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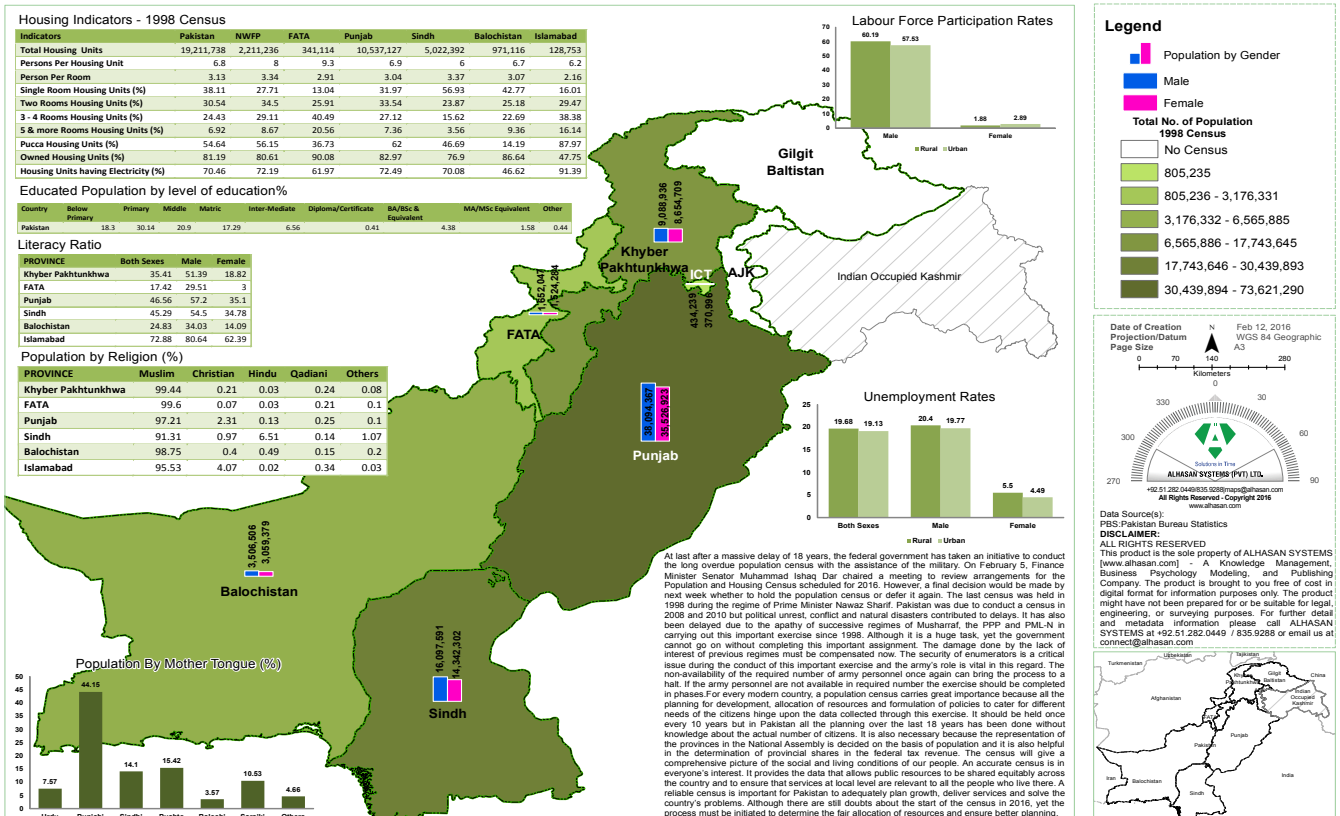
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Denial or rumour? Health dept denies death from swine flu

*Geo Pakistan, February 14, 2016*

#### Four more children die, death toll reaches 161 in drought-hit Tharparkar

*Dunya News, February 13, 2016*

#### Climate change

*Daily Times, February 13, 2016*

#### Rain ravages claim six lives

*Dawn News, February 13, 2016*

### DETAILS

**KARACHI:** The Sindh health department denied that two people died on Saturday after suffering from swine flu. According to health officials, the 65-year-old resident of Sadiqabad, Sirajul Hassan Arain, died on February 9 but, they claimed, he was suffering from regular flu and chest infection, not the H1N1 virus. He was admitted at a private hospital on February 4, said Karachi health director Dr Zafar Ejaz. Recently, two people in Karachi tested positive for the virus and died – an infant and an elderly person. Health officials have also confirmed that 22 others have been diagnosed with the same influenza but they are out of danger and are not admitted at any hospital. The national health authorities have already put hospitals on alert after cases surfaced in different cities of Punjab, including Multan and Lahore.

Despite the paranoia surrounding the spread of swine flu in Sindh, the provincial health officials are confident that the virus is not a threat. "There is no need to panic about swine flu in the city," Dr Ejaz told The Express Tribune last week, before listing the necessary precautions.

#### Patient suffering from swine flu dies at hospital

The physically weak, including children and aged persons, should get vaccinated immediately. "Patients with the flu must take plenty of water, rest and consult a doctor in case of severity," he advised. Otherwise, he added, there is nothing to worry about. Dr Naseem Salahuddin, an infectious diseases specialist at the Indus Hospital, said that swine flu bears many similarities with the common flu. "We have all experienced influenza. This is same," she explained. A runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever and body-ache are symptoms of the H1N1 influenza, she said, but in severe conditions there is a chance of diarrhoea. "The cough continuous for three to five days and weakness is felt for around six days," Dr Salahuddin said. She urged infected persons to keep their fevers under control by using Panadol tablets.

**THARPARKAR (Dunya News)** – Food dearth in Tharparkar has continued engulfing lives of minors as four more children killed due to the famine today (Saturday). A seven-month-old girl Kavita died in Mithi Hospital, one minor lost life in Diplo Hospital while another infant fell prey to hunger in Islam Kot hospital. The death toll has reached 161 in 44 days. Tharparkar district in the famous Thar Desert spans over 120,000 square miles across the Indo-Pak subcontinent. Though only 15 per cent of the desert lies in Pakistan, high rates of child mortality largely due to acute malnutrition pose a major challenge to the local authorities, humanitarian organisations and civil society groups working in the area. Reportedly, Civil Hospital in Mithi lacks funding while staffers remain absent and medicines are scarce in the area. Lack of resources has further added to the misery of the locals. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines, if the Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate among children and women is above 15 percent, it is to be considered an emergency situation. In 2014, the Sindh government announced establishment of Thar Development Authority to address the problem, however, the draft is still pending for approval. During the National Nutrition Survey conducted in 2011, the GAM rate in the province of Sindh is 17.5 per cent and the Severely Acute Malnutrition (SAM) is 6.6 per cent. Chronic Malnutrition, which could cause stunting, is 49.8 per cent. The GAM rate in Tharparkar District is even higher at 22.7 percent and the Chronic Malnutrition is 45.9 per cent. These statistics present a serious situation and calls for a swift action by the government and its partners to improve the nutritional status of children and women.

Climate change refers to changes in an area's overall weather patterns including temperatures. A change in climate is mainly caused by human activities that have resulted in an increased high concentration of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere.

In the past century, human activities have released a large quantity of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The greater part of greenhouse gases arrives from burning fossil fuels to make energy, and some farming practices also emit gases into the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases act like a cover around earth, trapping energy in the environment and causing it to become hot. This phenomenon is called the greenhouse effect and is natural and necessary to maintain life on the globe. Greenhouse gases trap heat and make the planet warmer. Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are called greenhouse gases. Human behaviour is responsible for approximately all of the increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere over the last 170 years. The major cause of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities in Pakistan is from burning fossil fuels for energy, heat, and transport.

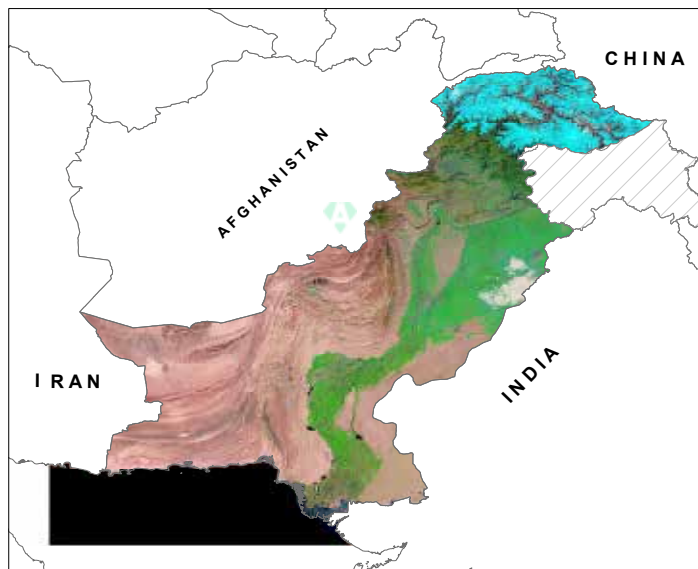
Climate change affects our environment and impacts our way of life in many ways. For example, warmer temperatures raise the frequency, strength, and length of heat waves that can cause health risks, especially for young children and the old. Altering ecosystems influence geographic ranges of several plants and animal species and the timing of their lifecycle events.

You can take many steps at home, on the path, in the universities and in your places of work to decrease greenhouse gas emissions and the risks connected with climate change.

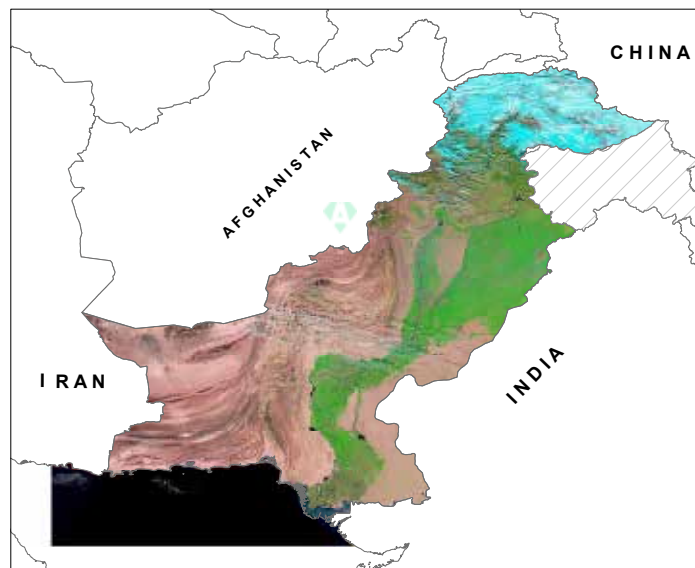
**PESHAWAR:** Heavy snowfall and rains crippled life in parts of Hazara and Malakand divisions on Thursday. Six people died and one suffered injuries in the rain-related incidents in Peshawar and Lower Dir district in the day, the relevant officials said. Residents said Abbottabad town received record one and a half feet snow. The adjoining Galiyat and Thandiani area received five to seven feet snow, according to reports. Heavy snowfall began in the wee hours of Thursday, which continued with intervals in the day. The snow had blocked roads and streets for vehicular traffic in Galiyat and suspended electric supply to 90 per cent population in Abbottabad. The widespread

# WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN (February 08, 2016 to February 13, 2016)

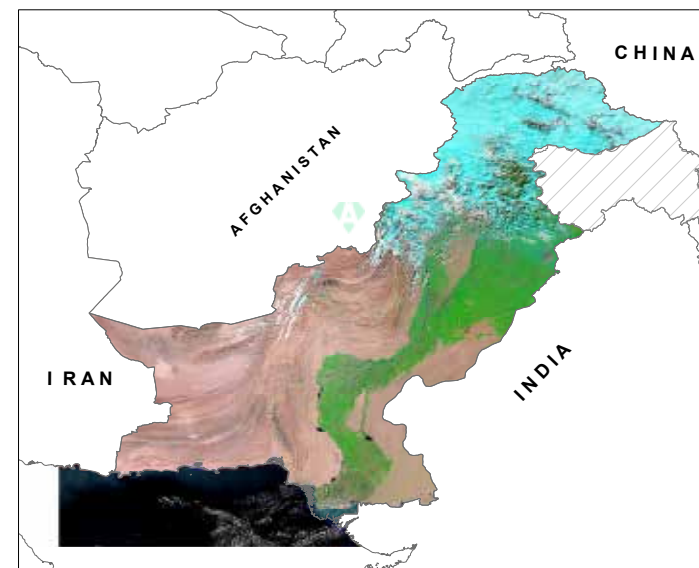
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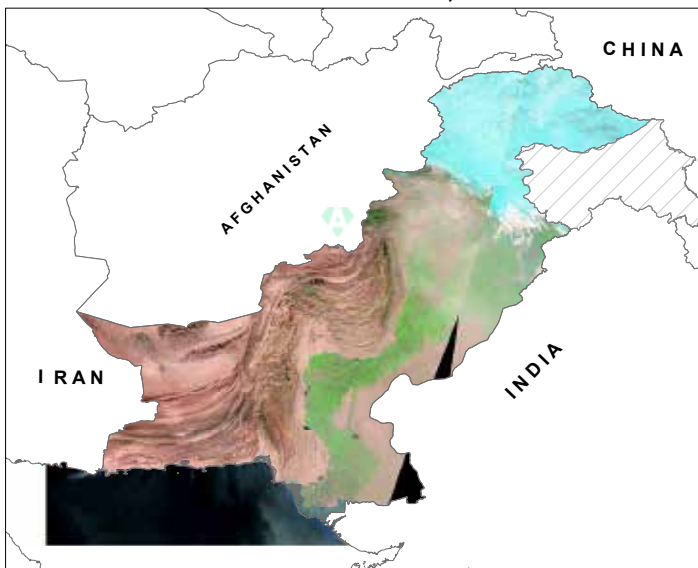
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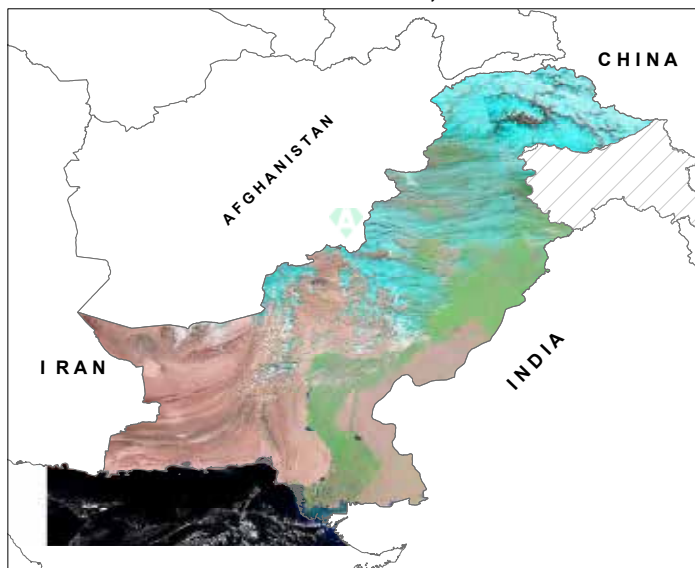
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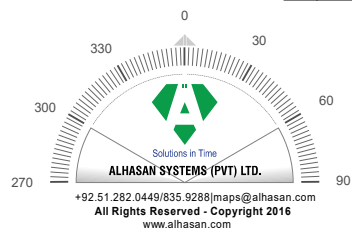
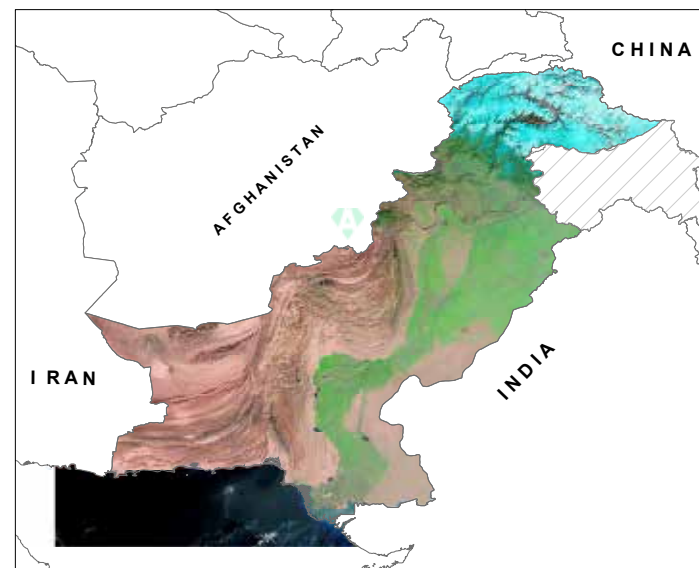
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**No Deaths: 29 dengue cases reported this week**  
*Express Tribune, February 13, 2016*

**Punjab govt signed MoU over climate change policy**  
*Daily Times, February 11, 2016*

rains and snowfall damaged telecommunication networks in the area.

The inclement weather partially damaged the building of the district courtroom. Galiyat was cut off from Abbottabad. The Galiyat Development Authority blocked the main road between Galiyat and Abbottabad Town at Herno and warned tourists not to visit the hill station. The snow blocked the Karakorum Highway linking Pakistan with China at different locations. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority directed the relevant district administration to move heavy machinery to clear major and link roads in Abbottabad and Mansehra districts. The authority confirmed four deaths in Peshawar and two in Lower Dir, while another suffered injuries in the provincial capital. A statement issued here said the deaths occurred when houses collapsed due to heavy rains. The continuous rains and snowfall also dropped the mercury below zero.

The Met Office said the minimum temperature was recorded minus four degree centigrade in Parachinar, Kurram Agency. According to it, Malam Jaba, a ski resort in Swat, received 20 inches snow. Similarly, six inches snow was recorded in Kalam and Upper Dir district each. Parts of Malakand and Hazara divisions also received heavy rains during the last 24 hours. Dir received 98 millimeters rainfall, Saidu Sharif 50mm, Risalpur 44mm and Malam Jaba 47mm. Mingora received the winter's first snowfall breaking the long dry spell. The snowfall began on Wednesday night and continued until Thursday turning the weather extremely cold. The mountainous region in Upper Swat received heavy snowfall leaving the link roads blocked for all kinds of traffic. Also, severe snowfall paralysed life in Upper Dir, where electric supply remained suspended for 27 hours.

Mountainous areas of the district including Lowari top, Komrat, Thal, Shahi, Usheri Dara and other areas received three to four feet of snow, while plain areas including Dir town, Panakot, Qashqari, Qulandi and others received one to two feet of snow. Main road leading to Kohistan valley was closed to traffic from Patrak area as Lowari Top Road was not cleared from snow. Two girls were killed when the wall of a room of their house collapsed due to heavy rain in Timergara Khwar. The torrential rain and snowfall in different parts of Lower Dir continued for the second consecutive day on Thursday. Heavy snowfall at Laram Darra, Shahi, Bin-Shahi, Pato Talash and Toormang forced local people to remain confined to their houses. Link roads leading to hilly areas remained blocked due to snowfall and land sliding. The Mansehra local government declared emergency in the district to cope with any untoward situation. The Karakoram Highway and Mansehra-Naran-Jalkhad Road were blocked owing to heavy snowfall and landslide.

**KARACHI:** At least 29 more dengue fever cases have been reported in Sindh this week, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi. As per the weekly report shared by the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme Sindh, as many as 29 new dengue fever cases were detected in the province between February 5 and February 11, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi and one from Shaheed Benazirabad. Out of total 28 cases reported from the city, seven were reported from District South, eight from West, four from District East, six from District Central, one from District Korangi and two from Malir.

**LAHORE** - Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) Pakistan has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the government organisations concerned to formulate Punjab Climate Change Policy. The LEAD Pakistan signed the memorandum with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the Punjab government, Department of Planning and Development to formulate the Punjab Climate Change Policy and providing strategic benefits of research, management, training, capacity building and development programs on low-carbon development and economic growth.

The memorandum was signed by LEAD Pakistan CEO Ali Tauqeer Sheikh, Environment Protection Secretary Dr Iqbal Muhammad Chauhan and Planning and Development Secretary Iftekhar Ali Sahoo. According to the memorandum, LEAD Pakistan will help in the capacity building of EPA and Planning and Development in different aspects of climate compatible development, provide technical expertise to the policy development process, and help coordinate, consult and engage relevant stakeholders in the preparation to draft Provincial Climate Change Policy and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Action Plans; and assess their capacity for implementation and recommending policy measures for capacity building of stakeholders.

Information will also be collected from various government departments regarding climatic variations in Punjab and their impact. All parties mutually agreed to highlight the contribution of Pakistan, especially Punjab to the global greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions and suggesting measures to reduce them, with a particular focus on incorporating them in the provincial Climate Change policy. The memorandum will help to identify the relevant stakeholders including provincial departments, civil society organisations, academic and research institutions having roles and responsibilities in Climate Change mitigation and adaptation in Punjab province.

It will also help to address issues such as disaster preparedness, capacity building, institutional strengthening and technology transfer to steer Punjab towards climate resilient development, and incorporating them in the provincial policy on climate change. According to Ali Tauqeer, "LEAD Pakistan will assist in the capacity building of members of P&DD, EPA and members of the extended team for the development of the climate change policy. Moreover, LEAD Pakistan will provide technical assistance in setting up a Climate Cell in P&DD, and if necessary maintain a physical presence in the P&DD office to facilitate and support climate compatible development."

A study will also be conducted in this regard and analysis of all existing policies, plans, strategies such as Annual Development Program of Punjab, Development Strategy, Agriculture Policy, Forest Policy, National Climate Change Policy, Provincial and District Disaster Management Plans etc. will be done, so that it can be integrated in the draft Climate Change policy recommendations. It's also aimed that this understanding will help to identify areas vulnerable to natural disasters and unpredictable climatic changes using Geographical Information System (GIS) and giving policy recommendations to enhance resilience of people to cope with climate change.

## Sindh health minister blames media for 'crisis in Thar'

*Pakistan post, February 11, 2016*

**MITHI:** Sindh Health Minister Mehtab Dahar said "the situation in Thar wasn't as worse as portrayed by the media", while two more children died in the drought-hit Thar on Sunday, raising the death toll to 178 since the start of this year. The provincial health minister said that during his visit Civil Hospital in Mithi. Dahar expressed satisfaction over the performance of doctors and paramedics at the only government-run hospital in the district. He claimed "all-out efforts were made by Sindh government to ensure the best healthcare facilities in all towns and villages".

We are unable to provide the basic health facilities in all the remote villages, but we have already provided these facilities in towns and big villages, the minister said, adding that "media is trying to create enmity between people of Thar and their elected PPP government and all such nefarious designs will be foiled". He claimed that Sindh government has carried out "unprecedented" efforts to provide health facilities in the neglected areas like Thar.

Before the arrival of Dahar in Mithi with heavy protocol, some children admitted at the hospital were reportedly discharged from the nursery ward of Civil Hospital by the hospital administration to apparently show him the "normal" situation in the area. Dahar went to make political statements, saying "those criticising Sindh government wanted to bring person like former chief minister Dr Arbab Ghulam Rahim into power", who according to him, only victimised his opponents and had done nothing for the people when he was in power.

The provincial minister then went on to offer training to the media men saying "media should help the government to create awareness among the illiterate people of Thar regarding population planning and early marriages". "The local media is totally playing in the hands of anti-Sindh elements," remarked the minister instead of commenting on the crisis at hand.

## Heavy snowfall cripples life in northern areas

*Pakistan Today, February 11, 2016*

Widespread rain with thunderstorm and snowfall crippled life in northwestern upper parts of the country on Thursday. According to Met Office, heavy snowfall was recorded in hilly areas of Malakand Division, Hazara Division, Gilgit-Baltistan and Azad Kashmir. Popular tourist destinations of Naran, Kaghan, Shogran and Murree also received heavy snowfall, with many roads blocked, including Shahrah-e-Karakoram. Mansehra city in Hazara Division also received 6 to 8 inch snowfall after many years. Heavy rainfall occurred in upper Punjab, including Islamabad and Rawalpindi and different areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including Peshawar, increasing intensity of the cold. Light snowfall also occurred on the capital's Margalla Hills. Rain triggered landsliding in areas of Malakand, Hazara divisions, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir.

Scattered rain (with snowfall over the hills) is expected in upper KP (Malakand, Hazara, Mardan divisions), upper Punjab (Rawalpindi, Gujranwala divisions), Islamabad, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir. Mainly cold and dry weather is expected in most parts of the country. However, light rain (with snowfall over the hills) is expected at a few places in Gilgit-Baltistan, and Kashmir in next 48 hours.

### Rainfall (mm) / Snowfall (ft):

KP: Dir 98, Saidu Sharif 50, Malamjaba 47, Risalpur 47, Lower Dir 39, Pattan 26, Peshawar City 24, Kakul 21, Parachinar 20, Kohat 20, Balakot 19, Drosh 17, Kalam 16, Cherat 15, and Mirkhani 11 mm.

### Punjab & Capital:

Islamabad 37, Rawalpindi 34, Murree 17, Jhelum, Mangla 10, Sialkot A/P 07, Mianwali 06, Sialkot Cantt 05, Gujranwala 03, Mandibahauddin 01). Kashmir (Muzaffarabad 31, Garhi Dupatta 20, Rawalakot 19, and Kotli 13 mm.

### Snowfall:

Malamjabba 02 ft, Murree Galliyat, Kalam, Kagan, Naraan, and Dir 01 ft. Below freezing temperatures were registered in: Parachinar and Quetta -04, Gupis, Murree, Dalbandin, and Kalam -03°C, ands Kalat, Dir, Malamjabba, Drosh, and Nokkundi -02.

## 'Thar only makes the news when there's drought and deaths'

*Express Tribune, February 7, 2016*

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

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

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

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Nisar claims accord with madressahs

*The News, February 14, 2016*

#### Ten insurgents killed in Balochistan: officials

*The Express Tribune, February 14, 2016*

#### Pakistan Navy increases surveillance at Gwadar port

*The Express Tribune, February 14, 2016*

### DETAILS

**ISLAMABAD:** Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan has claimed that the government has reached an understanding with different madressah boards in the country over the question of regulation of seminaries, an impression that madressah officials do not fully agree with. The minister also repeated his mantra, insisting that the militant Islamic State (IS) group had no presence in Pakistan, and said he had ordered action against the kidnappers of the former governor of Afghanistan's Herat province, who was abducted from the capital on Friday. Contending that Pakistan had been plagued by other terrorist groups in the past, he said the state was winning the war against such elements. This latest denial comes on the heels of admissions by two senior security officials – the head of Intelligence Bureau and the military's chief spokesperson – that the IS threat was looming large in the country. Speaking to reporters after a visit to Kallar Syedan on the outskirts of the capital, he said an understanding had been reached between the five madressah boards over the proposed reforms. "Religious leaders in the country are standing with the government and we are telling the world that those who kill women, children and worshippers are doing Islam a great disservice," he said.

But other stakeholders in madressah reforms did not agree with the minister's claim. A seminary official in Islamabad said there had been no progress on the issue and the five mainstream madressah boards — Deoband, Bareilly, Ahle Hadith, Shia and the Jamaat-i-Islami's — had merely held several meetings with the interior ministry. "We are holding meetings but the progress made so far cannot be called 'success'," said Nusrat Ali, who belongs to the Wafaqul Madaris Al Shia. "The only progress on the ground is that police are not conducting unwarranted raids on seminaries." Though not directly commenting on the interior minister's statement, Wafaqul Madaris Al Arabia spokesperson Maulana Abdul Qudus supported the interior minister's view that things were improving. "[Seminaries and the government] are both on the same page over that fact that we have to be realistic, and we both are complementing each other's efforts," he said. Seminary boards had been at odds with the government over the question of registration forms. Even though the matter was somewhat settled when it was decided that there would be two forms — one for new registration and another for annual declaration — it is still not clear which authority will administer this process.

The matter of the forms ping-ponged between various departments, including the religious affairs and interior ministries, before being forwarded to the provinces for feedback. The five madressah boards, meanwhile, have demanded that they be dealt through the provincial education departments, since they are educational institutions. Sindh is the only province where a physical survey of madressahs, supported by teams of Rangers, has begun. Separately, at a meeting called to review the law and order situation, the minister was told that police had made significant headway in the kidnapping of the former governor of the Afghan province of Herat. A handout issued on Saturday said senior police officials, who briefed the interior minister, expected "good news" regarding the whereabouts of the abducted man soon.

**QUETTA:** At least ten insurgents were killed and 12 others arrested in an operation by paramilitary troops in Balochistan, officials said Saturday. The incident occurred in Sangan area of Kharlu district, some 180 kilometres (112 miles) southeast of the provincial capital Quetta. "The frontier corps (paramilitary force) had launched an operation against insurgents of the Baloch Liberation Army in Sangan area since Friday and gradually closed on them Saturday evening, killing 10 insurgents and destroying three training camps," Anwaar Kakar, spokesperson for the provincial government told AFP. The provincial home minister Sarfaraz Bugti said 12 insurgents were also arrested, adding that a local leader of the Baloch Liberation Army was among the dead.

Balochistan, Pakistan's largest but least developed and most sparsely populated province, has been wrecked for decades by a insurgency that was revived in 2004. The separatists believe that locals do not receive a fair share of the province's energy and mineral wealth, while rights groups accuse the government of extra judicial detentions and the killing of activists. The province is also blighted by religious extremists, banditry and sectarian violence between Sunni and Shia Muslims.

**ISLAMABAD:** With the development of the deep sea port at Gwadar, the Pakistan Navy (PN) is anticipating fresh security challenges. It has thus allocated a special Marine Battalion at the port for surveillance. These marines will safeguard sea links used for communication and provide protection to trade ships routing in and out of the port in the near future. In a recent visit to the coastal belts of Gwadar and Karachi by journalists.

PN officials revealed that the new division was deployed in anticipation of trade activities through Gwadar. Trade is expected to spring up under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project. The battalion is an addition to the existing troops securing the coastlines of Karachi Harbour and Sir Creek areas. Officials briefed about the operational capabilities of the force, and the scope and scale of their operations. "Most of the Indian Ocean including Pakistan's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) was declared a high-risk area of piracy," said a PN official, adding that they then enhanced security. As a result, after the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia revised limits of the piracy High-Risk Area last year, it excluded Pakistan's EEZ. Apart from security measures, the navy also shed light on its 'people-centric approach' to rehabilitate people living along the coastline. These projects include running schools, hospitals and vocational training centres in major towns across the 960-km coastal belt. Moreover, the navy conducted mock exercises of boarding and unloading helicopters on one of their frigates for journalists.

**Focus on forces**

### FC to be deployed at educational institutes

*The Express Tribune, February 13, 2016*

### Law and order: Balochistan MPAs call for de-politicising police

*The Express Tribune, February 13, 2016*

Given its proximity with vital international sea routes, Gwadar is likely to become a major port of the country. Located near the international sea routes leading to the Persian Gulf from where 17,500 oil tankers and 7,300 cargo ships pass every year, the navy will require major improvements in the next four to five years once the port becomes fully operational. Once trade under CPEC magnifies and Central Asian countries also join in, it would need more equipment and platforms. For this, PN is in the process of shifting some of its operations and naval assets from Karachi to the newly-built Naval Base in the strategic town of Ormara located mid-way between Karachi and Gwadar. Moreover, owing to the hostility between India and Pakistan, Pakistan Navy has plans on maintaining a 1:5 power balance with its arch rival. According to the officials, India plans on acquiring 50 warships, three aircraft carriers and 22 submarines, of which five will be nuclear submarines, in the next 10 to 15 years. Besides that India also envisions converting its naval force into blue water navy – a marine force capable of operating across the deep waters of open oceans – with intercontinental outreach. This in return would pose serious challenges for Pakistan Navy owing to their resource constraints. However, officials said that they want to maintain minimum deterrence and limited overseas outreach against these plans.

#### Fleet boosting

To keep up with the challenges, special service groups and Pak-Marines have been trained to conduct special operations on land, sea and air. On land, the navy has two warships, Type-21 and F-22P frigates. It also has Patron Craft Squadron, small but lethal missile boats equipped to safeguard sea frontiers and deliver an offensive punch which strikes deep into enemy territory. According to officials, the main attacking fleet includes four former British Navy Amazon-class ships, known as Type-21, which they intend on withdrawing by 2020. Four Chinese light frigates, F-22P, are also part of the attacking fleet. Moreover, the navy owns an Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigate. To replace the Type-21s, they plan on adding another five to six of these surface warriors until new ones are built. Apart from these, the surface fleet consists of destroyers, high-speed missile crafts, gun boats, mine hunters, and training ships and boats.

For underwater surveillance, the navy has deployed the Submarines Service Force. Their primary mission includes commencing peaceful engagement, surveillance and intelligence management, special operations, precision strikes, battle group operations and control of Pakistan's sea borders. Currently, the navy has a fleet of five submarines, three 90B Agosta and two 70B Agosta. In the near future, it is planning to add another eight. Lastly, the third component of Pakistan Navy's operations is its aviation fleet, comprising six squadrons. These carrier air wings include P3C Orion, ATR and Fokker aircraft while helicopter units have Z9EC, Sea King and Alouette.

**ISLAMABAD:** In a move to beef up security, Frontier Constabulary (FC) guards will now be deployed at the capital's public educational institutes. State Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division (CADD) Tariq Fazl Chaudhry told the National Assembly on Friday that CADD would soon recruit FC guards through the interior ministry. Chaudhary, while responding to a question on security at educational institutes in the federal capital, said the interior ministry had recently made the offer to CADD. He said the Federal Directorate of Education was also filling 597 vacant positions for watchmen at 422 public sector schools and colleges. Besides, FDE is also temporarily hiring private security guards to fill the gap until the recruitment is completed, the minister informed. The house was told that the recently-devised security protocols for public educational institutes involve raising of boundary walls, digital visitor identification systems, regular security inspections, and installation of surveillance cameras. Through a written reply, he said, boundary walls at 46 educational institutes had raised, while at other institutes the status varied between several stages of completion. Walls at the remaining schools would be raised in the second phase of the Prime Minister Educational Reform Programme.

The minister of state said that CADD ministry transferred 180 million to the Public Works Department (PWD) to build walls around educational institutes. He said that like other provinces the federal government had felt the need to establish a curriculum wing adding that a building had also been allocated for this wing. The wing, he said, would resolve issues related to education and curriculum. Chaudhary added that teachers training programs for the staff of capital schools would also be initiated by this wing. Meanwhile, a meeting to review security arrangements at educational institutes, markets and media houses was held at the Interior Ministry. According to a press release, the ministry directed the Islamabad SSP to nominate an SP-level officer as the focal person to liaise with representatives of media houses and educational institutes. The interior minister has also constituted a committee with representatives from private schools, the Federal Directorate of Education, CADD and the police. The committee would submit an initial report within one month.

**QUETTA:** As they unanimously agreed to launch all possible efforts to eradicate terrorism from their province, members of the Balochistan Assembly on Friday called for the complete de-politicisation of police to achieve this aim. The observation was made as the house discussed an adjournment motion moved by opposition leader Maulana Wassey in the previous session. Speaking on occasion, Home Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti claimed that the police department had already been de-politicised. "There is no political interference in transfers and postings of police officers. Gone are the days when relatives of MPAs were involved in kidnappings," he said. Bugti added that the Frontier Corps (FC) had also been called in to maintain law and order in Balochistan.

However, opposition MPA Engineer Zamrak Khan pointed out that threats to law and order were once again emerging in Balochistan. He also questioned the role of FC in the province given the existence of police and levies. "FC presence gives the impression that the police and levies have failed," he said. Opposition leader Wassey, meanwhile, connected terrorist activity in Balochistan to work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). "Much of the benefit of this project will go Punjab even as children and security personnel lose their lives in Balochistan," he said. Still, he said all opposition MPAs were with the government against all acts of terrorism. Home Minister



## US approves sale of F-16s to Pakistan

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Bugti assured that the provincial government would soon hold an in-camera briefing for MPAs on the law and order situation. "The world has eyes on Balochistan due to its mineral resources and opposition to CPEC," he said.

**WASHINGTON:** The US government said on Friday it had approved the sale to Pakistan of up to eight F-16 fighter jets built by Lockheed Martin Corp, radar and other equipment in a deal valued at \$699 million. The Pentagon's Defense Security Cooperation Agency, which oversees foreign arms sales, said it had notified lawmakers about the possible deal. The agency said the F-16s would allow Pakistan's Air Force to operate in all-weather environments and at night, while improving its self-defense capability and bolstering its ability to conduct counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations. Lawmakers have 30 days to block the sale, although such action is rare since deals are well-vetted before any formal notification. India said it was disappointed with the US decision. "We disagree with their rationale that such arms transfers help to combat terrorism," Vikas Swarup, a spokesperson for India's Foreign Ministry, said on Twitter. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker notified the Obama administration that he would not approve using US funds to pay for the planes through the foreign military financing (FMF) program. That means Pakistan must fund the purchase itself, instead of relying on US funds to cover about 46 per cent of the cost.

Given the funds it has available, Pakistan may be able to buy only four of the F-16 Block 52 models, and the associated radar and electronic warfare equipment, said one US source familiar with the situation. Corker told Secretary of State John Kerry in a letter that he was concerned about Pakistan's ties to the Haqqani network, a militant group that US officials have said is behind attacks in Afghanistan. "I may reconsider my blanket hold on US FMF assistance should the Pakistanis make progress on addressing my significant concerns about their support for the Haqqani network, but for now, if they wish to purchase this military equipment, they will do so without a subsidy from the American taxpayer," he wrote. One US official said the administration was convinced that F-16s were the right platform to support Pakistan's counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations. "These operations reduce the ability of militants to use Pakistani territory as a safe haven for terrorism and a base of support for the insurgency in Afghanistan, which is in the national interests of both Pakistan and the United States, and in the interest of the region more broadly," the official said. Lockheed referred questions about the deal to the US government.

## CTD arrests nine militants of banned outfits

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**LAHORE:** The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) arrested on Friday nine militants linked with the banned Sipah-i-Sahba Pakistan (SSP), Sipah-i-Muhammad Pakistan and Daesh. A CTD spokesman said in the first raid Qari Muhammad Yousaf and Muhammad Younus were arrested in Madressah Noorul Huda, sector A-2 of Township. They belong to the banned Islamic State (IS or Daesh). He said police also recovered explosives and hate material from them and held them in a case under section 4/5 ESA, 11-F (2) and 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act. He said in the second raid in the Batapur area, Muhammad Suleman, Ahmed Nawaz, Abdul Manan and Hakeem Khan, of the banned SSP, were arrested. He said police also recovered hate material and explosive which was hidden in a green belt near Abdullah Interchange. A case under section 11-F (2), 9 of ATA was registered against them. The spokesman said that in the third raid in the Sanda area, three members of banned Sipah-i-Muhammad Pakistan - Shehzada Ghulam Hussain, Shahid and Sajid Abbas - were arrested.

He said police also found hate material at Imran cassette and CD house near Bibi Pak Daman shrine and registered a case under section 11-F (2), 9- ATA. He said that the suspects were planning to attack the law enforcement agencies. All the arrested suspects were shifted to undisclosed locations for further interrogation. Accident: A youth was killed in an accident in Ichhra here on Friday. Police said Usman, 20, was on his way on a motorcycle when a car hit him from the rear. The biker lost control and rammed into a barrier and suffered critical injuries. Police said the car driver managed to escape from the scene. The injured was taken to a nearby hospital where he died. Police shifted the body to morgue for identification.

**SUICIDE:** A 70-year-old man allegedly committed suicide after consuming poisonous pills in Shadbagh here on Friday. Police said Abdul Ghafoor was annoyed with his family over some domestic issue. He was found unconscious in his room and was taken to a nearby hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Police shifted the body to morgue for an autopsy, collected forensic evidences from the crime scene and registered statements of eyewitnesses. Police later handed over the body to the family after completing legal formalities.

## Series of small explosions in Karachi leave residents panicked

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**KARACHI:** Three small explosions within two hours in different parts of Karachi on Friday left residents panicked. A policeman was injured when a homemade grenade was hurled at a police station in the Gulshan-i-Iqbal area, a police spokesman said. Unidentified assailants on a motorbike lobbed a homemade grenade at the Mobina Town police station on Main Abul Hassan Isafahani Road, partially damaging a wall of the building and a car belonging to the Head Moharir of the police station, a police spokesman said. The suspects fled after the attack. Constable Asif Ali Lashari, who was on duty at the time, suffered a minor injury and was admitted to a hospital for treatment. A heavy contingent of police and Rangers reached the site of the attack on the Mobina Town police station and the road was temporarily closed to traffic, DawnNews reported. A similar explosion near a bus stand in the Karimabad area did not cause any casualties, Senior Superintendent Police District Central Muqadas Haider said. The Karachi Police Media Cell, however, said the hand grenade was hurled at APWA College for girls in Karimabad, the boundary wall of which was damaged.

A third homemade explosive device was lobbed by unidentified individuals about 15-20 feet away from a school in North Nazimabad Block-A, police said. A 16-year-old boy passing by at the time of the attack received minor injuries. He was discharged from the hospital after treatment. Television footage showed panicked parents reach the school to collect their children following the incident.

## All terrorist groups working in collusion to launch attacks: Bajwa

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Chief Minister (CM) Qaim Ali Shah took notice of the incident and ordered a report into the incident, CM spokesman said. Within the past month, Rangers checkpoints have been targeted twice by homemade grenades. SSP Haider said the motive of a similar attack earlier this week may be to "create fear and spread chaos".

**NEWS DESK:** Around 97 al Qaeda and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi militants, including three commanders, were arrested in Karachi and a planned attack to break US journalist Daniel Pearl's killer out of jail was foiled, Director General Inter-Service Public Relations Lt-Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa said on Friday. The men are accused of involvement in major attacks on two air bases, the Karachi airport, and several regional intelligence headquarters and on police installations between 2009 and 2015, DG ISPR said. The LeJ's Naeem Bokhari and Sabir Khan, as well as Farooq Bhatti, deputy chief of al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), were captured by forces in recent raids, military spokesperson Lieutenant General Asim Bajwa said. "Our conclusion is that all of the terrorist groups are trying to cooperate with each other in order to carry out terrorist attacks," he told a news conference. The LeJ and AQIS had been working "in collusion" with the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, Bajwa added. Bajwa declined to give details of the raids, including their timing. Several of those arrested, including Bokhari, were in the advanced stages of planning a jailbreak attempt on the Hyderabad Central Jail, Bajwa said.

Khalid Omar Sheikh, who kidnapped and killed the Wall Street Journal's Daniel Pearl in 2002, is being held at that jail and was to be released during the raid, he said. Six suicide bombers had been enlisted in the attack plan, in addition to 19 involved in facilitating it, Bajwa said. More than 350 kg of explosives had been recovered from a building believed to be a hideout, he said. Video images of the building showed blue plastic barrels filled with explosives, washing machines that had been used to transport arms and ammunition, long lengths of detonating cord and dozens of ball bearings. The footage also showed several rifles that Bajwa said had been stolen from police in earlier targeted attacks. "This plan was 90 percent ready for execution," he added. "Rangers carried out as many as 7,000 targeted operations in Karachi and 6,000 militants out of over 12,000 arrested by the military have been handed over to the police," he said, adding the achievements of the Pakistan Army lie in successfully wiping out militant hideouts from the country especially those in Fata. He went on to say that the effects of Zarb-e-Azb were not limited to the country but the entire region.

The DG ISPR claimed that since the launch of military operations in the country, there has been significant respite in kidnappings, murders, snatching and other crimes which were at their peak before the start of the operation. "In September 2013, when the Rangers operation began in Karachi, terrorism was at its peak." Further, Bajwa pointed out that some factions of the society had raised concerns before the start of the military operation fearing it will create backlash in the country. "13,212 operations have been carried out by intelligence agencies," he said. Regarding assassination of Karachi Police SSP Chaudhry Aslam and Karachi airport attack, Bajwa said these attacks were carried out by al Qaeda's South Asia network, claiming the group's commander handled those attacks from Afghan soil. Bajwa also showed a map of the Hyderabad Jail which he said was prepared by terrorists with the help of a police constable at the prison and revealed they intended to jailbreak. "Three terrorists, including a police constable, who helped terrorists make this map, have been apprehended and are being interrogated by intelligence agencies."

During the presser, the DG ISPR showed a video of a terrorists' compound with a huge quantity of explosives, communication equipment and material. "Weapons have been recovered in Hyderabad jail break attempt. Recoveries include machines to grind explosives and make explosive material, vehicles, ball bearings, police and military uniforms, backpacks and communication equipment," he said. Regarding terror activities in Karachi, Bajwa said there has been 70 per cent respite in terrorism in the metropolis whereas cases of extortion have been reduced by 80 per cent. The DG ISPR went on to say that Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif visited Karachi multiple times and spent days in the city to oversee the operation, suggesting implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) should be sped up to reduce terrorism.

## TTP commander among 34 suspects arrested in Kohat

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**KOHAT:** At least 34 suspected persons, including six facilitators and a commander of banned outfit were arrested during search operation by police and Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) in Kohat on Friday. According to the sources, police and security forces launched joint action at Kohat bypass road and its adjacent areas and detained 33 accused including six facilitators of the militants. They also include Afghan nationals. Kohat Police and intelligence agencies also arrested Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan commander Dilawar Khan alias Mufti. Government had placed Rs1 million head money of Dilawar Khan. DPO Kohat said Dilawar Khan was wanted in various bomb attacks and terror activities. One suspected person was also detained from the Charsadda. The accused is identified as Sohail.

## Sindh Police to establish counter-terror university

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**KARACHI:** Sindh Police decided on Thursday to set up a counter-terrorism university along with police emergency services and a number of police facilitation centres under its "Promise of Peace" (PoP) project in a bid to strengthen the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) in the province. An approval in this regard was accorded by Sindh Police Management Board (SPMB) during a meeting chaired by Sindh Home Minister Sohail Anwar Sial at the Special Security Unit (SSU) headquarters. The PoP project was first conceived by Sindh Police AIG Security SSP Maqsood Ahmad Memon, who gave a detailed presentation about the project during the SPMB meeting and outlined its benefits for the citizens. Following his presentation, the chairman and members of SPMB directed the AIG security to expedite work on the establishment of Institute of Peace and Policing Studies (prospective counter-terrorism university), Police Emergency Services-911 and Police Facilitation Centres. During the meeting, Memon informed the participants that the university will be a learning and research centre of international standards to counter terrorism and extremism in the region with focus on studying and identifying the ideology and latest trends of terror and terrorists' modus operandi. "The university will cater to the development of new training for police personnel of all ranks in view of changing criminal and terrorists' strategies", he said,

### Military irked by delay in release of funds for TDPs

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### 19 INGOs allowed to operate in Pakistan

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adding the PoP project will help in successful implementation of NAP in the province.

Regarding police facilitation centres, the AIG said they will provide 24/7 services to citizens through one window process and help desk. "Help desk is intended to provide a trouble-free interface and guidance for all sorts of public complaints," he said. Memon went on to add that the Police Emergency Services-911 was a novel idea to integrate Madadgar-15, Muhafiz Force, Command and Control Centre, fire fighting department, ambulance service and public utility companies, including SSGC, KE, KW&SB, under one umbrella to create collaboration among police and other government departments in order to help facilitate general public. The meeting was attended by IG Sindh Ghulam Hyder Jamali, Additional IGs of Traffic, Research & Development, Special Branch, Karachi Range, CTD & Crimes and other senior officers of the ranks of DIG & SSP.

**PESHAWAR:** The military expressed concern on Tuesday over delay in release of funds for repatriation and rehabilitation of temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) and lack of progress on reforms in the tribal region, according to sources privy to the deliberations at a meeting of the Apex Committee of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The sources said the delay in allocation of funds for Phase-I and phase-III of rehabilitation and permanent reconstruction projects and non-disbursement of housing subsidy by the federal government were flagged as some of the core issues affecting the timely return of the TDPs to their homes. Chief of the Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif presided over the meeting which was attended by Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Hidayatur Rehman, Governor Sardar Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Chief Minister Pervez Khattak and senior civil and military officials. The sources said that as per the plan the repatriation of all TDPs to their areas was scheduled to be completed by November this year. The meeting was told that 42 per cent of the TDPs had so far been repatriated while the rest (171,304) were expected to be rehabilitated by the stipulated time. "The military has gone in and has cleared the area," the sources said. "Now is the time for the TDPs to return with honour and dignity," said the sources requesting they not be named. "How long are they going to wait? The return of peace is linked with the return of tribal people to their homes. It is a major challenge."

According to the sources, the federal government allocated Rs80 billion during the current financial year, Rs30bn of which, spread over three years, is meant for permanent reconstruction, payable in equal installment of Rs10bn. The rest of the money is to be spent on payment of housing subsidies, repatriation and rehabilitation of the TDPs. They said that only 15 to 20pc of the allocated amount had been released, some of which remained stuck due to procedural issues. "If there are procedural issues and rules have to be amended these should be done whether through an ordinance or through an act. People have no concern with rules and procedures; all they want is to return with honour and dignity and as soon as possible," the sources said. An official in the Fata Secretariat acknowledged that there had been some delays. He said that a summary had been moved to the Prime Minister Secretariat on Dec 22 for approval of changes in conditionalities in the Islamic Development Bank-funded housing subsidy scheme. The matter remained pending awaiting PM's approval for a month and a half now, the official said. He also acknowledged the delay caused in transfer of money to the military because of financial rules and regulations at the level of the Auditor General of Pakistan Revenues. "There are procedural issues which delay the release and transfer of money. Unless the rules are amended there is no way the process can be speeded up," the official said.

Identified as procedural hiccups, the Apex Committee meeting was informed about the delays in identification of projects, preparation of paperwork and release of funds by the federal government and its execution, besides capacity issues of the civil line departments. The other issue that was flagged at the meeting was the lack of progress on Fata reforms. The military, the sources said, wanted the process speeded up as per the aspirations of the people of the tribal regions. "It is a political process and the political leadership has to initiate and expedite it," they said, adding: "Unfortunately, the process has not even taken off." Officials say that there has been some consensus on developing a roadmap with regard to mainstreaming Fata and one proposal that is on the table and being favourably looked into is the merger of tribal regions into KP. The military, officials familiar with the proposal said, had already developed its roadmap but wanted the civilian leadership to make up its mind and, depending on the availability of resources, start implementing it. "The process has to start. There is no going back on this," the sources said. "And there has to be seriousness and sincerity by all stakeholders." The military leadership, the sources said, laid down its goals in terms of sustainable peace in Fata which included timely and dignified return of the TDPs with the provision of housing subsidy, improved and better infrastructure, socio-economic revival and timely rehabilitation and reconstruction in the tribal region.

An official statement by the Inter Services Public Relations quoted Gen Raheel as paying rich tribute to the resilience and sacrifices of the people of Fata and KP. He said, "With unflinching resolve and courage, our proud tribesmen of Fata and people of KP stood up to atrocities of the terrorists, pushed them back and marginalised them in the society," which deserves the highest of accolades. The COAS said that after successfully evicting terrorists from their sanctuaries and restoring the writ of the state, "we are in the most difficult phase of the operation; physically rebuilding the war-damaged areas, resettling IDPs and eventually establishing an administrative system that focuses on the needs and aspirations of the people." The governor and chief minister of KP appreciated the wholehearted support of the army and reiterated the resolve of Fata and the provincial government to rid the province of terrorism and extremism and pave way for development and wellbeing of the people.

**ISLAMABAD:** A meeting chaired by the country's top security czar has decided to allow 19 international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to operate in Pakistan. Formal approval is expected to be granted within a week by the interior ministry's INGO Committee. Among the attendees of the meeting were the interior secretary, the national coordinator for the National Counterterrorism Authority (Nacta) and senior officials of the interior ministry. The meeting

### **Pilot, trainee die as army aviation jet crashes near Gujranwala**

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### **Police, Rangers to continue action till end of terrorism: Chandio**

*The News, February 9, 2016*

### **Law enforcement agencies nab 10 suspects**

*The Express Tribune, February 9, 2016*

### **CTD raids Madressah in Lahore; arrests two suspects**

*The News, February 8, 2016*

### **Technology in policing: Operations Room started 'to enhance interaction with citizens'**

*The Express Tribune, February 8, 2016*

discussed a host of issues — including deliberations made during the recent Joint Readmission Committee meeting in Brussels, present status of the exit control list (ECL), progress made on registration of INGOs, monitoring capacity of private security companies, and security arrangements put in place for educational institutions and media houses. Expressing satisfaction over the outcome of the Brussels meeting, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan observed that the European Union's understanding of Pakistan's legitimate concerns and the consensus achieved during the meeting would create a win-win situation that would not only help in further strengthening mutual cooperation in this area, but would also provide momentum to the efforts aimed at addressing the issue of illegal immigrants and human trafficking, besides addressing serious human rights concerns of Pakistani immigrants.

Regarding the current status of the ECL, the meeting was informed that after due deliberations and formulation of a new standard operating procedure (SOP) by the interior ministry, the number of people on the ECL had been reduced from more than 14,000 to around 3,000. Nisar termed it a 'great achievement' in streamlining a system 'grossly misused' in the past. The meeting also discussed formulating a new SOP regarding private security companies. The minister ordered that in the first phase 196 security companies of the federal capital be given notices to provide their complete details — including number of employees, offices and training mechanisms — to the interior ministry within a week, failing which their permit to operate could be cancelled.

**GUJRANWALA:** An instructor pilot and trainee lost their lives when an army aviation's jet crashed near Gujranwala on Tuesday. According to sources, instructor pilot, Maj Azhar and a trainee Captain Hassan Ahmed lost their lives when a Mashaq aircraft, which is used for training purposes, crashed near Gujranwala. Sources said, the tragic incident took place days before the wedding of Maj Azhar. He was set to tie the knot on February 21 and the invitation cards for the event had been distributed already.

**KARACHI:** Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh on Information, Moulana Bux Chandio has asserted that Rangers and police action would continue till elimination of terrorism. Talking to media up on his arrival in Sindh High Court, Moulana Bux Chandio said, "Peace is restored in Karachi after a long time." He said during LAEs action, several anti-social elements and terrorists were either killed or nabbed by law enforcers, however, efforts were being made to apprehend many miscreants who are still at large. Commenting on transfer of powers to local government institutions, Chandio said Sindh government has shifted powers to these institutions as per law and constitution.

**KARACHI:** Ten suspects, including two alleged members of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, were apprehended by law enforcement agencies during targeted raids in various parts of the metropolis on Monday. Two suspected militants were reportedly arrested during a raid by intelligence agencies in District Central. The suspects were shifted to an undisclosed location and were not handed over to the police. Police officials confirmed that the suspects belong to the banned sectarian outfit, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, and were involved in targeted attacks on traffic police officials in the city. Nearly a dozen traffic cops lost their lives in targeted attacks across the city last year. However, relevant police officials were unaware of the arrest of militants when asked to comment. Meanwhile, the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of the Karachi police claimed to have arrested two suspects allegedly involved in various cases of extortion. The suspects were identified as Amir Hussain and Asif Shah. They were nabbed during a raid in Korangi, said SIU chief SP Farooq Awan, adding that the suspects also recently attacked a garment factory owner in Korangi, identified as Noman Naqvi, after he reportedly refused to pay extortion sums. Cases against them were registered while further investigation is under way, he said further.

Similarly, the anti-car lifting cell (ACLC) arrested three suspected vehicle lifters during a raid in Korangi Industrial Area. ACLC chief SP Irfan Bahadur said the accused, identified as Mushtaq Ahmed, Kamil and Jahangir, were arrested during a raid at their hideout. Bahadur said the suspects were experts in stealing motorcycles and would lift motorcycles from parking areas in Korangi Industrial Area. The officer revealed that the suspects were involved in over 50 cases of motorcycle theft, adding that three motorcycles and a pistol were also recovered from their possession. Separately, three suspected criminals were arrested during snap-checking in New Town. The suspects were identified as Junaid Asad, Tauqeer Tanvir and Mohsin. Weapons were also recovered from their possession. Police officials said the suspects were involved in various cases of street crimes, and that cases had been registered against them.

**LAHORE:** Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) raided a Madressah (religious seminary) in Town Ship area and took two suspects into custody on charges of delivering provocative speeches. According to sources, those taken into custody include Qari Yousuf and Younis. After taking them into custody, the CTD personnel shifted them to an unknown location, sources added.

**LAHORE:** The city police have set up a centralised Operations Room to ensure action on citizen's complaints and to monitor activities of its patrolling teams among other tasks, The Express Tribune has learnt. The room inaugurated on Tuesday last week consists of a Public Feedback Monitoring Desk (PFMD), a Map Monitoring Desk (MMD), a Geo-Tagging Desk (GD), a Crime Data Analysis Desk (CDAD), a Media Monitoring Desk (MMD) and a Miscellaneous Desk (MD). Officials at the PFMD are responsible for ensuring action on complaints lodged through the 8330 sms service or at thecomplaint@lahorepolice.com.pk email address. Operations DIG Haider Ashraf, who is in charge of the project, told The Express Tribune that the police officials concerned were required to respond to complaints received through the two media within 24 hours. He said complaints on which no action is taken in the prescribed time would automatically be referred to the desk. Officials at the desk could then ensure that the official concerned followed up on the matter, he added. The MMD monitors the movement of 277 beat officers and 110 vehicles of the Police Response Unit (PRU) and the Dolphin Force. The closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras fitted in the patrolling vehicles provided officials at the desk to get live stream of crime scenes, said the Operations DIG. The desk is also equipped with technology to monitor the movement of



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proclaimed offenders, court absconders, prisoners released from jails and suspects under surveillance. Anyone moving in an unexpected area pops up on the screen.

The GTD keeps record of inspections of important buildings including educational institutes, banks, filling stations, religious places and houses of important personalities. Ashraf said that these buildings had been geo-tagged through trackers and assigned to relevant beat officers. He said the officers concerned were required to regularly visit these sites and submit an inspection report to the desk using android smartphones provided to them for the purpose. Ashraf said action on calls made to the 15 helpline was being monitored through the crime monitoring desk. He said the calls' data including nature of call, location and relevant beat officer or police station was automatically updated in a database available with the desk. The officials at the desk were required to monitor movement of patrolling vehicles responding to the calls, he said. Ashraf said another task of the desk was to update crime statistics every day and present them to the police high ups through info-graphics like charts, pie charts and tables. He said this helped better analyse the data.

Officials at the MMD are required to monitor news channels for reports on law and order. The Miscellaneous Desk is responsible for keeping computerised record of FIRs registered in police stations across the city and challans submitted in courts. Ashraf said police officers could contact the desk to request a copy of an FIR and action taken on it. Ashraf said officials at the desk were also required to update record of all tenants and guests at registered hotels across the city. "The establishment of the centralised Operations Room was meant to help move from drill-based policing to skill-based policing," he said. He said the facility would help improve police's interaction with the citizens and enhance their efficiency. Ashraf said another step in this direction was the plan to establish 20 citizens facilitation centres. The first such centre was inaugurated in January in Allama Iqbal Town's Moon Market. He said the second centre would be opened at Hall Road this week. In accordance with the Police Department's vision to be environment friendly, Ashraf says they will soon using paper for office work at the offices of the CCPO and the DIG as all records are automated.

**ISLAMABAD:** Negotiations are currently under way with 125 insurgents in Balochistan over their possible surrender of weapons. Some 625 militants have already surrendered before the state in the past six months. The reconciliation process started under the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism has borne fruitful results in the restive province, officials say. Militants who give up violence have been offered cash support and jobs to help them lead a violence-free life. According to official documents available with *The Express Tribune*, exhaustive steps were taken for reconciliation in Balochistan to fulfil a major point under the revised anti-terror policy devised after the Peshawar school attack in December 2014. The policy also called for fully empowering the Balochistan government for political reconciliation with complete ownership by all stakeholders. Balochistan Home Secretary Akbar Durrani told *The Express Tribune* said the provincial government was committed to its reconciliation policy and the militants who have already surrendered were being rehabilitated. Under the scheme, each pardoned militant would be awarded Rs500,000 in instalments besides getting the compensation for his guns. Durrani said many such men have been already paid Rs100,000 as the first instalment.

These people, he added, have been told to get the computerised national identity cards (CNIC) from the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to obtain the benefits. They would also be provided 'Pur Aman Balochistan Card', which would then be used for withdrawing rehabilitation funds. "Estranged Baloch aged between 18 and 30 years who surrender will be awarded government jobs, including in military and in public sector organisations," Durrani said. "Those above this age group will be trained in technical education." The female family members of the surrendering outlaws would also be given chances to earn income depending on their skills. Those interested in raising livestock will be given financial support. The home secretary said the reconciliation negotiations were being held across the board with disgruntled Baloch from all tribes, including Bugtis, Mengals and Marris, for lasting peace in Balochistan. He said the government was investigating pardon cases individually whether someone who wanted to surrender was genuinely interested or not. Upon agreeing to the terms and conditions of the government, individuals are required to report to the nearest police station in his area for confirmation. The impoverished province Balochistan has been plagued by violence in recent years. Chief Minister Sanaullah Zehri in his maiden speech to the provincial assembly had fully backed the political reconciliation process.

**KARACHI:** Two terrorists of banned organization were arrested during an action by intelligence agencies in district Central early on Monday morning. According to the sources, terrorists were involved in the target killings of traffic police officers. Accused persons are shifted to an unknown location for more investigation. The accused belong to banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi Asim Kepar group.

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*Daily Times, February 14, 2016*

#### Tax recovery fails to improve RCB's financial health

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### DETAILS

**KARACHI:** Health authorities on Saturday confirmed the death of an elderly man from swine flu at a private hospital. The 65-year-old man was the third victim who died of swine flu in the city since Jan 1. Officials said he was admitted to the hospital early this month and he died three days ago though the death was confirmed only on Saturday. "His tests confirmed that he died from the complications caused by swine flu with other medical reasons," said an official while speaking to Dawn. He said swine flu was a form of influenza, which was not fatal if its patient did not suffer other medical complications and had strong immunity.

Senior officials in the ministry of health made it clear that swine flu of H1N1 strain was not lethal, as its mortality rate was 0.5 per cent. It should be taken as seriously as influenza, they said. Explaining deaths of people suffering from swine flu, they said the infection could become lethal for the patients with low immunity or the ones already suffering from serious medical complications. A total of 35 cases of swine flu have been reported so far this year. The patients include those who came from other parts of the country. They were tested and treated as outdoor patients as they didn't need admission. The first alert for swine flu had been issued in Karachi after deaths from the infection were reported in Punjab. After dozens of cases were reported in the city, the Karachi administration sought assistance of the World Health Organisation (WHO) to equip all the hospitals to check swine flu. But isolation wards equipped with ventilators and other related facilities were being set up in some large hospitals. The staffs in the public and private sectors are being trained for the disease as a capacity building measure.

**HYDERABAD:** The president of the Jamiat Ulema-i-Pakistan (Noorani) has criticised the Pakistan-Qatar deal for purchase of liquefied natural gas (LNG) saying that it is done under US pressure because the American government does not want Pakistan to have a similar deal with Iran. In a statement issued here on Saturday, Sahibzada Abul Khair Mohammed Zubair, who is also the president of the Milli Yakjehti Council, said expensive LNG would be purchased from Qatar by the Pakistan government despite the fact that an agreement with Iran for purchasing inexpensive gas had already been signed, but that was not being implemented.

**KARACHI:** The Spencer Eye Hospital (SEH) being careless in providing basic medical treatments to its patients. According to Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) sources, an officer of KMC agitated the female patients admitted in the hospital, when he abruptly cancelled nightshifts for female nurses who were providing medical assistance to female patients and male nurses were directed to provide treatments to female patients. Many female patients including those wearing a veil were ignored when they opposed this move, forcing them to receive treatments from male nurses, while the logic behind it remains to be disclosed. The male nurses refused working in nightshifts, which created new problems for the women ward and rendered female patients helpless. The decision to revert the order has not been given yet. Sources said that female nurses were provided residential facilities, within the hospital's limits, with the sole aim to provide its female patients with eye treatments. They also claimed that the KMC has not even spent a single rupee on the 150-bed hospital, which was forced to meet its expenses via donations from philanthropists.

**THARPARKAR:** Malnutrition continues to claim lives of minors in Tharparkar as four more children died on Saturday raising the death toll to 161. A seven-month-old girl Kavita and a newborn baby boy passed away at Civil Hospital Mithi, a minor lost life in Diplo Hospital while another infant died in Islamkot Hospital. At least 40 children suffering from malnutrition are under treatment at Mithi Civil Hospital while many others were admitted to other government hospital across the Tharparkar district.

**RAWALPINDI:** Four injured in a cylinder blast in Dheri Hassanabad on Saturday. A balloon seller Muhammad Ramzan was filling gas in balloons when a cylinder filled with helium gas exploded with a big bang in Dheri Hassanabad. Besides the balloon seller, three persons were also injured including Shehzad, Waseem and Ilyas. Rescue 1122 personnel shifted the injured to Benazir Bhutto Hospital (BBH) where the condition of the balloon seller is stated to be critical while the other three were discharged after being provided treatment.

**MUZAFFARABAD:** Two bombs were found in a private school in the Bagh area of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday. Kamran Mughal, superintendent of police (SP) for Bagh, said that someone had planted a bomb in a classroom and another in a staff room. The Bomb Disposal Squad was called in from Rawalakot to defuse the bombs. Mughal said the school owner had a rivalry with some people at the local level, but the bombs carried an insignia of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He said that police were investigating the incident. He said the school, having an enrolment of more than 1,200 male and female students, had received threats. It may be mentioned that TTP and Jhalak was written on the chit that was found with the bombs.

**RAWALPINDI:** Though the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has improved its tax collection rate in the first six months of the current fiscal year recovering 52pc of the total target of Rs2.279 billion, it still needs the federal government's financial assistance for development projects. This was said by the officials of the RCB at its meeting held on Friday with Station Commander Brigadier Hassan Raza in the chair and attended by cantonment executive officer Dr Saima Shah, vice-president Raja Jehandad and elected members.

During the meeting, the RCB officials presented their six-month performance report and informed the board about the outcome of the drive launched to improve the financial condition of the civic body. The RCB had set the target of Rs2.279 billion from different taxes, including property tax on

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residential and commercial units, hoardings and water tariffs, and managed to be well on the target. The tax recovery branch has been asked to keep the recovery pace during the next six months to achieve the 100pc target, the officials informed the meeting. "The recovery rate increased in the current fiscal year due to personal interest taken by the RCB cantonment executive officer, Dr Saima Shah, as the enforcement cell working under her supervision recovered taxes without any discrimination," the RCB vice-president Raja, Jehandad Khan, told Dawn.

"The RCB has prepared a list of chronic defaulters and will send them a final notice. If they do not pay their taxes outstanding against them for many years, their commercial units will be sealed," said RCB spokesman Kaiser Mehmood. However, the meeting was informed that the recovery rate had not improved the financial condition of the civic body, which requested the board to seek financial help from the federal government in the shape of grant-in-aid. At this, the elected members decided to meet the federal government representatives and the Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. All the elected members in 10 wards of the cantonment board belonged to the ruling PML-N. The RCB requires Rs214 million for de-silting and reconstruction of boundary walls of eight big nullahs as these create problems in the monsoon. The board also decided to improve the procedure for the recovery of tax on transfer of immoveable property so that the citizens can pay the taxes without any problem. The meeting also discussed the payment of compensation to the heirs of officials who died during service. The contract of the canteen of Cantonment General Hospital, building plans, hiring of lawyers to pursue the cantonment cases in the courts and the installation of hoarding near railway bridge at Marrir Chowk were also taken up.

**SUKKUR** - Five northern districts of Sindh will begin anti-polio campaign from February 15 to 17, said health official Sukkur on Saturday. According to the health official, the campaign is part of the National Immunization Day and it will target selected districts deemed to be at greater risk. These districts included Sukkur, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Jaccababd and Ghotki. He said that directives have been issued to these districts to complete the necessary arrangements.

**PESHAWAR:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister (CM) Pervez Khattak in collaboration with Pakistan Tobacco Company on Friday distributed solar kits among three hundred families of Piran Bala District Nowshera. In a special ceremony held at Chief Minister's House, the CM extended thanks to Pakistan Tobacco Company for the provision of solar kits to the dwellers of Piran Bala. He also appreciated the welfare activities of the company in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Pervez Khattak said that the people of Piran Bala would now have access to electricity through solar kits project worth Rs10.2 million funded by Pakistan Tobacco Company.

**BADIN** - Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Chairperson Marvi Memon on Saturday said that the grant to BISP beneficiaries had been increased from Rs 4500 to Rs 4700 per month by March, 2016. Talking to journalists at Badin Press Club, she pointed out that the balance difference of 8-months of Rs 200 would also be paid by this March. She said that deaths of children in Thar had occurred due to malnutrition. Coping with situation of shortage of food in Thar, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is holding talks with World Food Programme (WFP) and soon, such efforts would bear fruit. "On special directives of the prime minister I am leaving for Thar where I will meet people and also offer condolence with families who lost their relatives because of famine," she said.

**LAHORE:** The Rahbar Medical and Dental College (RMDC), which is affiliated with Rangers Hospital, is playing havoc with lives of people by producing untrained doctors. Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) President Dr Shabir Lahri along with PMDC Executive Committee member Dr Amir Hussain Bandeshah conducted a surprise visit to the Rahbar Medical and Dental College along with its affiliated hospital. The said college was recognised in 2012 for training of 100 MBBS students. Currently, the third session of student is under training at the college. Talking to the media on Friday, the PMDC president said that the college has insufficient infrastructure, including a blank pathology lab. "The dissection halls were empty, while the library lacked relevant and updated books and study material. Moreover, the college had no auditorium for the students," he lamented. Lahri said that the affiliated hospital of the said college contained only 350 beds, when the number should have been 500 for the training of 100 medical students. He said that the teaching faculty of RMDC was not available in the teaching hospital at the time of surprise visit. He said the radiology department had insufficient teaching equipment and number of patients was not more than 50 in the whole hospital, adding that the CPC room was not even established in the said teaching hospital. The PMDC president showed serious concerns and said that RMDC is playing havoc with lives of people by producing untrained doctors. He took serious notice of the RMDC administration for having insufficient training facilities. In order to decide the registration and future of the college, a team of inspectors would inspect Rahbar Medical and Dental College soon, the PMDC president added.

**ISLAMABAD:** The spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in Pakistan on Friday said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a framework and platform for comprehensive and substantive cooperation between the two countries. It is China's consistent position that CPEC is facing Pakistan as a whole and will bring benefits to all Pakistani people. He said China and Pakistan agreed to construct CPEC with scientific planning in a step-by-step way. The two sides also agreed that the roads covering Western Pakistan are parts of CPEC project, he added. He further said that they also reached a consensus on the principle of 'one corridor with multiple passages' for CPEC transport planning aiming at directly benefiting the socio-economic development of Pakistan especially the western and north-western regions, he added.

**KARACHI:** An anti-corruption court in Karachi on Friday issued warrants for the arrest of Dr Fazlullah Pechuho, education and literacy secretary for Sindh, after he did not appear in the court in a case relating to corruption and misuse of authority in his department. Headmaster Mohammad Mithal had filed a plea against Pechuho in the anti-corruption court. The court issued warrants for Pechuho's arrest when he did not appear in the court in person or respond to the court notices. Pechuho said that he was not aware of any such warrants. He said that he was ready to appear in the court if he is ordered to do so. It may be mentioned that the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) is currently

### Bacha Khan University reopens on Monday

*Daily Times, February 13, 2016*

### Opp doubts LNG deal with Qatar transparent

*Daily Times, February 13, 2016*

### Sit-in threatened in Peshawar for Karak oil refinery

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### Water supply scheme to

looking into alleged corruption at the Sindh Education Department. There were reports in July last year that the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had stopped Pechuho from travelling abroad due to his alleged involvement in corruption. His name was put on the watch list. Pechuho is a brother-in-law of former president Asif Ali Zardari, co-chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

**CHARSADDA:** Bacha Khan University (BKU), which has remained closed owing to security reasons after terrorists killed 21 students and professors in an attack last month, is set to reopen on Monday, February 15. BKU spokesperson Saeed Khan on Friday said the university's security committee, after a thorough review, cleared the varsity for resumption of academic activities. But students and staff will not use university transport, he added. Charsadda District Police Officer Sohail Khan also said security clearance had been given to BKU, adding that eight policemen will be stationed on the university premises and a mobile van will be deployed outside. Two female university employees will also be tasked with keeping an eye on female students, he said. On February 1, BKU spokesman Saeed Khan had announced that the varsity administration rejected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government's inquiry report on the attack, which had called for removal of the university's vice chancellor and security in-charge, adding that the institution will remain closed until provision of adequate security.

**ISLAMABAD:** Members of Upper House of parliament, particularly those belonging to Pakistan People's Party (PPP), on Friday doubted transparency in the LNG agreement recently signed between Pakistan and Qatar. Taking part in the debate on government's economic policies with reference to the collection of Rs 101 billion from utility consumers, opposition leader Aitzaz Ahsan said a reference should be prepared against the prime minister and his minister Shahdi Khaqan Abbasi for finalising the LNG import deal in a "very non-transparent way". Aitzaz asked whether international tenders were floated for the contract and if Qatar was the single country from where LNG could be imported.

Referring to earlier plans for a gas pipeline from Iran, Aitzaz noted that Iran and Russia were also in the LNG business so why was gas not imported from these countries at a rate cheaper than that offered by Qatar. Rejecting the government's claim of striking the cheapest deal with Qatar, he said the prices of LNG would go up when the petroleum products prices increase in the international market. He also questioned the 15-year deal with the Arab country, saying it would be difficult for the future governments to continue it on the conditions set by the incumbent regime. "The government has made the next governments bound by striking such a deal. How could oil prices be predicted for 15 years?" he asked. Ahsan said it was astonishing to see the prime minister himself participating in the signing ceremony of the deal, and wondered if his closest aides Saifur Rehman (a former controversial chairman of an accountability commission) was behind this deal. Aitzaz said that since Qatar is part of an anti-Iran Saudi Arabia-led alliance of Muslim countries, this could be yet another setback for Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline project. The government had claimed on Thursday that the LNG deal with Qatar was the cheapest of its kind in South Asia. Prime Minister's spokesman Dr Mussaddiq Malik told a press conference that the landmark deal would save Rs 100 billion per annum and would contribute to meeting the country's energy needs by 25 percent. Malik said the settled price was the 13.37 percent of the Brent and was cheaper than the gas to be imported through Iran-Pakistan and Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline projects. He said even the India's LNG contract was expensive by 30-35 percent than Pakistan's deal with Qatar. He said LNG would be cheaper than Pakistan's indigenous gas.

Meanwhile, other senators stressed the need to focus on the collection of direct taxes from the upper class and avoid imposing taxes on daily-use commodities to provide relief to the general public. Senate also continued the discussion on the issue of depriving masses of benefits of major reduction in the petroleum prices in the international markets and government's decision to impose taxes on gas consumers. However, speaking on the occasion, Senator Nuzhat Sadiq said petroleum prices are lower in Pakistan as compared to the neighboring countries like India and Bangladesh. She said the government has passed on the benefit of deduction in prices of petroleum products in the international market to the public. Senator Barrister Saif said it was high the current government devise a comprehensive strategy to move the country in the right direction. He said blame game should be ended and every person must play his/her role for the betterment of the country, he added. Meanwhile, JUI-F's Senator Hafiz Hamdullah underlined the efforts to provide true benefits of democracy to the nation and said it was necessary to eliminate family politics from Pakistan for this purpose. He said unfortunately Asian democratic system was being promoted in the region that was strengthening family politics. Nehal Hashmi said baseless blames could misguide the nation on different issues. He said taxes collected by the FBR were being spent on development projects and it could be checked in the record. "One should monitor the petroleum prices in different countries of the world before criticising the oil rates in Pakistan," he said, adding that the previous government of PPP did not take steps to provide relief to the public in petroleum sector and even former adviser for petroleum and natural resources was facing charges of corruption and misuse of power. Senator Sirajul Haq said new taxes of Rs 101 billion were a huge burden on the public, saying that unfortunately problems of the nation were not considered when the political parties take decisions.

**KARAK:** A rights organisation of Khattak tribe has warned it will lead a march on Peshawar and a sit-in outside the Chief Minister's House if the government didn't announce the establishment of oil refinery, industrial estate and gas-fired power station in Karak and inclusion of the district in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor route by March 10. The warning was issued during a meeting of the Khattak Ittehad, which took place here on Thursday here at Town Hall. KI president Maulana Mirzaqeeem chaired the meeting, where the LG representatives and organisation's activists were in attendance. On the occasion, the speakers said elected representatives of Karak failed to honour their promise on the establishment of oil refinery in the district. They complained the industrial estate had been shifted from the district.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh government has decided to award the 'Greater Karachi Water Supply' project also known as K-1V, to Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) and announced to launch the project on



### cost Rs 25.5b : Govt to award K-IV project contract to FWO

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March 23rd. This decision was taken in a high-level meeting that was presided over by Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah at the CM House. Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad also attended the meeting among provincial ministers Syed Murad Ali Shah, Jam Khan Shoro, Adviser to CM on Information Mola Bux Chandio, Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Aijaz Ali Khan, Principal Secretary Alamuddin Bullo, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput, Local Government Secretary Noor Mohammad Leghari while the water board managing director and other concerned officers were also present. The chief minister said that K-IV project was important and his political leadership was also trying to launch it for the people of Karachi. "I suggest the high-level meeting to fix the date to launch the project," he said.

Senior Finance Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah while briefing the meeting said that he along with his team had held a meeting with the FWO director general last week where FWO convinced that it was ready to construct the project for the Sindh government so it was followed by another meeting of the officials to discuss issues and to jot out plans for the purpose. Murad Ali Shah said that the FWO was ready to start the construction, if given the contract to which the chief minister replied that FWO was a well-reputed organisation and in the interest of quality, smooth work and timely completion suggested the project should be awarded to FWO to which all the participants including the Sindh governor supported the suggestion. The chief minister talking about policy-making directed the water board and the Planning Development Department to craft a contract for awarding project to FWO. "All the legal formalities must be met prior to signing the contract agreement," he stressed and also added to host the signing ceremony in the CM House, as it would make him happy. The Sindh governor with the chief minister stressed at launching the project on March 23. "Historically, it is a lucky date and an important project like K-IV must be launched on that day," the CM said and directed the concerned minister and the water board to make necessary arrangements for that purpose. The total cost of the project is Rs 25.5 billion and is being launched to provide 650 million gallons water daily to Karachi in three phases. In the first phase 260 MGD water would be provided from Kinjhar while the second phase would provide 260 MGD and the third and final phase of providing 130 MGD water by the year 2020. In the beginning of the meeting, prayers were offered for the departed soul of a leading drama writer and literary figure, Fatima Suriyya Baijiya. Adopting a park policy:

he meeting also discussed the plight of some important parks of the city and said that most of the parks are without ownership. The concerned local bodies have been occupied by other assignments leading to negligence of the parks which is fuelling issues like encroachments and illegal possessions. The organised mafias have also taken advantage of this situation. Sindh Governor Ishratul Ebad suggested that the parks to be either maintained by concerned DMCs or be given away under 'Adopt a Park Policy'. He said that parks increase public recreation and add to the city's beauty besides creating a good impact on environment. The chief minister directed the LG secretary to move a summary so that the parks of the city, like the Jheel Park, it's adjacent and some in the Clifton area, to be given proper maintenance in the larger interest of the public.

### Encroachments on supply lines serious threat

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**KARACHI:** Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) declares illegal constructions and encroachments over crucial water siphons and water supply lines threaten the East District of the city. KWSB Managing Director Misbahuddin Fareed, in an official letter written to the East District deputy commissioner, said the East District has three curial water lines emerging from the Sihpon-20 that provide half of the water (200 million gallons) to Karachi. He said the 250 meters area along the siphon is the property of KWSB but influential people have illegally erected houses and bungalows on this land and due to these structures any leakage or damage to the supply lines could not be detected or repaired easily. He said that due to these line-leakages, the main University Road has been submersed causing problems for the citizens. "If, for any reason, the line was seriously damage or blocked, Karachi could face a serious water crisis but could be averted by making it mandatory to remove the encroachments and structures on the land above the supply lines," the letter said. Misbahuddin Fareed urged the deputy commissioner that in view of the sensitive nature of this civic issue, a timely removal of the encroachments should be completed. He also sought help from the police and Rangers in removing encroachments for the safety of the sensitive water supply lines of Karachi.

### 300 bulldozers of agriculture department dysfunctional

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**KARACHI:** 300 out of 360 heavy bulldozers owned by the Sindh government's agricultural department are out of order, Daily Times has learnt. The bulldozers are outdated and almost the entire lot has crossed their mechanical life, insiders told Daily Times. The provincial government has not purchased any bulldozer since last couple of years, they said, adding that the farmers in dire need of bulldozer for levelling the fields as the water level has remarkably reduced in all the district of the province. The bulldozers are required to every grower at the time of seed sowing. The sources said that the provincial authorities did not bother to buy new bulldozers to replace the old ones, causing serious concern among the farmers and badly hurting the economy of the country. According to sources, Punjab had more than 1,000 earth levelling bulldozers and their availability to the local growers was very easy. Moreover in the recent years, they said the government of Punjab has purchased more than 400 new bulldozers to boost their agriculture sector. However, in Sindh, most of the bulldozers are allegedly in the custody of influential landlords since long time, adding that to reduce the heavy rental charges of bulldozers, the local growers were using tractors. Sources said that farmers had to pay around Rs 1500 rent for 24-hour use of bulldozer, excluding the fuel charges and transportation from the district office to their lands. A senior official in the Agriculture Department, requesting anonymity, also confirmed that there were only 60 bulldozers functional while the remaining machinery was out of order due to negligence in repairing and maintenance since many years.

### SEF, EFS ink MoU to improve education quality

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**KARACHI:** The Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) is signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Education Fund for Sindh (EFS) to improve the quality education in the province. A ceremony has been arranged for the purpose on Friday and the MoU would be signed under the supervision of Education and Literacy Senior Minister Nisar Khuhro. The partnership of SEF and EFS

### ICMA joins hands with SMEBS to create job opportunities

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marks an important step towards efforts to provide quality education to out-of-school children of Sindh. The MoU signing reflects the commitment by SEF and EFS, with support from the government of Sindh to help synchronise the efforts to improve the educational needs of the deprived segments of the society which also aligned with the provincial Education Department plans and priorities. The first phase of the partnership starts in District Kambar Shahdaskot where SEF and EFS will co-finance the schooling of out-of-school children to be implemented by intermediary partners. Subsequently, the partnership would expand to other regions of the province to provide quality education to a larger section of children who lack such access.

**KARACHI:** Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMAP) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SME Business Solutions (SMEBS) to create new job opportunities. The agreement was signed at ICMAP's premises the other day, which later changed into a corporate partnership. According to the MoU, SMEBS would help students of ICMAP in creating job opportunities and boosting their career from an initial stage. The agreement was signed by ICMAP National Council Member Jawed Mansha, SMEBS Fellow Chartered Management Accountant (FCMA), Chairman and Chief Executive Waliullah Khan. Addressing on the occasion, Waliullah Khan said that SMEBS always took accelerative steps for students to compete in the market of relevant fields which also benefits them in handling future career obstacles. Speaking on the occasion Jawed Mansha said that ICMAP would provide SMEBS an external human resource (HR) consultancy support by providing placement services, referral of CVs of its students for job opportunities and also passing the selection process to meet the corporate partner's permanent, internship and temporary HR requirements. The ICMAP council member further stated that a corporate partner should provide a nation-wide training and internship opportunities to the institute's students at par to other professionals or academic institutions by special arrangements. Furthermore, both the partners have aligned their priorities for ways to find jobs for the unemployed students especially for those who have already graduated from ICMAP.

### CDGL to install filtration plants in 478 govt schools

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**LAHORE:** As many as 478 government schools would be provided with water filtration plants until June, while installation of these plants would start from next week. It is pertinent to mention that City District Government Lahore (CDGL) had collected water samples of all government schools in the recent past. The report claimed that drinking water in most schools was not fit for the health of students. On the basis of this report, the district administration has taken a decision to install water filtration plants in a meeting, which was held at Town Hall on Thursday. The meeting, held under the supervision of District Coordination Officer (DCO) Lahore Captain (r) Muhammad Usman, was attended by Finance and Planning EDO, Works and Services EDO and representative of Amin Brothers Engineering Limited.

### Computerised land record system will eliminate patwar culture: Shahbaz

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**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that the work on land record computerization has almost been completed and it will eliminate patwar culture.

Addressing a high-level meeting regarding land record management and information system on Thursday, the chief minister said this step of the Punjab government is the milestone in the elimination of corruption. The chief minister said that land record management and information system has made it possible to obtain 'fard' and complete the process of transfer of land within minutes. He said that a comprehensive system of monitoring has also been introduced under this project for maintaining transparency. He said that online monitoring dashboard system has also been evolved and its continuity is of the vital importance. The chief minister directed that an autonomous and independent authority should be set up 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. He directed that the service centres should remain operational from morning till late night so that maximum facilities could be available to the people with regard to obtaining documents of their land. He said that there is no room for corrupt and inefficient staff in this project and besides departmental action, cases should also be sent against such elements to anti-corruption. He maintained that appreciation of computerised land record system by World Bank Mission is a proof of splendid performance of Punjab government and the institutions concerned and officers deserve all out credit. Rana Sanaullah, Dr Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Qamarul Islam, Mian Tariq Mahmood, Chief Secretary Khizar Hayat Gondal, secretaries and senior officials were present on the occasion.

Separately, a delegation of overseas Pakistanis led by Ch Noorul Hassan Tanvir met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. Talking to the delegation, the chief minister said the Punjab government has set up Overseas Pakistanis Commission for resolving the problems of overseas Pakistanis. He said that Overseas Pakistani Commission is completely independent and autonomous institution and is playing an active role for immediate resolution of the problems of overseas Pakistanis in Punjab. He remarked that Pakistanis living abroad are ambassadors of the country and playing an important role in the strengthening the national economy. Noorul Hassan Tanvir said that chief minister Sharif is serving the people with commitment and determination and PML-N leadership gives priority to the resolution of the problems of overseas Pakistanis.

### FWO likely to get Rs 93 billion water supply project

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**KARACHI:** The Sindh government is likely to award the contract for the multi-billion rupees bulk water supply project, K-IV, to the Frontier Works Organisation (FWO) on March 23. The project cost was originally estimated at Rs27 billion, but it went up to Rs93 billion due to inordinate delay caused by bureaucratic snags. The sources said that a bigger hurdle in the way of the project was a nod from the Indus River System Authority (IRSA). The IRSA has yet to approve an additional quota of 1,200 cusecs (260 million gallons per day) in the first phase. The project, which would be completed in two phases, might face another problem, as federal government's Planning Division had objected to its route. The Planning Division and some provincial departments are of the view that the water supply line from Thatta to Kotri via Jamshoro link Super Highway was not viable and safe. They have suggested a comparatively easy and relatively safe route from Thatta to Dhabeji via Gharo link National Highway. There is a big difference in the length of the two routes. According to the Planning Division, the original route suggested by the Sindh government is unsafe as well as costly due to a

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### Punjab govt decides to deliver tablets among students

*Daily Times, February 12, 2016*

### Improvements in healthcare : 42 mobile units formed for Tharparkar children

longer distance. The decision to award the K-IV contract was taken at an official meeting with Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah in the chair at Chief Minister's House in Karachi on Thursday. Sindh Governor Dr Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan, Finance Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Advisor Jam Khan Shoro, Salman Chandio, Chief Secretary Siddique Memon, Additional Chief Secretary (Development) Ijaz Khan, Finance Secretary Sohail Rajput, Local Government Secretary Noor Mohammad Leghari, Water Board Managing Director Misbah Uddin Farid and K-IV Project Director Salim Siddiqui were also present. The project is meant to ensure sufficient supply of potable water to Karachi, but it is being delayed for the last two decades. It was decided that the federal and the provincial governments would share the cost of the project. Both governments have released Rs625 million for the initial expenses on the project.

**ISLAMABAD:** As many as 33 people have died of seasonal influenza (H1N1) this year across the country. Twenty five persons have died in Punjab, six in Islamabad and two in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, according to an update issued by Dr Salman, an official of National Institute of Health (NIH) here on Thursday. For the period from January 1 to February 11, total suspected cases of the influenza were recorded at 1191. Total confirmed cases of the influenza across the country have risen to 256 till now. As many as 75 confirmed cases of the influenza were reported in Islamabad, 149 in Punjab, 22 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, three in Sindh, four in Gilgit Baltistan and three in FATA. No case was reported from Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Balochistan. During last 24 hours, 29 samples were processed by NIH and two were declared positive for the disease.

**DOHA:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Thursday that Pakistan's economy had witnessed a great turnaround and development was taking the country forward at a fast pace.

Speaking to the Pakistani community in Doha during his two-day official visit to Qatar, Sharif shared details of his meetings with the Qatari leadership. He said that his hosts lauded the role of the Pakistani community in the development of Qatar. He said that he was proud to get a positive feedback about the Pakistanis who were working with commitment and honesty and using their skills to bring a good name to their country. He said that Pakistan had strong ties with Qatar and it wanted to strengthen them through enhanced interaction at all levels. The prime minister said that Pakistan had signed a landmark deal on import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Qatar. He said that LNG imported from Qatar would help Pakistan generate electricity and produce more fertilizer to meet its domestic needs. Under the agreement, Pakistan would buy \$16 billion LNG from Qatar over the next 15 years. Sharif praised the government of Qatar for providing gas to Pakistan at competitive rates. He said that he pointed out during his meetings with the Qatari leadership that the bilateral trade between Pakistan and Qatar needed to be increased from \$300 million to at least \$1 billion annually. He said that LNG import would boost trade between the two countries. Sharif said that measures were being taken to overcome the energy crisis and decrease power tariff. He said that LNG imported from Qatar would help lower prices of products and make them competitive in the international market. He said that Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves were all-time high nowadays. He said the World Bank president and other financial experts noted that Pakistan's economic indicators were positive. Sharif said the security situation in the country had improved after the launch of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, which broke the back of the terrorists. He said the operation would be taken to its logical end. He said the people of Karachi praised the ongoing operation against criminals. The prime minister said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would help the country's economy. He said the Gwadar airport would be one of the most beautiful airports of the world. He said that his government was working to improve the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA). He said the government would upgrade the PIA to compete with top international airlines. "Now PIA workers' strike has ended and we will work to bring it on a par with Qatar Airways," he said. Sharif said that numerous projects for power generation were underway and all resources were being used with the help of China. He said the nation must keep in mind the negligence of the previous governments that did not generate electricity. He said that previous governments were duty-bound to install power generation units, but they did not. He mentioned the Chinese investment in Pakistan's energy sector and said that Pakistan urgently needed electricity to meet its needs.

The prime minister said that previous governments ignored roads and motorways, but the incumbent government was building a network of roads and motorways from the Pakistan-China border to Karachi and Gwadar. He said the Hazara Motorway and 27-kilometre long tunnels near Attabad Lake would be completed in a year. A member of the royal family, Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad, made a courtesy call on Sharif and offered 100,000 work visas for Pakistanis. Sharif told Hamad that Pakistan attached immense importance to its relations with Qatar. Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Special Assistant to Prime Minister Syed Tariq Fatemi were also present. Separately, Sharif said that Pakistan offered incentives for foreign direct investment in different sectors. Talking to Sheikh Abdullah Bin Muhammad Al Thani, chief executive officer of the Qatar Investment Authority, in Doha on Thursday, Sharif invited Qatar to explore investment opportunities in Pakistan, particularly in the energy sector.

**LAHORE –** The Punjab School Education Department (SED) will award tablets (tabs) to 5th and 8th classes students amid performance in their annual examination. The SED has prepared a list of 54 thousand students and 24 hundred teachers who are teaching science subjects to class 5 and class 8. However, the teachers of others subjects are likely to be ignored in the distribution of tabs. According to the sources – only those students – who get good grades in the ongoing Punjab Examination Commission (PEC) exams of class 5 and 8, will be awarded with tabs featuring latest specifications. The sources further told that those teachers whose students' pass ratio will be better; they will be only eligible for getting these tabs.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Health Minister Jam Mehtab Dahar said that 42 mobile medical units had been formed for Tharparkar to provide healthcare, specifically for children less than five years old. He said this while talking to media who were visiting government hospitals and dispensaries of Diplo, Islamkot, Mithi and the adjacent areas. Dahar said that the medical mobile units are equipped with all the medical facilities and staff. "They not only provide medicines and treatment to expecting females

*Daily Times, February 11, 2016*

### **Plea challenging govt's decision against school fee increase adjourned**

*Daily Times, February 11, 2016*

and in case of severe illness the affected children are transported and referred to big cities through these mobile units," he opined. The minister said the Sindh government is providing jobs to educated girls in Thar while traditional midwives were being trained for safe deliveries of children and in the first phase 165 midwives were trained for the purpose. "With the coordination of Population Welfare Department, camps are being established at certain points to provide awareness to the women regarding specific gaps in birth and how to make deliveries safe and improve a pregnant women's health," Dahar said. The minister further said that the Health Department was working in collaboration with NGO, EPI, MNCH and other stake holders to up lift the living standard of the people of Tharparkar. Dahar expressed his hope that the provision of government jobs to educated girls in Thar and a basic training of health would improve the situation of the arid zone and added that he would not tolerate any negligence in this regard.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday adjourned a plea challenging federal government's decision to stop private schools from increasing fees in the current academic year, till February 11. A single bench headed by Justice Aamer Farooq heard the petition in which the petitioner's counsel concluded his arguments. The respondents — the federal government and the Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Authority (PEIRA) — would present their arguments on next hearings. During the proceedings, the judge remarked that education in Pakistan was costlier than rest of the world. Being a fundamental right, he said, education must be cheaper. Our neighbour India crossed many milestones in this regard, Justice Farooq said. Earlier, private schools through their counsels Asma Jahangir and Shahid Hamid challenged the federal government's notification of September 23 in the IHC. The federal government had directed the private educational institutions to withdraw the increase in tuition fees. The government told the schools to either refund the fees received from the students or adjust to the next payable fees. The private schools said the notification had been issued without any consultation with the stakeholders, under the pressure of a handful of agitating parents. The counsels for the private schools argued that the government had failed to adhere to its constitutional obligation of providing free education to children, adding that the government was trying to transfer the burden of its failure to the private educational institutes. They maintained that no notice was issued to the petitioners before issuance of the notification and no attempt was made to see whether the fee increase was in line with the past practice or not. The respondents cannot constitutionally deprive the petitioners of their right to charge the fee fixed by them until the government compensates them with an appropriate amount of subsidy, they added. Jahangir said the notification had stopped the petitioners from increasing fee without the permission of the authority established through PEIRA, which was illegal and arbitrary. Both Jahangir and Hamid argued that restrictions imposed on the petitioners were in violation of Article 18 of the Constitution. Following the argument, the court directed the deputy attorney general to present his argument on February 11, and adjourned the case.

### **ECP wants 2018 polls conducted using modern technology**

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**ISLAMABAD:** Chief Election Commissioner Sardar Raza Khan has said that it is his desire that the 2018 polls are free and fair and conducted using the latest technology. While speaking at a seminar titled "Election Through Modern Technology", which was organised by the ECP in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme on Wednesday, he said it was the foremost duty of the ECP to conduct free and transparent elections. The ECP is well aware of its responsibilities, he said, adding that the commission wished that the next general elections were held using modern technology and the commission was working on the proposal. Sardar Raza Khan said the inclusion of electronic voting machines (EVMs) and biometric system in the election method was part of the five-year strategic plan of the commission. ECP is responsible for holding elections in a free, fair and transparent manner under Article 218 of the constitution and it was fully aware with this duty, the CEC added. The commission has also introduced a smartphone Android-based mobile application for the collection of results, he informed. The CEC also claimed that the commission had implemented biometrics system at 30 polling stations in the by-elections of NA-19, Haripur on an experimental basis. He said a successful experiment was also conducted on the use of Android-based mobile application for electronic transmission of polling stations results directly from 60 polling stations to ECP's central server in Islamabad in the by-election of PP-16 (Attock-II). The use of mobile technology will certainly not only ensure transparency but also increase the overall efficiency of the process of result declaration and its transmission, he added. Commenting on the overseas Pakistani's voting issue; he said a feasibility study on the mechanism of giving voting rights to them was in the pipeline. The ECP has affirmed its believe to introduce new technologies' in its system and is trying to meet the demands of the citizens, the CEC added. Talking to the participants of the seminar, Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Electoral Reforms Chairman and Minister for Human Rights Zahid Hamid said the committee was preparing recommendations for using latest technologies in the upcoming elections.

### **Iran seeks stronger bilateral, economic ties with Pakistan**

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**ISLAMABAD:** Iran wants to further strengthen bilateral trade and economic ties with Pakistan, Iranian Ambassador Mehdi Honardoost said on Wednesday. He said the Pakistani businessmen would be able to take maximum benefit from the lifting of economic sanctions against Iran. Addressing a ceremony held to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the victory of Islamic Revolution and the National Day of Iran, Honardoost said Iran had expertise in the field of chemicals, agriculture, manufacturing of various industrial plants, and businessmen of both the countries should benefit from the opportunities available now after the lifting of economic sanctions.

### **PIA reduces fares up to 50 percent**

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**KARACHI:** Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) on Wednesday announced a reduction of up to 50 percent in its fares for domestic and major international flights and that of Umrah, with immediate effect. The decision to this effect was taken to stabilise unrealistic hike in fares and to facilitate its valued customers, PIA' spokesman Danyal Gilani said in a statement issued on Wednesday. He said fares on Karachi-Islamabad-Karachi and Karachi-Lahore-Karachi route would now be starting from Rs 7,500 while return tickets for Umrah would start from Rs 54,500 for passengers from Lahore/Islamabad and Rs 44,500 for passengers from Karachi. The reduction in fares comes a day after the Joint action Committee (JAC) of Pakistan International Airlines employees announced the end of its strike against the proposed privatisation of the national flag carrier and asked employees to



## Pakistan, Qatar sign \$16 billion LNG deal

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resume flight operations across the country with immediate effect. Private carriers had allegedly hiked their fares during the strike by the national carrier's employees. The Competition Commission of Pakistan has taken notice of the fare hike. National Assembly had on January 21 passed a bill to convert the national flag carrier into a public limited company. Under the bill, Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (PIAC) is to be converted into a public limited company as Pakistan International Airlines Company Limited (PIACL). The government plans to split the ailing PIA into two companies and sell the control of its core business to a global airline. Meanwhile, a delegation of PIA Joint Action Committee led by its chairman, Sohail Baloch Wednesday met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif to discuss matters pertaining to the issues of PIA employees.

**DOHA:** Pakistan and Qatar on Wednesday inked a \$16 billion Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) deal that would enable the energy-starved country to import natural gas for 16 years and to meet its energy requirements. The signing ceremony of the LNG sale and purchase deal was held here between Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan and Qatar Petroleum. The agreement was signed by Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Qatargas Board of Director Chairman Saad Sharida. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani also witnessed the signing ceremony. Pakistan is facing a severe shortage of natural gas, both for its electricity generation and industrial use. The supply-demand gap stands at approximately 2bcfd. The government has signed the import deal to minimise the gap, official sources at Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources said. Talking to media at the signing ceremony, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said the LNG deal with Qatar, which was the biggest gas producer in the world, was a game changer for Pakistan. He said under the agreement 3.75 million of tonnes of LNG would be imported annually from Qatar on government-to-government basis on comparative rates, adding that it would meet less than 20 percent energy requirements of Pakistan. He said the deal would help improve performance of closed 2,000MW generation units and three fertiliser plants besides mitigating sufferings of domestic consumers and CNG sector. The minister said it would save the country one billion dollars annually, besides \$600 million would be saved under the head of diesel cost. He expressed the hope that the present government during its tenure would steer the country out of the energy crisis. The ECC in July 2013 authorised the Petroleum Ministry to negotiate with Qatargas on government-to-government basis for import of up to 500mmcf of LNG on DES basis. Subsequently, the Petroleum Ministry nominated PSO and Qatar nominated Qatargas to negotiate the SPA. The ECC, in August 2014, constituted LNG Price Negotiation Committee (PNC) comprising Petroleum secretary (Chairman), representatives of Finance Division, Water and Power and BOI. Managing Directors SNGPL, SSGCL, PSO and ISGSL committee secretary) were made part of the committee. The PNC held a series of meetings with Qatargas and finalised the price and key commercial terms of the SPA.

## UN expert advises ECP not to hold 2018 polls on electronic voting system

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**ISLAMABAD** – United Nations expert on Electoral Technology advised Pakistan to pilot Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Biometrics till 2018 and launch the technology across Pakistan in 2023 elections after reviewing its merits and demerits. Speaking to the seminar titled "Use of Modern Technology in Elections", Ronan McDermott – a leading UN expert on Electoral Technology told a high-profile gathering attended by the chief election commissioner (CEC) and the lawmakers that Pakistan should first understand the use, merits, drawbacks and legal aspects of the modern technology it intends to introduce to its electoral system.

According to the local newspaper, "Subject to successful pilots, and acceptance by stakeholders I recommend that ECP gradually scales up EVM with a target date for full national rollout not earlier than 2023," the UN expert who was specially invited to brief ECP officials and lawmakers about the use of modern technology in electoral system said. And CEC Justice (r) Sardar Raza Khan sounded in favour of the advice floated by the UN expert stating that before committing to a large technology purchase, the ECP would carefully review the EVMs and biometric machines. He said that the ECP would continue trying the machines on pilot project basis. McDermott presented a global view of the merits and demerits of the main electoral technologies and gave comparative experience on the adoption. "My experience in elections management in Pakistan and other countries leads me to recommend that Pakistan pilots a variety of EVM over 2017 and in 2018 General Election. To determine which technology is most appropriate," he added. He further stated and recommended that the results management system be given a solid legal framework and be used in all by-elections between now and 2018. "Transparent results management contributes to ECP's credibility," he said, adding, trust was more important than technology. The seminar was attended by the lawmakers of majority political parties including the Pakistan People's Party, the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the Pakistan Muslim league-N, the Awami National Party, the Pukhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party, The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, the Jammat-e-Islami, Pakistan Muslim League-Q and top officials of the ECP and civil society organisations. "The machinery is no doubt expensive and complicated for the first time users. Moreover, we have to see the specifications and we have to do legislation in this regard," he added. Though PTI's MNA and member of the electoral Reforms Committee Arif Alvi said that the electoral machines could be used in 2018 general elections, the experts and lawmakers of other political parties did not agree and said the technology should first be reviewed before spreading it to all polling stations.

## Railways to introduce engineering diplomas, degrees

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**ISLAMABAD** - Pakistan Railways will introduce railway engineering diplomas and degrees in educational institutes for achieving self-sufficiency in the important sector of the communication. "Efforts in this regard were being made by the present government," an official in the Ministry of Railways told APP on Thursday. He said there were no regular specified training courses for the Railway employees abroad, however, on basis of regional cooperation, some sponsored courses were offered from time to time. The ministry was considering sending technical staff abroad on training on its own expenses so that the required skills could be attained during this year, he added. He said the present government had now targeted up gradation of 21 railway stations at a cost of Rs.1956 million during next three years. "Modernization and beautification of the stations will be exemplary," he added. The government, he said, was utilizing all available resources to make

### SWMB launches scheme to end burning of garbage

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Pakistan Railways a modern and reliable mean of travelling. Pakistan Railways had brought a paradigm shift in the policy of the procurement of rolling stock discouraging import as completely built units (CBU), he added. Elaborating, he said, in future bulk of rolling stock would be manufactured locally in Pakistan Railways own carriage factory. Accordingly, he added, a PC-I, for procurement and manufacturing of 250 coaches was under approval in the Planning Commission out of which 186 coaches would be manufactured in the Islamabad Carriage Factory. Similarly, he said, a tender for procurement of 800 high capacity hopper wagons was in progress, out of which 595 wagons would be manufactured in the factory.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) has embarked upon an ambitious scheme to end the practice of burning garbage and disposing it into rain drains or the sea as well as other water resources available in the metropolis. SWMB Managing Director Roshan Ali Sheikh said during a reception hosted by Korangi Association of Traders and Industrialists (KATI) for him on Tuesday. "This trend is also against the law and is being fast replaced by scientific and coordinated mechanism that is not only environment friendly but also guarantees protection of public health," he told the representatives of the business community. Reiterating that a comprehensive approach was being adopted for safe and efficient disposal of industrial waste along with domestic and municipal categories, Sheikh said the provincial government was equally committed to protect interests directly related to the impression of the city. Moreover collection and segregation of garbage collected from across the metropolis also engenders fresh and diverse opportunities for energy generation and fortunately several local and international investors had showed interest in such power production schemes, Sheikh added. "These opportunities can only materialise once we are able to streamline garbage collection and disposal on scientific lines," he said. He also mentioned that an amendment was needed in SWMB's charter for increased representation of industrialists and the business community. "A suggestion in this regard has already been forwarded to the concerned authorities," he added. The SWMB has yet to be granted adequate authority that was guaranteed at the time of its formation, empowering it adequately to ensure swift implementation of its policies and decisions. "Yet we are in process to expedite safe and efficient disposal of solid waste from across Karachi as well as other parts of the province on scientific lines and all provision to ensure safety of public health as well as environment," the SWMB director said. He also expressed confidence in SWMB's project of door-to-door garbage collection and its transportation to identified sites. KATI President Zahid Said on the occasion suggested the need to change the identified site for Garbage Transfer Station (GTS) on Malir Causeway and offered to provide another suitable site for the purpose. Senior businessmen of Karachi including SM Munir, Gulzar Firose, Salimuz Zaman, Syed Wajahat Hussain, Zubair Chaya, Abdul Sami Khan, Tariq Malik and others assuring their support for the schemes envisaged under the SWMB and said that lack of overall cleanliness and poor hygienic condition in the metropolis was affecting their businesses.

### NH&MP issued 100,000 e-tickets to commuters

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**LAHORE:** The National Highways and Motorway Police have issued more than 100,000 e-tickets to commuters countrywide using the newly installed technology on both highways and motorways. The initiative has been taken under the first phase of the modern e-ticketing system, produced on the coordination and cooperation of Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) Chairman Dr Umer Saif and his team. Motorway Police DIG Mirza Faran Baig said this while reviewing the operational briefing at Zonal Office, on Tuesday. The DIG said previously the National Highways and Motorways Police (NH&MP) used conventional paper ticketing system for traffic rules violations, under which the travellers used to pay fines while exiting motorways at any interchange and through on spot fine collection unit. E-Ticketing is a technology oriented solution in which patrol officers will keep a hand held device connected with central data server located at Islamabad, he added.

### 26 committees formed for registration of private schools

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**FAISALABAD** - Executive District Officer (EDO) Education Bashir Ahmad Zahid Goraya has formed 26 committees for the registration of private schools in Faisalabad. A spokesman of the Education Department said here on Wednesday that each committee would have seven members and it would be bound to visit premises of the private schools which have applied for registration. The application for registration can be submitted in the office of EDO Education where the scrutiny of the documents would be completed within 6 days. After scrutiny, the application would be forwarded to respective committee and at least 3 members of the committee will visit the school premises. The committee members will check and inspect the school building, its enrolment, student's fee, teacher's salary and other record. After completing all necessary requirements, the private school will be granted registration, he added.

### Lahore-Pindi Bhattian Motorway closed due to fog

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**LAHORE** - Motorway M2 has been closed for all traffic from Lahore to Pindi Bhattian because of dense fog on Wednesday. The channel sources told that no vehicle is allowed to enter the Motorway from Lahore to Islamabad. However, he said, the Motorway will be opened for traffic with improvement of visibility after sunrise. Pakistan International Airline (PIA) flight PK-303 has been postponed due to unsuitable weather conditions. Traffic was moved to GT Road as alternative route. The shift caused a traffic jam at Babu Sabu Interchange. On National Highway, Patoki and areas of Okara were enveloped by fog clouds. Motorway spokesperson has advised locals to avoid taking unnecessary journeys. This is the second time in the ongoing week that authorities have shut Lahore-Pindi Bhattian section. Earlier on Tuesday morning that road was closed for all kinds of traffic to avoid any unfortunate incident. On the other hand, flights schedule has been disturbed at Allama Iqbal International Airport.

### Three-day anti-polio drive to begin from 15<sup>th</sup>

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**ISLAMABAD:** The three-day anti-polio campaign will begin in the country from February 15 to administer polio drops to millions of children up to five years of age. According to official sources, thousands of teams have been formed for the drive against the crippling disease, which the officials hope to eliminate this year. According to a UNICEF health official, there was 85 percent reduction recorded in polio cases last year and with this kind of progress Pakistan can be declared a non-epidemic country for poliovirus this year. In 2014, 305 polio cases were reported, as the campaign met resistance from militants who attacked immunisation teams and polio workers were stopped from administering drops in some areas. An official of Polio Emergency Operation Center (EOC) from

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FATA told media recently that in 2015, only 16,000 children were missed in the country, which is highly commendable when data is compared with figures in 2014. Around 292,000 children from Khyber Agency, North Waziristan and South Waziristan agencies missed immunisation in 2014 due to inaccessibility to these areas. For the health officials, the campaign has remained a challenge, as they have to convince parents, who are sometimes reluctant because of their conservative views. The health workers will visit every nook and corner of cities and far off places in rural areas in an effort to make the campaign a success.

**ISLAMABAD:** Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will lead a high-level delegation on a two-day visit to Qatar today, during which the two countries are expected to sign a number of agreements in various fields including a long-term sale-purchase agreement of LNG. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will visit Qatar on Feb 10-11 on the invitation of Emir of the State of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani and Prime Minister and Minister of State of Qatar Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani, said a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The premier's visit, which comes less than a year after the Qatari Emir visited Pakistan in March, 2015, "is a testimony of growing relations between the two brotherly countries", the statement said. During the visit, the prime minister will hold meetings with the emir and his counterpart, and will be called on by senior cabinet ministers of Qatar. The two sides will participate in wide-ranging delegation-level talks, during which a number of MoUs in the field of health, radio and television, education and research will be signed. The focus of the visit and interaction with the Qatari leadership will be on further enhancement of bilateral relations in various fields, including energy cooperation, trade and investment, defence and increase in employment opportunities for the Pakistani workforce in Qatar. Both leaders will also exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. Qatar hosts more than 115,000 Pakistanis, who have been contributing towards the development and prosperity of the country and act as a bridge between the peoples of two brotherly countries, the statement added. "The two countries enjoy friendly and fraternal relations marked by close cooperation and share perception on various regional and international issues."

### Free blood testing camp established at DHA

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**KARACHI:** Dr Essa Laboratory and Diagnostic Centre established free blood testing camp for Hepatitis 'B' and 'C' at Defence Housing Authority (DHA) Head Office. A large number of DHA residents visited the camp for getting their blood tested. DHA Administrator Brigadier Zubair Ahmed inaugurated the camp. At the DHA camp, free of cost expensive blood tests were conducted to conclusively identify lethal liver attacking viruses of Hepatitis B and C in blood. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sabiha Essa Abdullah, head of Essa Lab, said that the aim of establishing blood testing camp was to create awareness of the importance of early detection and treatment of the lethal liver diseases. She said that the goal of their set up was to deliver caring and compassionate quality service that contributes to the enhanced healthcare in society. Administrator Brigadier Zubair appreciated the erstwhile initiative of Essa Lab and reiterated that DHA would collaborate and cooperate with the organisation in all their welfare related health programmes in future. Raids on sheesha parlours: The vigilance team of Defence Housing Authority (DHA) raided a number of sheesha parlours that have again cropped up after previous crackdown. These sheesha centres are catalyst in destroying the young generation as they are getting the youngsters addicted to tobacco products injurious to human health. The raids were conducted on sheesha parlours located at Sehar Commercial Area in DHA in pursuance with the ruling of Supreme Court, which had ordered closure of all sheesha cafes. A large quantity of material used in cafes including dozens of huqaas and related products like sheesha powder/flavours were confiscated by DHA vigilance team during the raids. DHA Administrator Brigadier Zubair Ahmed appreciated the bold action of DHA in eradicating sheesha parlours as they had become a menace. He said that DHA is committed to provide clean, healthy and decent living environment to its residents.

### Current year's first polio case reported

*Daily Times, February 9, 2016*

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### DUHS begins advance

**KARACHI:** Keeping in view the growing incidence rate of diabetes and associated eye related complications, the Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) here Monday started vitreo retinal

### **surgery to help chronic diabetic patients**

*Daily Times, February 9, 2016*

surgery at its Department of Ophthalmology. Prof Saleh Memon, a seasoned eye surgeon and former professor of JPMC and Director Al Ibrahim Eye Hospital addressing the inaugural session of the programme regretted lack of facilities and absence of trained doctors in the field. The situation, he said was getting critical due to surge in the incidence of diabetes and also due to the fact that not much attention is being paid towards its control and proper management. "The disease that affects all human organs including eye is needed to be properly managed with equal attention towards eye-care," said the senior ophthalmologist. Vitreo retinal surgery is an advanced surgery specifically meant for people inflicted with retinopathy, said Prof Memon mentioning that urgent attention is needed to enhance the capacities of the eye surgeons and ophthalmologists. To address the situation, he said DUHS and Al Ibrahim Eye Hospital will also start with a training programme for their doctors from next week. Prof Memon also appreciated Prof Masood Hameed Khan for his far sightedness and vision that has helped commencement of series of updated training programmes for the medical professionals in the country. It is also satisfying that modern healthcare facilities are also being ensured for the patients with scanty resources, he said. The ceremony was also attended by senior ophthalmologists including Prof Rasheed Khokhar, Prof Mazhaul Hassan, Prof Shahid Wahab, Prof Masroor, Prof Rana Qamar, Dr Sarfaraz and senior faculty members of the university.

### **ECP orders re-polling in three polling stations in PB-50 Kech**

*Daily Times, February 9, 2016*

**ISLAMABAD:** The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Monday ordered re-polling in three polling stations in Provincial Assembly constituency PB-50 Kech. By-polls in PB-50 Kech were held on December 31 but the returning officer (RO) did not announce the result forcing the ECP to intervene after allegations of irregularities in three polling stations. The ECP said that the date for re-polling would be announced soon.

### **Bajaur people to boycott polio drive over power outages**

*Daily Dawn, February 8, 2016*

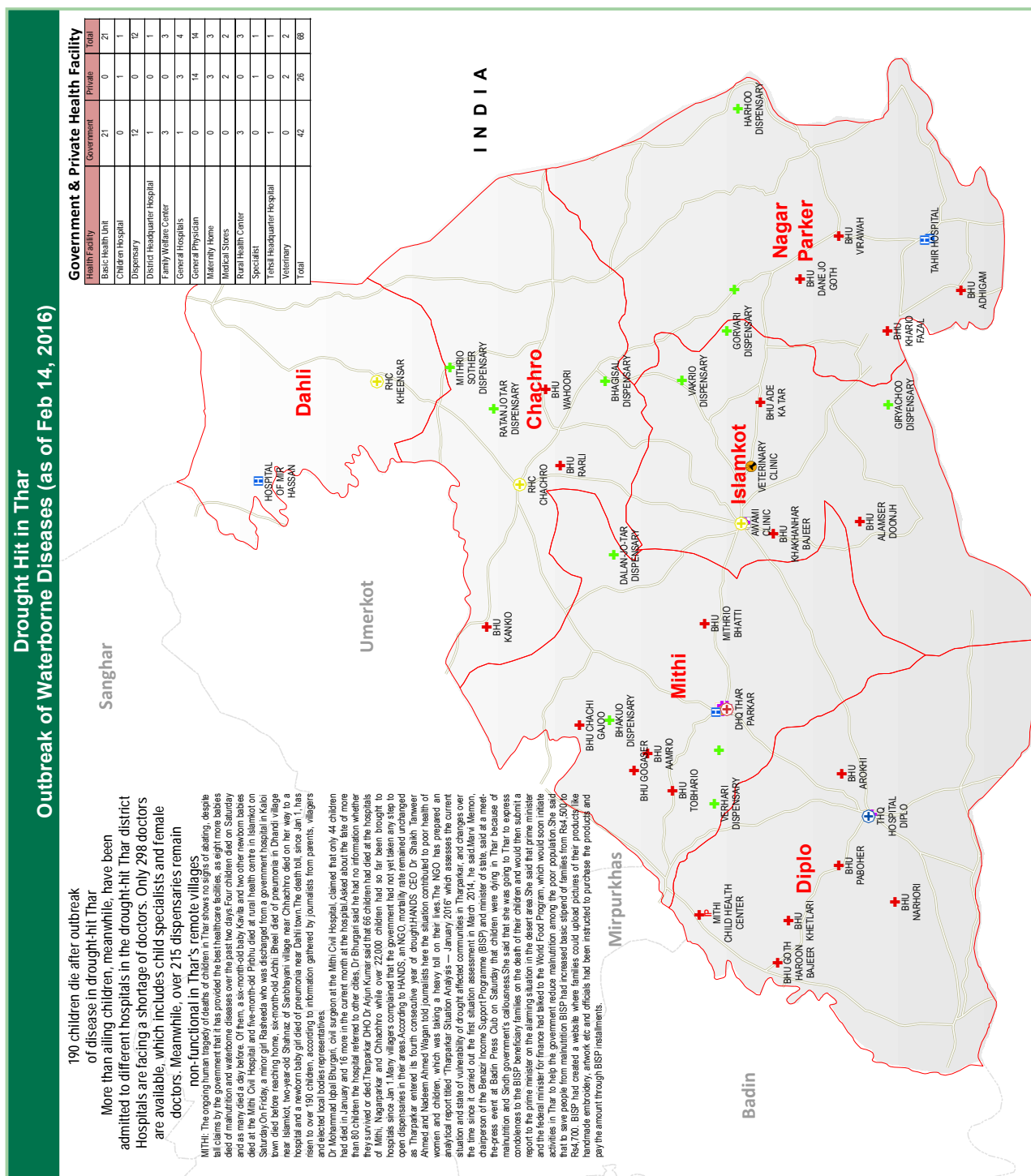
**KHAR:** In protest against the excessive power outages in Bajaur Agency, the people of Khar, the regional headquarters, on Sunday announced to boycott the upcoming polio campaign. The decision was made at a meeting attended by people from different walks of life, including workers of political and religious parties, trade union leaders and elders. The participants expressed concern over the power loadshedding, which has been continuing in the agency for last few months, stressing people out. They said several delegations had met officials of local administration and Tesco on a number of occasions to end the loadshedding, but to no avail. They lamented that power outages increased after the meetings with the officials. They claimed that people were facing up to 22 hours of outages, saying due to low-voltage they were unable to operate tube-wells. The participants decided that people of Khar town would boycott the coming anti-polio drive in the region if the power loadshedding wasn't stopped.

### **10 killed as huts on island catch fire**

*Daily Dawn, February 8, 2016*

**THATTA:** Ten members of a family, among them women and children, were burnt alive in their sleep and six others sustained severe burns when a fire broke out in straw-made huts in Ibrahim Jat village on Khobar island in Ketu Bunder taluka, 87 kilometres from here early on Sunday morning. Eyewitnesses said the huts caught fire after strong winds caused to fall a lantern hanging on a peg over diesel and petrol drums. The fire spread within seconds and engulfed many adjoining huts because of the fuel drums the fishermen had to keep in store for their vessels, they said. The deceased who were all members of the same family were identified as Salam, Saleem, Wazeer, Nabbu, Shakeel, Ghulam, Wakeelan, Samina, Zadi and Hameed Jat. The injured, Alam, Noor Bano, Hussain, his wife and two others, whose names could not be ascertained, were rushed to Karachi. Their condition was stated to be critical. The village being located on an isolated small island could not get immediate help from outside, leaving villagers on their own to put out the huge fire and carry out rescue operation. Thatta deputy commissioner Nadeemur Rehman Memon and SSP Fida Hussain Mastoi arrived in the village in the morning but no other political leader reached there to console or help the families of the victims.

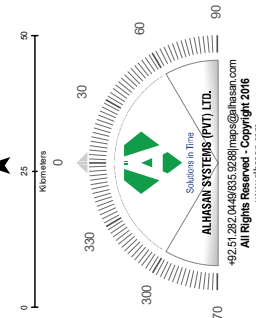




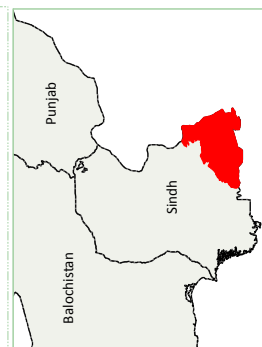
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- ⊕ General Hospital
- + General Physician
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- ⊕ Rural Health Centre
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- ⊕ Veterinary
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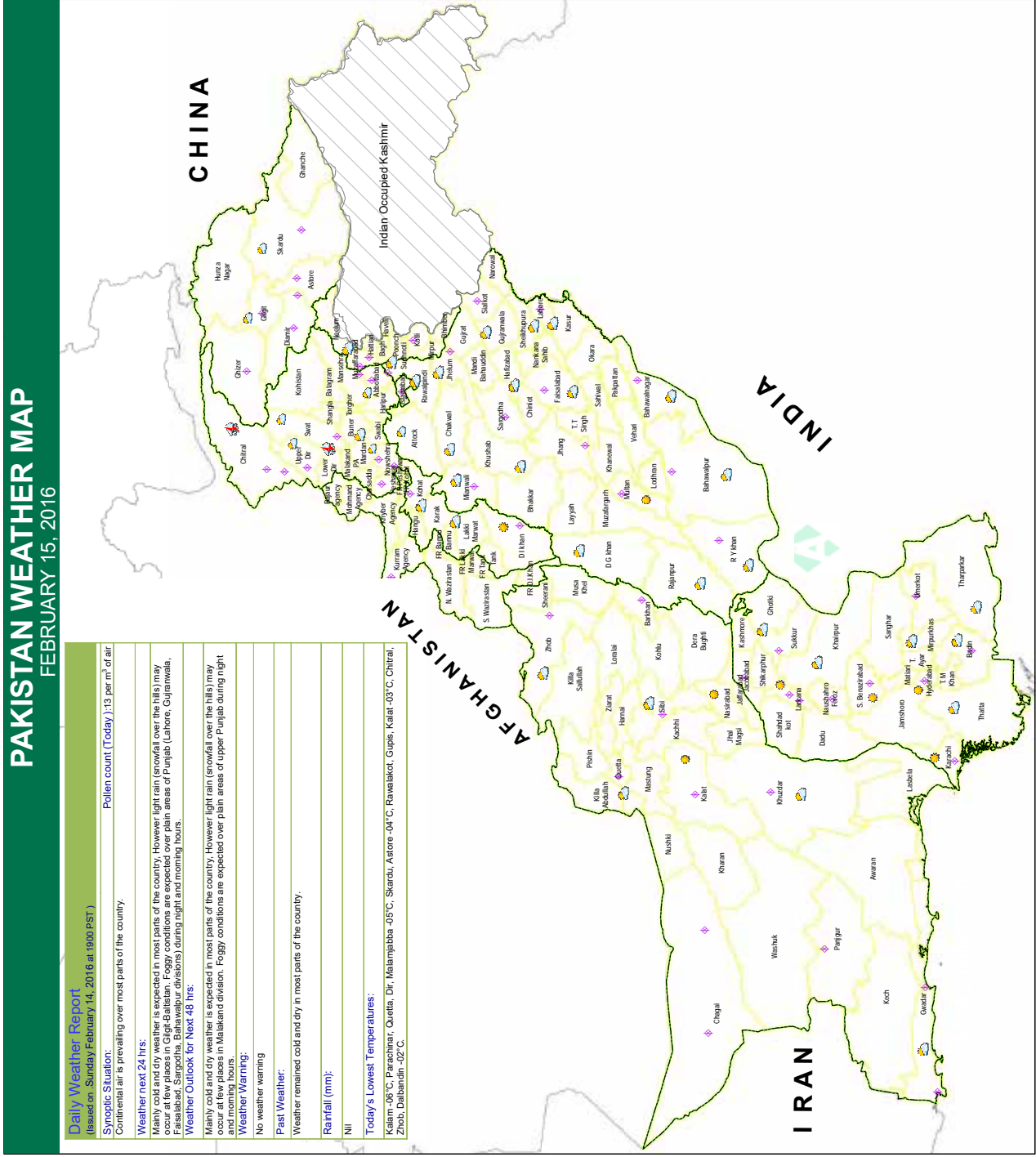
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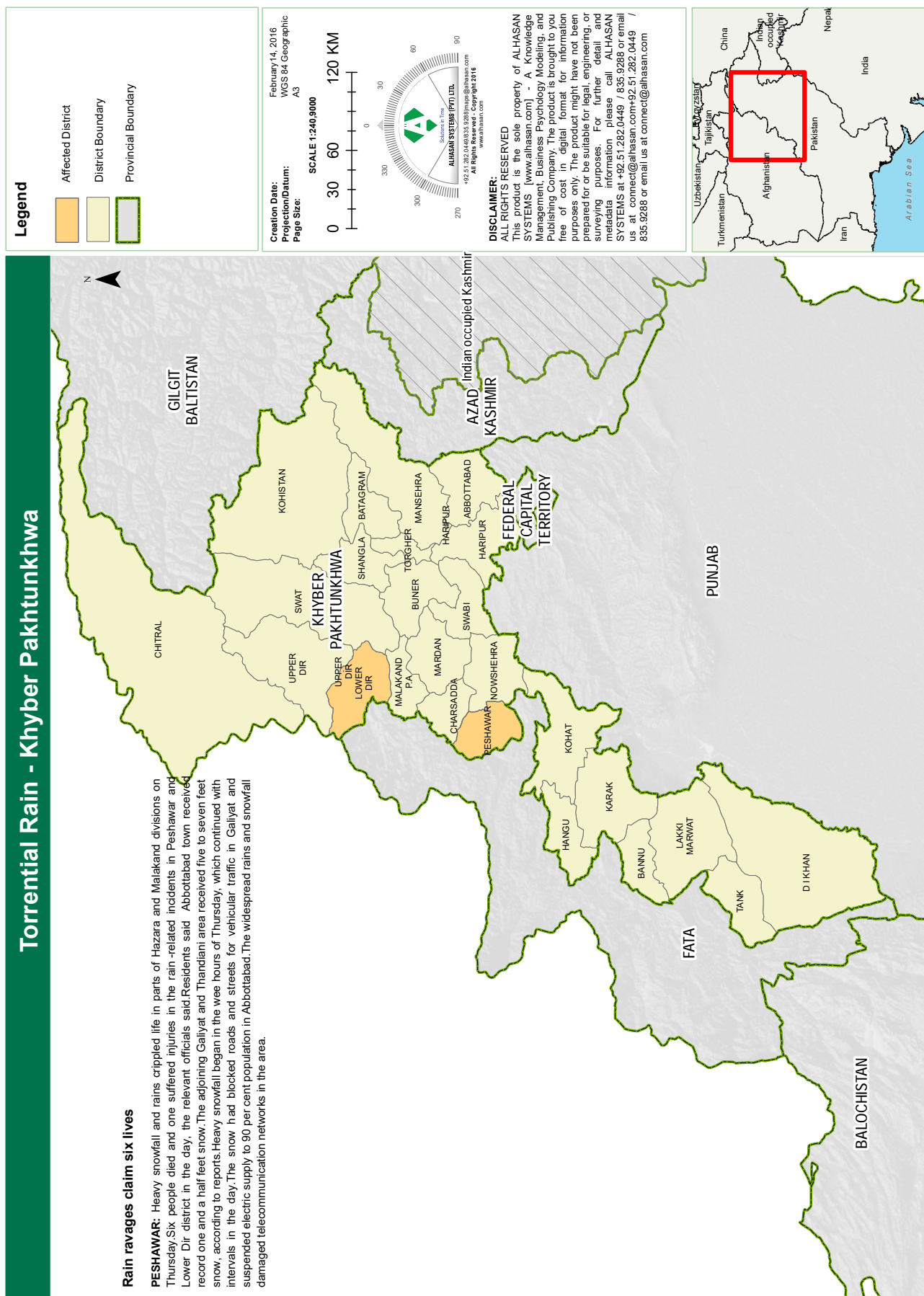
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## Sector G7 Schools - Exposed Broken Boundary Wall





# CHINA

AFGHANISTAN

**Death toll from Qaeta bomb reaches 12; case registered in Qaeta.**—Death toll from Qaeta bomb blast reached 12 on Tuesday, as one more wounded succumbed to his injuries in hospital. At least 11 people including three security officials lost their lives in Saturday attack whereas 33 including 15 Frontier Corps (FC) officials sustained injuries. Seven people including two FC officials and one woman died on the spot whereas five succumbed to injuries late Saturday and Sunday. The blast severely damaged a truck, eight vehicles (buses, trucks, motorcycles, motorbikes, window panes of brickwalls and motorbikes). Window panes of nearby buildings also broke down. The injured were shifted to Civil Hospital and Combined Military Hospital (CMH). Ten wounded are under treatment in the CMH among which three FC officials are said to be in critical condition whereas those admitted in Civil Hospital are out of danger. Meanwhile, a case of the Qaeta bomb blast has also been registered in Civil Lines police station by Senior House Officer (SHO) Ajab Khan against unidentified persons. Sections of Qaeta, attempt to murder, anti-terrorism act and others were included in the First Information Report (FIR).

**10 burnt to death as fire erupts in Thatta**

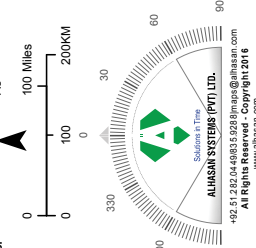
**THATTA:** At least 10 people were burnt to death when a fire broke out at a small shop in Thatta, a town in the district of Thatta, on the border of the district of Thatta. The dead person is a 30-year-old man, and the injured are three women, four children and three men.

According to the police, the fire erupted suddenly and engulfed several small shops. Several other persons sustained serious burn injuries that were shifted to a hospital. The police said that the cause of the fire could not be ascertained. The identity of the victims could not be ascertained immediately. A senior police official said, "We are investigating the incident and will share facts as soon as we get them."

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**Five killed, scores injured in fog-related road accidents in LAHORE:** At least five persons were killed and scores injured in road mishaps occurred due to fog across Punjab on Monday morning. According to Rescue sources, due to low visibility caused by dense fog, a passenger coach collided with a truck near Wagah area of Sangrha. Five persons were killed and scores injured. The coach was carrying 50 persons who were injured in the passenger bus-truck collision due to dense fog at the Sargodha Cantonment area. The injured were shifted to different hospitals of the area. In another incident, a truck carrying 18 persons was involved in a collision with a truck at the Sargodha Cantonment area. The injured were shifted to different hospitals of the area. In a third incident, a truck carrying 18 persons was involved in a collision with a truck at the Sargodha Cantonment area. The injured were shifted to different hospitals of the area. In a fourth incident, a truck carrying 18 persons was involved in a collision with a truck at the Sargodha Cantonment area. The injured were shifted to different hospitals of the area. In a fifth incident, a truck carrying 18 persons was involved in a collision with a truck at the Sargodha Cantonment area. The injured were shifted to different hospitals of the area.

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# ANTI-POLIO DRIVE IN PAKISTAN

## Five districts to kick off anti-polio drive



**SUKKUR** - Five northern districts of Sindh will begin anti-polio campaign from February 15 to 17, said health official Sukkur on Saturday. According to the health official, the campaign is part of the National Immunization Day and it will target selected districts deemed to be at greater risk. These districts included Sukkur, Khairpur, Shikarpur, Jaccababd and Ghokti. He said that directives have been issued to these districts to complete the necessary arrangements.

## Poliovirus still active in parts of Balochistan

**QUETTA**: Poliovirus has been detected in fresh sewage samples retrieved from Qila Abdullah, indicating that the disease is still active in the region. The provincial government has recommended to the provincial government to focus on vaccination efforts on Qila Abdullah, the most sensitive area where polio virus has been detected. The provincial government (WHO) doctors collected samples from the sewage drains of Qila Abdullah district that about Afghanistan, last month. "The samples had been collected from sewerage drains in Chaman and laboratory tests confirmed the poliovirus still active in the region," said a provincial government official. The report indicated the vulnerable condition of fresh polio cases in the region. "The provincial government should take immediate action to prevent the spread of the disease," said a provincial statement. Seven polio cases have been reported from Balochistan of which two were from Qila Abdullah. A three-day anti-polio campaign is scheduled from Feb 15 to 17 in 15 districts of Balochistan. Around 1,04,261 children below the age of five years will be vaccinated.

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## Anti-polio drive across eight districts from 15th

**LAHORE**: An anti-polio campaign will commence across eight districts of the province from February 15. Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khwaja Samir Rafique said Rafique said the campaign will be undertaken as part of the National Immunization Day. He said the drive will be carried out in eight districts deemed to be at a greater risk via the polio transmission. Rafique said the districts were Lakho, Multan, Rawalpindi, Dera Ghazi Khan, Muzaffargarh, Rajauri, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalpur. Rafique said district authorities had been instructed to make requisite arrangements to ensure that the campaign was carried out effectively. He said the provincial Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) would effectively coordinate with authorities across the districts to guarantee timely micro-planning, mapping of high-risk gypsies and vaccine supply. Primary and Secondary Healthcare Secretary Ali Jan Khan said 5,805,387 children under the age of five had been declared a national emergency. Khan said DCOs had been taking complete ownership of polio eradication efforts in their jurisdictions. Health Services DG Mukhtar Hussain Syed said a total of 15,121 teams would discharge duties in the campaign. He said this included 13,030 mobile teams, 1,290 stationed teams and 801 transit teams. He said great attention would be devoted to movement of people at provincial borders. Syed said this would be done so especially in case of people coming from areas known to have polio circulation. The health services DG said special attention was being given to south Punjab districts in a larger anti-polio strategy focussed on central Pakistan. He said effective coordination would be ensured with authorities in districts across other provinces that neighboured the Punjab to ensure best results. EPI Director Munir Ahmed urged parents to ensure that their children were vaccinated against polio. He said they could take them to EPI centres where staff was available to inoculate them against nine other preventable diseases. He said parents could call on 0800999000 if polio teams did not visit areas they were resident in while the campaign was being carried out. The Punjab has been largely able to impede transmission of polio from high-risk areas. Of the 54 polio cases reported across the country in 2015, only two have surfaced in the province.



## Tribesmen boycott anti-polio drive

**CHALMANI**: Tribesmen of 25 disputed villages and tribes of Azam Talar, Halesar, Kori, Mazi Kori and Barkhan Kori tribes here have boycotted the upcoming anti-polio drive in protest against what they called vaccination teams consisting of non-local people. Jai Khan, a local tribal leader, said Brown and his team were not from the area and they were not allowed to enter the area. He said they would boycott the campaign in protest against hiring of non-local people in the polio drives instead of the local tribesmen. He urged the government to include local people in the polio drives. He said the government should hire local people and develop works in the disputed villages for last 25 years. The tribesmen complained that there had been no development works in the disputed villages for last 25 years, adding schools and health units were in need of repairs. They said they were not allowed to enter the area and make a camp at the village. They said they would only accept the writ of the Mohmand Agency political administration.

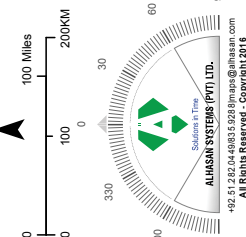
## Province Wise Number of Polio Cases 2009 - 2016

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PUNJAB	17	7	9	2	7	5	2	0
SINDH	12	27	33	4	10	30	12	1
MPK	29	24	23	27	11	68	17	0
BALOCHISTAN	20	74	59	50	36	379	16	0
GHILGI	11	12	73	4	0	23	7	0
BALUCHISTAN	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BAZID JAMMU & KASHMIR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	89	144	198	58	93	306	54	1

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## DENGUE OUTBREAK IN KARACHI- SINDH

### 29 dengue cases reported this week

**KARACHI:** At least 29 more dengue fever cases have been reported in Sindh this week, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi. As per the weekly report shared by the Dengue Prevention and Control Programme Sindh, as many as 29 new dengue fever cases were detected in the province between February 5 and February 11, out of which 28 were reported from Karachi and one from Shahhead Benazirabad. Out of total 28 cases reported from the city, seven were reported from District South, eight from West, four from District East, six from District Central, one from District Korangi and two from Malir.

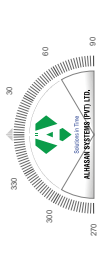


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- Morgue
- Maternity Home
- Medical Store
- Optics
- Rural Health Centre
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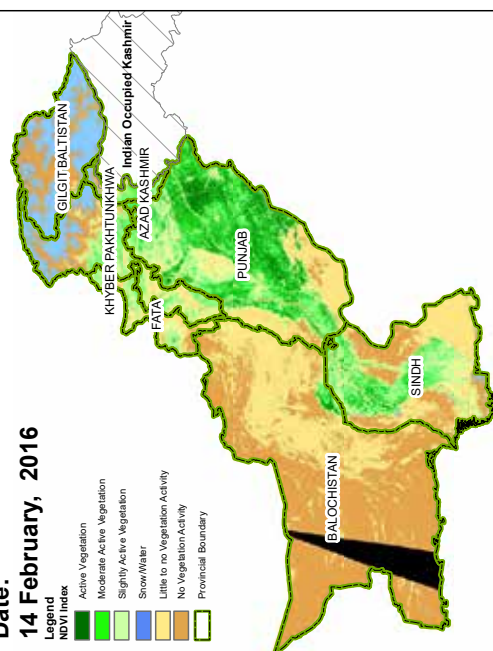
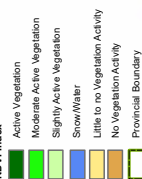


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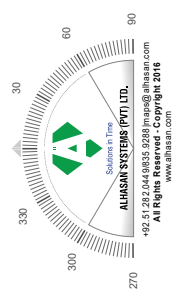
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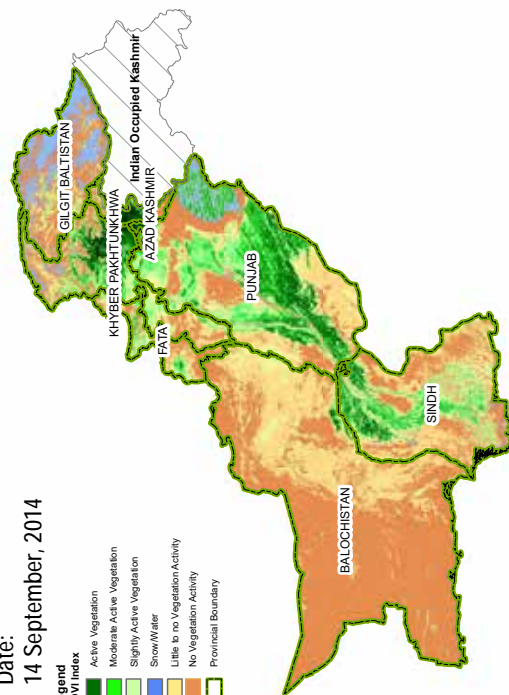
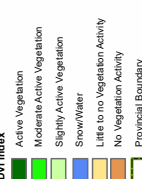
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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ڈپٹی کمشنر ایسٹ آصف جان صدیقی نے حق پرست ایم این اے محمد مزمل قریشی کے ہمراہ تعلیمی اداروں کی سیکورٹی کے حوالے سے اجلاس کیا۔ اس موقع پر اسسٹنٹ کمشنرز، پرائیویٹ اسکول فیڈریشن کے نمائندگان، اسکول کے سربراہان، بلدیہ شرقی کے افسران، یو سی چیئرمین اور پولیس ورینجرز کے اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے ڈپٹی کمشنر ایسٹ آصف جان صدیقی اور ایم این اے محمد مزمل قریشی نے تعلیمی اداروں کے تحفظ کیلئے ہدایات دیں جس میں تمام اسکولوں کے باہر سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے لگانے، اسکول باؤنڈری وال اونچا کرنے جبکہ تعلیمی اداروں کا مکمل ڈیٹا حاصل کرنے اور دیگر معاملات کو خصوصی طور پر مانیٹر کرنے کی ہدایات دیں۔ محمد مزمل قریشی نے اسکول کی سیکورٹی مانیٹرنگ کیلئے یو سی چیئرمین، اسکول انتظامیہ، رینجرز اور پولیس حکام پر مشتمل خصوصی ٹیم تشکیل دینے کیلئے کہا جو کہ تمام اسکولوں میں جا کر اسکول کا تمام ڈیٹا، اسکول کے باہر اور اندر کی آمدورفت، اسکول گارڈز اور اسلحے کی تفصیلات وغیرہ اپنے پاس نوٹ کریں اور اسکول انتظامیہ کی سیکورٹی کا معائنہ کر کے انہیں ضروری تجاویزات اور معلومات فراہم کرے گی مزمل قریشی نے کہا کہ ان تمام انتظامات کے ساتھ ساتھ اساتذہ اور طلبہ کو ہنگامی صورتحال سے نمٹنے کی بنیادی تربیت دینے کیلئے متعلقہ ادارے اپنا کردار ادا کریں

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مضر اثرات بھی نہیں ہوتے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ جناح اسپتال میں سائبر نائف روبوٹ 2012 میں 40 کروڑ روپے کی لاگت سے لگایا گیا تھا۔ اسپتال میں سالانہ 11 سو مریضوں کی روبوٹک سرجری کی جاتی ہے تاہم اس سال تعداد بڑھا کر آئندہ سال سے 18 سو سے 2 ہزار سرجری کی جائیں گی۔ اسپتال میں روبوٹک سرجری کی مد میں سالانہ 10 کروڑ روپے لگتے ہیں جو مختصر حضرات فراہم کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ رواں سال اسپتال میں پیٹ سی ٹی اسکین مشین بھی نصب کی جائے گی جو صوبے میں سرکاری سطح پر کسی اسپتال میں پہلی مشین ہوگی اس مشین کی قیمت 40 کروڑ روپے ہے۔ جس کے لئے حکومت سندھ نے 20 کروڑ روپے فراہم کر دیئے ہیں باقی کے 20 کروڑ روپے جمع کیے جا رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ ایک مریض کا پیٹ سی ٹی اسکین تقریباً 55 ہزار روپے میں ہوتا ہے جو اس مشین کی تنصیب کے بعد جناح اسپتال میں بالکل مفت کیا جائے گا۔

**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** جامعہ کراچی کے رجسٹرار پروفیسر ڈاکٹر معظم علی خان کے مطابق شیخ الجامعہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد قیصر نے بورڈ آف اسٹڈیز کے حالیہ اجلاس میں چینی زبان اور ثقافت کو اکیڈمک سیشن 2016ء سے بی ایس / بی اے آنر پروگرام میں اختیاری / لازمی مضمون متعارف کرانے کے فیصلے منظوری دے دی ہے۔

**چینی زبان اور ثقافت کو اختیاری، لازمی مضمون متعارف کرانے کی منظوری**

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**ہنگو رچہ، 7 بچے خطرناک موڈی مرض میں مبتلا، ناٹکوں کی حرکت ختم**

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ہنگو رچہ (نامہ نگار) یونین کاؤنسل رسول آباد کے گاؤں غلام اکبر لاشاری میں سات بچے خطرناک موڈی مرض میں مبتلا ہو گئے ہیں۔ جن میں محنت کش عبدالرحیم لاشاری کے دو بیٹے سات سالہ افضل علی دو سالہ عبدالصمد لاشاری، مرحوم خان محمد سولنگی کے دو بیٹے اصغر علی، اسد علی اور بیٹی امتیاز خاتون، خادم حسین لاشاری کا سات سالہ بیٹا بابر علی اور اقلیتی برادری کے محنت کش غور و مارواڑی کی ۴ سالہ بیٹی سندیا شامل ہیں۔ موڈی مرض میں مبتلا بچے ناٹکوں سے معذور ہو چکے ہیں۔ جس کی وجہ سے بچے چلنے پھرنے نہیں سکتے۔ بچوں کے ورثاء مسما زاحدہ پروین لاشاری، مسما بھگل، خادم حسین اور دیگر ان نے میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ بچوں کا خیر پور، ہنگو رچہ، بالائی، کنڈیوار اور دیگر اسپتالوں کے ڈاکٹروں سے علاج کرایا ہے لیکن بچے صحتیاب نہیں ہو سکے۔ انہوں نے بتایا بچوں کے علاج کے لیے گھر کا سامان بھی بیچ دیا ہے۔ انہوں نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ اور صوبائی وزیر صحت سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ بچوں کا سرکاری سطح پر علاج کرایا جائے۔

**راچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** سندھ پیرامیڈیکل اسٹاف ایسوسی ایشن کا اجلاس مرکزی صدر محمد مشرف کی زیر صدارت ہوا جس میں مرکزی سینئر سیکریٹری طارق حسین منگی، ڈاکٹر یونیورسٹی کے صدر شکیل جلیل، جنرل سیکریٹری سید محمد اقبال، سینئر نائب صدر ارشد، فضل حق، مظہر، شیراز، شکیل عثمان، اقبال نے شرکت کی اجلاس میں تشریف لاکر اظہار کیا گیا ہے کہ صوبہ بھر میں 28 ہزار مریضوں کو 5 ماہ سے پیپاٹائٹس کے انجکشن اور گولیاں نہیں دی جا رہی ہیں ان مریضوں میں 4200 پیرامیڈیکل اسٹاف بھی شامل ہے۔ بازار میں اس کی ادویات انتہائی کمی ہو چکی ہے جو مریض نہیں خرید سکتے ہم منسٹر ہیلتھ جام مہتاب ڈہر، سیکریٹری ہیلتھ سعید احمد منگیجو اور ڈی جی ہیلتھ حسن مراد شاہ سے اپیل کرتے ہیں کہ مریضوں کو جلد از جلد ادویات مہیا کی جائیں تاکہ مریضوں کی جان بچ سکے۔

**پیپاٹائٹس کے مریضوں کو انجکشن فراہم کئے جائیں، سندھ پیرامیڈیکل اسٹاف ایسوسی ایشن**

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**کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر)** جامعہ کراچی نے ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کی ہدایت پر ایم فل / پی ایچ ڈی کا طریقہ کار تبدیل کر دیا ہے اور تحقیق کو ایم فل سے پی ایچ ڈی میں تبدیل کرانے والے طلباء پر 6 کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے کی اضافی کورس ورک ضرورت کر دیا گیا، اس عمل سے ایچ ای جے ریسرچ انسٹیٹیوٹ سمیت دیگر شعبوں کے سیکڑوں طلباء ایم فل ریسرچ کا دورانیہ بڑھ جائے گا، اس بات کا فیصلہ جامعہ کراچی کے وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد قیصر کی زیر صدارت اکیڈمک کونسل کے اجلاس میں کیا گیا، یاد رہے کہ موجودہ وائس چانسلر کے رواں دور سربراہی میں اکیڈمک کونسل کا یہ آخری اجلاس تھا جو ایک نکاتی ایجنڈے کے تحت بلایا گیا تھا، شیخ الجامعہ کے عہدے کی مدت پیر 8 فروری کو پوری ہو رہی ہے، اجلاس ایچ ای سی کی جانب سے اپنی تحقیق ایم فل سے پی ایچ ڈی پروگرام میں تبدیل کرانے والے طلباء کی پی ایچ ڈی کی اسناد کی تصدیق روکے جانے اور اس سلسلے میں ایچ ای سی کی گائیڈ لائن جاری ہونے کے بعد بلایا گیا تھا، ایچ ای سی نے موقف اختیار کیا تھا کہ ایم فل، پی ایچ ڈی کی سند میں ایم فل مجموعی طور پر 30 کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے پر مشتمل ہونا چاہیے تاہم جو طلبہ اسے پی ایچ ڈی میں تبدیل کر رہے ہیں وہ 24 کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے کے بعد چھ کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے پر مشتمل تھیں جمع ہی نہیں کر ائے لہذا ان کے پی ایچ ڈی کی تصدیق نہیں ہو سکتی، گزشتہ روز جامعہ کراچی میں منعقدہ اکیڈمک کونسل کے اجلاس میں اس صورت حال کو سامنے رکھتے ہوئے فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ جامعہ کراچی اپنے ”ایم فل ٹولینڈنگ پی ایچ ڈی“ پروگرام میں تین مختلف آپشنز کھلے رکھے گی جس میں ابتدائی طور پر جو طالب علم ایم فل میں داخلہ لے گا اسے محض ایم فل کی سند کے حصول کی اجازت ہوگی، مزید برآں جو طالب علم اپنے ایم فل کی ریسرچ کو پی ایچ ڈی میں منتقل کرنا چاہے اس کے لیے ضروری ہو گا کہ پہلے وہ ایم فل کی تکمیل کے لیے چھ کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے پر مشتمل کورس ورک مکمل کرے تاکہ اس کا ایم فل 30 کروڑ 20 لاکھ روپے پر مشتمل ہو جائے، علاوہ ازیں ایم فل کی سند کا حامل طالب علم براہ راست پی ایچ ڈی میں داخلے کا بھی اہل ہو گا، اجلاس میں ایچ ای جے ریسرچ انسٹیٹیوٹ کے ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر اقبال چوہدری کی جانب سے بھی ایچ ای سی پر تنقید بھی کی گئی اور کہا گیا کہ یہ ضروری نہیں کہ جامعہ

**ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کی ہدایت، ایم فل پی ایچ ڈی کا طریقہ کار تبدیل**

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سندھ نے 9 نومبر 2015 کو صوبے کے 6 اضلاع کراچی، حیدرآباد، شہید بینظیر آباد، سکھر، میرپور خاص اور لاڑکانہ میں کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی تھیں۔ اس سلسلے میں سیکریٹری صحت سندھ ڈاکٹر سعید احمد منگنیجو کا کہنا تھا کہ حیدرآباد اور تھرپاکر میں وینچلس کمیٹیوں کی کارکردگی بہت بہتر ہے۔ تاہم دیگر اضلاع میں کارکردگی بہتر نہیں ہے جس کی بہت ساری وجوہات ہیں۔ افسران کے پاس گاڑیاں بھی نہیں ہیں جنہیں اسٹیج کیا جا رہا ہے۔ کراچی میں ڈی ایچ او کو تعینات کیا ہے جبکہ اندرون سندھ میں ڈی سیز کو کہا ہے کہ کارکردگی بہتر بنائیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کمیٹیوں کی کارکردگی بہتر بنانے کے لئے اقدامات کر رہے ہیں مختصر یہ تمام کمیٹیاں فعال ہو جائیں گی۔

## عربی ٹیچرز کا تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کھلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ

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سکھر (یورورپورٹ) عربی ٹیچرز ایکشن کمیٹی اتحاد کی جانب سے تنخواہوں کی عدم ادائیگی کے خلاف پریس کلب کے سامنے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ مظاہرے کی قیادت غلام محمد مہسین، حافظ سراج احمد ودیگر نے کی۔ مظاہرین سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے مقررین نے کہا کہ گزشتہ تین سالوں سے سکھر کے اسکولوں میں ڈیوٹی کے فرائض انجام دے کر طلبہ کو عربی کی تعلیم سے روشناس کر رہے ہیں، ہمیں تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی نہیں کی گئی جس کے باعث ہم مالی بحران سے دوچار ہیں، ہمارے اہلخانہ ذہنی اذیت میں مبتلا ہیں اور گھروں میں فاقہ کشی کی نوبت آچکی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع سکھر کے عربی اساتذہ کو تنخواہوں سے محروم رکھ کر ان کے ساتھ سوتیلی ماں جیسا سلوک کیا جا رہا ہے انتظامیہ سے مطالبہ کرتے ہیں کہ جلد از جلد عربی ٹیچرز کی تنخواہوں کی ادائیگی کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔

## حساس یونین کونسلوں میں انسداد پولیو مہم پیر سے شروع ہوگی

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) مختلف مکاتب فکر کے علما کرام نے کمشنر کراچی سید آصف حیدر شاہ کو انسداد پولیو مہم میں اپنے بھرپور تعاون کی یقین دہانی کرائی ہے۔ اور کہا ہے کہ بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانا نیک کام ہے۔ اس لئے تمام مسلمانوں کا یہ فرض ہے کہ پولیو سے اپنے بچوں کو محفوظ رکھنے کے لئے پولیو میوں کو اپنے بچوں تک رسائی دیں اور اس نیک کام میں ان کا ساتھ دیں۔ علما کرام نے کمشنر کراچی سید آصف حیدر شاہ سے پیر کو ان کے دفتر میں ملاقات کی۔ ملاقات میں کراچی کی حساس یونین کونسلوں سمیت مختلف یونین کونسلوں میں پولیو کے قطرے پینے سے رہ جانے والے اور انکار کرنے والے بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کی کوششوں کو بار آور کرانے کے لئے مشاورت کی گئی اور اس سلسلہ میں والدین کا تعاون حاصل کرنے اور مہم کو کامیاب بنانے کے لئے مختلف تجاویز پر غور کیا گیا اجلاس میں 15 فروری سے شروع ہونے والی انسداد پولیو مہم کی تفصیلات سے علما کرام کو آگاہ کیا گیا اور مہم کی کامیابی کے لئے ان کے تعاون سے کام کرنے کی حکمت عملی طے کی گئی۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ انسداد پولیو مہم میں رہ جانے والے بچوں پر خصوصی توجہ دی جائے گی۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ نیشنل اسلامک ایڈوائزری گروپ کا اگلا اجلاس کراچی میں ہوگا۔ ملاقات میں جن علما کرام نے کمشنر کراچی سے ملاقات کی ان میں مولانا عمر صادق، زبیر عثمانی (جامعہ دارالعلوم کراچی کورنگی)، محمود محمد (جامعہ ستاریہ)، طارق محمود مدنی (پاکستان امن کونسل)، مفتی سید حسین احمد (جامعہ دارالعلوم کراچی)، احمد الرحمان (جامعہ دارالعلوم)، اکرام اللہ خان (غوری ٹاؤن) ڈاکٹر نصیر الدین سواتی (جامعہ اسلامیہ محمودیہ) ڈاکٹر نثار احمد کنڈی (جامعۃ الرشید، احسن آباد) شیخ زید اسلامک سینٹر، جامعہ کراچی کے ڈائریکٹر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر شہناز اور دیگر شامل تھے۔ کراچی پولیو ناسک فورس کے کوآرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر نصرت علی اور دیگر بھی اس موقع پر موجود تھے۔

## ڈی ایچ اے میں ہسپتالوں کی تشخیص کیلئے فری بلڈ ٹیسٹنگ کمپ

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) ایڈمنسٹریٹو ڈیفنس ہاؤسنگ اتھارٹی ریگولیٹریزیر احمد نے ایک تقریب میں ڈاکٹر عیسیٰ لیبارٹری کی جانب سے ڈی ایچ اے کے ہیڈ آفس میں ہسپتالوں کی تشخیص کیلئے قائم کردہ فری بلڈ ٹیسٹنگ کمپ کا افتتاح کیا۔ ڈائریکٹر سینیٹر کی جانب سے ایک روزہ ٹیکپ میں ڈی ایچ اے کے ملازمین اور ریسپانڈیوں کی جگہ کی مہلک اور جان لیوا بیماریوں میں ہسپتالوں کی تشخیص کیلئے قائم کردہ فری بلڈ ٹیسٹ مفت کیے گئے۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر عیسیٰ لیبارٹری کی سربراہ ڈاکٹر صبیحہ امام عیسیٰ نے کہا کہ بلڈ ٹیکپ کے قیام کا مقصد لوگوں میں جگر اور دیگر خطرناک بیماریوں کا ابتدائی مرحلے میں تشخیص کرنے اور بروقت علاج کرانے کا شعور پیدا کرنا ہے۔

## سائبر نائف روبوٹک ریڈیو سرجری سے کینسر سے نجات مل جاتی ہے، سربراہ شعبہ ریڈیالوجی جناح اسپتال

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کراچی (بابر علی اعوان / اسٹاف رپورٹر) سائبر نائف روبوٹک ریڈیو سرجری سے دماغ، ریڑھ کی ہڈی، مثانے، جگر اور پھیپھڑوں کے کینسر میں مبتلا مریضوں کو دو گھنٹے کے اندر کینسر سے ہمیشہ کے لئے نجات مل جاتی ہے۔ پاکستان دنیا کے ان 34 ممالک میں سے ایک ہے جس نے یہ ٹیکنالوجی حاصل کی ہے۔ امریکہ میں سائبر نائف روبوٹک ریڈیو سرجری 90 ہزار ڈالر جبکہ پاکستان میں جناح اسپتال کراچی میں بالکل مفت کی جاتی ہے۔ جناح اسپتال میں روبوٹک سرجری کے لئے دہلی، ممبئی، ایران، عمان، افغانستان اور ابو ظہبی سمیت 12 ممالک سے مریض آتے ہیں۔ رواں سال اسپتال میں کینسر کی ابتدائی تشخیص کرنے والی پیٹ سی ٹی اسکین مشین بھی نصب کر دی جائے گی۔ جس سے مریضوں میں کینسر کی جلد تشخیص اور علاج ممکن ہو سکے اور ان کی زندگی آسان ہو سکے گی۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار جناح اسپتال کے شعبہ ریڈیالوجی کے سربراہ پروفیسر طارق محمود نے جنگ سے خصوصی گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ جن افراد کو دماغ، ریڑھ کی ہڈی، مثانے، جگر اور پھیپھڑوں میں ٹیومر ہو اور مرض پہلے یا دوسرے اسٹیج پر ہو ان کی روبوٹک سرجری کی جاتی ہے۔ جسم کے جس حصے میں ٹیومر ہوتا ہے روبوٹ اس کے گرد دو گھنٹے تک گھومتا ہے اور کمپیوٹر کے ذریعے اس کی سرجری کی جاتی ہے جس کے بعد مریض خود چل کر گھر جاتا ہے۔ سرجری کی کامیابی کی شرح 99 فیصد ہے۔ اس میں انفیکشن کا خطرہ بھی نہیں ہوتا جبکہ اس کے



## جناح یونیورسٹی برائے خواتین میں دہشتگردوں کے حملوں سے بچاؤ کی مشقیں

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) جناح یونیورسٹی برائے خواتین میں اسپیشل سیکورٹی یونٹ (ایس ایس یو) کی جانب سے طالبات کو دہشتگردی کے حملوں سے بچاؤ کے طریقے بتائے گئے۔ سیشن کی میزبانی میجر سلیم نے کی جبکہ ایس ایس یو کے کمانڈوز اور خواتین کمانڈوز بھی ان کے ہمراہ تھیں۔ طالبات سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ اس طرح کے پروگرام کا مقصد طالبات کو کسی ناخوشگوار واقعہ میں خود کو محفوظ کرنے کے بارے میں آگہی فراہم کرنا ہے تاکہ کسی طرح کی دہشتگردی میں زیادہ نقصان سے بچا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے آرمی پبلک اسکول پشاور اور باچا خان یونیورسٹی چارسدہ کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس طرح کے واقعات کی وجہ سے تعلیمی اداروں کی سیکورٹی بہتر کرنے کی ضرورت ہے اور اس میں ہر ایک کو اپنا کردار ادا کرنا پڑیگا۔ اس موقع پر طالبات کے لئے ایس ایس یو کے عملے کی جانب سے حملے کی صورت حال بھی بتائی گئی اور ایسی صورت حال سے بچنے کے اقدامات بھی سکھائے گئے۔ آگہی پروگرام میں طالبات کو جدید ہتھیاروں کی نمائش کے ساتھ ساتھ ان کی رفتار اور ان سے بچاؤ کے طریقے بھی بتائے گئے۔

## خواتین پروفیشنل ترقی کیلئے مواقع تلاش کریں، ویمن لیڈرز کانفرنس

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) نیو ورلڈ کانسٹیٹس کے زیر اہتمام خواتین کی پیشہ ورانہ ترقی کے حوالے سے بدھ کو مقامی ہوٹل میں چھٹی انٹرنیشنل ویمن لیڈرز سمٹ کا انعقاد کیا گیا جس سے قومی اور بین الاقوامی خواتین رہنماؤں نے خطاب کیا اور بڑی تعداد میں خواتین رہنماؤں نے شرکت کی خواتین کے مسائل پر بات کی گئی اور دوران ملازمت پیش آنے والی پریشانیوں کے حل تجویز کیے گئے۔ سمٹ سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے نیشنل مائیکرو فنانس بینک اردن کی چیئر پرسن ریم بدران نے کہا کہ خواتین پروفیشنل ترقی کے لیے مواقع تلاش کریں اور قرضہ دینے والے اداروں کے ساتھ اشتراک کی کوشش کریں۔ ترک خواتین کی کاروباری تنظیم کا گیارہ کے بورڈ کی بانی رکن ڈاکٹر زہرا گنگوڑ نے کہا کہ خواتین خود اپنی، اپنی کمیونٹی کی اور اپنے ملکوں کی معاشی حیثیت کو بدلنے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہیں لمز کے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر سہیل نقوی نے کہا کہ پاکستانی معیشت کی بہتری میں خواتین فعال کردار ادا کر رہی ہیں۔ پاکستان میں یورپی یونین کے وفد کے نائب سربراہ اسٹیفانو گائو نے کہا کہ یورپی یونین میں خواتین رہنما فعال کردار ادا کر رہی ہیں اس موقع پر مراکش میں ایسوسی ایشن آف ویمن اینٹرپرائیوز کی نائب صدر ڈاکٹر مریم عزیز الوئی نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ عالمی بینک کے پاکستان میں کنٹری ڈائریکٹر ہتھو تھو الینگوون نے ویڈیو پیغام کے ذریعے کانفرنس کے شرکاء سے خطاب کیا۔ انہوں نے کانفرنس نے عالمی بینک کی طرف سے پاکستان میں جاری ان منصوبوں کا ذکر کیا جو لڑکیوں کی تعلیم میں تعاون، سرکاری اور نجی شعبوں میں خواتین کے لیے ملازمت کے علاوہ خواتین کی مالی شمولیت، کاروبار قائم کرنے اور ملازمتی مواقع یقینی بنانے کی غرض سے شروع کیے گئے ہیں۔ اس موقع پر گنگوڑ کرتے ہوئے نیو ورلڈ کانسٹیٹس کی سی ای او یاسمین حیدر نے کہا کہ یہ سمٹ پاکستان کے کارپوریٹ اور بزنس سیکٹر سمیت دیگر شعبوں میں مصروف پروفیشنل خواتین کے لیے ایک نادر موقع ہے کہ وہ عالمی اور ملکی سطح پر کامیاب خواتین سے ملیں ان کے تجربات سے مستفیض ہوں۔ اس موقع پر پینل ڈسکشن کا بھی انعقاد کیا گیا۔ جس میں جرمنی کے سفیر انا لیبیل، آسٹریا کے سفیر ڈاکٹر بریگڈا بلاہا اور پاکستان میں یورپی یونین کے وفد کے نائب سربراہ اسٹیفانو گائو نے شرکت کی۔ پینل ڈسکشن میں خواتین رہنماؤں اور سرکاری قائدانہ عہدوں پر ان کا کردار، اور بین الاقوامی سفارت کاری پر گفتگو کی گئی۔ ڈسکشن کی ماڈریٹر عائشہ ثانی حق تھیں۔ دوسرے پینل میں قائدانہ عہدوں پر خواتین کو پہنچانے کے مواقع اور دشواریوں پر گفتگو کی۔ دیگر مقررین میں سبینہ پولی، آرٹ گیلری سنگاپور کی سی ای او، پاکستان کی اولین خاتون لڑاکا پائلٹ فلائٹ لیفٹیننٹ عائشہ فاروق، اسپیشل او لپکس کی چیئر پرسن رونق لاکھانی، سونیابا، نوشین لغاری دیگر شامل تھیں۔

## پیرامیڈیکس ملازمین کا اسپتالوں کی نجکاری کیخلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) پاکستان پیرامیڈیکل اسٹاف ایسوسی ایشن کے تحت صوبے میں اسپتالوں کو غیر سرکاری تنظیموں کے حوالے کرنے کے خلاف منگل کو کراچی پریس کلب کے باہر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ مظاہرے میں سندھ بھر سے پیرامیڈیکس ملازمین نے شرکت کی۔ مظاہرے سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر نیاز حسین بھٹو نے کہا کہ حکومت سندھ عوام و ملازمین کو بنیادی حقوق دینے میں ناکام ہو گئی ہے۔ مرلیض دواؤں کے لئے دھکے کھاتے پھر رہے ہیں جبکہ محکمہ صحت اسپتالوں کو چلانے میں ناکام ہو گیا ہے اس لئے اسپتالوں کو این جی اوز کے حوالے کیا جا رہا ہے جس کی ہم سخت مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ہم سندھ کے غریب عوام کی اسپتالیں بچنے نہیں دیں گے اور کسی این جی او کو اسپتالوں پر قبضہ کرنے نہیں دیں گے۔ انہوں نے مطالبہ کیا کہ حکومت اپنے اس فیصلے کو فی الفور واپس لے۔

## حکمہ سندھ، کراچی سمیت 6 اضلاع کی مانیٹرنگ کمیٹیاں خیر فعال

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان کے احکامات پر محکمہ صحت سندھ کی جانب سے تشکیل دی گئی ویکلینس / مانیٹرنگ کمیٹیاں غیر فعال ہو گئی ہیں۔ جس کے باعث صوبے کے اسپتالوں، ڈسپنسریوں اور بنیادی صحت کے مراکز میں مریضوں کو دی جانے والی صحت کی سہولیات کی مانیٹرنگ کی جارہی ہے نہ ہی عملے کی حاضری، صفائی ستھرائی کی صورت حال، وارڈوں اور شعبہ حادثات میں مریضوں کی دی جانے والی سہولیات اور آکسیجن کی سپلائی کی جانچ پڑتال کی جارہی ہے۔ جس کے باعث اسپتالوں، ڈسپنسریوں اور بنیادی صحت کے مراکز کی کارکردگی متاثر ہو رہی ہے۔ جبکہ صحت کے تعلیمی اداروں (ہیلتھ ایجوکیشن انسٹیٹیوٹس) کی بھی مانیٹرنگ نہیں کی جارہی۔ جس کے باعث طبی تعلیم کا معیار بہتر نہیں ہو پا رہا۔ سپریم کورٹ آف پاکستان نے 2014 میں احکامات جاری کیے تھے کہ صوبے میں صحت کی سہولیات کو مانیٹر کرنے کے لئے کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی جائیں جس پر محکمہ صحت

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کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) نیو کراچی میں شاہ فیصل گورنمنٹ بوائز پرائمری اینڈ سیکنڈری اسکول کی حالت انتہائی خراب ہو گئی ہے چار دیواری غائب ہو چکی ہے، کھیل کے میدان میں گٹر کا پانی بھر گیا ہے، سہولتیں ختم ہو گئی ہیں پورا اسکول گندگی کے ڈھیر میں تبدیل ہو گیا ہے، چوکیدار نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے۔ اسکول کا سامان بھی چوری ہو گیا ہے، اسکول میں کچرے کے ڈھیر اور گندے پانی کے جوڑے بچوں میں بیماریاں پھیلنے لگی ہیں اور والدین نے بچوں کو اسکول بھیجنا ہی بند کر دیا ہے اور بہت کم تعداد میں طلبہ رہ گئے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (خالد مصطفیٰ) اگلے موسم سرما میں پنجاب کے گھریلو صارفین اور معیشت کے دیگر سیکٹرز جس میں بجلی، صنعت اور کھاد کے سیکٹرز بھی شامل ہیں، کے لئے 80 فیصد گیس دستیاب ہوگی۔ اس کے نتیجے میں ملک کی معاشی سرگرمیوں کو نئی زندگی ملے گی۔ اس وقت گھریلو صارفین 60 فیصد گیس دستیاب ہے تاہم ایک عشرے سے گیس لوڈ شیڈنگ کے ستارے صارفین کو اگلے موسم سرما میں یہ 80 فیصد دستیاب ہوگی۔ وزیر پٹرولیم و قدرتی وسائل شاہد خاقان عباسی نے ”دی نیوز“ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے بتایا ہے کہ اگلے ماہ سے 400 ایم ایم سی ایف ڈی ایل این جی گیس ٹرانسمیشن اور ڈسٹریبوشن سسٹم میں شامل ہونے سے فوری طور پر معیشت کو خاص کر بڑے پیمانے پر مینوفیکچرنگ سیکٹر کو ابھارنے میں مدد ملے گی۔ اس کے نتیجے میں ٹیکس ریونیو میں 8 سے 10 ارب روپے سالانہ اضافہ ہوگا۔ قطر سے مارچ سے جی ٹی موڈ کے تحت ایل این جی کے تیل جہاز آئیں گے جبکہ پانچ سالہ ٹینڈر انتظام کے تحت ایک جہاز کا انتظام گنور کمپنی کرے گی۔ یہ چار ایل این جی بردار جہاز تین ماہ کے خام تیل کی اوسط تیل کی 13.37 فیصد قیمت پر لے آئیں گے۔ یہ گیس ملک کی 20 فیصد ضروریات پوری کرے گی۔ اگلے موسم سرما میں 80 فیصد گیس نہ صرف گھریلو صارفین بلکہ بجلی گھروں، صنعت اور کھاد سیکٹر کے لئے بھی دستیاب ہوگی۔ اگر ڈیزل پر چلنے والے بجلی کے پلانٹس کو آریل این جی فراہم کی جاتی ہے تو پاکستان کو سالانہ ایک ارب ڈالر بچت ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر موٹر پارک پلانٹس جو فرانس آئل پر چلائے جا رہے ہیں، وہ آریل این جی پر آگئے تو ملک کو سالانہ 40 سے 50 کروڑ ڈالر کا فائدہ ہوگا۔ وزیر پٹرولیم کا کہنا تھا کہ کھاد بنانے والے سیکٹر کو آریل این جی فراہم کرنے سے پاکستان نہ صرف کھاد درآمد نہ کرنے والے ملکوں میں شامل ہو جائے بلکہ یہ ملکی ضروریات کی کھاد پیدا کرنے کے قابل بھی ہو جائے گا۔ شاہد خاقان عباسی نے مزید کہا کہ اس وقت دو کمپنیاں پاک عرب اور دائودہر کولس آریل این جی استعمال کر رہی ہیں اور ہم ایگری ٹیک دائودہر کو بھی آریل این جی فراہم کرنے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں تاکہ درآمدی کھاد پر انحصار ختم کیا جاسکے۔ ایک سوال پر وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ حکومت اس ماہ کے اختتام سے قبل آریل این جی کو ڈی ریگولیٹ کرنے کی کوششیں کر رہی ہے جس کا مقصد ایل این جی کے چار جہازوں کی کھپ کے معاملے کو یقینی بنانا ہے۔

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سکھر (ہیو رپورٹر) سکھر کی قادر داد چھوہار مارکیٹ کے قریب واقع خان منور خان اسپتال کی عمارت مالکان نے سندھ انسٹیٹیوٹ آف یورالوجی اینڈ ٹرانسپلانٹیشن ”ایس آئی یوٹی“ کے حوالے کر دی۔ اس سلسلے میں ایک تقریب ”ایس آئی یوٹی چھوہار اسپتال سکھر میں ہوئی، جس میں خان منور خان نے اپنی اسپتال کی عمارت ایس آئی یوٹی کے حوالے کرنے کا اعزاز پر دستخط کئے۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر ادیب رضوی، کمشنر سکھر ڈویژن، ڈپٹی کمشنر شہزاد فضل عباسی، سکھر جیمبر آف کامرس کے صدر عامر غوری اور دیگر افسران بھی موجود تھے۔ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ڈاکٹر ادیب رضوی نے کہا کہ خان منور خان کی صحت شعبے میں خدمات ناقابل فراموش ہیں، ان کی یہ کاوش تاریخ میں یاد رکھی جائیگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ خان منور خان اسپتال میں کینسر اسپتال قائم کی جائیگا، جس کی عمارت پر ڈیڑھ ارب روپے، جبکہ مشینری پر بھی اتنی ہی رقم خرچ آئے گی، انہوں نے کہا کہ اس اسپتال کو سکھر کے لوگ ہی بنائیں گے انتظام ایس آئی یوٹی سنبھالے گا، انہوں نے کہا کہ کینسر اور گردے کے مریضوں میں روز بروز اضافہ ہو رہا ہے، پنجاب کے 30 فیصد مریض ایس آئی یوٹی میں علاج کیلئے آرہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے لوگوں سے اپیل کی کہ وہ صحت کے ادارے قائم کرنے کے لئے آگے آئیں اور انسانی خدمت کر کے اپنا نام روشن کروائیں، چھوہار نے جو خدمت برسوں پہلے کی تھی اس پر ان کا نام اسپتال کی صورت میں آج بھی زندہ ہے اور انہیں دنیا اچھے لفظوں میں یاد کرتی ہے۔

خام تیل کے نرخ 27 ڈالر سے بھی گر گئے

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سنگاپور (اے پی پی) ایشین آئل مارکیٹ میں جمعات کو خام تیل کے نرخ 27 ڈالر فی بیرل سے بھی گر گئے جس کی وجہ امریکا کی جانب سے طلب میں کمی اور اوپیک ممالک کی ضرورت سے زیادہ پیداوار ہے۔ امریکا کے اہم ترین سودے، ویسٹ ٹیکساس انٹر میڈیٹ کی مارچ کیلئے فروخت وقفے تک 55 سینٹ (2.0 فیصد) گر کر 26.90 ڈالر فی بیرل جبکہ برٹن تھ سی کروڈ کی 32 سینٹ (1.04 فیصد) کمی کے بعد 30.52 ڈالر فی بیرل رہی۔

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مارے گئے ڈاکوؤں کا شمار اوکاڑہ کے اہم اشتہاری ملزمان میں ہوتا تھا اور وہ اوکاڑہ میں پولیس وین توڑ کر فرار ہوئے تھے جب کہ ملزمان ڈکیتی کے دوران قتل کی متعدد وارداتوں میں ملوث تھے۔

**کوئٹہ:** شہر میں حالیہ دہشت گردی کے واقعات کے پیش نظر پولیس اور ایف سی نے پشتون آباد میں مشترکہ کارروائی کی جس میں 52 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے کر اسلحہ بھی برآمد کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کوئٹہ میں دہشت گردی کے بڑھتے ہوئے واقعات کے پیش نظر پولیس اور سکیورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن جاری ہے۔ کوئٹہ کے علاقے پشتون آباد میں ایف سی اور پولیس نے مشترکہ کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 52 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق گرفتار کیے جانے والے افراد کے قبضے سے ناجائز اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے جس میں مشین گنیں، پستول اور بڑی تعداد میں گولیاں شامل ہیں۔

**کوئٹہ میں پولیس اور ایف سی کی مشترکہ**

**کارروائی، 52 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار**

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ہونے والے حملے شامل ہیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے ترجمان نے بتایا کہ یہ دہشت گرد نیٹ ورک کراچی اور حیدر آباد کی سینٹرل جیل پر بھی حملے کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہے تھے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ حیدر آباد کی جیل پر حملے کے لیے شدت پسندوں نے لطیف آباد 5 نمبر میں ایک گھر کرائے پر لیا تھا اور وہاں پر دھماکہ خیز مواد اور اسلحہ جمع کر کے جیل پر حملے کی تیاری کر رہے تھے۔ لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم باجوہ کے مطابق دہشت گرد حیدر آباد جیل میں قید ڈسٹریکٹ پرل کے مقدمے میں سزا یافتہ مجرم عمر سعید شیخ اور کور کمانڈر کراچی پر حملے کرنے والے مجرم شہزاد احمد کو رہا کرنا چاہتے تھے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ منصوبہ سے انکشاف ہوا ہے کہ یہ نیٹ ورک حیدر آباد جیل میں قید 35 سے 40 قیدیوں کو مار کر تقریباً 100 قیدیوں کو رہا کرنا چاہتے تھے۔ ان شدت پسندوں کے پاس سے جیل کا نقشہ، پولیس کا یونیفارم بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے ترجمان نے بتایا کہ ستمبر 2013 میں کراچی میں آپریشن شروع ہونے سے قبل شہر میں ٹارگٹ کلنگ، بھتہ خوری، اغوا برائے تاوان کے واقعات بہت زیادہ ہوا کرتے تھے۔ لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم باجوہ کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں جاری آپریشن کے دوران نو ہزار سے زائد بڑے اور چھوٹے ہتھیار قبضے میں لیے گئے جبکہ چار لاکھ 25 ہزار سے زیادہ گولیاں بھی برآمد کی گئی ہیں۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ کراچی میں ٹارگٹ کلنگ 70 فیصد کم ہوئی ہے جبکہ بھتہ خوری کے واقعات میں 85 فیصد کمی ہوئی ہے اور شہر میں اغوا برائے تاوان میں 90 فیصد کمی آئی ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ کراچی میں جرائم پیشہ افراد اور دہشت گردوں کے خلاف رینجرز کے آپریشن سے شہر کے حالات بہتر ہوئے ہیں لیکن شہر میں مکمل امن کی بحالی تک آپریشن جاری رہے گا۔

کراچی محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے صوبائی اسمبلی اور وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس سمیت کراچی کے مختلف مقامات پر احتجاج کرنے پر 90 روز کی پابندی عائد کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ حکومت نے کراچی میں ریڈ زون سمیت مخصوص مقامات پر احتجاج کرنے پر 90 روز کی پابندی عائد کر دی ہے جس کا مضابطہ نوٹی فکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ صوبائی حکومت کی جانب سے جن مقامات پر احتجاج کرنے پر پابندی عائد کی گئی ہے ان میں سندھ اسمبلی، وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس، بلاول ہاؤس، سندھ سیکریٹریٹ، ڈاکٹر ضیاء الدین روڈ، فریسکو چوک اور پی آئی ڈی سی چوک سمیت دیگر مقامات شامل ہیں۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ بلاول ہاؤس کے باہر احتجاج کرنے والوں کو دفعہ 144 کے تحت گرفتار کر لیا جائے گا۔

کراچی: پولیس نے سپر ہائی وے کے قریب مقابلے کے دوران کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے 2 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راولپنڈی کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے سپر ہائی وے پر دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر چھاپہ مارا گیا تو علاقے میں موجود دہشت گردوں نے پولیس پارٹی پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے بعد پولیس کی جانب سے آپریشن کیا گیا۔ راولپنڈی نے بتایا کہ دہشت گردوں سے دو طرفہ فائرنگ کے مقابلے میں 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ایس ایس پی کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گردوں کی شناخت حمید اللہ اور عبداللہ کے نام سے ہوئی جن کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے عابد مجھڑ گروپ سے تھا جب کہ ملزمان جرائم اور دہشت گردی کی متعدد وارداتوں میں پولیس کو مطلوب تھا۔ پولیس نے دہشت گردوں کی لاشیں قبضے میں لے کر ضابطے کی کارروائی شروع کر دی ہے جب کہ ان کے مزید ساتھیوں کی گرفتاری کے لیے بھی چھاپے مارے جا رہے ہیں۔

لاہور پولیس نے لاہور کے علاقے سے پولیس کی وردی پہن کر شہریوں کو لوٹنے والا 7 رکنی گینگ گرفتار کر لیا۔ لاہور میں پولیس نے کارروائی کے دوران پولیس وردیاں پہن کر شہریوں کو لوٹنے والے 7 رکنی گینگ کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق ملزم ناکے لگا کر اپنے جعلی کارڈ کے ذریعے شہریوں کو ڈرا دھمکا کر ان سے لوٹ مار کرتے تھے جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے 30 لاکھ روپے، زیورات، اسلحہ، جعلی پولیس یونیفارم اور کارڈز سمیت وائرلس سیٹ برآمد ہوا ہے۔

شیخوپورہ: کوٹ وار میں دھند کے باعث ایل پی جی ٹینکر اور کار میں تصادم کے بعد آگ لگنے سے 12 افراد جاں بحق اور 20 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق شیخوپورہ کے علاقے میں مانا والا میں کوٹ وار کے قریب ایل پی جی ٹینکر دھند کے باعث مخالف سمت سے آتی کار سے ٹکرا گیا جس سے فوراً آگ بھڑک اٹھی، آگ نے مزید 2 گاڑیوں، 2 رکشوں اور قریبی دکانوں کو بھی اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا جس کے نتیجے میں 12 افراد جھلس کر جاں بحق جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ ریکوری 1122 شیخوپورہ کے انچارج ڈاکٹر اعظم کے مطابق ایل پی جی سے بھر ایک ٹینکر سڑک پر مخالف سمت سے آنے والی کار سے ٹکرایا تو تصادم کی وجہ سے ٹینکر میں دھماکے سے آگ لگ گئی جس نے قریبی دکانوں اور گاڑیوں کو بھی لپیٹ میں لیا تاہم امدادی ٹیموں نے لاشوں اور زخمیوں کو نیکانہ صاحب کے ضلعی ہیڈ کوارٹر اسپتال منتقل کر دیا۔ مقامی افراد کا کہنا ہے کہ ریکوری ٹیمیں تاخیر سے پہنچنے کے باعث نقصان زیادہ ہوا، حادثے میں زخمی ہونے والے افراد کو طبی امداد کے لئے قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور سبزہ زار میں مبینہ پولیس مقابلے میں 2 ڈاکو ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ ملزمان ڈکیتی سمیت قتل کی وارداتوں میں بھی ملوث تھے پولیس کے مطابق لاہور کے علاقے سبزہ زار میں 2 ملزمان موٹر سائیکل چھین کر فرار ہوئے جس پر پولیس نے ان کا تعاقب کیا جب کہ اس دوران پولیس نے اور ملزمان کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ ہوا جس کے نتیجے میں دونوں ڈاکو ہلاک ہو گئے جن کی شناخت اشرف اور آصف کے ناموں سے ہوئی۔ پولیس کے مطابق

کراچی کے مخصوص مقامات پر احتجاج

کرنے پر 90 روز کی پابندی عائد

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کراچی کے علاقے سپر ہائی وے پر مقابلے

میں 2 دہشت گرد ہلاک، پولیس

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11 فروری 2016

لاہور میں پولیس وردی میں شہریوں کو

لوٹنے والا گروہ گرفتار

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10 فروری 2016

شیخوپورہ میں ایل پی جی ٹینکر اور کار میں

تصادم سے 12 افراد جاں بحق

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10 فروری 2016

لاہور کے علاقے سبزہ زار میں مبینہ

پولیس مقابلے میں 2 ڈاکو ہلاک

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## سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاں

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع سیبی میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے ایک سرچ آپریشن میں حکام نے آٹھ عسکریت پسندوں کو ہلاک اور 12 گروہ قتل کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ سینچر کی شب بلوچستان حکومت کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ یہ سرچ آپریشن ضلع کے علاقے سانگان میں کیا گیا۔ ان ذرائع نے بتایا اس علاقے میں عسکریت پسندوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع تھی۔ ذرائع کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن کے دوران فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں کم از کم آٹھ عسکریت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ذرائع نے دعویٰ کیا کہ ہلاک ہونے والوں میں عسکریت پسند تنظیم کا ایک اہم کمانڈر بھی شامل تھا۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ اس آپریشن کے دوران 12 عسکریت پسندوں کو گرفتار کرنے کے علاوہ اس علاقے میں ان کے دو ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کیے گئے۔ آزاد ذرائع سے مارے جانے والے افراد کی فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ہلاکت اور کسی عسکریت پسند تنظیم سے تعلق کی تاحال تصدیق نہیں ہو سکی۔ سانگان اور اس سے متصل بولان کے علاقوں کا شمار ان علاقوں میں ہوتا ہے جہاں سیکورٹی فورسز اور سرکاری تنصیبات پر حملوں کے واقعات پیش آتے رہے ہیں۔

باغ آزاد کشمیر میں تعلیم دشمن دہشتگردوں نے سکول کے معصوم بچوں کو نشانہ بنانے کیلئے سکول میں دو بم نصب کر رکھے تھے۔ سکول میں دو بموں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع ملنے پر پولیس کی بھاری نفری موقع پر پہنچ گئی اور سکول کو خالی کر کے بم کو ناکارہ بنانے کیلئے بم ڈسپوزل سکواڈ کو طلب کر لیا۔ بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کے عملے نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دونوں بموں کو ناکارہ بنا دیا۔ پولیس نے واقعے کے بعد علاقے کا محاصرہ کر لیا اور سکول میں بم رکھنے والے دہشتگردوں کی تلاش کیلئے سرچ آپریشن کا آغاز کر دیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق سکول میں بم نصب کر نیوالے دہشتگردوں کی تلاش کیلئے تمام وسائل بروکار لائیں جائیں گے۔

اسلام آباد میں پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ ایک ناکہ پر فائرنگ کے واقعے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار ہلاک ہو گیا ہے۔ مقامی پولیس کے مطابق یہ واقعہ جمعے کی شب راولپنڈی اور اسلام آباد کو ملانے والی سڑک کمانڈر اونیو پر پیش آیا۔ بی بی سی کے نامہ نگار شہزاد ملک کے مطابق پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ کٹاریاں ناکہ پر جب موٹر سائیکل پر سوار دو افراد کو روکا گیا تو انھوں نے وہاں تعینات اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کر دی۔ پولیس اہلکاروں کے مطابق اس فائرنگ سے اسلام آباد پولیس کا ایک اہلکار ہلاک جبکہ پولیس اور فرنٹیئر کانسٹیبلری کا ایک ایک اہلکار زخمی ہوا ہے۔ ہلاک ہونے والے پولیس کانسٹیبل کا نام امتیاز بتایا گیا ہے۔ حملہ آور فائرنگ کے بعد فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق ناکہ پر تعینات اہلکاروں نے مسلح افراد پر جوابی فائرنگ بھی کی جس سے وہ زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ ان دونوں حملہ آوروں کو راولپنڈی اور اسلام آباد کے ہسپتالوں سمیت شہر بھر میں تلاش کیا جا رہا ہے۔

پاکستان کی فوج کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی سے کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی، القاعدہ اور کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان سے وابستہ تین کمانڈروں سمیت 97 دہشت گردوں کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے جبکہ امریکی صحافی ڈینیئل پرل کے قتل کے مجرم کو جیل سے رہا کر دینے کے منصوبے کو ناکام بنایا گیا۔ کراچی میں فوج کے ترجمان لیفٹیننٹ جنرل عاصم باجوہ نے پریس کانفرنس میں بتایا کہ کراچی میں دہشت گردی کے واقعات میں کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی اور القاعدہ برصغیر کے ملوث ہونے کے ثبوت ملے ہیں اور کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان کا بھی ان سے اشتراک تھا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ کراچی میں انسٹیبلشمنٹ ایجنسیوں کی اطلاعات پر سات ہزار سے زائد آپریشن کیے گئے۔ جن میں 12 ہزار سے زائد شدت پسندوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ نامہ نگار نخب ملک کے مطابق فوج کے ترجمان نے بتایا کہ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی اور القاعدہ برصغیر کا نیٹ ورک توڑ دیا گیا ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ قانون نافذ کرنے والوں اداروں نے کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی کے امیر اور نائب امیر کو گرفتار کیا ہے جبکہ اس تنظیم سے وابستہ چھ خود کش بمبار اور دس ریورٹ کنٹرول بم بنانے میں مہارت رکھنے والے دہشت گردوں کو بھی پکڑ لیا ہے۔ کراچی میں آپریشن کے دوران القاعدہ برصغیر کو مالی معاونت فراہم کرنے والے 12 افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا جبکہ القاعدہ برصغیر کے دھاکہ خیز مواد بنانے والے 15 شدت پسندوں کو بھی گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ کالعدم تنظیم لشکر جھنگوی، القاعدہ اور کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان سے وابستہ 97 مبینہ دہشت گردوں کو حراست میں لیا گیا ہے۔ حراست میں لیے گئے دہشت گردوں میں 26 کی گرفتاری کے لیے انعام کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ کراچی میں جتنے بڑے دہشت گردی کے واقعات ہوئے ہیں ان میں یہی لوگ ملوث تھے جو مساجد میں بیٹھ کر منصوبہ بندی کرتے تھے تاکہ ان پر شک نہ کیا جاسکے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ان شدت پسندوں نے کراچی میں رہتے ہوئے ملک کے دیگر علاقوں میں ہونے والے دہشت گرد حملوں کی منصوبہ بندی کی جن میں ایف آئی اے ہیڈ کوارٹر لاہور، مہران ہسپتال پر حملہ، نیوی کی ہسپتال پر حملے اور کراچی کے ہوائی اڈے پر

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آزاد کشمیر کے ضلع باغ میں سکول میں دو بموں کو ناکارہ بنا کر بڑے نقصان سے

بچا لیا گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 فروری 2016

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ایک اہلکار ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

12 فروری 2016

کراچی سے کمانڈروں سمیت 97 دہشت

گرد گرفتار

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حکومت نے تھر میں غربت کے خاتمے اور صحت کی سہولیات کی بہتری کے لیے اقدامات کیے ہیں لیکن ان کے باوجود میڈیا رپورٹیں بتا رہی ہیں کہ شیر خوار بچوں کی اموات میں اضافہ ان کے لیے پریشان کن ہے۔ اعلامیے کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ نے تھر میں موجودہ تمام صورت حال کی تحقیقات کرنے کے لیے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ صدیق مبین کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ دو اراکان جسٹس (ر) غلام سرور کورائی اور ریٹائرڈ سٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن جج ارجن رام پر مشتمل جوڈیشل کمیشن تشکیل دیں۔ واضح رہے کہ سپریم کورٹ کے چیف جسٹس انور ظہیر جمالی نے گذشتہ روز حیدرآباد میں ایک تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے حکومت کو متنبہ کیا تھا کہ اس سے قبل کہ عدالت مداخلت کرے حکومت تھر کی صورت حال سے نمٹنے کے لیے اقدامات اٹھائے۔ اس سے قبل سندھ ہائی کورٹ نے حکومت کو تھر کی صورت حال کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے ایک آزادانہ کمیشن کے قیام کی ہدایت کی تھی۔ تھر میں قحط سالی اور بچوں کی اموات سندھ حکومت کے لیے درد سر بن چکی ہے، اس کی ابتدا اس وقت ہوئی جب فروری 2014 میں اموات میں شدت آنے کے بعد پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے چیئرمین بلاول بھٹو نے نوٹس لے کر صوبائی حکومت کو امدادی کارروائی شروع کرنے کی ہدایت کی تھی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ نے مجرمانہ غفلت کا تعین کرنے کے لیے ڈی آئی جی پولیس حیدرآباد ڈویژن ٹائٹلڈ عباسی کو انکوائری افسر تعینات کیا تھا۔ ٹائٹلڈ عباسی نے محکمہ صحت، لائیو اسٹاک اور خوراک کو صورت حال کا ذمہ دار قرار دیا اور رپورٹ ہائی کورٹ میں پیش کی، لیکن ایڈووکیٹ جنرل نے اس رپورٹ کو حکومت کے خلاف سازش قرار دے کر مسترد کر دیا۔ تھر میں قحط سالی سے نمٹنے کے لیے مستقل اقدامات کے لیے پالیسی سازی کی بھی کوشش کی گئی لیکن یہ اقدامات پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچ نہیں پائے صوبائی حکومت نے جسٹس ریٹائرڈ قربان علوی کی سربراہی میں عدالتی کمیشن بنایا جن کی رپورٹ سامنے نہیں آئی، اس سے قبل سیلاب کی تباہ کاریوں اور بلند یہ فیکٹری واقعے کی تحقیقات بھی انھیں دی گئی تھی وہ رپورٹیں بھی منظر پر نہیں لائی گئیں۔ سیاسی دباؤ اور میڈیا کی تنقید کے بعد صوبائی وزیر منظور وسان کو تحقیقات کا ٹاسک دیا گیا، ان کی رپورٹ ڈی آئی جی ٹائٹلڈ عباسی کی رپورٹ سے مطابقت رکھتی تھی۔ اس رپورٹ کی بنیاد پر پیپلز پارٹی کے چیئرمین بلاول بھٹو کی جانب سے وزیر اعلیٰ سید قائم علی شاہ کو شوکاز نوٹس دینے کی خبریں سامنے آئیں لیکن بعد میں منظور وسان رپورٹ کے مندرجات اور پیپلز پارٹی قیادت شوکاز نوٹس سے مکر گئی۔ صوبائی وزیر صحت جام مہتاب ڈہر کی سربراہی میں وزراتی کمیٹی تشکیل دی گئی جبکہ سینیٹر تاج حیدر کو امدادی کارروائیوں کا نگران مقرر کیا گیا دونوں نے قحط سالی اور بچوں کی اموات کو مخالفین کی سیاست اور صحافی مبالغہ قرار دیا۔ سندھ ہائی کورٹ میں جب تحقیقات کا معاملہ اٹھا تو حکومت نے جسٹس ریٹائرڈ غلام سرور کورائی اور جسٹس ارجن داس تلر بجا پر مشتمل کمیشن تشکیل کر دیا، جس نے تھر جا کر کچھ بیانات بھی لیے لیکن ہائی کورٹ میں معاملہ زیر سماعت ہونے کی وجہ سے اس کمیشن کو معطل کر دیا گیا۔ حکومت کی بنائی گئی کمیٹیاں اور کمیشن دیہات میں جانے کے بجائے سول ہسپتال کا دورہ کر کے مٹھی شہر میں اجلاس اور ملاقات کرتے ہیں اور وہیں سے روانہ ہو جاتے ہیں۔ صحافی کھاناؤ جانیتھر دیپ نامی غیر سرکاری تنظیم کے اہلکار ڈاکٹر سونو کھنگارانی کا کہنا ہے کہ حالیہ کمیشن بھی گذشتہ کمیشنوں کا ہی تسلسل ہے جس کا مقصد صرف حکومتی اقدامات کا دفاع کرنا ہے نہ کہ صورت حال کا غیر جانبدارانہ تجزیہ اور تحقیق کر کے سفارشات تجویز کی جائیں۔ حکومت کا کہنا ہے کہ بچوں کی اموات بیماریوں کی وجہ سے ہو رہی ہیں تو پھر بتایا جائے کہ وہ کون سی بیماری ہے، تھر کی 64 یونین کونسلوں کے ہر گاؤں میں ایک ٹیم مختص کی جائے جو وہاں جتنے بھی پانچ سال سے کم عمر کے بچے ہیں ان کی نشاندہی کرے اور اس بات کا جائزہ لے کہ ان میں سے کتنے بچے خوراک کی کمی کا شکار ہیں بعد میں انھیں گھر گھر خوراک فراہمی کی جائے، اس طرح بلاکتوں کا یہ سلسلہ رک جائے گا۔ تھر میں قحط سالی سے نمٹنے کے لیے مستقل اقدامات کے لیے پالیسی سازی کی بھی کوشش کی گئی لیکن یہ اقدامات پایہ تکمیل تک پہنچ نہیں پائے۔ اویز نامی غیر سرکاری تنظیم کے ڈائریکٹر علی اکبر راہمیں اس مشاورتی کمیٹی کے رکن رہے ہیں، ان کے مطابق حکومت نے برسوں کے بعد سندھ ڈراؤٹ مینجمنٹ اینڈ میٹیکیشن پالیسی بنانے کا فیصلہ کیا تھا جس کے تحت تھر ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی بنائی تھی جس کے لیے کمیٹی نے اپنی سفارشات جمع کرائیں لیکن اس کو ڈیڑھ سال کا عرصہ ہو گیا ہے لیکن اس پر تاحال عمل درآمد نہیں ہو سکا۔ ’تھر ڈیولپمنٹ اتھارٹی کا جو مسودہ اسمبلی میں پیش کیا گیا وہ بھی سفارشات کے برعکس تھا، لوگ تاحال مستقل حل کے منتظر ہیں اور حکومت کمیشن بنا کر اصل مسئلے سے توجہ ہٹانا چاہتی ہے۔‘ حالیہ جوڈیشل کمیشن سے قبل صوبائی وزیر بلدیات ناصر شاہ کی سربراہی میں پانچ رکنی وزراتی کمیٹی نے بھی تھر کا دورہ کیا تھا، جس کے بعد تھر میں رعایتی نرخوں پر گندم کی فراہمی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا لیکن اس پر بھی تاحال عمل درآمد نہیں ہو سکا۔ مٹھی پریس کلب کے صدر صحافی کھاناؤ جانی کہتے ہیں کہ حکومت کی بنائی گئی کمیٹیاں اور کمیشن دیہات میں جانے کی بجائے سول ہسپتال کا دورہ کر کے مٹھی شہر میں اجلاس اور ملاقات کرتی ہیں اور وہیں سے روانہ ہو جاتی ہیں: ’نقطہ میں بچوں کی اموات کے واقعات زیادہ تر دیہی علاقوں میں پیش آتے ہیں جبکہ کسان بھی دیہی علاقوں میں رہتے ہیں اس لیے یہ وزرا اور کمیشن حقیقی صورت حال کی شدت سے لاعلم رہتے ہیں اور آگے ’’ٹھیک ہے‘‘ کی رپورٹ دے دیتے ہیں۔‘

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پرجا ہاتھ کہ دھند میں سامنے سے آنے والی بس کو نہ دیکھ سکا اور بس سے ٹکرا گیا جس کے نتیجے میں موٹر سائیکل بس کے نیچے جا گھسی۔ حادثہ کے نتیجے میں حاضر حیات موقع پر ہی زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے دم توڑ گیا۔ راگیروں نے اس کے زخمی ہونے والے ساتھی کو ہسپتال داخل کروا دیا جہاں اس کا علاج جاری ہے۔ شاہ پور سرگودھا روڈ پر پھانگ دیگوال کے نزدیک تیز رفتاری کے باعث کوچ سامنے سے آنے والے ٹرک سے ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں دو افراد محمد اختر، کوچ کاکنڈ کٹر محمد شریف جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ 6 مسافر خالد محمود، ظفر اقبال، حسن اقبال وغیرہ شدید زخمی ہو گئے جن میں سے چار زخمی مسافروں کو ریسکیو 1122 نے سرگودھا ہسپتال پہنچایا۔ ساہیوال روڈ پر مزدا اور چنگ پی رکشا کے تصادم میں 6 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ جن میں ایک خاتون سکول ٹیچر بھی شدید زخمی ہوئیں۔ سرگودھا روڈ پر چاہ کوڑا کے نزدیک موٹر سائیکل آپس میں ٹکرانے کے باعث روزی خان اور زہرا بی بی سنہ شہزاد پور شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ چناری کے قریب کچھڑ کے مقام پر ٹریفک حادثہ میں پاک فوج کے اہلکار عارف ظلمی سمیت 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والوں میں کارڈرائیور وقار نقوی بھی شامل ہے۔ حادثے میں 3 خواتین سمیت 6 افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ سیالکوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق پسرور روڈ پر ہونے والے ٹریفک حادثات میں تین نوجوان جاں بحق اور 4 شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ گلشن اقبال پارک کے قریب پسرور کی طرف سے سیالکوٹ آنے والی کار سڑک کے کنارے نصب بجلی کے دو کھمبوں سے ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں کار میں سوار 23 سالہ محمد شکور اور 25 سالہ ٹھوما ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ پشاور کار ہائٹی 30 سالہ عرفان مسیح اور 23 سالہ ظہیر شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ بتایا گیا ہے ٹکرائی ہوئی کار قدر شدید تھی کی بجلی کے پولوں پر نصب ٹرانسفارمر بھی گر گیا۔

دوسرا حادثہ دریو گاؤں کے قریب ہوا جس میں ایک تیز رفتاریو ٹاویگن نے موٹر سائیکل پر سوار تین نوجوانوں ذیشان، عثمان اور احسان کو شدید زخمی کر دیا۔ زخمی ذیشان بعد ازاں زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے دم توڑ گیا۔ گڑھ مہاراجہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق پنجاب کالج کی بس دھند کے باعث ٹرک سے ٹکرائی جس کے باعث 22 طلبہ و طالبات زخمی ہو گئے جن میں سے 6 کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ پنجاب کالج شور کوٹ کی بس گڑھ مہاراجہ، گڑھ موڑ، دربار حضرت سلطان باہو سے درجنوں طلبہ و طالبات کو لے کر کالج جا رہی تھی کہ اچانک باہو پل پر دھند کے باعث مخالف سمت سے آنے والے تیز رفتار ٹرک سے ٹکرائی اور دھند کے باعث ساتھ آنے والی اے پی وی ویگن نمبر 2626 بھی بس سے ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں بس کا ڈرائیور محمد اسلم، شمر عباس، محمد نو شیر، محمد عثمان، وائلہ صابر، شبنم خالد، ناصر عباس شدید زخمی ہو گئے جن کو نشتر ہسپتال ملتان اور الانیڈ ہسپتال فیصل آباد ریفورمر کر دیا گیا جبکہ باقی زخمیوں میں محمد شہباز، زینب، اقرا، علینہ، سرمد، انم شہزادی، محمد رمضان، اقرام شیر، عیسیٰ، ثنائی، اقصیٰ، بول، سید محمد غازی کو زخمی حالت میں رورل ہیلتھ ہسپتال گڑھ مہاراجہ داخل کر دیا گیا ہے حادثہ سے بچوں میں خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا بچوں کے والدین اور لواحقین بڑی تعداد میں حادثہ کا پتہ چلنے پر جائے وقوعہ پر پہنچ گئے۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق تیز رفتاریو بس دھند کے باعث گئے کی ٹریکٹر ٹرائی سے جا ٹکرائی جس سے 2 خواتین سمیت 8 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ نواحی گاؤں چک نمبر 9 تیز رفتاریو بس دھند کی وجہ سے بے قابو ہو کر گئے والی ٹرائی سے ٹکرائی جس سے 40 سالہ شریفی بی بی 32 سالہ محمد انور 56 سالہ محمد ایوب، 30 سالہ رمضان، 27 سالہ کاشف، 29 سالہ طاہر عباس، 25 سالہ محمد اعظم، 42 سالہ محمد قربان، 27 سالہ کاشف اور 26 سالہ عابد علی شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ گو جہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دھند کے باعث ٹرے کٹر ٹرائی کی ٹکرائی سے موٹر سائیکل کل سوار نوجوان جاں بحق ہو گیا جبکہ اس کا بھائی زخمی ہو گیا۔ چک نمبر 245 گ ب تلونڈی کے نمبر دار محمد امین کے بیٹے محمد شاہد اور محمد زاہد موٹر سائیکل پر گاؤں سے شہر آرہے تھے کہ لنک روڈ پر چک نمبر 248 گ ب مالٹری کی طرف سے آنے والی ریت سے لوڈ ٹریکٹر ٹرائی سے ٹکرا گئے جس کے نتیجے میں دونوں بھائی شدید زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری طور پر گورنمنٹ آئی کم جزل ہسپتال گو جہ پہنچایا گیا جہاں پر محمد شاہد زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے دم توڑ گیا۔ عارف والا سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق دھند کے باعث کو سٹرو ٹریکٹر ٹرائی میں تصادم کے نتیجے میں 10 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ پاکپتن سے ملتان جانیوالی کو سٹرو عارف والا سے تین کلو میٹر پاکپتن روڈ پر ٹریکٹر ٹرائی سے ٹکرائی جس سے شرافت، فاروق، ارسلان سمیت 10 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے سرگودھا کے علاقے گیوال میں ٹریفک حادثے میں قیمتی انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کے لواحقین سے ہمدردی اور تعزیت کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شدید دھند کے باعث ایک تیز رفتاریو مسافر بس گئے سے لدی ٹریکٹر ٹرائی کے ساتھ ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں 25 مسافر شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ مسافروں کو صادق آباد سے راستہ فیصل آباد نکانہ صاحب آ رہی تھی کہ راستہ میں چک نمبر 9 شاپ کے قریب شدید دھند BSA-221 بس نمبری کے باعث مخالف سمت سے آنے والی گئے سے لدی ہوئی ٹریکٹر ٹرائی کے ساتھ ٹکرائی جس کے نتیجے میں گاؤں پیڑے والی شاپ کے قریب ایک تیز رفتاریو اور موٹر سائیکل کے تصادم میں 20 سالہ نعمان حسین شدید زخمی ہو گیا۔

سندھ ہائی کورٹ نے حکومت کو تھر کی صورت حال کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے ایک آزادانہ کمیشن کے قیام کی ہدایت کی تھی سندھ حکومت نے خط زدہ علاقے تھر کی مجموعی صورتحال کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے عدالتی کمیشن تشکیل دے دیا ہے، گذشتہ دو سالوں میں یہ تیسرا عدالتی کمیشن ہے۔ ان کے علاوہ تین وزارتیں کمیشیاں اور ایک پولیس کی تحقیقاتی کمیٹی بن چکی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سید قائم علی شاہ نے کمیشن کے اعلان کے ساتھ یہ دعویٰ بھی کیا ہے کہ ان کی

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**مٹھی + کراچی (نامہ نگار + سٹاف رپورٹر)** تھر میں مختلف امراض کی وجہ سے کسن بچوں کی ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، ہفتے کو مزید چار کسن بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ ان میں کویتا، قاسم سومر وکانو مولود اور شکر کا بھی نو مولود بچہ سول ہسپتال مٹھی میں جبکہ تحصیل ہسپتال اسلام کوٹ میں بھوکا پانچ ماہ کا بچہ بھی چل بسا۔ اس طرح جنوری سے لیکر اب تک ہلاک ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 152 ہو چکی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی جانب سے قائم کردہ تھر ریلیف کمیٹی کے سربراہ سینئر تاج حیدر نے کہا ہے کہ تھر میں صورتحال اتنی خراب نہیں ہے جتنی دکھائی جا رہی ہے۔ حکومت سندھ کی مکمل توجہ تھر کی جانب مرکوز ہے، تھر میں پانی کی کمی نہیں ہے۔ زیر زمین 1.5 ملین پانی کا ذخیرہ موجود ہے۔ اس کھارے پانی کو میٹھا کرنے کیلئے 437 آراپلائمنٹس قائم کر رہے ہیں اور آئندہ چند ماہ میں انکی تعداد 700 تک پہنچادی جائیگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کراچی میں بیورو کریسی تھر کے منصوبوں میں رکاوٹ ڈالتی ہے جس کیلئے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سے بات کی ہے، یہ مسئلہ بھی جلد حل کر لیا جائیگا۔

**تھر: مزید 4 بچے جاں بحق، صورتحال اتنی خراب نہیں جتنی دکھائی جا رہی ہے: تاج حیدر**

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ڈاکٹر اسماعیل سالانی کا کہنا تھا کہ مناسب خوراک نہ ملنے کی وجہ سے مال مویشی لاغر اور کمزور ہو رہے ہیں پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے متعدد علاقوں میں موسم خزاں کے دوران بارشیں نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے خشک سالی کے اثرات میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ اس وقت جو اضلاع خشک سالی کی زیادہ لپیٹ میں آگئے ہیں ان میں نوشکی اور چاغی کے اضلاع شامل ہیں۔ نوشکی میں طویل عرصے سے بارشیں نہیں ہوئیں جس کی وجہ سے زراعت اور مال مویشی خشک سالی سے متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ بلوچستان کے 29 اضلاع خشک سالی کا شکار گذشتہ دنوں ایک غیر سرکاری تنظیم آزاد فاؤنڈیشن کی جانب سے کونسل سے تعلق رکھنے والی میڈیا کی ایک ٹیم کو نوشکی کے علاقے ڈاک لے جایا گیا۔ ڈاک کے سابق یونین کونسل کے ناظم غلام حیدر نے خشک سالی کی صورتحال پر شدید تشویش کا اظہار کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گذشتہ آٹھ دس سال کے دوران خشک سالی نے جو تباہی مچائی ہے اس کے باعث وہاں کوئی دیکھنے والی چیز نہیں۔ وہاں سے ہزاروں کی تعداد میں لوگ نقل مکانی کر چکے ہیں۔ نوشکی میں محکمہ حیوانات کے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر ڈاکٹر اسماعیل سالانی نے صحافیوں کو بتایا ضلع نوشکی میں تین یونین کونسل خشک سالی سے زیادہ متاثر ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ ان یونین کونسلوں میں ڈاک، انام بوستان اور کیشنگی شامل ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر اسماعیل سالانی کا کہنا تھا کہ مناسب خوراک نہ ملنے کی وجہ سے مال مویشی لاغر اور کمزور ہو رہے ہیں اور مالدار ان کو انتہائی کم قیمت پر فروخت کرنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ وہ اونٹ جو ایک سے ڈیڑھ لاکھ میں بکتا تھا اب مالدار اس کو 35 ہزار روپے میں فروخت کرنے پر بھی مجبور ہیں اسی طرح مالدار بھی بکریوں کو دو سے ڈھائی ہزار روپے میں فروخت کرنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ بلوچستان میں زراعت اور مال مویشی لوگوں کے معاش کا سب سے بڑا ذریعہ ہیں۔ نوشکی اور چاغی میں خشک سالی سے دونوں ذرائع متاثر ہونے کی وجہ سے لوگوں کی آمدنی بھی متاثر ہو گئی ہے۔ اس سے لوگ بالخصوص بچے کم خوراک کا بھی شکار ہو گئے ہیں۔ آزاد فاؤنڈیشن کے مطابق نوشکی اور چاغی کے علاوہ واشنگ، خاران، قلعہ سیف اللہ، خضدار، سی اور ژوب سمیت بعض دیگر علاقوں میں بھی خشک سالی کے اثرات زیادہ ہیں۔ بلوچستان میں قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے حکام نے رابطہ کرنے پر بتایا کہ نوشکی میں خشک سالی کے اثرات کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے ٹیم بھیج دی گئی ہے۔ دوسری جانب مقامی میڈیا میں ضلع چاغی میں بھوک اور غربت کی وجہ سے بچوں کی ہلاکت کی خبریں بھی شائع ہوئی ہیں۔ تاہم ڈپٹی کمشنر ضلع چاغی خدائے نذر بڑبچنے ان اطلاعات کی سختی سے تردید کی ہے۔ اپنے وضاحتی بیان میں انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع بھر میں کوئی ایسا واقعہ پیش نہیں آیا اور نہ ہی کسی ایک بچے کا بھی بھوک اور غربت کی وجہ سے ہلاکت ہوئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ضلع میں خشک سالی کے اثرات موجود ہیں تاہم صورتحال مکمل طور پر قابو میں ہے۔

**نوشکی اور چاغی کے اضلاع میں خشک سالی**

بی بی سی اردو

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اسلام آباد سے ملحق مارگلہ کے پہاڑی سلسلے پر پانچ سال کے بعد پہلی بار برف باری ہوئی ہے۔ اسی طرح خیبر پختونخوا کے شہر مانسہرہ میں آٹھ سال کے بعد برف باری ہوئی جس سے اچانک سردی میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے ڈائریکٹر محمد حنیف نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ 'چونکہ یہ ایل نینو کا سال ہے اس لیے برف باری کا ہونا غیر معمولی بات نہیں ہے کیونکہ ایسا ہر چار سال بعد ہوتا ہے۔' انھوں نے بتایا کہ 'ایل نینو موسمیاتی اصطلاح ہے جس کا مطلب ہے کہ دنیا کے سمندر گرم ہونے کی وجہ سے پانی سے بخارات زیادہ بنتے ہیں اور زیادہ بارشیں اور خشک سالی ہوتی ہے۔' انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ ایل نینو موسمیاتی تبدیلی کی وہ قسم ہے جو بارشوں کی روش کو بدل دیتی ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں برف باری کا سلسلہ مختصر مدت کے لیے رہا اور دوپہر ایک بجے کے قریب موسم اچانک بدل کر خوشگوار ہو گیا اور دھوپ نکل آئی

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سمیت کئی شہروں میں حادثات، 19 افراد





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