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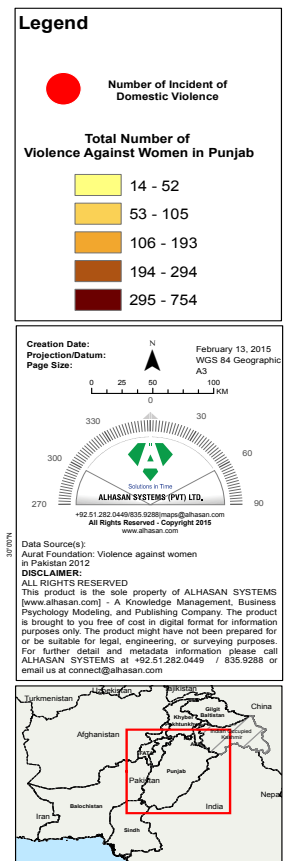
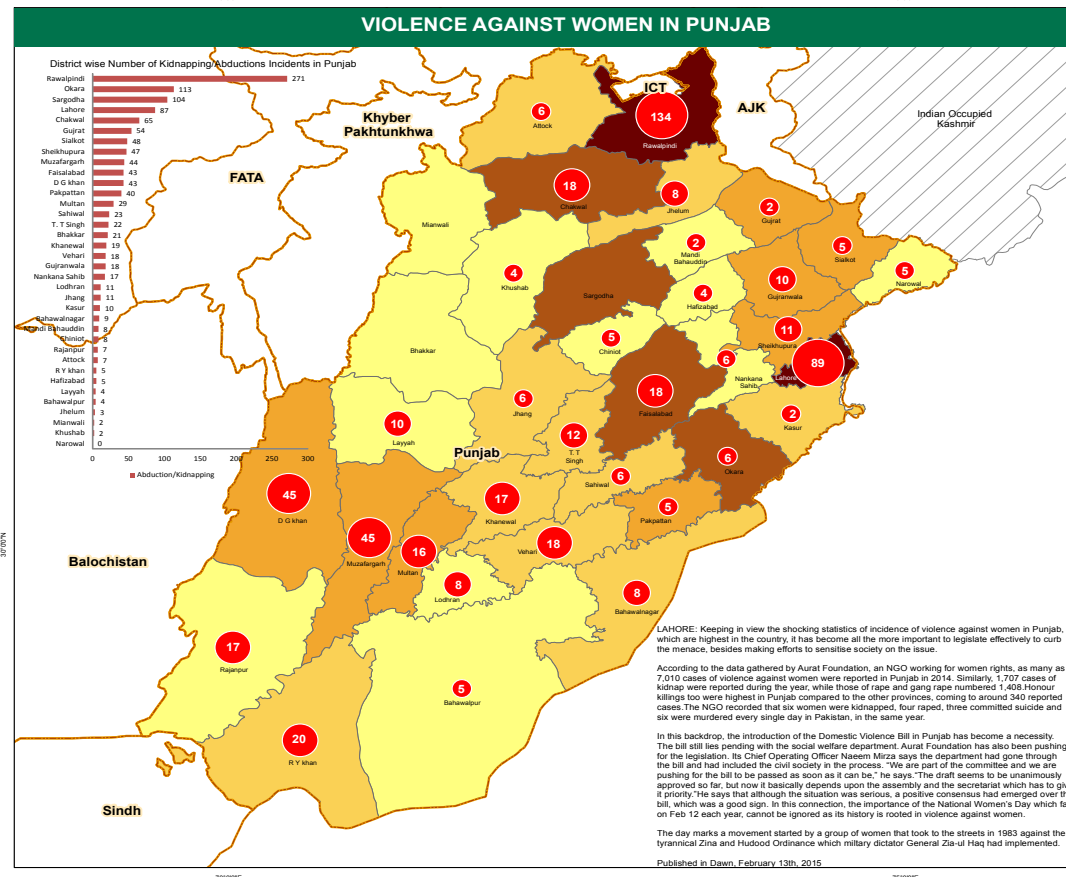
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

**Alkhidmat Foundation
Distributes Winter
Packages Among 700**
AKF News, Feb 15, 2015

**Army Rehabilitates 10
Flood-Hit Schools**
The Nation, Feb 14, 2015

**Relocation or Adaptation:
Earth Home Project Brings
Relief to Pakistanis
Reeling from Floods**
Architect, Feb 14, 2015

**Two-Day Moot On Disaster
Risk Reduction Begins**
Daily Times, Feb 13, 2015

DETAILS

CHINIOT: Alkhidmat Foundation Punjab distributed winter package among seven hundred (700) poor and deserving local flood affected families of Bhawana, Chiniot. Mr. Hafiz Muhammad Shareef (President Alkhidmat Foundation Chiniot) along with Mr. Islam Khan and district team participated in the distribution event. Beneficiaries were overwhelmed after receiving winter gift in the hour of need.

GUJRANWALA: Pakistan Army Gujranwala Corps completed rehabilitation of 10 projects including nine schools and one rural dispensary that were damaged by the worst flash flood in Chenab River in Pukhlian, Chaprar and Khoje Chak sectors along Sialkot Working Boundary. It is to be recalled that during the last monsoon, heavy floods in River Chenab and Jammu resulted in colossal damage to many government structures including education institutions which were either completely collapsed or received substantial damages. However, Pakistan Army took upon itself the task of rebuilding and revamping these facilities. Under this spirit, Pak Army rehabilitated 10 projects including nine schools and a rural health dispensary in a short span of two months. The scope of work included construction of boundary walls, restoring water supply and sanitation, repair / maintenance of classrooms and inculcation of conducive educational environment. The army Gujranwala Corpse also installed playing gadgets at these schools and provided school bags to students.

In July 2010, heavy monsoon rains flooded nearly 20% of Pakistan, producing a crisis later described by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon as the worst disaster he had ever seen. The floods affected around 20 million people and claimed the lives of nearly 2,000. Ravaging infrastructure and agriculture, the total economic impact has been estimated to be as much as \$43 billion. Pakistan is still far from recovering, in no small part because of a calamitous lack of relief funds and international aid.

In total, the floods left six million people homeless. Already in a precarious state after decades of conflict and terrorist attacks, Pakistan's infrastructure crumbled beneath the torrents of water. Then, in the fall of 2014, the strongest post-monsoon ever recorded in the country produced another round of disastrous floods in the Kashmir region of Pakistan and neighboring India. Affecting a total of more than 1.1 million people, the floods devastated an already-desperate population. And, like with many other environmental disasters, the 2010 and 2014 floods disproportionately affected the country's poorest. Inflated costs for building materials are now forcing many Pakistanis to take on life-long debts in order to provide basic shelter for their families. Created in direct response to this disaster, the Earth Home Project has conducted investigations in the region to try to understand the shortcomings of the houses destroyed by floodwaters and to seek out sustainable solutions to the massive housing crisis. Rather than sending in temporary structures, the group focuses on developing solutions and strategies that can be employed locally by the affected population themselves.

Started in 2011 by Irshad Balouch, the Earth Home Project seeks to "spread the necessary know-how required to build stable constructions, by involving residents of flood affected areas into the process of rebuilding their houses, accompanied by skilled craftsmen, employed by the project, and neighbors, there on a voluntary basis." By utilizing locally-sourced materials – such as earth, straw, lime and bamboo – they are able to greatly reduce building expenses and don't require access to heavy machinery. Through donations, Earth Home Project is able to cover unavoidable expenses and provide essentials like concrete, wood, and basic tools.

Currently, Earth Home Project has been able to get 121 new homes up in Multan, one of the most badly-affected regions in Pakistan. Last year, in Bastia Malana, a small village particularly damaged by the floods, they helped to construct eleven houses with sanitary installations. Noting the lack of an accessible school for the village's many children, in just one week, the group was able to construct a large teaching space with an adjacent outdoor area sheltered by a bamboo roof. With the assistance of the village residents, Earth Home Project was able to create a durable space for around 20 students.

According to research by UN officials and climatologists, the 2010 floods in Pakistan likely constituted the worst natural disaster attributable to climate change to date. As global temperatures continue to rise, producing more unpredictable and dangerous weather events, the work of groups like Earth Home Project becomes increasingly urgent. And, as the disasters in Pakistan show, entire populations will likely not be able to depend on international relief. As the groups states, "Architecture plays a crucial role in finding new ways of designing by incorporating local materials and building techniques, thereby minimizing not only the cost but most importantly the reliance on the economic situation."

ISLAMABAD: A two-day training workshop on "Role of Broadcasters In Emergency Warnings and Communications For Disaster Risk Reduction" has been organized by Pakistan Television Corporation at PTV Headquarters Islamabad from February 12 2015. This activity is being organised in collaboration with Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union. The objective of the workshop is to sensitise all disaster management related stakeholders in general and the media community in particular on the issues related to early warning and to build capacities on various aspects of disaster management systems in Pakistan. The workshop was attended by the participants from Capital Development Authority, Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), Pakistan Telecommunication Limited (PTCL), Pakistan Radio and National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) officials besides the officials from PTV and the media organizations. This workshop will prominently focus the on main subjects related to climate change, early warning

UN Members Adopt Blueprint For Universal Climate Pact

Pakistan Today, Feb 13, 2015

PRCS Conducts First Aid Training, Blood Screening of 500 Madaris Students

PRCS, Feb 12, 2015

Starved for Energy, Pakistan Braces for a Water Crisis

The New York Times, Feb 12, 2015

systems and communications for DRR, bridging the gaps in communications for early warnings and DRR, emergency messages for response to disasters, developing action plans for disaster preparedness for a proactive approach on real time information dissemination.

The key speakers included representative from Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Pakistan Red Crescent Society, NDMA Director Response, Lt Col Raza, Russell Isaac ABU Independent Consultant, Natalia Ilieva. PTV Managing Director, Abdul Malik welcomed the participants and thanked NDMA for their contribution in the training workshop. He expressed hope that such sessions would be useful to impart necessary knowledge, capacity, skill and information to the media persons about their role in disasters especially in early warning as it helps to build coordination and improve cooperation towards mitigation and various phases of disaster. Addressing the opening ceremony as chief guest NDMA Chairman, Major General Asghar Nawaz appreciated the initiative of PTV to sensitise the stakeholders on the importance of communication system in early warning and dissemination. Stressing on the role of media as the key to implementing effective disaster prevention strategies in pre as well as in post disaster periods, he expressed that timely warnings by mass media about any impending disaster can lead to real time appropriate measures with active participation of communities and good coordination of all relevant stakeholders. He appraised the workshop that NDMA has also been striving hard to build a good synergy with media, and National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has also organized a number of training courses and workshops on "disaster reporting" for media professionals, which NDMA shall continue organizing in the future also. He acknowledged the support and cooperation which media community including PTV rendered during the recent disasters. He further emphasized upon a dire need for journalists/media persons and disaster managers and practitioners to interact more on the issue for more diligent working relationships in the aftermath of a disaster.

FOREIGN: Almost 200 nations on Friday agreed to a draft text for a deal due in 2015 to fight climate change but put off hard choices about narrowing down a vast range of options for limiting a damaging rise in temperatures. Government delegates adopted an 86-page draft as the official basis for negotiations, more than double the 38 pages in an earlier document, after a week-long session at which countries freely added text without any checks. The document has radically varying proposals for slowing climate change – one foresees a phase-out of net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, for instance, another would vaguely seek a peak of emissions "as soon as possible". "Can we take it that the negotiating text you delivered today in Geneva is the negotiating text on which (we) will start substantive negotiations?" the meeting's co-chairman Daniel Reifsnyder asked delegates. "Hearing no objections, it is so decided," he said as the gavel came down and negotiators burst into applause at the end of six days of talks.

As a part of Charter of Humanity between Pakistan Red Crescent Society and Ittihad Tanzemat Madris Pakistan (a representing body of all religious school of thoughts) has provision of first aid training and blood screening to the staff and of Madrassah Dar ul Uloom Nidvatul Ulema, Islamabad. As a first step, over 500 staff and students are being given first aid training to respond to any incident in the area and there screening was made and the students were informed about their blood groups.

PRCS Chairman Dr Saeed Elahi speaking on the occasion said that as a part of Charter of Humanity, the PRCS has started training of the madaris staff and students as they can play an important role in day to day incidents and during major disasters. He said that this is the first badge and these students will also serve as trainers in the future and will reach each mosque and madrassah even at village level to train the staff and students of local mosques and madaris. Dr Saeed Elahi said that PRCS will also provide First Aid box to each mosque and madrassah to respond to any eventuality in their specific areas. Dr Saeed Elahi said that eminent scholars, Khateeb and students will part of the anti-polio campaign and will administer the polio drops in their respected areas.

Mufti Muhammad Saeed, the head of Madrassah Dar ul Uloom Nidva tul Ulema thanked the PRCS Chairman Dr Saeed Elahi for focusing on the madaris students to trained them in first aid and their blood screening. Mufti Saeed said that these steps will surely create awareness among the madaris students and certainly contribute positively towards the betterment of the Society. He said that the students of Madrassah Nidva tul Ulema will be the blood donors of the PRCS and will donate blood regularly besides taking part in the health related campaigns. The students and staff of the Dar ul Uloom also appreciated the training and blood screening as many of them said that they were unaware of their blood groups and first time they were able to know about their group.

ISLAMABAD: Energy-starved Pakistanis, their economy battered by chronic fuel and electricity shortages, may soon have to contend with a new resource crisis: major water shortages, the Pakistani government warned this week. A combination of global climate change and local waste and mismanagement have led to an alarmingly rapid depletion of Pakistan's water supply, said the minister for water and energy, Khawaja Muhammad Asif. "Under the present situation, in the next six to seven years, Pakistan can be a water-starved country," Mr. Asif said in an interview, echoing a warning that he first issued at a news conference in Lahore this week. The prospect of a major water crisis in Pakistan, even if several years distant, offers a stark reminder of a growing challenge in other poor and densely populated countries that are vulnerable to global climate change. In the interview, Mr. Asif said the government had started to bring the electricity crisis under control, and predicted a return to a normal supply by 2017. But energy experts are less confident that such a turnaround is possible, given how long and complex the problem has proved to be. Now the country's water supply looms as a resource challenge, intensified by Pakistan's enduring infrastructure and management problems. Agriculture is a cornerstone of the Pakistani economy. The 2,000-mile-long Indus River, which rises in the Himalayas and spans the country, feeds a vast network of irrigation canals that line fields producing wheat, vegetables and

26 Thar Children Die in 11 Days

SAMAA, Feb 11, 2015

SHC seeks report on flood affectees living in flats of industrial workers

Pakistan Today, Feb 10, 2015

A Component of Disaster Management – Confidence Building Measures (DM-CBM) Under Heart of Asia (HoA) Initiative (Istanbul Process)

NDMA, Feb 10, 2015

cotton, all major sources of foreign currency. In the north, hydroelectric power stations are a cornerstone of the creaking power system. A combination of melting glaciers, decreasing rainfall and chronic mismanagement by successive governments has put that water supply in danger, experts say. In a report published in 2013, the Asian Development Bank described Pakistan as one of the most “water-stressed” countries in the world, with a water availability of 1,000 cubic meters per person per year — a fivefold drop since independence in 1947, and about the same level as drought-stricken Ethiopia. “It is a very serious situation,” said Pervaiz Amir, country director for the Pakistan Water Partnership. “I feel it is going to be more serious than the recent oil shortages.” Shortages of resources have climbed to the top of the political agenda in recent years. Fuel shortages last month, for which government officials blamed mismanagement by the national oil company, caused lengthy lines outside fuel stations that embarrassed the government at a time of low global oil prices. Mr. Sharif’s government was already grappling with the seemingly intractable electricity crisis, which regularly causes blackouts of 10 hours a day even in major cities. And Mr. Sharif has been visibly distracted by grueling political duels, with the opposition politician Imran Khan, who accuses him of stealing the 2013 election, and with powerful military leaders who have undermined his authority in key areas. Mr. Asif, the water and energy minister, said the government had started to turn the corner. But he acknowledged that the country’s resource problems were, to a large degree, endemic. “There is a national habit of extravagance,” he said, noting that it extended across resource areas, whether gas, electricity or water.

One major culprit in Pakistan’s looming water crisis, experts say, is the country’s inadequate water storage facilities. In India, about one-third of the water supply is stored in reservoirs, compared with just 9 percent in Pakistan, Mr. Amir said. “We built our last dam 46 years ago,” he said. “India has built 4,000 dams, with another 150 in the pipeline.” Experts say the country’s chaotic policies are hurting its image in the eyes of Western donors who could help alleviate the mounting resource crises. “The biggest looming crisis is of governance, not water — which could make this country unlivable in the next few years,” said Arshad H. Abbasi, a water and energy expert with the Sustainable Development and Policy Institute, a research group based in Islamabad.

MITHI: Two more children have died due to malnutrition in drought-hit Tharparkar on Wednesday Feb 11th 2015, bringing the death toll to 26 in eleven days of the current month. The children have died in Mithi, Chhachhro, Islamkot, Nangarparkar and other areas of the district, where death has become a routine, unfortunately. The number of dying children is increasing especially after the onset of winter, as they are affected rapidly by chest infections, like pneumonia. For ensuring health facilities to drought hit population of Tharparkar 30 doctors and 16 ambulances had been dispatched to different hospitals of the district on special directives of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah. SAMAA

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Tuesday once again directed the Sindh chief secretary to file a comprehensive and detailed report on a petition seeking rehabilitation of the families displaced by the 2010 floods. The petitioner, flood relief camp committee, which is a representative organisation of thousands of flood-affected families, moved the court for rehabilitation of the displaced people. Counsel for petitioner submitted that thousands of families displaced by 2010 floods were given temporary shelter in Labour Square and Gulshan-e-Maymar where they were given all utilities and their children were getting education in the schools set up by authorities. He told the judges that the provincial government wanted to dispossess them of the temporary accommodation without providing them alternative place. In this regard, he said, the Sindh Workers Welfare Board had published advertisement inviting applications for the allotment of flats to industrial workers. The court was requested to restrain Sindh government from depriving the affectees of this temporary shelter.

The Sindh Workers Welfare Board and some industrial workers have also filed separate petitions seeking court directions for the authorities to evacuate the Labour Square flats. The petitioners submitted that the government had announced a housing scheme for the workers and constructed around 1,000 residential flats but their possession was not given to them despite they had already completed all the preconditions. A division bench, headed by Chief Justice Maqbool Baqar, summoned a detailed and comprehensive report from the chief secretary in the matter till February 20. The bench also extended its interim order, restraining the government from dispossessing occupants of the accommodation.

ISLAMABAD: The Istanbul Conference for Afghanistan: Security and Cooperation in the Heart of Asia, held on 2 November, 2011 adopted a declaration and enlisted 43 Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) for implementation by Heart of Asia Countries, consisting of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, The UAE and Uzbekistan. Subsequently, the ‘Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference’ at Kabul on 14 June, 2012 decided to short list seven (7) CBMs for implementation in the first phase including Confidence Building Measure on Disaster Management. Pakistan and Kazakhstan were selected as the co-lead countries on this CBM and Afghanistan, China, India, Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Turkey agreed to participate in the implementation of the Disaster Management CBM. While Kingdom of Norway, Kingdom of Sweden, Denmark, France, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States and delegates from international and regional organizations including United Nations, NATO, the World Bank and the European Union announced to be the supporting countries and organizations. Pakistan and Kazakhstan being co-leads developed an Implementation Plan for CBM on Disaster Management to serve as the platform for developing and implementing practical cooperation through activities and programs in the field of disaster management. Accordingly a “List of Activities” based on offers of support received from participating and supporting countries and organizations, was compiled for implementation.

As a part of the Implementation Plan, the then, Director General Afghan National Disaster Management Authority (ANDMA), Dr. Daim Kakar, along with members of his delegation paid a three day official visit to Pakistan as a state guest and as a part of the approved activity plan identified under the Heart of Asia (HoA) Confidence Building Measure on disaster management. In line with the DM-CBM Implementation Plan, an "International Conference on Sharing Experiences and Developing Regional Hazard & Risk Picture for Joint Action Plans" under the "Heart of Asia" (Istanbul) Process was also organized in May 2014 by NDMA Pakistan with the support of Norway. As an important component of the DM-CBM Implementation Plan to enable further cooperation between the countries and build on capacities National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with JICA is organizing a five days International Training Course on Disaster Risk Management for the Afghan Disaster Managers from February 10 - 14, 2015 at Islamabad Pakistan. The objective of training course is to impart training and to develop necessary skills to officials from brotherly country Afghanistan with regards to DRR mainstreaming in disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and media management for saving lives and properties of people from natural and human-induced disasters.

In the above context the inaugural ceremony was attended by Chairman NDMA (Major General Asghar Nawaz), Director General (Afghanistan) Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Deputy Director South Asia Division 2, JICA (Tokyo), Ambassador of Japan, Member DRR, NDMA (Mr Ahmed Kamal) besides other officials. The key modules during five day training course are based on subjects related to an overview of risk profile and DM system of both the countries, Mainstreaming DRR into development planning processes such as water sector (Irrigation Flood and Drainage), Geo-technical Sector (Housing, Highways, Airports & Multi story structures), Health Sectors, Education Sectors, Gender and Vulnerable groups in disaster management, Climate risk management and adaptation, CBDRM, Contingency Planning - UN perspective, EW system, Fire safety/fighting Emergency Response Management, Role of media in DRM etc. The key resource persons included Member DRR NDMA (Mr. Ahmed Kamal), Member Operations NDMA (Brig Ishtiaq Ahmed), Senior capacity building specialist NIDM (Brig (R) Sajid Naeem), Program Manager GCC NDMA (Ms Nyghat Siddiqui) Chief Meteorologist, PMD (Dr. Ghulam Rasool), Climate Change Expert, development Sector ,Former DG, PMD (Dr. Qamar uz Zaman Chaudhry), DRR Expert, Development Sector (Mubashar Hussain), NUST Institute of Civil Engineering (NICE), NUST Islamabad (Dr. Shakeel Ahmad), Deputy Director(PH), NHEPRN (Dr Samra Mazhar), Assessment Expert, Handicap International, Pakistan (Waheed Shah) Humanitarian Officer, OCHA, Pakistan (Brig Kamran Sharif) Programme Officer (Education), UNICEF (Syed Fawad Ali Shah), Incharge USAR Team CDA (Col (R) Ali Kazim Syed), Early Warning Expert, JICA, Pakistan (Tozawa Masanori), Syed Asim Raza (Anchor Person Such TV), Quatrina Hussain Karim (Anchor Person AbbTakk TV)

Addressing the inaugural ceremony as chief guest, Chairman NDMA extended warm welcome to the Afghan delegation on their arrival in Pakistan and hoped that the training course would help to establish a common understanding among disaster and development practitioners of Afghanistan and Pakistan to improve collaboration among various disciplines and integrate risk reduction considerations in development plans and decisions. He assured of full support for enhancing their capacities for timely response towards disasters and expressed desire that such trainings and allied deliberations would help in establishing and strengthening systems and mechanisms in DM-CBM participating countries. He also appreciated the DM-CBM supporting countries and organisations in extending cooperation to NDMA in its endeavours under the CBM. He also lauded Government of Japan and its technical agency (JICA) JICA for up front main collaboration to organize the training course that would help participants to understand importance of DM system and mainstreaming DRR into development process to chalk out action plans and enhance resilience in future programs at their national scale. The honorable Chief Guest also appreciated the initiatives stating that it will help towards capacity building on disaster management system that would facilitate in sharing of experiences, exchange of workable modules and adoption of best practices for the mutual benefit of two countries. He hoped that such activities will further play role in strengthening disaster management institutions and mechanism of Afghanistan bolstering resilience and reducing detrimental impacts of calamities in future and synergize efforts of the countries in the region to deal with the dangers posed by disasters. He also assured firm resolve of NDMA to support and assist brotherly country Afghanistan in enhancing its capacities within the entire spectrum of disaster management. The training will be followed by group work on Community risk assessment and contingency planning to generate informative and pragmatic approach towards DM system. During the course of the training NIDM has also arranged study visits of the delegation to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), Rawal Dam and NDMA where the participants of the training will be briefed about disaster management system, coordination and implementation mechanism of the respective organizations. The training will be concluded with the distribution of certificates, souvenirs and educational material to the participants on the final day of the training.

Climate Change: Karachi Could Submerge By 2060, Senate Panel Told
Express Tribune, Feb 10, 2015

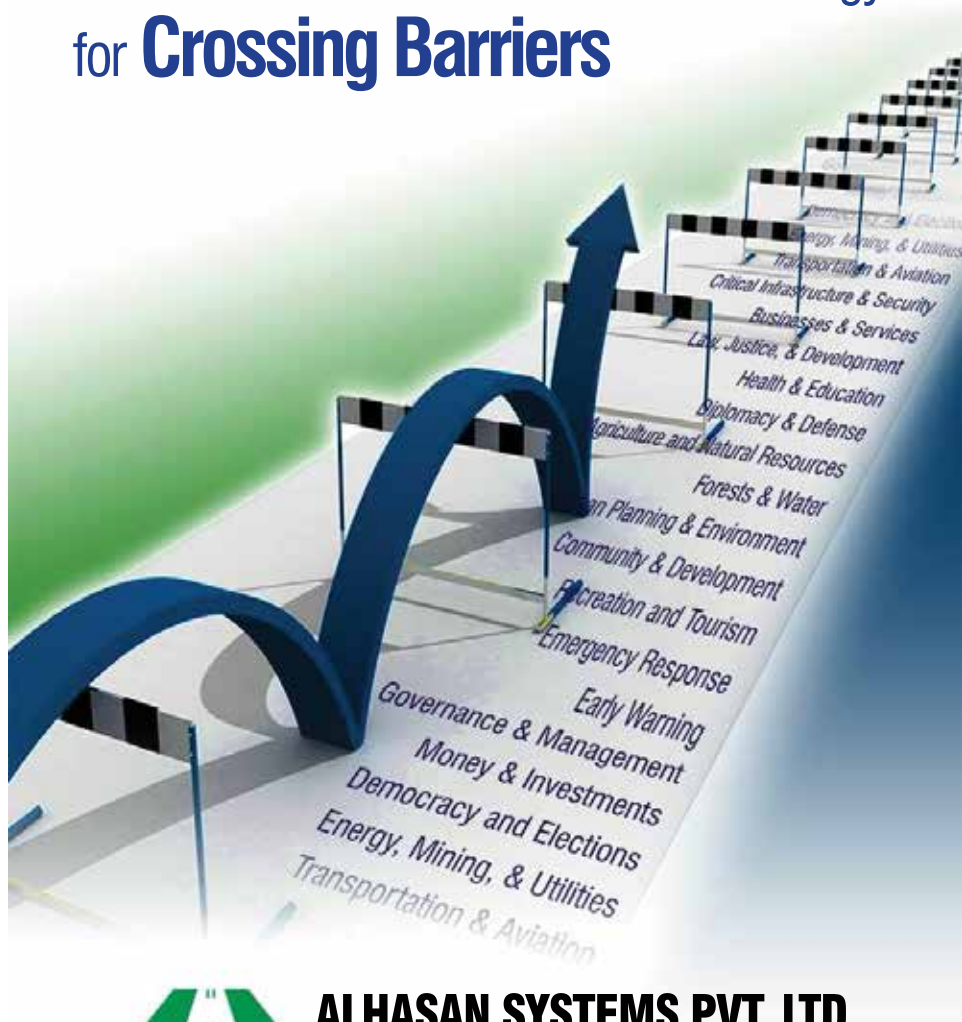
ISLAMABAD: A top oceanographer issued an eerie warning on Monday about the possible submerging of Karachi and other coastal districts into the sea by 2060, counting the potential damage that environmental changes could inflict on the country. "Some parts of Karachi's Malir area have already gone under water while Sindh's Thatta and Badin districts will also sink into the water by 2050," Dr Asif Inam, director general of the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), told a parliamentary panel. Dr Inam was briefing the Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology, headed by Professor Sajjid Mir. The meeting was called to discuss the escalating threat of sea intrusion along the coasts of Balochistan and Sindh, as well as the post and pre-partition status of islands. "During the last 35 years, almost two kilometres of coastline near Sindh and Balochistan has submerged into the sea as well as 200,000 acres of land in Sindh," he said.

Senate panel members were told that the United Nations Environment Programme and its programme on regional oceans in 1989 had included Pakistan in the list of the countries that could be affected due to rising sea levels. He cited "abrupt environmental changes, severity in

monsoon and increased flooding" as prime causes of soil erosion and change in coastline near Badin and Thatta. "This abrupt change has disturbed the oceanic lifecycle for which data from many areas is unavailable," he added. Commenting on the emerging threat, Science and Technology Secretary Kamran Ali Qureshi said it was an issue of grave significance. Speaking before the panel, Sindh University's Professor Sarfraz Hussain Solangi discussed the issues of global warming, climate change and its impact on people. "We have to prepare for climate change as the temperature of Karachi will rise by three degrees and northern areas are to witness five degrees increase in temperature," he said.

Similarly, he said, as the country's water table is turning more brackish in certain areas, he said, "we should undertake a comprehensive study and research to sort this out". An official at Balochistan's Coastal Development Authority also expressed similar fears and said water in some areas of Balochistan had also become salty and brackish. Solangi also shared World Wildlife Federation's report which stated that one kilometre area along the 770 kilometre coastline had already gone under the sea. "There is a need to counter these threats on a war footing. We should ban the cutting of mangroves trees," he added. Senator Taj Haider shared the Sindh government initiative to build a 220 kilometre, four-lane road along the coastline to stop land erosion. "However, for this purpose, we also need 50 per cent financial assistance from the federal government," he said. Given the gravity of the situation, Senator Dr Karim Ahmed Khawaja proposed that the Council of Common Interests take up the issue as well. "In this regard a letter should be written to the prime minister to formulate a comprehensive plan to deal with the emerging crisis," he said.

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DROUGHT UPDATES as of 14th Feb, 2015

DAILY HEALTH REPORT OF DISTRICT THARPARKAR REPORTED BY DHO-THARPARKAR

Health Facilities	Total Admissions		No. of cases attended OPD						No. of cases referred		Total No. of malnourished cases under 5 years Attended OPD		No. of children admitted in Nutrition stabilizing center.		Total No of Deaths			No. of Patients treated		Stock position of vaccines	
	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Total	> 5 years	< 5 years	Fixed	Mobile	ASV	ARV
CH Mithi	12	23	35	104	510	614	3	3	6	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not received	0
THQ Diplo	2	3	5	53	245	298	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	0
THQ Nagerparkar	1	5	6	29	189	218	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	30
THQ Chachro	7	6	13	54	109	163	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	0
RHC Isiamkot	2	6	8	53	131	184	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not received	0
TOTAL	24	43	67	293	1,184	1,477	4	4	8	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	504	30

Source: Daily Health Report/District Health Officer, District Tharparkar/distributed on 15-2-2015

TDPS STATISTICS as of 5th Feb, 2015

Agency	Camp/Host	Displaced families		Registered Returned	Total Balance
		Total Registrations	NADRA Verified		
Bajaur	Host	62,349	56,910	56,910	0
	Camps	24,058	15,985	15,985	0
	Sub-Total	86,407	72,895	72,895	0
FR Tank (Bhittani Tribe)	Host	2,256	2,228	1,852	376
*Khyber	Host Bara	141,175	77,470		77,470
	Host Tirah	16,043	12,903	10,338	2,565
	Jalozai (Bara)	18,168	5,892	0	5,892
	New durani (Tirah)	1,010	935	922	13
	Sub-Total	176,396	97,200	11,260	85,940
Kurram	Host (Sectarian)	28,500	23,348	2,462	20,886
	Togh Sarai Camp (conf)	87	84	0	84
	Host (conf)	21,964	24,370	19,475	4,208
	New Durrani (conf)	5,571			687
	Sub-Total	56,122	47,802	21,937	25,865
Mohmand	Host	35,954	36,759	36,759	0
	Camps	13,000			
	Sub-Total	48,954	36,759	36,759	0
North Waziristan	Host	99,007	93,200	0	93,200
	Baka Khel Camp	3,040	3,234	0	3,234
	Sub-Total	102,047	96,434	0	96,434
Orakzai	Togh Sarai Camp/ Host	48,656	38,275	9,224	29,051
	Sub-Total	48,656	38,275	9,224	29,051
SWA	(Host)	94,096	71,124	6,317	62,713
				2,094	
	Sub-Total	94,096	71,124	8,411	62,713
Grand-Total		614,934	462,717	162,338	300,379

Source: FDMA-FATA TDPs Statistics , Published on 11-2-2015

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DETAILS

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday approved a programme to reorganise Special Branch and Elite Force. He chaired a meeting to review the law and order situation in the province. He favoured modern training and refresher courses for the capacity-building of Special Branch and Elite Force officials. He ordered that a proper plan be made for the purpose. Sharif said work on the expansion of Elite Police Training School should be started immediately. "The nature of police's responsibilities has changed in the current security situation. Steps should be taken to harmonise police with the new demands."

The chief minister said introduction of a mechanism to reward or punish police officials for their performance was necessary to provide justice to citizens. Therefore, he said, an effective monitoring system should be evolved for the purpose. Sharif said the first batch of Counter-Terrorism Force had been inducted. He said the force's role was of national importance. He ordered that service structure of the force be finalised early. The corporals performing well should get fast-track promotions, he said. The chief minister said police stations for the Counter-Terrorism Force were being set up across the province. "Use of modern technology is a prerequisite to fight terrorism and police are being equipped in this direction." Sharif asked police officials to spare no efforts in providing relief to complainants. MNA Pervaiz Malik, MPAs Rana Sanaullah and Syed Zaeem Hussain Qadri, Chief Minister's Special Assistant Rana Maqbool Ahmed, the chief secretary and the home secretary attended the meeting.

Relief

Sharif said the government was doing its best to ensure that benefits of reduction in fuel prices were passed on to citizens. He directed the authorities concerned to regularly monitor the prices of essential items and transport fares. He was addressing a meeting of the Price Control Committee at Civil Secretariat through video link. The chief minister directed Food Minister Bilal Yasin to visit various cities and monitor steps being taken to provide relief to the common man. He said no compromise should be made on the quality of edibles after their prices were reduced.

Knowledge Park

An agreement was signed on Saturday between the government and Frost and Sullivan to prepare a master plan for Lahore Knowledge Park. The chief minister was the chief guest at the ceremony arranged to sign the deal. Under the agreement, master plan of the project would be completed within 16 weeks. Sharif said campuses of various renowned universities would be set up at the Knowledge Park. He said the project would help promote a culture of research. Samita Khawar from Frost and Sullivan said the institution would mobilise all its resources to complete the project on time. Higher Education Secretary Aslam Kamboh was also present.

QUETTA: Chief Justice of the Balochistan High Court Justice Muhammad Noor Meskanzai escaped a roadside bomb attack in Naushki district, some 150 kilometres southeast of Quetta. According to a Levies official, unidentified militants remotely detonated an improvised explosive device (IED) in the Reko Sultan Golai area of Naushki moments after the chief justice drove past the area. "No one was hurt in the explosion nor was any damage reported," Naushki Deputy Commissioner Qudos Mengal told *The Express Tribune*. "Chief Justice Muhammad Noor Meskanzai arrived [safely] in Quetta in the afternoon," an official of the Balochistan High Court told *The Express Tribune*. So far, no group has claimed responsibility for the bombing. Security forces are investigating the incident. Separately, suspected militants blew up two more electricity pylons of 220 KV transmission lines in the Chattar area of Nasirabad early Saturday, hours after workers had fixed the power lines that were damaged on February 7.

Last week, militants blew up two pylons in the same area, sparking a fresh energy crisis in Balochistan. National Transmission and Distribution Company (NTDC) officials and labourers concluded the repair work on Friday, helping reduce the energy crisis from its nightmarish levels. But within a few hours, militants detonated two more power pylons. "The two power pylons were blown up in the same area when we left the area after concluding the repair work," an NTDC engineer in Nasirabad told *The Express Tribune*. "Merely 200 to 300MW electricity is being supplied to major parts of Balochistan against the total requirement of 1,650MW," an official of the NTDC told *The Express Tribune* as the shortfall in 16 districts of the province topped 1,350MW. The outlawed Baloch Republican Army (BRA) claimed responsibility for the attack on the power pylons. The group's spokesperson, Sarbaz Baloch, told Quetta-based media outlets via satellite phone that the BRA had carried out the attack.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan will directly import engines from Russia to manufacture its JF-17 Thunder fighter jets. The engines were earlier imported via China. According to sources in ministry of defence production, China has recently issued no objection certificate (NOC) to Pakistan, which was earlier producing the fighter jet as a joint venture with China. "The Chinese NOC now allows Pakistan to import fighter jet engines from Russia directly," a source said. "This will not only reduce the cost of production of the fighter jet but will also lead to enhanced defence cooperation between Russia and Pakistan." Islamabad and Moscow had recently agreed to boost cooperation in several spheres including that of defence during the recent Russian defence minister's visit to Pakistan. "This is a significant move since Pakistan had never struck any direct defence deal with Russia," the sources said. "Russia was clearly tilted towards India and the new Russian policy towards Pakistan is seen as a coup pulled by the country's foreign policy."

PESHAWAR: An FIR was registered on Saturday against the head of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Dara Adam Khel head Umar alias Orangzeb alias Nary for Friday's attack on a

leader

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mosque in Peshawar, which killed at least 22 people after another injured person died of his wounds. "Another injured person, Ali Hassan has succumbed to his injuries in the hospital, raising the death toll to 22," Hayatabad Medical Complex official Tauheed Zulfikar told AFP. Hassan's father, Kalb-e-Hassan was also killed in Friday's attack. "Around 41 injured people are still under treatment in different hospitals," Peshawar's Lady Reading Hospital said in a statement. Police said the group claimed responsibility for the attack, and even released a video of the three suicide bombers who entered the Hayatabad mosque, in which Umar was shown as the mastermind of the attack.

Three terrorists, fitted with suicide vests and armed with hand grenades and AK-47 assault rifles, entered the mosque and started shooting indiscriminately at the worshippers, a senior police official said. They also lobbed hand grenades before triggering the explosives strapped to their bodies. "We have registered an FIR against Umar Mansoor," said an official of the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) while talking to The Express Tribune. He said the investigation into the case had been initiated, and they have collected evidence. "The bombers entered the mosque from an adjacent under-construction building," SSP Operations Mian Saeed told The Express Tribune. "One of them was shot and fatally wounded before he could blow himself up."

ISLAMABAD: At least 16,344 operations have been conducted and 12,462 arrests made under the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism, Radio Pakistan reported. A report on implementation of the NAP was presented to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Friday. The report went on to add that 3,265 cases were also registered for the misuse of loudspeakers. It added that 31 million SIMs were verified and that the entire process will be completed by mid-April this year. Regarding regulation of madrassas, the prime minister was informed that there was a consensus on the registration, regulation, financing, curriculum, audit and that relevant data is being shared with the provincial governments in this regard.

The premier was also informed that as many as 233 militants were identified to have links with Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan or its affiliates. Under the category of sectarian terrorism, 294 proclaimed offenders were identified, 547 cases registered under hate speech, 416 arrests made, 83 material confiscated while 41 shops sealed, the report added. Regarding the Afghan refugees, the premier was told that an action plan has been finalised and registration of un-documented refugees is underway. The premier was further confirmed that a security audit of media houses as well as the journalists in all provinces and Islamabad was completed and that 57 security guards were trained so far.

MUZAFFARABAD: Two convicted prisoners were hanged to death Friday morning in the Central Jail Mirpur, some 180 kilometres away from the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) capital Muzaffarabad. Security was tightened outside the Central Jail premises before and after the execution. Police later handed over the bodies of the convicts to their families who were gathered outside the Central Jail Mirpur. According to the police, Muhammad Riaz and Mohammad Fayaz were sentenced to death for killing the son of the Advocate General (AG) of AJK, Fazal Rabbani, in 2004 during a robbery at his residence in Mirpur City.

The convicts were residents of a village near Sara Alamgeer in Punjab's Gujrat district and had been arrested a few days after the killing. Initially the convicts were sentenced to ten years imprisonment. However, the victim's family followed up on the case in the AJK Shariat Court which awarded the death penalty in November 2005. Before the execution, the convicts met their families, said the Inspector General Prisons, Abdul Hamid Mughal.

LAHORE: Of the estimated 12,000 madrassas in Punjab, nearly half of them are unregistered, the provincial home minister Colonel (retd) Shuja Khanzada said on Friday. While addressing a press conference at the Punjab Assembly, Col Khanzada said that over 170 teams were working to document unregistered seminaries, in collaboration between the Counter-Terrorism Department and the Punjab Information Technology Board. The government initiates a registration campaign along with biometric registration of Afghans in the province. "About 2,000 madrassas were registered in the province over the past few days," he added.

Out of the 1,400 foreign students present in Punjab, the home minister said visas of 498 students had expired, and their cases will be taken up with the Interior Ministry and the Foreign Office, and that these students may be deported soon. On biometric registrations, he said that "1, 000 systems will be commissioned in the next few days, and data will be directly transferred to the national database." The government is working on bringing changes in the curriculum as well, added Col Khanzada.

40 cases referred to military courts

As many as 40 high profile cases have been referred to military courts by the Punjab government, which are due to become functional within a month's time. "Military courts would become operational soon," he said, adding that he expected they will be functional within this month. Talking about the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP), he said that it will be implemented phase wise, adding that strict action was being taken against unnecessary use of loudspeakers and wall chalking. "106 cases have been filed for wall chalking with over 70 arrests," he said. Responding to a query against unnecessary use of loudspeakers in mosques, he said as per the law only one loudspeaker is allowed to be installed on the outside. "It is to be used only for Azaan (the call to prayers), important and urgent announcements and khutbah."

Wall Chalking

The home minister conceded that wall chalking can still be seen at some places in the provinces, but they were working on eliminating it completely.

Arrests and executions

So far, Khanzada said the provincial government had arrested as many as 1,500 people for

Peshawar school attackers mostly Pakistan nationals: DG ISPR

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displaying weapons while 1,400 weapons being seized. "143 terrorists and people harbouring terrorist have been arrested under the ATA, while there cases have been referred to the ATCs. Regarding executions, he said 14 people have been executed. He added that six death row convicts have appealed against their sentence, whereas mercy petitions of four convicts have been sent to the President.

ISLAMABAD: Most of the 27 militants who planned an attack on an army-run school in Peshawar on December 16, 2014, which killed 150 people, including 132 students, were Pakistani, revealed military spokesperson Asim Bajwa on Thursday. Revealing details about the attack, DG ISPR said that nine militants were killed, while 12 were arrested. Six of the 12 were arrested from Afghanistan. The remaining six militants are on the loose. While addressing a press briefing in Islamabad, Bajwa said 176 'hardcore' terrorists have been killed since December 16. According to him, 1,942 intelligence-based operations were carried out across the country, killing 176 hardcore terrorists. More than 5,000 of them were also apprehended. Bajwa also said the attack was planned across the border in Afghanistan. Asif and Haji Kamran were later given the charge of the entire operation later, and went on to form two separate groups to execute the attack, added Bajwa.

Mullah Fazlullah

"The planning was done by Mullah Fazlullah and Aurangzaib alias Omar Amin," he said. "Both are hiding in Afghanistan." The DG ISPR said that once caught, the repatriation or killing of Mullah Fazlullah is Pakistan's number one demand, and that they were receiving a response in this regard from across the border. "This point is being raised in every meeting... he's a recognised terrorist... we are optimistic and hopeful..." Bajwa said coordination with the Afghan government had improved in recent months, and thanked the Afghan government to eliminate the communication gaps. "The terrorists were initially taking advantage of the communication gap," he said. "Now the coordination has improved."

India supports TTP

Responding to a question, DG ISPR said that there should be no hesitation in saying that there has been Indian involvement in Pakistan's affairs, be it LoC violations, or support to the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan in FATA or elements in Balochistan. It is time for the world to do more for Pakistan, he said, adding that external support to the militants should end. "Pakistani forces are determined to eliminate terrorism."

'Pakistan did not have any role in harbouring al Qaeda chief'

Commenting on an interview of former ISI chief General (retd) Asad Durrani, during which he said Pakistan probably knew the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden, Bajwa said it has been established beyond doubt that Pakistan did not have any role in harbouring the al Qaeda chief. "He (Asad Durrani) retired 30 years ago, and does not represent the agency... he does not have any intelligence or information," Bajwa said.

Military courts

Commenting on military courts, the army spokesperson argued that the legal process has begun after scrutiny from the respective interior ministries. "No one has objected to punishment of these terrorists... they have distorted our religion, and have disgraced us across the world. There is a consensus that they should be punished." Those being tried are among the ones who slaughtered 13 FC soldiers, as well as numerous NGO workers, he added.

PESHAWAR: Police foiled an attempt to smuggle arms and ammunition to Punjab from Darra Adam Khel by intercepting a truck on Kohat Road near Zangali check post on Wednesday. Addressing a news conference at his office in Malik Saad Shaheed Lines, SSP Operations Mian Saeed said they learnt a large cache of arms would be smuggled to Punjab in a truck and made arrangements to intercept it. "We stopped the vehicle at Zangali check post and seized 600 repeater shotguns, 50 AK-47s, 20,000 cartridges and other arms hidden in the secret compartments in the truck," he said. "The weapons were to be used for terrorist activities."

The SSP said, "We have launched a large-scale crackdown against arms manufacturing units, dealers and shops which keep ammunition without keeping records. Several of them have been arrested." He added, "It has also been decided in a high-level meeting that all illegal arms manufacturing units in Fata will be shut down as they constantly pose a security threat." A crackdown will also be launched soon in the tribal belt, said Saeed.

PESHAWAR: All five clans of Adam Khel Afridis, living in Darra Adam Khel, FR Kohat have strongly opposed a proposal by the political administration to register firearms manufacturing units in the area. The elders of Darra Adam Khel believe that registering with the government would automatically bring them into the tax net and disturb their tribal status. As a result, all five clans, Akorwal, Zarghon Khel, Tor Chapper, Sherakai and Basti Khel, have decided to resist the move. The FR Kohat political administration had directed managements of arms manufacturing units to get registered with the government around a month ago, inviting widespread criticism. Thus far, three Grand Jirgas have been convened in the region and a 10-member committee of elders has been selected to negotiate the matter with the political administration. Malik Akbar Khan, who belongs to Zarghon Khel and is a member of the committee, told The Express Tribune that the clans are united in their stance and will resist the move.

According to Khan, Darra Adam Khel has been home to hundreds of gunsmiths for centuries. "Once the units are registered, the political administration will establish a police station as well to monitor them. This will effectively put an end to the tribal and semi-autonomous status of this region," said Khan. He added the committee was negotiating with the political administration and has put forward an alternative plan to inform the government about all firearms and ammunition bought from Darra and being shipped to other parts of the country. This, according to him, would

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The Express Tribune (February 12, 2015)

Under the radar: Five clans oppose registration of arms manufacturing units

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Post peshawar attack: 'Afghans with PoR limited to a camp'

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4,557 bodies found in four years, SC informed

The Dawn
February 11, 2015

Balochistan sends 54 cases for military courts: Durrani

The News, February 11, 2015

Over 2,000 clerics arrested for misusing loudspeakers

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effectively eliminate the possibility of misuse of weapons by criminals and terrorists. An arms dealer from the region also maintained the jirga's stance on registration of firearms manufacturing units. He said there would be no compromise on the matter as making firearms was the locals' only source of income.

However, an official of the political administration said the decision has been made and the government has directed the political administration to implement it because it is widely believed that locally-produced small arms are fuelling militancy across the country. Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority Regional Manager Javed Khan told *The Express Tribune* there are at least 200 factories producing small firearms in Darra Adam Khel in addition to hundreds of smaller workshops. "According to our survey, at least 10,000 gunsmiths are directly involved in Darra Adam Khel's small arms manufacturing cluster," he said. Agreeing with the government's decision, Javed said once these units are registered, they would be able to purchase weapons-grade steel from across the country and use improved techniques to produce better quality firearms. "Registration is the first step towards modernising arms production in Darra. Otherwise, the manufacturing units will continue to be considered a threat and be shut down one day affecting the local economy," said Javed.

HANGU: As per the shift in the government's policy regarding Afghan refugees, the district administration has decided to house all registered refugees in a camp and deport those who do not possess valid documents. The decision was made in a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner Naeem Anwar Sadozai on Wednesday. **Participants** at the meeting also discussed the law and order situation in the area. At the end of the meeting, assistant commissioners Abdul Ghafoor Shah and Jamaluddin said Afghan refugees possessing Proof of Registration (PoR) will be housed in a camp at Khesari Band near Hangu. The district administration will be responsible for facilities at the camp, they added.

ISLAMABAD: After learning that 4,557 bodies were found in the country over the past four years, the Supreme Court has asked the federal government to effectively address in a coordinated manner the handling of unclaimed bodies as well as the issue of missing persons. A two-judge Supreme Court bench, headed by Justice Jawwad S. Khawaja, on Tuesday took up an application of Nasrullah Baloch, chairman of the Voice for Baloch Missing Persons, who has invited attention of the court towards lack of a proper system for handling of mutilated or unclaimed bodies found at different places in Balochistan. "We do not need protective walls around our cities for defence purposes provided citizens are fully protected," observed Justice Khawaja, adding that "we are creating difficulties for ourselves by not facilitating our citizens".

At the last hearing on Feb 3, the apex court had asked provincial governments to come up with a comprehensive report about total number of cases of unidentified bodies and the procedure about handing them over to legal heirs. One after another law officers presented their reports before the court about the number of unclaimed bodies found in their respective provinces, the highest being in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP). Realising the grave state of affairs, the court summoned Attorney General Salman Aslam Butt and asked him to take interest in the matter. The attorney general assured the court that he would talk to officials at the Ministry of Interior so that federal and provincial governments could coordinate efforts in resolving the issue.

Additional Advocate General (AAG) of Balochistan Farid Dogar told the court that 153 bodies were found in the province from 2010 to 2014. Thirty-nine unclaimed bodies had been buried. The AAG of KP, Waqar Ahmed Khan, said 2,600 bodies were found in his province, of which 43 remained unidentified. He said many mutilated bodies were found in sacks. The AAG of Punjab, Razzaq A. Mirza, said 1,299 bodies were found during the period between 2013 and 2014. Of these 51 remained unidentified and they had been given to anatomy departments of different medical colleges. Sindh AAG Adnan Karim informed the court that 437 bodies were found in the province. Of these 398 were found in Karachi south. He said 94 bodies remained unidentified.

Deputy Attorney General Sajid Ilyas Bhatti, representing Islamabad Capital Territory, told the court that 68 bodies were found in the capital from 2012 to 2014. He said 32 bodies remained unclaimed. Referring to Balochistan AAG's report, the judges were surprised on learning that legal heirs or relatives of missing persons were not informed when bodies of their dear ones were found. In the past when bodies of missing persons were found, their relatives were informed by police or Levies personnel, but due to some unexplained reasons the practice has been stopped. The court said mere initiation of proceedings under Section 176 CrPC was no substitute for this practice. It deplored that the government had been asked repeatedly to facilitate relatives of missing persons to lessen their anguish, but in vain.

QUETTA: Balochistan Home Secretary Captain (retd) Akbar Durrani said on Wednesday the province had forwarded 54 cases to be heard in military courts to the Interior Ministry. The Interior Ministry will forward the cases to military courts for hearing after the scrutiny process is complete. The home minister while speaking to Geo News said Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif would be travelling to Quetta next week. Durrani added that the prime minister would attend the provincial apex committee meeting.

ISLAMABAD: The government arrested more than 2,065 clerics were arrested for misuse of loudspeakers during recent crackdown across country as part of National Action Plan (NAP). During a meeting to review progress on NAP, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan was told that there were 3,265 cases of misuse of loudspeakers has been registered while equipment has been seized in 1,281 instances. He was further told that 547 cases had been registered for hate speech. In total, as many as 218,220 suspects had been picked up in 16,344 operations by law enforcers. Of these, 12,462 people had been arrested. Despite the haul, officials found that only 140 of them had links with terrorists. On this occasion the interior minister directed that the review meeting should be held on weekly basis so as to effectively monitor the progress.

The meeting was further informed that there were 60 organisations were banned while one

Act of terror: BHU attacked in Mohmand Agency

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Playing with fire: School for handling explosives inaugurated

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Taken to task: Police book 40 principals over poor security at schools

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organisation was on the watch list. The minister directed the interior secretary to coordinate with the ministry of foreign affairs and reconcile the national list with that of UN. On enforcement of proscription regime, Nisar directed the interior ministry to further fine-tune the procedure of proscription and ensure that any proscribed organisations must not be able re-emerge with new names and nomenclatures. The meeting was informed that a bill has been tabled in National Assembly which, if passed, would make possession of illegal mobile SIMs a cognizable offence. The bill has already been passed on to the concerned sub-committee. A process was also under way to enable Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to block any unwanted activity on social media related to extremism.

In a bid to clamp down on terror funding, Nisar was told that a total of 26 cases have been registered and 32 people have been arrested for hawala, hundi. Shedding light on the development of a nation counter-terrorism narrative, the participants were informed that a draft narrative has already been prepared and would be finalised once it is approved by the prime minister. Commenting on the security of media houses in the country, the meeting was informed that the process was underway in the process while Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) has established a Panic Button system which has already been installed in 10 media houses.

Security in ICT

During the meeting, the interior minister was informed that ICT had conducted a security audit of 76 important buildings. These buildings were then divided into yellow, green and red category vis-à-vis their security arrangements. While reviewing positioning of Quick Response Force (QRF) in Islamabad, Nisar directed to put in place robust communication system at all important places in the federal capital to enable QRF to meet any emergent situation in a shortest possible time. The meeting was informed that work on developing a comprehensive plan on relocation and repatriation of Afghan refugees was also underway and the provinces have been requested to identify new camps and requisite infrastructure.

GHALLANI: A basic health unit (BHU) was destroyed by unidentified militants in lower Mohmand Agency, an official of the political administration told *The Express Tribune* on Tuesday. According to the official, two blasts occurred at a BHU in Shal Kor Michni Monday night. As a result, two rooms and the front veranda were completely destroyed while a room and a boundary wall were partially damaged. The official added unidentified militants had planted explosives on the premises. The political administration and security forces launched a search operation in the area after the blasts. A watchman at the BHU was arrested under the collective responsibility clause of Frontier Crimes Regulation. Agency Surgeon Dr Muhammad Niaz said over the past few years about 17 health units have been attacked by militants. "Over 100,000 people in Mohmand Agency have been affected by these attacks," he said. "Nonetheless, health offices have continued to work in these damaged buildings."

NOWSHERA / PESHAWAR: Handling explosives is tricky business, but law enforcement officials in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) will now be better equipped to combat such circumstances as a school specifically designed for the purpose has been inaugurated in Nowshera. Established at the Police Lines in Nowshera, the first-of-its-kind institute was inaugurated by Chief Minister Perviz Khattak on Monday. IGP Nasir Durrani was also present along with Nowshera DC Zakauallah Khattak, DPO Rab Nawaz Khan, Mardan region DIG Saeed Wazir and other government officials. Those attending the ceremony included K-P Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser, Excise and Taxation Minister Jamsheduddin Khan and other PTI parliamentarians.

CM Khattak visited various departments of the institute and got a chance to look at the explosive-defusing equipment at the disposal of officials. Khattak was told four courses of international level would be taught at the school. These include bomb disposal unit training, blast investigation, officer training and an intelligence explosive course. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said K-P police has rendered innumerable sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. He added it would now become a better-equipped force thanks to such training. Khattak said the PTI-led government has ended political influence in policing, apart from providing the force with sophisticated weapons and other facilities to tackle terrorism and crime. He termed the establishment of such training schools was the need of the hour. IGP Nasir Khan Durrani said the bomb disposal unit (BDU) comprised 500 men armed with state-of-the-art devices to deal with any situation.

He said proper training was necessary and that was the main reason the K-P police decided to establish their own school to offer courses not only to the BDU, but also other policemen. He boasted this was another 'first' by the provincial police. The IGP revealed AIG Shafqat Malik would act as the director of the school. Both CM Khattak and IGP Durrani inaugurated the Yadgar-e-Shuhada made in memory of martyred BDU officials at the newly-established school. BDU personnel later gave a demonstration on defusing bombs. Sniffer dogs and robots were used in the exercise.

PESHAWAR: Police have registered FIRs against principals of 40 schools across the district for having inadequate security measures at their institutes. "We have almost completed the survey which we started in the district and have registered FIRs against principals of those schools whose security measures were found to be faulty," a police official told *The Express Tribune*. The FIRs have been registered under the Protection of Sensitive and Vulnerable Establishments and Places Act 2015. Another police official said every police station is required to maintain a register containing information about all the sensitive places in their respective jurisdictions.

"There are complete lists of sensitive places, including schools, at police stations. When the SHO thinks a place has inadequate measures, he will issue a notice to the administration asking them to beef up security," he added. "However, if the administration fails to comply, an FIR will be registered against the principal of the institute." Educational institutes, he added, should have CCTV cameras, barbed wires and barriers at entry and exit points, in addition to carrying out

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Rangers arrest MQM worker for alleged involvement in May 12 incident
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security drills and maintaining a register of visitors. The administrator of a school said they were asked to fill a security audit form a month ago after which police paid several surprise visits. "They visit the school nearly twice every week to inspect security arrangements." The administrator added their staff has also been given a software to install on their android phones, enabling them to alert the police in case of an emergency. The principal of another school, however, said schools where most of the students come from low-income backgrounds cannot afford such security measures as the administration will have to take money from cash-strapped parents.

Precautionary measures

The administrations of institutes at the University of Peshawar (UoP) have decided to appoint 40 more security personnel. This was decided during a meeting held on Monday, said Director Media Akhtar Amin, adding the security personnel's salaries would be paid from the university's funds. On January 15, a threatening poster was spotted on the boundary wall of Jinnah College for Women (JCW) at the UoP, prompting the need for special safety provisions. Security personnel wishing not to be named said the poster stated terrorists were going to target UoP in order to avenge the killing of their men. The entire campus was gripped by panic following the threat. The administrations have therefore decided to beef up security arrangements. Some arrangements were already put in place following the brutal attack on Army Public School last year.

"CCTV cameras worth Rs2.8 million were installed in various departments of the UoP while arms were also purchased for security guards," said Akhtar Amin. "Besides the campus police, the university had also appointed 250 security guards who are on duty at different departments and hostels." He added people without hostel cards cannot enter the hostels, while students residing there have to strictly follow the timings. He confirmed the presence of the poster on the wall of JCW, adding the culprits have been traced following a successful investigation. He did not, however, share information about the accused, saying it was a prank to stir panic among students. Amin rejected all reports regarding threats to the university, saying students should attend classes and continue their academic activities.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah on Monday approved 64 criminal cases to be tried in military courts. "The legal sub-committee has also given their legal opinion and termed these 64 cases fit for military courts," IG Sindh Ghulam Hyder Jamali said after a special meeting with the Chief Minister on Monday. While briefing the Shah, IG said that he had recommended 85 cases to the legal committee for their opinion. The committee, after going through each case, approved 64 cases for trial in military courts. Jamali said he had recommended 11 cases of West Zone but the legal committee approved 10 cases only. Similarly, out of the 20 cases of South zone, the committee approved six; three cases from Central were approved.

Moreover, out of the seven cases of East Zone, three were approved. Seven out of the 11 cases from Malir were also approved while one case each from Sukkur, and AVCC have been agreed. It may be noted that the Legal Committee (sub-committee) comprises the home secretary as its convener, secretary law, and prosecutor general, additional IG (CTD), deputy DG Rangers and AIG (legal) and representatives of the ISI, MI and IB as its members. Prominent cases approved for military courts include the attack on Justice Maqbool Baqar on June 26, 2013, Karachi airport attack case of June 8, 2014 and murder of advocate Mubarak Raza Kazmi from July 23, 2014, among others. The chief minister directed the IG to complete all formalities and send the cases to the Ministry of Interior.

KARACHI: Rangers have claimed to arrest a senior Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) worker who was allegedly involved in the May 12, 2007 carnage in an operation carried out in Karachi's Mehmoodabad area. The accused, identified as Abdul Rafiq Rajput alias Kaein, was MQM's sector in-charge in Mehmoodabad. According to the Rangers spokesperson, during the initial interrogation, the suspect confessed he was involved in the May 12 carnage near the Baloch Colony bridge. He was also leading a team of targeted killers, headed by Amir alias Dawani of Manzoor Colony. At a press conference held early Monday morning, joint in-charge of MQM's Rabita Committee Amir Khan clarified that Rafiq Rajput is a respected man and was framed as a dangerous criminal.

"These series of injustice and baseless allegations against the MQM should be stopped. He is a dignified and honest man and it is strange that he has been arrested seven years after the May 12 incident," Khan said. He added that after January 16, there has been an increase in raids and arrests of their party workers, saying those conspiring against the party will not succeed. The accused was presented in an Anti-Terrorism Court today where Rangers informed the court that he will be taken in preventive detention for 90 days. Rajput will be kept in Karachi's Central Jail for further interrogation.

ISLAMABAD: Security agencies have launched a targeted operation against the 'supporters and abettors' of terror outfits in southern Punjab and interior of Sindh as part of the new counter-terrorism strategy. A security official told *The Express Tribune* that both civilian and military intelligence outfits have identified individuals as well as groups that have been supporting militants. The official, who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, disclosed that supporters and abettors of terrorists, including banned outfits, had been under surveillance following the approval of the National Action Plan (NAP) to deal with the growing threat of militancy. According to joint surveillance carried out by civilian and military intelligence agencies over the past few weeks, South Punjab and parts of interior Sindh have been identified as the strongholds of groups and individuals supporting several militant outfits.

In southern Punjab, both material and manpower support comes mainly from Rahim Yar Khan, Jhang, Chinot, Dera Ghazi Khan and Bahawalpur districts, whereas in Sindh, Khairpur, Hyderabad, Shikarpur, Nawabshah and Larkana are the districts from where militant outfits draw

much of their support. Intelligence agencies have also identified individuals, including religious figures as well as politicians, who are supporting these organisations. "We will take action against all of them, irrespective of their rank or association with any group or party," said a senior Punjab government official familiar with the development. "No matter what the reaction is, we will take them to task," the official added. "For us, the interest and security of Pakistan is supreme." At least 90 hardcore terrorists from South Punjab were rounded up following the crackdown against supporters and abettors of militant outfits. Most of them are members of proscribed outfits.

The crackdown in South Punjab and interior Sindh is seen as crucial to effectively dealing with the several militant organisations. "The actual battle may be taking place in the tribal areas but the job will only be half done if the militant support network is not destroyed in southern Punjab," said another official. He pointed out that military authorities had been working with civilian agencies to take action against abettors and supporters of terrorist outfits under the NAP. Pakistan stepped up its campaign against militant organisations in the wake of the December 16 attack on the military-run school in Peshawar. Since then, both the civil and military leaderships have repeatedly stated that they would fight against all forms of terrorism. Recently, top military commanders also vowed to target sectarian outfits that have posed a major threat to the country's peace and stability. There are fears that sectarian organisations will ramp up their struggle in post-2014 Afghanistan as well as in the wake of attempts by the Islamic State ultraorthodox group to make inroads in this part of the region. "That is why the crackdown in South Punjab is vital," the official explained.



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DETAILS

RAWALPINDI: Federal Minister for Interior Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Saturday inaugurated a Rs. 8.14 billion waste management project in the Rawalpindi city. The project is aimed at addressing the issue of environmental degradation and pollution and bringing Rawalpindi at par with modern cities of the world. The project involves waste collection and transportation, mechanical sweeping, washing and manual sweeping of streets and roads. With the introduction of the latest technology in waste collection and disposal, the project is expected not only to benefit the residents of Rawalpindi but also cater to the requirements of over 200,000 people living in Gujar Khan, Taxila, Kallar Syedan, Kahuta and Kotli Sattian.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony at Gulzar-i-Quaid, the minister said the project was another gift to the residents of Rawalpindi and an effort to bring a qualitative change in their lives. He said the government was aware of the difficulties the residents were facing during the execution of the metro bus project. "But rest assured that once the project is completed, the residents will get huge benefits from it and transportation issues of the citizens would be resolved." The minister said at present the country was facing huge challenges. "On the one hand we are fighting the menace of militancy and extremism and on the other we are trying our best to strengthen our economy and provide facilities to the citizens." He said the government would continue making all-out efforts to fulfil the promises made to the people. He said it was easy to criticise someone, make tall claims and misguide the citizens through hollow slogans and rhetoric, but it was quite difficult to govern in the face of great issues that had piled up over the years. "Unfortunately, the concept of opposition and governance today has reduced to mere blame games, recrimination, slogans and tall claims," he lamented. Cautioning the people to exercise their best judgment against hollow slogans and rhetoric, the minister said turncoats and interest-seekers cannot bring any meaningful change.

Referring to various policies and initiatives of the government, the interior minister said it was for the first time that an unprecedented reduction had been made in the oil prices. The government could have kept the benefits of the falling international oil prices but it decided to pass on the benefit to the citizens, he said. Noting that still a lot needed to be done to translate the effects of the reduced oil prices to the citizens, he called upon the provincial governments to ensure that these benefits reached the common people.

Talking about the issue of electricity load shedding, the minister said when the PML-N government was removed in 1999 Pakistan was not only meeting its own electricity requirements but was also considering exporting its surplus electricity to a neighbouring country.

ISLAMABAD: A project to clean Rawal Lake and Simly Dam faces possible delays as the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration has failed to submit a PC-1 of the project to the Finance Ministry. Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) and civic authorities of the twin cities had agreed in October last year to install four water treatment plants at Rawal Lake in the first phase. The ICT was to prepare and submit a PC-1 "without delay" to the Finance Ministry but three months on, the plan has not been prepared yet. The project, it is feared, might not be a part of the 2015-16 budget due to the delay.

The plan agreed by ICT, Pak-EPA, Capital Development Authority (CDA), and Rawalpindi Water and Sanitation Authority was estimated to cost Rs. 2.2 billion. Water pollution in Rawal Lake and Simly Dam has been on the rise recently. Sewage water being used for agriculture. Parliamentarians have also voiced concerns at the rising pollution in Rawal Lake and reports of sewage being used for agriculture in suburban Islamabad. The National Assembly Standing Committee on Climate Change, in a recent meeting, sought a response from the Climate Change Division over the usage of sewage for growing vegetables and crops in Tarlai and pollution in dams. Minister for State for Parliamentary Affairs Sheikh Aftab told the body on behalf of Pak-EPA that the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 does not deal with issues that fall under the ICT municipal laws. He said that new laws were being formulated to address the problem. The minister also claimed that the authorities regularly checked water from the reservoirs, tube-wells and filtration plants. Pak-EPA officials told parliamentarians that the two dams are the source of water for agriculture and drinking purposes for residents of Islamabad and Rawalpindi. It said that environment had been devolved to the provinces under the 18th Amendment. The agency said it was working with the ICT Administration and CDA to stop sewage polluting the catchment areas of Rawal and Simly dams.

ISLAMABAD: A three day conference on pain management started here on Friday to bringing together world's leading medical practitioners engaged in this new medical discipline. The conference with theme "evidence based strategies for pain management" is being organized by the Society for Treatment and Study of Pain (STSP) Pakistan.

The conference titled "PAINCON 2015", is the first of its kind in Pakistan, and is being attended by leading national and international faculty to deliver in hands-on workshops and a comprehensive programme of scientific lectures. President of the Society for Treatment and Study of Pain (STSP) Pakistan, Dr. Asif Gul Kayani said that the society has been organizing regular national level pain medicine conferences, symposia and workshops during last two decades.

This perpetual effort is now paying its dividends in the form of awareness amongst doctors, students, nurses, hospital administrators, government agencies, non-governmental organizations and general public. Convener of the conference, Prof Amjad Iqbal said that in the education and

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continued medical education activity in this rapidly upcoming South Asian region for all those physicians who are genuinely excited about the concept of pain medicine and are committed to adopt it as career. – APP

NOWSHERA: The activists of Nowshera Qaumi Mahaz on Friday organised a rally and blocked the GT Road to protest alleged illegal appointments in the newly established Nowshera Medical Complex here. The procession led by president of Nowshera Qaumi Mahaz Ikhtiar Wali started from Zarin Abad area after Friday prayers and after marching along different roads reached the Nowshera Medical Complex. The protesters carried banners and chanted slogans against the provincial government and Chief Minister Pervez Khattak. Addressing the gathering, Ikhtiar Wali Khan threatened a sit-in outside the provincial assembly building in Peshawar if the PTI-led government continued to make 'illegal appointments' in the medical centre. He said that PTI had got votes from the people on the promise of change, but unfortunately, they had started making illegal appointments in Nowshera district. "The process of looting and plunder continues by the elected representatives who had promised to provide people with relief," regretted Mr Wali. He said that the people of Nowshera Kalan had voted PTI to power with a thumping majority, but their rights had been usurped by the elected people. Meanwhile, Provincial Minister for Excise and Taxation Mian Jamsheduddin appreciated the role of police in tackling the menace of terrorism in the province. He said that the newly established explosives handling school would play a key role in combating terrorism in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He stated this while distributing certificates among policemen at the school at Hakimabad area on completion of their course.

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court on Friday directed the Punjab government to submit a report about enforcement of Fire Safety Commission's recommendations in high-rise buildings of the provincial capital. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah was hearing a petition against construction of multi-storey commercial buildings inside the Walled City in violation of a stay order. Petitioner's counsel Azhar Siddique told the court that besides the Walled City, the construction of multi-storey plazas was on rampant throughout the city ignoring fire safety measures and ample parking provision. He recalled the loss of lives in a recent fire erupted in a New Anarkali plaza due to the absence of fire safety measures and emergency exit facility. The counsel said recommendations of the Fire Safety Commission were not enforced by the Lahore Development Authority (LDA).

Advocate Ahmad Rafay Alam, representing the Fire Safety Commission, stated the recommendations had been made part of building by-laws. When asked by the court, the counsel for the Walled City of Lahore Authority (WCLA) said the construction of another 200 commercial buildings had been stopped in the Walled City. Justice Shah made the director general of the authority member of the Fire Safety Commission and sought a report about implementation on commission's recommendations. The judge will resume hearing on March 20. In this case, the court had already stayed construction of 136 multi-storey buildings identified by the Walled City of Lahore Authority.

A resident of Kashmiri Gate, Asif Ali Mirza, filed the petition and said the construction of the identified buildings was not stopped even after a stay order passed by the court. He sought contempt proceedings against the authorities for not stopping commercial activities and construction of multi-storey buildings inside the Walled City.

LAHORE: Several residents of the Iftikhar Park locality in Baghbanpura have been consuming water contaminated with sewage for the last 15 days as the Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) officials have failed to arrest the fault. Residents said the situation had the breakout of diarrhea. "The situation is bad in near Wahab School, Baghbanpura, Shalimar Town, where 150 houses are located. The residents lodged complaints with the local Wasa office, but to no avail, Muhammad Farooq, a resident, told Daily Dawn. He said WASA teams visited the area and witnessed the situation. First, the team suggested sewage and water supply lines needed to be changed. Another team also checked the pipelines and ruled out the replacement of pipelines, Farooq, of house No 25, said. He said WASA teams visited the area three times, but they could not resolve the issue. The WASA deputy managing director said he would get the issue resolved.

LAYYAH: The Punjab government has slashed the district budget for the purchase of medicines from Rs19 million to Rs13.4 million. This was stated by EDO (Health) Dr. Ahmad Hasan while giving a briefing at a meeting of the District Advocacy Forum (DAF) held at the District Health Development Directorate here on Friday. The DAF is a joint venture of the Punjab government and civil society organisation GRM Future Group for the empowerment voices and accountability for better health and nutrition (EVA- BHN). EVA BHN provincial manager Dr. Akhtar Rasheed, Social Welfare DO Muhammad Shahid Rana, district bar members, health officials and journalists were also present. The EDO (Health) said that 42 seats of specialist doctors, eight seats of male and 11 of female medical officers were lying vacant in the district.

Dr. Rasheed said the DAF would work to provide better service delivery by bridging a gap between the community and health official at the basic health unit level. Union Council's board member Javaid informed the meeting that a generator donated by an NGO to the BHU, Ladhana, was allegedly taken away by a former EDO (Health). The EDO (Health) said an inquiry into the matter, on a written complaint by a DAF member, was being conducted by District Officer (Health) Dr. Ziaul Hassan. DAF member Fareedullah said the forum was trying to improve the working of health institutions in the district with the active participation of civil society and community members. He said the DAF assisted in providing a new ambulance to the RHC, Ladhana, while efforts were being made to convert Thal Hospital into a full-fledged women hospital.

OKARA: Long queues at the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) centres have become a routine as mobile phone companies are sending people for fresh thumb impressions. Mobile phone franchises have asked hundreds of people to visit NADRA centres before biometric verification of SIMs as they are unable to get the thumb impressions. Several people including Alam Sher Khan Lodhi, a visually-challenged person, told this correspondent that

JI demands action against Baldia fire perpetrators

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Criticised by tanker operators, KWSB makes little effort to end water crisis

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132 doctors transferred to remote areas in

they had been facing a great deal of inconvenience as their SIMs had not been verified for more than a week. They said it was the fault of NADRA employees who had not properly taken their thumb impressions when they got CNICs. As the last date of SIMs verification has been fixed Feb 26, the rush of people at mobile phone franchises and NADRA centres is growing with every passing day. Meanwhile, NADRA staff is complaining about burden of work and has suggested that mobile companies arrange proper gadgets to do the job. It has also demanded that the last date for SIMs verification be extended

KARACHI: The Jamaat-i-Islami on Friday described the Baldia factory fire tragedy as "the blackest incident" in the history of the country and said that if the government and national security institutions failed to take action against terrorist organisations, peace could never be restored to Karachi. These views were expressed by Karachi chapter JI chief Hafiz Naeem-ur-Rahman while speaking at a press conference along with affected families of the Baldia factory fire incident at Idara Noor-i-Haq. "After the investigation of high-profile terrorist cases such as Wali Khan Babar killing, May 12 carnage, April 9 mayhem and the Baldia factory inferno, it is evident that a mafia party is behind all terrorism incidents," Hafiz Naeem said. He said that the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) report on the Baldia factory inferno was an eye-opener for every patriotic Pakistani as according to the report the incident in which more than 260 workers were burnt alive was carried out just for refusing to pay protection money. Hafiz Naeem demanded a transparent judicial inquiry into the JIT report in connection with the Baldia factory inferno and a transparent judicial inquiry into other terrorist incidents, including the May 12 carnage and the 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal incident. The JIT findings of the May 12 and April 9 incidents should also be made public, he added. He asked the government to announce million-rupee compensation and a job for each family of the Baldia factory fire tragedy. He also said that the JI would also try to make all possible arrangements to address the educational and health needs of the families of the Baldia factory fire victims.

KARACHI: Blaming the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board for the current water crisis in the city and a subsequent rise in water bowser prices, water tanker owners and operators on Friday said that the situation could improve only if subsoil water hydrants were issued licences. However, the KWSB said the water board did not issue NOCs or licences to every hydrant rather it was the responsibility of the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation or the administration of the town, where they were operating, to give the permission. The KWSB issued NOCs to boring water hydrants only and work was under way for the renewal of licences, said its managing director while speaking to Daily Dawn.

The documents would have to be issued all over again because all the hydrants, save the 12 called legal, across the metropolis had been bulldozed, claimed secretary general of the All Karachi Tankers Association Mohammad Sharif. He said the bulldozing of all subsoil water hydrants without taking the association on board caused water shortage, as subsoil water fulfilled 80 per cent water requirement of the city. He explained boring water was used mainly for cleaning and washing clothes at homes and by factories and industries. "By closing the subsoil hydrants, that demand for water has also fallen on the freshwater hydrants and there are only 12 of those legally operating in the city," he reiterated.

Now there are very long queues at the 12 hydrants, with the result that where one tanker used to make five to six trips to the hydrants a day, it can only make one. They can only deliver water 30 hours after receiving an order. "As they can only make one trip in a day, they also have to fulfil their requirements. It is for this reason that they have raised the cost per tanker from Rs. 2,000 or Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 8,000," he said.

Most people cannot pay that kind of money but the tanker owners are aware that residents of Clifton and Defence can, so after waiting the whole night at the Landhi or Chakra Goth hydrants to have their fill, they pull up under and around the Qayyumabad flyover. Residents of these areas, which anyway depended on tankers for most of their water needs, bow down to their demands. Mr. Sharif said the KWSB didn't think through the repercussions of bulldozing the subsoil hydrants. He said: "They [the KWSB] said these hydrants were involved in theft of freshwater as well as electricity. Had they taken the All Karachi Tankers Association on board on this, we would have seen to it that such a thing wouldn't happen. An easy way out now would be to issue no objection certificates or licenses to the subsoil hydrants which guarantee only dealing in boring water. Our association can also take up responsibility of their operations. "Bring in the Pakistan Rangers on this, if they don't even trust us. Or install meters to monitor the output of water at the hydrants. Otherwise, right now it is only February and not summer as yet. Things may get even worse during the summer months."

Make the subsoil hydrants legal by giving them NOCs or licences and the water crisis could be resolved within just three days, he claimed. "But unfortunately, those who issue such NOCs or licenses are corrupt people and are asking for Rs1 million to Rs1.5 million in bribe first. And as all the hydrants have been destroyed, these documents have to be issued all over again," he said. KWSB MD Qutubuddin Shaikh said: "The KWSB only issues NOCs to purely boring water hydrants. At the moment we are reviewing the renewal of the licenses and working out a policy for that. Hopefully, it will all be resolved soon." "Karachi requires 1,100 MGD of water and 550 MGD of that used to come from the Hub River, which is pretty much dried up now. We are trying to feed the areas affected by this from Dhabeji west and central pumps but there are many other issues also such as the disruption in power supply to our bulk supply pumping stations. There are power breakdowns there every now and then which don't even allow the supply to stabilise for a constant flow. It's the same at all the five bulk supply pumping stations in Dhabeji, Ghara, Pipri, North East Karachi and Hub," he added.

QUETTA: The Balochistan health department has transferred 132 doctors, including consultants, to far-flung areas and warned them that neglect will not be tolerated. An official notification in this regard would be issued in a couple of days, Health Minister Rehmat Saleh Baloch said at a press

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Sindh has lost 3.5m acres to the sea since 1956, say experts

The Express Tribune, February 14, 2015

conference on Friday. He said the government had already terminated the services of 20 doctors who were found guilty of neglect.

KARACHI: Nearly 3.5 million acres of agricultural land in Sindh has been eroded since 1956, claimed experts as they discussed the threat of sea intrusion. Experts believe that the coastal districts of Sindh will be submerged by 2050 if immediate measures are not taken to protect the Indus Delta. "Badin, Thatta and Sajawal will be underwater by 2050 if 35 million acre feet (MAF) of water are not released from the Indus Delta," claimed Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum chairperson Muhammad Ali Shah, adding that he had been speaking out about the issue for the last five years but the government was not taking any action.

The standing committee on science and technology was recently informed that Badin and Thatta would be submerged by 2050 and Karachi by 2060. "The government should investigate the reason for the intrusion of the sea — it is caused by the stoppage of water flow in the Indus Delta," said Shah. "It takes hundreds of years to develop a delta but Sindh's delta has been destroyed in less than 50 years."

Discussing the apprehensions of the residents of Badin, Thatta and Sajawal, Shah said that more than 0.8 million families had migrated from the coastal areas. The Water Accord of 1991 said that 10MAF water will be released below the Kotri downstream. According to environmentalists, however, the agreement has been completely sidelined, despite there being a need for the release of 35MAF instead of 10MAF. "The accord should be revisited," said Nasir Ali Panhwar, the executive director of the Centre for Environment and Development. Referring to a study by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, he said that it showed that at least 35MAF of water had to be released. The first setback to the Indus Delta, according to Panhwar, was the Indus Water Treaty of 1960. The construction of Tarbela Dam as well as other dams and canals further ruined the delta, he asserted. "The 'food basket' of Karachi, Malir, is also being eroded and the water table has recently gone down. Altaf Hussain Shaikh, the conservation manager of WWF-Pakistan, also emphasised the need to ensure a certain flow of water in the Indus Delta. "The severity of erosion is high in Badin, moderate in Sajawal and Thatta and low in Karachi," he said.

Meanwhile, urban planner Farhan Anwar questioned the research. "I don't think the figures shared are based on research," he said, adding that he believed it was merely hype. Commenting on the waste management facilities of Karachi, he said, "Garbage will submerge Karachi before it is eroded by seawater."

IRSA releases 122,735 cusecs water from various rim stations

Business Recorder, February 14, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The Indus River System Authority (IRSA) Friday released 122,735 cusecs water for various rim stations with inflow of 41,375 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in the Indus River at Tarbela Dam was 1466.17 feet, which was 86.17 feet higher than its dead level 1380 feet. Water inflow in the dam was recorded as 12,600 cusecs while outflow was recorded as 50,000 cusecs.

The water level in the Jhelum River at Mangla Dam was 1147.50 feet, which was 107.50 feet higher than its dead level of 1040 feet whereas the inflow and outflow of water was recorded as 11,040 cusecs and 5,500 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa and Sukkur was recorded as 55,266, 32,522 and 29,910 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from the Kabul River a total of 10,900 cusecs of water was released at Nowshera and 6,835 cusecs released from the Chenab River at Marala.

NTDCL, KEPCO ink accord for 500 kV Dasu transmission line project

Daily Times, February 14, 2015

ISLAMABAD: National Transmission and Dispatch Company Limited (NTDCL) and Korea Electric Power Company (KEPCO) have signed a consultancy contract for designing, engineering and construction supervision of 500 kilovolts (kV) Dasu-Islamabad transmission line. General Manager GSC Abdur Razzaq Cheema said Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) had identified 26 potential hydropower project sites in northern areas. Dasu Hydro Power Project is one of the identified sites on Run-of-River Indus with total capacity of 4,320 megawatts (MW). The project is to be developed in two stages each of 2,160 MW. The first stage of the project will be completed by June 2019. The responsibility of NTDCL is to construct 500 Kv D/C transmission line from Dasu Hydropower Project to Islamabad via Mansehra for evacuation of 2,160 MW power at first stage. Cheema said NTDCL was committed to arrange evacuation of power, six months ahead of scheduled completion of Dasu Hydropower Project, which was due in December 2018. Transmission Line Dasu is World Bank funded project with Financing Agreement to tune of \$350 million, including \$10 million for project management and supervision. KEPCO is selected through open competitive bidding and has approval of Board of Director of NTDCL. Vice President KEPCO Jae-Han Go said we would do best to meet the challenges while using the best techniques in construction as well as in reducing the distribution and transmission losses with a aim to counter the energy crisis in Pakistan.

Govt announces no load shedding for Pakistan vs. India cricket match

Dunya News, February 14, 2015

LAHORE — The government on Saturday announced that there will be no load shedding during the Pak vs. India cricket match. Cricket devotees are beyond themselves with happiness upon hearing this. Numerous plans of watching the match are being made by cricket fans with a great zeal. The match between the two rivals is the biggest event in this Cricket World Cup. Nerves are being tested of both the players and their fans as the countdown begins. But every admirer of cricket is waiting anxiously for the colossal match to begin.

According to the details, load shedding was the only thing that was disturbing the fans mad about cricket. Nobody wanted the most eagerly event to be ruined like that. The government's announcement alleviated this fear of cricket aficionados as their fervor reached new peaks. Pakistani devotees of cricket want to watch every ball with complete satisfaction. Although the government has made this welcoming announcement but if it does anything wrong, the public's wrath will be severe.

Transmission line blown

QUETTA: Militants on Saturday blew up a transmission line in Balochistan's troubled Naseerabad district. The 220 kv transmission line from Guddu to Quetta had been repaired hours before it was

up in Balochistan's Naseerabad

Daily Dawn, February 14, 2015

Circular debt caused January petrol shortage: OCAC officials

The News, February 14, 2015

Shale oil/gas reservoirs: OGDCL starts exploration

Business Recorder, February 14, 2015

blown up by militants in Chahtar area. Power supply from Guddu 220 kv transmission line was suspended as result of the blast. Police sources said militants had planted an improvised explosive device (IED) close to the transmission line.

Amid tight security, National Transmission and Distribution Company (NTDC) had repaired the damaged pylons on Friday. However, it was blown up again after the repair. The defunct Baloch Republican Army (BRA) claimed the responsibility for the attack. Suspension of power supply through Guddu Transmission line caused more than 20 hours of loadshedding in Balochistan. Unannounced load shedding has severely affected domestic and agriculture consumers in the province. According to sources in NTDC, currently 200 to 300 megawatt electricity was being supplied to Balochistan against the province's total demand of 1650 megawatt.

KARACHI: Severe petrol shortages that had hit part of Punjab last month was primarily an outcome of the circular debt that choked cash flows of the country's biggest fuel distributor, Pakistan State Oil, an industry group's top official said on Friday. State-run PSO has a 49 percent share of the country's gasoline marketing business, ahead of major multinational players like Shell Pakistan and Caltex Pakistan. "A number of factors were behind the January petrol shortage, including circular debt, consumer behavior, weather conditions in Punjab and off-scheduling of arrival and berthing of tanker vessels," a senior official at Oil Companies Advisory Council (OCAC) briefed newsmen, while requesting anonymity. The fuel shortages that led to a crisis like situation in Punjab followed when the vicious cycle of circular debt bogged down energy supply chain in the country. Power distributors delay payments to generators who, in turn, face difficulty in clearing dues of fuel suppliers. Importers in return cut month imports. In December last, a bank dishonoured a PSO's letter of credit due to nonpayment of outstanding amount by the company. The state-owned PSO had whined nonpayment of at least Rs200 billion by the government institutions and departments to the company. The official said they foresaw a surge in petrol demand as a result of falling oil prices and apprised the relevant quarters of the development. The dramatic fall in the global oil prices, which led to a monthly downward revision in domestic prices, acted like a giant tax cut to the consumers and they took advantage of low prices to spend more. Oil price has fallen by more than 50 percent since last June. Another OCAC official said tankers, carrying fuel, had missed their schedule, while weather conditions in Punjab had adversely affected supplies. "In spite of that, the countrywide buying of motor gasoline noticeably grew 32 percent year on year to 399,000 tons in January 2015," he added. He informed that demand of petrol, which was recorded at 12,300 tons/day in December 2014, surged to 15,500 tons/day in January 2015 and is likely to settle at 16,500 tons/day in February. The official said a total of 338,000 tons of petrol (mogas) had been planned for February.

Talking about the 20-day cover of supplies, he said this is not a definitive benchmark. "A review meeting attended by OMCs, ministry officials and other stakeholders held in the beginning of every month mulls the estimated demand and the import requirement. Based on these numbers, the supplies are managed. The ministry allows OMCs to keep 10 to 12-day supply cover," he added. An official at the Shell Pakistan said all OMCs make imports, and in January alone, Shell imported 60,000 tons of mogas, which was distributed among all the OMCs. Criticising the fuel pricing formula, which is based on the procurement cost of PSO in the previous month, the official said procurement costs of all OMCs should be included in the fuel pricing basket to avoid the possible price differential losses to other OMCs. The OCAC officials said in case of a crisis or emergency, the instant reaction should be to deal with it instead of passing the buck. Industry disagrees with the government's knee-jerk move to expel a number of key office holders on the pretext that they were responsible for gasoline shortage, they added. In the aftermath of the crisis the government suspended nine officials, including PSO's MD and sent Saeed Ahmed, chairman Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority on a three-month forced leave.

State owned Oil and Gas Company Limited (OGDCL) has started exploration of shale oil/gas reservoirs in the country, senior officials said. The OGDCL board of directors recently approved \$8 million for exploring shale oil/gas reservoirs, which according to US Energy Information Administration (EIA), stands at 586 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF) of gas and over 9 billion barrels of shale oil in Pakistan. The American federal authority on energy statistics and analysis has estimated fresh recoverable shale gas reserves of 105 TCF and over 9 billion barrels of oil in Pakistan. Federal Minister for Petroleum, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has directed the OGDCL chairman board of directors Zahid Muzaffar and Managing Director (MD) OGDCL, Mohammad Rafi to expedite their efforts in exploring shale oil/gas reservoirs to deal energy crisis.

The OGDCL is the leading oil/gas producer with over 1.25 Billion Cubic Feet per Day (BCFD) of gas and nearly 45,000 barrels of crude oil. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources has formulated first-ever Shale Gas Policy and has to get formal approval from the Economic Co-Ordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet. A senior Petroleum Ministry official told Business Recorder here on Friday that according to shale gas policy the Exploration and Production (E&P) companies will get around \$12 per MMBtu as wellhead gas price, which is almost double the price of E&P companies getting for conventional gas production.

Pakistan's conventional gas reserves are estimated to be 58 TCF. The exploration of shale gas is capital intensive and hundreds of wells are explored with the depth of 2,000 to 4,000 meters and explored the shale gas by fracturing the stones with shale gas in rocks. Shale gas is extracted directly from a sedimentary source rock and since it has low permeability as compared to conventional reservoirs, it did not come out easily and, hence, specific investments and pricing is required for its exploitation. The official said the new estimates appeared to be very encouraging for Pakistan but extraction of shale gas/oil is four times costlier and technology extensive as compared to conventional natural resources. He said the shale gas had seen tremendous development in the US and a couple of other countries were trying to use the latest technology. Pakistan, he said, was also encouraging exploration and production companies to venture shale gas.

Annual education expo will end today at 7pm

Pakistan Today, February 14, 2015

Moot on fostering collaborations in business education held

The News, February 14, 2015

Pakistan is particularly heavily dependent on natural gas for its energy needs. At present actual demand for gas is around 8 BCFD, while managed demand is hovering around 6 BCFD against total supply of 4.3 BCF. Shale gas/oil reservoirs estimates of Pakistan are backed by proven studies and verified technical data. "The risked, technically recoverable shale gas resource is estimated at 201 TCF, with 96 TCF in India and 105 TCF in Pakistan," the EIA said. At present, no shale gas is being produced in Pakistan and significant work is required to kick start this high potential energy source, the officials said.

US consultant Advanced Engineering Associates International, Inc (AEAI) that embarked on the strategic study to assess the actual reserves of shale gas in Pakistan and then with the help of the US experts four methods would be formulated to exploit the shale gas reserves. The official said that the US has developed skill to explore shale gas 40 years ago and the shale gas in the US is found on the surface, whereas in Pakistan it is lying in depth 2,000 to 4,000 meters in the land.

The 12th annual international education expo started on Saturday in Karachi with representatives from over 100 universities participating from Pakistan and across the globe mainly from Australia, Canada, Malaysia, Turkey, Germany, North Cyprus, UK, UAE and USA.

The exhibition comprising of a series of two day events started from Islamabad moving to Lahore and now will conclude in Karachi. The exhibition at the Karachi Expo Centre will continue today till 7:00 pm. Entry to the exhibition is free of charge.

The event, is scheduled at a strategic time, which coincides with the admission drive in education institutes and will be attracting students from various academia's, seeking information, coordination and enrolment details from local & international universities.

The exhibition allows faculty, admission officers & career counsellors to interact with over 25,000 top achieving Pakistani students directly on a one on one basis also giving them the opportunity to enrol on the spot with many of the institutions.

The National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC) and Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi organised the second Deans and Directors Conference entitled 'Building Bridges, Fostering Collaborations in Business Education'. The conference was a venue for experience sharing, based on discussions and perspectives of business school heads, industry professionals and entrepreneurs.

NBEAC, which was established by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan in 2007 to assure quality in business education degree programmes, is a national level accrediting authority to organise and carry out comprehensive programme of accreditation.

The strategic conference provided a platform for the participants to share their experiences in establishing linkages and fruitful contributions made to the development of business education, industry and economy. Prominent speakers from around the globe and country shared stimulating ideas. Challenges faced by business institutions in establishing and promoting linkages with other universities, local and national businesses, family and public corporate and SMEs at both national as well as international level were also addressed.

Eminent participants included Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Director IBA Dr. Ishrat Husain, Chairman NBEAC Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad, Dr. Sadia Nadeem from Fast School of Management, Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan from LUMS, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin from Institute of Management Sciences Peshawar and many others.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed appreciated the efforts of NBEAC and IBA in organising the conference and bringing industry and academia on one platform and discussing challenges faced by the business education community in Pakistan. He also launched the first Business Education Magazine of NBEAC "BizInsight".

Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad said that NBEAC is functioning as an accrediting authority to facilitate and enhance quality of business education in the country. He informed the audience that this year 105 registered business schools are participating in the NBEAC Deans and Directors Conference as compared to 86 participants in the previous conference.

Dr. Ishrat Husain said that the alliance between NBEAC and IBA will play an important role in enhancing quality of business education in Pakistan. "It is said that in Pakistan beautiful plans are made but they are never executed but IBA firmly believes in bringing those plans to life and this NBEAC incentive is a step towards ensuring that quality education is being imparted to the students of Pakistan."

The session on 'Academia and Corporate Linkages' was chaired by Dr. Sadia Nadeem. She emphasised that to form significant linkages between academia and the corporate world, more academics need to go and venture into the corporate world as just sending out students is not enough to ensure cooperation and linkages between the two diverse worlds. Dr. Syed Zahoor Hassan stated that key initiatives had been taken by different institutions to engage with the corporate industry and it should be noticed that every institution had their own creative way to engage with the industry. The session entitled 'Experience of International Linkages' was chaired by Dr. Muhammad Mohsin. He said that international linkages with foreign institutions and bodies were of greatest importance. Dr. Ehsan ul Haq said that one of the reasons LUMS has excelled is because it had foreign associations in form of its curriculum and in terms of its faculty. The speakers were unanimous that international linkages were crucial but Pakistani institutions faced problems getting foreign students as exchange students and foreign faculty to teach in Pakistan as people were fearful of the law and order situation.

Another session on 'Developing Entrepreneurship' was chaired by Talib Karim, who addressed the importance of developing an entrepreneurial mindset in Pakistan. Speakers emphasized that the spirit of entrepreneurship was of utmost importance for the local scenario as it will help provide jobs, which are dire need for the country and the economy.

NGO launches campaign to highlight education issues

The Nation, February 14, 2015

Cooperation in education, research to be strengthened: German envoy

Business Recorder, February 14, 2015

The day-two of the conference focused on ways to promote research collaborations and commercialization. Speaking on the topic of "Revamping Business Programmes in Collaboration with the Business Industry", Dr. Shaukat Brah said, "We need visionary leaders, who will act as effective agents of change and are capable of taking ownership of organizations. We need to teach our students curricula that are attuned to local business environment and local economy." The conference also touched upon the Corporate Social Responsibility and how important it is for businesses to give back to the society so that the community benefits and the country flourishes.

ISLAMABAD - Alif Ailaan launched a campaign to highlight the changes to the level of coverage of education issues in Pakistan since 2013. "Education: The Inescapable Pakistani Conversation" is the summary of an ongoing study by researchers at the MIT Media Lab and Alif Ailaan.

The findings of the study offered a remarkable lens into the growing importance of education in the national discourse, as the average weekly number of stories on education in the national press has grown from 29 in February 2013, to 41 by the end of 2013 and to 117 as of January 2015. "It is difficult to establish concrete and specific correlations between the media discourse and the actualities on the state of education in Pakistan but nevertheless important to see the media discourse as an indicator of these actualities," said Ali Hashmi, research fellow. "This study will serve as a baseline to understand what issues dominate education reporting," he added. The study analyses patterns of representation around the topic of "education" published in national and regional newspapers from February 2013 to January 2015, a period of 24 months, or two years. The trends in the report indicate that the education conversation manifests itself differently at the regional and national levels.

While the national conversation about education appears to be focused on issues with a broad, global appeal and accessibility, the regional newspapers highlighted issues that are relevant to specific communities, either at the tehsil/taluka level, or at the district level. The study shows that the terms of 'Malala' and 'Peshawar attack' generate the highest impact on coverage as compared to any other topic in education, and both events have been disruptive in terms of the ongoing narrative of education in Pakistan.

In 2014, education stories in Sindhi language newspapers focused on issues faced by communicators related to ghost schools and ghost teachers. In the Urdu press, security of educational institutions surfaced as a key theme. Education stories in English-language newspapers maintained a focus on educational policies and issues, such as enrolment and teaching.

Of the education-related news stories that were analysed for this study, the report shows that 33 percent were based on national issues, 30 percent on Punjab, 18 percent on Sindh, 8 percent on KP and Balochistan each and 3 percent on AJK, GB and FATA. "Quality lies at the heart of Pakistan's education crisis," said Saman Naz, Alif Ailaan data and evidence manager and co-author of the report.

"However, there is a large vacuum in the discourse on quality and learning outcomes. Tentatively, this indicates that a focus on quality has a lower priority over other issues in education. This has far reaching and worrying implications for our future," she said.

The report concludes that while there has been a significant improvement in the richness and coverage of education content in the national discourse, it is worrying that there is very little evidence that learning outcomes, teaching quality and overall quality of education has received any significant uptake. "Pakistan is facing an education crisis," said Mosharraf Zaidi, Alif Ailaan campaign director.

"The overall increase in education coverage is hardly a matter to celebrate given that within the broad issue of education, we're not even scratching the surface of really important issues like nutrition, maternal learning, mathematics and science scores across the country and the abdication of responsibility by the state, that has led to a calamitous situation for poor families that cannot afford expensive private schools," he said.

German Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Cyrill Nunn has said that co-operation in German-Pakistan educational and research institutes will be strengthened further in order to get the benefit from each other's experiences. He was talking to University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan at the university campus in which UAF faculty members who were also alumni of German Universities participated.

The German ambassador said the students and faculty exchange programme will be fortified. He said Germany was running world's third largest student and faculty exchange programme that will be beneficial for Pakistani scholars. He said many Pakistani students were getting education in Germany especially in engineering, botany, chemistry etc. He said Germany in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) was offering tremendous scholarships to Pakistani students. He said that Germany believed on the internationalisation to work together for the development. He said that there was the room to further enhance the co-operation. He lauded the efforts of the UAF taken in the area of education and research. He said the climate change was one of the major threats and Germany was working with Pakistan to cope with the environmental issues.

UAF Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan said that the university strongly believes in maintaining the good relations and enjoying the excellent relations across the world. The university is running German funded International Center for Development and Decent Work (ICDDW) projects to fight against global hunger and poverty through research and education. He said that further co-operation with German institutes will help in strengthening the agricultural sector which is directly linked to poverty alleviation. He said in Pakistan, the agriculture was the lifeline as the majority of the population was linked with the sector. He stressed the need of rural development and praised the government for increasing funds for the uplift of rural areas. He said

Karachi: Industrialists protest against gas interruption

Dunya News, February 13, 2015

Oil tops \$60 for first time in 2015

Pakistan Today, February 13, 2015

No loadshedding during Pakistan-India match: K-Electric

The News, February 13, 2015

LNG demand: Brunei and China join race, show interest in gas export

The Express Tribune, February 13, 2015

Oil prices in Pakistan lowest in region: Rana Afzal

that the enrolled students have touched the figure of 20,500. Keeping in view the UAF has recruited 130 new members in teaching staff in 2014 to lower the increasing burden on the teaching community. He said the UAF has planned to recruit 200 teachers this year.

KARACHI— Industrialists under S.I.T.E Association of Industry in Karachi staged a protest near Governor House on Friday in the wake of non-availability of gas supply to the industries.

Protesters were holding black flags and placards urging to resume gas supply. They said the pressure of gas provided to the industries has been considerably low from the past two days that has halted work at the industries whereas the gas supply was cut short for 13 days in January as well. They urged Governor Ishratul Ibad and Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah to grant them their due right. They further accused the gas supply company of making excuses while the industries were in complete shambles. DIG South Mr. Abdul Khaliq Sheikh met the protesters and stated that the protesters were demonstrating peacefully whereas the protest at Fawara Chowk clogged the road for traffic.

Oil hit its highest **level** for the year on Friday with Brent crude rising above \$60 a barrel, as eurozone economic growth exceeded expectations and market bulls priced in another drop in the US oil rig count.

Bets that falling exploration budgets of energy firms' will mop up some of the excess oil in the market also fuelled gains. Many analysts and traders believe there is a global oversupply of nearly two million barrels per day in crude oil. They say little has changed fundamentally to explain the rally of the past two weeks.

Even so, oil prices have marched higher. Brent rose over 3 percent in Friday's session, about 6 percent on the week and nearly 16 percent on the month. Gains heightened after its front-month contract switched on Thursday at a premium. Brent had collapsed from a high above \$115 a barrel in June to a near six-year low under \$46 in late January, as fears of a global oil glut rattled the market.

"Naturally, when prices fall that much within that short a time, you're likely to have a severe rebound as well, though speculators are possibly adding more fuel on the way up now," said Phil Flynn, analyst at the Price Futures Group in Chicago. Brent was up \$2.22 at \$61.50 a barrel at 10:48 a.m. ET, having reached \$61.77 earlier.

KARACHI: Karachi residents will not have to worry about power blackouts when the Pakistani and Indian cricket teams battle it out in their first World Cup match this Sunday. A spokesman for K-Electric said no loadshedding will take place in Karachi during the match on Sunday. "Electricity will be supplied without any interruptions on Sunday throughout Karachi," said a K-Electric spokesman.

ISLAMABAD: Seeing a handsome opportunity to cash in on Pakistan's growing energy appetite, state-owned energy companies of Brunei Darussalam and China have offered multibillion-dollar deals for the supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in a government-to-government contract.

Separately, Pakistan is close to sealing an LNG import agreement with gas-rich Qatar to bridge the widening gap between demand and supply of energy.

According to officials familiar with the development, PB Trading Sendirian Berhad, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brunei National Petroleum Company Sendirian Berhad also known as Petroleum Brunei, a national oil company, and Petro China, one of China's largest petroleum companies, have expressed interest in exporting LNG to Pakistan. In addition to these, officials said, Pakistan would explore the possibility of importing LNG from countries like Australia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Algeria, Russia and Oman, which are exporting gas to many countries of the world.

Malaysian firm Petronas and Russia also aspire to supply LNG to Pakistan in a government-to-government arrangement. However, they have made it clear that they will be able to provide gas only after two years.

In this scenario, the only choice for Pakistan is to go for LNG purchases from Qatar. It has finalised all contract provisions with Qatar except for the price and expects to see first consignment arrive by the end of the current month. In another major project, the government is going to award a \$3-billion Gwadar LNG pipeline and terminal contract to a Chinese company, which will serve as an alternative to the Iran-Pakistan (IP) gas pipeline project.

Pakistan has already missed the deadline for receiving the first flow of gas from Iran at the end of December 2014. Officials point out that Oman and Iran have inked a gas pipeline accord and Muscat will also build an LNG terminal for handling supplies. In an extended arrangement, they suggest, Pakistan could also get Iranian gas through Oman in the form of LNG, which would be shipped to Gwadar.

Russia has signed an initial deal with Pakistan in the form of a protocol for laying an LNG pipeline from Karachi to Lahore. This has sparked hope that Pakistan will start receiving gas from Moscow after two years. The gap between demand and supply of natural gas in the country has widened to 2 billion cubic feet per day (bcfd) with supplies at 4bcfd.

To bridge the shortfall, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources is pushing ahead with different gas pipeline projects. In addition to these, LNG terminals will be built at the Port Qasim and Gwadar Port, which will handle imported gas with an estimated re-gasification capacity equal to around 2bcfd of natural gas.

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Finance Rana Muhammad Afzal said on Friday that government had passed maximum benefit of reduction in oil prices in the international market to the people. "Despite imposing some tax, the oil prices in Pakistan are lowest in the region," he told the Lower House of Parliament. He said that other countries had not provided full benefit of

Aaj News, February 13, 2015

Need to evolve consensus among provinces for hydel projects

The Nation, February 13, 2015

Chahan dam, 10 more tube wells approved for Rawalpindi city

Online International News Network, February 13, 2015

Japan gives Rs 28m for education in Pakistan

The News, February 13, 2015

CM pledges to eradicate exam cheating

Pakistan Herald, February 13, 2015

reduction in oil prices to their people. He said the country was in a state of war against terrorists adding that massive amount was being spent to wipe out terrorism from the country.

LAHORE - The speakers at a seminar observed that at present Pakistan in general and Punjab in particular is facing grave water and electricity crises which are aggravating with the passage of time and the situation demands that government of Pakistan should take immediate steps for evolving a consensus among the provinces for major hydel projects especially Kalabagh Dam, which is certainly the backbone of the country and which should have been constructed much earlier.

The seminar was held at the Institution of Engineers Pakistan, Lahore Centre on Thursday in which various learned speakers presented their views on this burning topic. Engr Syed Khalid Sajjad, Chairman, IEP Lahore Centre, in his concluding remarks, observed that KBD will save KPK from floods and irrigate a million of acres of arid land which will revolutionize its economy. He further said that it is unfortunate that the government had never been giving a priority to this project on account of strong lobby working against the prosperity of Pakistan, which does not want to see this dam built, as they do not bother about public benefits and grounds realities. He also told that government to prefer to utilize its own resources instead of taking loans from international financial institutions on high interest to enhance burden of loan on the country as well as our future generation.

RAWALPINDI: Punjab government has approved Chahan dam and installation of 10 new tubewells projects to supply clean drinking water to citizens of Rawalpindi and has released special funds of Rs 40 million initially for these projects.

Sources said Punjab government has released funds of Rs 30 million to WASA for working out feasibility study of Chahan dam to be built in the area of Chakri. Contract will be awarded following completion of feasibility study of dam. Water will be supplied for cultivation of land and drinking purpose to the citizens from Chahan dam. 10 new tube wells will be installed in Rawalpindi city to address the growing complaints of lack of drinking water. Rs 10 million have been released to WASA for installation of 10 new tube wells.

ISLAMABAD: Japan has extended financial support of Rs 28 million to three Pakistani NGOs for improvement of educational facilities: Farmers Development Organization, Sanjh Foundation and Shewa Educated Social Workers Association (SESWA). The agreements for the three projects were signed on February 12, 2015, at the Japanese Ambassador's residence in Islamabad, between H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Inomata, Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan and the heads of the three organisations.

Farmers Development Organization will utilise its grant of US\$ 87,256 for the construction of a primary and middle school in a rural locality of District Multan that is currently lack of suitable educational facilities. The grant of US \$ 99,394 to SESWA on the other hand will be used for the construction of a girls' primary and middle school in District Swabi, in order to promote female education. Similarly, a primary and middle school for girls will be established in order to enhance rural female education in District Muzaffargarh, through the grant of US \$ 89,696 to Sanjh Foundation. The Government of Japan has given high priority to empowerment of women both in Japan and other countries under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. These projects form a part of this commitment.

At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Inomata emphasised the importance of improving access to basic education in this country, particularly for girls. He expressed his hope that the projects supported today would contribute to Pakistan's goal of eliminating regional and gender disparities in terms of educational opportunities and in doing so would certainly strengthen the friendly relations between the people of Japan and Pakistan.

Earlier, agreements for eight other projects on education, health and infrastructure were signed in September and November, 2014. Hence, the amount the Government of Japan provided to Pakistani NGOs during the current Japanese Fiscal Year (which starts in April) adds up to US \$1,025,164 in total. Moreover, agreements for four more projects, two for rural infrastructure and one each for clean drinking water and health, are scheduled to be signed next week.

The Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme is an initiative of the Japanese government with the belief that, in consideration of the enormity of the challenges being faced by the world today. Since it began in 1989, the GGP Programme has supported 340 projects in Pakistan, with a contribution of more than 2.3 billion Japanese Yen.

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch has stressed the need to get rid of all social ills afflicting education, particularly absentee teachers and cheating in exams. According to him, all stakeholders will have to play their role to cleanse the education system of the ills. Speaking at a seminar organised by the education department in connection with its anti-cheating drive here on Thursday, Dr Baloch said: "When the evil reach their peak in any society the process of reform begins. We will have to do justice to ourselves by accepting the reality and come up with joint efforts to transform the society." The chief minister said the nation should be serious about the social evils which were pushing it back in every field of life. "Our coalition government is taking concrete and serious measures to improve the education system and to get rid of cheating," he said. The provincial government had not only increased the education budget but had also decentralised powers so that the education department could function smoothly, he said. "More than 4,000 posts of teachers will be filled through the National Testing Service (NTS) so that the deserving candidates may get their rights," he said, adding that if any mismanagement was found in the NTS the government would take action against it. Dr Baloch said that because the provincial education budget had been enhanced the province would soon have a number of good institutions.

On an average, he said, there was one teacher for every 16 students in Balochistan. However,

Mobile awareness unit set up at NAB KP

The Statesman, February 13, 2015

Traffic police launch SMS alert service

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CCE approves govt-to-govt negotiations for LNG import

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there were many schools in the province which didn't have any teacher. "We are committed to controlling dropout rate of children by starting a drive with the help of teachers, parents and others to enrol more and more children in schools," he said. If every teacher was tasked to enrol five children then over 500,000 children could easily be brought into the schools.

The chief minister said that teachers, parents and members of civil society should play a role in efforts to banish the curse of cheating from educational institutions. "We are also taking practical steps to revamp the Balochistan Public Service Commission so that the deserving candidates could get their due rights," he added.

PESHAWAR: Mobile Awareness Unit has been established in NAB Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to create awareness among masses especially the youth about the ill effects of corruption on economy as well on society, said a spokesman for the NAB here Thursday. In this connection, Bacha Khan Girls Degree College, Dheri Baghbanan, Kohat Road Peshawar in collaboration with National Accountability Bureau organized a seminar followed by a walk against corruption at the College. Mirza Mohammad Irfan Baig, Director Awareness & Prevention Wing NAB was the chief guest. Director NAB, Principal Bacha Khan Girls College Shaheen Umar and Director Higher Education Noorullah Wazir also spoke on the occasion.

Sana Tariq Assistant Director NAB gave a presentation on the achievements of NAB, definition of corruption, its types and impacts on society as well as economy. The Director NAB urged upon the students that they must adopt high moral values i.e. Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Honesty and Sympathy and give up evil habits of fraud, Cruelty and Revenge etc. This, he opined would definitely establish our credibility which is a pre-requisite for a dignified nation. Instead of cursing others and making hue and cry, it is better to contribute towards the betterment of the society even to light a single match, he concluded. The function was followed by a walk in the premises of the college. The students were holding banners and placards inscribed with Anti-Corruption slogans and fighting corruption through character building. – APP

PESHAWAR: In order to facilitate and save the precious time of the general public, the traffic police Peshawar has launched SMS Alert service in Peshawar metropolitan. The new service will inform the sender of the message through SMS about the renewal and expiry date of the Learner permit, test place, card and driving licenses, says an official statement on Thursday. The service aimed to provide relief and save precious time of the general public in getting the aforementioned facilities. Moreover the Peshawar traffic branch has also ensured all the facilitates under one roof for the general public to get driving license. – APP

PESHAWAR: Around 30 percent lady doctors left healthcare profession in Pakistan after completing their medical education due to various social barriers, causing great loss to national exchequer every year, revealed Senior Leader of Pakistan Medical Association Dr. Shershah Syed. Syed, also an eminent gynaecologist, told PPI news agency that around 30 percent female doctors had left healthcare profession in the country due various issues due to marriage, family restrictions and other social problems, which caused great loss to national exchequer. He said there is a ratio of 70 percent female and 30 percent male doctors in Pakistan, but unfortunately, about 30 percent lady doctors had left the profession after marriage beside other issues like security issues, threats of kidnapping, restrictions from family members to don't do job and other social barriers. He said if the situation persisted in future, Pakistan may face acute shortage of lady doctors in healthcare in future and ratio of various diseases may also go up in the country. He informed ratio of male health practitioners is high in different western countries as compared to Pakistan. He said, "I could not suggest for enhancing the ratio of male doctors in medical profession by enhancing male seats in medical colleges but authorities concerned should generate awareness among society and ensure protection of lady doctors at work place which will help improve overall situation." He said government had spent millions of rupees on medical education, training and skill development of lady doctors annually but quitting medical profession was putting bad impact on upcoming doctors and also adversely affecting the national healthcare system. He urged the government to provide protection to female doctors at workplace, announce incentives and raise perks and privileges for lady doctors to keep them from leaving medical profession in future. – PP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday decided to start negotiations with Malaysia, China, Algeria, Nigeria, and Trinidad for import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to meet its growing energy needs. The decision was made during a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCE) chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the Prime Minister's House in the federal capital. Official sources told that the CCE also approved government-to-government negotiations with Russia, Qatar and China for the construction of the North-South gas pipeline. This 42-inch pipeline will be laid along the new alignment of N-5. PM Nawaz said that power projects must be fast-tracked on top priority to provide relief to people. He also directed the CCE that steps should be taken on an immediate basis for early start of the 1680-km Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (Tapi) gas pipeline which would be immensely beneficial in providing energy security to the region.

The PM was informed that negotiations are under way with Iran but due to international sanctions on the country, import of electricity from Iran would not be possible in the short-term. The CCE gave approval for official inclusion of Gwadar-Nawabshah gas pipeline into the Early Harvest Program of Pak-China economic corridor. Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif and Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources Shahid Khaqan Abbasi briefed the committee on setting up of a 3600MW power generation plant based on Regassified LNG. The committee was informed that the LNG Terminal at Port Qasim would be completed next month. Nawaz said work on preparing feasibility studies and sorting out modalities should be completed as soon as possible. He directed both the ministries to give a detailed presentation in this regard next week. The PM also gave in-principle approval for allocating funds in Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for financing of this project.

Boycott of anti-polio drive threatened over transfers

Daily Dawn, February 13, 2015

Paramedics protest delay in promotion

Daily Dawn, February 13, 2015

Long queues being witnessed for SIMs' biometric verification

The Statesman, February 12, 2015

Fear of life: 36 doctors refuse joining duty in Lyari General Hospital

The Statesman, February 12, 2015

Secretary Economic Affairs Division (EAD) Muhammad Saleem Sethi gave the meeting an overview of the Energy Active Portfolio and briefed about the generic issues causing delays in utilisation of funds. The premier took notice of un-utilised funds relating to generation, transmission and distribution projects and directed EAD and relevant ministries to expedite the foreign funded projects.

Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif, Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Khawaja Asif, Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal, Railway Minister Saad Rafique and Chairman of Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Zafar Mahmood and senior government officials attended the meeting.

LANDI KOTAL: Some paramedics of the Agency Headquarters Hospital, Landi Kotal, on Thursday warned they would boycott anti-polio campaign if the health department didn't withdraw orders of their colleagues' transfer by Monday. Lately, local paramedics Abdul Haleem, Fareed Khan, Abdul Hadi and Shakeel Khan were transferred. The relevant officials said Abdul Haleem was removed from the medicine store on the recommendations of the political agent after a visit to the hospital a month ago. They said Abdul Haleem had held the post of storekeeper for seven years and that he got his teenage son, Shakeel Khan, employed at the hospital as his assistant. The officials said the two employees were removed from their posts and transferred to health centres of other localities on the recommendation of the political agent over mismanagement. They said Abdul Hadi was transferred over dereliction of duty and Fareed Khan over misconduct. The officials said the transferred employees along with their sympathisers held a meeting at the hospital and threatened to forcibly close the hospital and boycott anti-polio campaign in Khyber Agency if they were not reinstated by Monday.

MUZAFFARGARH: Paramedics observed a full-day strike in Muzaffargarh district on Thursday for action against the district administration. Hundreds of paramedics gathered at the District Headquarters Hospital to register their protest. They alleged the executive district officer (EDO) of health and finance department officials were demanding bribe for their promotion though their colleagues in other districts were benefiting from the newly-notified service structure.

Rana Jameel, president of paramedics' union, said when they demanded the implementation of the job structure, EDO Dr. Athar Iqbal demanded bribe and sent them to a finance official who also demanded Rs 500,000 as bribe. Farzana, lady health supervisor and leader of women health staffers, said the administration also denied them promotion and other incentives meant for field staffers. She said the lady health workers and other vaccination staff would boycott the polio vaccination campaign to be started from Monday (February 16). She said they had not been given salary in the last four months.

Thatta Qutrshi Basic Health Unit officer Dr. Mujahid Malik said that because of the shortage of budget, the anti-measles campaign had been delayed in the district. EDO Dr. Iqbal denied the bribe allegation and said official working was in progress on the job structure issue.

ISLAMABAD: Long queues are being witnessed at the cellular companies' centers across the city after the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) directed them to complete the re-verification process of subscriber identification modules (SIMs) through biometric devices till February 26. There was unusual hustle and bustle at all mobile phone companies' customer service centers, franchises and authorized retail outlets equipped with biometric verification machines for SIMs verification. Special counters have been set up to facilitate citizens visiting the kiosks to get their mobile phone SIMs verified through finger prints in collaboration with National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA).

Talking to APP, a number of people, who visited the outlets, welcomed the government's initiative to streamline the record of mobile phone users and block the un-verified SIMs, saying that it would help make the society safe and crime free. Aftab Raja, a customer, said it would help the government to stop misuse of SIMs especially by terrorists. He said it was a good move but the PTA should have taken this initiative much earlier. Another customer Fazal Hussain said he received messages from his respective mobile phone company for biometric verification of the SIM and avoiding service blockade.

Being a business man, he said, he could not afford communication gap with clients even for an hour so "I am getting my SIM verified." Azeem Butt, another customer, complained that mobile phone companies were charging Rs 20 for verification which was unjust adding that they were already minting money in the name of different charges and offering packages with hidden conditions. - APP

KARACHI: About fifty-six posts of doctors, general & specialists cadre, are lying vacant in Lyari General Hospital (LGH) Karachi and administration of institution has been facing hardships in smoothly running of the hospital, catering healthcare services to people round the clock, sources at LGH told PPI news agency on Tuesday. Sources said 500-bed Sindh Government Lyari General Hospital Karachi is considered as one of the major teaching healthcare centers of the city where around 2500 to 3000 people visit its various OPDs for consultation and treatment purpose daily. They said the hospital administration has been facing acute shortage of doctors, especially in its gynecology & obstetrician, anesthesia, accidental emergency and nephrology departments. They informed that the provincial government had ordered posting of 45 doctors in the hospital about a year ago but only nine of them joined the hospital, while other 36 doctors refused to join the hospital mainly due to law and order situation in Lyari. They said majority of these doctors got them transferred before joining the hospital by using political influence and bribe. They said all efforts to bring improvement in healthcare delivery system in the hospital went wasted. They said there are 14 departments in hospital where about 120 doctor, general & specialists cadre are performing their duties in three shifts. The attendance of patients has been increasing day by day in the hospital but the shortage of staff has badly affected its performance. The sources said due to shortage of gynecologists and trauma surgeons, the patients are being referred to nearby

SHC rejects govt plea for partial purchase of costly Hepatitis vaccine

The Statesman, February 12, 2015

private hospitals and Civil Hospital Karachi for treatment. The patients demand of the provincial health department to fill the vacant posts of general and specialists cadre doctors in the hospital. They said with the induction of more doctors, the treatment facilities at the hospital will be improved. Additional Medical Superintendent, Lyari General Hospital, Dr Khadim Hussain Qureshi, when contacted, said the issue of non-joining of doctors and shortage of staff is in the notice of health department. - PP

KARACHI: A single bench of Sindh High Court (SHC) comprising Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui has rejected plea by Sindh Health Department for partial purchase of costly Hepatitis vaccine from multinationals and summoned petitioners and defendants on Feb 12. While hearing the petition filed by various local pharmaceutical firms against rejection of their products used for the treatment of Hepatitis and Hepatitis C, the judge said that court is hearing the case on preferential basis therefore partial purchase cannot be allowed. He was reacting to the plea by Assistant Advocate General who requested leniency in the stay order granted in favour of petitioners so that 25 percent of medicine costing around Rs 6.2 million can be purchased and given to 33 thousand patients in which 1800 are at terminal stage. The lawyers of the local pharma companies including Faisal Siddiqui, Shahid Memon, Sattar Pirzada and others said in their arguments that the Sindh Health Department has been playing game with mala fide intentions.

Questioning the stance of Sindh Health Department that the medicines produced locally are harmful to human health, they said that many leading health institutions have been purchasing and using these medicines since decades with no complaints. Why government has issued licences to the pharmaceutical firms to produce the vaccine, why companies are allowed to sell it in local market and export and why the licences were not cancelled if the medicines in question were substandard, they said. They furthered that one of the vaccine rejected on quality grounds is the largest selling vaccine in Pakistan produced by a company which is the only one in Pakistan having WHO recognition for its laboratory. The government officials continue to misguide government, masses and the court for their ulterior motives, they said. The court has adjourned the hearing keeping stay order against purchase of costly medicine from multinationals. It may be mentioned that there are around 10 million people in Pakistan suffering from Hepatitis. - NNI

300 students approved for Pakistan-USAID scholarships

Pakistan Today, February 12, 2015

The second meeting of the Scholarship Management Committee, held at the HEC Secretariat on Wednesday, approved the cases of 300 shortlisted students from 11 institutions for Pakistan-US merit and needs based scholarships. Chairing the meeting, Executive Director HEC Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi appreciated the collaborative efforts made by USAID for the education sector of Pakistan. He appreciated how USAID has supported HEC's efforts to establish high-class educational centres, to build university-industry-government linkages, and internationally ranked universities, with trained faculties for increased research capacity. Adviser Research and Development (HEC) Dr. Tariq Mahmood informed the members that the merit and needs based scholarship programme was started in 2004 in collaboration between HEC and USAID, which till date has provided 1,807 scholarships to talented and needy students. "Of these, 1400 students have completed their education and are working at local and multinational companies. In the first scholarship management committee of phase-II, 221 scholarships were awarded to meritorious students," he said. He further said, "The programme has been expanded to 31 universities, in the second phase it will help capture youth from low income households, who come under the net of higher education on a wider scale, thus increasing access and providing adequate opportunities to the less privileged youth." USAID Director Thomas Le Blanc told the members that the US government is committed to taking necessary steps to ensure that the country comes out of the challenges it faces. "Under the second phase, the programme would provide financial assistance to approximately 3,000 needy youth in the next five years along with fully funded scholarships to the students of agriculture, medical, business, engineering in top universities of Pakistan. Fifty per cent of the scholarships are reserved for female students," he said.

PM approves rapid execution of Gawadar-Nawab Shah gas pipeline project

Dunya News, February 12, 2015

ISLAMABAD: The ninth meeting of Cabinet Committee presided over by Prime Minister (PM) Nawaz Sharif regarding energy was held in PM House Islamabad today (Thursday). Dunya News reported. According to sources, the meeting was attended by Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Shahbaz Sharif, Federal Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar, Railway Minister Khawaja Asif, Minister for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali, Petroleum Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal. During the meeting issues regarding Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline project, import of electricity from Iran and installation of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) power plants were discussed. The officials briefed the PM about the LNG import and assured that LNG terminal Port Qasim will be completed in the next two months whereas the LNG import from Iran faces delay due to international pressure. PM approved rapid finalization of the Gawadar-Nawab Shah gas pipe-line project under Pak-China Economic Corridor.

The Cabinet committee also gave approval for initiating negotiations with Malaysia, China, Nigeria, Trinidad and Algeria for import of LNG whereas consultation in this regard is already under way with Qatar. Further, it was also decided that an improved mechanism would be devised for LNG payments on regular basis to avoid any complications in this regard. Moreover, the committee also gave approval of the North-South gas pipeline project with Russia, Qatar and China and decided to lay down a 42-inch diameter gas pipeline along National Highway (N-5). The PM directed the Committee that steps should be taken on immediate basis for early start of the 1680-km TAPI gas pipeline which would be immensely beneficial in providing energy security to the region.

Water crisis feared in Capital

Pakistan Today, February 12, 2015

Water experts have warned of a water crisis in the federal capital as the level of underground water has plunged further due to illegal boring. Experts said that Islamabad residents could face a severe water shortage during summers if the underground water dipped any further due to illegal boring. Sources in the CDA said that in some places tube-wells have stopped pumping out water

Tapi member states agree to revive stalled gas pipeline project

The Statesman, February 12, 2015

Health dept employees refuse to vaccinate their children

Daily Dawn, February 12, 2015

'Proposed cybercrime law to be NAP-compatible'

Daily Dawn, February 12, 2015

as water levels have plunged to an all time low. The sources further said that residents of sectors I-8, 9, and 10 are already facing water scarcity and they mostly rely on tube-wells to extract water. Water experts said that the city could find itself in the grip of a water crisis if the authorities did not take urgent steps. The CDA has so far failed to put in place a strategy to conserve water resources and stop illegal boring.

ISLAMABAD: Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (Tapi) agreed on Wednesday to give a final push to the stalled gas pipeline project in the region. The agreement emerged during a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif which was attended by the ministers from TAPI member countries. It was also agreed during the meeting that a consortium leader would soon be finalised for the project's immediate commencement. Terming the project "very important for all countries of the region", the premier said Pakistan was keen to expedite the deal. "Pakistan would be happy to play a positive role in this regard," Nawaz remarked.

The premier told the meeting that Pakistan was facing a shortage of gas, and this project would help the country in meeting the deficit. He further added, "We all should take this opportunity seriously so that we can fulfil our obligation to our people." It was emphasised in the meeting that all concerned states should take necessary steps to start the project at the earliest as the cost would rise with the passage of time. The visiting ministers of the member countries shared similar views and called the project a "win-win" situation for all the countries. It was also reminded during the meeting that an inter-governmental agreement had been signed by the head of the member states in 2010. The gas pipeline project of 1,680km pipeline is designed with a capacity to supply 3.2 billion cubic feet of natural gas per annum (Bcfd) from Turkmenistan to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. Turkmenistan Director State Agency for Management and Use of Hydrocarbon Resource Yagshgeldi Kakayev, Afghanistan Minister of Mines and Petroleum Daoudshah Saba, India Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dhamendra Pradhan and Director General Asian Development Bank Manila Klaus Gerhaeusser among others attended the meeting.

LAKKI MARWAT: Even some employees of health department were reluctant to administer anti-polio vaccine to their children, let alone common people, a meeting was told here on Wednesday. The meeting of polio eradication committee, chaired by Deputy Commissioner Ihsanullah Khan, was told that the attitude of such employees was adversely affecting the efforts of health department and district administration to eliminate the crippling disease. Other members of the committee including DSP Rafiullah Khan, DHO Dr. Nek Nawaz, EPI coordinator Dr. Hafeezullah, ASDEO Hamidullah, district Khateeb Maulana Abdul Wahab and district population officer Fareed Khan also attended the meeting. The meeting was told that Dil Nawaz, a gardener at the district health office, was reluctant to administer anti-polio drops to his children. Similarly, head of Walai Shagai basic health unit was also reluctant to vaccinate his children against the crippling disease. The deputy commissioner said on the occasion that two health officials -- Hashim and Farid Khan -- did not perform duty during the recent anti-polio drive. "The local administration arrested several reluctant health staffers under 3MPO and got their children immunised but no disciplinary action was taken against them by the local health authorities," he said.

ISLAMABAD: The Prevention of Electronic Crime Bill 2015 should be compatible with the National Action Plan to counter terrorism and extremism, Minister of State for Information Technology Anusha Rehman said on Wednesday. According to an official statement, she was chairing a technical committee consisting of technical and legal experts as well as MNAs, charged with reviewing the long-awaited cyber crime bill before it is laid before parliament. The meeting was held on the directions of the National Assembly Standing Committee on IT & Telecom.

According to the statement, the meeting was attended by the PM's Special Assistants Khawaja Zaheer Ahmad and Barrister Zafarullah Khan, retired Maj Tahir Iqbal, Sardar Awais Khan Leghari, IT Secretary Azmat Ali Ranjha and the PTA chairman, among others. Sardar Awais Leghari, a former minister for Information Technology and chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, told Daily Dawn that the meeting had reviewed the proposed bill clause-by-clause and that participants gave their opinions on different aspects of the proposed legislation. He said that the MNAs and experts involved in the process had to look out for the interests of the industry as well as the people of Pakistan. However, he maintained that there was still much work to be done before the bill could be laid before parliament. Another participant of the meeting told Daily Dawn the government was committed to making a law that was in line with the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime -- to which Pakistan is a signatory. He said that under the proposed law, existing courts would try cybercrimes and no special courts would be constituted. The participant stressed the importance of "safety valves" to ensure that citizens' fundamental rights were upheld and that their privacy was protected as enshrined under prevailing laws. He said that the committee would recommend that smaller offences be tried by ordinary courts manned by magistrates, while bigger offences should be placed before session judges. The participant also stressed that the committee did not advocate similar treatment for minors and adults convicted of the same crime, saying that minors had to be treated more sensitively. In a meeting held on Dec 27, the government had formed 15 committees to oversee NAP implementation. One of those committees, chaired by Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, was to recommend steps for dismantling terrorists' communication networks and suggest tangible measures against the abuse of internet and social media for terrorism.

At the time, this was the only committee whose composition was not mentioned in the official press release. The lack of a law to deal with cybercrimes was considered the major hurdle in this regard. However, with the passage of the proposed bill, the government might finally have the teeth to go after terrorists who are using the Internet for recruitment and communications purposes. Digital rights groups, such as Bytes For All, Bolo Bhi and the Digital Rights Foundation have been campaigning for more transparency in the development of laws that govern the use and misuse of the Internet, citing concerns about government misuse of cyber laws to silence freedom of expression. However, the government has remained quite tight-lipped about its plans

Teachers seek exemption from polio vaccination duty

The Statesman, February 12, 2015

Management plan for Taunsa Barrage Wildlife Sanctuary okayed

The Nation, February 12, 2015

CDA supervises WHO's collection of fresh environmental sample for polio

Daily Dawn, February 12, 2015

for regulation of the online world.

PESHAWAR: All Primary Teachers Association (APTA) Wednesday urged the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to give them exemption from polio duty enabling them to concentrate on teaching. These views were expressed by speakers in a consultative meeting arranged by APTA with the support of Alif Ailan here in a hotel, attended by MPA Rashida Rifat and Amna Sardar, Poet Abasin Yousafzai, ADO Gul Raj, President APTA, Malik Khalid Khan, Chairperson of district Peshawar, Miss Farzana and others teachers from across KP. Speakers on the occasion said that teachers had an important role in development of a nation and society but unfortunately they were forced to perform medical and political duties also.

The teacher participants said that they could realize how important polio vaccination was for the children, but performing the duty of polio vaccinator affects teaching. They further said the primary schools are nurseries for the children but the children are suffering due to duties of teachers during polio vaccination campaigns. They suggested that polio vaccination should be done through LHV or male health workers instead of taking services of teachers. Meanwhile, referring to National Testing Service (NTS), they criticized the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa over its decision of taking NTS test from teachers to check the eligibility for the post.

They suggested the government should also make it mandatory for Members of Provincial Assembly to qualify NTS test before contesting election on any provincial assembly seat, adding that in past many MPAs were disqualified from provincial assembly seat owing to having fake degree. They further demanded the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to give BPS-14 to teachers having B.A, B.Sc degrees, and BPS-15 to those teachers who have seven-year teaching experience along with B.A, B.Sc qualification and BPS-16 to teachers with B.Ed degree. — APP

LAHORE - Punjab government has approved the management plan for Taunsa Barrage Wildlife Sanctuary (TBWS), jointly developed by representatives of Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries Department and WWF-Pakistan. This plan was finalised through a series of interactive meetings at the local and provincial levels with the involvement of all the stakeholders. The management plan for TBWS for the period 2014-2020 was prepared by Punjab Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Department Deputy Secretary (Planning) Shahid Rasheed Awan and WWF-Pakistan Senior Manager Dr. Masood Arshad.

The plan was recommended by Punjab Wildlife and Parks Department DG Nayyar Iqbal, Punjab Fisheries DG Dr Muhammad Ayub, Muzaffargarh DCO Hafiz Shoukat Ali and Punjab Irrigation Executive Engineer Mahr Riaz Akhtar. The management plan was approved by Forests, Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Sher Alam Mehsud. Punjab government and WWF-Pakistan will jointly implement the management plan of Taunsa Barrage Wildlife Sanctuary (TBWS). WWF-Pakistan has also signed a MoU with the Forest, Wildlife and Fisheries Department which will help to jointly implement the plan.

Furthermore, the government has approved a budget of Rs110m for a period of two years (2014-2016) for the improved management of the wildlife sanctuary. This sanctuary is also designated as a Ramsar Site (a wetland of global significance). This is the first time that a management plan has been approved by the provincial government and a significant budget has been allocated for the purpose. Taunsa Barrage Wildlife Sanctuary was declared protected under the Punjab Wildlife Act, 1974 by the Punjab Wildlife and Parks Department and the plan was drafted keeping in view the various threats that the wildlife sanctuary faces, which includes conversion of riverine forests for agricultural purposes, degrading wildlife habitat, grazing pressure, cutting of trees for fuel wood, overfishing and illegal bird hunting.

The management plan will contribute towards better management of the habitat, wildlife and fisheries management, social mobilization, public awareness, environmental education, tourism and recreation in the buffer zones and floodplain management. It is hoped that the plan will yield a participatory approach and improvement in protected regime in the area with effective enforcement of law.

Taunsa Barrage Wildlife Sanctuary (TBWS) is home to variety of fish, reptiles, birds and mammals especially the endemic Indus river dolphin. The sanctuary embodies a large water reservoir and series of ponds and lakes between embankments. The core land area provides a typical ecosystem of riverine forests which is the habitat of threatened species like the endangered hog deer.

ISLAMABAD: An environmental sample for detection of the poliovirus was collected early Wednesday morning from I-11 Afghan Basti by a World Health Organisation (WHO) team. A Capital Development Authority (CDA) team supervised as the WHO team collected the sample, to ensure that properly sterilised equipment is used. The CDA team had raised objections on Tuesday against the WHO team's sample collection methods, saying that the bottle used to save the sample was not sealed and the bucket used for sample collection was not sterilised. This observation came after the disclosure, on Monday, that poliovirus had been detected in an environmental sample collected in late January, by the WHO, from I-11 Afghan Basti.

The disclosure came as a shock for health departments, as the last 11 environmental samples collected from the federal capital had come out negative and not a single polio case has been reported in Islamabad since 2007. On Tuesday, a CDA team led by the CDA Health Additional Director arrived at the I-11 Afghan Basti as the WHO team was collecting their sample. The purpose was to ensure that the sample had not been compromised by contamination. Upon finding the WHO team using unsterilised equipment, the CDA also suggested that the WHO team may have used the same unsterilised bucket for sample collection in both Rawalpindi and Islamabad. This could have led to contamination explaining Islamabad's sample testing positive for poliovirus. On Wednesday, the CDA team ensured that the WHO team had used sterilised equipment for sample collection. The CDA Director Health, Dr. Hassan Urooj, confirmed to Daily Dawn, that the WHO team has collected a fresh sample and the CDA is satisfied with the sample

Hospital medicines stolen

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Sindh restrained from buying costly hepatitis vaccine from MNCs

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'Lack of cheap treatment facilities contributing to cancer rise'

Daily Dawn, February 12, 2015

Japan grants Rs. 37m for free mobile dispensaries

The Statesman, February 11, 2015

collection procedure.

He said that he is awaiting the genetic sequencing report on the virus so that it may be ascertained whether newcomers brought the poliovirus to the area and led to the positive result. Meanwhile, Minister National Health Services Saira Afzal Tarar, speaking at a news conference on Wednesday, was asked about the detection of poliovirus in Islamabad. She responded that the CDA has shown concerns over the procedure of sample collection so the existence of poliovirus in the environmental sample can only be confirmed from the results of the new sample.

VEHARI: A huge quantity of medicines, including life-saving drugs, has been stolen from the main store of the DHQ Hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr. Shahid Saleem said the night duty peon Amin Dhudi was involved in the theft against whom a case had been lodged with Danywal police station. He said a three-member inquiry team comprising Dr Abid, Dr Abdul Qayyum Magsi and Saqib Zaka had been formed to determine the size of the theft. Investigation officer SI Zahid Shah told Daily Dawn that police had registered a case against the eight accused, including Amin Dhudi, under sections 380 and 411 of the Pakistan Penal Code. Shah said Amin was at large but his accomplices, including his three sons, had been arrested during raid at his residence in Chack 21-WB. He said the police had recovered 21 cartons of medicines worth about Rs0.5 million

KARACHI: The Sindh High Court on Wednesday restrained the provincial authorities from purchasing costly hepatitis vaccine from multinational companies. A single bench comprising Justice Mohammad Shafi Siddiqui was seized with the hearing of a petition filed by various local pharmaceutical firms against the rejection of their products used for the treatment of Hepatitis B and C. The judge also ordered the health secretary and other officials to appear in court to answer court queries on the matter on Thursday (today).

While rejecting the plea by the health department for partial purchase of costly hepatitis vaccine from multinationals, the bench observed that the court was hearing the case on a priority basis therefore partial purchase could not be allowed. Earlier, the provincial government law officer had requested the court not to pass stay order on the purchase of vaccine so that 25 per cent of medicine costing around Rs60.2 million could be bought for 33,000 patients, of whom some 1,800 were at terminal stage. The counsel for the petitioners, who included Advocates Faisal Siddiqui, Shahid Memon and Abdus Sattar Pirzada, however, told the judge that the government was playing games with mala fide intentions to benefit certain people. They questioned as to why many leading health institutions had been purchasing and using the locally produced medicines for decades with no complaints, if they were harmful to human health.

The counsel further argued that the government had issued licences to the pharmaceutical firms to produce the vaccine, allowing it to sell the medicine in local market as well as to export it. They said one of the vaccines rejected on quality grounds was the largest selling vaccine in the country and it was produced by a company that was the only one in Pakistan having WHO recognition for its laboratory. The counsel said that the government officials continued to misguide government, masses and the court for their ulterior motives

KARACHI: Speakers at a seminar on cancer in the country said on Wednesday that poverty, lack of awareness of causes, lethality of the disease and poor health care system were among the key causes behind the increase in cancer cases and deaths caused by it in Pakistan. At the seminar, which was organised by the Dr. Ziauddin Hospital on its premises, experts said meagre resources to diagnose and treat it at early stages were also contributing factors. Dr Najeeb Niamat Ullah, consultant medical oncologist at the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital, elaborated on the financial impact of cancer. He analysed the relationship between health care expenditure and life expectancy. He quoted a study that says that two per cent of cancer patients were driven into bankruptcy by their illness and its treatment. Prof Tariq Siddiqui of the Ziauddin Hospital discussed the evolution of chemotherapy, types of prescriptions and how to make right choices. "Chemotherapy is hijacked by infectious diseases, when antibiotics were used in treating infections," he said while presenting the history of chemotherapy. He advised cancer patients to have good quality tests, go to places where there were teams for treatment, pay attention to their diet and ask questions that concern them. Dr Naila Zahid of the Liaquat National Hospital stressed the need for screening and early diagnosis of cancer. She said every fifth person was at risk of developing cancer if one lived for 70 years. She discussed the three most common cancers worldwide and the screening tests available for them. Dr Quratulain Badar classified the barriers related to patients, doctors and the system and argued that lack of routine check-ups, delay in diagnosis, financial problems, alternative medication and lack of qualified specialists were major obstacles to diagnosis and treatment of cancer. Prof Pirzada Qasim, vice chancellor of the Ziauddin University, also spoke.

Karachi: The government of Japan has extended a grant of US\$72,532 (approximately Rs.7.3 million) to Hamdard Foundation for "The Project for Expanding and Strengthening Hamdard Free Mobile Dispensaries" under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme. The grant contract was signed on February 10, 2015 at the Japan Information and Culture Center of the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi, between Akira Ouchi, Consul General of Japan in Karachi and Sadia Rashid, President of Hamdard Foundation. Yosuke Yamada, the representative of Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited was also present. The grant covers the cost of 10 vehicles along with equipment for the mobile dispensaries in Karachi. Six of the ten vehicles will replace the old ones and four will be used in new areas.

They currently serve more than 40,000 people in Karachi and with the implementation of this project an additional number of more than 10,000 people are expected to benefit every month. In addition to the grant, Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited will provide after-sales service warranty for two additional years. This project is the first case of public-private partnership between the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi and Pak Suzuki Motor Company Limited. At the signing ceremony Ouchi sincerely hoped that the implementation of this project would improve healthcare

Minister accepts demand for health allowance

The Statesman, February 11, 2015

Simple blood test to predict dementia risk

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PSO board dissolved, OGRA chairman sent on forced leave

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Pakistan to receive first LNG cargo

Interax Energy, February 11, 2015

Governor for investment in energy sector

Aaj News, February 11, 2015

Burj Capital, ET Solar to invest in solar power project in Pakistan

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Barring AKU, no medical college recognised in US

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services for many more people in Karachi. He also wished that this support from the people of Japan would further strengthen friendly relationship between Japan and Pakistan. Under the GGP scheme, Japan has funded more than 300 projects in Pakistan since 1989, and this is the 13th GGP project to be implemented by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi since 2009. - PPI

KARACHI: Provincial Minister for Health Sindh Dr. Mehtab Hussain Dahar has accepted the demand of giving health allowance to medical staff of two major hospitals of Karachi and said a summery in this regard will be moved to the finance department soon. He expressed these views while meeting with a delegation of Executive Members of Joint Action Committee, Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center (JPMC) & National Institute Child Health (NICH) at the Sindh Secretariat. The delegation was led by Haji Gul Saeed, Ameer Husain Shah, Zaryab Tiwana, Abdul Wahid, Ismail Jisqani, Faisal Chaudhry, Abdul Qadeer and Fahim Gondal. Dr. Mehtab said health allowance will be given to the employees of these two healthcare institutions and a summery will be moved to the finance department soon in this regard. He said issue of neurosurgery department JOPMC employees will be also resolved on priority. He said issue of deputation allowance will be decided after due consultation. - PPI

PESHAWAR: Researchers have identified a new biomarker that could predict the risk of developing dementia by a simple blood test. A low level of the biomarker apolipoprotein E in the blood increases the risk of developing dementia in the future, the findings of the study involving 76,000 people showed. The results could lead to postponement or prevention of the disease that affects memory altogether. "The blood test will help provide a more precise risk evaluation of a citizen's risk of developing dementia later in life. Thus, the citizens at the greatest risk of developing the illness are more easily identified than at present," said Ruth Frikke-Schmidt, assistant clinical and research professor at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. The low level of apolipoprotein E in the blood, as the researchers pointed out in the study, most likely reflects a low level of apolipoprotein E in the brain, and this indicates that the viscous compound, amyloid beta protein, is less effectively removed, Daily Science reported.

It is known that deposits of beta amyloid protein in the brain triggers dementia. The well-organised, structured coordination of nerve cells is intersected by, among other things, senile plaques that consist of amyloid beta proteins, the researchers said. "Over time, this increased biological knowledge about dementia can constitute a point of departure for the development of new drugs," Ruth Frikke-Schmidt added. - APP

Days after a two-member committee held the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) and Pakistan State Oil (PSO) responsible for the petrol crisis in the country, the Petroleum Ministry on Wednesday dissolved the PSO management board and sent OGRA Chairman Saeed Ahmed Khan on a forced leave of three months. Rejecting the committee's findings, OGRA argued that maintaining stocks was a duty of the director-general of the Oil and the Petroleum Ministry. On January 21, the prime minister suspended PSO's deputy managing director finance Sohail Bhatti. Earlier, he had removed Petroleum Secretary Abid Saeed, Additional Petroleum Secretary Naeem Malik, DG Oil CM Azam and PSO's acting Managing Director Amjad Janjua.

Pakistan's Engro Vopak LNG terminal will receive its first cargo in March from Qatar, the terminal's Chief Executive Imranul Haque, told a Singapore conference this week. The terminal, near Karachi, plans to increase its capacity from 11 MMcm/d to 17 MMcm/d.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Dr. Ishratul Ebad Khan Tuesday said that investment in Pakistan was more profitable from all aspects than other countries in the region. He was talking to a delegation of China's leading company ET Solar Energy Corporation and Burj Capital. The delegation led by ET Solar's President Dennis She and Burj Capital Chairman Saadul Zamaan called on the Governor here. The Governor said that preference was being given to investment in Pakistan as the country had vast investment opportunities in energy sector. He said short, medium and long term projects were needed to overcome power shortages in the country. The delegation told the Governor that the Chinese company was working on a solar energy project in Jhimpir.

Burj Capital and ET Solar Energy Corp have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint development of utility scale solar power projects in Pakistan. The MOU was signed by Saad Zaman, Chairman of Burj Capital, and Dennis She, Chief Executive Officer and President of ET Solar. The MOU stipulates joint development and financing of solar energy projects in Pakistan, commencing with 2 X 25 Mega Watt (MW) plants in Pakistan, for which the application for issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI) has already been filed with the Alternate Energy Development Board, Ministry of Water and Power, Government of Pakistan. Saad Zaman, in a statement, said he sees great potential in the largely untapped solar power generation sector in Pakistan, citing the data from solar radiation studies. Welcoming ET Solar as one of the premier global names in solar power development for their inaugural project in the country, he expressed confidence in taking the partnership with ET Solar forward to developing additional projects in Pakistan and internationally. Dennis She relayed ET Solar's pride /excitement at being one of the first companies to explore this sector in Pakistan, saying the decision to invest in the sector is in line with the company's focus on investment in developing countries and based on ET Solar's strong EPC competence and determined strategy of being a leading global developer and IPP player. He further stated ET Solar's intent of developing further projects in Pakistan over the next 18 months

KARACHI: Barring the Aga Khan University (AKU), no medical college of Pakistan is recognised in the United States, and of the 127 medical graduates from the country who were allowed specialisation in the US last year, 60 percent were AKU graduates. The startling disclosure was made by Dr. Shershah Syed, a Pakistan Medical Association leader and an eminent gynaecologist, in a news conference at the Karachi Press Club (KPC) on Tuesday. The crisis has been created because "private medical colleges' mafia" has destroyed public medical colleges,

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and barring AKU, none fulfil the criteria of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC).

When he was asked if unlike private medical colleges, professors diagnosed diseases at public medical colleges such as the Dow University of Health Sciences and the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre while young graduates diagnosed at private medical colleges and there had been instances when reputed private hospitals refused to hand over bodies to the heirs until they had paid millions of rupees, Dr. Syed said it was true but not everybody had access to professors at public medical colleges. "There is a difference between a doctor and a bandit," Dr. Naseem Aziz Sheikhan, a former president of the Dow Medical College Students Union who now practices in the US and is involved in philanthropic work for those in Pakistan, said it seemed doctors trained at medical colleges in Pakistan had reached the lowest ebb. He affirmed that only 127 doctors from Pakistan were provided jobs in training programmes in the US last year while nine doctors who had succeeded in getting jobs were refused visas. In comparison, he said, more than 800 doctors from India are inducted in training programmes in the US. Not long ago the ratio of Pakistani and Indian doctors was equivalent in training programmes in the US, he added. "This proves that medical education and training in Pakistan is faced with a severe crisis." He pointed out that the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education in the US had expressed concern over the standard of medical education in Pakistan. He said none of the medical colleges in Pakistan at the moment were following the criteria laid down by the PMDC.

Dr. Sheikhan said many medical colleges in Pakistan did not have the requisite teaching staff and whatever staff was available was part-time. "There are certain medical colleges that don't have hospitals." He expressed concern that the PMDC had allowed setting up of medical and dental colleges without teaching staff and had increased seats in public and private hospitals. The tuition fee has also been raised immensely without considering merit, he said. He said on the one hand medical education was showing signs of deterioration, but on the other, the law and order situation was adversely affecting doctors.

Dr. Sheikhan said that as a representative of the National Health Forum in the US, he was keen to do more for Pakistanis, but it was becoming difficult since the donors monitor funding. He said the PMDC should be made an autonomous body, its staff should be hired on the basis of merit and all medical colleges in Pakistan should be full-time colleges. "During the past 10 years only three medical colleges were approved in the US, whereas there was a mushroom growth of medical colleges in Pakistan." He lamented that in Brooklyn and New York about 25 percent of the nurses hailed from India while qualified Pakistani nurses could not go to the US. "The deterioration of medical education in Pakistan is such that you can establish a medical college at the KPC after paying Rs20 million."

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) on Tuesday raised objections about the World Health Organisation's (WHO) sample collection methods for detection of poliovirus. The CDA claimed the WHO team was found using unsterilised equipment which could have compromised the sample. On Monday, it was disclosed that poliovirus was detected in the environmental sample collected by the WHO from Afghan Basti in sector I-11 in January. The detection of poliovirus in the sample raised questions about the success of the polio vaccination campaigns launched in the recent past.

The news came as a shock for health departments as poliovirus has not been detected in Islamabad since 2007 and the last 11 samples have come out negative. On Tuesday morning, as the WHO team was collecting a sample of sewage water in I-11, the CDA Health Additional Director Dr. Khadijatul Kubra also arrived along with her team. The CDA claimed that it found that the WHO team was using unsterilised equipment for sample collection and so Dr. Khadija stopped the WHO from collecting the sample.

RAWALPINDI: Water supply to Shamsabad and Gulshan Dadan Khan was suspended as water supply lines were damaged during construction work on Murree Road. Water pipelines from a tube well got damaged in the reconstruction of Murree Road for metro bus project. Water accumulated on the road but Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) failed to take prompt action. A resident of Gulshan Dadan Khan, Abdullah Raja, said the area is facing acute water shortage and complaints to the civic body have failed to elicit a response. "Private water tankers are also not available because of construction work on Murree Road. We spent the entire day without a drop of water," he said. Another resident, Muhammad Sarwar, said that he lodged a complaint with WASA officials but they said they are unable to restore the supply in a day. "People had to get drinking water from neighboring areas," he said.

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The official said the file was moving from one department to another for the last three months or so though the process required a maximum of two weeks for approval as the DRAP had already completed workup before processing it. This drug was already facing a delay of more than a year and a half after the developed states had made it an integral part of their respective drugs control lists. He said the ministry had already been briefed on the significance, perspective and historic background of the liver diseases in Pakistan and number of patients who were depending upon it when the case was processed for the approval of the drug. The purpose was to sensitise the ministry for speedy process of this drug for approval. He quoted a report which shared alarming statistics about the liver diseases' impact in Pakistan. "Pakistan is the 6th most populous country in the world with significantly higher HCV infection prevalence of about 2.2-14 per cent." The official said approximately 10 million people in Pakistan were infected with HCV and this number was growing continuously. "Within Pakistan, the HCV prevalence rate reported in Punjab is 6.7 per cent, the highest one followed by Sindh 5 per cent, Balochistan 1.5 per cent and in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is the lowest one which is 1.1 per cent," according to the data. He said unfortunately the country also lacked facilities for surgical treatment of those recommended for liver transplant. "In people with cirrhosis, in case of deterioration and liver failure, liver transplant is the last option although this is a very major operation and is done only in people who are very unwell," he said. However, the percentage of success in the surgeries was reported between 60-80 per cent only which further increased importance of its timely treatment through the available drugs.

According to the official, many parliamentarians and other top officials have also been pressuring the ministry to promptly approve the drug as many of them are HCV patients. NHSR&C Secretary Ayub Sheikh was not available for comments. DRAP Pricing Director Amanullah told Daily Dawn that the Minister for NHSR&C last week had asked the secretary to expedite the process for the approval of Sovaldi. He said the ministry was already aware of the issue, saying the drug was likely to be approved next week. Asked about the delay in approval of the drug, Amanullah said it was perhaps due to the new drug pricing policy in which the DRAP had proposed cut on the medicines.

Baldia factory fire case: SHC wants JIT report placed before 'competent forum'

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KARACHI: The Sindh High Court ruled on Tuesday that the veracity and relevance of a report prepared by a joint investigation team was to be determined by the competent forum before which it be placed, and told the trial court to decide the Baldia Town factory inferno case within a year. While disposing of a miscellaneous application of the owners of the burnt factory seeking incorporation of the word "preferably" before the one-year time frame set by the SHC on Feb 6 for the trial court to decide the case, a division bench of the SHC headed by Chief Justice Maqbool Baqar observed that its direction regarding expeditious disposal of the case would not take away the right of the applicants to fair trial.

WASA completes 50 percent Nullah Lai dredging

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ISLAMABAD: Water and Sanitation Authority (WASA) Rawalpindi has completed 50 percent dredging/desilting of Nullah Lai. Managing Director (MD) WASA Raja Shaukat Mahmood along with Deputy Managing Director WASA Amir Rasheed on Monday visited several areas including Dhoke Naju and Phagwari Bridge and inspected ongoing cleanliness work under the project. During the visit, Deputy Director Sewerage/Incharge of the project Muhammad Afzal briefed MD WASA and said that 50 percent work has been completed while the rest will be completed on time. He informed WASA has already transported and dumped more than 0.55 million cubic feet excavated material from Nullah Lai to outside Rawalpindi city. He further said that all the

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excavated material is being shifted on daily basis through dumper trucks.

MD WASA showed his satisfaction and directed that the task should be completed on time, so that before monsoon all the hurdles/impediments in flow of Nullah Lai could be cleared. He told that completion of dredging/desilting of Nullah Lai will be helpful to safeguard from floods during monsoon season. He further said that dredging/desilting project of Nullah Lai was approved by government of Punjab in 2011-12 with a total cost of Rs. 92 million which was scheduled to be completed in three phases. WASA has already completed its two phases in 2011-12 and 2013-14 with a cost of Rs. 62 million. The current final phase of the project is in progress with balance funds of Rs. 30 million released this year by the government. He informed that work on clearing of vulnerable points, shifting of material will be done during this phase. He also appealed the residents to stop dumping solid waste and building waste material in Nullah Lai. - APP

ISLAMABAD: Executive District Officer (EDO) Health Dr. Khalid Randhawa said on Monday that the two-week anti-measles campaign, which began in the entire district on January 26, has been extended for one more day to reach thousands of children who were missed or their parents refused the measles vaccination during the formal campaign that concluded on Monday. The campaign would now continue till February 10 and health department wants to cover 100% target in the ongoing special anti-measles campaign, he added. EDO said that the District Health Department, however, has started internal evaluation of the ongoing anti-measles campaign to overcome problems of the department has been facing in administration of vaccination to 100% children between six months to ten years of age in the district. Randhawa informed that over 95% children have so far been administered the measles vaccine in Tehsil Gujar Khan, Kahuta, Kalar Syeda, Kotli Syetian, Murree, Taxila, rural areas of the city, cantonment and in Rawalpindi city while 138,6934 the set target of the campaign would be achieved till Tuesday. EDO informed that 540 mobile health teams and 192 health centers were operating in the district to complete the task of immunization. APP

Karachi: Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM) lawmaker Monday told the Sindh Assembly that doctors are closing clinics in Orangi due to rampant lawlessness and target killings. MPA Muhammad Hussain Khan in his call attention notice said that the operation cleanup against terrorists, target killers and other criminals in going on in Karachi. He said during the operation various innocent workers and sympathizers of MQM and police personnel were being killed, especially in Orangi, Qasba, Ali Garh and Nazimabad.

The lawmaker said that people have started migration from these areas. He said due to the target killings of professional, especially doctors, performance of hospitals including Qatar Government Hospital is badly affected. He said doctors are closing their clinics in Orangi due to fear of being killed. He asked the government to take notice of this sad situation.

However, Sindh minister for parliamentary affairs Sikandar Mandhro said there is no any operation clean up in Karachi but instead a targeted operation is continued against terrorists and criminals. He presented the year-wise figures of MQM sympathizers and the police men martyred in Orangi, Qasba, Ali Garh and Nazimabad. He said there is a law and order problem in Karachi. He, however, said the government is taking all-out efforts to ensure in peace in whole Karachi including these areas.

The assembly deferred the consideration of two government bills to the next session. As per details, Sindh assembly met here with speaker Aga Siraj Durrani in chair. When the sitting started 32 minutes late then its scheduled time of 10:00am only 18 members were present. Two government bills, Bill No 2/2015 The Thar Development Authority Bill 2015, and Bill No3/ 2015 The Kohistan Development Authority Bill 2015 that were due for consideration were deferred to next day on the request of minister for parliamentary affairs Sikandar Mandhro. Leader of the opposition, Muhammad Shaharyar Khan Mahar (PML-F) moved an adjournment motion to discuss the issue that the Sindh government has increased the drainage cess up to Rs100 which is not justifiable.

However, minister for parliamentary affairs Sikandar Mandhro opposed the adjournment motion and the chair rejected it as 'out of order'. A privilege motion of Nand Kumar (PML-F) was on the agenda but it was rejected as the mover was absent. Out of five CANS, four (50, 69, 80, 108) were raised by the movers and answered by the respective ministers who assured to solve the issues raised in these CANS. Showing his helplessness to take action against private public transporters of Karachi who are reluctant to decrease the bus fare despite huge decrease in oil prices, Sindh minister for transport Mumtaz Hussain Jakhani said that if he spared the rod the transporters would call strike.

Answering to a short notice question of MQM lawmaker Kamran Akhtar that why the transporter mafia of Karachi have not decreased the minibus fares in Karachi despite about 35percent decrease in the oil prices and why the government is not taking action against them, Mumtaz Jakhani told the Sindh assembly that notification for decrease in fares in Sindh province saving Karachi has already been issued. However, he said the private public transporters of Karachi are not ready to decrease the bus fare on the plea that they are using CNG in 95percent of their minibuses. - PPI

LAHORE: Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif on Tuesday said Pakistan will face water crisis soon after the current power and gas shortage in the country, Express News reported. Addressing a ceremony of Water and Power Development Authority in Lahore, the minister stressed that the authorities have failed to pay heed to this alarming issue.

"As citizens of Pakistan, we are in a habit of wasting energy," Asif said. The minister said the government is taking all possible measures to end the current electricity crisis, adding it will be tackled in the next two to three years.

Speaking about Diamer Bhasha Dam, Asif said the land for the project is being bought at the

Illegal connections?: Severe water crisis hits DHA, Clifton

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same price as a property in Islamabad. "These dams generating electricity can benefit the future generations immensely," the minister added.

KARACHI: A severe water crisis has, once again, hit the residential areas of Clifton and Defence Housing Authority, with some areas without a single drop of water for the past three days.

The worst affected areas are Phase V, Phase V Extension, Zamzama, Khadda Market, Shireen Jinnah Colony and nearly all blocks of Clifton. The reason behind this severe shortage is an illegal water line that goes all the way to Bilawal House, claimed Defence Association Coordination Committee's general secretary, Aziz Suharwardy. The association used to go by the name of 'Defence Residents' Association until recently.

"The main water trunk line crosses near the Teen Talwar roundabout," Suharwardy explained, adding that this is the point where an illegal connection has been made to Bilawal House, the headquarters of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). "At least, five million gallons per day (MGD) is being stolen by Bilawal House," he claimed. "Due to this illegal connection, the entire area is being deprived of water," he claimed, regretting that residents have no other choice but to rely on commercial water tankers, which are also short in supply.

The Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) chief engineer, Riaz Sheikh, claimed they have not been receiving their entire share of water. "[On Monday] we received six million gallons per day (MGD) even though our minimum demand is nine MGD as bulk customers," he said. Sheikh also pointed fingers at the 'illegal connection' at Bilawal House when asked about the water shortage. However, a Bilawal House spokesperson, Ejaz Durrani, refuted these claims. "Bilawal House has never indulged in any illegal activity," he said.

Suharwardy also accused to the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) of 'creating a drama' with its operation against illegal hydrants. Those hydrants that pay handsome bribes are back in business again, he said. The KWSB in-charge of trunk lines, Zafar Palijo, told The Express Tribune that it was not possible that Bilawal House had managed to secure an illegal connection. "Illegal connections cannot be set up for any residential unit," he said, promising an inquiry.

Meanwhile, DHA residents shared some grievances with the DHA and Cantonment Board Clifton (CBC) authorities as well. "The DHA and CBC only supply water to their favourite residents and the rest of us have to rely on water tankers," said a resident of Phase V, on the condition of anonymity. "A 3,000-gallon water tanker used to cost Rs 3,000 but now a 2,500-gallon tanker costs somewhere between Rs 6,000 and Rs 8,000." CBC's Sheikh denied supplying water to favourite residents. "We have reduced water complaints by nearly 80% and are serving all our residents equally," he said. Once the residents decide to buy the tankers, there is no guarantee it will make its way to their houses. "Last week, my driver managed to haggle successfully with a tanker owner and, it was on its way to our house, when two policemen appeared out of nowhere and took it away," narrated the resident. "They [policemen] claimed they needed the water more."

CBC is, however, negotiating with the government to supply water to the doors of the residents, according to Sheikh. "We will end the water crisis hopefully in the upcoming days," he said. According to Suharwardy, the water crisis can be overcome if the desalination plant starts working properly. "I don't understand why the inquiry report into DA water filtration plant has not been made public yet," he said.

FC to guard power transmission lines

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ISLAMABAD: After half a dozen attacks on electricity transmission lines in one month, the government has finally decided to deploy Frontier Constabulary (FC) forces to protect the national grid in high risk areas of Balochistan. Baloch separatists have been attacking power infrastructure in Naseerabad district, mounting as many as six attacks in the last month, including one on January 24 which caused the entire nation's transmission grid to trip, causing a nationwide blackout that affected nearly 80% of Pakistan. Water and power ministry officials have met the government of Balochistan and the Pakistan Army to request them to make FC deployments in high risk areas, said officials familiar with the matter. The move comes under direct orders from Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who had directed the ministry to improve safety for the transmission grid after the January 24 blackout.

The measures to be implemented by the government in response to the crisis include safety measures as well as several technical proposals designed to make the grid more agile and responsive and less prone to a systemwide shutdown after a shock in a particular segment. According to data made available to The Express Tribune, an inquiry committee put in place after the blackout identified several areas of the grid that were particularly prone to attack. The committee also recommended several other measures for the safety of the grid, including a frequency control mechanism, cross-tripping mechanisms, an effective overload control mechanism, system communication improvements, physical security of grid assets, system zoning to effectively isolate cascading effect, and effective loss of voltage control system.

An under frequency scheme has been implemented by state-owned power distribution companies on 291 feeders. However, officials say there are 25 feeders in the Lahore, Hyderabad and Peshawar Electric Supply Companies where these under frequency relays are yet to be implemented. When in place, the under frequency relays operate automatically, as they did on February 2, when the system frequency fell below 49.4 Hz without creating any major disturbance. According to the study, a cross-tripping scheme for independent power producers is not needed at most plants, except Uch-I and Uch-II, since they all have double circuit facility.

Pakistan facing three commonest forms of malnutrition: Report

PESHAWAR: Pakistan is among the countries that suffer from two of the commonest forms of malnutrition, that include, under-five stunting and anaemia among women during the child bearing years. The Global Nutrition Report that tracks the progress of 193 member countries of the United Nations in improving their nutrition status also identified Pakistan beginning to encounter the problem of adult obesity and related problems. Authors of the report have also assessed the

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'Eye injection causing complications'

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Mohmand village lacks education, health facilities

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Poliovirus detected in Islamabad

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progress against the six global World Health Assembly nutrition targets that include reducing child stunting and wasting, anaemia in women of reproductive age, and low birth weight; preventing a worsening of child overweight; and increasing exclusive breastfeeding of infants. "With urban transition and changing lifestyles, Pakistan is now facing a mixed pattern of malnutrition with high rates of under nutrition and micronutrient deficiencies among poor women and children as well as increasing rates of overweight and obesity among adults," said Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta.

The senior pediatrician and one of the authors of the report along with his colleagues had examined the impact on stunting and wasting in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Pakistan of scaling up coverage of key nutrition-specific programmes, plus interventions related to optimizing birth intervals and improving water, sanitation, and hygiene. The results showed that by scaling up key interventions, the model estimates reductions in the prevalence of stunting of 17 per cent, 21 percent, and 18 percent from 2013 to 2025 in Bangladesh, Ethiopia and Pakistan respectively.

Predicted reductions in the prevalence of severe wasting were estimated at 65 percent, 62 percent and 58 percent respectively. The impacts on severe wasting are particularly noteworthy, whereas the estimated declines in stunting are modest and signal the need to increase both the coverage and quality of these interventions. Prof Zulfiqar Bhutta, also the founding director of the Centre for Excellence in Women and Child Health at Aga Khan University said scientists and public health specialists at AKU are engaged in testing and implementing innovations and low-cost solutions to address the problems of stunting and wasting among infants and children as well as adolescent girls in various settings. - APP

PESHAWAR: People suffering from diabetic retinopathy have been facing complications due to an injection given to them at private clinics, patients and doctors said. A doctor told Daily Dawn on Monday that the injection required to be given under strict supervision of an ophthalmologist but the government hospitals were not readily admitting patients. People have been paying more at private clinics to get the injection, where they are charged between Rs. 5000 and Rs. 10,000, claimed a Mardan-based shopkeeper, who paid Rs. 7,000 for the same procedure. The shopkeeper said recently, he visited a teaching hospital of Peshawar for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy but wasn't admitted.

GHALANAI: Shaheed Banda area of Pandilai tehsil in Mohmand Agency has no middle or high school, as a result of which students are forced to quit education after passing primary level. Shaheed Banda is a far-flung and backward area with low literacy rate as it has only one primary school for boys, constructed back in 1980, and a girl's primary school set up in 2007, according to the residents. They said that the nearest high school was at a distance of about 15 kilometers in Matta area of Charsadda district, which compelled many students to quit education halfway. Also, they said there was no health centre in the area due to which patients had to be taken to Peshawar. Usman Khan, an elder, told Daily Dawn that the local people had set up a welfare organisation with the name of Shaheed Banda Youth Organization for solution to the problems of the area.

Gul Zada, the organisation's president, and tribal elder, Sher Zaman, told Daily Dawn that their children covered a distance of about 15 kilometers daily on foot to reach school in Matta area of Charsadda. Usman Khan and Mass Khan, the local residents, complained that the local administration didn't facilitate them in preparation of CNICs, domiciles and providing education and health facilities as it had declared the area as defective, which meant that it neither was part of the tribal agency nor Charsadda district.

The local people demanded of the KP governor and Mohmand political administration to initiate development works in the backward area. When contacted, APA lower Mohmand Agency Sajid Nawaz told Daily Dawn that half of Shaheed Banda lied in the jurisdiction of the tribal agency, while the rest was part of Charsadda district. However, he said that the political administration was committed to solving the health and education problems of the tribesmen.

ISLAMABAD: Poliovirus was detected in sewage samples collected from an Afghan slum in Islamabad's 1-11 Sector. The samples were collected by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the last week of January. It may be noted that polio was last detected in Islamabad in 2007. All the 11 environmental samples collected in the city were negative. The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has included the polio vaccination in the ongoing anti-measles campaign in the city. An official of the Ministry of National Health Services requesting not to be identified said sewage sampling was the basic parameter to see if polio campaigns were carried out successfully. "A poliovirus can be reported in any area because of frequent movement of people from one city to another. But if the virus is found in the sewage it means the anti-polio campaign in that locality has failed," he said.

The presence of the poliovirus in the sewage also shows that the immunity level of the children of that area has decreased and they are at the risk of the crippling disease, he said. "In December 2013, the ministry decided that a firewall would be established at the border of Punjab and KP to stop the transportation of poliovirus into the province and Islamabad. Every person coming to Islamabad would be vaccinated against the virus but so far no one has taken steps for implementing the proposal," he said. It may be mentioned that on May 5, the WHO declared it mandatory for Pakistanis travelling abroad to have at least one dose of the polio vaccine. Director health CDA Dr Hassan Urooj told Daily Dawn that sometimes the virus is detected in sewage. Giving the example of Israel, he said 64 environmental samples were detected positive in that country. India has been declared a polio-free but the virus could not be eradicated from there too. "The combined measles and polio campaign in the federal capital started on February 9 and will continue till February 21. As many as 13,832 children will be vaccinated through the 75 outreach teams, 35 fixed teams and 14 mobile teams," he said. Dr Uroog said so far the genetic sequencing of the virus had not been carried out so there was the possibility that some relatives of the residents of the slum had come from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) and

Leh Nullah dredging in progress

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RAWALPINDI: The Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) on Monday claimed that it had completed 50 per cent dredging of Leh Nullah which began last month. Wasa Managing Director, Raja Shaukat Mahmood and Deputy Managing Director Amir Rasheed visited the site at Dhoke Naju and Phagwari Bridge. During a briefing to the MD, deputy director, Sewerage, and the in-charge of the project, Mohammad Afzal, said they would complete the dredging on time. He said the Wasa had already transported and dumped excavated material from Leh Nullah to the dumping site. He said all the excavated material was being shifted on daily basis with the help of dumper trucks.

WASA managing director directed the sewerage department to complete the work on time so that Nullah could be cleared of all hurdles and impediments before monsoon. He said after dredging Leh Nullah would flow normally during monsoon. The MD said the dredging project of Leh Nullah was approved by the Punjab government in 2011-12 with a total cost of Rs92 million which was to be completed in three phases. Two phases have been completed at a cost of Rs62 million, while the final one is in progress for which Rs30 million have been released. He said that the residents of surrounding area should not dump solid waste and construction waste on the bank of the Nullah.

TOBA TEK SINGH: Citizens are facing an acute shortage of potable water due to closure of Jhang branch canal which is the main source of supply to water tanks of tehsil municipal administration. Anjuman Shahrian President Mian Ihsanul Haq Burki told a press conference on Monday that all the ponds of TMA turned dry as water supply was suspended in the canal on Dec 27 for a month. Since then ponds had not been filled as subsoil water of the city and surroundings was brackish. He said people were forced to bring water from far-flung areas of Jhang district and Kamalia tehsil where subsoil water was potable. He said the canal had been closed for desiltation and it was to be opened on Jan 26 but so far water was not released in it. Meanwhile, Awami Workers Party District President Muhammad Zubair and Secretary General Akash Ashfaq condemned the irrigation department for not restoring water despite the fact that the deadline had passed. They said wheat crop was hit by water shortage as well. They said ponds in villages had also dried and there was no drinking water available for villagers and their animals due to which they were suffering from various abdominal disease as a result of using brackish water for cooking and drinking. When contacted a TMA official said although the Jhang branch canal was still closed, the tehsil administration tried its best to supply water to all localities through tubewells installed near Bhaghat canal rest house. An irrigation department official said the annual repair had been completed and water was restored in the canal on Feb 3, but as it was just 1,000 cusec instead of indented supply of 3,000 cusec so water would reach Toba in a couple of days. He said water supply would be increased in phases.

LAHORE: Lahore General Hospital (LGH) has made the deep brain stimulation (DBS) system to cure Parkinson's disease a permanent feature of the health facility and admitted six patients for highly sensitive procedure. The LGH management in a meeting on Monday announced to fix a day (Saturdays) for medical examination of the patients living with Parkinson's and other problems relating to muscular stress, according to a handout. It said the DBS is a highly sensitive procedure which takes six to eight hours to complete.

Professor of Neurosurgery Dr Khalid Mahmood, who has got special training from abroad, will operate the patients and the process would be completed before Feb 17. Earlier, he had performed some successful DBS surgeries at the LGH. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Khalid said the LGH had become the first public sector medical institution in the country for successfully conducting DBS operation to rid Parkinson's and other problems relating muscular stress. He said first successful DBS surgery was performed on a patient, Shakeel Ahmed of Muridke, who recovered fast and was living a normal life.

KARACHI: Representatives of non-governmental organisations and civil society have strongly opposed the construction of nuclear power plants along the city coast and rejected the arguments being given in favour of the project that, they say, is bound to put lives of over 22 million people at stake. The specific design of the project (ACP-1000), they said, had been abandoned by China and no such plants existed now in that country or elsewhere in the world. The International Atomic Energy Agency had also not awarded design or safety certifications to the ACP-1000 reactors, they contended. They were speaking at a press conference organised jointly by the Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum (PFF) and the Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research (Piler) at the Karachi Press Club here on Monday.

They questioned as to why Pakistan was being made a guinea pig since a site close to the city had been chosen for the project. World history, they said, had shown that accidents could occur even in the most supposedly safest environments and if that happened in case of Karachi's yet to be built nuclear plants, the damage to life and property would be huge. "An unforeseen accident involving radiation exposure could cripple our city and adversely impact the whole country. The assertion of the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) that there has been no accident in its history is questionable because the organisation doesn't share any information," said senior architect Arif Belgaumi.

The government should have learnt a lesson from the Fukushima incident in Japan and explored safer options available for electricity generation, he added. According to Fahd Ali, an economist teaching at the Habib University, nuclear plants do not provide the cheapest electricity and there is a need to make comparative cost studies. "With completion scheduled for 2021, the project (K-2/K-3) will not address current electricity shortages for at least six years. Radioactive waste will be released to the atmosphere, land and marine environment and no modelling has been done to prepare for the worst-case scenario," he argued. They expressed fears over disposal of spent fuel and pointed out that its storage and decommissioning had not been addressed properly. "The

Heart risks remain for a year after hospital discharge

The Statesman, February 09, 2015

KP to go the whole hog against polio

The Statesman, February 09, 2015

'Badin, Thatta to come under seawater by 2050'

Daily Times, February 10, 2015

project will badly affect the lives and livelihood of thousands of fishermen living along the city coast," said Mustafa Gurgaze of the PFF. Elaborating his point, he said that a nuclear plant sucked upto 20 million litres of water in a minute to cool the system, leaving a devastating impact on marine life. "In an immediate reaction, fish and other marine flora and fauna are wiped out. Then, there is a long lasting adverse impact on marine life due to rise in water temperature," he explained.

The speakers demanded that the government should take input from all relevant departments as well as political parties on this critical project. Besides, all regulations under the IAEA, the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority must be followed in the environmental impact assessment (EIA) report being prepared on court's orders. They also cited the Rio Declaration 1994 to which Pakistan was a signatory and called for its compliance. A clause in the declaration states: "In order to protect the environment, precautionary approach shall be widely applied by states according to their capabilities. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation."

The speakers voiced reservations over the eligibility of environmental management consultants tasked with preparing an EIA on the project and said the job should have been given to relevant independent experts. "The time period for public analysis of the EIA report has been reduced from 30 days (under the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act regulations 2001) to 15 days under the Sindh Environmental Protection Act regulations 2014. While at least 60 days are required to review such a complex project," said Roland D'Souza of Shehri. The Pakistan Institute of Labour Education and Research Executive Director Karamat Ali also spoke.

Risks of re-hospitalisation and death remain high for up to a year after an older heart patient's hospital discharge, a study has warned. The researchers defined the absolute risks of re-hospitalisation and death on each day during the full year after discharge. "If we can track absolute risks and their changes over time, this information will be critical in helping patients and hospitals set realistic expectations and goals for recovery, and plan for appropriate care after discharge," said lead author Kumar Dharmarajan, assistant professor at Yale School of Medicine. However, specific risks vary by discharge diagnosis and outcomes over time. For example, risk remains elevated for a longer period of time following hospitalisation for heart failure compared with hospitalisation for acute myocardial infarction and pneumonia, the researchers added.

The study looked at three million patients aged 65 or older who survived hospitalisation for heart failure, acute myocardial infarction, and pneumonia from 2008 to 2010. "Patients should remain vigilant for deterioration in health for an extended time after hospitalization," Dharmarajan pointed out. "This might mean checking in more often with a primary care physician or specialist," he added. The study was published in the British Medical Journal. - IANS

PESHAWAR: A comprehensive and effective polio vaccination campaign under Sihat-Ka-Ittihad is being launched from Feb 13 to eradicate polio from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA. This campaign will be started simultaneously in every nook and corner of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA to reach each and every child under 5 years of age in the area with special focus on IDPs' children and uncovered areas of FATA and settled areas. A high level meeting to review the preparations and challenges of this campaign was held in Islamabad with Chief Minister in the chair. The meeting was attended by Minister Health Shahram Khan Tarakai, Chief Secretary, Secretary Health, secretary Home and Tribal Affairs and other concerned high ups of FATA secretariat and the provincial government. The meeting was also attended by Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan. The participants of the meeting were given a detailed briefing on various aspects of the campaign with special focus on the challenges confronting. It was pointed out that security in Tribal areas and the bordering settled areas was a big issue.

The participants were told that during the entire campaign seven rounds of polio vaccination would be carried out to ensure access to all uncovered areas both in FATA and KP with proper care of quality vaccination. Special arrangements for polio vaccination will also be made on each and every transit point of the province and the adjoining tribal areas. It was further told that community mobilization and participation would be ensured at a maximum possible level to make the campaign a real success and for this purpose the services of elected representatives, ulema, opinion leaders, volunteers and media would be used to the utmost. It was decided that in order to finalize all the preparations and security arrangements a high level meeting of the concerned high ups of Pak Army, provincial government and FATA secretariat would soon be convened. It was informed that 11 Corps of the Pak Army has already assured maximum security for the purpose.

Addressing the participants of the meeting PTI chairman, Imran Khan said that this campaign is a joint effort of the provincial and federal government and, despite many political differences; both the governments are at same page on the issue and fully committed to make it a success story. He showed his resolve that with the commitment and coordination of both the governments this campaign will be much stronger than the previous ones and will achieve its set targets. Imran Khan said that wherever need arises the services of PTI volunteers could be used for the purpose. The meeting decided that the campaign would be launched in the province on 13th February from the area of Punjpeer in Swabi.

ISLAMABAD: Senate Standing Committee on Science and Technology on Monday was informed that some areas of Malir, Karachi had come under sea water and by 2050 Badin and Thatta would also come under water.

If the rising of sea continues at the current rate, the prediction is that Karachi will also be covered by sea water. The committee was informed that during last 35 years about two-kilometre area of the coasts of Sindh and Balochistan came under sea water. The committee was further informed that 200,000 acres of fertile land now were part of the sea and 31,000 acres of Badin were now under water.

Practicing doctors oppose condition for licence renewal

Daily Dawn, February 09, 2015

Commissioner seeks report into supply of unhygienic water

The Statesman, February 09, 2015

Young doctors announce protest move

Daily Dawn, February 09, 2015

The committee held its meeting in the Parliament House with Senator Professor Sajid Mir in the chair. The committee discussed in detail intrusion of sea in the coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan. National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) Director General Dr Asif Inam while briefing the committee said that UN Environment organisation in a report in 1989 included Pakistan in the list of those countries where sea water was on the rise. He said coastal areas of Badin and Thatta have badly been affected due to climate change. Monsoon floods and sea storm were mainly responsible for water rising in the sea, which affected the coastal areas.

According to a report, the NIO DG said the sea water level was rising at the rate of 1.3 millimetres per annum which was affecting the coastal areas. The areas in Sindh surrounding the sea came under water. Due to the construction of dams and barrages used for irrigation purposes fresh water inflow to the sea was not being allowed, he maintained. The committee was also briefed in detail about the emergence of different islands in Makran coastal areas, where some appeared naturally and some were accidentally caused by climatic change and earthquake.

Sindh University Professor Dr Sarfarz Hussain Solangi informed the committee that temperature rising along with climate change has had bad impact on the environment and the government will have to make proper preparation for it. According to a report, the Karachi temperature will rise by three degree centigrade and of Northern Areas by 5 degree centigrade which would further increase climate change. The sweet underground water is now converting into sour water, and it required a detail study to avoid such critical situation.

Balochistan Coastal Development Authority informed the committee that Balochistan is also confronting the same problems and required proper attention on part of the federal government. Balochistan consists of 770 kilometres coastal areas and sweet underground water is also converting in to sour water. According to a WWF report, the committee was informed that about one kilometre area of Balochistan land came under sea water and the parliamentarians were requested to give recommendation to initiate a detailed study over coastal areas of Balochistan.

Senator Karim Ahmad Khawaja said these being important matters should be raised at the forum of Council of Common Interest (CCI) and a comprehensive planning over these issues be made in coordination with concerned departments. A letter should also be sent to the prime minister so as to save Sindh and Balochistan from such problems, he said.

ABBOTTABAD: The doctors' community of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has expressed concern over the decision of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) declaring the Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuing Dental Education (CDE) compulsory for renewal of doctors' licences to practice.

In a statement, Dr. Daud Iqbal, Peoples Doctors Forum (PDF), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa spokesman, said that PMDC had issued notices to doctors without completing its homework, creating panic among them. He claimed that doctors of all cadres who had had their licences expired on December 31, 2014, were feeling insecure as their licences couldn't be renewed till they completed CME/CDE trainings for which presently there existed no institution. The PDF spokesman stated that although the PMDC step seemed to enhance the quality of medical practitioners the proposed training for all the practicing doctors couldn't be completed during the given six months' time. He said that PMDC should first accredit such institutions and develop a curriculum to initiate said trainings in the country. He asked the KP government to direct Health Regulatory Authority not to take any action against practicing doctors if they failed to abide by the condition. It is to mention here that PMDC has issued notice to doctors to complete the certification at the earliest for renewal of their licences to practice.

According to the notice issued by PMDC deputy registrar Dr Shaista Faisal to all cadres of doctors, including specialists and general practitioners whose registration expired on December 31, 2014, that no renewal would be granted to them until they provided CME or CDE credit hours. "Licence to practice be given only to those medical/dental practitioners/specialists who have completed at least five credit hours/years (for GPs) and 10 credit hours/years (for specialists) of training of CME," stated the notification. The notice further stated that in case doctors didn't provide CME/CDE certificate till June 30, 2015, they would be issued registration certificate, but not the licence to practice.

KARACHI: Commissioner Karachi Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui has asked the PCSIR to provide a detailed report about the samples of unhygienic water so that action could be taken against the relevant water supply institution. He stated this during a briefing by Additional Commissioner Karachi-I Haji Ahmed about the steps to check the supply of water unfit for human consumption. Additional Commissioner Karachi-II told the Commissioner Karachi that 12 water samples were collected with the cooperation of the PCSIR from the surroundings of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center and other areas to check the supply of clean drinking water to people. He said that of these nine samples were not up to the standards of the World Health Organisation. Director Local Government Rubina Asif and Director Media to the Commissioner Karachi, Muhammad Shabih Siddiqui were also present. — APP

RAWALPINDI: The Young Doctors Association (YDA) here said that from February 12 it would start protest demonstrations against the Punjab government for not giving them time-scale promotions. "The YDA Rawalpindi chapter will stage a protest demonstration in front of the Benazir Bhutto Hospital on February 12 and organise seminars to highlight the problems of the doctors," Dr Mohammad Waqas Ilyas, the information secretary of the YDA Rawalpindi, told Daily Dawn. He said there was no plan to observe a strike in government hospitals as the doctors did not want to create problems for the patients. "But the government is forcing us to take to the streets," he said. "Over 3,300 doctors are waiting for the time-scale promotions. The service structure was approved by the provincial government in 2012 but it is yet to be implemented." He said around 850 trainee doctors were continuing unpaid specialisation training across the province. "The doctors are forced to do unpaid house job. Paid seats for house jobs are vacant all over Punjab

City, Cantt areas facing water shortage

Daily Dawn, February 09, 2015

Pakistan to move ICJ over India's water aggression

The Nation, February 09, 2015

Govt decreases oil, energy prices to facilitate masses: Musadiq

Associated Press of Pakistan, February 09, 2015

and the government should allow them to work on the vacant seats."He said all the demands of the YDFA were presented to the health department but it failed to respond positively. As a result, the YDA Punjab decided to start its protest campaign.

RAWALPINDI: The city and cantonment areas are facing an acute water shortage as the 11-kilometre-long canal from Khanpur Dam to the Sangjani filtration plant is being desilted. However, the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) executive officer, Fahim Zafar Khan, expressed the hope that the supply would be restored by Saturday. He said during the desilting of the canal, the RCB had to start rationing of water.

Meanwhile, the areas around Peshawar Road, including Afshan Colony, Saddar, People's Colony, Misrial Road and Kohinoor Mills, faced a severe water shortage. Farooq Ahmed, a resident of Afshan Colony, said water was supplied to the area through a tubewell but still there was no water in his street and nearby localities. He said he had to spend Rs1,000 on arranging a private water tanker. Yasir Ali, of Misrial Road, said the RCB had increased the water charges in January but could not supply the basic commodity to the residents even in the winter. Imran Ahmed, a resident of Aliabad, added that despite laying a water supply line his locality was not being supplied water regularly. He said the residents had to buy water from tankers. In the city areas, the situation is not different. The residents complained about the water shortage in Dhoke Hassu, Dhoke Ratta and adjoining areas. Ali Abbas, a resident of Dhoke Hassu, said he lodged a complaint with the Water and Sanitation Agency (Wasa) but the issue was not resolved.

LAHORE - Pakistan has finally decided to go for international arbitration against construction of five hydropower projects on Chenab and Jhelum rivers in Occupied Kashmir by India, official sources told The Nation. The prime minister, after being briefed about the failure of recent talks between the Indus Water Commissions of both the countries in New Delhi, issued directions to prepare the case for arbitration in the International Court of Justice.

A 10-member delegation of Pakistani commission held three-day talks with Indian officials from February 1 to February 3 and repeated the serious objections to the projects, which India totally denied to accept. Pakistan has raised technical objections over the designs of 850MW Ratle, 1,000MW Pakal Dul, 120MW Miyar and 48MW Lower Kalnai hydropower projects at River Chenab in Occupied Kashmir and termed the projects' design parameters a violation of the Indus Water Treaty. Similarly, India is violating the treaty by the construction of Kishanganga Dam on River Jhelum.

The officials of the Indus Water Commission of Pakistan believe the objections raised by Pakistan are logical in the light of the treaty and are hopeful of winning the case against India. An official of the Pakistani commission, giving details of the meeting, said the recent talks with the Indian team remained largely ineffective. Both sides simply put forward their own proposals, justifications and feedback on the designs for the hydro-power projects. Pakistani team tried its best to persuade the Indian team to accept its objections in light of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) ratified in 1960.

However, the objections were not addressed by the Indian officials, he added. "India is using delaying tactics in the name of talks and at the same time it has started construction work on the projects. We cannot wait further and are likely to file the case against India by the end of this month after completing initial procedure. It is worth mentioning that Pakistan had also raised the same objections to the projects when a 10-member Indian delegation visited Pakistan in August last year. After that India asked to continue talks on the matter but on the other side it started construction work on the projects.

Another official of the commission said, "India has no intention to remove Islamabad's reservations for modifying the designs of the projects rather it finalised bidding of three power projects and work is in progress on the fourth one – Ratle Hydropower Project. They have not clearly refused, but it looks that the neighbouring country is adopting the same strategy that it had done during the construction of Baglihar Dam. Under the provisions of the Indus Water Treaty 1960, the waters of the eastern rivers, Sutlej, Beas and Ravi, had been allocated to India and the western rivers, Indus, Jhelum and Chenab, to Pakistan except for certain uses allowed to India which included generation of hydropower but without altering the water flow. Some water experts in Pakistan believe that India has carved out a plan to generate 32,000MW of electricity on the Pakistani rivers and will have the capacity to regulate the water flows that are destined to reach Pakistan. It is being considered by them that the proposed projects of India would drastically impact the water flows in the Chenab which irrigates most of the land in the Punjab province, the food basket of the whole country.

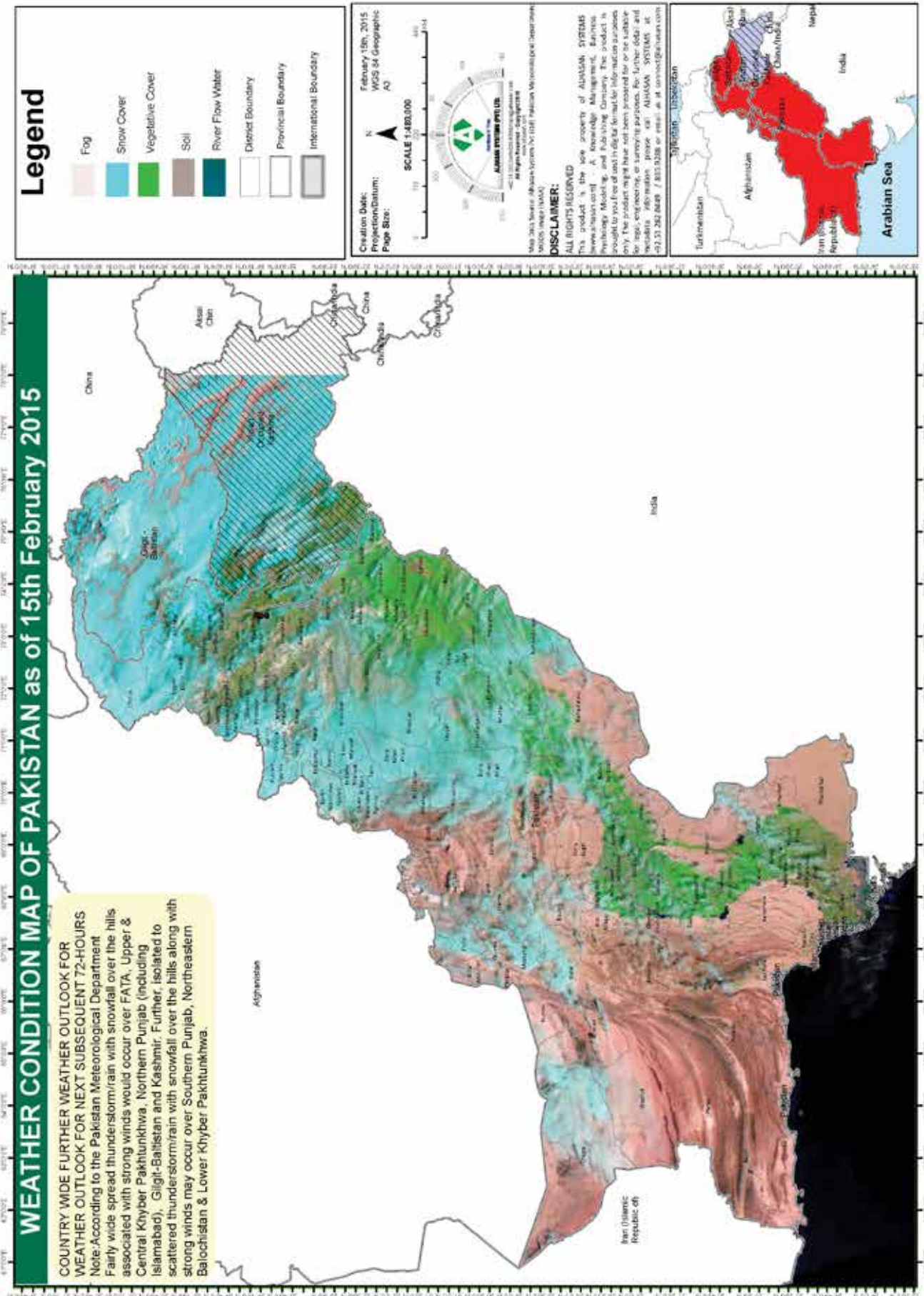
After suspension of trade activities across LoC, Pakistan on Sunday also suspended the bus service. Imtiaz Wayen, director-general of AJK trade and travel authority, said Pakistan had also temporarily suspended a special bus service ahead of talks on Monday between Pakistan and Indian authorities over the arrest of a driver. "The two sides will negotiate the issue during talks tomorrow. We have suspended departure of a passenger bus, which was scheduled to cross into Indian part tomorrow, until the outcome of these talks," Wayen said. "We will see what these talks will bring for us tomorrow and then will decide to resume the bus and truck service or not.

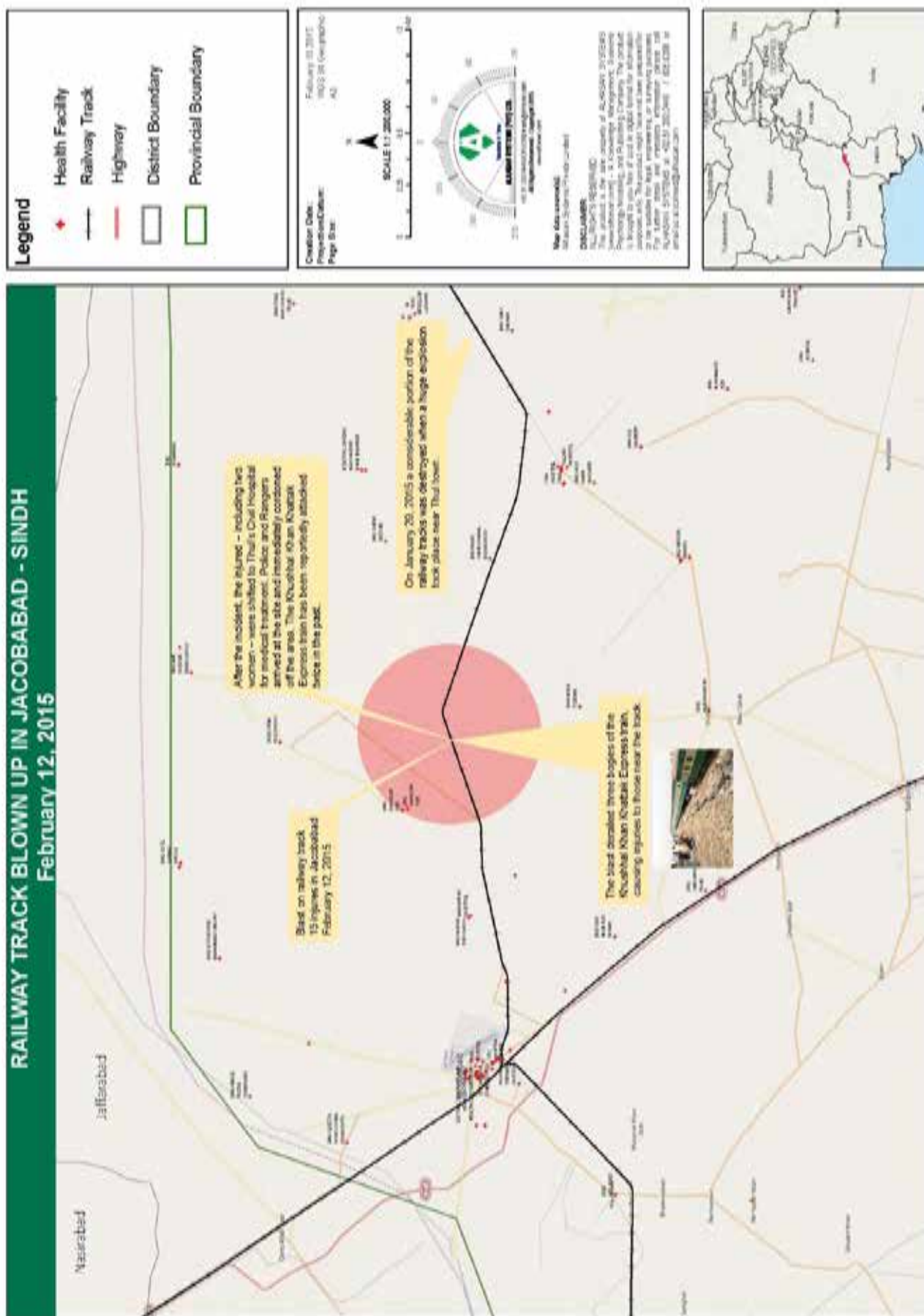
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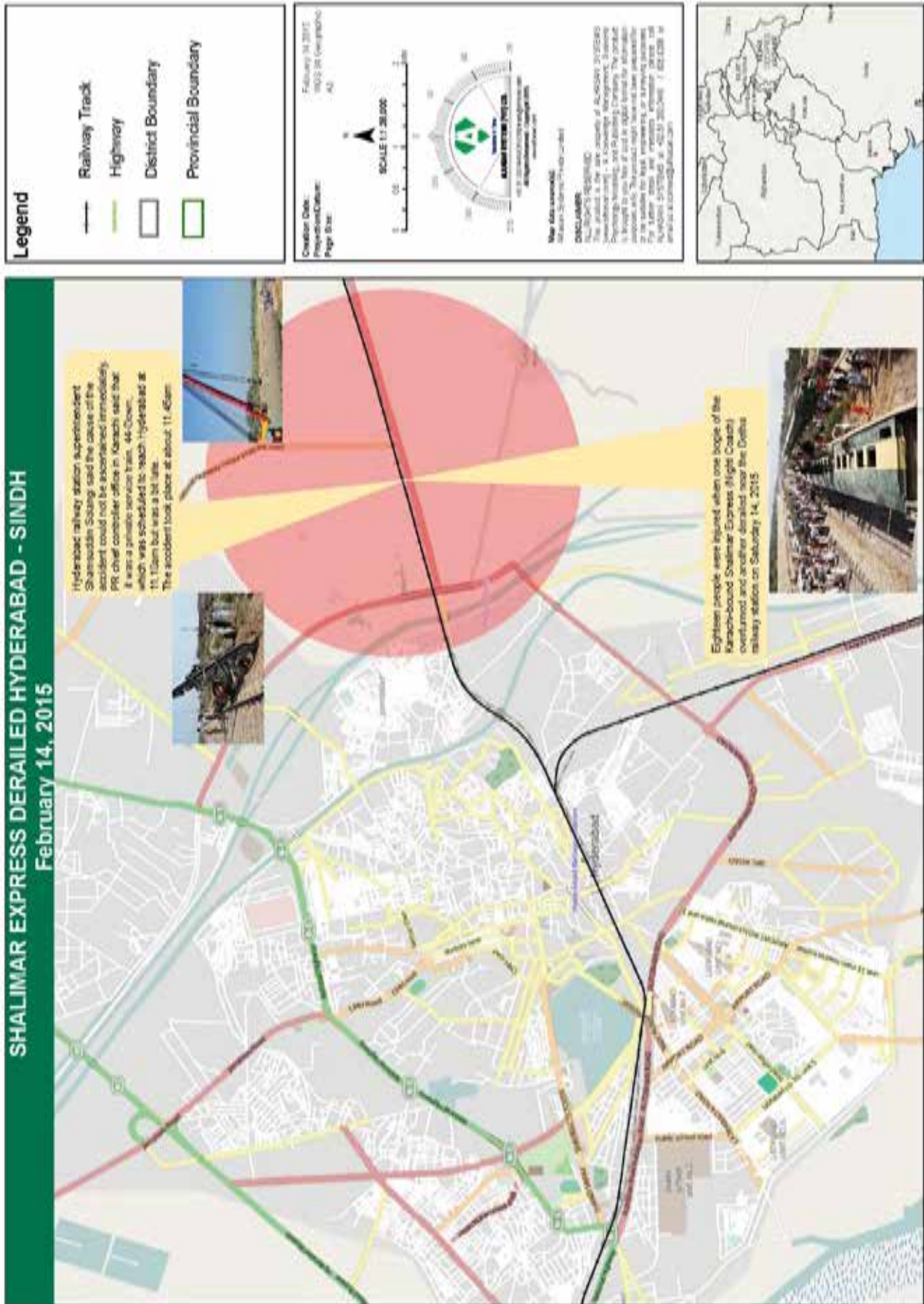


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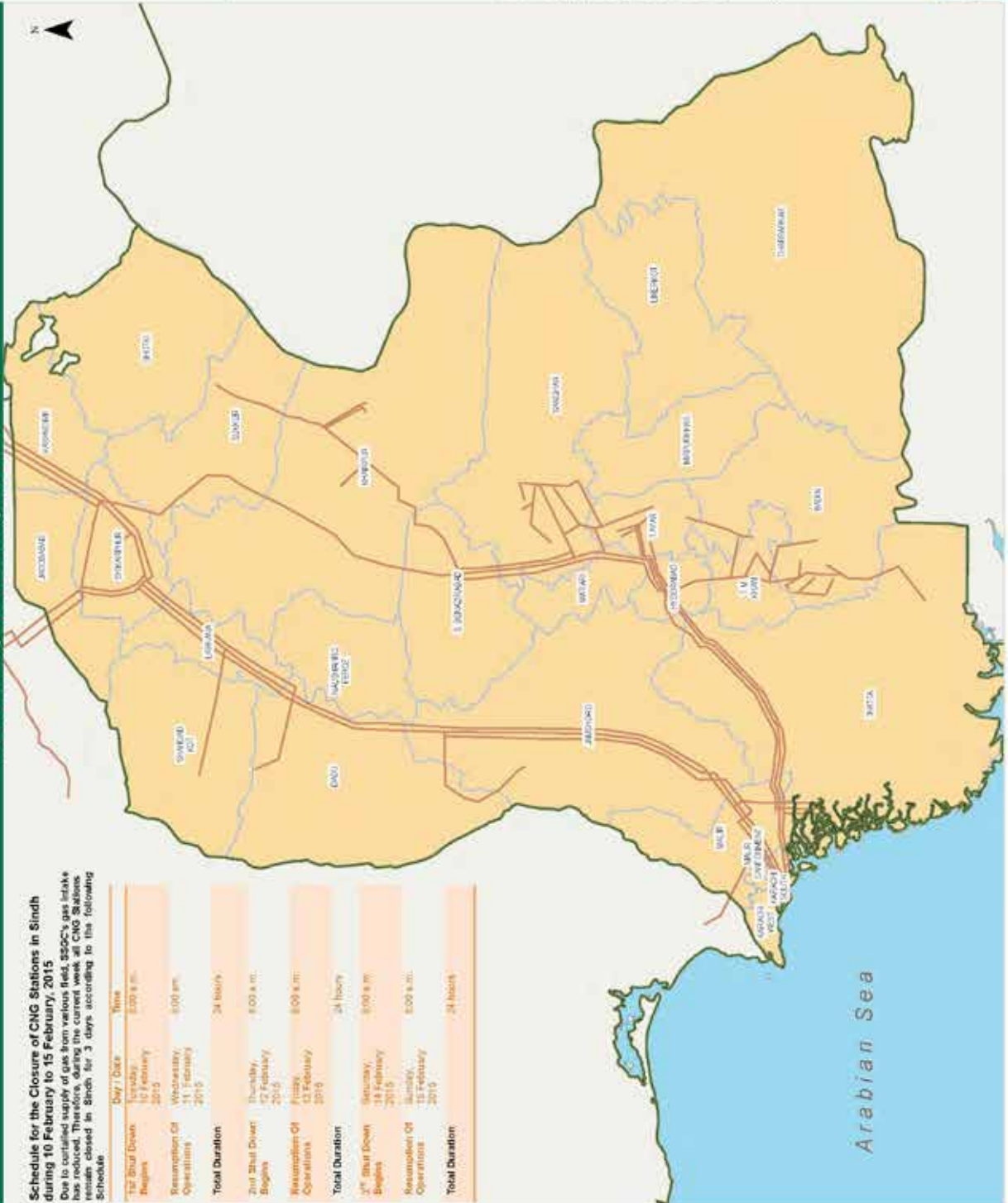
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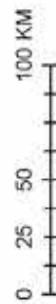
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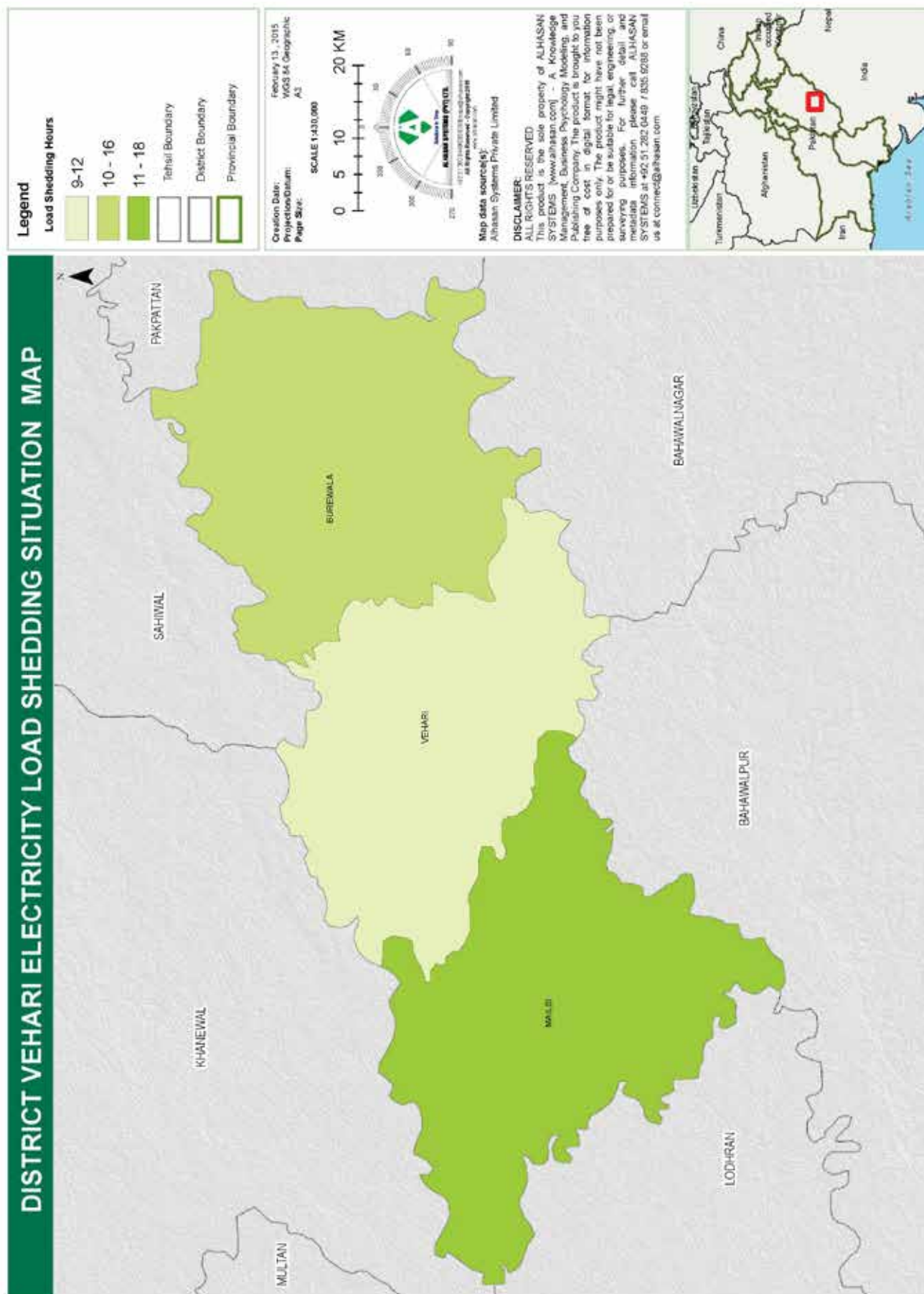
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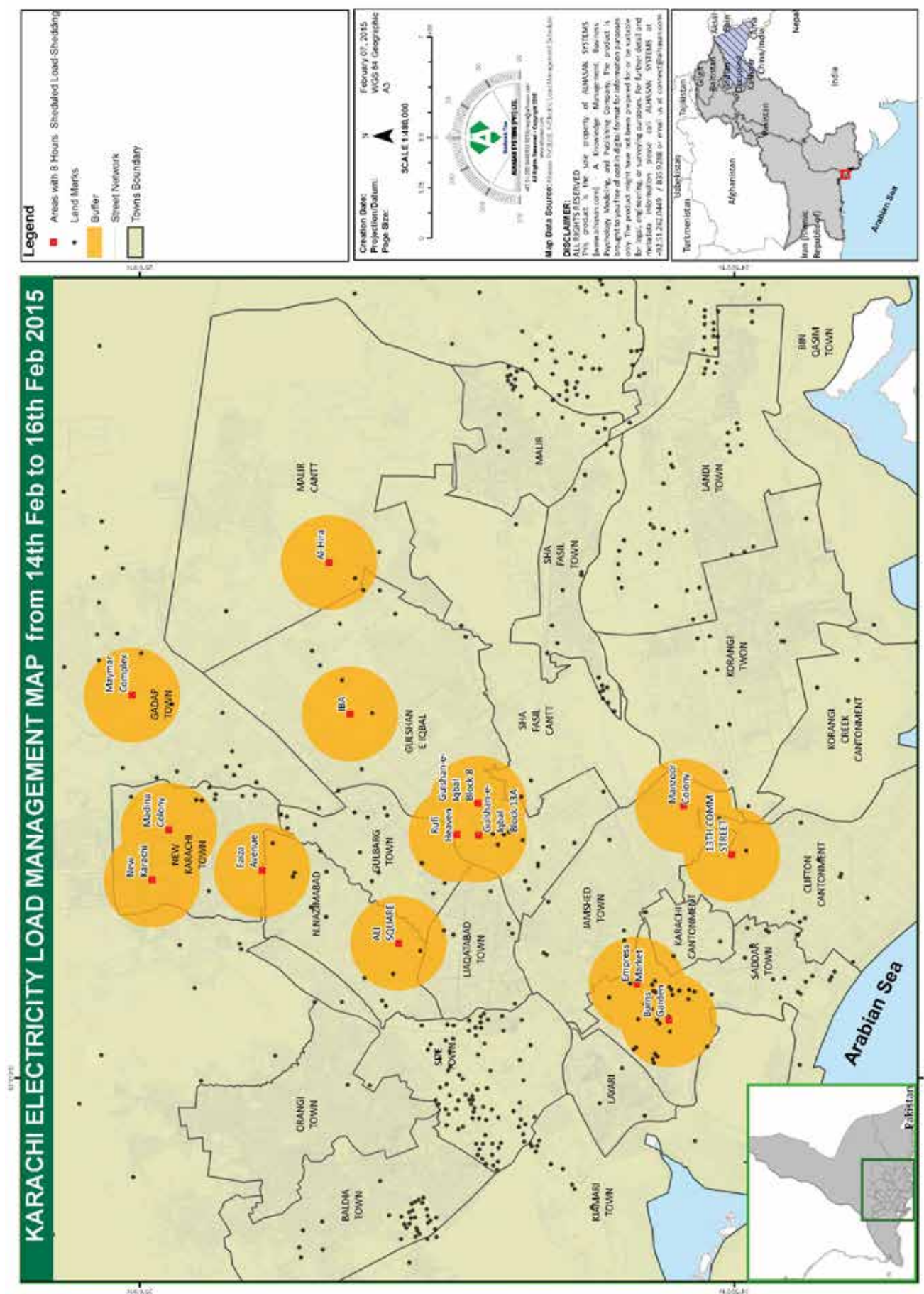


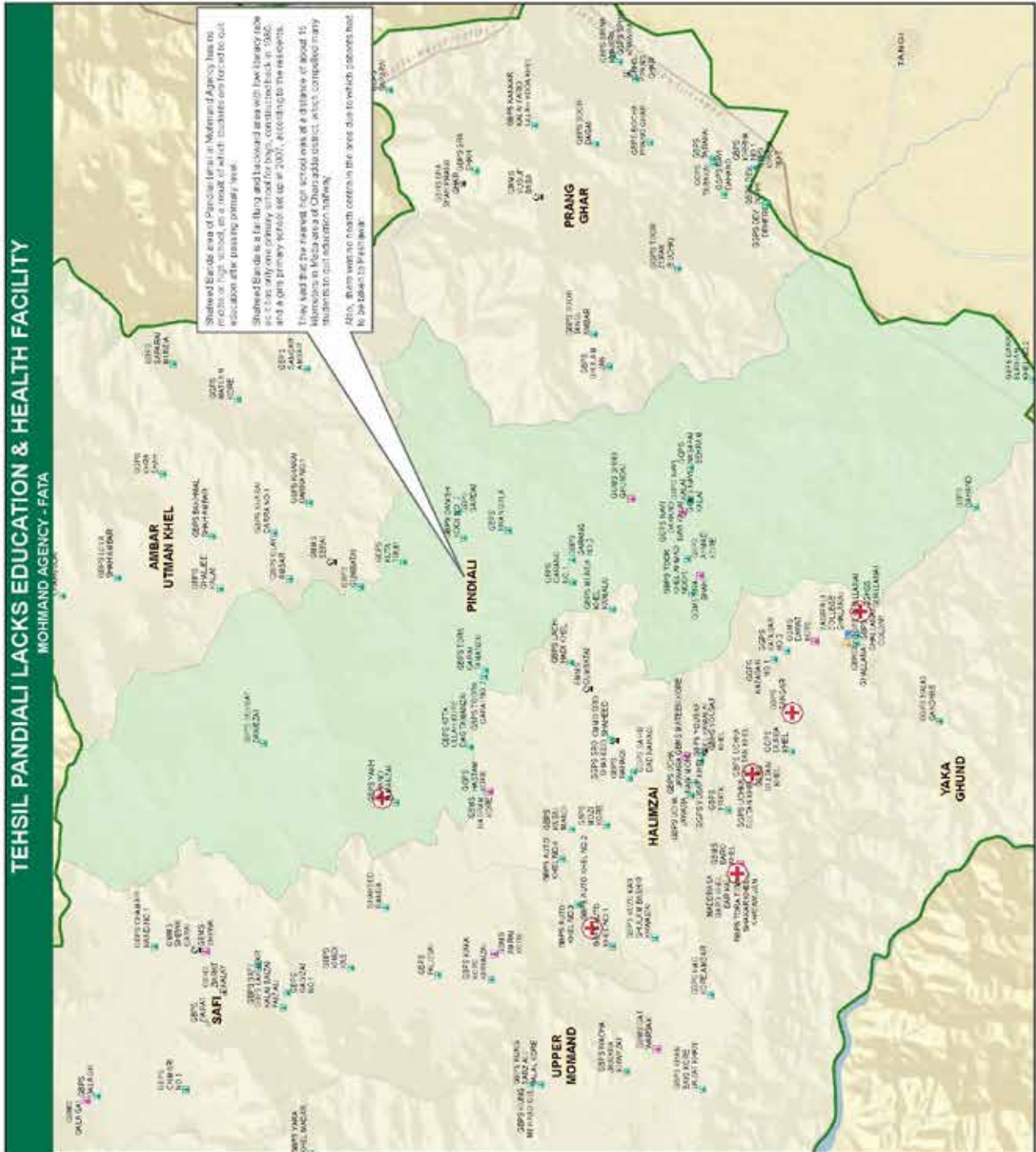
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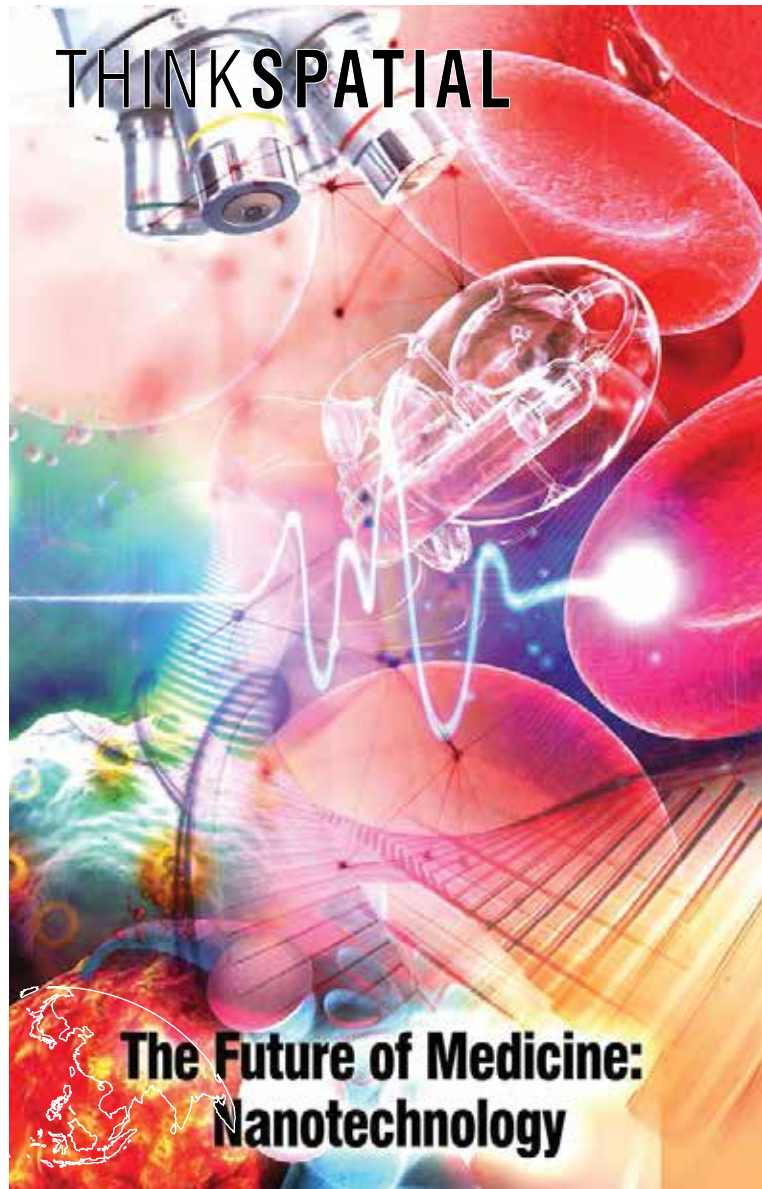
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ذخائر کی تعمیر کے ساتھ ساتھ حکومت لوگوں میں پانی کے بہتر استعمال کے حوالے سے آگاہی پیدا کرنے کی طرف بھی توجہ دے رہی ہے۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی واٹر اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ کے مینجنگ ڈائریکٹر قطب الدین شیخ نے ادارہ کو مالی طور پر مستحکم کرنے اور پانی کے بلوں کی وصولیابی کی شرح میں اضافہ کرنے کے اقدامات کے تحت شعبہ ریونیو اور شعبہ انجینئرنگ کے افسران کو احکامات دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ وہ پہلے مرحلے میں شہر کی کثیر المنزلہ عمارتوں، فلیٹوں اور کثیر المنزلہ پروپرجیکٹس کا سروے کر کے اس بات کی نشاندہی کریں کہ شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں فلیٹوں سے وصولیابی کی شرح کتنے فیصد ہے کن فلیٹوں کے کتنے فیصد صارفین پانی کے بلوں کی ادائیگی کرتے ہیں، ان فلیٹوں کو اسی تناسب سے پانی و سیوریج کی سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں یہ احکامات انہوں نے وصولیابی کی شرح کو بہتر بنانے کے لئے ڈی ایم ڈی ریونیو محمد اسلم خان، ڈائریکٹر ٹیکسز اور دیگر متعلقہ ریونیو افسران کو دیئے، انہوں نے تمام چیف انجینئرز کو پابند کیا ہے کہ وہ شعبہ ریونیو کے متعلقہ افسران سے وصولیابی کی شرح معلوم کر کے جن علاقوں کے فلیٹوں سے جتنے فیصد وصولیابی ہوتی ہے اسی تناسب سے پانی فراہم کیا جائے، انہوں نے کہا کہ فلیٹوں کی ایسوسی ایشنز سے ملاقات کر کے انہیں اس بات کی جانب مائل کیا جائے کہ وہ پانی کے بلوں کی ادائیگی کو یقینی بنائیں، 75 فیصد بلوں کی وصولیابی کی صورت میں ہی ان فلیٹوں کے مکینوں کو پانی اور سیوریج کی سہولتیں فراہم کرنا ممکن ہو گا، ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں خصوصاً گلشن اقبال، گلستان جوہر، جمشید ٹاؤن، اسکیم 33، گارڈن ایسٹ، گارڈن ویسٹ اور دیگر علاقوں میں وصولیابی کی شرح میں اضافہ کی ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ان علاقوں کے فلیٹوں سے ریکوری کی شرح بہت کم ہے۔ ان فلیٹوں کے مکینوں سے بھی پانی کے بلوں کی وصولیابی کو یقینی بنانے کے ٹھوس اور موثر اقدامات کئے جائیں اس مقصد کے لئے خصوصی ٹیمیں تشکیل دی جائیں جو ان علاقوں میں جا کر پانی کی بلوں کی تقسیم کو بھی یقینی بنائیں، ایم ڈی واٹر بورڈ نے تجارتی، گھریلو و صنعتی صارفین آب سے کہا ہے کہ پانی کے بلوں کی ادائیگی کو اپنا قومی فرض سمجھ کر اپنی ترجیحات میں شامل کریں تاکہ ان کو بہتر سے بہتر فراہمی و نکاسی آب کی سہولت بلا تعطل جاری رکھی جاسکے۔

تلہار (نامہ نگار) مقامی این جی او ڈان کے صدر نفیس الرحمن میمن نے کہا ہے کہ بدین ضلع میں کل 1600 اسکول ہیں جن میں سے 900 اسکولوں کی عمارتیں نہیں ہیں اور وہ اسکول کھلے آسمان تلے چل رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ 2010 اور 2011 میں بدین ضلع میں آنے والے سیلاب اور طوفانی بارشوں میں بدین ضلع کے ساڑھے پانچ سو اسکولوں کی عمارتیں خستہ ہو گئی ہیں اور ان کو خطرناک قرار دے دیا گیا ہے لیکن اس ضلع کا کوئی پراسان حال نہیں ہے۔ بڑی تعداد میں اسکول بند ہیں لیکن محکمہ تعلیم کے ریکارڈ میں وہ اسکول کھلے ہوئے ہیں اور بچوں کی انٹرولمنٹ دکھا کر ان اسکولوں کے نام ایس ایم سیز بنا کر سالانہ کروڑوں روپے نکالے جا رہے ہیں۔ حکومت سندھ کی جانب سے ہر سال بدین ضلع میں اسکولوں کی نئی عمارتیں تعمیر کرا نے کیلئے کروڑوں روپے کے فنڈز جاری کئے جاتے ہیں لیکن وہ فنڈ سیاسی بنیادوں پر استعمال کیا جاتے ہیں۔ کئی سالوں سے بغیر عمارتوں کھلے آسمان کے نیچے شدید گرمی اور سردی میں تعلیم حاصل کرنے والے بچوں کو اسکول کی عمارتیں تعمیر کرا کے دینے کی بجائے وڈیروں کی فرمائش پر اسکول کی عمارتیں تعمیر کی جاتی ہیں۔

کراچی (سٹاف رپورٹر) ادارہ فراہمی و نکاسی آب کے اعلامیہ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ واٹر بورڈ کے گھارو پمپنگ ہاؤس پر کے۔ الیکٹرک کاربریک ڈاؤن اتوار اور پیر کو جاری رہا، ان دونوں دنوں میں 7 گھنٹے بجلی کی بندش سے 21 ملین گیلن پانی فراہم نہ کیا جاسکا، واٹر بورڈ کے مطابق اتوار کو صبح گھارو کی بجلی 50 منٹ بند رہی جبکہ اتوار کی رات 7 بجکر 20 منٹ سے ساڑھے نو بجے تک بجلی کاربریک ڈاؤن رہا جس کی وجہ سے 10 ملین گیلن پانی کی فراہمی ممکن نہ ہو سکی جبکہ پیر کی صبح 4 بجکر 20 بجلی کی فراہمی بند ہوئی اور 7 بجے صبح 3 گھنٹے بعد بحال ہو سکی، اس دوران شہر کے اہم علاقوں میں 11 ملین گیلن پانی کی قلت رہی۔

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) زبوں حال اسکولوں کی مرمت نہ کرنے پر محکمہ تعلیم کے خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ تفصیلات کے مطابق جے سندھ اسٹوڈنٹ فیڈریشن جیکب آباد کی جانب سے ضلع میں زبوں حال اسکولوں کی تعمیر اور مرمت نہ کرانے پر محکمہ ایجوکیشن ورکس اور بجلی گیس لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف ایک احتجاجی مظاہرہ ضلعی رہنماء جانی بھٹی، ڈاکٹر عابد سندھی، شاہد پھنور، طارق بھٹو، سہیل برٹو، اویس لاشاری اور راجہ پھنور کی قیادت میں کیا گیا۔ مظاہرین نے سخت نعرہ بازی کرتے ہوئے پریس کلب پہنچے جہاں علاقہ کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر رہنماؤں نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ضلع میں بڑی تعداد میں اسکول بند پڑے ہیں اور کئی اسکول زبوں حال ہیں جن کی سروسوں سے مرمت اور تعمیر نہیں کی گئی اور فنڈز محکمہ ایجوکیشن کے افسران نے خورد برد کر لیے ہیں جس کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ طلبہ سے اسکول اور کالجوں میں اضافی فیس وصول کی جا رہی ہے جو سراسر زیادتی ہے۔ بجلی گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے شہر میں زندگی مفلوج کر دی ہے مسائل حل نہ ہوئے تو احتجاج کا دائرہ بڑھائیں گے۔

پانی کے بلوں کی وصولی میں اضافہ کیلئے اقدامات کرنے کے احکامات

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ضلع بدین میں 1600 میں سے 900 اسکول عمارتوں سے محروم، طلبہ کھلے آسمان کے نیچے تعلیم حاصل کرنے پر مجبور

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بجلی کاربریک ڈاؤن، کراچی کو 2 کروڑ 10 لاکھ گیلن پانی فراہم نہ کیا جاسکا

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پاکستان میں میڈیکل کی تعلیم اور ٹریننگ کی صورتحال انتہائی خراب ہے

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ہو چکی ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم اور وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نوٹس لیں۔ بجلی اور گیس کے بغیر ٹیکسٹائل پالیسی کا فائدہ نہیں۔ صنعتوں کو چلانا اور ٹیکسٹائل برآمدات بڑھانی ہے تو فوری طور پر گیس بحال کی جائے۔

کراچی (نوائے وقت نیوز) کراچی میں آگ بجھانے کے محکمہ فائر بریگیڈ کی سروس معطل ہو گئی۔ فائر بریگیڈ ذرائع کے مطابق محکمے کی تینوں انسارکل فنی خرابی کے باعث بند پڑی ہیں۔ تین گاڑیاں بھی فنی خرابی کے باعث گراؤنڈ کر لی گئیں۔ 16 گاڑیوں کے ڈرائیور کنٹریکٹ ختم ہونے کے باعث ڈیوٹی پر نہیں آ رہے۔ 12 فائر بریگیڈ اور 4 واٹر ماؤزر کے ڈرائیور ڈیوٹی پر نہیں آئے۔

گاڑیاں خراب، کراچی میں فائر بریگیڈ کی سروس معطل ہو گئی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 فروری 2015

پانی بحران سنگین ہوتا جا رہا ہے، بھارت کو پاکستان کا حق نہیں لینے دیں گے:

خواجہ آصف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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لاہور (نیوز پورٹر + بی بی سی) وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ محمد آصف نے کہا ہے کہ بھارت آبی جارحیت کے ذریعے پاکستان میں پانی کی قلت کرنا چاہتا ہے۔ ہمارے پانی پر اپنا حق ہے بھارت کو یہ حق نہیں لینے دیں گے۔ اب اپنے پانی کے حق پر عالمی سطح پر رجوع کریں گے، پانی کے مسئلہ پر پہلے کی طرح اب ہم جاگ رہے ہیں۔ بجلی گیس کے بعد آئندہ بحران پانی کا ہو گا، اس پر کوئی توجہ نہیں ہے۔ کراچی الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی سے بجلی دینے کے معاہدے کی توسیع نہیں کی جا رہی، ہمارے پاس بجلی کی پہلے ہی شارٹج ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے لاہور میں واپڈا کے 57 برس مکمل ہونے پر ایک خصوصی تقریب میں کیا۔ وفاقی وزیر نے مزید کہا کہ ملک کے اندر بجلی وافر مقدار میں موجود نہیں۔ اس لئے ضروری ہے کہ بجلی کو ضائع کرنے کی بجائے انرجی کنزرویشن کی طرف جایا جائے، اس لئے اب وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے کہ نئے ڈیمز بنائیں جائیں کیونکہ آنے والے وقت میں پانی کی قلت ہوگی۔ بجلی کی بچت کیلئے چاروں صوبے رات کو تجارتی مارکیٹیں رات 8 بجے بند کریں اس کیلئے صوبہ پنجاب سے بات چیت کی جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ماضی میں ہم سے غلطیاں ہوئی ہیں مگر اب غلطیوں کی گنجائش نہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سسٹم میں اضافی بجلی موجود نہیں ہے اس لئے کراچی الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی سے بجلی کے معاہدے کی توسیع ہونا مشکل نظر آ رہا ہے۔ چیئرمین واپڈا اظہر محمود نے کہا کہ حالات یہی رہے تو آنے والے دنوں میں پانی کا قحط ہو سکتا ہے اس لئے ضرورت ہے کہ پانی کی بچت کی جائے، نہری پانی کی پوری روکی جائے۔ خواجہ آصف نے مزید کہا کہ بجلی کے بحران پر جلد قابو پالیں گے اور قیمتیں بھی نیچے لے آئیں گے۔ پلاننگ کمیشن مغلیہ دور میں ہوتا تھا تاج محل نہ بنتا، واپڈا نے لنک کینال، ڈیمز اور بیراج اس لئے بنائے کہ اس وقت تک پلاننگ کمیشن نہ تھا انہوں نے کہا کہ ایل این جی سنڈل ڈبجٹ میں درآمد کی جائے گی۔ حکومت بھاشا ڈیم کی تعمیر میں سنجیدہ ہے اور اسے ہر حال میں بنائے گی۔ نیلم جہلم پروجیکٹ بھی ڈیڑھ سال میں مکمل کر لیا جائے گا۔ بی بی سی کے مطابق خواجہ محمد آصف کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں پانی کا بحران بھی سنگین نوعیت اختیار کرنا جا رہا ہے اور اس پر ابھی کوئی توجہ نہیں دے رہا جبکہ اس مسئلے پر عوام کی آگاہی وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے۔ خواجہ آصف کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت 2017ء تک توانائی کے بحران پر قابو پانے میں کامیاب ہو جائے گی۔ حکومت بجلی کے بحران پر قابو پانے کے لیے تمام ممکنہ اقدامات کر رہی ہے اور آئندہ عام انتخابات سے پہلے اس پر قابو پا لیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بحیثیت قوم بجلی اور گیس کا زیاں ہماری عادت بن چکا ہے لیکن اب اس رویے کو تبدیل کرنا ضروری ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ ہماری طرح دنیا کے کسی ملک میں مارکیٹیں رات گئے تک کھلی نہیں رہتیں۔ مارکیٹوں کو بروقت بند کروانا صوبائی حکومتوں کی ذمہ داری ہے لیکن صوبائی حکومتیں سیاسی مصلحتوں کی وجہ سے ایسا کرنے سے کتراتے ہیں۔ خواجہ آصف نے کہا کہ اگر مارکیٹوں کو جلد بند کر دیا جائے تو توانائی کی صورت حال میں بہتری آ سکتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آئندہ برسوں میں گیس اور کوئلے سے سستی بجلی پیدا کر کے توانائی کے نظام میں شامل کی جائے گی۔

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لاہور کے اخبار نویسوں کی ٹیم مٹھی ہسپتال پہنچی تو ہسپتال کی راہداریوں میں مریضوں کے رشتہ دار چادریں بچھا کر لیٹے ہوئے تھے، ایم ایس ڈاکٹر رام رتن کا دعویٰ تھا کہ تھریں بچوں کی ہلاکت کے بارے میں خبریں بے بنیاد ہیں۔ انہوں نے دعویٰ کیا کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق پاکستان میں پیدا ہونے والے ہر 1000 بچوں میں سے 70 پہلے سال ہی دنیا سے رخصت ہو جاتے ہیں جبکہ تھریں یہ تعداد 1000 میں 40 ہے۔ ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال تھریں سہولیات موجود ہیں مگر یہاں تھریں 16 لاکھ آبادی بیماری بگڑ جانے کے بعد پہنچتی ہے۔ تھریں 6 تحصیلوں میں تحصیل ہسپتال ہیں مگر انہوں نے ساتھ ہی یہ بھی تسلیم کیا کہ ان ہسپتالوں میں وہ ”سہولیات“ موجود نہیں جو ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال میں ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر رام رتن نے کہا کہ تھریں سب سے بڑا مسئلہ نرسوں کا ہے۔ یہاں لڑکیاں نرس بننے کیلئے تیار نہیں ہوتی ہیں۔ پیپلز پارٹی سندھ کے سیکرٹری جنرل، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے کوآرڈینیٹر سینیٹر تاج حیدر نے بتایا کہ ہسپتال اور تحصیل ہسپتالوں میں اور ہیومن ریسورس کی کمی دور کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں، لیکن بد قسمتی سے اندرون سندھ اس قدر دور آکر انسانیت کی خدمت کرنا اے ہیجڈ کم ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ امریکی پاکستانیوں کی ایک این جی او نے صحت کے شعبے کیلئے ساڑھے تین ارب روپے دیئے ہیں۔ حکومت سندھ ڈیڑھ ارب دے رہی ہے ان 5 ارب روپوں سے ہسپتالوں میں سامان کی کمی دور کی جائیگی

بجلی، گیس بندش جاری، فیصل آباد میں شہریوں کا مظاہرہ، روڈ بلاک کر دی

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لاہور + فیصل آباد (کامرس رپورٹر + نمائندہ خصوصی) بجلی گیس بندش کا سلسلہ جاری، فیصل آباد میں شہریوں نے مظاہرہ کیا۔ سوئی ناردرن نے گھروں کے لئے گیس کی سپلائی میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے۔ لاہور اور پنجاب بھر کے زیادہ تر علاقوں میں گیس پریشر میں کمی کی شکایات میں 50 فیصد تک کمی آئی ہے، گیس کا شارٹ فال کم ہو کر 1200 ملین کیوبک فٹ رہ گیا ہے۔ گیس پریشر بہتر ہونے پر شہریوں نے سکھ کا سانس لیا ہے۔ ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر کو 128 ملین کیوبک فٹ گیس فراہم کی جا رہی تھی، جس کو گزشتہ دنوں بند کر دیا گیا۔ جس کے بعد روش پاور پلانٹ کو گیس کی فراہمی شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق روش کو ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر سے قدرے کم گیس کی فراہمی کی ضرورت ہے جس کے بعد باقی گیس گھروں کے پریشر کو بہتر بنانے کے لئے سپلائی کی جا رہی ہے۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے گیس پریشر میں بہتری سے کھانا پکانے کے لئے مہنگی ایل پی جی کا استعمال کم ہو گیا ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں بجلی کی پیداوار میں مزید کمی کے باعث شارٹ فال ساڑھے چار ہزار میگاواٹ سے تجاوز کر گیا، شارٹ فال میں اضافہ کا تمام بوجھ گھریلو صارفین پر ڈالا گیا زیادہ بوجھ دیہی علاقوں پر ڈالا گیا۔ گزشتہ روز بھی آدھے سے زیادہ شہر کی بجلی مسلسل 8 گھنٹے مرمت اور ترقیاتی کاموں کے نام پر بند رہی، شہری خوار ہو گئے۔ لیسکو سمیت دیگر ڈسکوز نے آج کے لئے مرمت کے نام پر بجلی کی بندش کا شیڈول جاری کر دیا جس کے تحت مرمت کے نام پر درجنوں فیڈرز بند رکھے جائیں گے۔ دوسری جانب انڈسٹریز کو بجلی کی بلا تعلق فراہمی کا سلسلہ جاری رکھا گیا۔ گزشتہ روز شہر میں بارہ گھنٹے اور چھوٹے شہروں و دیہی علاقوں میں 16 گھنٹے تک کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔ انرجی مینجمنٹ سیل کے ذرائع کے مطابق گزشتہ روز بجلی کی مجموعی ڈیمانڈ 13410 میگاواٹ جبکہ پیداوار 8870 میگاواٹ رہی طلب ور سد میں 4550 میگاواٹ کا فرق رہا۔ گیس کی بدترین اور غیر اعلیٰ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف مردوں خواتین نے نروالاروڈ پر ٹائزوں کو آگ لگا کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ تھانہ مدن پورہ کے علاقہ نروالہ روڈ پر رضا آباد چوک میں علاقہ مکینوں نے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کرتے ٹائزوں کو آگ لگا کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے روڈ کو ٹریفک کی آمد و رفت کیلئے بلاک کر دیا۔ مظاہرے میں شریک خواتین نے ہاتھوں میں برتن چولہے ڈنڈے اور جوتے بھی اٹھا رکھے تھے۔ مظاہرین نے حکومت اور محکمہ سوئی گیس کے خلاف شدید نعرے بازی بھی کی

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لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) آل پاکستان ٹیکسٹائل ملز ایسوسی ایشن نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت کی طرف سے ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر کو گیس کی فراہمی بند کرنے کی وجہ سے فیصل آباد کی انڈسٹری بند ہو چکی ہے، باقی انڈسٹری بھی بند ہونے کے قریب پہنچ گئی ہے۔ حکومت فوری طور پر مناسب قیمت پر انڈسٹری کو گیس مہیا کرے ورنہ ایسوسی ایشن کا اجلاس بلا کر آئندہ کالائٹھ عمل طے کیا جائے گا۔ آپٹا کے مرکزی چیئرمین ایس ایم تنویر اور پنجاب کے چیئرمین سیٹھ اکبر نے پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ حکومت نے نئی ٹیکسٹائل پالیسی میں اعلان کیا تھا کہ انڈسٹری کو گیس فراہم کی جائے گی مگر جس روز پالیسی کا اعلان ہوا اسی روز سے پنجاب کی ٹیکسٹائل انڈسٹری کو گیس کی فراہمی بند کر دی گئی ہے۔ انڈسٹری کو ساری سر دیاں گیس اور بجلی فراہم کی جاتی رہی تاہم اب جب موسم گرم اور گیس کا پریشر بہتر ہونا شروع ہوا ہے تو گیس کی فراہمی بند کر دی گئی ہے۔ انہوں نے وزیراعظم، وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب اور وزیر پٹرولیم سے مطالبہ کیا کہ ٹیکسٹائل سیکٹر کو فوری طور پر رینجن کے دوسرے ممالک کے برابر آٹھ سینٹ فی یونٹ کے ریٹ پر گیس فراہم کی جائے۔ انڈسٹری کا زیادہ خیال نہیں رکھا جا رہا جس کی وجہ سے معیشت خراب ہو رہی ہے۔ بھارت نے پاکستان سے سوئی دھاگے کی درآمد پر 30 فیصد ڈیوٹی عائد کر رکھی ہے جبکہ پاکستان میں اس وقت بھارت سے سوئی دھاگے کی درآمد پر صرف 5 فیصد ڈیوٹی ہے جس سے انڈسٹری متاثر ہو رہی ہے۔ ہم نے ٹیکسٹائل کی برآمدات 5 سال میں 13 ارب ڈالر سے 26 ارب ڈالر کرنے کیلئے کہا تھا لیکن موجودہ صورتحال میں 13 ارب ڈالر کی برآمدات بھی مشکل ہوتی جا رہی ہیں۔ ٹیکسٹائل انڈسٹری کے 42 ارب روپے کے سیلز ٹیکس کے ریفرنڈم بھی تک پہنچے ہوئے ہیں۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق اپنا نے نئی ٹیکسٹائل پالیسی کو مسترد کر دیا ہے۔ ایس ایم تنویر نے کہا ہے کہ پالیسی آتے ہی پنجاب کی ملوں کو گیس کی فراہمی بند کر دی گئی ہے۔ پنجاب کی ٹیکسٹائل ملز 3 روز سے گیس سے محروم ہیں، بجلی اور گیس نہ ملی تو 13 ارب ڈالر کی برآمدات نہیں ہو سکیں گی۔ فیصل آباد کی تمام ملیں بند

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اسلام آباد (نوائے وقت نیوز + ایجنسیاں) وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار نے کہا ہے کہ آئندہ ماہ پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں مزید کمی کی جائے گی۔ میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے انہوں نے کہا کہ حکومت مہنگائی کی شرح میں کمی لانے میں کامیاب ہو چکی ہے۔ صوبائی حکومتوں کو اشیا کی قیمتیں کنٹرول کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ غیر ملکی سرمایہ کاروں کو سکیورٹی فراہم کی جائے گی۔ دریں اثناء امریکی سفیر رچرڈ لسن نے وزیر خزانہ اسحق ڈار سے ملاقات کی۔ امریکی سفیر نے آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ چھٹے جائزہ اجلاس میں کامیابی پر مبارکباد دی۔ وزیر خزانہ نے بتایا کہ کامیابی بہتری کی جانب معیشت کی بدولت ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ اور امریکی سفیر نے اتحادی سپورٹ فنڈ کی حالیہ جاری ہونے والی رقم پر بھی گفتگو کی۔ امریکی سفیر نے کہا ہے کہ امریکہ سے موبیشیوں کی پاکستان درآمد کے معاملات طے پا گئے ہیں جلد درآمد شروع ہو جائے گی۔ امریکی سفیر نے اقتصادی رابطہ کمیٹی میں ڈرگ پالیسی کی منظوری کی بھی تعریف کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ امریکی فارماسیوٹیکل کمپنیوں نے پاکستان کے اقدام کی تعریف کی ہے۔ اسحاق ڈار نے کہا کہ ڈرگ پالیسی فارماسیوٹیکل کمپنیوں سمیت فریقین کو اعتماد میں لے کر بنائی۔ وزیر خزانہ نے کہا کہ آئی ایم ایف سے مذاکرات کامیاب رہے۔ امریکی سفیر نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کو 71 کروڑ ڈالر فراہم کئے گئے ہیں۔ ملاقات میں کوئٹہ سپورٹ فنڈ کی 716 ملین ڈالر کی حالیہ اقساط کے اجراء سے متعلق بھی بات ہوئی۔ امریکی سفیر نے کہا کہ امریکہ سے زندہ جانوروں کی درآمد سے متعلق تمام معاملات متعلقہ حکام سے طے کر لئے گئے ہیں۔ ادارہ شماریات اور عالمی بینک کے اشتراک سے منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے اسحاق ڈار نے کہا کہ زرمبادلہ کے ذخائر 166 ارب ڈالر کے قریب پہنچنا پائیدار معاشی ترقی کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے، آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ چھٹے جائزہ مذاکرات کامیاب رہے ہیں، حکومت کی بہتر مانیٹری پالیسی کے نتیجے میں مہنگائی کم ترین سطح پر آگئی ہے، جولائی 2014 سے جنوری 2015 کے دوران غذائی گرانی 7 فیصد سے گر کر 3 فیصد پر جبکہ مہنگائی کی مجموعی شرح اوسط 5.77 فیصد پر آگئی ہے، شماریات بیورو نے پاکستانی معیشت کا تیس ایز تبدیل کرنے پر کام شروع کر دیا ہے۔ آئی ایم ایف کے ساتھ چھٹے جائزہ مذاکرات کی کامیابی اس بات کا ایک اور ثبوت ہے کہ معاشی اصلاحات کا پروگرام کامیابی سے جاری ہے اور اس کے مثبت نتائج آنا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ رواں مالی سال کے سات ماہ (جولائی سے جنوری) کے دوران غذائی گرانی کا اعشاریہ 7 فیصد سے گر کر 3 فیصد پر آگیا مہنگائی کا حساس اعشاریہ 5.77 فیصد رہا، خاص طور پر جنوری میں افراط زر کی شرح مزید گر کر 3.9 فیصد رہی۔ حکومت نے ہر دس سال بعد ملکی معیشت کا تیس ایز (بنیادی سال) تبدیل کرنے کا وعدہ کیا تھا، جس پر شماریات بیورو نے کام شروع کر دیا ہے۔ تجارتی شماریات کا بنیادی سال بھی 2015ء میں تبدیل ہو گا جبکہ الگ الگ کی بجائے ایک ہی زرعی سروے پر پانچ سال بعد ہوا کرے گا جس میں لائیو سٹاک اور زرعی مشینری کا سروے بھی شامل ہو گا جو جن 2015 کے بعد پاکستان میں شہابی ترقی اور معیار زندگی کا سروے شروع کیا جائے گا۔ قبل اس کے عالمی بینک کی نمائندہ غزالہ منصور نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں معاشی و معاشرتی ڈیٹا اکٹھا کرنے کیلئے حکومت کی جانب سے جو اقدامات کئے جا رہے ہیں عالمی بینک اس کی مکمل حمایت کرتا ہے۔

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جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) جیکب آباد میں شہر پسندوں نے سکھ ایکسپریس کو آگ لگادی، بوگی جل کر خاکستر، ڈی ایس پی سمیت 2 زخمی ہو گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق جیکب آباد ریلوے اسٹیشن پر کھڑی جیکب آباد سے کراچی جانے والی سکھ ایکسپریس کو نامعلوم شہر پسندوں کی جانب سے آگ لگائی گئی، شہر پسند ٹرین کو آگ لگانے کے بعد فرار ہو گئے، سکھ ایکسپریس کی بوگی نمبر 12 کو آگ نے اپنی لپٹ میں لیا اطلاع ملنے پر فائر بریگیڈ کی گاڑی پہنچی مگر وہ بھی آگ پر قابو نہ پاسکی جس کے باعث بوگی نمبر 12 مکمل جل کر خاکستر ہو گئی، سکھ ایکسپریس کو لگی آگ کو بجھانے کی کوشش کے دوران ڈی ایس پی ریلوے وزیر علی سیلو سمیت 2 افراد زخمی ہو گئے، ٹرین کی بوگی کو آگ لگنے کے باعث اسٹیشن دھوئیں سے بھر گیا جبکہ بوگی کے جلنے کی بدبو پورے شہر میں پھیل گئی، آگ کے دوران اسٹیشن پر موجود مسافروں میں بھگدڑ مچ گئی، اطلاع پر ایس پی جیکب آباد ظفر اقبال ملک، سی آئی اے انچارج رانا نصر اللہ، ایس ایچ اوسول لائن شاہجہان بھاری نفری کے ہمراہ اسٹیشن پہنچے، اس موقع پر ڈی ایس پی ریلوے پولیس وزیر علی سیلو نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ سکھ ایکسپریس کو صفائی کرنے کے بعد لاک کر دیا جاتا ہے ٹرین کی سیکورٹی کے لیے 13 پولیس اہلکار مقرر ہیں ٹرین کو آگ لگنا سمجھ سے باہر ہے واقعہ تخریکاری لگتا ہے مزید تحقیقات کر رہے ہیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ ٹرین لاک تھی اس لیے بجلی کے شارٹ سرکٹ سے آگ کا امکان نہیں، واضح رہے کہ سکھ ایکسپریس کو آگ لگنے کا یہ چوتھا واقعہ ہے اس سے قبل بھی سکھ ایکسپریس کی کئی بوگیاں آگ لگنے کے باعث جل چکی ہیں جس پر جی ایم ریلوے اور آئی جی ریلوے نے جیکب آباد اسٹیشن کا دورہ کر کے صورتحال کا جائزہ لیا تھا اور حکام کو متنبہ کیا تھا کہ اگر اب ٹرین کو آگ لگی تو کوئی بھی نوکری پر نہیں رہے گا

تھر میں معصوم جانوں کا ضیاع، مٹھی ہسپتال میں 52 ڈاکٹر، صرف 9 نرسیں ہیں

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لاہور (سید شعیب الدین سے) تھر پارک میں معصوم جانوں کے ضیاع میں مسلسل اضافہ کے باوجود ضلع تھر پارک کے 16 لاکھ کمینوں کو صحت کی سہولیات فراہم کر نیوالے مٹھی کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال میں صرف 52 کنسلٹنٹ، ڈاکٹر اور 9 نرسیں ہیں۔ ہسپتال میں 140 بستریں جبکہ مریضوں کی تعداد کہیں زیادہ ہے۔ ہسپتال میں دل کے مریضوں کیلئے بنائے وارڈ کو بچوں کی مسلسل اموات کے بعد بچہ وارڈ میں تبدیل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مٹھی میں کوئی ایبوی لینس نظر نہیں آئی اور نہ ہی شہر میں نجی ہسپتال ہے جبکہ 22 ہزار مربع کلومیٹر میں پھیلے شہر میں موبائل ہسپتالوں کی اشد ضرورت ہے جو تھر کے وسیع صحرا کے گوشے گوشے میں پھیلے گاؤں کے باسیوں کو صحت کی سہولیات فراہم کریں۔ مٹھی اور تھر پارک کے دورے پر جانیوالی

اے ک رپورٹ جاری کی۔ اوجی ڈی سی اے ل کا منصوبہ پاکستان کا پہلا منصوبہ ہے، جس کی کامیابی کے بعد پاکستان سے ل شے ل گے س اور تل کی ڈسکوری کی راہ ہموار ہو جائے گی۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ نوائے وقت + آن لائن) سپریم کورٹ میں حکومت کی جانب سے فری ڈائنامک سہولیات کی عدم فراہمی سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت میں عدالت نے صوبوں کی رپورٹس پر برہمی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے انہیں مسترد کر دیا ہے۔ عدالت نے وفاق اور صوبوں سے جامع رپورٹ دوبارہ طلب کرتے ہوئے سماعت دو ہفتوں کے لئے ملتوی کر دی ہے جبکہ درخواست گزار کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ اپنے تحفظات سے متعلق تحریری طور پر عدالت کو آگاہ کریں۔ عدالت ان کی روشنی میں مزید ہدایت جاری کرے گی۔ چیف جسٹس ناصر الملک نے سندھ کی ایک صفحے کی رپورٹ پر ریمارکس دیئے کہ ایک صفحے پر مشتمل رپورٹ کو مفصل رپورٹ قرار نہیں دیا جاسکتا۔ آئین و قانون کے مطابق صحت کی سہولیات کی فراہمی حکومت کی ذمہ داری ہے اس پر سمجھوتہ نہیں کر سکتے۔

جیکب آباد (نامہ نگار) زبوں حال اسکولوں کی مرمت نہ کرنے پر محکمہ تعلیم کے خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ تفصیلات کے مطابق جے سندھ اسٹوڈنٹ فیڈریشن جیکب آباد کی جانب سے ضلع میں زبوں حال اسکولوں کی تعمیر اور مرمت نہ کرانے پر محکمہ ایجوکیشن ورکس اور بجلی گیس لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف ایک احتجاجی مظاہرہ ضلعی رہنماء جانی بھٹی، ڈاکٹر عابد سندھی، شاہد پٹنور، طارق بھٹو، سہیل برڈو، اویس لاشاری اور راجہ پہنور کی قیادت میں کیا گیا۔ مظاہرین نے سخت نعرہ بازی کرتے ہوئے پریس کلب پہنچے جہاں علاقائی بھوک ہڑتال کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر رہنماؤں نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ضلع میں بڑی تعداد میں اسکول بند پڑے ہیں اور کئی اسکول زبوں حال ہیں جن کی سرسوں سے مرمت اور تعمیر نہیں کی گئی اور فنڈز محکمہ ایجوکیشن کے افسران نے خورد برد کر لیے ہیں جس کی مذمت کرتے ہیں۔ طلبہ سے اسکول اور کالجوں میں اضافی فیس وصول کی جا رہی ہے جو سراسر زیادتی ہے۔ بجلی گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے شہر میں زندگی مفلوج کر دی ہے مسائل حل نہ ہوئے تو احتجاج کا دائرہ بڑھائیں گے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) نیشنل ہیلتھ فورم (بوائس اے) کے صدر ڈاکٹر نسیم عزیز شینانی نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں میڈیکل کی تعلیم اور ٹریننگ کی صورت حال انتہائی خراب ہو گئی ہے۔ ایکریڈیٹیشن کونسل آف گریجویٹ میڈیکل ایجوکیشن امریکہ نے اپنی حالیہ رپورٹ میں پاکستان کے میڈیکل کالجوں کے معیار پر شدید تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے اس وقت پاکستان کے میڈیکل کالجوں و اسپتالوں سے پاس ہونے والے اور تربیت پانے والے ڈاکٹر بین الاقوامی معیار سے پست ترین سطح پر آگئے ہیں۔ پچھلے سال امریکہ کے ٹریننگ پروگرام میں پاکستان کے صرف 127 ڈاکٹروں کو نوکریاں دی گئیں جبکہ 909 ڈاکٹروں کو نوکری تو دی گئی مگر ان کو ابتدائی طور پر ویزا بھی نہیں ملا۔ جبکہ ہندوستان کے 800 سے زائد ڈاکٹروں کو امریکہ میں تربیتی نشستوں پر نوکریاں دی گئیں۔ وہ کراچی پریس کلب میں پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر ان کے ہمراہ پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کے سابق صدر ڈاکٹر شیر شاہ سید، ڈاکٹر محمد توصیف و دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ کچھ عرصہ قبل پاکستانی اور ہندوستانی ڈاکٹروں کی تعداد مساوی ہوتی تھی لیکن اب صورتحال اس کے برعکس ہے جس سے یہ ثابت ہوتا ہے کہ پاکستان میں میڈیکل کی تعلیم و تربیت شدید انتشار کا شکار ہے۔ پاکستان کا کوئی بھی میڈیکل کالج پی ایم ڈی سی کے معیار کے مطابق کام نہیں کر رہا ہے۔ بہت سارے میڈیکل کالجوں میں تعلیمی عملہ نہیں ہے اور جو ہے بھی توجہ وقتی ملازمت کر رہے ہیں۔ چند منظور شدہ میڈیکل کالج تو ایسے ہیں جن کا کوئی بھی اسپتال ہی نہیں ہے۔

کوٹری (نامہ نگار) کوٹری میں حبس کی نااہلی اور مبینہ غفلت و لاپرواہی کے سبب بجلی کا بحران شدت اختیار کرتا جا رہا ہے اور تواتر سے بجلی کی یومیہ 6 سے 8 گھنٹے کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے جس کے نتیجے میں معمولات زندگی بری طرح متاثر ہو کر رہ گئے ہیں اور شہری اذیت ناک تکالیف سے دوچار ہیں۔ آئے دن سسٹم کی فریکوئنسی میں خلل اور ہائی ٹینشن لائنوں پر شبنم کے قطرے گرنے کا جواز بنا کر بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کرنے کا ایک لاتناہی سلسلہ جاری ہے اس سلسلے میں شہری و سماجی حلقوں نے تواتر کے ساتھ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ پر اپنے سخت رد عمل کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سرد موسم میں بجلی کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کا یہ عالم ہے تو گرم موسم لوگوں کے لیے قیامت خیز سے کم نہ ہوگا۔ شہری حلقوں کا کہنا ہے کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث تمام معمولات زندگی درہم برہم ہو کر رہ گئے ہیں، سرکاری دفتری امور کو لوڈ شیڈنگ کا جواز بنا کر زیر التواء رکھا جا رہا ہے اور ضرورت مند اپنے مسائل کے حل کے لیے سرکاری دفاتر میں دھکے کھاتے پھر رہے ہیں جبکہ وائرسپرائی کے اوقات کار بھی بری طرح متاثر ہیں جس سے شہر میں پانی کا شدید بحران پیدا ہو گیا ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کراچی وائٹ اینڈ سیوریج بورڈ کے اہم ترین دھابئی پیپنگ ہاؤس کی بجلی بدھ کو 12 بجے صبح سے 3:15 بجے دوپہر تک بند رہی جس کی وجہ سے تھرڈ فیز III-K-2 اور K-3 گھنٹے سے زائد شہر کے اہم علاقوں میں پانی فراہم نہ کیا جکا، اس دوران 84 ملین گیلن پانی کی قلت رہی۔

صحت کی سہولیات فراہم کرنا حکومتی ذمہ داری ہے، اس پر سمجھوتہ نہیں کر سکتے: چیف جسٹس

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میں معدنی ذخائر کی دریافت میں چین کا تعاون اور کردار کبھی فراموش نہیں کیا جاسکتا۔ پاکستان اور چین کے عوام کے دل ایک ساتھ دھڑکتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سال 2015ء کو پاک چائنہ اقتصادی تعاون کے آغاز کے طور پر منایا جا رہا ہے جس سے بلاشبہ پاکستان اور چین کی دوستی نئے دور میں داخل ہوگی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان کے عوام اپنے حقیقی دوست ملک چین کے صدر کے دورہ پاکستان کیلئے چشم براہ ہیں۔ چین کے وزیر خارجہ وانگ ژی نے اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین پنجاب میں توانائی، معدنیات، صنعت اور دیگر شعبوں میں تعاون جاری رکھے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چینی عوام اور حکومت پاکستان کی مشکلات کو اپنی مشکلات سمجھتے ہیں۔ پاکستان کو توانائی کے بحران سے نجات دلانے کیلئے بھرپور تعاون کر رہے ہیں۔

دریں اثناء چیف آف آرمی سٹاف جنرل راجیل شریف سے چینی وزیر خارجہ کی ملاقات میں علاقائی سلامتی اور دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دفاع اور سیوریج کے شعبوں میں تعاون کے فروغ پر توجہ مرکوز رہی۔ چینی وزیر خارجہ نے آپریشن ضرب عضب میں حاصل ہونیوالی اہم کامیابیوں اور پیشرفت کو سراہا۔ ملاقات کے بعد وفود کی سطح پر گول میز مذاکرات ہوئے جس میں دونوں جانب سے اعلیٰ حکام شریک ہوئے۔ قبل ازیں جی ایچ کیو آفیسر چینی وزیر خارجہ نے یادگار شہد اپر پھولوں کی چادر چڑھائی اور خطے میں امن اور استحکام کیلئے پاک فوج کی قربانیوں کو بھرپور خراج عقیدت پیش کیا۔ دریں اثناء دفتر خارجہ کا کہنا ہے کہ چین کے وزیر خارجہ کے دورہ پاکستان کا مقصد صدر چین کے مجوزہ دورہ پاکستان کی تیاریاں کرنا تھا۔ چینی وزیر خارجہ کے دورہ پاکستان کی تکمیل پر دفتر خارجہ کی طرف سے جارحانہ بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ اس دورہ کے موقع پر چینی وزیر خارجہ نے صدر مملکت ممنون حسین، وزیراعظم نواز شریف، وزیراعظم کے مشیر سر تاج عزیز اور آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کے ساتھ ملاقاتیں کیں۔ چینی وزیر خارجہ کے ساتھ ملاقات کے دوران صدر نے کہا پاک چین دوستی خطے میں امن و استحکام کی ضمانت ہے۔

کراچی (پ ر) آسٹریلیوی موجد، پروفیسر جیمس ٹریوین، نے کلوز کفرٹ کے نام سے حیرت انگیز حد تک کم بجلی استعمال کرنے والا پورٹبل ایئر کنڈیشنر تیار کر لیا ہے۔ اس انقلابی ایجاد کو 350 واٹ سے بھی کم بجلی پر چلایا جاسکتا ہے۔ بجلی کی یہ مقدار عام ایئر کنڈیشنر کے مقابلے میں صرف 15 فیصد اور تقریباً چھت کے 2 پیکٹوں میں استعمال ہونے والی بجلی کے برابر ہے۔ یہ غیر معمولی آسٹریلیوی ایجاد ہے حد کم توانائی استعمال کر کے دو افراد کیلئے بہترین ٹھنڈک فراہم کرتی ہے یعنی کلوز کفرٹ نہ صرف عام گھریلو پانی ایس بلکہ بجلی کے متبادل ذرائع جیسے سولر انرجی یا چھوٹے جنریٹر کے ذریعے بھی استعمال کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ عام ایئر کنڈیشنر کے برعکس، کلوز کفرٹ بڑے حصے کو ٹھنڈا رکھنے میں انرجی ضائع نہیں کرتا بلکہ یہ گرم ترین دونوں میں بھی استعمال کرنے والوں کو ٹھنڈک اور آرام فراہم کرنے کیلئے صرف ان جگہوں کو اسماٹ ایئر فلو ٹیکنالوجی کے ذریعے ٹھنڈا رکھتا ہے، جہاں اسکی ضرورت ہو۔

لاہور (دنیا نیوز) وزیراعظم میاں محمد نواز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ صحافیوں نے ہر مشکل دور میں بھی جمہوریت کا ساتھ دیا ہے، نیشنل ایکشن پلان وقت کی ضرورت ہے اس کی وجہ سے ہی ملک مشکل دور سے نکلے گا، لاہور میں سی پی این ای کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم میاں نواز شریف نے کہا کہ ملک میں کئی سال تک آئین معطل رہا اور اس کی وجہ سے ملک کو ناقابل تلافی نقصان ہوا، اس میں میڈیا کے چند دوستوں نے عمران خان اور طاہر القادری کا دھرنے میں ساتھ دیا، اس وقت ملک کو معاشی، امن و امان اور دہشتگردی کے مسائل کا سامنا ہے، ہم اس کو درست ٹریک پر لانے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں، اور اب کئی سالوں کے بعد ملکی کرنسی مستحکم ہو رہی ہے لیکن دھرنوں کے دوران ملکی کرنسی کا ریٹ کم ہوا، بین الاقوامی رہنماؤں کے دورے منسوخ ہوئے اور اس طرح عالمی سطح پر پاکستان کا نام بدنام ہوا، ان لوگوں نے قومی ڈی ٹی جینٹل پر حملہ کیا اور اس کے علاقوں سرکاری عمارتوں کا گھیراؤ کیا، پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس کا گھیراؤ کیا اور مجھ سے استعفیٰ طلب کیا گیا، اب یہ میڈیا کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ وہ ایسے عناصر کا گھیراؤ کرے، انہوں نے کہا کہ وزارت عظمیٰ پھولوں کی بیج نہیں، میں ملک میں آزاد میڈیا کا حامی ہوں اور اس بات پر یقین رکھتا ہوں کہ ہم سب مل کر اس ملک کے مسائل کو حل کر سکتے ہیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ اس وقت ملک کو توانائی بحران کا سامنا ہے اور ہماری حکومت ان مسائل سے آگاہ ہے اور ان کے حل کیلئے کوشاں ہے، ہمارے نقادوں نے ہم پر تنقید کا سلسلہ جاری رکھا لیکن ہم نے اپنے پراجیکٹ جاری رکھے لیکن یقین دلاتا ہوں کہ پانچ سال کے دوران ملک کے تمام عوام کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے چھٹکارہ مل جائے گا اور ہم بجلی کی پیداوار میں خود کفیل ہو جائیں گے۔

نصرپور (نامہ نگار) نصرپور اور قرب وجوار میں نصیر ڈویژن اور بالا ڈویژن سے نکلنے والے متعدد دہروں تاجپور مانٹر، ٹنڈوالہار مانٹر، میاریشاخ، پالی جانی مانٹر جام شاخ، پھوپھاڑ شاخ، خیر مانٹر، بلخاری مانٹر، ٹنڈو سومر و شاخ، آرائیں مانٹر اور دیگر میں ڈیڑھ ماہ سے وارا بندی ختم ہونے کے باوجود زرعی پانی نہیں دیا گیا جس کے باعث گندم، گنا، کیلا، گھاس، بزیوں اور دیگر فصلیں سوکھ کر تباہ و برباد ہو رہی ہیں جبکہ آموں کے باغات میں پھول نکل رہے ہیں اگر وقت پر پانی نہیں ملا تو کروڑوں روپے کے نقصانات سے دوچار ہونا پڑے گا اس سلسلہ میں آباد گاروں کے مطابق روہڑی کینال کی واری بندی 26 جنوری کو ختم ہوگئی ہے مگر آبپاشی عملے نے پانی نہیں چھوڑا۔ روہڑی کینال پر تین لاکھ ایکڑ سے زائد زرعی زمین آباد ہوئی ہے پانی نہ ملنے پر آباد گاروں کو کروڑوں روپے کا نقصان ہو رہا ہے۔

350 واٹ بجلی استعمال کرنے والا

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کراچی: کراچی کی 8 حساس یونین کونسلز میں 2 روزہ خصوصی انسداد پولیو مہم کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے۔ بھرپور سکیورٹی یقینی بنانے کیلئے 4 یونیز میں آج جبکہ 4 میں کل مہم جاری رکھی جائیگی۔ کراچی کی 188 یونین کونسلز میں سے 4 حساس ترین یونین کونسلز میں آج خصوصی انسداد پولیو مہم جاری ہے۔ حساس ترین علاقوں میں گڈاپ یو سی 4، اورنگی ٹاؤن یو سی 7، بلدیہ ٹاؤن یو سی 2 اور سائٹ یو سی 9 شامل ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت نے پمپنگ ہاؤسز میں پولیو ورکرز کی گنتا زیادہ تعداد کے ساتھ حفاظتی مہم کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ مہم میں 73 ہزار 943 بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جانے کا ہدف مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ شیڈول میں شامل بقیہ 4 یونین کونسلز میں کل انسداد پولیو مہم کی جائیگی۔ خصوصی مہم کے ان راؤنڈز کا سلسلہ 7 ہفتوں تک جاری رہیگا۔

اسلام آباد: دنیا بھر میں جہاں کرکٹ ورلڈ کپ کی دھوم ہے وہیں پاکستان اور بھارت کے انتہائی اہم مقابلے کو لے کر پاکستانی سیاست دان بھی کچھ جذباتی نظر آتے ہیں اسی لیے حکومت نے پاک بھارت میچ کے دوران ملک بھر میں لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے لیکن پانی بجلی کے وزیر مملکت کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر قومی ٹیم فائنل تک پہنچی تو پورے ماہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہوگی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ورلڈ کپ میں پاک بھارت میچ پر جذبات کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے بیشتر ارکان پارلیمنٹ نے روایتی حریف کے سامنے قومی ٹیم کو فیورٹ قرار دیا اور اس موقع پر مسلم لیگ (ن) کے رہنما شہداء اللہ خان کا کہنا تھا کہ بھارت سے مقابلے میں ہماری ٹیم فیورٹ ہے اور اس بار بھارت سے جیتنے میں کامیاب ہو جائیں گے جب کہ پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما یاز سومرونے کہا وزیر مملکت پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی نے کہا کہ اس وقت ٹیم اسپرٹ بہت بہتر ہے، کہ میری خواہش ہے کہ پاک سرزمین کے کھلاڑی جیت کر آئیں۔ قومی ٹیم اس بار نہ صرف بھارت سے جیتے گی بلکہ 1992 کی طرح فاتح بننے کی تاریخ بھی دہرائے گی جبکہ وزیر مملکت نے قوم کو خوشخبری بھی سنائی جس میں ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر قومی ٹیم جیتی رہی اور فائنل تک پہنچی تو پورے ماہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں کی جائے گی۔

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) صدر ممنون نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان اور وسط ایشیائی ریاستوں کے درمیان زمینی اور فضائی رابطوں کا قیام وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے جس سے ترکمانستان اور خطے کے دیگر ملکوں کے درمیان اقتصادی تعاون کی رفتار تیز ہو جائے گی۔ صدر نے یہ بات ترکمانستان کے سفیر عطا جان مولاموف سے بات چیت میں کہی۔ عطا جان نے صدر کو ترکمانستان کے صدر قربانگلی محمدوف کی طرف سے دسمبر میں ترکمانستان پر مائنٹ نیوٹرالیٹی کی تقریبات میں شرکت کی دعوت دی جسے صدر نے قبول کر لیا۔ صدر نے کہا کہ دونوں ملکوں میں باہمی تجارت کے بہت مواقع موجود ہیں لیکن تجارت کا حجم صلاحیت سے کم ہے جس میں اضافے کی ضرورت ہے۔ صدر نے ترکمانستان کے سرمایہ کاروں کو پاکستان میں زراعت، توانائی اور دیگر شعبوں میں سرمایہ کاری کی دعوت دی اور کہا کہ پاکستانی سرمایہ کار بھی مختلف شعبوں میں ترکمانستان میں سرمایہ کاری کر سکتے ہیں۔ صدر نے کہا کہ پاکستان تاپی گیس پائپ لائن منصوبے کی بروقت تکمیل کو بڑی اہمیت دیتا ہے جس سے اس کی توانائی کی ضروریات پوری ہو سکتی ہیں اسی طرح پاکستان ترکمانستان اور خطے کے دیگر ملکوں کو سمندر تک زمینی راہداری فراہم کر سکتا ہے جو خطے کی معاشی ترقی کے لئے اہم ہے۔

اسلام آباد + لاہور (فہمائندہ خصوصی + خصوصی رپورٹر + آن لائن) چین کے وزیر خارجہ وانگ ڈی نے گذشتہ روز وزیر اعظم نواز شریف، آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف، سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری اور وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف سے ملاقاتیں کیں۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے ملاقات میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ چین کے صدر جن پنگ کے دورہ پاکستان کے منتظر ہیں اور حکومت کو یقین ہے کہ اس اہم دورہ پاکستان سے دونوں ممالک میں دائمی پارٹنرشپ مزید مستحکم ہوگی۔ اس موقع پر چینی وزیر خارجہ نے کہا کہ ان کے دورہ پاکستان کا مقصد صدر جن پنگ کے دورہ پاکستان کی تیاری کرنا ہے، وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ پاکستان پاک چین اقتصادی کوریڈور منصوبے کو بہت اہمیت دیتا ہے۔ پاکستان میں تجارت کرنے والے چینی باشندوں کی سکیورٹی حکومت کی اولین ترجیح ہے، چینی وزیر خارجہ نے وزیر اعظم کو چینی صدر کی جانب سے نیک خواہشات کا پیغام پہنچایا۔ انہوں نے کہا چینی صدر پاکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات کو اہمیت دیتے ہیں، دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کا عفریت ہمارا مشترکہ دشمن ہے اس چیلنج کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لئے چین پاکستان کے ساتھ تعاون جاری رکھے گا۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے کہا کہ اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے سے دونوں ممالک کے عوام ایک دوسرے کے قریب آئیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چین ہمارا مخلص دوست ہے چین کی دوستی پر ہمیں فخر ہے اور چینی بھائیوں کے ساتھ دوستی اور تجارتی تعلقات کا استحکام ہماری خارجہ پالیسی کا اہم جزو ہے، انہوں نے اس عزم کا اظہار بھی کیا کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان تعلقات کو مزید مستحکم اور مضبوط کیا جائے گا۔ چینی وزیر خارجہ نے کہا کہ چین پاکستان کے ساتھ تعلقات کو انتہائی اہمیت دیتا ہے، چین پاکستان میں جاری ترقیاتی منصوبوں کو جلد از جلد مکمل کرے گا اور پاکستان کو توانائی بحران سے نکالنے کے لئے چین ہر ممکن تعاون کرے گا۔ دریں اثناء وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے وانگ ڈی سے ملاقات میں کہا کہ چین پاکستان کی تعمیر و ترقی میں بے پایاں تعاون لائق تحسین ہے۔ چین پاکستان کا ایسا مخلص اور با اعتماد دوست ہے جو مشکل کی ہر گھڑی میں پاکستان کے ساتھ کھڑا رہا ہے۔ پاک چین دوستی ہمالیہ سے بلند، شہد سے میٹھی، فولاد سے زیادہ مضبوط اور سمندر سے زیادہ گہری ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ چینیوں رجوع میں معدنی ذخائر کی تلاش کا کام بھی شفاف عمل کے ذریعے چین کی کمپنی کو دیا گیا۔ پنجاب

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تفصیلات

پنوعاقل + گھوٹکی (نامہ نگاران) وفاقی وزیر مملکت پانی و بجلی عابد شیر علی کی ہدایت پر سیکیونو عاقل کا گریڈ آپریشن، 70 سے زائد دیہات کی بجلی منقطع جبکہ بلوں کی عدم ادائیگی پر 40 سے زائد ٹرانسفارمر اتار لئے گئے جبکہ گھوٹکی ایس ڈی او او ایڈ ایسیکونو کی ہدایت پر بجلی کے غیر قانونی کنکشن کے خلاف آپریشن کرتے ہوئے سو سے زائد کنکشن منقطع کر دیئے گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق پنوعاقل: سیکیو کے ایس ڈی او معراج شیخ، لائن سپرنٹنڈنٹ فیاض احمد بھٹو، ربنواز کورائی، دلدار جتوئی، اکبر بھٹو اور دیگر عملے نے بلوں کی عدم ادائیگی اور بجلی چوری کے خلاف گریڈ آپریشن کرتے ہوئے مختلف دیہات چوگھا، غلام علی، مہیسر، بانجی، سلطانپور اور دیگر علاقوں کی بجلی منقطع کر دی اور ان علاقوں کے 40 سے زائد ٹرانسفارمر بھی اپنی تحویل میں لے لئے۔ اس موقع پر ایس ڈی او معراج شیخ نے بتایا کہ ان علاقوں کے صارفین کی طرف کروڑوں روپے کے بتایا جات ہیں، صارفین کو بار بار بتایا جاتا ہے کہ ادائیگی کے لئے کہا گیا لیکن بجلی کے بلوں کی عدم ادائیگی پر یہ آپریشن کیا گیا۔ گھوٹکی: اے سی سیکیو سکھر عبدالغفار ماو اور ایسیکونو گھوٹکی منظور حسین سومرو کی ہدایت پر ایس ڈی او او ایڈ ایسیکونو تاج محمد ماو نے اپنی ٹیم رمضان ملک، ابراہیم کورائی اور دیگر عملے کے ہمراہ بجلی چوری کی روک تھام کیلئے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں حسین بیل چوک، محلہ انور آباد، رحموالی، قادریا فیکٹری، لیڈیز مارکیٹ اور کچے کے 30 گاؤں فرید ملک، گاؤں لوبی پل، گاؤں محمد پور، گاؤں جنگل خان اور دیگر میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 700 سے زائد ڈائریکٹ، نان ہیٹڈ غیر قانونی کنکشن منقطع کر کے تار ضبط کر لئے۔ اس موقع پر میڈیا سے بات چیت کرتے ہوئے ایس ڈی او تاج محمد ماو نے کہا کہ بجلی چوروں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن شروع کر دیا گیا ہے جبکہ 7 لاکھ روپے کے بتایا جات کی وصولی بھی کی گئی ہے۔

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) کمنشنر کراچی شعیب احمد صدیقی نے کہا ہے کہ غیر سرکاری تنظیموں اور تعلیم اداروں کو چاہئے کہ وہ اپنی غیر نصابی سرگرمیوں میں ثقافتی سرگرمیوں کو بھی فروغ دیں، زیادہ سے زیادہ ایسے پروگرام کریں جن کے ذریعے طلبہ اور نوجوانوں کی تخلیقی صلاحیتیں اجاگر ہوں اور کراچی سے محبت اور اس شہر کو اپنانے کا جذبہ ان میں پروان چڑھے۔ وہ سلطان آباد میں دی اسپانز نامی تنظیم کے زیر اہتمام مختلف اسکولوں کے بچوں کیلئے امن اور بھائی چارے کے موضوع پر تین روزہ پروگرام آئی ایم کراچی کے افتتاح کے موقع پر خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ آئی ایم کراچی پروگرامز کا دائرہ وسیع کرنے کی ضرورت ہے، ان سے کراچی میں امن اور بھائی چارہ پھیل رہا ہے۔ اس موقع پر سانحہ پشاور کو تباہ حال عمارتوں اور مقامات کی تصاویر کے ذریعے اجاگر کیا گیا، جبکہ بچوں نے اپنی فنی صلاحیتوں کا مظاہرہ کیا۔ کمنشنر نے بچوں کی کراچی کو پر امن بنانے کی سوچ کو سراہا اور ان میں انعامات تقسیم کئے۔ کمنشنر کو بتایا گیا کہ آئی ایم کراچی تھیٹر کے ذریعے بچوں میں ملک اور کراچی سے محبت کا جذبہ اجاگر کرنے کیلئے امن اور بھائی چارے کے موضوعات پر مبنی تھیٹر دکھائے جائیں گے۔

پشاور: بیر پختونخوا میں سرطان کا مرض تیزی سے پھیلنے لگا ہے، مردوں میں گلے، زبان اور پیچھے پھوڑوں کے سرطان کی بیماریاں سامنے آرہی ہیں۔ طبی ماہرین کے مطابق کینسر کے مرلیضوں میں 80 فیصد منہ، زبان اور گلے کے سرطان میں مبتلا ہیں۔ کینسر کا مرض عموماً 60 سال کی عمر کے مردوں میں پایا جاتا ہے۔ جن کی اہم وجوہات میں سگریٹ نوشی اور پان چھالیہ کا استعمال اور متوازن خوراک کی کمی ہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق زبان کے کینسر کی علامات میں سوزش، رسولی، جڑے کا سکڑ جانا اور گلٹیاں بننا شامل ہیں

تھرپارکر: تھرپارکر میں غذائی قلت اور مختلف امراض میں مبتلا ہو کر 4 بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق سول اسپتال مٹھی میں 3 دن اور 3 ماہ کی بچی اور 15 دن کا بچہ زندگی کی بازی ہار گیا، جبکہ چھاپھر کے نوجوانی گاؤں میں 15 دن کا بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ رواں ماہ انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 15 ہو گئی۔ بدلتے موسم سے بھی بچوں میں موسمی برائیوں میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔

پشاور: خیر پختونخوا میں خسرہ کے بڑھتے ہوئے کینسر کے پیش نظر صوبے کے 7 جنوبی اضلاع میں رہائش پذیر آئی ڈی پی بچوں کے لئے 5 روزہ خصوصی انسداد خسرہ مہم آج سے شروع کر دی گئی۔ محکمہ صحت حکام کے مطابق خیر پختونخوا کے جنوبی اضلاع کی مروت، ٹانک، ڈی آئی خان، کوہاٹ، بنوں، اور بنکو میں پانچ روزہ خصوصی انسداد خسرہ مہم آج سے شروع ہو گئی ہے۔ مہم کے دوران ڈی آئی پی بچے کے ایک لاکھ سے زیادہ بچوں کو خسرہ سے بچاؤ کے ٹیکے لگائے جائیں گے۔ محکمہ صحت حکام کے مطابق خسرہ مہم شروع کرنے کا مقصد بچوں کو اس موذی بیماری سے بچانا اور مرض کے پھیلاؤ کو روکنا

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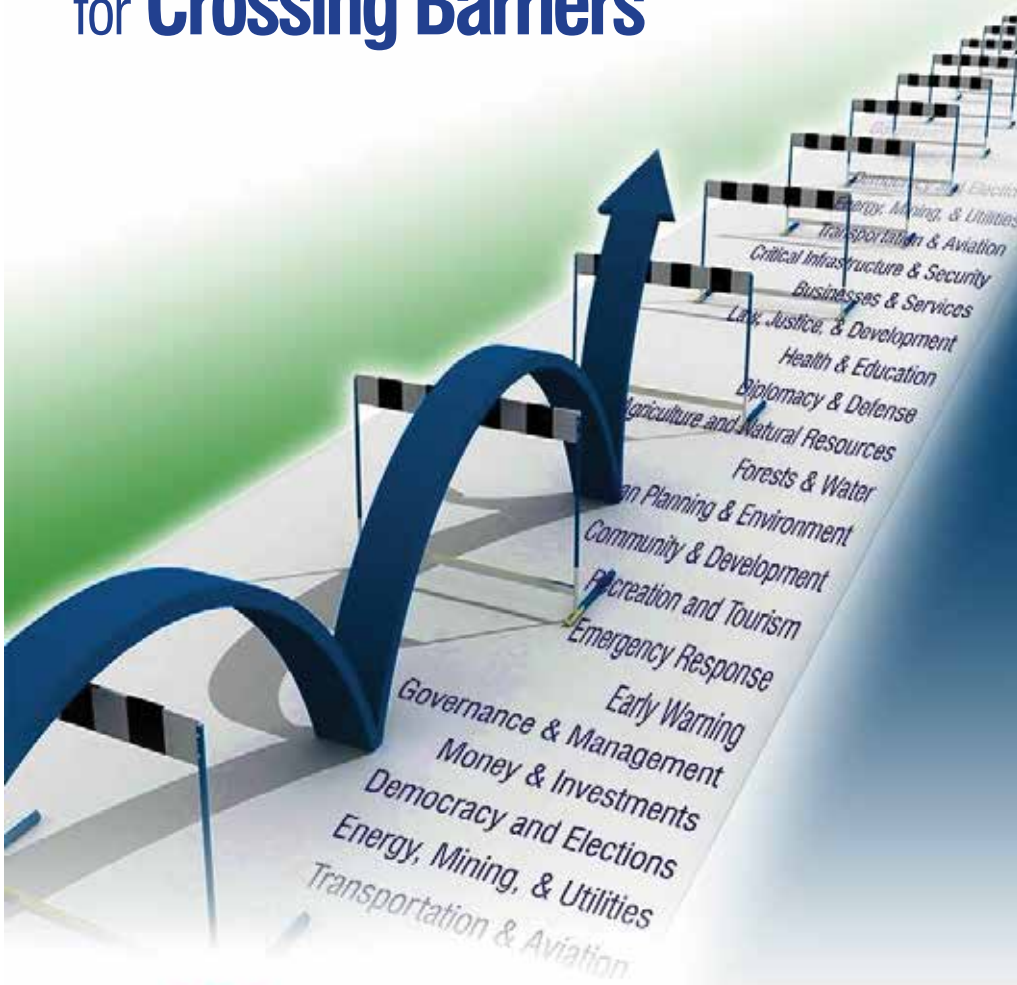
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خلاف قانون کے تحت بلا امتیاز کارروائی جاری رکھی جائے اور صوبائی پرائس کنٹرول کمیٹی ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں اور اشیائے ضروریہ کی قیمتوں میں کمی کیلئے کئے جانے والے اقدامات کی باقاعدہ مانیٹرنگ جاری رکھے اور روزانہ کی بنیاد پر رپورٹ پیش کی جائے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے صوبائی وزراء اور متعلقہ حکام کو ہدایت کی کہ قیمتوں میں کمی کے حوالے سے کئے جانے والے اقدامات کا خود موقع پر جاکر جائزہ لیں۔

لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر) سکولوں میں کسی بھی ایمر جنسی کی صورت میں سیوریٹی اداروں کو بروقت اطلاع دینے کے لئے سکولوں کے پرنسپلز اور سینئر ٹیچرز کو ایک ہزار کے قریب خصوصی سمر فرائم کی گئی ہیں جس میں مخصوص نمبر ملانے پر پولیس، اینٹی دہشت گردی فورس و دیگر سیوریٹی ادارے چند منٹ میں پہنچ جائیں گے۔ لاہور کے ٹیچروں اور پرنسپلز کو مجموعی طور پر 6 ہزار سے زائد خصوصی سمیں دی جائیں گی۔ ایمر جنسی کی صورت میں نمبر *55# ملانے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔ ابتدائی طور پر صوبائی دارالحکومت کے سکولوں کے ٹیچرز اور پرنسپلز کو خصوصی سمیں دی گئیں جو آئندہ چند دنوں میں پنجاب کے دیگر اضلاع کے ٹیچرز اور پرنسپلز کو دی جائیں گی۔

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تفتیش کے دوران ملزم نے اعتراف کیا ہے کہ وہ 12 مئی کو شاہراہ فیصل پر واقع بلوچ ہل کے قریب ہلاکتوں میں ملوث ہے اور اس نے منظور کالونی کے رہائشی عامر کی سربراہی میں یہ واردات کی تھی جبکہ متحدہ قومی موومنٹ نے عبدالرفیق کی گرفتاری کی مذمت کی تھی۔ بی بی سی کے مطابق محمود آباد سے ایم کیو ایم کے رکن قومی اسمبلی سید علی رضا عابدی نے ایک ٹوئٹ میں کہا ہے کہ 53 سالہ عبدالرفیق چھ بچوں کا والد اور سٹیٹ بینک میں گریڈ 18 کے اکاؤنٹنٹ تھے۔ اگر وہ ریجنرز کے مطابق خطرناک ملزم ہے تو پھر بجائے مفروضے کے گھر میں کیوں موجود تھا۔ یاد رہے 12 مئی 2007 کو سابق چیف جسٹس افتخار محمد چوہدری معزولی کے بعد کراچی دورے پر پہنچے تھے لیکن اس روز شہر میں ہنگامہ آرائی اور سیاسی جماعتوں کے کارکنوں میں تصادم کے نتیجے میں کئی کارکن ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ علاوہ ازیں سٹیٹ بینک کے ترجمان نے تصدیق کی ہے کہ سانحہ 12 مئی کیس میں گرفتار ملزم عبدالرفیق ولد عبدالکحیم سٹیٹ بینک میں جو نیوز افسر ہے۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف کی زیر صدارت گزشتہ روز صوبائی اسپیکس کمیٹی کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں دہشت گردی کے خلاف نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کے حوالے سے کئے جانے والے اقدامات کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ اسپیکس کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت صوبے میں انسداد دہشت گردی کیلئے کئے جانے والے موثر اقدامات پر اطمینان کا اظہار کیا گیا اور پنجاب میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر مزید موثر انداز میں عملدرآمد یقینی بنانے کے حوالے سے مربوط اقدامات پر اتفاق کیا گیا۔ کور کمانڈر لاہور لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید زمان، صوبائی وزیر داخلہ کرنل (ر) شجاع خانزادہ، چیف سیکرٹری، ڈی جی ریجنل پنجاب میجر جنرل خان طاہر جاوید خان، جنرل آفیسر کمانڈنگ 10 ڈویژن میجر جنرل عامر عباسی، انسپٹر جنرل پولیس، سیکرٹری داخلہ اور اسپیکس کمیٹی کے دیگر ممبران نے اجلاس میں شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں دہشت گردی کے خلاف نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت کئے جانے والے اقدامات پر مزید تیز رفتاری سے پیش رفت کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا۔ شہباز شریف نے صوبائی اسپیکس کمیٹی کے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کے حوالے سے کئے جانے والے اقدامات نتیجہ خیز ثابت ہو رہے ہیں۔ تمام متعلقہ ادارے بہترین کوآرڈینیشن کے تحت فرائض سرانجام دے رہے ہیں۔ پنجاب حکومت نے نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت انسداد دہشت گردی کیلئے متعلقہ اداروں کے ساتھ مل کر فوری اور بروقت اقدامات کئے ہیں اور قوانین میں ضروری ترامیم کر کے سزائوں کو سخت کیا گیا ہے۔ پاک افواج، پولیس اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے دیگر اداروں کے موثر اقدامات کے باعث دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں کامیابیاں حاصل ہو رہی ہیں۔ پوری قوم نے دہشت گردی، انتہا پسندی اور فرقہ واریت کو ہمیشہ ہمیشہ کیلئے کچلنے کا پختہ عزم کر لیا ہے۔ قوم کے اتحاد کی قوت سے دہشت گردوں اور انتہا پسندوں کو عبرتناک شکست دیں گے اور پاکستان کو دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی سے پاک کر کے دم لیں گے۔ سفاک درندوں نے پشاور میں معصوم بچوں کو بدترین بربریت کا نشانہ بنایا جس پر پوری قوم غمزدہ ہے، دہشت گردی کے اس المناک واقعہ پر ہر آنکھ اشکبار اور ہر دل زخمی ہے۔ پاکستان کو دہشت گردوں کے ناپاک وجود سے ہمیشہ ہمیشہ کیلئے پاک کرنے کا وقت آن پہنچا ہے اور پوری قوم دہشت گردی کے ناسور کے خاتمے کیلئے بیدار اور متحد ہو چکی ہے۔ اتفاق اور یگانگت کا مثالی مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے وطن عزیز سے دہشت گردوں کو ہمیشہ کیلئے نیست و نابود کر کے امن کا گہوارہ بنائیں گے۔ سفاک درندوں کیخلاف فیصلہ کن ایکشن کیا جا رہا ہے اور پوری قوم افواج پاکستان اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں ساتھ سیہ پلائی ہوئی دیوار کی طرح کھڑی ہے۔ آج پاکستانی قوم میں نیا جذبہ، عزم اور بھرپور قوت موجود ہے اور یہی لمحہ دہشت گردی کے ناسور کے خلاف فیصلہ کن کارروائی کا ہے جس میں صرف جیت ہی واحد آپشن ہے اور انشاء اللہ ہم سب قوم کی توقعات پر پورا اتریں گے، پاکستان کو بچانے کی جنگ ہر قیمت پر جیتیں گے۔ پاکستان کے پاس دنیا کی بہترین تربیت یافتہ فوج ہے جو اندرونی اور بیرونی چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کی بھرپور صلاحیت رکھتی ہے اور انشاء اللہ افواج پاکستان پوری قوم کی تائید اور حمایت سے امن کے دشمنوں کو شکست فاش دیں گی اور ملک دشمنوں کے مذموم عزائم کو ہر صورت ناکام بنائیں گی۔ عوام کے جان و مال کے تحفظ کیلئے موجودہ غیر معمولی صورتحال کے پیش نظر غیر معمولی اقدامات کیے جا رہے ہیں اور ان غیر معمولی اقدامات کے حوصلہ افزاء نتائج سامنے آرہے ہیں۔ دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ ہماری آئندہ نسلوں کی بقاء کی جنگ ہے اور ہم سب نے ملکر پاکستان کا کھویا ہوا امن اسے ہر قیمت پر لوٹانے کا عزم کر لیا ہے اور فیصلہ کر لیا ہے کہ دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کیلئے پاک سرزمین پر کوئی جگہ نہیں۔ قوم کے پختہ عزم سے ہمیشہ ہمیشہ کیلئے دہشت گردی کا قلع قمع کریں گے۔ مزید برآں شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں ریکارڈ کی کے ثمرات صوبے کے عوام کو منتقل کئے جا رہے ہیں۔ پنجاب حکومت کے موثر اور بروقت اقدامات کے باعث ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں کے ساتھ اشیائے ضروریہ کی قیمتوں میں بھی کمی واقع ہوئی ہے۔ قیمتوں میں کمی کے حوالے سے اقدامات تسلسل کے ساتھ جاری رہنے چاہئیں تاکہ عوام کو زیادہ سے زیادہ ریلیف مل سکے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ محمد شہباز شریف نے ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے گزشتہ روز ویڈیو لنک کے ذریعے سول سیکرٹریٹ میں منعقدہ پرائس کنٹرول کمیٹی کے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا جس میں پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتیں کم ہونے کے بعد اشیائے ضروریہ کی قیمتوں اور ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں میں کمی لانے کے اقدامات پر عملدرآمد کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ شہباز شریف نے اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ عوام کو ریلیف کی فراہمی میں سستی یا غفلت برداشت نہیں۔ عوام کا مفاد سب سے زیادہ عزیز ہے، کسی کو عوام کا استحصال نہیں کرنے دوں گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے ہدایت کی کہ اوپر چار جنگ کرنے والوں کے

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بھول گیا۔ میری حکام سے گزارش ہے کہ سیکورٹی صورتحال کو بہتر بنانے کیلئے اساتذہ کی بجائے سیکورٹی اداروں سے ہی مدد لی جائے اور اساتذہ کو ان کی درس و تدریس کی ذمہ داریاں ہی نبھانے دیں، ان پر اضافی بوجھ نہ ڈالیں۔

سکھر (پور پورٹ) سنی تحریک کے مرکزی رہنما اور رویت ہلال کمیٹی کے رکن حافظ محبوب علی سہتو نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت دہشت گردی کے خاتمہ کے لئے بلا امتیاز آپریشن جاری رکھے، دہشت گردی کے واقعات نے ملک کو تباہی کے دہانے پر پہنچا دیا ہے، سنی تحریک دہشت گردی کے خلاف آپریشن کی مکمل حمایت کرتی ہے۔ وہ اپنے دفتر میں کارکنوں کے اجلاس سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر ضلعی کنوینر خرم شہزاد اور دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سانحہ 12 مئی سمیت دیگر تمام سانحات کی منصفانہ تحقیقات کرائی جائے اور ملوث ملزمان کو بے نقاب کیا جائے۔

قومی اسمبلی کے اجلاس میں خطاب کرتے ہوئے چودھری ثار نے کہا کہ پاکستان گزشتہ تیرہ سال سے دہشت گردی کا نشانہ بن رہا، آٹھ سے دس دھماکے روز کے معمول بن چکے تھے، پہلی مرتبہ سویلین حکومت نے تمام پارٹیوں کی مشاورت کیساتھ مذاکرات کا آغاز کیا چودھری ثار نے کہا کہ نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت ملک بھر میں سولہ زار سے زائد آپریشن کیے گئے جس کے دوران بارہ ہزار افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا، انٹیلیجنس معلومات پر پانچ سو آپریشن ہوئے اور دہشت گرد کارروائیوں کو روکا گیا وفاقی وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ دہشت گرد غیر قانونی سموں کو ہتھیار کے طور پر استعمال کر رہے تھے، ملک میں تیرہ کروڑ صارفین سمیں استعمال کر رہے ہیں، ان میں سے تین کروڑ سموں کی تصدیق ہو چکی ہے، وفاقی وزیر داخلہ کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ بائیس دہشت گردوں کو پھانسی دی جا چکی ہے، سترہ کے کیسز زیر غور ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم نے اپنے نہیں دشمنوں کے حوصلے پست کرنے ہیں، دہشت گردی کیخلاف پوری قوم متحد ہے۔

بڈھ بیر پولیس نے علاقہ غیر سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ پنجاب اسمگل کرنے کی کوشش ناکام بناتے ہوئے ایک ملزم کو گرفتار کر لیا پولیس کے مطابق مخبر کی اطلاع پر بڈھ بیر پولیس نے کوہاٹ روڈ پر ناکہ بندی کے دوران ایک ٹرک کے خفیہ خانوں میں چھپائی گئی پانچ سو رائفلیں سو کلاشنکوفیں اور ہزاروں کارتوس برآمد کر لیے مزارعہ علاقہ غیر سے پنجاب اسمگل کیا جا رہا تھا۔ پولیس نے ایک ملزم کو گرفتار کر کے تفتیش شروع کر دی، ادھر بنگرام میں پولیس اور سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی کے دوران 12 افراد گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ و بارود برآمد کر لیا گیا۔

ذرائع کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے نواحی علاقے میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے دہشت گردوں کیخلاف سرچ آپریشن کیا اس دوران سیکورٹی فورسز اور دہشت گردوں کے درمیان فائرنگ کا تبادلہ ہوا جس کے نتیجے میں سات دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے، سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والوں میں کالعدم تنظیم کے تین اہم کمانڈر بھی شامل ہیں، دوسری جانب ڈیرہ مراد جمالی میں گنئی قبیلے سے تعلق رکھنے والے دس افراد نے سیکورٹی فورسز کے سامنے ہتھیار ڈال دیئے، ان افراد کا تعلق کالعدم فراری تنظیم سے ہے، ایف سی کرمل احسن رضاییدی کے مطابق ان افراد سے دس کلاشنکوف، پچاس کلو دھماکا خیز مواد اور سترہ رائفمز برآمد کیے گئے ہیں۔

لاہور میں مسلم لیگ کے عہدیداروں سے ملاقات کے دوران شہباز شریف کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کیلئے سخت فیصلے کئے گئے ہیں، دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی نے ملک کو بہت نقصان پہنچایا، انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب میں بعض قوانین میں ترامیم کر کے سزائوں کو سخت کیا گیا ہے، دہشت گردی کا خاتمہ پوری قوم کی آواز ہے، وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کا کہنا تھا کہ ملک کی ترقی اور امن کے دشمنوں کے خلاف فیصلہ کن جنگ لڑی جا رہی ہے۔ دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں فتح عوام کی ہوگی۔

کراچی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نیٹ نیوز) کراچی میں انسداد دہشت گردی کی خصوصی عدالت نے سانحہ 12 مئی میں ملوث ایم کیو ایم محمود آباد کے سیکٹر انچارج عبدالرفیق راجپوت عرف کالیاں 90 روز کے رہمانڈ پر ریجنل جج کے حوالے کر دیا۔ ملزم کو پیر کی صبح سخت سیکورٹی میں چرے پر کپڑا ڈال کر جج سلیم رضا بلوچ کی عدالت میں پیش کیا گیا۔ ریجنل جج کے لئے افسر نے عدالت کو آگاہ کیا کہ ملزم سے دہشت گردی کے واقعات کی مزید پوچھ گچھ کرنی ہے اس لئے انسداد دہشت گردی ایکٹ کے تحت اس کو 90 روز کیلئے ریجنل جج کے حوالے کیا جائے جس پر عدالت نے استدعا منظور کر لی اور پانچ منٹ کے اندر کارروائی مکمل کر کے ملزم کو دوبارہ ریجنل جج کے حوالے کر دیا گیا۔ ساعت کے بعد گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ایم کیو ایم کے وکیل محمد جیوانی نے کہا کہ ریجنل جج نے غیر قانونی انداز میں عبدالرفیق کو پیش کیا، وہ اسلئے سمیت عدالت میں داخل ہوئے اور کمرے عدالت میں بھی موجود رہے اور ملزم کا چہرہ بھی ڈھانپ کر پیش کیا گیا۔ واضح رہے ریجنل جج نے گزشتہ شب محمود آباد کے علاقے سے عبدالرفیق کی گرفتاری کرتے ہوئے دعویٰ کیا تھا کہ ابتدائی

دہشت گردی کے خاتمہ کیلئے بلا امتیاز آپریشن جاری رکھا جائے، حافظ محبوب سہتو

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ایکشن پلان کے تحت سولہ ہزار

آپریشن کیے گئے

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پشاور اور بنگرام میں پولیس اور سیکورٹی فورسز نے کارروائی کے کرتے

ہوئے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ اور بارود

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کوئٹہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران کالعدم تنظیم کے

تین کمانڈروں سمیت 7 دہشت گردوں

کو ہلاک کر دیا

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شہباز شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گردی اور فرقہ واریت ملک کی ترقی میں

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سانحہ 12 مئی کا ملزم متحدہ کاسٹیکر انچارج 90 روزہ رہمانڈ پر ریجنل جج کے حوالے

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حاصل کر کے ملزمان کو ٹریس کیا جا رہا ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں ذرائع کے مطابق پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ایک ملزم کو گرفتار کر کے تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا ہے جبکہ دیگر ملزمان کی گرفتاری کیلئے چھاپے مارے جا رہے ہیں۔ علاوہ ازیں خبرنگار کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے لاہور کے علاقے بادامی باغ میں ڈاکٹر پر فائرنگ کے واقعہ کا نوٹس لیتے انسپکٹر جنرل پولیس سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے ہدایت کی ہے ڈاکٹر پر فائرنگ کرنے والے عناصر کو فی الفور گرفتار کر کے قانون کے تحت کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے اور زخمی ڈاکٹر کو علاج معالجے کی بہترین سہولتیں فراہم کی جائیں۔

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) امن کا قیام کسی بھی ملک اور معاشرے کی ترقی، استحکام اور سالمیت کے لئے انتہائی لازمی ہے اور جو ملک اور معاشرے دہشت گردی، مذہبی جنونیت اور فرقہ واریت کی بھیینٹ چڑھ جاتے ہیں وہ صفحہ ہستی سے مٹ جاتے ہیں پاکستان کو زبردستی دہشت گردی، مذہبی جنونیت اور فرقہ واریت کی آگ میں جھونکا گیا ہے۔ معاشرے کے تمام طبقات بلا امتیاز مذہب اور سیاسی افکار و نظریات سے بالاتر ہو کر پاکستان کی سلامتی اور بقا کے لئے متحد ہو جائیں۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار مختلف مقررین نے امن اور پاکستان کے موجودہ حالات کے موضوع پر ایک سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ سیمینار کا اہتمام آغاز فاؤنڈیشن نے امید جوان پروگرام کے تعاون سے کیا تھا۔ سیمینار سے چیئرمین پنجاب علماء امن کمیٹی ڈاکٹر مفتی عقیل الرحمن پیرزادہ، حسین نقی، محمد عبدالصبور، ایم پی اے فرزانہ بٹ، ڈاکٹر عارفہ صفحہ خان، عبداللہ ملک، سلمان عابد، نے بھی خطاب کیا۔

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) جمعیت علماء پاکستان اور اہلسنت کی دیگر جماعتوں اور تنظیموں نے پنجاب حکومت کی طرف سے اذان سے قبل درود و سلام پر پابندی، مساجد کی کمیٹیوں کو ہر اسال کرنے، علماء کی گرفتاریوں اور لاؤڈ سپیکر آرڈیننس کے نام پر مساجد کیخلاف کریک ڈاؤن کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہوئے انتباہ کیا ہے کہ 48 گھنٹے کے اندر اگر گرفتار علماء کو رہا نہ کیا گیا، اسمبلی فائر آرڈی نینس واپس نہ لیا گیا تو 14 فروری کو احتجاجی ریلی اور اسمبلی ہال کے سامنے گرفتاریاں پیش کی جائیں گی۔ اس امر کا اعلان پریس کلب میں ایک پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے جے یو پی کے مرکزی رہنماء علامہ قاری محمد زوار بہادر نے کیا۔ اس موقع پر سنی اتحاد کونسل، جماعت اہلسنت، مرکزی جماعت اہلسنت، پاکستان سنی تحریک، تحفظ ناموس رسالت محاذ، تحریک صراط مستقیم، مفتی محمد کریم خان، حافظ نصیر احمد نورانی، مولانا محمد علی، مولانا رشید نعیمی، مفتی نعیم نوری، رشید رضوی اور دیگر بھی موجود تھے۔ علاوہ ازیں جامعہ حزب الاحناف و اتاد رہار روڈ لاہور میں اہلسنت کی 20 تنظیموں کا ہنگامی اجلاس ہوا جس میں کہا گیا کہ اذان دینے والوں پر لاؤڈ سپیکر ایکٹ کے تحت ناجائز مقدمے بنائے جا رہے ہیں۔ اجلاس میں مفتی پیر سید مصطفیٰ رضوی، پیر سید معصوم نقوی، سید مختار رضوی، پیر اختر رسول، مفتی غلام حسن، علامہ آصف برکاتی اور دیگر نے شرکت کی۔ علماء نے مطالبہ کیا کہ قاضی مظفر اقبال کو رہا کیا جائے۔ دریں اثناء پی ٹی سیکرٹری جنرل جماعت اسلامی ڈاکٹر فرید احمد پراچہ نے مساجد میں لاؤڈ سپیکر کا استعمال محدود کرنے اور ایک سے زائد لاؤڈ سپیکرز اتروانے کے حکومتی اقدام کی مذمت کی ہے۔

کراچی (کرائم رپورٹر) کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں بدھ کو تشدد اور فائرنگ کے واقعات میں خاتون سمیت 13 افراد ہلاک اور 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے نارتھ ناظم آباد میں اصغر علی شاہ سٹیڈیم کے نزدیک نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے 30 سالہ یاسمین ہلاک ہو گئی۔ میرندی سے ایک شخص کی غرض ملی جسے تشدد کر کے ہلاک کیا گیا تھا تاہم شناخت نہیں ہو سکی۔ اورنگی ٹاؤن کے علاقے گلشن بہار میں مہاجر چوک پر موٹر سائیکل سواروں کی فائرنگ سے 50 سالہ خان مسیح ہلاک اور خشک میوہ فروخت کرنے والا محمد ولی زخمی ہو گیا۔ میٹروپولیٹن فائرنگ سے 55 سالہ محمد انیس جبکہ صدر میں پاسپورٹ آفس کے قریب 35 سالہ امان اللہ مزید بر آں ٹیبل پاڑہ میں 30 سالہ رضوان زخمی ہو گیا۔

پشاور (نوائے وقت رپورٹر) خیبر پی کے میں دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں صوبے کی تاریخ میں پہلی بار خواتین کمانڈوز بھی میدان میں اتر آئیں۔ جدید اور بھاری اسلحہ سے لیس خواتین کمانڈوز دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیخلاف پر عزم ہیں۔ باہمت خواتین تربیت حاصل کر رہی ہیں۔ شین گن، راکٹ لانچر اور گرنیڈ لانچر، جدید اسلحہ سے لیس خواتین کمانڈوز دہشت گردی کیخلاف جنگ میں حصہ لینے کیلئے تیار ہیں۔ ایک خاتون کمانڈو نے بتایا کہ جب آئی جی نے اعلان کیا کہ جو خواتین رضا کارانہ طور پر کمانڈوز بننا چاہتی ہیں وہ آجائیں تو ہم بہت جوش میں آ گئیں۔ اس سے بہتر چانس کوئی بھی نہیں۔

اس وقت ہماری ترجیح ملک کا مستقبل یعنی طالبعلموں کو دہشت گردی سے بچانا ہے۔ اسی لئے تمام تعلیمی اداروں کو خصوصی طور پر سیکورٹی کا بہترین انتظام کرنے کا کہا گیا ہے لیکن اس کے ساتھ قلم کے ہتھیار کو پس پشت ڈال دیا گیا ہے حالانکہ قلم تو بذات خود ایک بہت بڑا ہتھیار ہے لیکن اساتذہ کو حقیقی ہتھیار یعنی بندوق استعمال کرنے کا کہا جا رہا ہے اور ایک صوبے میں تو اساتذہ کو بندوقیں سونپ دی گئی ہیں۔ کیا اس سے قلم کا ہتھیار کمزور نہیں ہو گا؟ اگر قلم کا ہتھیار کمزور ہو گا تو نوٹھالوں کا نقصان کس طرح پورا کیا جائے گا اور اگر نوٹھالوں کا یو نہی نقصان ہو تا تو پھر مستقبل کے معماروں کا کیا بنے گا؟ لہذا ابھی وقت ہے، ہمیں ہر شعبے سے وہی کام لینا چاہئے جو اس کا مقصد ہے۔ ورنہ وہی بات ہو گی کہ کو اچلا پنس کی چال اور اپنی چال بھی

پاکستان کو زبردستی دہشت گردی، مذہبی جنونیت اور فرقہ واریت کی آگ میں جھونکا گیا: مقررین

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”اسمبلی فائر آرڈیننس کی آڑ میں مساجد کیخلاف کریک ڈاؤن برداشت نہیں کریں گے“ جے یو پی

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کراچی میں فائرنگ اور تشدد عورت سمیت 3 افراد جاں بحق

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خیبر پی کے: دہشت گردی کیخلاف خواتین کمانڈوز بھی میدان میں

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اساتذہ پر سیکورٹی کی اضافی ذمہ داری؟

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لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) قائم مقام سیکرٹری پنجاب اسمبلی سردار شیر علی خاں گورچانی نے چیئرمین میں گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ انشاء اللہ بہت جلد ملک کو دہشت گردی سے پاک کر کے پاکستان کو ترقی و خوشحالی کی راہ پر گامزن کریں گے۔ مسلم لیگ (ن) کی حکومت نے پٹرول اور ڈیزل کی قیمتیں نیچے لا کر عوام کو بھرپور ریلیف فراہم کیا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے پنجاب اسمبلی اپنے چیئرمین میں اپنے حلقہ کے عوام کے مسائل سننے اور فوری حل کرنے کے لئے لگائی کھلی کچہری میں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے کیا۔

لاہور (پیش روپورٹر) پنجاب سول سیکرٹریٹ میں سیکورٹی کو انتہائی سخت کر دیا گیا۔ چیف سیکرٹری بلاک، وزیر اعلیٰ بلاک کی چھتوں پر ماہر نشانہ بازوں کو تعینات کر دیا گیا۔ تاہم شناختی علامت کے بغیر داخلے پر پابندی عائد کر دی گئی۔ جس کی وجہ سے دور دراز سے آنے والے سالکین شناختی کارڈ نہ ہونے پر شدید پریشانی کا شکار ہوتے ہیں دیواروں پر خار دار تاریں بھی لگا دی گئی ہیں۔ لیکن سول سیکرٹریٹ محکموں کی دیواروں کے ساتھ پارکنگ کو ختم کرنے کے احکامات پر عمل نہیں ہوا سول سیکرٹریٹ سمیت پی اینڈ ڈی کی پرانی بلڈنگ کے سامنے گاڑیاں کھڑی ہوتی ہیں جن کو چیک نہیں کیا جاتا۔ جس سے سیکورٹی پر سوالیہ نشان لگ گیا۔ سول سیکرٹریٹ سیکورٹی ٹاف کے مطابق پولیس اور ضلعی انتظامیہ کا کام باہر کی باؤنڈری میں سیکورٹی فراہم کرنا ہے وہ اس پر توجہ نہیں دیتے۔

کراچی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) کراچی میں پروٹیکشن آف پاکستان ایکٹ پر عملدرآمد شروع ہو گیا۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق اسٹیٹ ایجنٹ مکانات کرائے پر دینے والوں کا ڈیٹا تھانوں میں جمع کرانے کے پابند ہوں گے۔

کراچی (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) پاکستان میری ٹائم سیکورٹی ایجنسی نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے سمندر میں ڈوبنے والے کارگو جہاز سے 8 افراد کو بچا لیا۔ جن کو کراچی کے ساحل پر پہنچا دیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد (بی بی سی) حکومت نے ملک کی اندرونی سیکورٹی کے لیے ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف انٹرئل سیکورٹی کے ادارے کے قیام کو حتمی شکل دے دی ہے اور اس ضمن میں جامع پالیسی مرتب کرنے کے لیے فوج اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں سے ایسے افسروں کے ناموں کی فہرست طلب کی ہے جو شدت پسندی کے سدباب اور کالعدم تنظیموں کے نیٹ ورک کو توڑنے میں ماہر سمجھے جاتے ہیں۔ یہ اقدام شدت پسندی کے خلاف بنائے گئے قومی ایکشن پلان کے تحت اٹھایا گیا ہے اور اس ادارے کی سربراہ انسداد دہشت گردی کے قومی ادارے یعنی نیکیا کے کوارڈینیٹر ہوں گے۔ اس ادارے کا بنیادی مقصد ملک کے خفیہ اداروں کی طرف سے بھیجی جانے والی معلومات کا تجزیہ کرنے کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کو مناسب اقدامات تجویز کرنا ہے۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ایک اہلکار نے نام ظاہر نہ کرنے کی شرط پر بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ اس ادارے میں حاضر سروس اہلکاروں کے علاوہ ریٹائرڈ افسران کی خدمات بھی حاصل کی جائیں گی جو شدت پسندی کے خاتمے کے لیے کام کرتے رہے ہیں۔ اہلکار کے مطابق اس ادارے میں ابتدائی طور پر 317 افراد کو بھرتی کیا جائے گا۔ جن میں بریگیڈیئر اور ڈپٹی انسپکٹر جنرل آف پولیس کے تین تین افسر شامل ہوں گے اس کے علاوہ حاضر سروس یا ریٹائرڈ میجر جنرل کی خدمات بھی حاصل کی جائیں گی۔ وزارت داخلہ کے اہلکار کے مطابق کرل اور ایس ایس پی ریک کے دس دس افسروں کی خدمات بھی حاصل کی جائیں گی۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ذرائع کے مطابق صوبوں کو یہ بھی ہدایت کی گئی ہے کہ وہ ریٹائرڈ پولیس افسروں کے موجودہ سٹیشن اور ان کی سرگرمیوں کے بارے میں بھی آگاہ کریں۔ اہلکار کے مطابق اس ڈائریکٹوریٹ میں ایسے صحافیوں کی خدمات بھی حاصل کی جائیں گی جنہوں نے شدت پسندی اور پاکستان میں کالعدم تنظیموں کے نیٹ ورک پر تحقیقی کام کیا ہے

لاہور (نامہ نگار) بادامی باغ لاری اڈہ پولیس نے بھتہ خوروں کی فائرنگ سے زخمی ہونے والے ڈاکٹر علی رضا کے بیان پر مقدمہ درج کر لیا ہے جبکہ اس واقعہ پر احتجاج کرتے بادامی باغ تاجروں نے گزشتہ روز دکانیں بند رکھیں اور ناز جلا کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ زخمی ڈاکٹر نے پولیس کو گزشتہ روز بیان دیا بھتہ خوروں نے فون پر پانچ لاکھ روپے کا مطالبہ کیا اور دھمکیاں دیں اگر رقم ادانہ کی تو اہل خانہ سمیت قتل کر دیا جائیگا۔ تاجر ڈاکٹر علی رضا بادامی باغ میں لوہے کے بیرنگ کی فروخت کاروبار بھی کرتا تھا۔ واقعہ پر احتجاج کرتے ہوئے بادامی باغ تاجروں نے گزشتہ روز احتجاجی طور پر دکانیں بند رکھیں اور ناز جلا کر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ پولیس نے بتایا ملزمان کے خلاف دہشت گردی سمیت دیگر دفعات کے تحت مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے جبکہ فون ریکارڈ

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دہشت گردی کا جلد خاتمہ کر دیں گے: شیر علی گورچانی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 فروری 2015

سیکرٹریٹ کی دیواروں کے ساتھ پارکنگ، سیکورٹی پر سوالیہ نشان لگ گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 فروری 2015

کراچی میں تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ پر عملدرآمد شروع

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 فروری 2015

پاکستان میری ٹائم سیکورٹی ایجنسی نے ڈوبنے والے کارگو جہاز سے 8 افراد کو بچا لیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 فروری 2015

ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف انٹرئل سیکورٹی کیلئے انسداد دہشت گردی کے ماہر افسروں کے نام طلب

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 فروری 2015

بادامی باغ، ڈاکٹر کو فائرنگ کر کے زخمی کر نیوالے بھتہ خوروں پر مقدمہ، تاجروں کا مظاہرہ، وزیر اعلیٰ نے واقعہ کا نوٹس لے لیا

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تفصیلات

کرم ایجنسی: کرم ایجنسی میں بم دھماکے میں خاتون جاں بحق اور بچوں اور خواتین سمیت 14 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ پولیٹیکل حکام کے مطابق صدمہ کے بازار میں دھماکا ہوا، دھماکے میں خاتون موقع پر جاں بحق ہو گئی، جبکہ 7 بچوں اور 5 خواتین سمیت 14 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں کو اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ پولیٹیکل حکام کے مطابق واقعے کی تحقیقات کی جا رہی ہے کہ دھماکا کس نوعیت کا تھا۔ ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے لیے بھی کارروائی شروع کر دی گئی۔

پشاور: پشاور میں گزشتہ روز ہونے والے بم دھماکوں کا ایک اور زخمی پشاور کے حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس میں چل بسا۔ جاں بحق افراد کی تعداد 21 ہو گئی۔ حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس انتظامیہ کے مطابق امامیہ مسجد کے 35 زخمیوں کو پشاور کے حیات آباد میڈیکل کمپلیکس منتقل کیا گیا تھا۔ جن میں سے ایک زخمی کاشف زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے چل بسا۔ اسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق اسپتال میں 34 زخمی زیر علاج ہیں۔ واقعہ میں جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد 21 ہو گئی ہے۔

نوشکی: نوشکی میں چیف جسٹس آف بلوچستان جسٹس نور محمد مسکانی کے قافلے کے قریب دھماکا ہوا ہے، تاہم خوش قسمتی سے وہ حملے میں محفوظ رہے ہیں۔ لیویز ذرائع کے مطابق دھماکا نوشکی کے نواحی علاقے احمد وال کے قریب خاران روڈ پر اس وقت پیش آیا جب چیف جسٹس آف بلوچستان ہائی کورٹ جسٹس نور محمد مسکانی کا قافلہ خاران سے نوشکی کی طرف جا رہا تھا، دھماکے میں قافلے میں شامل سیکیورٹی کی گاڑی کو جزوی نقصان پہنچا۔ چیف جسٹس بلوچستان نور محمد مسکانی، ان کا عملہ اور قافلے میں شامل سیکیورٹی اہلکار محفوظ رہے اور خیریت سے نوشکی پہنچ گئے بعد ازاں جسٹس نور محمد مسکانی کو سنبھالنے کے لئے روانہ ہو گئے۔

چار سمدہ: چار سمدہ میں پرانی دشمنی پر مخالفین نے فائرنگ کر کے خاتون سمیت 3 افراد کو قتل کر دیا۔ واقعے میں ایک بچہ بھی زخمی ہوا۔ پولیس کے مطابق تحصیل شب قدر کے علاقے میں دیرینہ دشمنی پر مخالفین نے کار پر فائرنگ کر دی۔ فائرنگ سے خاتون سمیت 3 افراد موقع پر جاں بحق ہوئے اور ایک بچہ زخمی ہوا جبکہ ملزمان فرار ہو گئے۔ مقتولین کار میں پشاور سے شب قدر جا رہے تھے۔ پولیس نے ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے لیے کارروائی شروع کر دی۔

اسلام آباد: پسر اسپتال میں نامعلوم شخص کی فائرنگ سے ماہر امراض قلب شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ پسر اسپتال میں تعینات ماہر امراض قلب ڈاکٹر شاہد نواز مریموں کے معائنے کے بعد عمارت سے باہر ہی نکلے تھے کہ ایک شخص ان پر فائرنگ کر کے فرار ہو گیا۔ ڈاکٹر شاہد نواز کو فوری طور پر سرسری جیکل وارڈ کے شعبہ انتہائی نگہداشت میں منتقل کر کے علاج شروع کر دیا گیا۔ ترجمان پسر اسپتال کا کہنا ہے کہ ڈاکٹر شاہد نواز کو سینے اور سر کے بائیں جانب گولیاں لگی ہیں، جس کی وجہ سے ان کی حالت انتہائی تشویشناک ہے تاہم ان کی زندگی بچانے کے لئے ہر ممکن کوشش کی جا رہی ہے۔ واقعے کے بعد رینجرز نے اسپتال کے تمام دروازے بند کر کے سیکیورٹی کو سخت کر دیا ہے جبکہ پولیس نے جائے وقوعہ سے شواہد جمع کر لیے ہیں۔

پشاور میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے آفتاب احمد شیرپاؤ نے کہا کہ وہاں بات پر یقین رکھتے ہیں سیکیورٹی کی خامیاں اس المناک واقعے کا سبب ہیں دھماکے کی ذمہ داری وفاقی حکومت پر ڈالنا درست نہیں، انہوں نے کہا کہ مقامی افراد نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت دہشت گرد کو دبوچا اور مزید نقصان نہیں ہونے دیا وہ ایسی جرات و بہادری کو سلام پیش کرتے ہیں ایک سوال پر آفتاب شیرپاؤ کا کہنا تھا کہ وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتیں مل کر میکینزم تیار کریں اور انٹیلیجنس شیرنگ کو بہتر بنائیں، انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ وہ سانحہ پشاور کے متاثرین سے بھرپور اظہار یکجہتی کرتے ہیں اور شہداء کی قربانی کو خراج عقیدت پیش کرتے ہیں

ذرائع نے بتایا کہ حادثے کا شکار ہونے والی بد قسمت ترین لائبر سے مسافروں کو لے کر کراچی آرہی تھی کہ حیدر آباد کے قریب دھماکے کے باعث اس کی تین بوگیاں پٹری سے اتر گئیں، جس سے تین افراد جاں بحق اور کئی مسافر معمولی زخمی ہوئے اور انہیں طبی امداد کیلئے مقامی ہسپتال میں داخل کر دیا گیا، امدادی ٹیمیں جائے حادثہ پر پہنچ گئی ہیں اور انہوں نے امدادی کارروائیاں شروع کر دیں، دوسری جانب ڈیرہ مراد جمالی کے علاقے چچتر میں دہشت گردوں نے گندہ پاور کے ہائی ٹرانسمیشن ٹاور کو دھماکے سے اڑا دیا جس سے کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے کئی علاقوں کو بجلی کی فراہمی معطل

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سے تین بوگیاں الٹ گئیں

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

کراچی (اسٹاف رپورٹر) سندھ ہائی کورٹ کے چیف جسٹس مقبول باقر کی سربراہی میں قائم دور کنی شیخ نے سیلاب متاثرین کو سرکاری فلیٹس سے بے دخل کرنے سے متعلق دائر درخواست پر چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو آخری مہلت دیتے ہوئے آئندہ سماعت پر تفصیلی اور جامع رپورٹ پیش کرنے کا حکم دے دیا ہے۔ منگل کو سماعت کے موقع پر ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ جنرل نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ جواب داخل کرنے کے لئے مزید مہلت دی جائے کیونکہ چیف سیکریٹری اور سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے رپورٹ موصول نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ دوران سماعت سندھ ورکرز ویلفیئر بورڈ کی جانب سے ولید خان زادہ نے وکالت نامہ داخل کرتے ہوئے موقف اختیار کیا کہ مذکورہ فلیٹس سندھ ورکرز ویلفیئر بورڈ کے لئے تعمیر کیے گئے تھے تاہم سیلاب زدگان نے قبضہ کر رکھا ہے، جس سے ان کے حقوق متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ عدالت نے فریقین کو 10 روز میں جواب داخل کرانے کا حکم دیتے ہوئے سماعت 20 فروری کے لئے ملتوی کر دی ہے۔ قبل ازیں فلڈ ریلیف کمپ کمیٹی کی جانب سے دائر درخواستوں میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا کہ 2010 کے تباہ کن سیلاب کے بعد سندھ کے مختلف علاقوں سے آنے والے سیلاب متاثرین کو مختلف مقامات پر ٹھہرایا گیا تھا، گلشن معمار میں سندھ ویلفیئر ورکرز بورڈ کے سرکاری فلیٹس اور ماڑی پور میں بھی ہزاروں متاثرین کو ٹھہرایا گیا، جہاں متاثرین نے غیر سرکاری تنظیموں کے تعاون سے بچوں کے کیلئے اسکولز بھی قائم کئے اور نئی زندگی کا آغاز کیا، اخبار میں شائع ہونے والے اشتہار کے مطابق حکومت یہ فلیٹس متاثرین سے خالی کروانا چاہتی ہے، یہاں مقیم متاثرین کی باقاعدہ رجسٹریشن کے بعد ضلعی مالیاتی افسر نے ریلیف کارڈ اور رہائش کا اجازت نامہ بھی جاری کیا تھا بعد ازاں وطن کارڈز بھی جاری کئے گئے، سیلاب متاثرین کا تعلق معتبر گھرانوں سے ہے اور انہیں وعدے کے مطابق متبادل رہائش بھی نہیں دی گئی اور فلیٹس خالی کروائے جا رہے ہیں، متاثرین کو ان کے آبائی علاقوں میں تباہ شدہ مکانات تعمیر کروا کر دیئے جائیں یا متبادل رہائش کا انتظام کیا جائے۔

تھریپارکر.... تھریپارکر میں غذائی قلت کے باعث ایک بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ تھریپارکر میں غذائی قلت اور مختلف امراض میں مبتلا بچوں کی اموات کا سلسلہ نہ رُک سکا۔ اسپتال ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ دو ماہ کا نوید غذائی قلت کے باعث سول اسپتال مٹھی میں انتقال کر گیا جس کے بعد اس ماہ انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 16 ہو گئی ہے۔ بچوں میں موسمی بیماریاں کھانسی اور نمونیہ میں بھی اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔

تھریپارکر.... تھریپارکر میں غذائی قلت اور مختلف امراض میں مبتلا ہو کر 4 بچے انتقال کر گئے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق سول اسپتال مٹھی میں 3 دن اور 3 ماہ کی بچی اور 15 دن کا بچہ زندگی کی بازی ہار گیا، جبکہ چھ چھوٹے نواحی گاؤں میں 15 دن کا بچہ انتقال کر گیا۔ رواں ماہ انتقال کر جانے والے بچوں کی تعداد 15 ہو گئی۔ بدلتے موسم سے بھی بچوں میں موسمی برائیوں میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔

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اسلام آباد: سینیٹ قائمہ کمیٹی برائے سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کے اجلاس میں انکشاف کیا گیا ہے کہ کراچی کے علاقے ملیر کا کچھ حصہ سمندر کا حصہ بن چکا تک بدین اور ٹھٹھہ کے علاقے سمندر میں شامل ہو جائیں گے جبکہ کراچی 2060 تک سمندر میں ڈوب جائے گا، پچھلے 35 سال کے 2050 ہے۔ دوران سندھ اور بلوچستان کے ساحلی علاقے کے 2 کلو میٹر تک سمندر کا حصہ بن چکے ہیں جبکہ سندھ کی 2 لاکھ ایکڑ اراضی بھی سمندر میں ڈوب چکی ہے، بدین کے 31 ہزار ایکڑ پر سمندر پھیل چکا ہے، ارکان کمیٹی نے سمندری سطح کا جائزہ لینے کے لیے پلان بنانے کی سفارش کر دی۔ کمیٹی کا اجلاس پروفیسر ساجد میر کی زیر صدارت ہوا جس میں سمندری پانی کا دریائے سندھ زیریں علاقوں اور بلوچستان کے زیریں وساحلی علاقوں میں داخل اور اس کے اثرات کا تفصیلی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ ڈائریکٹر جنرل این آئی او ڈاکٹر آصف انعام نے بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے بتایا کہ اقوام متحدہ کے ماحولیاتی ادارے اور اس کے علاقائی سمندروں کے پروگرام نے 1989 میں پاکستان کو سمندر کی سطح بلند ہونے والے ممالک میں شامل کیا ہے۔

این آئی او کی رپورٹ کی مطابق سطح سمندر ایک سال میں 1.3 ملی میٹر کے حساب سے پاکستان میں بلند ہوتی جا رہی ہے جس کی وجہ سے ڈیلٹائی علاقے، جاتیاتی، حیاتیاتی زندگی متاثر ہو رہی ہے اور سندھ کے اطراف کی زمین سمندر میں دھنس رہی ہے۔ اس بارے میں اعداد و شمار ہمارے پاس نہیں ہیں۔ سیکریٹری سائنس کا مران علی قریشی نے کہا کہ یہ انتہائی اہم مسئلہ ہے۔ حکومت ایسا لائحہ عمل اختیار کرے کہ ان مسائل کا تدارک کیا جاسکے۔

اسلام آباد: وزارت برائے قومی صحت نے نیشنل انسٹیٹیوٹ آف ہیلتھ کو پولیو کیسز کے حوالے سے میڈیا کو معلومات فراہم کرنے سے روک دیا ہے۔ اس اقدام کی وجہ یہ بتائی جا رہی ہے کہ حکومت اس بڑھتے ہوئے مرض کی روک تھام میں ناکامی کو چھپانے کی کوشش کر رہی ہے۔ گزشتہ سال دنیا میں تصدیق ہونے والے پولیو کیسز میں سے 90 فیصد کیسز پاکستان سے تھے۔

سیکرٹری صحت ایوب شیخ کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ ایک روٹین کا فیصلہ ہے اور ساتھ ہی ساتھ یہ اعلان بھی کیا کہ آئندہ سے پولیو کیسز کی تصدیق کے بارے میں صرف ایمر جنسی آپریٹر سینٹر (ای او سی) ہی معلومات فراہم کرے گا۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ قومی صحت کے ادارے کی وزارت کی جانب سے ایک مراسلہ نیشنل انسٹیٹیوٹ آف ہیلتھ کو لکھا گیا ہے کہ وہ پولیو کیسز کے حوالے سے ای او سی کی کو آگاہ کریں گے۔ جس کے بعد یہ ادارہ پولیو کیسز کی تصدیق کی معلومات وزیر اعظم کے ترجمان، صوبائی حکومتوں، عالمی ادارہ صحت اور یونیسیف کو فراہم کرے گا۔ ان سب کے بعد سرکاری حکام پولیو کیسز کی معلومات ویب سائٹ اور دیگر سوشل میڈیا کے ذریعے عوام کو فراہم کر دے گئے۔

اس خط میں یہ بھی کہا گیا ہے کہ ای او سی کے ترجمان یا حکومت سے منظور شدہ ان کا کوئی فرد ہی میڈیا کو پولیو کیسز کے بارے میں معلومات فراہم کرنے کے مجاز ہو گا۔

ڈان کے نمائندے کے مطابق قومی صحت کی وزارت میں شامل ایک اہم فرد کا کہنا تھا کہ ان اقدامات کا مقصد پولیو کیسز کے حوالے رپورٹس کو چھپانا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پاکستان پولیو وائرس کے مکمل خاتمے میں ناکام ہوا ہے اور گزشتہ سال ملک میں 306 پولیو کیسز کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ پاکستانی آئین کے آرٹیکل 19 اے کے مطابق ہر شہری کو ان سے مطابق تمام معلومات تک رسائی کا حق حاصل ہے اور حکومت کا مذکورہ اقدام شہریوں کے اس بنیادی حقوق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ محمد آصف کا کہنا ہے کہ ملک میں پانی کا بحران بھی سنگین نوعیت اختیار کر جا رہا ہے اور اس پر ابھی کوئی توجہ نہیں دے رہا جبکہ اس مسئلے پر عوام کی آگاہی وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے۔ خواجہ آصف کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت 2017 تک توانائی کے بحران پر قابو پانے میں کامیاب ہو جائے گی۔

خواجہ محمد آصف لاہور میں واپڈا کے زیر اہتمام ایک تقریب سے خطاب کر رہے تھے۔ اس موقع پر وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ حکومت بجلی کے بحران پر قابو پانے کے لیے تمام ممکنہ اقدامات کر رہی ہے اور آئندہ عام انتخابات سے پہلے اس پر قابو پا لیا جائے گا۔ خواجہ محمد آصف کا کہنا تھا کہ توانائی کا بحران ایک بہت بڑا سماجی مسئلہ بن چکا ہے اور اسے حل کرنا ہماری معاشی اور معاشرتی ضرورت کے ساتھ ساتھ سیاسی تقاضا ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ بحیثیت قوم بجلی اور گیس کا زیاں ہماری عادت بن چکا ہے لیکن اب اس رویے کو تبدیل کرنا ضروری ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ ہماری طرح دنیا کے کسی ملک میں مارکیٹیں رات گئے تک کھلی نہیں رہتیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ مارکیٹوں کو بروقت بند کرنا صوبائی حکومتوں کی ذمہ داری ہے لیکن صوبائی حکومتیں سیاسی مصلحتوں کی وجہ سے ایسا کرنے سے کتراتے ہیں۔ خواجہ آصف نے کہا کہ اگر مارکیٹوں کو جلد بند کر دیا جائے تو توانائی کی صورت حال میں بہتری آسکتی ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ آئندہ برسوں میں گیس اور کوئلے سے سستی بجلی پیدا کر کے توانائی کے نظام میں شامل کی جائے گی۔

کراچی 2060 تک سمندر میں ڈوب جائے گا، سینیٹ کمیٹی میں انکشاف

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پولیو کیسز کی تفصیلات میڈیا کو فراہم کرنے سے روک دیا گیا

ڈان

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پانی کا بحران سنگین نوعیت اختیار کر جا رہا ہے: خواجہ آصف

بی بی سی

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دور کی جائیگی۔

مٹھی: سندھ حکومت کی غفلت کے باعث تھر میں مزید 3 بچے زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ کے قحط زدہ ضلع تھر پارکر کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر مٹھی کے سول اسپتال میں آج بھی مزید 3 بچے دم توڑ گئے۔ جس کے بعد رواں برس ضلع بھر میں غذائی قلت اور صحت کی بنیادی سہولیات کی کمی کے باعث زندگی کی بازی ہارنے والوں کی تعداد 104 ہو گئی جن میں 101 بچے شامل ہیں۔ دوسری جانب ضلع میں سندھ حکومت کی جانب سے گندم کی مفت فراہمی کے عمل میں بھی بے قاعدگی کی وجہ سے صورت حال مزید سنگین ہو گئی ہے۔

اسلام آباد: سمندر کے بڑھنے سے ٹھٹھ اور بدین 2050 جبکہ کراچی سمیت سندھ کے دیگر ساحلی علاقے 2060 تک ڈوب جائیں گے۔ سینیٹ کی اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی برائے سائنس اور ٹیکنالوجی کو بتایا گیا ہے کہ بڑھتے ہوئے سمندر کے پانی کی روک تھام کیلئے فوری اقدامات نہ اٹھائے گئے تو کراچی، ٹھٹھ اور بدین سمیت سندھ اور بلوچستان کے ساحلی علاقوں کو خطرات لاحق ہو سکتے ہیں۔ سندھ بورڈ آف ریونیو اور نیشنل انسٹیٹیوٹ آف اوئین و گرائی (این آئی او) نے سینیٹ کمیٹی کو ایک ریفنگ میں بتایا کہ 1989 میں اقوام متحدہ نے پاکستان کو ان ممالک کی فہرست میں شامل کیا تھا جو سمندر کے آگے بڑھنے سے متاثر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ ڈائریکٹر جنرل این آئی او ڈاکٹر آصف انعام نے کمیٹی کو بریفنگ کے دوران بتایا کہ شہریوں کی جانب سے 64 کیوبک کلومیٹر تک زمین سے پانی حاصل کرنے کیلئے بورنگ کا استعمال کیا جا رہا ہے جبکہ عالمی قوانین کے مطابق اس کی حد 17 کیوبک کلومیٹر مقرر ہے۔ سندھ بورڈ آف ریونیو کے سیکرٹری غنفر علی شاہ نے سینیٹ کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ ملیر کے جو علاقے متاثر ہوئے ہیں ان کی روک تھام کے لیے سروے کیے جا رہے ہیں۔

کمیٹی کو بتایا گیا کہ اگر فوری اقدامات نہ اٹھائے گئے تو ملیر کی طرح شہر کے دیگر علاقے بھی ایسے ہی مسائل کا شکار ہو سکتے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ بدین کی انتظامیہ کے مطابق سندھ کے ساحلی علاقے بدین کا 31 ہزار ایکٹر سے زائد کا علاقہ پہلے سے ہی سمندر سے متاثر ہو چکا ہے۔

بلوچستان کو شل ڈویلپمنٹ اتھارٹی کے حکام نے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ بلوچستان کو بھی سندھ جیسی صورتحال کا سامنا ہے اور بلوچستان کی ساحلی پٹی کا ایک کلومیٹر تک کا علاقہ سمندر کے بڑھے سے متاثر ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے کمیٹی کو یہ بھی بتایا کہ گزشتہ 35 سال میں بلوچستان کی ساحلی پٹی کا دو کلومیٹر کا علاقہ سمندر کے پانی کی نذر ہو چکا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: پاکستان میں آفات سے نمٹنے کے قومی ادارے 'این ڈی ایم اے' کی طرف سے پڑوسی ملک افغانستان کے عہدیداروں کو پانچ روزہ تربیت کی فراہمی کا آغاز پیر سے اسلام آباد میں ہوا۔ افغانستان میں آفات سے نمٹنے کے لیے قائم اداروں سے وابستہ 24 افراد پاکستان آئے ہیں۔ 'این ڈی ایم اے' کے ایک سینیئر عہدیدار بریگیڈیئر (ریٹائرڈ) ساجد نعیم نے وائس آف امریکہ کو بتایا کہ پاکستان میں ماہرین کی ایک ٹیم آفات سے نمٹنے سے متعلق اپنے تجربات سے افغان عہدیداروں کا آگاہ کرے گی۔ اس تربیتی کورس کا مقصد قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے لیے تیاری کرنا، آبادی کی نقل مکانی اور ذرائع ابلاغ کو استعمال کرتے ہوئے لوگوں کے جان و مال کی حفاظت کے لیے انتظامات کرنا بھی شامل ہے۔

بریگیڈیئر (ریٹائرڈ) ساجد نعیم نے کہا کہ آفات کا سامنا کسی بھی ملک کو کرنا پڑ سکتا ہے، اس لیے ایک دوسرے سے اس بارے میں تبادلہ خیال کے خطے پر سودمند نتائج مرتب ہوتے ہیں۔ "پاکستان کو کیوں بہت سی آفات کا سامنا رہا، ان میں سے بہت سی آفات ایسی ہیں (جن کو افغانستان کو بھی سامنا رہا ہے) جیسا کہ زلزلہ، سیلاب اور خشک سالی۔ تو ظاہری بات ہے کہ ہم کچھ ان سے سیکھیں گے اور ہم اپنے تجربات سے انہیں آگاہ کریں گے۔" افغانستان کے وفد میں شامل جان آقا حیدری نے کہا کہ آفات سے نمٹنے کے حوالے سے پاکستان کے تجربات ان کے ملک کے عہدیداروں کے لیے بہت مفید ہیں۔ "ہم 24 افراد یہاں آئے ہیں، یہ تربیت ہمارے لیے بہت فائدہ مند ہے۔ کیوں کہ ان لوگوں کو سیلاب اور زلزلے سے نمٹنے کے حوالے سے کافی تجربہ ہے۔ ہم چاہتے ہیں کہ ان کے تجربات سے سیکھتے ہوئے ہم اپنی مشکلات کو حل کر سکیں۔"

اس پانچ روزہ تربیتی کورس میں اس بارے میں بھی تجربات کا تبادلہ کیا جائے گا کہ سیلاب کی صورت میں پانی کی نکاسی کیسے کی جائے جب کہ آفات کی صورت میں حفظان صحت اور ہنگامی صورت حال سے نمٹنے کے لیے اقدامات کے بارے میں بھی ماہرین افغان عہدیداروں کو آگاہ کریں گے۔ پاکستان کو حالیہ برسوں میں مون سون بارشوں کے موسم میں سیلابوں کا سامنا رہا ہے۔ گزشتہ سال آنے والے سیلاب سے لگ بھگ 370 افراد ہلاک اور لاکھوں لوگ متاثر ہوئے، جب کہ لاکھوں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلوں کو شدید نقصان پہنچا تھا۔ حکام کے مطابق گزشتہ سال کے وسط میں آنے والا سیلاب پنجاب میں کئی دہائیوں میں آنے والا سب سے زیادہ تباہ کن سیلاب رہا۔ پاکستان میں 2010ء میں آنے والے سیلاب سے ملک کے 78 اضلاع میں دو کروڑ سے زائد افراد متاثر ہوئے تھے جب کہ بجلی کی پیداواری تنصیبات، اسکول، بنیادی صحت کے مراکز سمیت انتظامی ڈھانچے بھی شدید متاثر ہوئے تھے۔

تھر میں حکومتی غفلت کے سبب مزید 3 ننھی کلیاں مرجھا گئیں

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خیبر ایجنسی: لنڈی کوتل میں انسداد پولیو ٹیم پر نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں ایک شخص ہلاک جبکہ ایک زخمی ہو گیا۔ خیبر ایجنسی کی تحصیل لنڈی کوتل کے علاقے لوئی شلمان میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد انسداد پولیو ٹیم کے رضا کاروں کی گاڑی فائرنگ کر کے فرار ہو گئے۔ فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں گاڑی کے ڈرائیور سمیت 2 افراد زخمی ہو گئے، دونوں کو فوری طور پر قریبی اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا تاہم ڈرائیور راستے میں ہی دم توڑ گیا جبکہ دوسرے زخمی کی حالت بھی تشویشناک ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ برس پاکستان میں گزشتہ برس پولیو سے 305 سے زائد کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے تھے۔

کراچی: ہائیکورٹ کے چیف جسٹس مقبول باقر کی سربراہی میں 2 رکنی بینچ نے پہاٹا ٹنٹس کی غیر قانونی طور پر رجسٹرڈ ویکسین کی خریداری کے خلاف دائر درخواست پر سیکریٹری صحت اور ڈی جی صحت سے ایک ہفتے میں جواب طلب کر لیا۔ بینچ نے سماجی کارکن جاوید اقبال برکی اور سرور جاوید کی جانب سے دائر درخواست کی سماعت کی، حیدر امام رضوی ایڈووکیٹ کے توسط سے دائر درخواست میں موقف اختیار کیا گیا ہے کہ ملٹی نیشنل کمپنی نے ڈرگ ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی سے ملی بھگت کر کے پہاٹا ٹنٹس کی دوا غیر قانونی طور پر رجسٹرڈ کرانے کے بعد از خود قیمت بھی متعین کر دی جو غیر قانونی ہے، ادویہ ساز کمپنی کے وکلاء نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ ڈرگ ایکٹ کی خلاف ورزی نہیں کی گئی۔

حاصل پور: چولستان میں موت کا رقص جاری ہے، لیکن نقل مکانی پر مجبور ہیں، کنوؤں کا کڑوا پانی پینے سے جانوروں کی اموات میں اضافہ ہو گیا، سیکڑوں جانور ہلاک ہو چکے ہیں، حکومتی دعوے دھڑلے دھڑلے رہ گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق بہاولپور ڈویژن کے اضلاع بہاولپور، رحیم یار خان، بہاولنگر میں مشتمل وسیع و عریض چولستان میں دوبارہ قیامت برپا ہو چکی ہے، بارشیں نہ ہونے سے ٹوبے خشک ہو گئے، لاکھوں روپے مالیت کے قیمتی جانور کڑوا پانی پینے سے بڑی تعداد میں ہلاک اور سیکڑوں بیمار ہو چکے ہیں، چولستانی لوگ جانوروں کے مرنے کے خوف سے نقل مکانی کرنے لگے ہیں۔ چولستانی باشندوں نے مقامی صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ بارشیں نہ ہونے سے ٹوبے خشک ہو چکے ہیں اور انسان اور جانور کنوؤں کا کڑوا پانی پینے پر مجبور ہیں، جس سے پیٹ کی بیماریوں کا شکار ہو رہے ہیں۔ لوگوں نے کہا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے چولستانی عوام سے علاقے کی ترقی کا وعدہ کیا تھا مگر تعمیر و ترقی، میٹھے اور صاف پانی کی فراہمی، آصفائی صرف خواب بن کر رہ گئے ہیں۔ چولستان کے لوگوں نے کہا کہ ہمارے جانور کڑوا پانی پینے سے ہلاک ہو رہے ہیں مگر انتظامیہ ٹس سے مس نہیں ہو رہی، جانوروں کیلئے ویکسین نایاب ہے۔ چولستان خشک سالی کا شکار ہے اور پنجاب حکومت نے مسائل حل کرنے کے بجائے قیمتی اراضی کی من پسند افراد کو بندر بانٹ کا سلسلہ شروع کر رکھا ہے۔

لاہور (سید شعیب الدین سے) تھریپارکر میں معصوم جانوروں کے ضیاع میں مسلسل اضافہ کے باوجود ضلع تھریپارکر کے 16 لاکھ کینوں کو صحت کی سہولیات فراہم کرنے والے مٹھی کے ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال میں صرف 52 کنسلٹنٹ، ڈاکٹر اور 9 نرسیں ہیں۔ ہسپتال میں 140 بستریں جبکہ مریضوں کی تعداد کہیں زیادہ ہے۔ ہسپتال میں دل کے مریضوں کیلئے بنائے وارڈ کو بچوں کی مسلسل اموات کے بعد چھ وارڈ میں تبدیل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مٹھی میں کوئی ایبویلیس نظر نہیں آئی اور نہ ہی شہر میں نئی ہسپتال ہے جبکہ 22 ہزار مربع کلومیٹر میں پھیلے شہر میں موبائل ہسپتالوں کی اشہد ضرورت ہے جو تھریپارکر کے وسیع صحرائے گوشے گوشے میں پھیلے گاؤں کے باسیوں کو صحت کی سہولیات فراہم کریں۔ مٹھی اور تھریپارکر کے دورے پر جانیوالی لاہور کے اخبار نویسوں کی ٹیم مٹھی ہسپتال پہنچی تو ہسپتال کی راہداریوں میں مریضوں کے رشتہ دار چادریں بچھا کر لیٹے ہوئے تھے، ایم ایس ڈاکٹر رام رتن کا دعویٰ تھا کہ تھریپارکر میں بچوں کی ہلاکت کے بارے میں خبریں بے بنیاد ہیں۔ انہوں نے دعویٰ کیا کہ عالمی ادارہ صحت کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق پاکستان میں پیدا ہونے والے ہر 1000 بچوں میں سے 70 پہلے سال ہی دنیا سے رخصت ہو جاتے ہیں جبکہ تھریپارکر میں یہ تعداد 1000 میں 40 ہے۔ ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال تھریپارکر میں سہولیات موجود ہیں مگر یہاں تھریپارکر کی 16 لاکھ آبادی بیماری بگڑ جانے کے بعد پہنچتی ہے۔ تھریپارکر کی 6 تحصیلوں میں تحصیل ہسپتال ہیں مگر انہوں نے ساتھ ہی یہ بھی تسلیم کیا کہ ان ہسپتالوں میں وہ ”سہولیات“ موجود نہیں جو ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال میں ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر رام رتن نے کہا کہ تھریپارکر میں سب سے بڑا مسئلہ نرسوں کا ہے۔ یہاں لڑکیاں نرس بننے کیلئے تیار نہیں ہوتی ہیں۔ پیپلز پارٹی سندھ کے سیکرٹری جنرل، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کے کوآرڈینیٹر سینیٹر تاج حیدر نے بتایا کہ ہسپتال اور تحصیل ہسپتالوں میں اور ہومین ریسورس کی کمی دور کرنے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں، لیکن بد قسمتی سے اندرون سندھ اس قدر دور آکر انسانیت کی خدمت کرنے والے بیحد کم ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ امریکی پاکستانیوں کی ایک این جی او نے صحت کے شعبے کیلئے ساڑھے تین ارب روپے دیئے ہیں۔ حکومت سندھ ڈیڑھ ارب دے رہی ہے ان 5 ارب روپوں سے ہسپتالوں میں سامان کی کمی



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- 69 کراچی ۲۰۲۰ تک سمندر میں ڈوب جائیگا، سینٹ کمیٹی میں انکشاف
- 68 تھر: غذائی قلت اور مختلف امراض، ۴ بیجے انتقال کر گئے
- 67 پشاور دھماکے سیکورٹی لیپ کے باعث ہوئے، ذمہ داری وفاقی حکومت پر ڈالنا درست نہیں: احمد شیر پائو
- 66 پاکستان میری ٹائم سیکورٹی ایجنسی نے ڈوبنے والے کارگو جہاز سے ۸ افراد کو بچالیا
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