہلکار کا کہنا تھا کہ سروے آف پاکستان سے تعلق رکھنے والے اہلکار اس ستون کا سروے کرنے جا رہے تھے کہ ان پر ممبئیہ طور پر ایرانی سیکورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے فائرنگ کی گئی۔ اہلکار نے بتایا کہ فائرنگ دور سے کی گئی جس کی وجہ سے سروے ٹیم کا کوئی رکن اور ان کی سیکورٹی پر مامور اہلکاروں میں سے کوئی زخمی نہیں ہوا۔ واضح رہے کہ نوروز کی وجہ سے ایرانی سیکورٹی فورسز سرحدی علاقوں میں ہائی الرٹ پر ہیں۔ ایرانی سرحد سے بلوچستان کے پانچ اضلاع متصل ہیں جن میں چاغی، واہنگ، پیچگور، کچھ اور ساحلی ضلع گوار شامل ہیں۔ پاکستانی حکام کی جانب سے پہلے بھی ایرانی سیکورٹی فورسز پر ان اضلاع کی سرحدی علاقوں میں فائرنگ اور گولہ باری کا الزام لگاتے جاتے رہے ہیں۔

گذشتہ روز (پچیس مارچ) اسلام آباد میں وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت مشترکہ مفادات کونسل کے اجلاس میں وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں نے قومی مردم شماری کے عمل کو غیر معینہ مدت تک ملتوی کر دیا۔ ایوانِ وزیر اعظم کے پریس ریلیز کے مطابق یہ فیصلہ وفاقی شماریاتی ڈویژن کے سکرٹری کی اس بریفنگ کی روشنی میں کیا گیا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جاری آپریشن ضربِ عرب کے سبب مردم شماری کے تحفظ و نگرانی کے لیے درکار تین لاکھ فوجی فی الحال دستیاب نہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ پاکستان میں آخری مردم شماری 18 برس قبل ہوئی حالانکہ حکومت آئین کے تحت دس برس میں ایک بار مردم شماری کرانے کی پابند ہے۔ اس آئینی پابندی پر سنہ 1981 تک باقاعدگی سے عمل ہوتا رہا تاہم اس کے بعد سے اب تک 35 برس میں صرف ایک مردم شماری (1998) ہو پائی۔ 1998 کی آخری مردم شماری کے بعد پچھلے 18 برس میں خانہ شماری و مردم شماری کی کم از کم دو کوششیں ہوئیں لیکن نتائج ہر بار متنازعہ ہو گئے۔ مردم شماری کسی بھی بہانے کے لیے نقصان عام آدمی کا ہی ہے۔ جب یہی نہیں معلوم ہو پائے گا کہ کس صوبے، شہر، قصبے، دیہات کی کتنی آبادی ہے اور اس میں مردوں، عورتوں، بچوں، جوانوں، بوڑھوں کی تعداد کیا ہے، کتنے خاندان ہیں اور کیسے کیسے گھروں میں رہتے ہیں اور ان کی آمدن کیا ہے تو اقتصادی و بجٹ ترجیحات ہمیشہ گزربز رہیں گی۔ تازہ انتخابی حلقہ بندیاں نہ ہو پائیں گی۔ پارلیمنٹ، صوبائی اسمبلیوں اور بلدیات کی نشستیں فرضی تخمینوں پر بنتی رہیں گی۔

دوروزہ سرکاری دورے پر جمعے کو اسلام آباد پہنچنے کے بعد ایران کے صدر حسن روحانی نے پاکستان کے وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے ملاقات کی جس کے دوران دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان مختلف شعبوں میں مفاہمت کی یادداشتوں پر دستخط کیے گئے۔ ملاقات میں طے پایا ہے کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تجارت اور آمدورفت کے فروغ کے لیے دو نئی سرحدی راہداریاں بنائی جائیں گی۔ ایرانی صدر اور پاکستانی وزیر اعظم کی دن آن ملاقات کے بعد دونوں سربراہان نے دفعہ کے درمیان ہونے والے مذاکرات کی قیادت بھی کی، جس میں دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تجارت اور معیشت کو فروغ دینے پر بات ہوئی۔ بعد ازاں صدر حسن روحانی اور وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے مشترکہ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کیا۔ اس موقع پر پاکستان کے وزیر اعظم نے بتایا کہ دونوں ملکوں نے توانائی سمیت ہر شعبے میں تعاون پر بات کی ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ سرحدی راہداریوں کے قیام سے تجارت اور لوگوں کی آمدورفت میں مدد ملے گی۔ اپنے خطاب میں ایران کے صدر حسن روحانی نے کہا کہ میں اپنے دورے کے نتائج سے مطمئن ہوں۔ پاکستان کی سلامتی ہماری سلامتی ہے۔ ریڈیو پاکستان کے مطابق صدر حسن روحانی کا یہ بھی کہنا تھا کہ دونوں ملکوں کی سرحدیں محفوظ کرنے سے باہمی طور پر فائدہ ہو گا۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف سے ملاقات میں انھوں نے گوار اور ایرانی بندرگاہ چاہ بہار میں بہتر رابطے قائم کرنے کے امکانات پر بھی بات کی۔

انھوں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان مسائل کے حل پر بھی بات ہوئی ہے اور علاقائی مسائل بھی زیر غور آئے۔ ایران پر اس کے متنازع جوہری پروگرام کے باعث عائد کی جانے والی عالمی ان پابندیوں کے خاتمے سے اقتصادی روابط میں اضافے کے نئے مواقع پیدا ہوئے ہیں۔ ایران کے صدر کی حیثیت سے حسن روحانی کا پاکستان کا یہ پہلا دورہ ہے جو وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی دعوت پر کر رہے ہیں۔ ان کے ہمراہ اعلیٰ سطح کا ایک وفد بھی شامل ہے جس میں وزراء، اعلیٰ حکام اور تاجر شامل ہیں۔ مصرین کے مطابق حسن روحانی کے دورے میں پاکستان ایران سے معاہدہ کر کے بحران

محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران بالائی فانا، ملاکنڈ، ہزارہ، مردان، پشاور، کوہاٹ ڈویژن، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا، لاہور ڈویژن، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش اور بعض مقامات پر زلزلہ باری کی بھی توقع ہے۔ گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران پنجاب، کے پی، فانا اور کشمیر میں اکثر مقامات پر جبکہ کوئٹہ ڈویژن، اسلام آباد اور گلگت بلتستان میں کہیں کہیں بارش ہوئی۔ گزشتہ روز مٹھی، لہیلہ، تربت اور چچور میں سب سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت سینتیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

کراچی — محکمہ موسمیات اور ماہرین نے پیش گوئی کی ہے کہ کراچی میں پچھلے سال کی طرح اس بار بھی مئی کے آخر یا جون کے شروع میں گرمی کی سخت لہر آئے گی۔ سخت گرمی کی تباہ کاریوں سے بچنے کے لئے کیا کرنا چاہیے اور کیا نہیں، زیر نظر ویڈیو رپورٹ میں ملاحظہ کیجیے۔ کراچی میں اب کی بار فوری کے مہینے سے ہی سورج نے تیزی دیکھنا شروع کر دی ہے اور ان دنوں یہ حال ہے کہ دوسرا پہر شروع ہوتے ہیں لوگ سائے دار جگہیں تلاش کر رہے ہوتے ہیں۔

بین الاقوامی ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اربوں افراد کو پانی اور وسائل فراہم کرنے والے ہندو کش، قراقرم اور ہمالیائی (ایچ کے ایچ) پہاڑی سلسلوں کا مستقبل پیاسا، گرم اور نمی سے بھرپور بھی ہو سکتا ہے جس سے آبی وسائل کو خطرہ لاحق ہو سکتا ہے۔ انٹرنیشنل سینٹر فار انی گریڈ ماؤنٹین ڈویلپمنٹ (آئی سی آئی ایم او ڈی) اور دیگر بین الاقوامی اداروں کا کہنا ہے کہ جنوبی ایشیا کے دریاؤں کا دامن پانی اور خوراک سے بھرنے والا مشہور ایچ کے ایچ سلسلہ آب و ہوا میں تبدیلی سے شدید متاثر ہو رہا ہے اور یہ پہاڑی سلسلے قدرے گرم اور خشک ہو سکتے ہیں۔ اس طرح یہاں رہنے والے لاکھوں کروڑوں افراد کی معاشی اور معاشرتی زندگی شدید متاثر ہو سکتی ہے۔ ماہرین نے اس امر پر مزید تحقیق اور انسانوں کی بہتری کے لئے مزید وسائل اور تیاری پر بھی زور کے مطابق ہندو کش اور ہمالیہ پہاڑی سلسلے تیزی سے گرم ہو رہے ہیں جو دنیا کے بقیہ علاقوں سے زیادہ ہے۔ 2050 تک یہاں کا اوسط درجہ دیا ہے۔ حرارت ایک درجے سینٹی گریڈ تک بڑھ سکتا ہے جب کہ موسم سرما بھی قدرے گرم ہو سکتا ہے اس طرح گرمی کی شدت مزید بڑھ سکتی ہے۔ اٹلس کی جانب سے مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ بارش کے واقعات کم ہو جائیں گے لیکن بارش کی شدت اور مقدار میں اضافہ ہوتا جائے گا جس سے ایک طرف سیلاب اور دوسری جانب خشک سالی کا دورانیہ بڑھے گا۔ اسے پانچ بڑے دریاؤں، گنگا، میکوٹنگ، برہم پترا، سالوین اور سندھ میں 2050 تک پانی کی کوئی کمی نہیں ہوگی لیکن گلیشیر پگھلنے سے دریائیں بھر جائیں گے اور گلیشیر پگھلنے سے ان کے پھٹنے اور گلیشیریائی سیلابوں کا خطرہ بڑھ جائے گا۔ رپورٹ میں زور دیا گیا ہے کہ ان پہاڑوں سے فائدہ اٹھانے والے تمام ممالک سیلابوں سے بچنے کی خصوصی تیاری کریں۔

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کراچی میں مئی، جون میں سورج پھر آگ
برسائے گا: ماہرین
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ہمالیہ سلسلہ گرم ہونے سے آبی وسائل کو
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قدرتی آفات

تفصیلات

اسلام آباد: وفاقی دارالحکومت سمیت ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں 4.4 شدت کے زلزلے سے عوام میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا۔ زلزلہ کوہ پامر کے مطابق اسلام آباد اور گروناوچ میں 4.4 شدت کے زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے، زلزلے کی گہرائی 176 کلومیٹر اور اس کا مرکز افغانستان میں کوہ ہندوکش کا پہاڑی سلسلہ تھا۔ اسلام آباد کے علاوہ سوات اور مینگورہ میں بھی زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے۔ زلزلے میں کسی جانی و مالی نقصان کی اطلاعات موصول نہیں ہوئیں تاہم زلزلے کے بعد لوگ خوف کے مارے اپنے گھروں سے باہر آگئے اور کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد شروع کر دیا۔

چترال: چترال میں 19 مارچ کو برفانی تودے تلے دبے مزید 2 طلبہ کی لاشیں نکال لی گئیں، اب تک 9 میں سے 4 لاشیں نکالی جا چکی ہیں۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کے مطابق چترال کے مختلف دیہات کے 8 طلبہ اور ایک شخص 19 مارچ کو کوہ سوسم گاؤں میں قائم اسکول سے اپنے گھروں کو واپس جا رہے تھے کہ برفباری کے باعث راستہ بند ہو گیا۔ اس دوران ایک برفانی تودہ ان پر آگرا جس سے تمام افراد دب گئے تھے۔ چترال اسکواڈس، پولیس اہلکاروں اور مقامی لوگوں نے ریسکیو آپریشن کر کے ایک شخص اور 3 طلبہ کی لاشوں کو نکال لیا ہے، جبکہ باقی طلبہ کے لئے ریسکیو آپریشن جاری ہے۔ ریسکیو اہلکاروں کا کہنا ہے کہ تودہ کئی کلومیٹر علاقے پر پھیلا ہوا ہے۔ بچوں کی مدد سے برف ہٹا رہے ہیں جس سے مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔

کراچی (اے این این) کراچی میں رواں برس بھی گزشتہ برس جیسی شدید گرمی پڑنے کا امکان محکمہ صحت نے طبی عملے کو اس سلسلے میں کوئی تربیت ہی نہیں دی۔ ڈائریکٹر ہیلتھ سروسز کراچی کی جانب سے صوبائی محکمہ صحت کو باضابطہ خط لکھا گیا ہے جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ شہر میں مئی کے مہینے میں گرم ہوائیں چلنے کے امکانات ہیں۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جماعۃ الدعوۃ کے رفاهی ادارے فلاح انسانیت فاؤنڈیشن نے تھر کے علاقے ڈھاکلی میں آگ سے متاثرہ گھروں کے متاثرین میں خشک راشن تقسیم کیا اور جلنے والے گھروں کی بحالی کا بھی جائزہ لیا۔ اس موقع پر فلاح انسانیت فاؤنڈیشن کے وائس چیئرمین شاہد محمود نے متاثرین سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم آپ کو مصیبت کی اس گھڑی میں تنہا نہیں چھوڑیں گے ایف آئی ایف متاثرین کو نئے چھو پڑے بنا کر دے گی، اس موقع پر متاثرین میں فلاح انسانیت فاؤنڈیشن کی تقسیم کی گئی۔

ملتان (روزنامہ نوائے وقت نیوز) دریائے چناب میں کٹاؤ کے باعث ملتان کی کئی بستیاں زیر آب آگئیں، جس کے باعث سینکڑوں ایکڑ اراضی پر کھڑی گندم اور گنے سمیت کئی تیار فصلیں بھی تباہ ہو گئیں۔ ملتان میں دریائے چناب کا کٹاؤ تیزی سے جاری ہے، جس سے دریائی علاقہ میں آباد 4 سے زائد بستیاں پانی نذر ہو چکی ہیں جبکہ آم کے باغات کو بھی بری طرح نقصان پہنچا ہے اور گندم کی کھڑی فصل تباہ ہو گئی ہے۔ دریائی کٹاؤ کے باعث بیٹ کے علاقوں میں رہنے والے افراد نقل مکانی پر مجبور ہو چکے ہیں، دوسری جانب ضلعی انتظامیہ نے محکمہ انہار کا ہدایات جاری کرتے ہوئے پانی کو فوری بند بنانے کا حکم دیا ہے تاکہ دریائی کٹاؤ کو روکا جاسکے۔

اوپاٹو (نامہ نگار) گڈو بیراج سے نکلنے والی گھونکی فیڈر کینال پر تجاوزات کے خلاف محکمہ آبپاشی سیڈا کا آپریشن، درجنوں دکانیں اور مکانات مسمار کر کے قبضے و اگزار کر لئے گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ڈائریکٹر محکمہ آبپاشی سیڈا غلام یاسین قریشی کے مطابق ضلع گھونکی کے سب سے بڑے گھونکی کینال کے مقام پر تجاوزات کے خلاف آپریشن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے جس کے دوران گھونکی فیڈر کینال پر قائم دکانیں اور مکانات مسمار کر کے قبضہ و اگزار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ڈائریکٹر سیڈا غلام یاسین قریشی کا کہنا تھا کہ گھونکی فیڈر کینال پر تجاوزات کے خلاف آپریشن کا مقصد گھونکی فیڈر کینال کو اصلی حالت میں بنانا ہے، اس منصوبے پر دو ارب نوے کروڑ روپے لاگت آئے گی انہوں نے بتایا کہ یہ زیرو سے 127 آرڈی تک ریگولیٹروں کی تبدیلی اور جو کینال چوک ہو چکے ہیں انہیں از سر تعمیر و مرمت کے ساتھ ساتھ پورے کینال کی از سر نو بحالی کی جائے گی اور گھونکی فیڈر کینال پر کسی قسم کی تجاوزات برداشت نہیں کی جائیں گی انہوں نے کہا کہ تجاوزات کے خلاف کیا جانے والا آپریشن غیر قانونی قبضوں کے واکزار ہونے تک جاری رہے گا۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج بالائی کے پی، بالائی پنجاب، بالائی فانا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں مزید بارش کی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے۔ اس دوران بالائی پنجاب اور بالائی کے پی میں بعض مقامات پر ٹرالہ باری کا بھی امکان ہے۔ ملک کے شمالی علاقوں میں مطلع ابر آلود ہے جبکہ پونجی اور گلگت میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ آج بالائی کے پی کے پہاڑی علاقوں، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کا بھی خدشہ ہے۔

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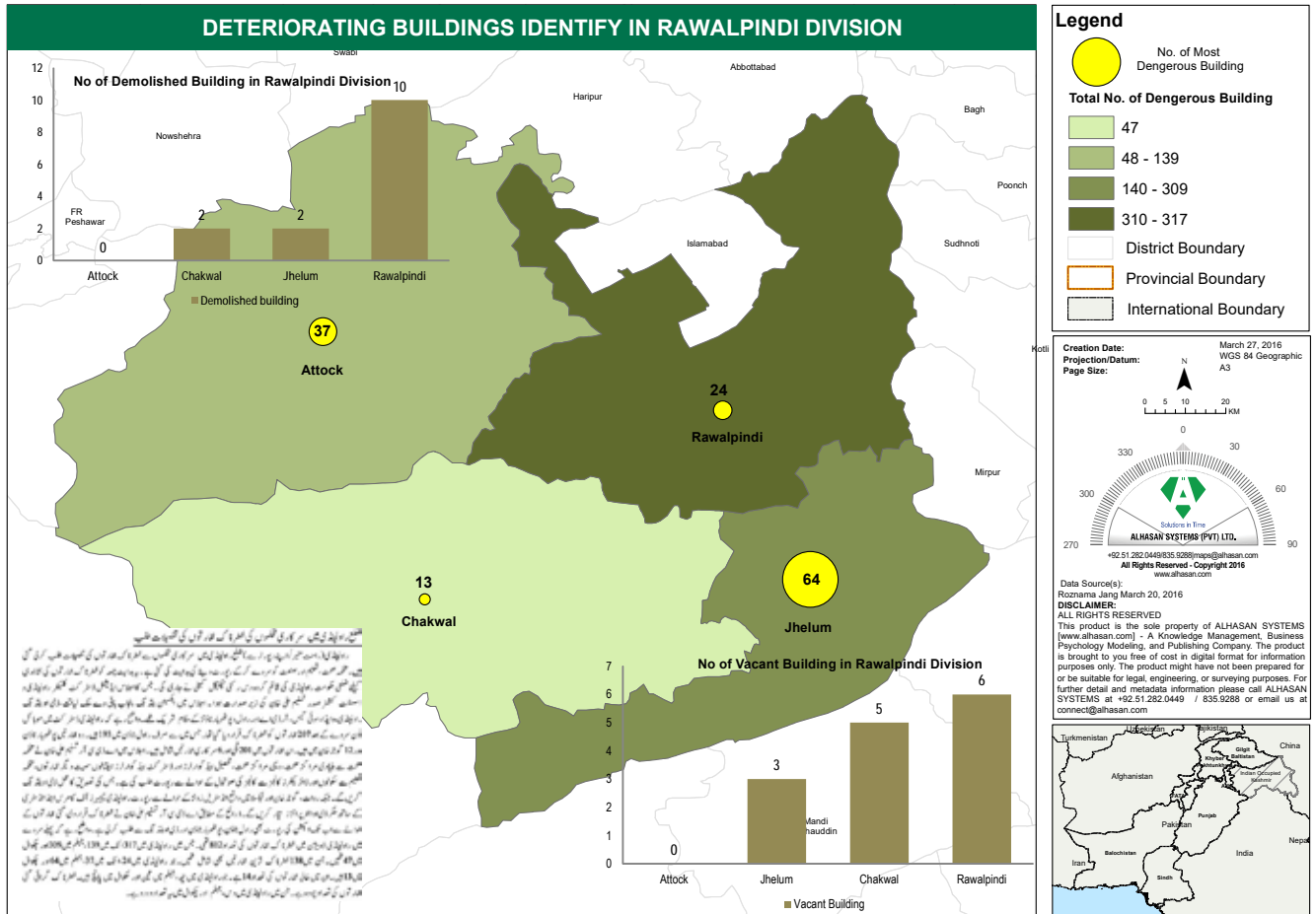
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