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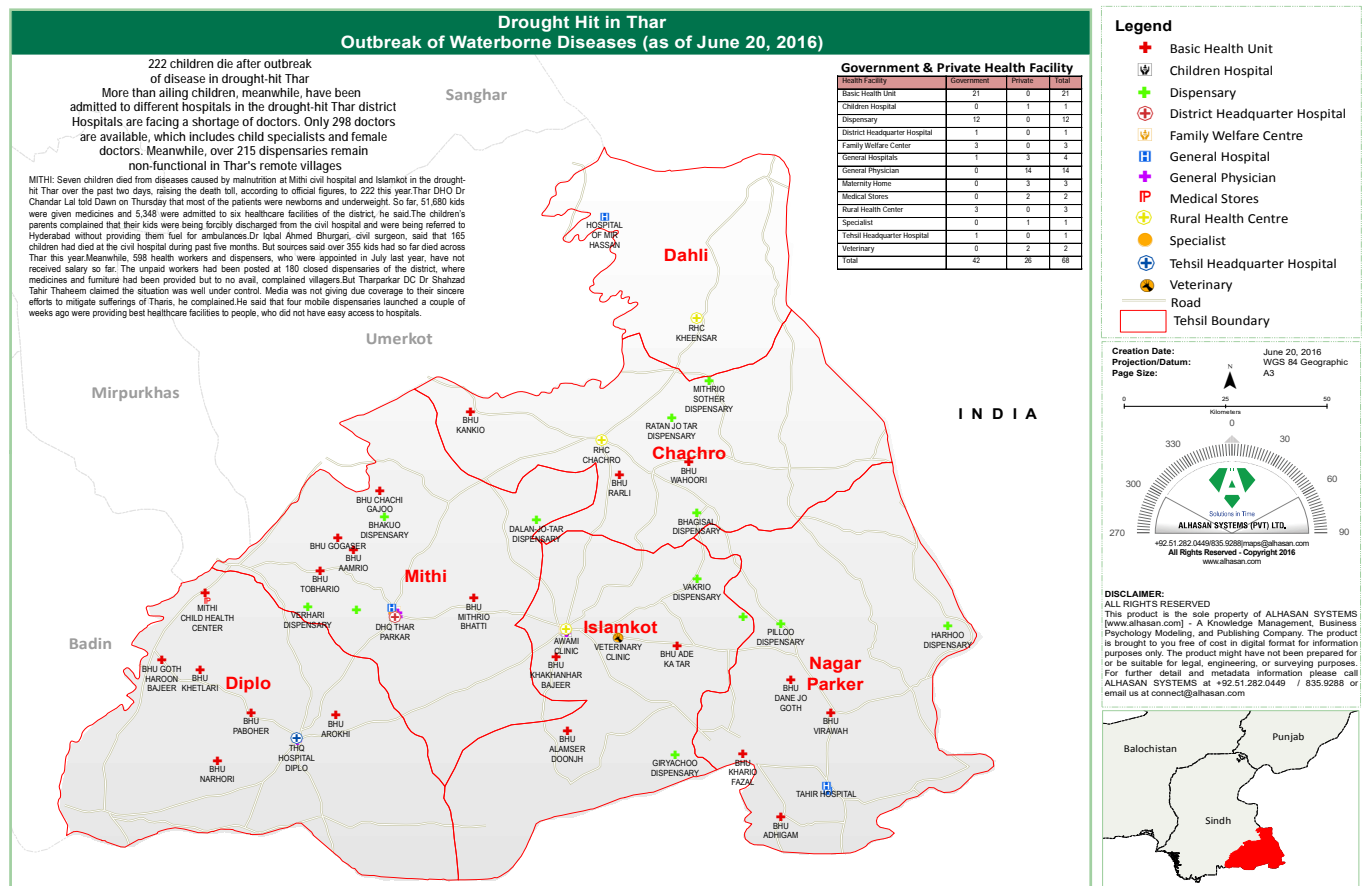
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

NDMA attains capacity to support 300,000 disaster prone people

Pak Observer, June 20, 2016

May 2016: Recorded as hottest May in modern history

Pakistan Today, June 20, 2016

'Extra heavy' monsoon this year

The Nation, June 20, 2016

Climate change melting 5,000 glaciers rapidly,

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ISLAMABAD: National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has attained the capability to support over 300,000 marooned people through its well-stocked regional ware houses in any kind of disaster. According to official sources, NDMA has the capability to immediately start relief activities in natural calamities including floods, landslides, earthquakes, drought, tsunami, cyclone, glacier lake outburst flood, avalanches and tropical sea storms.

National Disaster Risk Reduction (NDRR) policy is aimed at strengthening disaster preparedness and response capabilities, improving the early warning system, building capacities of disaster management practitioners at all levels and that of communities as well as strengthening resilience of infrastructures.

Under policy parameters, the Authority has also formulated National Disaster Management Plan to identify ten priority areas, forty-one strategies and one hundred and twenty-two projects in the domain of institutional development, capacity building, awareness, early warning system, human resource development, hazard and risk assessment.

The NDMP identifies roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders involved in disaster management and facilitates various organization/agencies to undertake interventions as identified in NDMP to achieve the desired results, he added.

Last month was the hottest May in modern history, marking the 13th consecutive month that global temperature records have been shattered, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported.

That makes the longest such streak in the 137 years the record has existed. "The globally averaged temperature over land and ocean surfaces for May 2016 was the highest for the month of May in the NOAA global temperature dataset record, which dates back to 1880," the agency said in a statement. The powerful but waning El Nino weather phenomenon — which tends to warm equatorial waters in the Pacific — may have contributed to this year's record, climate scientists said, but doesn't explain all of it. "The state of the climate so far this year gives us much cause for alarm," World Climate Research Program Director David Carlson said. "The super El Nino is only partly to blame. Abnormal is the new normal," he added.

May's combined average temperature came to 1.57 degrees Fahrenheit (0.87 Celsius) above the 20th-century average for the month of 58.6 degrees Fahrenheit (14.8 Celsius). That was 0.04 degrees Fahrenheit (0.02 Celsius) above the previous record for May, which was set last year. May 2016 tied with June and August 2015 as the 12th-highest monthly temperature increase on record, NOAA said. May's record temperatures were accompanied by other extreme weather events, including heavy rainfall in Europe and the southern United States. Overall, 13 of the 15 monthly high-temperature records have taken place since February 2015, it added.

Experts say global warming is contributing to a growing number of environmental disasters around the world, from the bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef to the wildfires raging across Canada. Last year marked the hottest on record so far, beating 2014, which previously held the title. With 13 months in a row now setting records for heat, 2016 — although not quite half over yet — is on track to be another scorching year.

The temperature across global land and ocean surfaces from January through May reached 1.94 degrees Fahrenheit (1.08 Celsius) above the 20th century average of 55.5 degrees Fahrenheit (13 Celsius), making it the highest for January-May on record, surpassing the previous record set last year by 0.43 degrees Fahrenheit (0.24 Celsius). The World Bank said last month that the global community is not prepared for a swift increase in climate change-related natural disasters — such as floods and droughts — which will put 1.3 billion people at risk by 2050.

ISLAMABAD: Director General of Pakistan Meteorological Department Dr Ghulam Rasool has predicted that the country would experience extra heavy monsoon rains this year.

Talking to a private news channel, he said four zones of the country, including the upper parts of Khyber Pakhunkhawa, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, south eastern areas of Punjab and Sindh, and Koh Suleman areas from Mianwali to Rajanpur would be badly affected by flash floods. He said that Pakistan was among the 10 most vulnerable countries to climate change. But it lacked proper climate resilient infrastructure to mitigate the effects of that vulnerability, he added.

The govt would have to build better infrastructure to protect the people and their properties from the resultant natural disasters such as flash floods and river floods, he said. He said he had already written to all the Governors, Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries informing about the expected heavy rains. He said that the PMD was in touch with the National Disaster Management Authority and other departments and it would be able to face the challenge despite lack of resources, he added. He said that seven radars were functioning in the country to predict weather conditions.

Two of them were being replaced with the financial assistance of Japan, while the rest, though old, were properly working, he added. He said that a new radar had a price of around Rs 700 million.

Dr Ghulam Rasool said that the World Meteorological Organisation had a slogan that "invest one dollar on early warning system and save 36 dollars". He said that the Pakistan Meteorological Department had no funds for the maintenance of the radars. However, now notice had been taken at the high govt level, he said and hoped that in next two years, a considerable improvement would be seen in the PMD.

ISLAMABAD: Around 5,000 glaciers in northern areas of Chitral district and Gilgit Baltistan (GB) region are melting at a much faster rate due to the increase in average temperatures in the

drastic impact expected

Pakistan Today, June 19, 2016

mountainous valleys.

"Presently, glacial melting is among major global warming-induced risk Pakistan is grappled with. Other risks include sea-level rise, floods, higher than average temperature, a higher frequency of droughts and expanding desertification," Ministry of Climate Change Deputy Director Mohammad Saleem Shaikh said on Sunday.

During summer months, he said, an increased or above normal flows in glacial streams, which all eventually feed the 3,500 kilometres long Indus River, clearly indicate that the country's glaciers are melting rapidly. The mountain streams now flow even in winters which was never observed a couple of years ago as revealed by the residents of Hunza, Ghizer, Gupis, Skardu, Gulmit and Bagrot valleys of the GB in the country's north, reflecting the gravity of the global warming issue, he said. "Temperatures in most of the mountainous valleys never used to go beyond 30 degree Celsius during summer but now it surpasses 40 degree Celsius at times," he said. "This rise in temperature is causing an expansion of rainy weather on one hand and squeezing the snowfall period on the other. The reduced snowfall period makes it difficult for the snow to take the shape of glaciers," the deputy director said. He added that the increase in frequency and intensity of rainfall instead of snowfall in these mountains triggers flash floods which results in large-scale damages in the areas.

The official, who is also a spokesman of the ministry, said besides rising earth temperatures, high paced urbanisation of the mountain valleys and increased vehicular traffic have accelerated the melting process of the glaciers. However, Pakistani scientists have already said that the glaciers in Pakistan's Karakoram mountain range in the Upper Indus Basin areas are stable and some are even building up but research-based strong evidences show that a good number of glaciers are now melting fast due to the rising temperatures, he added. He said that this is alarming that the melting process continues in winter also due to which we find exceptional flow in streams and rivers. This is causing flooding in these valleys, posing risks to lives and livelihoods of the people besides damaging the infrastructure in these areas, he said. He further said the recent findings of ten weather monitoring stations installed by the Pakistan Meteorological Department also concluded that glaciers in ablation zone (the low-altitude area of a glacier) is receding faster and snowline is marching upward. This means shrinking in the glacier area. "This means that the ablation zones are increasing and accumulation zones of the glaciers reducing," he said.

LAHORE: Punjab Emergency Service, Director General, Brig (R) Arshad Zia has said that a policy framework has been finalised for induction of cadets into newly-formed Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams at divisional headquarters level. He said that Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif had decided to set up the USAR teams at all nine divisional headquarters of Punjab. Training was already being provided to cadets for Rawalpindi and Lahore USAR teams, and process for constituting all nine teams would be completed by the end of 2018, he added.

During his visit to Emergency Service Academy here on Saturday, he held a meeting with Academy Director General Brig (R) Amir Hamza, Registrar Dr Muhammad Farhan Khalid, Regional Emergency Officer Mian Riffat Zia, Head of Operations Rescue 1122 Ayaz Aslam and other senior rescue officials.

Addressing the under-training cadets for Lahore and Rawalpindi divisional teams, Dr Arshad Zia said that the need for establishment of modern and fully equipped USAR teams was felt after various natural calamities and disasters. He said that on the directions of the Punjab CM, Home Secretary Maj (R) Azam Suleman constituted a committee to identify and standardise the specifications of machinery and equipment required for the USAR teams.

The committee comprising Pakistan Army, Capital Development Authority, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Home Department, Rescue 1122 etc, finalised the specifications, he added.—APP

KARACHI: Eight more kids died at the Civil Hospital Mithi and Islamkot in the drought-hit Thar during the past two days raising the death toll to 224 during the past five months.

According to official figures, 398 minors died in 2015 and 326 in 2014 in the area. However, independent sources believe that the death toll was too high than the official figures. DHO Tharparkar Dr Chandar Lal told The News that most of the victims were newborns and underweight. Dr Lal further said so far 51,680 kids had been given medicines while 5,348 were admitted to six facilities in the district.

However, he was uncertain about 340 kids referred from Civil Hospital Mithi to the teaching hospitals of Hyderabad and children's hospitals of Karachi. Mr. Lal said he had directed the civil surgeon Mithi to write to the authorities of those hospitals whether the kids were alive or dead. Insiders told The News that hardly 10% survived while the rest of 90% had died on their way to hospitals.

Talking to The News, parents at the Civil Hospital Mithi deplored that their kids had been forcibly discharged or referred to Hyderabad without providing fuel for the ambulances. Civil surgeon Dr Iqbal Ahmed said he had been directed by the DHO to write letters about the referral cases. He said during the past five months 166 kids had died at the civil hospital of the district. However, independent sources say over 360 kids have died so far in Thar this year. On the other hand, 598 health workers and dispensers who were appointed in July last year are yet to get their salaries. These unpaid workers had been posted at 180 closed dispensaries of the district. DC Tharparkar Dr Shahzad Tahir Thaheem told this correspondent that the situation was well under control. He said the media was not giving due coverage to their sincere efforts to mitigate the sufferings of Tharis.

Dr Thaheem said four mobile dispensaries launched a couple of weeks ago were giving best healthcare facilities to the people. He said the ninth phase of wheat distribution was going on smoothly in the entire Thar.

Dr Satram Roopani, District Coordinator Health and Nutrition Development Society, told this correspondent that the situation would get of control if Thar does not get rainfall in the coming few

Policy for Cadets' induction into USAR teams finalised

Pak Observer, June 19, 2016

Eight more children die in Mithi, Islamkot

The News, June 19, 2016

Men eat more than Children, women in Tharparkar, says UN report

Channel 24, June 18, 2016

Death toll from KP rainstorm reaches eight

The News, June 17, 2016

30 more dengue cases reported in city

Pakistan Today, June 17, 2016

CM's adviser displeased by poor anti-dengue measures in Pindi

Pakistan Today, June 17, 2016

Two die as rain lashes KP

Express Tribune, June 15, 2016

weeks. He said malnutrition and diseases were taking a heavy toll on the kids and pregnant women.

Mohammad Arshad, an official at the Pak Osis, a company tasked with installing 750 RO plants, claimed that 450 plants had been installed and work on the remaining was in the full swing. He said 25 faulty plants were being repaired.

WEB DESK: The Tharparkar district which has the highest mortality rate in Pakistan is also an area where women and children eat less than man, says a UN report.

"Men are given the first priority at meals and often eat more than women and children whereas the main food eaten was onion, chilli, bread and vegetables (guar and singharian)", the mission observes.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) have come to the conclusion that eating patterns in Tharparkar have changed significantly as a result of the drought.

PESHAWAR: The death toll from the heavy rains and storm in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has reached eight while 59 people were injured.

According to a report of the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), two people were killed in Peshawar, one in Nowshera, two each in Bannu and Mardan districts. About the injured, it said that 40 persons were injured in Mardan, two in Malakand, 13 in Bannu and four persons in Mardan. Two houses, one each in Malakand in Bannu districts, were damaged.

CHAKDARRA: A second-grade student identified as Tara Bibi died while her sister sustained serious injuries when a tree fell on a tri-wheeler they were travelling in near Pul Chawki in Chakdarra.

Separately, one Muhammad Awais sustained wounds when the roof of their house collapsed in the Och Gharbi area. The wounded was taken to a hospital in Peshawar where his condition was stated to be critical. Rozi Gul also sustained wounds in a wall collapse incident in Tazagram area.

MINGORA: Power supply to various parts of Malakand division remained suspended for several hours as rain coupled with gusty winds uprooted a power pylon of a heavy transmission line.

The heavy rain accompanied by strong winds hit Malakand and uprooted a pylon of the 132-KV transmission line in Chakdarra disrupting power supply to the entire Swat district and parts of the Malakand division for 11-long hours. The consumers faced immense hardships due to the long delay in the restoration of power supply that led to a shortage of drinking water in some areas. The faithful faced hardships at Iftar.

KARACHI: At least 30 more dengue viral fever cases have been detected in Sindh province in a week, out of which 29 were reported from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 722 since January 2016.

As per weekly report issued by Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Sindh, to PPI, 30 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from June 10 to 16, 2016, out of which 29 were reported from Karachi and one from Khairpur.

A total 29 new dengue fever cases were detected in Karachi last week, out of which five were reported from District Central, 10 from District South, two from District West, eight from District East and four from District Malir.

In 2016, a total 722 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since January 2016, out of which 668 were detected from Karachi, 12 from Hyderabad, five from Sukkur, four from Tando Muhammad Khan, three each from Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Khairpur and Larkana, two each from Badin, Thatta, Jamshoro, Umer Kot, Sanghar Naushero Feroz, Ghotki, Shaheed Benazirabad and Shikarpur. One death from dengue was reported from Nawabshah.

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to the Punjab Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique has expressed dissatisfaction over the anti-dengue activities carried out by the government departments in Rawalpindi. While presiding over a meeting to review the dengue control measure in the DCO office, Rawalpindi, the advisor said that if dengue epidemic situation prevailed in Rawalpindi, concerned government departments would be held responsible and zero tolerance would be shown in dengue control activities.

Rafique said that according to the instruction of the CM Shehbaz Sharif, all resources including human resource are being provided to the concerned departments and institutions according to their needs. The Dengue Expert Advisory Group has imparted training to the doctors and nurses for case management of dengue, he added.

The district government, as well as the provincial department, are regularly monitoring the anti-dengue activities to ensure an effective control on dengue, he said, and added, the government is providing maximum resources and facilitating the departments, therefore, no negligence from any department would be acceptable. He further said that last year there were a lot of dengue patients reported in Rawalpindi, but due to extraordinary arrangements in the hospitals hundreds of lives of dengue patients were saved. He added that due to a forecast of heavy monsoon rains, there is a need to remain more vigilant and alert. Officers of districts administration and senior officers of concerned government departments attended the meeting.

PESHAWAR / CHARSADDA / MARDAN / NOWSHERA / SWABI / JAMRUD: At least two people died in the provincial capital and around 40 others injured as heavy rains lashed the province. There were casualties reported in Charsadda and Mardan as well.

In the provincial capital, a building collapsed due to the inclement weather, said Lady Reading Hospital Public Relations Officer (PRO) Zulfiqar Babakhel. He added the bodies received at LRH were those of 30-year-old Jehangir Khan, a resident of Duran Pur, and two-year-old child Umer Khan from Khazana area.

Babakhel added the injured included 14 women, 12 men and 14 children who came to the medical facility from different parts of the city. The roofs and boundary walls of houses collapsed on Kohat

Moderate earthquake jolts parts of KP, FATA

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Road, Charsadda Road, Faqir Kalay, Guldara Chowk, Hussain Chowk, Phase-III Chowk, Lahori Gate, Arbab Road, Kakshal, Board Bazaar, Bashir Abad, and Patang Chowk, said Rescue 1122 Spokesperson Bilal Ahmad.

He added the Rescue 1122 director general imposed a complete emergency due to the heavy storms. "Some 14 roofs collapsed in Peshawar and Mardan and 20 people were injured, while two died," Faizi confirmed. He added the storm also caused a high tension electricity line to collapse in Hussain Chowk area.

The storm caused billboards to fall onto University Road from building tops, damaging vehicles. In the rural areas of the city, standing crops, especially plum orchards, were affected, inflicting heavy losses to farmers. "Wind speed was recorded at 98 km/h," said an official of the Met office. He added 24 millimetres of rain fell on the city. "The Met office had already predicted pre-monsoon rains over upper parts of the country from Wednesday till Friday."

The official added currents are penetrating upper Punjab and Kashmir and a fresh westerly wave is also likely to approach upper parts of the country. The Met office added rain and dust/thundershowers are expected at scattered places in Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat divisions, the federal capital and other parts of Punjab province under such conditions.

The official added rain/thunderstorms with gusty winds were also expected in scattered areas of Malakand, Hazara, Fata, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir from Wednesday evening to Friday. He added two solid pre-monsoon rains are likely to hit the country in the coming week. Due to the dilapidated sewerage system of the city, some main roads and streets of Peshawar turned into rivulets, causing traffic jams. The rainwater spilled onto roads and markets in Pipal Mandi, Ganj, Lahore Gate and Gulbahar and even onto University Road. Water also overflowed onto GT Road near the Suri Pul and the route was blocked for several hours. "Due to roadblocks and water on the roads, Rescue 1122 faced problems in its activities," said Faizi.

Three injured in Charsadda: A woman and two children were injured in the storm in Utmanzai area of Charsadda district. Officials at the district headquarters hospital said they received an injured woman and two children – all of whom are now stable.

Emergency in Mardan: Three emergency cases were reported in Mardan district, said Rescue 1122 officials. Four people were injured in these incidents a man, two women and a child. The officials said one of the injured was taken to a medical complex for treatment.

Storm and rains also lashed Swabi and Nowshera, while in Jamrud, Khyber Agency, roofs and walls of several houses collapsed in Shah Kas, Ali Masjid and Ghundai areas. No injuries were reported.

ISLAMABAD: An earthquake of moderate intensity jolted several parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) on Wednesday June 15; no casualty or loss of property was reported.

According to the geological wing of Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), an earthquake of magnitude 5.4 on the Richter scale was felt in Malakand Division, Khyber Agency, Swat and surrounding areas. The epicenter was located in the Hindukush mountains border area of Pakistan-Afghanistan at a depth of 155 kilometres.

ISLAMABAD: Federal Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal yesterday directed the departments concerned to take preemptive measures to deal with flooding situation keeping in view the expected twenty per cent higher rain in the upcoming monsoon season.

"The departments concerned should be prepared to minimise the losses of expected high floods in the country in the coming monsoon season," Ahsan Iqbal said while chairing a high-level meeting on monsoon 2016 impact and level of preparedness here.

The meeting was attended by officials of federal ministries, provincial departments, Met Office and NDMA. The meeting reviewed the expected rains as forecast by the Met Office and its impacts in details. He said that national preparedness is a composite for preparedness at provincial levels to deal with calamity like situation due to more than normal rain in monsoon season. He said that proper steps should be taken to inspect the conditions of water reservoirs and head works before arrival of monsoon season and preparedness should be made for relief activities and provision of medical facilities in the backdrop of expected flooding in various parts of the country.

Ahsan Iqbal directed for eliminating all the shortcomings in the relief operations, which hampered the relief activities in past when massive floods-hit the large parts of the country. He said the country is passing through abnormal conditions due to climate change distortions in recent years, which warrants sound national level preparedness to minimise the losses of floods. He said early warning system is first defence line against high rains and subsequent flooding and emphasised the need to put in place a state-of-the-art early warning system to check losses from flood like natural calamities. He assured all possible resources for installation of the early warning system to save the country from devastation caused by floods.

Ahsan Iqbal urged to utilise the youth bulge for volunteerism in flood related relief activities and asked Civil defence to take necessary steps for inducting high number of youth in its volunteer network. He also stressed for combing operations to remove the snags in drainage system and storm water nullahs at district level.

An official privy to the meeting told The Nation that there is no immediate solution to the future monsoon flooding except immediate construction of at least two water reservoirs - Bhasha and Munda dams. He said the government is dealing a very serious matter in a very non-serious way. "With protection measures other than the building of reservoirs the government can only mitigate the loss of life and property but cannot stop the floods," he added.

Pakistan is facing flood consecutively for the past six years but even today the government don't have a flood protection plan. The met department forecasted heavy floods during coming Monsoon season, the official said. He said instead of building consensus oriented big water reservoirs such as Bhasha and Munda dams the government is once again dragging the nation into controversial

Kalabagh Dam issue.

He said the same thing happened during Dictator General Musharraf's regime when he failed to construct big water reservoirs he initiated the Kalabagh controversy to misguide the nation. Someone should ask the Water and Power authority of how many big water reservoirs they have constructed in more than 46 years. Not making big water reservoirs is tantamount to criminal negligence and the rulers can be held accountable for the loss of life and property due to floods of the citizens Pakistan, the official commented. He said that meetings and presentation are not the solution of problem as the government needs to take some tangible steps for flood protection.

It is very simple, the official said, if the government wants to protect Punjab and Sindh from the destruction of River Indus it should built Bhasha Dam and for the protection of KP the construction is Munda is required.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Pakistan, Afghanistan agree for effective border management mechanism to counter terrorism

Radio Pakistan, June 20, 2016

LeJ's entire leadership eliminated in Punjab

The News, June 20, 2016

DETAILS

Talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan relating to the Torkham border and border management were held in Islamabad on Monday. Pakistan side was led by Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhary while Afghan side by its Deputy Foreign Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai. The talks between the two delegations were held in a cordial atmosphere marked by a mutual desire to amicably resolve border related issues.

Both sides decided to work in the spirit of good neighbourly relations and friendly cooperation. The two sides agreed that the ideas generated in today's deliberations will be shared with the leadership and further discussed and refined during a meeting between the Adviser and the Afghan Foreign Minister on the sidelines of the forthcoming SCO Summit in Tashkent, starting from Thursday.

At the meeting, it was emphasized there is a need for creating a suitable mechanism for consultation on border management issues. The two sides agreed that effective border management is vital for promoting peace, countering terrorism and strengthening relations between the two countries. The Afghan Deputy Minister Hekmat Khalil Karzai also paid a courtesy call on Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz.

Counter-terrorism forces kill over 226 LeJ terrorists, arrest 637 close associates of Malik Ishaq

ISLAMABAD: Security forces claimed to have eliminated the entire leadership of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ), a group with the potential to provide foot soldiers to Islamic State or 'Daish' in Pakistan, revealed an official document.

Over 226 jet-black terrorists have been killed and 1,000 hardcore militants arrested since the beginning of this year in combing operations conducted by the special counter-terrorism forces in the Punjab.

"By zeroing in on the banned LeJ, we have made it sure that the IS or 'Daish' does not have easy inroads into our country," said a top official, who is a part of the operation to hunt down the militants in the province.

The counter-terrorism forces arrested 637 hardcore militants of LeJ and its splinter groups in month's long drive. They have also arrested 394 close associates of deceased LeJ kingpin Malik Ishaq in the country, official documents further revealed, exclusively made available with Geo News (ASKKS Programme). "Over 80 percent of third-tier leadership of LeJ has also been arrested," the documents read.

Around two dozen top commanders of the LeJ, who were killed in various intelligence-based police encounters, had remained in direct contact with Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, top leader of the Islamic State in Syria, senior officials of the CTD Punjab revealed in background meetings. These militants, killed in various encounters in the C past one year, are claimed to be named: Ameer LeJ Malik Ishaq and his two sons Haq Nawaz and Muhammad Usman in Muzaffargarh, LeJ Alipur Commander Muhammad Idrees, LeJ Ameer for Shujaabad Abdur Rehman and LeJ Group commanders namely Umer Farooq, Saeed alias Tinko, Javed Aziz, Abdul Hafeez, Shabir Anjum, Muzammal Saeed and Muhammad Sufian. They were killed in various encounters in Rahimyar Khan, official document stated. They all were believed to be working with Fares al-Aruri, a Syrian national believed to be recruiting militants for 'Daish' in Pakistan, the CTD officials revealed.

LeJ Multan chief Ghulam Murtaza, LeJ Jhang Ameer Muhammad Akram, LeJ Bahawalpur Ameer Muhammad Jaffar and LeJ ring leaders in Muzaffargarh, Zubair alia Tida, Shafiq alia Ali and Tehzib Haider Shah were killed in police encounters recently in Punjab. Bahawalnagar LeJ chief Aqib Ali, LeJ Hajipur Khalifa Imdadullah, Khalifa of Ali Pur Imtiaz Farooq, deputy chief leaders of LeJ Ghulam Qasim and Abu-Bakr from Rahim Yar Khan and captain LeJ Rajanpur Muhammad Usman were killed in police encounters this year.

They were claimed to be working with Syrian nationals Otari al-Najadi and his wife Saba Fakhri and Shakoori Mustafa with his wife Farida Shakoori who traveled on Syrian passports to Pakistan, the CTD officials revealed.

The counter-terrorism forces also claimed that they have arrested 352 hardcore militants having affiliation with the Ludhianvi Group, 24 militants of Jamaat-ud-Dawa, 37 of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Taliban (TTP), 67 militants belong to Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) and 164 militants having affiliation with many proscribed organisations. Putting 1,600 suspects who were on 4th Schedule (under watch list), the counter terrorism forces arrested over 2,240 Afghan trained boys, 556 returnees from Afghan prisons and 89 Lal Masjid elements were also arrested in the combing operations.

Former chief of the National Counter Terrorism Authority Hamid Ali also confirmed that that around three dozen LeJ commanders and its splinter groups were in communication with the top 'Daish' leadership in Syria and Iraq. Intelligence agencies and CTD, after intercepting many calls, decided to target them, he recalled. "All these militants went into an alliance with 'Daish' because they need relevancy," he told the Geo News.

South Punjab with a history of having provided foot soldiers to sectarian outfits since 1990 had been offering a promising opportunity for al-Qaeda, TTP and now for Islamic State to strengthen its network in the region, many analysts believe.

Intelligence agencies hand over Chotu Gang to Punjab Police

Daily Pakistan, June 20, 2016

New computer algorithm can help predict next terror attack

Daily Times, June 20, 2016

Operation Zarb-e-Azb in retrospect

The News, June 20, 2016

Former ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi says, "It is a murky situation though — however, the LeJ deserved to be wiped out." Under the National Action Plan, it is obligatory for security forces and intelligence agencies to dismantle not only the LeJ but also to clean up all franchises of militant organisations like Hizb-ut-Tahrir, Al-Qaeda, JeM and TTP, Naqvi observed. If the LeJ's entire leadership is really eliminated, then it is definitely a positive sign that from now on the state is no longer backing up such elements, he added.

ISLAMABAD (Staff Report) — Intelligence agencies on Monday finally handed over members of the infamous "Chotu Gang" to police, including Ghulam Rasool, who spearheaded the gang.

The gang was seized in April after an operation by the Pakistan Army in the rural areas of Rajanpur and Rahim Yar Khan in Punjab. Intelligence agencies reportedly denied police access to the gang members earlier however after the completion of investigations, gang members are now in the custody of the Punjab Police.

ISLAMABAD: Turning to math and social media to protect from a possible terrorist strike, a team of researchers has come up with an algorithm that they think might predict potential attacks.

Physicist Neil Johnson of the University of Miami led a team that created a mathematical model to sift order from the chaotic pro-terrorism online universe, The New York Times newspaper reported. Experts who study terrorism and online communication said that the new research was informative and that they appreciated that the authors would make their data available to other researchers.

However, they cautioned that the actions of terrorist groups are extremely difficult to anticipate and said more information was needed, especially to substantiate any predictive potential of the team's equation.

"This is an interesting approach, this is a potentially valuable approach, and more research should be done on the approach," said JM Berger, the co-author. "But to jump ahead to the utility of it, I think, takes more work."

Pakistan has been the target of much different terrorist organisation for many years. Different militant groups emerged during the America's War with Afghanistan. Pakistan, being an ally of America in the war has to face different challenges from inside and outside of the country.

Waziristan and KP being near to the Afghan border had to face several attacks from different militant groups. These groups that are fighting against the Pakistan armed forces are Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Jundallah, al-Qaeda, Haqqani network, the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM), and Lashkar-e-Jhangvi. Operation Zarb-e-Azb is a joint military offensive launched by the Pakistan Armed Forces against these militant groups. The operation was launched on 15 June 2014 in North Waziristan.

Operation Zarb-e-Azb began one week after a terrorist attack on Jinnah International Airport in Karachi on 08 June 2014. TTP took the responsibility of the attack. The preparation of this operation was tough, as the military had to fight on three different fronts.

Zarb-e-Azb being the largest military operation in the Waziristan area has found support from different entities from inside and outside the country. It received appreciation from leading journalists and analysts from Pakistan and all the major political parties of the country have supported it.

Also all major Islamic parties other than Jammāt-e-Islami have supported this operation and called it Jihad. Pakistan also has international support from many countries such as America and China.

On 13 June 2015, the Pakistani military reported progress in the operation in the course of a year. DG ISPR Asim Saleem Bajwa reported that 2,763 militants had been killed so far, including 218 terrorist commanders in 9,000 intelligence based operations (IBOs). Moreover, some 837 hideouts of terrorists have been destroyed and 253 tons of explosives recovered during operation. Thousands of terrorists were also arrested, their strongholds cleared and their communication infrastructure destroyed. Success came at a heavy price as 347 officers and soldiers of Pakistan Armed Forces have embraced martyrdom in the second year of Zarb-e-Azb. Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif declared the year 2015 to be "a year of victory" and the operation itself a "manifestation of the resolve to root out terrorism from the country."

In February this year, the COAS had given permission to proceed for the initiation of the final phase of operation Zarb-i-Azab in the Shawal valley region of North Waziristan. The last phase of the operation aims to clear the last remnants of the militants from their hideouts in the forested ravines, isolate them and destroy them in detail, while also severing their links to their abettors across the country. So far overall improved situation of law and order speak volumes for successful competition of two years of Zarb-e-Azb. As Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, told National assembly that because of the operation Zarb-e-Azb against terrorism, law and order situation had improved which is good for the development of the country.

"We are now in final phase of operation Zarb-e-Azb and it is hoped that soon we would get rid of terrorism which would help in further increase of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country," said Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar.

Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif has reaffirmed Pakistan's strong determination to confront global phenomenon of terrorism and extremism. He said, "It's a matter of great privilege and honour to be commanding such an accomplished and battle hardened Army, We will not stop unless we achieve our end objective of a terror-free Pakistan."

Works in progress

The News, June 19, 2016

Operation Zarb-e-Azb is not just a military operation it is a fight of all Pakistanis young and old, men and women and children against those who have wreaked havoc on the state of Pakistan, its people and their future. Since observers maintain that incidents of terrorism have shrunk by 65 per cent in the last two years. Fatalities due to violence dropped by 36.8 per cent as compared to the first quarter of the last year, suicide attacks do not occur as a matter of routine anymore, militants do not occupy any territory, and though we still witness isolated incidents of terrorism, the situation is certainly not as bad as before. In order to preserve this momentum, a revamping of our policies is essential. For policies need to be drafted keeping in mind the interest of the ordinary citizen. It is high time that to pay increased attention towards protecting the gains of Operation Zarb-e-Azb only then we will be able to stand successful against terrorism.

Is there some strange or symbiotic relationship between Operation Zarb-e-Azb and incidents of honour killing? In other words, would the success of an operation against terrorism and violent extremism be in doubt if there are more instances of brutal killings of young women by members of their own families?

Before going further in this rather dubious direction, let me point out that both issues are included in this week's news bouquet. On Wednesday, Director General of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt-Gen Asim Bajwa gave a detailed briefing on gains made by Operation Zarb-e-Azb on the completion of two years of the campaign.

And there was this headline in the Friday issue of this newspaper: "Pregnant woman killed for love marriage". The details are horrific. This young woman, Muqaddas, had married a man of her choice three years ago against the will of her family and was expecting her second child when her mother and brother met her at the clinic she was visiting and persuaded her to come home with them.

According to reports, when Muqaddas reached her father's house, in a village near Gujranwala, her father, mother and brother attacked her and cut her throat with a knife. She is said to have died on the spot. This tragedy stands out a bit because last week another young woman was killed by her mother in Lahore for the same 'crime'. She was beaten and set on fire. On Sunday, a girl was killed by her brother in Sialkot because she was insisting to marry a man of her choice. A number of similar incidents have been reported in recent weeks.

On the second anniversary of the launching of Operation Zarb-e-Azb, the chief of ISPR stated: "Eventually, the objective is a terror-free Pakistan. The state has to target extremism because extremism has a nexus with terrorism. This has to be done".

The message here is obvious. While the armed forces have made gains in their operation against terrorist networks, particularly in the treacherous locale of North Waziristan, the civilian government has not made much headway with the implementation of the National Action Plan. A specific reference has been made to extremism that manifestly breeds terrorism.

So, if the focus is on the extremist mindset of the Pakistani society, what else would fall within its ambit besides terrorism? We have some indications of the scope of the National Action Plan in its 20 points. We have to remember that while Operation Zarb-e-Azb was prompted by major incidents of terrorism in the country, with the deadly attack on Karachi airport serving as an accelerator, the National Action Plan was framed in the wake of the soul-destroying massacre of the students of Peshawar's Army Public School on the already ominous date of December 16, six months after the operation was launched.

Thus, the campaign against terrorists enlarged into a comprehensive movement to rid the nation of not just terrorist networks but also of extremism and intolerance. The idea was to cut out the roots of terrorist violence and create social harmony. Gen Bajwa, in his encounter with the media, referred to some clauses of the Plan that related to the revival of a counterterrorism authority, ban on formation of armed militias, restriction on resurfacing of banned organisations and regulation of the coverage of terrorism in the media.

There is a lot more in the plan in the context of suppressing hate speech and material as well as sectarian violence. The criticism that comes from the military quarters against the civilians is that the government has not kept its part of the bargain. This would mean that we are winning the war on one front and not moving ahead on the other front that impacts upon our social mores and mentality.

Consider now the existence of dark passions that compel traditional families to literally enslave their girls and women. Do these passions not spring from the same roots that also nurture extremism and hatred for the 'other'? In a sense, the status of women in a society is a good measure of its level of civilisation in the context of tolerance and peace. After the killings in a gay nightclub in Orlando, it has been observed that terrorists usually abuse their women.

We have impressive statistics about what the military missions in different parts of the country have done. A mention is also made of the improved law and order in Karachi. But it is also suggested that Operation Zarb-e-Azb is a work in progress. Its eventual success will depend on the commitment of the civilian rulers to set things right.

Alas, our politicians have little time to attend to this crucial assignment because they are fighting on another front. A deadly confrontation is building up between the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the opposition parties. This new round began with the leaks embedded in the Panama Papers released in early April. Nawaz Sharif is under severe attack and it does not help the ruling party that he had to leave for London for his open heart surgery.

There is bound to be a debate on this somewhat incongruous situation that the prime minister is in London for well over three weeks, inviting comments that it is a government in exile. After a deadlock in the parliamentary committee formed to frame terms of reference for the judicial commission on the Panama leaks, the stage is set for political agitation to, ostensibly, overthrow

Start funding the police the way the army is funded and you will see a change!

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the present arrangement. For the opposition politicians, this is another work in progress. This time, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, chairman of the PPP, is also breathing fire.

Yes, the month of Ramazan provides some respite. Imran Khan, who fancies himself as the captain of the opposition team, has again given the government a sort of ultimatum – that it has only until Eid to initiate meaningful negotiations. After Eid, he plans to stage Dharna II, a replay of the show he had put up in 2014. This time, he promises, it will be much bigger. Recently, he had vowed to bring out 10 percent of the citizens out on the streets. It is sad that we absolutely have no sense of numbers.

Look across the entire scene and it is not a pretty sight. Some very urgent matters, including the task of renovating an extremist and obscurantist society, are set aside by our leaders as they wholeheartedly submit themselves to the frivolity of partisan politics. Meanwhile, the military is content with conducting its own operations.

Corrupt, immoral, ill-mannered, undisciplined and mostly ‘chillar’– these words strike people’s minds while thinking of the civilian government’s prime law enforcement agency: the police. Even I had such an impression, although not as vile, of the police, owing to my encounters, interactions and dealings with the paramilitary force. But, after joining it, I have seen another side of the coin that remains hidden from the limelight of the masses’ eyes.

Each kind of image or character building, whether flaunting or humiliating, takes time to build. The successive years of deep politicisation, improper institutional training, out-dated infrastructure and above all, a lack of funds coupled with an inappropriate budget have fetched ignominy to this institution.

Constables do behave harshly, investigation officers do bag money from people, and some do demand ‘kharcha pani’ (expenditure) for rendered services, but they do not represent the entire force. There are tons of officers and subordinates who don’t completely mould into the popular definition of the police department.

How can a police station operate on 10 litres of daily fuel that it is allotted to them, especially when it has multiple villages under its watch, some that are many kilometres apart? Furthermore, how will the police produce criminals in court and collect evidence against them within such limited means?

How can a police officer with a moderate salary pursue any investigation diligently when he/she has to pay money from his/her own pocket for FIR copies, criminal’s medical certificates and other proceedings because they are inadequately funded by the government? These individuals collectively bargain the pathetic condition of the police department and not only does it solicit the miseries of corruption, it also fuels their harsh behaviour.

The police are always compared to one of the strongest institutions of Pakistan: the Pakistan Army. For me, the comparison is abjectly based on non-conformity. The army is bestowed with foreign military aid, the biggest share of the country’s annual defence budget and a firm ground on the country’s policymaking for decades.

We have witnessed how the country’s primary defence force of borders has transformed its image through public relations and mass appeasing in the media. How wonderfully it has turned the tables from being subjected to trial for years of flawed policies that cost the country a great deal of money and human resources, to the champions of war on terror. This legacy has been a part of the institutional image building since the separation of East Pakistan; this was the time when the army was deeply humiliated and renounced by the people for its role in secession of the eastern wing of the country. It led to the creation of the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) – a media wing of armed forces intended to bridge the gap between the public and the army, to siphon off the positive image of the army and concealing its faults.

In the 80s and 90s, the grim media campaign of the ISPR produced several television dramas that flaunted and glorified the army, while on the other hand termed the civil institutions as corrupt, immoral and unpatriotic. The hits include Alpha Bravo Charlie, Shahpar, Andhera Ujala etc. And this image building has not halted till date; every day we witness how communication via Twitter has glorified the current Army Chief, General Raheel Sharif as the sole saviour of this country.

The story doesn’t end here. The army, apart from its professional tasks runs businesses alone, as well as in partnerships with the private sector. Despite all the impairments of small budgets, funds and political pressures, the police continue to struggle hard in keeping up with serving the people, fighting criminals and laying their lives in the line of duty.

A recent incident that embodies the woes and shortcomings of the police is the Chotu gang operation. The small contingent of police that marched on to the riverine area was not even wearing bulletproof jackets. To make matters worse, their arms were less up to date than the dacoits. But still, they resorted towards their undoubtedly suicide mission.

On the other hand, the army brought gunship helicopters, heavy armoured vehicles, tanks and all the modern weaponry to fight the small gang of roughly 200 muggers and heisters. If the police had access to all these facilities, there wouldn’t have been any need for the army to come in. The police have the onus of maintaining law and order, win people’s confidence by rendering transparent and upright services with moral conduct.

The recent campaigns of revamping the police by provincial governments are laudable steps to rejuvenate the system and abolishing the loathed thanna (prison) culture. But all this will be of no use if governments do not allocate proper budgets and the police do not conform to the latest revamping campaigns. If this continues, the woes of this department will persist because the police have no access to foreign aid, nor does it have a public relations department for

Additional Pakistan army units are ready to join UN missions: Maleeha Lodhi

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Tahirul Qadri asks army chief to provide justice

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image building or a 111 brigade to get a say in policymaking.

NEW YORK (Staff Report) – Pakistan on Friday called for arrangements for the swift deployment of additional Pakistan army units and equipment picked by a special United Nations team for service in the U.N. peacekeeping missions around the world. “We strongly recommend that the UN support mechanism may now be geared up for speedy deployment of selected units to UN missions,” Pakistani Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi told a follow-up meeting of the recent Leaders Summit on Peacekeeping.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, as a co-host of the Leaders Summit on Peacekeeping last September, had announced additional pledges, including an Infantry Battalion; Transport, Engineering and Signal companies; additional utility helicopters; and a Level-II and a Level-III Hospital for deployment in future UN peacekeeping missions.

The UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, Ambassador Lodhi said, had just concluded a successful visit to Pakistan during which it assessed the readiness of the troops for deployment and their conformity to the pledges the country's leadership had made.

“This is our collective endeavor and we all need to take steps to make it a success,” the Pakistani envoy told delegates.

“Pakistan's commitment to UN Peacekeeping remains strong, consistent and unstinting,” Ambassador Lodhi added. “We continue to figure among the world's top troop contributors. Our peacekeepers have an exemplary track record of delivering in testing circumstances and in implementing and fulfilling demanding mandates with professionalism and distinction.” More than 7,000 armed forces and civilian police personnel from Pakistan are serving in seven peacekeeping missions, making it one of the top troop- and police contributors. Ambassador Lodhi also backed the UK initiative for a ministerial-level meeting in London in September to follow up on the pledges made at the Leaders Summit and said that Pakistan's Defense Minister Muhammad Khwaja Asif would attend it.

Earlier this month, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon lauded Pakistani peacekeepers for their service under the UN flag in hot spots around the world, saying they had made valuable contribution in maintaining peace and helping communities suffering from war. “For well over half a century, Pakistani peacekeeping troops have fought injustice in far off places and forces for a better world,” he said at a reception hosted by Ambassador Lodhi to commemorate Pakistani Peacekeepers Day.

KARACHI: An anti-terrorism court rejected on Saturday bail for Dr Asim Hussain, a close confidante of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) co-chairman and former president Asif Ali Zardari, in a case relating to providing refuge and medical treatment to terrorists.

On June 4, the ATC reserved its verdict on the bail plea of the former petroleum minister as well as political activist Usman Moazzam. Asim, owner of Ziauddin hospitals, and Moazzam, the leader of religio-political group Pasban, are facing charges of facilitating terrorists and are currently in jail. Dr Asim was drugged or forced to confess against Owais Muzaffar: lawyer. It is maintained that the suspected militants were ‘deliberately’ screened off from law enforcement by the hospital management, on Dr Asim's directions.

On Wednesday, Dr Asim accused Asif Zardari's foster brother of being involved in “all kinds of corruption” during the PPP current government in Sindh. Dr Asim's mother wants PEMRA to disallow airing of confessional videos. His counsel, however, said such confessional statements under the custody of the law enforcement agencies had no legal value. The former federal minister is currently in the custody of National Accountability Bureau (NAB) in Karachi. He was first arrested by the paramilitary Rangers on charges of corruption and facilitating terrorists in August 2015.

LAHORE: Calling the Sharifs responsible for the 2014 killing of 14 Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) workers in Lahore, PAT chief Dr Tahirul Qadri on Friday called upon the army chief General Raheel Sharif to provide justice to the victims of the tragedy through military courts.

“It was General Raheel whose intervention made the government register an FIR of the incident and it is General Raheel who can give us justice,” Qadri said, while addressing a protest sit-in organised to commemorate the second anniversary of the June 17 Model Town incident.

Army chief should ensure justice for Model Town victims: Tahirul Qadri

Fourteen PAT workers were killed and dozens sustained injuries on June 17, 2014 during clashes with police after they tried to remove barriers outside Qadri's residence in Model Town of Lahore.

Qadri said for the last two years, his party had gone from pillar to post for getting justice for those killed and injured during the incident but nothing had happened. Giving an overview of the incident, Qadri said the system has denied justice to all the dead and injured.

He claimed the government, instead of providing justice, tried to buy the victim's families. “But I salute these people who rejected all these lucrative offers.

“Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif who is famous for working 22 hours slept till mid-day on June 17. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and CM Shahbaz Sharif both are responsible for these murders,” he said.

He said the witnesses of murders were turned into culprits and they keep going to courts to get their bails. “We didn't do protest on the first anniversary but two years have passed and we stand at the same point where we stood on the night of June 17,” he said.

He said, “We want to make Pakistan strong, safe, peaceful, progressive. We want rule of law, socio-economic justice, human equality, institutional solidarity and independence. “However,

Unwarranted fear of Nuclear Terrorism

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unfortunately we cannot achieve this aim as long as the Sharifs rule the country," he added.

Criticising the government for its governance and foreign policy, he said the country had become diplomatically isolated and bogged down in huge foreign loans, which, he claimed, might cripple the country completely if the rulers were allowed to rule for another year.

He claimed that the government was taking its last breaths and would not survive till the coming September.

Qadri speech took a dramatic turn when he asked his supporters if they were prepared to continue their sit-in until justice is served. However, after taking vow from his audience he told them the he would 'suspend' the dharna today as one of his party official has promised to the government that it will be a one-day affair.

"However, I warn the rulers that if they continued to deny justice to the victims of Model Town incident, we will within one week notice call such a dharna that has not yet been witnessed in the country's history.

Model Town anniversary: Qadri to announce new line of action

Earlier, the APML chief Sheikh Rashid Ahmed claimed that the next 100 days were going to be very important in Pakistani politics. "After the Eidul Fitr the very foundations of Jati Umra will be shaken," Rashid said, in an allusion to the family residence of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Referring to the PM's chairing meetings through video link from London, Rashid said the rulers were running the government through internet. He termed the rulers 'extravagant', 'sluggish' and 'dishonest'.

He urged the people to come out on roads or get ready to permanent slavery as he claimed the rulers would go to gallows in murder case of the 14 PAT workers.

Speaking on the occasion, the PTI leader Chaudhary Sarwar said PTI leadership had sent him to show solidarity with the PAT workers. "The PTI will support the PAT until it gets justice and murderers of its 14 workers are brought to justice," he added.

Despite the fact that act of nuclear terrorism has never occurred, the bogey of nuclear terrorism is being raised by the US and the West; and their think tanks, analysts and propagandists say that it is an absolutely terrifying phenomenon. As a matter of fact, it is not only nuclear terrorism, but use of nukes by the nuclear power in the war also would have horrendous circumstances for the global security. Of course, the US was the only atomic power that had dropped two bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing thousands of people and maiming others in large numbers. In an article captioned 'Destructing nuclear terrorism', the author wrote: "Intelligence experts believe that a determined terrorist group is capable of acquiring and transporting nuclear weapons to the target state." Some writers have been expressing concern that in the event Pakistani state collapses, terrorists can lay their hands on nukes.

However, a major Research Paper (MRP) titled 'Evaluating the threat of nuclear terrorism; cutting through the rhetoric', author Augustine Kwok of Graduate School of Public and International Affairs had debunked the unwarranted fear of nuclear terrorism. The abstract of the research paper stated: "This major research paper (MRP) provides a strong case for dismissing the overblown rhetoric of nuclear alarmism by demonstrating that a multitude of constructive actions are being taken in order to mitigate what is a substantially small threat. By effectively evaluating the arguments for alarmism and responding to them in turn, this MRP asserts that the assumptions from which stem the contemporary overblown rhetoric on nuclear terrorism are not grounded." After terror attack in Belgium, the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Yukiya Amano had said that Brussels attackers had planned to set off a radioactive 'dirty bomb'.

Yukiya Amano went on to say: "Terrorism is spreading and the possibility of using nuclear material cannot be excluded. The material can be found in small quantities in universities, hospitals and other facilities. European authorities had revealed that the group behind the November 2015 Paris terrorist attacks was also spying on a senior nuclear official in Belgium; since then many news sources reported that the threat of "nuclear terrorism" existed. Joe Cirincione in his write up for CNN stated: "Chills went down a lot of experts' spines last month when we saw the news that the Brussels bombers, the ISIS terrorists who blew up the airport and attacked the metro, were secretly videotaping a Belgian nuclear official. This official worked at a facility that had radiological material that terrorists could use for a dirty bomb. Strange enough, such fears are being expressed in the countries that claim to have sound security systems.

Michael Kugelman a senior program associate for South and Southeast Asia at the Woodrow Wilson Center, where he is responsible for research, programming and publications on South and Southeast Asia, had argued that Pakistani nukes may fall in the hands of terrorists attacking sensitive air bases in Pakistan. The absurd propaganda further asserted that "Pakistan was producing tactical nuclear weapons (TNW) meant for actual battlefield use with conventional forces (for short range use against India). Consequently, these will be removed from locked-down and secured bases, making them tremendously vulnerable to seizure, attack, or accident." The aim of such propaganda is to depict Pakistan's nukes as hazardous and risk prone. But it has been acknowledged by the IAEA as well as by the US that Pakistan's nuclear assets are highly secured and under very responsible authority. These assets indeed help maintain minimum level of deterrence.

Though the US has not been consistent about its stance on Pakistani nukes, yet the US has assured the international community that Pakistan is capable of protecting its nuclear weapons. In a policy statement on Pakistan's nuclear program, the US State Department said: "Islamabad is well aware of its responsibilities with respect to nuclear security and has secured its nuclear

Army chief, US commander discuss Pakistan, Afghanistan border mechanism

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arsenal accordingly." Few days before the summit, prestigious Harvard Kennedy School released a report reviewing global security measures, which stated: "US officials have reportedly ranked Indian nuclear security measures as weaker than those of Pakistan and Russia." The report concluded that Pakistan's nuclear security arrangements were stronger than India's. Anyhow, it is an irrefutable fact that it was India that had misused its nuclear facility in 1974, and had also detonated nuclear devices in May 1998. Pakistan had to follow suit to show that Pakistan has the similar capability.

Lapse in security of India's nuclear assets was revealed by international experts during a Nuclear Security Summit. The experts expressed severe reservations over India's protection of its nuclear material. According to the details, experts of the international conference stated that there have been 5 cases of nuclear material theft in India over the past two decades. They added that the extent of security failure is so great that in 2013 guerrilla militants had stolen Uranium from the Army Complex, but the Indian army remained completely unaware of the incident. In April 2016, an independent US report by the Belfer Center at the Harvard Kennedy School declared the Indian nuclear program not only unsafe but also called for a satisfactory international oversight. The authors of the report titled 'The Three Overlapping Streams of India's Nuclear Program' observed that "India is currently running three streams that include: civilian safeguarded, civilian un-safeguarded, and military."

Authors recommended that India should achieve a cleaner separation of its civilian and military facilities by bringing eight unsafeguarded civilian facilities under safeguards. They also recommend that India should bring its fast breeder program as well as upcoming HEU facilities under safeguards. When U.S. officials made their first-ever visit to the restricted Bhabha Atomic Research Center in Mumbai, a complex where India makes plutonium for its nuclear weapons, their observations about its security practices were not reassuring. "Security at the site was moderate," a cable from November 2008, approved by embassy Chargé d'Affaires Stephen White, told officials in Washington. He had also added that identification checks at the front gate were "quick but not thorough," and visitor badges lacked photographs, meaning they were easy to replicate or pass around. One would not know if India has improved the system by now.

Army chief General Raheel Sharif and US commander in Afghanistan General John Nicholson discussed Pakistan, Afghanistan border mechanism on Saturday.

"During the meeting, regional security issues and matters of mutual interest, including border management mechanism along Pakistan, Afghanistan border were discussed," Inter Services Public Relations said in a statement.

Pakistan, Afghanistan agree on ceasefire at Torkham border

The meeting comes after the main crossing along Afghanistan's disputed border with Pakistan reopened on Saturday after nearly a week of deadly clashes between the two countries' security forces. The fighting, which has killed at least four people, erupted at Torkham gate after the two sides disagreed over a Pakistani plan to build a new barrier at crossing.

Afghanistan rejects the colonial-era Durand Line border drawn up in 1893 and police along the border vowed to prevent the Pakistani project from going forward.

Officials on both sides said the crossing had reopened after Kabul and Islamabad reached an agreement. "To reopen the pass there were central and regional level negotiations," Attaullah Khogyani, a spokesman for Afghanistan's Nangarhar provincial governor, said on Saturday.

Torkham border reopens after five days of clashes

Military reinforcements that had been sent to the area had been ordered to leave and cross-border traffic had returned to normal after having been stalled for a week, according to a Reuters witness in Afghanistan.

Thousands of vehicles normally pass through the crossing every week, making it a vital trade link between the countries. As part of the agreement, officials said all Afghans would need official documents to pass into Pakistan.

Afghan ambassador denies agreement on gate construction at Torkham border

Both sides accuse each other of harboring extremist groups that have launched attacks. Afghanistan, struggling to contain a stubborn insurgency led by Taliban militants, blames Pakistan for harboring fighters and allied networks on its territory.

Pakistan denies it supports militants, and says it is building the gate at Torkham to stop the movement of militants coming the other way, from Afghanistan.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday set aside a decision of the Lahore High Court (LHC) on the acquittal of a ruling party lawmaker in a terrorism-related case and remanded the case back to the LHC for adjudication.

The SC however ruled that all accused in the case would remain on bail until the LHC decides the case.

A five-member larger bench of the SC presided over by Chief Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali took up the case on Thursday.

Sardar Abdul Razzaq Khan appeared in the court on behalf of petitioner Haq Nawaz, political rival of Abid Raza, member of the National Assembly from the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). He argued that Raza was released in a terrorism-related case after he struck a deal with the families of the victims. He said the LHC released all the accused in the case after they struck deals with the families of the victims. He said the LHC decision was not valid; therefore, it should be declared null and void. According to the law, he said, the people linked to terrorism-related cases could not be released on the basis of deals with the families of the

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victims.

Chief Justice Jamali said, "There can be no settlement if one is convicted under Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA)."

Justice Amir Hani Muslim said, "Trial runs in anti-terrorism courts after application of Section 7."

Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed said, "If murder takes place in a terrorism-related case, two punishments are awarded: one under Section 302 and the other under Section 7 of the ATA."

Justice Muslim said, "The crime, which falls within the ambit of Section 7 of the ATA, is a crime against society. How can there be a settlement in a crime against society?"

Munir Bhatti, counsel for the accused, appeared in the court and stated that the family of the victims had forgiven his client after the two sides reached a settlement. He asked the court to uphold the LHC decision in this case.

The chief justice remarked that a compromise was not allowed in a case registered under the ATA.

The court suspended the acquittal order, restored the trial court sentences and disposed of the case.

It may be mentioned here that Raza was linked to the murder of six people in Gujrat in 1998 and the court awarded him and his accomplices capital punishment 12 times. Raza had attacked former MPA Ghulam Sarwar and his colleagues.

Raza contested the general election in the NA-107 constituency in 2013 on the PML-N ticket and won a seat of the National Assembly. His rival candidate Haq Nawaz challenged his victory on the ground that he did not qualify to become a member of the National Assembly because he struck a deal with the heirs of the murdered people to secure his release from jail. The SC had taken suo motu notice of the case.

LAHORE: The provincial police have declared victory in the Ranjanpur's river island, three months after the largest security operation was launched against criminal gangs.

The gang leader, Ghulam Rasool Chotu, who killed six elite police officers in the first phase of the operation has not been handed over to the police investigators yet.

Chotu along with his 14 accomplices had laid down arms and surrendered before the Pakistan Army as security forces geared up the major offensive against the gangsters in the tough terrain in April. He had courted his arrest to the Pak Army fearing that he might be killed in a staged shooting by the police.

Punjab inspector general of police Mushtaq Ahmed Sukhera on Friday claimed victory against criminals in the Katcha Area of Rajanpur district. The police chief was presiding over a meeting at the central police office. Bahawalpur's regional and district police officers attended the meeting through video link.

According to a police spokesperson, the whole area particularly the Katcha area has been cleared and secured on "permanent grounds" for the local residents by eliminating all no-go areas. At least 77 members of five notorious gangs were arrested and the police seized heavy weapons and ammunition from them.

"The Katcha area has been cleared and secured because of successful police operation. The area had become a safe haven for criminals for the last three decades and was a no-go area for the local residents due to their brutalities and atrocities," the spokesperson quoted the police chief as saying. The criminals used to kidnap hundreds of people for ransom every year. The incidents of murder, robbery, and crop and cattle theft were also quite common in this area, the spokeswoman said.

Sukhera on Friday paid rich tributes to the officers who took part in the operation and announced commendatory certificates and other prizes for them. "Punjab policemen (who took part in the operation) not only boosted up the morale of the force but also got success in achieving the trust and confidence of the people by eliminating these hardcore criminals in the Katcha area," the IGP said. The provincial police chief also directed the officers to fully utilize the expertise of Riverine police force in the Katcha area.

According to the central police office, the operation against criminal gangs in the South Punjab has successfully been completed within a period of three months. "In this regard, the departmental report has been compiled. According to the report, at least 600 police officials including 12 teams of Elite Force participated in this operation which started in April, 2016."

During the operation, the Punjab police also got the assistance of two adjacent districts Kashmir and Ghotki of the Sindh province. Heavy ammunition and weapon was used by the police during the operation including G-3, SMH, RPG7, HMG, LMG, sniper-guns, and APCs. The weapons and ammunition recovered from these gangs are included anti-craft guns, Kalashnikovs, guns, rifles, pistols, repeaters and others weapons.

Earlier, Rahim Yar Khan District police officer Zeeshan Asgher briefed the IGP about the operation. He told the police chief that the domain of police stations including Machka, Fatehpur, Dolatpur, Mureedabad, Chak Bhara, Thul Kundair and police station Bhong, Kot Sabzal and Ahmadpur Lamma of Tehsil Sadiqabad had become safe places and hideouts for the criminal.

According to him, many people had been killed during clashes between Kosh and Chachar tribes from 1987 to 1988. He said that the people of these tribes used to regard the criminals and proclaimed offenders as their heroes by providing them shelters as they used to generate cash for them. Zeeshan Asgher further said that police were investigating 77 proclaimed

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offenders who belonged to Bagga Kosh, Kathoor Ghafoor Kosh, Malawa Jhanga Kosh, Shairbaaz alias Borra Machi and of Jorani gangs.

According to police sources, gang leader Chotu has not been handed over to the police investigator yet. The Punjab police last year killed more than 460 gangsters, mostly in staged encounters. As a matter of prestige or policy, the criminals arrested in connection with the killings of policemen are eliminated in police shooting across the province. But cops are yet to get Chotu.

Legal experts state that the interrogation and prosecution of criminals is purely the job of the local law-enforcement agencies. In case, the military forces wanted to interrogate any accused or suspect, they are bound to obtain remand of the suspect from the local courts. Gang leader Chotu and his accomplices, said to be in the custody of Army, have not been produced before any court of law so far.

Around 40 policemen in four fiber-glass boats raided the positions of Chotu gang but it turned out to be a disaster as the criminals killed six policemen and captured over two dozen. The clash also left seven gangsters dead.

Several retired and in-service police officers said that they believe the decision to launch the ground assault, without aerial back up, against the heavily-armed criminal gangs in the far-flung river island "proved disastrous". Police forces, however, successfully encircled Chotu gang in the Kacha area of Rajanpur district as Pakistan Army commandoes were called in the area to rescue police hostages and to fight against hardened criminals hiding there.

Over 2000 Army and paramilitary troops were sent to the river island to lead the largest security operation. Initially, some 1600 policemen were deployed in the Kacha area to launch the operation, codenamed as Operation Zarb-e-Ahan.

To mark the second anniversary of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb in the tribal areas Director General Inter-Services Public Relation (ISPR) Lieutenant General Asim Bajwa gave a media briefing on the successes of action in the tribal areas as well as intelligence-based operations (IBOs) all over the country. Fata has been cleared, he said, IBOs are continuing, while combing operations started last month targeting terrorist sleeper cells are yielding positive results. Offering an idea of the challenges involved in the fight in North Waziristan where 490 troops embraced martyrdom he disclosed that 3,500 terrorists were killed, 992 hideouts destroyed, 253 tons of explosives recovered, 7,599 improvised explosive devices-making factories smashed, and 2,841 mines and 35,310 rockets seized. Regarding the Karachi operation, he said, 1,203 terrorists belonging to al Qaeda in the Subcontinent, Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, TTP and Tehreek-e-Swat, including 636 target killers from proscribed organisations as well as political parties have been arrested. As important as these gains are, military operations alone cannot exterminate the scourge of terrorism.

Conspicuous by absence from the anniversary event was any representative of the government to give an overview of the civilian side of action. In fact, in an indirect reference to shortcomings on the part of civilian authority the ISPR spokesman expressed dissatisfaction about execution of the National Action Plan (NAP). It may be recalled that the federal government had reacted angrily last November to comments emanating from a corps commanders' conference that urged greater civilian cooperation for progress in the fight against terrorism. Its terse reply was that "implementation of the National Action Plan is a shared responsibility, and all institutions have to play their role while remaining within the ambit of the Constitution." Actions, however, speak louder than words. The sad reality is that most of the 20 points in political consensus-based NAP still remain unimplemented. The ISPR spokesman mentioned just four of them: ban on formation of armed militias; revival of National Counter-Terrorism Authority (NACTA); disallowing banned organisations to resurface under new names; and bar on media coverage to extremists/terrorists. There are equally important other points that remain neglected, including regularisation and reform of madrassahs; prosecution of elements spreading sectarian violence; reform of the criminal justice system through constitutional amendment and legislation; and measures to stop religious extremism and to protect minorities. The necessary resolve remains missing. Take the example of NACTA revival. Reports at first indicated the finance ministry was reluctant to allocate the required funds. Then the Interior Minister came up with the flimsy excuse that construction of a new building to house the authority was taking time. Surely it could have started functioning out of one of the various government-owned buildings.

Needless to say, the war against terrorism cannot be won through military means alone. Nor is it a short-term fight. The civilian authority has the key responsibility to consolidate gains of military operations and to undertake a sustained campaign to root out extremism in all its forms and manifestations. The government may not have liked it but the ISPR spokesman cannot be faulted for saying the state has to target extremism because extremism has a nexus with terrorism, and that "this has to be done."

ISLAMABAD: The phenomenal gains made in the first two years of Zarb-e-Azb became possible only because of a national consensus and single-mindedness among all stakeholders and key institutions for which the federal and provincial governments, political parties, Parliament, the Supreme Court and armed forces deserve immense acclaim and approbation.

Every establishment sincerely put in its contribution it can in a big way to make the military operation an unprecedented success. The outcome is that the drive has led to an unparalleled decline in terrorist attacks across Pakistan. The federal government and political parties hammered out a consensus and accorded political ownership to the military campaign; the parliament passed the requisite amendments in the Constitution and the army law; the Supreme Court validated these changes; and the armed forces carried out the operation in an exceptional manner. Every institution earned kudos and congratulations for its role.

White flags waved as Pakistan, Afghanistan agree on ceasefire

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However, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif deserves special praise for leading the Zarb-e-Azb contrary to his faint-hearted predecessors, who did not pick up the courage to deal with the spectre of terrorism which was destroying Pakistan bit by bit, and at the time like other institutions the armed forces were also not doing enough to eliminate the scourge.

The commitment and consistency the incumbent top commander has demonstrated while taking the terrorists head-on has attracted widespread public appreciation. But sadly some anti-democracy elements have been trying to lure him into assuming a role that the Constitution doesn't warrant. But like a professional soldier, who adheres to his oath, Raheel Sharif has not paid any attention to such 'fascination'. He is the first army chief in Pakistan's history, who made public several months before his retirement date that he will go home on the due date in November this year.

It is a rare development across the globe that Pakistan's security forces have knocked down a sprawling network of terrorists in a short span of just two years while in neighbouring Afghanistan troops of over a dozen most advanced nations that have the sophisticated weaponry and air power have failed to ensure peace in the past 15 years. Still, the country remains in turmoil with no signs of any significant improvement in its situation in the near future.

The accomplishments achieved by Pakistan's security apparatus in two years are felt by all and sundry. The fruits of the Zarb-e-Azb are matchless, and the nation is beholden to the armed forces and all other state institutions and political players, who, setting aside their differences on other issues, joined hands against terrorists.

The personnel of the army, security forces and police, who lost their lives in the anti-terror war, are the real heroes of Pakistan. The tones of arms caches, explosives and weapons recovered from the tribal areas by the army during the operation, as narrated by military spokesman Lt-Gen Asim Saleem Bajwa while marking the second anniversary of Zarb-e-Azb, left no doubt that the security agencies completely failed to check this kind of activity in the dangerous region for many years. It was no less embarrassment that a real no-go area also existed in the tribal belt. Killing of 3,600 terrorists, as stated by Bajwa during Zarb-e-Azb, further showed that a huge battalion of hardened criminals had existed while Pakistani security forces were not paying the due attention to the area.

The armed forces have performed superbly and eliminated terrorists and their sanctuaries. The campaign is going on unabated. The massive successes so achieved are at times dampened by the activities of terrorists sneaking into Pakistan from Afghanistan due to a lack of a proper border management at Torkham. The presence of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan chief Mulla Fazlullah in Afghanistan and his frequent sponsoring of terroristic attacks in Pakistan with the active support of Kabul, the US and India leave no doubt that these countries do not want peace in Pakistan otherwise the chief terrorist can't stay there safe even for a day.

Pakistani forces are now determined to ensure introduction of border management mechanism so that no one can enter in Pakistan without valid travel documents. Unless massive illegal human movement will be legally channelized and properly documented, terrorists will continue to infiltrate into Pakistan to take up their nefarious activities. This will obviously mar the positive outcome of Zarb-e-Azb.

A great game is on in Afghanistan in which Pakistan is a prime target. As usual the US is the main player and director while India is also working hard to inflict maximum damage on Pakistan. Both Washington and New Delhi are the strongest allies of Afghanistan. Islamabad-Washington ties are extremely tense, which further worsened due to the May 21 American drone attack in Noshki, Balochistan, on the Afghan Taliban chief Mulla Mansour. Before that, the US had refused to pay the committed money for F-16 aircraft demanding that Dr Shakil Afridi should be released and Pakistan should decisively proceed against the Haqqani network. The provocative firing by the Afghan forces on the Pakistani troops at the Torkham border is in fact meant to put further pressure on Pakistan by the US to get its demands accepted by Islamabad.

Pakistan will certainly take action against the Haqqani network but only if it finds any of its members on its soil. However, if they sneak into Pakistan from Afghanistan, it can only identify them if a proper border control is in place so that everybody coming in and going out is recognized and documented. But unfortunately Afghanistan is resisting this kind of management, which Pakistan has resolved to introduce at all costs.

PESHAWAR: Peace was restored at the Pak-Afghan Torkham border on Wednesday. The area remained calm, but tense amid resumption of construction work on a check-post on the Pakistani side of the Durand Line that triggered exchange of fire between the Afghan and the Pakistani security forces late on Sunday.

According to a Political Administration official, white flags were raised on both sides of the border late in the day on Wednesday. "Construction work on the gate started at 9am and it was halted after 11am to allow the fasting labourers to get some rest in the hot weather. No incident of firing took place, as work resumed later in the evening," he said.

Another development of the day was a telephone conversation between Afghanistan Ambassador to Pakistan Dr Hazrat Omar Zakhilwal and Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz. It was learnt that the two officials agreed on a ceasefire and laid stress on the need for resolving the Torkham border issue through dialogue.

Diplomatic sources said that Zakhilwal also met high-ups of the Pakistan Army at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi. The ambassador returned to Pakistan on Wednesday after attending the national security conference in Kabul. It seems that peace will finally be restored after three days of tense situation at the border that has seen injuries to a number of security personnel and civilians on both sides. A Pakistani Army officer and at least two Afghan Border

KPK Police's One-Click SOS System

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Police personnel were killed in the fighting.

The Torkham border town and nearby areas witnessed a security high alert on Wednesday, as curfew remained intact for the third consecutive day. The Torkham bazaar as well as the bazaar across the border remained closed and only security personnel of both countries patrolled the roads.

Businesses were still closed, as the border remained closed for all kinds of movement. Hundreds of daily wagers and people associated with different types of businesses did not resume their routine activities. "I have a small shop of used vehicle parts across the border in Afghanistan. It is third day that my shop is closed. I hope it's still intact and everything inside is safe," said Riaz Afridi of Khyber Agency.

Similarly, hundreds of trucks loaded with various types of goods, including vegetables and fruits, destined for Afghanistan and Pakistan were unable to continue their journey towards their destinations. Trucks bound for different Afghan cities were unloaded at Peshawar, while those coming to Pakistan were reportedly emptied at Jalalabad.

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) Police has recently launched an android-based mobile application called One-Click SOS System for reporting any suspicious or terror activities across all districts of the province. The application can be used to report such incidents on the spot with a single click from the vicinity of educational institutions, business hubs and residential areas. With the help of Global Positioning System embedded in the android mobile device, the data and location shall be transmitted to the local police control room and field officers of the area who shall be dispatched as soon as possible to contain the prevailing situation. Along with the system, dedicated security cameras have also been placed in certain selected places such as banks and National Database and Registration Authority offices for security purposes.

The idea of such a software system came in light of rampant terror activities that engulfed the region since the inception of war on terror. Whether it were the dastardly attacks on the Army Public School, Peshawar, and Bacha Khan University, Charsadda, or suicide bombings in various parts of the province, security of the KPK has been in need of overhauling, highlighting the need to have quick response units. Inspector-General KPK Police Nasir Khan Durrani's move to introduce the One-Click SOS System is an appreciable step, as it shall potentially help reduce the menace of terrorism in an efficiently swift manner. Response time to an act of terrorism is of utmost importance to minimise loss of life and property, as well as reacting to perpetrators.

However, as pointed out by some members of the business community the alert system should not only be confined to reporting terrorism but also target killings and extortion. Such crimes have been on the rise for years evoking a sense of insecurity in businessmen and their families. Lack of ample employment opportunities and economic instability has forced a number of people to indulge in criminal and terror activities. Financial gain is one of the core objectives of such people who believe that it could help them or their families to have a better future without realising that their acts are jeopardising the stability of society in the short and long run.

Furthermore, the need to call military troops to contain any untoward incident must also be reduced, and the police must be empowered to deal on its own through special training techniques and better firearms, similar to the SWAT force in the United States.

The One-Click SOS System must be expanded to other provinces as terrorism and criminal activities are not restricted to one city or province. It must be remembered that no security system would ever truly be effective unless there is sincere and honest input from both law-enforcement agencies and civil society. Pakistan has suffered on multiple levels due to acts of terrorism, and not much would change unless there is unity of stance on elimination of terrorism. And for that to happen, all of Pakistan must stand as one, and work with one another to ensure individual and collective security of all Pakistanis.

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DETAILS

ABBOTTABAD: Doctors have announced to observe one-day strike and boycott duty today (Monday) at the Ayub Teaching Hospital in protest against notices issued to medical officers by the hospital administration for not following biometric attendance. Except emergency cover, all out-door departments, wards, laboratory, radiology department and operation theatres will remain closed during the day. This was announced by Provincial Doctors Association (PDA) Ayub Medical Institute Abbottabad after a meeting. In a statement which was also conveyed to the hospital administration, PDA president Dr Aminullah Afridi stated that the OPDs and other services would not be provided on Monday except emergency cover. "In case the notification of biometric system and explanation letters are not withdrawn on Monday, the circle of the strike will be extended for an indefinite period," the circular stated, adding that issues were discussed with BoG chairman but their demands were not fulfilled. PDA president Dr Aminullah Afridi and secretary Dr Zaheer Abbass told journalists that the BoG chairman had assured they would not implement the timings and biometrics in ATH till the fulfilment of the doctors' demands.

LAHORE: Anjman-e-Bahbood -e-Marizan, Lahore General Hospital, has introduced new application form for getting free medical facilities from Zakat Fund. According to a press release issued here on Sunday, ABM member Yasir Ejaz said free medicine worth about Rs 2 million was provided every month to deserving patients at Lahore General Hospital. He said the newly-introduced form would be helpful to keep record of all the funds spent on provision of free medical services to the poor and it could easily be monitored by the donors. He also asked the rich to donate generously for the ailing humanity in Ramazan.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has empowered the Deputy District Health Officers (DDHOs) to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Primary Health Care facilities across the province. A formal notification to this effect was issued from the office of the provincial secretary health with specific terms of references (TORs) for the DDHOs, said an official handout. It merits a mention here that management of the BHUs in 17 districts had been with various non-governmental organisations over the last few years under an agreement, which is going to end by the end of this month. As per the TORs mentioned in the notification, the DDHOs will regularly visit the facilities in respective districts, at least, once in every two months. They will take prompt action if they found deficiencies in the facilities related to the availability of stocks, human resources, equipment and infrastructure within their powers. The DDHOs will monitor the Annual Development Programme schemes of the facilities and submit report to District Health Officers on the deficiencies of building and equipment. They will prepare annual budget for the BHUs in the district. The notification read that the DDHOs would work within the overall framework of district health system and under the supervision of the district health officers. The DDHO will be assisted by the coordinator for BHUs to draw up monthly medicines distribution plans, monitor the developmental projects and develop proposals for repair and maintenance in the facilities. The notification said that Independent Monitoring Unit of Health Department would develop proper monitoring checklist for the DDHOs to have a systematic assessment.

KARACHI: Sindh's Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) for polio is initiating an eight-day case response campaign in upper Sindh from today (Monday). The campaign will be held till June 27 and will focus on Shikarpur, Sukkur, Ghotki, Khairpur, Jacobabad, Kashmore, Larkana and Qambar-Shahdadkot districts. The total target population of the campaign is 2,460,323 children under five years of age. The campaign will last six days, with a two-day catch-up period to ensure the vaccination of all those children who might be missed during the first six days. "A special campaign has been planned in response to the cases that have been reported in northern Sindh in 2016," said an official of EOC, Sindh, requesting anonymity. Four cases of polio have been reported in Sindh in 2016 — two in Shikarpur in the same union council and one each in Jacobabad and Karachi. "We appeal to parents to cooperate with vaccinators in this important campaign since Pakistan is closer to polio eradication than ever before," said the official. According to the EOC, the polio campaigns are not supposed to take place in the 'high season', which is June, July and August, but since the virus's eradication is close, the officials have decided to continue the campaign in 'high-risk zones' in all the districts of northern Sindh and some areas of Karachi. Emergency response unit, Sukkur, coordinator Muhammad Yousuf Shaikh told *The Express Tribune* that their vaccinators are going to brave the heat in Ramazan to conduct this activity. He added that EOC's national coordinator will be monitoring the polio campaign in Shabbirabad union council.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government ordered deputy district health officers (DDHOs) to responsibly manage affairs of primary health care facilities across the province. A formal notification was issued from the office of K-P secretary for health in which he highlighted specific terms of references (TORs) for the DDHOs. This was stated in an official statement issued by the health department on Sunday. As per the TORs mentioned in the notification, the DDHOs will have to visit the facilities in their respective districts at least once in every two months. They will also have to take prompt action in case of deficiencies at these institutes. In addition, the DDHOs shall ensure the availability of stocks, human resources, equipment, and infrastructure and also monitor annual development schemes. The notification stated said the DDHOs will submit reports to district health officers in case of deficiencies in the buildings or equipment. They will prepare an annual budget for the facilities in their respective districts. The notification also said the DDHO will work within the overall framework of the district health system and under the supervision of the district health officer. They will be assisted by a public health care coordinator to frame monthly medicines distribution plans and to monitor developmental projects and proposals. These proposals are prepared for renovation and maintenance of facilities. "The independent monitoring unit of the health department

British envoy shows interest in Punjab education reforms

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will develop a proper monitoring checklist for DDHOs. This will enable them to have a systematic assessment and also develop proposal for monitoring applications on their smart phones," the statement added. In case the officers are unavailable, the public health coordinator or any other officer deemed appropriate will oversee the responsibility. The document also said the provincial government recently delegated sufficient financial powers to district health managers so they would be able to remove deficiencies in health facilities.

LAHORE: Punjab's IT-based education reforms can be a great model for system-wide change in Egypt's schools so I was keen to meet Dr Umar Saif and learn from his work. It was stated by British Ambassador to Egypt John Casson on the occasion of a presentation delivered by Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) Chairman Dr Umar Saif at Arfa Software Technology Park, according to a press release issued on Saturday. Casson said that the British government was assisting in Egypt's education system for 21.3 million students with problem of both volume and quality of output. "I am very interested in learning about both the technical methodology of system-wide education reform in Punjab, the data systems, transparency-cum-accountability systems and the political management of reforms such as incentives, building alliances, overcoming vested interests, etc." He said, "I am also much interested in the role played by innovative approaches parallel to the traditional public sector, including Pakistan Education Trust and low-cost private school networks." Dr Saif apprised him of the e-Learning Punjab, Open Data of Smart School Monitoring and Literacy Drive. He said, "Punjab is the first province in Pakistan that has made its monitoring data of 52,695 public schools open and any citizen can challenge its credibility while sitting home. It is a large example of transparency and accountability enabled by the smart technology. Results are also very encouraging as attendance of students and teachers has increased to more than 90 percent. The visits by the monitoring staff have also been made evidence-based and transparent. Textbooks of grades 6 to 10 have been digitised with simulations, animations, videos supported with Urdu voice may revolutionise the teaching and learning process in public schools." He said the government had opted to deliver 120,000 tablets among teachers and students to transform the traditional system into high-tech system. Casson said that it was an exciting and excellent conversation on the reforms brought about in Punjab education sector through technology. "I hope this experience will prove much fruitful to be incorporated in Egypt." Dr Saif presented a souvenir to the British ambassador to Egypt.

Sindh education

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Quality education plays a great role in bringing positive changes. Education in Sindh has deteriorated to nothing. Due to the apathy of the government, the literacy rate is getting worse day by day. Above all, many schools are without proper infrastructure and teachers habitually remain absent. Nearly 10,000 schools in Sindh lack basic facilities like safe drinking water, proper classrooms, washrooms and compound walls. The Sindh government needs to work towards a better education system in Sindh to raise the literacy rate.

Punjab education budget

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Punjab Finance Minister Dr Ayesha Ghaus has presented the annual Provincial budget in the Punjab Assembly of Rs 1681 billion for the fiscal year 2016-17. She stated that the Provincial government had set down five priority needs in the proposed budget. These include, the sectors of health, education, agriculture, law & order and provision of clean water. A total of Rs 312.80 billion has been allocated for the education sector. According to the Budget 2016-17, Rs 47 billion are placed for Higher Education Commission (HEC). New scholarships of Rs 20 billion have been announced along with IT programmes. 45 thousand teachers to be hired for primary schools and Rs 2 billion have been suggested for Punjab Education Foundation. Rs 6 billion each have been set aside for the laptop scheme and for the provision of facilities at schools. The development budget of School Education has been increased from Rs 33.0 billion in FY 2015-16 to Rs 47.7 billion in FY 2016-17. 36,000 classrooms will be built and school structures will be improved during this year and all the missing facilities will be provided during this year to all the schools in the Province. The budget outlays that 45,000 new teachers will be recruited in the Province and minimum three teachers will be made available for each school and that merit will be ensured at all costs. It will also be ensured that the teachers are recruited from the same areas where the schools are located. The current education budget is 58pc of the total ADP allocated for current year while last year it was 77pc of the total ADP. The total budget also includes Rs12 billion for Punjab Educational Foundation, Danish Schools and Endowment fund. So total is Rs. 312.80 billion – slightly more than last year's budget.

Report card: 71% students from govt schools failed SSC exams

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PESHAWAR: Only one student from a government school has made it to the list of top position holders in the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Mardan in the Secondary School Certificate examinations. Moreover, 71% of students from government schools failed the exam. These trends are at variance to a series of claims made by Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education Muhammad Atif Khan during a meeting with the private schools association last week. Muhammad Atif had said the standard of education in government schools across the province has improved over the years. He said the parents now prefer to enroll their students in government schools. The examination results revealed that most government school students passed with very low percentages. In a similar vein, in Nowshera – the constituency of Chief Minister Pervez Khattak – only a few students from Government High School Pashtun Ghari managed to pass the exams where the school's overall passing rate was less than 30%.

Saaf Pani Project: All Punjab areas to get safe drinking water, says Shahbaz

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LAHORE: More than 80 water filtration plants have been installed in five South Punjab tehsils under the Saaf Pani Project, Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Saturday. He was chairing a meeting to review the implementation of the Saaf Pani Project. "People of Lodhran, Khanpur, Hasilpur, Duniyapur and Minchanabad are getting clean drinking water through the water filtration plants now. The government has allocated Rs30 billion for the project in 2016-17 financial year. The project is directly related to health of hundreds of thousands of people. People have a right to access clean drinking water," he said. He said the project would be extended to six more districts of south Punjab soon. He said that international companies would be selected through a transparent process for the project. The CM said that all steps would be taken to ensure that millions of people living in rural areas had access to clean drinking water. He said steps should also be taken to increase the capacity of Saaf Pani Company. Minister for Housing Tanveer Aslam Malik and the Saaf Pani Company chairman also

KP Education Department puts 150 students' future at risk

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attended the meeting.

PESHAWAR: There are around 150 students who have done B.Ed Honours from the Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Peshawar. However, the Khyber Pakhtunkwa Education Department refused to accept that their degrees were equivalent to Masters. In 2010, IER, in collaboration with USAID, launched a Pre-Service Structure Programme according to which the graduating students were supposed to be given B.Ed Honours Degree equivalent to Masters as per the rules of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The programme started in 2009 and was duly approved by the Government of Pakistan. As per the programme, the graduates were eligible to apply for Grade-17 teaching posts after completing four years of B.Ed Honours. Sources revealed that officials of the then KP education department in 2010, in collaboration with United State Agency for International Development (USAID), constituted a task force for the implementation of the four-year B.Ed Programme in the universities of KP. However, astonishingly, the KP Education Department has so far not accepted the degrees of these 150 graduates, putting their future in jeopardy. In addition, IER has given admission to around 170 more students even though the future of this programme is not clear. Professor Dr Amjad Riba, coordinator of the B.Ed Honours program at IER maintained that the respective degree had been started after a collaborative and consultative process among three stakeholders including USAID and the Education department of KP but the latter was creating hurdles in making the programme a success. He further said that Peshawar University should discuss the issue with the authorities in order to save the future of the hundreds of students who have spent valuable time and money in securing degrees. Kamran Loan, USAID Coordinator for the above mentioned programme said that the B.Ed four years programme started to bear fruit in other parts of the country including Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan producing professionals in the field of education. "It is the responsibility of KP government to make effective use of such professionals in the field of education, and also further helping students by accepting their degrees," Kamran added. Sahibzada Hamid Mehmood, Additional Director at Secondary and Elementary Department informed that the project was initiated by USAID in UoP and it was the responsibility of the university to contact the Law and Home Department in order to make amendments to the rules to get recognition of the degree for employment in the education sector.

Seminar on 'Quality Assurance in Higher Education'

The News International June 18, 2016

The Punjab government on Saturday decided to shift at least 4,321 schools on solar energy. As per details, the provincial government has finalised a plan to convert the schools with no electricity on solar energy. Officials told that work on project worth Rs1413 million will soon be initiated. According to the authorities, eight firms have qualified for the project. Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif had announced to shift as many as 5000 schools on solar energy. He stated that it's the need of the hour to use solar energy for the elimination of power crisis. He said that a special project with the cost of Rs 32 billion for drip irrigation is going to be launched in Punjab, adding that Punjab government is planning to generate electricity by biomass.

Punjab to shift 4,321 schools on solar energy

Pakistan Today June 18, 2016

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony has launched a short message service (SMS) service, 8331, to help save private hajj scheme pilgrims from any fraud or swindling. According to official sources, an intending pilgrim, desiring to perform the sacred religious ceremony through Hajj Group Organiser (HGO) should send his HGO's enrollment number from his mobile phone to 8331. He will instantly receive a message, the pilgrims will receive the details about the enrollment status of the HGO, name of its chief executive, its allotted quota and address of the office. The SMS service would help to prevent pilgrims from any fraud or swindling, besides saving them from factious companies. Furthermore, quota status of HGO should be confirmed from ministry's relevant department by contacting the Ministry on phone no 051-9207519; 051-9205212. The ministry will not responsible for any fraud with the intending pilgrim, who inked the agreement with any HOG or travel agent without checking its enrollment status of allotted Hajj quota, he added.

Two of a family killed over water dispute during Ramazan in Karachi

Geo News June 18, 2016

KARACHI: Two members of a family were killed and three others injured over a domestic squabble in Nazimabad number two neighbourhood of the city on Saturday, officials said. Rescue sources told Geo News that bodies and injured were shifted to the nearby Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. One of the injured was said to be in critical condition. SSP Muqaddas Haider said the incident appeared to be result of family dispute as the dead, identified as Abdullah and Abdul Wahab, are father and son. Injured Saifullah, Asif Khan and Saeedullah Sheikh are also members of the same family, he added. The incident took place near Bara Maidan in Nazimabad number two. SSP Muqaddas Haider said that according to initial reports the domestic row broke out due to a dispute over water. 9mm shells have been found at the crime scene, said the senior police officer and added that probe of the incident is ongoing and further details will be shared with the media soon.

Comeback: With LNG import, CNG sector hopes for revival

The Express Tribune June 17, 2016

ISLAMABAD: It appears that the fate of thousands of CNG stations is closely tied to recently signed agreements to haul Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) vessels into Pakistan. Previously closed down due to shortage of gas, the CNG stations are confident that, along with the imported fuel, a robust revival is in the pipeline, according to All Pakistan CNG Association (APCNGA). APCNGA was finalising modalities with Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas (SSGC) for effectively utilising their network to supply its own imported LNG to CNG stations, the association leader Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha said. Paracha, who is also heading the Universal Gas Distribution Company (Pvt) Limited – the first-ever company to secure LNG sale and marketing licence from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to feed CNG outlets – thanked the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources for making concerted efforts to reactivate the sector. He underlined the need for setting up more LNG terminals and improving the supply system across the country to get maximum benefit of the cheaper fuel for the common man. Presently, he admitted that the CNG sector was not attracting motorists as they were still uncertain about its future but expressed the confidence that "future will be of the cheap and environment friendly fuel, which is almost 30% cheaper than the petrol at the current rates". "CNG stations are consuming 100 mmcf/d gas per day and it will be increased to 250 mmcf/d per day level soon," he added. Originally, the government encouraged CNG as an alternative fuel as it was environment friendly and helped unburden country's fuel import expenditure; But the rapid rate at which the stations grew, combined with fast depleting natural gas reserves, resulted in a ban on new stations in 2008. The official said it was expected that the CNG stations, which were

Apcnga confident of cng sector's gradual revival

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closed in Punjab due to the gas supply constraints, would be operational again once Rs800 billion gas projects were initiated.

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Compressed Natural Gas Association (APCNGA) is confident that the CNG sector, affected due to gas shortage, will fully revive with increased import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). APCNGA is finalizing modalities with Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) for effectively utilizing their network to supply its own imported LNG to CNG stations, the association leader Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha told APP on Thursday. Paracha, who is also heading the Universal Gas Distribution Company (Pvt.) Limited - the first-ever company which secured LNG sale and marketing licence from the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to feed the CNG outlets, thanked the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources for making concerted efforts for reactivating the sector. He underlined the need for setting up more LNG terminals and improving the supply system across the country to get maximum benefit of the cheaper fuel for the common man. Presently, he admitted that the CNG sector was not attracting motorists as they were still uncertain about its future but expressed the confidence that "future will be of the cheap and environment-friendly fuel, which is almost 30 percent cheaper than the petrol at the current rates." He said although CNG stations were operating round-the-clock in a week but the number of CNG users would gradually increase with the improved LNG supply.

APCNGA, he said, had so far agreement with 1,351 CNG stations to get LNG through the gas companies distribution system and it was confident that the CNG sector would achieve 'complete revival' due to the ongoing concerted efforts. "CNG stations are consuming 100 mmcf/d gas per day and it will be increased to 250 mmcf/d per day level soon," he added. Initially, a senior official of the Petroleum Ministry told APP, the government had encouraged the use of CNG as an alternative fuel to control environmental degradation, reduce foreign exchange expenditure on import of liquid fuel and generate employment. Following which, he said, Pakistan became the world leading CNG user country with more than three million NGVs (Natural Gas Vehicles) plying on the roads. Currently, he said, more than 3,416 CNG stations are operational in the country fulfilling the fuel need of the NGVs. On February 7, 2008, he said, the government had imposed ban on establishment of new stations, keeping in view the mushroom growth of CNG stations and fast-depleting natural gas reserves in the country. The official said it was expected that the CNG stations, which were closed in Punjab due to the gas supply constraints, would start working in routine after the government initiated Rs 800 billion different gas projects including setting up of LNG terminals and gas pipelines to meet energy needs of the country.

Private schools' students excel in Mardan board SSC exams

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MARDAN: Sara Khizar, a student of Noor Education System, Nowshera, has clinched top position in the secondary school certificate (SSC) examinations of the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Mardan. The results were announced by the board officials in a ceremony held at the board premises on Wednesday. PTI MNA Mujahid Khan was the chief guest while parents and relatives of the top 20 position-holder students and officials also attended the ceremony. According to the results, Sara Khizar of Noor Education System Khesghi Bala, Nowshera, got the overall first position by obtaining 1,041 marks of total 1,050 marks, Afreenish Sheraz of Pioneers English Grammar School, Marghuz, Swabi district, obtained second position with 1,039 marks and Yaseen of Al-Khair Model High School, Katlang, secured third position with 1,035 marks. All the top three position holders belonged to the science group. In humanities group, Mohammad Ziaul Islam of Pasban Model School Zarabi, Swabi district, Rubab Khan of Presentation Convent High School Risalpur, Nowshera district, and Noor Mohammad of Center for Speech and Hearing, Mardan district, bagged the first, second and third positions with 940, 906 and 891 marks, respectively. Mr Ihsanullah, controller of the examinations, said on the occasion that cash prizes of Rs50,000, Rs45,000 and Rs40,000 would be awarded to the top three position-holders of both the science and arts groups. He said that total 60,606 candidates of both science and arts groups of grade 10th had appeared in the SSC examinations of which 46,842 were declared passed. Similarly, a total of 65,678 students of grade 9th appeared in the examinations in which 36,316 were declared as passed. MNA Mujahid Khan gave away prizes to the position-holders. Among the top 20 position holders of SSC examinations, there was only one student from the government schools who got 10th position. All other 19 position-holders were from private sector schools. The results of BISE, Mardan, have exposed the tall claims of PTI-led provincial government about its focus on the promotion of quality education in public sector schools.

Fire at Imperial Market exposes local administration's negligence

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RAWALPINDI: The fire at Imperial Market – the main electronics market of the garrison city – on June 13 has revealed the local administration's negligence in inspecting and ensuring fire safety measures are present in markets, plazas and other public places. While two shops were destroyed, the fire did not spread to adjoining markets in Raja Bazaar, where plastic and clothing shops could have caught fire. However, the incident did lead to panic in the nearby residential areas, with many people fearing that it could lead to a situation reminiscent of the Ghakhar Plaza fire in 2008. The four-storey Ghakhar Plaza in Saddar, that housed over 500 shops, was engulfed by fire on Dec 20, 2008. Within hours, the commercial building was reduced to ashes, 15 people had died and many salespeople were rendered jobless. Civil Defence official says dept does not have authority to seal shops violating fire safety rules. The City District Government Rawalpindi (CDGR), Civil Defence and Rawal Town Municipal Administration (RTMA) are responsible for ensuring fire safety measures in private and public sector buildings in the city. The Civil Defence Department is responsible for inspecting buildings and hotels to ensure that fire safety measures are adopted by building owners. The department said it had already issued notices to over 400 building owners in the downtown area. Civil Defence district officer Sanjeeda Khanum told Dawn that the shops that were destroyed in the recent fire had also been issued notices. "There are no fire exits, fire hydrants or fire safety equipment in Imperial Market, despite repeated attempts to convince traders to install them. I held a meeting with the shopkeepers and traders association president of the market, but nobody was willing to adopt fire safety measures," she added.

She said she could issue challans to violators, but the department does not have the authority to seal those plazas and shops. "In and around Raja Bazaar, the Civil Defence Department has found 500

Power outages cause water shortage in Mingora

Daily Dawn June 16, 2016

Five students injured in accidental shooting in Swat

Dunya News June 16, 2016

Govt orders \$1.2 per unit increase in RLNG price

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buildings that were not equipped with fire safety equipment and the department had already served notices on them," she said. She said the department was asked to conduct a survey of buildings without fire-fighting arrangements and fire escapes in the district, but "the main problem occurred when owners and the shopkeepers' association did not cooperate with Civil Defence". Ms Khanum also blamed the building departments of civic authorities like the Rawalpindi and Chaklala cantonment boards, the Rawalpindi Development Authority and the RTMA. She said it was the duty of these departments not to approve a building plan that did not allocate a staircase and fire emergency exits in the main markets and plazas. According to building bylaws, essential safety measures are required in commercial, industrial and public buildings. The layout plans of commercial buildings must have exit doors, fire hydrants, fire isolated stairs, emergency elevators, mechanical ventilation and sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, a safety management system and fire control centres. The district officer said regulations should also require building owners to maintain all safety fittings, equipment and safety measures, as well as those items listed as essential safety measures in developed countries. She said newly built buildings, who had not adopted fire safety measures, are located in Raja Bazaar, Commercial Market, Benazir Bhutto Road, Jamia Masjid Road, Banni Chowk, College Road (also known as China Market), Moti Bazaar, Sarafa Bazaar and other nearby markets. A senior RTMA official admitted that the building department approved building plans without checking fire safety measures because of corruption. He said the building department's job was to inspect the site of buildings and high-rises before and after construction, but they often did not make these visits.

MINGORA: The residents of different areas in Mingora have said that they face acute water shortage owing to prolonged power loadshedding. The residents of Malookabad, Rang Mohallah, Gumbat Maira, Kaan Mohallah and several other localities said that they had to fetch water from streams, springs and the Swat River as the areas were facing water shortage owing to prolonged power loadshedding. "Since the start of Ramadan, there has been no water in our supply line. I daily hire a Suzuki pickup to fetch water from the Swat River in Fizagat area. It costs me Rs500 per trip," said Akbar Ali, a resident of Malookabad area. However, poor people cannot afford to hire vehicles for fetching water from far off streams or the river. "I am fruit vendor and go out early in the morning to sell fruits at Mingora bazaar but shortage of water has created big problems for me as I have to fetch water from a spring, which is two kilometres away from my home," said Khanzada, a resident of Gumbat Maira. The local people criticised the federal government and demanded an immediate end to loadshedding in the month of Ramadan. "Where are the claims of the federal government that there would be no power loadshedding in the holy month of Ramadan," questioned Khan Akbar, a resident of Rang Mohallah. Even children are seen carrying water pots. "Our school is open in this Ramadan but when we go home, we have to fetch water from a spring, which is far away from our house," said Maryam, a girl in Gumbat Maira. Ikram Khan, the tehsil nazim, said that all the tubewell operators performed their duty but power loadshedding caused water scarcity. "The municipal administration staff and tubewell operators perform their duty but prolonged power loadshedding has caused shortage of water," he added.

SWAT (Dunya News) : At least five students sustained injuries as Madin Girls School's security guard accidentally opened firing in Swat, reported on Thursday. According to sources, the gun was mistakenly dropped by a school's security guard and when he tried to lift it up the fire suddenly shot from the gun. The mishap has injured five students who were shifted to the civil hospital for medical assistance. Police personnel arrived at the scene and arrested the guard for further investigation.

ISLAMABAD: Despite strong resistance by the regulator, the government on Tuesday ordered increasing the price of re-gasified liquefied natural gas (RLNG) by about \$1.2 per unit by allowing a series of factors in its price previously rejected by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). The decision was taken at a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet presided over by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar. The committee allowed Gwadar Port Authority to select a Chinese company along with Chinese equipment for Engineering, Procurement and Construct (EPC) contracts of Gwadar Port. A senior government official said that Ogra had allowed 66 cents per Million British Thermal Unit (MMBTU) terminal charges for LNG on the basis of a previous decision of the federal cabinet. However, the petroleum ministry and its companies entered into an agreement with Engro Terminal for levelised charge of 66 cents over 20 years. Resultantly, Engro billed to government entities effective tariff of \$1.45 per unit for first few years because of lower volumes — starting with 100mmcf in initial few months. The petroleum ministry and Engro viewed that average levelised tariff would be 66 cents per unit and not flat 66 cents per unit. The ECC decided that actual terminal charge billed by Engro (i.e. 145 cents per unit for initial flows) be charged to RLNG consumers. "Port charges will also be taken at actual, including amount reimbursed to suppliers as per relevant agreement." Secondly, the ECC directed Ogra to allow actual system losses (about 11 per cent on average) for calculation of RLNG price for its consumers which was originally rejected by the regulator. Ogra had allowed only 4.5pc system losses in RLNG price. Thirdly, Ogra had rejected the \$0.025 charge of LNG price to Sui Southern Gas Company for its LNG Supply Agreement, saying it was not covered under the law and the SSGC was not making any additional investment LNG import or its infrastructure. The ECC, however, directed Ogra to allow \$0.025 per MMBTU to SSGC. "SSGC's Margin for LSA Management to be determined at \$0.025 per MMBTU to be treated as non-operating income". Fourth, Ogra had disallowed Infrastructure Cess imposed by the Sindh government in RLNG price saying the cess was not applicable on other petroleum products and since RLNG had been declared by the federal government as petroleum product, it should convince the provincial government to do away with that cess.

The ECC, however, directed Ogra to allow this cess in the RLNG price until a decision could be reached with the provincial government. PSO was advised to take up the matter with the Sindh government for non-applicability of Sindh Infrastructure cess in line with other 'petroleum products'. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources was also advised to facilitate Pakistan State Oil (PSO) accordingly. It was also agreed that pending the ultimate settlement of this issue, the said Cess will also be included in RLNG Price. Port charges will also be taken at actual, including

Khanpur Dam management blamed for water shortage

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amount reimbursed to suppliers as per relevant agreement. There was a consensus that all relevant cost may be allowed to the Port Qasim Authority to sustain its operation along-with a reasonable profit margin. PSO would also be entitled to have a margin at 2.50 per cent of LNG price. The ECC also approved a proposal for transfer of Heavy Mechanical Complex to Strategic Plans Division/Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission from the ministry of industries and production. While giving approval the committee emphasised that the transfer would take place by ensuring due process and that the rights of complex employees would be fully protected. An amount of Rs500 million was also approved to cover essential expenditure of the company and salaries till June this year. Out of this amount, Rs253 million will be adjusted on account of salaries already paid to the complex employees as per approval given by the ECC. The SPD/PAEC officials assured the ECC that all efforts would be made to revive HMC to its maximum potential. The ECC also approved a proposal of the Ministry of Ports and Shipping for the Gwadar Port Authority to proceed with the procurement of one of the three listed Chinese companies through bidding process as well as preference for the use of the Chinese equipment, in accordance with the Framework Agreement, under Section 21 of PPRA Ordinance, 2002 and Rule 5 of the PPRA Rules, 2004.

RAWALPINDI: The water shortage has worsened in the Rawalpindi and Chaklala cantonment boards due to the mismanagement of the area's water supply system. The Chaklala Cantonment Board (CCB) has held the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) responsible for the water shortage, while the RCB has blamed the management of Khanpur Dam for curtailing water supply to the cantonment areas. RCB water supply branch in-charge Mohammad Shoaib said the supply from Khanpur Dam was curtailed from 9.5 million gallons daily (MGD) to eight MGD, and the water shortage was a result of the reduced supply from the dam. RCB spokesperson Qaiser Mehmood said water supply to the CCB was not restricted, even though the CCB had to clear an outstanding sum of Rs30 million for water supply by the RCB. He said water consumers from both cantonments were important to the RCB, but due to the reduced supply of water, it was necessary to rationalise the supply. "The Capital Development Authority (CDA), which manages the water purification plant at Sangjani, issued a letter asking to conserve water in the summer," she said. However, a Water and Power and Development Authority (Wapda) official told Dawn there was enough water in the dam to supply Rawalpindi and Islamabad until the start of the monsoon. He said after the February rains, water reservoirs collected enough water. The real problem was in the dam's canals. "The water leakages from the canal to the Sangjani filtration plant and from the plant to the main supply for the twin cities need to be improved," he said. CCB Vice President Raja Irfan Imtiaz said the CCB had faced a terrible water shortage, and blamed the unequal distribution of water by the RCB for being a main reason for this. He said the CCB had asked the RCB not to curtail the water supply until Eidul Fitr, since many tube wells in the area had gone dry. He said the CCB was working to install new tube wells, but this could take over a month to complete. Meanwhile, residents of both cantonments continue to face a water shortage. Many people have hired the services of private water tankers in the summer. A resident of Afshan Colony, Akhter Raza, said: "There is a need to improve the water supply system. Tax rates increased in the residential areas but the basic problem of water supply has not been solved yet."

Karachi institutions paralysed not failed: JI Ameer

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KARACHI (Dunya News): Speaking to a ceremony of Iftar dinner arranged by Jamaat-e-Islami (JI), JI Ameer Senator Siraj-ul-Haq said that holy month of Ramadan is another name of standing firm against tyranny and added that institutions in Karachi were not failed but paralysed as people Karachi resided by the sea but unable to acquire drinking water, reported Dunya News on Wednesday. JI Ameer then reached Edhi Centre and enquired about renowned social worker Abdul Sattar Edhi's health. Talking to media he said that Edhi's contribution and legacy for the human development and betterment could be seen all around in the country. Edhi's services were cherished by the society, Sirajul-Haq added.

Load shedding exceeds 14 hours despite govt assurance

Dunya News June 15, 2016

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News): In the wake of sweltering heat wave across the country, load shedding has increased from 10 hours to 14 hours despite promises and pledges made by the government, reported Dunya News on Wednesday. Earlier, the government had promised to bring a prominent reduction in power outage but was of no use. Announced and unannounced load shedding had increased as energy shortfall had reached to 6000 megawatts. Urban residents experienced 8 to 10 hours of load shedding while rural natives faced 14 to 16 hours of power outage. Ministry of Water and Power stated that 14, 500 megawatts had been produced in the national grid while the country demands 21000 megawatts in totality.

15 sustain burns after cylinder blast in Khairpur

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KHAIRPUR: Fifteen people sustained burns when a gas cylinder exploded at a restaurant near Shah Hussain bypass along the National Highway on Monday. The victims were rushed to the Khairpur Civil Hospital in police mobile vans and other vehicles and most of them were provided treatment. Four of them, Shakeel Shaikh, Hanif, Kiran Mochi and Mujahid, were referred to the Gambat Civil Hospital due to their serious condition. An emergency was declared at the Khairpur Civil Hospital soon after the arrival of the victims. Medical superintendent Dr Razia Panhwar was also asked to rush to the hospital but she could not make it, prompting the deputy commissioner to take notice of her absence in an emergency situation. A large number of relatives of the victims gathered at the hospital and kept protesting against unavailability of doctors and paramedics in adequate number and a lack of proper treatment facilities at the emergency ward.

Residents, loom workers hold demo against Fesco

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TOBA TEK SINGH: Powerloom workers and residents of Chah Kichiwala of Kamalia on Monday demonstrated against the Fesco for separating their locality from the industrial feeder. They shouted slogans against Fesco officials for carrying out excessive loadshedding in the locality which caused joblessness. Addressing protesters, PML-Q district organiser Irfan Chaudhry said the area had been a part of the industrial feeder for several years. He said since the area voters, mostly poor and labour class, had voted against the PML-N in the 2013 general elections and the 2015 LB polls the ruling party separated the area from the industrial feeder in revenge. He threatened to continue demonstrations if the Fesco did not remerge the locality with the industrial feeder.

Water shortage worsens

KARACHI (Dunya News): The water scarcity has once again hit Karachi city as dozens of locals are not getting water in different districts, reported on Tuesday. According to Karachi Water and

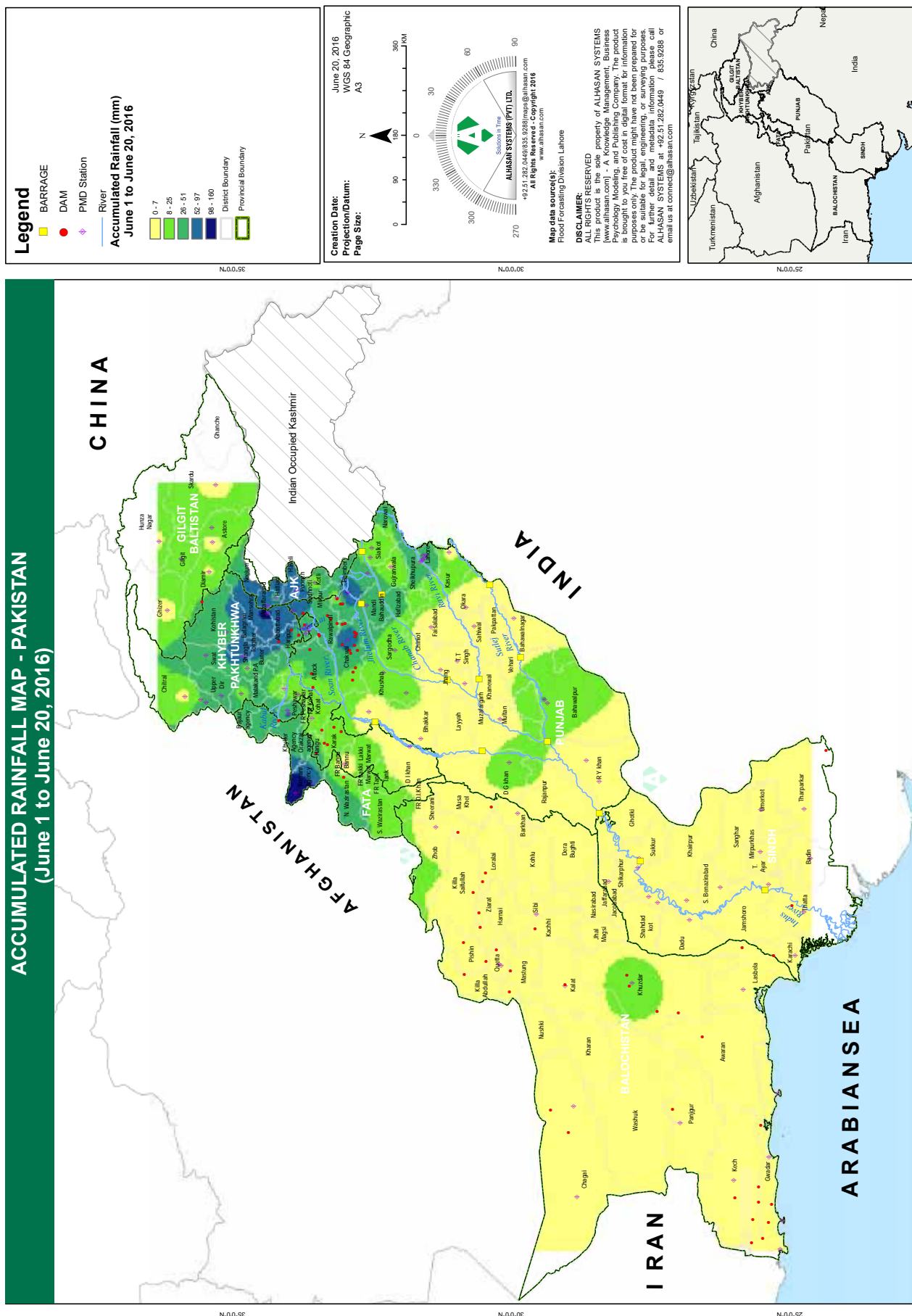


**in Karachi as Hub dam
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Sewerage Board (KWSB), the metropolis is facing water dearth due to lack of water level in Hub dam. The residents living in New Karachi and Surjani Town are completely deprived of water whereas some areas are also facing power outage due to which, the alternative ways cannot be utilized. KWSB Managing Director Faheem Akhtar Zaidi said that an optional system has been adopted to ensure equal distribution of water in different localities.





Drought Hit in Thar Outbreak of Waterborne Diseases (as of June 20, 2016)

222 children die after outbreak of disease in drought-hit Thar

More than ailing children, meanwhile, have been admitted to different hospitals in the drought-hit Thar district. Hospitals are facing a shortage of doctors. Only 298 doctors are available, which includes child specialists and female doctors. Meanwhile, over 215 dispensaries remain non-functional in Thar's remote villages.

MITHI: Seven children died from diseases caused by malnutrition at Mithi civil hospital and Islamkot in the drought-hit Thar over the past two days, raising the death toll, according to official figures, to 222 this year. Thar DHO Dr Chandar Lal told Dawn on Thursday that most of the patients were newborns and underweight. So far, 51,680 kids were given medicines and 5,348 were admitted to six healthcare facilities of the district, he said. The children's parents complained that their kids were being forcibly discharged from the civil hospital and were being referred to Hyderabad without providing them fuel for ambulances. Dr Iqbal Ahmed Bhurgari, civil surgeon, said that 165 children had died at the civil hospital during past five months. But sources said over 355 kids had so far died across Thar this year. Meanwhile, 598 health workers and dispensers, who were appointed in July last year, have not received salary so far. The unpaid workers had been posted at 180 closed dispensaries of the district, where medicines and furniture had been provided but to no avail, complained villagers. But Tharparkar DC Dr Shauzad Tahir Thameem claimed the situation was well under control. Media was not giving due coverage to their sincere efforts to mitigate sufferings of Tharis, he complained. He said that four mobile dispensaries launched a couple of weeks ago were providing best healthcare facilities to people, who did not have easy access to hospitals.

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Health Facility	Government	Private	Total
Basic Health Unit	21	0	21
Child Health Hospital	0	1	1
Dispensary	12	0	12
District Headquarter Hospital	1	0	1
Family Welfare Center	3	0	3
General Hospitals	1	3	4
General Physician	0	14	14
Maternity Home	0	3	3
Medical Stores	0	2	2
Rural Health Center	3	0	3
Specialist	0	1	1
Tehsil Headquarter Hospital	1	0	1
Veterinary	0	2	2
Total	42	26	68

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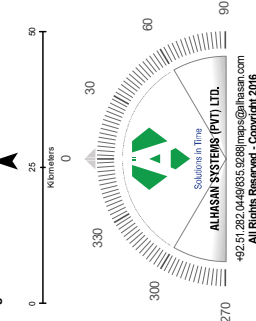
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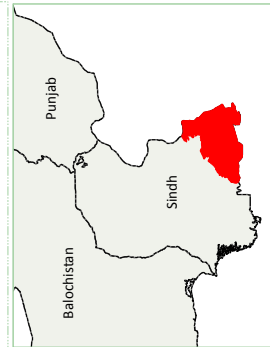
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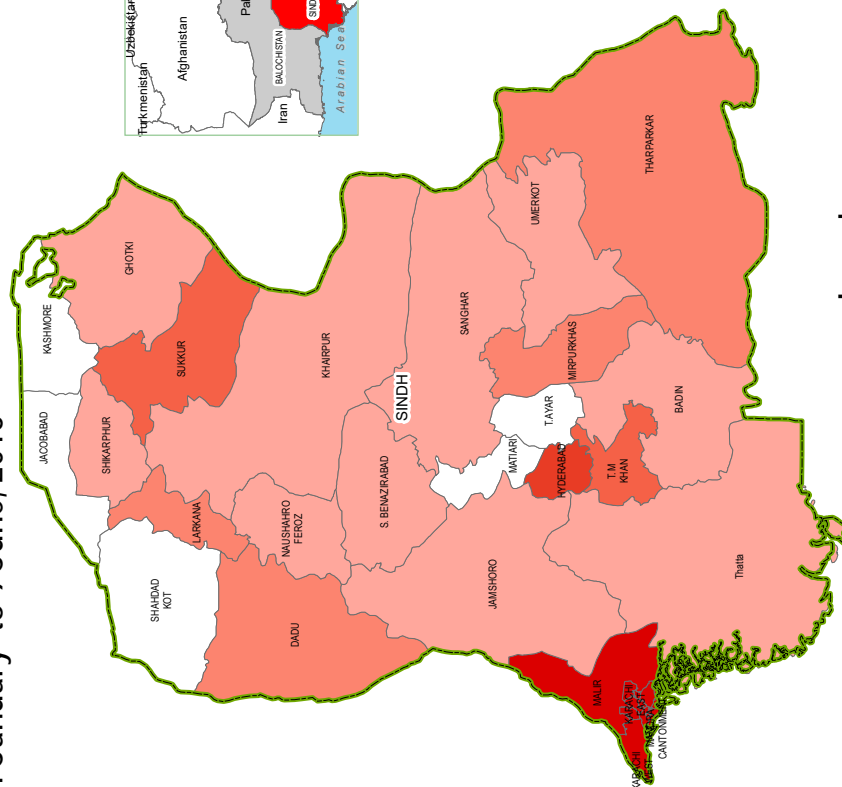


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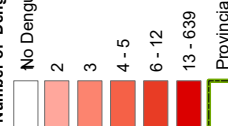
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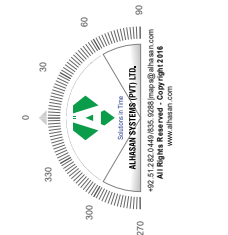
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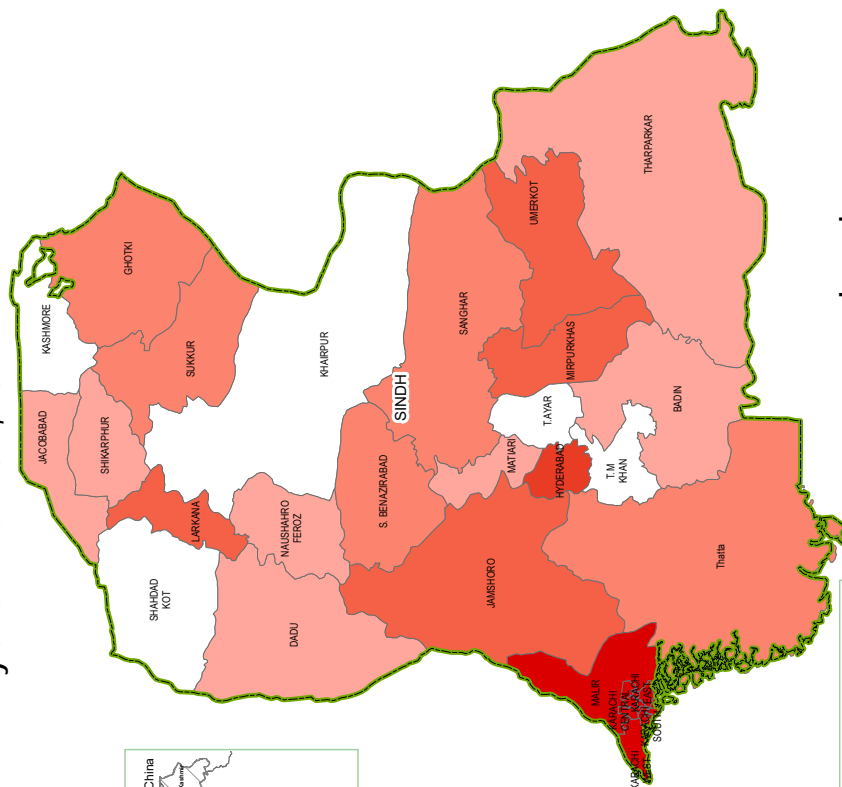
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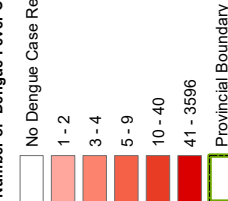


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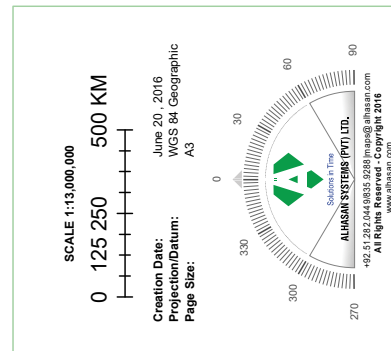
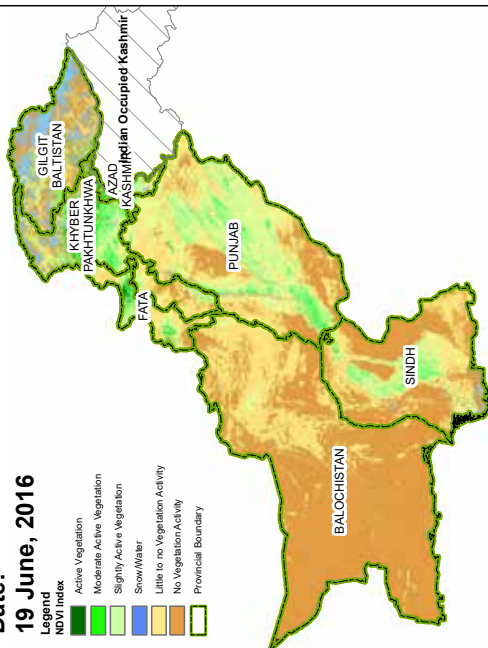
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Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan 19 June, 2016

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19 June, 2016

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Snow/Water
Little to no Vegetation Activity
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Provincial Boundary



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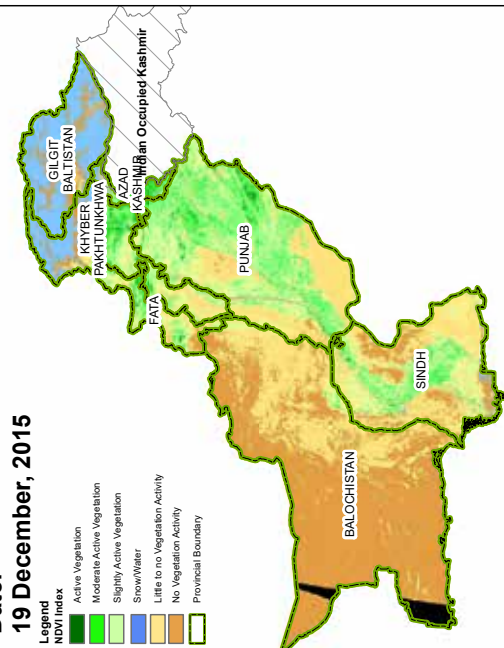
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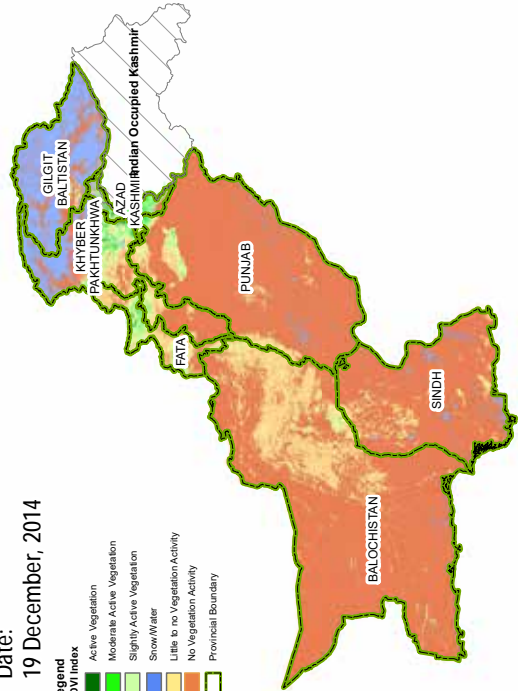
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سرچارج ابھی تک وصول کر رہی ہے۔ درخواست گزار کے وکیل کا کہنا تھا کہ یکم جنوری 2016 سے نیلم جہلم کے نام سرچارج کا نفاذ اور وصولی غیر قانونی ہے، درخواست گزار کے وکیل نے عدالت سے استدعا کی کہ بجلی کے بلوں میں نیلم جہلم سرچارج کے نفاذ اور وصولی کے اقدام کو غیر آئینی قرار دیتے ہوئے کالعدم کیا جائے۔

14 جون 2016

جس نے آج جھگڑے کی شکل اختیار کر لی، جس میں دو طرفہ فائرنگ ہوئی، جھگڑے کی جگہ سے نائن ایم ایم کے خول ملے ہیں۔

الیکشن کمیشن نے این اے 110 سیالکوٹ کے گمشدہ انتخابی مواد کے ملنے کی رپورٹ سپریم کورٹ میں جمع کرا دی۔ الیکشن کمیشن ذرائع کے مطابق حلقہ این اے 110 سیالکوٹ سے تین پولنگ اسٹیشن کے سوا تمام گمشدہ انتخابی ریکارڈ مل گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پولنگ اسٹیشن نمبر 121، 118، اور 132 کا ریکارڈ ابھی بھی گم شدہ ہے۔ سیکریٹری الیکشن کمیشن نے ملنے والا انتخابی مواد فرانزک آڈٹ کے لیے نادرا کو بھجوا دیا۔ الیکشن کمیشن ذرائع کے مطابق گم شدہ انتخابی ریکارڈ کی ذمہ داری متعلقہ ڈسٹرکٹ اکاؤنٹ آفیسر اور محکمہ مال آفیسر پر عائد ہوتی ہے۔ چیف الیکشن کمیشن نے متعلقہ افسران کے خلاف انکوائری کا حکم دے دیا۔ این اے 110 سے وزیر دفاع خواجہ آصف کامیاب ہوئے تھے، تحریک انصاف کے عثمان ڈار نے خواجہ آصف کی کامیابی کو چیلنج کر رکھا ہے۔

کوئٹہ (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) ترجمان کیسکو نے کہا ہے کہ ضلع بولان میں تخریب کاری سے متاثرہ بجلی کے 2 ٹاورز کی مرمت مکمل ہو گئی ہے جس کے بعد کوئٹہ سمیت متاثرہ تمام اضلاع میں اضافی لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم ہو گئی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ترجمان کیسکو کا کہنا تھا کہ ضلع بولان میں تخریب کاری سے متاثرہ بجلی کے 2 ٹاورز کی مرمت مکمل ہو گئی ہے جس کے بعد کوئٹہ سمیت متاثرہ تمام اضلاع میں اضافی لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم ہو گئی ہے اور متاثرہ علاقوں کو پرانے شیڈول کے مطابق بجلی کی فراہمی شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ نامعلوم افراد نے 6 روز قبل بجلی کے 2 ٹاور دھماکا خیز مواد سے تباہ کر دیے تھے۔

لاہور (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) کامیٹس یونیورسٹی کے پروفیسر ہارون الرشید کی پی ایچ ڈی کی ڈگری جعلی نکلی۔ ڈگری کے جعلی ثابت ہونے کے بعد ان کو ملازمت سے برطرف کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ان کی ڈگری پر سٹن یونیورسٹی نے 6 جون کو منسوخ کی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق ہارون الرشید طلبی کے باوجود بورڈ آف ڈائریکٹرز کے سامنے پیش نہیں ہوئے۔ ان کو چیف ایگزیکٹو این ٹی ایس کے عہدے سے بھی ہٹائے جانے کا امکان ہے۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار) احتساب عدالت نے غیر قانونی بھرتی کیس میں گرفتار چیپکو کے سابق سی ای او محمد ابراہیم اور ڈائریکٹر ایچ آر حشمت علی کاظمی کا نیب پنجاب کو مزید ریمانڈ دینے سے انکار کر دیا، دونوں کو جوڈیشل ریمانڈ پر جیل بھجوا دیا گیا ہے۔ احتساب عدالت میں نیب پنجاب نے غیر قانونی بھرتی کیس میں گرفتار چیپکو کے سابق سی ای او محمد ابراہیم اور ڈائریکٹر ایچ آر حشمت علی کاظمی کو ریمانڈ ختم ہونے پر پیش کیا عدالت کو بتایا گیا کہ ابھی پوچھ گچھ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے مزید ریمانڈ دیا جائے عدالت نے ریکارڈ کی پڑتال کے بعد نیب کو مزید ریمانڈ دینے سے انکار کر دیا۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ نے سابق صوبائی وزیر جنگلات مولوی عبدالصمد اخوندزادہ کے خلاف جعلی ڈگری سے متعلق کیس میں وزارت داخلہ، ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن اور پاکستان مدرسہ اسے بورڈ سے مدرسے کی ڈگری کے بارے میں رپورٹ طلب کر لی۔ منگل کو اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ کے جسٹس شوکت عزیز صدیقی کی سربراہی میں دور کئی بیچ نے سابق صوبائی وزیر جنگلات مولوی عبدالصمد اخوندزادہ کی الیکشن کمیشن کی کارروائی رکوانے کی درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ درخواست گزار کے وکیل علی نواز کھرل ایڈووکیٹ نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ سابق وزیر جنگلات کی ڈگری جعلی نہیں بلکہ وہ ایم اے اسلامیات کے مساوی مدرسے کی ڈگری کے حامل ہیں۔ الیکشن کمیشن کو جعلی ڈگری کی بنیاد پر کارروائی سے روکا جائے۔ عدالت نے رپورٹ طلب کی کہ وہ عدالت کو مدرسوں کی اسناد کی قانونی حیثیت کے بارے میں آگاہ کیا جائے۔

اسلام آباد (کن لائن) نیپرا نے ونڈ اور شمسی بجلی کے اضافی ٹیرف پر از خود نوٹس لے کر ونڈ اور شمسی بجلی کے ٹیرف 1 سے 4.10 روپے فی یونٹ کمی کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا۔ گزشتہ روز اسلام آباد میں نیپرا کا اجلاس ہوا، اجلاس میں نیپرا کے حکام نے ونڈ اور شمسی بجلی اضافی ٹیرف پر از خود نوٹس لیا اور ونڈ بجلی کے ٹیرف میں 1 تا 1.53 پیسے فی یونٹ کمی، جبکہ ونڈ پاور کے منصوبوں کے ٹیرف میں 4.10 روپے فی یونٹ کمی کرنے کا فیصلہ کر لیا ہے، نیپرا احکام کے مطابق سابق ممبر پنجاب کے اصرار پر اضافی ٹیرف منظور کئے گئے اضافی ٹیرف کے باعث صارفین پر 15 ارب روپے کا اضافی بوجھ پڑا۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار خصوصی) بجلی کے بلوں میں نیلم جہلم سرچارج کا نفاذ ہائیکورٹ میں چیلنج کر دیا گیا ہے، عدالت نے وفاقی حکومت اور لیسکو کو نوٹس جاری کرتے ہوئے 28 جون کو جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ جسٹس عائشہ امے ملک نے فلائنگ پیپر کی درخواست پر سماعت کی، درخواست گزار کی جانب سے بیرسٹر ملک احمد پرویز نے وفاقی حکومت لیسکو اور نیپرا سمیت دیگر کو فریق بناتے ہوئے موقف اختیار کیا کہ وفاقی حکومت کی منظوری کے بعد 10 جون 2015 کو نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کیا گیا جس کے مطابق نیلم جہلم سرچارج دسمبر 2015 تک وصول کیا جاسکتا تھا لیکن حکومت معیاد ختم ہونے کے بعد بھی یہ

حلقہ این اے 110 گم شدہ انتخابی ریکارڈ مل گیا

جنیورڈ نیوز

18 جون 2016

ضلع بولان میں تخریب کاری سے متاثرہ بجلی کے 2 ٹاورز کی مرمت مکمل، بجلی کی فراہمی شروع کر دی گئی

روزنامہ پاکستان

17 جون 2016

کامیٹس یونیورسٹی کے پروفیسر ہارون الرشید کی پی ایچ ڈی کی ڈگری جعلی نکلی: ملازمت سے برطرف

روزنامہ پاکستان

17 جون 2016

غیر قانونی بھرتیاں کیس، احتساب عدالت کا چیپکو کے سابق سی ای او کا نیب کو مزید ریمانڈ دینے سے انکار

روزنامہ پاکستان

16 جون 2016

اسلام آباد ہائیکورٹ نے وزارت داخلہ ایچ ای سی اور مدرسہ ایجوکیشن بورڈ سے مدرسے کی ڈگری پر رپورٹ طلب کر لی

نوائے وقت

15 جون 2016

نیپرا کا ونڈ اور شمسی بجلی کے اضافی ٹیرف پر 1 سے 4.10 روپے فی یونٹ کمی کرنے کا فیصلہ

نوائے وقت

15 جون 2016

ہائی کورٹ: نیلم جہلم سرچارج کی وصولی پر لیسکو اور وفاقی حکومت کو نوٹس جاری

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فی لٹر مہنگا ہونے کا امکان ہے۔

19 جون 2016

پاکستان کا گیس خریداری کے نئے معاہدہ کیلئے ایران سے رابطہ

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19 جون 2016

اسلام آباد (ویب ڈیسک) حکومت توانائی کی بڑھتی ہوئی طلب کو پورا کرنے کیلئے پاک ایران گیس پائپ لائن کی تعمیر پر دوبارہ غور کر رہی ہے۔ ایران سے گیس خریداری کے نئے معاہدہ کیلئے ایرانی حکام سے رابطہ کیا گیا ہے جبکہ چین کی کمپنی کے ذریعے گیس پائپ لائن اور گوادریس میں ایل این جی ٹرمینل کی تعمیر کے معاملات بھی طے کر لیے گئے ہیں۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نے وزارت پٹرولیم کے ذرائع کے حوالے سے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ اس وقت توانائی کی مانگ اور فراہمی کے درمیان بہت بڑا فرق ہے۔ ملکی گیس کی کل پیداوار چار ارب مکعب فٹ یومیہ جبکہ مانگ چھ ارب مکعب فٹ یومیہ ہے، مقامی پیداوار کے مقابلے میں تیل کی ضرورت سات سے آٹھ گنا زیادہ ہے اور توانائی کی مانگ روز بروز بڑھ رہی ہے۔ وزارت پٹرولیم کے ذرائع کے مطابق حکومت نے دو ارب ڈالر مالیت کی پائپ لائن اور ایل این جی ٹرمینل تعمیر کے منصوبے کا ٹھیکہ بین الاقوامی بنیاد پر چین کی کمپنی کو دینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ گوادریس سے نواب شاہ 750 کلومیٹر طویل گیس پائپ لائن اور گوادریس میں ایل این جی ٹرمینل کی تعمیر کا ٹھیکہ چائنہ پائپ پٹرولیم کمپنی کو دیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ایران کے ساتھ نئے گیس خریداری معاہدے پر دستخط کے بعد گوادریس سے ایرانی سرحد تک 60 کلومیٹر کی پائپ لائن پر کام شروع ہو جائے گا اور بعد ازاں اس پائپ لائن کو نواب شاہ لائن سے منسلک کر دیا جائے گا۔

کراچی کے علاقے بلدیہ ٹائون میں پانی کا بحران سنگین ہو گیا ہے، مخیر حضرات کی طرف سے علاقے میں مفت پانی تقسیم کیا جاتا ہے جہاں لمبی لمبی قطاریں لگتی ہیں۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ علاقے میں چھ ماہ سے سرکاری لائنوں میں پانی نہیں آیا، دھاتیگی اور حب ڈیم سے آنے والا پانی راستے میں چوری کر لیا جاتا ہے، غیر قانونی ہائیڈرنٹ سے عوام سے پینے کا پانی چھین لیا ہے۔ عوام نے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ سرکاری ہائیڈرنٹ کا کنٹرول ریجنل سطح پر کر کے پانی کی چوری کو روکا جائے۔

کراچی کے علاقے بلدیہ ٹائون میں پانی کا بحران سنگین

جیو اردو نیوز

اسلام آباد (آئی این پی) پاکستان آئل فیلڈ نے تیل و گیس کے نئے ذخائر دریافت کر لئے۔ جمعہ کو پاکستان آئل فیلڈ کی طرف سے جاری اعلامیہ کے مطابق تیل و گیس کے نئے ذخائر خیبر پٹی کے کٹ بلاک میں دریافت ہوئے ہیں، ابتدائی نتائج کے مطابق کنوئیں سے یومیہ 2020 بیرل تیل نکل رہا ہے جبکہ کنوئیں سے یومیہ گیس کا اخراج 5.4 ایم سی ایف ڈی ہے۔

پاکستان آئل فیلڈ نے تیل و گیس کے نئے ذخائر دریافت کر لئے

نوائے وقت

18 جون 2016

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران) بجلی کی ڈیمانڈ میں کمی سے شارٹ فال کم ہو گیا۔ شارٹ فال کم ہونے کے باوجود بھی افراط و سحر اور تراویح کے موقع پر لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری رہا جس پر لوگوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا رہا جبکہ کئی شہروں میں گیس کی شدید قلت رہی۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت سمیت پنجاب کے کئی شہروں میں جمعرات اور جمعہ کی درمیانی شب تیز ہوائوں کے ساتھ آنے والی طوفانی بارش سے ترسیلی نظام شدید متاثر ہوا۔ لیسکو کے مجموعی طور پر 250 فیڈر ٹرپ ہوئے۔ بجلی کی بندش کے باعث پی ٹی سی ایل کا نظام بھی متاثر ہوا۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت میں انٹرنیٹ سروس بھی معطل رہی۔ گزشتہ روز صبح تک سو سے زائد فیڈرز کی بحالی کر دی گئی، تاہم آندھی کے باعث گرنے والے ٹرانسفارمرز کی بحالی کا کام شام تک جاری رہا۔ کیپکو میں بھی ایسی ہی صورتحال رہی۔ پاکستان، بھیرپور، جڑانوالہ، ننکانہ صاحب اور دیگر شہروں میں بھی سوئی گیس کی قلت رہی جس کے باعث خواتین کو گھروں میں کھانا تیار کرنے میں شدید پریشانی رہی جبکہ لوگوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ کئی علاقوں میں پانی کا بحران بھی رہا۔ ننکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں سوئی گیس کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ اور کم پریشر کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری رہا جس پر عوام سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ گیس کی بدترین بندش اور کم پریشر کے باعث گھروں میں خواتین کو کھانا پکانے میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ مرید کے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا جس پر لوگ سراپا احتجاج بنے رہے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق سجادول میں لوڈ شیڈنگ اور کم وولٹیج کے خلاف نماز جمعہ کے بعد احتجاج کیا گیا۔ شہریوں نے حکومت اور حبسکو کو شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا۔ شہریوں کے مطابق بجلی نہ ہونے سے شہری علاقوں میں پانی کی سپلائی معطل ہے۔ چشتیاں سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرمی کے باعث 70 سالہ معمر شخص نور کھل دم توڑ گیا۔ وہ نماز جمعہ کی ادائیگی کیلئے گیا، گرمی برداشت نہ کر سکا۔

کراچی میں پانی کے جھگڑے نے 2 لوگوں کی جان لے لی

جیو اردو نیوز

18 جون 2016

کراچی میں پانی کے جھگڑے نے 2 لوگوں کی جان لے لی، پولیس کے مطابق ناظم آباد میں جھگڑنے والے ایک دوسرے پر گولیاں چلانے والے ایک ہی خاندان کے افراد تھے۔ ریکوڈ ذرائع کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے ناظم آباد نمبر 2 میں ایک خاندان میں پانی کے جھگڑے پر گولیاں چلی گئیں، جس سے 2 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 13 افراد زخمی ہوئے ہیں، جنہیں عباسی شہید اسپتال میں داخل کر دیا گیا ہے، اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق ایک زخمی کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ ریکوڈ ذرائع کے مطابق جاں بحق افراد کی شناخت عبداللہ، عبدالوہاب کے نام سے ہوئی ہے جبکہ زخمیوں میں سیف اللہ، آصف خان اور سعید اللہ شامل ہیں جو کہ رشتہ دار ہیں۔ ایس ایس پی سینٹرل مقدس حیدر کا کہنا ہے کہ ناظم آباد چھوٹا مینڈم کے قریب پیش آنیوالے فائرنگ کے واقعے میں ایک ہی خاندان کے دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں، مرنیوالوں میں ایک بھائی اور بھتیجا ہے، جائے وقوعہ پر پولیس کی نفری بھیج گئی ہے تاہم کوئی گرفتاری عمل میں نہیں آئی ہے۔ ایس ایچ اولیافت آباد کے مطابق جھگڑے میں لڑنیوالے دونوں بھائی پانی کا کاروبار کرتے تھے، جس کے باعث ان میں تفریق چلی آ رہی تھی

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

اسلام آباد: وزارت پانی و بجلی کے ترجمان ملک میں بجلی کی پیداوار 17 ہزار 350 میگاواٹ کے ساتھ ملکی تاریخ میں نیا سنگ میل عبور کر لیا گیا، یہ پیداوار گزشتہ سال کی نسبت 500 میگاواٹ زیادہ ہے۔ وزارت بجلی و پانی کے ترجمان کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق بجلی کے ترسیلی نظام میں بھی بہتری لائی گئی ہے جس سے بجلی کے موجودہ ٹرانسمیشن سسٹم میں 17 ہزار 350 میگاواٹ بجلی کو استعمال میں لایا جا رہا ہے جو بجلی پیدا کرنے کی صلاحیت کا 87 فیصد ہے۔ اتوار کو ملک کے 90 فیصد سے زائد دیہی علاقوں اور 98 فیصد شہری علاقوں میں بجلی کی بلا قفل فراہمی جاری رہی۔ واضح رہے کہ حکومت نے 2018 تک ملک سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خاتمے کا اعلان کر رکھا ہے اور اس سلسلے میں ملکہبر میں بجلی کی پیداوار کے کئی منصوبے تکمیل کے مراحل میں ہیں۔

نیا سنگ میل عبور، بجلی کی پیداوار 17 ہزار 350 میگاواٹ ہو گئی

ایکسپریس اردو
20 جون 2016

اسلام آباد: سابر ہیکرز نامی گروپ نے پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ (ن) کی آفیشل ویب سائٹس ہیک کر کے دونوں جماعتوں کو شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سابر ہیکرز نامی گروپ نے پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ (ن) کی آفیشل ویب سائٹس ہیک کر لی جب کہ گروپ کی جانب سے دونوں جماعتوں کو شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ ہیکرز کی جانب سے دونوں جماعتوں کی پالیسیوں کو عوام دشمن قرار دیا۔ سابر ہیکرز نے ویب سائٹ پر قومی ترانے کے دھن کے ساتھ سابق صدر آصف زرداری اور چیئر مین پیپلز پارٹی بلاول بھٹو زرداری کے نام پیغام چھوڑا اور آصف زرداری کی تصویر بھی لگائی جب کہ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کو تنقید کا نشانہ بناتے ہوئے کہا کہ آپ لوگوں کی وجہ سے کروڑوں لوگ متاثر ہو رہے ہیں، لوگوں نے بسیں نہیں کھائی اور نہ ہی موٹر وے پر سونا ہے۔

پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ (ن) کی ویب سائٹ ہیک کر لی گئی

ایکسپریس اردو
20 جون 2016

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے آئندہ مالی سال کے لیے 36 ارب روپے کے خسارے کا 289 ارب روپے کا بجٹ بلوچستان اسمبلی میں پیش کیا گیا جو وزیر اعلیٰ نواب ثناء اللہ زہری نے خود پیش کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کے سابق مشیر برائے خزانہ میر خالد لاگود عنوانی کے ایک بڑے مقدمے میں گرفتار ہیں۔ بجٹ میں آئندہ مالی سال کے لیے مجموعی آمدنی کا تخمینہ 252 ارب روپے لگایا گیا ہے۔ بجٹ میں غیر ترقیاتی اخراجات کے لیے 218 ارب روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں جبکہ ترقیاتی اخراجات کا تخمینہ 71 ارب 18 کروڑ روپے ہے۔ اگرچہ موجودہ حکومت کا دعویٰ ہے کہ بلوچستان میں امن و امان کی صورتحال پہلے سے بہتر ہے لیکن رواں مالی سال کے مقابلے میں امن و امان کی مد میں 12 فیصد اضافے کے ساتھ 30 ارب 25 کروڑ روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا کہ رواں مالی سال میں دہشت گردی کے واقعات میں نشانہ بننے والوں کے لواحقین کو ایک خطیر رقم بطور معاوضہ دی گئی جو کہ پانچ ارب روپے سے زیادہ تھی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ بلوچستان کے آئندہ مالی سال کے بجٹ میں تعلیم، صحت اور پینے کے صاف پانی کی فراہمی کے شعبوں کو ترجیح دی گئی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا کہ آئندہ مالی سال کے بجٹ میں تعلیم کے شعبے کے لیے 28 ارب روپے سے زائد رکھے گئے ہیں جو کہ رواں مالی سال کے مقابلے میں 15 فیصد زیادہ ہے۔ بلوچستان کے زیادہ تر سرکاری سکولوں میں پانی اور بیت الخلا کی سہولیات میسر نہیں۔ آئندہ بجٹ میں ہر سکول میں ایک پینڈ پمپ اور دو بیت الخلا کی تعمیر کے لیے ایک ارب روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ بلوچستان کے قابل طلبہ کا آئندہ مالی سال کے دوران لپ ٹاپ کی فراہمی کے لیے 50 کروڑ روپے رکھے گئے ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے بتایا کہ صحت کے شعبے کے لیے آئندہ مالی سال کے بجٹ میں 17 ارب 36 کروڑ روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں 12 فیصد زیادہ ہیں۔ بجٹ میں پینے کے پانی کی فراہمی کے منصوبوں کے لیے 15 ارب روپے مختص کیے گئے ہیں۔ وفاقی حکومت کی طرح بلوچستان کے ملازمین کی تنخواہوں اور سابق ملازمین کی پینشن میں دس فیصد اضافہ کیا گیا ہے۔ بعض محکموں کے ملازمین کے الاؤنسز میں بھی اضافے کا اعلان کیا گیا۔ بجٹ میں کم از کم اجرت کو 13 ہزار روپے سے بڑھا کر 14 ہزار روپے کر دیا گیا۔ ماضی میں اس اعلان پر زیادہ تر عمل نہیں ہوا لیکن وزیر اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا کہ 14 ہزار روپے سے کم ماہانہ اجرت قابل جرم تصور ہوگی۔ بلوچستان میں بے روزگاری ایک سنگین مسئلہ ہے تاہم آئندہ مالی سال کے بجٹ میں سرکاری شعبے میں صرف 3220 آسامیاں مختص کی گئی ہیں

بلوچستان بجٹ: امن و امان کے لیے 30 ارب روپے کے لیے 28 ارب

بی بی سی اردو
20 جون 2016

اسلام آباد (انٹرنیٹ ڈیسک): یکم جولائی سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں ساڑھے چار روپے فی لٹر اضافے کا امکان ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی دنیا نیوز کے مطابق عالمی مارکیٹ میں بڑھتی ہوئی تیل کی قیمتوں کے پیش نظر پاکستان میں بھی تیل کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ حکومت کی جانب سے یکم جولائی کو تیل کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ کر دیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق یکم جولائی سے ہائی اوکیمن کی قیمت میں ساڑھے چار روپے فی لٹر اضافے کا امکان ہے جبکہ مٹی کا تیل ساڑھے تین روپے، ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل تین روپے 20 پیسے بڑھنے کا امکان ہے۔ یکم جولائی سے پٹرول 2 روپے 60 پیسے اور لائٹ ڈیزل 1 روپے 80 پیسے

یکم جولائی سے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں ساڑھے چار روپے اضافے کا امکان

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ہم نے ٹرانزٹ ٹریڈ پر بہت تنگ کیا۔ پاکستان میں تین اقوام اور صوبے مطمئن نہیں، بھارت اپنے قومی مفادات میں کام کر رہا ہے، ہماری خارجہ پالیسی پارلیمان کے نہیں اسٹیبلشمنٹ کے تابع ہے، اس صورتحال میں ہم اکیلے رہ گئے ہیں۔ سینیٹر مشاہد حسین سید نے کہا کہ امریکی خارجہ پالیسی میں سٹریٹجک شفٹ آ رہا ہے، جنگیں تو وہ ہار گئے ہیں، اب وہ پاکستان سے تعلقات کو مختلف کر رہے ہیں۔ مودی کی کانگریس میں تقریر پاکستان کے خلاف تھی، سینیٹر مظفر حسین شاہ نے کہا کہ سپر پاورز کے مابین ایشیا میں نئی پاور گیم چل رہی ہے۔ سینیٹر ولیمز نے کہا کہ اشرف غنی پاکستان کے حق میں تھے، اب ہم پر اعتماد نہیں کرتے، گوادر کے منصوبے پر فوری پیش رفت کی جائے اور اسے ترقی دی جائے۔ سینیٹر ڈاکٹر بابر اعوان نے کہا کہ نیوکلیر سپلائز گروپ کی رکنیت کے لئے سفارت کاری کا طریقہ غلط ہے، پاکستان کے گرد معاشی گھیر انگ کیا جا رہا ہے، قوم کو کس بات پر خاموش کیا جائے گا۔ سینیٹر میر کبیر محمد شانی نے کہا کہ چاہ بہار کی بندرگاہ گوادر کی بندرگاہ کو بہت متاثر کرے گی۔ سینیٹر جاوید عباسی نے کہا کہ موجودہ حکومت سی پیک کا جو بڑا منصوبہ لے کر آئی ہے اس کی وجہ سے بھارت کا وزیر اعظم دنیا میں گھومتا پھرتا رہا ہے، سینیٹر تاج حیدر نے کہا کہ دنیا میں اب معاشی بلاک بن رہے ہیں، ہمیں پڑوسیوں سے اچھے تعلقات قائم کرنے چاہئیں۔ سینیٹر کرمل (ر) سید طاہر حسین مشہدی نے کہا کہ دنیا بھر میں بندرگاہیں ایک دوسرے کے قریب ہوتی ہیں اور سب چلتی ہیں، ہمیں گوادر کو ترقی دینی چاہئے۔ سینٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی خارجہ اور دفاع کے مشترکہ اجلاس میں سر تاج عزیز نے کہا کہ افغانستان میں سٹریٹجک ڈیپتھ کا تصور ختم ہو چکا ہے، پاکستان کو عدم استحکام سے دوچار کیا گیا تو پورے خطے کو نقصان ہوگا، پاکستان کے پاس نیوکلیر ٹیکنالوجی کے سوا کوئی آپشن نہیں، افغان مہاجرین کے کیپ دہشت گردوں کی محفوظ جنت بننے جا رہے ہیں۔ بھارت خطے میں اپنی بالادستی چاہتا ہے۔ پاکستان نے قومی مفادات کے لئے امریکی کانگریس میں لابی کے لئے دولا بسٹس کی خدمات لینے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ امریکہ کا پاکستان میں ہمیشہ فوجی آمروں سے تعلق رہا جب بھی امریکہ کو ہماری ضرورت پڑی ہمارے ملک میں فوجی حکومتیں تھیں۔ ایف سولہ کے معاملے پر امریکی انکار کے بعد فقہ جزییشن لڑاکا طیاروں کے حصول کے لئے روس، اردن اور دیگر ممالک سے رجوع پر غور کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ہم کشیدگی نہیں چاہتے بھارت کی جانب امریکی جھکاؤ خطے میں عدم توازن کا باعث بنا تو پاکستان کے پاس نیوکلیر کے سوا کوئی راستہ نہیں بچے گا۔ پاکستان خطے میں بھارتی بالادستی کی خواہش کا چہرہ دہانیوں سے موثر مقابلہ کر رہا ہے۔ پاکستان سفارتی سطح پر ہرگز تنہا نہیں ہوا بلکہ قابل اطمینان کامیابیاں حاصل کر رہا ہے۔ امریکہ پر ہمارا انحصار درحقیقت کچھ بھی نہیں۔ بھارت کے خلیجی ریاستوں میں تعلقات معاشی سطح کے ہیں۔ ہم نے پہلے بھی اپنے مفادات اور سالمیت کا دفاع کیا ہے دنیا ہمارے مذاکرات کے عمل کی حمایت کر رہی ہے۔ انہوں نے اس تاثر کی تردید کی کہ پاکستان خطے میں تنہا رہ گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان تمام وسطی ایشیائی ممالک کے ساتھ روابط بڑھا رہا ہے۔ اس سلسلے میں سینٹ چیئرمین رضاربانی نے کہا کہ ہم ڈالروں کی تلاش میں اپنے قومی مفاد کو امریکہ کے سکیورٹی مفاد میں ڈبو دیتے ہیں جس پر سر تاج عزیز کا کہنا تھا ہمیں اپنے قومی مفاد کا تحفظ کرنا ہے، ڈالروں کی تلاش نہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا پاکستان اور امریکہ کے تعلقات میں خطے کی سٹریٹجک سیاست اہم ہے۔ بھارت کے امریکہ اور ایران کے ساتھ بڑھتے ہوئے روابط کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے سر تاج عزیز کا کہنا تھا خطے کی بدلتی ہوئی سیاست میں جہاں امریکہ چین کو دبانے کی پالیسی پر عمل پیرا ہے جس میں بھارت کا کردار اہم ہو سکتا ہے۔ اس لیے ہمارا چین کے ساتھ تعلق بہت اہم ہے۔ وہ ہمارا دوست اور ہمسایہ ملک ہے۔ بھارت کے بارے میں ان کا کہنا تھا کہ خود بھارت میں تشویش پائی جاتی ہے کہ امریکہ اور بھارت کے درمیان بڑھتے ہوئے تعلقات چین کے ساتھ بھارت کے تعلقات کو متاثر کر سکتے ہیں۔ بھارت کی یہ پالیسی اچھی ہے یا نہیں، یہ ہمارا مسئلہ نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا انتہا پسندی کے خلاف پاکستان کی پالیسی موثر ثابت ہو رہی ہے۔ بھارت غیر ریاستی عناصر کی شکایت کر رہا ہے۔

کوئٹہ (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) ضلع مستونگ میں نامعلوم افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے پولیس ہیڈ کوارٹر کا قتل کر دیا۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق ضلع مستونگ میں ہیڈ کوارٹر پولیس نیاز محمد اپنے دفتر سے گھر جا رہا تھا کہ اسٹیڈیم روڈ پر نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے قتل کر دیا۔ ملزمان موقع سے فرار ہو گئے پولیس نے لاش قبضے میں لیکر ضروری کارروائی شروع کر دی ہے۔

ضلع مستونگ میں نامعلوم افراد نے فائرنگ کر کے پولیس ہیڈ کوارٹر کا قتل کر دیا

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آپریشن ضرب عضب سے دہشت گردی ختم اور ملکی معیشت مضبوط ہوئی: ڈاکٹر مصدق ملک

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15 جون 2016

اسلام آباد (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) وزیر اعظم کے ترجمان مصدق ملک نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت نے کامیابی کے ساتھ آپریشن ضرب عضب اور کراچی آپریشن لانچ کیا، دونوں آپریشنز ملک سے دہشت گردی کا قلع قمع کرنے میں مددگار ثابت ہوئے، جس کی بدولت ملکی معیشت مضبوط ہوئی ہے، پاکستانی سیکورٹی فورسز نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف عظیم قربانیاں دی ہیں اور قربانیاں ابھی تک دے رہے ہیں، پوری دنیا پاکستانی فورسز کی دہشت گردی کے خلاف قربانیوں کو سراہتی ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی چینل سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے مصدق ملک کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر اعظم کی زیر قیادت موجودہ حکومت کی بے مثال پالیسیاں درست سمت میں جاری ہیں آپریشن ضرب عضب نے پاکستان میں دہشت گردوں کے نیٹ ورک کو مکمل طور پر تباہ اور ختم کر دیا ہے، نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کرتے ہوئے کئی مشتبہ افراد اور مذہبی منافرت پھیلائے والے لوگوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے، دہشت گردی کے واقعات میں ملوث افراد اور لاؤڈ سپیکر کا غلط استعمال کرنے والے لوگوں کو بھی حراست میں لیا جا چکا ہے، نیکو فعال کردار ادا کر رہا ہے اور اس کیلئے بجٹ میں خطرہ رقم بھی مختص کی گئی ہے۔ ڈاکٹر مصدق ملک کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت نے 16 ہزار افغان مہاجرین کی رجسٹریشن کر لی ہے جبکہ اتنی ہی تعداد میں افغان مہاجرین کو پاکستان سے نکال کر واپس بھیجا گیا ہے۔ حالیہ ڈرون حملے بارے سوال کے جواب میں وزیر اعظم نے کہا کہ حکومت پاکستان نے وزارت خارجہ کے ذریعے ڈرون حملے کے خلاف اپنا بھرپور احتجاج ریکارڈ کرایا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (خبرنگار + ایجنسیاں) مشیر خارجہ سر تاج عزیز نے کہا ہے کہ گواہ کی افادیت چاہہاں سے زیادہ ہے، گواہ کو اس سے کوئی خطرہ لاحق نہیں، گواہ گہرے پانی کی بندر گاہ ہے، چین اپنی تجارت اس بندر گاہ کے ذریعے کرے گا تو اس بندر گاہ کو بے پناہ ترقی حاصل ہوگی، پاکستان ایران سے پابندیاں ہٹنے کے بعد اقتصادی تعلقات کے فروغ کے لئے کوشاں ہے، پاکستان نے بھارتی وزیر اعظم کے امریکی کانگریس سے پاکستان کے خلاف خطاب کا موثر تدارک کیا، ”را“ کی پاکستان میں سرگرمیوں کے شواہد تیار کر رہے ہیں، نیوکلیر سپلائر گروپ میں شمولیت کے لئے بھارت کو استغاثہ نہیں ملے گا۔ پیر کو ایوان بالا میں سینیٹر عتیق شیخ کی تحریک التواء پر بحث سمیتے ہوئے مشیر خارجہ نے کہا کہ ہم نے چاہا بھارت اور گواہ بندر گاہ کو سسٹر بندر گاہیں قرار دینے کے حوالے سے ایک ایم او پر دستخط کئے ہیں اور ان کے درمیان ریلوے لائن بچھانے کی تجویز پر غور ہے۔ انہوں نے اس تاثر کو بے بنیاد قرار دیا کہ گواہ کی ترقی کا کام سست رفتاری کا شکار ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ گزشتہ ایک سال کے دوران اس حوالے سے کافی کام ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر چین اپنی تجارت کا 10 فیصد بھی گواہ کے ذریعے منتقل کرے تو اس کو بہت زیادہ ترقی حاصل ہوگی۔ رپورٹس کے مطابق چین اپنے جنوبی حصے کے لئے تیل کی درآمدات کا 17 فیصد گواہ کے ذریعے منگوانے کا منصوبہ رکھتا ہے پاکستان نے افغان ٹرانزٹ ٹریڈ کے لئے بہت سی سہولیات فراہم کی ہیں۔ انہوں نے خلیج تعاون کونسل کے ممالک کے بھارتی وزیر اعظم کے دورے کا ذکر کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ اس کی اقتصادی اور تجارتی جہتیں ہیں۔ پاکستان کے ان ممالک کے ساتھ زیادہ گہرے اور قریبی تعلقات ہیں۔ بھارت اور امریکہ کے بڑھتے ہوئے تعلقات کے حوالے سے انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کے پیچھے وسیع جیو پالیٹیکل فیکٹرز بالخصوص چین کے بڑھتے ہوئے اثر کو روکنے کی امریکی پالیسی ہے جس میں بھارت فٹ بیٹھتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بھارتی وزیر اعظم مودی کا امریکی کانگریس سے خطاب پاکستان کے خلاف تھا اور ہم نے اس کا موثر تدارک کیا ہے اور اس سلسلے میں مزید اقدامات کریں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بھارت غیر ریاستی عناصر کے حوالے سے پاکستان پر الزام تراشی کرتا رہا ہے اور پاکستان بلوچستان اور ملک کے دوسرے علاقوں میں بھارتی خفیہ ایجنسی ”را“ کی سرگرمیوں کے شواہد تیار کر رہا ہے۔ پاکستان کا موقف ہے کہ نیوکلیر سپلائر گروپ میں نان این پی ٹی ممالک کی شمولیت کے لئے کرائینٹیر یا میڈ اپروچ اپنانا ہوگی اور یہ معیار سب کے لئے ایک ہونا چاہئے۔ پاکستان کے موقف کو بہت سے ممالک کی جانب سے پذیرائی ملی ہے اور اس کے نتائج ہمارے حق میں ہوں گے۔ چیبر مین سینٹ کے استفسارات کا جواب دیتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان غیر ملکی امداد پر اپنا انحصار کم کر رہا ہے۔ امریکہ بھارت فوجی تعاون کے حوالے سے انہوں نے کہا کہ خطے میں عدم توازن میں اضافہ نہیں ہونا چاہئے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پاکستان نے اپنی خود مختاری اور قومی مفادات کا تحفظ کیا ہے اور اپنے سے 7 گنا بڑے دشمن کا سامنا کیا ہے۔ پاکستان نے دہشت گردی کا کامیابی سے مقابلہ کیا ہے اور اس کی دہشت گردی کے انسداد کے لئے کوششیں ایک مثال ہیں۔ قبل ازیں سینیٹر عتیق شیخ نے اپنی منظور شدہ تحریک التواء پر بحث میں حصہ لیتے ہوئے کہا کہ چاہا بھارت کی بندر گاہ سے گواہ کی بندر گاہ کے لئے کیا مسائل پیدا ہوں گے، ہم نے اب تک گواہ کی بندر گاہ کے لئے کیا کام کیا ہے؟ سینیٹر عثمان کاکڑ نے کہا کہ ریاست کے اپنے مفادات ہوتے ہیں اور ریاست کے اندر اقوام کے اپنے مفادات ہوتے ہیں۔ ہم نے نہ ریاست کے مفادات کا خیال کیا نہ ریاست میں بسنے والی اقوام اور عوام کا، افغانوں کو

”را“ کی پاکستان میں سرگرمیوں کے شواہد اکٹھے کر رہے ہیں: سر تاج عزیز

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 جون 2016

سندھ رینجرز نے کراچی میں مختلف کارروائیوں کے دوران سیاسی جماعت سے تعلق رکھنے والے 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ اور بڑی تعداد میں گولیاں برآمد کر لی۔

ترجمان سندھ رینجرز کے مطابق پاکستان رینجرز سندھ نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں گلستان جوہر، ناظم آباد، ڈیفنس، منگھوپر، شاہ فیصل کالونی اور قائد آباد میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے مختلف سیاسی جماعتوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ گرفتار ملزمان سے 3 سب مشین گنز سمیت مختلف اقسام کا اسلحہ اور بڑی تعداد میں گولیاں برآمد کر لی گئی۔ گرفتاریاں اور اسلحہ برآمدگی پہلے سے گرفتار ملزمان کی نشاندہی پر کی گئی۔

کراچی کے علاقے رضویہ سوسائٹی سے 3 مبینہ دہشت گرد گرفتار کر لیے گئے، ملزمان دہشت گردی کا منصوبہ بنا رہے تھے جبکہ گلستان جوہر میں رینجرز نے کارروائی کر کے 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ماڈل کالونی، اورنگی ٹاؤن، نیو ٹاؤن اور لیاری سے بھی 11 ملزمان پکڑے لیے گئے۔

کراچی کے علاقے گلستان جوہر سے رینجرز نے 3 ملزمان جبکہ رضویہ سوسائٹی سے پولیس نے 3 دہشت گرد اور دیگر علاقوں سے 17 ملزمان گرفتار کر لیے۔ رضویہ پولیس نے حساس ادارے کے ہمراہ ناظم آباد ندی کے قریب کارروائی کر کے القاعدہ برصغیر کے 3 ملزمان عبدالسمیع خان، غلام رسول اور محمد اختر کو گرفتار کر کے پیٹڈ گرنیڈ اور دھماکا خیز مواد برآمد کر لیا۔ ملزمان سے مزید تفتیش کی جا رہی ہے۔

گلستان جوہر بلاک 19 میں رینجرز کی بھاری نفری نے سرچ آپریشن کیا۔ آپریشن کے دوران رہائشی فلیٹس کا محاصرہ کر کے تلاشی لی گئی جس کے دوران 3 مشتبہ ملزمان گرفتار کر کے تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا۔

اورنگی ٹاؤن کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 6 ملزمان ڈیفنس کے ایک ریسٹورنٹ پر چھاپا مار کر شیشے کا استعمال کرنے والے 8 ملزمان گرفتار کر کے مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا۔

نیو ٹاؤن اور لیاری کلا کوٹ اور بلدیہ ٹاؤن سے پولیس نے اسٹریٹ کرائم میں ملوث 3 ملزمان گرفتار کیے۔

کراچی: ایم کیو ایم کے سیکورٹی انچارج منہاج قاضی کا کہنا ہے کہ حکیم سعید کے قتل میں اے پی ایم ایس او کے چیئرمین محمود صدیقی سمیت دیگر نے معاونت کی تھی۔ ایم ڈی کے ای ایس سی شاہد حامد کے قتل کے الزام میں گرفتار ایم کیو ایم کے مرکز نائن زیر کے سیکورٹی انچارج منہاج قاضی کے ویڈیو بیان کے منظر عام پر آنے کے بعد 18 سال قبل اکتوبر 1998 میں قتل ہونے والے گورنر سندھ حکیم محمد سعید کے قتل کا معاملہ پھر سے زندہ ہو گیا ہے۔ منہاج قاضی نے اپنے پہلے ویڈیو بیان میں سنسنی خیز انکشافات کئے ہیں۔ اپنے بیان میں منہاج قاضی کا کہنا ہے کہ حکیم سعید جب قتل ہوئے تو اس وقت میں حیدر آباد میں رہائش پذیر تھا جب کہ میں متحدہ قومی مومنٹ سے رابطے میں نہیں تھا۔ منہاج قاضی نے بتایا کہ حکیم سعید کے قتل میں ایم کیو ایم کے چند لوگوں کے ملوث ہونے کا انا تھا۔ اس زمانے میں ایم کیو ایم کی ذیلی طلبہ تنظیم اے پی ایم ایس او کے چیئرمین محمود صدیقی تھے جبکہ حکیم سعید کے قتل میں بھی محمود صدیقی سمیت ذوالفقار حیدر، شاکر لنگڑا اور دیگر نے معاونت کی تھی۔ منہاج قاضی نے بتایا کہ محمود صدیقی اور صفدر باقر کے بھارتی خفیہ ایجنسی راسے بھی تعلقات ہیں۔ اس کیس میں شاکر لنگڑا، ندیم مومنا، عمران پاشا اور لیاقت آباد کارہائشی عامر بھی گرفتار ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ ایم ڈی کے ای ایس سی شاہد حامد کو 1997 جب کہ حکیم محمد سعید کو اکتوبر 1998 میں قتل کیا گیا تھا۔

کراچی (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) سندھ رینجرز کے دہشت گردوں کی 90 روز کی تحویل کے اختیارات ختم ہو گئے، وفاقی حکومت نے تاحال توسیع کا کوئی نوٹیفکیشن جاری نہیں کیا۔ نجی ٹی وی چینل دنیا نیوز کے مطابق وفاقی حکومت نے نیشنل ایکشن پلان کے تحت اسناد دہشت گردی ایکٹ میں تبدیلی کر کے 15 جون 2014 کو کراچی میں رینجرز کو خصوصی اختیارات دیے اور ایکٹ کی دفعہ 11 ڈبل ای ڈبل ای کے تحت کسی بھی دہشت گرد کو 90 روزہ تحویل میں رکھنے کا اختیار دو سال کے لئے دیا گیا تھا۔ اختیارات ملتے ہی رینجرز نے کراچی میں بھرپور کارروائی کی اور سینکڑوں دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے 90 روزہ تحویل حاصل کی۔ رینجرز کی کارروائیوں کے نتیجے میں شہر میں امن قائم ہوا اور شہری سکون کا سانس لینے لگے۔ لیکن اب رینجرز کے یہ خصوصی اختیارات 14 جون کی رات ختم ہو گئے تاہم دو روز گزر گئے وفاق نے اختیارات میں توسیع کیلئے آرڈیننس یا نوٹیفکیشن جاری نہیں کیا۔ رینجرز نے بھی 15 جون سے دہشت گردوں کو عدالت میں پیش کرنا بند کر دیا ہے۔

پشاور (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) پشاور کے علاقے گڑھی صحبت میں دھماکے کے باعث ایک پولیس اہلکار شہید ہو گیا ہے جبکہ تین زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق شہید ہونے والا پولیس اہلکار خزانہ چوکی کا انچارج تھا جبکہ زخمی ہونے والے اہلکاروں میں جنید، طلحہ اور عاصم شامل ہیں جنہیں طبی امداد کیلئے ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پولیس نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے لیا ہے اور دھماکے کی وجوہات جاننے کیلئے کارروائی کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی: رینجرز نے 8 ملزمان گرفتار کر لیے

جیو اردو نیوز

18 جون 2016

کراچی: رضویہ سوسائٹی سے 3 مبینہ

دہشت گرد گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

18 جون 2016

نائن زیر کے سیکورٹی انچارج منہاج قاضی کا سنسنی خیز انکشافات سے بھرپور ویڈیو

بیان

ایکپریس اردو

17 جون 2016

سندھ رینجرز کے دہشت گردوں کی 90

روز کی تحویل کے اختیارات ختم، وفاقی

حکومت نے توسیع کا کوئی نوٹیفکیشن جاری

نہیں کیا

روزنامہ پاکستان

17 جون 2016

پشاور کے علاقے گڑھی صحبت میں

دھماکا، ایک پولیس اہلکار شہید، تین زخمی

روزنامہ پاکستان

16 جون 2016

سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

پشاور کے علاقے حیات آباد میں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 5 افغان باشندوں سمیت 18 افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ، مٹیاں اور کارتوس برآمد کر لیے گئے ہیں۔ پولیس کے مطابق حیات آباد کے علاقے میں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن میں 5 افغان باشندے اور 13 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ گرفتار افراد سے ایک مشین گن، تین پستول اور کارتوس برآمد کیے گئے ہیں۔ حیات آباد کے حدود میں مختلف ناکہ بندیوں پر دفعہ 144 کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والے 56 افراد کو بھی حراست میں لیا گیا ہے۔

پشاور میں پولیس آپریشن، 5 افغانوں سمیت 18 افراد گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

20 جون 2016

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ اور ضلع کچ میں تشدد کے دو مختلف واقعات میں ایک پولیس اہلکار سمیت دو افراد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ کوئٹہ شہر میں پولیس اہلکار کو افغان روڈ کے علاقے میں نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ گولمنڈی پولیس سٹیشن کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن سے تعلق رکھنے والا پولیس کا ایک ہیڈ کانسٹیبل اس علاقے میں ایک مسجد کے باہر سادہ کپڑوں میں موجود تھا۔ نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے پولیس اہلکار کو وہاں سر میں گولی ماری جس کے نتیجے میں وہ موقع پر ہلاک ہوا۔ پولیس اہلکار پر حملے کے محرکات معلوم نہیں ہو سکے۔ جن کے مبینے میں کوئٹہ اور اس سے متصل ضلع مستونگ میں پولیس اہلکاروں پر یہ چوتھا حملہ تھا۔ ان حملوں میں تین پولیس اہلکار ہلاک اور دو زخمی ہوئے۔ ادھر ایران سے متصل ضلع کچ سے ایک شخص کی تشدد زدہ لاش برآمد ہوئی۔ کچ انتظامیہ کے ذرائع کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والے شخص کی شناخت اکبر کے نام سے ہوئی ہے۔ اکبر کا تعلق ضلع کچ کے علاقے دشت سے تھا۔ انتظامیہ کے ذرائع نے بتایا کہ اکبر کو نامعلوم افراد نے پانچ روز قبل اغوا کیا تھا اور گولیاں مار کر ہلاک کرنے کے بعد اس کی لاش دشت کے علاقے میں پھینک دی تھی۔

بلوچستان: تشدد کے واقعات میں پولیس اہلکار سمیت دو ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

20 جون 2016

آواران: بلوچستان کے علاقے آواران میں سیکورٹی فورسز سے مقابلے کے دوران 8 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے بلوچستان کے علاقے آواران مشکی میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی پر چھاپہ مارا تو وہاں موجود دہشت گردوں نے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ شروع کر دی جس کے جواب میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی فائرنگ سے 8 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جن کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے بتایا جاتا ہے جب کہ دہشت گردوں کی پناہ گاہوں سے لیپ ٹاپ، ہارڈ ڈرائیوز اور ممنوعہ مواد سمیت بڑی تعداد میں گولہ بارود اور اسلحہ برآمد ہوا۔

بلوچستان کے علاقے آواران میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی میں 8 دہشت گرد ہلاک

ایکسپریس اردو

20 جون 2016

پشاور پولیس نے غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم افغان باشندوں کے خلاف گھیراؤ کر دیا ہے۔ گزشتہ تین دنوں میں 340 افغان باشندوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایس ایس پی آپریشنز پشاور عباس مجید نے میڈیا کے نمائندوں کو بتایا کہ گزشتہ تین دنوں میں پشاور کے مختلف علاقوں میں افغان مہاجرین کے خلاف کارروائیوں کے دوران 340 افراد کو دھر لیا گیا۔ سب سے زیادہ افغانی کینٹ سرکل سے گرفتار کئے گئے ہیں جن کی تعداد 143 ہے۔ سٹی سرکل سے 135 جبکہ رورل سرکل سے 62 افغانیوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ گرفتار افغانی پشاور میں بغیر قانونی دستاویزات کے غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم تھے۔ عباس مجید مروت کا کہنا تھا کہ شہر میں غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم غیر ملکیوں کے خلاف کارروائیوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہے گا۔

پشاور سے 340 افغان باشندے گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

19 جون 2016

مظفر آباد: چیف الیکشن کمشنر آزاد کشمیر نے وادی میں وفاقی وزیر کے بجلی کاپڑ ز اور سرکاری گاڑیوں میں آزاد کشمیر میں داخلے پر پابندی عائد کر دی ہے۔

وفاقی وزیر اپر ہیلی کاپٹر ز اور سرکاری گاڑیوں میں آزاد کشمیر میں داخلے پر پابندی

ایکسپریس اردو

19 جون 2016

ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق چیف الیکشن کمشنر آزاد کشمیر نے انتخابی مہم کے دوران وفاقی وزیر کی جانب سے سرکاری وسائل کے استعمال کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے انہیں سرکاری گاڑیوں اور بجلی کاپڑ ز پر وادی میں داخلے سے روک دیا ہے۔ چیف الیکشن کمشنر نے تمام کمشنر ز کو ہدایات جاری کی ہیں کہ ڈپٹی کمشنر ز کسی سرکاری عہدیدار کو انتخابی عمل مکمل ہونے تک پروٹوکول نہ دیں، وفاقی وزراء کا سرکاری گاڑیوں اور بجلی کاپڑ ز پر آنا ضابطہ اخلاق کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ ضابطہ اخلاق کی خلاف ورزی پر سخت کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ آزاد کشمیر کے عام انتخابات میں حصہ لینے کے لئے 700 سے زائد امیدواروں نے کاغذات نامزدگی جمع کرائے تھے جن کی جانچ پڑتال کا آج آخری دن ہے جس کے بعد 22 جون کو اعتراضات پر ایپلیں دائر کی جائیں گی، جن پر 23 اور 24 جون کو سماعت ہوگی۔ اعتراضات پر فیصلہ 25 اور 26 جون کو کر دیا جائے گا جبکہ 28 جون کو امیدوار کاغذات نامزدگی واپس لے سکیں گے، 29 جون کو امیدواروں کو انتخابی نشان الاٹ کر کے حتمی فہرست جاری کر دی جائے گی۔

زیادہ سے زیادہ پید اور 16 ہزار 886 میگاواٹ تھی۔ فیروزوالہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق کوٹ عبدالملک اور ڈھاکے میں ٹرانسفارمر اتارنے اور جل جانے سے علاقے میں بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی جس پر شہری سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ شہریوں نے محکمہ کے رویے کیخلاف جلوس نکالا اور شری پور روڈ بلاک کر کے نعرے بازی کی۔

آج اور کل لاہور سے کشمیر تک بارش کا امکان

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19 جون 2016

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محکمہ موسمیات نے آج اور کل ملک بھر میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہنے کی پیش گوئی کر دی ہے، تاہم ملک کے بالائی، پنجاب کے میدانی علاقوں، فانا اور آزاد کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں کے ساتھ بارش ہو سکتی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم رہے گا۔ تاہم مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، پشاور، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، لاہور ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، فانا اور آزاد کشمیر میں تیز ہواؤں کے ساتھ بارش ہو سکتی ہے۔ گزشتہ روز سب سے زیادہ گرمی بلوچستان کے شہر سی میں پڑی، جہاں درجہ حرارت 48 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا

حیدرآباد: حیدرآباد کے علاقے کچا قلعہ کے گھر کی دیوار گرنے سے 2 سگے بھائی جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق حیدرآباد کے علاقے کچا قلعہ میں ایک گھر کی دیوار سوئے ہوئے اہل خانہ پر گرنے سے 3 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری طبی امداد کے لیے قریبی ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا، زخمی افراد کو طبی امداد دی گئی تاہم 2 سگے بھائی 17 سالہ فیضان اور 14 سالہ فرقان جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں۔ ریکو ادارے کے مطابق رواں ماہ میں ہونے والا یہ تیسرا حادثہ ہے، ان واقعات کی وجہ غربت، آبادی میں تیزی سے بڑھتے ہوئے اضافے اور سہولیات کا فقدان ہے۔ یاد رہے کچا قلعہ ایک تاریخی علاقہ ہے، جہاں کئی مکانات نہایت مخدوش حالت میں موجود ہیں، مون سون بارشوں میں مکانات کی چھتیں اور دیواریں گرنے سے کئی ہلاکتیں ہو جاتی ہیں

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) صوبائی دارالحکومت میں گرمی اور جس نے شہریوں کو پیٹ کی بیماریوں میں مبتلا کر دیا ہے۔ ہسپتالوں میں مریضوں میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے۔ ہیضہ، تھوڑے اور پیٹ درد کی بیماری سے بچنے زیادہ متاثر ہو رہے ہیں، لاہور کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں روزانہ 2000 سے زائد گیسٹر و میں مبتلا بچے لائے جا رہے ہیں جبکہ بڑی عمر کے افراد کی تعداد 700 سے زائد ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق بدلتے موسم میں کھانے پینے میں بے احتیاطی سے پیٹ کی بیماریاں لاحق ہوتی ہیں اس کے علاوہ گندے پانی اور ناقص کھانا بھی گیسٹر و کی بڑی وجہ ہے اس لیے احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کرنی چاہئیں۔ شہری گرمی سے بچنے کیلئے بلاوجہ دھوپ میں نہ ٹھکیں۔ ٹھنڈے مشروبات کا استعمال کریں۔ دن میں ایک سے دو بار ضرور نہائیں۔ سحری اور افطاری کے وقت بھی کھانے اور پینے میں احتیاط سے کام لیں۔

ملک بھر میں مون سون بارشوں کے بعد سیلاب کے دوران ملک میں پٹرول و ڈیزل کی قلت کے خدشے کے پیش نظر اوگر اے تمام آئل مارکیٹنگ کمپنیوں کو وارننگ جاری کر دی۔ ترجمان اوگر اے کے مطابق ملک بھر میں مون سون بارشوں کے بعد سیلاب کے دوران ملک میں پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قلت کا امکان موجود ہے۔ جس کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے اوگر اے تمام آئل مارکیٹنگ کمپنیوں کو وارننگ جاری کر دی ہے۔ اوگر اے کے مطابق محکمہ موسمیات نے آئندہ دو ماہ کے دوران سیلاب کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ جس پر اوگر اے آئل کمپنیوں کو ہدایت دی ہے کہ سیلابی صورتحال سے قبل پٹرول و ڈیزل کا وافر اسٹاک یقینی بنایا جائے، ورنہ سیلاب کے دوران پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قلت پر متعلقہ کمپنی کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جائے گی۔

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ملک کے بیشتر اضلاع میں گرمی کی شدت
برقرار، پارہ 42 ڈگری تک پہنچ گیا

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تفصیلات

اسلام آباد: ملک کے بیشتر حصے بدستور گرمی کی لپیٹ میں ہیں اور کئی مقامات پر درجہ حرارت 42 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ چکا ہے۔ اتوار کو سب سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت رجم یار خان اور بھکر میں ریکارڈ کیا گیا جہاں پارہ 42 ڈگری تک پہنچ چکا ہے۔ سکھر اور بہاولنگر میں 41، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ، ساہیوال اور جھنگ میں 40، بہاولپور، ڈیرہ غازی خان، خان پور، کوٹ ادو، لیہ، ملتان اور نور پور تحصیل میں درجہ حرارت 39، منڈی بہاؤ الدین، جوہر آباد، فیصل آباد اور شہید بے نظیر آباد میں 38، گوجرانوالہ، گجرات، قصور، منگلا 37، لاہور، سیالکوٹ، راولپنڈی، جہلم اور تربت میں 36 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا، پشاور، پنجگور، چلاس میں 35، کراچی، سیدو شریف اور گوادریں درجہ حرارت 33 جبکہ کوئٹہ میں 32 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور مرطوب رہے گا تاہم گوجرانوالہ، لاہور، سرگودھا، راولپنڈی، مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، پشاور، مردان، کوہاٹ ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، فانا، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں بعض مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ کراچی میں سمندری ہوائیں چلتی رہیں گی تاہم موسم گرم اور جزوی ابر آلود رہے گا۔

لاہور (نامہ نگاران) شدید گرمی کے باعث 12 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ مختلف شہروں میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے۔ نارنگ منڈی میں گرمی کے دوران کھیتوں میں کام کرنے والا کسان جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نواحی علاقہ قلعہ کارلوالا میں قیامت خیز گرمی کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے فیض محمد جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ہر گھنٹے بعد ایک گھنٹہ کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کو شدید پریشان کر دیا۔

ادھر گکھڑ منڈی کے ڈاکٹر اعجاز دل کا دورہ پڑنے سے انتقال کر گئے۔ شیخوپورہ سے نامہ نگار خصوصی کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ سے ستائے عوام کے صبر کا پیمانہ لبریز ہو گیا۔ لوگوں نے لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم نہ کرنے پر بل جمع کرانے سے انکار کر دیا۔ شیخوپورہ لاہور روڈ ہاؤسنگ کالونی کے قریب شہریوں نے طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف نائز جلا کر روڈ بلاک کر دی اور حکومت کیخلاف نعرے بازی کی جس سے ٹریفک بلاک ہو گئی۔

دریاخان سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بجلی کی طویل بندش پر محمد اسلم، لقمان، غلام علی سیال، رانا راشد اور جماعت اسلامی کے رہنما کامران مغل، رستم علی ساقی کی قیادت میں اہلیان علاقہ سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ مسجد بیت المکرم سے احتجاجی ریلی نکالی گئی اور میزائل چوک پہنچ کر دھرنہ دیا اور فیکس کوکام کیخلاف شدید نعرے بازی کی۔ بعد ازاں تمام شرکاء پر امن منتشر ہو گئے۔ چک امر و سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نور کوٹ میں سحر و افطار میں بھی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گیکو شکر گڑھ نے غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کی انتہا کر رکھی ہے۔

ڈونگہ بونگہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ اور شدید گرمی اور جس کی وجہ سے عوام پریشان ہیں۔ شہریوں کا کہنا ہے کہ شدید گرمی میں بجلی کی کئی کئی گھنٹے لوڈ شیڈنگ نے پریشان کر دیا ہے، کاروبار زندگی معطل ہے۔ راجانہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تاجر برادری نے کہا کہ اگر لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم نہ کی گئی تو تاجر برادری مکمل شہر ڈون ہڑتال کرے گی۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے کاروبار ٹھپ ہو گئے ہیں۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ سولہ گھنٹے سے تجاوز کر گیا ہے۔

پتوکی سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق رمضان کے آتے ہی پتوکی کے شہریوں کے لئے پرانے ٹرانسفارمر و بال جان بن گئے۔ ہر روز بجلی کے ٹرانسفارمر جل جانا معمول بن گیا۔ روزہ داروں کا کہنا ہے کہ سحری، افطاری اور تراویح میں بجلی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے روزہ رکھنا محال ہو گیا ہے۔ علاقہ میں 24 گھنٹے میں زیادہ وقت بجلی بند رہتی ہے۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بجلی اور سوئی گیس کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کا جینا محال کر دیا۔ شہر میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 12 اور دیہات میں 15 گھنٹے سے زائد کا ہے جبکہ سوئی گیس کی غیر اعلانیہ بندش کا سلسلہ 15 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر گیا ہے۔ شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کرتے ہوئے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ نکانہ صاحب میں بجلی اور سوئی گیس کی غیر اعلانیہ اور بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کو فی الفور کم کیا جائے۔ احمد یار سے صبح نیوز کے مطابق آگ برساتا سورج اور بجلی کی آنکھ چوٹی کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ روزہ دار پریشانی سے دوچار، کاروبار نظام زندگی معطل ہو کر رہ گیا۔ گکھڑ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق محلہ شریف پورہ کا رہائشی ڈاکٹر اعجاز احمد شدید گرمی کے باعث دل کا دورہ پڑنے سے جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ متوفی کو سینکڑوں سوگواروں کی موجودگی میں مقامی قبرستان میں سپرد خاک کر دیا گیا۔ ترحمان وزارت پانی و بجلی کے مطابق بجلی کی پیداوار ریکارڈ 17 ہزار 259 میگاواٹ تک پہنچ گئی۔ رواں سال 8 جون کو 17 ہزار 120 میگاواٹ بجلی کا ریکارڈ بناتھا، گزشتہ سال بجلی کی



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