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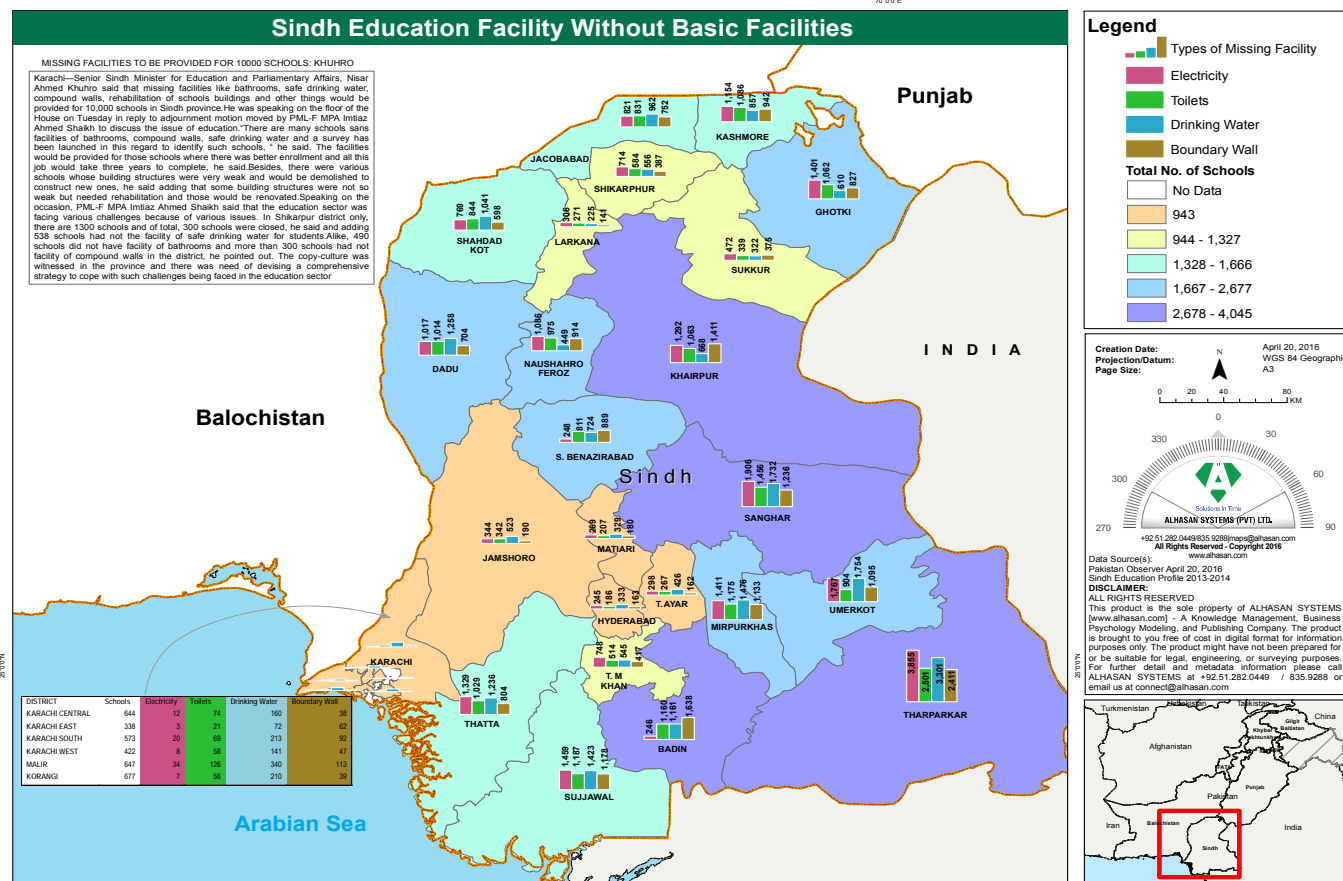
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Pakistan boosting capacity to check adverse impacts of climate change: Nisar

*The News, April 24, 2016*

#### Earthquake, flood victims to launch protest

*The News, April 24, 2016*

#### Environment issues highlighted on Earth Day

*The News, April 23, 2016*

### DETAILS

**UNITED NATIONS:** Pakistan is strengthening its institutional structures to step up action to stave off the most drastic effects of climate change, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told the international community here. Addressing after the signing of the Paris climate agreement at the UN General Assembly which met at a high level he said Pakistan a country profoundly vulnerable to global warming would establish a climate change council and climate change authority, adding that more than 5 percent of its annual budget was allocated to climate change activities.

At the same time the minister emphasised that adequate resources were critical for climate actions in developing countries. Noting that trillions of dollars were needed globally to effectively respond to climate change impacts Nisar Ali Khan said the bulk of this amount had to be spent in developing countries as their challenges and needs were enormous.

Fulfillment of financial obligations particularly meeting the US 100 billion target by developed countries is extremely important, the minister told the 193-member assembly. Leaders from at least 175 countries signed the Paris Agreement on climate change as the landmark deal took a key step forward potentially entering into force years ahead of schedule. The impressive ceremony set a record for international diplomacy. States that didn't sign Friday have a year to do so. "We are in a race against time," United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon told the gathering.

The era of consumption without consequences is over. Many at the UN now expect the climate agreement to enter into force long before the original deadline of 2020. Some say it could happen this year. After signing countries must formally approve the Paris Agreement through their domestic procedures. The United Nations says 15 countries several of them small island states under threat from rising seas had done that Friday by depositing their instruments of ratification. Calling it a defining moment the Pakistani Interior Minister said, "We have now an action plan to deal with the greatest development emergency of our times. We must implement it fully and faithfully." Nisar said that his country had joined the consensus in Paris because its objectives aligned with those of the Climate Change Convention. The temperature in Pakistan had risen and its 5,000 glaciers were receding faster than those in any other part of the world, he said, adding that the country was already water-stressed.

"The frequency of large floods has also increased in recent years causing huge losses to the lives and livelihoods of our people," he told world leaders attending the event. Besides tragic human and material cost these threats also constrain our ability to promote sustainable growth and development and ensure economic prosperity for our people. Pakistan's national priority was to ensure economic growth while avoiding the business as usual attitude of increasing emissions. To that end the minister said Pakistan's ratification process would hinge on the updated Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) a process that has commenced. "We will be presenting an ambitious INDC that would both promote the imperative of development and address environmental concerns," he added.

He was confident that a comprehensive approach would enable Pakistan to contribute to the global mitigation efforts against climate change aimed at keeping the temperature rise below 2 degree Centigrade. "We must all live up to these commitments to realise the Paris Agreement," he said. This will test all of us but we owe this to our common humanity and future generations, he concluded.

**CHITRAL:** Residents of Brep area in Mastuj tehsil in Chitral district have announced to launch a protest campaign over the government failure to provide compensation to the earthquake and flood affectees.

Scores of residents, including women and children, staged a protest rally. The protesters said that the floods and earthquake in 2015 had badly affected the infrastructure in their area. They said irrigation channels and several houses were either damaged or destroyed in the natural calamity in their area.

The residents asked the government to provide compensation to the affected families and requested the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to direct relevant authorities to release cheques to the affected farmers. They warned of launching a protest campaign if their demands were not met till May 5. The protesters also threatened to restart cultivating poppy over the government failure to provide compensation to the affected families and rehabilitate the damaged infrastructure.

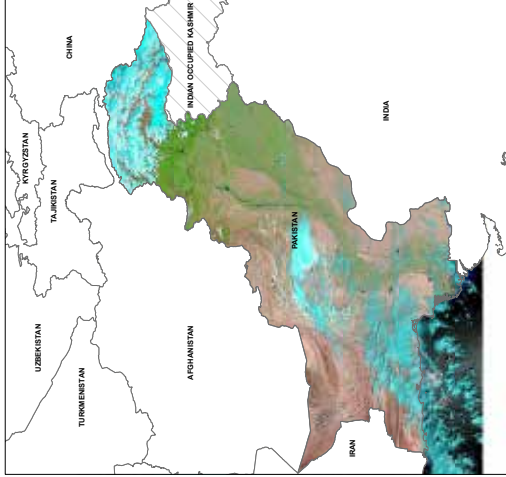
**LAHORE:** To raise environmental awareness while symbolically tackling deforestation, WWF-Pakistan held various activities to celebrate Earth Day across the country, including tree plantation drives, walks and seminars during the ongoing month.

Hammad Naqi Khan, Director General, WWF-Pakistan said, 'The theme for Earth Day this year is Trees for the Earth, which stresses the need for every individual, business or policymaker to take action to protect the natural assets and resources of our beautiful country. This movement is celebrated in more than 192 countries to raise awareness and highlight critical environmental issues facing us today. Taking this opportunity, WWF seeks your support to mitigate pollution, curb deforestation and manage our water resources on priority to enable us live in harmony with nature.'

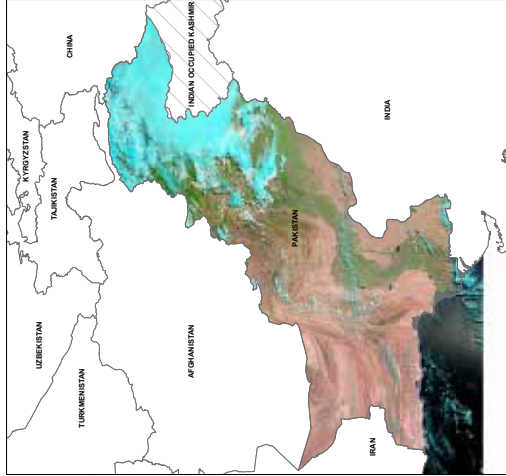
A mangrove plantation drive organised by Defence Housing Authority, Karachi, in collaboration with WWF-Pakistan was held at Defence Authority Creek Club. Commander 5 Corps, Lt-General Naveed Mukhtar, was the chief guest on the occasion. Appreciating WWF-Pakistan and DHA efforts in rehabilitating the depleting mangroves forest area he said, 'Promoting plantation,

WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN  
(April 18, 2016 to April 25, 2016)

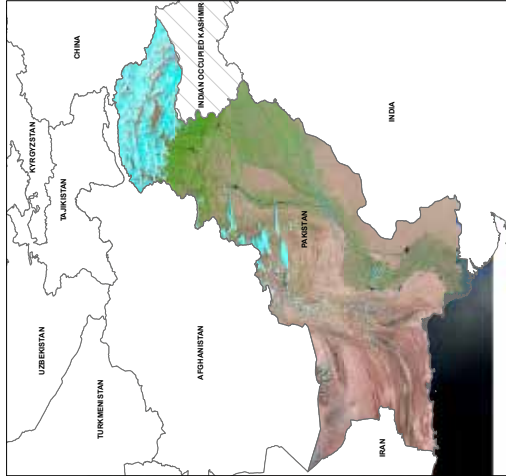
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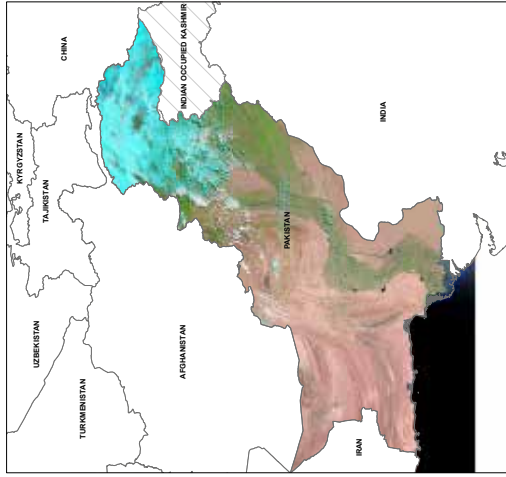
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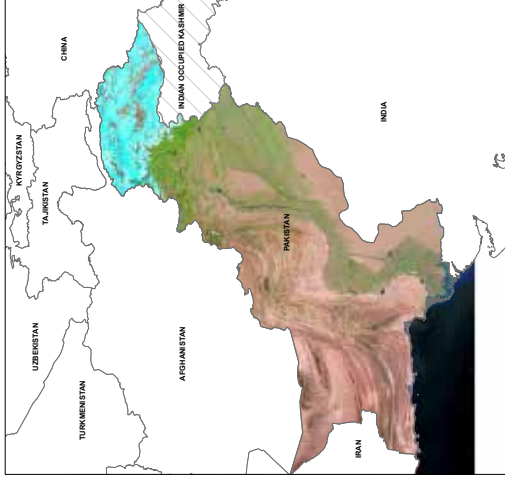
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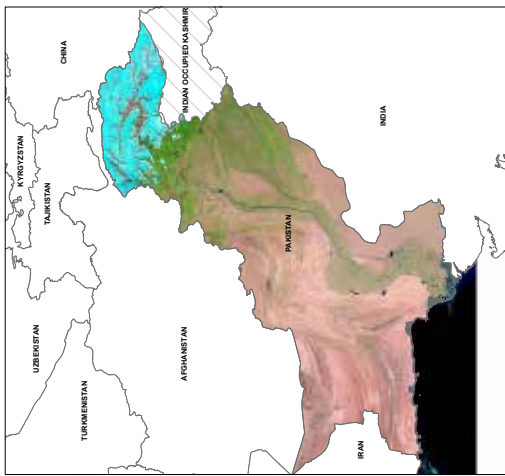
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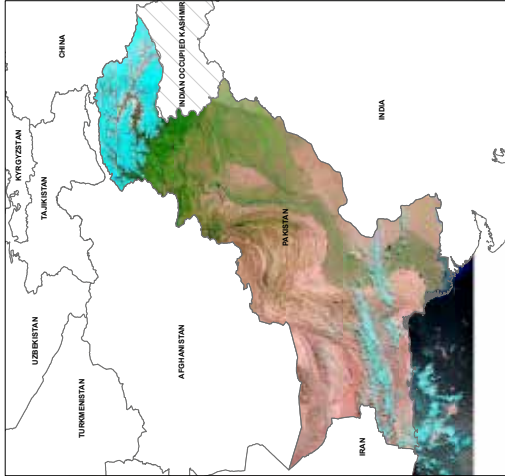
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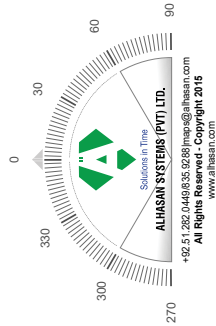
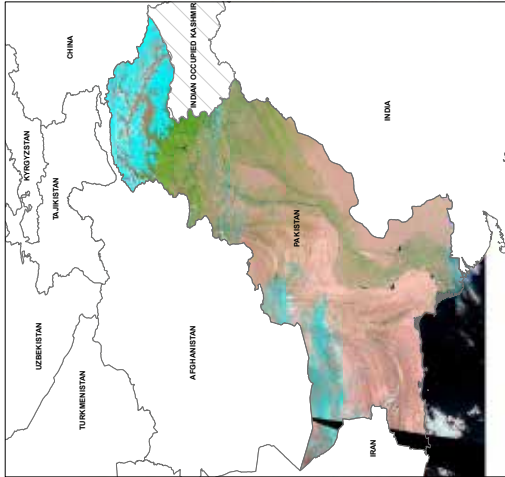
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### Chitral villagers not happy with stream's dredging

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greenery and the natural environment is essential for a vibrant and healthy society.' Brig (R) Mukhtar Ahmed, Vice-President Emeritus, WWF-Pakistan; Hammad Naqi Khan, DG WWF-Pakistan; and Agha Tahir Hussain, PD & Conservator Mangroves, Government of Sindh, were also present on the occasion.

In connection with the theme of Earth Day 2016, WWF-Pakistan organised a debating competition at Dunga Gali, Ayubia National Park, on 'The importance of plants for life on Earth.' A total of 22 students from nine schools participated in the event. Participants from Government Girls High School, Khanispur won the competition whereas Government High School, Kari Raiki, and Government High School, Samandar Katha, secured second and third position respectively. Praising the efforts of WWF-Pakistan, Sardar Muhammad Nawaz, Sub-Division Forest Officer (SDFO/Wildlife), Abbottabad, said 'This is a great initiative by WWF-Pakistan to sensitise children about nature conservation.

I'm sure these children will become custodian of our natural resources in the near future.' WWF-Pakistan for the past 19 years has been imparting environmental awareness and education in various schools around the Ayubia National Park under conservation research projects and believes that natural resources of the area can only be conserved with the help of custodian communities' awareness.

An event was also organised in collaboration with Beaconhouse School System, Johar Town Junior Campus (BSS JT Jr.), Lahore, where Earth Day was celebrated through a thematic environmental puppet show. Exhibits were also made by students from recycled material as a gesture to reduce their ecological footprint. All the students of the school pledged to protect the Earth and planted saplings on the occasion. Tree plantation drives aim to sensitise students to reduce their carbon footprint and burden on the environment. Various other schools, colleges and universities that have partnered with WWF-Pakistan's Green School Programme and International Eco-Internship Programme also participated in the Earth Day tree plantation drive. Similarly, an awareness raising activity in collaboration with the US-Pakistan Youth Council was arranged at Forman Christian College, Lahore.

Due to increasing environmental awareness and education, the positive role of the media and decision-makers, the annual deforestation rate in Pakistan has decreased to 1.6 percent per annum, according to a 2012 report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), as compared to 2.1 percent per annum (once the highest in Asia) according to a 2009 report by the FAO.

Earth Day is celebrated every year on 22 April, where events are organised across the world to show support for conservation of the environment and to highlight critical environmental issues. It was first celebrated in 1970. painting contest: Government College University, Lahore, Environment Protection Society (GCU-EPS) and Water And Power Development Authority (Wapda) jointly celebrated the Earth Day by holding an Inter-Universities Painting Competition at the university's Sustainable Development Study Centre (SDSC). A large number of students from different educational institutions displayed their artwork on the themes of Pollution, Climate Change and Trees for the Earth. The competition was aimed at raising awareness among students about the environmental issues.

Speaking on the occasion, GCU-SDSC Director Dr Amtul Bari Tabinda said that a strong political will was required to protect the Earth against climate change. Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) senior manager Aoun Mehdi said he was an old Ravian, and felt great pride in it. He pledged that Wapda would continue to extend its support and collaboration to GCU for organising such healthy awareness activities.

Wapda Lead Manager Maryam Ali and GCU Fine Arts Department Irfanullah Babar adjudicated the painting contest and appreciated the skills and intellect of the participants. The winners of the competitions were awarded cash prizes. Meanwhile, Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC), in collaboration with Lahore Zoo, celebrated World Earth Day 2016 here Friday. The function was held with aim to contribute to global efforts for the protection of planet earth and its environment and this year's theme was "Tree for the Earth". LWMC's Earth Day celebrations included awareness walk, plantation, camping, face painting, public briefing and leafletting. LWMC's Senior Manager Operations Suhail Anwar Malik, Director Lahore Zoo Shafqat Ali and renowned Television artist Rashid Mehmood led the walk which was attended by large number of people, including children and students from Lahore College University for Woman. All participants planted trees in their name inside the zoo pledging to play their role for the betterment of cleaner and healthier earth. A drawing activity was held in which school kids and children visiting zoo participated with enthusiasm. Face painting was the most favourite and interesting element of the whole celebrations which attracted people belonging to all age groups.

A large number of visitors including students also signed resolution board reading "Tree for the Earth". LWMC made special arrangements for the maintenance of cleanliness in and around the zoo by deploying sanitary staff and machinery. Environmental Protection Department (EPD), Punjab also celebrated the day and various activities were held in the city. Provincial Minister Zakiya Shahnawaz also participated in the activities of EPD and highlighted the importance of green Punjab.

**CHITRAL:** The residents of flood-hit Reshun village in upper Chitral have complained that the contractor is not properly dredging a local stream, leaving behind the big boulders brought by the recent floods, which might again divert water flow to the area in future. Talking to media persons, the villagers said the irrigation department had given the contract of cleaning the stream at a cost of Rs24.9 million. But, they added that the contractor had left the big boulders untouched, besides not cleaning the stream to the level where it used to be. The villagers, including Haji Bulbul Aman, Ali Dost Khan, Sher Jam, Khwaja Nizamud Din, Rahmat Nadir Khan and others said a series of glacial lakes outburst floods (GLOF) played havoc with the village in July and August, last year, rendering over 150 families homeless. The flood had washed away a hydropower station having

## Pakistan to sign historic climate change pact today

*The Nation, April 22, 2016*

4.2 megawatt electricity generation, which electrified the Mastuj subdivision. The villagers expressed concern that in the coming summer season the GLOF might hit the village again as fissures had appeared in the glacier. They said the irrigation department did not learn any lesson from the past experience as Rs20 million was squandered in the stream's cleaning work in 2014 after the village was hit by GLOF in 2013. "At that time, we had proposed to the department for removing the boulders brought by the flood which hindered the smooth water flow through the stream causing its diversion to the village on either side," an elder said, adding another hindrance was the anchorages of four destroyed suspension bridges over the stream. The villagers said a massive boulder diverted the floodwaters to the power station, washing it away. They complained that the contractor was not removing the boulders from the stream and remains of the anchorages. Site engineer, Noorul Amiun said the estimated cost and the bill of quantity (BOQ) approved by the irrigation department did not commensurate the actual number of boulders in the stream. He said the contractor was paid by the department as per BOQ and that's why he could not increase the quantity of work.

When contacted, executive engineer of irrigation division, Chitral, Engr Mohammad Zubair told Dawn the shortcomings in the project would be addressed. He said only 50 per cent work had been completed and the boulders near the washed away powerhouse would be removed to ensure smooth water flow through the stream.

**NEW YORK** - Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan will today sign the Paris Agreement on climate change, adopted by more than 190 countries in December last at a high-level ceremony at UN Headquarters in New York.

Nisar, who was speaking to US-based Pakistani media on Wednesday evening, said that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has asked him to stay back in New York, where he was leading Pakistan's delegation to the UN General Assembly's Special Session on the world drug problem, to sign the agreement. More than 150 countries are expected sign the "historic" Paris agreement at the ceremony convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Nisar Ali Khan said Pakistan had played a key role in the deliberation leading to the agreement, which sets out a global action plan to put the world on track to avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2 degree Celsius. The agreement is due to come into force in 2020. UN officials state that the signing ceremony Friday will set a record for international diplomacy: Never before have so many countries inked an agreement on the first day of the signing period. That could help pave the way for the pact to become effective long before the original 2020 deadline - possibly this year- though countries must first formally approve it through their domestic procedures. The United Nations Climate Change Conference, COP-21 was held in December 2015 in Paris, where 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal. Pakistan joined the consensus in Paris in line with its firm commitment to the purposes and objective of the Climate Convention. Although Pakistan's contribution to global warming is very little, it is extremely vulnerable to its adverse impacts, as overall temperature has increased. Nisar said progress has been made towards formation of a commission to investigate Panama Papers leaks, while asserting the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's govt wants a transparent probe.

Speaking to Pakistani journalists at the residence of Pakistan's UN Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi, he indicated that an announcement about the setting up of the commission might be made in the next 48 hours. He acknowledged the delay in establishing the commission, stating that the atmosphere had become so charged by some inflammatory statements that two of the retired judges of the Supreme Court declined the offer to head the investigative body. Moreover, he said, that there was no consensus among politicians about the shape and form of the Commission, with demands varying from a Judicial Commission to a Parliamentary inquiry. But now the work has picked up pace and there would be a positive outcome, he said. He pointed out that the Prime Minister was the first to react to the revelations of Panama Papers and he himself proposed a Judicial Commission in his broadcast to the nation on April 10. Replying to a question about Army Chief General Raheel Sharif's speech about across-the-board elimination of corruption, he said he had no comments since he did not know in what context those remarks were made.

About security situation in Pakistan, Chaudhry Nisar said it had considerably improved during the last 2-1/2 years. Although some anti-State elements were still attempting to create trouble, their activities had been much reduced, he said. As regards the activities of RAW, the Indian spy agency, and the arrest of Indian naval officer Kul Bhoshan Yadav, Chaudhry Nisar said that envoys of the permanent members of the UN Security Council-- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States -- had been briefed on the case as also the Iranian government. He called it a serious matter, stating that the government would pursue to get to the bottom of the case. About the emergence of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton as the potential nominees for President, he said that Pakistan has relations and deals with the United States, not political parties. About the General Assembly on the world drug problem, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan told Pakistani journalists that Pakistan's robust measures to counter illicit drugs had met with significant successes. "We are now poppy-free," he said. Pakistan, he said, was proud of the fact that it saved the world from over 1.86 billion narcotics doses in the last three years. Pakistan also seized 342 tons of illicit drugs", he said, adding, that being the top contributors in international seizures beyond its territorial borders, it contributed to almost 25 tons of illicit drugs seizures around the world. Chaudhry Nisar told the international community of Pakistan's concern over the emerging trends in some parts of the world to legalise the use of illicit drugs, stating that this would give a fillip to drug demand thus igniting the supply chain, which will have a direct fallout on our region.

**ISLAMABAD:** State Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Sh Aftab informed the Senate Thursday that government would soon initiate the process of appointment of new members of the Election Commission of Pakistan as incumbents were going to retire on June 10, 2016. Replying to a call attention notice of senator Mohsin Leghari, the minister said government would request National

**'264 people killed in recent rainfall, floods in KP, GB'**  
*The News, April 22, 2016*

## Over 50 heads of state, officials to sign climate change accord today

*Dawn News, April 22, 2016*

## Hot spell to prevail in Karachi: Met office

*Pakistanheadlines, April 22, 2016*

## Soaring temperatures claim first victim after Karachi heat-wave alert

*Geo News, April 22, 2016*

## Threat of dengue fever

Assembly speaker to constitute 12-member parliamentary committee for the appointment of new members of the Election Commission. He said the process of appointment of new members would be completed within stipulated time.

Senate chairman said little time was available for constitution of committee and selection of its members as annual budget was also around the corner. Sh Aftab said leader of the house in the National Assembly and opposition leader and the committee would decide about new members. On the other hand, Climate Change Minister Zahid Hamid informed the Senate that 264 people were killed in recent rainfall, flood and landsliding in various areas of Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Replying to a call attention notice regarding performance of Disaster Management Authorities (NDMA) in recent rainfall and floods, the minister said NDMA had issued advanced warning to all the organisations concerned about rains advising them to finalise preparations for possible floods. He said the NDMA distributed 1600 tents, 10 ton food and 1800 blankets in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Relief assistance was also given in affected areas of Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK, he added.

**UNITED NATIONS:** Over 50 heads of state and 147 government officials are in New York to attend the signing of a historic climate change accord on Friday. "We have 147 confirmed to sign on April 22, including about 50 heads of state," said France's environment minister, Segolene Royal, on Wednesday. Mr Royal is the official overseeing the process ahead of signing ceremonies. "That means that momentum for the Paris accord has not subsided," said Royal, referring to the international meetings last December where the agreement was hammered out by global leaders.

Royal said the ceremony should afford world leaders an opportunity to issue "a strong declaration" on carbon pricing policy. The goal, she said, should be to set an "elevated, stable, discernible and coordinated" carbon price as a way to encourage the development of a clear energy. Under the UN agreement, the host of the yearly climate conference of parties (COP) undertakes to make the event "climate neutral" by reducing emissions as much as possible. At the Paris gathering — dubbed COP21 for the 21st Conference of Parties — almost 200 governments reached an agreement setting a target of limiting global warming to "well below" 2.0 degrees Celsius compared to pre-industrial levels. The historic agreement calls for a dramatic reduction in greenhouse gases, in a concerted effort to cap global warming at "well under two degrees Celsius" above the pre-industrial benchmark.

The deal only comes into force, however, if at least 55 countries responsible for at least 55 per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions ratify the accord. US President Barack Obama will not be at the New York signing ceremony as he is travelling to the Middle East. His representative at the ceremony has not yet been announced.

**KARACHI:** Karachi will remain in the grip of very hot weather with temperature expected to rise from 38C to 40C, warned Meteorological Department on Saturday. In a statement, Met office said that Karachiites could suffer from heatwave due to rising temperature and advised citizens to remain indoors, avoid sun exposure and ensure maximum use of water. It further advised citizens to stay under shed during the day time.

"Due to a high pressure cell, the winds will take turn from southwesterly to northwesterly gradually which will bring hot and dry air mass to Karachi and other coastal areas cutting the sea breeze," a statement by the Met office said earlier this week. Day temperatures will gradually increase on Friday from 38C to 40C on Sunday and then it will start decreasing attaining the normal level on Wednesday. Winds will start blowing from the sea restoring the sea breeze.

### First man dies of heat stroke

A man died of heat stroke in Karachi, amid hot weather alert issued by the meteorological department for coastal areas of Sindh, Samaa reported Friday. According to Edhi spokesman, a 45-year-old man identified as Sharafat Jokhiyo fell unconscious in Karachi's Manghopir locality. He died on way to hospital. It was first heat wave-related death of this year in Pakistan. Maximum temperature was recorded 46°C yesterday in Dadu city of Sindh.

Over 2500 lives were lost during an intense heat wave in Karachi last year. Authorities plan to open hundreds of response centres to provide shelter and cold water to people if a severe heatwave warning is issued. In neighbouring India, more than 100 people are feared dead in early-summer heat wave which forced schools to close and halted outdoor work like construction.

**KARACHI:** Rescue workers said a man has died of heatstroke in Manghopir area, the first victim after authorities issued a heat-wave alert for Karachi on Friday. According to a spokesman for the Edhi ambulance service, the deceased was identified as 45-year-old Sharafat Jokhiyo, who fell unconscious near Manghopir Mazaar and was rushed to a nearby hospital where doctors pronounced him dead. Doctors confirmed he died of heat stroke, said the Edhi spokesman.

Meanwhile, another person was shifted to the heat stroke response centre near NIPA. The Meteorological Department has issued a heat-wave alert for Karachi for three days starting from today (Friday). According to the Met office, day temperatures will gradually increase from 38 to 40 degrees Celsius from Friday and remain the same until Sunday.

In view of the forecast of the possible heat-wave, the Metropolitan Commissioner Samiuddin Siddiqui has declared a state of emergency in all KMC run hospitals and cancelled leaves of concerned staff. The emergency was declared in a bid to avoid a repeat of last year's catastrophe which claimed over 1,500 lives during a heat-wave that persisted for at least a week. He also appealed to the citizens to avoid going out during the heat wave and take all precautionary measures in this regard.

**RAWALPINDI:** The confirmation of two more patients positive for dengue fever here at Holy Family Hospital (HFH) in town on Thursday has strengthened the threat of a possible outbreak of

## outbreak looms

*The News, April 22, 2016*

## CM for environment conservation

*The Nation, April 22, 2016*

## PMD, UNESCO Promote Coop on Flood Management

*Pak Observer, April 19, 2016*

the infection in this region of the country.

The HFH tested two more patients positive for dengue fever on Thursday through NS1 test. One of the two male patients belongs to Baluchistan while the other is a resident of Muslim Town. The patient from Muslim Town, a thickly populated area of the town, is a 22-year-old male who reached HFH on Wednesday while 31-year-old male patient from Baluchistan reached the hospital on Thursday with a history of fever for seven days.

The testing of two more patients positive for dengue fever at the HFH has taken the tally to six. Of the six patients tested positive at the HFH this year, two patients are residents of Rawalpindi city while one belongs to Gujar Khan, some 50 kilometres from Rawalpindi. Earlier, a patient from Satellite Town has been tested positive at the HFH while one patient reaching Rawalpindi from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has also been tested positive for the infection at the HFH. To date, two patients from Baluchistan have been tested positive for dengue fever at the HFH.

'The News' has learnt that the two patients tested positive for dengue fever at the HFH on Thursday have been undergoing treatment at the hospital and their condition is stable. The testing of two patients, one from Satellite Town and the other from Muslim Town positive for the infection in last two weeks is alarming according to health experts because it proves the existence of dengue fever vector, 'aedes aegypti', in the area. The HFH administration has notified the district health department and the provincial health secretariat of the new cases of dengue fever.

**LAHORE** - Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif, in his message on World Earth Day, has said that World Earth Day observation was commenced to create awareness regarding loss caused to the earth due to environmental pollution. He said that purpose of observing this day is to highlight awareness for survival of the earth and raise voice for environment conservation and save earth against dangers faced by it. He said that the real aim of symbolic movement of World Earth Day is to create environment-friendly awareness among the people. The chief minister said that this day realises us of the responsibility of joint efforts for safeguarding the environment.

He said that environmental pollution and weather changes have emerged as a big challenge and we will have to play our role for conserving the atmosphere against environmental pollution.

He said that earth is a trust of coming generations with us but there is a danger to its existence due to environmental contamination. Shehbaz Sharif said that Punjab government is playing a positive role for making the world pollution free through its institutional mechanism. He said that due to irresponsible attitude of human beings natural resources are reducing and environment is also becoming polluted.

He said World Earth Day demands that efforts should be made for the conservation of earth at international level and collective steps be taken in right direction in this regard.

**LAHORE:** UNESCO in collaboration with the government of Japan and Pakistan Meteorological department (PMD), organized a two-day international workshop aimed at standardizing procedures for Transboundary Rivers in the context of flood forecasting, to strengthen the flood early warning system and management capacity of Pakistan here Tuesday.

The two-day international workshop is part of UNESCO's 'Strategic Strengthening of Flood Early Warning and Management Capacity of Pakistan' Project, phase-II which was launched in cooperation with the government of Japan in March 2015 last year. The first phase of the project was launched in July 2011 and completed in 2014 in response to the 2010 devastating flood.

Speaking on this occasion, the chief guest, Minister of State for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali, commended the efforts of UNESCO, PMD and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). He stressed the need to reduce damages from intense rains and flash floods, which would happen more frequently due to climate change.

Dr Shahbaz Khan, Director, UNESCO Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific in his remarks mentioned his profound gratitude to the government of Japan to continue its generous financial and technical support during the first and the second phase of the project.

He further said that through the Project, UNESCO in collaboration with its partners especially PMD, FFD, ICHARM, and JAXA would complete the integrated IFAS/RRR system and other water studies covering the whole Indus River Basin and the combined models could be utilized for flood forecasting and early warning for Pakistan.

He commended efforts of PMD to develop Automatic Weather Stations which would further help strengthen the network of rain gauges in Pakistan. Teppei Nakagawa, First Secretary, the Embassy of Japan said that like Pakistan, Japan was also disaster prone country and in this regard, Japanese experience was helping manage disaster risk reduction in Pakistan to decrease the damages. Vibeke Jensen, UNESCO Representative to Pakistan in her remarks highlighted that UNESCO took a role for promoting international cooperation on flood management among the neighbouring countries for example in the Indus River basin. Dr Ghulam Rasool, Director General PMD in his welcome remarks said that technical capacity of PMD had increased in this project and now PMD engineers were able to develop state-of-the-art Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) in Pakistan.

Hiromu INOUE, Representative of JICA said, 'We are pleased that since last year JICA is working closely with UNESCO, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and Afghan engineers will be trained in Pakistan, as part of this project.'

The two-day international conference is being attended by representatives from national and international partner organizations such as International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM), Japan Aero-space Exploration Agency - JAXA, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs), Federal Flood Commission (FFD), Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), universities, provincial



## Public health: 'Six dengue fever cases reported this year'

*Express Tribune, April 19, 2016*

## Floods to play havoc once again

*The Nation, April 19, 2016*

irrigation departments and international experts from Australia, France, Indonesia, Korea and Japan and their expertise will further enhance river modelling and flood forecasting models for Indus and the Eastern rivers. INP adds: Talking about power outages, the minister said that the people would have to bear at least six to eight hours long loadshedding during summers. However, he added that the government was trying to convince traders to shut shops at 8pm to conserve power for domestic customers.

**LAHORE:** The Cabinet Committee on Dengue was informed on Monday that six dengue fever cases had been reported across the province this season – two cases each in Rawalpindi and Attock and one each in Faisalabad and Sheikhupura. Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khwaja Salman Rafiq chaired the meeting at Civil Secretariat. It was informed that all the patients had recovered. Dengue Control Programme Additional Director General Fayyaz Butt told the participants three dengue fever patients from Saudi Arabia and two from Malaysia had also arrived in the Punjab. They, too, have recovered and discharged from the hospitals, he said.

Officials from the Punjab Information Technology Board and Special Branch pointed to challenges in dengue surveillance activities. Rafiq ordered that all shortcomings be removed. He said dengue control model in the province had been appreciated worldwide. He asked the departments concerned to continue surveillance activities. He said blood samples of suspected and confirmed dengue fever patients must be sent to the Institute of Public Health (IPH) for analysis. He said recommendations had been sought from various departments to upgrade dengue-related standard operating procedures of 2014.

Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Secretary Najam Ahmad Shah, Primary and Secondary Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan, Health Services Director General Mukhtar Hussain Syed, IPH Dean Moaz Ahmad and Chief Minister Dengue Research Cell In-charge Wasim Akram attended the meeting. Gujranwala, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Multan commissioners participated through video link.

Like previous years, 2016 brings no difference as the country is witnessing heavy rains and federal and provincial government were not prepared to rescue the people in hard time. On other the other hand water is too much important for agriculture as well as for other needs of the people. The lost rain water could have been used to bring prosperity in the lives of the people but alas due to government's negligence it has added woes of the people. According to update of National Disaster Management Authority, the death toll in rain-related incidents across the country has risen to forty-nine in first three days. The casualties occurred due to roof collapse and most of the incidents were reported from Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA. After heavy rains people are terrified from flood which normally comes after the spell of rains. Especially people of Katcha areas are more scare about looming dangers for them. As per last year 2015 the floods have also damaged millions of trees, fields and millions of livestock is facing hardship which has forced the people to leave their homes from low lying areas to upper areas. Pakistan is not facing flood challenges for the first time, as heavy monsoon rains in August 2013 also triggered flash floods and caused loss of lives and widespread damage to crops and livestock. According to Reliefweb, which works with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, nearly 1.5 million people, almost 80,000 houses, and 1.5 million acres of crops were affected. In other parts of the world in such conditions the governments brace themselves to face the flood situation through pursuing long term strategies, especially construction of dams at rivers to save people, crops, livestock and build infrastructures which can store water and also produce inexpensive electricity. Unluckily, Pakistan is the only country in the world where government does not have a long term policy to handle the floods despite persistent clamours of climate change. KHAZIR KLASRA, Islamabad, March 14.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Over 800 illegally appointed policemen face the axe in Sindh

*Daily Dawn, April 24, 2016*

#### Gang extorting millions from 'corrupt' officials busted

*Daily Dawn, April 24, 2016*

#### Forces intensify Rajanpur ground offensive

*The Express Tribune, April 24, 2016*

### DETAILS

**KARACHI:** More than 800 policemen face dismissal from service as an inquiry committee has found that they were 'illegally' appointed and former provincial police chief had played a 'criminal role' in their appointment, according to officials. An official who was part of the committee formed on the orders of the Supreme Court a few months ago told Dawn on Saturday that the committee had prepared its report after weeks of investigations and detected illegal appointments in the Sindh Reserve Police (SRP), Hyderabad, in the first phase, which were made during two consecutive years. All of them were appointed under direct involvement of the former inspector general, he said. "A total of 820 employees of the SRP have been traced as appointed illegally," said a senior police officer who was a member of the committee. "The DIG of SRP has been asked to issue all such appointees show-cause notices which will lead to their dismissal from service. The issuance of notices has been initiated and within a couple of months the process of dismissal will be completed," he said, adding that the committee was busy winding up its job. He said the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) had recently mentioned the committee's report before the Supreme Court during the hearing of a case about investigation into corruption and illegal appointments in the Sindh police.

It particularly referred to the 'criminal role' of former Sindh IGP Ghulam Hyder Jamali in various illegal practices which cost the exchequer more than Rs2 billion apart from illegal appointments in different sections of the law enforcement agency. "It has been alleged in the instant case that illegal appointments have been made in the Sindh police," said the NAB report submitted recently to the apex court. "In this regard information collected from the Sindh police reveals that in pursuance of the orders of the Supreme Court an inquiry committee was formed which found that 383 and 437 officials were illegally appointed during 2013 and 2014, respectively, in the Sindh Reserve Police, Hyderabad." The NAB report, which heavily relied on the facts of the Sindh police inquiry committee's report, also gave details about misappropriation of funds under different heads, including purchase of uniforms, maintenances of buildings and vehicles and payment of investigation fee to officers. "The committee has completed its job. After the dismissal of illegal appointees, the process of rehiring will be initiated by the Sindh police to recruit personnel purely on the basis of merit. It has been decided that another fair chance will be given to the dismissed policemen so they can prove their merit, which they did not in the past."

**KARACHI:** The Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, on Saturday claimed to have detained seven 'swindlers' who posed themselves as senior officials of different law enforcement agencies and the judiciary and extorted millions of rupees from senior bureaucrats, police officers and politicians for saving them from possible corruption cases. The paramilitary force busted the gang of cheaters by carrying out actions in Karachi and other parts of Sindh. "This was a big and organised gang of swindlers who had demanded protection money of Rs10 million from a resident of Boat Basin," claimed the spokesperson. The paramilitary force received information about this gang who posed themselves as senior officers of Rangers, National Accountability Bureau, Federal Investigation Agency and even judiciary and extorted protection money from the people. The Rangers had set up special teams, which after hectic efforts lasting for three months arrested Khalid Solangi, Sajjar Rajpar, Allah Wadhayo, Akhter Morai, Farhan Rajpar and Mehtab Rajpar and their ringleader was Shafiq.

About their tactics to extract money from the people, the Rangers spokesperson said that these swindlers used to acquire details from provincial secretariat and DC offices about officers whose alleged corruption cases were reported in media. After that they approached these officials with the promise to provide them favour in their corruption cases in order to extract money from them. "These swindlers used to call such officials by presenting themselves as senior officers through imported calling cards," said the official. During initial investigation, it was found that this gang had extracted millions of rupees from around one and half dozen senior officers of district administration, police and politicians. The paramilitary force seized protection money, one MP-5 rifle, four pistols, one four wheelers and two motorbikes from the possession of the held suspects. They were arrested under charges of anti-terrorism act and would be handed over to the police for further legal action.

**DI KHAN:** Troops supported by armoured vehicles and helicopter gunships carried out a major ground offensive on Saturday in Kacha Jamal and Kacha Moro areas of South Punjab's Rajanpur district as the ongoing operation against criminal gangs entered its 26th day. The areas resounded with shelling as both security forces and criminal gangs reportedly used modern artillery. There were reports that the criminal gangs had suffered heavy casualties as the security forces, led by Pakistan Army, called 10 more boats to pick up the dead and injured dacoits. According to sources, the security forces started their ground offensive at 7:30am and destroyed almost 10 hideouts of the criminal gangs, including Imrani, Sukhani, Lund, Gopang, Pallu and Ataullah Patt gangs. There were reports of heavy casualties. However, the actual number of deaths could not be confirmed. An emergency has already been announced at the government hospitals in Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan.

The army also recaptured a police check post, which had been under the gangsters' control for many years, and hoisted Pakistan's flag on it. There were also reports that the forces arrested 12 more alleged gangsters. On Friday, eleven alleged facilitators of Ataullah Patt gang surrendered to police. The forces have also set up more check posts in Kacha Moro and Kacha Jamal areas. The curfew in the adjoining areas also continued on the ninth consecutive day as security forces mounted more search operations as made announcements, asking gangsters to lay down their

### 63 suspects arrested in Peshawar

*Radio Pakistan, April 23, 2016*

### PTI minority minister gunned down in K-P

*The Express Tribune, April 22, 2016*

### Suspect in Orangi attacks arrested in CTD raid

*The News, April 22, 2016*

### Call for 'full-fledged' military operation in Punjab

*Daily Dawn, April 22, 2016*

### FIA unearths Rs2bn online scam hitting 5,000 people

*Daily Dawn, April 21, 2016*

arms. The operation codenamed Zarb-e-Aahan – initially led by Punjab police and supported by paramilitary Rangers– was started in the last week of March against the gangsters infesting Rajanpur's kacha areas. The offensive reached a climax on April 16 after the army took its charge following the killing of seven and kidnapping of around 24 policemen by a gangster, Ghulam Rasool alias Chutto. Chutto surrendered along with his accomplices to the army on April 20 and released the kidnapped officials. However, the operation has continued to uproot the other gangs holed up in the area, strategically located at the junction of three provinces.

Police and Security Forces have arrested 63 suspects including 36 Afghan nationals during joint search operations in Hayatabad area, Peshawar. Weapons and drugs were also recovered from them.

**PESHAWAR / ISLAMABAD:** Special Assistant to Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister on Minority Affairs Sardar Soran Singh was shot dead by armed attackers in Buner on Friday. "Gunmen riding on two motorbikes came in front of the car and started indiscriminate firing which killed the minister on the spot," Khalid Hamadani, district police chief told AFP. He said the minister, an MPA of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), received several bullets to his head in a shooting. District council member Riaz Khan told The Express Tribune Singh was going home and was shot dead right in front of his house. The incident was confirmed by the provincial information minister Mushtaq Ghani. According to Reuters, Singh had come from Peshawar to his native village in Buner. K-P chief minister Pervaiz Khattak condemned the killing, directing the authorities concerned to arrest the culprits at the earliest. Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif also expressed sorrow over the killing. The PTI also condemned the killing, saying Islam's laws and Constitution provided for the protection of religious minorities. "The brutal killing of Soran Singh is extremely saddening," a PTI statement attributed to Khan said, describing Singh as a patriotic Pakistani and a loyal party worker. Sikhs make up less than 1 per cent of Pakistan's 190 million people. According to police, at least eight Sikhs have been killed in the northwest in 2013 and 2014 – the first recorded sectarian killings of Sikhs in country's history.

#### TTP claims responsibility

The outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan claimed responsibility for Singh's killing. TTP Spokesperson Muhammad Khorasani said sharp shooters of the group's special task force targeted Singh in Pir Baba area.

**KARACHI:** The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) has arrested a suspect during a raid in New Karachi as part of investigation into Wednesday's killing of seven cops in Orangi Town area of the city, Geo News reported on late Thursday night. Quoting sources in the CTD, Geo News said the suspect, whose identity has not been disclosed, was taken into custody during a raid that was conducted on a tip off. The suspect was moved to an undisclosed location for interrogation. Seven policemen were gunned down in two separate attacks in Orangi Town within few minutes. Three of the policemen were shot dead while they were guarding health workers during an anti-polio drive.

**ISLAMABAD:** Senators, mostly belonging to opposition parties, blamed on Thursday the country's intelligence agencies and the Punjab government's inaction against militants for last month's suicide bombing at the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park in Lahore. Speaking on adjournment motions regarding the "terrible incident of suicide blast in Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park, Lahore" on March 27, the senators called for a full-fledged military operation on militants' hideouts in Punjab. Initiating the debate, PPP's parliamentary leader, Saeed Ghani, recalled that before this incident, the Punjab government had always opposed a military operation, claiming that there were no organised militant groups in the province. He said the incident had proved the existence of terrorist groups in Punjab. Mr Ghani called for a military operation in the province similar to those initiated in Karachi and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Senator Taj Haider, also of the PPP, termed the war against terrorism a "battle between extremist and democratic forces." He alleged that the sympathisers of militants were present within the state. "Is it not true that insiders were involved in the attacks on the GHQ and Mehran Base?" he questioned, calling for the removal of such elements from the institutions. Jahanzeb Jamaludini of the Balochistan National Party-Mengal (BNP-M) said that the Indian intelligence agency, RAW, was blamed for every incident of terrorism in the country. "Yes, RAW has a hand in terrorism in Pakistan, but it is not involved in all terrorist acts in the country. And if it is, then what are our agencies doing?"

Usman Kakar of the Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party (PkMAP) was of the view that "dictatorial forces and terrorists are natural allies." He said that this natural alliance between dictatorial forces and militants started during the era of Gen Ziaul Haq and continued till the reign of Gen Musharraf. Mr Kakar, whose party is part of the ruling coalition with the PML-N, alleged that Pakistan was still pursuing the 40-year-old policy of interfering in the affairs of Afghanistan. "We are still following the policy of good and bad Taliban," he alleged. PPP's Khalida Perveen was of the opinion that due to the lack of training and capacity of civilian forces, they always had to seek the army's help even for petty matters. She said the recent operation against the Chotoo gang in Rajanpur had exposed the police's inefficiency and ill planning. In response to the opposition's criticism over the Punjab government, PML-N's Nehal Hashmi and Javed Abbasi lashed out at the PPP, accusing it of doing nothing to eliminate terrorism during their five-year term. Both claimed the security situation had improved since the PML-N came into power in 2013. Winding up the debate, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shaikh Aftab delivered a political speech, but did not provide any information regarding the blast at Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park and the investigations after it. He called for political unity to counter terrorism.

**LAHORE:** The Federal Investigation Agency has unearthed a Rs2 billion 'online' scam in which more than 5,000 people have been defrauded. "We have arrested the prime suspect, Liaquat Ali, from Sialkot. He and nine others are involved in Rs2 billion fraud which they committed by setting up a website - e2click.com - through which they asked people to get registered with them against certain amount and earn profits (by posting and clicking advertisement)," FIA Cyber Crime Punjab

## Army chief dismisses 11 military officers over corruption charges

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Deputy Director Sajjad Bajwa told Dawn on Wednesday. Mr Bajwa said the owners of e2click.com won confidence of their 'clients' by giving away a few thousands rupees in 'profit'. "Once they start believing that the website is genuine they invest more," he added. He said more than 5,000 people were affected by the scam. "We have detected Rs200 million in a couple of accounts of the prime suspect. We are conducting raids to arrest his accomplices and will recover the looted money," he claimed.

Giving details, he said Liaquat Ali and Ahsan Raza, along with their family members had launched the website business in Faisalabad in June 2015 and closed it in November the same year. They allegedly had backing of some 'influential politicians' of the district, he added. "The suspects have also laundered huge sums abroad. A case under money laundering will also be registered against them after getting evidence," Mr Bajwa said. The FIA has received dozens of complaints against the website owners. "Initially we had no idea of the scale of the fraud. During investigation it turned out to be a scam of billions. Some of the affected people invested up to over Rs10 million to make easy money online," he said. The FIA has sent the laptops and mobile phones recovered from the suspect for forensic examination. According to another official, still there are a number of such websites which are fleecing people. "As it is not easy for the victims to trace such websites on their own, we ask them to approach FIA if they are defrauded online," he said.

**ISLAMABAD:** Army chief General Raheel Sharif on Thursday dismissed 11 military officers over corruption, in a rare display of accountability by the institution. One lieutenant general, one major general, five brigadiers, three colonels and one major are among those dismissed by the Army chief. There is no official confirmation of the dismissal as yet. "I can confirm the sacking of at least six senior officers which include a lieutenant general," said a senior officer based in military headquarters, crediting popular army chief Raheel Sharif with launching the investigation leading to the dismissals. Another source confirmed the sackings. It was unclear when the officers were fired, the precise nature of the charges, or whether they would face criminal proceedings in a civilian court. According to media reports, Lt Gen Obaidullah Khan Khattak is among the military officers dismissed. Lt Gen Obaid was promoted to the rank in 2013 when he was serving as inspector general of the Frontier Corps in Balochistan. The other officers have been named as Maj Gen Ejaz Shahid, Brigadier Rasheed, Brigadier Asad Shahzada, Brigadier Saifullah, Brigadier Amir, Lt Col Haider and Maj Najeeb. The development comes days after the army chief said "across the board accountability is necessary for the solidarity, integrity and prosperity of Pakistan", adding that the war against terror cannot be won unless "the menace of corruption is uprooted." "Across-the-board accountability is necessary for the solidarity, integrity and prosperity of Pakistan. Pakistan's armed forces will fully support every meaningful effort in that direction, which would ensure a better future for our next generations," General Raheel said during his visit to the Signal Regimental Centre in Kohat on Tuesday.

The army chief's statement had followed Panama Papers revelations shrouding the prime minister's family among many other prominent political figures holding off-shore wealth. Around 220 Pakistanis, including three children of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, have been named in the massive leak of documents from a Panama-based law firm. Prime Minister Nawaz has rejected any allegations of money laundering, claiming that his children have legitimate businesses abroad, and has called for the establishment of an inquiry commission. The move was hailed by commentators because wrongdoings committed by the army, which has ruled Pakistan for around half of its existence and continues to exert control over foreign policy, rarely come to light. "It's an extraordinary development," retired general Talat Masood told AFP. "The military has taken the lead in punishing corrupt officials and has set an excellent example. It will have a very serious impact and very positive impact in the future. Those who are corrupt should be worried now." In August last year, a long-delayed but much awaited military probe into the Rs4.3 billion National Logistics Cell (NLC) scam had found two former generals guilty of illegal investments in the stock exchange. Following the inquiry, military's media wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), said that in light of findings of the inquiry, the two accused retired generals were punished under the Pakistan Army Act.

## Army backs Sindh Police in fight against terror: COAS

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**RAWALPINDI:** Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Thursday assured the Sindh Police of the Army's support in their efforts towards eliminating terrorism in the province. The COAS telephoned Inspector General Police (IGP) Sindh A.D. Khawaja to express his deep sorrow over the killing of policemen in Karachi's Orangi Town area a day earlier. He asked Khawaja to convey his condolences to the families of the policemen killed in the attack, a Sindh police statement said. The army chief appreciated the sacrifices rendered by Sindh police during the fight against criminal elements in Karachi. Seven police commandos guarding polio workers were gunned down in twin attacks carried out by armed motorcyclists. A police forensic report confirmed that the same weapons had been used in the targeted killing of at least 27 people in different areas of Orangi Town, Ittehad Town and Korangi in 2014 and 2015. A Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) officer who examined the crime scene believed the twin attacks were carried out by the same group. Although Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan, claimed responsibility for deadly attacks on the police, the information needs to be confirmed, according to an officer of the Sindh police counter-terrorism department. Before Wednesday's attack, official figures show that seven polio workers and three policemen had been killed in 13 incidents in Sindh while Karachi was predominantly the major affected destination for such attacks. During his recent visit to Karachi, the COAS termed lasting peace in Karachi, the "ultimate aim" of the Rangers-led exercise, adding that the operation, launched over two years ago, is not going to end anytime soon.

### Karachi operation

The 'operation' against criminal elements in Pakistan's commercial hub was initiated back in September 2013 after the federal cabinet empowered Rangers to lead a targeted advance with the support of police against criminals already identified by federal military and civilian agencies for



## Chotoo, gang members surrender unconditionally to army: ISPR

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their alleged involvement in targeted killings, kidnappings for ransom, extortion and terrorism in Karachi.

**LAHORE:** Leader of the infamous Chotoo gang, Ghulam Rasool, along with 13 gang members has "surrendered unconditionally to the army", the military spokesperson announced on Wednesday. Addressing a press briefing regarding the ongoing operation in Rajanpur area, Lt Gen Asim Bajwa said "the military has successfully completed operation Zarb-i-Ahan". He also confirmed that the 24 policemen taken hostage by the Chotoo gang have been rescued. "The army will not vacate this area until all the miscreant elements are neutralised," Bajwa maintained. The military media-wing chief said that security forces will eliminate this 'no-go area' and any other such area across the country. Earlier it was reported that members of the Chotoo gang surrendered to the Army and at least 170 gangsters were taken into custody by the armed forces. Rajanpur District Police Officer Ghulam Mubashir Maikin had told Dawn that the return of hostages to their families was "in process".

A senior police officer earlier told Dawn that the gang had been using the hostages as a human shield to protect their women and children. A search operation is also being conducted to secure Rajanpur's Kacha area. Police launched the Rajanpur offensive after a go-ahead from the interior ministry. After seven police officials were killed and 24 others taken hostage, the Army announced on April 16 that it would be taking over the operation. Director General Inter-Services Public Relations Lt-Gen Asim Bajwa had said a cordon was being reinforced and police and Rangers had already been deployed to participate in the operation under the Army. The Chotoo gang, led by Ghulam Rasool, alias Chotoo, was given a deadline by the Army to surrender on Monday, failing which, the Army said it would begin a full-scale operation in the area. A source in the police department said that Chotoo had demanded safe passage for himself, his family and some loyal accomplices to proceed to Dubai in return of safe release of the captive policemen, Dawn earlier reported.

### The rise of Chotoo and his gang

Ghulam Rasool alias Chotoo, the ringleader of the Chotoo gang worked as a security guard for MPA Atif Mazari for three to five years in Rojhan, according to police officials. He also worked for the Punjab police as an informer till 2007 and used to inform police about gangs involved in robberies and kidnapping for ransom in Rajanpur and Muzaffargarh districts. According to locals and police, Chotoo belongs to Bakrani clan of Mazari tribe of Rojhan area. He later developed differences with police over unknown reasons and established his own gang to carry out criminal activities. Some small and prominent gangs operating in Rojhan, Dera Ghazi Khan and adjoining districts of Sindh and Balochistan also joined the Chotoo gang. They include Bilal alias Bilali Jaakha, Baba Long, Gumani Gopang, Sindhi group, Bosans of Muzaffargarh and Khalid Kajlani. The riverine area of Kachi Jamal in Rajanpur, a stronghold of the Chotoo gang, has a population of more than 10,000 people living in small villages. They depend mostly on rearing animals and farming. Chotoo is known for helping the locals and never carried out any criminal activity in the area. But he made it a no-go area for police who found it almost impossible to get information about him from the locals. The biggest operation carried out by Rajanpur and Rahimyar Khan police against the Chotoo gang was in 2010 which continued for three months, but to no avail. The last operation was conducted in 2013. During an operation in Kotla Mughlan area of Rajanpur some years ago, police, however, succeeded in recovering a doctor from the gang and killing a gangster.

## One killed, 17 injured in Mardan suicide blast

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**MARDAN:** At least one person was killed and 17 others sustained injuries in a suicide attack at the Excise and Taxation office in Mardan, police said. DPO Mardan Faisal Shehzad confirmed it was a suicide attack, saying that the bomber fired shots before blowing himself up. Sources said the bomber managed to enter the building and blew himself up in the computer section. The injured also include a journalist and a police man. The injured have been rushed to district headquarters hospital, where condition of three is said to be critical. The police officer said 8-10kg explosives were used by the suicide bomber. Police and security personnel have reached the area and cordoned off the site of the explosion near Mall Road. Several government offices and a public car parking are situated close the Excise and Taxation office located in a densely populated area.

## COAS for large-scale operation against terrorists outside FATA

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**PESHAWAR:** Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif on Monday called to undertake a large-scale combing operation to seek out terrorists, their sleeper cells and facilitators in areas outside Fata. The army chief visited the remote Shawal Valley in North Waziristan Agency where security forces have concluded the last phase of the military offensive after securing the forested valley from local and foreign militants. The COAS praised the security forces for sacrifices in the war against terrorism and lauded their role in clearing the tribal region of militants. During his visit to the valley, General Raheel reviewed the progress of the last phase of the military operation and spent the whole day with the troops engaged in eliminating remaining pockets of terrorists in areas close to the Pak-Afghan border. The formation commander briefed the army chief on the operational gains achieved so far against the militants. The commander said since the start of the last phase of the offensive in February 2016 in the treacherous terrain of Shawal, over 800 square kilometres area had been secured and heavy casualties inflicted on terrorists.

Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Hidayatur Rehman and other high-ranking military officials were also present on the occasion. Appreciating the successful completion of the Shawal operation, the army chief acknowledged exceptional achievements, courage, determination and sacrifices of the troops in achieving the objectives. He, however, emphasised on consolidating the gains and resettlement of the internally displaced persons (IDPs) in their native areas in North Waziristan to restart a normal life. Speaking about breaking the nexus between terrorists and their facilitators sitting outside Fata, he called for undertaking large-scale combing operation immediately to seek out terrorists, their sleeper cells and facilitators in areas other than Fata and enhance the reach of law-enforcement agencies. Speaking to army officers and soldiers in the

### 144 militants including four commanders surrender in Balochistan

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### 'Govt will repatriate 2 million displaced persons to Fata by May'

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### Army chief announces successful completion of Shawal operation

*The Express Tribune, April 18, 2016*

### Massive terror plot foiled in Parachinar

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### Rawalpindi police seek Rs2.2bn to launch new force

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Shawal Valley, General Raheel said that standing shoulder to shoulder with them, the entire nation valued the sacrifices being rendered in the fight against terrorism. After losing residential areas such as Mir Ali and Miranshah to security forces, the militants fled to the mountains and established sanctuaries in Shawal. The forces, after securing control of these areas, launched a massive ground and air operation in Shawal in February, which formally concluded on Monday as the border areas were also cleared of the militants.

**QUETTA:** Four commanders along with 140 other militants surrendered their arms to authorities on Monday. The militants surrendered before the commissioner of Kalat division and law enforcement officials. Militants who surrendered today belong to the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) and other proscribed groups. Four commanders who surrendered are Eid Muhammad of the BLA, Niaz of Baloch Liberation Front (BLF) and two others, who were not named. The commissioner while welcoming the surrender assured the militants that the government would make efforts to rehabilitate them, with the militants claiming that they were misled by certain elements to partake in subversive activities. Militants also vowed to adopt peaceful lives and work for stability in the province. The government also announced amnesty for the militants adopting peaceful lives and they will be integrated in Balochistan. Pakistan's largest province — which borders Iran and Afghanistan — is riven by sectarian strife and Islamist violence. Its roughly seven million inhabitants have long complained they do not receive a fair share of its gas and mineral wealth. Baloch separatists demanding more autonomy and control over gas and mineral resources have frequently targeted security forces and police for years.

**PESHAWAR:** Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said the federal government was taking measures to facilitate the repatriation of around two million temporarily displaced persons (TDPs) of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) to their native areas. Jhagra said this during his visit to Bajaur Agency on Monday where he addressed to representatives of tribal jirga. The KP governor said peace has returned to the region including Bajaur Agency after immense sacrifices rendered by the security personnel and tribal people. "The time has come to address the sufferings of TDPs," he added. The government under a policy has focused on reconstruction and rehabilitation of tribal areas besides ensuring safe and dignified return of TDPs, he maintained. By May, he said, "two million TDPs would be repatriated to their hometowns". The governor visited Agency Headquarters Hospital Khar where he inquired after the health of patients and directed the authorities to ensure attendance of doctors and para-medical staff besides provision of better treatment facility to ailing segment of the society. Jhagra said the government accorded high priority to communication sector and for this purpose expansion and repair work on Khar-Tehsil Barang would be started soon. The KP governor said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor Project would prove to be a game-changer for the entire country including Fata. He directed the authorities to hold immediate planning to connect roads of Fata with CPEC so that tribal people could also be benefited of this mega project.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Pakistan Army has announced the completion of last phase of full-scale military offensive in North Waziristan Agency (NWA) after terrorists were driven out of strategic Shawal Valley. Army Chief General Raheel Sharif made the announcement while visiting the forward positions in NWA on Monday. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement that General Raheel lauded the troops for the successful completion of Shawal operation. He acknowledged exceptional achievements, courage, determination and sacrifices of troops in achieving the objectives. The army chief, however, emphasised on consolidating the gains and resettle temporary displaced persons (TDPs) back in their areas to the best of our abilities. Talking about breaking the nexus between terrorists and their facilitators sitting outside the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata), General Raheel directed to undertake large scale combing operation immediately to seek out terrorists, their sleeper cells and facilitators in areas other than Fata and enhance reach of the law enforcement agencies.

Speaking to officers and men while visiting Shawal Valley, the army chief said, "Standing shoulder to shoulder with us, the entire nation highly values the sacrifices being rendered in this fight against terrorism." The final phase of operation was launched in February in North Waziristan's deeply forested ravines of Shawal Valley and Datta Khel that had been used by terrorists for infiltration between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The military's media wing also said since start of the last phase in treacherous terrain of Shawal, more than 800sq-km of area had been secured inflicting heavy casualties on terrorists.

**PARACHINAR:** Levies forces and political administration officials averted a major disaster by defusing improvised explosive devices and rockets that were rigged to blow in a Parachinar market. Security officials uncovered the terrorist plot when they arrested a terrorist during a joint operation early Sunday morning. During questioning, the terrorist revealed that explosives had been planted in Usmania Plaza, located in Kurmi Bazaar. Officials rushed to the spot and defused three IEDs and rockets. They also rounded up 17 suspects from the area. The Political Agent and IG of Frontier Constabulary have lauded efforts of Levies forces to prevent a major disaster from taking place and have announced cash prizes for them. Meanwhile, representatives of Tori Bangash tribe, including Haji Faqir Hussain, Ibrar Hussain Jan and others, have vowed to support the security forces and cooperate with them in the future to eliminate militants.

**RAWALPINDI:** In line with the Punjab government's decision to expand the Dolphin Force from Lahore to other major cities, the Rawalpindi police have submitted a summary to the provincial authorities seeking an estimated budget of Rs2286.172 million for the launch of the force. Superintendent of Police (SP) Ameer Ahdullah Niazi, who headed a police team to prepare the summary, told Dawn that Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had directed to launch the Dolphin Force in Rawalpindi. The force was recently launched in Lahore on the pattern of the Turkish police. He said the summary detailing the estimated budget, manpower, transport and arms needed for the launch of the force had been sent to the provincial government for approval. As soon as the budget

is approved, the selection of personnel for the force would start. The new police unit will be tasked with checking street crime but will not be authorised to register a case against criminals even after their arrest. The Dolphin Force will comprise 1,200 constables, one superintendent, four DSP/ASP, 15 inspectors, 33 ASIs and 166 head constables. Of the total budget demanded by the police, Rs 260 million will be required for the purchase of 200 heavy bikes of 500CC each, the SP said. The Dolphin Force personnel will be stationed at 20 police stations of three divisions of the district – Rawal, Potohar and Saddar. As many as 25 teams, each consisting of two motorcycles with four officers, will patrol every division in shifts. The command and control centre of the force will be headed by the SP; however, the selection of the site for the establishment of the centre is yet to be made. The new police force will work under the command of the city police officer (CPO). A special uniform has been designed for the patrolling officers who would be equipped with wireless radio sets, small arms and handcuffs. They will also be provided with the Global Positioning System (GPS) and a tracking system which will be connected to the central control room.

In Lahore, 25 police officers were trained for two months in Turkey and upon their return they imparted training to 1,200 constables selected for the Dolphin Force. A senior police official said after the failure of Muhafiz Force and other patrolling models, the new police unit was being formed in Rawalpindi to check street crime which he believed would only be wastage of public money. When contacted, Dr Shoaib Suddle, who has a vast experience of policing and served in top positions in Sindh and Balochistan, told Dawn that it was not a bad idea to set up specialised police units when the crime trend had changed in society. But launching new police units only to check street crime is not a right approach, he added. He was of the opinion that street crime fell in a different category which needed an improvement in the basic unit of policing which was the police station. "The best approach for checking street crime is the introduction of a safe city concept, install CCTV cameras and use other modern gadgets to monitor criminals besides bringing reforms in police stations," Dr Suddle added. "Bring reforms at the police station level if street crime is to be controlled," Dr Suddle said, adding the more specialised police units would be introduced, the harder it would be to manage them.

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### DETAILS

**SARGODHA:** The strike observed by the Young Doctors Association (YDA) claimed four lives in Sargodha District Headquarters (DHQ) Hospital as the emergency and outpatient department (OPD) left unattended by the doctors. The young doctors protested against their colleague's dismissal and attempted to shut the services at the hospital. However, the Pakistan Medical Association and the medics on duty resisted against the association's rowdy behaviour. As a result, clash was intensified when protesters manhandled the senior doctors. Stampede and fracas landed the medics out of the hospital leaving patients unattended. Four patients, under treatment in emergency ward died due to lack of proper treatment. Some doctors hauled away hospital's record and fled the scene while the hospital administration sought registration of a case against them. Patients who travelled and came there from far flung areas to get their family members checked at the hospital faced issues due to the hooliganism. The activists of YDA and PMA, and the paramedics assaulted one another and freely used punches kicks and slaps. The PMA had already declared dissociation with the YDA protest and senior doctors started seeing the patients. The situation infuriated the young doctors and they tried to manhandle PMA President Dr Sikander Hayat Warraich. Meanwhile, the paramedics came out in favour of PMA and a scuffle took place in hospital premises. Police rushed there and held eight young doctors however their mates forcibly dismounted all of their companions from the police van. Meanwhile, over 200 patients were shifted from DHQ Hospital to private hospitals by their relatives due to adverse situation in the hospital.

**ISLAMABAD:** A local chapter of Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association (FAPUASA) has showed concern over interference in universities' affairs by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), advising it to act within its legal mandate. The elected representatives of Academic Staff Associations of International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and Quaid-i-Azam University unanimously passed a resolution to jointly counter all future attempts of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) 'undermining the autonomy of the universities,' said a statement issued by the representative body of university teacher after a meeting.

A tug of war has been going on between the HEC and some QAU faculty members over controversial appointments made in the university without following the set rules. The HEC, university administration and QAU ASA have issued statements over the issue blaming one another. The HEC says QAU administration without the endorsement of the HEC had appointed some five assistant and associate professors on Tenure Track System (TTS) who did not meet the set criteria for the appointments but the concerned faculty members who are office-bearers of ASA deny this. The university administration has distanced itself from this wrangling and sided with the HEC through an official statement.

Over the issue, a meeting of local chapter of FAPUASA was called the other day that maintained that the decisions of the statutory bodies of the universities such as selection board, academic council, and syndicate cannot be overturned by HEC as per rules and regulations. They were of the view that the HEC has its role as facilitator not at all a regulator or law-making body or an administrator controlling all the activities of the universities. "Under the HEC Act, it is a recommendatory body and therefore cannot dictate or overrule decisions of the statutory and law-making bodies of the universities." The representatives of various associations "condemned the tactics of HEC under a self-invented condition of so-called 'endorsement' of appointments made by statutory bodies of the universities which has no roots even implied in any version of TTS." They reviewed all the issues faced by the faculty including irregularities by HEC officials in distributing travel grants, making unjustified cuts after approval of research projects, changing status of HEC approved research journals time to time and especially tackling issue of publications on case to case basis, keeping fate of TTS faculty hanging for years on the illegal practice of so-called endorsement after their appointment by lawful authorities and statutory bodies. They decided to meet regularly every month and hold emergent meetings as per need to discuss and undertake joint actions to protect their legitimate rights and take all-out measures to counter any action against undermining autonomy of the universities. It was unanimously agreed upon that ASAs of Islamabad universities would offer HEC to resolve the longstanding issues of the teaching faculty through a meeting between them and HEC chairman next week. This would allow the rules, regulations, logic and reason to prevail; otherwise, the teaching faculty knows how to protect the public awarded autonomy of universities.

**PESHAWAR:** Dr Jean Marc Olive, Chairman Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Saturday said that he was very impressed to see achievements towards polio eradication in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata). "We are really close to polio eradication. It is good to see all the reassurances through achievements towards polio eradication in Fata," the TAG chairman told a meeting. He appreciated the Fata team for effective coordination with polio teams from cross border in Afghanistan. Acknowledging recent successes in polio eradication efforts in Fata, Dr Jean Marc Olive stressed the need for reaching out and ensuring vaccination of every child. "We should keep track record of unvaccinated children for future planning," he said, adding that they should retain local vaccinators, reward good work and encourage women to participate in polio campaigns as it could build confidence and trust of communities.

National Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Coordinator Dr Rana Safdar also appreciated the performance of Fata team. He said post-campaign assessments results as well as the campaign data updating process by Fata field teams have significantly improved. Earlier, EOC Coordinator Shakeel Qadir Khan gave a presentation on polio eradication efforts in Fata. He said that proactive engagement of law enforcement agencies and Fata administration, successful implementation of inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) campaign across Fata, strengthening of cross border vaccination with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Afghanistan, and progress in launch of direct disbursement mechanism i.e.



### BoK earns Rs605m in first quarter

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### Parents want teachers posted at Timergara school

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### APC on CPEC tomorrow

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### Poor administration at KTH irks patients

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payment to polio frontline workers have been contributing factors in recent successes in fight against polio virus in Fata.

**PESHAWAR:** The Bank of Khyber (BoK) earned an after-tax profit of Rs 605 million in its first quarter that ended on March 31, showing a growth of 96 percent over corresponding period of previous year. Briefing the board of directors meeting in Islamabad, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the BoK, Shams-ul-Qayyum, gave details of the performance of the bank over the first quarter of the current year. The 138th meeting of the board of directors was held to review and approve the accounts and finances of the BoK. The BoK meeting also briefly discussed the issue of advertisement placed by the bank management in the media in which the provincial Finance Minister was accused of misusing the bank's resources and meddling in its affairs. The meeting was chaired by Muhammad Azam Khan, additional chief secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and chairman of the board of directors. An official privy to the meeting said that besides Shams-ul-Qayyum, Ali Raza Bhutta, Secretary Finance, and Rashid Ali Khan also attended the meeting in Islamabad while three other board of directors members, Maqsood Ismail, Javed Akhtar and Asad Muhammad Iqbal, joined in through Skype. When asked whether the issue of the controversial advertisement was discussed, the official declined to comment on it and said that finances, accounts and performance of the bank over the last three quarter were taken up during the meeting. The BoK press release adds: The board showed their satisfaction over the performance and record growth in all operational areas of the bank during the period under review and approved the accounts for the period ended March 31, 2016. The board was also informed that bank's operating profit was recorded at Rs926 million showing growth of 22 percent over the corresponding period of 2015. The BoK deposits for the period under review recorded Rs133 billion showing growth of 49 percent over Rs89 billion of corresponded period of last year. It was informed that net advances and lending to financial institutions were recorded at Rs51 billion showing cumulative growth of 46 percent against Rs35 billion of March 2015. The BoK assets were recorded at Rs172 billion showing 42 percent growth over corresponding period of 2015 (Rs121 billion). The BoK investment (net) recorded Rs108 billion showing growth of 44 percent against Rs 75 billion of corresponded period of 2015. The release said that BoK board chairman lauded the bank's management for its consistent performance in almost all areas of banking operations and advised it to work with more dedication and devotion to further improve the operational achievements in the time to come.

**TIMERGARA:** There are only three secondary school teachers (SSTs) to impart education to students at the Government Girls Centennial Model High School Timergara, where 1,500 girls are studying. The News has learnt that recently one science SST and two arts SSTs were transferred from the school as they were promoted, but they were yet to be replaced, which is affecting the studies of students. Talking to this scribe, some parents, Haroonur Rashid, Shafiu Rehman, Mohammad Iqbal, Farid Jan and Mohammad Qasim, criticised the provincial government for making tall claims.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has decided to host an All Parties Conference on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor at the Chief Minister's House tomorrow (Monday). According to an official statement, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan will also attend the conference. Leaders of all political parties have been invited to the event, which will be held at 4:30pm.

**LAKKI MARWAT:** The elders of Bhittani tribe have asked the provincial government to refrain from merging some areas of Frontier Region Lakki Marwat with the settled parts. They were speaking at a jirga in the District Headquarters Complex Tajazai on Saturday. Local elders Maulana Zahidullah Turabi, Malik Hussain Khan, Malik Sherbat Khan, Malik Saifullah Khan, Malik Afzal Khan, Malik Rashid Gul, Qari Abdul Rauf, Malik Yargul and Malik Azmatullah Khan. "The down areas of the frontier region consisting of several villages and hamlets has been declared its part for the last several years," said a tribal chief. He said the tribesmen living in 80 percent territory had been kept deprived of uplift schemes. "We have not seen development work in the area for the last several years as authorities claim that the localities are not part of tribal region," said another elder. He said the territory was populated by Bhittani tribe. The Frontier Region Lakki Marwat is governed by the Frontier Crimes Regulation (FCR). The domicile certificates are also issued to the tribal people by political administration," a tribal elder said.

**PESHAWAR:** The district administration on Saturday demolished more than 370 structures in Board Bazaar during an operation against encroachments and widened the canal road. Deputy Commissioner Riaz Khan Mehsud had directed crackdown after issuing proper notices to shopkeepers and property owners. Additional deputy commissioners Abdul Nabi, Basir Ahmad and Syed Shahzeb supervised the anti-encroachment drive. Executive Engineer Irrigation Department Mohammad Sohail and SDO Shireen Jan and other officials were also present on the occasion. With the help of heavy machinery, the district administration demolished shops and markets.

**PESHAWAR:** The Khyber Teaching Hospital (KTH) has almost collapsed administratively as most of the doctors and other health workers don't consider themselves answerable to anybody these days. Though majority of the doctors and health workers come and go as per their own wish instead of following the official duty hours, there was a shocking development when all the doctors didn't even bother to attend the eye out-patients department (OPD) on Saturday. Except a single medical officer, all the doctors of the eye ward remained absent from duty in the OPD due to reasons best known to the doctors themselves and the KTH administration. A health worker at the eye OPD said around 200 patients had come to the OPD and most returned home disappointed after the doctors didn't come there to examine patients. "Only a medical officer is sitting and examining patients but it's beyond his capacity to see all the patients," the health worker said. He said one doctor had come and did some procedures of patients from his clinic and then left.

The issue was brought in the notice of Medical Director Prof Dr Nadeem Khawar and chairman Board of Governors (BoG) KTH, Dr Faisal Sultan but it seemed they were either helpless or had stopped taking interest in the hospital affairs. It is perhaps due to the administrative failure that most of the doctors and other hospital staff leave the hospital before 12 noon. Though the Lady Reading Hospital

### Ecneec approves motorway from Burhan/Hakla to DI Khan

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(LRH) administration had made it mandatory for the doctors and other hospital staff to work till 4pm, the situation in KTH is quite disturbing where the doctors had made a commitment to remain present till 2pm but in reality most leave the hospital quite earlier. Health Minister Shahram Khan Tarakai said he was aware of the issues and hoped things would improve after the regular medical director and hospital director were appointed this month. "Everybody knows what's going on in the public sector hospitals and that is the reason we have introduced the reforms to improve services and patient care as well as ensure presence of staff in the hospitals," the health minister added.

**ISLAMABAD:** In a bid to remove controversy over western route under the \$46 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) once and for all, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) under chairmanship of Finance Minister Ishaq Dar on Friday approved construction of motorway from Burhan/Hakla to DI Khan at the rationalised cost of Rs124.208 billion against earlier estimated cost of Rs129 billion. The Ecneec meeting considered and approved proposal submitted by the Ministry of Ports and Shipping regarding provision of coal conveying system from Pakistan International Bulk Terminal (PIBT) to Railway Network at Port Qasim at revised cost of Rs13.332 billion. This project was approved with foreign exchange component of Rs6 billion.

The Ministry of Communication informed the meeting that the route for the Burhan/Hakla to DI Khan motorway was as per the joint declaration issued after the all parties conference. Another proposal by the Ministry of Communication regarding land acquisition, affected properties compensation and relocation of utilities for construction of the Burhan/Hakla to DI Khan motorway was also considered at the rationalised cost of Rs11.973 billion. Ecneec approved the two projects, subject to formal confirmation of the route being in accordance with the understanding contained in the joint declaration of the APC. The project envisages construction of 285km 4-lane expressway from Hakla on M-1 to DI Khan near Yarik on N-55 as part of western route of the CPEC. The proposed motorway will be built as a controlled access facility and includes provision of 11 interchanges, 19 flyovers (6 lanes), 15 bridges (4 lane), 74 underpasses, 259 culverts, and three major bridges (6 lane); one at River Sawan, one at River Indus and third at River Koram. New proposed road network shall facilitate the traffic of backward areas of Punjab and KP. Besides above, the scope of work will also include construction of retaining walls, cross drainage and erosion works. The proposed expressway will have 100m wide right of way (ROW) to convert the proposed four lane facility to six lanes in future. The prime minister had directed the NHA to conduct aerial survey to study various options for the western alignment of CPEC. Several alternate proposals were prepared and discussed with their merits/demerits and the proposed route from Hakla on M-1 to DI Khan near Yarik on N-55 having total length of 285km has been finalised. The proposed motorway being part of the western corridor of the CPEC will serve as an international trade corridor of the country. Moreover, the existing connection from DI Khan to Rawalpindi/Islamabad is via Chashma may be closed down sooner or later owing to the sensitive establishments of Atomic Energy Commission in the road segment between DI Khan and Chashma. The new route will be a shortest and fastest facility as compared to the existing available road network from DI Khan to Rawalpindi/Islamabad. Ecneec also considered and approved the proposal from Ministry of Ports and Shipping for construction of bridge across River Indus connecting Larkana and Khairpur districts with approach roads and river training works at a revised cost of Rs13.397 billion. Ecneec also approved Kaitu Weir Irrigation and Power Project of Kurram Tangi Dam in Spinwam area of North Waziristan at rationalised cost of Rs21.059 billion. After detailed deliberations, Ecneec approved the proposal of Ministry of Communications for construction of black top road Yakmach-Kharan via Distain Wadh Khurmagai in Baluchistan at the firmed up cost of Rs13.758 billion. The Ecneec accorded conditional approval to western route project because KPK government's representative raised the issue that the route was not yet finalized. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar replied that the route was finalized in the All Parties Conference and his decision would stand nullified if it proved contrary to APC decision. So Ecneec approved this project conditionally.

### CDA has sealed 203 houses

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**ISLAMABAD:** As many as 203 houses in the residential sectors have so far been sealed due to their commercial use in violation of the building by-laws of the Capital Development Authority (CDA). An official of CDA said the operation against commercial use of the housing units in the residential sectors was launched on the directives of the Supreme Court and they are moving ahead in the right direction to serve this purpose. It is pertinent to mention here that CDA has issued notices to owners or operators of guesthouses, schools, offices, showrooms, restaurants, boutiques and clinics etc. to vacate residential buildings immediately otherwise they would face action by the civic authority.

### Five children faint due to heat, lack of water and power

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**KARACHI:** At least five students of Government Boys Primary School in Sabu Goth (Pipri) fainted on Saturday due to high temperature and suffocation, said a teacher of the school. "There was no electricity or water supply arrangement at the school for last 15 years since it was established," she lamented. Those who fainted include Sanam, Hakeema, Sugra, Bisma and Ishque after which they were shifted to the nearby health facility for first aid. He said the school also lacked washrooms and the children had no option but to go outside at some isolated site to extreme embarrassment and security threat to these toddlers along with unhygienic environment. "What could be expected from the students and the teachers to deliver in such a situation," he questioned. Some parents from Pipri and Shah Town areas -- between the National Highway and Pakistan Steel- narrated the similar stories of nine other government schools there. They cautioned that during this heatwave they would left with no option but to keep their children away from the educational activities for their safety. Sources said that around ten government schools in the vicinity of Pakistan Steel Mills - Pipri and Shah Town areas - are without electricity connection and drinking water, and it has become very difficult for the students and the teachers to pass the academic hours due to scorching heat; with forecast of unaffordable rise in the mercury in the coming days. The parents have appealed to the government to provide electricity and drinking water on emergency basis to government schools in these old localities to save the lives of their children and the teachers along with construction of washrooms and compound walls to ensure better academic environment.

### Education & Literacy Department marks World

**KARACHI:** The Reform Support Unit (RSU) of the Sindh Education and Literacy Department on Saturday organised a Book Day festival. An official said that this was in connection with the International Book Day. A ceremony to this effect was held at Quaid-e-Azam Public School, Darsano

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## Heatstroke claims another life, toll three in two days

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## PIAF welcomes proposed LNG pipeline deal with Russia, China

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## Toxic sweets death toll rises to 19

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## Painting competition held to highlight benefits of OMT

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Channo Education City, Malir. Sindh Minister for Education Nisar Ahmed Khuhro was the chief guest on the occasion. He said that such events should be organised for students not only in Malir but also in all other parts of Sindh. The Reform Support Unit of the Sindh Education and Literacy Department has taken this initiative to build a platform to improve current education system. World Book Day is celebrated to inculcate in children the reading habits, foster awareness about the benefits of reading books and as to how they can achieve the goals by developing such skills, and a platform where they can demonstrate their talent. "In this way we will be able to train teachers and parents to encourage them to read more, also we will be able to share the techniques/tips to develop these skills," he added. The World Book Day is celebrated by UNESCO all across the globe on April 23 and RSU had called upon the children of Sindh to pen down their thoughts on books and launched a province-wide essay competition, for which the students have submitted their entries through the Local Support Unit, present in all the 29 districts of Sindh, to RSU. The winners of the essay competition were awarded with different prizes, certificates and shields. Among all district of Sindh, Nuashero Feroze district won five awards. These were given on the basis of best three essays in Sindhi, Urdu and English. The essay competition was announced on March 23. The festival was planned to engage the underprivileged students to encourage them for academic excellence.

**KARACHI:** Death toll reached three in the provincial capital on Saturday as moderate heatwaves claimed another life in Graden area. According to Met Office, hot weather was likely to prevail in the city during next three days, a private news channel reported. Day temperatures are expected to gradually increase from 38°C to 40°C and will start decreasing to normal level from Tuesday, it added. Meanwhile, Karachi Commissioner Asif Haider Shah on Saturday said that absence of doctors and negligence of hospital managements regarding heatstroke centres would not be tolerated. While paying surprise visits to different heatstroke centres established by the city's administration, the commissioner suspended Sarfaraz Rafeequi Shaheed Hospital medical superintendent as he was found absent. After the prediction of heatwave in the metropolis, the city administration has established 52 stroke centres in all districts of the city. Shah urged hospital managements and district administrations to ensure the availability of recommended medicines and also presence of doctors. He warned of stern action against those who found negligent of their duties. He said that with the collaboration of Health Department and Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), the city administration has taken comprehensive measures to tackle the heatwave. "Besides deputy commissioners, additional commissioners, PDMA and Health Department, I am also monitoring these measures," he added. The commissioner said that they have arranged clean drinking water, medicines and also ensured the presence of doctors for 24 hours in 52 heat stroke centres established in the metropolis.

**LAHORE:** As Pakistan is all set to sign commercial agreements with Chinese and Russian governments for construction of Gwadar-Nawabshah and Karachi-Lahore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) pipelines, the Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) on Saturday welcomed the proposed deals in this regard. While talking to the media, PIAF Chairman Irfan Iqbal Sheikh said that China would lay down Gawadar-Nawabshah LNG pipeline at an estimated cost of \$ 1.5 billion and Russia would construct Karachi-Lahore pipeline at a cost \$ 2 billion. He said that both the pipelines would be completed by the end of 2017 and help transport 1.2 billion cubic feet imported LNG per day. He said that in first phase, LNG terminals in Gawadar and Karachi would be built each with a capacity to handle 600 million cubic feet LNG. In phase two, LNG terminals in Karachi and Gawadar would be completed with the same capacity.

Irfan Iqbal said that it is a good omen that government is already working on various projects of energy generation and most of them would be completed by the year 2018. He said that the business community attaches high hopes with the present regime that is taking right measures to bring the economy back on rail adding that various initiatives of PML-N government are yielding desired results, asserting that massive cut in petroleum prices are the ample proof of the government's commitment with the country. The PIAF chairman said that the energy is the engine of growth and its demand is growing with every passing day and government had to work on war footing to enhance power generation in the country keeping in view the future needs. He said that not only ongoing energy projects should be completed at the earliest but also work on new projects including Kalabagh Dam should be started without any delay. He remarked, "Kalabagh Dam is the life line of the manufacturing and agriculture sectors and those who are opposing this important dam are not well wisher of Pakistan". The PIAF chairman urged that the government not to take any kind of pressure and start work on the dam in the larger interest of the country. He also suggested the government to expedite work on the ongoing hydel and alternate energy projects for cheaper generation of electricity.

**LAYYAH:** The death toll caused by toxic sweets has risen to 19 in Layyah. The victims including nine members of a family in Karor Lal Esan sub-division have died after they consumed toxic sweets. The toxic sweets had been distributed after the birth of a child in a family. After consuming the toxic sweets, 14 persons died on the first day while others had been admitted to Nishtar Hospital in a critical condition. Four more people died on Saturday in the hospital reaching the death toll to 19. The identity of the deceased could not be ascertained immediately.

**LAHORE:** A painting competition was held between the students of Lahore College University and Kinnaird College, under the aegis of Directorate General Public Relations Punjab, to highlight the importance and benefits of Orange Line Metro Train through colours. The students of both institutions displayed their creative abilities on the boundary wall of DGPR. Ayesha Babar and Mariam Sajid of Kinnaird College team got first position, Zunaira Sajid and Mahnoor Shafqat of Lahore College for Women University team secured second position while Sharmeen Malik and Zoya Khalid of Kinnaird College team obtained third position. A cash prize of Rs 10,000 and certificate was given to the team winning first position, Rs 7,000 and certificate to the team obtaining second position and Rs 5,000 and certificate to the team securing third position. Punjab government spokesman Zaeem Hussain Qadri, while addressing prize distribution ceremony, said that the students of fine arts should come



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forward and display their creative talent as well as benefits of Orange Line Metro Train. He said that the students displaying best performance would be patronized, adding that such competitions would also be arranged in other districts of the province. Punjab Information Secretary Momin Agha, DGPR Jahangir Anwar, officers of the department and students of Lahore College University and Kinnaird College were also present on the occasion. Later, Zaeem Qadri distributed cash prizes and certificates among the position-holders as well as those who participated in the competition.

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Railways (PR) Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique on Saturday directed the authorities concerned to start beautification and improvement work along the tracks from Kot Lakhpat to Shahdara. A meeting held at Pakistan Railways Headquarters discussed matters related to beautification and improvement of the railway track from Shahdara to Raiwind. Addressing the meeting, the minister said in the first phase, work should be carried out on the areas that were densely populated and where the work should be completed in a short time. Pakistan Horticulture Authority (PHA) Director General Mian Shakeel briefed the minister in detail about the project. The meeting discussed various aspects of the project to make it the best, so that people could enjoy facilities that would be provided to them at various points along the track. The minister also directed authorities concerned that proper safety measures should be adopted at those places where recreational facilities would be provided along the track under this project. It is pertinent to mention that the Punjab chief minister had given initial approval of this project. Efforts were being made for signing of an agreement between the PHA and Railways at the earliest. Lahore Commissioner Abdullah Khan Sumbal, PHA Vice Chairman Iftikhar Ahmad along with Waqar Sheikh, Anjum Pervaiz, DCO Lahore Captain (Retd) Muhammad Usman, PR Infrastructure Assistant General Manager Humayun Rashid and others were also present.

**LAHORE:** British High Commissioner Thomas Drew met Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Saturday to discuss matters of mutual interests, strengthening of bilateral relations and increase in cooperation in different sectors. Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said that there are friendly trade relations between Pakistan and Britain and British cooperation in education, health, skill development and other sectors is laudable, adding that interaction between Punjab and Britain in different sectors has increased. The CM said that ongoing programmes in education, health and skill development sectors are being successfully implemented with the cooperation of British Department for International Development. Shahbaz said that promotion of education can help in curbing the trends of extremism and terrorism, therefore, Punjab government is paying special attention to the uplift of education sector and far-reaching measures have been taken for this purpose. He said that the government has promoted the culture of transparency, merit and quality completion of development projects, adding that national resources are a trust of the people and every penny of public money is being spent only on the welfare of the masses. The chief minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Pakistan has made remarkable progress in various sectors including controlling of energy crisis and elimination of terrorism and extremism. He said that compared to 2013, Pakistan today is more peaceful, safe, developed and economically stable. "There is no room for terrorism and extremism in the country and no effort will be spared for achieving the mission of setting up a society based on peace and tolerance as was envisioned by Quaid-e-Azam," he added. British High Commissioner Thomas Drew on the occasion said that there is a strong partnership between Punjab government and Britain for the betterment of social sectors. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, Punjab government has taken splendid measures for public welfare. "Process of cooperation in social sectors will continue in future as well," he added. Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said that politics is the name of selfless service to the people and the PML-N leadership considers it a form of worship. The CM expressed these views while talking to Member National Assembly Ghulam Bibi Barwana who met him on Saturday. Shahbaz said that transparency of the present government has also been acknowledged in the report of Transparency International released from Berlin. "The report states that Pakistan is at the best position in its history in international index on corruption, which is a proof of transparent policies of the present government. Other international institutions have also acknowledged transparency and decrease in corruption in the country," he added. The chief minister further said that some political elements want to promote politics of chaos in the country only to achieve their selfish interests and are bent upon hindering the process of national development. He said that the Punjab government is implementing a comprehensive programme of speedy development of the province and prosperity of the masses, adding that measures are being taken on priority basis for the uplift of backward areas. "Transparency and standard is the hallmark of Punjab government in the execution of development projects," he added.

**QUETTA:** A man was electrocuted at his house in Gandawa area of Jhal Magsi district on Friday, police said. Fakir Khan was fixing an electricity fault when he got an electrical shock. He was taken to hospital with serious burn injuries where he died. The body was handed over to the family after an autopsy. Meanwhile, a man killed himself over a domestic dispute in Kot Magsi area on Friday, Levies Force said. The body was taken to hospital for a post-mortem examination and was handed over to the family after medico-legal formalities. Levies Force said that investigation was under way.

**KARACHI:** Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar had ordered to remove six doctors from service over absenteeism. It is to mention here that these doctors were given many warnings; however, they failed to appear for personal hearing and even did not join their duties after final show cause notices. Those who have been removed from their services include medical officer Dr Raja Rizwan, medico-legal officer Dr Frasad Khan, medical officers Dr Shahzeb Rasool Memon, Dr Muhammad Ali, Dr Tarique Aziz and Dr Zeeshan Kamil. While final show cause notices were issued to eight doctors who failed to comply with the orders for personal hearing. Those who have been served show cause notices include three women medical officers Dr Sonia Bai, Dr Asma Syed and Dr Syeda Nadeem Hassan Kazmi. Others include Dr Ameet Kumar, Dr Mahesh Kumar, Dr Syed Khuram Ali and Dr Seemin Ali.

**KARACHI:** In the routine hustle bustle of Murad Khan Road near Khori Garden Market, Sakina is the only female roadside vendor, selling "pulse-made 'paapar'". She does not face any difficulty carrying



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her roadside business but feel hardship when it is time of call of nature. She has to bear and wait until work is finished and it is time to return back home near Light House area. "For females, there is no public washroom facility in whole market. During my routine stay here for almost eight hours, I cannot go to toilet, as I have no other choice. As the result I would have to hold," Sakina told. "In this backdrop I would have to drink less water," she added. According to experts, provision of safe, clean and comfortable public toilets is critical to citizens' health. "Women, in response to lack of toilet provision, are likely to 'hold on' resulting in urine (and pathogen) retention, and bladder distension increasing the propensity for continence problems," said Dr Nuzhat Faruqi, a urologist and assistant professor at Aga Khan University, Karachi. "The elderly and people with disabilities may simply not go out to answer the call of nature. Those toilets that are available may be unusable. At times, people stop drinking water hours before they travel which also imposes a risk of urinary infection and stone formation," Dr Faruqi maintained. Not only Sakina, but also other female customers face same difficulty and feel embarrassment to meet call of nature. "I wish city authorities could take serious note of it," she lamented. But little does Sakina know that newly-started Karachi's Rs 16.85 billion Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which comes in her route, would not possess adequate toileting facility. Little she is aware of the fact that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif during ground-breaking ceremony of the project had said, "The BRT will make life easy for residents of the areas it passes through." The federal government funded Green Line project, which would cater to almost 300,000 commuters a day had initially been planned from Surjani Town to Gurumandir but now it has been extended up to Merewether Tower. According to constructors EA Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, responsible for building and execution of this project for Karachi Infrastructure Development Company Limited (KIDCL), out of original 22 passenger service stations between Surjani Town and Gurumandir, not all service stations would have public toilet facilities due to issues pertaining to availability of space, provision of water and sewerage networks. Zahid Farooq, an urban planner links complete success of this project in case of all facilities including provision of public lavatories. "If project management is facing problems in terms of finding space, water connection or drainage, it should make it technically possible," he said. "Provision of public toilets should be included at all stations. It counts the success or create vacuum in public projects," official of Urban Resource Centre said while demanding provision of separate male-female lavatories. Not too far away from Sakina's open sky business, there is an 'Only For Men' public toilet, one of city's oldest public lavatory. However, upon visiting, the place was presenting a filthy look, and Rana Masih, in charge of Khori Garden Public Toilet, was seen resting on concrete blocks structure, with an eye on the visitors for collection charges.

### DHA marks Earth Day

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**KARACHI:** Defence Housing Authority (DHA) in collaboration with World Wildlife Fund (WWF) initiated an extensive mangroves plantation drive, the first of its kind initiative, to demonstrate support for environmental awareness and its protection on the eve of Earth Day 2016. A formal ceremony was held at Defence Authority Creek Club to mark the occasion. Commander 5 Corps Lt Gen Naveed Mukhtar was the chief guest. WWF Emeritus Vice President Brigadier (r) Mukhtar Ahmed, Brigadier Zubair Ahmed, DHA administrator, WWF Director General Agha Hammad Naqi Khan, and Agha Tahir Hussain from the Sindh government also attended the ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the corps commander said that promoting plantation, greenery and natural environment was essential for development of a vibrant and healthy society. He appreciated the efforts of DHA in collaboration with WWF and Forest Department for rehabilitating the depleted mangroves in the area. The other speakers highlighted the significance of protection and preservation of environment for a safe and harmonious living environment. They said that mangroves play a pivotal role in maintaining marine ecosystem and help protect shoreline from natural devastations and floods. A large number of nature enthusiasts, guests, and DHA and WWF officials attended the ceremony. The unique environmental campaign with the motto 'Lets Pay Back to Mother Earth' will bring a realisation of importance of protecting environment among the people, they said.

### Two die of heatstroke amid forecast of more hot weather

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**KARACHI:** At least two persons died of heatstroke on Friday in city amid forecast of more hot and humid weather during next 24 hours. The deceased belonged to Manghopir area of the metropolis. According to Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), a possible heatwave is expected to hit the port city, as temperature would gradually increase from 38°C to 40°C, a private news channel reported. "Due to a high pressure cell, the winds would take turn from southwesterly to northwesterly gradually which would bring hot and dry air mass to the provincial capital and other coastal areas cutting the sea breeze," the Met Office reported.

"Day temperatures would gradually increase on Friday from 38°C to 40°C on Sunday and then it would start decreasing attaining the normal level on Wednesday. Winds would start blowing from the sea restoring the sea breeze," it added. High-alert declared in hospitals: Sindh Health Department and Karachi Municipal Corporation (KMC) have put all public hospitals on high-alert in the city. The heads of healthcare facilities have been instructed to make all necessary arrangements to save people from expected heat stroke and other heat-related health problems. An emergency has been declared in public sector hospitals throughout the city following the forecast of mild heatwave from April 22 to 25, by the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD). The citizens have been advised to stay indoors and avoid unnecessary exposure to sun. The Meteorological Department has asked citizens to increase their intake of water to prevent heat stroke. Last year, heatwave claimed over 1,500 lives in the city. Health Services Director Dr Shakoor Abbasi said all public hospitals had been put on high-alert in the city and heads of hospitals have been directed to ensure availability of doctors, medical staff, and medicines in healthcare centres. He said that medical superintendents had been directed to ensure presence of medical staff in the Accident and Emergency Department of the hospitals, besides availability of lifesaving drugs, beds, and functional ambulances. He said an emergency control room had been established in Health Services Director Office at Civic Centre to cope with any heat stroke like medical emergency. Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) Health and Medical Services senior Director Dr Muhammad Ali Abbasi had already declared emergency in KMC-run hospitals. The heads of hospitals had been directed to ensure presence of doctors, paramedics and medicines in institutions. "All necessary medical facilities and medicines have been provided to hospitals in this regard. The leaves of doctors, nurses and paramedical staff have been

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cancelled in all public hospitals," said a KMC statement.

**KARACHI:** The total liquid foreign reserves of the country stood at \$ 20.7710 billion, said State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) on Thursday. According to SBP's weekly statement on Thursday, the foreign reserves held by State Bank on April 15, worth \$ 16,027.2 million and the net foreign reserves held by other banks are \$ 4,752.6 million. During the week ending April 15, SBP's liquid foreign exchange reserves decreased by \$ 14 million to \$16,027 million, compared to \$16,041 million in the previous week. During the week, SBP made payments of \$ 178 million on account of external debt servicing and other official payments. During the week, SBP received \$ 223.6 million from United States (US) under Coalition Support Fund.

**KARACHI:** Karachi Traffic Police would initiate a joint campaign against drivers without valid licences, and unregistered vehicles or vehicles sporting fancy or fake number plates in the metropolis, Traffic DIG Dr Amir Shaikh warned on Thursday. DIG Amir said that the temporarily halted campaign against drivers having bogus licences or driving vehicles without licences would soon be restarted in the city to take action against the drivers who have failed to get their valid licences in given time period by traffic police. He said that stern action would also be taken against unregistered vehicles, and those attaching fancy or fake number plates. The DIG warned that no one would be allowed to violate traffic laws in the city at any cost. He said that it has been observed that a large number of drivers are driving their vehicles without getting valid licences, putting their and other road users' lives at stake as they lack proper training which usually causes road accidents in the city. He said negligent drivers particularly motorcyclists are behind the traffic congestion issues as 70 percent of them do not possess valid licences. He said as per the World Health Organisation report, accidents kill more people than terrorism; over 1.2 million people die on roads each year, besides 20 and 50 million injuries. Over 90 percent accident occurs in low-income and middle-income countries in the world. Quoting a report of Japan International Cooperation Agency JICA, he said the city is paying a huge cost in terms of economic, social, and health losses due to road accidents, deaths and traffic congestion. He said the drivers running unregistered vehicles in the city would face heavy fine, imprisonment after approval from the higher authorities as they had already written a recommendation letter to Sindh inspector general of police (IGP) increasing the fine money from Rs 100 to Rs 5,000 plus six months imprisonment under section 23 of Motor vehicles Ordinance (MVO) 1965.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Health Department has failed to finalise the name of health services director despite passage of two months, resultantly the administrative affairs of the department have virtually come to a halt in the city. An official of Health Services said that structure of healthcare in the provincial capital is badly affected as high-ups of department could not finalise the name of health services director despite lapse of two month while district health officers (DHOs) have been working without drawing and disbursing officer (DDO) powers since last four months in the city. "Unfortunately, the Sindh health secretary could not finalise the name of the official for posting on this important slot after health services director Dr Zafar Ejaz retired from his office on February 22." He said District Health Officer (DHO) Mailr Shakoor Abbasi has been given additional charge of health services director. However, the post of director has been lying vacant for two months, he said. "Four months ago, the department re-introduced the district health officers (DHOs) in the city by replacing town health officers. However, all the DHOs are working without DDO powers, resulting in poor working of the department," he added. He said purchase of medicines, salaries, monitoring of polio drive and other administrative affairs have been affected in the city. "The DHOs are unable to monitor the polio drive and perform other officials activities as petrol pump owners have refused issuing fuel for vehicles till the clearance of earlier dues, while the payment of utility bills has also stopped owing to DDO power issue." In these circumstances, he said the officials of health services could also be unable to implement the Heatwave Emergency Plan 2016, as purchase of drugs and provision of other healthcare facilities could not possible without empowering DHOs. Health Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo was not available for comments.

**KARACHI:** A long stretch of University Road from the main campus of Karachi University (KU) to Safoora Chowrangi is in a sorry condition due to perpetual negligence of the civic authorities concerned. This battered road being used by hundreds of thousands of Karachiites daily but it is yet to be repaired for the reasons better known to the KMC and DMC East bosses. Sources said the Mosmiyat section of the Main University Road is damaged due to leaking water and gutter lines and use of substandard material in its repair Hundreds of thousands of motorists and commuters face immense problems due to the delayed repair of this section of the road. The civic authorities have failed to repair this very busy stretch of University Road that is heavily damaged due to potholes and cracks. To make things even worse, dozens of roadside eateries and hundreds of pushcarts and roadside vendors have occupied footpaths of this road, near Mosimiyat area, causing more problems for citizens. Recently, the KMC had carried out a cosmetic encroachment removal drive but the roadside encroachments reemerged as the anti-encroachment staff left the site. Ironically, amenity spaces for parks are also encroached for eateries and food vendors and the KMC shies away of taking action against them, added sources. The road also links the city to the Malir Cantonment and Jinnah Airport, besides providing an alternate approach to the Superhighway and its early repair and reconstruction in not only necessary to facilitate the citizens of East but also serve millions of Karachiites who use this road to travel towards the airport and the superhighway. Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) East chapter chief Muhammad Yunus Barai said the Local Government Department, the KMC and DMC East should take notice of this serious public issue and order immediate repair of the road; otherwise, the JI would hold protest demos and camps along the battered road. However, recently, in a bid to beautify the road, bushes were cut and some flowerpots were kept on a muddy footpath opposite the KU, but this beautification work was soon forgotten by the authorities concerned and many of these flowerpots and saplings dried up even before their plantation. The citizens, however, have requested the Local Government Department, KMC and the DMC East to start repair of the road without further delay, besides its uplift and beautification.

**KARACHI:** Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has decided to digitise all land record in

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### 33 more dengue cases surface in city

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### OPC retrieves illegally occupied land

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### 'Ailing' health services : Patients suffer as YDA records two-hour weekly protest

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coordination with Information Technology Department. In this regard, KMC Administrator Laeeq Ahmed chaired a meeting which was attended by the officers from Land and Information Technology departments of KMC. The meeting decided that the KMC Land Department would computerise 100 files on daily basis, said a statement on Thursday. The Land Department officials would conduct daily visit to the city to check the establishment of encroachments on government land and in case, they found any, then a written information will be sent to the Anti-encroachments Department along with a copy of it to the administrator secretariat for immediate action. The administrator directed that all such officials whose salary was not paid by the Land Department must report for duty in their parent departments.

**KARACHI:** At least 33 more dengue cases have emerged in the province in a week, taking the patients toll to 430 across Sindh since January 1. According to a report issued by Sindh Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), as many as 33 new dengue fever cases have been detected across Sindh province from April 15 to 21, out of which 28 are in provincial capital and one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Sukkur, Khairpur, Naushero Feroz, and Mirpurkhas. A total 430 dengue fever cases had been reported in Sindh province since this year, out of which 408 were detected from the metropolis, five from Hyderabad, three from Sukkur, two each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Mirpurkhas and Naushero Feroz, one each from Larkana, Khairpur, Jamshoro, Sanghar, Ghotki, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirabad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far.

**LAHORE:** As a result of efforts of the Overseas Pakistanis Commission (OPC) Punjab, 55 kanals and 5 marlas land of an overseas Pakistani, currently living in the United States of America, has been retrieved. Giving details in this regard, OPC Punjab Commissioner Afzaal Bhatti said that after receiving a complaint from Dr Iftikhar Chaudhry about the illegal possession, the case was referred to District Overseas Committee Sheikhupura, which took action and retrieved the land located at Ghazi Minara, Sheikhupura. He said that the land was in illegal possession of three persons for the last eight years. Afzaal Bhatti said that on special directions of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, OPC Punjab was playing an active role to redress the issues faced by overseas Pakistanis in the government agencies of the province.

**LAHORE:** The Young Doctors Association (YDA) on Thursday registered their two-hour weekly protest on major roads of that city, demanding implementation of agreed service structure, promotion of doctors, payment of salaries to all PG trainees, early completion of ongoing development projects at the government hospitals, withdrawal of 15 percent deduction in health budget and decrease in drug prices. A massive traffic jam was observed on different important roads of the city due to the YDA protest at Mall Road, Jail Road, Ferozpur Road, Canal Road and its surrounding areas. Citizens faced serious problems on roads due to the protest. Even ambulances were seen stuck due to long queues of vehicles on major roads. Doctors from five major public hospitals of the city refused to perform their duties in their respective departments and wards and instead took out rallies to protest against the government for not implementing what they called was an 'agreed upon' service structure. The protesting doctors blocked the roads as per their two-hour schedule, while the patients of all teaching hospitals faced a lot of troubles due to the absence of young doctors from their duties. The protestors on the occasion carried placards and banners mentioning words in favour of their demands and chanted slogans against the Punjab government, Health Department and Khawaj Salman Rafique for not materialising their promises regarding the service structure and other issues. The Services Hospital YDA gathered at Jail Road at around 10am, Mayo and Ganga Ram Hospitals YDA took out a protest rally to Mall Road, YDA members of Lahore General Hospital and Children Hospital gathered at Ferozpur Road, while YDA members of Jinnah Hospital also took a protest rally at Canal Road, causing massive traffic jam till 12:30pm. The YDA representatives said that Punjab government was not bothered about the complaints of young doctors despite the fact that they boycotted OPD services in the public hospitals for last few years, demanding provision of proper service structure as majority of doctor remained in same grade for years without promotions. The YDA office barriers said according to the set agreements between the government and YDA, the government has not fulfilled even fifty percent demands of YDA and currently it was running away from its promises.

The young doctors' strike caused a great deal of problems for the patients in hospitals as work in OPDs was partially shut and several minor operations were postponed. Besides, the closure of roads created massive inconvenience for people, who remained stuck in traffic for hours. The protesting doctors said that the YDA would intensify the movement if demands were not accepted.

**LAHORE:** Lahore High Court (LHC) Justice Abid Aziz Sheikh on Thursday directed the Environment Protection Department (EPD) to regularise 39 employees who were recruited on contractual basis. The judge observed that while discharging official functions, efforts should be made to ensure that no one is prevented from earning his/her livelihood due to unfair and discriminatory act on part of the public functionaries. The judge made the observation while hearing the petitions of Shazia Pervaiz and others challenging their likely termination and seeking regularisation. The petitioners counsel said that they were employed by EPD on contract basis for a project 'Regulatory control on environment degradation through capacity building of environment protection agency, Punjab'. He said that the period of the project was initially until June 6, 2013 but later it was extended up to December 12, 2013. He said that the project was transferred to a non-development side along with 39 employees on January 1, 2014, adding that the chief minister had also ordered to transfer 39 employees to non-development side but the department was not considering their request. The EPD counsel said that project was for a specific purpose and time and after expiry of project, neither any post exists nor any financial allocation of funds is available. He also said that the project has not been transferred to any non-development side. The judge held that there was no doubt that after approval of the chief minister, the project was transferred to non-development side along with 39 posts including petitioners. He held that the Supreme Court had clearly laid down the principle that after the transfer of project to non-development side, employees, who have gained experience and are duly qualified, have right to be regularised.



## Factory, warehouse gutted in Gulberg Industrial Area

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## PIA Islamabad-bound flight narrowly escapes accident

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## CJP takes suo motu notice over conversion of building into cinema

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## CNG bus project handed over to 'blue-eyed' persons

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## SC annoyed over delay in computerisation of land record

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**LAHORE:** A foam-manufacturing warehouse and a motorcycle factory, located in the same building on Gurumangat Road in Gulberg Industrial Area, caught fire on Thursday, burning valuable goods to ashes and causing a serious financial loss to the owner. However, no casualties were reported on the occasion. The fire was so severe that within no time, the flames engulfed the whole factory and warehouse building, causing the roof and walls of the factory to collapse during the rescue operation. The fire, which erupted in the warehouse at 1:50pm and quickly spread across the entire building, was controlled after continuous hectic efforts by the fire brigades and rescue teams who reached the site immediately to control the situation. The rescue teams faced a lot of difficulty as the building was situated between the industrial and residence areas, however after rigorous efforts, they were able to extinguish the fire. The workers managed to run outside the factory building when the incident occurred, while the cause of fire could not be ascertained until the filing of this story. A senior rescue official said that the fire broke out in the upper portion of the building due to short circuit, adding that burning of chemical and high quantity foam resulted in heavy smoke, which covered the sky and made it difficult for the residents to breathe. He said that due to the severe fire, rescue officials also evacuated the nearby buildings and houses for precautionary measures. The rescuers also used the rooftops of surrounding buildings for several hours to extinguish the fire. The factory fire spread terror and panic in the local area. Upon being informed, a number of locals including women and children as well as workers of different local factories reached the spot to monitor the rescue operation. High ranking police officers, government officials and the officials of concerned departments also reached the spot and expressed their concern over the incident. The officials said that no casualties were reported in the incident, however goods worth millions of rupees were gutted to ashes. In another incident, two people died in a road accident on Thursday. Police said that the motorcyclists, identified as Adrees and Afzal, were on their way to Shahdra when some unknown vehicles hit them and managed to escape from the scene. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital where both persons succumbed to injuries. Police handed over the dead bodies after fulfilling the legal formalities.

**KARACHI:** An Islamabad-bound flight narrowly escaped an accident at the Karachi Airport due to fault in engine. A PIA spokesman said that soon after take-off, a technical fault occurred in the engine of flight PK-300 and the pilot crash-landed the plane at Karachi Airport. However, no one was hurt. The spokesman said that the plane would leave for Islamabad once the fault is fixed.

**KARACHI:** Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Anwar Zaheer Jamali took suo motu notice on Wednesday over the alleged conversion of Al Markaz Islami building into a cinema in Karachi. A three-member bench headed by Justice Jamali ordered the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) and the Sindh government to submit a reply over an application filed by Karachi's Amir Jamat-e-Islami Naeemur Rehman. The applicant stated, "In August 2015, Karachi Commissioner Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui while taking notice over news reports had shut down the cinema and it soon reopened". Earlier, the CJP took suo motu notice on the illegal appointments, promotions and adjustments in the Sindh Health Department without publishing any advertisement or holding any interview. This is the current year's first suo motu initiated by the chief justice. The CJP took the initiative after Pakistan Para Medical Staff Association Jacobabad chapter President Akber Ali Khoso filed an application. The appellant contended that the illegal selections were made on the basis of bogus structures in the provincial health department.

**KARACHI:** Failing to make payment for acquiring 41 compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, Karachi Metropolitan Corporation has handed over the entire fleet free of cost to blue-eyed persons, Daily Times has learnt. The total worth of buses is over Rs 180 million and they were handed over for two-year contract. Out of which 36 buses were gifted to a near and dear one of a Sindh minister and five busses were given to Malir Cantonment Authority. This project was launched to facilitate commuters the commuter and Malir Cantt Authority had directed former Karachi commissioner Shoib Ahmed Siddiqui to provide some buses to them. The private investor of 36 CNG buses was supposed to run these busses on new route from Gulshan-e-Hadeed, Tower to Quaidabad through Shahrahe-Faisal. The agreement with the private transport company was ending in August. Sindh Chief Minister Qiam Ali Shah formed a three-member committee to rationalise the fare structure of the buses. The Sindh chief secretary headed the committee with commissioner and KMC administrator as members. The Green Bus (CNG) service was initiated in 2005 by the then mayor Niamatullah Khan. The service operated till 2007 after which it was suspended for some time. In 2009, Sindh Governor Dr Ishratul Ebad resumed the service but it was terminated once again on April 23, 2013. At the time, the service used to operate on three major routes from Surjani Town to Safoora Goth, Surjani Town to Korangi, and Orangi Town to Malir. KMC's CBA Union President Zulfiqar Ali Shah said, "The transport mafia, extortion mafia and corrupt officials within KMC were primarily responsible for discontinuation of the service." Shah said, "The transport mafia does not want the service to operate as it provides a cheaper alternative, which means they cannot charge higher fares." According to Shah, KMC officials merely want to run a media campaign to show they sincere wish to restart the service, so they can fill their pockets with the funds. "They have no money to pay the employees' salaries, how can they run the service without money," he concluded.

**ISLAMABAD:** Chief Justice (CJ) Anwar Zaheer Jamali has remarked that court orders got entangled in administrative loopholes in Sindh. "Computerisation of the record has been completed in Punjab and land record in Sindh has not been computerised despite a lapse of several years. Work could not be done despite allocation of hefty amount," he gave these remarks during hearing of computerisation of Sindh revenue record case on Wednesday. Justice Muslim remarked that Rs four million were allocated by Sindh government but the work could not be done. "Record of not a single district has been computerised within five years. Nazar Muhammad Leghari, who was appointed as consultant for computerisation of land record, Member Revenue Board Zulfiqar Ali, Ejaz Ali Shah and chief secretary appeared in the court. Counsel for the Sindh government told the court that process of provision of the land record to the people has been started. Justice Amir Hani Muslim remarked, "How the record has been computerised when it has not been reconstructed." Leghari told the court that the process of reconstruction will be completed within two months. The court while deciding to conduct next hearing of the case in the provincial capital has sought progress report from Sindh



### Police to take stern action against land grabbers: DIG

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Revenue Department, besides adjourning the hearing of the case for two months.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Police Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Dr Kamran Fazal Siddiqui said that the police are working round the clock to wipe out crime from the society and the anti-encroachment cell has been reactivated and stern action will be taken against policemen if found involved in crime. He was addressing a luncheon meeting arranged by Association of Builders and Developers of Pakistan (ABAD) in his honour at ABAD House on Wednesday. ABAD Chairman Hanif Gohar, Vice Chairman Rizwan Adhia, Convener of sub-committee on Law and Order Sohail Varind, SSP (East) Capt (r) Faisal Abdullah Chachar and former chairmen and members of ABAD were also present. Replying to reservations of builders regarding encroachments on land in the East district, the DIG said that the police are taking stern action against land mafia and street criminals in the light of Sindh High Court's directives. He said, "Police are working with ABAD and we are committed to bringing peace to the city with collective efforts." The DIG said crime rate has come down in comparison with the recent past, adding that police are fighting crime and terrorism despite very low numbers of force. Addressing the meeting, ABAD Chairman Hanif Gohar said the ABAD is talking about common persons. "We have raised voice at every forum for the solution of problems of ABAD's members." He said that the ABAD will continue to raise its voice for low-cost houses for people of the low-income group. He said that crime has come down in the city in comparison of past and people have become able to move freely due to sacrifices of law enforcement agencies. Hanif Gohar requested DIG Siddiqui to remove the reservations of ABAD's members so they can speedily complete their projects peacefully. He said that the ABAD, following its tradition, has sent budget proposals to the government this year too. He expressed the hope that the government will consider these proposals seriously and implement for the betterment of the people of Pakistan. The chairman said that the baseless rise in the cement price is posing negative impact on the people. He said the decision of the government for lifting ban on gas connections to high-rise buildings is a people-friendly step of the government and "we hope that the government will bring down prices of cement and steel, too". Vice Chairman Rizwan Adhia said that there are good and bad people in every departments but a handful of people are tarnishing image of the Police Department. He said that if the job is done with the commitment, it can build positive image. He also emphasized to reactivate Police-ABAD joint committee. SSP East Capt (r) Faisal Abdullah Chachar, Mohammad Hanif Memon, Sohail Varind and others also spoke on the occasion.

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Pediatric Association (PPA) President Dr Tahir Masood has urged the health experts to increase the scope and reach of Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), as 27 percent deaths of children aged less than 5 years in Pakistan are due to vaccine preventable diseases. During a media briefing on Wednesday in the backdrop of World Immunisation Week to highlight the importance of vaccination and immunisation, Dr Masood said that immunisation is a proven tool for controlling and eliminating life-threatening infectious diseases and it is one of the most cost-effective health investments. "Vaccines protect children by preparing their bodies to fight many potentially deadly diseases. They are responsible to control many infectious diseases that were once common around the world, including smallpox, polio, measles, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella (German measles), mumps, tetanus, and haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib)," he added. The PPA president said vaccines are considered second only to clean drinking water in controlling infectious diseases. "Immunisation is one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions and prevents between 2-3 million deaths every year," Dr Masood added. PPA Vice President Dr Naeem Zafar said that every year, Pneumonia kills an estimated 1.2 million children under the age of five years, more than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined, adding that rotavirus gastroenteritis is estimated to cause more than half a million children deaths. "Two billion people are infected with Hepatitis B virus and about 780,000 people die, all of these can be prevented through vaccination and immunisation," he added. He said without vaccines, epidemics of many preventable diseases could return, resulting in increased – and unnecessary – illness, disability, and death. PPA Punjab President Dr Asif Kaleem Sheikh said measles vaccination resulted in a 75% drop in measles deaths between 2000 and 2013 worldwide, while illnesses and complications caused by influenza can be reduced by up to 60%, and deaths by 80%, in elderly patients. "Polio cases have been reduced by 99% from over 300,000 per year in 1988 to less than 650 cases in 2011. Smallpox was eradicated globally in a time span of 10 years," Dr Asif added.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Planning and Development Secretary Iftekhar Ali Sahoo has said that the Punjab government is moving towards engaging academia, civil society organisations, companies, businesses, firms and consultants to improve the quality of services provided by the government through modern techniques and models implied by national and international consultants. The government has tried to bring in the competency and technical expertise of private consultants, he said while addressing a seminar titled 'Pre-qualification for consulting firms under the concept of capacity building of government departments', organised by Planning and Development at the auditorium of P&D Complex on Wednesday. The P&D secretary said that the government departments' capacity to conceive high quality projects need to be upgraded for which the demand of consultants is undeniable. "The government was going to initiate mega projects in the province during the fiscal year 2016-17 by involving and ensuring partnership of international and national consultancy firms and companies," he added. P&D Director General Dr Sajjad Mobeen welcomed all the representatives of consulting firms for attending the seminar that would help in understanding amendment in PPRA Rules 2014 and subsequent pre-qualification for the financial year 2016-17 by P&D Department with May 9, as closing date for applying. He, through a brief presentation, iterated that contractors and consultants were development partners while P&D approved development projects of Rs 400 billion plus for the current currency year. He said that consultants were important than contractors as the former designs projects on which the government allocated public funds and the projects must be rationally designed to get best returns out of the public spending.

**LAHORE:** Leader of the infamous Chhotu gang, Ghulam Rasool, along with 13 gang members has 'surrendered unconditionally to the army', the military spokesperson announced on Wednesday, bringing to non-violent end the 21-day long operation in the riverine area of Rajanpur district of

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## PAT demands trial of Chhotu gang in military court

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## TEVTA to start four technical training courses

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## Combating P2 virus : Punjab on track for global switch from TOPV to BOPV

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southern Punjab. Addressing a press briefing regarding the ongoing operation in Rajanpur area, Lt Gen Asim Bajwa said, "The military has successfully completed operation Zarb-i-Ahan." He confirmed that the 24 policemen taken hostage by the Chhotu gang had been rescued. "However, the army will not vacate the area until all the miscreant elements are neutralised," Bajwa maintained. The ISPR chief said that security forces will eliminate this 'no-go area' and any other such areas across the country. Earlier, it was reported that members of the Chhotu gang surrendered to the army and at least 170 gangsters were taken into custody by the armed forces. Rajanpur District Police Officer Ghulam Mubashir Maikin said that the return of hostages to their families was 'in process'. A senior police officer earlier said that the gang had been using the hostages as human shield to protect their women and children. A search operation was also being conducted to secure Rajanpur's Kacha area. The army took command of the operation, codenamed Zarb-e-Aahan, on April 15 in an effort to rescue the 24 policemen abducted by the Chhotu gang a week ago. Negotiations between the authorities and the gangsters had been ongoing since the hostage-taking. While helicopter gunships continued to target hideouts of the Chhotu gang in Kacha Jamal on Tuesday, ground troops did not use heavy weaponry for the safety of the kidnapped policemen. The military had launched a full-fledged assault using helicopter gunships, surveillance drones and heavy artillery with unconfirmed reports also suggesting movement of tanks in Kacha Jamal, Shahwali and Sonmiani areas. A member of the Chhotu gang was arrested in the day when four bandits tried to escape the island. However, three of them managed to run back into the riverine forest. The arrested gangster, identified as Ramzan Machhi, a resident of Chak Umrani, was shifted to an undisclosed location for interrogation. Ghulam Rasool alias Chhotu worked as a security guard for MPA Atif Mazari for three to five years in Rojhan, according to police officials. He also worked for the Punjab police as an informer till 2007 and used to give information about gangs involved in robberies and kidnapping for ransom in Rajanpur and Muzaffargarh districts. Chhotu, who belongs to Bakrani clan of Mazari tribe of Rojhan area, later developed differences with police over unknown reasons and established his own gang to carry out criminal activities. The riverine area of Kachi Jamal in Rajanpur, a stronghold of the Chhotu gang, has a population of more than 10,000 people living in small villages.

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) has demanded that the trial of infamous Chhotu gang be referred to the military court. This was declared in the PAT central working council meeting held here under the chair of Dr Hasan Mohayudin on Wednesday in which the participants expressed "fear of the killing of Chhotu gangsters, especially the head of the gang, Ghulam Rasool, in some fake police encounter" if they were handed over to the Punjab police for investigation after the military operation. The council alleged that "some of the facilitators and patrons of the Chhotu gang belonged to the ruling party so there were doubts that all the gangster would be killed in some fake police encounter if they would handed over to the police". They said that Pak Army should investigate Chhotu gang to expose the facilitators and patrons before the nation. Dr Hasan declared the surrender of the Chhotu gang a big breakthrough. The council meeting while congratulating the Pak Army for its successful operation against Chhotu Gang in Rajanpur has also condemned the recent terror attack on policemen in Karachi.

**LAHORE:** Technical Education & Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) and Millat Equipments Limited have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to start four technical training courses. According to press release on Wednesday, the training courses, including CNC operator, electricians, machinists and quality inspectors' programmes, would started in respective TEVTA institutes. While addressing at the MoU ceremony, TEVTA Chairman Irfan Qaiser Sheikh said that this MoU would work closely with Millat Equipment Ltd for skill assessment in the engineering industry, adding that TEVTA would also collaborate with Millat Equipment to ensure placement of trainees for on job training. "TEVTA will also arrange seminars, workshops and conferences for awareness raising of industry and academia on TVET sector development in Pakistan," he added.

**LAHORE:** Punjab is all set to complete implementation of global switch from Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (TOPV) to Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (BOPV) from April 25. Expanded Program on Immunisation (EPI) Director Dr Munir Ahmed chaired a meeting of EPI experts and technical officials from UNICEF, WHO and Gates Foundation on Wednesday to review the progress made in developing the monitoring mechanism after the switch deadline. The TOPV to BOPV switch implies that BOPV would replace TOPV in all types of vaccination activities like routine immunisation and polio campaigns throughout the world including Pakistan. The TOPV to BOPV switch would occur on April 25 with an objective to remove the P2 virus from the world, even from the vaccine. EPI Director Dr Munir Ahmed said, "The TOPV vaccine includes all 3 types of polio virus. As no polio case due to type 2 of poliovirus have been reported since 1999, the experts believe there is no need to give vaccine against type 2. Removing type 2 component from OPV would improve the potency of BOPV against type 1 and type 3, which would help achieve polio free country and world." Dr Munir further said that BOPV would be used in polio campaigns from April 25 in 15 districts and monitoring teams from the provincial office would inspect the district and tehsil store to ensure no vial of TOPV is available anywhere in the province. He said by April 23, all TOPV vials must be counted, removed from cold chain i.e. ILRs, refrigerators etc. placed in separate bag or container and transported to District health office from all EPI centres. TOPV would be exchanged for BOPV at DO and no single dose or vial of TOPV must be left at vaccination site, he added. The independent monitors would visit EPI sites, THQ and DHQs to validate that all TOPV is removed and shifted to DO (H) office for onward transportation to provincial office. He said if any vial of TOPV is found at vaccination site, it would show poor interest and commitment on part of vaccinator, health facility incharge and DHMT.

**LAHORE:** Over 28 bazaars would be made functional on June 2 in the city in connection with the upcoming month of Ramadan. The City District Government Lahore (CDGL) teams would especially inspect the Ramadan bazaars to ensure safety of the citizens besides implementing laws to curb child labour along with ensuring availability of fresh vegetable and fruits, said District Coordinator Officer (DCO) Lahore captain (r) Muhammad Usman while chairing a meeting to review arrangements of security, parking facilities, availability of fresh, clean and healthy food at Ramadan bazaars at the Town Hall on Wednesday. He directed the town administrations to ensure

## Two-year course in China : CM encourages students to enhance value of green passport

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implementation on Restriction of Employment of Children Ordinance in letter and spirit to successfully eliminate child labour from the society. Assistant commissioners, town administrators, town municipal officers (TMO's) and other concerned officials were also present on the occasion. Town administrators and TMOs briefed the DCO regarding arrangements for Ramadan bazaars. It was disclosed that the CDGL would also set up 'Muhammadi Dastarkhwan' in various parts of the city for the poor and needy during the holy month. Usman said that CDGL has identified the areas for setting up Ramadan bazaars in the provincial capital, adding that decision of establishing these Ramadan bazaars was taken to provide maximum relief to the citizens, in line with spirit of Ramadan. He said that citizens could purchase cheaper and quality eatable items from these set ups. The DCO said that all town administrations, in collaboration with the CDGL officials, would maintain surplus supply of essential commodities in all Ramadan bazaars of the city, adding that CDGL would also set up stalls of standardised quality sugar, chicken and flour bags along with other essential commodities in these bazaars. Usman said that he would not give permission to shoppers for taking help from children, adding that town administrations would especially keep a check on shops for elimination of child labour. "The monitoring teams will take action against the responsible person in case of not following the rules," he added.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that young generation is guarantee to a bright future of Pakistan, adding that provision of resources for equipping the youth with modern knowledge is a useful investment and the government would provide all out funds for this purpose. Addressing first batch of 66 students selected for two-year Chinese language course on Wednesday, he said that the government has made a programme to send 500 youth to China for learning Chinese language. "First batch of 66 students will leave for China today (Thursday). China has become the second biggest economic power of the world and has proved its mettle across nations," he added. Shahbaz said that political, diplomatic and economic importance of China is there for everyone to see, adding that learning Chinese language is the need of the hour. No doubt, he said, this programme would increase the friendship, economic cooperation and relations between the two countries.

Chinese Consul General Yu Boren, additional chief secretary, Higher Education secretary, vice chancellors and other officers concerned were present on the occasion. The chief minister told the students that they are the ambassadors of the country and they have to earn a good name through hard work, discipline, punctuality and high character in order to enhance the value of the green passport. He said that the students not only have to learn Chinese language during two years' course but also get knowledge about history and culture of China. He assured that all out resources would be utilised for the bright future of the country and the nation. "Youth are equipped with courage and knowledge and they have to make their country prosperous. Punjab government will bear all the expenditure in this regard," he said, adding that those who would show outstanding performance in the course would be provided with jobs in universities and colleges. He said that Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Iran and a number of other countries are also friends of Pakistan but Pak-China friendship is unprecedented, adding that friendship and economic cooperation with China is important in many respects. Shahbaz said that judges, generals, policymakers, judiciary, traders and all segments of society would have to play due role in the uplift of the country. Referring to merit policy of Punjab government, Shahbaz said that culture of merit and transparency has been promoted in the province during the last eight years. He said all recruitments in education, police and other departments have been made on merit. Besides, selection of girl and boy students visiting China has also been made on merit. He said that merit is only way to development of the country therefore, merit has been promoted at every level. Replying to the questions of students, the chief minister said that Pakistan is more for the poor than for the rich, adding that Pakistan would become the country of Quaid and Iqbal only when the gulf between the rich and poor is eliminated. If we ensure merit, the disappointment of common man will change into hope and he will consider Pakistan as his country and the confidence of the youth will be restored," he added. Chinese Consul General Yu Boren said that it was an honour for him to participate in the ceremony. He said China and Pakistan are good neighbours, friends, partners and brothers and the friendship between both the countries is strengthening with the passage of time. He said that role of the chief minister is commendable for enhancing Pak-China friendship and economic cooperation. The Chinese consul general would remain in contact with the university in Beijing and extend all out facilities to the students participating in the course in Chinese language. The chief minister also gave laptops to the students going to China.

## Mangroves to be planted on 500-hectare coastline

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**KARACHI:** Mangroves would be planted on 500-hectare of land surrounding Port Qasim area under the project titled 'Mangroves Ecosystem Restoration' funded by Engro Elengy Terminal Limited and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Pakistan. In this connection, an exposure visit was organised for the students of Karachi University (KU) Department of Geography led by Prof Dr Syed Jamil Kazmi and other faculty members where around 60 students visited Ashan Island. The officials from Engro Elengy Terminal Limited along with senior officials of IFFCO Pakistan Private Limited and Dalda Foods Private Limited joined the students group and IUCN officials at the site. The students and the participants also planted mangrove plants at the site. The students were briefed by IUCN expert of Ecosystem Tahir Qureshi about the mangroves ecosystem. He said that up to the year 2000, the mangroves have been reported as a waste land in the records of the Sindh Board of, "but over the period we have realised that this ecosystem has a lot of potential as the breeding site for fish, shrimps, crabs and other marine species". He stressed the need to raise awareness among people regarding mangroves plantation. He said mangroves serve as a wall during flood conditions.

On this occasion, Geography Department Chairman Prof Dr Syed Jamil Kazmi said that purpose of the exposure visit was to impart practical knowledge among the students as how the mangroves ecosystem thrives. He said that it is a major source of oxygen for the people as mangroves produce a great amount of oxygen "thus they are playing an important parts in our lives". He also pointed out that grazing of camels in the mangroves and cutting of wood for fuel are the major threats to this unique ecosystem. Earlier, Fakhir Mohammad, training head of Engro Elengy Terminal (Pvt) Limited welcomed the students group and other officials to the site. He encouraged the students to come

### Underground parking lots suggested to ease traffic woes

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### Muniba Mazari's solo exhibition kicks off

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### Two die, four injured in accidents

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### Measles outbreak claims lives of three children

*Daily Dawn April 18, 2016*

forward for the conservation of mangroves. He said that this exposure visit is organised for the students to have hands on experience of the mangroves ecosystem so that they can come up with better solutions for the conservation of the mangroves. He said that mangroves help in reducing the impact of the winds in the water channels thus make them safe for shipping vessels and fishing boats. Dr Babar Hussain, sea intrusion expert, briefed the students about the location. He said that the major dominating mangroves species in the Indus Delta are *Rhizophora* and *Avicennia*, whereas four species of mangroves are found in the coastal areas of Pakistan.

**KARACHI:** Viewing the unavailability of parking lots in the vicinity of important government buildings including Sindh Secretariat and Tughliq House, Karachi Traffic Police head Dr Amir Ahmed Shaikh on Tuesday suggested construction of underground parking lots at Jehangir Park located in the centre of the Saddar and other areas at National Museum. In order to facilitate commuters, especially in Saddar area which is business hub of the city, the DIG suggested that underground parking lot should be constructed at Jehangir Park and National Museum as these places are very suitable for construction of parking. Similarly, it will be helpful in reducing over burden of parking along main roads in and around Saddar area, he added. The DIG said that the major factor behind traffic chaos in downtown areas is illegal parking which is certainly caused by unavailability of parking facilities in commercial areas. "All parking projects of KMC are still in pipeline since long except Saddar Parking Plaza which is also situated at an inappropriate location where public feel inconvenient and insecure to park their vehicles," he maintained. "Tughliq House and Sindh Secretariat are very important buildings where vehicles of senior government officials and visitors remained park from morning to late evening. Unfortunately, there are no proper parking facilities available in the premises of both buildings. Resultantly, it creates traffic mess in addition to leaving behind ample vacuum from security point of view," he said "However, it is suggested that basement parking lot may be constructed in National Museum likewise parking lots developed in Baradari and Polo Ground adjacent to the Pearl Continental Hotel. This proposed project will certainly be helpful in reducing the traffic burden existing around Sindh Secretariat and its adjacent areas," he observed. The DIG said that the Traffic Department had written an official letter to Karachi commissioner requesting him for early construction of parking lots on suggested places so that traffic congestion could be tackled properly at busiest areas like Saddar but no action could be taken in this regard.

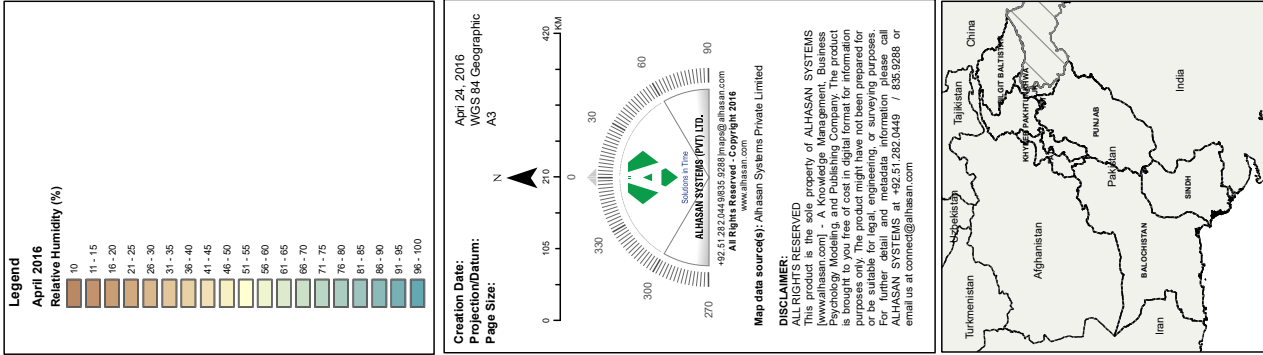
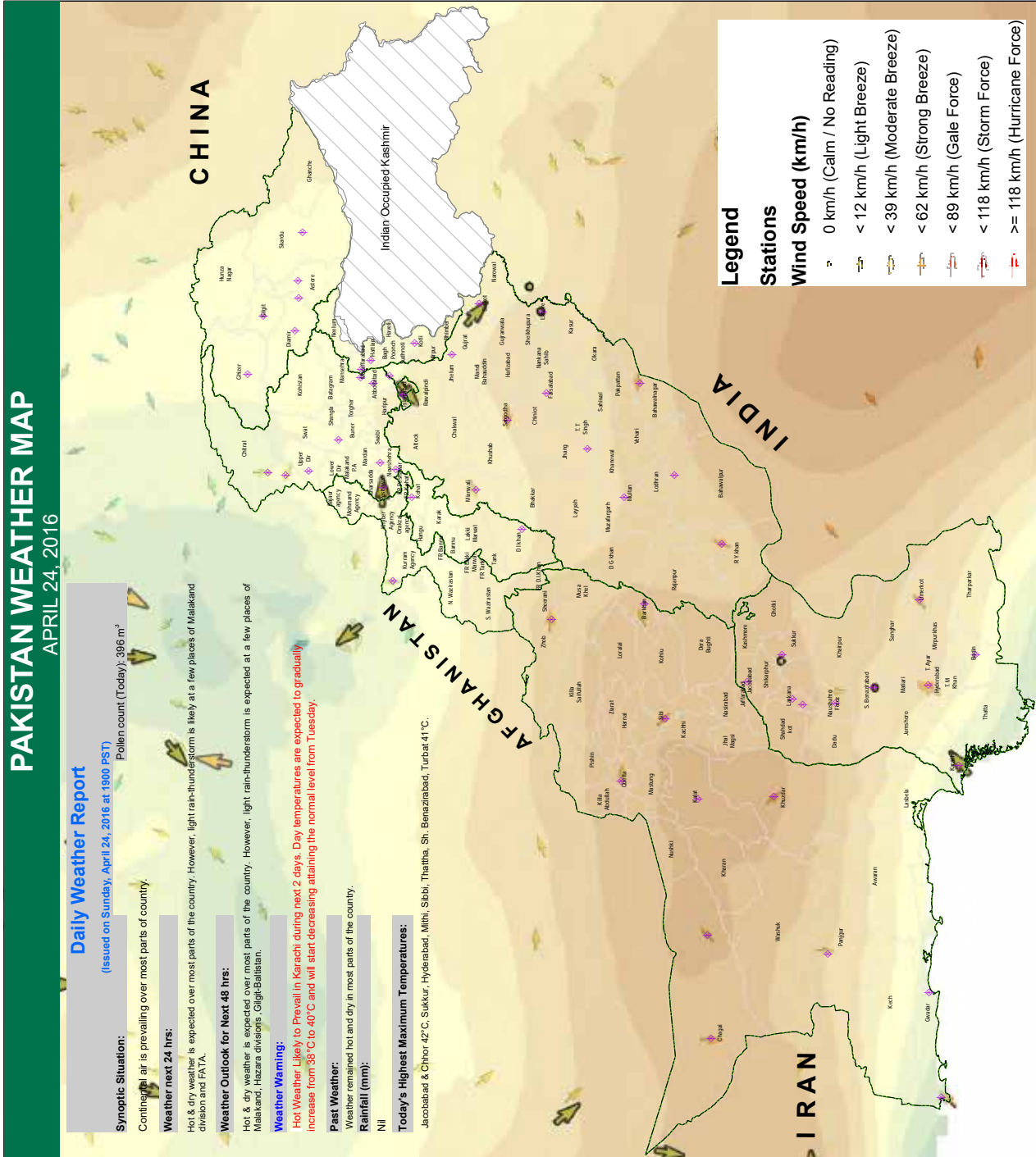
**LAHORE:** Wheelchair bound artist Muniba Mazari's solo exhibition kicked off at The Collectors Galleria on Tuesday. The six-day exhibition would continue until April 24 for public. As many as 27 selected acrylic paintings have been put on display for the exhibition in which Mazari's artistic approach and thinking highlights 'flawless portrayal of true emotions' through her paintings. A large number of art lovers and people from different walks of life thronged to the gallery and admired her artwork.

On the occasion, Muniba Mazari said it is not easy to paint with a free mind when you are wheelchair bound. "Yet, I know it is the only way through which I can spread the message of strength and courage. I forget my pain and paint to encourage myself and the people, as I believe in spreading the message of 'Never Give Up'," she added. Curator Mahnaz Sukhera said Mazari aims to give her clients the best of her artistic abilities. She said that Mazari believes in playing with vibrant colours and faultless depiction of true sentiment. "Her work speaks her heart out and is all about people, their expressions, dreams and aspirations," she added. Sukhera said although Mazari is wheelchair bound, but her spirit and artistry knows no bounds. "In fact, she takes the agony of spinal cord injury as a challenge, which makes her more determined to express her sentiments through her artwork. She said that Mazari is a mix media artist and believes in depicting the ethnic jewels of her region in an abstract way. "Some of her work is purely abstract and depicts the humans' expressions, their thoughts and dreams. Her paintings give the message of living life and represent the real personality of the artist," she added. Muniba Mazari is a Pakistani artist, writer and motivational speaker. She is wheelchair-bound due to a car accident at the age of 21. She gives credit of her artwork to her father, who was her first teacher. She has also established her brand, known as Muniba's Canvas with the slogan 'Let Your Walls Wear Colours'.

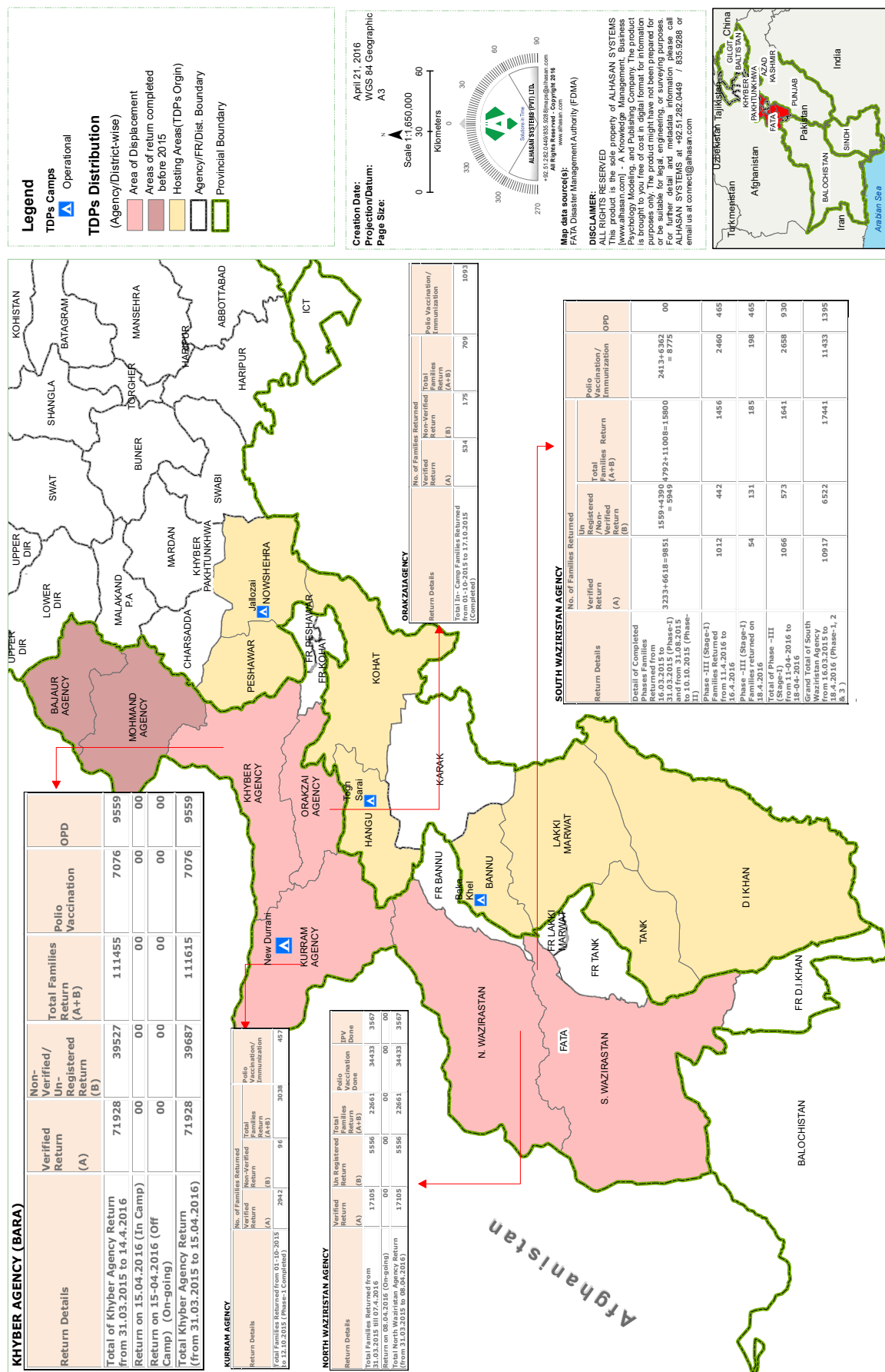
**TOBA TEK SINGH:** A doctor was killed and four people, including a newly-wed couple, suffered injuries in an accident here on Monday on Toba-Shorkot Road. City police said Dr Naeemur Rehman of Chak 305-GB was on his way to his clinic at Waryamwala by a motorcycle. Near Khikha Road railway crossing, a Faisalabad-bound van hit the biker who fell on the road. In the meantime a trailer ran over him. He was shifted to DHQ hospital where he succumbed to his wounds. Groom Altaullah of Faisalabad, his wife Kalsoom Bibi of Bahawalpur and their two relatives Sabira Sultana and Muhammad Zikriya were injured. They were admitted to DHQ hospital. In another incident, biker Faryad Ali of Chak 90-JB was run over by a truck on Gojra-Faisalabad Road. He was referred to Faisalabad's Allied Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

**SUKKUR:** Three minor children of a family died of measles in Mumtaz Jagirani village near Rohri in the wake of an outbreak of the disease in and around Sukkur district on Sunday. The disease claimed lives of five-year-old Bakhtawar, a year old Naila, both daughters of Abdul Nabi Jagirani, and his granddaughter three-year-old Maira. The relatives of the children protested against the health department for its failure to administer anti-measles vaccine to children to protect them from the disease. They said that they had reported at Kandhra basic health centre about the outbreak of measles but no health official took it seriously.





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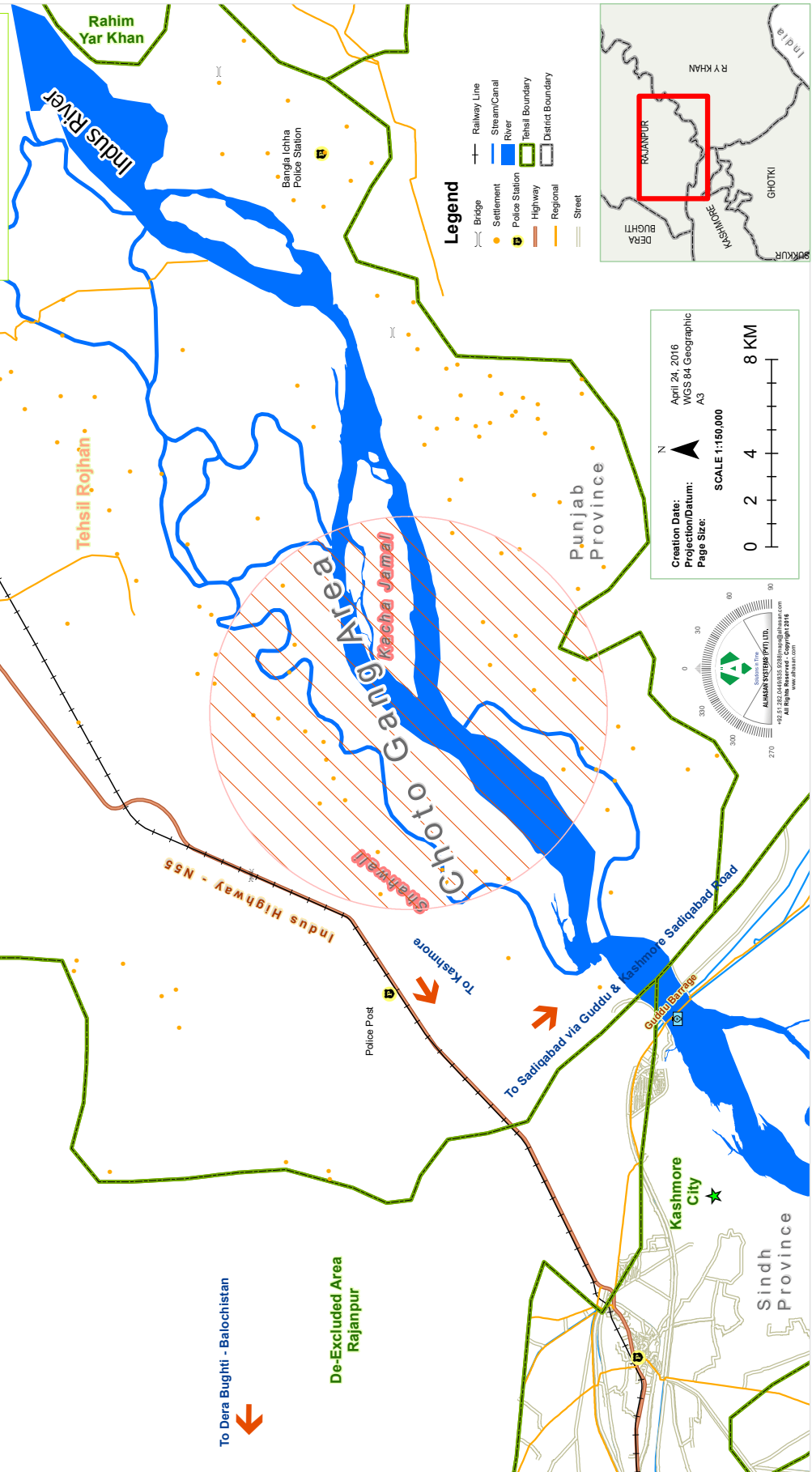


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## Choto with gang members surrender unconditionally: ISPR

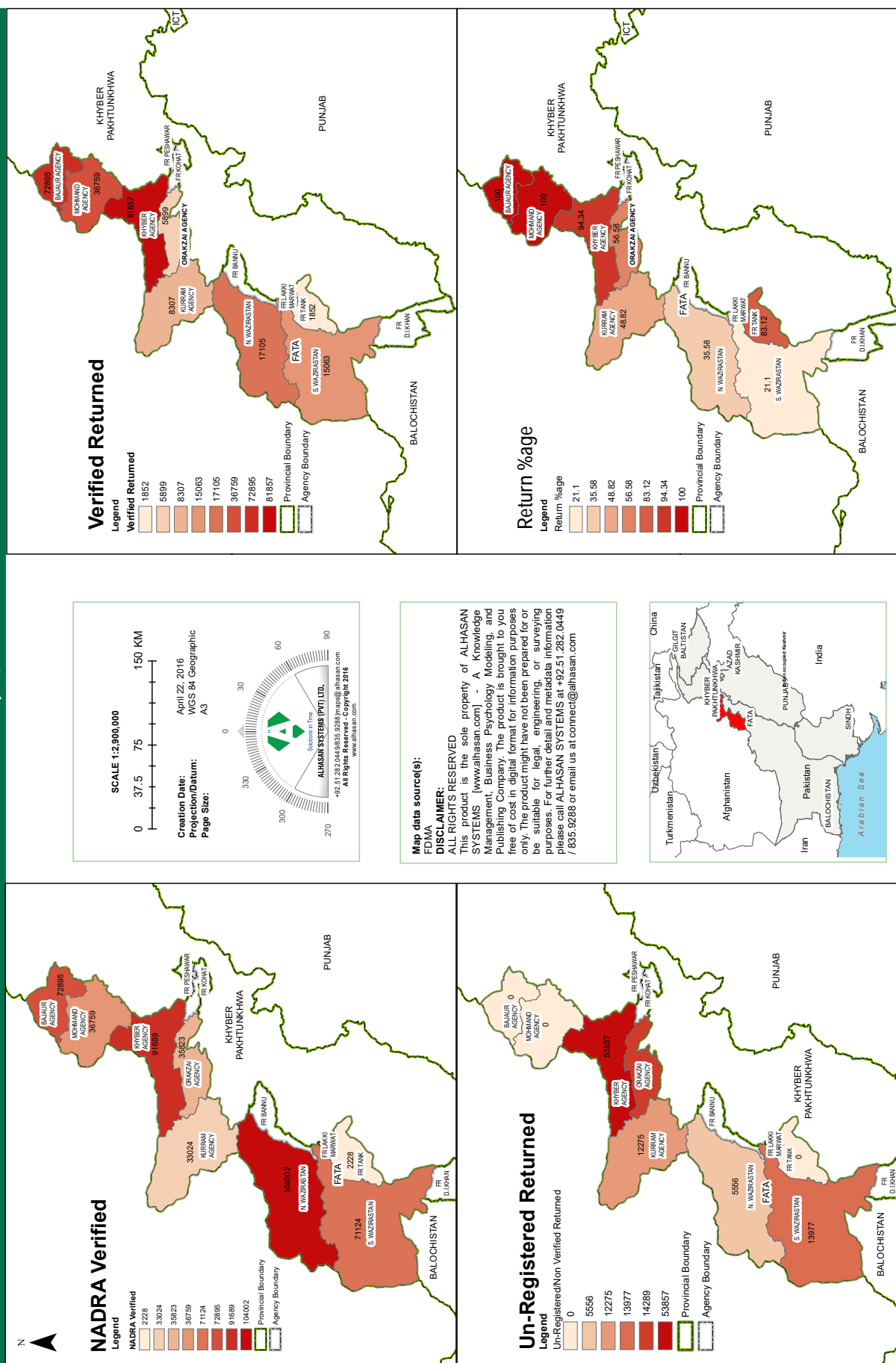
Daily Pakistan April 21 (Rawalpindi) Choto gang with 13 accomplices surrender unconditionally and all the police officers that were kidnapped were successfully retrieved during the operation. Lieutenant General Bajwa said on Wednesday that those who surrendered are in the army's custody. He said that all the no-go areas in the country will be diminished. "This island in the Kacha area had become a no-go area", General Bajwa said, adding that all the hideouts of the Choto gang will be destroyed whereas the family members of the dacots are also under the army's care. He said that Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif commended the army officers and soldiers after successfully concluding the operation.

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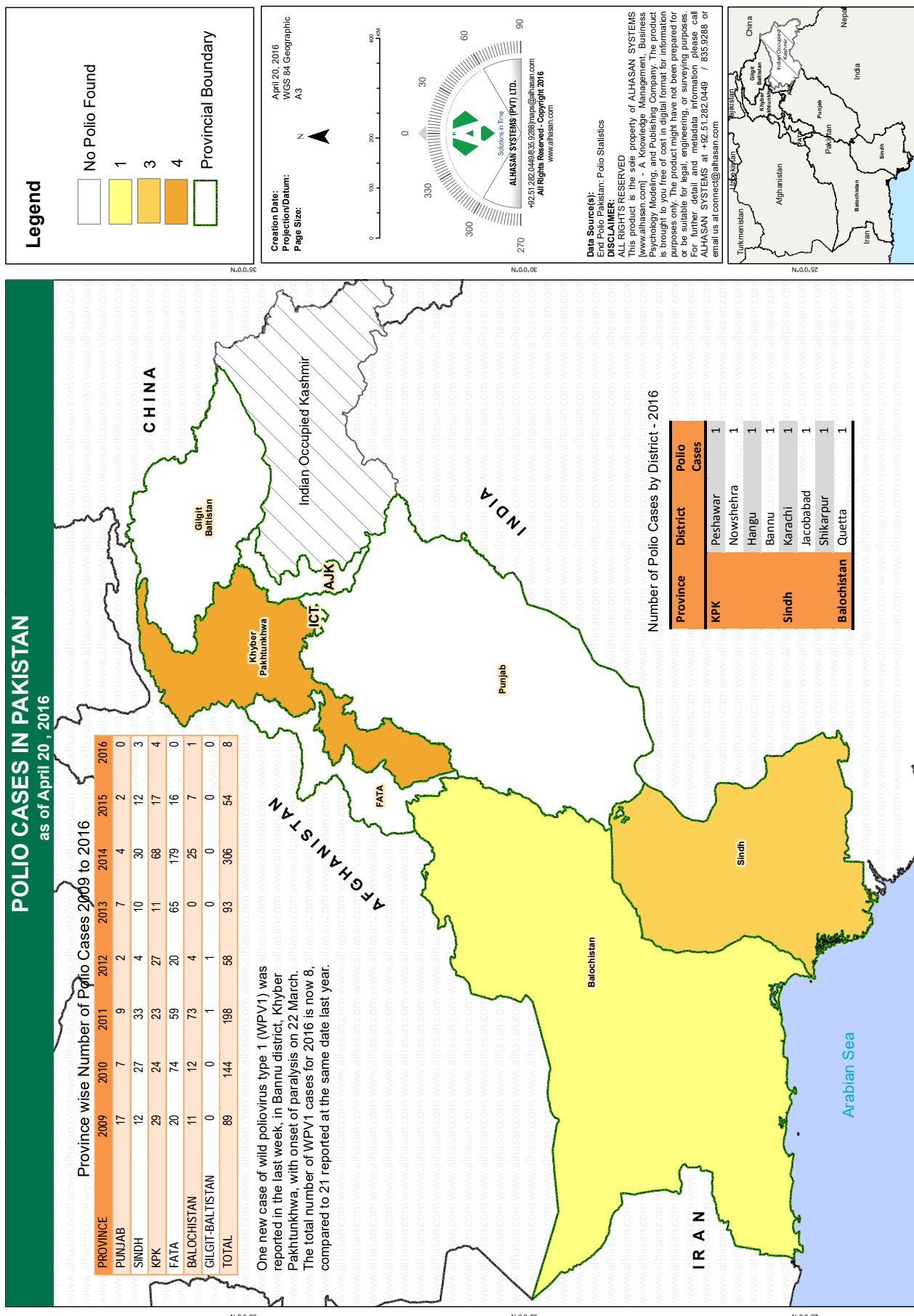
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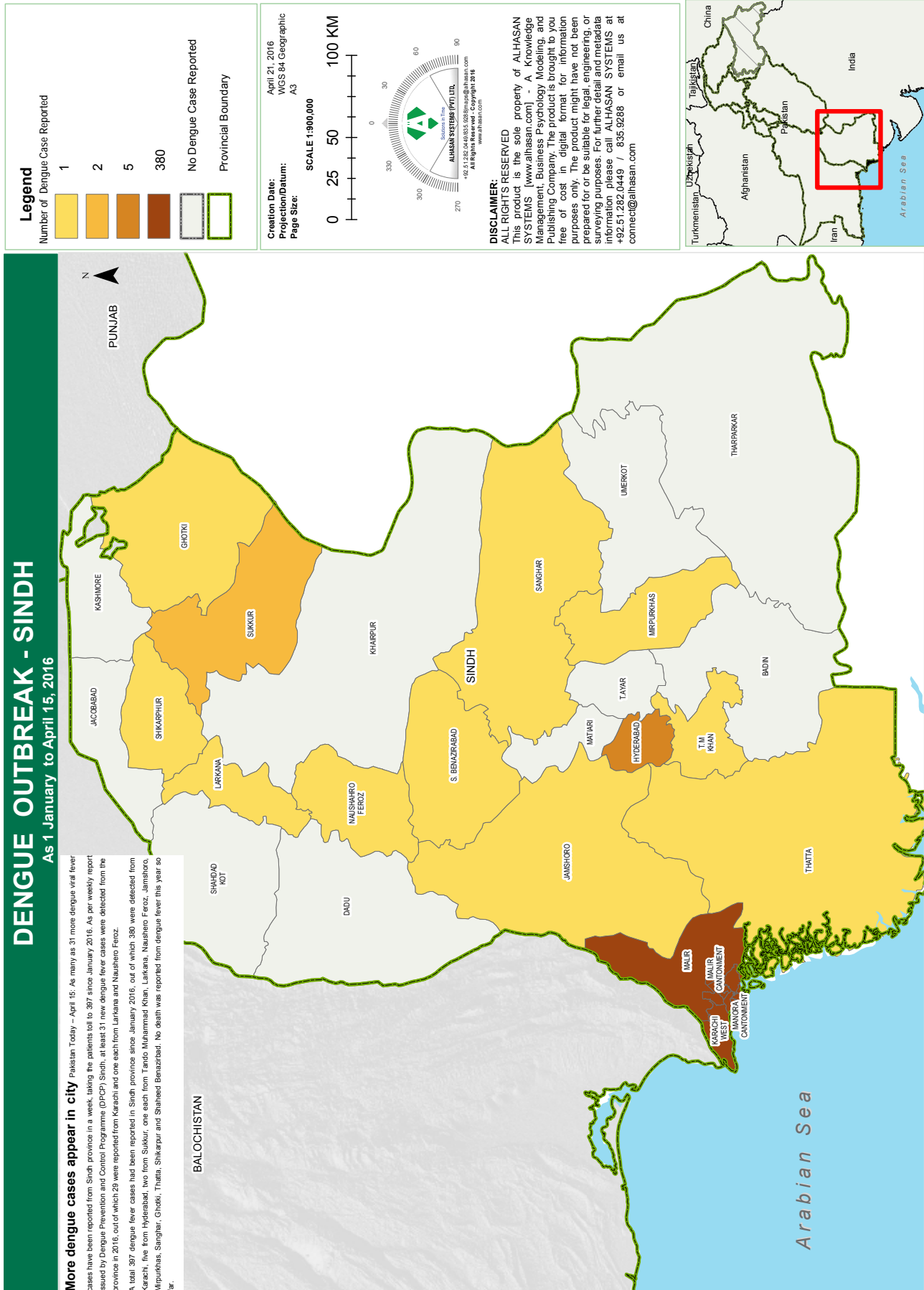
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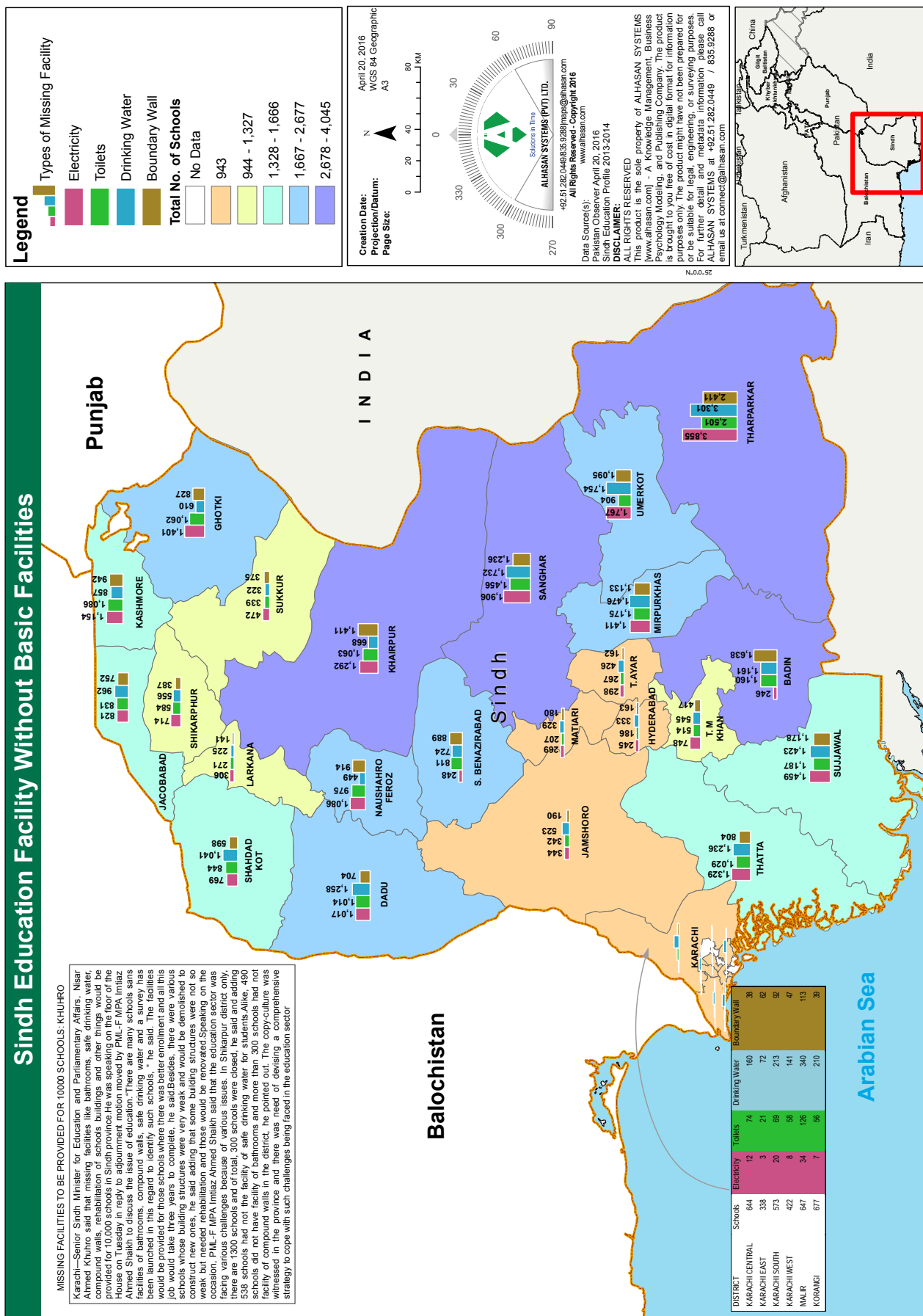














پرائیویٹ اسپتالوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

21 اپریل 2016

کراچی کرپشن میں ملوث پاک فوج کے اعلیٰ افسران کے خلاف کارروائی کی خبر نشر ہونے کے بعد ٹو سٹر پر "ٹھینک یو راجیل شریف" ٹاپ ٹرینڈ بن گیا۔ پاک فوج کے 12 اعلیٰ افسران کی کرپشن کے الزام میں ملازمت سے برطرفی کی خبر کو سوشل میڈیا پر کافی سراہا جا رہا ہے اور خاص طور پر اس کا کریڈٹ سربراہ پاک فوج جنرل راجیل شریف کو دیا جا رہا ہے۔ یہی وجہ ہے کہ خبر نشر ہونے کے چند ہی منٹ بعد سماجی رابطے کی ویب سائٹ ٹو سٹر پر "ٹھینک یو راجیل شریف" ٹاپ ٹرینڈ بن گیا جس میں لوگ اپنی رائے کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں۔

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لوڈ شیڈنگ کا نیا شیڈول جاری کر دیا

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20 اپریل 2016

وزارت پانی و بجلی نے گرمیوں کے لیے ملک بھر میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا نیا شیڈول جاری کر دیا ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں وزارت پانی و بجلی کی طرف سے جاری ایک بیان کے مطابق حکومت نے گرمیوں کے لیے ملک بھر میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا نیا شیڈول جاری کر دیا ہے، وزارت پانی و بجلی کا کہنا ہے کہ نیا شیڈول بہتر انتظام، اور اضافی بجلی کی پیداوار کو مد نظر رکھ کر ترتیب دیا گیا ہے۔ واپڈا کی جانب سے جاری نئے شیڈول کے مطابق شہری علاقوں میں 6 اور دیہی علاقوں میں 8 گھنٹے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جائے گی جب کہ صنعتی علاقوں میں صرف انتہائی گرمی کی صورت میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جائے گی اس کے علاوہ ایسے علاقے جہاں بلوں کی ادائیگیاں بہتر ہیں اور نقصانات کم ہیں وہاں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ اعلان کردہ شیڈول کے مطابق ہی رہے گا تاہم جن علاقوں میں نقصانات زیادہ اور بلوں کی ادائیگیاں کم ہیں وہاں لوڈ منیجمنٹ کا خصوصی منصوبہ وضع کیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی: اورنگی ٹاؤن میں پولیس پر فائرنگ کے دو مختلف واقعات میں 7 اہلکار شہید ہو گئے جب کہ آئی جی سندھ کا کہنا ہے پولیس پر حملے کرنے والوں کی نشاندہی ہو گئی، شہید اہلکاروں کے ورثا کو 20،20 لاکھ روپے امداد دی جائے گی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اورنگی ٹاؤن کے علاقے اورنگی 15 نمبر اور بنگلا بازار میں فائرنگ کے 2 مختلف واقعات میں نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 7 اہلکار شہید ہو گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق اورنگی ٹاؤن میں پولیو ورکرز کی سکیورٹی پر تعینات 3 اہلکاروں کو 4 موٹر سائیکلوں پر سوار 8 افراد نے نشانہ بنایا جو موقع پر ہی شہید ہو گئے تاہم حملے میں پولیو ورکرز محفوظ رہے۔ بعد ازاں حملہ آور کچھ فاصلے پر موجود پاکستان بازار تھانے کی پولیس موبائل پر فائرنگ کر کے فرار ہو گئے جس کے نتیجے میں مزید 4 اہلکار شہید ہو گئے جس کے بعد ضلع غربی میں انسداد پولیو مہم روک دی گئی ہے۔

کراچی میں پولیس پر حملہ؛ انسداد پولیو ٹیم کی

حفاظت پر مامور 7 اہلکار شہید

ایکسپریس اردو

19 اپریل 2016

جسم میں آکسیجن کی مقدار معلوم کرنے کے

لیے الیکٹرانک جلد تیار

ایکسپریس اردو

18 اپریل 2016

ٹوکیو: میڈیکل سائنس تیزی سے ترقی کے زینے طے کر رہی ہے اور ایسے طریقوں پر کام ہو رہا ہے جس کی بدولت آپریشن کے دوران انسانی جان کے ضائع ہونے کو بچایا جاسکے اس کے لیے جاپان کے سائنسدانوں نے ایک نہایت باریک 'الیکٹرانک جلد' بنائی ہے جسے جسم کے ساتھ لگا دینے سے خون میں آکسیجن کی سطح معلوم کی جاسکتی ہے۔ جاپان کے سائنسدان اس جلد کی تیاری میں گزشتہ کافی عرصے سے مصروف عمل تھے اور بالآخر وہ اپنے مقصد میں کامیاب ہو گئے اور اب ان کا کہنا ہے کہ اس تحقیق کا مقصد ایسی 'جلد' بنانا تھا جو سرجری کے دوران خون میں آکسیجن کی سطح بتاتی رہے اور سب سے اہم بات یہ ہے کہ ایک رضاکار پر کیے گئے تجربے سے معلوم ہوا کہ مصنوعی جلد نے خون میں موجود آکسیجن کی بالکل درست مقدار بتائی۔ اس الیکٹرانک جلد میں مائیکرو الیکٹرانک کمپونینٹ موجود ہیں جو آکسیجن کی سطح کو سرخ، نیلے اور ہرے رنگوں سے ظاہر کرتے ہیں جب کہ یونیورسٹی آف ٹوکیو کے سائنسدان صحت کی نگرانی کے لیے اعداد اور حروف پر مبنی ایک نظام وضع کرنے کی کوشش کر رہے ہیں۔ طب کے شعبے میں استعمال ہونے والے الیکٹرانک پر بہت تحقیق ہو رہی ہے جس میں ایسے لیزر بھی شامل ہیں جو خون میں شوگر کی سطح جانچ سکیں یا پھر اسماٹ چشمے وغیرہ۔ اس جلد کو تیار کرنے والے سائنس دانوں کا کہنا ہے کہ الیکٹرانک جلد انگلی پر لگانے سے خون میں موجود آکسیجن کی سطح کا پتہ لگایا جاسکتا ہے جب کہ اعضا کے ساتھ متصل ہونے پر اس میں موجود نامیاتی آبیڈشکل سنسز چمکنے لگتے ہیں اور سرجری کے دوران بلڈ آکسیجن کی سطح پتہ چل جاتی ہے۔ ماہرین طب کا کہنا ہے کہ اس جلد کے مزید ٹرائل کی ضرورت ہے جس کے بعد اس سے بھرپور فائدہ اٹھایا جاسکے گا۔

## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاں

لاہور (دنیا نیوز) لاہور میں نیلم سینما چوک کے قریب ڈیپارٹمنٹل سٹور میں آگ لگ گئی، بیسمنٹ کی وجہ سے فائر فائٹرز کو آگ بجھانے میں مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ لاہور کے علاقے مصری شاہ میں نیلم سینما چوک کے قریب ڈیپارٹمنٹل سٹور میں علی الصبح آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس سے آسمان پر دھوئیں کے گہرے سیاہ بادل منڈلانے لگے۔ آگ لگنے ہی امدادی ٹیمیں فوری طور پر جائے وقوعہ پر پہنچیں مگر بیسمنٹ کی وجہ سے انہیں آگ بجھانے میں مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ لوگوں نے اپنی مدد آپ کے تحت قریبی دکانوں سے سامان ہٹایا۔ ابتدائی طور پر آگ لگنے کی وجہ شارٹ سرکٹ بتائی جا رہی ہے جبکہ تاحال امدادی ٹیمیں آگ بجھانے میں مصروف ہیں۔

لاہور (ویب ڈیسک): یہ بات جنوبی کوریا میں ہونے والی ایک طبی تحقیق میں سامنے آئی۔ کونام نیشنل یونیورسٹی کی تحقیق میں 7 سے 16 سال کی عمر کے بچوں کا جائزہ لیا گیا جو روزانہ 4 سے 8 گھنٹے تک سمارٹ فونز استعمال کرتے تھے۔ نتائج سے معلوم ہوا کہ ان ڈیوائسز کا اکثر استعمال بچوں کے اندر عارضی طور پر بھیگنے پن کا خطرہ بہت زیادہ بڑھا دیتا ہے۔ تحقیق کے مطابق بچے سمارٹ فونز کو اپنے چہرے سے صرف 8 سے 12 انچ دور رکھتے ہیں اور یہی قربت بھیگنے پن کا باعث بنتی ہے۔ محققین کے مطابق آنکھوں کی توجہ اس کی جانب ہونے کی وجہ سے یہ عارضہ لاحق ہوتا ہے اور یہ رجحان تشویشناک حد تک بڑھ چکا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بچوں میں موبائل فون کا استعمال ختم کرانے سے اس عارضے کو ریورس کیا جاسکتا ہے جبکہ فون سکرین پر گھورنے کا وقت بھی محدود ہونا چاہئے یعنی آدھا گھنٹہ۔ اس سے قبل 2014 میں ایک امریکی تحقیق کے دوران یہ بات سامنے آئی تھی کہ جو نوجوان روزانہ دس گھنٹے تک موبائل فون کے سامنے وقت گزارتے ہیں ان کے اندر تناؤ کی سطح بڑھ جاتی ہے۔

فیصل آباد (دنیا نیوز) فیصل آباد میں چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو نے مختلف علاقوں سے 14 بچوں کو تحویل میں لیکر عدالت پیش کیا جہاں انکے والدین بھی پیچھے پہنچ گئے، عدالت نے بچوں کو جبری کام کرانے پر والدین کے بجائے چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کے حوالے کیا تو بچے اپنے والدین سے لپٹ کر روتے رہے۔ چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کی جانب سے جمعہ کی روز جنگ روڈ اور مینسٹرہ کے علاقوں سے 14 بچوں کو اپنی تحویل میں لیا گیا جنہیں چائلڈ پروٹیکشن کورٹ میں پیش کر دیا۔ اس دوران کچھ بچوں کے والدین بھی پہنچ گئے۔ عدالت میں چائلڈ پروٹیکشن کی جانب سے یہ موقف پیش کیا گیا کہ بچوں سے کام لیا جا رہا تھا جس پر عدالت نے بچے چائلڈ پروٹیکشن کے حوالے کر دیئے۔ اس پر بچے اپنے والدین سے لپٹ کر روتے اور دھاڑے مارتے نظر آئے۔ بچوں نے چائلڈ پروٹیکشن عملے کیساتھ جانے سے انکار کیا لیکن انہیں عملہ ساتھ لے گیا، پکڑے گئے بچے نے روتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس سے کام کرایا جاتا تھا۔ چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو کا کہنا ہے کہ پکڑے جانے والے بچوں کو 24 گھنٹے میں عدالت پیش کرتے ہیں اور پھر عدالتی فیصلے کا ہی احترام کرنا پڑتا ہے۔

کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی میں گرمی غضب ڈھا رہی ہے، آج بھی سورج کے تیور بگڑے رہنے کا امکان ہے، درجہ حرارت چالیس سینٹی گریڈ تک جا سکتا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق دوپہر کے بعد سمندری ہوائیں چلنے سے گرمی کی شدت کم ہو جائے گی۔ کراچی والے گرمی سے پناہ مانگنے لگے، جھلسا دینے والی دھوپ نے ہر کسی کو پریشان کر دیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ آج بھی سورج کے تیور درست نہیں۔ زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت اڑتیس سے چالیس سینٹی گریڈ تک جانے کا امکان ہے۔ دوپہر دو بجے تک موسم گرم اور خشک رہے گا، اس کے بعد سمندری ہوائیں چلے گی جس کے بعد گرمی کی شدت میں کمی ہونے لگے گی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق سمندری ہوا کا رخ تبدیل کرنے سے گرمی کی شدت اور بڑھ گئی ہے۔ ہیٹ اسٹروک کے پہلے روز دو افراد کی جان چلی گئی۔ 45 سالہ شرافت جو کھپو منگھو پیر اور پچاس سالہ ممتاز اور لگی ٹاؤن کا رہائشی تھا۔ جبکہ ہپتالوں میں گرمی کے ستائے لوگوں کا رش رہا لیکن خصوصی انتظامات کے باعث مریضوں کو بروقت طبی امداد دی جاتی رہی۔ دوسری طرف کے الیکٹرک کم سے کم لوڈ شیڈنگ کرنے کا وعدہ پورا نہ کر سکی، بجلی کی بندش سے شہری بے حال ہوئے رہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ پیر سے گرمی کی شدت میں بتدریج کمی ہوگی اور بدھ سے کراچی کا موسم معمول پر آنے کا امکان ہے۔

ساہیوال (دنیا نیوز) شہر کے پوش علاقہ کوٹ خادم علی شاہ میں کولڈ اسٹور کا سلنڈر پھٹنے سے امونیا گیس پورے علاقے میں پھیل گئی جس سے 150 سے زائد افراد بے ہوش ہو گئے۔ متاثرہ افراد کو مقامی لوگوں اور ریسکیو ٹیموں نے اسپتال منتقل کیا۔ واقعے کے بعد ڈی ایچ کیو اسپتال میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی۔ واقعہ کی اطلاع ملتے ہی ڈی سی او آصف اقبال بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئے۔ اسپتال میں انتظامات نہ ہونے کے باعث زیادہ تر متاثرین کو

لاہور میں نیلم سینما چوک کے قریب ڈیپارٹمنٹل سٹور میں آگ لگ گئی

دنیا نیوز  
24 اپریل 2016

سارٹ فون بچوں میں بھیگنے پن کا باعث بن رہا ہے: طبی تحقیق

دنیا نیوز  
23 اپریل 2016

فیصل آباد: چائلڈ پروٹیکشن بیورو نے جبری مشقت پر 14 بچے تحویل میں لے لیے

دنیا نیوز  
23 اپریل 2016

کراچی: گرمی کی شدت میں اضافہ، پارہ 35 ڈگری تک پہنچ گیا

دنیا نیوز  
23 اپریل 2016

ساہیوال: کولڈ اسٹور میں گیس ککچ، 150 سے زائد افراد کی حالت غیر، اسپتال منتقل

دنیا نیوز

**راولپنڈی:** آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے دہشت گردوں ان کے سلیپر سیلز اور سہولت کاروں کے خلاف ملک بھر میں ”کوہنگ آپریشن“ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے شوال کا دورہ کیا جہاں انہوں نے فوجی جوانوں کے ساتھ دن گزارا اور ان کی دلیری و کامیابیوں کو بھی سراہا۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق آرمی چیف کو افسران نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کے آخری مرحلے میں کامیابیوں پر بریفنگ دی جس میں بتایا گیا کہ اب تک 800 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ دہشت گردوں سے کلیئر کر لیا گیا ہے۔ پاک فوج کے سربراہ نے جوانوں اور افسروں سے بات کرتے ہوئے آپریشن میں حاصل کامیابیاں قائم رکھنے پر زور دیا جب کہ جنرل راحیل شریف نے دہشت گردوں ان کے سلیپر سیلز اور سہولت کاروں کے خلاف ملک بھر میں ”کوہنگ آپریشن“ شروع کرنے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق اس موقع پر آرمی چیف کا کہنا تھا کہ پوری قوم افواج پاکستان کے ساتھ کندھے سے کندھا ملا کر کھڑی ہے اور ان کی قربانیوں کو قدر کی نگاہ سے دیکھتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابیوں کو ضائع نہیں ہونے دیں گے اور آپریشن سے متاثرہ ہونے والوں کی باعزت واپسی کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔

**کراچی:** انسداد دہشت گردی کی عدالت نے دہشت گردوں کی معاونت اور ان کے علاج سے متعلق ڈاکٹر عاصم اور دیگر کے خلاف مقدمے کی سماعت 30 اپریل تک ملتوی کر دی۔ کراچی میں انسداد دہشت گردی کی عدالت میں دہشت گردوں کے معاونت اور انہیں طبی امداد فراہم کرنے سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت ہوئی، اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر عاصم کے علاوہ عبدالقادر ٹیل، وسیم اختر، رؤف صدیقی، انیس قائم خانی اور عثمان معظم عدالت میں پیش ہوئے، تفتیشی افسر نے سلیم شہزاد کی گرفتاری سے متعلق اپنی رپورٹ عدالت میں پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ سلیم شہزاد کی گرفتاری کے لئے انڈیپول سے ایک ماہ قبل تحریری رابطہ کر لیا تھا، جلد ہی انہیں بھی گرفتار کر کے پیش کر دیا جائے گا۔ مقدمے کے تفتیشی افسر ڈی ایس پی الطاف حسین نے اپنے خلاف ریجرز کی درخواست پر تحریری جواب داخل کر دیا جس میں اس نے کہا کہ اس نے مقدمے کی شفاف طریقے سے تفتیش کی ہے، ریجرز کی جانب سے یہ الزام کہ اس نے سٹی کورٹ کے مال خانے کے انچارج کے ساتھ مل کر کیس میں پیش کئے گئے شواہد میں ہیر پھیر کی ہے کسی طور بھی درست نہیں۔ ریجرز کے لا آفیسر نے تفتیشی افسر کے بیان پر جواب دینے کے لیے مہلت طلب کر لی، جس پر عدالت نے کسی کی سماعت 30 اپریل تک ملتوی کر دی۔ سماعت کے بعد میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے قادر ٹیل نے کہا کہ وہ ایک ماہی گیر کے بیٹے ہیں، 7 سمندر پار سے صرف اپنے اوپر لگائے گئے الزامات کا سامنا کرنے آئے ہیں اور اپنی بے گناہی ثابت کریں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جب کوئی سیاسی کارکن گرفتار ہوتا ہے تو وہ دوسری جماعتوں کے لوگوں سے بھی ملنا شروع کر دیتا ہے یہ عام بات ہے لیکن پیپلز پارٹی کی قیادت نے ان کی بنیادی رکیت معطل کر دی ہے، ان کے پاس اس وقت کوئی پارٹی عہدہ نہیں۔ ایم کیو ایم کے وسیم اختر نے میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم اپنے اوپر مقدمات کو منطقی انجام تک پہنچائیں گے، آج کی کارروائی بالکل صحیح طریقے سے مکمل ہوئی ہے کیونکہ جو لوگ عدالتوں میں نہیں آ رہے تھے وہ بھی آنے لگے ہیں، ابھی سارے لوگ نہیں آئے ورنہ ہو سکتا ہے یہ مقدمہ جناح گراؤنڈ میں کرنا پڑ جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ وکٹیں گرنے میں ہمارا ہی فائدہ ہے، اس سے ہماری جماعت سے گندگی صاف اور ایک جگہ اکٹھی ہو رہی ہے، اب چھاپے مارنے والوں کو تمام لوگ ایک ہی جگہ مل جائیں گے۔

## آرمی چیف کا ملک بھر میں ”کوہنگ آپریشن“ شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ

ایکپریس اردو

18 اپریل 2016

## دہشت گردوں کی معاونت؛ ڈاکٹر عاصم اور دیگر کے خلاف مقدمے کی سماعت 30

اپریل تک ملتوی

ایکپریس اردو

18 اپریل 2016

ایکسپریس اردو

22 اپریل 2016

انتظامیہ اور پولیس کے ساتھ پی ٹی آئی کا تحریری ضابطہ اخلاق طے پا گیا جس کے مطابق ضابطہ اخلاق کی خلاف ورزی کی صورت میں انتظامیہ اور پولیس کے ایکشن سے جانی نقصان ہوا تو اس کی ذمہ دار تحریک انصاف ہوگی۔ تحریک انصاف کے مرکزی رہنما اسد عمر نے ضابطہ اخلاق کے تحریری معاہدے پر دستخط کئے جس کے مزید نکات میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ریاست اور مذہبی انتہا پسندی کے حوالے سے کوئی تقاریر نہیں ہوں گی، جلسہ گاہ میں سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے لگائے جائیں گے اور جلسہ رات 10 بجے تک ختم کر کے 11 بجے ایف نائن پارک خالی کر دیا جائے گا۔

کراچی سپر ہائی وے کے قریب واقع فقیراگوٹھ میں پولیس مقابلے کے نتیجے میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 دہشت گرد مارے گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پولیس نے دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر سپر ہائی وے پر واقع فقیراگوٹھ میں کارروائی کی جس کے دوران دو طرفہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 3 دہشت گرد مارے گئے تاہم کارروائی میں پولیس کا کوئی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ ایس ایس پی راؤ انوار کا کہنا ہے کہ مارے گئے دہشت گردوں میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان کا امیر منشی اور اس کے 2 ساتھی شامل ہیں جنہوں نے پولیس کے آنے کے موقع پر پولیس پارٹی پر دستی بموں سے حملہ بھی کیا جو فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں مارے گئے۔

کراچی کے علاقے فقیراگوٹھ میں پولیس

مقابلہ، 3 دہشت گرد ہلاک

ایکسپریس اردو

21 اپریل 2016

اسلام آباد: الیکشن کمیشن نے ملک بھر میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز کی تفصیلات جاری کر دی ہیں جس کے تحت حق رائے دہی کے حامل افراد کی تعداد 9 کروڑ 30 لاکھ سے تجاوز کر گئی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن آف پاکستان کی جانب سے جاری کردہ تفصیلات کے مطابق مرد ووٹرز کی تعداد 5 کروڑ 23 لاکھ 63 ہزار 948 جب کہ خواتین رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 4 کروڑ 7 لاکھ 8 ہزار 679 ہو گئی ہے، اس طرح ملک بھر میں 56.26 فیصد مرد اور 43.74 فیصد خواتین ووٹرز ہیں۔ 3 برسوں کے دوران پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا اور سندھ میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز کی تعداد میں اضافہ جب کہ بلوچستان اور فٹا میں کمی ہوئی ہے۔ پنجاب میں 3 سال میں 45 لاکھ 65 ہزار 286 نئے ووٹ رجسٹر ہوئے، جس کے بعد ملک کے سب سے بڑے صوبے میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز کی تعداد 5 کروڑ 38 لاکھ 24 ہزار 620 تک جا پہنچی ہے جب کہ مئی 2013 میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 4 کروڑ 92 لاکھ 59 ہزار 334 تھے۔ 2013 میں سندھ میں کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز ایک کروڑ 89 لاکھ 63 ہزار 375 تھے جو کہ 2016 میں بڑھ کر 2 کروڑ ایک لاکھ 30 ہزار 897 ہو گئی ہے، اس طرح 3 برسوں میں سندھ کے ووٹرز میں 11 لاکھ 67 ہزار 522 ووٹرز کا اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ خیبر پختونخوا میں گزشتہ 3 برسوں میں 11 لاکھ 10 ہزار 497 ووٹرز کا اضافہ ہوا ہے جس کے بعد اب صوبے میں رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز کی تعداد ایک کروڑ 22 لاکھ 66 ہزار 157 سے بڑھ کر ایک کروڑ 33 لاکھ 74 ہزار 664 ہو گئی جب کہ بلوچستان میں کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز کی تعداد 33 لاکھ 33 ہزار 318 ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں 3 سال میں 58 ہزار 860 ووٹرز کا اضافہ ہوا ہے، وفاقی دارالحکومت میں کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 6 لاکھ 84 ہزار 824 ہیں جب کہ 2013 عام انتخابات میں کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 25 لاکھ 964 تھے۔ فٹا میں اس وقت کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 17 لاکھ 22 ہزار 304 ہیں جب کہ 2013 میں کل رجسٹرڈ ووٹرز 17 لاکھ 38 ہزار 313 تھے، اس طرح وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقوں میں 3 برسوں کے دوران 16 ہزار 9 ووٹرز کم ہوئے۔

الیکشن کمیشن نے 2018 کے عام انتخابات

کے لئے انتظامی اختیارات مانگ لئے

ایکسپریس اردو

20 اپریل 2016

اسلام آباد: الیکشن کمیشن آف پاکستان نے 2018 کے عام انتخابات کے لئے حکومت سے انتظامی اختیارات مانگ لئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق الیکشن کمیشن آف پاکستان نے آئندہ عام انتخابات کے انعقاد کے لئے حکومت سے انتظامی اختیارات مانگ لئے جب کہ الیکشن کمیشن کا کہنا ہے کہ انتظامی اختیارات نہ ہونے سے انتخابات کے انعقاد میں مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے انتخابات کے دوران سرکاری ملازمین کے تقرر و تبادلے کا اختیار اور غفلت برتنے والے سرکاری ملازمین و افسران کے خلاف کارروائی کا اختیار مانگ لیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق انتخابی اصلاحاتی کمیٹی نے اصولی طور پر الیکشن کمیشن کی سفارشات سے اتفاق کر لیا اور آئندہ اجلاسوں میں باضابطہ طور پر اس حوالے سے مرکزی کمیٹی کو آگاہ کر دیا جائے گا۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے حکومت سے جن اختیارات کا مطالبہ کیا ہے وہ بھارت میں انتخابات میں الیکشن کمیشن کے پاس ہوتے ہیں اسے مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے الیکشن کمیشن نے حکومت سے اختیارات کا مطالبہ کیا۔

بلدیاتی نمائندوں کو قانون کے مطابق

اختیارات دیئے جائیں گے، قائم علی شاہ

ایکسپریس اردو

19 اپریل 2016

کراچی: وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ کہتے ہیں کہ صوبے میں میسر اور ڈپٹی میئر کا انتخاب 2 ماہ میں مکمل کر لیا جائے گا اور انہیں قانون کے مطابق ہی اختیارات ملیں گے۔ کراچی کے علاقے ملیر میں این 5 شاہراہ کے افتتاح کے موقع پر قائم علی شاہ نے کہا کہ سندھ میں بلدیاتی نظام فعال ہونے میں تاخیر کی ذمہ دار سندھ حکومت نہیں، عدالت میں سندھ حکومت نہیں گئی ہم نے صرف قانونی طور پر اپنا دفاع کیا ہے، سپریم کورٹ نے میسر اور ڈپٹی میئر کے انتخاب کے لیے دو ماہ کا وقت دیا ہے، اس دوران صوبائی حکومت کو قانون میں ضروری ترمیم کرنی ہیں لیکن 2 ماہ میں انتخابی عمل کو مکمل کر لیں گے، بلدیاتی نمائندوں کو قانون کے مطابق اختیارات دیئے جائیں گے۔ الیکشن کمیشن نے انتخابی شیڈول تیار کرنے کے لیے پنجاب اور سندھ کے چیف سیکریٹریز کو طلب کیا ہے۔ قائم علی شاہ نے کہا کہ پاناما لیکس کے حوالے سے اسمبلیاں توڑے جانے کی خبریں بے بنیاد ہیں، ترقی کے لئے جمہوری نظام بہت ضروری ہے، آئین کے مطابق عوام اپنے نمائندے 5 سال کے لیے منتخب کرتے ہیں، انہیں اپنی آئینی مدت پوری کرنی چاہیئے اور اس کے بعد دوبارہ انتخابات ہوں، سب کو آئین کا احترام کرنا چاہیئے، ملک میں پارلیمانی نظام کو رہنا چاہیئے۔



## سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاں

اسلام آباد وزیراعظم نواز شریف آئندہ ہفتے عوامی رابطہ مہم شروع کریں گے جب کہ اس دوران وہ عوامی اجتماعات سے خطاب اور ترقیاتی منصوبوں کے آغاز کا بھی اعلان کریں گے۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف آئندہ ہفتے سے عوامی رابطہ مہم شروع کریں گے جس کا آغاز وہ عمران خان کے سیاسی گڑھ خیبر پختونخوا سے کریں گے جہاں وہ مانسہرہ میں عوامی اجتماعات سے خطاب اور ترقیاتی منصوبوں کے آغاز کا بھی اعلان کریں گے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق وزیراعظم خیبر پختونخوا میں سی پیک پراجیکٹس سمیت توانائی منصوبوں کا دورہ بھی کریں گے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق وزیراعظم نواز شریف خیبر پختونخوا کے بعد سندھ اور بلوچستان میں عوامی رابطہ مہم کے دوران اجتماعات سے خطاب کریں گے اور مختلف ترقیاتی منصوبوں کا دورہ کریں گے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ وزیراعظم آخر میں پنجاب میں جلسے اور ترقیاتی منصوبوں کا جائزہ لیں گے جب کہ منصوبوں کے افتتاح اور سنگ بنیاد بھی رکھیں گے۔

وزیراعظم کا آئندہ ہفتے سے عوامی رابطہ مہم شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ

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کراچی ریجنل زون کراچی سمیت اندرون سندھ میں کارروائیوں کے دوران 7 رکنی نوسرباز گروہ اور اس کے سرغنہ کو گرفتار کر لیا جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ریجنل زون کراچی سمیت اندرون سندھ کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیوں کے دوران 7 رکنی نوسرباز گروہ کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ ترجمان ریجنل زون کے مطابق 3 ماہ کی مسلسل کوششوں کے بعد نوسرباز گروہ کو اس کے سرغنہ سمیت کیا گیا ہے جب کہ گرفتار ملزمان نے بوٹ میں رہائش پذیر شہری سے ایک کروڑ روپے بھتے کا مطالبہ کیا تھا جس کی شکایت کے بعد ریجنل زون ٹیکنیکل مانیٹرنگ اور گراؤنڈ سرویلنس کے ذریعے نوسربازوں کے منظم اور بڑے گروہ کو گرفتار کیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق ملزمان میں گروہ کا سرغنہ شفیق اور اس کے ساتھی خالد سولنگی، سجاد راجپر، اللہ وادایو، اختر موجانی، فرحان راجپر اور مہتاب راجپر شامل ہیں۔ ریجنل زون کا کہنا ہے کہ ملزمان کرپشن میں ملوث افسران کو بیرون ملک سے درآمد کیے گئے کانگ کارڈز کے ذریعے سرکاری افسران بن کر بلیک میل کرتے تھے جب کہ ملزمان اپنی شناخت ریجنل زون، ایف آئی اے اور جج کے نام سے بھی کرواتے تھے۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بھتے کی رقم کے علاوہ ایم پی فائیور اٹفل، 4 پستول اور 2 گاڑیاں بھی برآمد ہوئی ہیں جب کہ گرفتار ملزمان کو مزید تفتیش کے لئے پولیس کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔

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کراچی حکومت سندھ نے ریجنل زون کے خصوصی اختیارات میں مزید 90 روز کی توسیع کا فیصلہ کر لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سندھ ریجنل زون کے خصوصی اختیارات میں 90 روز کی توسیع کی سمری وزارت داخلہ سندھ نے وزیراعلیٰ قائم علی شاہ کو ارسال کر دی ہے۔ وزیراعلیٰ قائم علی شاہ کو بھیجی گئی سمری میں کہا گیا ہے کہ ریجنل زون کے اختیارات میں 4 مئی سے اگلے 90 روز کے لئے اضافہ کیا جائے، ریجنل زون کو خصوصی اختیارات کراچی ڈویژن میں کارروائیوں کیلئے دیئے جائیں۔ واضح رہے کہ سندھ میں ریجنل زون کے خصوصی اختیارات کی مدت 3 مئی کو ختم ہو رہی ہے۔

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کراچی سپرہائی وے پر مسافریں اور آئل ٹینکرز کے درمیان تصادم کے نتیجے میں ایک شخص جھلس کر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں سپرہائی وے پر مسافریں مخالف سمت سے آنے والے آئل ٹینکر سے ٹکرائی، جس کے نتیجے میں آگ لگ گئی، حادثے میں ایک شخص زخمی ہو گیا۔ واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی امدادی کارکن موقع پر پہنچ گئے اور انہوں نے آگ پر قابو پایا جب کہ زخمی کو قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا جہاں وہ دم توڑ گیا۔ پولیس نے واقعے کا مقدمہ درج کر لیا ہے۔

کراچی میں آئل ٹینکر زور بس میں تصادم، ایک شخص جاں بحق

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لاہور کراچی میں انسداد پولیو ٹیموں کی سیکورٹی پر مامور پولیس اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کے واقعے کے بعد سیکورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر پنجاب کے 15 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم ملتوی کر دی گئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پنجاب کے 15 اضلاع میں 25 اپریل سے شروع ہونے والی انسداد پولیو مہم سیکورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر ملتوی کر دی گئی ہے۔ انسداد پولیو مہم کی سیکورٹی کا جائزہ لے کر پولیو مہم اب 25 اپریل کے بجائے 2 مئی سے شروع ہوگی جو 4 مئی تک جاری رہے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ 2 روز قبل کراچی کے علاقے اورنگی ٹاؤن میں انسداد پولیو ٹیموں کی سیکورٹی پر مامور پولیس اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کر کے 7 اہلکاروں کو شہید کر دیا گیا تھا۔

سیکورٹی خدشات کے باعث پنجاب کے 15 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم ملتوی

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اسلام آباد: تحریک انصاف کا 24 اپریل کو ہونے والے جلسے کے لئے انتظامیہ اور پولیس کے ساتھ تحریری ضابطہ اخلاق طے پا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق تحریک انصاف کی جانب سے یوم تاسیس کے سلسلے میں 24 اپریل کو اسلام آباد کے ایف 9 پارک میں جلسہ ہونا ہے تاہم اس سے قبل

تحریک انصاف کا اسلام آباد جلسے کیلئے انتظامیہ اور پولیس کے ساتھ تحریری معاہدہ

شامل کریں تاکہ جسم میں نمکیات برقرار رہیں۔ بچوں کو گاڑی میں ہرگز تنہا نہ چھوڑیں کیونکہ گرمی سے کار کے اندر کاردرجہ حرارت تیزی سے بڑھتا ہے جو دنیا بھر میں چھوٹے بچوں کی اموات کی اہم وجہ بھی ہے۔ ماہرین کے مطابق صرف 10 منٹ میں کار کا درجہ حرارت 6 ڈگری کی رفتار سے بڑھ جاتا ہے۔ کسی قسم کی ورزش اور پسینہ بہانے سے گریز کریں۔ اگر واک ہی کرنی ہے تو سورج غروب ہونے کے بعد یہ عمل مناسب رہے گا۔ بوڑھے، بیمار، سانس اور دل کے مریض گرمی کی شدت سے قدرے زیادہ بیمار ہو سکتے ہیں اس لیے ان کا خاص خیال رکھیں اور جیسے ہی وہ کسی پریشانی کا اظہار کریں ان کی مدد کی جائے۔

مٹھی (نامہ نگار) تھر میں مختلف امراض کی وجہ سے بچوں کی ہلاکتوں کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری ہے۔ کل بھی دوران علاج 3 بچے فوت ہوئے تین ماہ کی سوتیلہ دختر چیتن 13 دنوں کا بچہ الطاف ولد زوار اور ماروی دختر پر بھو شامل ہیں جنوری سے اب تک فوت ہونے والے بچوں کی تعداد 270 ہو چکی ہے جبکہ سرکاری گندم کی آٹھویں قسط تقسیم ہونے کے بعد اب حکومت سندھ کی طرف سے قسط سالی کے شکار علاقہ تھر کے باسیوں کے لئے کوئی بھی امداد باقی نہیں ہے۔ صوبائی وزیر سید ناصر شاہ نے حکومت سندھ کی سے مالی معاونت دلانے کے لئے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کو سفارش کرنے کی یقین دہانی کرائی تھی مگر اس اعلان پر بھی کوئی عمل نہیں ہو سکا۔ تھر کے منتخب عوامی نمائندے قسط سالی کی صورت حال پر ایوانوں میں آواز بلند کرنے کے بجائے خاموشی کا روضہ رکھے ہوئے ہیں۔

تھر پارکر، سندھ — پاکستان کے جنوبی صوبہ سندھ کے علاقے تھر پارکر کے باسیوں کو کئی طرح کے مسائل کا سامنا ہے لیکن ان میں سب سے بڑی مشکل پینے کے صاف پانی کا معاملہ ہے۔ اسی لیے جب اس علاقے کی ایک مکیں سند بانی کو یہ معلوم ہوا کہ ان کے علاقے میں پانی کو صاف کرنے کا ایک پلانٹ نصب کیا جا رہا ہے تو ان کے لیے یہ ایک اطمینان بخش امر تھا کہ شاید اب اس کی پینے کے صاف پانی کے حصول کی مشکلات کم ہو جائیں گی۔ اپنی ساری زندگی کے دوران سند بانی اپنے سر پر مٹی کا گھڑا اٹھا کر اپنے گھر سے دور واقع کنوؤں سے پانی حاصل کرتی رہی لیکن یہ پانی بھی اتنا ہی ممکن تھا جیسا کہ سمندری پانی ہوتا ہے۔ اب وہ بہت بوڑھی ہو چکی ہیں لیکن صاف پانی کے حصول کی مشکلات کم نہیں ہوئیں اور اب ان کے خاندان کی دوسریں وجوہاتیں یہ کام کرتی ہیں۔

پاکستان کے جنوب مشرق میں واقع 22,000 مربع کلومیٹر پر پھیلا تھر علاقہ سند بانی کا آبائی وطن ہے اور یہاں کے 15 لاکھ باشندوں کو اکثر پانی کی کمی اور خشک سالی کا سامنا رہتا ہے جو اکثر غذائی قلت اور قحط کا سبب بنتا ہے۔ یہاں بارشیں نہایت کم ہوتی ہیں اور وہ بھی صرف جولائی اور ستمبر میں مون سون کے موسم ہی میں ہوتی ہیں اور سال کے باقی مہینوں میں ان کا انحصار زیر زمین پانی پر ہوتا ہے جو کنوئیں کو حاصل کیا جاتا ہے۔ ایک مقامی غیر سرکاری تنظیم "اویز" کی طرف سے کئے گئے ایک مطالعاتی جائزے کے مطابق ہر گھر کے تین افراد کے روزانہ تین سے پانچ گھنٹے پانی کے حصول میں صرف ہوتے ہیں۔ تاہم پانی تک رسائی ناقص ہے بلکہ اس کا معیاری ہونا بھی ایک مسئلہ ہے اور عالمی ادارہ صحت کے معیار کے مطابق زیر زمین پانی میں نمکیات اور معدنیات کی 80 فیصد مقدار ہونے کی وجہ سے یہ پانی پینے کے قابل نہیں ہوتا ہے اور اسے پینے کی وجہ سے مقامی آبادی کو دائمی بیماریوں کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے۔ بانی کے گاؤں کی خواتین اس بات کی شکایت کرتی ہیں کہ انہیں گھریلو استعمال کے لیے کھارے پانی کے حصول کے لیے ایک کنوئیں پر جانا پڑتا ہے جبکہ انہیں اپنے بچوں کے لیے میٹھے پانی کے لیے بہت دور واقع دوسرے کنوؤں پر جانا پڑتا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ "وہ بچوں کے لیے میٹھا پانی حاصل کرتی ہیں کیونکہ بصورت دیگر ان کے پیٹ خراب ہو جاتے ہیں"۔ پانی کو صاف کرنے والے پلانٹ کی وجہ سے ان کی مشکلات کم ہو سکتی تھیں۔ انہیں صحرا کی تیز دھوپ میں (میٹھے پانی کے لیے) میلوں دور جانا پڑتا اور بالغ افراد کو بھی صاف میٹھا پانی میسر ہو سکتا تھا۔ تاہم ان کی یہ امیدیں پوری ناہو سکیں۔ یہ پلانٹ تو نصب کر دیا گیا لیکن یہ کام ناکر سکا۔ اس پلانٹ کے مرکزی دروازے پر ایک بڑا تالا لگا ہوا ہے اور وہ یہاں آنے والوں کو یہ بتاتا ہے کہ یہ عمارت ویران پڑی ہے۔ سندھ حکومت کا دعویٰ ہے کہ انہوں نے اس علاقے میں پانی صاف کرنے کے لگ بھگ 600 پلانٹ نصب کیے ہیں۔ تاہم مقامی افراد اس بات کی شکایت کرتے ہیں کہ ان میں سے کئی ایک پلانٹ تنصیب کے بعد یا تو کام نہیں کرتے یا وہ مناسب دیکھ بھال ناہونے کی وجہ سے بیکار پڑے ہیں۔ سندھ حکومت کے مشیر عبدالقیوم سومرونے کہا کہ حکومت اس بات سے آگاہ ہے کہ ان میں سے ایک تنہا پانی کے پلانٹ غیر فعال ہیں۔ ان کی مرمت کرنے کے لیے ٹیم بھیج دی گئی ہیں لیکن بانی اور تھر پارکر کے کئی دوسرے مکینوں کے لیے صاف پانی کا انتظار اب بھی جاری ہے۔

تھر میں وبائی امراض سے مزید 3 بچے ہلاک،  
تعداد 270 ہو گئی

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### سُرخیاں

کراچی: شہر میں گرمی کی لہر مسلسل تیسرے روز بھی برقرار ہے جب کہ چھٹی کے باعث شہریوں کی بڑی تعداد نے ساحل سمندر کا رخ کر لیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں گرمی کی لہر بدستور برقرار ہے اور دوپہر 2 بجے شہر کا درجہ حرارت 38 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں آج ہوا میں نمی کا تناسب 27 فیصد جب کہ ہوا کی رفتار 23 کلومیٹر فی گھنٹہ ہے۔ دوسری جانب اتوار کی چھٹی کے باعث شہریوں کی ایک بڑی تعداد نے گرمی سے نمٹنے کے لئے ساحل سمندر کا رخ کر لیا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر میں گرمی کی موجودہ لہر مزید 3 روز تک برقرار رہے گی اس لئے شہری غیر ضروری طور پر گھروں سے باہر نکلنے میں محتاط رہیں اور پانی اور دیگر ٹھنڈے مشروبات کا استعمال زیادہ سے زیادہ کریں۔ واضح رہے کہ 2 روز قبل شہر میں ہیٹ اسٹرک کے باعث 12 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے تھے جب کہ گزشتہ برس کراچی میں ہیٹ اسٹرک کے باعث 1200 سے زیادہ ہلاکتیں ہوئی تھیں۔

لاہور (اے پی پی) پاکستان سمیت دنیا بھر میں 70 ممالک (ورلڈ وار تھ ڈے) جمعہ کو بھرپور طریقے سے منایا گیا۔ اس موقع پر مختلف سرکاری و غیر سرکاری تنظیموں اور محکمہ ماحولیات کے زیر اہتمام خصوصی تقریبات کا انعقاد کیا گیا جبکہ گرین جزیشن کی جانب سے واک بھی منعقد کی گئی۔ کتب کا عالمی دن آج منایا جائیگا جبکہ اس سلسلہ میں مختلف ادبی، دینی، تعلیمی حلقوں کے زیر اہتمام خصوصی تقریبات، کانفرنسز، سیمینارز کا انعقاد کیا جائیگا جس سے اہل علم و دانش اور ماہرین تعلیم خطاب کریں گے۔

لاہور (سیف اللہ سپر) زمین کا عالمی دن گزشتہ روز خصوصی اہتمام کے ساتھ منایا گیا۔ اس حوالے سین ماہرین ارضیات نے روزنامہ نوائے وقت سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ار تھ ڈے کی اہمیت پر روشنی ڈالی۔ پنجاب یونیورسٹی شعبہ جغرافیہ کے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر منور صابر نے کہا کہ دنیا کے ختم ہونے کے متعلق ایسی ہتھیاریوں کے علاوہ دوسرا خطرہ جو ماحولیات اور ہر حملہ آور ہو چکا ہے وہ ماحولیات کی تبدیلی نہیں تباہی ہے۔ اگر آپ اسے تحریر کی بجائے عملی عبرت نما شکل میں دیکھنا چاہتے ہیں تو کراچی کو دیکھیے جہاں ہیٹ اور گرمی کی لہر کی وارنگ اپریل (جو بہار کا موسم ہے) میں ہی جاری کر دی گئی۔ اس کی بنیادی وجہ کراچی شہر میں میدان پارک اور دیگر جگہوں کے درخت کاٹ کر پلازوں اور فلیٹوں کا جنگل کھڑا کرنا ہے۔ بارش بھی ہو جائے تو پانی زمین میں جذب نہیں ہو پاتا اور اس لیے کراچی شہر میں پانی تیل کی طرز پر فروخت ہو رہا ہے۔ یہاں تک کہ تیل تو پٹرول پمپ سے مل جاتا ہے مگر پانی چوری کے مال کی طرح ڈھکے چھپے طریقوں سے منہ مانگے داموں سے خریدنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ اگر کراچی کے حالات سے سبق حاصل نہ کیا گیا تو پاکستان کے دیگر شہروں میں بھی یہی قیامت نمائندگی سے لوگ تباہی کی تہ تیغ ہو جائے گی۔ چیئرمین شعبہ جغرافیہ پنجاب یونیورسٹی ڈاکٹر عبدالغفار نے کہا کہ اس سال ار تھ ڈے کے حوالے سے درخت لگانے کا جو تھیم دیا گیا ہے وہ بالکل مناسب ہے۔ ماحولیات آلودگی ختم کرنے کا واحد ذریعہ درخت ہی ہیں۔ ضرورت اس امر کی ہے کہ سکول، کالج اور یونیورسٹی میں طلبہ و طالبات میں باقاعدہ مہم چلائی جائے تاکہ آنے والی نسلوں میں نہ صرف ماحولیات ختم کرنے کا شعور اجاگر ہو بلکہ وہ عملی طور پر بھی اس کا حصہ بنیں۔

کراچی: گزشتہ سال گرمی کی شدت اور سمندری ہوائے رکنے سے کراچی میں 1200 سے زائد افراد لقمہ اجل بن گئے تھے اور اسی خطرے کے پیش نظر محکمہ موسمیات نے کراچی کے عوام کو بلند درجہ حرارت اور گرمی کی درمیانے درجے کی لہر (ماڈریٹ ہیٹ ویو) سے خبردار کیا ہے تاہم اس شدید گرمی سے بچنے کے چند انتہائی آزمودہ نسخے بھی ہیں جنہیں آزما کر آپ خود کو گرمی کے اثرات سے محفوظ رکھ سکتے ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے ایک بار پھر کراچی میں شدید گرمی کی پیش گوئی کی ہے اور اس دوران ہوا میں نمی کا تناسب 45 سے 50 فیصد رہنے کا امکان ظاہر کیا گیا ہے جب کہ محکمہ موسمیات نے شہریوں کو دھوپ میں کم سے کم نکلنے اور زیادہ پانی پینے کا مشورہ دیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب ماہرین تپش کی لہر سے بچنے کے چند مفید باتوں پر عمل کرنے کا مشورہ دیتے ہیں جن کے ذریعے آپ خود کو گرمی کے اثرات سے محفوظ رکھ سکتے ہیں۔

’ہلکے رنگ کے ڈھیلے ڈھالے کپڑے زیب تن کریں تاکہ ان میں سے ہوا گزر سکے اور یوں آپ جسم ٹھنڈا رہے گا۔ کی تپش اور دھوپ سے بچیں اور جلد کو جھلنے سے بچائیں، باہر نکلنے وقت ایس پی ایف (سن پروٹیکشن فیکٹر) 15 یا اس سے اوپر کا کن بلاک یا سن اسکرین کریم استعمال کریں اس سے جلد کو جھلنے سے بچانا ممکن ہو گا۔ موٹر سائیکل سوار کیپ پہنیں تاکہ دھوپ براہ راست ان کے چہرے پر نہ پڑے۔ ایک نرم کپڑا گلا کر کے گردن کے گرد لپیٹنے سے افادہ ہو سکتا ہے۔ پانی کا استعمال بڑھائیں تاکہ پسینے اور گرمی کی شدت سے بچا جاسکے۔ اگر کوئی شربت پی رہے ہیں تو اس میں نمک

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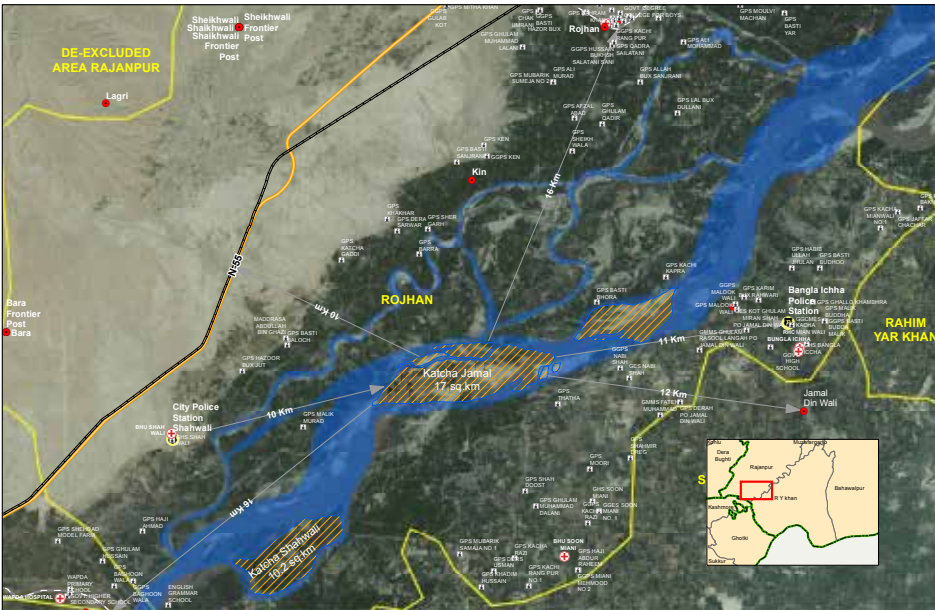
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## ZARB-I-AHAN The Bitter Truth About Chotu Gang

**Operation Zarb-i-Ahan**  
A ground operation against Chotu Gang, codenamed Zarb-i-Ahan, began in the riverine Kacha area of Rajanpur district earlier this month (April). Law enforcers appear to be having a tough time dealing with the gang of criminals, as on the 18th day of the operation only four gangsters have been killed, compared to seven policemen who have been killed and 24 taken hostage. The army took command of the operation. Zarb-i-Ahan, on April 15 in an effort to rescue the 24 policemen abducted by the Chotu gang. Negotiations between the authorities and the gangsters had been ongoing since the hostage-taking. While helicopter gunships continued to target hideouts of the Chotu gang in Kacha Jamal on Tuesday, ground troops did not use heavy weaponry for the safety of the kidnapped policemen. The military had launched a full-fledged assault using helicopter gunships, surveillance drones and heavy artillery with unconfirmed reports also suggesting movement of tanks in Kacha Jamal, Shahwali and Sonmiani areas. The ringleader of a notorious criminal gang reportedly surrendered late Tuesday night (19th April 2016) along with 175 comrades, bringing to a non-violent end a 21-day-long operation in the riverine area of Rajanpur district of South Punjab. The gang of Ghulam Rasool, alias Chotu, also released 24 policemen seized a week ago when the Punjab police had made an unsuccessful attempt to storm the island hideout of criminals in Kacha Jamal area.

**Why so many police officers were killed and then army was brought in?**  
According to sources, officials of Punjab Police operating in Rajanpur area had sought 25 days to smoothly implement a counter-terrorist operation against the Chotu Gang, however, the urgency imposed by the IG Punjab Police and subsequently by district police officers resulted in the losses suffered by the local police. A local police official said that "Punjab Police had asked for 25 days to devise a strategy against Chotu Gang". Punjab IG Mustaq Ahmad Sukhera had said to the policemen "if no one from you is willing to go forward I will go myself". It was after this that it became a matter of honour for the local police officials. The district police officers (DPOs) then summoned and deployed the force in the Indus River area between Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan on immediate basis. The police force had initially refused to go but following the remarks made by the Punjab IG, the officers reacted in haste and ordered the force to advance from one side only rather than surrounding the gangsters from all sides. Due to the lack of planning seven policemen killed and 24 taken hostage. The army took command of the operation, Zarb-i-Ahan, on April 15 in an effort to rescue the 24 policemen abducted by the Chotu gang. As a result Ghulam Rasool surrendered late Tuesday night (19th April 2016) along with his 175 companions. The police personnel deployed in the area conducted the Punjab IG and DPOs responsible for the death of their fellows. Due to lack of operational planning, the police had to suffer life losses and

**About Chotu Gang**  
Chotu Gang is a Pakistani gang that engages in kidnapping, murder and other criminal activities led by Ghulam Rasool. The gang is based in the Kacha area of Rajanpur. This gang is involved in many more than 10,000 people he had lost to local goons. For help, he approached a living in small villages, powerful gangster of the area, whose men recovered his gang is also known for abducting people. They depend mostly on land and won over Chotu's loyalty. Chotu became rearing animals and stronger under Baba Law's careful tutelage. At the age of Khan. Some small and prominent gangs in the area, who kidnapped 12 Chinese engineers from the Indus. They include Bilal alias Bilal Jaakha. But he made it a no-go Highway. The chief of another powerful gang, Chotu Baba Long, Guman, Copang, Sindh area for police who found it operated in South Punjab died in a police encounter. Chotu group, Bolears of Muzaffargarh and Khalid Kalani. The Bilal Jaakha gang information about him from Chotu's group. The gang, which sought refuge in the 40- the locals. The area where kilometer dense forest area by the Indus River in Rajanpur was formed by two brothers — Bilal Jaakha and Jugra Jaakha. They are said to be implicated in a fake case for killing two sisters of Copang tribe of Rajanpur. It is said the women were killed by their Kacha Shah Wali. The in a position where they would surrender. Chotu's murder charge by a court. During the time in jail they developed links with criminals and after their release killed of the River Indus, which of his family members. In 2015, the police tried to bring the his 'enemies' and joined the Chotu gang.

**Location of Chotu Gang**  
From local goon to most feared gangster in South Punjab The riverine area of Kacha Back in 2002, Chotu gang were small-time offenders engaged in kidnapping, murder and other criminal activities led by Ghulam Rasool. The gang is based in the Kacha area of Rajanpur. This gang is involved in many more than 10,000 people he had lost to local goons. For help, he approached a living in small villages, powerful gangster of the area, whose men recovered his gang is also known for abducting people. They depend mostly on land and won over Chotu's loyalty. Chotu became rearing animals and stronger under Baba Law's careful tutelage. At the age of Khan. Some small and prominent gangs in the area, who kidnapped 12 Chinese engineers from the Indus. They include Bilal alias Bilal Jaakha. But he made it a no-go Highway. The chief of another powerful gang, Chotu Baba Long, Guman, Copang, Sindh area for police who found it operated in South Punjab died in a police encounter. Chotu group, Bolears of Muzaffargarh and Khalid Kalani. The Bilal Jaakha gang information about him from Chotu's group. The gang, which sought refuge in the 40- the locals. The area where kilometer dense forest area by the Indus River in Rajanpur was formed by two brothers — Bilal Jaakha and Jugra Jaakha. They are said to be implicated in a fake case for killing two sisters of Copang tribe of Rajanpur. It is said the women were killed by their Kacha Shah Wali. The in a position where they would surrender. Chotu's murder charge by a court. During the time in jail they developed links with criminals and after their release killed of the River Indus, which of his family members. In 2015, the police tried to bring the his 'enemies' and joined the Chotu gang.

