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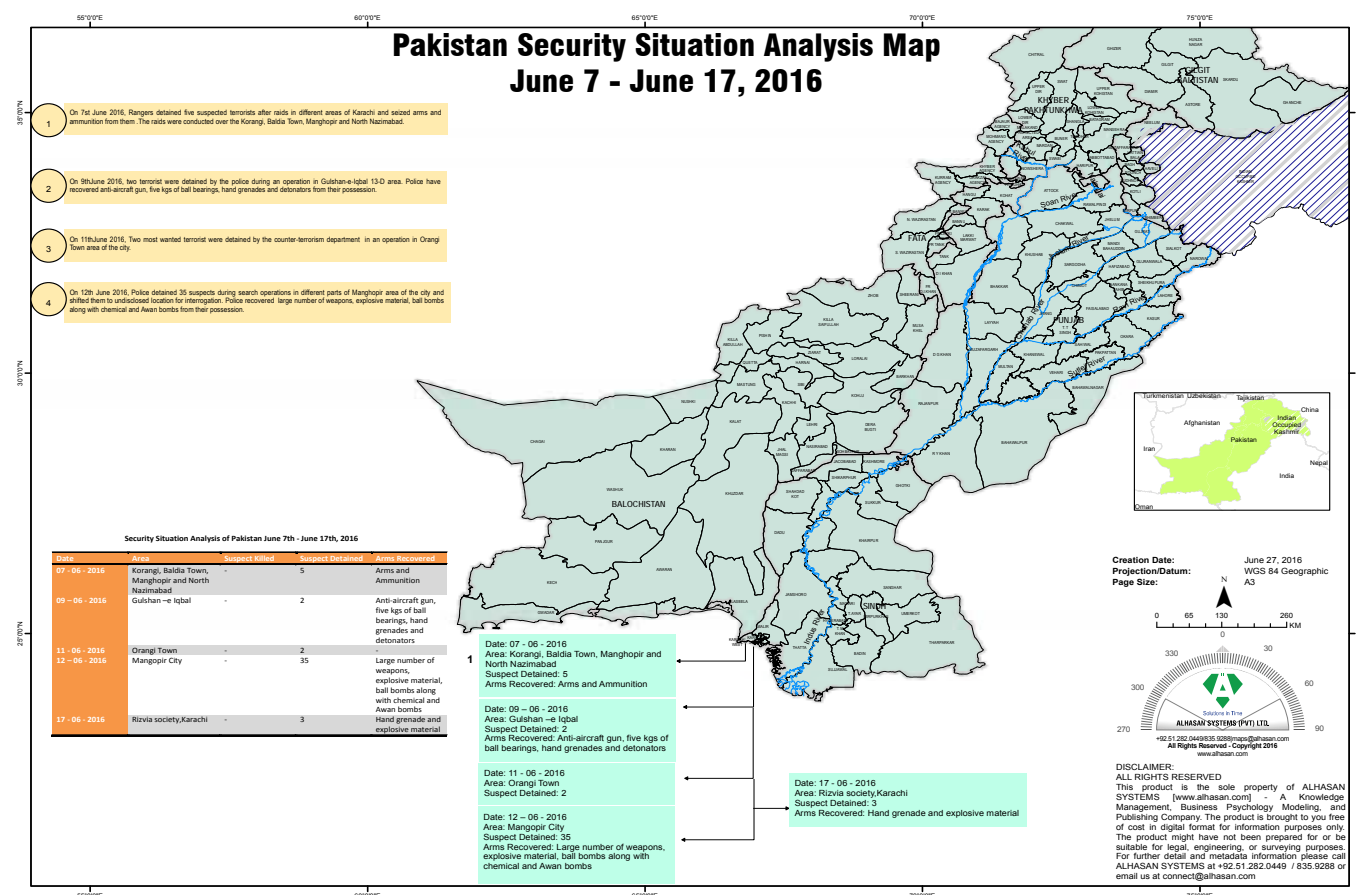
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

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Govt refuses to give Rs 7bn for flood warning system upgrade

Daily Times, June 27 2016

NDMA clarification

The News, June 26, 2016

WASA prepared to face monsoon challenge

Pakistan Today, June 25, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: The government has failed so far to provide Rs 7 billion to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) for upgrade of the Early Warning System (EWS). Pakistan's flood warning system is out of order and not even a single radar is working.

The latest flood warning system was installed in Mangla in 2004, while the oldest system was installed in Sialkot in 1978. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, there is only one warning system in the province that was established in Dera Ismail Khan in 1994. The sources told Daily Times that the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) proposed a Rs 7 billion project for modernisation of the early warning system across the country with 21 radars, but the government did not respond to it.

An official of the PMD said that life of a radar was just 10 years. He said that officials knew that the warning system had grown weaker and it could not warn people of any danger in time. The official said that as part of the project, the PMD would install radars in Gwadar, Zhob, Dera Ismail Khan, Dera Ghazi Khan and Quetta as well as 40 observatories in the remaining districts at the cost of Rs 3.7 billion. Automation and upgrade of nearly 100 existing observatories would cost another Rs 500 million. At least 200 Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) would cost Rs 1 billion, a Glacier Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) station in Gilgit Baltistan and Upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would cost Rs 450 million besides wind profilers, warning communication system and cell broadcast and FM weather radio. The ministry said the cost of the project was quite high and it could not fund it immediately. However, the official said, the project should be processed for multi-year financing. He said that a new radar system was being set up in Mardan that would be operational by 2017. "We are loosing billions of rupees annually due to flash floods, but we have not learnt a lesson from the last years. The World Meteorological Organisation spent billion of dollars on research on EWS because the EWS was the first line of defense against the flood disaster," he said.

The PMD official said the Punjab government had promised to provide three radars for installation in Sialkot, Lahore and Mangla along with modern technology. This project would cost Rs 4 billion and could be completed in two years. The sources said that as more rains were expected this year, relief activities and provision of medical facilities should be planned in advance, but the government was not in the mood to pay attention to flood prevention and the ECW.

From 1950 to 2015, Pakistan has been hit by more than 20 floods, says a report. The 2010 floods inflicted a loss of \$ 43 billion on Pakistan. "The Pakistan Economic Survey shows that Pakistan lost a total of 3,072 lives and \$16 billion to the floods in 2010, 2011 and 2012."

In the United States, flood damages totalled \$ 8.41 billion in 2011. There were 113 flood-related deaths. Floods can affect any area to some degree; wherever rain falls, flooding can occur. As water falls to the Earth in the form of rain or snow, it seeps into the ground. But if the ground is frozen or the surface impervious (asphalt or concrete are two contenders) or the soil is already saturated and cannot absorb the water faster than it falls from the sky, problems arise.

According to the research that the top 15 countries ACCOUNT for nearly 80 percent of the total population affected every year. These countries are all considered least developed or developing. Roughly 167,000 people in the United States, the highest-ranked high-income country, are affected every year. The study shows that approximately 21 million people worldwide are affected by river floods each year on an average. That number could increase to 54 million in 2030.

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has clarified an article titled 'A fervent appeal to the Punjab CM' - with the subtitle 'City fathers NDMA etc must shake off their downy sleep' -- published in 'The News' Rawalpindi-Islamabad on June 15.

According to the NDMA press release "As may be appreciated, it made the two extremes meet in its sub caption wherein related City Affairs to be handled by 'City Fathers' with NDMA which is a 'National Organization'. It is therefore imperative to explain our position in public interest. Disaster Management as per NDMA Act 2010 is defined as 'A catastrophe or calamity in an affected area, arising from natural or man-made causes or by accident which results in a substantial loss of life or human suffering or damage to, and destruction of property.'

NDMA in accordance with the National Disaster Management Act – 2010 is mandated to undertake initiatives falling under the realms of policy, planning and coordination at national level. Execution on the contrary and logical is delegated to and explicitly rests with district administration or District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA). Provincial governments are responsible for disaster management within respective provinces after the devolution. PDMA's and DDMA's thus function under provincial governments. NDMA is therefore a national backup in entire spectrum of disaster management.

Specifically talking about Nullah Leh it is highlighted that a dedicated flood forecasting and warning system is in place which is used by Pak Meteorological Department for early warning. In a recent development, an issue surfaced about functioning of said system due to frequency allocation. NDMA intervened and addressed the issue between Frequency Allocation Board and Pakistan Meteorological Department as both are federal departments."

LAHORE: The Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA) has claimed to make all the necessary arrangements to cope with the challenges during the coming monsoon season.

Sources informed Pakistan Today that after the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, WASA's preparations for rainy season are in full swing. The CM had presided a meeting to take a

Conference highlights government's apathy towards Thar

Express Tribune, June 25, 2016

thorough review of the hitherto make arrangements before the rainy season a few days ago. During the meeting, Sharif expressed indignation over a lack of progress towards the installation of the modern warning system with regard to prior information about weather situation.

WASA Deputy Managing Director (DMD) Asghar Ali Bhalli told Pakistan Today that provincial government had released an amount of Rs 420 million for the preparation to tackle the challenges of monsoon season. He said that there were 13 major disposal points in the cities, whereas 95 other points are present where rainwater will be disposed into the drains.

Asgahr said that WASA has arranged more than 100 generators which would be installed at disposal points and lift stations. He said around 72 lift stations would be operating to lift water from the ground. "Around 23 low lying areas have been identified in the city where machinery have been deployed for prompt drainage of rain water, while 42 suction machines will be deployed in different areas of the city" Asghar said, adding that 250 official will be working in three shifts to keep the system smooth.

Nishat Colony, Shadbagh, Gulshan Ravi, Lakhodair, Bhaati Gate, Mehmood Booti, Outfall Road, Multan Road and Farkhabad are the areas declared as the most dangerous during the monsoon. He said 35 emergency camps will be operating to deal with any emergency in the city. All camps have been provided with pumping stations, lifting machines and suction machines so that they can work around the clock in the areas of their deployment.

Asgahr admitted that ongoing construction work at Orange Line Metro Train (OMT) project is considered to provide a tough time during rain, but WASA has made the strategy to deal with the situation in the areas situated along the construction site. He said among the 35 emergency camps seven are just deployed at Multan Road area near OMT construction site. "There is no doubt that OMT project has increased the responsibilities of WASA staff" Asghar said.

Asgahr said the staff has been put on high alert and WASA will utilise all available resources in the coming season with the collaboration of City District Government Lahore (CDGL) and Lahore Waste Management Company (LWMC). He said to ensure prompt redress, CDGL and LWMC administrations have assured to work in their full capacity alongside WASA. He claimed that all drains have been desilted under the supervision of WASA XENs and SDOs, while they have directed to keep on monitoring the situation.

It has been observed during many previous years that monsoon rains caused citizens to suffer despite tall claims of the authorities. Every year citizens had been informed that the government has made arrangements to secure them during rain, but rain exposed the efficiency of government. On the other hand, Met office has announced excessive rains during this monsoon season.

HYDERABAD: For non-profit organisations engaged in development and drought mitigation in Thar the last four years of calamity have failed to elicit a critical response from the government. The Thar Conference, 2016, organised in Hyderabad on Thursday, discussed a range of such issues, highlighting solutions and actions required from the government. The event was organised by Maroori Coordination Council. The first ever event was held in 2013 in Tharparkar.

The speakers pointed out how the official disaster response has failed to match the desired steps. Many also complained that the April, 2016, report of former Sindh advocate-general Abdul Fateh Malik-led Thar Commission, which laid bare the drought management and governance issues, has not been made public. Dysfunctional district disaster management authority and lack of access to health, education and water facilities have worsened the effects of drought, remarked Ali Akbar Rahimon of Maroori Coordination Council.

Malnourishment

Prof Dr Beekha Ram Devrajani of Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences acknowledged that malnourished mothers and underweight children are a major cause of deaths of newborns.

"A woman once told me that she has nine children but her husband is unable to find even menial labour jobs on regular basis," said Fakhira Bajeeer of the Actionaid. "When I asked her why then she has given birth to so many children, her reply shocked me. She said drought situation kills their children. Therefore, they plan to have a bigger family so that even if a few of them die there would be others with their parents."

RO plants

Khatau Jani, a senior journalist of Thar, blamed the Sindh government for worsening the impact of drought. He said over Rs7.5 billion have been squandered on reverse osmosis (RO) plants. "The Rs2 billion RO plant in Mithi was bragged to be the biggest in Asia with 2 million gallons per day capacity," he said. "But it turned out that the plant can't even supply 500,000 gallons twice a month."

Towards development

The conference's recommendations called for implementation on reports of different commissions and committees regarding problems in governance, establishing Thar Development Authority (TDA) and developing technical skills of youth.

Opposing TDA

Senator Taj Haider, Sindh government's focal person for Thar relief, opposed the establishment of TDA, citing concerns of corruption and waste of government resources. Shabnam Baloch of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology also opposed the idea of TDA. She suggested that instead an arid zone development authority encompassing desert regions of Umerkot, Mirpurkhas and Sanghar should be formed.

There's no adequate preparation against rains: official

Business Recorder, June 24, 2016

Heavy rains are expected during this year's monsoon - like previous years - wreaking havoc through flash floods and inundation but unfortunately the preparedness of federal and provincial governments seems inadequate due to meager allocations for relief and rescue in budget for next fiscal year. An official on condition of anonymity stated that the country in recent years had been hit by a series of natural calamities but unfortunately, federal and provincial governments had not taken tangible measures to deal with the problem on long term basis. The response, he stated, to those calamities was temporary or momentary.

When contacted, Director General PDMA Punjab claimed that the province had prepared a comprehensive plan to deal with the expected rains and floods in approaching monsoon season but he did not share details of the plan. An official of Punjab Finance Department said that Rs 1.557 billion had been allocated for relief purposes in the budget for next fiscal year. However, he was unable to provide details of allocation for PDMA.

Another official stated that all the officials of Finance Department were busy in budget session of provincial assembly; he was unable to collect and provide information with respect to exact allocation of PDMA. He added that he would be able to give information after June 30th when the budget session ends. A number of villages in Mianwali, Layyah, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Muzaffargarh districts of Punjab were badly affected due to overflow of water from Sindh River during monsoon. As per Met Office, even heavier rains are expected in the approaching monsoon this year.

According to budget white paper 2016-17, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial government has allocated Rs 6.968 billion for relief and rehabilitation, Rs 1 billion less compared to Rs 7.690 billion for the out going fiscal year but considerably more than the much more populous Punjab.

The allocation for the current year includes Rs 3.547 billion for preparedness of natural disaster and management relief effort, Rs 2.339 billion for provision of immediate rescue and relief services to local communities and Rs 35 million for capacity building. Director General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa PDMA Amir Afaq said the provincial government had not increased allocation for floods in next fiscal year's budget. He said the allocation for floods was Rs 1 billion in the outgoing fiscal year and the same amount had been allocated for next fiscal year. He said the Provincial Disaster Management Authority KP had prepared a contingency plan for upcoming monsoon season and in co-ordination with NDMA was actively pursuing a proactive approach to disaster management. A meeting to this effect was chaired by Chairman NDMA Major General Asghar Nawaz (Retd) at PDMA KP headquarter Peshawar. DG Amir stated the PDMA had declared nine districts including Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsada, DI Khan, Chitral, Swat, Shangla, Dir Upper and Dir Lower as most vulnerable and additional funds are being diverted to these districts. "We have acquired relief goods of Rs 110 million, which will be distributed to the affected districts at the time of emergency."

Department of relief, rehabilitation and settlement comprises four attached units ie Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), Provincial Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PRRSA), Civil Defence, and Rescue 1122.

Balochistan government has allocated Rs 3.06 billion for natural calamities (relief) however it was unclear as to how it would be made available to Provincial PDMA and what was their preparedness to deal with the emergency situation arising out of monsoon. When contacted an official of Sindh Finance Department said PDMA allocation for the next fiscal year were given under flood emergency, however this correspondent tried hard to locate the allocation but failed to succeed. However, the official claimed that the measures were being put in place to deal with the emergency situation.

NDMA launches campaign to minimise losses during floods, says Asghar Nawaz

Pakistan Today, June 24, 2016

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority(NDMA) has launched a comprehensive campaign to spread awareness to minimise the human and material losses, keeping in view the forecast of 15 to 20 per cent more rains this year by Pakistan Meteorological Department.

In an interview with Radio Pakistan, NDMA Chairman Major Asghar Nawaz said the Authority organised a conference of stakeholders in the first week of June and briefed the participants on steps needed to be taken to cope with the impacts of rains. Nawaz said besides spreading awareness through mass media, the NDMA regularly publishes updates on its website for public awareness. The NDMA chairman said monsoon comes every year in Pakistan and people of low-lying areas are usually aware of the dangers of floods. However, the campaign started by NDMA is part of further efforts to sensitise the general public.

Responding to a question, he said provincial and district disaster management authorities work in collaboration under the guidance of the NDMA. He said, "We guide these authorities on how to seek help of the Army, law enforcing agencies, rescue operations and the identification of stranded people." He said these authorities can inform NDMA of their specific needs and requisitions which are met by the authority.

Nawaz advised people in risk-prone areas to start vigilance system to warn others regarding the risk of floods. He also recorded a special message for the people of low-lying areas, asking them to keep their essential documents, mobile phone, radio sets, medicines and rations with them in case of any information regarding impending floods.

Tremors jolt parts of KP

DAWN News, June 23, 2016

PESHAWAR: Tremors have been felt in Peshawar and other areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on Thursday June 23 afternoon. The epicentre of the earthquake was the Hindu Kush region of Afghanistan, with a focal depth of 213kms. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) measured tremors of 5.1 magnitude. Location was 45km NNW of Alaqahdari-ye Kiran wa Munjan (36.19N, 70.84E) in Afghanistan.

Shocks were felt in the provincial capital Peshawar, Chitral, Swat and other areas at 16:35 local time. In 2015, a 7.2 earthquake jolted major cities of Pakistan, including the northern areas, leaving

Hospitals put on high-alert ahead of monsoon

Daily Times, June 23, 2016

Four dead, 22 injured as heavy pre-monsoon spell lashes Punjab

Pak Observer, June 23, 2016

World Bank approves \$1.02 bln to support Pak reforms, disaster resilience

Geo News, June 23, 2016

nearly 300 dead and around 3,000 injured due to building collapses, landslides, stampedes and other quake related incidents.

Pakistan is located in the Indus-Tsangpo Suture Zone, which is roughly 200 km north of the Himalaya Front and is defined by an exposed ophiolite chain along its southern margin. This region has the highest rates of seismicity and largest earthquakes in the Himalaya region, caused mainly by movement on thrust faults. Active faults and resultant earthquakes in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan are the result of convergence between the S. Asian and Eurasia plates.

KARACHI: Provincial Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has put the public sector hospital on high alert in the wake of epidemics that might outbreak in rainy season.

Presiding over a meeting in his office on Wednesday in this regard, the minister directed all medical superintendents of state-run hospitals to cancel leaves of doctors and paramedical staff and ensure their presence round-the-clock. Health Secretary Ahmed Bux Narejo and other officers also attended the meeting. "Epidemics like malaria and diarrhoea might outbreak in rainy season. We should prepare ourselves for any untoward situation," he said adding that a good stock of medicines should be available in the hospitals. He said that there was no dearth of funds in the Health Department. "Just we transparency in purchasing and stocking of the medicines," he said. He directed the health secretary to take strict action against those medical superintendents and DHOs who were found involved in negligence. Dahar also ensured that action was being taken against absent employees of the health department.

Earlier, the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) predicted that the country would receive 10 to 20 percent rainfall above normal for the month of July and September. "More than average rainfall is expected over Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), Sindh, Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and northeast of Balochistan," the PMD said. "Extreme rainfalls are likely to occur in the catchment areas of major rivers and other parts of the country which may cause floods. Heavy downpour may also produce urban flooding in big cities," the PMD added.

The department also warned of high probability of heavy downpour which might generate flash floods along Suleman Range during the period. "Some strong incursions of monsoon currents, coupled with high temperature, may trigger glacial lake outburst floods (GLOF), landslides and flash floods in Upper KP and GB," the PMD warned.

LAHORE: Heavy rain lashed different towns and cities of the Punjab including Lahore on Wednesday June 22, killing at least four people and injuring 22 others in several rain-linked accidents. Rain in Lahore and other areas of Punjab has been particularly heavy since morning on Wednesday.

Dark and thick clouds gathered above Lahore during the wee hours of the day and massive rainfall was reported across the city and the adjoining areas. Flights had either been cancelled or delayed at the Allama Iqbal International Airport Lahore. A number of low lying areas were flooded with water while several roads were under knee deep water.

In Jhang, at least two people died and four suffered injuries from electrocution, while in Bhakkar, a woman and a child lost their lives while 12 have been injured in separate rain-linked accidents.

At least four people have been injured in Thokar Niaz Beg area of Lahore after the roof of their house collapsed. Wall of an under constructed building fell in the area of Ferozepur Road injuring two persons while another accident injured one more in Mandi Bahauddin. Heavy rain was reported in Faisalabad, Gujranwala, Sialkot, and Sheikhupura in Punjab after which lowland areas completely submerged under rain water.

Several feeders also tripped across the province, leaving people without electricity for several hours.

According to the Director Meteorological Department Dr Muhammad Hanif, parts of the country have entered into a pre-monsoon season which would end after two days. However, he also informed that a new monsoon spell would begin from next week.

Fearing that a relatively heavy monsoon would hit the country this year, Dr Hanif said, "at least 80-millimetre rain in Lahore is an indication of the strong monsoon this year". He said heavy rains could possibly cause floods in some areas. Monsoon in Karachi and other parts of Sindh would begin in the first week of July, Dr Hanif added.

Meanwhile, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) Chairman Major General As-ghar Nawaz Wednesday directed timely stockpiling of required relief items especially at district level and completion of ongoing flood protection schemes, beside a need for continuous and vigilant monitoring of flood situation.

Discussions also included operational matters as related to the disaster management at provisional level. The NDMA Chairman assured all possible support to the provincial authorities. The comprehensive process closely supervised by the NDMA Chairman culminated into the National Monsoon Preparedness Conference held on June 9 at Islamabad. Resultantly, a National Monsoon Contingency Response Directive 2016 was formulated.

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank has approved financing worth \$1.02 billion using three different financing instruments to support the deepening of Pakistan's economic reforms and to strengthen the capacity of Sindh province to deal with natural disasters.

The Competitiveness and Growth Development Policy Financing (CGDPF) would support the Government of Pakistan's efforts to encourage economic growth and investment for reducing poverty and building shared prosperity, Illango Patchamuthu, World Bank's Country Director for Pakistan, said in a statement here Wednesday.

Illango Patchamuthu, "The Government of Pakistan has made significant progress in stabilizing the

Harsher monsoon season likely to start from next week

The News, June 23, 2016

Efforts to eradicate dengue underway

Pak Observer, June 23, 2016

economy, initiating reforms for revenue mobilization and drawing in the private sector for spurring growth." He said it was now stepping up efforts through deeper reforms and an accelerated pace of implementation. This would improve the competitiveness of the economy, which in turn would create more and better jobs, lifting millions out of poverty.

The CGDPF, he said, would provide \$920 million in budget support to improve the business environment and strengthen fiscal management. The financing combines a credit of \$500 million and a World Bank guarantee of \$420 million, he added. "The operation will support reforms that contribute towards accelerating growth and fostering an inclusive growth pattern", said Enrique Blanco Armas, Task Team Leader of the Project.

"Reforms supported will improve the business environment and contribute to the development of the financial sector and reforms of state owned enterprises. The operation also supports efforts for improved fiscal management through increased revenues, better coordination of debt management and making public spending more pro-poor". The World Bank guarantee is an innovative instrument that will support Pakistan's access to international markets to meet its budgetary financing needs.

The World Bank will guarantee up to \$420 million of financing to be raised by Pakistan, improving the terms under which the Government of Pakistan accesses international financing, and freeing domestic resources for private sector investment. Sindh Resilience Project (SRP) of \$100 aims to reduce flood and drought risks in selected areas of Sindh and to strengthen the province's capacity to manage natural disasters.

"The project would contribute to reduction in vulnerability and risk in Sindh through a combination of physical works, strengthening fiscal resilience, and institutional development activities," says Haris Khan, Task Team Leader of the project. An estimated 5 million people, including both urban and rural populations, will be directly protected from frequent river flooding events.

In addition, an estimated 65,000 people who are currently exposed to drought and food insecurity, will also be directly benefitting from the construction of small dams for rain water harvesting and recharging of groundwater aquifers. The CGDPF's Development Policy Credit will be financed from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's grant and low interest arm. The credit will be on standard IDA terms, with a maturity of 25 years, including a grace period of 5 years. The SRP will have a maturity of 24 years, including a grace period of 5 years.

ISLAMABAD: Heralding the rainy season, which is likely to be harsher this year, the monsoon system will reach the country next week, forecasts the Pakistan Meteorological Department.

"There is a greater likelihood of the monsoon season formally setting in next week, Monday June 27, to be exact," Muhammad Farooq Dar, the PMD forecasting officer, told 'The News' on Wednesday. The weatherman denied the monsoon season would begin prematurely.

"We'll have the monsoon season at the same time it usually happens. The onset of the rainy season occurs a week before or after July so there is nothing unusual about it this time around," he said. Another PMD official alerted the people across the country, including Islooites, to the possibility of the imminent monsoon season being wetter than normal.

"In fact, the El Nino weather phenomenon has weakened to favour the La Nina phenomenon, the cooling of the tropical Pacific Ocean, to develop during the summer season and thus, bringing heavier rainfall to the region. The prevailing oceanic and atmospheric conditions are giving indications of 10-20 per cent 'above normal' monsoon rains in the country from July through September," he said.

The meteorologist said more than average rainfall was expected to fall in Islamabad, Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and northeast Balochistan. While forecasting some 'extreme rainfall events' in the catchment areas of major rivers and other parts of the country, which may cause floods, he said there was a high likelihood of heavy downpour generating flash floods along the Suleman Range.

He warned heavy rains could flood big cities as well. The PMD official also feared some strong incursions of monsoon currents coupled with high temperatures could trigger glacial lake outburst floods, landslides and flash floods in upper parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan.

The experts feared a large-scale damage to public life and property in the country due to the imminent harsh monsoon season but insisted better disaster management on part of the relevant authorities could minimise losses. At the same time, they urged the people, especially those living either in hills and mountains or close to rivers or nullahs, first to fortify houses, maintain drains and store up emergency supplies if relocation to safer places is not possible for one reason or the other, and then to work up resilience to efficiently manage the consequences of the natural calamity.

LAHORE: Managing Director Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) Tariq Mahmood has said that instructions of the Punjab government with regard to eradication of dengue should be fully implemented so that clean and healthy atmosphere could be ensured in offices as well as in partnering schools. Rain-water should be timely drained out. PEF is committed to ensure that clean and conducive atmosphere is arranged for the students in schools so that they could study in healthy atmosphere, he added.

He was presiding over weekly coordination meeting of program directors at his office on Wednesday. He said that Punjab government is fully committed to combat this deadly disease and foundation is steadfastly abiding by the instructions of the government. Partner schools are repeatedly instructed about adopting anti-dengue measures in their institutions.

The meeting reviewed the expansion timelines of different free education programs and observed that regular expansions have helped to ensure access to education by the needy students. It is

More dengue cases emerge in city

Pakistan Today, June 23, 2016

PDMA KP prepared provincial monsoon contingency plan 2016

PDMA KP, June 22, 2016

'Excessive monsoon rains may impact agri sector negatively'

Pak Observer, June 21, 2016

satisfying that total number of PEF beneficiaries has risen to more than two million with 45 percent girls.

Tariq Mahmood further said that PEF is playing an important role in achieving the goals of 'Parho Punjab, Barho Punjab' as 100 percent enrolment is planned by the year 2018. This access to education will definitely help the needy communities to improve their quality of life. On the other hand, information and communication technologies have been a great help to smoothly run and expand the organizational systems. Different program directors briefed the meeting about their program's performance.

KARACHI: As many as 23 more dengue viral fever cases have been detected in Sindh province in a week, out of which 21 were reported from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 745 in the province since January 2016.

According to the weekly report of prevention and control programme for dengue in Sindh, at least 23 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from 17 to 23 June 2016, out of which 21 were reported from Karachi and two from Ghotki. A total 21 new dengue fever cases were detected in Karachi last week, out of which eight were reported from District Central, six from District South, two from District West, two from District East, and three from District Korangi.

In 2016, total 745 dengue fever cases were reported in Sindh province since January 2016, out of which 689 were detected from Karachi, 12 from Hyderabad, five from Sukkur, four from Tando Muhammad Khan and Ghotki, three each from Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar, Khairpur and Larkana, two each from Badin, Thatta, Jamshoro, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Naushero Feroz, Shaheed Benazirabad and Shikarpur. One death from dengue was reported from Nawabshah.

PESHAWAR: Provincial Disaster Management Authority KP has prepared a contingency plan for upcoming monsoon season, the PDMA in coordination with NDMA are actively pursuing a proactive approach to disaster management. In this connection, a provincial level meeting was chaired by Chairman NDMA Major General(R) Asghar Nawaz at PDMA KP headquarter Peshawar. The participants of the meeting included senior PDMA KP and FDMA officials.

The meeting were briefed by Director General, PDMA KP on the overall preparations being made to mitigate the effects of forthcoming monsoon. He said, preparedness measures undertaken and contingency plans put in place for managing any possible disaster situation. PDMA has also declared nine districts including Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsada, DI Khan, Chitral, Swat, Shangla, Dir Upper and Dir Lower are most vulnerable, as PDMA provided them additional funds. PDMA has also acquired relief goods of 110 million, which will be distributed to the affected districts at the time of emergency. He also stated that the concerned line department and stakeholders has established control rooms for the coordination with PDMA headquarter at any disaster and will provide quick support to the affected. He also ensures timely pre-positioning of logistics stocks to meet any eventuality during the monsoon season.

Chairman NDMA Major General (R) Asghar Nawaz appreciated efforts of all stakeholders and directed to improve early warning mechanism for dissemination of information to communities. He assured that all possible support of NDMA will be rendered to PDMA KP.

ISLAMABAD: Director General Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Dr Ghulam Rasool Monday said excessive monsoon rains could have negative impact on the agriculture sector. He said stagnant water in the crops of cotton and sugarcane, if did not recede, could damage them. However, the rice crop would not be harmed by the stagnant water.

Talking to APP, Dr Ghulam Rasool said there was the forecast of moderate rain during the ongoing pre-monsoon spell, that was unlikely to cause major floods. However the overall monsoon period, starting from July, would bring heavy downpour that could cause every kind of floods like riverine and flash floods, he added.

Dr Ghulam Rasool said excessive rains were likely in north-east Punjab, upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Azad Jammu Kashmir and the areas along the Suleman Range during the monsoon period. He said glacier melting due to high temperatures at times would also increase the water level in rivers. Strong incursions of monsoon currents with high temperature may trigger Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF), landslides and flash floods in upper Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Gilgit-Baltistan.

Commenting on PMD's preparations for the monsoon period, Dr Ghulam Rasool said, "We have written letters to the chief secretaries, chief ministers and governors of all four provinces as well as Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir to complete their preparations to cope with any disaster or emergency situation."

This time, the Met Office had informed all the departments concerned about the chances of floods so that they must be well prepared, he said adding, "No one can now blame the Met Office for not forecasting floods in time." Replying to a question, he said the PMD's Flood Forecasting Warning System (FFWS) for the Nullah Leh was now fully functional after restoration of its frequency to alert the people by sounding alarms in case of increasing water level during the monsoon rains.

"The frequency of FFSW was earlier allocated to National Database Registration Authority (NDMA) by the authorities concerned, however, it has been re-allocated to the Flood Forecasting Warning System now," he added. The warning system is used to alert people living along nullahs, river banks and low lying areas by sounding alarms so that they could move to safer places. Recently, the DG said, the FFSW for Nullah Leh was made functional and now there would be no issue in giving alerts and warnings in flash-flood like emergencies.—APP

PDMA KP-Report of Damages due to Heavy Rain / Windstorm

as of June 16, 2016

Published on June 25, 2016

District	Person Dead	Person Injured	House Damaged
Peshawar	6	47	4
Malakand	0	2	1
Nowshera	1	0	0
Bannu	2	13	1
Mardan	2	4	0
Charsadda	0	5	0
Total	11	71	6

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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Pakistan Today, June 27, 2016

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DETAILS

ISLAMABAD (APP) – Minister for Interior, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Monday said Pakistan was winning the war against terrorism but to take it to the logical conclusion, the country has to win on psychological front.

"The war has not finished and we have to make an agenda and create a narrative which motivates the nation against terrorism. The nation should not lose hope as it is a time of despondency for terrorists," he said while addressing a press conference.

The Minister, who held meetings in Karachi relating to security and law and order situation, said, "We should not be part of the game plan of terrorists. Terrorists are in despair. They are trying to divide, dishearten people and focusing soft targets to demoralise the nation," he said.

Chaudhry Nisar said Pakistan is among nations which has a success story against terrorism and added due to sacrifices of army and security agencies in last one and a half year, the situation has considerably improved in Pakistan and this fact is not only recognized in Pakistan but also at the international level. He said 490 armed forces personnel lost their lives in the terrorist operations.

According to a United States Country report, 45 percent decrease has been witnessed in incidents of terrorism in the country, 39 percent reduction in deaths related to terrorism and 53 reductions in injured cases related to terrorism as compared to last year. The situation has further improved in six months of this year, he added. He said despite improvement in the situation, incidents like the murder of Amjad Sabri and kidnapping of the son of Chief Justice of Sindh High Court erases performance of the past.

"What happened to the son of Chief Justice SHC and family of Amjad Sabari was unfortunate. These incidents are condemnable and unfortunate. Not only had the affected families but every Pakistani felt the pain of it," he said. The Minister said when the present government took over in 2013 five to six bomb explosions were taking place every day. Army's General Headquarters and naval and air force bases were attacked. Attacks were carried out in Islamabad in which hundreds of people were killed. Now an incident takes places in months and space has been reduced for terrorists, he added.

The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday apprehended two terrorists belonging to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) in Karachi's site area.

According to reports, the CTD, on a tip off about the presence of terrorists, carried out a raid in Karachi's site area and apprehended two Afghan nationals.

During the initial investigations, the terrorists confessed of belonging to the TTP and providing medical treatment to the injured TTP terrorists.

The CTD also recovered fake identity cards from the possession of terrorists.

On the other hand, Saudabad police arrested five accused involved in street crime activities and recovered drugs and mobile phones from their possession.

Meanwhile, Saddar police detained five suspects during a search operation while five people were nabbed during a search operation conducted in Liaquatabad's Jhanda.

- **Sartaj Aziz says it was Pakistan's successful foreign policy that thwarted India's NSG bid; says relations with US are 'complicated'**
- **Says media criticism takes the spotlight away from foreign policy achievements of the country**
- **Says 'only Pakistan can determine how it should respond to the strategic and conventional imbalance in South Asia'**

Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz on Monday categorically dispelled an impression of Pakistan's international isolation, saying the country is pursuing an active foreign policy for promoting and protecting its national interests in the changing geo-strategic situation in the region.

Flanked by Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Cultural Heritage Pervaiz Rashid, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Tariq Fatemi and Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry, Aziz was briefing editors and anchorpersons on the entire gamut of foreign policy and Pakistan's strategy to address emerging challenges in terms of its relations with its neighbours and other countries of the world.

Sartaj Aziz said that Pakistan is following the model of United States in shaping the country's foreign policy. He said the consultation between the Foreign Affairs Ministry and the military establishment is a common feature in both countries' processes of formulating the foreign policy. He also rejected the assertion that Pakistan needs to have a fulltime foreign minister, saying that in his capacity of adviser, he is performing all the required tasks and there is no need of having a foreign minister.

Aziz was critical of the media's criticism over the perceived failure of the Foreign Ministry to pursue an aggressive diplomatic policy, adding that the Foreign Ministry had dynamic officers but their successes had been overshadowed by media's criticism. He dwelt at length on Pakistan's relations with India, United States, China, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Gulf Cooperation Countries and recounted many achievements of the successful government policy in forging its

foreign relations while pursuing its vital national interests. He said the country's relations with regional and global players have improved significantly despite challenges. He said that effective implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project is one of the major challenges facing the country.

After giving an overview of the foreign policy, Aziz answered questions of the journalists on various important issues concerning Pakistan's relations with different countries.

PAK-US TIES:

On the Pak-US relations, Aziz, admitted that there are some 'complications'. He said that "effective nuclear deterrence" is critical for Pakistan's security.

"Only Pakistan can determine how it should respond to the strategic and conventional imbalance in South Asia," Aziz said, when asked whether ties with the US had been impacted due to Pakistan's refusal to cap the nuclear programme. He said that Pakistan is in a continuous dialogue with the US State Department.

'THE WORLD LISTENED TO OUR ARGUMENT AGAINST INDIA'S MEMBERSHIP OF NSG':

Questioned about Indian quest to become member of the 48-member Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), he said it was not acceptable to Pakistan that despite being a non-signatory to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT), India should become its member. Pakistan, therefore, had emphasised that a criteria-based approach should be followed as both Pakistan and India had not signed the NPT; hence, if India was to become an NSG member, Pakistan should also be given this opportunity. Secondly, if India alone was given the membership, it would undermine the strategic stability in the region and many countries were convinced of this argument advanced by Pakistan, he said.

'FLYING COLOURS BABY, FLYING COLOURS':

It was not only China and Turkey but many other countries like Brazil, Austria, Kazakhstan, Norway and Switzerland which supported Pakistan's stance in the NSG, he said, adding that it was the success of Pakistan's diplomacy that seven countries had opposed India's inclusion in the NSG.

However, Aziz warned that the issue of NSG membership had not gone away. He said that Pakistan is working out a post-Seoul strategy. "We will continue our diplomatic offensive in this regard," Sartaj Aziz said. He said that Pakistan adhered to the nuclear safety, security and strict export control and effective command and control system as mentioned by the IAEA.

'ON AFGHANISTAN, DEADLOCK IS THE KEYWORD':

Aziz said the peace process in Afghanistan was deadlocked and could take time to restart. "Despite 15 years of war in Afghanistan, peace could not be restored there; hence, it will come only through dialogue. Afghan Taliban might not be able to capture Kabul but they have the ability to continue fighting. If they start gaining ground they will not talk but if they fail, they will come to talks," he said. However, Aziz made it clear it was not in the hands of Pakistan to bring all the Afghan Taliban groups to the negotiating table but they are ready to facilitate a dialogue process for achieving lasting peace in Afghanistan.

Sartaj Aziz said Pakistan had some influence over Taliban. But since the operation Zarb-e-Azb, the Taliban mostly had shifted to Afghanistan and most of their fighting capability was inside Afghanistan now. Aziz said it is too early to say when the dialogue will kick off again but Pakistan will continue efforts towards that end. However, talks have to be held between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

'UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH AFGHANS TO AVOID A REPEAT OF TORKHAM':

Talking about the firing incident at Torkham border with Afghanistan, he said Pakistan was well within its right to erect a gate inside its border and no one was being allowed to cross into Pakistan since June 1 if they had valid documents. Aziz said that after talks with his Afghan counterpart on the sidelines of the recently concluded Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), a high level mechanism had been agreed upon between the two sides under which Director Generals of both the countries would decide where to built gates for better management of the border between the two sides. This arrangement would help avoid untoward incidents in future, he added.

Signifying the importance of border management, he said Pakistan could not afford to have a loose border with Afghanistan as all the attackers committing terrorism in the country came from across the border. He said it was in the interest of Islamabad and Kabul to have border management to curb the incidents of terrorism. It is very important in efforts being made by the two sides to counter terrorism, he added. He said Pakistan had already reviewed its Afghan policy and was now following a policy of non-interference in Afghanistan's affairs and had no favorites among the Afghan groups.

Asked why Afghanistan was objecting to the erection of a gate at the Torkham border, he said it might like to have a loose border through which timber, marble and drugs could be smuggled across the border.

RELATIONS WITH INDIA:

Aziz said that Pakistan wants good relations with India. However, he reiterated that while Pakistan wanted resumption of dialogue, it "was not desperate" to "have talks at any cost". He said that when the dialogue commences, the agenda will include the issue of Indian occupied Kashmir. "However, terrorism can also be discussed as one of the items of the dialogue process," he added. He said that soon after the oath taking of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pakistan launched its initiative to start the composite dialogue. He said Pakistan is set to host the SAARC summit in November and preparations in this regard are being made.

India blames Pakistan for Srinagar ambush

Pakistan Today, June 27, 2016

CHINA, THE TRUSTED ALLY:

Sartaj Aziz also highlighted the significance of the CPEC project, saying that timely execution of the project is imperative for the country's development. He termed China a trusted partner who stands by Pakistan in its hour of need. Aziz also hinted at pressures on Pakistan from major powers not to pursue the CPEC, saying that certain powers have objections over the CPEC; hence, its timely execution is a must for Pakistan. He said that relations with the GCC countries is also a challenge as Pakistan wants to pursue warm, brotherly relations with all the Gulf states including Saudi Arabia and Iran. He said that friendly relations will also be pursued with Russia.

ARMY AND FOREIGN POLICY:

Asked to comment on the military's dominant role in shaping the country's foreign policy, Aziz said that one must keep in mind the fact that Pakistan was ruled by military for over 35 years during its history.

"As far as the perception that military has a dominant role in decision-making vis-a-vis the country's relations with India, US and Afghanistan is concerned, it should be noted that the military has ruled the country for a long time, and has firsthand knowledge of the situation," he said.

Asked if the top civilian leadership had recently been 'summoned' to the army's headquarters, Aziz said it was his own idea due to some 'logistical problems'.

However, Aziz added that there had been convergence and harmony between the military and civilian leaderships over the past three years on major challenges faced by the country. He said that it was due to that harmony that Pakistan had achieved enormous success in eliminating the menace of terrorism from Pakistan. Aziz also shrugged away the impression of differences between him and Fatemi. Aziz said that the country had achieved 75 per cent success in counterterrorism operations. He said the targets in counterterrorism as well as foreign policy and National Action Plan (NAP) are being achieved.

Indian blamed Pakistan for an attack on Indian paramilitary soldiers in Pampore town of Indian-held Kashmir, Indian media reported on Sunday.

Accusing Pakistan of the ambush, Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar termed the attack, which killed eight members of India's Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), "an act of frustration by Pakistan".

"During the past year, we have eliminated over 25 terrorist from Pakistan who had infiltrated into our country. It was an act of frustration," Parrikar said.

Indian-held Kashmir's Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, in her condemnation message after the attack, said the people of Kashmir were the "worst sufferers" of such acts as the attacks deprive them of development and employment.

Four militants attacked a convoy carrying members of India's Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) near Pampore town of Indian-held Kashmir, killing eight soldiers and wounding 20 more.

Earlier this month, Parrikar had said Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had opened a window of goodwill and dialogue with Pakistan, which was closing as doubts remained about Pakistan's sincerity in tackling terrorism.

The statement was reciprocated by Pakistan's foreign policy chief Sartaj Aziz, who stated India never opened such a window for talks as the development in this regard was sabotaged when the talks between the two countries were postponed after the Pathankot attack.

Director General of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) Sharad Kumar had also stated that there is no evidence of Pakistan government's involvement in the attack on Indian Air Force base in Pathankot.

Attack and its aftermath

The Pathankot air base attack occurred just days after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid a 'surprise' visit to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on his birthday and the occasion of his granddaughter's wedding — a move that appeared to promise better relations between the neighbouring countries in the coming year.

After Modi's visit, the Pakistani and Indian foreign secretaries were scheduled to meet to discuss modalities regarding the Comprehensive Bilateral Dialogue agreed upon during Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj's visit to Islamabad for the Heart of Asia conference in December.

The dialogue was to take on matters related to peace and security, Jammu and Kashmir, Siachen, Sir Creek, Wullar Barrage, Tulbul Navigation Project, economic and commercial cooperation, counter-terrorism, narcotics control and humanitarian issues, people to people exchanges and religious tourism.

A five-member Joint Investigation Team (JIT) probing the Pathankot air base attack arrived in New Delhi in March, with Indian media reports claiming Lt-Col Tanvir Ahmed was the first ISI officer to visit an Indian military facility with official permission. The Indian defence minister claimed before the team reached India that the militants could not have carried out the attack without Islamabad's support.

Pakistan, taking positive steps to build confidence with its nuclear neighbour, cracked down on Jaish-i-Muhammad and took the group's leader Masood Azhar into protective custody.

A later move by India to ban Jaish-i-Muhammad chief Masood Azhar at the United Nations (UN) was blocked by China. The UN banned Jaish in 2001 but India's efforts to get restrictions imposed on Azhar after the Mumbai attacks did not bear fruit because China did not allow them to be imposed.

Keep safe: Security tightened ahead of Youm-i-Ali

Express Tribune, June 27, 2016

LAHORE/MULTAN: Strict security arrangements have been made for various districts ahead of Youm-i-Ali on Monday (today).

In Lahore, major procession for the Youm-i-Ali will start from the Imambargah Mubarak Haveli inside Akbari Gate. The procession will pass Chowk Nawab Sahib, Lal Khoo, Mughal Haveli, Mohalla Shi'an, Nisar Haveli, Chhota Mufti Baqar and Masjid Wazir Khan Chowk before reaching Kashmiri Bazaar where it will stop for Zuhr prayers. From Kashmiri Bazaar, it will proceed to the Paniwala Talab, Shahi Mohalla, Bazaar Hakeeman and Onchi Masjid inside Bhatti Gate and conclude at the Karbala Gamey Shah.

The procession will be preceded by a majlis-i-aza in connection with the martyrdom of Hazrat Ali (RA). Speakers will highlight various aspects of Hazrat Ali's life.

Operations DIG Haider Ashraf held a high-level meeting at Mochi Gate on Sunday to review the security plan. Operations SSP Muntazir Mehdi, Security SP Rana Tahirul Rehman, City SP Naveed, CRO SP Umar Salamat and Agha Qazalbash attended the meeting.

More than 5,000 policemen will be deployed along the procession route. There will be aerial surveillance and the route will be cordoned off using containers, barricades and barbed wire. Sniffer dogs and members of the Bomb Disposal Squad and the Special Branch will scout the route ahead of the procession.

According to the plan, a heavy police contingent will be deployed at the entrance. No vehicles will be allowed. Participants will park their vehicles at Nasser Bagh and walk towards the procession entrance on foot, police said. There, they will be frisked and checked with metal detectors and pass through walk-through gates. Snipers would be deployed on the rooftops of buildings along the route.

The DIG had ordered divisional SPs to conduct search operations throughout the city the night before the procession. He said surveillance cameras would also be installed on the route. All security arrangements will be monitored at an Ops Room – a computerised central command and control room established at the Operations DIG's office. Ashraf said the Dolphin Squad, the Police Response Unit, the Quick Response Force and the Elite Force would patrol areas adjacent to the route. They will be expected to respond immediately in case of any untoward incident. He ordered all officers to be present at the procession site. He said they would try to make sure that the procession ended at the specified time. He requested participants to disperse immediately after the end of the procession.

Sahiwal

DCO Asif Iqbal Chaudhry said on Sunday that pillion riding would be banned in urban areas of Sahiwal district and in Chichawatni on Youm-i-Ali (today). "This is necessary to ensure law and order and to prevent any untoward incident," he said. Chaudhry was addressing a meeting of the district peace committee at his office in Sahiwal. He said Section 144 had been imposed on pillion riding but army men, policemen, women, journalists and children under 12 years of age were exempted.

Chaudhry urged religious scholars of all sects to preach tolerance, harmony and brotherhood on Youm-i-Ali. He said religious scholars must refrain from spreading sectarianism and should promote unity among all sections of society. "The last 10 days of Ramazan provides us the best occasion to promote fraternity and tolerance among the faithful," the DCO said. The DCO directed tehsil municipal officers to launch a crackdown against the beggars in the sub-districts of Sahiwal division.

Multan

DCO Nadir Chattha said carrying weapons, firing shots in the air, and pillion riding had been strictly banned in the district. "We will take strict action against anyone found violating this."

ISLAMABAD: A sessions court on Saturday reserved verdict on an application filed by Pervez Musharraf challenging Ghazi Abdur Rasheed murder case against himself.

Akhtar Shah, Musharraf's lawyer, maintained in the petition that army was called out to carry out the Lal Masjid operation by the civilian authorities under Article 245 of the Constitution. He said high-ups of Islamabad Capital Territory administration and the Islamabad Police had written letters to the army and handed over the area to them.

Shah has maintained in the petition, submitted to Additional District and Sessions Judge (West) Pervaizul Qadir Memon, that as per Section 132 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), no criminal case could be filed against any official of the armed forces when they are acting in aid of civil power except with the sanction of the government.

"Since the federal government's sanction has not been obtained in this instance, the case against Pervez Musharraf is invalid," said Shah and requested the court to quash the case.

Citing report of a Supreme Court-appointed judicial commission to inquire into the operation, Shah said, "Ghazi Abdur Rasheed was shot in the leg and asked to surrender but the militants shot back at SSG commandoes and Ghazi was killed in the crossfire." He said the case against the former military ruler was registered on the orders of the court, otherwise the police have found no case against Musharraf. "Police also said that Musharraf was innocent and placed him Column No 2 in their report to the magistrate. Non-compliance of Section 173 of CrPC has rendered the case invalid," Shah said and prayed that the case against Musharraf be cancelled.

Ghazi's son Haroonur Raheed Ghazi's counsel Tariq Asad, however, said even when acting in aid of civil power, the armed forces were bound to act within certain limits. Citing the 1999 Liaquat Hussain vs the Federation of Pakistan case, Asad said armed forces' powers were restricted and they were bound to act as subordinate to civil power.

Ghazi murder case: Verdict reserved on maintainability

Express Tribune, June 26, 2016

Pakistan needs F-16 to fight terror: Zardari tells McCain

Business Recorder, June 25, 2016

Thousands make a statement against terrorism at Amjad Sabri's funeral

The News, June 25, 2016

Afghan refugee camps being used for terrorism: FO

The News, June 24, 2016

After hearing the arguments, the court reserved the verdict and adjourned the case till July 30.

Aabpara police had registered a murder case against Musharraf on the directions of the Islamabad High Court on September 2, 2013. The former president was arrested on October 10 and was granted bail by a session judge on November 4, 2013. The session court issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Musharraf on February 20, and initiated the process to declare the former president a proclaimed offender in the case after he failed to appear before the court by issuing a proclamation on May 21, 2016. However, Musharraf's counsel Akhtar Shah filed an application in the same court on May 23 challenging the murder case against his client. He had requested the court to suspend the summons and proclamation process and decide his petition first. The court will announce the verdict on the petition on July 30.

Former president Asif Ali Zardari met Senator John McCain in Los Angeles and discussed bilateral relations between USA and Pakistan. Asif Ali Zardari urged senator's support for Pakistan in getting F-16 from US and emphasised that Pakistan need F-16 and drone technology to fight the war against terrorism which is the big threat not only for Pakistan but entire world. Zardari emphasised that relations between Pakistan and US should be stronger and Pakistan needs support of US. He also said that Pakistan has suffered a lot due to terrorism and people of Pakistan and our soldiers have sacrificed their lives fighting this war. Pakistan is completely committed to eradicate terrorism from its soil. Both leaders agreed that democracy should continue and flourish in Pakistan in order to prosper and develop in coming future.-PR

KARACHI: Thousands of people turned out to pay their respects to Amjad Sabri at his funeral, said Shahzeb Khanzada on Geo News programme, 'Aaj Shahzeb Khanzada Kay Sath', on Thursday. He said that despite the fact that it was a very hot day and that people were fasting thousands of people braved the hard weather to attend the funeral and make a statement against terrorism. Shahzeb said that the police have issued a sketch of the suspect who may have killed Amjad Sabri.

Following the release of the sketch by the police, a startling disclosure has been made by a woman, Hameeda Begum, claiming that the sketch resembles her son, Nasir, who has been missing for the last three years. Hameeda Begum said that her son had been taken by one Tahir Baloch, a resident of Lyari and against whom police had registered many cases in several police stations of the city. Police said that like Nasir, Tahir Baloch, who is wanted by the police in some very serious cases, has also been missing.

In a different segment of the programme, Shahzeb Khanzada said that politics in the country has been revolving around PanamaLeaks for the last three months. The deadlock between the opposition and the government persists. Shahzeb Khanzada said that it appears that the troubles for the government would increase after Eid. The Tehreek-e-Insaf is talking about staging another sit-in protest movement in August. He said that even the Pakistan People's Party has toughened its stance on PanamaLeaks. In the PPP, Bilawal Bhutto and Aitzaz Ahsan have been spearheading the tough stance against the government. In a still different segment of the programme, Shahzeb Khanzada said that the spokesman for the Armed Forces, Asim Bajwa, has rejected the impression of a gulf in civil-military relations.

Meanwhile, the woman who claims to be the mother of Amjad Sabri's alleged killer, Hameeda Begum, while talking to Shahzeb Khanzada on the programme, said that the sketch of Amjad Sabri's killer resembles her son who has been missing for several years. "My son, Nasir, also used to wear a cap. Three years ago, a man named Tahir Lashari of Lyari gang war had taken my son from my home. I have been running from pillar to post for the last three years, but no one has paid any attention to my plea," said Hameeda Begum. She said that if her son has killed Amjad Sabri then he must be punished for the crime, but at least she should be told where her son is. "I even went to the courts, but nobody heard me. I said to the police to summon the father of Tahir Lashari and make him sit in the police station for two hours and he will tell everything. The people my son Nasir used to mingle with were not good. He had even started taking drugs for which he used to take money from me. Tahir Lashari stayed at my place twice after which my son went with him. I was once elected councilor on a PPP ticket," said Hameeda Begum.

A leader of the PPP, Qamar Zaman Kaira, while talking to Shahzeb Khanzada on the programme, said that his party had supported Imran Khan and Tahir-ul-Qadri on issues like election rigging and the demand to bring the people responsible for the Model Town tragedy to book. "However, we differed on the means to achieve those ends. The day the participants of the sit-in movement attempted to charge the Parliament, we scrambled to defend the Parliament," he said. Qamar Zaman Kaira said that the prime minister and his family have not refuted the disclosures in the PanamaLeaks. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said on the programme that Army Chief General Raheel Sharif had spoken to the prime minister by telephone before and after the prime minister's surgery.

"Whenever the Army Chief talks to me he always inquires after the health of the prime minister. Some people are deliberately trying to create confusion about civil-military relations," said Ishaq Dar. He said that the prime minister has sent some names to him for members of the Election Commission so that he could consult with the leader of the opposition on those names. Ishaq Dar said that the lead person of the PPP in the ToRs committee has been misguiding his party.

Unregulated cross-border movement promotes infiltration of terrorists and militants; India creating instability in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Office on Thursday said some of the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan had become a serious security risk, as terrorists and militants were hiding there.

Speaking at the weekly press briefing here, spokesman Nafees Zakaria said unregulated cross-border movements provided an opportunity for infiltration of terrorists and militants. He said border

Army ready to confront terrorism, extremism, cleanse Pakistan of menaces: COAS
The Nation, June 24, 2016

management was a key element of Pakistan's policy towards combating terrorism and addressing the issue of militancy.

"We are determined to put in place an effective border control on the border crossings. The cooperation of the Afghan government can play an important role in achieving our shared objective of promoting lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region, he added.

He said Pakistan was still hosting three million Afghan refugees who had a bearing on its economy. The spokesman issued a stark reminder to Washington that instead of lobbying on behalf of India and accusing Pakistan of unnecessarily "overestimating" New Delhi's role inside Afghanistan, it should instead focus on what US officials had been stating in the past.

"Let me take you back to 2013 when Chuck Hagel, former US Defence Secretary, had mentioned that India finances instability in Pakistan. Then I will take you further back to 2009 when General Stanley A. McChrystal also referred to this fact that India was causing and financing instability in Pakistan. These are realities. I leave it to you to decide how we should react in such a situation," said the spokesman.

Richard Olson, US Special Representative for Pakistan and Afghanistan speaking to the Atlantic Council had stated "Pakistani concerns over the Indian role in Afghanistan are overestimated." "The ground reality is that we have arrested Kulbhushan Yadav, which is solid proof of Indian state involvement in terrorism in Pakistan as well as in terror financing. Mr. Yadav has made public confessions in this regard," responded the spokesman to another query.

Without commenting on whether the US had officially sounded Pakistan on seeking a role for India and Iran at the QCG table on Afghanistan, Pakistan does not appear to be ready to enlarge the group. Instead, the spokesman said there were other initiatives parallel to the QCG and both Iran and India were part of them. However, the spokesman said Olson had also underlined the importance of Pakistan's role in peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan as well as the importance of the QCG process. "I will again remind you that the QCG has four members and three of them are facilitators with shared responsibility to bring the Taliban and other groups to the negotiating table.

QCG is vitally important for us purely because we want to see sustainable peace in Afghanistan and dialogue is the only viable option", he said. Efforts are afoot by all the four members (Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, US) who in their respective domains have influence over the warring factions and are making efforts to bring these warring groups to the negotiating table.

Even as to avoid communication gaps, it is expected that Pakistan and Afghanistan will meet on the sidelines of the SCO meeting in Tashkent to take up the burning issue of border management.

Pakistan insists that all structures being built and those in future are on its territory and that "the process of consultative mechanism may lead to two-way exchanges."

As all attention focuses on Seoul where a meeting of NSG members is underway, Pakistan says the applications of Pakistan and India cannot be considered in isolation from the goal of maintaining strategic stability in South Asia, adding that it was not for Pakistan to pre-judge the outcome of NSG's Seoul Plenary.

To a query he commented: "We have been making efforts to muster the support of NSG members for our own membership. It has been our consistent position that the question of NSG membership for non-NPT states must be dealt with in accordance with a single, uniform, non-discriminatory and fair criteria".

While Washington has been publicly lobbying for India's entry into the NSG, Pakistan says it has all the credentials to join this prestigious club and recalled a meeting with a US delegation which "recognized Pakistan's significant efforts to harmonize its strategic trade controls with those of NSG's."

Making a case for non-NPT countries like Pakistan, which has not signed on the dotted lines, the spokesman underlined the fact that "mainstreaming of non-NPT nuclear states will strengthen the non-proliferation regime by binding these countries to NSG principles and guidelines."

Initially choosing to ignore comments by Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj on Sunday to several queries, the spokesman said Pakistan wants to resolve all issues with India through dialogue, including the Kashmir dispute, which is the best way.

As it continues to shun talks with Pakistan, Advisor on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz had earlier said Pakistan was not 'desperate' for a dialogue. "Our position is very clear that dialogue is the best way to resolve all problems and when dialogue starts all the issues will be discussed. We have not attached any pre-conditions to it and we also expect that India will not attach any pre-conditions too.

I recall that on the sidelines of the Heart of Asia Meeting, both sides had agreed that no incident should have any bearing on dialogue and I think this statement is still valid", said the spokesman hinting at India recoiling after the Pathankot terrorist attack.

"The Indian foreign secretary was scheduled to visit Pakistan by mid-January but he did not on the pretext of Pathankot incident. The visit is overdue. We have not yet received new dates from the Indian side. After the Pathankot incident, Pakistan extended sincere cooperation. During JIT visit whatever intelligence and information the Indian side shared that is being examined", he added.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Raheel Sharif emphasised Pakistan Army's resolve and determination to confront global phenomenon of terrorism and extremism and cleanse Pakistan of this menace. He said during operation ZeA, Pakistani nation has emerged as the most resilient nation of the world.

Addressing the participants of the course during his visit to National Defence University, Islamabad

President terms terrorism greatest challenge for Pakistan

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'Do more' demand unjustifiable, says ISPR chief

The Nation, June 23, 2016

on Friday, COAS General Raheel Sharif focused on professional matters, internal and external security situation of the country and his vision of an enduring peace within Pakistan and the region.

The Army Chief dilating upon progress in concluding phase of kinetic prong of Operation Zarb-e-Azb explained how we had transited from hard core kinetic operations to intelligence based operations and now combing operations. He said that defeated terrorists and their sympathizers inland and abroad are now frustrated and going for softer targets. Remaining steadfast, and with an enhanced awareness and participation, we as a Nation must pursue our national objective of zero presence of terrorists and total peace at any cost.

The COAS said, "The contours of future war are fast changing. While our enemies are stoking terrorism to demoralize us and destabilize our country, we are united, fully determined and capable of defeating their nefarious designs. Pakistan is opposed to using proxies against other countries and will also not allow any other country to use proxies against Pakistan."

Earlier on arrival at NDU, COAS was received by President NDU Lieutenant General Nazir Ahmed Butt.

TASHKENT: President Mamnoon Hussain on Friday termed terrorism as the greatest challenge for Pakistan and hoped the becoming a full member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) would enable the country to have a better and effective platform to fight this menace.

"We believe that the SCO provides the right security overhang under which we can fight this menace," the President said in his address at the 16th Council of Heads of State of Shanghai Cooperation Organization held here in the Uzbek capital.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, Uzbek President Islam Karimov, Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon, Turkmenistan's President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev, and Kyrgyzstan's President Almazbek Atambayev attended the session. The representatives of Iran, Belarus and Mongolia were also present.

President Mamnoon Hussain who addressed the SCO forum in Urdu language said Pakistan's aim of curbing extremism and enhancing border security were in line with the objectives of SCO. "Pakistan understands better than any other country that terrorism poses the greatest challenge to our vision of common prosperity. No other country has made greater sacrifices in fighting the forces of terrorism, separatism, and extremism," he said. He said Pakistan had met every move made by these dark forces with firm resolve and with force whenever necessary and added that it remained committed to fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The President said the ongoing comprehensive and all out law enforcement action Zarb-e-Azb was against all terrorists groups without discrimination. "I am happy to inform you that we turned the corner and achieved phenomenal success. The backbone of the terrorists had been broken and their main infrastructure has been dismantled," he told the SCO leaders.

President Mamnoon said Pakistan firmly believed that the path to regional peace and stability lied in economic connectivity and development and mentioned that the country offered significant overland routes and connectivity for trade and energy transactions within the region and beyond.

In that context the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) implementation of which is now in full swing serves as the natural link between the SCO states and the Arabian Sea and South Asia headed. He said the CPEC would bring the SCO a step closer to achieving its vision of regional economic integration and strengthen the SCO's endeavors for the promotion of peace security and harmony in the region. Peace in Afghanistan is crucial to regional connectivity and trade cooperation, he added.

President Mamnoon said Pakistan was committed to take its engagement with SCO to the next level and start actively participating in the Organization's activities. He thanked the member countries of Shanghai Cooperation Organization for their support to Pakistan in its journey towards the path of becoming a full member of SCO. He assured that Pakistan would further strengthen its relationship with SCO and make its contribution for regional peace stability and development as well as support cooperation against terrorism and extremism.

Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz, Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry and Pakistan's ambassador Riaz Bukhari also attended the session. Uzbek President Islam Karimov earlier welcomed the SCO leaders at the Organization's platform and said the SCO states with mutual cooperation would bring peace and prosperity to the region.

BERLIN: Director General of Inter-Services Public Relations Lt General Asim Bajwa has said that the ongoing military operation in North Waziristan is against all the militants. "All terrorist groups have been targeted in Zarb-e-Azb operation without any discrimination" General Asim Bajwa said. In an interview to Deutsche Welle (DW's) Urdu Service, Asim Bajwa said: "the military has no preferences. We are targeting terrorists from all groups." He said without border management mechanism, peace is not possible in Afghanistan and Pakistan. DG ISPR said that around 18,000 operations have been conducted on intelligence basis in which approximately 240 terrorists were killed while several facilitators were also arrested. He reiterated that Pakistan has done a lot to combat terrorism but criticism from the West that the Pakistani army is not "doing enough" against militants is "both regretful and unjustified." He said that the biggest reason behind confronting relation with India is Kashmir issue whereas making India a member of NSG would be discriminatory. Bajwa revealed that the army was unaware about the attack on Mullah Mansour Akhtar who was killed on Pakistan's land. He said the killing of Mullah Akhtar Mansour has undermined the peace process. Responding to a question, he said Pakistan has also protested against the drone strikes on its territory and raised the matter at different levels. Talking about

UN urges Pakistanis not to label Afghan refugees 'terrorists'

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Torkham border clash, Asim Bajwa said that an exchange of firing was held at the border however, negotiations are underway with Afghan government to resolve the matter. He regretted that the world has not done enough to support Pakistan's anti-terrorism efforts. Director General ISPR said it will be unjust not to accept Pakistan's contributions in the fight against the menace. To a question, Asim Saleem Bajwa said Pakistan is ready to go to any extent for peace in Afghanistan.

PESHAWAR: The United Nations refugee chief on Thursday urged Pakistanis not to blame Afghan refugees for terrorism in their country, amid growing public calls for their deportation and worsening relations between the two neighbours. Warning that the roughly 2.5 million Afghan refugees in Pakistan risked becoming a "forgotten" crisis, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi called on the international community to invest more funds to help them.

"My appeal is that, not only to the authorities but also to the local population: refugees as you know are not terrorists," Grandi said during a visit to a repatriation centre outside Peshawar. 1,100 km trench built alongside Pak-Afghan border in Balochistan

Pakistan has recently hinted at the possibility of deporting Afghan refugees, amid tense relations with Kabul. A decision to renew their legal status by June 30 has not yet been announced, although past deadlines have been extended at the last minute. The number of Afghans voluntarily returning home is down sharply this year as violence worsens in Afghanistan, where the government and its US allies are fighting a stubborn Taliban insurgency. So far, about 6,000 Afghans have chosen to return home from Pakistan in 2016, compared with 58,211 voluntary repatriations last year, according to the UNHCR. At the repatriation centre, refugees wiped the sweat from their faces as they waited in sweltering heat for their cases to be processed, a necessary step before they can set off on the journey home.

Many Afghan refugees say they are being pressured to go back by the authorities, amid worsening diplomatic relations between Kabul and Islamabad.

Pakistan questions US commitment to Afghan peace process

A recent border spat between the two at the nearby Torkham crossing left four dead and thousands stranded. "I grew up here, but right now, the situation is not good," said Manzoor Hamdard, 30, one of about 50 people at the centre. His family fled Afghanistan 35 years ago. "We are poor people, and the police come and take money from us," added Hamdard, who will move with his family of 15 to their native Baghlan province, in northern Afghanistan.

"We've run out of energy to deal with this."

Huma Zafar, a community leader in an Afghan refugee tribal council, added: "Whatever the relations are, good or bad, refugees should not be affected by it."

Tolerance at its limit?

On Monday, Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz told a private TV channel that Afghan refugee camps had become "safe havens for terrorists".

On Wednesday, SAFRON Minister Abdul Qadir Baloch warned that Pakistan was not willing to host Afghan refugees indefinitely.

Six TTP commanders, including Hakimullah Mehsud's brother and uncle, surrender in Kurram Agency

"In view of the security and socioeconomic impact, the tolerance level of the host communities has reached its threshold and cannot be overstretched," he said, adding, however, that Pakistan would not use force to evict refugees.

Pakistan has the second-largest refugee population in the world, with more than 1.5 million registered and about a million unregistered refugees from Afghanistan, most of whom fled the Soviet invasion in 1979.

UNHCR chief Grandi said he had made the case for extending the June 30 deadline to the government in talks during his two-day visit to Pakistan. He also stressed the need for the international community to fund efforts to support Afghan refugees. "I have come here to the region on the week of World Refugee Day to highlight that Afghan refugees should not be forgotten," he said.

The legitimate authority of international law lies in its ability to generate moral moorings/ duties of obedience for its subjects whether states, international organisations or individuals. Individuals may also be bound by international law, with or without their own state. Given that both 'individual and state actions' are equally accountable under international law, the case—of Indian spy Yadav Kulbhashan held by the Pakistani government on 3 March from Balochistan— clearly falls under the premise of India's 'state sponsored terrorism' in Pakistan. The arrested Indian citizen personifies Ajit Kumar Doval, India's National Security Advisor (NSA) and a proud spymaster.

Scholar Gus Martin describes state terrorism as terrorism "committed by governments and quasi-governmental agencies and personnel against perceived threats", which can be directed against both domestic and foreign targets. Noam Chomsky defines state terrorism as "terrorism practiced by states (or governments) and their agents and allies". The Indian RAW has a well-organised 'espionage system' in Pakistan. The evidence strongly suggests that there exists an 'inseparable connection' between Raw's espionage and 'separatist and religious terrorism' in Pakistan.

On March 25, in a statement, India's External Affairs Ministry, while admitting the RAW agent, captured by the Pakistani security forces to be Indian citizen, claimed that he was a commander in the Indian Navy, and it has sought consular access to Yadav. During investigation, RAW agent Yadav confessed that during his stay, he contacted various Baloch separatist leaders and insurgents, including Dr Allah Nazar Baloch, to execute the task to damage the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project (CPEC). Pakistani Government and ISI have accused the Indian

India's state terrorism imperils int'l legal order

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Pakistan should focus on terrorism, not Indian presence in Afghanistan, says Olson

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consulates in Kandahar and Jalalabad, Afghanistan, for providing arms, training and financial aid to the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) in an attempt to 'destabilise Pakistan'. Espionage is curiously ill-defined under international law, even though all developed nations, as well as many lesser-developed ones, conduct spying and eavesdropping operations against their neighbours.' Examined in light of the realist approach to international relations, states spy on one another according to their relative power positions in order to achieve self-interested goals. This theoretical approach, however, not only fails to explain international tolerance for espionage, but also inadequately captures the cooperative benefits that accrue to all international states as a result of espionage. Although no international agreement affirmatively endorses espionage, states do not reject it as a 'violation' of international law.'

As a result of its historical acceptance, espionage's legal validity may be grounded in the recognition that "custom" serves as an authoritative source of international law. Espionage is a crime under the 'legal code' of many nations. According to Article 29 of customary International Humanitarian Law, "A person can only be considered a spy when, acting clandestinely or on false pretences, he obtains or endeavours to obtain information in the zone of operations of a belligerent with the intention of communicating it to the hostile party."

Article 30 of the same law states, "A spy taken in the act shall not be punished without previous trial." India and Pakistan have been trying spies in military courts. Sovereignty is a core precept of public international law, guarding a state's essentially exclusive jurisdiction over its own territory. A concomitant principle is that "[e]very State has the duty to refrain from intervention in the internal or external affairs of any other State" and "the duty to refrain from fomenting civil strife in the territory of another State, and to prevent the organization within its territory of activities calculated to foment such civil strife."

The principle of non-interference in sovereign affairs is recognized most famously in the U.N. Charter itself, which provides in Article 2(4) that "[a]ll Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations." The principle is, however, broader than this preoccupation with use of force suggests. The exercise of what is known as 'enforcement jurisdiction' by one state and its agents in the territory of another is clearly a 'breach' of international law.

In 2011, the Guardian published an article which mentioned that India is a 'safe haven' for many Hindutva (a Raw's subsidiary) extremists and that the Indian Government has turned a blind eye to many Saffron terror groups that operate within its territory. Wright-Neville, an Australian academic writes that outside Pakistan, some Western observers also believe that India secretly funds the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA). In August 2013 US Special Representative James Dobbins said Pakistan's fears over India's role in Afghanistan were "not groundless". Lt. Gen. Asim Bajwa confirmed the presence of an active espionage of RAW within Pakistan. He elaborated, "Yadav's mission included conducting of operations in Karachi and Balochistan to target the Gawadar Port and the CPEC project the apprehended spy is aware of the funding made regarding the attack carried out on the Mehran Base and that Yadav also tried to form a 'Tiger force' in Karachi which aimed towards spreading sectarianism in the city," adding that "the spy was directly connected with RAW and the Indian authorities."

While Pakistani security agencies have prepared a strong case to expose 'collaborated Raw's terrorist mission' Pakistan, the Indian propaganda machinery is frustratingly asking for consular access of Yadav. Pakistani government has justifiably regretted the Indian demand. Islamabad's notion of referring this case to the 'UN', is absolutely a rightful 'legal recourse'. Since the case in point, seems virtually fit to warrant Pakistani concerns regarding India's state-sponsored terrorism, the international community has to play its 'ascribed role' under the UN General Assembly's resolution 49/60 of Dec 09 1994 and its annex on the Declaration on Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism.

Suggesting that Pakistan's concerns over India's role in Afghanistan were "overestimated", US Special Envoy Richard Olson on Tuesday said Pakistan had its own security concerns and it needed to focus on them.

"Pakistan will not be secure until and unless it takes action against terrorist organisations, like the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network," Olson said while addressing a think-tank, the Atlantic Council. He, however, noted that the ongoing military operations in North Waziristan had curbed terrorist attacks inside Pakistan, which resulted in reducing violence and stabilising the Pakistani economy. But Pakistan's reluctance to take strong action against terrorist networks that carry out attacks outside its territory had impaired its success in curbing terrorism at home, he added. "Pakistan will not have a bright future until and unless it goes after the Taliban," he warned.

Olson also noted that the Afghan Taliban had consolidated themselves under the new leadership, which took charge after a US drone strike eliminated Taliban chief Mullah Akhtar Mansour in Balochistan last month. He appreciated Pakistan's commitment to the Afghan peace process and urged Islamabad to use its influence on the Taliban to persuade them to join reconciliation talks. Olson said the United States would provide more than \$3 billion a year in support for the Afghan national security forces from 2018 through 2020. Olson, the US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the administration planned to ask Congress for about \$1 billion a year in development and economic assistance for Afghanistan from 2018 to 2020. Disagreeing with Pakistan's concerns that India was using its strong presence in Afghanistan to stir trouble in Balochistan, the US envoy said: "India has been a supportive partner for Afghanistan. It has provided a limited amount but important military assistance (to Afghanistan)."

Olson, who was the US Ambassador to Pakistan before taking up his present assignment, was asked to comment on the perception in Pakistan that India had set up 24 consulates in Afghanistan, some close to the Pakistani border. There were only "four Indian consulates in

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Afghanistan", said the US envoy while explaining how the perceived Indian threat was exaggerated in Pakistan. "I sometimes feel that the degree of Indian influence on Afghanistan may be overestimated in Pakistan," he added.

The Wall Street Journal, however, reported on Tuesday that some peacemakers viewed the drone strike that killed Mullah Mansour as a setback to their efforts to restore peace to the war-ravaged country.

"Striking the leadership was a mistake," said Paolo Cotta-Ramusino, secretary-general of The Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. "We need to interact with the Taliban's leadership, not take them out. The Pugwash is a conflict-resolution group that met Taliban representatives in Qatar recently.

After the drone strike, the Pentagon called Mullah Mansour an obstacle to peace and President Barack Obama said he didn't expect the Taliban to move towards peace talks soon, WSJ said. But the Taliban appointed a hard-line religious leader to replace Mullah Mansour and stepped up attacks on government targets, the report added.

KARACHI: Terrorists have posed a challenge to the courts by kidnapping Owais Ali Shah, son of Sindh High Court (SHC) Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah, while the law enforcing and investigation agencies have failed so far to recover him.

An eight-member committee, which includes two DIGs, four SSPs and inspectors, has been formed to investigate the kidnapping of Owais Ali Shah. The notification of the committee has also been issued. The committee is headed by DIG CIA Sultan Khawaja and comprises DIG South Munir Ahmed Sheikh, SSP SIU Farooq Awan, SSP South Dr Farooq, SSP CTD Naveed Khawaja and SP Investigation Adil Chandio.

The decision for the formation of the committee was taken at a high-level meeting chaired by Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah. The CM was briefed by the IGP, Director General Rangers Major General Bilal Akbar and intelligence agencies on the case. IG Sindh Police informed the CM that some clues have CCTV cameras and from the vehicle of Owais Ali Shah. Qaim advised intelligence agencies, police and Rangers to coordinate closely for the recovery of Owais Ali Shah.

The DG Rangers, Additional Inspector General Counter Terrorism Department Sanaullah Abbasi and Special Security Unit (SSU) teams visited the incident site. Family sources said that Owais went to Super Market in Clifton to buy something but he did not return. His mobile phone had been switched off since then.

Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Rasheed said the car that whisked Owais Shah away from shopping mall was seen last time at Tipu Sultan Road. He also revealed that 20 to 25 suspects have also been taken into custody for interrogation.

The officers have started snap checking in Karachi and at all its entry and exit points while security has been tightened at Super Highway and National Highway. A search operation has also been launched by the policemen in different localities including Sadar Cantt Station, Baloch Colony and Mahmudabad. SSU and CPLC are also conducting raids in sensitive areas to recover the victim. Mobile data of SHC CJ's son has also been taken.

Two eyewitnesses have also recorded their statements in this regard according to which four masked armed men got down from a white colour car and took Owais with them. The case will be lodged after the identification of the suspects.

The chief minister directed that a report of the incident be submitted to him in three days. Qaim late on Monday ordered the concerned authorities to block the whole city to recover the son of Sajjad Ali Shah. The chief minister ordered to set up check points across the city to keep all movement at check.

Qaim Ali Shah said the kidnapping of Owais Ali Shah is a serious security lapse. "But I have taken it seriously and Insha Allah he would be recovered shortly," he said. "How it is possible that four men with their faces covered and equipped with heavy weapons kidnap a person from the courtyard of a shopping centre at 2.30pm and the police and the other agencies don't know the matter until the victim's family points it out," he questioned and said, "It is quite surprising and painful."

DG Rangers Bilal Akbar said that Karachi operation was going on in full swing. "There is dire need to make it more effective and comprehensive," he said and added that this would make peace in city sustainable.

Talking about the kidnapping of Owais, he said that different terrorist organisations were operating to destabilise the country. "This is a serious incident and we all are working on it very seriously and working it out with different angels," he said. The chief minister directed all the agencies to intensify operation clean up and purge the city from terrorists and criminals. "Enough is enough, there should be zero-tolerance for criminal activities," he said loudly. The representatives of intelligence agencies shared their intelligence work with the chief minister and said that through geo-fencing they were able to trace the car in which Syed Awaish Shah was kidnapped. The chief minister said that street crime is on the rise in the city. "Criminals are moving freely in the shopping centres, at roundabouts and other such areas for looting and plundering," he said and added that such trend of crime must be crushed.

Taking some policy decisions, the chief minister directed Excise and Taxation and Police Department to launch campaign against fake number plates. The chief minister taking another policy decision ordered all the agencies to launch a crackdown on illegal weapons. The meeting decided to keep an eye on the activities of aliens living in Karachi and other parts of the province. Governor Sindh Dr Ishratul Ebad Khan has also taken notice of the disappearance and ordered the officials concerned to utilise all resources in recovering Owais. Forensic experts are inspecting

the recovered car of Owais for likely finger prints of the abductors.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif expressed deep concern over the kidnapping of the son of Justice Sajjad Ali Shah. The prime minister was briefed by the Ministry of Interior on the efforts made so far to recover Barrister Owais. He also directed the civil, armed forces and intelligence agencies to beef up their existing efforts and leave no stone unturned to recover Barrister Owais, said PM Office.

Meanwhile, condemning the kidnapping of the son of Justice Sajjad, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief Imran Khan said it raised a question mark on the performance of the law enforcement agencies. In a statement, Imran questioned the performance of the Sindh government. He said in a province where the family of the chief justice is not safe then how safe would the ordinary citizen be. Imran also called upon the law enforcement agencies to recover Owais Ali.

Former president Asif Ali Zardari has expressed deep concern over the kidnapping of Owais Ali Shah and sought his safe recovery. While condemning this heinous crime I also urge that the conversation on the kidnappings be enlarged so as to also take into account the circumstances and reasons behind the kidnapping of high profile and high value targets in addition to the usual criminality of kidnappings for ransom in the country," he said in a statement. The former president said over five years ago Shahbaz Taseer, son of former governor Punjab Salman Taseer, was kidnapped by unknown assailants under mysterious circumstances. "There is deafening silence in the wake of his kidnapping and recovery," he said.

Zardari said on the eve of 2013 general elections, Ali Haider Gilani, son of former prime minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, was kidnapped and was released after over three years of captivity in May this year. "Reportedly, Gilani was in the custody of kidnappers in a district in Punjab for several months before he was transferred to Waziristan," he said. Zardari said ease and impunity with which the criminals accomplished their goal has raised questions about the reach, resources and influence of the kidnappers and their backers as well as their motives. "While we must seek safe and urgent recovery of Owais Ali Shah from the kidnappers, we should also broaden the discourse by seeking answers to several unanswered questions that have been thrown up in the wake of earlier kidnappings of high value targets," he said.

The Pakistan Bar Council (PBC) also condemned the kidnapping of Owais Ali Shah and demanded the governor Sindh and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan to ensure his safe release.

An emergency meeting of office bearers of the PBC was held under the chairmanship of Barrister Dr Farogh Nasim. The meeting resolved that in this delicate and difficult time the PBC and the lawyers community of Pakistan stand with Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah and his family and pray for a safe and early release of his son.

The PBC deplored the law and order situation in the entire country, particularly in Sindh, and called upon Ishratul Ebad Khan, Chaudhry Nisar, Core Commander Karachi Lieutenant General Naveed Mukhtar, DG Rangers Bilal Akbar and IG Sindh AD Khawaja to ensure the safe and secure release of Owais and take steps so as to provide complete security to the lawyers, judges, their families and the court premises in Sindh.

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TANK: Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) Fata is launching an intensive anti-polio campaign in Frontier Region Dera Ismail Khan, Frontier Region Tank and South Waziristan Agency following confirmation of a fresh polio case in Dera Ismail Khan. The World Health Organisation (WHO) representative on polio eradication has confirmed to local media that a three-year-old girl, Ajwa, was latest victim of polio.

Belonging to Garah Essa Khan Union Council in Daraban tehsil, Ajwa was admitted to the Children Ward of District Headquarters Hospital Dera Ismail Khan last week. She expired during the course of pathological investigation. During the campaign, 111 mobile teams, 29 fixed teams, 15 transit teams and 375 community health workers will be administering anti-polio drops to 129,539 children, under the supervision and security provided by political agents, commissioner and law-enforcing agencies. In 2016, the average percentage of target children covered during low transmission season-5 anti-polio campaigns in all over Fata has been maintained around 99 percent, with rate of refusal below 1 percent and polio cases zero, said an official communiqué. In a recent Low Season Polio Eradication Initiative review meeting at Governor's House, the governor had stressed the need for sustaining the current momentum and reaching out to every child for ultimate polio eradication.

KARACHI: As many as 46 sexually transmitted infection (STI) centres under Sindh Aids Control Programme (SACP) are non functional, resulting alarming rise in HIV/AIDS cases, Daily Times has learnt. According to official sources, differences prevail between authorities concerned for utilising Rs 800 million budget, for awareness and treatment of HIV/AIDS. It is learnt HIV/AIDS cases are growing in province.

Sources said that there are 80 activities out of 127 held in the month of June this year with a cost of Rs 0.5 million for activities to meet the formalities, but the differences between officials developed over the commission after removal of behavioral community coordinator. Sindh AIDS Control Programme has completely failed to control the growing menace of HIV/AIDS cases in Sindh, number of cases swelled to 80,000 unregistered, while registered patients are 8517.

Sources said that the patients are deprived of health services and other assistance despite spending millions of rupees by the Sindh AIDS Control Programme. Sources further informed that Sindh AIDS Control Programme had established 46 STI clinics and treatment centres in Sindh for facilitation of HIV/AIDS patients but these STI clinics are non functional since long due to carelessness and in competency of concerned authorities. They said that the number of HIV/AIDS cases is growing unabated whereas government is not serious to cope with increasing cases and provide required facilities to effected people. The representatives of civil society has demanded of the Sindh chief minister, NAB chairman and anti-corruption authorities to probe into the corruption of HIV/AIDS officials and provide the relief to patients, while sources disclosed that PC 1 of Rs 637 million had been approved by Sindh government.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government Poly Clinic (FGPC) has introduced a new barcoding system to control stealing of medicines from the hospital's medical stores and dispensary.

According to an official of the hospital, under a new mechanism evolved to avoid misuse and theft of medicines, 12 security cameras were installed at medical stores and dispensary. He said these security cameras would remain functional round-the-clock to stop medicine theft and ensuring that medicines were being issued only to the relevant patients. He said that all incoming and outgoing medicines would be barcoded to know who is being given the medicine. The official said that all medical stores of the hospital had been fully computerised and medicines would be treated with barcoding. He said that the step was taken to control incidents of medicine theft, causing loss to national exchequer. He said that the renovation work including revamping of medical stores and installation of security and computer system was completed with the support of donors. An amount of Rs 1.5 million, he said was spent on upgradation of medical stores while dispensary was also upgraded with addition of four new counters to facilitate the patients. The official said that barcoding was the most common form of automatic identification used in automatic data-capture technologies and barcodes track virtually everything but most effective in medicines' record. Meanwhile, the government has planned to establish a modern blood transfusion centre in the federal capital to sensitise and mobilise voluntary blood donors and collect their blood for deserving patients. With establishment of this centre, collected blood will be processed, tested, screened and stored according to international quality assured systems, said Prof Hassan Abbas Zaheer, Safe Blood Transfusion Programme project director on Sunday. He said that with start of this modern blood centre, the citizens of the capital would have a model transfusion service delivery system. The prepared blood components would be supplied to all the public and private sector hospitals in the capital, he said.

BAHAWALPUR: A Tehsil Municipal Authority (TMA) worker and his accomplices suspected of stealing diesel fuel and manhole covers on Saturday evaded arrested in a raid prompted by a citizen's complaint. A spokesman for the TMO told newsmen that a citizen had reported that some TMA workers had stopped work on sewerage lines in his neighbourhood, saying diesel oil was needed to run generators. He said the citizen suspected that the men were stealing the fuel and manhole covers from the area. He said a team had been formed to investigate the complaint. He said the team had caught TMA worker Obaidur Rehman and four accomplices with 200 litres of diesel oil and five manhole covers. He said Rehman had been arrested but his accomplices managed to flee. He said Rehman had been handed over to the police and a team had been

NADRA launches drive for re-verification of CNICs

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formed to apprehend his accomplices.

The National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has formally launched a campaign for re-verification of registered families to identify illegal registrations. NADRA is issuing SMS from 8008 to heads of families to get confirmation of their registered members. A citizen can also verify his or her family by sending their CNIC number to 8008. However, the re-verification of Computerised National Identity Cards will start from the 1st of next month. NADRA has established a helpline capable of handling 10,000 calls per day and an SMS gateway of 150,000 text messages per day to facilitate people reporting suspected CNICs issued to aliens. The interior minister directed NADRA to ensure utilisation of all its resources to achieve the desired objective of removing aliens from the Authority's database within the given timeline. He also approved media strategy of NADRA for awareness of masses.

One killed as fire erupts in 11-storey building in city

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A huge fire that erupted early on Sunday in a multi-storey building was brought under control after four-hour-long struggle in Clifton, fire brigade officials said. According to reports, an 11-storey building in Clifton area of Karachi caught fire on Sunday and claimed the life of at least one person. The incident occurred at 4:30 am in Block-4 of Clifton. On getting information, four vehicles of fire brigade reached the scene, however; more fire tenders were called in after observing the intensity of the blaze. Power provision in the area was suspended as a result of the inferno. At least 12 tenders and one snorkel doused the fire after a hectic effort of four hours. A man was taken out in a dead state from the eighth floor of the commercial building. According to the fire brigade officials, the victim was a security guard and died due to suffocation. The officials also said that 12 people stuck in the building were evacuated with the help of a snorkel. Eight people stuck on the rooftop were also taken out of the building in the rescue operation. The incident underscored lack of resources the fire brigade department has been facing as the snorkel had no access beyond sixth floor and three people stranded at the eighth floor had to reach the snorkel using ropes. According to Chief Fire Officer Tehseen Ahmed, the fire was extinguished with the help of five fire tenders and one snorkel. It was reported that the fire was caused by an explosion by an AC compressor. Sindh Minister for Local Government Jam Khan Shoro also reached the site to overview the rescue activities. While speaking to media, he said that the fire department required a helicopter which would be bought after the cabinet's approval. "This is alarming that the Karachi fire department has only one snorkel which also can't go beyond six floors while the city has several multi-storey buildings," he said. The metropolitan has witnessed a series of blazes within just a few days. On Friday, three fire incidents occurred at different places within a single day in Karachi. Firefighters had successfully brought under control two fires at a medicine manufacturing factory in Hawkesbay and a garment factory in the SITE area. However, a warehouse storing tyres in Gulbani area caught fires repeatedly but the situation was eventually brought under control after a struggle of more than 24 hours by the firefighters.

Mardan govt schools show poor SSC results

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MARDAN: Despite government claims about bringing about change in working of the government schools in the province, the students of state-run schools in the district couldn't get considerable positions in the top 20 in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination conducted by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE) Mardan. Majority of the parents of the students studying in the government schools aren't satisfied with the performance of state-run schools. The Mardan Board announced the results of the SSC examination on June 15. Only one student of a government school could make it to the list of the top 20 students. The elected representatives often claimed that the government had improved the education standard at the state-run educational institutions in the province. However, the results of the SSC examination belied their claims. The students of the Quid-e-Azam School System operating in Swabi and Mardan district, which is owned by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser, gained several positions in the top 20. According to the results, more than 72 percent students of the government schools have failed the examination. Those who passed the examination secured low marks in the SSC examination. It may be mentioned here that Mardan, Swabi and Nowshera districts come under the jurisdiction of the BISE Mardan. The board has declared five educational institutions best, but there is no government school among them.

Allowances for paramedics, nursing staff approved

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PESHAWAR: The Board of Governors (BoG) of Medical Teaching Institution of Khyber Teaching Hospital (MTI-KTH) on Saturday approved professional allowance to paramedics and nursing staff as well as promotions of a number of teaching staff of the hospital. The BoG meeting held with its chairman Dr Faisal Sultan in the chair. BoG members Shahana Zubair, Dil Roze Khan and Dr Shah Jahan Khan, Hospital Director Brig Dr Fazle Akbar, Medical Director Dr Roohul Muqem, KMC Principal Dr Ijaz Hassan Khan and KCD Principal Dr Ghulam Rasul attended the meeting. The enhancement in the HPA of doctors and its admissibility to non-clinical staff will be decided on July 13 by joint meeting of BoG members and hospital directors of all MTIs. The BoG agreed to grant the allowance as per criteria. The BoG decided that non-clinical staff including ministerial staff, IT, maintenance staff and all class-IV cadres will be awarded one time Eid bonus Rs10,000 from BPS-1 to 07 and Rs20,000 from BPS-8 and above in current month. The committee also approved the promotion cases that were pending for approval. Dr Iqbal Haider, senior registrar Medicine Department, was promoted to the post of assistant professor medicine MTI-KTH/KMC, Dr Masroor Badshah, Dr Munila Shabnum Khattak, Dr Sadaf Ambreen and Dr Zainab Rahman were appointed assistant professor of anatomy KMC, Dr Sajjad Mohammad was also appointed as assistant professor physiology KMC. Fazal Akbar, Hospital Director, gave a detailed presentation regarding the performance of the staff of the hospital and utilisation of the available resources for the best interest of the patient care. Roohul Muqem, Medical Director, explained the improvement of the Accident & Emergency Department and said that the Medical & Surgical TMOs on daily rotation basis for duties in the casualty department to overcome the burden of patient flow in the casualty department especially in the evening and night shift. The approval of the selection committees for the remaining three key positions i.e. director finance, nursing director and secretary BoG were approved accordingly as per MTI Act 2015.

Hydropower projects set to be delayed

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ISLAMABAD: The construction work on two key water projects — 1,410MW Tarbela 4th Extension (T4) and Mangla protection dyke — has come to a halt, jeopardising completion of the hydropower projects by the deadline of 2017 and causing fears of problems in the looming flood season. While the key stakeholders — the ministry of water and power, the Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda) and the Indus River System Authority (Irsa) — are engaged in meetings to grapple with the unforeseen situation to avoid a crisis, the contractors at both the critical projects have demobilised men and machinery. According to an official, both the ministry and Wapda were caught off guard as unpreparedness coupled with natural events changed the situation. Tarbela extension was one of the key projects the government was banking on to reduce power shortage with its schedule of generating electricity by June next year. On the request of Wapda authorities, the Irsa advisory committee decided in March not to fill the dam beyond 1,490 feet till July 15 against its maximum capacity of 1,550 feet to enable construction of the T4 tunnel. Wapda was required under the decision to ensure a 1,514-foot coffer bund to facilitate the tunnel's construction. It was noted that the coffer dam's strength to the level of 1.485 feet was up to the mark but was below standard beyond that level. Meanwhile, temperatures rose in the Skardu catchments above 34 degree Celsius and river flows increased beyond estimates by about 22 per cent. Therefore, Wapda authorities at Tarbela Dam requested that filling be kept below 1,482 feet instead of 1,490 feet approved by Irsa to avoid damage to the tunnel.

FATA students lament lack of education facilities

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PESHAWAR: Expressing grave concerns over lack of basic education facilities in the Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA), a group of students belonging to the tribal belt appealed to Chief of Army Chief (COAS) General Raheel Shareef and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra to take solid steps for solution of the issues. They threatened that if their demands were not met in Ramazan, they would be compelled to lock the gates of FATA Secretariat, Peshawar after Eidul Fitr. Speaking at a news conference at the press club on Friday, FATA Students Organisation (FSO) President Shukat Aziz informed that the office bearers and members of the organisation had paid their visits to various tribal agencies and frontier regions and prepared a report on the lack of basic education facilities in FATA. According to the report, he said almost 1,500 educational institutions had been badly destroyed due to current operation against militancy in FATA, and as a consequence, children were deprived of their education while the government was less bothered to rehabilitate these schools. He maintained that educational institutions in FATA lack furniture, drinking water, electricity and bathrooms while owing to non-availability of learning institutions in the areas, more than 100 students are accommodated in a single classroom. He said there was a dearth of schools in the tribal belt while the existent educational institutions were made in far-flung mountainous areas, almost inaccessible for children. "Around 40 percent teachers do not serve their duties in remote tribal areas and due to less qualified and untrained teachers, students are not provided with quality education," he alleged, adding that the students in some far-flung areas had still not received any books. He said that FATA children were deliberately kept away from their right to basic education, which was an open violation of human rights. He continued that the government had failed in provision of education, which would destroy the future of thousands of children in FATA.

KP govt to upgrade special education institutes up to secondary level

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In a bid to ensure the provision of a secondary level education to physically disabled persons, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has taken the initiative of upgradation and construction of special education institutes up to secondary level in each division of the province. Sources privy to the development told *Pakistan Today* that under the scheme, upgradation of blind school for girls at Nankpura and deaf and dumb school for boys at Gulbahar Peshawar have already been approved. They hoped that upgradation of the two schools is likely to be completed by June 30, 2017 and higher classes would be commenced in 2018. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) led government in KP gives special emphasis to education and even to the education of the special people; hence the government decided to upgrade and construct special education institutions in each division of the province. Sources said that the provincial government earmarked Rs 400 million for the scheme under the proposed ADP 2016-17 for a period of three years. They said that the decision was taken because the special people could not get higher education due to non-availability of institutions and left their education half-way despite being talented. According to the documents available with *Pakistan Today*, there are 38 functional government special education centers in KP. Out of functional 38 centers, there are four (11%) male only, two (5%) are female only and 32 (84%) are co-education. Out of total centers, 23 are primary level, ten are middle level and five are higher secondary level. All these centers are located in the urban areas and the only ADP Mentally Retarded; Physically Handicapped center is located in district Upper Dir. There are 2,343 students enrolled in the government special education centers of which 1,847 (79%) are male, while 496 (21%) are female. The documents revealed that during the current year, the enrollment has increased by 2.90%. The distribution of enrollment by the type of center is 333 (14%) in visually handicapped, 1,327 (57%) in deaf and dumb, and 683 (29%) in mentally retarded and physically handicapped centers. The documents said that out of the total 38 centers, 10 are for visually handicapped, 14 for deaf and dumb, while 14 are for mentally retarded and physically handicapped persons. According to the detail, out of 38 centers, 20 are functioning in the government buildings, whereas 18 are in rented buildings. Out of the total special education centers, eight centers are in Peshawar, four in Mardan while Abbottabad, D.I. Khan, Mansehra, Kohat and Lower Dir each has three centers. Lakki Marwat, Battagram, Bunner, Upper Dir, Tank, Karak and Shangla are among the prominent districts having no special education centers.

Explainer: Education reforms in Sindh is a reality

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If there is one point that educationists are united on, it's the fact that Sindh and Balochistan have moved slowly to embrace education reforms. Since many years, the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) has consistently shown that both Sindh and Balochistan have the worst school infrastructure, enrollment and retention rates and students' learning outcomes compared to Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. However, in more recent times, number of policy initiatives pursued by Sindh Education and Literacy department highlight the province is indeed serious about its educational challenges. This renders a good reason for optimism. First and foremost, addressing

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Sindh's education crisis depends on how much money is spent on education. To the credit of Sindh government, there is a consistent increase in the budget allocated for education by the province. Since 2010, the total budget has increased from Rs23.06 billion allocated in FY 2010-2011 to the current allocation of Rs160.7 billion representing 28% of the total provincial budget outlay for FY 2016-2017. Moreover, these figures get more interesting if we dig deep and look at how well the money is spent. In previous years, the largest chunk of this budget was spent on raising teachers' salaries and the so-called 'School Specific Budget'. Of course, the problem with shifting more resources to lower levels of education and that too on teacher-related salaries is that it is also the area where more than 7,000 ghost schools exist. Teachers are simply drawing salaries without performing their duties. What is required instead is for the government to rather stimulate infrastructure that renders an enabling environment for learning and enhances its development-related expenses. There are always potential trade-offs that need to be made. However, money alone won't solve education problems. The real magic of improvement takes place in the classroom. Unfortunately, teacher absenteeism, corruption and nepotism plague most public schools in the province. In this regard revamping teachers' hiring procedure is a significant push towards transparency and accountability by the Sindh Education and Literacy department. As part of the reform programme, teachers are now recruited through a rigorous procedure involving a test conducted by a third party National Testing Service (NTS), verification from an independent Reform and Support Unit (RSU) and a final vetting from the donor agency. Naturally, this involvement of multiple stakeholders in the recruitment process makes the system highly competitive, which in turn shall pave way for qualified teachers to be at the helm of teaching affairs. We must also understand that in today's education system, the role of teacher is highly indispensable. Since the 21st century demands a holistic approach to education, our schools need to encourage children to think outside the box, nurture curiosity and help flourish innovation and creativity. All this is only possible if our classrooms are equipped with teachers who have the right set of skills.

KARACHI: Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) has announced that all CNG stations in Sindh province will remain closed on Monday (June 27), Wednesday (June 29) and Friday (July 01) from 8am to next 24 hours. All industries including power plants will also remain closed on Sunday (June 26) from 7 am for next 24 hours, a press release of SSGC said here on Friday.

PESHAWAR: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi has urged the international community to invest more in youth empowerment and education. He was addressing inauguration ceremony of a Government Girls Primary School in Daad Behsud, Nowshera. He said the current emergencies have increased global concern about the additional risks faced by children who do not have access to educational opportunities and protracted that refugee hosting countries need additional support for education. "Emphasis on education particularly becomes vital at a time when children below the age of 18 constitute 51 per cent of the total 65.3 million globally displaced people", Grandi added. Grandi assured that UNHCR is committed to support governments globally for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal #4 to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all by 2030. The UN Refugee Agency through German funding has rehabilitated the existing structure of school by constructing 08 additional classrooms, toilets, and overhauling of the entire building, provision of furniture, sports goods and aid kits. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Imran Zeb, Chief Commissioner for Afghan Refugees (CCAR) said that, education is vital to improve the future human capital of Afghanistan and its economic sustainable development and peace building. Provincial Minister of Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Muhammad Atif Khan said education is among the top priorities of the present provincial government and the government has allocated USD 1.072 billion for elementary and secondary education for the years 2016-2017.

PESHAWAR: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf-led Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government received another jolt when Shakil Durrani, the chairman of the board of directors of the Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (Pedo), resigned due to its unsatisfactory state of affairs. Earlier in February, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Ehtesab Commission Director General Lt Gen (R) Hamid Khan had resigned when the provincial government diluted his powers by introducing amendments in the Ehtesab Commission Act 2014. In his resignation letter, he wrote that the amendments had made the post of director general redundant and rendered the accountability process controversial and questionable. Shakil Durrani, a retired civil servant with a good reputation who had served as chief secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, federal secretary and Wapda chairman, in his resignation letter complained that Pedo was suffering from incompetence, lack of effective systems and a dysfunctional organizational structure. "I tried a number of times to get matters redressed at the appropriate levels but found to my consternation that both the Minister Energy Mr Muhammad Atif and the CEO Pedo Mr Akbar Ayub had a near total disinterest in improving matters. They wanted to retain arbitrary control," he noted.

Shakil Durrani, who served as chairman of Pedo's board of directors for nearly six months, noted that the organization could not complete even one hydropower project in three years, including one and a half years under the new management. "The press conference of the Minister Energy on 20th June was a figment of his imagination when he claimed that 400 MW have been completed. Even the two projects initiated by the ANP government, Machai and Ranolia, completed in July 2015 at inflated costs, are not generating power because the transmission lines have not been completed," he stressed. He pointed out that the KP government is losing Rs40 million per month because of the negligence of Pedo as no power is being generated. According to Shakil Durrani, the Minister of Energy Atif Khan and the CEO Akbar Ayub tried desperately to avoid the enquiry that he wanted to hold in his capacity as the chairman of the Pedo board of directors. "I was also very upset when I learnt that the CEO and his private sector team had agreed to the Extension of Time with costs of Ranolia power project. Without taking the approval of the Board, an additional amount of nearly Rs700 million was granted to the contractor. I wanted to hold an enquiry into this as well but the CEO stalled it," he maintained. Shakil Durrani lamented that the Pedo's top

management does what it fancies as it has a defective and dysfunctional organizational structure without a core team of professionals. He felt rules are used to avoid decision-making and for diverting responsibility. "There is very poor evaluation and decision-making systems, little or no ownership by the CEO and his newly inducted private-sector team and an absence of transparency and accountability. Despite repeated discussions and Board decisions the new management is not responsive," he contended. "Today the CEO, the CFO and some newly inducted non-engineering personnel selected on whims from the private sector are operating in a virtual non-system," he noted. He argued that no new project has been commissioned because of mismanagement and delayed decision-making. Claiming that some projects started over three years back are stuck up for various reasons, he said the only project actually functioning is Malakand-III that was initiated in 2002 and completed in 2006 and is providing power worth over Rs2,000,000,000 annually.

Shakil Durrani disclosed that the CEO has been authorized salary of Rs1.4 million per month and is now seeking to raise it to an unwarranted Rs1.8 million. "The new CFO and the HR personnel have reportedly been allowed between Rs600,000 to Rs800,000 per month. Chairman Wapda gets about Rs600,000 per month and the Members in Wapda around Rs300,000. Wapda is hundred times larger than Pedo," he added. According to Shakil Durrani, the immense differences in the salaries of the newly-appointed private sector personnel and the existing staff of Pedo has caused heart-burning and paralyzed the working of Pedo. He claimed the existing Pedo engineers and staff do not have a working relationship with the CEO. He noted that the position of CEO required an engineering degree and was advertised as such. "The advertisement was withdrawn and the requirement of an engineering degree was replaced with a general degree to accommodate Akbar Ayub who was sponsored by (PTI leader) Asad Umar because of his connection from ENGRO," Shakil Durrani alleged. He explained that bids have been received for the six new IPPs by Pedo which the CEO and Minister are not sharing with anyone for whatever purpose. He added that he didn't have much faith in the present Pedo and its consultants to evaluate and select the bids fairly and objectively. According to Shakil Durrani, he had received complaints against the chief planning officer in the Energy Department who has spent a long time there, and one of Pedo's lawyer. He said the chief planning officer needed to be shifted away from decision-making process but the CEO and the Minister wished to retain them. "With the present dysfunctional structure and poor systems and the inability of Pedo to rectify matters, I do not see much hope for the future. In my letters to the Chief Minister I had hoped that he would understand the implications. Since no corrective measures were taken I had no option but to resign from the honorary position of Chairman Pedo," he added. Khalid Mustafa adds from Islamabad: Besides Shakil Durrani, chairman of board of directors, all the technical and professional members of the Pedo board tendered the resignation.

This debacle of Pedo BoD occurred when corruption by the top management had reached new heights and was not being controlled, a BoD member Shahid Sattar, former member energy of Planning Commission, told The News. The other six members submitted resignations as a protest against the rampant corruption by the top management of the organisation in various hydropower projects. The top management wanted to have a tamed and rubber stamp board of directors to give green signal to the all irrational decisions about various projects. The members who resigned include Shahid Sattar, Younas Marwat, Sardar Tariq and Sarwar Mohmad. "The BoD had emerged as a stumbling block in the way of the corrupt practices being carried out by the top notches of Pedo in various projects." Unravelling some salient features of corruption story of the Pedo management, another BoD member told The News that the board of directors had halted the release of Rs1.5 billion to the contractor of Lawi hydropower project, but the top gun of Pedo wanted to release the said amount to the contractor without any audit just to earn his commission out of it. He said the top management wanted to release the said amount prior to June 30 to avoid the lapse of funds. Apart from that, the BoD did not accord approval to the additional amount of Rs1.3 billion incurred on the completion of Ranolia hydropower project. And on top of that, the BoD had also initiated inquiry into the two hydropower projects that were completed but no transmission line was laid down owing to which electricity is not being injected to the national grid which is why the province is braving a loss of Rs50 million every month.

ISLAMABAD: No Pakistani university could make it to top 100 universities in Asia as per the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Ranking 2016, confirming the dismal state of the country's higher education. However, for the first time, the ranking has been expanded to 200 universities which allowed two Pakistani universities to feature in the list. Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad (QAU) stands at the 101st place among the top 200 while National University of Science and Technology (NUST) has been placed at 121 in the list. India is the strongest South Asian nation in the rankings with eight universities among the top 100 and 16 among the top 200 while its neighbours Pakistan and Bangladesh have just three institutions between them in the bottom half of the table. According to THE's own analysis on the latest ranking Pakistan's and Bangladesh's institutions are hot on the heels of their regional rival, but investment in higher education remains an issue. Singapore is home to the top two universities in Asia for the first time, while mainland China and Japan are the most-represented nations. Under THE Asia Ranking system, the universities are judged across all of their core missions – teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook – to provide the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons available.

The National University of Singapore (NUS) topped the list while the City state's Nanyang Technological University (NTU) bagged the joint second place with China's Peking University. As many as 55 universities of China have featured in the list. Iran has four universities in the list as compared to 11 from Turkey, six from Israel, three from Saudi Arabia, four from Malaysia, 24 from Taiwan and six from Hong Kong. Commenting on the recent Asian universities ranking, Jamil Salmi, former coordinator of the World Bank's tertiary education programme, says that there is still much room for improvement for the region's institutions. "Pakistan had an excellent start in the

**Only two Pak universities
among top 200 Asian
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K-P education budget — good news & possible glitches

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2000s, with significant reforms and higher levels of funding. Unfortunately, the political crisis of the past few years has also affected the higher education sector negatively."Ismail Badat, the British Council's South Asia regional manager for higher and further education, agrees that South Asian universities need to "depoliticise the sector while raising standards of provision and quality assurance mechanisms". "In 2013, China produced 71,003 documents with international collaborations, compared to India with 17,484 and Pakistan with 4,278," Badat says. The Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2016 are based on the 13 performance indicators as the THE World University Rankings, but have been recalibrated to reflect the attributes of Asia's institutions.

According to the experts, the ranking of public sector universities announced by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has several flaws. Some education experts believe that the ranking should be carried out by independent bodies as per international practices and being funding agency, Higher Education Commission (HEC) should not be involved in any ranking of universities. They are of the view that in HEC ranking system, parameters being adopted by QS and Times Higher Education are mostly ignored that is why Pakistani universities are unable to compete with regional and global universities. According to earlier announced QS ranking, no Pakistani university could succeed to be included among top one hundred universities as compared to other Asian countries i.e 26 from China, 5 from Malaysia, 3 from Singapore, 18 from South Korea, 2 from Indonesia and 12 from Taiwan. Overall only 10 Pakistani universities were included among top 350 universities as compared to 23 from India, 34 from Taiwan, 13 from Thailand and 11 from Muslim country Indonesia. As per QS Higher Education System Strength Rankings 2016, Pakistani higher education system has been ranked at bottom with 9.2 score as compared to China 83.5, South Korea 80.1, Singapore 62.3, India 60.9, Chile 46.7, Saudi Arabia 36.7, Turkey 26.1, Kazakhstan 25.1, Lebanon 19.8, Ukraine 16.6, United Arab Emirates 10.9 scores. Surprisingly, Pakistan lags behind from small country of smaller country, Estonia.

Budgets provide an insight into a government's policy priorities and are a means of knowing if the popular political rhetoric is being backed up by adequate budgetary allocations or not. Education has always been at the centre stage of budgetary debates and provincial comparisons, especially after the area was devolved to the provinces in 2010. This year, all the provinces have earmarked significant portions of their budgets for education. Let's have a look at what Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) has allocated for education in the budget for the upcoming financial year 2016-17 and which areas will be funded with the allocations.

The K-P government has presented a budget of Rs505 billion for 2016-17 highlighting an increase of four per cent over the current year's allocation of Rs488 billion. One of the major budget highlights is the significant increase in the education budget. The Elementary and Secondary Education Department (E&SED) has been allocated a sum of Rs119 billion representing an increase of Rs15 billion over the allocated budget of Rs104 billion for the previous year. During each of the last two years, an 11 per cent increase in the E&SED's budget was recorded. This year's budget presents an increase of 14 per cent, the highest during the last three years. This increase is way higher than what was being speculated.

The share of the E&SED is 24 per cent of the total provincial budget of K-P, increasing from 21 per cent in the allocated budget for 2015-16. Education has received a 20 per cent share of the provincial budget for Sindh, Punjab has allocated 19 per cent of its budget for education, while Balochistan has earmarked 17 per cent of its budget for education. The total outlay of K-P's Annual Development Programme is Rs161 billion out of which E&SED is expected to receive an 11 per cent share. K-P has earmarked Rs17 billion for the development budget in 2016-17 for E&SED, an increase of six per cent over the allocated budget for fiscal year 2015-16. However, it is to be noted here that the development budget for E&SED was revised from Rs16 billion to Rs11.5 billion in 2015-16. So, if the department does not get its complete share at the end of the year, the allocation may be reduced.

The highest increase in the E&SED's budget can be seen in the non-salary component i.e., the budget that is used for operation, maintenance and for routine activities of the department and its subordinate offices. At the school level, the non-salary budget includes allocations for items like classroom consumables, repair of furniture and other petty repairs in schools. If there is an inadequate non-salary budget for schools, they will be unable to provide quality services to students. Keeping this in view, K-P has increased the non-salary budget for E&SED from Rs8 billion in 2015-16 to Rs14 billion in 2016-17. However, in the past, there have been issues with the effectiveness of this non-salary budget. Also, the non-salary component does not align with international and national best practices. For 2015-16, it included a block allocation for conditional grants worth Rs3 billion. The per classroom rate structure for classroom consumables and petty repairs is quite low. Annually, schools are provided with a budget for classroom consumables at the rate of Rs5,000 per classroom and for petty repairs for Rs6,000 per classroom.

Critics and education policy practitioners have been criticising the K-P government for not structuring and implementing non-salary budgets in an effective manner when seen against the best practices internationally and in Pakistan. With an increase in the non-salary budget from Rs8 billion to Rs14 billion, which comes to around a 67 per cent increase, there are serious questions over the effectiveness of this budget. There are apprehensions that if the E&SED does not come up with a robust strategy that departs from previous practices of spending of non-salary budget, this increase might not bring any good to the students of K-P. All in all, K-P's 2016-17 education budget is welcome in terms of increased allocations for which the government deserves appreciation. However, there is a need to focus on the effectiveness of this budget, especially of its non-salary component.

HYDERABAD: Riots hit several localities of Paretabad late on Monday evening following street protests over power outages continuing in the city for many days. The protesters had intermittently been taking to the streets in many areas of Hyderabad every day since the advent of Ramazan

Shops, vehicles attacked as power riots hit

Hyderabad areas

Daily Dawn June 22, 2016

against excessive loadshedding and frequent outages which, according to them, had reduced the supply duration to merely a few hours a day. Residents of Pretabad were taking part in a similar protest on Monday evening against the local officers of the Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) who, they said, failed to restore power supply to their area for five days. They said they had been experiencing a miserable life without electricity since a pole-mounted transformer (PMT) had burnt out and several others continued to disrupt supply due to malfunction five days ago. Despite repeated complaints lodged at the Hesco centres concerned, neither the burnt-out PMT was replaced nor was any of the faulty ones repaired. They said several thousand households were rendered without water on account of the outages. A few groups of youths taking part in the protest turned violent and started pelting stones at passing vehicles and nearby shops when no Hesco team turned up to restore power supply to the affected areas.

Police moved into action and tried to disperse them at Achhi Mori Pull but enraged protesters moved to the main Phulelli road and blocked it with burning tyres while continuing to throw stones at shops and passing vehicles to vent their anger. As the situation grew tense, police lobbed teargas shells and at some places fired into the air to scare away rioters. Some people, including women and children, as well as a private TV channel's cameraman, suffered minor injuries during the riots and stampede. About 15 vehicles and many shops were damaged by rioters, police said. All roads leading to Phulelli remained clogged with traffic for more than an hour after 11am due to the rioting. Phulelli SHO Imran Rasheed said that 15 protesters were taken into custody during the police action but let off on personal bond. Meanwhile, it was gathered that many localities of Hyderabad had been without electricity for two to five days on account of burnt-out PMTs and localised faults while most other areas had been experiencing four to 10 hours of outages, including scheduled loadshedding, a day.

Lesco office ransacked

Daily Dawn June 21, 2016


SHEIKHUPURA: A group of 10 to 12 locals barged into Lahore Electric Supply Company sub-division office in Khanqah Dogran against loadshedding here on Monday. The agitators while talking to the media claimed the office in-charge had failed to provide any relief to them and on top of that he behaved rudely with them. They added their complaints were lying unresolved for several months. In some areas of the town, the transformer had either been stolen or was out of order. The officer had so far not bothered to rectify the problems, they added. The protesters also got into a scuffle with staffers and ransacked office furniture. Before police could reach the spot, the protesters dispersed. On the report of a local Lesco official, police started investigation into the incident and booked the people responsible.

Centre puts national water policy on hold

Daily Dawn June 21, 2016

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has put the national water policy on hold because of some constitutional questions and would instead let Punjab take the lead and bring out its provincial integrated water initiative first. Originally prepared in 2005, the draft National Water Policy (NWP) has been moving in circles at the federal and provincial corridors of power but could not be announced. A lot has since changed on the ground in terms of legal, political and constitutional situation. For one, the Ministry of Water and Power is no more a relevant forum to coordinate water policy issues between the centre and provinces and among the provinces as one of the fallouts of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution. The role could be performed occasionally by the Inter Provincial Coordination Division. Second, many critical elements of countrywide water sector issues stand transferred to or taken over by the provinces like irrigation, drainage, on-farm water management, water productivity and salinity, etc. Third, the provinces have now asked the centre that the NWP should focus on trans-boundary and interprovincial water issues and major hydropower and storage dams on major rivers, etc. It was in this background that Minister for Water and Power Khwaja Mohammad Asif has reported to parliament that the national policy has been put on hold on the request of the government of Punjab (Irrigation Department Punjab) which is preparing an Integrated Water Use Policy to improve upon the water management issues at the provincial level. "The draft of the (provincial) policy would be finalised by the end of June 2016," the minister reported. Consequently, the water and power ministry, in the light of deliberations of brainstorming session, is "reviewing the overall structure of the NWP and it is targeted that by the end of August this year — after finalisation of Punjab's Integrated Water Use Policy — the revised draft of the NWP would be finalised and re-circulated to the stakeholders for confirmation," he said, adding that the finalised NWP document would be processed for approval through the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination.

At present, there is no approved National Water Policy. A draft NWP was prepared in 2005 by the Ministry of Water and Power after a detailed policy study by the World Bank-funded consultants and intensive consultation with stakeholders through 19 meetings and workshops. However, the policy documents could not be processed or approved by the cabinet. In 2010, the decision to update the draft NWP was taken by taking stock of the latest developments in the water sector, especially the climate change and its impact on water resources. Subsequently, a joint committee headed by the adviser for the water and power ministry, with members from Wapda, Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and Water Sector Capacity Building and Advisory Services Project (WCAP), was constituted to finalise the draft NWP document. The committee, after detailed consultations and deliberations, finalised the draft NWP document. In addition, the recommendations of the Report of Water Sector Task Force of Friends of Democratic Pakistan completed in October, 2012, were also taken into consideration while finalising the policy document. When sent for vetting, the Ministry of Law and Justice held that "Legislative List of the Constitution, 1973, (4th Schedule), does not possess any such provision with regard to water policy, etc. As such it is evident that it is a provincial subject and federal ministry, if considers necessary, may issue this policy, in consultation with provinces through IPC". Subsequently, the draft NWP document was circulated by Ministry of Water and Power to provincial governments, all concerned stakeholders and eminent water experts for their views and comments. The crux of this exercise that all stakeholders wanted policy should explicitly describe the role of federal and provincial governments to spell out prime, lead and shared or subordinate role of provinces in the light of the Constitution. The stakeholders also agreed that policy should not include irrigation,

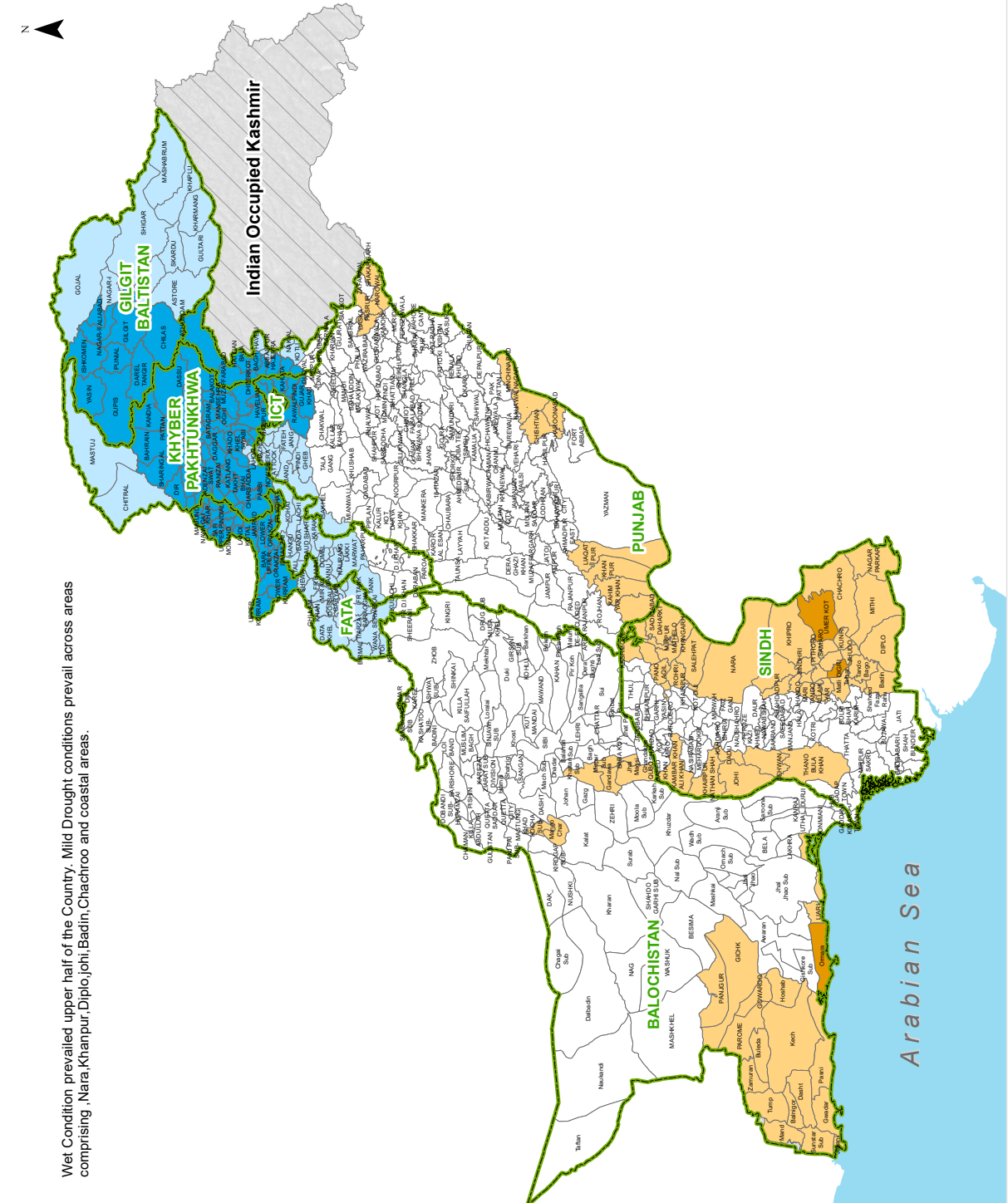


drainage, on-farm water management, irrigation practices, land reclamation, water productivity, salinity and water logging control, etc. as these areas have been the provincial responsibility even before the 18th Amendment. There was a general consensus that the NWP should focus on trans-boundary water, inter-provincial water conflicts, hydropower dams on Indus Main and major tributaries, management of glaciers and snow in higher altitude and glaciated zone, river management and river health, mega infrastructure-inter-provincial irrigation, drainage and large dams outside Indus basin, and the environmental flows.

Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

As of 1 June to 15 June, 2016

Wet Condition prevailed upper half of the Country. Mild Drought conditions prevail across areas comprising Nara Khanpur Diplo, Jhel, Badin, Chachroo and coastal areas.

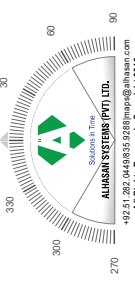
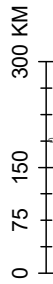


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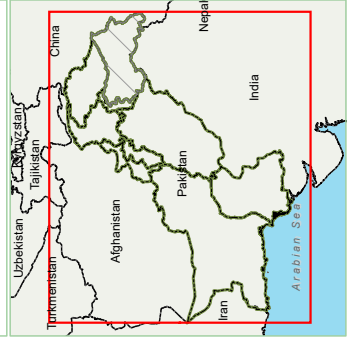
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Pakistan Security Situation Analysis Map

June 7 - June 17, 2016

Legend:

- Punjab
- Sindh
- Balochistan
- Islamabad Capital Territory

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Inset Map: China, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Nepal

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Notes:
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Area: 1,000,000 sq. km
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Arms Recovered: Arms and Ammunition

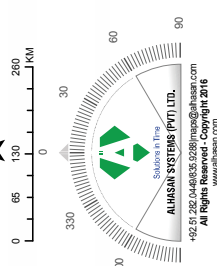
On 12th June 2016, Police detained 35 suspects during search operations in different parts of Manghopir area of the city and shifted them to undisclosed location for interrogation. Police recovered large number of weapons, explosive material, ball bombs along with chemical and Awan bombs from their possession.

Date	Area	Suspect Killed	Suspect Detained	Arms Recovered
07-06-2016	Korangi, Baldia Town, Manghopir and North Nazimabad	-	5	Arms and Ammunition
09-06-2016	Gulshan-e Iqbal	-	2	Anti-aircraft gun, five lbs of ball bearings, hand grenades and detonators
11-06-2016 12-06-2016	Orangi Town Mangopir City	-	2 35	Large number of weapons, explosives material, ball bombs along with chemical and Awan bombs
17-06-2016	Rizvia society Karachi	-	3	Hand grenade and explosive material

Date: 07 - 08 - 2016 Area: Korangi, Badliya Town, Manghopir and Suspect Detained: 5 Suspect Detained: 5 Arms Recovered: Arms and Ammunition	Date: 09 - 06 - 2016 Area: Gulshan - e Iqbal Suspect Detained: 2 Arms Recovered: Anti-aircraft gun, five kgs of ball bearings, hand grenades and detonators	Date: 11 - 06 - 2016 Area: Orangi Town Suspect Detained: 2	Date: 12 - 06 - 2016 Area: Manghopir City Suspect Detained: 35 Arms Recovered: 35 number of weapons, explosives material, 300 number of ball chemical and Avian bombs
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Date: 17 - 06 - 2016
Area: Rizvia society, Karachi
Suspect Detained: 3
Arms Recovered: Hand grenade and explosive material

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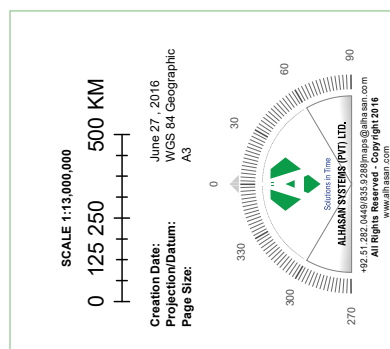
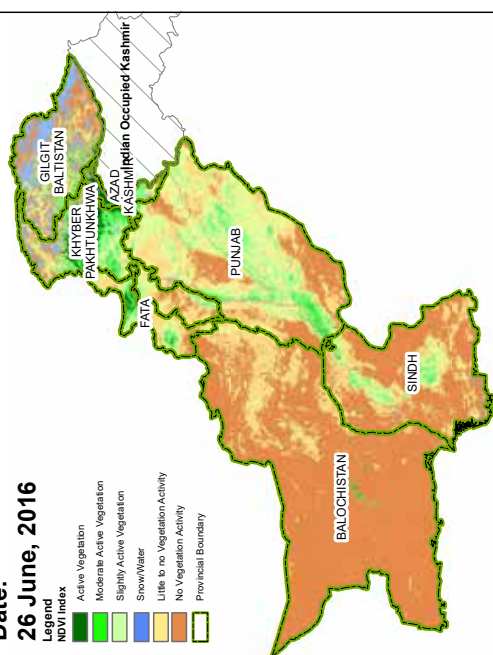


Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

26 June, 2016

Date:
26 June, 2016

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Slightly Active Vegetation
Snow/Water
Little to no Vegetation Activity
No Vegetation Activity
Provincial Boundary



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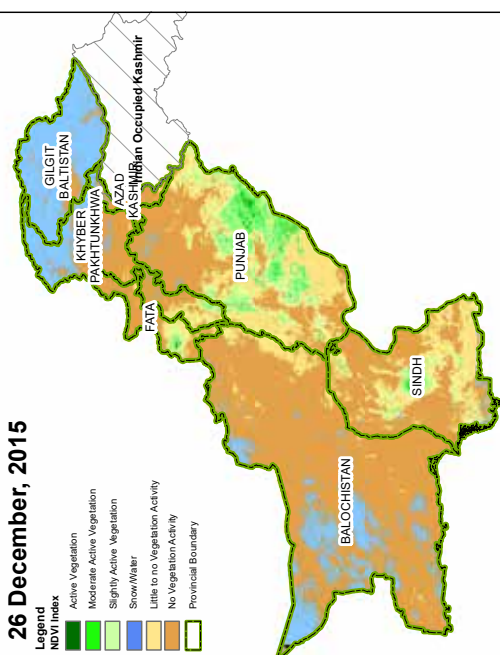
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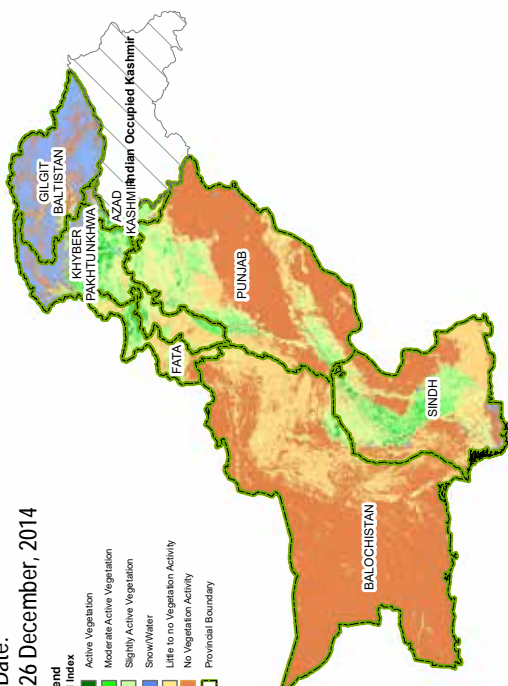
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Snow/Water
Little to no Vegetation Activity
No Vegetation Activity
Provincial Boundary



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26 December, 2014

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پورے شہر کو بلا تعطل بجلی کی فراہمی کی جاتی ہے، صارفین بجلی کی معطلی یا مقامی فالٹس کی صورت میں 18 کال سینٹر پر رابطہ کریں۔

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) قومی احتساب بیورو (نیب) راولپنڈی نے غیر قانونی طریقے سے ادویات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے کرپشن سکینڈل کاریفرنس دائر کر دیا، تفصیلات کے مطابق کرپشن ریفرنس میں سابق چیئر مین ڈرگ پرائسنگ کمیٹی ارشد فاروق فہیم، سابق ممبر ڈی پی سی و سابق م، ممبر پرائسنگ ڈریپ ڈاکٹر محمد علی، چیف ڈرگ انسپکٹر ریٹائر سلیم، عشرت حسین، سابق چیف ڈرگ کنٹرولر پنجاب ایاز علی خان، راشد لطیف شیخ سمیت دیگر کا نام شامل ہے، ریفرنس احتساب عدالت اسلام آباد میں دائر کیا گیا ہے، قبل ازیں، قومی احتساب بیورو نے مذکورہ سکینڈل میں نجی فارما کمپنی کے دو ڈائریکٹرز سے 38 کروڑ روپے ریکور کئے تھے ریکوری پٹی بارگین پالیسی کے تحت عمل میں لائی گئی ہے، نیب نے نجی فارما آر جی فارماسیوٹیکل کمپنی کے دو ڈائریکٹر طارق حیدر اور ملک خالد محمود سے کروڑوں روپے کی ریکوری کی جن پر الزام تھا کہ انہوں نے 2012-13 میں وزارت قومی صحت کے حکام کے ساتھ ملکر ادویات کی قیمتوں میں غیر قانونی طور پر اضافہ کیا اور پھر مارکیٹ میں مہنگے داموں ادویات فروخت کی ہیں جن میں انہیں وزارت کی پرائسنگ کمیٹی کے ممبران کی سپورٹ بھی حاصل رہی ہے۔

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نوائے وقت

22 جون 2016

نیپرا نے بجلی کے نرخوں میں 3 روپے 32 پیسے فی یونٹ کمی کی منظوری دے دی

ایکسپریس اردو

21 جون 2016

اسلام آباد: نیپرا نے ملک بھر میں فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کی مد میں بجلی کی قیمت فی یونٹ 3 روپے 32 پیسے کمی کر دی ہے تاہم کے الیکٹرک اور زرعی صارفین پر اس کا اطلاق نہیں ہو گا۔ وائس چیرمین نیپرا کی سربراہی میں مئی کی فیول ایڈجسٹمنٹ کے ذریعے بجلی سستی کرنے کی درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ سینٹرل پاور پراجیکشن نے اپنی درخواست میں کہا تھا کہ مئی کے مہینے میں تقسیم کار کمپنیوں کو 9 ارب 29 کروڑ 73 لاکھ یونٹ بجلی فروخت کی گئی اور اس کی پیداواری لاگت 44 ارب 70 کروڑ 83 لاکھ روپے رہی۔ مئی کے مہینے میں ہائی اسپنڈ ڈیزل سے بجلی کی پیداواری لاگت 13 روپے 88 پیسے، فرنس آئل سے 92 روپے 92 پیسے، گیس سے 5 روپے 57 پیسے جب کہ ایٹمی پلانٹس سے حاصل ہونے والی بجلی کی پیداواری لاگت ایک روپیہ 18 پیسے فی یونٹ رہی۔ اس مہینے کے لیے ریفرنس لاگت 8 روپے 9 پیسے مقرر کی گئی تھی لیکن بجلی کی اوسط لاگت 4 روپے 80 پیسے رہی تھی۔ اس لئے مئی کے لیے بجلی کی قیمت میں 3 روپے 28 پیسے کمی کی جائے۔ نیپرا نے موقف سننے کے بعد فی یونٹ بجلی 3 روپے 32 پیسے سستی کرنے کی منظوری دے دی، صارفین کو اس کا فائدہ جون کے بلوں میں ہو گا تاہم کے الیکٹرک اور زرعی صارفین پر اس کا اطلاق نہیں ہو گا۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن + آئی این پی) سینٹ کی قائمہ کمیٹی برائے پانی و بجلی کے اجلاس میں وزارت پانی و بجلی کی جانب سے اعتراف کیا گیا کہ 2018ء میں اگر بجلی پوری کر بھی لی تو کمزور ڈیلوری سسٹم کی وجہ سے بجلی صارفین کو فراہم نہیں کر سکیں گے، اگر لوڈ شیڈنگ نہ کریں تو بجلی کی تقسیم کار کمپنیاں بینک کرپٹ ہو جائیں گی تمام کمپنیوں کو انکی ڈیمانڈ کے مطابق نیشنل گرڈ سسٹم سے بجلی فراہم کی جارہی ہے کسی سے بھی امتیازی سلوک نہیں برتا جا رہا۔ کمیٹی کا اجلاس بدھ کے روز چیرمین کمیٹی سینئر سردار محمد یعقوب خان ثار کی زیر صدارت پارلیمنٹ ہاؤس میں ہوا، کمیٹی کو بتایا گیا کہ ملک کا موجودہ بجلی کا سسٹم کمزور ہے جس کی وجہ سے بلا تعطل بجلی کی فراہمی ممکن نہیں۔ بیشتر علاقوں میں ٹرانسمیشن لائنوں پر ان کی گنجائش سے زیادہ لوڈ ہے جس کی وجہ سے کئی کئی فیڈرز ٹرپ کر جاتے ہیں، کمیٹی کی طرف سے رمضان المبارک میں بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا گیا اور بجلی کی تقسیم کار کمپنیوں کی کارکردگی کو غیر تسلی بخش قرار دے دیا۔ جبکہ کمیٹی نے پیسکو کی ریکوری لائسنز، فیڈرز و انٹر تھریٹس طلب کر لی ہیں جبکہ کمیٹی نے وزارت پانی و بجلی کی جانب سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کو بھی غیر تسلی بخش قرار دیا ہے، کمیٹی ارکان کا کہنا تھا کہ 15 رمضان گزر گیا ہے لیکن ابھی تک ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ سینئر تاج حیدر نے کہا کہ سندھ میں عوام اور روزمرہ اعلیٰ خود 18 گھنٹے کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا تذکرہ کرتے ہیں اور عوام سڑکوں پر نقل آتے ہیں لیکن حکام کہتے ہیں کہ لوڈ شیڈنگ ہو ہی نہیں رہی۔ اگر اسی طرح تیز رفتاری سے آپ کام کرتے رہے 2050ء تک لوڈ شیڈنگ ختم کرنا ممکن نہیں ہے۔ سیکرٹری پانی و بجلی یونس ڈھاگہ نے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ صوبوں کو ان کی ضرورت کے مطابق بجلی فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔ سینئر ڈاؤن خان اپکنز نے کہا کہ ہر سال مین ٹرانسمیشن لائن اڑادی جاتی ہے جس کی وجہ سے ہمارے باغات تباہ ہو گئے ہیں۔ سینئر نعمان نے کمیٹی کو بتایا کہ پانی و بجلی کا محکمہ تباہی کے دہانے پر ہے اور پی کے کی بجلی فیکو کو دیدی جاتی ہے جو کہ ظلم ہے۔ چیرمین کمیٹی سردار محمد یعقوب خان ناصر نے ملک میں ہونے والی لوڈ شیڈنگ پر سخت تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ملک میں لوڈ شیڈنگ بحران کی شدت سے عوام سخت پریشانی کے عالم میں ہے، وزارت بجلی پیداوار بڑھانے کے لئے موثر اقدامات اٹھائے، ڈیکور اپنی کارکردگی بہتر بنائیں۔ عوامی شکایات کے ازالے کے لئے فوری اقدامات اٹھائے جائیں۔ ڈیکور مرکزی سسٹم سے حاصل ہونے والی بجلی کو منصفانہ تقسیم کریں، چیرمین کمیٹی نے بلوچستان میں بجلی بحران کی وجہ سے زراعت اور باغات کو بچنے والے نقصانات اور ٹیوب ویل بجلی کی بہتری کے لئے بلوچستان میں ٹیوب ویلوں پر بجلی کو شمسی توانائی پر کرنے کی ہدایت دی۔ ترسیل، خسارہ اور نئے بجلی منصوبوں کے سوالات پر سیکرٹری وزارت یونس ڈھاگہ نے آگاہ کیا کہ 5 سے 6 ہزار میگا واٹ کا خسارہ رہتا ہے لیکن رمضان میں طلب بڑھ جاتی ہے۔ اس وقت سحری اور افطار کے دورانیے میں لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں ہو رہی۔ پچھلے دو سالوں میں بہتری آئی ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نیٹ نیوز) وفاقی حکومت نے نجی سکولوں کی فیسوں میں کمی کرنے کا حکم نامہ جاری کیا ہے۔ حکومت کی جانب سے جاری کردہ نوٹیفکیشن کے مطابق نجی سکول میں معیاری تعلیم کے لئے ہر جماعت میں بچوں کی زیادہ سے زیادہ تعداد 30 ہونی چاہئے۔ اساتذہ کی کم از کم تعلیمی قابلیت کو بھی متعین کیا گیا ہے۔ نجی سکولوں کے لئے یہ لازم ہو گا کہ وہ 23 مارچ کو یوم پاکستان 14 اگست کو یوم آزادی، نومبر یوم اقبال 25 دسمبر کو قائد اعظم کی برسی منائیں۔ یہ لازم ہو گا کہ تمام ٹیوشن سینٹر اور ڈسٹرکٹ سینٹر آئی سی ٹی میں رجسٹرڈ ہوں۔ اتھارٹی اس بات کو یقینی بنائے گی کہ سکول کی انتظامیہ، عملہ اور بچے ایسی سرگرمیوں میں ملوث نہ ہوں جو متعصبانہ ہوں، ادارتی پلیٹ فارم سے اقلیتوں کے ساتھ امتیازی سلوک یا متعصبانہ رویہ سے باز رہنے کو کہا گیا ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ نجی سکولوں کی کارکردگی کی بنا پر ان کو اسے بی یاسی کیسنگری میں رکھا جائے گا۔ نجی سکولوں کے لئے یہ بھی لازم قرار دیا گیا ہے کہ وہ بچوں کو سکول یونیفارم کسی مخصوص دکان سے خریدنے کو نہیں کہیں گے اور ادارے کو صرف یونیفارم کے ڈیزائن کا حق حاصل ہو گا۔ اساتذہ کے سروس معاملات کو بھی دیکھا جائے گا ساتھ ہی ساتھ بچوں کی فیس ایڈمیشن فیس اور سکول چھوڑنے کے سرٹیفکیٹ کا معاملہ بھی دیکھا جاسکے گا۔ اساتذہ کی ترقی کے لئے ان کی کارکردگی کو جانچا جائے گا۔ نوٹیفکیشن کے مطابق نجی سکول صرف فیس کی اتنی ہی رکھ سکتے ہیں جتنی حد اتھارٹی کی جانب سے مقرر کی گئی ہے۔ حکمت نامہ کے مطابق کسی نجی سکول میں 500 یا زائد بچے ہوں، کمرے انٹرکٹڈ ہوں، اساتذہ کی تنخواہ 50 ہزار ہو، عمارت کا کرایہ ایک لاکھ روپے ہو، وہ میٹرک، ایف اے / ایف ایس سی تک 8350 روپے، اولیول، اے لیول کیلئے 12525 روپے فیس لیں گے۔

کراچی: کے الیکٹرک کی جانب دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے کہ شہر کے کسی بھی حصے میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں کی جارہی اور شہر کا 60 فیصد حصہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے مستثنیٰ ہے۔ ترجمان کے الیکٹرک کا کہنا ہے شہر کے کسی بھی حصے میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نہیں کی جارہی اور شہر کا 60 فیصد حصہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے مستثنیٰ ہے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق بجلی کے تعطل کی شکایات خاص طور پر ان علاقوں سے موصول ہوتی ہیں جہاں کنڈوں کا استعمال اور بجلی چوری کی شرح زیادہ ہوتی ہے جب کہ کسی بھی علاقے میں خرابی کو دور کرنے کے لیے کے الیکٹرک کا عملہ موجود ہوتا ہے لہذا خرابیوں کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نہ جوڑا جائے۔ ترجمان کے الیکٹرک نے ایک مرتبہ پھر واضح کیا ہے کہ سحر و افطار کے دوران تمام علاقے لوڈ شیڈنگ سے مستثنیٰ ہیں اور ان اوقات میں

بجلی پوری کر بھی لی تو کمزور ڈیلوری سسٹم کی وجہ سے نہیں دے سکیں گے: وزارت کا

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نہیں کی جارہی، کے الیکٹرک کا دعویٰ

ایکسپریس اردو

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طور پر ہر اسٹیشن کے پاس فوم کے 20 لیٹر پر مشتمل 50 ڈبے ہونے چاہئیں لیکن 2013ء کے بعد سے فوم کیلئے کوئی ٹینڈر نہیں کیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق کراچی کو 162 فائر ٹینڈرز درکار ہیں لیکن صرف 35 ہیں، ایک مکمل فائر اسٹیشن میں ڈیڑھ لاکھ گیلن پانی ہر وقت موجود ہونا چاہیے لیکن شہر کے متعدد فائر اسٹیشنز کے پاس پانی جمع کرنے کی سہولت نہیں ہے شہر میں ہنگامی بنیادوں پر کم از کم 54 فائر اسٹیشنز کی ضرورت ہے لیکن اس وقت صرف 20 ہیں، جن میں سے زیادہ تر کسی کام کے نہیں۔

کراچی کے علاقے گلہائی میں ٹائروں کے گودام میں لگی آگ پر 24 گھنٹے بعد قابو پایا گیا۔ کوئٹہ کا عمل جاری ہے۔ آتشزدگی سے کروڑوں روپے مالیت کا سامان جل کر خاکستر ہو گیا۔ گلہائی میں ٹائروں کے گودام میں گزشتہ روز صبح 11 بجے لگنے والی آگ پر 24 گھنٹوں کی جدوجہد کے بعد قابو پایا گیا ہے۔ فائر بریگیڈ حکام کے مطابق کوئٹہ کا عمل جاری ہے۔ گودام میں رکھے گاڑیوں، ٹرک اور ٹریکٹرز کے کروڑوں روپے مالیت کے ٹائرز جل کر خاکستر ہو گئے۔ فائر بریگیڈ حکام کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے عمل میں 5 فائر ٹینڈر حصہ لے رہے ہیں۔ ٹائز فیکٹری میں گزشتہ روز چانک آگ بھڑک اٹھی تھی جس نے دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے پور فیکٹری کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا تھا جبکہ گہرے دھوئیں کے بادل کئی کلو میٹر دور سے بھی دیکھے گئے۔ خوش قسمتی سے کوئی جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔

کراچی (مائٹرینگ ڈیسک) سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کے چیئرمین ذاکر علی شاہ کو عہدہ سے ہٹا دیا گیا ہے اور نوٹیفکیشن جاری ہو گیا ہے جبکہ قادر بخش رند کو دوبارہ سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کا چیئرمین تعینات کر دیا گیا ہے۔ نجی ٹی وی جیو نیوز کے مطابق قادر بخش رند 04-2003 کے دوران سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کے سیکرٹری رہے جبکہ 08-2007 میں کے دوران بورڈ کے چیئرمین رہے۔ قادر بخش رند کے خلاف اینٹی کرپشن میں مبینہ کرپشن کی تحقیقات جاری ہیں لیکن انہیں دوبارہ سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کا چیئرمین بنادیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور + نارنگ منڈی (نامہ نگاران) بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا اور لوڈ شیڈنگ میں کمی نہ ہو سکی جس کے باعث لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا اور انہوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ کئی شہروں میں بجلی کے ساتھ پانی کی بھی قلت رہی جبکہ نارنگ منڈی میں شدید گرمی کے باعث معمر خاتون دم توڑ گئی۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہی جس کے باعث کاروبار زندگی متاثر رہا کئی علاقوں میں سحر و افطار کے موقع پر بھی بجلی بند رہی جس کے باعث روزہ داروں کو مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق قیامت خیز گرمی کے باعث معمر خاتون باجران بی بی دم توڑ گئیں۔ بجلی کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کو بے حال کر دیا۔ پورا پورا دن اور رات گئے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کو نفسیاتی مریض بنا دیا۔ مرمت کے بہانے کئی کئی گھنٹے بجلی بند رکھی جاتی ہے سحری اور افطاری کے اوقات میں بھی بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری ہے۔ پاک پتن سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ اور طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث روزہ داروں کو سحری، افطاری اور نماز تراویح کی ادائیگی کے دوران شدید دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑا اور وہ سراپا احتجاج بنے رہے۔ پیر محل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف لوگوں نے لوڈ شیڈنگ پر شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ فیروز والہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شاہدرہ اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں بجلی کے ٹرانسمار مر خراب ہونے اور تار بھی ٹوٹ جانے پر شہری سراپا احتجاج بن گئے اور لیسکو آفس شاہدرہ موڑ کے باہر احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ مظاہرین نے ٹریفک بلاک کر کے نعرہ بازی کی۔ مظاہرین نے بتایا کہ علاقے میں بجلی ٹرانسمار مر اور تاریں خراب ہونے کی وجہ سے بجلی کئی گھنٹوں سے بند پڑی ہے۔ علی پور چٹھہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا، سحری، افطاری اور تراویح کے اوقات میں بھی بجلی بند رہی۔ ساڑھے تین گھنٹے طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ سے شہری بلبلہ اٹھے اور شدید احتجاج کیا۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق حافظ آباد شہر اور اسکے گرد و نواح کے متعدد علاقہ جات میں گزشتہ روز دن بھر بجلی بند رہی۔ جس سے عوام کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا رہا۔

راجن پور: بستی خواجہ میں 11 ہزار کے وی بجلی کی ہائی ٹیشن تاریں گرنے سے 4 افراد جاں بحق جب کہ 11 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق راجن پور میں بستی خواجہ میں 11 ہزار کلوواٹ بجلی کے تاریں گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق ہوا جب کہ 15 افراد کرنٹ سے زخمی ہوئے جنہیں فوری طور پر اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں مزید 3 افراد زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے۔ اسپتال میں ڈاکٹروں اور طبی عملے کی مہینہ غفلت کے خلاف ورثا نے لاشوں کے ساتھ انڈس ہائی روڈ پر دھرنا دے دیا، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اسپتال میں نہ تو طبی سہولیات مہیا کی گئیں اور نہ ہی ڈاکٹر ڈیوٹی پر موجود تھے۔ اگر زخمیوں کو بروقت علاج کی سہولت مل جاتی تو ان کے پیارے زندگی کی بازی نہ ہارتے۔ اس دوران پولیس اور مظاہرین میں جھڑپیں بھی ہوئیں تاہم بعد میں لواحقین تدفین کے لیے لاشیں اٹھا کر چلے گئے۔ دوسری جانب ترجمان میپکو کی جانب سے بجلی کے تار گرنے سے 4 افراد کی ہلاکت کے واقعے کے بعد متعلقہ ایس ڈی او، لائن سپرنٹنڈنٹ کو معطل کر دیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی: ٹائروں کے گودام کی آگ پر قابو پایا گیا، کوئٹہ کا عمل جاری

جیو اردو نیوز

25 جون 2016

سندھ ٹیکسٹ بک بورڈ کے چیئرمین ذاکر علی شاہ کو عہدہ سے ہٹا دیا گیا، قادر بخش رند نئے چیئرمین تعینات

روزنامہ پاکستان

24 جون 2016

لوڈ شیڈنگ کم نہ ہو سکی 'لوگوں کا شدید احتجاج' نارنگ منڈی میں گرمی سے معمر خاتون جاں بحق

نوائے وقت

24 جون 2016

راجن پور میں بجلی کی ہائی ٹیشن تاریں گرنے سے 4 افراد جاں بحق، 11 زخمی

ایکسپریس نیوز

23 جون 2016

مشکلات کا سامنا۔ قصبہ نور کوٹ میں شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کرتے حکومت اور گھیکو شکر گڑھ کو بدعائن دی ہیں۔ شکر گڑھ میں بھی شہریوں نے احتجاج کیا۔ وہاڑی میں رہی سہی کسر واپڈا حکام نے ماہ رمضان کے اوقات سحری، افطاری اور تراویح میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ کر کے نکال دی۔ بھولال کے نواحی چلوک میں بجلی کی آنکھ چمکی سے عوام شدید مشکلات کا شکار ہیں۔ نمائندہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق حافظ آباد میں بجلی کی بیس بیس گھنٹے کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈشیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بھی جاری ہے جس سے پاور لومز انڈسٹری سمیت تمام کاروبار شدید متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ ساہیوال میں بھی لوڈشیڈنگ نے عوام کی زندگی اجیرن کر دی۔ علاوہ ازیں وفاقی وزیر پانی و بجلی خواجہ آصف نے ٹوئیٹ میں کہا کہ جون 2012ء میں بجلی کی اوسط شارٹ فال 5831 میگا واٹ تھا جون 2016ء میں بجلی کا شارٹ فال کم ہو کر 3218 میگا واٹ رہ گیا جون 2012ء میں بجلی کی اوسط پیداوار 11240 میگا واٹ تھی جبکہ جون 2016ء میں بجلی کی اوسط پیداوار 16270 میگا واٹ ہے جون 2013ء میں بجلی کا اوسط شارٹ فال 7938 میگا واٹ تھا جون 2013ء میں بجلی کی پیداوار کے تناسب سے شارٹ فال 67 فیصد تھا جون 2012ء میں بجلی کی پیداوار کے تناسب سے شارٹ فال 52 فیصد تھا جون 2016ء میں بجلی کی پیداوار کے تناسب سے شارٹ فال صرف 20 فیصد ہے، یہ ہے حقیقی تبدیلی کھوکھلے نعرے نہیں ہم وعدہ پورا کریں گے۔ 2018 تک روشن پاکستان دیں گے۔

کراچی کے علاقے کلنٹن میں آگ سے متاثرہ عمارت میں دوبارہ آگ بھڑک اٹھی تھی، آگ نویں منزل پر لگی، عمارت میں کوئی فرد موجود نہیں تھا، کئی گھنٹوں بعد آگ پر قابو پایا گیا، اسی عمارت میں آج سحری کے وقت بھی آگ لگ گئی تھی جہاں دم گھٹنے سے سیکورٹی گارڈ جاں بحق ہو گیا تھا۔ کراچی کے علاقے کلنٹن بلاک 4 کی 9 منزلہ اسی تجارتی عمارت کی پانچویں اور چھٹی منزل پر گزشتہ روز سحری کے وقت آگ بھڑک اٹھی تھی جس میں ہنگامی اخراج کاراستہ بھی نہیں ہے۔ آگ کے باعث عمارت میں بھجنے والے 10 سے زائد افراد سہڑھی، رسیوں اور اسنار کل کی مدد سے نکالا گیا جبکہ دم گھٹنے سے ایک گارڈ جاں بحق ہوا۔ آج دوبارہ آگ بھڑک اٹھی تو انتظامیہ کے پاس گزشتہ روز کی طرح وسائل کی کمی کا سامنا تھا، آگ پر قابو پانے کے لیے عمارت کے شیشے توڑے گئے۔ آگ پر اسنار کل کے علاوہ تین سے زائد فائر بریگیڈ کی گاڑیوں کی مدد سے قابو پایا گیا۔ امدادی کارروائیوں کے دوران آگ سے متاثرہ عمارت کے قریب عمارتوں کو بھی خالی کرایا گیا۔ رات میں آگ لگی تو پانچویں اور چھٹی منزل پر پھنسے افراد کو بچانے کے لیے اسنار کل نہیں تھی تاہم وزیر بلدیات کہتے ہیں بجلی کا پڑ خریدیں گے، بس کابینہ کی منظوری مل جائے۔ دودن پہلے کراچی کے ایک گودام میں آگ لگی تو فوم نہیں تھا۔ فیکٹری میں آگ لگی تو پانی نہیں تھا اور آج اونچی عمارت میں آگ لگی تو اسنار کل نہیں تھی جو اس جھکے کی کسمپرسی کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے۔

لاہور (مائٹنگ ڈیسک) پنجاب یونیورسٹی کے طلباء سرایا احتجاج ہو گئے اور دوہری ڈگری کی اجازت دینے کے باوجود امتحانی شیڈول کے خلاف پریس کلب کے سامنے شدید نعرے بازی کی اور امتحانی شیڈول کو مسترد کر دیا۔ یونیوز کے مطابق پنجاب یونیورسٹی انتظامیہ نے ایم اے کے سالانہ امتحانات کا شیڈول جاری کر دیا ہے جس میں ایل ایل بی اور ایم اے کے پرچے ایک ہی تاریخ میں رکھے گئے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ ایک سال میں دو مختلف ڈگریوں کیلئے کلاسیں لے رہے ہیں مگر انتظامیہ نے دوہری ڈگری کی اجازت دینے کے باوجود امتحانات کے شیڈول میں اس بات کا خیال نہیں رکھا کہ ایل ایل بی اور ایم اے کے پرچے ایک ہی تاریخ میں رکھ دیے گئے ہیں۔ طلباء کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر وہ ایل ایل بی کا پرچہ دینے کیلئے جائیں گے تو ان کا ایم اے کا پرچہ نہیں ہو سکے گا کیونکہ دونوں ڈگریوں کے پرچے یکساں تاریخوں میں رکھے گئے ہیں۔ اس طرح ہمارا تعلیمی سال بھی ضائع ہو گا اور تعلیم کے حصول کیلئے ہونے والے اخراجات بھی۔ طلباء نے مزید کہا کہ انہوں نے اس حوالے سے انتظامیہ کو متعدد بار درخواستیں بھی دی تھیں تاکہ معاملہ انکے نوٹس میں آئے مگر اس کے باوجود کوئی شنوائی نہیں ہوئی۔ دوسری جانب یونیورسٹی انتظامیہ نے موقف اختیار کیا ہے کہ یہ طالب علموں کا ہی مطالبہ تھا کہ ایک سال میں دو ڈگریوں کی اجازت دی جائے تاہم انہیں آگاہ کر دیا گیا تھا کہ اس حوالے سے پیش آنے والی تمام تر مشکلات کے ذمہ دار وہ خود ہوں گے۔

کراچی کے محکمہ فائر بریگیڈ کے پاس نہ مناسب فنڈز ہیں، نہ جدید تربیت اور آلات سے لیس عملہ، شہر میں تیسرے درجے، یعنی بڑے پیمانے پر لگنے والی آگ کو بجھانے کیلئے پانی کے ساتھ فوم نامی کیمیکل بھی درکار ہوتا ہے، جو اول تو ہوتا ہی نہیں اور ہوتا ہے تو ضرورت سے اتنا کم کہ کسی کام نہیں آتا۔ کراچی میں فائر بریگیڈ کا محکمہ لاوارث ہو گیا، فائر فائٹرز جدید تربیت، حفاظتی لباس اور ضروری آلات سے محروم ہیں، چھوٹی موٹی آگ تو لگتی اور بجھتی رہتی ہے مگر شہر کے کسی مقام پر تیسرے درجے کی یعنی شدید ترین آگ لگ جائے، تو اس پر قابو پانے کیلئے مختلف کیمیکلز سے تیار کردہ فوم کمپاؤنڈ کی اہمیت پانی سے بھی زیادہ ہوتی ہے کیونکہ یہ آکسیجن کو آگ تک پہنچنے سے روکتا ہے۔ کے ایم سی کے 22 فائر اسٹیشنز ہیں لیکن ضرورت پڑ جائے تو کسی کے پاس بھی اتنا فوم نہیں ہوتا کہ تیسرے درجے کی آگ بجھانے کیلئے کافی ہو۔ ایک فائر ٹینڈر جب آگ پر قابو پانے کیلئے فوم کا استعمال کرتا ہے تو اس کے ٹینک میں آدھا پانی اور آدھا فوم ہوتا ہے تاکہ پریشر برقرار رکھا جاسکے کیونکہ تین منٹ بعد فوم کا اثر ختم ہونے لگتا ہے۔ اصولی

کلفٹن: کمرشل عمارت میں پھر بھڑکنے والی

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جیوارڈ نیوز

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کی اجازت کے باوجود ایل ایل بی اور ایم

اے کے پرچے ایک ہی دن رکھ دیے،

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سرخیاں

پاکستان کے سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری نے صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا میں موجود نجی مدرسے کے لیے 30 کروڑ روپے کا عوامی فنڈ مختص کیے جانے پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ اقوام کو جاری ہونے والے بیان میں سابق صدر کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ مدرسہ شدت پسند طالبان کے ساتھ روابط کے حوالے سے پچایا جاتا ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ خیبر پختونخوا کی حکومت نے صوبائی بجٹ 17-2016 میں اوکاڑہ خٹک میں قائم دارالعلوم حقانیہ کی تعمیرات اور بحالی کیلئے 30 کروڑ روپے مختص کیے ہیں۔ اس سے قبل جمعے کو پریس کانفرنس میں عمران خان نے بے یو آئی (س) کے سربراہ مولانا سمیع الحق کے مدرسے کے لیے بجٹ میں مختص کیے جانے والے فنڈ پر بات کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ 'مولانا سمیع الحق اصلاحات پر رضامند ہو گئے ہیں تو اس پر شور کیوں مچایا جا رہا ہے۔' سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری نے کہا کہ یہ امداد ہشت گردوں کی حمایت اور اس کے خلاف جنگ کو کمزور کرنے کے برابر ہے۔

مدرسے کو فنڈ دینے کے معاملے پر سابق
صدر کو تشویش

بی بی سی اردو

27 جون 2016

کراچی: کے الیکٹرک نے صارفین سے 70 ارب روپے سے زائد وصولی کی حکمت عملی تیار کرتے ہوئے آئندہ 10 سالوں کے لیے بجلی 66 پیسے فی یونٹ مہنگی کرنے کی درخواست کر دی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کے الیکٹرک نے سسٹم کو مزید بہتر بنانے کے نام پر آئندہ 10 سالوں میں صارفین سے 70 ارب روپے وصولی کی حکمت عملی تیار کر لی ہے۔ کے الیکٹرک نے نیپرا سے سسٹم آپریشن اور مرمت کے نام پر 2026 تک بجلی 66 پیسے فی یونٹ مہنگی کر کے صارفین پر مزید بوجھ ڈالنے اور ریلیف میں کمی کی درخواست کی ہے۔ کے الیکٹرک نے 10 سالہ ٹیرف میں نئی شرائط شامل کرنے کی درخواست بھی کی ہے جس میں کے الیکٹرک نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے سبسڈی کی ادائیگی میں تاخیر کے باعث کے کمپنی کو مالی مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑتا ہے لہذا نیپرا کے الیکٹرک کے نئے ٹیرف میں ورکنگ کمیٹیٹل کی شق شامل کرے، سبسڈی ادائیگی میں تاخیر کی صورت میں مالی اثرات صارفین پر منتقل کیے جائیں گے۔

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ایکسپریس اردو

26 جون 2016

لاہور + اسلام آباد (نیوز رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) لاہور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری، پانی کی بھی قلت، کاروبار متاثر، عوام کی زندگی اجیرن ہو گئی، کئی شہروں میں احتجاج۔ لاہور اور اس کے مضافات میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ لیسکو نے رمضان المبارک میں تمام فیڈرز کو مانیٹر کرنے کیلئے سپیشل کمیٹی بھی قائم کر رکھی ہے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی کے واضح احکامات ہیں رمضان المبارک میں بجلی کی مسلسل فراہمی کیلئے تمام تر اقدامات کئے جائیں۔ لیسکو حکام نے اس صورتحال کو دیکھتے کمیٹی قائم کر رکھی ہے جو تمام گزڈ سٹیشن کو مسلسل مانیٹر کر رہی ہے۔ اس بارے میں لیسکو آپریشن ڈائریکٹر اسد اللہ کا کہنا ہے رمضان میں سحری و افطاری اور تراویح کے دوران بجلی کی فراہمی جاری ہے، کسی بھی علاقے سے بجلی کی بندش کی شکایت نہیں آئی۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ شیڈول کو سحری و افطاری اور تراویح کے علاوہ عملدرآمد کیا جاتا ہے۔ دوسری جانب لاہور کے دیگر حصوں میں 8 گھنٹے سے دس گھنٹے تک بجلی بند کی جا رہی ہے۔ نامہ نگار خصوصی کے مطابق شیخوپورہ شہر اور قریبی آبادیوں میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ اور ٹرپنگ سے بجلی کے صارفین بلبلا اٹھے گھروں میں بیٹھی متعدد درخواستیں اور بچے بوڑھے بے ہوش بھی ہوئے مگر لیسکو شیخوپورہ کے حکام کو شہریوں پر کسی قسم کا کوئی ترس نہیں آیا۔ ہاؤسنگ کالونی برج والا روڈ بھگھی روڈ آرائی نوالہ روڈ کے درجنوں صارفین نے بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف شدید احتجاج کیا لاہور روڈ پر مختلف مقامات پر لوگوں نے روڈ بلاک کر کے احتجاج کیا اور لیسکو کے چیف سے مطالبہ کیا ہے شیخوپورہ میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے ذمہ داروں کے خلاف فوری کارروائی کی جائے۔ ٹیلی فون اینڈ نہ کرنے والے ایکسیشن سٹی کو معطل کر کے کارروائی کی جائے۔ شاہدرہ اور ملحقہ علاقوں میں شہری سراپا احتجاج بن گئے شاہدرہ چوک اور شریچور روڈ پر ٹریفک جام کر دی ٹائزوں کو آگ لگا کر واپڈا کے خلاف نعرے بازی کی۔ شہریوں کے مطابق سارا سارا دن بجلی کی فراہمی معطل رہنے سے پانی اور سحری افطاری کے وقت مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے شہری سڑکوں پر آگئے۔ شریچور شریف میں سحری اور افطاری میں بدستور لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری شہر میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 15 سے 17 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر جانے کے باعث کاروبار زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی، کئی روزہ دار بے ہوش، شہریوں نے احتجاج کیا۔ علاوہ ازیں کامونکے، سادھو کے میں بھی لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری گذشتہ صبح 9 بجے سے شام 6 بجے تک مسلسل بندش نے روزہ داروں کو نڈھال کئے رکھا پاک ٹائون کے علاقے میں ایک روزہ دار معمر خاتون صفیہ بی بی برقی گرمی کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے بے ہوش ہو گئی۔ چک امر ویس نور کوٹ میں بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف شہریوں کا احتجاج، خواتین کی سینہ کو بی، دانیال عزیز کے حلقہ میں سحر و افطار میں بجلی مسلسل غائب، روزہ داروں کو شدید

بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری، عوام کی
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ہوئی ہیں جب کہ ملزم کے پاس افغانستان اور پاکستان دونوں ملکوں کی شہریت ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ملزم کے دیگر ممالک کی انٹیلی ایجنسیوں سے بھی رابطے کا شبہ ہے جس کی تفتیش کے لیے اسے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل بھی ملک کے مختلف علاقوں سے افغان انٹیلی جنس ایجنسی کے اہلکاروں کو گرفتار کیا جا چکا ہے جو ملک میں بد امنی کی کارروائی میں بھی ملوث رہے ہیں۔

کراچی: ڈی جی رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں دہشت گردوں کے خلاف بلا تفریق اور سخت کارروائی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق رینجرز ہیڈ کوارٹر میں ڈی جی رینجرز سندھ میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں متعلقہ رینجرز کمانڈرز نے شرکت کی جب کہ اجلاس میں دہشت گردی کے واقعات اور ٹارگٹ کلنگ کے محرکات کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق اجلاس میں دہشت گردی کے حالیہ واقعات کے پیش نظر بھرپور اور مربوط تحقیقاتی عمل کا فیصلہ کرتے ہوئے دہشت گردوں اور عسکری ونگ کے خلاف بلا تفریق سخت کارروائی کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ اجلاس میں دہشت گردی کے حالیہ واقعات کے سدباب کے لیے اہم فیصلے کیے گئے جن میں شہریوں کی جان و مال کی حفاظت کو ہر قیمت پر یقینی بنایا جانا بھی شامل ہے۔ دوسری جانب ڈی جی رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید قائم علی شاہ سے ملاقات کی جس میں حالیہ دہشت گردی خصوصاً امجد صابری کے قتل پر غور کیا گیا جب کہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے ڈی جی رینجرز کو شہر میں آپریشن مزید تیز کرنے کی ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ رینجرز، پولیس دہشت گردوں کے خلاف موثر کارروائیاں کرے۔ واضح رہے کہ کراچی میں امن و امان کی صورت حال ایک بار پھر خراب ہو گئی ہے اور شہر میں گزشتہ دنوں چیف جسٹس سندھ ہائی کورٹ کے صاحبزادے اویس شاہ کو اغوا کر لیا گیا جب کہ لیاقت آباد کے علاقے میں معروف قوال امجد صابری کو قتل کر دیا گیا۔

اسلام آباد: وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات پرویز رشید کا کہنا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کامیابی سے جاری ہے اور دہشت گرد بھی گنتی کے رہ گئے ہیں لیکن وہ اپنی موجودگی ثابت کرنے کے لئے اہم شخصیات کو نشانہ بنا رہے ہیں۔ اسلام آباد میں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر اطلاعات پرویز رشید کا کہنا تھا کہ امجد صابری سچے عاشق رسول ﷺ اور دنیا بھر میں امن و پیار کے پیغامبر تھے، انہوں نے خدا اور مخلوق سے محبت، خیر اور متحد ہونے کا پیغام دیا، حملہ آوروں نے اللہ سے محبت کرنے والے شخص کو نشانہ بنایا، امجد صابری کے قاتل اللہ اور اس کے رسول کے دشمن ہیں اور ان کو سزا ضرور ملے گی اور کراچی میں امن قائم ہو کر رہے گا۔ وزیر اطلاعات کا کہنا تھا کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کامیابی سے جاری ہے اور اہم اہداف بھی حاصل کر چکے ہیں، اب دہشت گرد کم ہو کر گنتی کے رہ گئے ہیں جبکہ ماضی کے مقابلے میں شہر قائد انتہائی پر امن ہے اب صرف دہشت گرد اپنی موجودگی ثابت کرنے لئے نامور اور اہم شخصیات کو نشانہ بنا رہے ہیں۔ پرویز رشید کا کہنا تھا کہ احتساب کا مطالبہ کرنے والوں کی بھی اپنی آف شور کمپنیاں ہیں، وزیر اعظم کا نام کسی آف شور کمپنی میں نہیں، عمران خان کی جانب سے اٹھائے گئے نکات اور نواز شریف کے بیٹوں سے متعلق سوال ٹی او آرز میں شامل کر دئے گئے لیکن خود عمران خان نے اپنے فلیٹ سے متعلق سوال کا جواب اب تک نہیں دیا۔ عمران خان کے سابقہ دھرنے کے دوران کون سا شہر بند ہوا ایک دکان والے نے بھی ان کا ساتھ نہیں دیا۔ عمران خان عوام سے ووٹ نہیں لے سکتے اس لئے احتجاج کی دھمکیاں دیتے ہیں۔

برلن: آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کا کہنا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب سے فنانس کا علاقہ سرحدوں تک کلیئر کر کے دہشت گردوں کے رابطے اور نیٹ ورک توڑ دیا اور آپریشن کو کامیابی سے مکمل کرنے کے قریب ہیں۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے جرمن وزیر دفاع اور جرمن وزیر خارجہ سے الگ الگ ملاقاتیں کیں جن میں علاقائی امن و سلامتی کی صورت حال پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا جب کہ جرمن وزیر دفاع نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ میں پاکستان کے کردار کو سراہا اور جرمنی نے خطے میں امن و استحکام کے لیے پاکستان کی کوششوں کی بھرپور حمایت کا اعلان بھی کیا۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے برلن میں معروف تھنک ٹینک کوئٹہ فاؤنڈیشن کے سیشن میں بھی شرکت کی جہاں انہوں نے پاکستان کو درپیش چیلنجز کے متعلق تفصیل سے آگاہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر پاک فوج کے سربراہ کا کہنا تھا کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کو کامیابی سے مکمل کرنے کے قریب ہیں، آپریشن سے فنانس کا علاقہ سرحدوں تک کلیئر کر دیا ہے اور دہشت گردوں کے رابطے اور نیٹ ورک کو توڑ دیا گیا۔ پاک فوج کے سربراہ نے کہا کہ ہم نے کسی بھی قوم سے کہیں زیادہ قربانیاں دی ہیں لیکن دہشت گردی سے نمٹنے کے لیے عالمی رد عمل کی ضرورت ہے کیونکہ یہ ایک عالمی مسئلہ ہے اور موثر کامیابی کے لیے سب کو توجہ دینا ہوگی جب کہ اس اہم مرحلے پر بین الاقوامی حمایت اور پاکستان کے موقف کو زیادہ بہتر سمجھنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

ڈی جی رینجرز کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کا

اجلاس، دہشت گردوں کی خلاف سخت

کارروائی کا فیصلہ

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23 جون 2016

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بنائے ہیں، پرویز رشید

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سربراہ پاک فوج

ایکپریس اردو

21 جون 2016

یہاں رہنے کے دستاویز نہیں تھے۔ پشاور میں آرمی پبلک سکول اور پھر اس کے بعد چار سہ میں باچا خان یونیورسٹی پر حملوں کے بعد سے پشاور سمیت صوبہ بھر میں افغان پناہ گزینوں کے خلاف بڑی کارروائیاں کی گئیں جس میں غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم بڑی تعداد میں پناہ گزینوں کو گرفتار کر کے واپس وطن بھیجا جا چکا ہے۔ اب ایک مرتبہ پھر جب سے پاکستان اور افغانستان کے درمیان طورخم سرحد پر کشیدگی پیدا ہوئی ہے اس کے بعد افغان پناہ گزینوں کے خلاف گھیراؤ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ پشاور اور صوبے کے دیگر علاقوں میں بڑی تعداد میں افغان پناہ گزین کیمپوں کے علاوہ شہری علاقوں میں رہائش پذیر ہیں۔ صوبائی حکومت کا موقف ہے کہ ان افغان پناہ گزینوں کو وطن واپس بھیجا جائے لیکن وفاقی حکومت نے اب تک اس بارے میں کوئی واضح فیصلہ نہیں کیا۔ پشاور کے علاوہ کوہاٹ کے علاقے بلیننگ میں بھی سرچ آپریشن کے دوران دو افغان پناہ گزینوں سمیت 56 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ پشاور میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران جہاں 600 سے زیادہ جرائم پیشہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے وہاں ایسے کوئی 150 افراد کو بھی گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جنہوں نے کرائے داری کے قانون کے تحت متعلقہ تھانوں میں رجسٹریشن نہیں کرائی۔ گزشتہ روز پشاور میں ہشتنگری اور حیات آباد کے علاقوں میں پولیس اور فوج نے مشترکہ سرچ آپریشنز کیے ہیں جس میں درجنوں مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد کی ہیں۔ خیبر پختونخوا میں سرچ اینڈ سٹرائٹ آپریشنز آرمی پبلک سکول پر حملے کے بعد شروع کیے گئے تھے جن میں بڑی تعداد میں مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا جا چکا ہے۔

سرینگر: مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی پولیس سیکورٹی فورسز کی بس پر حملے کے نتیجے میں 8 اہلکار ہلاک اور 24 زخمی ہو گئے۔ بھارتی میڈیا کے مطابق سینٹرل ریزرو پولیس فورس کے قافلے پر مسلح افراد کی فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 8 اہلکار ہلاک اور 24 زخمی ہو گئے۔ بھارتی حکام کے مطابق اہلکار ٹریننگ کے بعد واپس آرہے تھے کہ سرینگر کے قریب ان کی بس کو فائرنگ کا نشانہ بنایا گیا تاہم جوابی کارروائی میں 2 حملہ آور بھی مارے گئے جب کہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں زخمی ہونے والے اہلکاروں میں سے 5 کی حالت انتہائی تشویش ناک ہے۔

کراچی: سندھ حکومت نے کراچی حیدر آباد اور سکھر میں 3 روز کے لیے موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری پر پابندی عائد کر دی جس کا اطلاق رات 12 بجے سے ہو گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے یوم شہادت حضرت علی رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ کے موقع پر کراچی، حیدر آباد اور سکھر میں 3 روز کے لیے موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری پر پابندی عائد کر دی جس کا اطلاق رات 12 بجے سے ہو گیا ہے جو 28 جون تک رہے گا۔ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق خواتین، 12 سال سے کم عمر بچے، بزرگ و معذور شہری، صحافی اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے اہلکار اس پابندی سے مستثنیٰ ہوں گے۔

کراچی: معروف قوال امجد صابری کے قتل کے بعد فنکار برادری نے عدم تحفظ کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے وی آئی پی سیکورٹی مانگ لی ہے اور اس سلسلے میں باضابطہ درخواست بھی دے دی گئی ہے جب کہ وزیر داخلہ سہیل انور کا کہنا ہے کہ کسی فنکار کے لیے سیکورٹی لازمی ہوئی تو ضرور دیں گے۔ کراچی میں معروف قوال امجد صابری کے قتل کے بعد شہر سے تعلق رکھنے والی فنکار برادری نے عدم تحفظ کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے وی آئی پی سیکورٹی مانگ ہے اور اس سلسلے میں سندھ سنسورڈ کے چیئرمین فخر عالم، فیصل قریشی، ماریہ واسطی اور میر اسمیت دیگر 62 فنکاروں نے کراچی کے ڈیفنس تھانے میں باضابطہ درخواست بھی جمع کرادی ہے۔ ڈیفنس تھانے میں درخواست جمع کرانے کے بعد فخر عالم کا میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہنا تھا کہ درخواست میں وی آئی پی سیکورٹی مانگی گئی ہے اور نہ دینے کی صورت میں سرکاری حکام سے یہ سیکورٹی واپس لینے کا کہا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اگر کسی فنکار کو کوئی نقصان پہنچا تو اس کے ذمہ دار سرکاری حکام ہوں گے۔ دوسری جانب وزیر داخلہ سندھ سہیل انور سیال اور آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ نے امجد صابری کے گھر پہنچ گھرانے کے ورثا سے تعزیت کی اس موقع پر آئی جی سندھ کا کہنا تھا کہ امجد صابری کے ملزم کا گواہ کی شہادت پر خاکے بنائے گئے ہیں تاہم ملزم کا 100 فیصد خاکہ نہیں بن سکتا جب کہ چیف جسٹس سندھ کے صاحبزادے اویس شاہ کو جلد بازپا کرانا چاہتے ہیں۔ ادھر صوبائی وزیر داخلہ نے کہا کہ امجد صابری کے قتل کے محرکات کا جلد پتہ چلا دیں گے جب کہ استغفے اور افسردہ کو ہٹانا مسئلہ کا حل نہیں البتہ میرے بھنے سے کراچی کے حالات بہتر ہو جائیں تو گھر چلا جاؤں گا کیوں کہ عہدے اور وزارتیں آتی جاتی ہیں، عہدوں سے چپک کر بیٹھنے والے نہیں ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اپنی سیکورٹی کے لیے کبھی بازار بند نہیں کرائے جب کہ کسی فنکار کے لیے سیکورٹی لازمی ہوئی تو ضرور دیں گے۔

اسلام آباد: سیکورٹی فورسز نے ٹیکسلا سے افغان فوج کا سابق اہلکار گرفتار کر لیا جو سبزی فروش کی آڑ میں افغان انٹیلی جنس ایجنسی کے لیے جاسوس کرتا تھا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے خفیہ اطلاع پر ٹیکسلا میں کارروائی کی جہاں سے افغان نیشنل آرمی کے سابق اہلکار کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق گرفتار ملزم نور آغا ٹیکسلا میں سبزی کی دکان چلا رہا تھا اور اس کی آڑ میں افغان انٹیلی جنس کے لیے جاسوس کرتا تھا۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ ملزم 2012 سے 2015 تک افغان نیشنل آرمی میں رہا، ملزم سے جعلی پاکستانی شناختی کارڈ اور دیگر حساس دستاویزات برآمد

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کی بس پر فائرنگ، 8 اہلکار ہلاک

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موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری پر پابندی عائد

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کراچی کے 62 فنکاروں نے سیکورٹی کیلئے

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سرخیاں

پاکستان کے خیبر پختونخواہ کے ضلع سوات میں حکام کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز اور دہشت گردوں کے درمیان ہونے والی جھڑپ میں دو دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں جبکہ ایک سیکورٹی اہلکار زخمی ہوا ہے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق جھڑپ سوات کے سیاحتی علاقے مالم جبہ خوش پٹے میں ہوئی ہیں جہاں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران دہشت گردوں نے سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملہ کر دیا۔ مقامی لوگوں کے مطابق فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کافی دیر تک جاری رہا۔ ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کے حوالے سے سیکورٹی حکام نے بتایا ہے کہ وہ دونوں دہشت گرد افغانستان سے تربیت حاصل کر کے واپس آئے تھے اور ان کے قبضے سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے حکام کے مطابق علاقے میں سرچ آپریشن جاری ہے۔ بتایا جاتا ہے کہ جھڑپ کے دوران ایک سیکورٹی اہلکار ہلاک ہوا ہے اور ایک مقامی شخص بھی فائرنگ میں زخمی ہوا ہے تاہم سیکورٹی ذرائع نے اس کی تصدیق نہیں کی ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ کچھ دن قبل بھی سوات کے تحصیل کبل میں دہشت گردوں نے پولیس موبائل پر حملہ کر کے تین اہلکاروں کو زخمی کر دیا تھا جس کے بعد ہونے والے آپریشن میں تین دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے جبکہ اس سے پہلے سوات اور بونیر کے سرحدی علاقے میں بھی شدت پسندوں اور فورسز کے درمیان ہونے والی جھڑپ میں ایک دہشت گرد ہلاک ہوا تھا۔ واضح رہے کہ حالیہ کچھ ہفتوں سے دہشت گرد کارروائیوں میں اضافے اور مختلف علاقوں میں ہونے والی جھڑپوں پر مقامی لوگ تشویش کا اظہار کر رہے ہیں جبکہ حالیہ کچھ عرصے سے مقامی امن کمیٹیوں کے ممبران پر بھی حملوں سے علاقے میں خوف کی فضا ہے۔

سوات میں فورسز سے جھڑپ میں دو

شدت پسند ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

27 جون 2016

کراچی کلفٹن میں واقع ایک کثیر المنزلہ عمارت میں ایک مرتبہ پھر آگ بھڑک اٹھی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے کلفٹن بلاک 4 میں واقع ایک کثیر المنزلہ عمارت میں ایک بار پھر آگ بھڑک اٹھی ہے۔ فائر بریگیڈ کا عملہ آگ پر قابو پانے میں مصروف ہے تاہم عملے کو پانی کے کم پریشر کی وجہ سے ریسکیو کام میں مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ بجتے اور اوار کی درمیانی رات عمارت میں آتشزدگی کا واقعہ ایئر کنڈیشنر کا کپیر لیر پھٹنے سے پیش آیا تھا، فائر ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے 4 گھنٹے کی محنت سے اس پر قابو پایا تھا تاہم اس دوران عمارت میں موجود ایک سیکورٹی گارڈ دم گھٹنے سے جاں بحق ہو گیا تھا، جس کی شناخت ارشد کے نام سے ہوئی۔ آگ بجھانے کی کارروائی کے دوران وزیر بلدیات جام خان شورو بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئے، اس موقع پر میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے اس بات پر تشویش کا اظہار کیا کہ کراچی میں فائر ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے پاس صرف ایک انسارکل ہے اور وہ بھی چھٹی منزل سے اوپر نہیں جاسکتا جبکہ شہر میں متعدد کثیر المنزلہ عمارت ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ فائر ڈیپارٹمنٹ کے لیے ہیلی کاپٹر کی ضرورت ہے۔ کابینہ کی منظوری کے بعد ہیلی کاپٹر خریدیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ 3 روز کے دوران کراچی میں یہ آتش زدگی کا چوتھا واقعہ ہے۔

کراچی کے علاقے کلفٹن میں کثیر المنزلہ

عمارت میں آگ پھر بھڑک اٹھی

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26 جون 2016

لاہور: ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف کا کہنا ہے کہ یوم علی گوپر امن بنانے کے لیے سیکورٹی کے فول پرو انتظامات کیے گئے ہیں۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز لاہور ڈاکٹر حیدر اشرف نے یوم علی کے مرکزی جلوس کے روٹ کا دورہ کیا جب کہ اس موقع پر میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ مرکزی جلوس کے روٹ کے چاروں اطراف ڈولفن اسکوڈ اور پولیس ریپانس یونٹ کی گاڑیاں گشت کریں گی، پارکنگ پر جامع سیکورٹی پلان بنایا گیا ہے جس کے تحت جلوس کے شرکاء کے لیے ناصر باغ میں وسیع پارکنگ کا انتظام کیا گیا ہے، شہر کے داخلی و خارجی راستوں پر سیکورٹی ہائی الرٹ کر دی گئی ہے جب کہ تمام افسران کو شرکاء کے مکمل طور پر منتشر ہونے تک فرائض سرانجام دینے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز نے کہا کہ یوم علی گوپر امن بنانے کیلئے سیکورٹی کے فول پروف انتظامات کیے ہیں اور اس کے لیے تمام دستیاب وسائل بروئے کار لائے جائیں گے، شہر بھر بالخصوص سٹی ڈویژن میں شاہدرہ، بادامی باغ، لاری اڈہ، بند روڈ کے علاقوں میں افغان بستیوں، ہوٹلوں، سرائے اور بس اسٹینڈز کے علاوہ ریلوے اسٹیشن کے گرد و نواح میں روزانہ کی بنیاد پر سرچ آپریشن کیے جا رہے ہیں، یوم علی کے مرکزی جلوس کے روٹ کی اسکریننگ کی جا رہی ہے اور متعلقہ محکموں سے لائٹنگ و دیگر انتظامات مکمل کروائے جا رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جلوس میں داخل ہونے سے پہلے مکمل جسمانی تلاشی لی جائے گی اور گاڑیوں کو چیک کرنے کیلئے سرخ رساں کتوں کی بھی مدد لی جائے گی۔

یوم علی پر سیکورٹی کے فول پروف

انتظامات کیے ہیں، ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز

لاہور

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خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں پولیس نے چھ دنوں میں پندرہ سرچ آپریشن کیے ہیں جس میں غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم 96 افغان پناہ گزینوں سمیت تقریباً 800 افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جن میں جرائم پیشہ افراد کے علاوہ کرائے داری کے قانون پر عمل درآمد نہ کرنے والے بھی شامل ہیں۔ یہ کارروائیاں اندرون پشاور شہر اور چھاونی کے علاوہ پشاور کے دیہی علاقوں میں کی گئیں۔ ان سرچ آپریشنز میں خواتین کمانڈوز اور سرخ رساں کتوں کی مدد بھی حاصل کی گئی۔ یہ آپریشن گھر گھر جا کر کیے گئے جس میں چھپانے والے ایسے افغان پناہ گزینوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جن کے پاس

پشاور: سرچ آپریشنز میں سینکڑوں گرفتار

بی بی سی اردو

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نے کہا کہ مون سون کی بارشوں کی وجہ سے سیلاب کے ممکنہ خطرے کے بارے میں تمام صوبائی حکومتوں اور متعلقہ اداروں کو آگاہ کر دیا گیا ہے تاکہ انسانی جانوں اور املاک کو نقصان سے بچانے کے لیے مناسب اقدامات کیے جاسکیں۔ گزشتہ چند ہفتوں سے پاکستان کے کئی علاقے شدید گرمی کی لپیٹ میں رہے ہیں اور توقع کی جارہی ہے کہ مون سون کی بارشیں شروع ہونے کے بعد گرمی کی شدت میں بھی کمی آئے گی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے عہدیداروں نے رواں ماہ کہا تھا کہ اس سال مون سون کی بارشیں معمول سے 10 سے 20 فیصد زیادہ ہونے کی توقع ہے۔ جب کہ پاکستان کے قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے قومی ادارے 'این ڈی ایم اے' نے دریائی علاقوں میں بارشوں کی وجہ سے اچانک سیلاب آنے کے خطرے کے بارے میں متنبہ کیا ہے۔ پاکستان کو گزشتہ چند سالوں سے غیر معمولی موسمیاتی تغیرات کا سامنا ہے جس دوران غیر معمولی بارشوں اور سیلابوں کی وجہ سے سیکڑوں افراد ہلاک جبکہ لاکھوں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلوں کو نقصان پہنچا۔

قبضہ کیا ہوا ہے، ان سے کام بھی لیں۔

اگرچہ آب و ہوا میں تبدیلی سرحدوں سے ماورائین الاقوامی معاملہ ہے لیکن خطے میں مقامی آلودگی اور ایندھن جلنے سے ہمالیائی پہاڑی سلسلے اور سطح امریکی قومی مرکز برائے فضائی تحقیق سے وابستہ ماہر ماحولیات یا گلیانگ ٹرو کے مطابق 1960 کے عشرے میں تفتت کو شدید نقصان پہنچ رہا ہے۔ اسے اب تک ہمالیائی خطے میں برف کم ہو رہی ہے اور برفانی چادروں پر سیاہ کاربن جمع ہو رہا ہے۔ اسی وجہ سے کلائمٹ ماڈل بنانے میں مشکل پیش آرہی ہے۔ اس علاقے میں مقامی آلودگی بھی نقصان دہ ثابت ہو رہی ہے لیکن صرف گلوبل وارمنگ کو اس کا ذمہ دار نہیں ٹھہرایا جاسکتا۔ ایندھن کی باقیات اور راکھ اس خطے میں درجہ حرارت کو بڑھا رہی ہیں۔ انٹرنیشنل سینٹر فار دی انٹی گریٹڈ مانیٹورنگ ڈویلپمنٹ (آئی سی آئی ایم اوڈی) کے ماہر ارون بی شریستا کے مطابق اس علاقے میں ایندھن کی آلودگی، بائیوفیول اور کھیتی باڑی کے بعد جلانے جانے والے کچرے سے جی ایچ جی اور بلیک کاربن ذرات برف کی چادروں پر جمع ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس علاقے کے لوگ لکڑی اور گاؤں کے گوبر کو جلا رہے ہیں کیونکہ ان کے پاس دوسرا کوئی راستہ موجود نہیں اور اس کے لیے ضروری ہے کہ حکومتیں دیگر متبادل طریقوں پر غور کریں۔ صرف کھنڈو میں ہی آلودگی کے ذرات عالمی ادارہ صحت کے معیار سے پانچ گنا زیادہ ہیں۔

خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف علاقوں میں ایک بار پھر زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے ہیں۔ زلزلہ پیمار کز کے مطابق ریکٹر اسکیل پر زلزلے کی شدت پانچ اعشاریہ پانچ ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے۔ زلزلہ پیمار کز کے مطابق پشاور اور سوات سمیت خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف اضلاع میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے۔ زلزلے کا مرکز افغانستان اور تاجکستان کا سرحدی علاقہ تھا۔ پیمار کز کا کہنا ہے کہ زلزلے کی زیر زمین گہرائی ایک سو تیس کلومیٹر تھی۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز بھی اسلام، سوات سمیت ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے محسوس کئے تھے۔

لاہور (خبرنگار) صوبائی سیکرٹری بلدیات کیپٹن (ر) نسیم نواز نے وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف کی ہدایت پر انک ‘حضر اور پنڈی گھیب کا دورہ کیا اور سیلاب سے بچاؤ کے انتظامات کا جائزہ لیا۔ انہوں نے محکمہ بلدیات کی مشینری کا بھی معائنہ کیا اور موقع پر ہدایات جاری کیں۔ دورے کے دوران متعلقہ افسران و اہلکاروں سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیپٹن (ر) نسیم نواز نے کہا کہ بارش اور سیلاب کی تباہ کاریوں سے نمٹنے کے لئے محکمہ بلدیات کے افسروں و اہلکاروں کی تربیتی ورکشاپس کا کام مکمل ہو چکا ہے اور ضروری آلات اور مشینری کی فراہمی کا کام جاری ہے جو چند دنوں میں مکمل کر لیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بارش اور سیلاب کی تباہ کاریوں کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لئے تمام محکمے سرگرم عمل ہیں۔ انہوں نے متعلقہ حکام کو ہدایت کی کہ پری مون سون اور سیلاب کے خطرہ سے نمٹنے کے لئے مکمل طور پر تیاری کی جائے اور حکومتی ہدایات پر سختی سے عمل کیا جائے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ عوام کے جان و مال کی حفاظت حکومت پنجاب کی اولین ترجیح ہے جس کے لئے تمام ممکنہ وسائل مہیا کئے جارہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بارشوں اور سیلاب سے پیدا ہونے والی صورتحال سے نبرد آزما ہونے کے لئے محکمہ بلدیات کو الٹ کر دیا گیا تاکہ کسی ناگہانی صورت میں لوگوں کی مدد کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔

کراچی: ماہر موسمیات نے اگلے چوبیس گھنٹوں میں اندرون سندھ اور دوروز کے دوران کراچی میں بارش کی پیش گوئی کر دی۔ ماہر موسمیات ڈاکٹر حنیف کا کہنا ہے کہ مون سون کی ہوائیں سندھ میں داخل ہو رہی ہیں، حیدرآباد اور میرپور خاص میں آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے میں اور کل شام یارات بدین اور ٹھٹھہ میں بارش ہونے کے قوی امکانات ہیں۔ ماہر موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے دوروز کے دوران کراچی میں بارش کا امکان ہے۔ دریں اثنا محکمہ موسمیات کی رپورٹ میں امکان ظاہر کیا گیا ہے کہ کراچی میں پیر اور منگل کو مون سون بارش متوقع ہے، آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہے گا، تاہم میرپور خاص، حیدرآباد، قلات، مکران، بہاولپور، ڈیر غازی خان اور سکھر ڈویژن کے مختلف مقامات پر گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش متوقع ہے۔

ڈاکٹر غلام رسول نے کہا کہ مون سون کی بارشوں کی وجہ سے سیلاب کے ممکنہ خطرے کے بارے میں تمام صوبائی حکومتوں اور متعلقہ اداروں کو آگاہ کر دیا گیا ہے تاکہ انسانی جانوں اور املاک کو نقصان سے بچانے کے لیے مناسب اقدامات کیے جاسکیں۔

اسلام آباد: پاکستان کے محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ آئندہ ہفتے سے ملک میں مون سون کی بارشوں کا آغاز ہو جائے گا۔ پاکستان میں مون سون کی بارشیں معمول کی مطابق یکم جولائی سے شروع ہوتی ہیں اور ستمبر تک جاری رہتی ہیں تاہم پاکستان کے محکمہ موسمیات نے اس بار معمول سے چند دن پہلے بارشوں کے اس سلسلے کے شروع ہونے کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ پاکستان کے محکمہ موسمیات کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر غلام رسول نے وائس آف امریکہ سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ صوبہ خیبر پختونخواہ کا بالائی علاقوں کے علاوہ، کشمیر اور صوبہ پنجاب کے وسطی اور شمالی علاقوں میں بارشیں زیادہ ہوں گی۔ شدید بارشیں ہوں سکتی ہیں جو سیلاب کا باعث ”جبکہ صوبہ بلوچستان کے کوہ سلیمان کے علاقے بھی مون سون کی بارشوں سے شدید متاثر ہو سکتے ہیں۔ بنیں گی جس میں اچانک سیلاب کا آنا بھی شامل ہے اس کے علاوہ شہری علاقوں میں بھی سیلاب کی صورت حال پیدا ہو سکتی ہے۔“ ڈاکٹر غلام رسول

کوہ ہمالیہ کو مقامی فضائی آلودگی سے شدید

نقصان کا سامنا

روزنامہ ایکسپریس

25 جون 2016

پشاور اور گردونواح میں 15 اعشاریہ

5 شدت کا زلزلہ

اردو داہر

25 جون 2016

پری مون سون اور سیلاب کے خطرہ سے

نمٹنے کی مکمل تیاری کی جائے: نسیم نواز

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

24 جون 2016

اندرون سندھ اور کراچی میں بارش کی پیش

گوئی

اے آر وائی

24 جون 2016

مون سون بارشیں آئندہ ہفتے شروع ہو

سکتی ہیں: محکمہ موسمیات

اردو داہر

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سرخیاں

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روزنامہ جنگ

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تفصیلات

مون سون سر پر آگیا، کل سے بارشیں شروع ہونے کی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے، اس سیزن بارشوں کی شدت بھی زیادہ ہوگی۔ شہروں سے پانی کا اس سال مون سون کی نکاس کیسے ہوگا، جبکہ اکثر شہروں میں کوئی تیاری نہیں۔ شہروں میں اربن فلڈنگ سے بڑے نقصانات کا خدشہ ہے۔ بارشیں کل سے شروع ہوں گی اور اس سال بارشوں کی شدت معمول سے 15 سے 20 فیصد زیادہ ہوگی یعنی بارشیں زیادہ ہوں گی۔ تو ایسے سے ہوگا؟؟ شہروں سے پانی نکالنے والے نالوں کی صفائی نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ پنجاب اور سندھ کے اکثر شہروں میں شہروں سے پانی کا نکاس کی ملک کے زیادہ تر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور خشک میں بارش کے پانی کا اخراج کرنے والے نالے کچرے اور گندگی سے بھرے پڑے ہیں۔ ہے، تاہم اگلے ہفتے سے مون سون سیزن کی بارشیں شروع ہو جائیں گی۔ پنجاب، اسلام آباد، خیبر پختونخوا، کشمیر، زیریں سندھ اور مشرقی بلوچستان کے کچھ حصوں میں بارش کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ ملک کے میدانی علاقوں میں جھلسا دینے والی دھوپ نے سب کو پریشان کر رکھا ہے۔ بلوچستان اور سندھ میں گرمی کی لہر بدستور برقرار ہے۔ گرمی کی وجہ سے دن کے اوقات میں بازاروں میں سناٹا رہتا ہے۔ ادھر پنجاب کے شہروں میں ملا جلا موسم ہے۔ ادھر خیبر پختونخوا کے مختلف علاقوں میں گزشتہ روز کی بارش سے گرمی میں کافی حد تک کمی ہے۔ موسم کی تبدیلی سے گرمی کے ستارے خوشگوار ہیں۔ سکھ کا سانس لیا۔ ادھر کشمیر، گلگت بلتستان اور بالائی فنانا کے کچھ علاقے بدستور بادلوں میں لپیٹ میں ہیں جس کی وجہ سے موسم کافی خوشگوار ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں میں کراچی، سکھر، لاڑکانہ، میرپور خاص، حیدرآباد، قلات، مکران، نصیر آباد، ہسی، ژوب، بہاولپور ڈویژن میں کہیں کہیں جبکہ مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، پشاور، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، لاہور، سرگودھا، ڈی جی خان، بنوں، ڈی آئی خان ڈویژن، فانا، اسلام آباد اور کشمیر میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے

لاہور: (دنیا نیوز) مون سون آگیا دو روز بعد طوفانی بارشوں کا آغاز ہوگا۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجادی۔ دریاؤں اور ندی نالوں میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہونے کا امکان ہے۔ کئی علاقوں میں بارشیں شروع ہو گئیں۔ پیر سے مون سون کا باقاعدہ آغاز کراچی سے خیبر تک ملک بھر میں بارشیں ہوں گی۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجادی۔ انتظامیہ نے کمر کس لے اور تیاری بھی مکمل کر لی۔ جن علاقوں میں ندی نالوں کی صفائی نہیں ہوئی وہ بھی ہوشیار باش رہیں۔ دریاؤں میں بھی پانی کی سطح بلند ہونے کا امکان ہے۔ مون سون کی طوفانی بارشیں پنجاب، اسلام آباد، خیبر پختونخوا، کشمیر، زیریں سندھ اور مشرقی بلوچستان میں ہوں گی۔ شانگلہ اور گردونواح میں آندھی کے ساتھ موسل ادھار بارش ہوئی جس سے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی۔

دو روز بعد طوفانی بارشوں کا آغاز ہوگا: محکمہ

موسمیات

دنیا نیوز

26 جون 2016

محکمہ موسمیات نے اگلے ہفتے سے مون سون بارشوں کے سلسلے شروع ہونے کی پیش گوئی کر دی ہے، جبکہ حکام کے مطابق آج شام سے میرپور خاص، سکھر، بہاولپور، کوئٹہ، قلات اور ڈی جی خان ڈویژن میں بعض مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے ہفتے سے پنجاب اسلام آباد خیبر پختونخوا کشمیر زیریں سندھ اور مشرقی بلوچستان میں اکثر علاقوں میں باقاعدہ بارشوں کا سلسلہ شروع ہو جائے گا، جبکہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں دن کے وقت موسم گرم اور خشک رہے گا، تاہم شام اور رات میرپور خاص، سکھر، بہاولپور، کوئٹہ، قلات اور ڈی جی خان ڈویژن میں بعض مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ حکام کے مطابق گزشتہ روز سب سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت دادو چھپالیس، تربت، بھکر اور سی میں پینتالیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے، جبکہ رحیم یار خان، اوکاڑہ، بہاولنگر، سکھر، جیکب آباد، شہید بینظیر آباد اور روہڑی میں درجہ حرارت چوالیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

محکمہ موسمیات کی اگلے ہفتے سے ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش کی پیش گوئی

اردو اور

25 جون 2016

کراچی: (دنیا نیوز) ایم کیو ایم کے نامزد میئر کراچی نے دیگر منتخب بلدیاتی نمائندوں کے ہمراہ گجرات والے کا دورہ کیا۔ اس موقع پر پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے وسیم اختر کا کہنا تھا کہ شہر میں نالوں کی صفائی کی شدید ضرورت ہے، شہر میں نالے اور کچرا ساتھ ساتھ چل رہا ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات گزشتہ کئی روز سے مون سون کی ممکنہ تیز بارشوں کی وارننگ جاری کر رہا ہے لیکن حکومت کی جانب سے نالوں کی صفائی اور دیگر انتظامات کے لئے صرف زبانی جمع خرچ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ وسیم اختر نے بلاول بھٹو زرداری سے بھی اپیل کی ہے کہ وہ کراچی کو تباہی اور ڈوبنے سے بچانے کے لئے کوئی بڑا فیصلہ کریں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایم کیو ایم اور اسکے منتخب نمائندے ہر قسم کے تعاون کے لئے تیار ہیں۔ وسیم اختر کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ اپنے مشیر کو ایک طرف کر کے ایم سی کے تجربہ کار افسران سے کراچی کے نالوں کی جلد از جلد صفائی کے لئے مشورہ لیں اور جن جن محکموں پر حکومت سندھ نے

نالوں کی صفائی کی شدید ضرورت ہے، بارشیں ہوئیں تو کراچی ڈوب جائے گا

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