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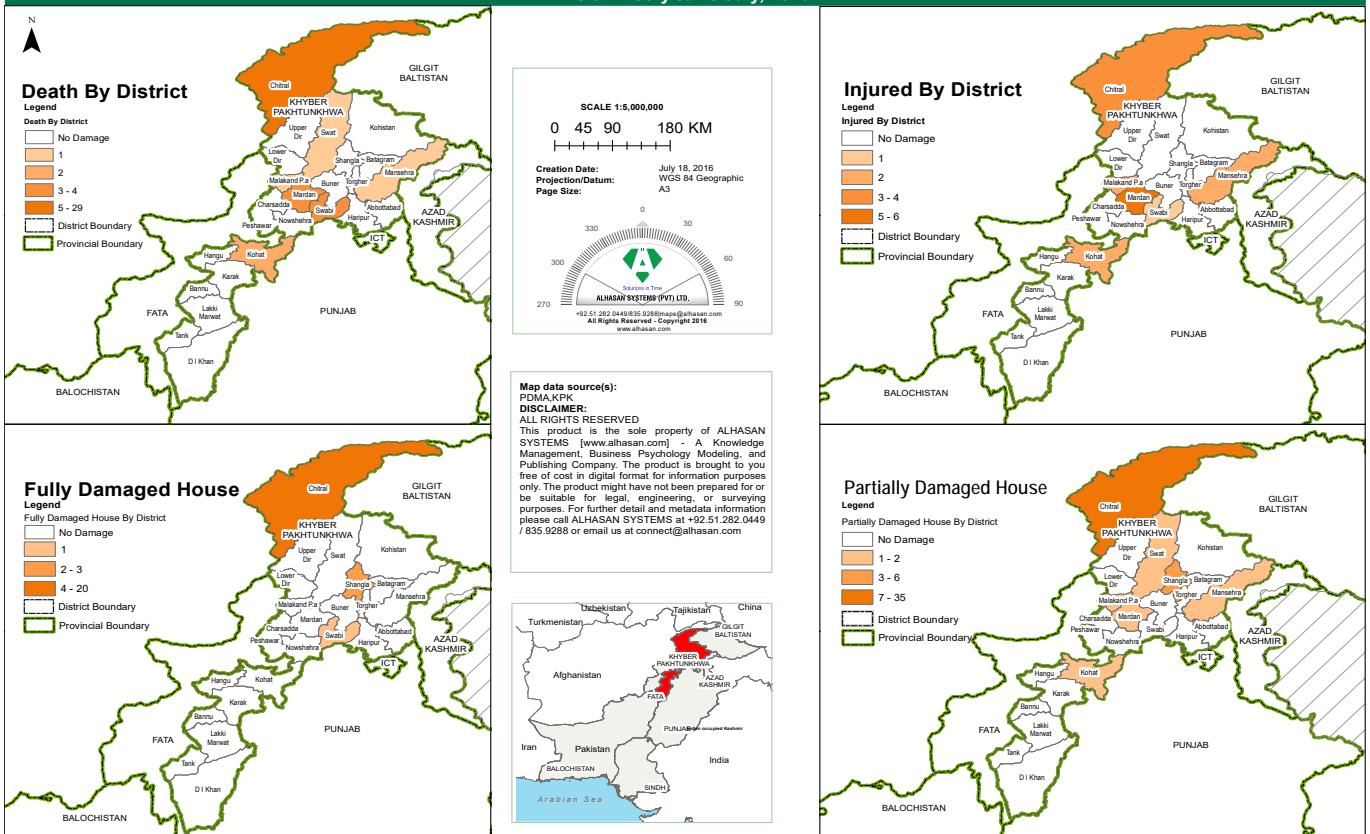
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

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NDMA Plan (2013-2022): ten priority areas identified to improve response capacity

Business Recorder, July 18, 2016

Tackling challenges: Use harvested rainwater, says experts

Express Tribune, July 18, 2016

CDA to plant 300,000 saplings during monsoon

Pak Observer, July 18, 2016

DETAILS

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has identified 10 priority areas under NDM Plan (2013-2022), aimed at enhancing capacity to respond natural disasters such as floods, landslides and earthquakes.

National Disaster Management Plan (NDMP) a strategic plan which provides for enhancing capacity of country to prepare for and respond to disasters such as floods (urban/flash riverine), landslides, earthquakes, drought, tsunami, cyclone, glacier lake outburst flood (GLOF), avalanches and tropical sea storms by defining measures necessary for disaster management.

Giving details, official sources on Sunday said the plan has identified 10 priority areas, 41 strategies and 122 projects in domain of institutional development, capacity building, awareness, early warning system, human resource development, hazard and risk assessment etc.

The sources said NDMP identifies roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders involved in disaster management and facilitates various organisation/agencies to undertake interventions as identified in NDMP to achieve desired results. Moreover, NDMA has also formulated National Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Policy which provided an overall guiding framework for building resilience of the country to disasters.

The policy aims at strengthening disaster preparedness and response capabilities, improving the early warning system, building capacities of disaster management practitioners at all levels and that of communities as well as strengthening structural and non-structural resilience of infrastructure. As per NDM Act 2010 Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) and District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) have been assigned to examine vulnerability of different parts of the provinces to different disasters and specify prevention and mitigation. NDMA progressively attained the capacity to support about 300,000 people all over the country through its well-stocked warehouses located on regional basis in any kind of disaster.

Highlighting important aspects of NDMP, the sources said national hazard and vulnerability assessment, macro level risk assessment for entire country has been completed, while micro level assessment under progress.

Similarly, drought assessment has been carried out in districts of Balochistan, early warning and evacuation systems for communities have been established through SMS alerts, enforcement of building codes being pursued through Ministry of Housing and Works while National Fire and Life Safety Codes are being developed for first time in country with collaboration of Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC). Moreover, the sources said awareness and advocacy was conducted through public service messages during monsoon as well as during earthquake 2015 while NDMA implementation roadmap is in focus with respect to preparation of Multi Hazards Vulnerability Risk Assessment (MHVRA), Capacity Building of Community through Mobilisation of Voluntary Emergency Response (MOVERE) and capacity building of government officials through concept of Government Officials Emergency Response Exercise (GOERE).

ISLAMABAD: Weather and water scarcity experts believe that Pakistan can overcome its water, power and food security challenges by turning to monsoon rainwater. The Pakistan Meteorological Department has estimated that up to 30-40 million acres feet of monsoon rainwater is being dumped into the sea annually. The amount varies depending on the amount of rain the country witnesses. They claim that because of a shortage of reservoirs this water is wasted.

Director General Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Dr Ghulam Rasul while talking to The Express Tribune said monsoon rainwater is one of the biggest resources for water in Pakistan. He also said that monsoon rain water also helps in cultivation of barren lands. He emphasised that by diverting monsoon rain water towards desert areas like Tharaparkar and Cholistan it can help to rehabilitate the areas. Rasul said, "A large quantity of water is wasted every year. Though proper utilisation it could help in power generation, among other sectors".

Director General National Water Quality Laboratory, Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) Lubna Bokhari, while talking to The Express Tribune said: "If Pakistan does not receive monsoon rains just for few years, it will result in disaster". Bokhari said that a rainwater harvesting system can help Pakistan overcome chronic water shortages. Monsoon showers help in fighting water pollution as it takes away all the waste material gathered in the lakes, nullahs, streams, rivers with it. However, Bokhari warns, there is a need to focus on the significance of monsoon rains as well rather than just talking about overflowing causing disasters which are leading to deaths, injuries, widespread damage to homes, etc.

"Pakistan is already becoming a water stressed country therefore heavy showers during monsoon at least helps for recharging ground water which ultimately helps the drought-stricken areas like Tharparkar and Balochistan to put an end to water scarcity to some extent," she said "For people living in drought-hit areas, heavy monsoon showers are more than a blessing as it is one of the major sources for water conservation for their families," she said. They also believed that through proper planning and management it is easier to avoid destruction at higher level caused by over flooding in Pakistan every year.

ISLAMABAD: Capital Development Authority (CDA), will make the up-coming Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive successful with participation of the people from all walks of life, said Member Environment Sanaulah Aman.

During Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign 300,000 saplings of different species would be

Work on dengue surveillance should be expedited: CM SHARIF

Pakistan Today, July 18, 2016

planted all over the city. Special arrangements have been made to ensure the proper growth of the saplings to be planted in upcoming monsoon tree plantation drive so that green character of Federal Capital could be further enhanced. Member Environment CDA said this while chairing a meeting at CDA headquarters held to finalize the arrangements of upcoming Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive. The meeting was attended by Director General Environment and other senior officers of concerned formations of the authority. The meeting was informed that Monsoon Tree Plantation campaign would be launched on August 10, 2016 at open area of Rose and Jasmine Garden and in this regard, a colourful launching ceremony has been planned which would be participated by the people from different walks of life particularly by the students of different educational institutes. The meeting was informed that famous personalities, celebrities from showbiz and other areas are also expected to participate in the launching ceremony. The meeting was also briefed that during the up-coming Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign special attention has been given forest area. Furthermore, 15,000 fruit trees would also be planted at Lake View Park during monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign.

Member Environment, directed the officers of Environment Wing to finalize arrangements of Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive-2016 at the earliest so that desired result could be achieved. He further directed the concerned formations to take consolidated steps so that maximum survival of the saplings could be ensured.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that work of dengue surveillance should be expedited with a view to recent rains and the concerned institutions should be vigilant to cope with dengue disease and perform their duties efficiently.

Issuing instructions to Provincial Cabinet Committee on Anti-Dengue, the chief minister said that the rain water in Lahore and other cities of the province should be immediately disposed and all institutions should work in a coordinated manner for coping with dengue. He said that the concerned institutions have to work hard with passion like previous years. Sharif said that all out steps should be taken for saving the people against dengue and a full campaign should be launched for informing the people about anti-dengue measures. Similarly, the measures being taken for the eradication of dengue should be monitored through modern technology, he added. He said that no negligence or laxity will be tolerated regarding the implementation of the plan evolved for checking dengue disease.

Punjab Chief Secretary capt (R) Zahid Saeed has announced to observe 'Dengue Day' throughout the province on Saturday, July 23, this year. All the governmental and semi-government offices and the premises of educational institutions will be swept for identification of dengue larvae on 23 July besides holding awareness seminars.

While addressing the video link conference on dengue control at Civil Secretariat, Lahore, the chief secretary directed the district administration of all the 36 districts of the province to remain extra-vigilant during the current breeding season of dengue and invigorate the sanitary patrol teams. He ordered to start dengue larva sweeping activity in full swing. He emphasised the need to prevent the spread of dengue virus before the larvae of dengue mosquitoes developed into an actual vector. Otherwise, all efforts against the spread of dengue fever would become fruitless, he added. The chief secretary offered all the commissioners and DCOs of the province to requisite the needful machinery, insecticides, entomologists and other manpower to accomplish the larvicidal activities, particularly inside the households and on the pondings after the recent rains in different areas of Punjab. He stressed upon improving hospital management of the confirmed dengue patients in the dengue wards of the public sector hospitals. "The relevant doctors and the paramedics should be specially trained for the initial handling of the patients suffering from dengue fever," he said. He also directed the sanitary patrol teams to sweep and identify dengue larvae on the rooftops of the households.

Saeed ordered to circulate the standard operating procedures for dengue control to all the stakeholders and stressed upon the need to inspect the second-hand tyre shops, in particular, as the current season of dengue vector generation is more dangerous than the last one. The government will make sure that all the educational institutions of the province be opened a week before the summer vacations to spray insecticides. The chief secretary advised all the manpower involved in larvicidal activities and the public at large to remain more vigilant for stopping the dengue spread in the days to come. The Punjab government will extend all out assistance in this regard, he added.

Punjab Additional Chief Secretary Shamail Ahmad Khawaja, Environmental Protection Department Secretary Iqbal Muhammad Chohan, local government secretary maj. (R) Naseem Nawaz, Auqaf Secretary Nayyer Iqbal, Healthcare Primary and Secondary Secretary Ali Jan Khan, I and C Secretary Farasat Iqbal, Schools Education Special Secretary Imran Sikandar Baloch, additional secretaries irrigation, housing and specialised healthcare, Punjab Health Services Director General Dr Syed Mukhatar Shah, DCO Lahore capt. (R) Muhammad Usman and entomologists Dr Waseem Akram along with Dr Somia Iqtidar participated in the conference.

LAHORE: Earthquake tremors were felt in various cities of Punjab on Sunday July 17 afternoon. The quake was reported to have a magnitude of 4.4 according to the Richter's scale, reported Dunya News.

The earthquake hit at around 4:58pm PST whereas the cities that were influenced as a result of the quake included Lahore, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara and adjoining areas. The centre of the earthquake was reported to be in Afghanistan, 10 km deep in the ground. No loss of life or property was reported as a result of the earthquake. Locals were seen rushing out of their homes whilst reciting kalmia tayyibah after the quake struck.

KARACHI: The Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) has asked the governments of Sindh and Balochistan to clear spillway of encroachments in order to avert damage to lives and

Earthquake tremors felt in various cities of Punjab

Dunya News, July 17, 2016

WAPDA urges Sindh, Balochistan to clear Hub

Dam's spillway of encroachments

Daily Times, July 17, 2016

property in case of heavy water flow due to monsoon rains from Hub Dam, Daily Times learnt.

About 20 percent more than average rains are expected in this monsoon season and this year's forecast of 'above normal rainfall' by Pakistan Metrological Department (PMD) is the substantial reason that WAPDA has asked both the provincial governments to clear spillway of encroachments.

The PMD also warned the 'high probability of heavy downpour which could generate flash floods along Suleman Range in Balochistan. Hub Dam is situated 56 kilometres from Karachi, Lasbela districts and Balochistan border. The dam is extended to 24,300 acres with gross storage capacity of 857,000 acres feet. The inter-provincial project, completed in June 1981, was meant to construct a storage reservoir for regulating the flows of Hub River for the purpose of municipal and industrial water supply and irrigation releases to Karachi in Sindh and Lasbela districts in Balochistan.

Hub River split between Balochistan and Sindh and lies at the boundary of two provinces. The distance between downstream spillways and sea is around 70 kilometres where water is discharged into sea. The people are often involved in agriculture farming or residential purpose at the banks of river. Hub River downstream to Hub Dam remains dry during rains scarcity days and it only runs in case of spill.

WAPDA, in separate letters, requested different department of Balochistan and Sindh including irrigation department, police and Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB) to make better use of rainwater by taking appropriate measures in this regard.

A WAPDA official on the basis of anonymity said, "The civil administration and police can do better in removing encroachments from both sides of the spillway through". "We have made vigilant call in case of abrupt rains. The areas downstream spillways to Hub Dam could be endangered if it spills. Thousands of people are living or doing business either on the banks of Hub River or inside the downstream Hub River spillways," said the official. "We have warned the authorities concerned to get them shifted to safer places," he said.

While terming writing of 'routine matter', official said that like every year, this year WAPDA also wrote letters to authorities concerned of both the governments. But the expected rains could make flood situation that authorities should take cautious approach in order to avoid any mishap. He said after the building of Hub Dam in 1980, it faced drought conditions around five to six times and it was last filled to its optimum level in 2007.

"At present water is hitting 278 feet, however, the spill level is 339 feet and if rains occur with high intensity it can fill overnight which it did in 1994. "If water starts overflowing from the spill ways, then people would not have the time to shift. We have timely intimated them so that they can shift," the official added. WAPDA has already deputed staff for vigilance of Hub Dam.

ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) senior board member Ahmed Kamal said on Friday that National Fund for Disaster Management would be established soon in the country for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

While talking to PTV news, he said that these funds would be used for relief activities in case a natural calamity hits the country. National Disaster fund would be introduced in Pakistan for the first time in the history, he added. NDMA has the capability to immediately start relief activities in natural calamities including floods, landslides, earthquakes, drought, tsunami, cyclone, glacier lake outburst flood, avalanches and tropical sea storms.

He further said Pakistan meteorological department (PMD) needs to make accurate forecasts about the emerging weather patterns associated with climate change. PMD should make its equipment more strong and modernize for the timely updates and forecasts of weather, he added. NDMA and its provincial sub institutions are fully prepared to deal with any emergency during the monsoon season, he added.

NDMA has necessary funds and resources to handle the situation arising from rains and floods in the country he said and adding, "We also trained staff at the district level to cope with natural disasters". "We cannot fight with natural disasters but can prevent, mitigate and prepare ourselves against the likely impacts that may occur during any disaster.

Information exchange with the general masses through regular media reporting on natural disasters can play a pivotal role in timely savings the lives and effective response measures," Ahmad Kamal added. In this regard, NDMA has launched many comprehensive campaigns through electronic and print media to spread awareness among the masses to minimize the human and material losses, he said.

Besides spreading awareness through media, the NDMA also regularly publishes updates on its website for public awareness, he informed. Ahmad Kamal said that the main role is to educate the masses to remain calm in case of any disaster. "We lose more lives due to panic during disasters." —APP

Two more bodies of the July 2 flood in Ursun were recovered from Chitral river inside Afghan district of Narey. According to the flood control room at the DC office, the bodies were identified as Muhsina d/o Tahir and Imranuddin s/o Usman. The bodies were handed over to Pakistani authorities at the Pak-Afghan border Arandu which were shifted to Ursun and buried there.

It may be noted that bodies of 29 people killed in the floods had already been recovered while seven are still missing. Meanwhile, the body of a minor son of Obaidur Rehman, a resident of Chitral, was also recovered from the Chitral river in the vicinity of Narey Afghanistan.

KARACHI: As many as 26 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported in Sindh province in a week, out of which 24 have been detected from Karachi, taking the patients toll to 802 in the

NDMA: National Fund for Disaster Management to be established soon

Pak Observer, July 16, 2016

Chitral floods: two more bodies recovered in Afghan district

Business Recorder, July 15, 2016

24 more dengue cases detected in city

Pakistan Today, July 15, 2016

Floods claimed 261 lives in KP from March to July: official

Daily Times, July 14, 2016

Levels of disaster preparedness reviewed ahead of monsoon

DAWN News, July 14, 2016

province since January 2016.

According to the weekly report issued by prevention and control program for dengue in Sindh, about 26 new dengue fever cases surfaced in Sindh province from 8 to 14 July 2016, out of which 24 were reported from Karachi and one each from Hyderabad and Larkana.

A total 24 new dengue fever cases were detected in Karachi last week, out of which seven were reported from District Central, seven from District South, one from District West, three from District East, two from District Korangi and four from District Malir.

In 2016, total 802 dengue fever cases have been reported in Sindh province since January 2016, out of which 741 were detected from Karachi, 15 from Hyderabad, five each from Sukkur & Ghotki, four from Tando Muhammad Khan and Larkana, three each from Dadu, Mirpurkhas, Tharparkar and Khairpur, two each from Badin, Thatta, Jamshoro, Umer Kot, Sanghar, Naushero Feroz, Shaheed Benazirbad and Shikarpur. One death was reported from dengue fever from Nawabshah.

PESHAWAR: Floods in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) killed at least 261 people from March to July this year, a government official said.

Talking to Daily Times, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) spokesperson Latif-ur-Rahman said the government had already directed the authorities in all districts of the province to take measures to minimise the damage from floods. He said that rains and floods brought huge destruction to the province this year. "At least 261 people were killed and 206 injured in rain-related incidents and floods in KP from March to July this year," Rahman said. He said that 1,101 houses were completely washed away and thousands more were partially damaged in the areas affected by floods.

"Two helicopters, one of KP chief minister's and the other of Pakistan Army's, are available to the PDMA to rescue people in an emergency situation. We also have about 129 boats at our disposal," the spokesman said. Talking to this reporter, Chitral Deputy Commissioner Osama Warraich said the district administration had received from Afghanistan the bodies of 19 people who were swept away during flash floods in Chitral. "Bodies of some people who were swept away to Afghanistan have yet to be retrieved. We are in contact with the Afghan authorities to retrieve these bodies as soon as possible," he said. The Chitral district administration is trying its best to provide all facilities to the flood-affected people, he said. "We need medical relief, doctors and support staff urgently to cater to the needs of the flood affected people," he added.

KP Meteorological Department Deputy Director Dr Muhammad Faheem said that natural disasters were occurring frequently mainly because of the climate change and the rising pollution. "Floods and other natural disasters have increased in Pakistan, especially Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and northern areas of Pakistan because of pollution and environmental changes, including speedy deforestation and the melting glaciers," he said. Pakistan is among 20 countries, which are worst affected by natural disasters and calamities. "The Meteorological Department lacks resources and modern equipment, which can enable us to issue early warnings about floods and other natural disasters," Faheem said.

Faheem praised the one billion tree tsunami project of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial government. "It is a very good step, but it will take time to have a positive impact on our environment; therefore, we must stop deforestation in northern areas to save Pakistan from floods and other natural disasters," he said.

ISLAMABAD: Top government and disaster management agencies put their heads together on Wednesday to prepare for a monsoon that could be "20 per cent above normal" and potentially cause extreme rainfall, glacial lake outbursts and flash flooding.

The Pakistan Meteorological Department's (PMD) forecasts also came under scrutiny at a meeting, presided over by Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Mohammad Asif and attended by senior figures from the civil and military bureaucracy and disaster management agencies.

The minister said at the outset that the Met Office had predicted 10-20 per cent higher-than-normal rainfall this season, but no such situation was in sight so far. He also wondered about the veracity of the weather forecasts, sources privy to the meeting told Dawn. "You are talking about 20 per cent above-normal monsoon, but we haven't even seen the beginning of the monsoon," the minister was quoted as saying.

The PMD team, led by Dr Ghulam Rasul, insisted it stood by the forecast of "10-20 per cent above normal monsoon rainfall over the country, averaged for three months". The meeting was told that while monsoon rains had already begun, they should not be viewed as a single, continuous event.

"The monsoon will be bumpy this year," a PMD representative explained. "There will be some sudden and extreme downpours [with] some longer dry spells in-between."

The PMD reported that higher-than-average rainfall was expected over parts of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and north-eastern Balochistan. It said that extreme rainfall events were likely to occur in the catchment areas of major rivers and other parts of the country, which could cause floods. "There is a high probability of heavy downpours, which may generate flash flooding along the Suleman Range," the PMD reported, adding that some heavy downpours may produce urban flooding in big cities. Some of the stronger monsoon currents, coupled with high temperatures, could trigger glacial lake outburst floods, landslides and flash floods in upper KP and Gilgit-Baltistan, the PMD said.

The government of Sindh complained that despite the probability of higher-than-normal rainfall, the federal government had curtailed funds for flood protection schemes by 50pc, which could lead to a greater loss of life and property. It complained that provincial flood protection agencies

Govt decides to set up climate change authority

The Nation, July 13, 2016

Honey production suffers as climate change causes sharp decline in bee population

Express Tribune, July 13, 2016

used to get Rs1 billion for pre-emptive activities every year, which had now been reduced to Rs500 million.

As a result, major flood protection projects could not be completed, while some smaller under-construction schemes could be damaged by heavy flooding. The Federal Flood Commission has advised that work on pre-emptive measures should be completed at the earliest and that quarters concerned should take all necessary precautions for the safe passage of flood flows.

An official statement on the meeting said that the meeting was briefed on pre-emptive measures taken to minimise the damage caused in the event of flooding. The state of preparedness of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the provincial disaster management authorities (PDMAs) was also discussed.

Wapda and railways authorities were also advised to stay alert and remain in contact with NDMA and PDMAs. The Pakistan Army officers informed the meeting that the army was ready for rescue operations in case of floods. The standard operating procedures (SOPs) of Mangla and Tarbela Dam were also shared with all stakeholders.

The minister instructed the PMD to improve their weather forecasting so that there was ample time to deal with any emergency. The meeting was told that PMD's forecasts were up to the mark, based on internal and international data, despite the fact that early-warning and flood-forecasting infrastructure was obsolete. The meeting decided that encroachments restricting the free flow of rivers which may cause flooding should be removed immediately and that de-silting and removal of encroachments in nullahs passing through urban areas, particularly Rawalpindi, Multan, Sialkot, Lahore and Faisalabad, should be prioritised. The statement said that flood plain maps, prepared by Nespak, were also distributed to the provinces, wherein the level and extent of inundation are clearly marked with respect to various scenarios of water flows in rivers.

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to establish Climate Change Authority to tackle climate related challenges in the country. The authority would be headed by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, The Nation learnt reliably.

The sources said that the Ministry of Climate Change has completed the draft of "Pakistan Climate Change Act 2016", which will be presented in Parliament for approval soon. They also said the aim behind this move is to control the damage of natural disasters and to organise awareness campaigns, researches and sign the agreements with international organizations in this regard. The federal government will also generate a special fund for Pakistan Climate Change Authority, the sources added.

They also said that the PM will be the chairman of authority and Federal Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Planning Division, Minister for National Food Security, Finance Minister and Minister for Water and Power will be members of the authority.

Representative of all provinces, Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu Kashmir, FATA, National Disaster Management Authority and Federal Secretary for Climate Change will be part of this authority. More than 35 government officers, experts and representatives of civil society will be the part of the authority, they added.

On the other hand, the federal government could not implement the first approved forest policy due to the alleged poor coordination of Ministry of Climate Change with provinces in last three years. Talking to The Nation, a senior expert of climate change Haroon Akram appreciated the decision of the federal government and said the provinces should cooperate with the government for establishing Pakistan's first ever climate change authority. He said the federal government should give task to this department to prepare an effective policy to utilize the flood water along with the cooperation of experts and provinces. He urged the government to allocate sufficient funds to the authority, engage national and international experts for preparing the climate change policy for next 30 years.

PESHAWAR: The rising temperatures and erratic pattern of rains have led to a drastic decline in the population of honey bees in Khyber-Paktunkhwa. This has subsequently had deleterious consequences on revenue generation of the province since K-P is the leading exporter of honey. This change in weather has destroyed the livelihood of thousands of honey farmers.

The problem is grave since farmers are out of business in their own areas and cannot move to colder areas of the country to continue their trade since they have been banned from there.

Climatic hazards

Talking to The Express Tribune, small-scale honey farmer Adnan Ahmad who has lost half his farm since the beginning of this summer said, "The mortality rates of bees have become very high and it is difficult to sustain this business." He added, "It is only now that this unfortunate thing has occurred because we are constantly changing our surroundings which is affecting every aspect of our lives."

University of Peshawar (UoP) Zoology department head Dr Inayat Ali Shahjehan told The Express Tribune the temperature of beehive is always more than 40 degrees Celsius. "The ever-increasing temperature of the areas is very dangerous for honey bees and conservation measures need to be adopted to prevent loss of genetic diversity," he said.

Shahjehan also said their studies indicate that environmental changes have a direct influence on the development, behaviour, physiology and distribution of honey bees. It also affects bees' interaction with viral diseases which most farmers were unaware of. "Beekeepers are often uninformed about preventing these diseases," he added.

Neglected and crippling

There are 5,000 registered members of Pakistan Beekeepers Association who believe besides

climatic changes, government policies and lack of interest on the part of authorities have prevented honey production to blossom as a full-fledged industry.

"This is perhaps the only sector that earns a great deal for the country but is totally ignored," Pakistan Beekeepers Association President Naeem Qasmi said. He said earlier, honey was imported from Europe and Russia but Pakistan had been exporting honey for a long while now. "After Yemen, our honey is possibly of the highest quality." Currently, farmers in K-P stick to four types of bees which they have bred from past generations. However, these bees are unable to resist climatic changes—heatwaves, untimely rains and water shortages—which have become prevalent in the region today.

Qasmi added farmers needed proper training so they could adapt themselves to climatic changes and continue their businesses. "Species of bees that are more resilient to climate changes must be bred," he said. "The Billion Tree Tsunami project will never benefit this sector because we have asked them to plant cedar trees which are needed in the area," Qasmi added.

Aggravating misery

Earlier, farmers used to take their farms to colder areas especially in Kashmir and Naran in Kaghan during summers. However, these areas which have an abundant supply of cedar trees have imposed a ban on the entry of honey farms. After negotiation, the administration in Naran lifted the ban, however, it imposed a tax of Rs2,000 on each vehicle carrying honey farms.

"This is not fair but we have no other options," Haji Imtiaz, an older member of Pakistan Beekeepers Association told The Express Tribune. He said the government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir was still reluctant to allow honey farms into the area. "The ban was imposed because of growing security concerns," he said. Imtiaz said beekeepers were now required to register themselves with local police authorities. "Kashmir has a very large number of Palosa trees which guarantee honey production of the highest quality," he added.

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The relationship between Pakistan and its Western allies has always been something of a tightrope walking act. Pakistan has traditionally acted as a local partner in the Western power wars and our military and government face the tough task of doing just enough to keep the money flowing in — but local interest groups are continually being ignored. There is plenty of mistrust on both sides, not all of it unfounded, and in recent months, the relationship between Pakistan and the US has been in the bulletins for having cooled off.

US lawmakers increasingly question Pakistan's commitment to the US goals of eliminating Taliban downright from Afghanistan while Pakistan is seething over the drones that frequently make their way into our airspace without our knowledge or approval. Most recently, it was suggested at a congressional hearing that Pakistan should be declared a state that sponsors terrorism and sanctions should be threatened if the country refuses to do more to make the war on terror a success. But the military and intelligence establishment of the US does not agree with this point of view as was evidenced by the statement issued by the Pentagon. Instead, General Raheel Sharif's commitment to eliminating terrorist strongholds in the country and the efforts of Pakistani military in its various operations were lauded as an indicator of continued commitment to the war on terror.

It is assumed that it is in America's best interests to sustain cordial relations with Pakistan which has been taking "important and meaningful" steps to counter terrorism. The sacrifices made by both the Pakistani military and the Pakistani people who are often caught in the cross hairs of this war were also highlighted. While the Pentagon, too, agrees with US lawmakers in demanding that Pakistan must do more to subdue the Afghan Taliban using its soil for launching attacks. Whatever the politicians and public of both countries feel about each other's intentions and commitment, it is quite clear that the establishment is not willing to give up on this alliance just yet.

KARACHI: University of Karachi acting VC Prof Dr Khalid Iraqi has said that the real motives of science should be aimed at safeguarding and upholding the human values and rights. He said the relations between different societies of the world could be made and maintained through science adding that science has revolutionised the human life and its credit goes to the scientists. Dr Iraqi said humanity is also endangered with the negative use of science by some unscrupulous individuals and it is hence the duty of all the stakeholders to be watchful in controlling the negative use of science. It appears that lack of coordination and a communication gap exists between natural sciences, social sciences and management sciences which must be bridged by our mutual efforts, he added. He said this while addressing the concluding ceremony of three-day International Workshop on "Management Aspects of Bio-safety and creating a culture of Bio-safety" organised by Pakistan Biological Safety Association in collaboration with Dr A Q Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering, University of Karachi and Fogarty International, National Institute of Health, USA at a local hotel. "Terrorism has posed a serious challenge to the entire world and Pakistan is also a victim of it. The most vital element to defeat terrorism and mischief is through education. Peace in any society is only possible when the society is willing to live in a peaceful environment. The great nations prosper when priority is given to education and research. Every individual has a role in the restoration of peace and countering terrorism in the society", Dr Iraqi emphasised.

University of Karachi Dr A Q Khan Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering Director General Prof Dr Abid Azhar welcomed the trainers, scientists and health professionals from different parts of the country and from overseas. Dr Azhar opined that the training workshops on such vital and sensitive issues are the need of the hour for the contemporary world.

Tim Trevan from USA said that he keeps coming back to Pakistan as he cannot find the same enthusiasm to learn in other parts of the globe as he sees here. Phillipe Stroot, from Belgium echoed Trevan's sentiments and said that he has visited Pakistan on several occasions against the security advice from several quarters. He said that he has now become one of the ambassadors of Pakistan for the west and carries fond memories every time he pays a visit to Pakistan. Now, the west is feeling the heat of the terrorism, Pakistan seems to be like a second home to him where he finds himself very safe, he added.

Sean Kaufman from USA lauded the leadership quality of Pakistani academician in producing the highly motivated and competent persons in a very healthy environment prevailing in the institutions that he came across during this training workshop.

Dr Ziba Rasmussen from NIH, USA explained the continuous efforts of her organisation is making in developing the awareness programmes for Pakistan in the vital area of Bio-safety and Bio-security. Thus, ensuring promotion of safe and responsible conduct of science and the scientists, she added.

Dr Zulfiqar Naqvi, representing the Pakistan Biological Safety Association, thanked the resource persons, facilitators and participants from different parts of Pakistan and overseas.

BEIJING: Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on Sunday called for joint actions against terrorism to root out the global scourge following a deadly truck attack that claimed more than 80 lives in Nice, France, on Thursday.

Speaking in an informal meeting during the 11th Asian-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit in Ulan Bator, Li said Asia and Europe are enjoying peace and stability in general terms, but outstanding security challenges, both traditional and non-traditional ones, remain on the two continents. In particular, he said, terrorism poses a common threat for all countries in the region.

Secret crackdown on Lal Masjid elements

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Li's remarks came two days after a truck rammed into a crowd marking the national day of France in Nice on Thursday evening, leaving at least 84 people dead.

The driver of the truck, identified as a 31-year-old French citizen of Tunisian origin, was shot dead by French police and arms and grenades were found inside the vehicle. French authorities have yet to determine whether he acted alone. "Countries must join hands to counter terrorism and build a truly open, inclusive society, in order to wipe out the hotbed for terrorism," said the Chinese premier.

ISLAMABAD: Security forces have started a secret crackdown on 'Lal Masjid elements' after intelligence operators found these elements in constant contact with the ultra extremist organisation known as the Islamic State or 'Daesh' and other banned outfits in Pakistan.

Senior officials engaged with counter-terrorism forces conducting this secret operation said on Sunday that they had arrested 89 'Lal Masjid elements' in various operations in the last two months in the Punjab. "These elements are serious threat to state's security and are providing breathing space for Daesh in the Punjab," a senior official of Ministry of Interior told Geo News, seeking anonymity due to sensitivity of the matter.

A fresh crackdown started on recommendations of intelligence agencies which in a confidential communication informed the Ministry of Interior that the 'Lal Masjid elements' had developed links with militant groups and reorganised the Ghazi Force militant group.

As part of its new strategy on how to counter proscribed organisations, the representatives of counter-terrorism forces claimed that they had killed more than 35 suspected militants in various encounters conducted in last two months by carrying out intelligence based operations in various parts of the Punjab. Majority of them were either affiliated with Lal Masjid or Ghazi Force, interior ministry officials who are familiar with the development told Geo News.

Overall 226 jet black terrorists were killed and 1,200 hardcore militants were arrested since beginning of this year in combing operations conducted by the special counter-terrorism forces in the Punjab, they further revealed. They also carried out secret surveillance of 278 members of Ghazi Force, a banned organisation formed soon after Lal Masjid operation in 2007.

"We have killed six terrorists in Okara. It was an intelligence based operation," revealed a CTD Punjab official. Two suspects -- Yasib Rehman and Hafiz Saeedur Rehman, who were associated with Lal Masjid, were also killed in this encounter in Okara, he revealed.

An official of a premier civilian intelligence agency, who is not allowed to speak to media, said, "we have asked the interior ministry to clean extremist elements associated either with Ghazi Force or Lal Masjid administration, if it does not do so they can subsequently create serious trouble for the state."

The counter terrorism forces claimed that they had arrested over 1,100 hardcore militants of Jaish-e-Muhammad, Lashkar-e-Jhanvi, Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan and Sipah-e-Muhammad and its splinter groups.

Pakistan fully committed to eliminate terrorism: PM

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister says terrorism is a common threat to both Pakistan and Afghanistan and the menace must be eliminated through better coordination between the two countries. He was talking to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani who telephoned him to inquire about his health. The Prime Minister said Pakistan is fighting terrorism and is fully committed to eliminating the last terrorist from its soil. He said the Pakistani security forces have given unequalled sacrifices in the war against terrorism.

President Ashraf Ghani informed the Prime Minister that a few days back, the coalition forces killed the mastermind of attack on Army Public School Peshawar, Omar Khorasani along with his four accomplices. The Afghan President also inquired after the prime minister's health, who underwent an open heart surgery in London last month.

Pakistan's economic policies, sacrifices in anti-terror operations lauded

Business Recorder, July 16, 2016

ISLAMABAD: The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini and foreign ministers of Portugal, Romania and Denmark Saturday acknowledged Pakistan's sacrifices and key role in the fight against terrorism and lauded the successes achieved in counter-terrorism operations. They expressed these views in their bilateral meetings with the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz on the sidelines of the 11th ASEM Summit in Ulaanbaatar Mongolia, which concluded on July 16, 2016, said a press release received here. They also appreciated Pakistan's sound policies for economic revival and expressed their desire to strengthen trade and investment cooperation with Pakistan.

In his meeting with Mogherini, the Adviser briefed her on the positive developments in Pakistan including successful military operation Zarb-e-Azb, improved performance of economy and reforms in the social sector. The dignitaries also discussed matters relating to GSP plus concessions, Readmission Agreement between Pakistan and EU, as well as avenues for future cooperation.

Mogherini lauded Pakistan's contribution to fight against terrorism and its efforts for peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan. She expressed hope that Pakistan would continue to play its crucial role in this regard.

In meetings with the Foreign Ministers of Romania, Portugal and Denmark, the Adviser reviewed bilateral relations and exchanged views on important regional and international issues. He stressed that successful outcome of the Zarb-e-Azb military operation had created an enabling environment for economic growth and investments in Pakistan, providing an opportunity for these countries to explore Pakistan's vast market potential. They agreed to reinvigorate bilateral cooperation with greater focus on expanding trade, education and cultural ties.

The recent unfortunate events in Indian Occupied Kashmir also came under discussion with the

John McCain assures US support to Pakistan's counter-terrorism efforts for stability of the region

The Nation, July 15, 2016

Pakistan's efforts against terrorism unquestionable: FO

The News, July 15, 2016

Pakistan renders great sacrifices in war against terror: President

The Nation, July 15, 2016

COAS confirms death

Adviser emphasizing the need to respect the human rights of the Kashmiri people.

The question of Pakistan's NSG membership was also taken up by the Adviser with the Foreign Ministers of these countries.

WASHINGTON: Chairman of the US Armed Services Committee Senator John McCain has assured continued US support to Pakistan's counter-terrorism efforts, for stability of the region. The assurance came during his meeting with Pakistan's Ambassador to US Jalil Abbas Jilani, who met him at the Capitol Hill. Senator McCain had recently led a Congressional delegation to Pakistan and the region. Other members accompanying Chairman McCain included Senators Lindsey Graham, Joe Donnelly and Ben Sasse.

The Senator lauded the sacrifices of the Pakistani soldiers martyred in the line of duty. Sharing the experiences of his visit to Pakistan, during which the delegation had also visited North Waziristan, Senator McCain expressed satisfaction to see progress in the region after the military operations by the Pakistan Army. He noted the development of infrastructure and rehabilitation for people of FATA being undertaken in an impressive manner. Senator McCain underscored the need of good neighbourly relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan which were in the interest of the whole region.

Ambassador Jilani briefed the Senator about recent developments in the region and Pakistan's continued commitment towards peace and stability.

Urges UN to get its resolutions on Kashmir implemented

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday said its efforts in the war against terrorism cannot be questioned.

In his weekly briefing in Islamabad, the Foreign Office Spokesman Nafees Zakaria termed the statement of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani unhelpful for peace and stability in Afghanistan and said it will benefit those who do not want peace in that country. He said the Afghan leadership should refrain from issuing such kinds of statements.

The spokesman said Pakistan was taking comprehensive steps against terrorism and extremism, which were acknowledged by the international community. He pointed out that the Operation Zarb-e-Azb has put the terrorism on backfoot. He said Pakistan is also extending cooperation to the neighbouring countries against terrorism. He said there was a need for cooperation and harmony among both the countries for peace in Afghanistan and the region. To a question, Nafees Zakaria said Pakistan and the United States have shared goals on defeating terrorism and they are cooperating with each other to eliminate this menace. He urged the United Nations to get its resolutions on Kashmir implemented. He said it was the UN responsibility to resolve international disputes, including that of Kashmir. The spokesman said Pakistan wanted to resolve all the outstanding issues, including Kashmir, through talks with India as war is not a solution to any issue. He asked the international community to pressurise India to hold talks with Pakistan for the resolution of the Kashmir issue.

The spokesman said the Kashmiri people cannot be deprived of their right to self-determination for which they have been rendering numerous sacrifices for long. Nafees Zakaria said Pakistan was effectively taking up the issue with the international community, including the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). He said ambassadors of the EU countries and P-5 countries were briefed by the foreign secretary on recent atrocities being perpetrated by the Indian forces and human rights violations in the occupied Kashmir. He said Pakistani envoys abroad are also briefing the respective governments and human rights organisations on the issue.

To another question, the spokesman said Pakistan has expressed concern over how the culprits involved in the Samjhauta Express incident were exonerated. "We have asked India to share investigations into the incident with Pakistan." The spokesman said the Saarc Summit will be held in November in Islamabad and preparations for it are underway.

ISLAMABAD - Envoys designate of Bangladesh, Azerbaijan, Republic of Korea, Somalia, Sudan and Sweden yesterday presented their credentials to President Mamnoon Hussain at an impressive ceremony held at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Earlier, each envoy-designate arrived at the main gate of the Aiwan-e-Sadr in a horse driven carriage. On the occasion, the National anthems of Pakistan and their respective countries were played and the envoys designate were also presented Guard of Honour.

Later, the High Commissioner and Ambassadors separately called on the President. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that Pakistan is desirous of further promoting friendly and brotherly relations with all countries particularly with its neighbours for peace, stability and prosperity in the region. The President stated that Pakistan offers great investment opportunities and urged the foreign investors to avail them. Talking about Pakistan's efforts against terrorism, the President said that Pakistan has rendered great sacrifices in fight against terrorism and is committed to end this menace. He stated that Operation Zarb-e-Azb is progressing successfully emphasizing that the operation would continue till elimination of the last terrorist. The President felicitated the newly appointed High Commissioner and Ambassadors to Pakistan and hoped that they would work for further cementing the existing ties of their respective countries with Pakistan. The President also wished the newly appointed envoys a comfortable and pleasant stay in Pakistan.

The envoys who presented their credentials included Mr. Tarik Ahsan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Ali Fikrat Oglu Alizada, Ambassador of Azerbaijan, Suh Dong-gu, Ambassador of Republic of Korea, Mrs. Khadija Mohamed Al-Makhsumi, Ambassador of Somalia, Tageldin Elhadi Eltahir, Ambassador of Sudan and Ms. Ingrid Johansson, Ambassador of Sweden.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif confirmed death sentences awarded to

sentences of 12 hardcore terrorists

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another 12 hardcore terrorists who were tried by military courts, said an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement on Thursday.

The terrorists were involved in committing heinous offences related to terrorism, including the killing of civilians, attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan and Law Enforcement Agencies, destruction of schools and communication infrastructure, said the statement.

Detail of each case is as follows:

Muhammad Qayyum Bacha S/O Mian Said Ghani

The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). He was involved in the slaughter of officers and soldiers. He also destroyed a Girl's Primary School and a Basic Health Unit by planting explosives. He admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on four charges and awarded death sentence.

Muhammad Asif S/O Anwar Hussain, Shahadat Hussain S/O Anwar Hussain and Yasin S/O Muhammad Yar Hussain

These three convicts were active members of Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ). They were involved in the killing of civilians and attacking Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in the death of civilians. They were also in possession of firearms and explosives. Muhammad Asif and Shahadat Hussain were tried on five charges whereas Yasin was tried on two charges. All have been awarded death sentences.

Muhammad Tayyab S/O Ameer Zada

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in the death of soldiers and civilians. He admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on three charges and awarded death sentence.

Said Akbar S/O Liber Khan

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in injuries and death of soldiers. He was also in possession of explosives. He admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on two charges and awarded death sentence.

Muhammad Ayaz S/O Muhammad Jan

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in the death of a soldier. He was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on two charges and awarded death sentence.

Barkat Ali S/O Abdul Ghaffar

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in the killing of civilian and was also in possession of firearms and explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on three charges and awarded death sentence.

Aziz Ur Rehman S/O Abdul Jalal

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in the death of police constable. He was also involved in the destruction of shops by planting improvised explosive devices and was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on three charges and awarded death sentence.

Hussain Dar S/O Muhammad Raheem

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in the killing of civilian and attacking Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in the death of police constables. He was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on three charges and awarded death sentence.

Ishaq S/O Abdul Hai

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan and Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in the death of a Junior Commissioned Officer and injuries to a police constable. He was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on two charges and awarded death sentence.

Behram Sher S/O Khairan

The convict was an active member of TTP. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan as well as the destruction of a Girl's Primary School which resulted in injuries and death of soldiers. He was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on three charges and awarded death sentence.

NEW YORK: Supporting Pakistan's efforts to combat terrorism, violent extremism and building a more stable and democratic society was in the long-term national interests of the United States, a State Department Spokesman said on Wednesday.

Spokesman Mark Toner was replying to a question at the US State Department briefing regarding a recent visit by US Senator John McCain and a recent hearing by a Congress committee which demanded to stop assistance to Pakistan. The spokesman said that Pakistan has suffered greatly from terrorism and the United States believed the country was taking steps to address terrorist violence, particularly focused on groups that threaten Pakistan's stability.

"They (Pakistan) have made progress shutting down terrorist safe havens. They've restored

'Supporting Pakistan's fight against terrorism in US national interest'

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Enlist Pakistan as state sponsor of terrorism: US Congress committee
The Nation, July 13, 2016

government control in many parts of Pakistan that have been used as terrorist safe havens for many years," Toner said. He described these efforts as important and meaningful. He was of the opinion that Pakistan must target all militant groups and said that the United States welcome comments by Army Chief General Raheel Sharif he made to the law enforcement agencies to take concrete measures to deny militant groups safe haven or use of Pakistani soil for terrorist activities. To a question, he said there was no change in the United States' policy on Kashmir, adding that the United States want to see dialogue between India and Pakistan on how to resolve the conflict in Kashmir. Meanwhile, a Pakistan Embassy spokesman in Washington rejected allegations made by Congressman Ted Poe in an opinion editorial published recently.

Congressman Poe also criticized Pakistan at a hearing held on Tuesday at the Capitol Hill. The spokesman, in a letter to the US News, said that views expressed by the Congressman were based on incorrect information and speculative media reports that have been consistently proven false over a period of time. He stated that since the killing of Osama Bin Laden, it has been established beyond doubt that he was hiding in Pakistan without information or any help from the state. "No evidence to the contrary has ever surfaced and the US leadership involved in the specific operation at that time has clearly rejected any insinuation of Pakistan's complicity". He said the op-ed leaves an impression that Pakistan has done nothing to fight terrorism. To the contrary, he said, Pakistan has helped the United States capture key operatives involved in the tragic 9/11 episode. These included mastermind Muhammad Khalid Sheikh and alleged 9/11 organizer Ramzi Binalshibh.

During the last two years, Pakistan has also cleared a vast swath of a territory that was previously used by many militant networks, including the Haqqani Network, he added.

WASHINGTON: Top US lawmakers on Tuesday called for cutting financial aid and imposing sanctions against Pakistan while prominent think tanks said it is time to consider putting Pakistan on the list of state sponsor of terrorism. "Patience (on Pakistan) is growing very thin," Congressman Matt Salmon, Chairman of the Asia and Pacific subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee said. Just cutting off the funding is not going to be enough, he said and sought for additional measures.

"Those who suggest giving aid to Pakistan need to give justification for using the tax payer's money," Congressman Brad Sherman, Ranking member of the subcommittee joined Salmon and other lawmakers for actions against Pakistan.

Congressman William Keating, Pro India member of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-Proliferation and Trade argued that there is little reason to believe that Pakistan is going to change its policies of using terrorism as a tool to meet its strategic needs.

Two of the top al Qaeda leaders have been killed in Pakistan, he said.

Keating that the US arms supply to Pakistan is unlikely to help it in the fight against terrorism, but would arm it to be used against India. Meanwhile, former top diplomats and think tanks said it is time that US consider putting Pakistan on the list of state sponsor of terrorism. American lawmakers and experts said Pakistan has been treating the US like chumps.

"They are making chumps out of us. They see us we are being so stupid. It seems like paying the mafia," said Congressman Matt Salmon, Chairman of the Asia and Pacific subcommittee of House Foreign Affairs Committee. "If I may use an undiplomatic term. We have been patsies," former Bush era top diplomat Zalmay Khalilzad told lawmakers along with others how Pakistani leadership had gamed the American system for decades. "Patsies chumps. Most Americans see out of this and yet our so called leaders do not really get it," Salmon added.

Bill Roggio, senior editor of the Long War Journal Foundation for Defense of Democracies along with Khalilzad called for cutting aid to Pakistan and put them in the list of State Sponsor of terrorism.

"Pakistanis are very clever in manipulating us. I have to say that," said Khalilzad, sharing his experience of dealing with the Pakistani leadership when he served in various diplomatic position in the Bush era including the US ambassador to Afghanistan and the Permanent Representative of the US to the UN. They reach out to distinguished members of the Congress, they invite them for visits, they charm them, they promise once again and they extract statements from us that are "surprising" in the face of facts, he said.

Asked why the US continued with its same policy, Khalilzad said that Pakistani ability to manipulate by their actions in part had been a factor.

"My experience in dealing with Pakistan is that they will only give you something, when they know that they are going to get something," the former top American diplomat said. Congressman Dana Rohrabacher said the Pakistani government and the Saudi Arabia created the Taliban and the Haqqani network. Rohrabacher said the US' aid giving to Pakistan was "ridiculous". "People of Baluchistan are being slaughtered by this corrupt oppressive regime. People of Baluchistan should understand that the US is on their side for their independence and self-determination from a corrupt, viscous terrorist supporting regime," Rohrabacher said. "Same with the Sindhis. Same with other groups in Pakistan. So we got a regime that murders and represses and is corrupt with their own people and yet we still continue to give them some type of support... absolutely absurd," Rohrabacher said during the Congressional hearing.

Salmon said he personally believed that as the first step, the US should completely cut off aid to Pakistan. "That would be the right first step. If we do not make any changes, we move some of the other suggestions, state sponsor terrorism, possible economic sanctions. I personally believe we have the worst policy that we have and what we are doing is rewarding thugs," Salmon said.

On the other hand, spokesperson of the Pakistani embassy in Washington has stated that United States and Pakistan are 'friends' and have common goals in war on terror. He further said that

Stop doubting Pakistan's role in fighting terrorism: Pakistani envoy to US

Pakistan Today, July 13, 2016

Pakistan continuing all-out war on terror, PM tells UAE minister

The News, July 13, 2016

Pakistan's undesirable ambiguity on counter-terrorism

Daily Times, July 12, 2016

leadership of both the countries have acknowledged sacrifices rendered in war on terror by each other.

Pakistan's ambassador to the United States Jalil Abbas Jilani has said that misgivings about Pakistan's role in the fight against terrorism must stop as the country has suffered the most in fighting the menace and has helped the United States capture key operatives involved in the 9/11 attacks.

In an interview, the ambassador said that the American people have not been fully and accurately apprised of Pakistan's sacrifices, a country which has lost more than 60,000 people in fighting terrorism and suffered billions of dollars in economic losses.

Ambassador Jilani regretted such statements and media reports to malign Pakistan, saying incorrect information about the country has been consistently proven false for a long time. Giving an example, he said the presence of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan has often been cited to question the country's sincerity in fighting terrorism, in spite of the fact that it has been established beyond doubt that he was hiding in Pakistan without knowledge or help by the state. The ambassador said the US leadership involved in the specific operation at the time, in which Osama was killed, has clearly rejected any insinuation of Pakistan's complicity. "This includes the statement by Admiral William McRaven, who supervised the operation, that there was no evidence that the Pakistani government knew about the whereabouts of Osama Bin Laden." The ambassador said that despite the fact that such reports had been rejected by the top US military and civilian leadership, repeating these allegations calls into question the reasons for repeating such an erroneous story again and again. Recalling documents collected from Osama Bin Laden's compound, he said a brochure "Jihad in Pakistan" reportedly written by Bin Laden and released by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) in March this year lists the reasons why Bin Laden considered Pakistan as an enemy and outlines al Qaeda's elaborate strategy to destroy Pakistan. "The brochure can be viewed at the ODNI's website and is yet another testimony that terrorism threatens Pakistan and the United States as a common enemy," he added. The ambassador also rejected the impression created by such false media reports and statements that Pakistan has done nothing to fight terrorism. He reminded that Pakistan helped the United States capture key operatives involved in the tragic 9/11 episode. These included the mastermind of 9/11 attacks, Muhammad Khalid Sheikh, and alleged organiser Ramzi Bin Alshibh, besides many other al Qaeda leaders.

During the past two years also, Pakistan has cleared vast swathes of territory that was previously used by many militant networks including the Haqqani Network. This operation has resulted in the killing of 3,500 militants of which 900 belonged to Lashkar-e-Islam, a group that threatened the ground lines of communications facilitating cargo transport for the US troops. Nearly 500 soldiers of the Pakistan Army have embraced martyrdom while fighting these militants. "Being the worst victim of terrorism and having lost thousands of innocent citizens and soldiers to this menace, our resolve to defeat this threat can never be doubted," he said. The ambassador observed that it would be appropriate to ensure that accurate facts are presented before the American people and sensational media stories are not repeated time and again in an attempt to discredit Pakistan and its role in fighting the global menace.

The statement came ahead of a joint hearing by the subcommittees of the US Congress which has been scheduled for Tuesday to review Pakistan's role in the war on terror. One of the subcommittees' chairmen, Congressman Ted Poe, has been questioning Pakistan's sincerity and has opposed the US aid for the country.

LAHORE: A delegation from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), led by Minister for Culture, Youth and Social Development, Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, called on Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at his Raiwind residence on Tuesday. Sheikh Nahyan is also the chairman of Warid Telecom International and Abu Dhabi Group, Union National Bank and United Bank Limited. The two sides discussed a range of issues including bilateral relations. Sheikh Nahyan expressed his best wishes for the health of Nawaz Sharif after his recent operation in the United Kingdom.

Nawaz said his government was continuing an all-out war against terrorism. It successfully launched Zarb-e-Azb Operation against terrorists in the country, and also an operation was conducted in Karachi, in consultation with all stakeholders. He said the operations helped in restoring peace in the country and the Karachi city. The prime minister said his government was working tirelessly to bring the country on the right track and attain durable peace, sustainable economic growth and massive infrastructure development. He apprised the delegation of the development projects under way across the country under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which would transform the lives of millions of people across the region. Nawaz said he was personally overseeing the project which included motorways and railway tracks worth more than Rs900 billion. He said the LNG deal would help eradicate shortage of gas in the country by the next year. PM Nawaz Sharif said his government had ensured uninterrupted power supply to industrial sector. He vowed to overcome energy shortages in the country by 2018. Sheikh Nahyan appreciated the efforts of Pakistan, saying the government has made considerable progress in the last three years under the leadership of Nawaz Sharif. He said Pakistan is very attractive and feasible country for foreign investment. The visiting minister was earlier given a rousing welcome by Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif upon arrival at the Lahore airport. Shahbaz said there were strong brotherly relations between Pakistan and the UAE and the cooperation in different social sectors was encouraging and appreciable.

The conceptualisation and operationalisation of Pakistan's counterterrorism policies have been inconsistent, contradictory and flawed. Pakistan's foreign affairs adviser Sartaj Aziz's latest pronouncement has once again exposed Pakistan military's lack of sincerity in its counter-terror priorities. Citing fears about blowback from terrorist organisations, Aziz reduced himself to be defending Pakistan's lack of strong action against the Afghan Taliban and the Haqqani network.

He said: "We have to make sure that we move in a decisive way, but at a measured pace and according to our capacity, and ensuring that the blowback is manageable."

Here again, we are faced with ambiguity, and this is not clarified by Aziz's statement that was unnecessary and undesirable. From a common sense point of view, his statement meant that seeking a crackdown on all terrorist organisations at once would overstretch the army and lead to more terrorist backlash. Whether or not this is a defeatist mentality, it effectively indicates Pakistan's backtracking on its explicit commitment that there will no longer be a policy of differentiation between the "good" and the "bad" Taliban. In fact, it will do more damage than good to the prospects for peace.

Despite Islamabad's repeated proclamations that Pakistan no longer distinguishes between good and bad terrorists, it has been common knowledge that the good Afghan Taliban and Haqqani network have been spared by Pakistan military in its campaign against terrorist safe havens. But Aziz's public assertion is certainly an alarming reversal of Pakistan's officially stated policy. It would be naïve to treat his statement as a clumsy attempt at explaining the existing policy — enshrined in the much-trumpeted National Action Plan in 2015 — to treat all terrorist groups as an existential threat that needs to be tackled by their eventual elimination. Pakistan's foreign office has made no effort to clarify his statement. If what Aziz has said has already been embedded in the official counterterrorism policy of Pakistan, then it is the abandonment of the National Action Plan. It is a classic example of why Pakistan is in a constant state of negativity and self-destruction.

Has Pakistan ever been sincere in rooting out terrorism? Since 2001, the US has provided close to \$14 billion in Coalition Support Funds to Pakistan. This is in addition to more than \$11 billion in economic assistance to Pakistan funded by the American exchequer. Although the US has conditioned its aid to Pakistan on meeting certain standards, including "demonstrating a sustained commitment to combating terrorist groups on Pakistani soil," the US administration has had to waive these conditions on grounds that it was in America's national security interests to continue the funding despite the legislative conditions not being met. Besides pumping billions of dollar in Pakistan, the US has so far been liberal in granting Pakistan access to sophisticated military hardware.

Historical and substantive misgivings about India's role in Afghanistan play an even bigger role in shaping Pakistani military's misadventure. Their aggressive anti-Indian mindset and frosty state of bilateral relations has rendered any genuine Indo-Pak rapprochement unattainable. As long as Pakistan's security establishment does not reinterpret Pakistan's national security narrative vis-à-vis India and Afghanistan, and accepts the supremacy of civilian leadership, the well-entrenched terrorist networks will continue to harm Pakistan's and regional security. Although the US Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Service, who recently visited Pakistan as part of a US delegation, has praised Pakistan's anti-terror efforts, the price of Pakistan's unnecessarily obstructionist policies are being felt in the continuous strains in the US-Pakistan relations.

Although there is no "off switch" for the Afghan insurgency somewhere in Islamabad, this is not to say that Pakistan does not control influential Afghan Taliban commanders. In March this year, Sartaj Aziz said, "We have some influence over them because their leadership is in Pakistan". As long as Pakistan's security establishment does not realise that the stability of Afghanistan inevitably threatens the stability of Pakistan, no viable road to peace is in sight in Afghanistan.

It is indisputably correct that terrorism is fatally hurting Pakistan, but there seems to be an intractable aversion to abandon it as a policy tool. However, the use of proxies in any shape is a disastrous policy in the longer run. Pakistan's policy concerning the Afghan conflict must undergo a radical reorientation. If Pakistan hopes to keep the already troubled areas in a state of "controlled chaos" whereby its Afghan Taliban assets as well as the Haqqani network are preserved to be utilised to expand influence into Afghanistan after the eventual American drawdown, Pakistan is not thinking straight.

Pakistan's immediate neighbours must be worried about the security implications of Pakistan's apparent turnaround in the fight against terrorism, as reflected in a spate of policy statements from Sartaj Aziz. The international community must now ask Islamabad to clarify its real policy about those terrorists who are operating from Pakistani soil and staging attacks on Afghan territory. Aziz cannot save Pakistan from condemnation by saying that "Pakistan cannot fight Afghanistan's war on its own soil". It is as much Pakistan's war as it is Afghanistan's.

There can be no escape from frontal assault on Islamist radicalism and terrorism in all their manifestations. Pakistan cannot fight against some terrorist groups and not against others. It cannot dismantle one without the other. Is it possible to imagine a Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, had there been no Taliban and al-Qaeda in Afghanistan who were given shelter in Pakistan's tribal areas? Experience and pragmatism strongly recommends that there is no such thing as controlled chaos as the chaos created by the hydra-headed monster called terrorism cannot be controlled: it can only be ruthlessly eliminated.

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As Karachi gears up for a polio campaign in 51 union councils thought to be particularly at risk to the virus, now is a good time to take stock of our efforts to eradicate the disease. The polio campaign is scheduled to begin on July 25. There is some hope for optimism that the government may meet its target to make the country polio-free by the end of the year. There have been 13 confirmed cases of polio this year, a significant drop from the 306 in 2014 and 54 in 2015. This is why Bill Gates, whose Gates Foundation has provided substantial funding to eradicate polio in Pakistan, feels hopeful that by the end of 2017 we may finally have created sufficient herd immunity to eliminate the virus. Still, this is not a time to be complacent as there is still a lot of work to be done. In Karachi, the upcoming polio campaign will target areas near reservoirs, which are particularly susceptible to the virus and areas where a high percentage of children have not been vaccinated. The difficulty with the vaccination campaign is that even if we manage to immunise almost all of the country, resistance to the vaccination in small pockets can lead to a rapid spread of the virus. The biggest problem with the anti-polio drive is, as always, security. In this year alone, there was a suicide bombing outside a polio eradication centre in Quetta, the shooting of a polio worker in Lahore and an attack in Karachi which killed seven policemen who were providing security to a World Health Organisation delegation overseeing an anti-polio campaign. Part of the reason we have taken such great strides in eradicating polio is the improved security situation in the tribal areas – which had the most number of confirmed polio cases. For that progress to continue, we have to ensure militant groups are not able to retake the areas. Karachi, too, has had more polio cases than the rest of the country, since so many people refused to allow their children to be vaccinated. The militant presence in Karachi is strong, leaving many areas vulnerable to the virus. To be successful, the campaign in Karachi can only be carried out if there are enough people willing to take the risk to administer polio drops and if the government is able to provide them with sufficient security. Polio can be eliminated in Pakistan – and eliminated soon – if we just have the strength and resolve to do so.

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Government Teachers Association (FGTA) has threatened agitation after the ongoing summer vacation against the Capital Administration and Development Division's (CADD) failure to introduce uniform education system in Islamabad's government schools and colleges. The capital city has around 400 FG and 20 model schools and colleges with the latter having much better facilities and staff than the former. Former prime minister Yousuf Raza Gilani had approved the plan to upgrade all FG schools and colleges to bring them on a par with Islamabad's model educational institutions some five years ago but the plan had been awaiting execution since. The Capital Administration and Development Division oversees all these educational institutions through the Federal Directorate of Education. "CADD Minister Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry had promised to ensure uniform education system in Islamabad but the promise has yet to be fulfilled. Now we've plans to agitate if the needful is not done before the resumption of classes after the ongoing summer vacation," FGTA President Malik Ameer Khan told 'The News' on Sunday. He said the FG schools mostly located in rural areas of Islamabad were severely understaffed and had acute shortage of facilities but the relevant CADD and FDE officials had been acting indifferently. The FGTA president said the association members and other stakeholders would meet today (Monday) to discuss future course of action on the matter.

SAHIWAL: Five officials of DHQ Hospital were suspended for lack of discipline and not maintaining proper sanitary conditions of the hospital, here on Sunday.

According to official sources, Commissioner Sahiwal Division Mr Babar Hayat Tarrar yesterday paid a surprise visit to DHQ Hospital where he went round different wards and inspected cleanliness arrangements. He expressed his displeasure over poor sanitary conditions in the premises of the hospital and suspended five officials including Sanitary Inspector Nadeem, Store Keeper Ishfaq, Laboratory Assistant Gul Khan, Hakeem Latif Mujahid and a Nursing School driver for lack of discipline and indifference to their duty. On the occasion, he also vowed to make DHQ Hospital a model hospital in the division.

LAHORE: The PIA management has restored the services of one of its officials sacked on the charges of having fake credentials, sources in the national flag carrier said here on Sunday. The airline management a couple of years back had issued termination letters to 12 employees whose credentials were found fake. They included Karachi Station Manager Syed Mansoor Ali; Passenger Service Assistants Ahmad Butt and Amir Mehmood; Passenger Service Supervisors Aamir Nawaz Khan, Irfan Shah, Imran Akram, Yasir Nawaz, Amir Jamshed, Khurram Shahzad and Tanvir Riaz Abbasi; and Baggage Attendants Siddique Ahmad and Ghulam Mustafa. Passenger Service Assistant Ahmad Butt, who is also president of Air League, has now been reinstated and directed to report to PIA Lahore Station Manager for further assignment. An order issued by PIA management says, "In compliance with the order dated January 29, 2016 passed by single member of NIRC Islamabad in case No-4B (99)/2015 you (Ahmad Butt) are hereby reinstated in service. However, your reinstatement and payment of back benefits shall be subject to any orders passed by full bench of NIRC in appeal filed by PIAC against above mentioned order." When tried to reach, Ahmad Butt's cell was off. However, in the past when he was issued show cause notice, he had told The Nation, "I have talked to PIA MD, and hope that matter (of my sacking) will be reviewed since I had not submitted the degree in question." PIA management has been vigorously pursuing the issue of credentials verification of its employees. An officer said that more than 3,000 degrees have so far been dispatched to the relevant educational institutions for verification. Verification reports of more than 6,000 degrees have been received so far, out of which 350 degrees were found fake, he added. The gigantic task of verification of credentials of around 16,000 employees was taken up by PIA's Human

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Resource Administration Department in October 2013. As per the Supreme Court instructions, a prompt action was taken against the fake degree holders according to Corporation's Rules and Regulations. In the light of these actions, services of 300 employees have been terminated so far whereas certain cases are sub-judice in the court. The PIA has expedited the verification task; however, appropriate action can only be initiated when the education institutes concerned submit their reply timely.

ISLAMABAD: The practical exams of Allama Iqbal Open University's F.Sc programme for the Semester Autumn, 2015 would commence from July 18 to 29. These exams will be held at Exam Center No.186 (Govt. College of Science, Wahdat Road, Lahore), Exam Center No.199 (Govt. Islamia College, Sargodha Road, Faisalabad) and Exam Center No.185 (Block No.4, AIOU Lab, Islamabad). Roll number slips had already been sent to all the concerned students by post at their given addresses. The schedule of these exams has also been placed at the University's website www.aiou.edu.pk.—APP

KARACHI: The Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) sector is all set to start the import of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) 'privately' in the next two-three months. This will enable CNG stations to remain open 24 hours a day and seven days a week nationwide, industry officials told The Express Tribune on Saturday.

"We have completed almost 95% work on this front [importing LNG]," said Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha, chief executive officer of Universal Gas Distribution Company (UGDC). UGDC (Private) Limited is a special vehicle firm set up with the aim to import LNG, market and sell it to CNG fuel stations nationwide that have been troubled with gas shortage. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) awarded it the licence on February 22, 2016. Earlier, Economic Coordination Committee of the Cabinet and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources had also given their approvals. The company has met the basic requirements of importing the gas in the private sector. These requirements include, "acquiring the licence and signing of the agreements with SSGC (Sui Southern Gas Company Limited) and SNGPL (Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited)," he said. Agreements with two state-owned gas utility firms were a must as without availability of their infrastructure, the dispatch of gas to CNG pumps was impossible. Paracha said if no change in government policies takes place in the next one month and working on import front goes smooth then "we will be ready to start the import of gas in the next one month". Meanwhile, an official said that no agreement has yet been signed between CNG people and Elengy Terminal for the imports, he said. Pakistan government last year signed an agreement with Qatar Gas to import LNG for the next 15 years at the rate of 13.35% of Brent crude oil.

However, it would not be necessary for a private importer to import it from Qatar Gas. It may import it from anywhere in the world via any firm, he said. Paracha, who is also former chairman of All Pakistan CNG Association, said they are aiming to import 100mmcf/d to end the shortfall at CNG pumps. The Elengy Terminal at Port Qasim is the only one terminal in the country where LNG is imported. It has the capacity to import a maximum of 400mmcf/d in a day. He said if all the 2,000 CNG pumps in the country remain open for 24 hours and seven days a week then they would initially need 220 to 230mmcf/d. Later on, the requirement may decrease to 350mmcf/d per day. At present, around 800 CNG pumps remain open 24/7 in Punjab with the availability of 40-45mmcf/d imported LNG on SNGPL infrastructure. He said around 1,300 pumps were ready to do their part in importing and selling the gas. "A ship carrying 2,900mmcf/d gas can be imported at a cost of Rs2-2.25 billion," he said. The cost for import is being arranged with the availability of advances and equity from CNG pumps and bank loans.

LAHORE: The School Education Department's executive district officers (EDOs) met at the Directorate of Staff Development (DSD) on Saturday to review performance and finalise development schemes. The conference was held under the chairmanship of School Education Secretary Abdul Jabbar Shaheen. EDOs had been directed to provide details of head teachers who had failed to achieve retention and enrolment targets. The EDOs also presented details of schools where students had failed to appear in the Punjab Examination Commission (PEC) examinations or had performed poorly. PEC examination results were also discussed at the meeting. The meeting also reviewed the enrolment of underage brick kiln workers who were still out of school. The EDOs were directed to ensure 100 per cent enrolment of identified children. They were also directed to ensure provision of Khidmat Cards to the families of out-of-school brick kiln children. They were directed to ensure that these children got free textbooks, uniforms and stationery. The officials were directed to provide progress reports about the Punjab government's Emergency Enrolment Campaign Phase-II. The EDOs were also told to enroll children identified by the Labour Department, who were found working at workshops, petrol pumps, and other work places. The EDOs were told to achieve class-wise enrolment and retention targets given by the government.

The officials were also directed to ensure adjustment of teachers and non-teaching staff of schools being handed over to the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) under Public School Support Programme (PSSP) Phase-II. The officials were directed to ensure smooth handing over of schools to the PEF and to ensure provision of free textbooks to PSSP schools. The EDOs were directed to implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) prescribed by the government for anti-dengue campaign in schools. They were also directed to take steps for safety at schools during the monsoon season. The district education officers were instructed to complete the recruitment of educators and assistant education officers (AEOs). The new AEOs and educators will be provided training. They were also told to ensure utilisation of non-salary budgets on cleanliness, white washing school premises, hiring of coaches and repairing and polishing of furniture before opening of schools. Furthermore, the meeting was informed that computer and science labs at all schools were functional. Other responsibilities given to EDOs included identifying the number of primary schools along with enrolment and teaching posts there and data of schools with the number of classrooms available.

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The EDOs were told to monitor and provide information on schemes related to reconstruction of dangerous buildings, construction of additional classrooms, provision of missing facilities, procurement of IT lab equipment and SMART boards, provision of solar panels in schools. The secretary asked the officials to provide lists of teachers for promotion, regularisation and pension cases. Lahore Education EDO Tariq Rafiq said that the meeting had reviewed pending school development projects. "We provided information related to the development schemes and other on-going projects about respective districts," he said

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's education budget has doubled in recent years – to almost as much as the military's but literacy and dropout rates remain abysmal and "ghost schools" persist, a new report said.

A staggering 24 million children are not in school and more than half of eight-year-olds cannot read despite the budget growing twofold to \$7.5 billion in the last six years, the report from the US-based Wilson Center released Thursday found. Pakistan's poor report card comes even as the number of so-called ghost schools – which receive funding but have no teachers or students – has declined in some areas. Nationwide, there were fewer ghost schools than in the early 2000s when up to 20 percent of all schools across the country were empty, the study called "Pakistan's Education Crisis: The Real Story" said. The United States, Britain and the World Bank have poured money into Pakistan's stagnating public education sector, seen as a key weapon against extremism and rising income inequality. But the number of children out of school today is second only to Nigeria, and the South Asian country of about 200 million people has an adult literacy rate of 56.4 percent as many parents see little use in putting their children in school, the report added.

KARACHI: The National Accountability Bureau conducted a raid at the offices of the provincial education department inside the premises of the Sindh Secretariat on Friday. NAB assistant director Asif Jahangir and his team conducted the raid to seize the "original records" of around 1,300 appointments made in 2012.

The Sindh accountant general and some departments have expressed their reservations over these appointments, saying that 1,300 teachers were hired without fulfilling the requirements. The then education minister and his aides were blamed for these "illegal" appointments. In recent past, the education secretary had terminated the services of almost all of these employees, noting that none of them were eligible to work as teachers. NAB maintains that these officials took money for these appointments. The NAB assistant director said the statements several employees were recorded in the raid and indicated that more raids could be conducted if required. Abdul Azeem, a grade BPS-18 drawing and disbursing officer, told The News that it was not a raid, rather a routine visit as it was not the first time that NAB officials had visited the offices of the education department. He added that the NAB assistant director wanted details of the appointments made during 2012 and he was informed that all relevant records and lists of employees had already been handed over to NAB. The officer said the education department was fully cooperating with NAB and had already provided it with all the records concerned. "We will continue cooperating with all national departments," he added. Azeem said several officials had obtained bail from the Sindh High Court and NAB should approach those who might have been involved in wrongdoing instead of disturbing "innocent" employees of the department. Idress Bughio, the education supervisor in Jamshed Town, said the front man for the former schools director Abdul Wahab Abbasi was arrested on Friday. In February 2015, the Anti-Corruption Establishment Sindh had arrested Abdul Wahad Abbasi and a few other officers of the education department for their alleged involvement in a major embezzlement scam. Later, he obtained bail from a court. The former schools director is accused of misappropriating funds and hiring ghost teachers in the education department. An ACE official said there was evidence of Abbasi and other officials' involvement in embezzlement funds through bogus pension cases and withdrawal of millions of rupees from government accounts.

After months of deliberation and negotiations between the government and the Ittihad Tanzeemant-i-Madaris, some fruitful results have been obtained, as the madressahs have agreed to the draft of the registration form and even including modern science subjects, English and Pakistan Studies as formal subjects, so that the children graduating from these seminaries actually have a chance at a viable future. The importance of breaking this stalemate cannot be understated, given the fact that seminaries were sticking to their guns primarily to stave off any and all forms of governmental influence. Now that this agreement has been reached, more can follow. Spiritual and religious education is important, but sidelining real world subjects that are necessary for the students to function in society and even earn livelihoods should obviously take precedence, especially when we realise that religious education of Islam starts from the day a child is born, and continues in the home for the rest of their lives. Temporal education enjoys no such benefit. If this accord pans out the right way, then it will go a long way in allowing for madressah students to receive mainstream education, enabling them to compete professionally in the job market. The result of years of study will finally bear fruit, as the years spent will determine what level of formal education the student has achieved. Currently, the students of religious education can only serve one calling; to themselves become teachers of religious education because they do not possess the skills to do much else. Over 3.5 million are receiving religious education in madressahs across the country, so it is high time this measure was implemented.

However, even with this mainstreaming accord in place, there is more to be done if the government is to follow the National Action Plan in letter and spirit, and ensure that children do not get brainwashed with extremist thought in madressahs around the country. The purpose of this accord is to include education and formalise a curriculum, but has any move been made to have a standardised religious curriculum as well, one that is tolerant and rejects terrorism? The government has achieved two major milestones in the reformation of madressahs; the registration of all seminaries and now the curriculum reformation. But the last step, which may prove to be the toughest, but is also the most important, is to monitor the content or religious education that is being imparted at these seminaries. If the clerics of all mosques in the country were made to acquiesce the ban on hate speech using

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loud speakers at Friday sermons, this should be treated no differently. Pass this accord in parliament, and then get to rooting out the real problem.

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"Pakistan needs to spend better, not simply spend more." She added education spending was almost on a par with the powerful military, which has a budget of \$8.2 billion for 2016. The study registered that there had been improvements despite some setbacks. In Punjab, the country's most populous province, teacher absenteeism dropped from 20 percent to six percent between 2010 and 2015. But the rise in funding -- mainly spent on salary boosts for teachers -- has had little effect. In Sindh province, standardised test scores of fifth and sixth graders, or children aged 10 and 11, showed zero improvement between 2012 and 2014. Improvements in other provinces were also marginal. Britain's development agency is the primary donor, giving \$150 million in 2016, or about two percent of Pakistan's overall education budget.

Afghan resistance suspends dosti bus service between Jalalabad-Peshawar

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PESHAWAR (Dunya News): Cross-border travelers are facing issues as bus service between Afghanistan's Jalalabad and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's capital is suspended for two months due to pressure by the Afghanistan government, reported Friday. The bus service was initiated some eleven years ago between the two countries. Reportedly, breadwinners of over 1,000 families are out of jobs as vehicles are not moving on the said route. Federal Joint Secretary, Firdous Alam and provincial Minister for Transport, Akhtar Nawaz had inaugurated the bus service in May 2006 which supported nearly 1,000 cross-border travelers. After tensions between the two countries were diffused at Torkham border, army and other security agencies had permitted the movement through the service but some elements in Afghanistan government are resisting. Sources said that at least 13 buses are parked and not functioning for two months. Unprovoked firing by Afghan forces at Torkham last month had claimed an army major's life. Tensions between the countries escalated as Afghanistan government opposed construction of a gate by Pakistan Army to check cross-border movement. The installation of a gate was initiated by the army more than 30 metres within Pakistan's territory. According to the ISPR, the gate will deter movement of operatives of extremist outfits from Afghanistan to Pakistan. However, the government's stroke a consensus over the construction after around a week of intermittent firing.

Governor says efforts on to provide education, health facilities

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KOHAT: Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said on Wednesday steps were being taken for sustainable peace, successful repatriation and rehabilitation of displaced persons and provide them better health and education facilities. He was addressing tribal elders from Frontier Region (FR) Kohat during his visit to the Fata University at Darra Adamkhel. Additional Chief Secretary Fata Muhammad Aslam Kamboh, Commissioner Kohat division Mussarat Hussain, tribal elders and a large number of students were also present. Fata University Vice-Chancellor Dr Muhammad Tahir Shah briefed the governor about the construction work and administrative affairs of the university. The governor was informed that formal education activities would start in the university from September this year at the Political Science, Sociology, Mathematics and Management Sciences departments. He was told that 266 of the 466 kanal land for the university had been purchased at a cost of Rs133 million and the rest of the 200 kanal would be purchased soon. Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said the dreams of the tribal people would come true with the establishment of the Fata University. He said the Fata University would pave the way for the development of this marginalised region and provide job opportunities to the local people. The governor said medical and engineering colleges would also be established in the tribal areas. It was interesting that some women also attended the jirga. Some elders expressed displeasure at the prize distribution to the shining girl students on the occasion. They termed the practice against the tribal traditions. But the political administration took pride in the event.

The gathering was more political than inauguration of the university. Meanwhile, the governor during a visit reviewed the progress of the construction work on the university building. He directed the relevant officials to expedite the construction work on the university building. The governor said that providing quality education to the tribal youth was top priority for the government. He said other basic needs of the people would also be met so that the tribal people could play their role in the development of the country. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said time had come to serve the tribal population and to redress their grievances. He added that tribal people had rendered sacrifices and left their homes for the restoration of peace. The governor said that peace had been restored not only in Fata, but also in the entire country due to military operation Zarb-e-Azb and sacrifices of the tribal people. He said now the country was heading towards peace, stability and development. "Steps have been taken to ensure the return and rehabilitation of the IDPs," he added. The governor said the government was committed to providing quality education to the tribal youth. "The promotion of education and health

Wafaq-ul-Madaris to adopt syllabus of FBISE

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sectors in the tribal areas are top the priority areas of the policymakers," he added. He said that education was key to socio-economic development. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said education emergency had been announced in tribal areas. He said no effort would be spared to achieve 100 percent literacy rate in Fata. He said the future status of Fata would be decided in line with the wishes of the tribesmen.

Wafaq-ul-Madaris on Wednesday collectively decided to adopt the syllabus of Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) for their matriculations and intermediate levels in seminaries. The meeting held under the chairmanship of Minister of State for Federal Education Muhammad Balighur Rehman was also attended by the ulema of the different school of thoughts and NECTA representatives. Mufti Muneeb-ur-Rehman leads the representatives of the Wafaq ul Madaris. The meeting pondered about devising curricula of seminaries as prescribed in the National Action Plan (NAP). The meeting contemplated on bringing madaris' degrees at par with contemporary institutions. Speaking on the occasion, the minister of state said that religious scholars have always been cooperating for ensuring peace in the country. He said that the help of scholars would be sought in the madrasa reforms program. Ministry of federal education and professional training will endorse the establishment of the boards of Tanzeem-ul-Madaris on the pattern of intermediate and secondary boards. It was informed that the matter will be discussed in the cabinet for final approval and until then the establishment of the board; Tanzeem-ul-Madaris would be working under the existing system in which Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) issues the certificate of equivalence. FBISE will provide capacity building training to the exam makers, papers' checkers and markers. The academic calendar of HEC will be adjusted according to the academic calendar of Tanzeem-ul-Madaris. Religious education curricula will be decided by the Tanzeem-ul-Madaris themselves. For Shahadah Tul Aliya (Master's degree) in Arabic and Islamic studies, madrasah students will have to give exams of compulsory subjects like English, Islamiyat and Pak Studies in bachelors. For masters in other subjects, madrasah students will have to give exams of compulsory subjects along with the two elective subjects of their choice in bachelors. For bachelors and masters, already recognised syllabus from HEC and concerned universities will be taught to madrasah students. It was decided that fee concessions, financial aid, books, and tutorial workshop will be provided by Allama Iqbal Open University if the madrasah students take exams from AIU.

Oil product sales rise 5% with shift to petrol from CNG

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KARACHI: Sales of petroleum products picked up 5% to 23.37 million tons in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, led largely by cars shifting back to petrol from compressed natural gas (CNG), increased vehicle population and uptick in economic activities. Sales of motor gasoline, or petrol, which is mostly consumed in vehicles and home-based electricity generators, shot up 22% to 5.75 million tons. According to the Pakistan Automotive Manufacturers Association (Pama), another 167,507 passenger cars and 1.22 million motorcycles emerged on roads in the first 11 months (July-May) of the recently ended fiscal year. Sales of cars and motorcycles surged 22.5% and 19.34%, respectively, in the 11 months with many of them purchased on installments. According to data of the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, a quantum jump was recorded in the import of power generators in July-May 2015-16. Imports rose 43% and 39% in rupee and dollar terms, respectively, to Rs7.79 trillion and \$813.25 million. Sales of high-speed diesel, which is mostly consumed in passenger buses and vehicles having high-powered engines, rose 5% to 7.75 million tons in 2015-16. According to Pama, sales of jeeps, buses and coaches also rose notably during the first 11 months. Sales of furnace oil, however, dropped 3% to 8.9 million tons in 2015-16 as many power generation projects were shifted to gas from oil in recent months.

DHA Karachi names street on Sea View after Abdul Sattar Edhi

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KARACHI: Defence Housing Authority has named a street after deceased humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi in a move to honour him. Beach Avenue on DHA's phase VII has been renamed as Abdus Sattar Edhi Avenue. The street runs along Sea View, a popular picnic spot for Karachiites. The road is 5-km long and extends from Khayaban-e-Itehad to Do Darya. The decision to name the DHA street after Edhi was taken on July 4. Boards have been erected to mark the street. Meanwhile, Karachi Development Authority's Director General Nasir Abbas has requested Secretary Local Government in a letter to attribute major roads of the city to the humanitarian. The letter proposes to name a section of the University road 'from its intersection with MM Alam Road (Superhighway- Airport Link Road) up to the intersection of Abdullah Haroon Road via NIPA, Hasan Square, Jail Road, Mazare Quaid-i-Azam, Lines Area Road, Empress Market, Saddar as Abdul Sattar Edhi Road. The letter also proposes to rename Beach Park on Beach Avenue KDA-Scheme-5, Clifton as 'Abdul Sattar Edhi Beach Park'. The KDA also suggested construction of an Abdul Sattar Edhi monument on the Beach Park roundabout, Clifton Block-4.

Prioritising Education

The Nation July 13, 2016

Education is the key to socio-economic development of a country. Education dispels the darkness of ignorance. In the current competitive world, no one can survive and advance without education. Therefore, the provision of basic education to the masses is the first and foremost duty of every state and government. Keeping this in mind, the Punjab government has announced an unprecedented increase in its allocation for education in the recently announced budget and is making strenuous efforts for the provision of education to every doorstep. The allocation of Rs313 billion for education besides launching of Chief Minister's Merit Scholarship Scheme is certainly a welcome step as it will help bring revolution in this deprived sector. Within the education sector, school education is among the top priorities of the government with the objective to enrol more out-of-school children and provide them with necessary facilities. If Shehbaz Sharif's dream of development of education sector in the province materialises into reality, then the day is not so far when Pakistan will also be among the countries with the highest literacy rate.

APS Peshawar student grabs top position in matriculation exams

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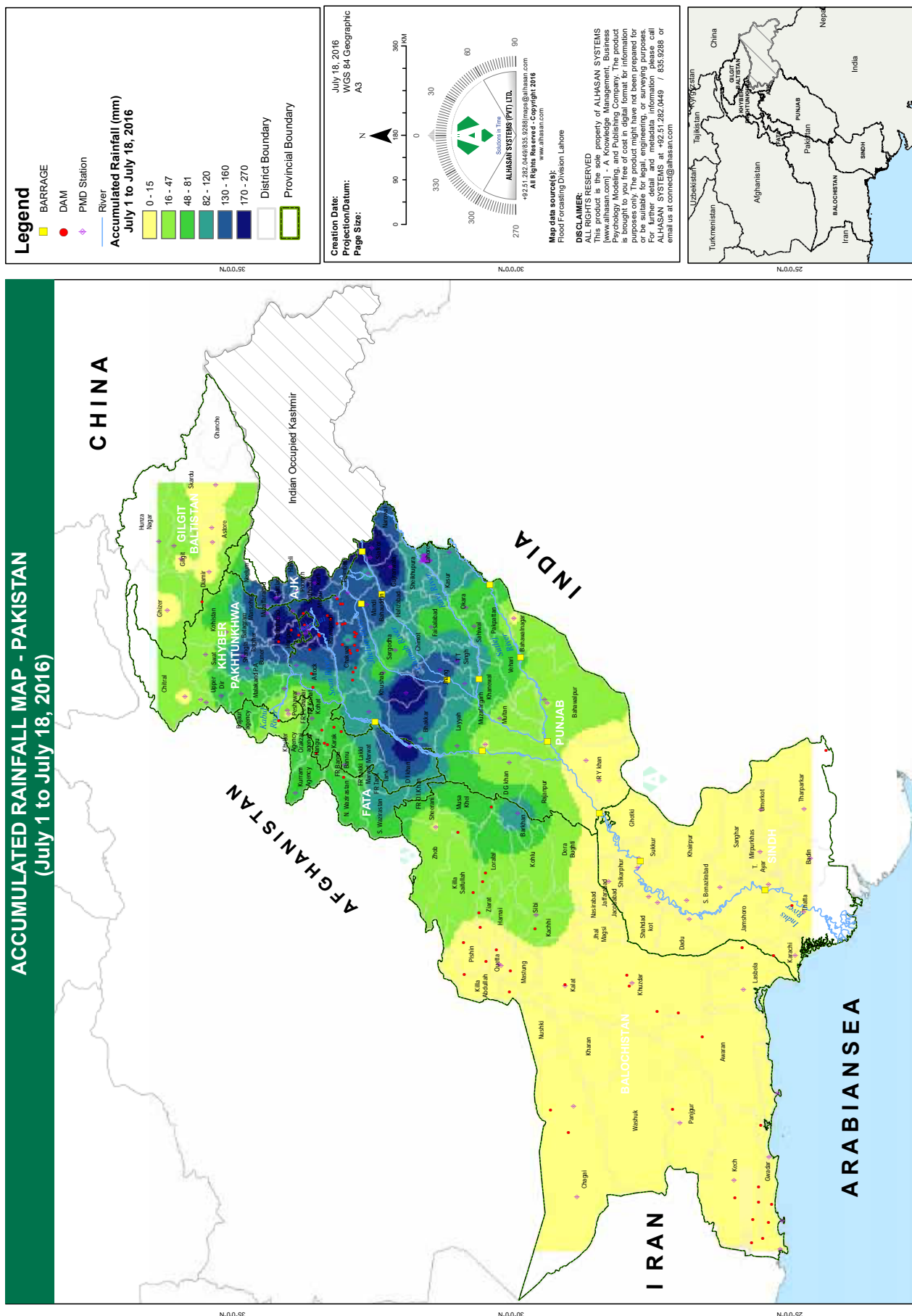
PESHAWAR: Army Public School Peshawar student Manal Amir secured first position in Secondary School Certificate (SSC) annual examination 2016, as the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) announced results on Tuesday. All top three positions were clinched by girls according to the matric results. Almost two years after the traumatic APS Peshawar attack, students of the region proved that terrorism could not dampen their enthusiasm for gaining education. More than 140 people including 132 children were martyred in Taliban attack on APS

Underground gas pipeline bursts in Karachi's Mehmoodabad area

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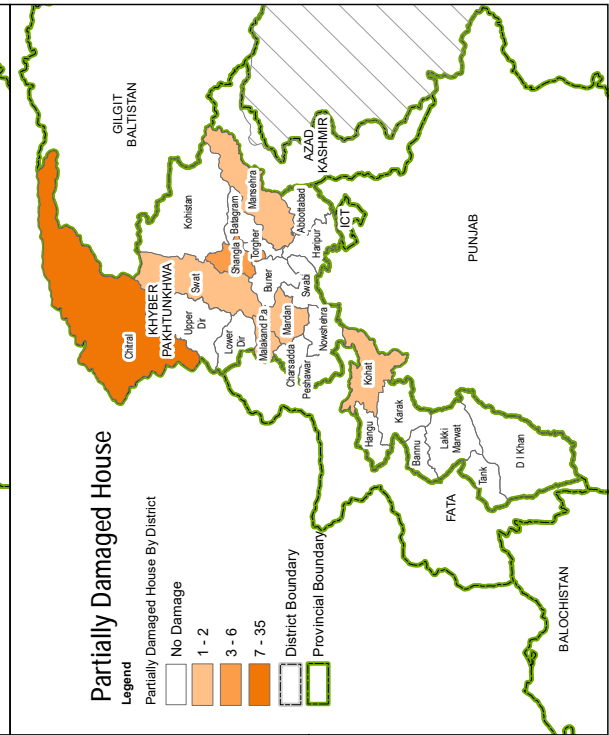
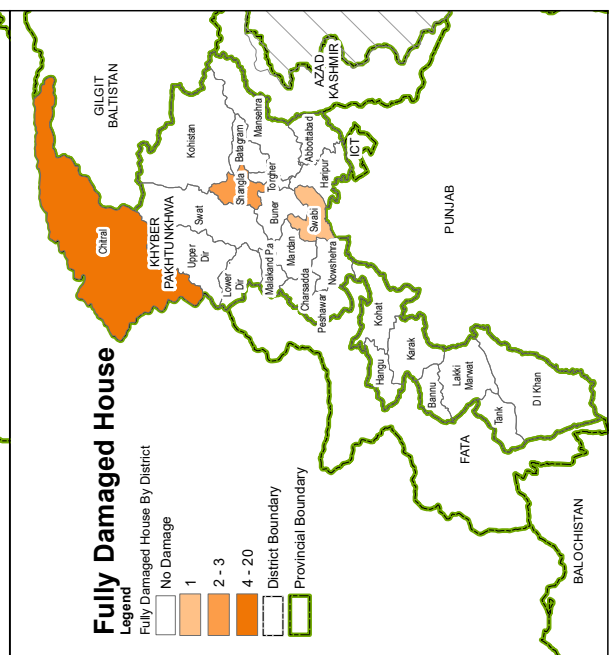
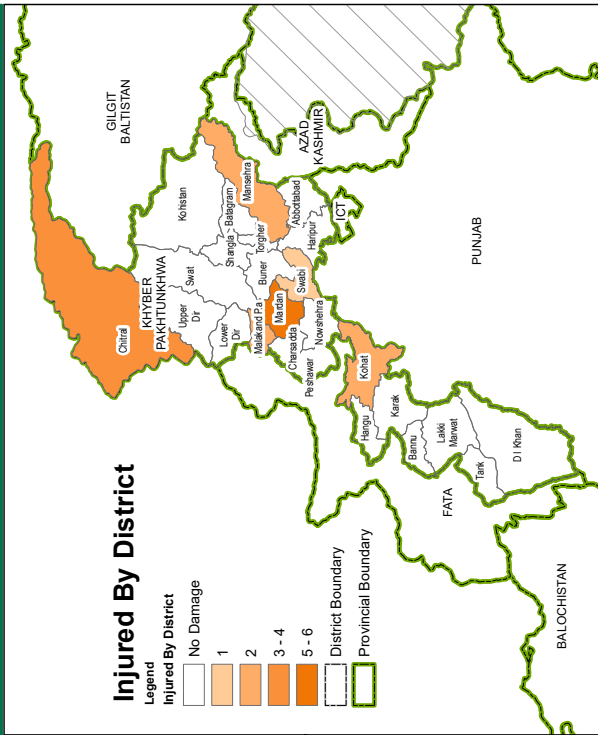
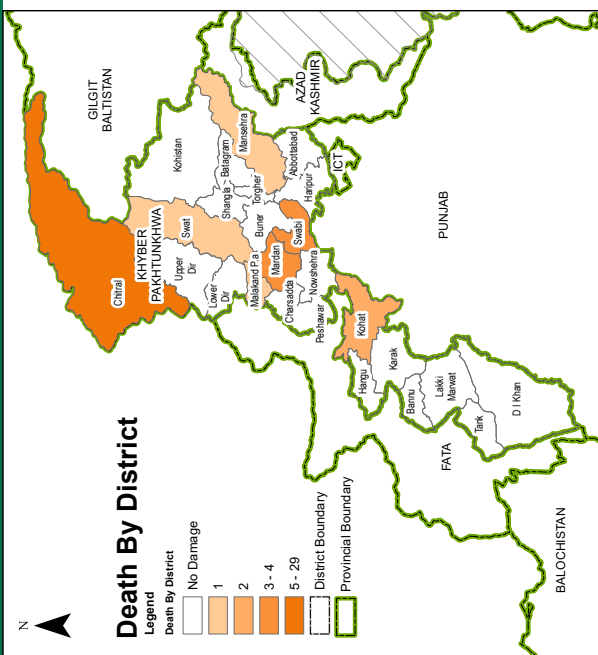
Peshawar on December 16, 2014.

KARACHI: An underground pipeline of the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) in Karachi burst on Tuesday, with flames and flammable gas emitting from the hole in the ground. The fire which engulfed the opening in the ground where the pipeline had burst was later put out. "The pipeline caught fire this morning, and this happened a week ago as well. The SSGC people came and left after checking the pipeline," said a local resident of the area. "This pipeline has been leaking at multiple points for some time now. We have complained several times but to no avail," he added. Another local resident feared the gas leakage might result in a major fire if left unchecked. No loss of life was reported from the incident, but the pipeline was still said to be leaking gas at the time of filing of this report.



Losses & Damages due to Flash Flood/Torrential Rain - Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

As of 1 July to 18 July, 2016



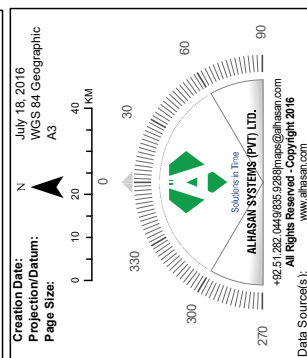
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District Haveli	LA-16	District Poonch	LA-17	LA-18	LA-19	LA-20	District Sudhnoti	LA-21	LA-22	District Muzaffarabad	LA-23	LA-24	LA-25	LA-26	LA-27	LA-28	LA-29



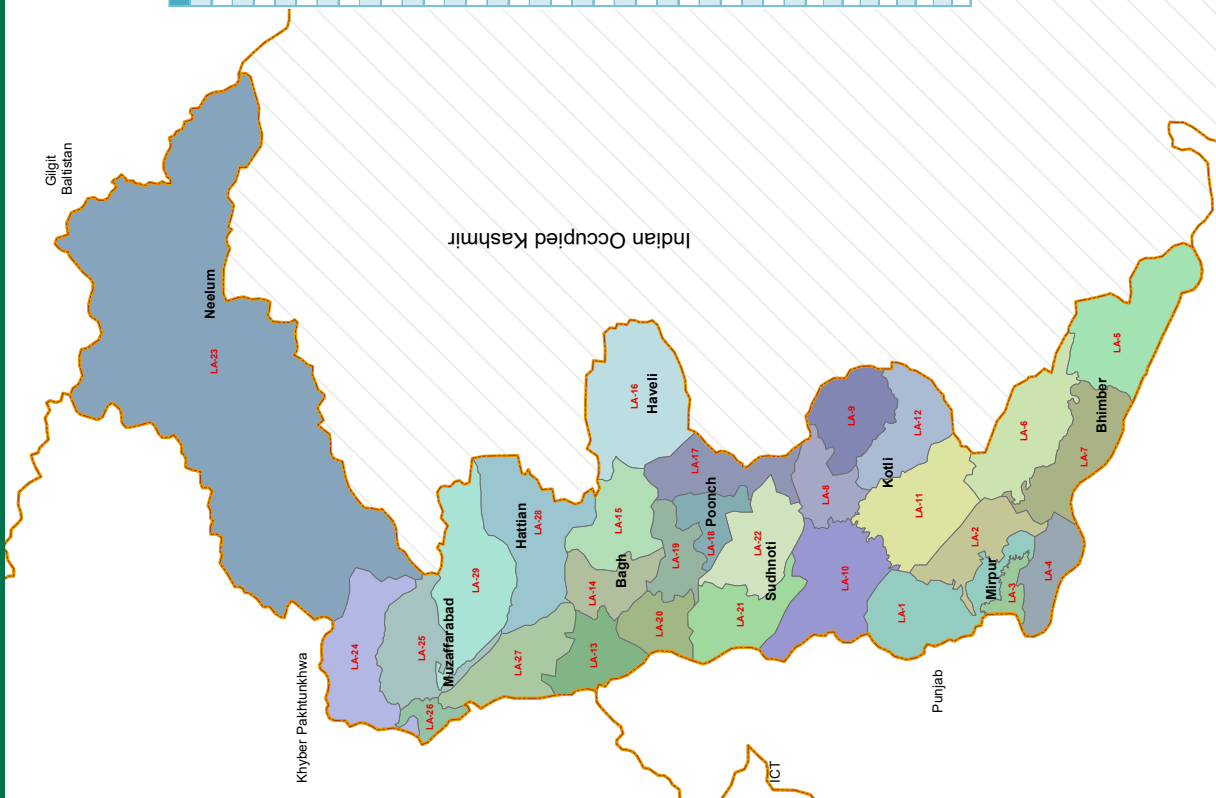
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Azad Jammu & Kashmir (AJK) Constituency Map

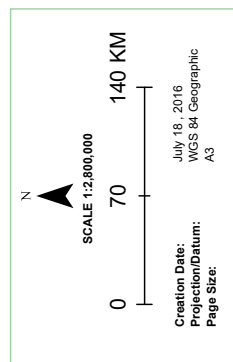
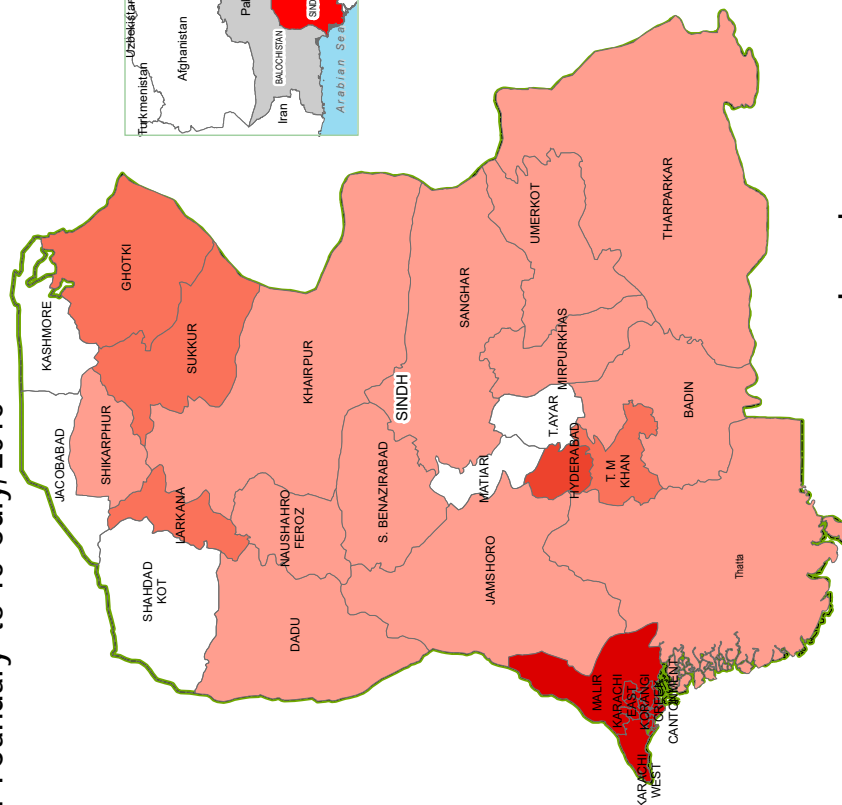
Voters Detail Election 2016

S.No.	Name of Constituencies	Male	Female	Total
1	LA-I, MIRPUR - I.	31,740	26,508	58,248
2	LA-II, MIRPUR - II.	28,401	23,981	52,382
3	LA-III, MIRPUR - III.	32,490	27,004	59,494
4	LA-IV, MIRPUR - IV.	34,643	28,751	63,394
DISTRICT MIRPUR				
5	LA-V, BHIMBER - I.	41,876	33,128	75,004
6	LA-VI, BHIMBER - II.	41,816	34,556	76,372
7	LA-VII, BHIMBER - III.	50,035	41,754	91,789
DISTRICT BHIMBER				
8	LA-VIII, KOTLI - I.	48,987	38,219	87,206
9	LA-IX, KOTLI - II.	46,101	36,938	83,039
10	LA-X, KOTLI - III.	49,842	39,819	89,661
11	LA-XI, KOTLI - IV.	53,540	43,256	96,796
12	LA-XII, KOTLI - V.	47,760	38,377	86,137
DISTRICT KOTLI				
13	LA-XIII, BAGH - I.	44,741	38,977	83,718
14	LA-XIV, BAGH - II.	43,330	35,819	79,149
15	LA-XV, BAGH - III.	38,255	31,450	69,705
DISTRICT BAGH				
16	LA-XVI, BAGH - IV.	43,813	36,824	80,637
DISTRICT Haveli (Kahuta)				
17	LA-XVII, POONCH & SUDHNITI - I.	42,130	34,394	76,524
18	LA-XVIII, POONCH & SUDHNITI - II.	41,658	33,544	75,202
19	LA-XIX, POONCH & SUDHNITI - III.	49,453	42,972	92,425
20	LA-XX, POONCH & SUDHNITI - IV.	36,393	30,424	66,817
DISTRICT POONCH				
21	LA-XXI, POONCH & SUDHNITI - V.	47,391	38,670	86,061
22	LA-XXII, POONCH & SUDHNITI - VI.	43,892	36,190	80,082
DISTRICT SUDHNITI				
23	LA-XXIII, NEELUM - I.	52,479	44,105	96,584
DISTRICT NEELUM				
24	LA-XXIV, MUZAFFARABAD - I.	39,121	30,810	69,931
25	LA-XXV, MUZAFFARABAD - II.	34,221	27,092	61,313
26	LA-XXVI, MUZAFFARABAD - III.	27,052	23,000	50,052
27	LA-XXVII, MUZAFFARABAD - IV.	48,643	39,346	87,989
28	LA-XXVIII, MUZAFFARABAD - V.	46,053	36,409	82,462
29	LA-XXIX, MUZAFFARABAD - VI.	43,074	34,455	77,529
DISTRICT MUZAFFARABAD				
		238,164	191,112	429,276



DENGUE OUTBREAK - SINDH

As of 1 January to 15 July, 2016



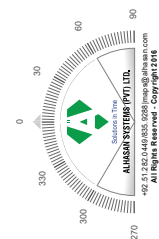
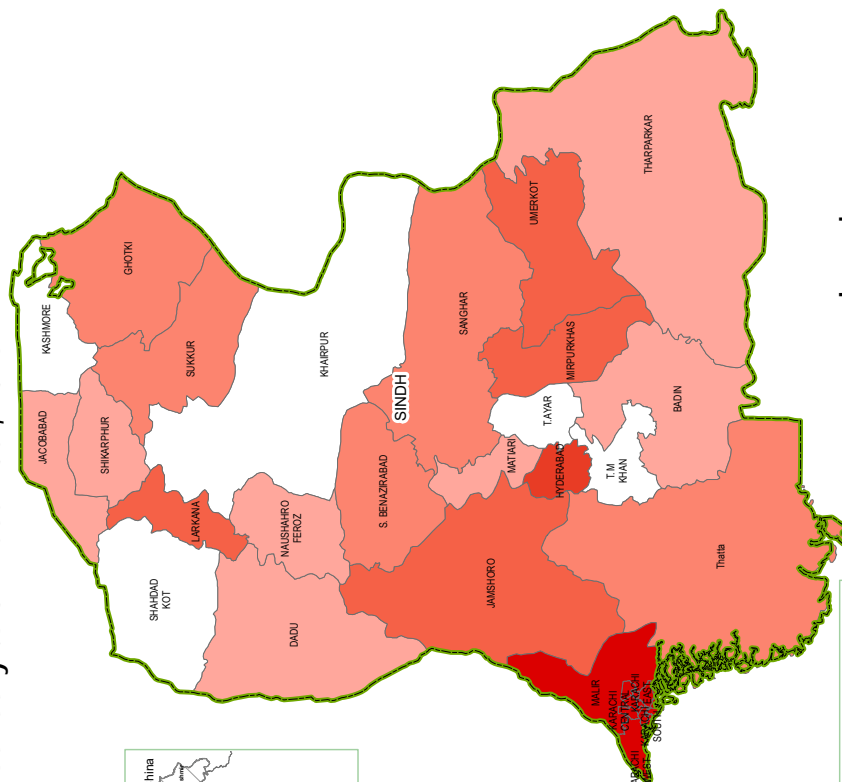
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- 4 - 5
- 6 - 15
- 16 - 741

Provincial Boundary

As of 1 January to 31 December, 2015



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Number of Dengue Fever Case Reported

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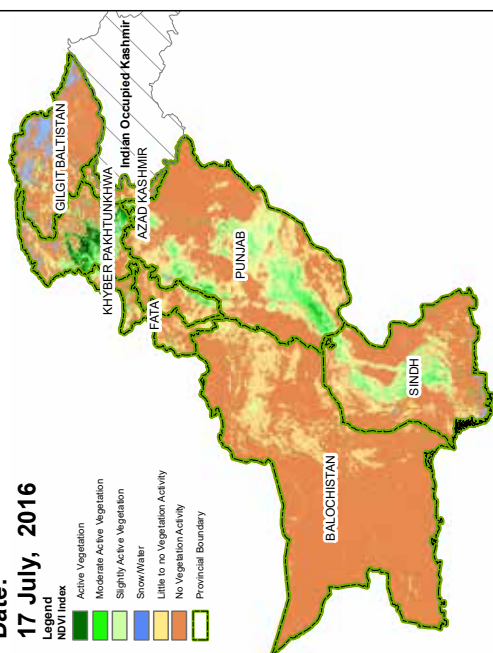
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Vegetation Analysis Map of Pakistan

17 July, 2016

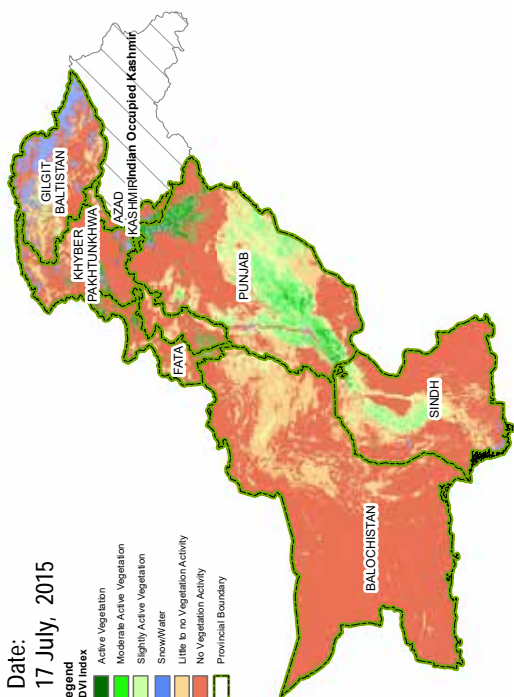
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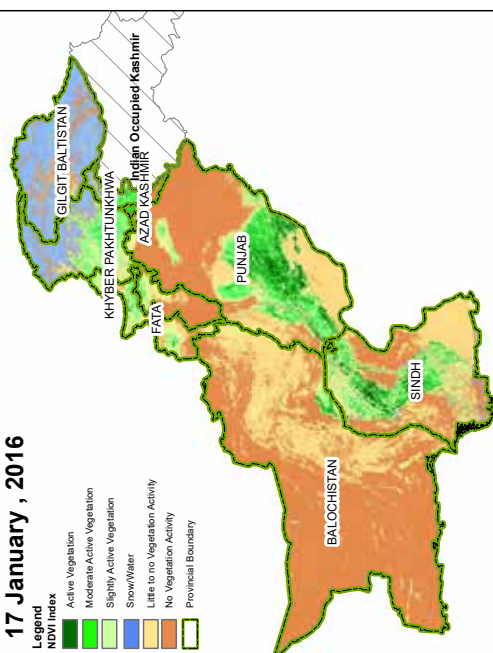
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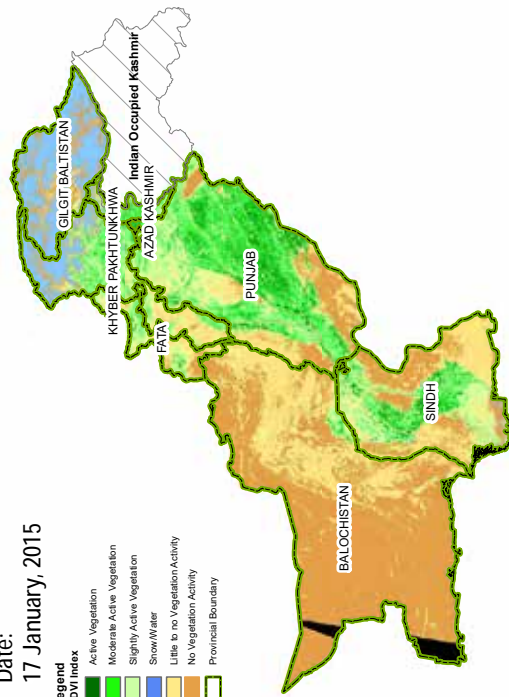
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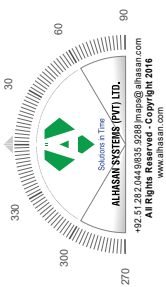
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کر وڈالر کے عطیات دیے ہیں جو پاکستانی تعلیمی بجٹ کا تقریباً 2 فیصد بنتا ہے۔

لاہور: وفاقی کابینہ نے سی ایس ایس امتحانات کے لیے امیدواروں کی عمر کی حد 28 سال سے بڑھا کر 30 سال کرنے کی منظوری دے دی۔ وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسان اقبال نے سماجی رابطے کی ویب سائٹ ٹوئٹر پر تعلیم یافتہ نوجوانوں کو خوشخبری سناتے ہوئے بتایا کہ وفاقی کابینہ نے سی ایس ایس امتحانات کے لیے امیدواروں کی عمر 28 سال سے بڑھا کر 30 سال کرنے کی منظوری دے دی۔ احسان اقبال کا کہنا تھا کہ حکومت کے اس فیصلے سے پسماندہ علاقوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے تعلیم یافتہ نوجوان فائدہ اٹھا سکتے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) وزارت مذہبی امور نے جج آپریشن 2016 کے لیے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے ہیں۔ حکومتی ذرائع نے بتایا کہ جج فلائٹ آپریشن 3 اگست سے شروع ہو گا جو 4 ستمبر تک جاری رہے گا۔ فلائٹ آپریشن میں چار ایئر لائنز شریک ہوں گی جس میں پی آئی اے، سعودی ایئر لائنز، ایئر بلیو اور شاہین ایئر شامل ہیں۔ حجاج کی واپسی کا عمل 17 ستمبر سے شروع ہو گا۔ ادرہ عید الفطر کے فوری بعد تمام حاجی کیپوں میں عازمین کی تربیت کا عمل شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت) سپریم کورٹ میں داسو ڈیم کے تعمیر کے لئے امیدوار کمپنی چائنہ پاور کنسٹرکشن کمپنی کی درخواست سے متعلق اپیل کی سماعت میں واپڈا کے وکیل کی جانب سے ٹینڈر اور نیلامی کی تفصیلات کیس کا فیصلہ ہونے تک فائل نہ کرنے کی یقین دہانی پر ساعت 19 جولائی تک ملتوی کر دی ہے۔ واپڈا کے وکیل نے کہا کہ نیلامی کی تفصیلات سے متعلق رپورٹ تیار نہیں ہو سکی عدالت کچھ مہلت دے۔ چیف جسٹس نے کمپنی کے وکیل کو مخاطب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج اس حوالہ سے رپورٹ موصول نہیں ہوئی ہے اس لئے اس کیس کی مزید سماعت آئندہ ہفتہ کے لئے ملتوی کر دیے ہیں، جس پر فاضل وکیل نے تحفظات کا اظہار کیا تو اتھارٹی کے وکیل شہزادہ مظہر نے آئندہ تاریخ پیشی تک نیلامی کے عمل کو حتمی شکل نہ دینے کی یقین دہانی کروائی، جس پر فاضل عدالت نے کیس کی مزید سماعت 19 جولائی تک ملتوی کر دی۔

اسلام آباد (نامہ نگار) وفاقی تعلیمی بورڈ نے میٹرک کے امتحانات کے نتائج کا اعلان کر دیا، لڑکیاں بازی لے گئیں اور سائنس و آرٹس گروپ میں پہلی تمام پوزیشنیں طالبات نے حاصل کر لیں، مجموعی طور پر کامیابی کا تناسب 79.49 فیصد رہا۔ گزشتہ روز وزیر مملکت وفاقی تعلیم انجینئر بلق الرحمن نے نتائج کا اعلان کیا۔ امتحانات میں 63711 ریگولر طالب علموں میں سے 58081 کامیاب ہوئے۔ کامیابی کا تناسب 91.16 فیصد رہا جبکہ 19183 پرائیویٹ امیدواروں میں سے 7809 پاس ہوئے اور کامیابی کا تناسب 40.71 فیصد رہا، مجموعی طور پر بھی لڑکیوں نے لڑکوں کی نسبت کامیابی حاصل کی۔ سائنس گروپ میں آرمی پبلک سکول وکالج برائے خواتین پشاور کینٹ کی طالبہ منال عامر نے 1032 نمبر حاصل کر کے پہلی پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ آرمی پبلک سکول وکالج حیدر آباد کینٹ کی عروج فاطمہ 1031 اور ایچ آئی ٹی ای سی سکول اینڈ کالج ٹیکسلا کینٹ کی ایمین گل 1031 نمبر حاصل کر کے مشترکہ طور پر دوسری پوزیشن پر رہیں۔ تیسری پوزیشن 1030 نمبر کے ساتھ مشترکہ طور پر تین طالبات آرمی پبلک سکول طفیل روڈ لاہور کینٹ کی ایشہ احسن، آرمی پبلک سکول ملتان کینٹ کی حفصہ سعید اور آرمی پبلک سکول ملتان کینٹ کی ارتج مشرف نے حاصل کی۔ آرٹس گروپ میں تینوں پوزیشنیں فوجی فائونڈیشن کالج برائے خواتین نیولالہ زار راولپنڈی کینٹ کی طالبات نے حاصل کیں۔ ارتج مجاہد نے 985 نمبر کے ساتھ پہلی، بریرہ سجاد 982 نمبر لیکر دوسری اور رابعہ عمران 977 نمبر لیکر تیسری پوزیشن پر رہیں۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی) وفاقی وزیر منصوبہ بندی احسان اقبال کے زیر صدارت اجلاس میں سی پیک کے منصوبوں پر عملدرآمد کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ وفاقی وزیر نے ہدایت کی کہ مغربی روٹ کی بروقت تکمیل کو یقینی بنایا جائے، انہوں نے کہا کہ گوادر کے متعلق منصوبوں کا اگست میں سنگ بنیاد رکھا جائے گا۔

سی ایس ایس امتحان میں شرکت کیلئے
عمر کی حد 28 سے بڑھا کر 30 سال
کر دی گئی

ایکپریس اردو

15 جولائی 2016

وزارت مذہبی امور نے جج آپریشن
2016 کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کر لئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 جولائی 2016

داسو ڈیم کی تعمیر چائنہ پاور کنسٹرکشن کی
درخواست کی سماعت

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

14 جولائی 2016

وفاقی تعلیمی بورڈ نے میٹرک کے نتائج کا
اعلان کر دیا، لڑکیاں بازی لے گئیں

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

13 جولائی 2016

حسن اقبال کی زیر صدارت اجلاس سی
پیک منصوبوں پر عملدرآمد کا جائزہ لیا
گیا

ایکپریس اردو

12 جولائی 2016

17 جولائی 2016

اقتصادی راہداری سے 8 لاکھ نئی ملازمتیں پیدا ہوگی: پلاننگ کمیشن

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 جولائی 2016

طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ نہ رک سکے،

لوگ پریشان، کئی شہروں میں

مظاہرے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 جولائی 2016

اسلام آباد (اے پی پی) پلاننگ کمیشن کے مطابق چین پاک اقتصادی راہداری کے نتیجے میں پاکستان میں 8 لاکھ نئی ملازمتوں کے مواقع پیدا ہونے میں مدد ملے گی، اس منصوبے سے ملک کے تمام صوبوں کو یکساں فوائد حاصل ہوں گے۔

لاہور + اسلام آباد (نیوز رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران + اے پی پی) بجلی کی طویل لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ نہ رک سکا جس کے باعث لوگوں کو پریشانی کا سامنا رہا جبکہ کئی شہروں میں احتجاجی مظاہرے کئے گئے جس کے دوران مظاہرین نے شدید نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔ لاہور اور مضافات میں بجلی کی بندش کا دورانیہ 7 سے 10 گھنٹے تک ہو گیا، بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ گرمی کی شدت میں اضافے کے بعد بڑھ گئی ہے لاہور میں دورانیہ 1 گھنٹہ بڑھ گیا۔ جمعۃ المبارک کو لیسکو نے 9 گھنٹے تک شہر میں بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی، دوسری طرف شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی کی ٹرپنگ بھی جاری رہی جبکہ ٹرانسمارمرز کے جلنے کے واقعات بھی کم نہ ہو سکے۔ گکھڑ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق مسلسل بارہ گھنٹے بجلی کی بندش اور پانچ دنوں میں تین بار ٹرانسمارمرز خراب ہونے پر حملہ نازل سکول کی خواتین کی بڑی تعداد نے احتجاج کیا۔ صدر آباد سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ پر شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے، گرمی کی شدت کی وجہ سے شہری نڈھال ہو گئے رائے ونڈ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق رائے ونڈ میں شہری شدید لوڈ شیڈنگ کیخلاف سراپا احتجاج بن گئے تین تین گھنٹے کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کی جارہی ہے۔ ننگنہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری رہا، شدید گرمی اور جس میں عوام کی چیخیں نکل گئیں۔ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 16 جبکہ دیہات میں 19 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر جانے کے باعث کارو بار زندگی بری طرح مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 20 گھنٹے سے بھی تجاوز کر گیا، بجلی کی طویل بندش کے خلاف متعدد علماء خطباء نے جمعہ کے اجتماعات کے دوران حکومت کے خلاف مذمتی قرار دادیں بھی پاس کروائیں۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں بجلی کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کو لار دیا سینکڑوں لوگ غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے باعث نماز جمعہ بھی ادا نہ کر سکے اور وہ شدید احتجاج کرتے ہوئے سڑکوں پر نکل آئے مظاہرین کے مطابق لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے کاروباری زندگی معطل ہو کر رہ گیا ہے۔ پیک امر و سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نور کوٹ میں بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ پر شہریوں نے احتجاج کیا جبکہ خواتین سینہ کو پی کرتی رہیں پاک پتن سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرد و نواح میں غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ 16 گھنٹوں سے تجاوز کر گیا، شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا اور نعرے بازی کرتے رہے۔ کمالیہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہریوں نے کمالیہ کے مختلف چوراہوں میں احتجاجی مظاہرے کئے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزارت پانی و بجلی کے مطابق ملک کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نجات دلانے کے لئے مالی سال 2016-17ء کے سالانہ ترقیاتی پروگرام میں بجلی کے شعبہ کو اولین ترجیح دی گئی ہے، پین بجلی کی سکیورٹی پر مجموعی طور پر ایک کھرب 63 ارب 45 کروڑ 80 لاکھ روپے خرچ کئے جائیں گے۔ وزارت پانی و بجلی کے اعداد و شمار کے مطابق دیامر، بھاشا ڈیم کی تعمیر کے لئے 14 ارب روپے، دیامر، بھاشا ڈیم منصوبے کیلئے 5 سے 5 تک کے لئے 18 ارب 36 کروڑ روپے، داسو ہائیڈرو پاور پراجیکٹ کے لئے 42 ارب 17 کروڑ 70 لاکھ روپے، منگلا ہائیڈرو پراجیکٹ کے لئے 6 کروڑ 70 لاکھ روپے رکھے گئے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (اے ایف پی) پاکستان میں حالیہ برسوں میں تعلیم کے بجٹ میں اضافے کے باوجود خواندگی اور سکولوں سے بچوں کے نکلنے کی شرح انتہائی خراب ہے اور گھوسٹ سکولوں کا خاتمہ نہیں ہو سکا ہے۔ گزشتہ 6 سالوں میں تعلیمی بجٹ دو گنا ہو کر 17.5 ارب ڈالر ہو گیا ہے۔ امریکی ولسن سنٹر کی رپورٹ کے مطابق 2.4 کروڑ بچے سکولوں سے باہر ہیں اور تعلیمی بجٹ دو گنا ہونے کے باوجود 8 سال عمر کے نصف سے زائد بچے پڑھ نہیں سکتے گھوسٹ سکولوں کی تعداد بعض علاقوں میں کم ہو گئی ہے تاہم ابھی ختم نہیں ہو سکی۔ ”پاکستان“ کا تعلیمی بحران، اصل کہانی، کے نام سے شائع رپورٹ کے مطابق 2000ء کی دہائی میں ملک بھر میں 20 فیصد سکول گھوسٹ ہوتے تھے ان کی تعداد میں اب نمایاں کمی آئی ہے تاہم اس کے باوجود پاکستان میں سکول سے باہر رہنے والے بچوں کی تعداد ناچیز یا کے بعد سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ پاکستان میں بڑوں کی شرح خواندگی 56.4 فیصد ہے۔ تعلیمی سیکٹر میں نجی اور سرکاری مشترکہ اخراجات 4 فیصد سے زائد ہے۔ اس حوالے سے عالمی پنج مارک 4 فیصد ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق تعلیمی سیکٹر کیلئے زیادہ رقم مختص کرنے کے باوجود خاطر خواہ کامیابی نہ ملنے کی اصل وجہ فنڈز کا غیر دانشمندانہ استعمال ہے۔ صرف اساتذہ کی تنخواہ بڑھانا کافی ہے۔ رپورٹ کی مصنفہ نادیہ نادوی والا نے کہا پاکستان میں تعلیم کا بحران یہ نہیں ہے کہ کتنی رقم خرچ کی جائے بلکہ یہ ہے اس رقم کو خرچ کیسے کیا جائے۔ مزید خرچے کی نہیں بلکہ زیادہ بہتر انداز میں خرچ کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔ تعلیم پر اخراجات 2016ء کیلئے فوج کے بجٹ 8.2 ارب ڈالر کے قریب پہنچ چکے ہیں۔ واضح رہے امریکہ، برطانیہ اور ورلڈ بینک پاکستان کے تعلیمی شعبہ کیلئے رقم فراہم کر رہے ہیں۔ تعلیم کو انتہائی پستی کیخلاف سب سے بڑا ہتھیار سمجھا جاتا ہے۔ پنجاب میں 2010ء اور 2015ء کے درمیان اساتذہ کی غیر حاضری 20 فیصد سے کم ہو کر 6 فیصد پر آگئی ہے۔ دوسری طرف سندھ میں 5 ویں اور 6 ویں طبقہ کے نتائج میں 2010ء اور 2014ء کے درمیان بہتری نہیں دیکھی گئی۔ واضح رہے برطانیہ کی ترقیاتی ایجنسی نے 2016ء میں پاکستانی تعلیمی شعبہ کیلئے 15

برس میں تعلیمی بجٹ ڈبل 2.4 کروڑ

بچے بدستور سکولوں سے باہر

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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تفصیلات

سرخیاں

سپریم کورٹ نے سندھ حکومت کی جناح اسپتال اور دیگر اداروں کا انتظام وفاق کو سپرد کرنے سے متعلق فیصلے پر دائر درخواست کی سماعت ایک ہفتے کے لیے ملتوی کر دی۔ سپریم کورٹ میں 18 ویں ترمیم کے بعد جناح اسپتال، کارڈیو اور دیگر اداروں کا انتظام وفاق سے صوبوں کو منتقلی کا معاملہ پر سندھ حکومت کی سندھ ہائیکورٹ کے فیصلے کے خلاف درخواست کی سماعت جسٹس مشیر عالم اور جسٹس خلیف عارف حسین نے کی۔ ایڈووکیٹ جنرل سندھ بیرسٹر ضمیر گھومرو نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ 18 ویں ترمیم کے بعد وزارت صحت صوبائی معاملہ ہے، اور جناح اسپتال، سندھ مسلم میڈیکل یونیورسٹی سے منسلک ہے وفاق منتقل نہیں کیا جاسکتا۔ حکومت سندھ کے موقف پر عدالت نے ریمارکس دیے کہ اسپتال کا کسی بھی تعلیمی ادارے سے منسلک ہونا کوئی معنی نہیں رکھتا، اور قیام پاکستان سے پہلے سے جناح اسپتال وفاق سے منسلک رہا ہے۔ جسٹس مشیر عالم نے ریمارکس میں کہا کہ سندھ ہائیکورٹ کے تین رکنی بینچ کے فیصلے کے خلاف درخواست سپریم کورٹ کا دور کئی بینچ نہیں سن سکتا، درخواست کی سماعت آئندہ ہفتے تین رکنی بینچ کرے گا۔ واضح رہے کہ 15 دن قبل سندھ ہائیکورٹ 3 رکنی بینچ نے جے پی ایم سی، این آئی سی ایچ، این آئی سی وی ڈی اور نیشنل میوزیم کا انتظام وفاق کے سپرد کرنے کا حکم دیا تھا۔

آزاد کشمیر میں 21 جولائی کو ہونے والے عام انتخابات کے لئے فرائض انجام دینے والے سرکاری ملازمین آج اپنا حق رائے دہی استعمال کر رہے ہیں اور اس دوران احاطہ کچہری میرپور میں سیاسی جماعت کے کارکنوں نے ہنگامہ آرائی کی کوشش کی جس پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے پولیس اور پاک فوج کے اہلکاروں نے ہنگامہ آرائی کی کوشش کرنے والوں کو باہر نکال دیا۔ احاطہ کچہری میرپور میں سیاسی جماعت کے کارکنوں نے ہنگامہ آرائی کی کوشش کی جس پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے پولیس اور پاک فوج کے اہلکاروں نے ہنگامہ آرائی کی کوشش کرنے والوں کو باہر نکال دیا۔ جولائی کو ہونے والے عام انتخابات کیلئے آزاد کشمیر بھر میں انتخابی سرگرمیاں اپنے عروج کو پہنچ چکی ہیں، سیاسی جماعتیں اپنے آخری مرکزی جلسوں میں مصروف ہیں۔ آج آزاد کشمیر کے 10 اضلاع میں الیکشن کے دوران سرکاری ڈیوٹی دینے والے ہزاروں ملازمین اپنا ووٹ کاسٹ کر رہے ہیں۔ پولنگ صبح 8 بجے شروع ہوئی جو بغیر کسی وقفے کے شام 5 بجے تک جاری رہے گی۔ دوسری جانب آج ہی پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے سربراہ عمران خان آزاد کشمیر میں چڑھوٹی، سہنسہ اور اسلام گڑھ کے مقامات پر تین انتخابی جلسوں سے خطاب کریں گے جبکہ مختلف مقامات پر دیگر سیاسی جماعتوں کی بھی انتخابی سرگرمیاں جاری ہیں

لاہور سمیت پنجاب بھر کے انجینئرنگ کالجز اور یونیورسٹیز میں داخلہ کے لیے انٹری ٹیسٹ ہو رہے ہیں جس میں 41 ہزار سے زائد طلباء و طالبات ٹیسٹ دیں رہے ہیں۔ انجینئرنگ یونیورسٹی کے زیر اہتمام لاہور سمیت پنجاب بھر کے انجینئرنگ کالجز اور یونیورسٹیز میں داخلہ کے لیے انٹری ٹیسٹ لیا جا رہا ہے جس کے لیے پنجاب بھر میں 13 امتحانی مراکز بنائے گئے ہیں۔ انجینئرنگ میں داخلہ کے خواہشمند امیدواروں کے لیے پنجاب بھر میں صرف 6 ہزار سیٹیں ہیں۔ امتحانی مراکز کے باہر سیکورٹی کے سخت انتظامات کیے گئے ہیں، انٹری ٹیسٹ کے نتائج 24 جولائی کو یو ای ٹی کی ویب سائٹ پر جاری کیے جائیں گے۔

جدہ (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) پاکستان حج کمیشن کی عمارت میں آگ لگ گئی تاہم کسی قسم کے جانی نقصان کی اطلاع نہیں ملی، ریکسیو عملے نے آگ پر قابو پا لیا ہے۔

غیر ملکی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق مکہ مکرمہ کے علاقے العزیزہ کی شاہراہ عبداللہ پر واقع پاکستانی حج کمیشن کی عمارت میں آج پانچ بجے آگ بھڑک اٹھی جس نے عمارت کے کچھ حصے کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا۔ واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی محکمہ شہری دفاع کا عملہ پہنچ گیا جس نے آگ پر قابو پا لیا۔ محکمہ شہری دفاع کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ عمارت میں آگ اے سی پلانٹ میں شارٹ سرکٹ کے باعث لگی، حادثے کے وقت عمارت میں کوئی مسافر یا معتمر موجود نہیں تھا۔

لاہور (مانیٹرنگ ڈیسک) وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے کہا ہے کہ حالیہ بارشوں کے پیش نظر ڈیڈ ایٹ جاری کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ڈینگی سرویلنس کا کام تیز کیا جائے اور ڈینگی کے مرض سے نمٹنے کیلئے متعلقہ ادارے پوری طرح چوک رہیں۔ اپنے بیان میں انکا کہنا تھا کہ ڈینگی کے مرض سے نمٹنے کیلئے تمام ادارے مربوط انداز میں کام کریں، لاہور سمیت صوبے کے دیگر شہروں میں جمع پانی کی فوری نکاسی یقینی بنائی جائے اور متعلقہ اداروں کو گزشتہ برسوں کی طرح جذبے اور محنت سے کام کرنا ہے۔

جناح اسپتال کیس، سماعت ایک ہفتے کے لیے ملتوی

جیو اردو نیوز

18 جولائی 2016

آزاد کشمیر میں پولنگ کے درمیان ہنگامہ آرائی کی کوشش

جیو اردو نیوز

17 جولائی 2016

پنجاب کے انجینئرنگ کالجز اور یونیورسٹیوں کے انٹری ٹیسٹ

جیو اردو نیوز

17 جولائی 2016

جدہ میں پاکستان حج کمیشن کی عمارت میں لگی آگ پر قابو پا لیا گیا

روزنامہ پاکستان

17 جولائی 2016

ڈینگی سے نمٹنے کیلئے تمام ادارے پوری طرح چوک رہیں: شہباز شریف کی ہدایت

روزنامہ پاکستان

ڈیپارٹمنٹ (سی ٹی ڈی) کے مطابق لاہور کے علاقے بند روڈ پر واقع ایک گھر پر خفیہ اطلاع پر چھاپا مارا گیا جس کے نتیجے میں 3 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق گرفتار دہشت گردوں کا تعلق جنگجو تنظیم داعش سے ہے جن میں ادريس، غلام دستگیر اور طاہر یوسف نامی دہشت گرد شامل ہیں۔ سی ٹی ڈی کا کہنا ہے کہ گرفتار دہشت گرد لاہور میں سرکاری تنصیبات کو نشانہ بنانے کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہے تھے اور ان کے قبضے سے بارودی مواد سمیت سرکاری عمارتوں کے نقشے بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس نے دہشت گردوں سے مزید تفتیش کے لیے انہیں نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا ہے۔

کے 3 دہشت گرد گرفتار، سی ٹی ڈی

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13 جولائی 2016

تحریک آزادی کے نوجوان رہنما برہان وانی کی شہادت کے بعد بھارتی فوج نے مقبوضہ وادی میں گزشتہ روز سے ظلم و ستم کا بازار گرم کر رکھا ہے۔ بھارتی فوج درندوں کی طرح کشمیریوں کو نشانہ بنارہے ہیں لیکن کوئی بچانے والا نہیں۔ کپواڑہ اور بارہ مولہ میں مزید تین کشمیری بھارتی درندگی کی بھینٹ چڑھ گئے ہیں۔ بھارتی فوج نے وادی میں کرفیو نافذ کر رکھا ہے، تعلیمی ادارے اور کاروباری مراکز بند ہیں جب کہ علاقے میں خوراک کی قلت بھی ہو گئی ہے، کشمیری عوام کو انٹرنیٹ اور ٹیلی ویژن کی سہولت سے بھی محروم کر دیا گیا ہے۔ بھارت کے ہر اوجھے ہتھکنڈے کے باوجود تحریک آزادی کے متوالوں کے ولولے سے بھارتی فورسز کے اوسان خطا ہیں۔ سری نگر اور انت ناگ سمیت دیگر علاقوں میں مظاہروں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔

پشاور (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پی کے پرویز خٹک کی زیر صدارت اہم اجلاس ہوا جس میں چیف سیکرٹری، آئی جی پولیس سمیت اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری منصوبے کے روٹ کا سیکورٹی پلان تیار کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی گئی۔ پرویز خٹک نے کہا کہ شمالی روٹ پر غیر ملکی باشندوں کی سیکورٹی کیلئے علاقوں کی نشاندہی کی جائے۔ راہداری روٹ پر کام کرنے والے غیر ملکی باشندوں کے تحفظ پر سمجھوتہ نہیں ہو سکتا۔ اقتصادی راہداری کی سیکورٹی کیلئے 9 ہزار اہلکاروں پر مشتمل سپیشل فورس تشکیل دی جائے گی۔

مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی فوج کی درندگی کا سلسلہ مسلسل ساتویں روز بھی جاری ہے جب کہ وادی میں بدستور کرفیو نافذ اور انٹرنیٹ سروس معطل ہے اور بھارتی جارحیت سے شہید ہونے والوں کی تعداد 39 تک پہنچ گئی۔ بھارتی میڈیا کے مطابق مقبوضہ کشمیر میں مسلسل ساتویں روز بھی کرفیو نافذ اور انٹرنیٹ اور ٹرین سروس معطل ہے جب کہ بھارتی فوج کی بربریت کے نتیجے میں شہید ہونے والے نئے کشمیریوں کی تعداد 39 ہو گئی ہے۔ مقبوضہ وادی میں کرفیو کے باعث تجارتی مراکز اور تعلیمی ادارے بند جب کہ ٹرانسپورٹ سروس بھی معطل ہے۔ حریت رہنماؤں نے آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کی جانب سے کشمیریوں کی جدوجہد کی حمایت پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ہڑتال کی کال میں 15 جولائی تک توسیع کر دی ہے جب کہ آج نماز جمعہ کی ادائیگی کے بعد کشمیر عوام ایک مرتبہ پھر سڑکوں پر نکل کر قابض فوج کے محاصرے کے خلاف احتجاج کریں گے

راولپنڈی: آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے فوجی عدالتوں سے سزا پانے والے 12 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی جب کہ دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تحریک طالبان اور لشکر جھنگوی سے ہے اور وہ مسلح افواج پر حملوں سمیت دیگر وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں۔

پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے فوجی عدالتوں سے سزا پانے والے 12 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی جب کہ سزا پانے والے دہشت گرد قتل، مسلح افواج پر حملوں اور دہشت گردی کی دیگر وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق سزا پانے والے دہشت گردوں میں قیوم باچا، محمد آصف، محمد طیب، سید اکبر، شہادت، یاسین، عزیز الرحمن، حسین ڈار، اسحاق، بہرام شیخ، محمد ایاز اور برکت علی شامل ہیں۔ دہشت گرد قیوم ولد سعید، طیب ولد امیر زادہ اور سید اکبر کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے سرگرم رکن تھے جو مسلح افواج پر حملوں سمیت دہشت گردی کی سنگین کارروائیوں میں ملوث تھے۔ سزائے موت پانے والے دہشت گرد محمد آصف، شہادت اور یاسین کا تعلق کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی سے ہے جو قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہلکاروں پر حملوں، ان کے قتل میں ملوث تھے جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود بھی برآمد کیا گیا تھا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ تمام دہشت گردوں نے دورانِ ٹرائل کورٹ کے سامنے اپنے جرائم کا اعتراف کیا۔

اوکاڑہ: گاؤں 28 آرٹو میں حساس اداروں کی کارروائی میں 6 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد کر لیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق حساس اداروں نے اوکاڑہ کے گاؤں 28 آرٹو میں دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی مصدقہ اطلاع پر پولیس کے ساتھ مل کر چھاپہ مارا تو ملزمان نے پولیس نفری پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں حساس ادارے کے دو اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے، جو ابی کارروائی میں 6 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہوئے جب کہ ان کے قبضے سے بڑی تعداد میں بھارتی ساختہ اسلحہ و بارود بھی برآمد ہوا جس میں کلاشنکوف، بارودی مواد، راکٹ لانچر اور ڈیوٹیر شامل ہیں۔ زخمی اہلکاروں کو علاج کے لئے اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جب کہ ہلاک دہشت گردوں کی لاشیں بھی تحویل میں لے لی گئی ہیں۔

یہ خبر بھی پڑھیں ڈی پی او اوکاڑہ فیصل رانا کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گردوں کے پاس سے 4 شناختی کارڈ اور ڈی پی او آفس کے نقشے بھی برآمد ہوئے جن کی شناخت عامر حبیب، سعید الرحمن، سمیع، یاسب الرحمن کے ناموں سے ہوئی ہے، دہشت گردوں کا تعلق شانگلہ، بنوں، ہنگو اور اٹک سے ہے۔ علاقے کا محاصرہ کر کے دہشت گردوں کے ساتھیوں کی تلاش کے لئے سرچ آپریشن بھی شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور: کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے شہر میں کارروائی کے دوران داعش کے 3 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم

مقبوضہ وادی میں بھارتی فوجی دہشت گردوں نے مزید 6 نئے کشمیریوں کو گولیاں سے چھلنی کر دیا، شہدائے تعداد 46 تک جا پہنچی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 جولائی 2016

پرویز خٹک کی صدارت میں اجلاس، اقتصادی راہداری کا سیکورٹی پلان تیار کرنے کی ہدایت

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 جولائی 2016

مقبوضہ کشمیر میں مسلسل ساتویں روز بھی کرفیو، شہدائے تعداد 39 ہو گئی

ایکسپریس اردو

15 جولائی 2016

آرمی چیف نے 12 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی، آئی ایس پی آر

ایکسپریس اردو

14 جولائی 2016

اوکاڑہ: حساس اداروں کی کارروائی میں 6 دہشت گرد ہلاک، بھارتی ساختہ اسلحہ برآمد

ایکسپریس اردو

13 جولائی 2016

لاہور میں کارروائی کے دوران داعش

سیفی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

**’قتلات میں ایک عسکریت پسند ہلاک،
پانچ گرفتار‘**

بی بی سی اردو

18 جولائی 2016

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع قلات میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی جانب سے کیے جانے والے ایک سرچ آپریشن میں حکام نے ایک عسکریت پسند کو ہلاک اور پانچ کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ کونڈ میں فرنیچر کو بلوچستان کے ترجمان کی جانب سے فراہم کردہ معلومات کے مطابق یہ سرچ آپریشن ضلع کے علاقے نیرغ میں کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن میں فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ایک عسکریت پسند ہلاک ہو گیا جبکہ پانچ کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ گرفتار افراد کے قبضے سے 7 رائفلیں اور دیگر اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ آزاد ذرائع سے ہلاک شخص کی فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ہلاکت اور ہلاک اور گرفتار افراد کی کسی عسکریت پسند تنظیم سے تعلق کی تاحال تصدیق نہیں ہوئی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ بلوچستان نواب ثنا اللہ زہری نے اس کارروائی پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ایف سی کی کارکردگی کو سراہا ہے۔ ایک بیان میں وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ دہشت گرد عناصر، ان کے سرپرستوں اور سہولت کاروں کو بلوچستان میں چھپنے کی جگہ نہیں ملے گی۔ دوسری جانب کالعدم عسکریت پسند تنظیم بلوچستان لبریشن فرنٹ نے میڈیا کو ایک بیان جاری کیا جس میں یکم اپریل سے 30 جون تک سیکورٹی فورسز پر 98 حملے کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے۔ ان حملوں میں 124 سے زائد سیکورٹی اہلکاروں اور 27 ریاستی مجبوروں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے تاہم سرکاری حکام نے سیکورٹی فورسز پر حملوں اور ان میں سیکورٹی اہلکاروں کی ہلاکت کی تصدیق نہیں کی ہے۔

پنجاب میں لال مسجد عناصر مختلف خفیہ کریک ڈاؤن شروع کر دیا گیا، کئی شدت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے، داعش کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر آپریشن شروع کیا گیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے داعش کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر لال مسجد عناصر کے خلاف خفیہ کریک ڈاؤن شروع کر دیا ہے۔ آپریشن انٹیلی جنس اداروں کی اطلاعات کے بعد شروع کیا گیا ہے، جس میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ یہ عناصر پاکستان میں داعش اور دیگر کالعدم جماعتوں سے مسلسل رابطے میں ہیں۔ آپریشن میں شامل سینئر افسران کا کہنا ہے کہ انہوں نے پنجاب میں دو ماہ کے دوران مختلف آپریشن کے ذریعے لال مسجد عناصر کے کئی شدت پسندوں کو ہلاک، جب کہ 89 افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے، غازی فورس کے 278 کارکنوں کی نگرانی کی جارہی ہے۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ایک سینئر افسر نے جونیوز کو بتایا کہ یہ عناصر ملکی سلامتی کے لیے شدید خطرات کا باعث ہیں کیوں کہ وہ پنجاب میں داعش کو پھیلنے پھولنے کا موقع فراہم کر رہے ہیں، انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیوں کی سفارشات پر سننے طرز کا کریک ڈاؤن شروع کیا گیا ہے، جو خفیہ معلومات کی بنیاد پر کیا جا رہا ہے جو وزارت داخلہ کو موصول ہوئی ہیں، جس میں بتایا گیا ہے کہ لال مسجد عناصر نے عسکری گروہوں سے تعلقات قائم کر لیے ہیں اور وہ غازی فورس کے عسکری گروہ کی تنظیم نو کر رہے ہیں۔ انسداد دہشتگردی فورس کے نمائندوں نے دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ دو ماہ کے دوران پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں مقابلوں کے دوران 35 مشتبہ دہشتگردوں کو ہلاک کیا جا چکا ہے۔ ان میں سے اکثریت کا تعلق یا تو لال مسجد سے تھا یا پھر غازی فورس سے۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ اس سال اب تک 226 خطرناک دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کیا جا چکا ہے اور 1200 کے قریب دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ ان کے مطابق غازی فورس کے 278 ارکان کی خفیہ نگرانی کی جارہی ہے۔ غازی فورس ایک کالعدم جماعت ہے جو 2007 میں لال مسجد آپریشن کے بعد بنائی گئی تھی۔

حافظ یثیر بن گئے، جبکہ آباد کے 3 دوست کراچی میں اپنے دوست عبدالحق کے ساتھ جاند خریدنے آئے، صدر پتھن کراچی میں رہائش اختیار کی، کھانا کھاتے ہوئے اینٹی کار لفٹنگ سیل شریف آباد کی ٹیم نے 12 جولائی کو انہیں اغوا کیا، 2 دن تک تشدد کیا اور ڈراہم کا وصول 20 لاکھ روپے وصول کئے۔ رہائی پانے کے بعد عبدالحق نے آئی جی سندھ اللہ ڈنو خواجہ سے تحریری شکایت کی جس پر آئی جی سندھ نے نوٹس لیتے ہوئے چاروں پولیس اہلکاروں کو گرفتار کر دیا اور ڈی آئی جی سی آئی اے سلطان خواجہ کو انکو ایمری افسر مقرر کر دیا۔ حکام کے مطابق گرفتار پولیس اہلکاروں سے تفتیش شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔

پشاور (ویب ڈیسک) حیات آباد سرکل پولیس نے تباہی کے بڑے منصوبے کو ناکام بناتے ہوئے سرہند کے علاقہ میں جبری کے گودام سے 7 مارٹر شیلز برآمد کر لئے جبکہ موقع سے گودام کے مالک کو بھی گرفتار کر لیا جس کا تعلق افغانستان سے بتایا جاتا ہے ملزم کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کر کے مزید تفتیش شروع کر دی گئی ہے اے ایس پی حیات آباد حسن افضل کے مطابق گزشتہ شب تھانہ سرہند پولیس نے ایک اطلاع پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے مین باڑی روڈ پر واقع جبری کے گودام پر چھاپہ مارا جہاں سے 7 ایکٹیو مارٹر شیلز برآمد کر لئے اور موقع سے گودام کے مالک حسن ولد سیف الرحمان ساکن افغانستان حال مقیم باڑہ قدیم کو گرفتار کر لیا۔

**تاجروں کو اغوا کر نیوالے 14 اہلکار قانون
کی گرفت میں**

جیو اردو نیوز

17 جولائی 2016

**جبری کے گودام سے 7 مارٹر شیلز برآمد،
تباہی کا بڑا منصوبہ ناکام**

روزنامہ پاکستان

17 جولائی 2016

بادجو دا انتظامیہ امدادی کارروائیاں شروع نہ کر سکی۔

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ملک کے پہاڑی علاقوں میں بارشوں کے باعث تربیلا اور منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ تربیلا ڈیم میں پانی کی آمد دولاکھ بائیس ہزار آٹھ سو کیوسک ہے جبکہ ڈیم سے پانی کا اخراج ایک لاکھ چھیانوے ہزار چھ سو کیوسک ہے۔ تربیلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح پندرہ سو بارہ فٹ سے زائد ہے۔ منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی آمد چوالیس ہزار چار سو تیرہ کیوسک اور اخراج پندرہ ہزار کیوسک ہے۔ منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح بارہ سو بائیس فٹ سے زائد ہے۔ تربیلا ڈیم میں پانی کی انتہائی سطح پندرہ سو پچاس فٹ سے اٹنیس فٹ کم اور منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح انتہائی سطح بارہ سو بائیس فٹ سے بیس فٹ کم ہے۔ دریائے کابل میں نوشہرہ کے مقام پر پانی کا بہاؤ چون ہزار کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ دریائے کابل میں نوشہرہ کے مقام پر نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ دریائے سندھ میں گدو کے مقام پر نچلے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ دیگر تمام دریائے ہینڈور کس پر معمول کے مطابق بہہ رہے ہیں۔

بارش: لاہور میں ماں بیٹی سمیت 3
جا بحق جڑانوالہ: خاتون اور اس کا بیٹا دم
توڑ گئے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 جولائی 2016

ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں بارشوں
کے باعث تربیلا اور منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی
سطح میں اضافہ ہو گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کی گئی ہے۔ پنجاب کے وسطی اور جنوبی شہروں فیصل آباد، ملتان، بہاولپور اور ڈیرہ غازی خان جبکہ شمال مشرقی بلوچستان کے اضلاع ژوب، سی اور نصیر آباد میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے اور اس دوران بالائی علاقوں میں چند مقامات پر موسلا دھار بارش بھی ہو سکتی ہے۔ جس کے باعث برساتی ندی نالوں میں طغیانی، پہاڑی علاقوں میں لینڈ سلائڈنگ اور شہری علاقوں میں سیلابی صورتحال کا خدشہ ہے۔

کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی میں شاہین کپلیکس کے قریب قدیم دو منزلہ رہائشی عمارت کا ایک حصہ گر گیا، خاتون جاں بحق اور سات افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ مخدوش عمارت گر گئی، افسوسناک واقعہ پیش آیا کراچی میں شاہین کپلیکس کے قریب، قدیم رہائشی عمارت کی اوپری منزل دھماکے سے زمین بوس ہو گئی، آٹھ افراد ملے تلے دب گئے۔ جاں بحق اور زخمی افراد کو سول ہسپتال پہنچایا گیا۔ واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی سیاسی جماعتوں کے رہنما بھی موقع پر پہنچ گئے۔ نامزد ڈپٹی میئر کراچی ارشدوہرہ سائیکس سرکار پر برس پڑے۔ پی ٹی آئی کے رہنما عارف علوی کا کہنا تھا کہ عمارت مخدوش قرار دے کر صرف نوٹس دینا کافی نہیں۔ ایڈمنسٹریٹر کراچی نے بھی امدادی سرگرمیوں کا جائزہ لیا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ عمارت خالی کرنا سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی کی ذمہ داری ہے شہری حکومت کی نہیں عمارت کا قبضہ حصہ بھی خالی کر لیا گیا ہے

لاہور + اسلام آباد + ایلووری (سٹاف رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران + نیوز ایجنسیاں + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں مون سون بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، بارشوں سے جہاں گرمی کا زور ٹوٹ گیا ہے وہیں کئی علاقوں میں نظام زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گیا۔ شانگلہ کے علاقے داموڑی میں سیلاب نے تباہی مچادی سڑکیں، رابطہ پل 2 پاور ہاؤسز، 3 گاڑیاں، موٹر سائیکل اور کئی مکانات سیلاب میں بہہ گئے جبکہ جھنگ میں دیوار گرنے سے خاتون اور بچی جاں بحق ہو گئی جبکہ اسلام آباد میں کچی آبادی میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے خاتون ہلاک ہو گئی۔ گزشتہ رات سے اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی میں ہونے والی بارش کے بعد نالہ لٹی میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہو گئی جس کے بعد ممکنہ نقصان سے بچنے کے لئے ملحقہ علاقوں میں الرٹ جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ دوسری جانب شدید بارشوں کے باعث شانگلہ سے گزرنے والے دریا میں طغیانی آگئی سوات میں بارشوں نے نظام زندگی درہم برہم کر دیا ہے۔ سوات کے بشام روڈ سمیت دیگر کئی سڑکیں پانی میں بہہ جانے کی وجہ سے عوام گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ سوات کے علاقے کروڑہ میں لینڈ سلائڈنگ کے باعث گاؤں خالی کر لیا گیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں مزید بارشوں کی پیش گوئی کی ہے۔ ادھر جمعرات اور جمعہ کے درمیانی رات شدید موسلا دھار بارش کی وجہ سے سیلاب نے شانگلہ کے یونین کونسل داموڑی لودر میں تباہی مچادی سڑکیں، رابطہ پل، 2 پاور ہاؤسز، 3 گاڑیاں، موٹر سائیکل، مال موٹی اور کئی مکانات سیلاب میں بہہ گئے ہیں، عوام کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔ جھنگ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تحصیل اٹھارہ ہزاری میں تھانہ کوٹ شاکر کے علاقے میں مکان کی دیوار گرنے سے ایک بچی اور خاتون سمیت دو افراد جاں بحق جبکہ دو زخمی ہو گئے۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور گرد و نواح میں موسلا دھار بارش سے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی اور بارشی پانی کناروں سے باہر نکل آیا نشیبی علاقے پانی سے بھر گئے۔ اے پی پی کے مطابق وفاقی دارالحکومت کے سیکڑجی سیون میں قائم کچی آبادی میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے خاتون الزبتھ ہلاک جبکہ کم سن بچہ ملے کے نیچے دب گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں سیلابوں کی پیش گوئی کرنے والا 18 ٹیلی میٹرک سسٹم ناکارہ اور 26 خستہ حال ہو گئے۔ ٹیلی میٹرک سسٹم ناکارہ ہونے کے باعث سیلاب کی پیچیدگی محدود ہو گئی ہے۔ ادھر لاہور کے علاقے تھانہ بانا پور کے علاقے میں زیر تعمیر مکان کی چھت گرنے سے 3 مزدور شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایک زخمی کی حالت نازک بتائی گئی ہے۔ معلوم ہوا ہے کہ مزدور محمد بونا، الیاس اور جمیل مکان کی تعمیر کر رہے تھے اسی دوران مکان کی چھت کا ایک حصہ گر گیا جس سے تینوں مزدور شدید زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری ہسپتال منتقل کر لیا گیا۔ گوجرانوالہ سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق بارش سے جل تھل ہو گیا تاہم نکاسی آب کا نظام درہم برہم ہونے سے شہر بھر کی سڑکیں اور گلیاں ندی نالوں میں تبدیل ہو گئیں۔ لکھنؤ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بارش سے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آ گئے۔

پاکستان کے 76 فیصد گھرانے ناقص غذائیت کا شکار ہیں۔ وزارت منصوبہ بندی، ترقی اور اصلاحات اور ورلڈ فوڈ پروگرام کی مشترکہ سٹڈی میں کہا گیا ہے اگرچہ پاکستانی معیشت میں بہتری آئی ہے تاہم غذائی عدم تحفظ اور ناقص غذا سرفہرست رہے ہیں۔ سٹڈی میں کہا گیا ہے کہ گھرانے غذائی ضروریات اور خوراک کو برداشت نہیں کر سکتے جس میں مطلوبہ وٹامن معدنیات اور چھوٹے غذائی اجزاء شامل ہوں اور جو خریدنے کی صلاحیت رکھتے ہیں وہ خوراک و غذا نہیں لیتے کیونکہ انہیں غذائی افادیت کا شعور نہیں ہے۔

گھونکی میں سیلاب نے تباہی مچادی۔ ہزاروں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلیں تباہ ہو گئیں، 40 سے زائد دیہات زیر آب آ گئے۔ وبائی امراض بھی پھوٹ پڑے، ادویات راشن کی شدید قلت پیدا ہو گئی۔ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے تاحال امدادی کارروائیاں شروع نہ ہو سکیں۔ کچے کے مختلف علاقوں رونتی، آندل سندرنی، قادر پور میں سیلابی پانی نے تاحد نگاہ چیز تھیں نہیں کر دی۔ 40 سے زائد دیہات زیر آب آ گئے، ہزاروں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلیں برباد ہو گئیں۔ جبکہ مختلف علاقوں کا زمینی رابطہ بھی منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ لوگ گھروں کی چھتوں پر محصور ہو کر رہ گئے جبکہ علاقے میں وبائی امراض بھی پھوٹ

کراچی: قدیم عمارت کا ایک حصہ گرنے سے خاتون جاں بحق

دنیا نیوز

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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پاکستان کے 76 فیصد گھرانے ناقص

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سیلاب نے تباہی مچادی، 40 سے زائد دیہات زیر آب آ گئے

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مُرخیاں

شدید بارشوں کے باعث لاہور کے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آگئے جب کہ مختلف علاقوں میں مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے کے واقعات میں 3 بچوں سمیت 5 افراد جاں بحق اور 6 زخمی ہو گئے۔

لاہور میں شدید بارشیں، مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے سے 3 بچوں سمیت 5

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روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق گزشتہ رات لاہور میں ہونے والی شدید بارش کے باعث نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آگئے اور سڑکیں تالابوں کا منظر پیش کرنے لگیں جب کہ ٹرانسفارمرز جلنے اور فیڈر ٹرپ ہونے سے گلیز پر جیسے پوش علاقے سمیت کئی علاقوں میں رات سے ہی بجلی غائب ہے۔

یہ خبر بھی پڑھیں لاہور میں بارش کے باعث مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک ہی خاندان کے 4 افراد جاں بحق لاہور کے علاقے بند روڈ پر مکان کی چھت گرنے سے 3 بچے جاں بحق اور ایک زخمی ہو گیا، جاں بحق اور زخمی بچوں کی عمریں 4 سے 10 سال کے درمیان ہیں، مصطفیٰ ٹاؤن میں زیر تعمیر مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق اور 4 زخمی ہوئے جب کہ شیعہ چھرہ کے علاقے میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے باپ جاں بحق اور بیٹا زخمی ہو گیا۔

لاہور (دنیا نیوز) لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش سے چھتیں گرنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق اور سات زخمی ہو گئے، کئی علاقوں میں فیڈر ٹرپ ہونے سے بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہے۔ پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں بھی تیز بارش ہوئی جس سے نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آگئے۔ پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں ابر رحمت کھل کر برسا، رات گئے کئی علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش ہوئی، کئی علاقوں میں پانی کھڑا ہو گیا، نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آنے سے پانی گھروں میں داخل ہو گیا جس سے لوگوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ بارش کی وجہ سے ملتان چوکی اور اچھرہ میں چھتیں گرنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ خاتون سمیت سات زخمی ہوئے۔ برسات کے بعد لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے مختلف شہروں میں فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے جس کی وجہ سے بجلی کی فراہمی معطل ہو گئی۔ اب بھی کئی علاقے ایسے ہیں جہاں بجلی بحال نہیں کی جاسکی۔

لاہور: بارش کے دوران چھتیں گرنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق

دنیا نیوز

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لاہور: شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث بند روڈ، ملتان چوکی اور وحدت روڈ پر مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے سے تین بچے، ایک مزر دور اور تفصیلات کے مطابق بند روڈ پر مکان کی چھت گرنے سے 3 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے جن کی عمریں 10 سے 14 سال کے درمیان بتائی، خاتون جاں بحق ہو گئے اس سے قبل لاہور، جارتی ہیں جبکہ وحدت روڈ پر خستہ حال مکان منہدم ہونے سے ایک خاتون اور ملتان چوکی کے علاقے میں ایک مزر دور جاں بحق ہو گیا سمیت پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں صبح کے وقت گرمی کی شدت میں اضافہ دیکھنے میں آ رہا تھا تاہم گزشتہ رات سے ہونے والی بارش نے گرمی کا زور واضح رہے کہ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق اگلے دو روز تک لاہور، خاصی حد تک کم کر دیا اور بارش کا سلسلہ بند ہونے کے بعد بھی بادل چھائے ہوئے ہیں۔ سمیت پنجاب اور ملک کے دیگر علاقوں میں وقفے وقفے سے بارش کا امکان ہے جس سے گرمی کی شدت میں ہوگی۔

لاہور: مختلف علاقوں میں موسلا دھار بارش، چھتیں گرنے سے 5 افراد جاں بحق

اے آر وائی نیوز

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اسلام آباد: ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں مون سون بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے جس کے باعث محکمہ موسمیات نے بعض مقامات پر لینڈ سلائیڈنگ اور سیلابی گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں وفاقی دارالحکومت اسلام آباد، وسطی پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، گلگت بلتستان، کشمیر اور صورت حال پیدا ہونے کا خدشہ ظاہر کیا ہے۔ شمال مشرقی بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بھی بارش ہوئی ہے جس سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔ حالیہ بارشوں نے ملک میں جاری شدید گرمی کی لہر کو جہاں کم کیا ہے وہیں بعض مقامات پر انتظامیہ کی مجرمانہ غفلت کی بدولت ابر رحمت باعث زحمت بھی بن گئی ہے۔ واسا حکام کی نااہلی کی وجہ سے نشیبی علاقوں میں کئی فٹ پانی جمع ہو گیا ہے جب کہ سیکڑوں فیڈر ٹرپ ہو جانے سے بیشتر علاقوں میں کئی گھنٹے سے بجلی بھی معطل ہے۔ لاہور میں بارشوں کے باعث پیش آنے والے حادثات اور واقعات میں اب تک 15 افراد جاں بحق ہو چکے ہیں۔

ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں مون سون بارشیں، سیلابی صورت حال پیدا ہونے کا خدشہ

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محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق گزشتہ 24 گھنٹے کے دوران پنجاب میں سب سے زیادہ بارش جھنگ میں ہوئی جہاں 71 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی، اس کے علاوہ ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ میں 63، گوجرانوالہ اور بھکر میں 42، لاہور میں 41، اوکاڑہ 23، لیہ 20، سرگودھا 15، راولپنڈی میں 8 جبکہ ساہیوال میں 2 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ خیبر پختونخوا میں سب سے زیادہ بارش ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان میں ہوئی جہاں 41 ملی میٹر ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ جبکہ پارہ چنار میں 30، پشاور میں 14، دیر اور چرات میں 12، مالم چہ میں 10، کوہاٹ، لوئر دیر اور کالام میں 05 ملی میٹر، سیدو شریف میں 2 ملی میٹر ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ بلوچستان میں سب سے زیادہ بارش بارکھان میں 56 ملی میٹر، سی میں 37، گلگت بلتستان کے ضلع چلاس میں 2 ملی میٹر جبکہ کشمیر میں گڑھی دوپٹہ میں 4 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں میں وفاقی دارالحکومت اسلام کے علاوہ پنجاب کے بالائی اضلاع لاہور، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ اور سرگودھا میں اکثر مقامات پر بارش برسنے کا امکان ہے جبکہ خیبر پختونخوا کے شہروں مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، مردان، کوہاٹ، بنوں اور ڈیرہ اسماعیل خان، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں بھی مزید



سُرخیاں

- 35 لاہور میں شدید بارشیں، مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے سے 3 بچوں سمیت 5 افراد جاں بحق
- 35 ملک کے مختلف علاقوں میں مون سون بارشیں، سیلابی صورت حال پیدا ہونے کا خدشہ
- 33 ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں بارشوں کے باعث تربیلا اور منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح میں اضافہ ہو گیا
- 32 پنجاب: لال مسجد عناصر کیخلاف خفیہ کریک ڈاؤن، کئی شدت پسند ہلاک
- 32 تاجروں کو اغواہ کرنے والے 4 اہلکار قانون کی گرفت میں
- 31 آرمی چیف نے 12 دہشتگردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی، آئی ایس پی آر
- 29 ڈینگی سے نمٹنے کے لیے تمام ادارے چوکس رہیں، شہباز شریف کی ہدایت
- 28 اقتصادی راہداری سے 8 لاکھ نئی ملازمتیں پیدا ہونگی: پلاننگ کمیشن
- 28 طویل لوڈشیڈنگ کا سلسلہ نہ رک سکا، لوگ پریشان، کئی شہروں میں مظاہرے
- 28 برس میں تعلیمی بجٹ ڈبل، 2.4 کروڑ بچے بدستور سکولوں سے باہر
- 27 سی ایس ایس امتحان میں شرکت کیلئے عمر کی حد 28 سے بڑھا کر 30 سال کر دی گئی

بلیٹن میں شامل

- 35-27 اردو کی خبریں
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- 03-08 قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- 09-15 سیٹنی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- 16-21 پبلک سروسز سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

