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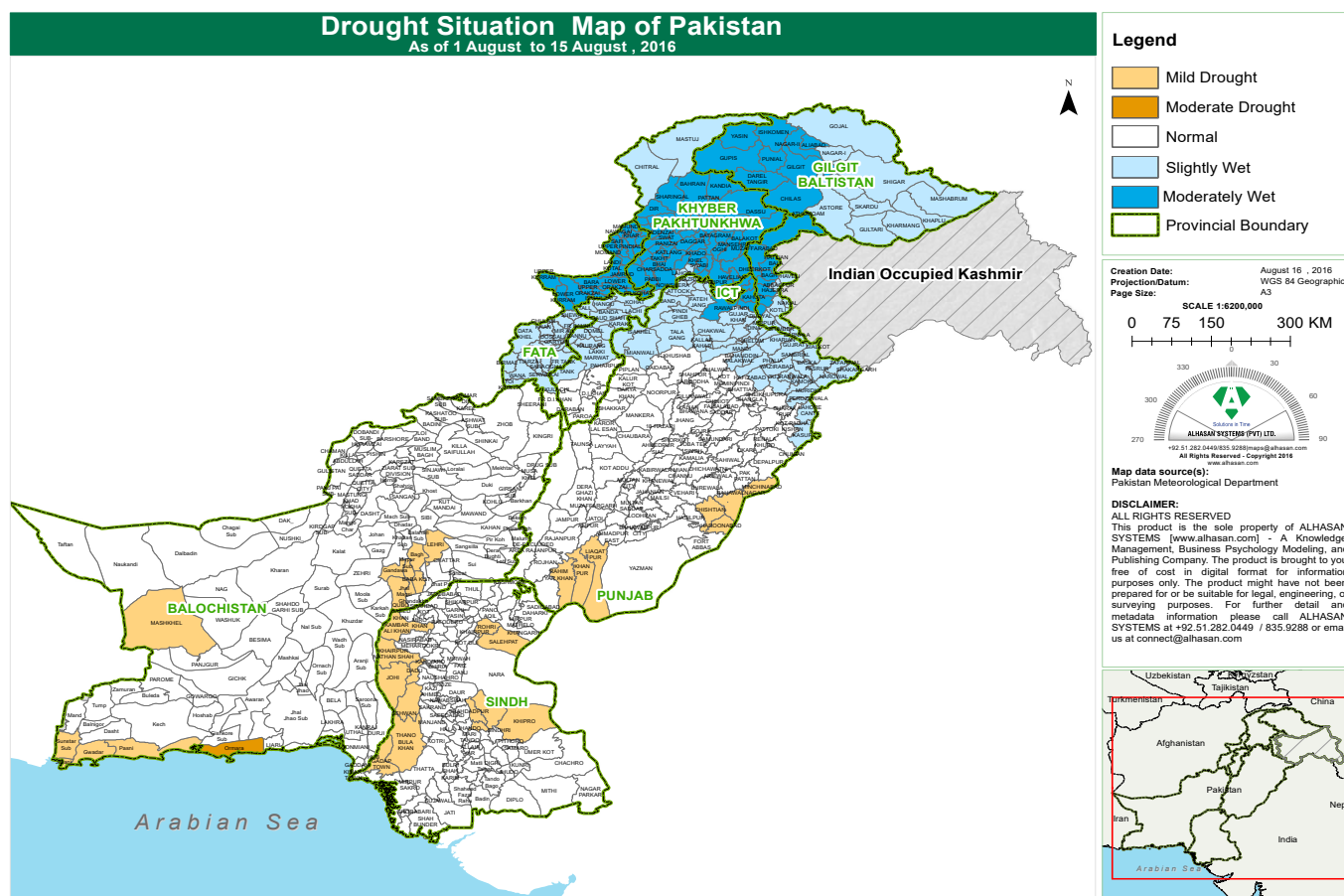
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

PDMA demands 15,000 tents

The News, August 15, 2016

Green Line Bus Rapid Transit ,a green disaster in the making

Daily Times, August 15, 2016

DETAILS

LAHORE: Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) has demanded as many as 15,000 tents from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in order to cater the needs of calamity hit people in case of flood. These tents would be stored in Lahore and Muzaffargarh to the quantity of 10,000 and 5,000 respectively.

This was informed by Chairman Cabinet Committee on Floods and Punjab Minister Malik Nadeem Kamran in a statement on Sunday. Malik Nadeem said that PDMA already has 36,871 numbers of tents in its stock and it has also ordered more 10,000 tents. With the supply of 15,000 tents from the federal government, the total number of tents in bulk would reach at 61,871 which would be enough to tackle any natural calamity like floods and earthquakes.

Kamran said PDMA has recently provided required food hampers, boats, plastic mats, mosquito nets, life jackets and life rings, dewatering pumps and blankets to the district administrations of Sialkot and Narowal when there was flood situation in River Chenab and Nulas of Deg, Aik, Palkhu and Baen in those areas.

KARACHI: The city will have to pay heavy price for the rapid mass transport system as according to the official data it will lose 20,000 trees to get it. The project's environmental impact assessment or EIA states that on the routes of the Green Line Bus Rapid Transit project around 16,637 trees will be cut down to construct the route. These trees are of 72 species, including Conocarpus, Eucalyptus and Lignum as dominant ones.

However, some shade trees such as Tamarindus indica, Albizzia procera, Ficus bengalensis, Azadirachta indica, Eucalyptus citriodora, Melia azadirach, Pithcellobium dulce, Ficus religiosa, and Zizyphus nummularia will also be chopped down for the project. Not only this, but even fruit trees like Jangal jalebi, Imli, Mango, Badam, Jaman, Naryal, Lahsora, Gondni, Ber, Date palm, and Amla lying on the route will be removed for the project.

"At least two trees should be planted to replace each removed tree otherwise a certain "environmental disaster will hit the city" said renowned ecologist and ?Natural Resources Management Coordinator at International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Nadeem Mirbahar. He said Karachi is already vulnerable to extreme weather spells due to the vanished urban forests and keeping that in view if at once such a large number of the trees are removed without any guarantee to replace these tree, it will bring a certain environmental disaster in near future in the city.

In 2015, Karachi witnessed deadly heatwave, during which though media reported 1300 deaths, however independent estimations found that there were more than 10,000 people died just in three days of the heatwave. Experts believe that beside other reasons, lack of the forest cover, heat become so severe. Different state authorities and experts are expecting more heatwaves in coming years.

Karachi's Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), a federal government project, which was initially planned for Rs.14 billion and now a Rs.15 billion, is around 109 km long mass transit project will be largest of its kind in Pakistan, as compare to the such other project carried by federal government in 7 other cities across the country. Karachi Infrastructure Development Company Limited (KIDCL), a company of ministry of communication, government of Pakistan, will initiate the Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project and it will be functional by February 2017.

Though, the KIDCL Company has announced that Karachi Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will be reliable, safe, affordable, high quality and will improve the quality of life of commuters in Karachi, but it has not explained that to carry out the project how much price the city has to pay. Since Karachi is already losing much of its forest and vegetation cover, the Karachi Green Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will bring more difficulties, as due to this project city will lose large number of trees.

According to CDGK's former executive director for parks and horticulture, Liaquat Ali Khan there was around 4 million trees in metropolis, which are vanishing rapidly. Though, by the law it is mandatory to clearly mention that if trees for any project is removed or cut down, how the construction company will replace it with the plantation and what type of the plants will be planted during the project. But in this EIA, the company has not mentioned that how it will replace the removed trees.

In the EIA report, the construction company only mentioned that "wherever possible the trees are transplanted for use elsewhere in the project like amenity areas at intersections". However, it has not clearly mentioned that when the "whenever possible" come will arrive and how it will restore the trees that it will remove during the project. Also it has not been mentioned in the environmental impact assessment that what type of the species the company will replace with the removed trees. In recent years, in Karachi it has become a common practice to replace indigenous plants with alien species such as conocarpus, which is harmful to environment and is imported from African Ethiopia.

Also the company has not mentioned that what it will do with wood that will come from the cutting of 16,637 trees in metropolis. It has also failed to mention the EIA report that how much budget is kept for the restoration of urban forest and replacement of 16,637 trees. The EIA has also not mentioned that by cutting of tree at such mass scale, how many birds of different species, living on these trees, will migrated from the city or it will still living inside the city, if yes, where do they will be living, as the birds are more important for such a mega city like Karachi. Different studies reveal

Efforts underway to wipe out dengue

Pak Observer, August 13, 2016

Pakistan glaciers threatened by climate change, ice-selling

The Star, August 12, 2016

that Pakistan's biggest city is already suffering with reducing bird population due to the mass cutting of urban forests, use of poison at mass level in the shape of insecticide. A recent study reveals that Karachi has only 10 species of birds, which are highly vulnerable.

RAWALPINDI: Advisor to Chief Minister on Dengue Control Dr. Waseem Akram said that all resources are being utilized for eliminating dengue. He said that concerned departments are fully mobilized for the task.

Addressing the session of a workshop of female workers, he directed all concerned departments to keep a close liaison with each other and public representatives to completely wipe out the outbreak of dengue. He directed that anti-dengue regulations be fully implemented and stern action be taken against those failing to comply with the laws. He asked the workers to create awareness among the house-wives to keep their houses clean and leaving no place wet or with stagnant water.—APP

MIRAGRAM: With its neat stone walls and paths, bountiful tomato and wheat fields and miniature sheep that graze right up to doorsteps, this picturesque village has an air of timelessness. But the 110 families who live here only have to glance out their doors to see that their irrigated idyll may not last forever.

For generations, the glacier clinging to Miragram Mountain, a peak that towers above the village, has served as a reservoir for locals as well as powering countless streams throughout Pakistan's scenic Chitral Valley. Now, though, the villagers say that their glacier — and their way of life — is in retreat. "We worry it may even vanish, and there will be no drinking water," said Abdul Nasir, 60, pointing up at the 19,000-foot mountaintop streaked with thin, patchy snow. "Every year it's melting."

With 7,253 known glaciers, including 543 in the Chitral Valley, there is more glacial ice in Pakistan than anywhere on Earth outside the polar regions, according to various studies. Those glaciers feed rivers that account for about 75 per cent of the stored-water supply in the country of at least 180 million. But as in many other parts of the world, researchers say, Pakistan's glaciers are receding, especially those at lower elevations, including here in the Hindu Kush mountain range in northern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Among the causes cited by scientists: diminished snowfall, warmer temperatures, heavier summer rainstorms and rampant deforestation.

To many, the 1,000-square-mile Chitral Valley has become a case study of what could await the rest of the world if climate change accelerates, turning life-supporting mountains into new markers of human misery. "It's already happening here, and my thinking is, in the coming years it will just go from bad to worse," said Bashir Ahmed Wani, a Pakistani forestry specialist with the Asian Development Bank.

Over the past six years, the Chitral Valley has also experienced three major floods that many Pakistani scientists attribute to climate change. The floodwaters killed more than 50 people and stranded hundreds of thousands while undercutting a once-vibrant tourist industry still struggling to rebound after Sept. 11, 2001. While climate change is a factor in the region's calamities, the valley has also come to symbolize the way a poorly educated populace can make the situation worse, creating a cycle of hardship. Its glaciers offer a stark example.

The valley's population has soared — from 106,000 in 1950 to 600,000 today — and most residents get just two to four hours of electricity a day. Without reliable refrigeration, residents turn to vendors hawking chunks of the valley's shrinking snowpack. Every day, they say, scores of these entrepreneurs drive five to seven hours to the mountain peaks, where they hack into the glaciers — or scoop up the preglacial snow — and load the haul into their jeeps and trucks. Back in the valley, they shovel the snow and ice into shopping bags and sell it for 50 cents a bag. "There are no fans, no refrigerators working, so I will store this for cooler water and then use it for drinking," said Ubaid Ureh, 46, as he held two dripping bags.

Hameed Ahmed Mir, a local biodiversity expert who has worked for the United Nations, said that one cubic yard of ice weighs about a ton — enough to supply four to seven families with drinking water for several days — and one vehicle can carry three to four tons of snow or ice. "Then multiply that by 200 vehicles per day."

Khalil Ahmed, a former project manager for the U.N.-supported Glacial Lake Outburst Floods Project, said Pakistani law does not make it clear whether the government or the public owns the country's vast glacial reservoirs. "We are trying to initiate a dialogue with the local people, but these are poor people," he said, noting that glaciers in the neighbouring territory of Gilgit-Baltistan are also being sold off.

Other scientists play down the threat, saying there are so many glaciers in Pakistan that it's like taking water from an ocean. But even they admit that the sight of desperate families waiting to buy snow underscores the challenges facing this valley.

Ghulam Rasul, head of the Pakistan Meteorological Department, said the country's weather patterns have shifted dramatically over the past two decades. When 30-year temperature averages from 1961 to 1990 are compared with those from 1981 to 2010, temperatures in the northern third of Pakistan, where the glaciers are located, increased by 1.2 degrees Celsius, Rasul said. Summer snow lines on Pakistan's mountains have also crept up an average of 3,395 feet since 1981, he added. And the number of glacial lakes — which form when melting ice gets locked up in or around a glacier — has jumped from 2,420 a decade ago to 3,044 today, according to a recent study. Equally alarming, Rasul said, the annual South Asia monsoon is growing more dynamic as temperatures spike over land and clash with cooler ocean waters. Now, instead of the late summer monsoon affecting mainly southern and eastern Pakistan, it has also been pumping deluges over the mountains. "I believe this is an impact of global warming," Rasul said. "If this continues, the glaciers will be melting at a fast rate, producing glacial lakes — and the lakes will burst," triggering

More than 40 cases of dengue reported this week

Daily Pakistan, August 12, 2016

German Government contributes Euro 1 million to WFP towards Resilience and Food Security in Pakistan

World Food Programme, August 11, 2016

disasters.

The weather changes have not seriously threatened the ice packs in Pakistan's northernmost regions, where five of the world's 14 highest peaks — all topping 26,000 feet — are located. Some researchers think that the glaciers in the Karakorum and Himalayan mountains in Gilgit-Baltistan may even expand as weather patterns shift and more precipitation falls over the highest peaks as snow. Many of Pakistan's glaciers are also covered in silt and debris, which helps insulate them. But farther south in the Chitral Valley, where most mountains are no higher than 22,000 feet, there is little doubt that the glaciers are under stress, researchers say.

In the village of Reshun last July, a 20-foot wall of water crashed over 126 houses and killed a 4-year-old girl "on a very hot day," said Azmat, 19, who uses only one name. "We resided here for at least the last 200 years, and we never faced any kind of flood like this," said the girl's father, Nizam Uddin, who estimates that he is 52.

Siraj ul-Mulk, the 71-year-old owner of the Hindu Kush Heights Hotel in Chitral, has been trekking in a different part of northern Chitral since he was a young man. "It used to take me a whole day to cross the glacier," he said. "Now, it will take me two hours." But just as in the broader global debate over climate change, some Pakistani researchers remain skeptical that warmer weather is causing Chitral's glaciers to melt.

Arshad Abbasi, a water and energy expert, said Pakistanis alone are responsible for their plight. He noted that tree roots stabilize the ground that the glaciers bind to — and that Pakistan has retained just 2 to 5 per cent of its tree cover. Even worse, he said, goat herders, tourists and even the country's army are allowed to trek over them. "People say global warming, but in fact, it's human activity" that most threatens the glaciers, said Abbasi, who has studied the effect of Pakistani and Indian military encampments on the shrinking Siachen Glacier in the Himalayan range near the disputed Kashmir region.

Local activists agree that lax environmental standards are magnifying the danger. Inayatullah Faizi, an expert on local culture, noted that much of Chitral's garbage and sewage is dumped directly into streams and the Chitral River — another reason residents buy snow from the glacier.

Aisha Khan, head of the Islamabad-based Mountain and Glacier Protection Organization, said a massive conservation campaign is needed to combat public ignorance. She noted that many mountain-area families still try to make glaciers grow by "fertilizing them," cutting ice from a dark, debris-clogged glacier (male) and setting it next to a clear one (female). Still, there are signs that younger Pakistanis, even in remote places, are realizing what is at stake.

In Sonoghur, a small village north of Miragram that was devastated by a glacial lake flood in 2007, a middle age man began telling a reporter that India and Israel are responsible for glaciers melting because they don't want overwhelmingly Muslim Pakistan "to grow and prosper." But Amir Shahzaib, 17, spoke up. "We don't believe that, and our new generation wants to take care of the earth," he said, adding that he and his friends were trying to get older residents to stop throwing plastic bottles in waterways. They can't do it all, he added. "We are just partly responsible for climate change," Shahzaib said of his village. "Mostly, the city people are responsible."

KARACHI: More than 40 cases of dengue have been reported in Sindh's capital this week. According to the Program Manager of Dengue Prevention and Control Programme (DPCP), Dr Masood Solangi more than 858 people have been affected by dengue from January till date, including children and women.

The most-hit areas of Karachi are Gulshan Iqbal, North Karachi, Gulberg, Nazimabad, Saddar, Lines area, Liaqatabad, Surjani, and Lyari.

ISLAMABAD: The Government of Germany has confirmed a contribution of Euro 1 million to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) for resilience and food security in Pakistan. WFP is complementing Government of Pakistan's reconstruction and development efforts and the FATA Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy (SRRS) by addressing food security issues of temporarily displaced people (TDPs) and returnee populations. WFP relief food assistance have been designed with the prime objective to save lives and avert hunger through the conduct of unconditional relief food distributions to the affected families, who have left their homes or are returning after protracted periods of displacement, and have limited or no means to meet their basic food needs.

The financial contribution by Germany will help WFP to continue providing uninterrupted food assistance to both displaced and returnee families in the country's north-west and will serve as a foundation upon which people can begin rebuilding their livelihoods and communities.

The German Ambassador, H. E. Ina Lepel, said: "The German Government is very committed to support the return and rehabilitation of the people of FATA. After the IDPs have returned to their homes the support of their daily needs has to be the first priority. We are glad to be able to increase our support to the WFPs food security interventions to this end."

This support will allow WFP to assist more than 89,000 displaced and returnee families affected by law and order operations in FATA, with monthly unconditional relief food distributions. Around 1,200 metric tons (MT) of food commodities including yellow split peas, vegetable oil and iodised salt will be procured for distribution along with the in-kind wheat provided by the Government of Pakistan).

WFP Pakistan Country Director and Representative, Lola Castro said that "the German contribution is very crucial at this moment, as it will help address food and nutrition security of vulnerable IDP and returnee populations who have no means to meet their basic needs, and prevent them from resorting to negative coping strategies."

In March 2015, the Government of Pakistan initiated a phased-return plan aiming to voluntarily

75m saplings to be planted in monsoon

Pak Observer, August 11, 2016

Combating climate change: Saarc members told to enhance cooperation

Express Tribune, August 11, 2016

Pakistan evolves comprehensive strategy to address climate change issues: Zahid Hamid

Business Recorder, August 10, 2016

Recent rains transform Khirthar Park into haven for wild animals

Daily Times, August 10, 2016

return all displaced populations to their areas of origin in FATA by the end of 2016 and developed a Sustainable Return and Rehabilitation Strategy (SRRS) centered on five pillars of recovery. Displaced populations are vulnerable to food insecurity both in areas of displacements and after their return, until they recover and benefit from stable livelihoods. Therefore, it is crucial to maintain humanitarian assistance for families which remain in displacement and support returnee populations during the crucial period of resettlement.

PESHAWAR: The Forest Department will plant 75 million saplings of different species during ongoing monsoon tree plantation campaign across the province to offset the challenges of desertification, global warming and climate change.

Officials in Forest Department told media on Wednesday the target of 70 million saplings has been given by KP Government and five million under Green Pakistan Initiative. A fit stock of 84.354 million saplings has been available with Forest Department to meet the set target. The official said plantation was being carried out with an assistance of farmers, local village developmental committees, NGOs, national building departments, volunteers, students of educational institutes and other stakeholders.

KP has been divided into three major circles including southern, Hazara and Malakand circles with main focus on plantation of locally species keeping in view of his survival rate. The official said if every Pakistan sow it least one sapling and look after it 360 million saplings would be grown per year.

ISLAMABAD: The World Bank country director has suggested increasing regional cooperation through the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) platform to meet climate change challenges.

Federal Minister for Law, Justice and Climate Change Zahid Hamid held a meeting with the World Bank Country Director Patchamuthu Illangovan, to discuss Pakistan and climate change from a regional lens. "South Asia's geo-climatic location is between the Himalayas and the Indian Ocean-Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, thus it is vulnerable to climate-related disasters caused by multiple hazards from glacier melting to sea-level rise," said Illangovan. He also suggested increasing regional cooperation through the Saarc platform.

Hamid said, "Pakistan has developed a comprehensive strategy to address climate change, which identifies policy approaches and implementation pathways for both adaptation and mitigation, and these are our essential priorities." He also mentioned that the government had taken steps to cope with the challenge including establishment of Climate Change Authority and Climate Change Act, expert study group to formulate INDCs, development of National Climate Change Policy, and establishment of Global Change-Impact Study Centre for conducting climate change-related research. The minister said National Disaster Management Authority had also been established to deal with disaster-management activities.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid said Pakistan had evolved a comprehensive strategy to address Climate Change issues. "Pakistan has developed a comprehensive strategy to address Climate Change which identifies policy approaches and implementation pathways for both adaptation and mitigation," he said during a meeting with country director of World Bank in Pakistan Patchamuthu Illangovan.

Mr. Patchamuthu said, "South Asia's geo-climatic location is between the Himalayas and Indian Ocean-Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, thus it is vulnerable to climate related disasters caused by Multiple hazards from glacier melting to sea level rise." He also discussed and suggested to increase regional cooperation through SAARC platform in upcoming summit in Pakistan.

Zahid Hamid said the government was fully aware of the situation and has taken various steps to cope with the situation. He said Climate Change Authority and Climate Change Act had been established, while expert study group was working to formulate Development of National Climate Change Policy to ensure Pakistan towards climate resilient development.

The minister said Global Change impact Study Center had been establishment for conducting climate change related research. National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) had been established at the federal, provincial and district levels to deal with spectrum of Disaster Management Activities, he said. "We are following through the SAARC platform Thimphu Statement on Regional Cooperation to combat climate change and Dhaka Declaration on Climate Change," said the minister.

KARACHI: The recent torrential monsoon rains has bring the ongoing severe drought to an end in the Khirthar National Park, the second largest national park of Pakistan, that was suffering with acute water shortage for last three years.

The current monsoon spell has filled the watering point, made by the Sindh Wildlife for the antelope, mammals and birds in this protected national park. Also, the barren park has started transforming into a lush green one due to rains. "A huge size seasonal river, Nae Gaaj from Dadu has started flowing and many other streams are also full of the water and there is sufficient water for the animals of the park for next one year," said Ghulam Muhammad Gadani, deputy provincial conservator, Sindh Wildlife Department. He said that due to continued dry spell for past three years most of the streams, rivers and natural ponds as well as the watering points had dried up making the animals to the park suffer. "But the recent spell of rains has brought positive changes in the park," said Gadani.

Spread in the Karachi, Dadu and Jamshoro districts, the park also touches Hub Dam. The official record of Sindh wildlife department reveals that there are 18 species of mammals, including wild goats, Urial, blackbucks, chinkara, Sindh ibexes, 65 species of birds and 25 species of reptiles in the park.



After Hingol National Park in Balochistan, the Kirthar National Park is the second largest national park. The park qualifies International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)'s criteria of protected sites. Thus, it was declared as protected site under the United Nation's list of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves in 1975. It was first-ever national park that was declared in such category.



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Preliminary Damages/ Losses

Provinces	Deaths				Injured			
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Male	Female	Children	Total
KP	25	8	19	52*	17	16	19	52
Sindh	21	-	-	21	1	-	-	1
Balochistan	8	-	2	10	5	3	-	8
AJ & K	2	3	-	5	2	-	-	2
Islamabad	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
FATA	2	9	16	27	-	-	-	-
Total	58	21	37	116	25	19	19	63

M,F,C and T denotes Male, Female, Children and Total respectively.

Source

PDMA's

***Ursoon Village, Tehsil Drosh, District Chitral Losses**

- 20 Male, 3 Female & 6 Children, Total 29
- 23 Recovered, 6 are still Missing

Private / Government Property / Livelihood Losses & Damages

Provinces	Houses Damages			Villages Affected			Crop Affected (Acres)	Cattle Head Perished	Govt Property
	Partially	Fully	Total	Partially	Fully	Total			
KP	169	52	221*	2	1	3	-	-	2 schools
Balochistan	157	203	360	1	8	9	-	40	-
Islamabad	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	327	255	582	3	9	12	-	40	2

Source: PDMA's.

*35 Partial, 20 Fully, Total 55 Houses Damaged in Ursoon Village.

Final assessment is in progress by respective DMAs.

Relief Provided by NDMA & PDMA's

Items	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				Balochistan		Total
	PDMA/DDMA	NDMA	PDMA Sindh	PDMA Punjab	PDMA	NDMA	
Tents	1,115	-	100	300	1,150	-	2,565
Foods Items (Tons)	4.2	30 (flour)	-	10	32.4	-	76.6 Tons
Blankets/ Quilts	750	-	200	1,000	250	-	2,200
Plastic Mats	700	-	-	300	1,000	-	2,200
Kitchen Sets	100	-	-	-	-	-	100
Mosquito nets	-	-	-	-	650	-	650
Cotton Mattresses	100	-	-	-	-	-	100

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Pakistan has launched decisive action to eliminate terrorism: President

Radio Pakistan, August 15 2016

Who is failing anti-terror works?

Daily Times, August 15, 2016

DETAILS

President Mamnoon Hussain has said Pakistan has launched decisive action to eliminate terrorism from the country.

Addressing a function of All Pakistan Fruit and Vegetable Association in Islamabad this evening, he said economic development is not possible without establishing peace and political stability. President said terrorists through their nefarious designs cannot weaken nation's resolve to fight terrorism. The President said besides use of force, comprehensive steps are needed to counter terrorism, which include revival of economy. He said government is providing soft loans on reduced markup ratio to promote economic development in the country. President Mamnoon Hussain said the government is also providing financial assistance to import sophisticated machinery to increase agri productions in the country. The President said Pakistan's mango is known for its sweetness and quality and stressed the need for getting its patent rights registered at the international level to increase its export to the world markets like the European Union. He said it has also been decided to establish Citrus Development Board to promote export of Pakistani citrus fruit.

NACTA has to be made effective. Its governing Board, chaired by Prime Minister and staffed by top civilian and military authorities, was supposed to meet regularly, but hasn't.

Nobody expected Operation Zarb-e-Azb to be a short term proposition. The most striking aspect of the operation was the categorical note adopted by the Pakistan army, denouncing terrorism in all forms and manifestations. It needs to be recalled that the army had resisted the need to win back North Waziristan, which has been associated with the Haqqani group and other outfits, allegedly valued by military establishment as strategic assets. The emergence of dharna politics immediately after the launching of operation Zarb-e-Azb dampened the focus on the menace of religious extremism. However, the Peshawar Army Public School incident in mid-December brought back the desired impetus in military action against terrorist outfits. An important related development was the passage of the 21st constitutional amendment, ushering in military courts and an elaborate national action plan. The second phase of Operation Zarb-e-Azb in 2015 also coincided with steps against violence in Karachi. The impact of military courts on the course of the national campaign against terrorism is yet to be seen. However, the military action has definitely disrupted the terror network, besides killing or capturing important terrorist characters. As of now, it appears to be a long term initiative, which will test the nerves, resolve and resources of the nation.

Reportedly, large number terrorists are captured in area outside Fata and cities however, no concrete evidence has been put on record and well known terrorist assets are still at large and many groups continue to allegedly enjoy a soft corner in the echelons of power and policy.

Outlawed groups and a myriad terrorist outfits have been on the national scene for too long not to be in liaison with mainstream political parties, and it is very likely that such links are still at play. Only consistent state policy can disrupt and eliminate covert threats of violence and terror.

The National Action Plan completely failed to implement its point number four regarding the strengthening and activation of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA). NACTA which had to play an important in carrying out operations against the militants effectively had failed to move beyond papers. It seems that NACTA has become a football being tossed between the prime minister, military establishment and the interior minister. NACTA has been hibernating since its formation and it remains a victim of turf wars between intelligence agencies. The legal status of NACTA had been the topic of the debate since its inception because according to federal government's rules of business, it is the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior which keeps a check on the paramilitary forces. NACTA was supposed to coordinate between various ministries and intelligence agencies. We are clueless that whether it is an executive body which falls under the prime minister or it is an autonomous authority with extraordinary summoning powers.

To make sense of the situation, the Daily Times talked exclusively to Khawaja Khalid Farooq who has been a career police officer for more than three decades. He joined the police service of Pakistan in 1974 (2nd Common) and retired as inspector general of police in 2010 after which he joined National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA) in July 2011 and served till April, 2013. He has seen the ups and down of the country from very closely. There were days when police would work only for order in the country. Then struck the terrorism. He has seen the war on terror closely. He is an expert on Counter Terrorism, Militancy and Law and order. In this interview, Daily Times spoke to Mr Farooq on a range of issues.

Q. Army chief General Raheel Sharif has declared lack of progress on implementation of National Action Plan (NAP) damaging to the progress of ongoing military operation Zarb-e-Azb. Do you think he is right? Do you consider this scathing criticism coming from the army quarters directed towards the civilian law enforcement agencies? What are the reasons for this lack of progress?

The army is visibly upset over the lack of progress on NAP, and much can be laid at the feet of the civilian authorities. The Army Chief had earlier also asked the civilian authorities to step up in November last year during the corps commanders' conference. Criticism is a strong word, but it certainly is policy steer from the Army, which is doing most of the operational actions regarding NAP, seemingly not matched by similar resolve on the civilian side.

The federal government has not done enough for the Temporarily Displaced Persons (TDPs) who were forced to migrate during the launch of Operation Zarb-e-Azb. Development projects for

rehabilitation and restoration of infrastructure are still seemingly low priority, for the commonly cited reasons of bureaucratic neglect and issues of transparency in such projects. We needed to heal FATA, but instead we seem to be disillusioning them more and more. Issues like China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are important, but there needs to be simultaneous visible activity on the security front from the civilian side, which seems to be lacking.

There is some investment in logistics and human resource over the years for policing and civilian law enforcement, but it fails to keep pace with the challenges faced by these entities. Besieged by resource constraints, subject to political patronage and manipulation, and resultantly poor capacity of its staff, police in Pakistan particularly need large scale re-vamping of its structure.

Q. For the purposes of intelligence sharing and logistics for Zarb-e-Azb, what kind of support are civilian law enforcement agencies receiving from the military? How can this information flow be improved?

Army is already playing a role in building the capacity of police and other law enforcement agencies across the country. In this regard, The Army is all set to have a dominant role in the recruitment of 20,000 police personnel who will help make Karachi more secure. The army will assist in ensuring merit-based recruitment and training, besides playing a role in equipping them with light arms. The National Counter-Terrorism Authority (NACTA), as the mandated civilian – military interface, had earlier announced a meeting of stakeholders to prepare robust solutions for civil-military interfaces regarding security and policing. Another proposal being considered is a digitized federal crime record that would greatly help security and intelligence agencies in effectively managing operations against terrorists. NACTA can play a great role in bringing all these elements together, but it has to be made effective. Its governing Board, chaired by the Prime Minister and staffed by top civilian and military authorities, was supposed to meet regularly, but hasn't. This needs to be improved.

Q. Why do security forces only target political parties as a means to implement the National Action Plan instead of going after banned militant outfits such as LeJ, TTP and others? How strong are these banned outfits in Punjab?

I think this is a wrong perception perpetuated by ignorance; even a cursory look at the record of arrests of CTD Punjab reveals that it arrests a lot of members of these banned organizations. The problem is many of these organizations and their members have morphed into fluid entities which relocate and change priorities all the time, so it is not an easy task for any law enforcement to keep track of such. Please remember under-cover and underground terrorist entities are notorious for longevity globally, but at the same time there has never been a terrorist entity which has survived the resolve of the state in modern history.

Q. Do you think that some banned outfits in Punjab are receiving aid or support from political organizations or important personalities?

If any political organisation supports militancy due to any hidden agenda or any misplaced notion of support for any ideology, that organisation should be proceeded against strongly. However, many political entities resort to deferring to such entities during election times to get support from their constituency. These entities may not carry electoral weight but this tendency belies that they have some buy-in from certain sections of the society. Then of course there is the factor of laissez faire regarding these entities, because ostensibly to do so otherwise carries a great quantum of threat.

Q. The confrontation with the Chotu Gang in South Punjab has indicated that there are vast swaths of land that are left unvisited by law enforcement agencies or agents and that such lands prove to be safe havens for looters and terrorists. What other areas and geographical zones, in Punjab, can prove problematic for police oversight?

Gangs and zones of insecurity sometimes prevail in many developing countries. Of course there is sometimes negligence on part of authorities in tackling these issues in Pakistan, which have allowed these problems to grow in the first place; this cannot be denied. However, the point to be determined is that when these issues are highlighted, can the state take back that territory and re-establish its writ? From Swat to Chotu gang, the state has done that. The lacunae that need to be tackled are the conditions that allow these gangs to grow.

Q. Army chief stated that "While there has been considerable improvement in security environment and dividends have started to reach masses, any distracting and inciting comments and theories by some quarters are unhelpful and undermining the overall national effort." Do you agree? Why?

The nation is fiscally challenged, politically polarised, and frustrated by 11 years of insecurity, a daunting set of conditions in which to establish a national security agenda. Successfully navigating the shifting domestic and international landscape at this crossroads will be critical to securing our interests. Reviving a consensus on how to do so is almost as important, and distractions along the way hinder such progress. There have many times been a disconnect between intent and action when Pakistani policy makers develop strategies in security-related matters. For instance, there has been plenty of talk about madrasah-reforms during President Musharraf's reign. Furthermore, NACTA has been in consistent birth throes ever since 2008 with continuous claims of being 'reborn' every year. Therefore, concerted focus from most of the administrative machinery of the Pakistani state apparatus is needed to implement the 'wish lists' envisaged in the NISP- this is a herculean task in itself, and distractions along the way cannot be helpful.

Q. Since the introduction of the Joint Intelligence Directorate (JID) idea in National Internal Security Policy (NISP) the hitherto defunct unit of NACTA is considered as the missing backbone for the entire operation. Why, in your opinion, has the government and military establishment failed to establish it even now?

The JID was an organisational restructuring move under the NISP of a wing within NACTA wherein 33 civilian and military intelligence and operational agencies would be represented to integrate tactical, operational and strategic 'levels' of civil and military 'verticals'. This assumed inter organizational and national consensus which is still a dream. Even though the NISP document is a huge improvement from previous ones, it is certainly over-ambitious to think that NACTA will by default acquire the capability to drive a national consensus on counter-extremism and counter terrorism. Pakistan remains deeply divided by emotive discourses at variance with each other and many of these narratives are able to command large followings. Madrasahs are one such issue; organized along sects, they are resistant to adapt to modernity.

Perhaps the biggest hurdle in implementing an ambitious document like NISP is that Pakistan is a developing country. It has a limited amount of resources as opposed to more developed states; similarly it is a state which still needs to work out issues concerning the balances of power between the center and the provinces, in regards to jurisdiction in terrorism-related cases, police order and other issues.

Pakistan suffers from a lack of regulatory quality whereby plans, laws, structures and documents are drawn up, but the practical implementation of these is far from ideal. These state deficiencies also plague the effective implementation of the National Internal Security Policy of Pakistan.

However, this should not be allowed to cloak the sluggishness of civilian administration. At NAP implementation, 16 subcommittees were notified by PMO, most of them have met only once, some not even once. There has apparently a Task Force which is now mandated, without probably not even remembering about the subcommittees whose function was to monitor and ensure nap implementation. This back and forth posturing is not helpful to our security efforts.

The new NACTA Act envisages NACTA as being presided over by a high level Board of Governors (BOG) headed by the prime minister; its members will be chief ministers of all provinces and Gilgit-Baltistan, the prime minister of AJK, minister for law and justice, one senator to be recommended by the Senate chairman, one parliamentarian (MNA) to be recommended by the National Assembly (NA) Speaker, Ministry of Interior secretary, Inter-Services Intelligence DG, Intelligence Bureau DG, Military Intelligence DG, national coordinator, Federal Investigation Agency DG and the inspectors general of police of all provinces, AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan. The board will be endowed with the power to exercise all functions of the authority, and will also be responsible to approve policies and annual budgets prepared by the authority. The bill requires all federal ministries and provincial departments including corporations, bodies, set ups, controlled or administered by or under the authority of Federal or Provincial Governments to cooperate with NACTA. The irony is, the Board which was mandated to meet regularly, has hardly ever met in its full quorum, as far as I am aware. This belies the seriousness of the government in putting this body on its feet.

Q. Has the National Action Plan completely failed in implementing its point number four regarding the strengthening and activation of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA)?

Ostensibly, NACTA was envisaged because there was a lack of coordination among the security and intelligence agencies, and they needed to be brought under one umbrella, a fact that has been recognized for the first time through the statutory regulations establishing NACTA. This has been said to be a major accomplishment; even though about two dozen security agencies have been working in Pakistan related in one way or the other to the security situation, there has been till date little coordination between them. The NISP proposes that this duplication of roles leading to wastage of resources would be resolved through the policies and business processes put in place through NACTA. This is indeed an objective to aspire for, but it remains to be seen how this will be translated into practice.

Certainly, we need to allow NACTA some more time to establish itself; as such entities have to resolve complicated issues of turf wars between existing organizations in the state security apparatus to ensure seamless coordination. Hopefully, NACTA overcomes this soon, but it needs to now step up fairly quickly to the reputation that it needs to earn.

On Saturday night, an alleged picture of the Civil Hospital Quetta attack suicide bomber was circulated on social media. The name of the alleged attacker was mentioned on the photograph as Muaavia Khurasani. It is yet to be ascertained if the Islamic State released the photograph or whether it is fabricated.

While there is no official word on this important development, talking to Geo News on the condition of anonymity a few security officials in Quetta shared that the photograph seemed authentic, however added "further clarification will emerge after forensic examination of the picture".

Last Monday on August 8, at around 8:40 President of the Balochistan Bar Association (BBA) Bilal Anwar Kasi was gunned down on Mano Jan Road as he made his way to work. He was rushed to Civil Hospital Quetta. After the incident was reported on electronic media, members of the legal fraternity started gathering in the hospital at around 9:20AM. By 9:40AM a large number of lawyers were present inside the premises of the hospital. Six minutes later the suicide bomber detonated his explosives killing at least 72 with over one hundred injured.

According to an official privy to the investigation, the suicide bomber likely entered the hospital at 9:08 am and waited for the crowd to be assembled. In the aftermath, three different groups claimed responsibility of this tragic attack; Jamat-ul-Ahrar, a splinter group of banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Hakimullah Mehsud group and Islamic State. Various law enforcement agencies including police, civil and military intelligence agencies are investigating the attack from different angles.

Due to a history of terror attacks in the city, LEAs believed that the attack was carried out by TTP-JA (TTPJA) with the assistance of banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) Balochistan. The modus

Civil Hospital Quetta attack, an insight into the investigation
GEO TV, August 15, 2016

operandi and the signature of the attack compelled investigators to focus their attention towards TTPJA and LeJ.

On April 16, 2010, Arshad Zaidi son of Balochistan Shia Conference was targeted at Mannan Chowk. He was shifted to civil hospital Quetta. A large number of Hazara community members started reaching to the hospital. The suicide bomber was present at the hospital. At least 11 people lost their lives including a cameraman of Samaa TV, Arif Malik and four police officers. The LeJ claimed the responsibility of the attack. There are other examples where TTP – with the cooperation of LeJ Balochistan – carried out deadly attacks in Quetta.

Three years ago on the same day of August 8, Station House Officer (SHO) of City Police Station Mohibullah Davi was killed on Airport Road as he returned after Eid shopping with his children. His funeral prayers were held later that day inside the Police Lines. A significant crowd was present to attend the funeral of the slain police officer.

Meanwhile, a suicide bomber was intercepted as he tried to sneak in to the premises. He detonated his explosive jacket. At least 30 policemen including a DIG and a SP lost their lives in the attack. The then defunct TTP spokesman Shaidullah Shahid claimed the attack.

Later, when the case was traced and some important arrest were made, it was discovered that TTP hatched the plot and LeJ's local ruthless chief Usman Kurd alias Saifullah Kurd played a key role in the execution of the plan.

This year on January 13, a suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest near Polio Centre Quetta. At least 15 people were killed including 13 policemen. The defunct TTP Fazlullah group claimed the credit of the attack.

Keeping previous terror incidents in mind, security apparatus of Balochistan believed that ultra-violent terrorist outfit Daesh did not have influence and could not carry out such coordinated attacks – but emergence of the alleged suicide bomber's photograph has rung alarm bells.

After the attack on Civil Hospital Quetta, Daesh directly claimed responsibility. Earlier Daesh's alleged media wing, Amaq News Agency issued a statement on the Quetta massacre. Islamic State published the claim in three different languages including English Arabic and Urdu.

Investigators have in their possession a video where a youth wearing Shalwar-Qameez and a coat was seen roaming around in the hospital.

A high-level intelligence source confirmed, "there are similarities found between an alleged photograph of a suicide bomber and a guy who was spotted in the video," but added, "conclusion will be drawn after the forensic report of the digital record is received".

"We are aware of the picture and are probing this new aspect but it would be early to comment without any scientific examination of the photograph", said SP Investigation Quetta Police Zahoor Afridi while talking to Geo News. He further disclosed, "we have two other suspects, therefore, cannot confirm that Muaavia Khurasani was the suicide bomber." The law enforcement agencies found two limbs that were dispatched to Lahore for DNA test. It is not the first time in Pakistan that global terror outfit Daesh claimed the responsibility of an attack.

On May 13, 2015 in Karachi, 45 people of the Ismaili community were brutally massacred when their bus was attacked near Safoora roundabout. IS aka Daesh claimed the responsibility and also discussed the incident in a video regarding creation of Islamic State Khurasan chapter.

Prior to this attack, early morning on March 18 a grenade was hurled at a private school. No one was hurt but a threatening Daesh leaflet was found from the premises.

Later, on April 17 an American, Dr Debra Lobo was critically injured in a firing incident at Shaheed-e-Millat road. The attackers left behind Daesh pamphlets in her car.

After seven days of the Safoora incident, on May 20, 2015, Raja Umer Khattab an officer of the Counter Terrorism Department Sindh arrested four hardcore militants, allegedly involved in this horrific incident including its ring leader Tahir Minhas and second-in-command Saad Aziz alias Tin Tin.

Another member of the gang Asad-ur-Rehman was later arrested on June 4. The Joint Interrogation of these accused was conducted from June 1-16. During interrogation, dreadful details were revealed. According to the Joint Interrogation Team (JIT) report, 11 people carried out the massacre and all of them were affiliated with Daesh. The ring leader Tahir Hussain Minhas alias Sain and his number two Tin Tin were said to have been affiliated with Al-Qaeda in the past.

Tahir Minhas disclosed that the mastermind of the carnage was a man called Abdullah Yousaf and the task of attacking the bus carrying Ismaili community was selected and assigned by him. The JIT report shows that Abdullah Yousaf came to Karachi in September/October 2014 and is presently in Syria. The JIT report about Tahir Minhas adds that he wanted to go to Syria along with his family but was nabbed. Interestingly, members of the JIT in their findings mentioned that their (Tahir Minhas and gang) link with Daesh was not established.

On May 12 this year, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif signed the death warrants of five terrorists involved in the Safoora carnage. It is also pertinent to mention that the alleged picture of Quetta attack was circulated at a time when Pentagon confirmed the elimination of IS Khurasan Chief Hafiz Saeed Khan in a drone strike on July 26.

PESHAWAR: Police in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's (KP) Nowshera district claimed on Monday to have arrested an alleged offender of the cybercrime bill who blackmailed women on social media.

"29-year-old Mehranullah used to blackmail women on Facebook by uploading fake videos," the Nowshera DPO told the private TV channel. The suspect gave out names of 15 of his accomplices who were involved in blackmailing victims on social media, the DPO said. Police also claimed to have recovered a pistol and a mobile phone from the possession of the accused. Further, a case

First cybercrime suspect held in KP

Daily Times, August 15, 2016

Sindh Police raising new unit in Counter Terrorism Department: IGP Sindh
Daily Dawn, August 15, 2016

Foreign funds, political proxies key terror factors
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under the recently approved cybercrime bill has been registered against the suspect.

The controversial Prevention of Electronic Crimes Bill (PECB) 2015 was approved earlier this month by the National Assembly despite the fact that opposition parties, including Pakistan People's Party, Pakistan Tehree-e-Insaf and Muttahida Quami Movement had strongly condemned certain sections of the bill. The sections, the parties said, could be used to curb freedom of expression. The Senate had, last month, unanimously passed the controversial bill after incorporating eight new amendments. A Senate standing committee had proposed 47 amendments to the bill passed earlier by the lower house on April 13.

The PECB seeks punishment for facilitating hate speech, cyber terrorism, illegal issuance of cellular SIM cards and electronic fraud. It makes unauthorised access to sensitive infrastructure and information systems punishable with five years in jail and a fine of up to Rs5 million. Copy or transfer of data without permission may send a person to jail for a period of up to six months and a fine of Rs0.1 million. Illegal access to data is punishable by three-month imprisonment and a fine of Rs.50,000 as per the bill.

KARACHI: The Sindh Police is raising a new unit of 1500 personnel in the Counter Terrorism Department that was set up after the initiation of the National Action Plan (NAP). This was informed by the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh A.D. Khawaja in an interview with the APP here. He pointed out that the new unit is aimed at bringing further improvements in the Counter Terrorism Department which has performed well so far. The unit will include 500 Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASIs) who will be inducted through the Sindh Public Service Commission, he added. A separate school is being established for imparting anti terrorism training to selected manpower, the IGP disclosed. The IGP informed that the provincial government has allocated Rs. 320 million this year for revamping Sindh Police's Special Branch. "We are working zealously to make the Special Branch an active unit to perform intelligence gathering in an effective manner," he remarked. A.D. Khawaja maintained that recruitment in the Sindh Police is being undertaken on merit through National Testing Service (NTS). These steps are aimed at building up this force in order to gear this up to effectively tackle the menace of terrorism, the IGP said. He suggested that there should be a national data regarding driving as well as arms licenses data of vehicles and that of seminaries (Madaris) for prompt verification of required information. He opined that the provinces should not have any reservations to this effect as such data would contribute towards effective sharing of required information.

A.D. Khawaja was of the view that the data of NADRA (National Database and Registration Authority) should also be shared in a proper manner. He maintained that on our urging the NADRA has agreed to provide such a data. The IGP suggested the introduction of a biometric system in collaboration with the NADRA for checking arms licenses.

Answering a question he pointed out that the police have been taking action against illegal immigrants from time to time. He informed that 2 812 illegal immigrants have been arrested since the initiation of the NAP.

Replying to another query A.D. Khawaja said that 2115 cases have been registered and 1336 accused arrested over the violation of Sound System Act Loud Speaker Act.

While 126 cases have been registered in connection with hate speeches hate materials and 88 accused arrested, he added. He further said that six arrests have been made on charges of terrorists financing. In all 182 arrests have been made in action under Temporary Residence Act, he added. The IGP informed that 22 140 suspects have been arrested in 48246 raids under combing operations intelligence based operations raids conducted in the province with regard to the implementation of the NAP. Action has been initiated against 602 individuals placed on 4th Schedule, he added. He said that 15588 cases have been registered under the Arms Act action against display of arms. The IGP said that a total 311 suspected terrorists have been killed 233 were related to TTP and 78 to sectarian outfits adding that over 1200 suspects have been arrested. About the progress of Karachi operation the IGP pointed out that target killing incidents have declined by 70 percent since the start of the action in September 2013 as 442 such incidents had been reported in the past 35 months as compared to 1 227 target killing incidents recorded in the corresponding period before the operation.

Similarly he said the incidents of terrorism came down from 77 to 54 incidents of murders declined from 6 836 to 3 989 and kidnapping for ransom incidents decreased from 274 to 183. Moreover extortion cases also reduced substantially, he added. The IGP said that law and order situation in Karachi has improved significantly due to effective actions by police and Rangers. However he believed that there are still some areas where work is required to be done. Substantial improvement is there in the wake of Karachi Operation the IGP remarked expressing commitment to bring further improvements. He suggested that laws should be framed regarding Madaris.

LAHORE - More than three-decade-long radicalisation of the state, unchecked operations of foreign-funded religious seminaries and NGOs, impacts of political proxies of the Muslim as well as western world, lack of political will to deal with extremist ideology which gives birth to terrorism are among some of the major reasons of unabated terrorism in the country. These were the assessments of members of the intelligence community based on experience in the field on the issue of causes of decades-long terrorism in the country during background interviews with The Nation yesterday.

The three-syllabus system of education – private, public and religious seminaries – is another major reason. Unchecked use of loudspeaker and activities of prayer leaders who utilise their position to brainwash and recruit members for their false concept of religion are also contributing to terrorism. Internet traffic, especially on the social media, is spreading disinformation on security issues. At the same time, allowing the members of liberal-right, mostly operating foreign-funded NGOs to preach an ideology opposite to cultural and religious norms, is providing an opportunity to

the religious forces to launch a war in the name of religion, said members of military and civilian intelligence agencies, while sharing their experiences regarding the monster of terrorism.

Nexus among the extremist militant forces of religious-right, nationalists, separatists and organised crime gangs in connivance with corrupt officials is also increasing terrorism. Flawed and corrupt national database system and immigration services, unchecked financial operations, spread of Afghan refugees in the country by acquiring fake nationality documents are among other major factors or reasons for the boom of the terrorist industry, added the members of the intelligence community. Security agencies members admitted that allowing certain groups and individuals to form militant outfits in the name of religion as unannounced policy of the state for unclear national interests was also a key factor of extremism. Foreign-sponsored or hostile intelligence services' aggressive covert operations on Pakistani soil to achieve certain targets in the region are yet another factor of terrorism in Pakistan, they added.

In the current situation, slow pursuance of National Action Plan, non-extension of special courts under Protection of Pakistan Act, political leadership's reluctance to allow special powers to paramilitary forces in urban Sindh and Punjab to counter terrorism and organised crime gangs, lack of progress on madaris reforms, poor prosecution of terrorism cases, poor immigration and national database system, bashing of security agencies by certain politicians and groups causing demoralisation of ground forces and allowing such people on media outlets to say whatever they want to create hate for the security forces, and political influence in law-enforcing agencies and civilian intelligence services are among the major reasons of extremism, affirmed the members of intelligence community of the military.

Lack of capacity building of the law-enforcing agencies and funds to feed extensive intelligence operations, lack of intelligence information coordination, flaws and corrupt system of national database and immigration services, small operational powers of civilian intelligence agencies, unsteady means of communication and lack of technical equipment are among some of the reasons hampering the task of counter-terrorism, asserted the members of the civilian intelligence services.

Suggesting some remedies to deal with Frankenstein's monster of terrorism, military and civilian intelligence agencies members both are unanimous on the point that real actions must be taken by the political elite on intelligence inputs, especially relating to influential people. No group or individual should be given any leniency when a matter concerning the state security linked with influential political groups and individuals and others is sent to the government for necessary action. The matter of state security should not be subservient to the political interest; instead, the latter should be subservient to the former, opined the members of military and civilian intelligence services. They also strongly recommend de-politicisation of the law-enforcing agencies and civilian intelligence apparatus. Both the military and civilian agencies' members, agreeing on another point, proposed prompt action should be taken against the religious seminaries, NGOs, political groups and individuals found connected with hostile forces on the intelligence reports. The job of an intelligence service is to provide actionable information and rest of the responsibility lies with the government. Delayed action or no action to safeguard political or other interests is failing the achievements of frontline forces of counter-terror warfare.

Maximum efforts must be taken at all levels for deradicalization of not only the surrendering militants but also the entire society. Prayer leaders should be interviewed by competent authorities before their appointment. All mosques must come under religious affairs and auqaf departments in order to stop private network, proposed the military and civilian intelligence members. There should be a single syllabus in private, public and religious seminaries and use of loudspeaker should be monitored strictly.

Pakistan Telecommunication Authority must monitor the internet traffic with high vigil in an effort to block anti-Pakistan and terrorist networks on social media, they suggested. A stringent action must be taken against corrupt officials in the national database system and immigration services that have facilitated terrorists and anti-state elements to get Pakistani identity to roam free. At the same time, all financial operations should be streamlined and brought under regulations. Afghan refugees should be monitored and must send back home after their extended stay in December this year.

Joint actions are needed to break the nexus among the extremist militant forces of religious-right, nationalists, separatist forces and organised crime gangs in Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan, proposed the military intelligence services' members.

Fast pace of National Action Plan, extension of special courts under Protection of Pakistan Act, special powers to paramilitary in urban Sindh and Punjab to counter terrorism and organised crime gangs, fast pace progress on madaris reforms and proper prosecution of terrorism cases should be carried out to supplement the targets of Zarb-e-Azb, proposed the members of military intelligence services. There must be some checks on the people who are violating their right of independence and sabotaging the efforts of security agencies. The media should not allow such people to advance their anti-state agenda in the name of freedom of speech, they suggested.

Law-enforcing and civilian intelligence agencies must be de-politicised for getting real results in the war on terror and foreign funding should be stopped or thoroughly checked, proposed the military agencies' members. The members of civilian intelligence services, suggesting remedies to counter terrorism, demanded more funds to feed extensive intelligence operations, besides sharing intelligence information by military agencies.

Civilian security apparatus should be given arresting powers and extensive phone tapping, eavesdropping and surveillance powers to deal with terrorists. Technical equipment of high grade and steady means of transportation must also be provided, besides holding capacity-building courses at home and abroad to counter terrorism, they suggested.

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'unprovoked firing at LoC,
Pakistan fires back**
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**The redundancy of
civilian-military tug-of-war**
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A former member of a premier intelligence service of the military said it was not true that civilian agencies had not enough counter-terror funds. A top civilian intelligence agency got nearly Rs four billion funds when the incumbent government came to power with new gadgets and equipment to monitor state enemies. The government must ask that agency about its performance and how many pieces of actionable intelligence it has produced so far, he added.

On the contrary, a senior member of a top civilian intelligence service told the paper that political duties, including assessments of results of opposition actions, public pulse reports to assess the popularity of the rulers, hamper larger exercise of counterterrorism. The key civilian agency can perform much better if it has its own cadre up to the office of the director general and no member of the police and other intelligence service is deputed in the agency, he added.

Indian govt insists talks will only be held on terror and not on Kashmir

A day after Pakistan said it wanted an exclusive dialogue with India on Kashmir, India responded saying it was ready for talks – but only on “relevant issues” which include cross-border terrorism and follow-up on the terror attacks in Mumbai and Pathankot. On the same day, as Pakistan celebrated its Independence Day, Pakistani troops and Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) exchanged fire across the Line of Control (LoC), after Indian troops resorted to “unprovoked firing”, an Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement said Sunday.

The ISPR said that the BSF fired without provocation in the Nezapir sector near Rawalakot between 2 Am to 8:30 AM on Aug 14. No casualties have been reported so far on either side of the working boundary. “India used all types of heavy weapons including mortar and artillery,” the statement said. “Some of the rounds landed at civilian houses near the LoC. Pakistani troops gave a ‘befitting response’ to the BSF’s ‘unprovoked firing’, the ISPR said.

The Indian government, meanwhile, said India is ready to talk with Pakistan but only on ‘relevant issues’ and not on Kashmir. “India would welcome a dialogue on contemporary and relevant issues in India-Pakistan relations,” said External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup. The list, India said, will also include “infiltration of terrorists like Bahadur Ali, incitement to violence and terrorism across the border, parading of terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Syed Salahuddin and follow up on the Mumbai attack trial and the Pathankot attack investigation in Pakistan.” Underscoring that addressing terrorism is “central to our engagement”, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said, “Unlike in the past, we can’t agree that dialogue with sponsors and supporters of terrorism should carry on without being linked to action in that regard.”

Pakistan’s invitation for talks came as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at an all-party meet on Kashmir on Saturday, said, “Pakistan Occupied Kashmir is ours” and blamed the current unrest in Jammu and Kashmir on cross-border terrorism. Bilateral dialogue was suspended after a group of terrorists attacked the Indian air base at Pathankot in Indian Punjab in January. After its team visited the air base, Pakistan said India has failed to provide enough evidence that the attack was carried out by terrorists from across the border.

PAKISTANI, INDIAN TROOPS EXCHANGE FIRE ACROSS LOC ON INDEPENDENCE DAY:

Indian troops resorted to unprovoked firing across the LoC early Sunday on the morning of August 14, the day marking Pakistan’s independence 70 years ago. “India used all types of heavy weapons including mortar and artillery. Some of the rounds landed at even civilian houses near LoC. No loss of life reported so far,” the ISPR statement said. Indian Defence Spokesman Lt Col Manish Mehta, however, claimed that the Pakistan Army resorted to an unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in the Poonch sector, Times of India reported. “Our troops are responding appropriately,” Col. Mehta said. This is the first ceasefire violation in four months, ToI reported. Despite a 2003 border ceasefire agreement signed by both countries, cross-border firing along the working boundary is intermittent with both parties frequently accusing the other of breaching it.

DGMO LODGES PROTEST:

The director general of military operations (DGMO) of the Pakistan Army contacted his Indian counterpart and lodged a protest against the unprovoked firing by Indian troops at the Nezapir sector of the LoC, said an ISPR statement. The statement added that contact was made via the hotline established between the two DGMOs.

Reports of cross-border firing come as tensions between India and Pakistan are heightened following unrest in India-held Kashmir (IHK) despite Pakistan’s recent proposal of a dedicated dialogue on Kashmir with India, as well as a bilateral moratorium on the testing of nuclear weapons. The killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani sparked anti-government protests in the restive Himalayan region, with over 70 people dead in clashes between protesters and Indian authorities.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar and Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh traded barbs at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Interior Ministers’ meeting in Islamabad earlier in August. Nisar issued a rejoinder to Rajnath when the Indian minister indirectly accused Pakistan of sponsoring terrorism, terming the use of “torture against innocent children and violence against civilians” as terrorism. The interior minister stressed the need to “take time out to reflect and sit together to try and work out the problems and reservations that we might harbour towards each other” instead of engaging in blame games and taking swipes at each other.

Pakistan had also called for sending a UNHCR and an OIC Contact Group’s delegation to Kashmir to observe Indian forces’ atrocities on unarmed civilians but India snubbed the proposal.

Following the two-day civilian-military meetings, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif expressed his “frustration” over government’s poor progress on the implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism. He said that the military’s gains during the Operation Zarb-e-Azb were being lost due to an inadequate response from the civilian authorities. A top-level civilian-military meeting was arranged following the Quetta blast, which resulted in more than 75

Religious parties differ on terror causes

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causalties. Following the Quetta tragedy, the military also launched its first combing operation in Punjab targeting the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan's splinter group, Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, which has taken responsibility for the attack.

The army chief's blunt criticism reflects disappointment within the armed forces over government's response to their reservations over proper implementation of NAP. This is the second time that the army chief has expressed his discontentment over the state of affairs since NAP was initiated after the Army Public School massacre in December 2014; earlier, it was in November last year at a corps commanders' conference. The reaction of military leadership to statements of certain politicians after the Quetta attack pertaining to the performance of law enforcement agencies was also conveyed to the civilian authorities.

Although government's response has been sluggish whereas it should have been more proactive to consolidate the gains made under the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, military should not be dictating the government on what it should do. According to some political analysts, the issue has more to do with the uncertain future of the Protection of Pakistan Act under which special courts had been established. Moreover, the issues such as political leadership's reluctance to allow special powers to Rangers in both Punjab and Sindh, and reservations pertaining to the preventive detention of suspects are some overriding concerns from the civilian side.

In a normal democratic dispensation, military should not have taken up civilian roles, including the establishment of military courts and the policing powers of Rangers. Certain measures such as the establishment of military courts were taken were taken under special circumstances and for a limited time. It must only be the civilian leadership that is eventually in complete charge of these affairs, with cooperation from military quarters as and when required.

Since the initiation of the Operation Zarb-e-Azb, both military and civilian leadership have reiterated that action is being taken against all terrorists without any discrimination. But the US State Department as well as the Afghan government has repeatedly blamed Pakistan for its inaction against the Haqqani network, which even led to US Congress blocking a \$300 million grant to Pakistan. Moreover, UN-banned organisations such as the Jamaat-ud-Dawa continue to freely operate around the country. And the groups that allegedly carry out attacks in India or Afghanistan also remain untouched beyond cosmetic punitive measures. It should be realised that the war against terrorism is not merely limited to killing or apprehending a few hundred or thousand people. There is a need for a comprehensive long-term strategy to tackle the issue, as it cannot be rooted out by only bombing camps and hideouts of terrorists. Work needs to be done at the societal level, starting with changing the mindset. And the first step in that direction would be to stop glorification of violence, and classification of terrorism in boxes of "good" and "bad."

Blaming one another will not be anything but an exercise in redundancy. For the stability of Pakistan, both civil and military entities must work together. And it must be remembered that although certain unusual decisions have been taken with parliamentary assent, it is imperative for Pakistan's internal stability that all civilian and military institutions work in cohesion, in full validation of the other's powers and limitations.

LAHORE - Despite having divergent views about the causes, mainstream religious parties have called for joint efforts for fighting terrorism in Pakistan.

Leaders of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-F, Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-S, Jamaat-e-Islami, Pakistan Awami Tehreek, Jamiat Ulema-e-Pakistan and Majlis-e-Wahdatul Muslimeen also proposed different measures to cope with the challenge.

Citing pro-US policy as the reason for the growing terrorism, JUI-F, JUI-S and JI believe that Pakistan's alleged interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs is bringing in the backlash. The Brelvi and Shia representatives say the extremist thinking and flawed policies of Ziaul Haq regime are the genesis of extremism. However, all these parties did not exclude foreign elements, especially India, in cashing in on the situation. They believe RAW is involved in most of such strikes in the country.

Statistics show over 1,300 people were killed and 3,500 sustained serious injuries in terrorist attacks only in Punjab during last two years. The number of victims is even higher in KP, where the militants slaughtered 132 schoolchildren along with 20 other staff in an attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar on December 16, 2014. Moreover, the terrorists killed 22 students of Bacha Khan University in Charsadda on January 20. Balochistan - where over 70 people were killed in Monday's attack - Sindh, Gilgit-Baltistan and AJK are also being affected by terrorism.

JI spokesperson Ameerul Azeem said that the national leadership should sit together and draw a line of action to prevent Quetta-like tragedies in future and take the security institutions on board. He added that the Quetta carnage called for speeding up action on the National Action Plan - a strategy devised to fight off terrorists.

Taking on the presence of Indian spies in Balochistan, the JI leader said even after the arrest of Kalbushan Yadav, the RAW network could not be smashed resulting in such tragedies. "The present and previous governments held all-party conferences on the issue. We have an action plan and powerful army but we could not establish peace in the country. This shows the real problem lies somewhere else," he further held. Azeem maintained that his party believes terror could not be eliminated without addressing its root causes. "Rulers must stop giving impression of US ally and stop pro-India policies."

JUI-F leader Hafiz Hussain Ahmed said: "We have badly failed to identify the diagnosis of terrorism in Pakistan. We have to find out where these issues started from. The same madrasa and mosques and same tribes were living here peacefully and there was no bombing but now we are blaming them." "I don't remember any incident of terrorism in Pakistan before 9/11. Americans came in the region and created trouble for us. The government should first of all review the

Stories of terror: The need for a counter-narrative

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country's foreign policy," Hussain added.

JUI-S secretary general Abdur Rauf Farooqi linked the wave of terrorism in Pakistan with 'Pakistan's interference in Afghanistan'. "Afghans are fighting against foreign aggression and their puppet government and we are an ally of United States and Nato. So the heat comes from there, and the pro-Taliban factor in Pakistan," he held.

JUP president Ijaz Hashmi suggested the unity among Muslims and Pakistanis could be helpful in eradicating terrorism. He stressed that whole nation should stand by the Army and support its Zarb-e-Azb operation.

PAT spokesperson Noorullah Siddiqui said that Dr Tahirul Qadri wrote a complete curriculum narrating the causes and solution of the issue. "There are multiple factors behind the terror wave in Pakistan. We have to introduce basic reforms at schools and seminaries to address the issue," he said.

MWM's Allama Hassan Hamdani stated that sectarianism was the main reason. "Some forces in Pakistan have had typical mindset of violence, unwilling to follow the brilliant teachings of Islam about tolerance and brotherhood. These forces have been playing in hands of foreign elements and spreading violence in Pakistan," Hamdani said while urging the nation to adopt a unanimous strategy against the terrorists.

Terrorism: A battle of grand narratives

The internet has become the new source of infiltrating the minds of young recruits and influencing them to believe in the extremist ideology.

The recent attack on Quetta's Civil Hospital is an addition to the list of stories of the failure of the nation to eliminate terrorism despite a decade-long war on terror. It is evident that there has been a decline in such attacks in the country since the counter-terrorism operation Zarb-e-Azb commenced, but the use of military force is only a short term measure.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, in his recent address, said we have to completely eliminate terrorism from the country. However, the reality is that the fight against terrorism cannot succeed solely on the basis of killing terrorists and winning back territories. Terrorist organisations have weaved an intricate network by creating an extremist mindset hence; the strategy to curb extremism should involve preventing the indoctrination of religious extremism. The problem will only cease to exist when the roots of extremism are pulled out. The state needs to develop a counter-narrative to the narrative of terrorists in order to stop indoctrination factories from generating more militants. The national counter-narrative should target not the enablers, but the producers of this extremist propaganda and it should highlight the cause and source of terrorism.

"Terrorist groups intend to establish strong footholds in foreign regions, however, the most successful militant groups in Pakistan are local," said Jason Burke, a foreign affairs correspondent for The Guardian who has been reporting from Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia for over 20 years. "Of course, transfrontier logistic support and especially safe havens can help, but for the Taliban for example, they operate better at home than anywhere else," said Burke.

The National Action Plan (NAP) was formed as a counter-terrorism system by the ruling government in 2015 after an attack on Army Public School in December 2014 killing around 148 people, mostly students.

According to a recent report presented to PM Nawaz, 8 out of 20 points from the NAP were not implemented yet. The government plans to tackle growing religious extremism in the country by banning sectarian organisations, monitoring and censoring hate speech, banning distribution of extremist material through print and electronic media, and prohibiting glorification of acts of terrorism and terrorist organisations. The state needs to reach a consensus regarding their policy against terrorism should focus on de-radicalisation and preventing the spread of Taliban's narrative that promotes violence against other religious minorities.

Radicalisation is the main cause of growing extremism in the region as it used as a tool to develop extremist mindsets. The war on terror will not succeed until the sources of radicalisation are not removed.

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The terrorist organisations have applied his teachings to misinterpret Islam and use it as a tool to justify the violent acts that they conducted to gain control over the masses. Ibn Taymiyyah emphasised the importance of jihad and instigated the concept of justifying violent acts by carrying them out in the name of religion. "Religiosity is enhanced in Pakistan to such an extent that it is difficult to separate it from the political system," said Political Analyst Mehdi Hassan. "Quaid-e-Azam in his 11th August speech said 'Religion has nothing to do with the business of the State', hence, religion should not be used as a tool in political matters," said Mehdi Hassan.

Ibn Taymiyyah, an ultra-conservative scholar initiated the movement that first inspired 'jihad' against the ones who do not follow 'Sharia law' (Islamic Law). The terrorist organisations have applied his teachings to misinterpret Islam and use it as a tool to justify the violent acts that they conducted to gain control over the masses. "Secularism should be adapted as the counter-narrative to terrorism, and the education system, media, political parties have the responsibility to clear the misconception that secularism is anti-religion," Hassan added. It is the responsibility of the civil society to ensure that implementation of this counter-narrative takes place. The operation Zarb-e-Azb has managed to extradite terrorists from their main grounds near Pak-Afghan border however, the philosophy behind these militant groups is the main problem that can only be tackled if the state adapts secularism as their narrative. The internet has become the new source of infiltrating the minds of young recruits and influencing them to believe in the extremist ideology.

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Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter have claimed to monitor the content that is available on social media. Militant groups are able to use social networking sites to promote their beliefs and 'brainwash' the youth.

"Hate speech against any religion or minority, incitement to violence or explicit support for an extremist organisation should be punished by existing laws wherever it is published," said Jason Burke.

NAP intends to reduce content related to extremist ideology on social media. Terrorist organisations target audience that live in poverty ridden areas with high unemployment rates and low literacy rates. Militant groups manipulate the population to believe that a progressive and secular system is the influence of 'anti-Islam' forces. Terrorists misguide the locals and promote anti-development policies and destabilisation by target issues related to education, health, the role of women, and socio-economic reforms. The role of the state is to eradicate terrorism by developing policies that counter radicalisation by regulating seminaries that promote hatred and religious extremism. The state with the assistance of religious scholars should develop a counter-narrative that focuses on highlighting the fact that insurgents are using the misinterpretation of religion to promote their agenda.

A heart wrenching terror incident in Quetta has once again reminded us that all is not well. I am always amazed when we are surprised by a terrorist attack as if it is something unusual that we have not experienced before. A country plagued by inefficiency, nepotism and corruption usually face such man made calamities which will continue until the whole nation wakes up to change. After reading comments and reactions of politicians, military leaders, opinion makers and social media activists it seems we have not learned any lessons so the unfortunate truth is that more such events will happen in Pakistan.

Before we talk about our reaction in Pakistan to terror incidents let's see how French and German's dealt with recent terrorist events. Within hours homes of suspected terrorists were raided to collect information about the network and accomplices. Written material and computers collected from their homes is then analyzed quickly to identify facilitators, abettors and planners which were in most cases apprehended within few days. Not only that those that were found negligent were relieved of their responsibilities as well. Security procedures are reviewed and amended to stop further events. This does not mean that any system can be made fool proof but at least the barriers were raised to have a creditable deterrence against future failures. Another attitude exhibited was that no politicians called each other unpatriotic or questioned each other intentions although policies especially related to war on terror and immigration were criticised.

The reaction in Pakistan after Quetta terrorism was business as usual. First was the wave of condemnation not only from people like you and me who have no political authority but also those that are supposed to hold executive powers. This was another confirmation that our elected politicians, both government and opposition, are incapable and inept to lead this nation to a better future and are clueless about how to run a government. Politicians of all stripes as well as military leaders visited hospital to sympathise with injured but the only outcome of it was selfies to feed social and traditional media. Condemnation was soon replaced by allegations. Opposition politicians and their social media trolls did not waste time in trying to establish that all parties in government are agents of RAW, untrustworthy and unpatriotic. Supporters of government were not far behind and their trolls were quick to suggest that opposition leaders are also unpatriotic and agents of other countries. In other words it was suggested that none of the politicians and political parties are patriotic. Some even suggested that somehow government planned these terrorist attacks to derail the opposition agitation movement. But that is not the end of the story soon supporters of Aab aa jao Raheel Shareef were out to suggest that only military installed technocrats is the solution and that tenures of military dictators were golden eras of stability and growth. They conveniently forgot that the menace of fundamentalism, extremism and terrorism was brought on us by the wrong policies of military dictators of the past. In other words everyone tried to engage in point scoring, political opportunism and increasing space for their own political power rather than find tangible solutions to the problem.

Now the question would be what could be done? Many steps can be taken by those that really want to find solutions and implement them. For starters there are many reports published by international newspapers and think tanks that Balochistan is infested with agents of intelligence agencies from all over the world not just India. The question then is who is responsible to deal with counter espionage. The answer to the best of my knowledge is ISI. Theoretically ISI is under Prime Minister but practically Chief of Army Staff (COAS) controls it. So both PM and COAS should review why our counter espionage and counter terrorism is failing and take necessary steps to cleanse country from it, especially Balochistan, because failure would mean no initiative can succeed whether it is CPEC, regional stability or containing separatism. It is understandable that amateur social media activists point fingers at Indian agency RAW to be the master mind of terror but when elected politicians make such reckless statements without proof it makes our nation a laughing stock and reduces impact of our diplomatic case to gain support. Politicians should be more careful in their statements and allow proper dossier to be build that confirms involvement of foreigners in these attacks.

The fact is that whoever is the master mind, local or foreign, the executioners of terrorist acts are local. It is important to deal with local sanctuaries to contain them from recruiting that carry out such horrendous terrorist acts. It is a mistaken notion that only kids of poor are target of the recruiters. Safoora Goath and some other terror acts were committed by young men belonging to educated and well to do families. The narrative of the recruiters is succeeding because of failure of our social contract.

Final piece of a good security is a capable and resourceful police. There have been many reports about police reforms but so far no concrete actions have been taken by any province except

Terrorism bid foiled in Khyber Agency

Newsweek Pakistan, August 12, 2016

Pakistan, Afghanistan have common enemy, Afghan president tells Nawaz

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How much does the Afghan intelligence agency pay its terrorists in Pakistan? The answer will shock you

Daily Pakistan, August 11, 2016

US to stand by Pakistan in fight against terrorism

Daily Times, August 10, 2016

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which recently introduced a police ordinance. A key area that needs immediate attention is coordination between federal and local intelligence and ability to perform forensic analysis. Another important thing to look at is performance of first responders which are ambulances and emergency wards in hospitals. Many lives are lost because of lack of protocol and procedures adopted by these emergency staff. Capability and resources of emergency wards have to be improved to save some precious lives. Although the Quetta terrorist incidents was horrible but it is also a fact that terrorism has gone down in the country since the launch of operation zarb e azb. Quetta is a reminder that despite some success there is still lot of work that needs to be done.

Failure of politicians, military, intelligence, police, judiciary and bureaucracy has reached epic levels in Pakistan. It is about time we take collective actions to improve our society. If we fail to act there will be many more Quetta like incidents in the country and the cycle mentioned about will be repeated again without learning any lessons.

Paramilitary forces arrest four would-be suicide bombers after they enter Pakistan from Afghanistan.

Paramilitary personnel in Pakistan on Friday claimed to have foiled an attempted terrorist strike after arresting four would-be suicide bombers and confiscating explosives.

"We received intelligence that some terrorists had entered Khyber Agency and were planning a major terrorist attack," said Hakeem Khan Afridi, a paramilitary soldier. "Responding to this threat, Levies personnel and Khasadar forces conducted a joint search operation in Khyber and found and detained four extremists with suicide jackets," he added.

A spokesman for the region's political agent said the security personnel had also recovered five suicide jackets and 25kg of explosives from the house the terrorists had been using as a base. "It appears the terrorists were planning on sabotaging Pakistan's Independence Day celebrations and had been eyeing commemoration ceremonies in Khyber Agency and Peshawar," he said. "During initial investigations, the extremists had admitted they were planning synchronized attacks on hospitals and large gatherings on Aug. 14," he added.

While security personnel have not yet determined which group the extremists belong to, they said interrogations had revealed that the militants had been trained in Afghanistan.

Separately, in Punjab province, the Pakistan Army announced it had arrested six terrorists during a search operation. "Combing operation was carried out last night to nab terrorists in Kallar Sayedan and Gujjar Khan areas of district Rawalpindi," said a statement issued by the military's media agency, the ISPR. "Six terrorists, including two important commanders and cache of arms and ammunition including prepared Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were recovered," the statement added. "Combing operations are underway across the country to bust terrorist sleeper cells and eliminate hiding terrorists."

ISLAMABAD: Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Friday telephoned Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and expressed grief over the loss of precious human lives in Quetta terrorist attack, ARY News reported. Condemning the incident, Ashraf Ghani said that terrorism is the common enemy of Pakistan and Afghanistan. He vowed to eliminate the menace of terrorism through joint efforts.

The death toll of deadly blast at civil hospital in Quetta has jumped to 72, while dozens of others are still under treatment at hospitals. The latest casualties include a child and a lawyer who were wounded in the blast succumbed to their wounds today.

The bomber struck as a crowd of mostly lawyers and journalists crammed into the emergency department to accompany the body of a prominent lawyer who had been shot and killed in the city on August 08.

PESHAWAR (Web Desk) – Shocking details regarding the agents of the Afghanistan intelligence agency who were nabbed yesterday have been revealed and reportedly the agents were given a hefty amount of salary to carry on the heinous activities in Pakistan.

According to Counter terrorism Authority (CTD) the alleged terrorists who have been identified as Attiq Ullah and Abdul Saboor, were apprehended from the Regi area. They were disguising themselves as Afghans.

During the investigations, the alleged terrorists confessed to planning an attack on a particular group in Tehkal (Peshawar). The security personnel claimed that 3 kg improvised explosive device, hand grenades and a huge cache of weapons were also reclaimed from their possession, whereas CCTV footage of the populated areas in Peshawar was also seized. The activity occurred after two days of the Quetta civil hospital blast that claimed 70 lives and injured more than 150 people.

WASHINGTON: The United States has said it will stand with Pakistan in its fight against terrorism, and strongly condemned the bomb blast in Quetta that killed dozens of people. A US State Department spokesperson Elizabeth Trudeau said that Pakistan has said that they will go after all terrorists regardless of affiliation.

"We stand with Pakistan as they move forward on this fight against terror," she said while referring the question on the military aid to Department of Defence. The spokesperson said that the US condemned in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Quetta, including the murder of Balochistan Bar Association president Bilal Anwar Kasi in the bombing at the Civil Hospital that killed dozens of Pakistanis and wounded many others. "We send our deepest condolences to the loved ones of those killed and injured, and we offer our assistance to Prime Minister Sharif as his government investigates and works to bring these murderers to justice," she added. These terrorists targeted a hospital, the judiciary, and the media, the most important pillars of democracy, the spokesperson said, adding that these brutal and senseless attacks only deepen shared resolve to defeat terrorism around the world. "We'll continue to work with our partners in Pakistan and

China vows to stand behind Pakistan in anti-terror fight

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across the region to combat this threat." Responding to a question about a report regarding threats of nuclear warfare, she stated that the US believed that regional safety and security was the responsibility not only of Pakistan and India but also the broader international community. She said that violence was a concern for the US but issues like this were best resolved through dialogue between the two countries. The United States has expressed concern over the violence in Srinagar and other parts of the disputed state of Jammu Kashmir where Indian troops killed about 70 locals during the past month.

China has condemned Monday's deadly bombing in Quetta, and expressed a 'firm commitment to stand behind Pakistan' in the fight against terrorism. "Deeply shocked and saddened by the terrorist attack which caused grave casualties in Quetta, Pakistan. We express our strong condemnation. Our hearts go out to the families of those killed and injured, and we mourn for the lives lost," China's foreign ministry said in a statement. "The Chinese side opposes all forms of terrorism. We will always stand behind the Pakistani side in its fight against terrorism and its campaign for stability of the country and security of the people," it added.

Japan denounced as inexcusable the carnage of innocent civilians and expressed condolences to the bereaved families. "Japan strongly condemns such act of terrorism which targets innocent people as inexcusable," the press secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan said in a statement. "Japan condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed for whatever purposes, and reiterates that no act of terrorism can be justified. It intends to support efforts by the government of Pakistan to combat terrorism in cooperation with the international community."

French President François Hollande expressed "full solidarity of France to the people of Pakistan, already badly hit by the terrible attack in Lahore in March". A statement issued by the deputy spokesperson of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development said: "France condemns the cowardly attack that targeted the Quetta Civil hospital in Baluchistan. We express our condolences to the families and friends of the victims and assure Pakistan of its solidarity in the fight against terrorism." Also, the secretary-general of the Commonwealth, Patricia Scotland, expressed deep revulsion at the attack on a hospital in Quetta, Pakistan, and the murder of Bilal Anwar Kasi, President of the Balochistan Bar Association, with whose death the outrage appeared to be associated.

Scotland said: "This despicable attack deliberately targeting a hospital and those who work to uphold the rule of law strikes at the very foundations on which our Commonwealth approaches to inclusive and safe societies are built.

"In their violent and indiscriminate disregard for human dignity those who commit these dreadful crimes perpetrate an affront to the entire Commonwealth, of which Pakistan is a founding member, and the civilised values of the Commonwealth Charter to which all our member states are committed."

Reaffirming the solidarity of the people of the Commonwealth with the people of Pakistan, the secretary-general said: "Our hearts go out to those wounded and traumatised in mind or body directly or indirectly as a result of what has happened, and all in the emergency and support services who are having to deal with the shocking aftermath."

- **Spokesman claims India has recently arrested an alleged LeT terrorist from Raiwind who was tasked with carrying out attacks on Indian security personnel**
- **Pakistani HC rejects allegation, says India should change its attitude**

A day after Balochistan Home Minister Sarfraz Bugti accused Indian spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) of masterminding the suicide attack at Quetta Civil Hospital, India summoned Pakistan High Commissioner in New Delhi Abdul Basit to lodge a protest against "continuing cross-border terrorism from Pakistan".

India's Ministry of External Affairs spokesman Vikas Swarup said Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar summoned the Pakistan envoy and specifically mentioned "a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist and Pakistani national Bahadur Ali, who was apprehended recently" in Indian-held Kashmir (IHK).

The "strong demarche" says Bahadur Ali, 20, a resident of Raiwind, Lahore, was arrested in IHK on July 25 by Indian authorities, Swarup said.

An AK-47 rifle, live rounds of ammunition, grenades, a grenade launcher, and "sophisticated communications equipment and other material of Pakistani/international origin" were recovered from his possession, the spokesman added. "Bahadur Ali confessed to our authorities that after receiving training in LeT camps, he infiltrated India. He was thereafter in touch with the 'operations room' of LeT, receiving instructions to attack Indian security personnel and carry out other terrorist attacks in India," the demarche said. The statement goes on to say that Bahadur Ali has requested legal aid and permission to meet his family, and that India is prepared to grant consular access to the suspected terrorist.

"The Indian government strongly protests against the continued infiltration from Pakistan of trained terrorists with instructions to carry out attacks," the demarche says, adding that such incidents are "contrary to assurances given by Pakistani leaders at the highest level".

Relations between Pakistan and India have been tense in the wake of weeks-long violence in IHK as both governments criticise the other's reactions and statements after Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani was killed by Indian government forces, spurring a wave of violence and anti-government protests in the restive Himalayan region.

PAKISTAN HC REJECTS CHARGE:

Pakistani High Commissioner to India Abdul Basit rejected the allegations levelled by India against Pakistan, adding that India needs to change its attitude.

India lodges protest with Pakistan envoy against 'cross-border terrorism'

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**PM urges better
coordination between
LEAs to fight terrorism**
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Abdul Basit said that the allegations being levelled by India against Pakistan are baseless, adding that Pakistan will not be intimidated by hollow threats. He stated that Bahadur Ali was not a Pakistani national. The Pakistani envoy told the Indian foreign secretary that rather than hurling allegations against Pakistan, India should stop violating human rights in Kashmir.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday called for seamless coordination between law enforcement agencies and the federal and provincial government to achieve optimum results against extremism and terrorism. Sharif was chairing a meeting at the PM house to review the internal security situation and review the implementation of National Action Plan, a day after a deadly suicide bombing at a hospital in Quetta killed over 70 and left more a hundred people injured.

During the meeting, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan and National Security Advisor Lt-Gen (retd) Nasir Khan Janjua briefed the prime minister on how terrorist organisations were attacking soft targets.

According to a statement from the PM House, the meeting discussed at length the internal security situation of the country and different aspects of the National Action Plan. The meeting observed that, after achieving successful results from operation Zarb-e-Azb in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), terrorists have now shifted their targets from state institutions merely out of desperation.

"We are in a state of war with an ideology that wants to change our way of life," said PM Nawaz Sharif. He said the government was committed to take all necessary steps to ensure that the blood spilled in the carnage in Quetta does not go to waste. He emphasised seamless coordination between law enforcement agencies as well as among the provincial governments and the federal government to achieve optimum results within a short period of time. The prime minister expressed his resolve to secure Pakistan from terrorism and extremism. He said the country had embarked upon the right track and would enable every citizen to reap the benefits of a secure, stable, and prosperous Pakistan. "Terrorists believed they could sow seeds of disharmony and disunity in the nation. The nation is united and supports the government to stay on the course of completely eliminating terrorists from Pakistani society," he said. Sharif decided to call for a broader meeting on Wednesday for detailed discussions on NAP.

The meeting was also attended by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Sartaj Aziz, Tariq Fatemi, and other senior government officials.

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DETAILS

PALANDRI: At least 22 people died and about two dozen others injured when a bus carrying participants of a wedding ceremony fell into a gorge here on Sunday. Police said that a bus carrying about five dozen attendants of a wedding party from Palandri to Hajira area of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) skidded off road due to overspeeding while negotiating a sharp turn near Janjaal Hill Morr and plunged into a deep ravine. As a result of the accident 22 people died while about 25 others were reported injured, some of them seriously. The dwellers of the area and rescue teams soon after getting the information of the mishap reached the scene and started the rescue operation. The bodies and injured were pulled out from the gorge and shifted to different hospitals where according to hospital sources condition of several wounded people was critical and it was feared that the death toll could mount further. "A bus (was) carrying around 50 people, who were going to attend a wedding ceremony, from Palandri to Hajira when it fell into a ravine," local police chief Hassan Qayum told AFP. "At least 22 people have died while 29 others are injured, six of whom are in (a) critical condition," he added. The bride and groom were not on the bus, local senior official Ibrar Azam told AFP. The country has one of the world's worst records for fatal traffic accidents, blamed on poor roads, badly maintained vehicles and reckless driving.

QUETTA (Dunya News/AFP): Lawyers have continued their strike on eighth day and boycotted court proceedings throughout much of the country against Quetta blast that killed 74 people, reported on Monday. Pakistan Bar Council and Supreme Court Bar Council had announced to mourn Quetta civil hospital blast for seven days but the strike has entered in eighth day. Black flags are still waving on the courts to lament the attack whereas people are also facing problems due to complete boycott of lawyers. The lawyers have also demanded strict security for them. On August 8, a deadliest explosion took place at Quetta civil hospital when nearly 200 people including lawyers and journalists gathered to cover a protest over the murder of Balochistan Bar Association president Bilal Anwar Kasi. Aaj TV cameraman Shehzad, Dawn News cameraman Mehmood Khan and ex-BBA president Muhammad Kakar were among those killed in the incident, whereas, Dunya News reporter Faridullah was among the injured people. According to Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS), eight to nine kilograms of explosives were used in the attack.

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News): The main ceremony of Independence Day was held at the Convention Center in Islamabad. President Mamnoon Hussain, who is the chief guest on the occasion along with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, hoisted the national flag. The federal ministers and services chiefs are attending the ceremony. Addressing the flag-hoisting ceremony in connection with Independence Day celebrations, President Mamnoon Hussain said menace of terrorism will be eliminated from the country by carrying out decisive actions with a renewed determination. He said every visible and invisible enemy will be chased and crushed, in order to establish durable peace in the country. The President said Operation Zarb-e-Azb under the National Action Plan has produced encouraging results, and it will continue until its logical conclusion. He said the recent terrorist incident in Quetta has aggrieved the entire nation, and every Pakistani has sympathies with the bereaved families. He said the blood of the martyrs of Quetta will not go in waste. Mamnoon Hussain said the plot of the enemy needs to be understood and the mutual differences should not be provoked. National unity, democracy, and strong defense will lead to progress and stability in the country. He said the nation is standing by the armed forces in the ongoing war on terror, and it pays tribute to their services for the nation. He said a national agenda will have to be pursued for improving law and order situation and maintaining economic stability. He said the government has achieved successes in respect of security situation, economy, and development, and will continue its journey of progress and prosperity. The President said the passion of Pakistan Movement could help deal with the prevalent challenges successfully. He said the words of the Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah are the pearls of wisdom. Equality, fraternity, provision of basic rights, a society free from religious, ethnic, and racial differences, and independent foreign policy are the key principles for achieving prominence among the comity of nations. Mamnoon Hussain said Pakistan cannot forget the Kashmiris on this occasion, and will continue supporting them for their just struggle to self-determination in accordance with the UN resolutions. Earlier, the President along with Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif unfurled the national flag. Sirens were also played at 8:59 am, and all the moving traffic on road, air, and sea came to a halt for one minute.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday granted formal approval to "Khadim-e-Punjab Schools Programme" for construction of additional classrooms in schools. Chairing a meeting here, he also approved the design of classrooms to be constructed in schools. The chief minister said thousands of additional classrooms would be constructed with a cost of Rs 15 billion in 16 districts of south Punjab on priority basis which would result in better educational facilities to students in the province. The Punjab government, he said, was implementing billions of rupees mega programme of promotion of quality education and provision of missing facilities in schools. He mentioned that construction work was also being carried out speedily on rehabilitation of dilapidated buildings of schools. The chief minister directed that the best companies be selected for the project and modern technology be utilized in the construction. A steering committee had already been constituted to monitor implementation of the project and other matters. Shehbaz Sharif said promotion of education was a key to rapid progress, and dream of progress and prosperity could not be materialized without equipping the youth with education. Keeping this fact in view, he said, the Punjab government had made promotion of education its foremost priority by taking revolutionary steps in this direction, putting a positive impact on the education sector. The meeting also discussed the proposal of construction of smart classrooms in primary and middle schools. Provincial Secretary

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Communication & Works gave a briefing on the project. Provincial Education Minister Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Finance Minister Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Punjab P&D Chairman, secretaries of Schools, Local Government, Health, Chairman of Punjab Information Technology Board, NESPAK Managing Director and other authorities concerned attended the meeting, while Provincial Minister Tanvir Aslam Malik participated in the meeting from Commissioner Office Rawalpindi through video link.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on Sunday inaugurated Premier, the luxury air service of Pakistan Airline. The Prime Minister saw off the inaugural PK-785 to London, here at the Benazir Bhutto International Airport. Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Information Minister Pervaiz Rashid, CEO PIA Bern Hildenbrand, Chairman PIA Azam Saigol, Chairman and CEO Sri Lankan Airlines Ajith Dias and Surendra Ratwatte and former Advisor to PM on Aviation Capt Shujaat Azeem were present. The PIA has acquired on wet-lease three A-330 aircraft from Sri Lankan Airlines. These aircraft are in brand new condition aimed at giving passengers a better experience, allowing PIA to start regaining its market share. There will be six weekly Premier service flights to London, including three from Islamabad and three from Lahore. Later, with addition of more aircraft, the service would be expanded to other destinations. The aircraft is equipped with LCD screens and flight entertainment with 250 channels and flat bed service for passengers. Complimentary limousine service for PIA Premier Business Class customers will be given upon their arrival at Heathrow airport. The service would be available within a radius of 25 km from Heathrow airport.

LAHORE: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association of Pakistan (LPGAP) Chairman Farooq Iftikhar here Saturday urged upon Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources to implement the new LPG policy announced by the government a few months ago. He elaborated that high cost of local LPG, non-implementation of new LPG policy and continuous violation of OGRA rules by importers and some LPG marketing companies had pushed law abiding marketing companies to the wall thus putting their huge investment on stake. Farooq Iftikhar said that business of LPG supply was conducted by LPG marketing companies as a social services to the community in areas where gas transmission companies failed to provide piped natural gas. He was of the view that not granting permission to alternate fuel such as LPG to be used by commercial transport vehicles, had increased dependence on costly imported oil, LNG and imported LPG. "Today Pakistan's approximate LPG production stands at around 2000 MT per day which is expected to go up to 2300-2400 MT by the end of December 2016 against total daily consumption of around 2800-3000 MT," he added. The LPGAP Chairman said high price of local product contributes heavy loss to the national exchequer on account of continuous losses being incurred by the LPG marketing companies. On the other hand local producer of LPG, continue to pocket substantial profit in advance along with importers and LPG dealers. He said that LPG marketing companies which spent substantial amount in establishing its business were bearing losses for the last many months, and if LPG import was not curtailed and its price was not reduced, the importers would continue to reap huge profit. Besides keeping price on the higher side, the local producers are involved in collecting huge funds from marketing companies in the form of Signature Bonus against allocation of five MT for five years quota to them in advance, he mentioned. The local producers did not address and adjust to fluctuation in international prices every month promptly thus further causing loss to the LPG industry. The LPGAP Chairman urged that Ministry of Petroleum, and the OGRA must take measures to bring down producer price and provide level playing field to the sellers of locally procured LPG. He said that Finance Ministry should also act swiftly and help stop excessive import of LPG.

PESHAWAR (Dunya News): The duration of out patient department (OPD) in Peshawar's Lady Reading Hospital has been extended for 24 hours after the imposition of Medical Teaching Institution Reforms Act, reported on Thursday. The LRH hospital administration has said that the duration has been extended due to crowd of patients in the hospital who faced difficulties by old timings that were from 8 am to 4 pm. Medical Director Dr Mukhtiar Zaman said that LRH witnesses large number of patients due to its location in the metropolis. He said that the hospital has treated more than 23 lac people in 2015 among which 1,42,000 patients were also admitted. He said that old machineries are being replaced by new advanced machines to relief maximum people. LRH consists 1598 beds whereas approximately 470 patients get treatment in hospital daily.

RAWALPINDI: The van of DJ Butt caught fire just as it was scheduled to be part of the 'Tehrik-e-Ehtisaab' rally which was being held today from Rawalpindi to Islamabad. The rally has been launched by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to call for accountability of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif after the names of his family members surfaced in the Panama Papers. The PTI has also accused him of the money laundering, tax evasion and the concealment of assets. Asif Butt better known as DJ Butt received fame during the 126-day sit-in by Imran Khan in Islamabad in 2014 where he enthralled participants with songs. However, DJ Butt refused to admit any foul play and said that the generator on his van caught fire. He said that there was fortunately no loss of life or injury. However, the sound system and import loudspeakers worth an estimated Rs5 million were destroyed in the blaze. The fire has now been brought under control. PTI spokesman Naeem-ul-Haq said that the rally will continue as per schedule. He said that the government was creating obstacles for its members from participating in the rally.

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syeed Murad Ali Shah will launch first phase of K-IV project to provide 260 MGD water to Karachiites on Sunday. Addressing a gathering at FPCCI organised by Rehabilitation Response (RR) Syed Murad Shah while talking about the problems being faced by provincial metropolis said that another glaring issue of the city is water. "Tomorrow on August 14, I am going to launch K-IV project to provide 260 MGD water to the residents of this city, and this would also help to provide more water to the industrialists," he assured and said it was first phase of K-IV and then there would be another phase for another 260 MGD, said a statement here Saturday. The chief minister said that he had launched a Rs 10 billion special package to repair, rehabilitate, recast and reconstruct important roads of the city. "I know Karachi contributes in the national exchequer more than any other city, therefore it must be given due share for which I am striving hard and

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working to give a new beautiful shape to this city," he said. Dr. Amjad Guzar of RR on the occasion handed over keys of seven ambulances which are fully equipped to the chief minister. These ambulances are almost mobile health unit. The chief minister thanked Dr. Amjad Guzar for donation. Those who spoke on the occasion include S.M. Munir, Khalid Tabba, Dr. Amjad Guzar and Dr. Iqbal. Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Syed Khurshed Shah, MNA Naveed Qamar, Special assistant to CM Qasim Naveed and others attended the FPCCI programme.

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Friday directed Chairman, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) to depute an officer, not less than rank of director, to explain under which authority it imposed ban on programme "Live with Dr. Shahid Masood" for 45 days. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzaib issued notice to the PEMRA for August 17 after hearing the arguments by Faisal Chaudhry, counsel for the petitioner in an appeal moved by ARY Media Communications (Pvt) Ltd. Chaudhry argued that Chairman violated the PEMRA rules while banning the programme as he took suo-motu notice of the programme whereas rules say that until any complaint, no action would be taken, he added. He further said that as per law authority could only impose fine, maximum to Rs.10 million or could warn the respondents instead of banning telecast of the programme. Counsel said that his client on July 19 also wrote a letter to the chairman PEMRA in response of the Show-Cause notice and said that in his programme Shahid Masood never targeted any judge or cited any name in his and denied the allegations. He further requested to set aside the orders.

KARACHI: The Anti-corruption Department officials, who earlier raided the Board of Intermediate Education Karachi over result tampering, on Friday ended their three-day operation in the building. According to sources, one employ of the Inter Board office was arrested and some documents were also confiscated in the raid. The anti-corruption team's officials confiscated 700 examination copies from the board office. The officials claimed that irrefutable evidence of tampering in results was found. Provincial minister for education Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar said that the raid was carried out on the directions of Chief Minister Sindh Murad Ali Shah, following a series of complaints. The intermediate results would not be delayed, said the education minister. An Anti-corruption court today ordered to send the under custody board office official, Adil Anwar, to jail on judicial remand. The court was displeased over delay in presenting the accused before it. The court issued a show-cause notice to investigation officer Jamil Ahmed over the matter. "The suspect was arrested on August 9 but presented in the court on August 11," the anti-corruption court remarked. The sources informed that the anti-corruption team can conduct another raid in the board office in order to finalise a decision. The move had also led to a protest by its employees on Thursday, who had stopped work and locked up offices. "We have, so far, found 102 cases in which the results were tampered, along with evidences," Ghulam Qadir Thebo, chairman of Anti-Corruption Department had said. The administration of the Inter Board had rejected the allegations as baseless. The raid, however, jeopardized the future of thousands of students of the pre-medical group, whose results might possibly be delayed in the wake of investigations.

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk): The Ministry of Interior has forwarded a letter the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to suspend cellular services in Islamabad on the occasion of Independence Day, Dunya News reported on Friday. The mobile phone service will remain suspended for six hours from 6:00am till 12:00pm on Sunday as the part of security measures for Independence Day celebrations planned in the federal capital. Militants often detonate bombs using cell phones and the government has implemented similar service suspensions in the past to avert any untoward incident. Preparations are underway across the country to celebrate the Independence Day on 14th August in a befitting manner. Houses, streets and bazaars are being decorated with buntings, banners and national flags. Special stalls have been set up in markets and bazaars for sale of national flags and green caps, which are making roaring business. Various political, educational, social and literary organizations are chalking out programmes and functions to celebrate the event.

The results of Cambridge International Exams (CIE) were finally announced on Thursday. The number of Pakistani students that appeared for the papers this year was at an all-time high. As local media reported, some 270,000 entries were made for Cambridge qualifications this year from schools in Pakistan, witnessing an increase of seven percent over the last year, informed CIE's head for Pakistan, Uzma Yousuf Zaka. "More students than ever before collected their CIE results today, as entries for Cambridge qualifications continue to grow in Pakistan and around the world," said Zaka. Entries for 'O' Levels increased by 5pc, from 154,137 in 2014-15 to 162,208 in 2015-16, and entries for 'A' Levels rose by 8pc, from 84,365 preceding year to 91,094 this year. "Globally, there has been 10 percent growth in entries across all Cambridge qualifications this year, including 11 percent growth in entries for Cambridge International A Levels and eight percent for Cambridge IGCSEs," she added. She further informed that the popularity of Cambridge IGCSE was also growing in Pakistan with entries increasing by 16 percent from 10,364 in 2014/15 to 12,019 this year. Additionally, the names of toppers across the globe will be announced later in January.

LAKKI MARWAT (Dunya News): The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government has decided to build as many as two hundred 'container/mobile schools in earthquake and terror ridden areas of the province, Dunya News reported on Thursday. The preparation for container school as pilot project to be deployed in Lakki Marwat is underway. According to details, the container will not only provide educational services to the pupils, but will also facilitate to protect them from heat and cold. As pilot project, the first such project is being built in Lakki Marwat district that will complete in the current month. Rs 3 billion have been earmarked for the project in the budget and each container will cost Rs 1 crore 20 lakh. The provincial Education Minister maintained that a conventional school comprising 6 rooms costs around Rs 2 to 3 crores, making the container schools cost effective. There's a mixed reaction from government and opposition members of the provincial assembly. As per the Education Department survey, as many as 3 thousand schools were affected due to earthquake in Abbottabad, Mansehra, Hazara, Kohistan, Battagram and Shangla. With building of container schools, the

APCNGA to file petition with ogra to settle cng price issue in Sindh

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Tremendous renewable energy potential needs to be tapped: unido chief

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PSO imported 133,307,087 mmbtu of LNG to meet energy needs

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students will be able to continue with their academic activities.

ISLAMABAD: Senior leader of All Pakistan Compressed Natural Gas Association (APCNGA) Chairman Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha said the body would file a petition with the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to settle the CNG price issue in Sindh on Friday. "Hopefully, the OGRA officials will visit Karachi on Tuesday and amicably settle the CNG price issue," he said while talking to APP here. Earlier, the association had announced to close down CNG outlets throughout Sindh for an indefinite period, showing concerns over CNG retail price determination in the province.

ISLAMABAD: Representative of United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in Pakistan Esam Alqararah Thursday said Pakistan had great potential in diverse fields especially in the renewable energy sector and it just needed proper mobilization of the available resources. "Without any exaggeration, Pakistan has a lot of potential to grow in the renewable energy sector, for which proper mobilization of resources is required," he said while talking to APP in an interview here. UNIDO, he said, was extending all possible support to Pakistan in exploiting renewable energy resources with innovative ideas, involving the federal as well as provincial governments besides entrepreneurs, whom he described 'brilliant and vibrant.' In Pakistan, he said, there were a number of localities where residents could generate electricity by just putting a small turbine in the water flowing in rivers and their tributaries, and "they will have no need to get connected with any grid station." Esam said currently the UN body was running six different projects relating to energy, environment and capacity building of business community in collaboration with counterparts including ministries of Industries, Climate Change, Commerce, Science and Technology and Chambers of Commerce and Industry. During last five years, he said, UNIDO had spent around \$ 20 million in different projects executed for capacity building of entrepreneurs, promotion of renewable energy, stopping industrial pollution and protecting environment in Pakistan.

Answering a question, he said "The budget is not so important, sometimes a project having high budget leaves small impact and sometimes a low-budget project creates a huge impact in the society." Citing example of the Clean Technology (Cleantech) project, being executed in eight countries including Pakistan simultaneously, the UNIDO Representative told APP that it was proving highly beneficial to help entrepreneurs, innovators and startup companies to grow and take their ideas further. He elaborated that UNIDO was managing a global programme called Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP), which was a global competition aimed at promoting innovations in the area of clean technologies. Objective of this competition is to foster innovations in renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency, waste to energy and green building. The target market of the Cleantech competition is Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). Every year, five selected applicants are selected by a panel of judges after evaluating their novel ideas and given \$ 25,000 each besides further mentorship and training in Silicon Valley, USA for the global contest. "We have the policy to create a conducive environment and provide model role that promotes innovation in this country, and you (Pakistan) will have to minimize trade barriers for its entrepreneurs," he added. He said impact of this programme was so high that now more than 50 countries were asking UNIDO to implement it for their entrepreneurs, as the Cleantech encouraged entrepreneurs and the startup innovators for executing their unique ideas.

Replying to a question, Esam said the semi-finalists, who could not make their place for the global competition, were not abandoned by the organization as they were engaged in potential industries so that they could deliver. "In future, we are planning to provide incubation centers for this type of entrepreneur and launch venture capital fund," he said adding that in fact Pakistani businessmen do not need funds, but ideas. "I think the money is not the problem of Pakistani entrepreneurs as I have been dealing with the industrialists who are billionaire, they just need viable ideas to increase their capacity and knowledge of doing business." Commenting on the environmental issues, the UNIDO Representative said the organization had the plan to set up industrial waste treatment unit in Karachi on the pattern it introduced in Kasur and Sialkot aimed at minimizing environmental hazards. He said the organizations' all projects, being executed in Pakistan, were innovative, cost effective and environment friendly. About the agri sector of Pakistan, he underlined the need for strengthening food packaging industry and effective grading of edibles to compete in international markets. "Pakistan is a milk producing country, and it needs an improved packaging system for dairy products. In this field, we are now planning to launch joint venture," he maintained. In reply to another question, Esam said Pakistan was the first country that adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) introduced by UN, of which chapter nine titled 'Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation' was related to UNIDO. "This government took the initiative from the beginning to adopt the SDGs, making Pakistan the first country to adopt the agenda," he remarked.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan State Oil, imported 42 cargos carrying 133,307,087 mmbtu of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) since March 2015 to meet energy requirements of the country. The statistics demonstrate PSO's enhanced capability of fulfilling nation's fuel needs in a proactive and efficient manner, said a statement here on Thursday. PSO imports the LNG under competitive bidding and through short and long term contracts. Earlier this year, the company also signed a 15 year agreement with Qatargas for the import of up to 3.75 million tonnes of LNG every year. Under the agreement, PSO emerged as the sole LNG buyer for Pakistan on the basis of the company's established international credibility and expertise in effectively maintaining energy supply chains. LNG is being increasingly used in power plants for electricity generation. The proactive steps taken by PSO to timely import LNG have helped to minimize the existing demand supply gap in the natural gas sector. At present, the country's total gas production is almost 4 bcf/d compared to the demand of 8 bcf/d. The production is expected to take further dip in coming years due to depletion of existing gas reserves swelling the shortfall. Being the national flagship OMC, PSO will continue to support the national drive to eradicating energy and fuel shortages while continuing to pursue due course in enhancing the company's own capabilities and efficiency, in order to contribute more meaningfully in the future.

Karachi's cleanliness drive hits snags

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KARACHI: The sanitation drive being held under the supervision of Chief Minister of Sindh Murad Ali Shah in Karachi is likely to come at a halt as the company performing the task has warned that it will stop its operation over non-payment of dues by KMC, citing sources ARY News reports. According to details, two companies removing garbage and involved in cleaning work in the city have warned that they will stop the work as Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has failed to pay their dues. The city corporation is not being able to pay its dues to the cleaning companies due to financial constraints, sources said. It is also being said that garbage is being dumped at two landfill sites at Jam Chakro and Gond Pass but the vehicles carrying garbage not being provided fuel neither any arrangement has been made for the maintenance of the machinery used in the work. According to the KMC sources a letter has been written to the provincial government seeking required funds for onward payment to the cleaning companies. The letter said that the province will suffer losses worth millions of rupees and the city will be turned into a garbage dump in case of failure to pay arrears. The sources said that KMC already facing acute financial crisis and could not pay staggering arrears of 200 million rupees payable to these companies.

One rescue worker electrocuted, two injured in Lahore's Iqbal Town

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LAHORE (Dunya News): One of three rescue workers was killed while others sustained injuries as steel ladder of rescue vehicle came in contact with live wires in Iqbal Town, reported Wednesday.

Protests in Faisalabad against power shutdown

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FAISALABAD (Dunya News): According to details, Islam Nagar area of Faisalabad is without electricity for the past seven hours. Devastated due to long electricity shutdown, residents of the area staged a protest against Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO). Angry residents also blocked Sargodha Road for all kind of traffic in protest against power shutdown. FESCO officials who visited the area were also beaten by the protesters. The residents were of the view that the electricity was not restored in the area despite their numerous complaints.

NARC to assist farmers for cultivating soyabean over 1,200 acres

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ISLAMABAD: Director General National Agriculture Research Center (NARC), Dr. Azeem Khan here on Wednesday said that NARC would assist farmers of Chakwal region to cultivate soyabean over 1,200 acre of land in order to enhance domestic oil seed production. Talking to a delegation of farmers of Chakwal region headed by Member National Assembly Major (R) Tahir Iqbal, he said that NARC has also introduced potohar peanut seed for enhancing the crop output. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Dr. Nadeem Amjad said information regarding use of modern technology was vital for development of agriculture sector and betterment of farmers. PARC scientists was determined to make the country self-sufficient in agriculture production by providing new technologies to the farmers particularly to small farm holdings. He also highlighted the different programmes and projects initiated by the PARC for the development of agriculture and livestock sectors of the country. He assured the farmers that PARC would provide full support and technical assistance to farmers of the region in adoptions of new technologies of cultivation and crop management to increase the production of peanut, nuts, mash, mustard, canola and soyabean. He further said PARC scientists have also introduced a modern peanut dryer and grading machine which could help to reduce 35 percent post harvest loss of peanut crop. The innovative peanut dryer would enable the farmers to sell their produces timely in open market at a reasonable price, he added. On the occasion, Major (R) Tahir Iqbal along with farmers visited different research fields of PARC and examined the 300 acre field of peanut.

Lahore: Oil tanker catches fire

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LAHORE (Dunya News): According to details, an oil tanker parked at a petrol pump near Machis Factory stop in Shahdara caught fire on Monday which spread quickly and engulfed seven more vehicles, Dunya News reported. Rescue teams reached the spot and brought the fire under control after a hectic effort of one hour. No loss of life was reported in the incident. However, the fire caused a huge traffic jam at the Grand Trunk (GT) Road.

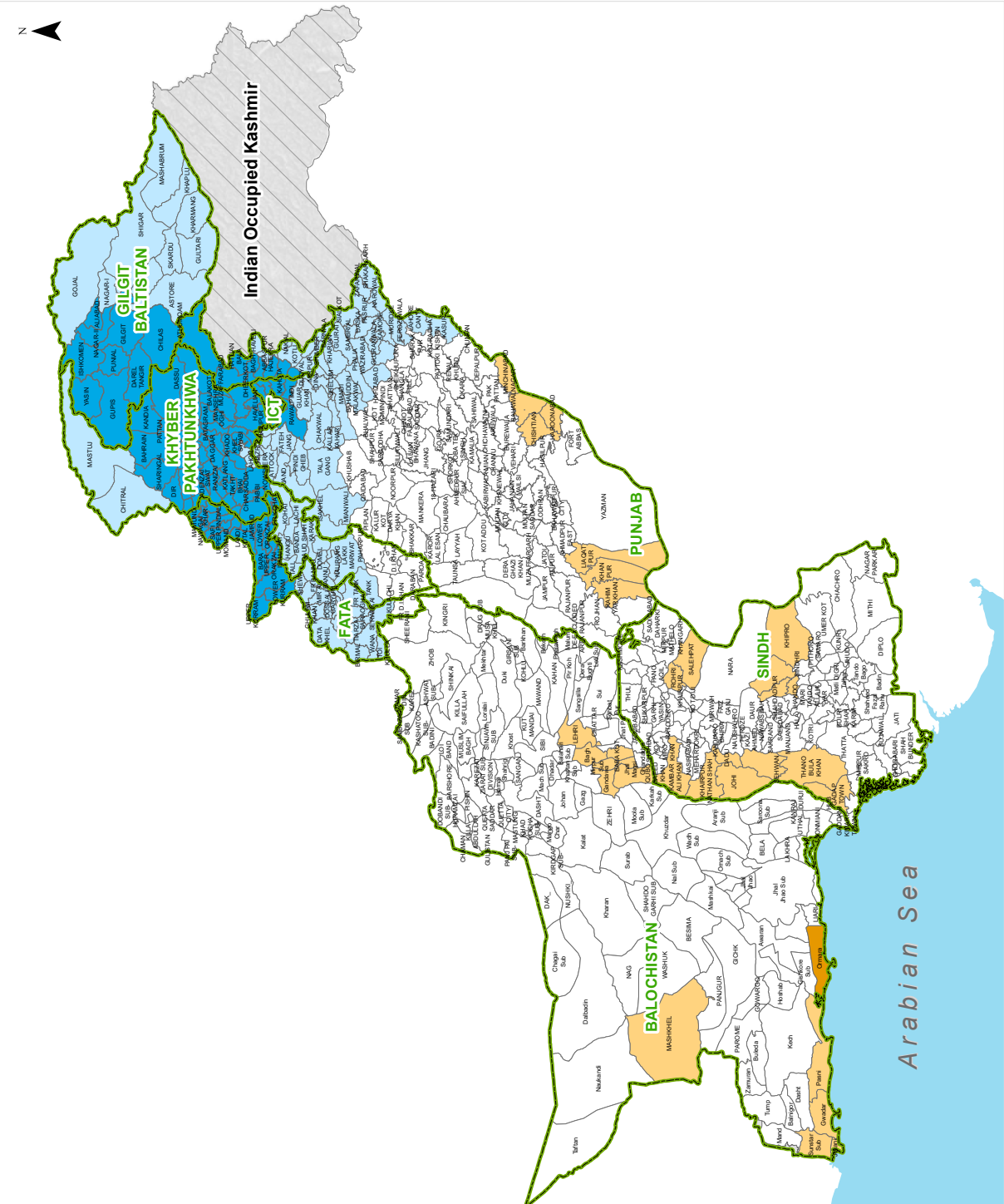
Operation against tax defaulters

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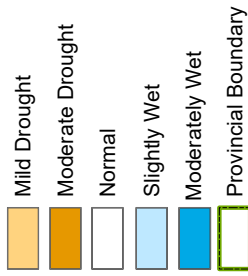
SARGODHA: A grand operation against property tax defaulter would be conducted in the division and August 30 deadline has been given to property owners to pay their taxes. According to Director Excise & Taxation Sargodha Division, Rana Intikhab, above 720 properties in the division have been declared as defaulted, adding that final notices were served to such property owners with directions to deposit taxes by August 30. Defaulters properties in Sargodha district were 340, in Khushab district there were 155, Mianwali District has 110 and Bhakhar District has 115 such properties, he said. Rana Intikhab said that such defaulter properties would be sealed after deadline and teams were formulated. The lists of defaulters were given to the recovery teams, he disclosed. Director Excise said that all out resources would be utilized for recovery of revenue without any discrimination.

Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

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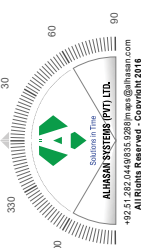
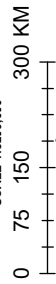


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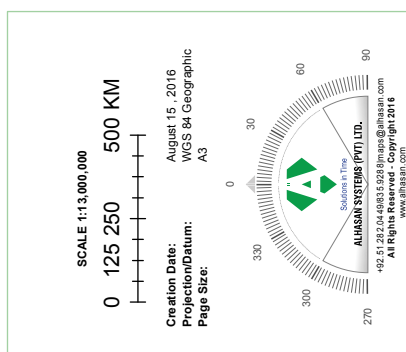
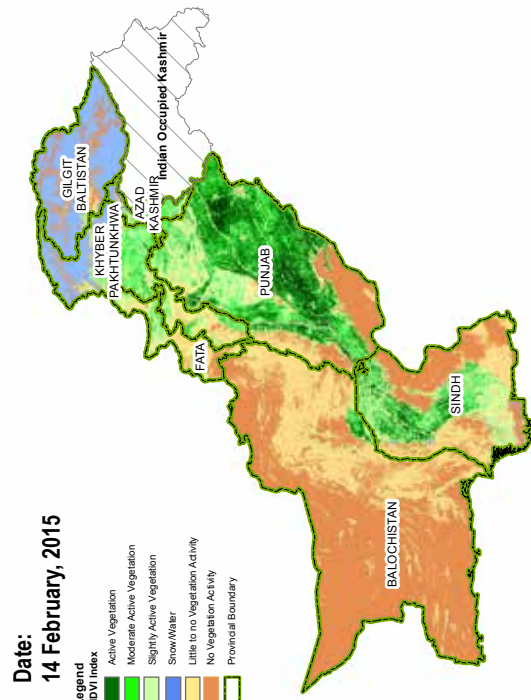
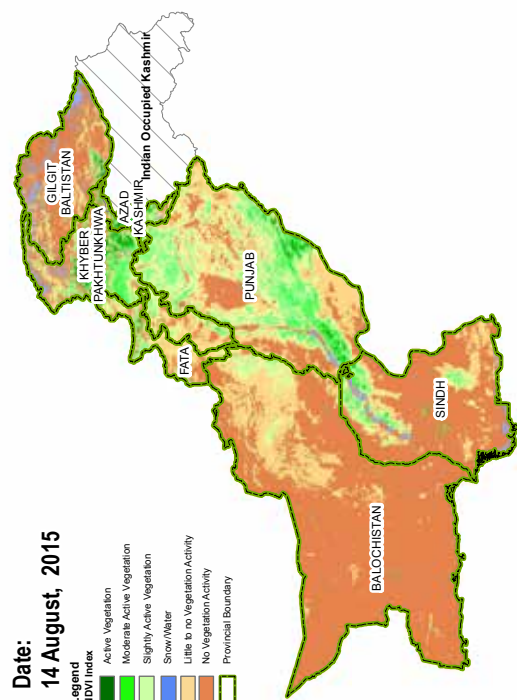
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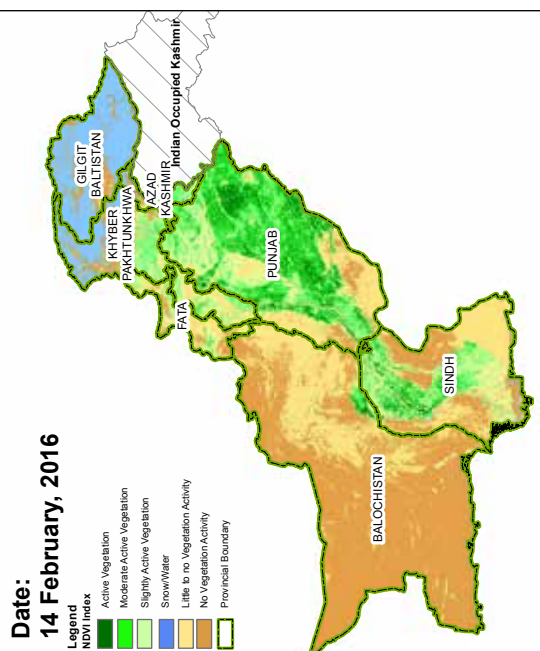
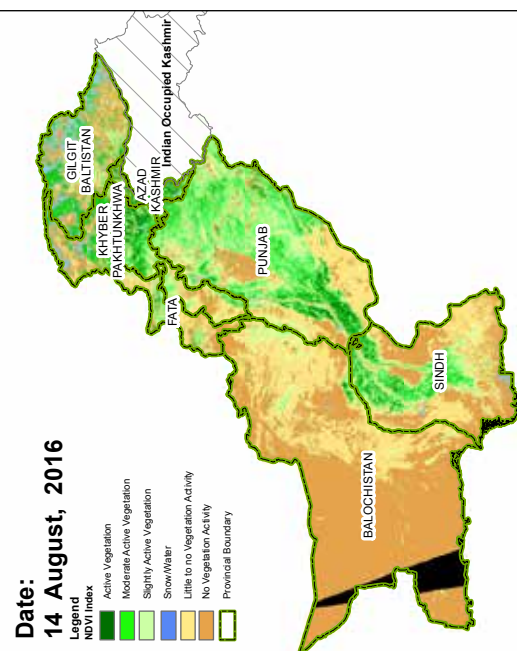


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پاک ترک اسکولز کے 28 ترکش پرنسپلز

کو ہٹا دیا گیا

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کراچی: وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے شہر میں صفائی کے حوالے سے نئی ڈیڈ لائن دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ صفائی کا معاملہ 2 ماہ میں حل ہو جائے گا جب کہ بہتری لانے کیلئے سب کی مدد چاہئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے شہر قائد کے علاقے لیاری کا دورہ کیا جہاں علاقہ مکینوں کی جانب سے پانی کی قلت اور لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاج کیا گیا، علاقہ مکینوں کا کہنا تھا کہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ پورے لیاری کا دورہ کریں اور یہاں کے مسائل حل کریں۔ کے بعد میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے مراد علی شاہ نے صفائی کے حوالے سے نئی ڈیڈ لائن دی اور کہا کہ شہر کی گندگی کچھ دنوں میں صاف نہیں ہو سکتی، صفائی کا معاملہ 2 ماہ میں حل ہو جائے گا جہاں سب کو نظر آئے گا دو ماہ میں کتنا فرق آتا ہے، بہتری لانے کیلئے سب کی مدد چاہئے جب کہ میں بھی احکامات دے چکا ہوں۔ مراد علی شاہ نے گھوسٹ ملازمین کے حوالے سے کہا کہ ہمیں گھوسٹ اساتذہ کو سدھارنا ہے، سندھ میں صرف گھوسٹ اسکول اور گھوسٹ اساتذہ ہی نہیں بلکہ گھوسٹ طلبا بھی ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ سندھ کے ہر شہر کا دورہ کریں گے اور خرابیوں کو دور کرنے کی کوشش کریں گے۔ اچھا کام کرنے والوں کی حوصلہ افزائی کی جائے گی اور کام نہ کرنے والوں کو گھر بھیجا جائے گا۔ مراد علی شاہ نے کہا کہ تعلیمی میدان میں پبلک پرائیوٹ پارٹنرشپ کا پروگرام موجود ہے، این جی او سرکاری اسکول کے ساتھ مل کر کام کر سکتی ہیں جب کہ بیوروکریسی سے مل کر کام کرنے کا کہا ہے اور سرکاری اشرافیہ ان کے خلاف نہیں دھمکتی کیونکہ وہ پہلے بھی رکن اسمبلی اور وزیر رہ چکے ہیں۔

کراچی میں صفائی کا مسئلہ 2 ماہ میں حل

ہو جائے گا، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی نئی ڈیڈ

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کراچی: وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے شہر میں سرکاری زمینوں پر قبضے کی تفصیلات طلب کرتے ہوئے چائنہ کننگ کے فوری خاتمے کا حکم دے دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے سینئر ممبر بورڈ آف ریونیو کو ٹیلی فون کیا اور کراچی میں سرکاری زمینوں پر قبضے سے متعلق امور پر بات کی۔ انہوں نے سرکاری زمینوں پر قبضے کی تفصیلات طلب کرتے ہوئے چائنہ کننگ کے خاتمے کا حکم دے دیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے سینئر ممبر بورڈ آف ریونیو کو ہدایت کی کہ عوام کی جان و مال کی حفاظت کے ساتھ ساتھ سرکاری زمینوں اور املاک کی حفاظت بھی ہماری ذمہ داری ہے، کراچی میں اب بھی چائنہ کننگ کی اطلاعات ہیں اس لئے کراچی میں زمینوں پر غیر قانونی قبضے سے متعلق جامع رپورٹ بنائی جائے، ایسی پالیسی مرتب کی جائے کہ جس علاقے میں قبضہ ہو علاقہ ایس ایچ او اس کا ذمہ دار ہو گا۔

کراچی میں سرکاری زمینوں پر قبضے کی

تفصیلات طلب، چائنہ کننگ کے خاتمے کا

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وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف کی قیادت میں سول و عسکری قیادت کے اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کہ قومی ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کی نگرانی کیلئے اعلیٰ سطح کی ٹاسک فورس قائم کی جائے گی۔ ٹاسک فورس میں تمام متعلقہ اداروں، ایجنسیوں، وفاقی اور صوبائی حکومتوں کے نمائندے شامل ہوں گے۔ وزیراعظم نے اجلاس میں ہدایت کی کہ قومی ایکشن پلان پر موثر انداز میں عملدرآمد کیلئے کوئی دقیقہ فرو گزاشت نہ کیا جائے۔ اجلاس میں وفاقی وزیر خزانہ سینئر اسحاق ڈار، وزیر داخلہ چودھری نثار علی خان، بری فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راحیل شریف، خارجہ امور کے مشیر سر تاج عزیز، قومی سلامتی کے مشیر ناصر خان جمجوعہ، ڈی جی آئی ایس آئی، ڈی جی آئی بی، ڈی جی سی (سی) میجر جنرل محمد ہمایوں سلیم، ڈی جی ایم آئی میجر جنرل ندیم ذکی، ڈی جی ایم او میجر جنرل ساحر شمشاد مرزا اور دوسرے اعلیٰ حکام نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس میں قومی ایکشن پلان پر عمل کے مختلف پہلوؤں کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں اس عزم کی تجدید کی گئی کہ پاکستان میں ہر جگہ سے دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کو ختم کر دیا جائے گا۔ حکومت اور دوسرے ریاستی اداروں کی اولین ترجیح مکمل امن اور بھائی چارہ کی بحالی ہو گی۔ اجلاس میں اس بات پر زور دیا گیا کہ انٹیلی جنس ادارے قومی سلامتی اور قومی مفادات کے تحفظ کیلئے اہم کردار ادا کریں گے اور اس سلسلے میں انہیں تمام ضروری وسائل اور مدد فراہم کی جائے گی۔ اجلاس میں علاقائی اور اندرونی سلامتی کی صورت حال کا سٹرٹجک جائزہ بھی لیا گیا۔ اس تناظر میں دشمن انٹیلی جنس اداروں کی طرف سے پاکستان کو غیر مستحکم کرنے کی سرگرمیوں کے رجحان کو زیر غور لایا گیا۔ اجلاس میں اتفاق کیا گیا کہ دشمن عناصر کی سرگرمیوں پر قابو پانے کیلئے مربوط اور ٹھوس کوششیں کی جائیں گی اور موجودہ کوششوں کو مزید بڑھایا جائے گا۔ وزیراعظم نے زور دیا کہ نتائج کے حامل بروقت ایکشن ہونے چاہئیں اور اس سلسلہ میں پاکستان کی سرزمین سے دہشت گردی کے مکمل خاتمہ کے مقصد کو پیش نظر رکھا جائے۔ ٹاسک فورس نیشنل ایکشن پروگرام پر عملدرآمد کی مانیٹرنگ کرے گی اور اس حوالے سے وزیراعظم اور دیگر اداروں کو رپورٹ بھی پیش کرے گی۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ پاکستان کے اندر غیر ملکی ایجنسیوں کا کردار بڑھ رہا ہے۔ پاکستان کو غیر مستحکم کرنے کی سازشوں کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ ان غیر ملکی ایجنسیوں کو جڑ سے اکھاڑ پھینکنے کے فوری اقدامات اٹھائے جائیں گے اور وزیراعظم نے یقین دہانی کرائی ہے کہ انٹیلی جنس اداروں کو جس قسم کی معاونت اور وسائل کی ضرورت ہو گی وہ فوری طور پر فراہم کئے جائیں گے۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کہ دہشت گردوں کو سزائیں دینے کے حوالے سے دہشت گردی کی عدالتوں کیلئے تحفظ پاکستان ایکٹ میں توسیع کیلئے وزارت قانون سے مشاورت کی جائے گی۔ فوجی عدالتوں کے حوالے سے سیاسی اور عسکری سطح پر وسیع تر مشاورت کو جاری رکھا جائے گا۔ دوسرا سال کے بعد ضرورت پڑنے پر ان میں توسیع کی جائے گی۔ آئندہ ہفتے اجلاس بھی بلائے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا جس میں صوبوں سے انٹیلی جنس نظام کو مربوط بنانے پر مشاورت کی جائے گی۔ اجلاس میں اس بات پر غور کیا گیا کہ سویلین اور ملٹری انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیاں کس طرح مل کر کام کر سکتی ہیں۔ اجلاس میں نیکیا کو مضبوط اور فعال کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ وفاقی حکومت کی جانب سے نیکیا کو ہر قسم کی سپورٹ فراہم کی جائے گی۔ اجلاس میں اس عزم کا اظہار بھی کیا گیا کہ پاکستان سے ہر قسم کی دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی کے خاتمے کیلئے کوششیں جاری رکھی جائیں گی۔ اجلاس 6 گھنٹے تک جاری رہا۔

لاہور (سٹاف رپورٹر) ریسکیو اہلکاروں کی گاڑی پر بجلی کا تار گرنے سے ایک اہلکار جاں بحق جبکہ 2 زخمی ہو گئے۔ ریسکیو گاڑی میں بھی آگ لگ گئی۔ اطلاع ملتے ہی امدادی ٹیمیں موقع پر پہنچ گئیں اور زخمیوں کو فوری ہسپتال منتقل کیا۔ واقعہ کے بعد ڈائریکٹر جنرل پنجاب ایمر جنسی سروس (ریسکیو 1122) بریگیڈئیر ریٹائرڈ ڈاکٹر ارشد ضیاء اور دیگر شیخ زید ہسپتال پہنچ گئے۔ معلوم ہوا ہے کہ اقبال ٹاؤن کے علاقہ میں آگ کی اطلاع کے دوران ریسکیو ٹیمیں اقبال ٹاؤن روانہ ہوئی اسی دوران ہائی وولٹیج بجلی کی تار ریسکیو گاڑی پر آگری اور گاڑی کو آگ لگ گئی کرنٹ لگنے سے 40 سالہ ڈرائیور مدثر موقع پر دم توڑ گیا جبکہ فائر ریسکیورز شہزاد جبار اور حماد بجلی کے کرنٹ کی وجہ سے زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا۔ ڈائریکٹر جنرل پنجاب ایمر جنسی سروس (ریسکیو 1122) بریگیڈئیر ریٹائرڈ ڈاکٹر ارشد ضیاء نے کہا کہ محمد مدثر ریسکیو ڈرائیور نے فرائض کی ادائیگی کے دوران اپنی جان کا نذرانہ پیش کیا اور شہید کے رتبہ پر فائز ہو گیا۔ مزید برآں ریسکیو 1122 حکومتی پالیسی کے مطابق واحد قانونی وارنٹ کو نوکری دی جائے گی۔ اس کے علاوہ زخمی ریسکیورز کو سروس کی طرف سے معاوضہ دیا جائے گا۔

لاہور: وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے میٹرک کے امتحانات میں اعزازی نمبر حاصل کرنے والی ہونہار غریب طالبہ کو 5 لاکھ روپے انعام دیا اور مفت گھر فراہم کرنے کا اعلان بھی کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے چکوال کی بچی بستی میں جھگی میں رہنے والی ہونہار طالبہ نرگس گل سے ملاقات کی اور راولپنڈی بورڈ کے تحت میٹرک کے امتحانات میں 1004 نمبر لینے پر نرگس گل کو مبارکبادی اسکول کی ہیڈ ماسٹر ایس کی کارکردگی کو بھی سراہا۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب نے نرگس گل کو 5 لاکھ روپے کا چیک اور لیپ ٹاپ بھی فراہم کیا، شہباز شریف نے پنجاب حکومت کی جانب سے نرگس گل کے لئے مفت گھر دینے کا اعلان کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہونہار طلبہ لاہور یا چکوال جہاں چاہے گی اسے گھر کے کر دیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب کا کہنا تھا کہ نرگس گل کے تمام تعلیمی اخراجات پنجاب حکومت برداشت کرے گی، یہ ہونہار طالبہ پاکستان کا روشن چہرہ اور تابناک مستقبل ہے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ہونہار طالبہ پاکستان کا روشن چہرہ اور تابناک مستقبل ہے، جھگیوں میں رہنے والی اس بچی نے اپنی محنت سے ثابت کیا ہے کہ تعلیم کسی کی میراث نہیں۔

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ہائی وے کے قریب دھاتی کے مقام پر علاقہ زیر آب آگیا اور کراچی کو پانی کی فراہمی بند کر دی گئی۔ ترجمان واٹر بورڈ کے مطابق صوبائی وزیر بلدیات جام خان شورو کی ہدایت پر پائپ کی مرمت کا کام جاری ہے۔ انہوں نے ہدایت کی کہ شہری پانی احتیاط سے استعمال کریں۔ دوسری جانب الیکٹرک کے ترجمان کا موقف ہے کہ دھاتی ہیمپنگ اسٹیشن پر بجلی کا مختصر قسط آیا تھا، جس کے بعد بجلی کی فراہمی فوری طور پر بحال کر دی گئی تھی۔

راولپنڈی میں پی ٹی آئی کے سائمنڈ سسٹم کے ٹرک میں آگ لگ گئی جس پر تھوڑی دیر بعد آگ پر قابو پایا گیا۔ تحریک انصاف کے رہنما فیصل جاوید خان کا کہنا ہے کہ کنٹینر پر لگنے والی آگ کی تحقیقات کر رہے ہیں، آگ کی ٹائمنگ اہم ہے، تاہم کنٹینر پر لگنے والی آگ سے جلنے پر کوئی اثر نہیں پڑے گا۔ انہوں نے یہ بھی کہا کہ دیکھ رہے ہیں کہ آگ لگنے کا واقعہ کوئی شرارت تو نہیں؟ آگ خود لگی ہے تو کس وجہ سے لگی اس کا پتہ بھی چلا رہے ہیں

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اسلام آباد ضلعی انتظامیہ نے شہر کے اہم علاقوں میں 2 ماہ کے لیے دفعہ 144 نافذ کر دی ہے۔ آتش بازی، اسلحے کی نمائش اور جلسے جلوسوں پر پابندی عائد ہوگی۔ ڈپٹی کمشنر اسلام آباد کے مطابق دفعہ 144 ریڈ زون، ایکسپریس روڈ، یونیورسٹی روڈ، تھرو ایویو، فور تھ ایویو سے مری روڈ اور جناح ایویو سمیت دیگر ملحقہ علاقوں میں لگائی گئی ہے، دفعہ 144 سیکورٹی خدشات کے پیش نظر لگائی گئی ہے۔ ضلعی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ لاؤڈ اسپیکر کے غلط استعمال پر بھی دو ماہ کے لیے پابندی عائد کر دی گئی ہے۔ دفعہ 144 کی خلاف ورزی کرنے والوں سے سختی سے نمٹا جائے گا۔

اسلام آباد: شہر کے اہم علاقوں میں 2 ماہ کے لیے دفعہ 144 نافذ

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قائم مقام چیف جسٹس آف پاکستان جسٹس ثاقب ثار نے کہا ہے کہ محکمہ صحت میں سب اچھا نہیں ہے پنجاب میں ہسپتالوں کا برہ حال ہے، شعبہ صحت کے گدھ مریضوں کی زندگیوں سے کھیل رہے ہیں، یہ رہا رکس انہوں نے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں میڈیکل سہولیات سے متعلق از خود نوٹس کیس کے دوران دیئے۔ کیس کی سماعت قائم مقام چیف جسٹس ثاقب ثار کی سربراہی میں جسٹس اعجاز افضل پر مشتمل بنچ نے کی، کیس کی سماعت شروع ہوئی تو پاکستان میڈیکل ایسوسی ایشن کی جانب سے تین ہسپتالوں کی تقابلی جائزہ رپورٹ عدالت میں جمع کرائی گئی، جس میں انکشاف کیا گیا۔ تین سے چھ ہزار روپے والا ایسٹرن سلیڈر پولی کلینک ہسپتال والے 22 ہزار میں خرید رہے ہیں اس پر عدالت نے مہنگے داموں سلیڈر کی خریداری پر سخت برہی کا اظہار کیا اور ایگزیکٹو ڈائریکٹر پولی کلینک ڈاکٹر افتخار نادر کو جھاڑ پلاتے ہوئے چاروں وفاقی ہسپتالوں کے سربراہوں کو طلب کر لیا، جبکہ قائم مقام چیف جسٹس کا کہنا تھا کہ محکمہ صحت کے گدھ مریضوں کی زندگیوں سے کھیل رہے ہیں، کیونکہ سلیڈر کی خریداری میں خورد در کا معاملہ نیب کے حوالے کر دیا جائے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ہیلتھ سیکٹر میں سب اچھا نہیں ہے، پنجاب میں سرکاری ہسپتالوں کا برہ حال ہے۔ پنجاب کے ہسپتالوں میں لیب کٹس اور سٹیچنگ کا سامان تک نہیں ہوتا۔ صوبے کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں جان بچانے والی ادویات کا بھی فقدان ہے جبکہ جسٹس اعجاز افضل کا کہنا تھا کہ ہر ہسپتال کو دی جانے والی جدید مشینری قابل استعمال نہیں رہتی، عدالت نے نجی ہسپتالوں میں خریدی جانے والی گیس کی قیمتوں کی رپورٹ طلب کرتے ہوئے کیس کی سماعت 18 اگست تک ملتوی کر دی۔

پنجاب میں ہسپتالوں کا برہ حال: محکمہ صحت کے گدھ مریضوں کی زندگیوں سے کھیل رہے ہیں: قائم مقام چیف جسٹس

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وزیراعظم نواز شریف نیلم جہلم منصوبے میں پیشرفت کا جائزہ لینے کیلئے جھوٹی پینچ جہاں انہیں چیئر مین واپڈا کی جانب سے منصوبے سے متعلق بریفنگ دی گئی۔ وزیراعظم کو بتایا گیا کہ منصوبے پر پچاس اعشاریہ تین فیصد کام مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے، سرنگوں کی تعمیر آخری مراحل میں ہے، سرنگوں کی سٹیل لائننگ کا کام بھی نصف سے زیادہ مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے۔ بریفنگ کے دوران بتایا گیا کہ ڈیم کے پل وے اور سٹرک پر کام سو فیصد مکمل ہے۔ حادثاتی مشکلات کی وجہ سے منصوبے میں کچھ تاخیر ہوئی۔ وزیراعظم آزاد کشمیر کی ایبل پرویز اعظم نواز شریف نے حکم دیا کہ منصوبے میں مقامی افراد کو ترجیح دی جائے جس پر سی ای او پروجیکٹ نے بتایا کہ منصوبے پر اٹھتر فیصد مقامی افراد کو روزگار دیا گیا ہے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف نے منصوبے کی بروقت تکمیل کو یقینی بنانے کی ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ منصوبے میں مشکلات کا ادراک کرتے ہوئے کام کرنا چاہیے تھا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ قوم کو لوڈ شیڈنگ سے نجات دلانے کی فکر ان سے زیادہ کسے ہو سکتی ہے، اپنی حکومت میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کے مکمل خاتمے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں، قوم سے کئے وعدے پورے کرنے میں کوئی رکاوٹ نہیں آنے دیں گے۔

اپنی حکومت میں لوڈ شیڈنگ کے مکمل خاتمے کیلئے کوشاں ہیں، قوم سے کئے گئے وعدے ہر صورت پورے کریں گے:

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لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں مقامی وکیل اشتیاق چودھری کی جانب سے ساہر کراٹم بل کے خلاف درخواست دائر کی گئی ہے۔ درخواست کہا گیا ہے کہ ساہر کراٹم قانون آزادی اظہار رائے کی خلاف ورزی ہے، اس قانون کے ذریعے سیاسی مخالفین اور ترقی پسند نوجوانوں کو ہراساں کیا جائے گا۔ درخواست کے مطابق آئین کے تحت کسی بھی شہری کی آزادی اظہار رائے پر قدغن نہیں لگائی جاسکتی، اس قانون کے ذریعے شہریوں کی زبان بندی کی جارہی ہے۔ انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کو محدود کرنے سے طالب علموں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑے گا۔ درخواست میں استدعا کی گئی ہے کہ سوشل میڈیا، یوٹیوب اور انفارمیشن ٹیکنالوجی کے استعمال کو محدود بنانے والے ساہر کراٹم قانون کو خلاف آئین قرار دیتے ہوئے کالعدم قرار دیا جائے۔

اشٹریٹ، سوشل میڈیا اور انفارمیشن کے استعمال کو محدود بنانے والے ساہر کراٹم کو لاہور ہائیکورٹ میں چیلنج کر دیا گیا

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تفصیلات

سرخیاں

لاڈکانہ کی میونسپل کارپوریشن کے اکاؤنٹ ڈپارٹمنٹ میں آگ لگنے سے 2008 سے 2016 تک کارپیکارڈ جل گیا۔ آگ لگنے کے وقت موجود 2 چوکیداروں کو شامل تفتیش کر لیا گیا۔ میونسپل کارپوریشن لاڈکانہ کے اکاؤنٹ ڈپارٹمنٹ میں آگ لگنے کا واقعہ رات گئے پیش آیا۔ جہاں موجود دو چوکیداروں نے میونسپل کمشنر عبدالحمید پٹھان کو بتایا کہ دو نامعلوم افراد اندر آئے اور اکاؤنٹ ڈپارٹمنٹ میں آگ لگا دی۔ میونسپل کمشنر کے مطابق 2008 تا 2016 تک مالی بے ضابطگیوں کے خلاف نیب کی تحقیقات جاری ہیں۔ نیب کی تحقیقات کے دوران کارپوریشن کے دو ملازمین عبدالستار شیخ اور عباس شیخ کو دو ہفتے قبل حراست میں لیا جا چکا ہے۔

2007 میں بھی ریکارڈ کو آگ لگا دی گئی تھی۔ گزشتہ رات آگ لگنے کے وقت موجود 2 چوکیداروں کو شامل تفتیش کر لیا گیا ہے

موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کے بعد پنجاب بھر میں سرکاری اسکول کھل گئے، جشن آزادی منکرینچے وطن کی تعمیر کا جذبہ لیے بے سنیچالے اسکول پہنچ گئے۔ موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کے بعد تمام سرکاری اداروں میں تعلیمی سرگرمیاں بحال ہو گئی ہیں۔ طالب علم کہتے ہیں چھٹیاں خوب مزے میں گزاریں اب باری ہے پڑھائی کی اور وہ ہم دل لگا کر پڑھیں گے۔ پنجاب بھر میں موسم گرما کی چھٹیاں ختم ہونے کے بعد اسکولوں میں تدریسی عمل کا باقاعدہ آغاز ہو گیا، نئے طالب علم اپنے اساتذہ اور دوستوں سے ملنے کے لیے ہیں کافی پر جوش کہتے ہیں۔ والدین کہتے ہیں چھٹیاں گزارنے کے بعد پہلے دن بچوں کو اسکول لانا سب سے زیادہ کٹھن مرحلہ ہوتا مگر پڑھائی تو لازم ہے۔ محکمہ تعلیم کی ہدایت پر تمام سرکاری اداروں میں تعلیمی سرگرمیوں کا باقاعدہ ہو گیا جبکہ چند نجی تعلیمی اداروں ابھی بھی بند ہیں۔ ادھر موسم گرما کی تعطیلات کے بعد وفاقی دار الحکومت اسلام آباد میں کئی نجی تعلیمی ادارے کھل گئے ہیں۔

لاہور: پاکستان کی ہونہار طالبہ نے یونیورسٹی آف لندن کے ایل ایل بی امتحان میں اول پوزیشن حاصل کر کے اس سال پاکستان کا نام روشن کر دیا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ پاکستان کے دو دیگر طالب علموں محمد کاظم اور رباب طارق خان نے بھی ان نو طالب علموں میں شامل ہیں جنہوں نے عالمی سطح پر غیر معمولی کارکردگی دکھائی ہے۔

واگہ بارڈر پر پرچم اتارنے کی روایتی تقریب منعقد کی گئی جس میں پاکستانی پرچموں کی بہار نظر آئی۔ جشن آزادی کے موقع پر عوام میں زبردست جوش و خروش نظر آیا اور فضا پاکستان زندہ باد کے نعروں سے گونج اٹھی۔

کراچی میں فراہمی آب کے بڑے منصوبے کے فورکاسنگ بنیاد گورنر سندھ اور وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے رکھ دیا۔ گورنر سندھ نے کہا کہ کراچی میں جاری آپریشن ہر صورت مکمل ہو گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے کہا کہ فور منصوبے کے لیے وفاق پچاس فیصد رقم فراہم کر رہا ہے۔ سپربائی وے پر کاٹھور کے مقام پر کراچی کے شہریوں کے لیے فراہمی آب کے منصوبے کے فورکاسنگ بنیاد رکھا دیا گیا۔ تقریب میں گورنر سندھ، وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ، ڈی جی رینجرز اور سربراہ ایف ڈی بی او بھی شریک تھے۔ تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ کا کہنا تھا کہ منصوبے کے پہلے فیز کو دو سال سے کم عرصے میں مکمل کیا جائے گا اور اگلے سال 23 مارچ تک اس منصوبے کے دوسرے فیز کا بھی افتتاح کر دیا جائے گا۔ گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں امن و امان کے مسئلے پر جو کام کیا ہے اس کا سہرا ڈی جی رینجرز کو جاتا ہے۔ ایف ڈی بی او کے سربراہ میجر جنرل محمد افضل کا کہنا تھا کہ آئندہ گرمیوں میں کراچی میں پانی کا مسئلہ حل ہو جائے گا۔ فراہمی کے منصوبے کے فور کی تعمیر پر 15.254 ارب روپے کی لاگت آئے گی اور منصوبے کی تکمیل سے 26 کروڑ گیلن پومیا اضافی پانی کراچی کو ملے گا۔

دھابئی پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر 72 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن پھٹ گئی، جس سے شہر کو پانی کی سپلائی بند ہو گئی ہے۔ پائپ لائن کی مرمت کا کام جاری ہے، واٹر بورڈ حکام نے شہریوں کو پانی احتیاط سے استعمال کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ ترجمان واٹر بورڈ کے مطابق گذشتہ روز دھابئی پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر کے الیکٹرک کی جانب سے اچانک بجلی کا بریک ڈاؤن ہوا، جس سے پانی کے بیک پریشر سے 72 انچ قطر کی پائپ لائن پھٹ گئی۔ پائپ لائن پھٹنے سے نیشنل

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جیو اردو نیوز

15 اگست 2016

موسم گرما کی چھٹیاں ختم، پنجاب بھر میں سرکاری اسکول کھل گئے

جیو اردو نیوز

15 اگست 2016

یونیورسٹی آف لندن کے امتحانات میں پاکستانی طالب علم سرفہرست

ایکسپریس اردو

15 اگست 2016

واگہ بارڈر پر پرچم اتارنے کی روایتی تقریب، عوام کا جوش و خروش

جیو اردو نیوز

14 اگست 2016

کراچی کیلئے فراہمی آب کا منصوبہ، کے فورکاسنگ بنیاد رکھ دیا گیا

جیو اردو نیوز

14 اگست 2016

دھابئی پمپنگ اسٹیشن پر پائپ لائن پھٹ گئی، شہر کو پانی کی سپلائی بند

جیو اردو نیوز



اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ انسداد دہشت گردی عدالتوں کی سیکورٹی مزید بڑھائی جائے گی اور پولیس کی اضافی نفری کے ساتھ ریپڈ رسپانس فورس بھی تعینات کی جائے گی۔ اجلاس میں عدالتوں کے گرد اونچی چوکیاں قائم کرنے اور شارع پروین رحمان پر پولیس گشت کو یقینی بنانے کا بھی فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔



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ہوئے بتایا کہ دھماکہ ریموٹ کنٹرول ڈیوائس کے ذریعے کیا گیا، جس میں تین سے چار کلود دھماکہ خیز مواد استعمال کیا گیا، دھماکے سے قبل جج کی گاڑی وہاں سے گزری تھی، دھماکے سے پولیس کی ایک گاڑی کو معمولی نقصان پہنچا۔ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ کا کہنا تھا کہ دھماکے میں زخمی ہونے والے تمام افراد کی حالت خطرے سے باہر ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ ایسی کارروائیاں 14 اگست کی سرگرمیاں سبوتاژ کرنے کی کوشش ہے، سکیورٹی انتظامات کو مزید بہتر بنا رہے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق دھماکا خیز مواد فلائی اوور پر نصب کیا گیا تھا، دھماکہ اس قدر شدید تھا کہ اس کی آواز دور دور تک سنی گئی اور قریبی عمارتوں کے شیشے ٹوٹ گئے، دھماکے سے ایک گاڑی اور دو موٹر سائیکلوں کو نقصان پہنچا۔ سکیورٹی اداروں نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے کر تحقیقات شروع کر دی ہیں۔ خیال رہے کہ 8 اگست کو کوئٹہ کے سول ہسپتال میں خود کش دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 173 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 112 سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔

اسلام آباد: سانحہ کوئٹہ کے بعد امن و امان کی صورتحال کا جائزہ لینے اور نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد سے متعلق اہم اجلاس ہوا جس میں سول و عسکری قیادت نے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لئے بھرپور طاقت کا استعمال کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ایکپرس نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعظم نواز شریف کی زیر صدارت نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کا تفصیلی جائزہ لینے کے لیے وزیر اعظم ہاؤس میں اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف، ڈی جی آئی ایس آئی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل رضوان اختر، وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار علی خان، وزیر خزانہ اسحاق ڈار سمیت اعلیٰ سیاسی و عسکری شخصیات نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کے دوران وزیر داخلہ اور مشیر قومی سلامتی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل (ر) ناصر خان جنجوعہ نے شرکا کو ملکی سکیورٹی صورتحال اور دہشت گردوں کے خلاف جاری کارروائیوں سے متعلق بریفنگ دی۔ اجلاس کے دوران سول و عسکری قیادت نے دہشت گردی کے خلاف مل کر کام کرنے پر اتفاق کیا اور ملک سے دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کے لئے بھرپور طاقت استعمال کرنے کے علاوہ مختلف فیصلے کئے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق وفاقی وزیر داخلہ چوہدری نثار اجلاس کے دوران کئے گئے فیصلوں پر قومی اسمبلی کو اعتماد میں لیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ 8 اگست کو کوئٹہ کے سول ہسپتال میں دھماکے کے نتیجے میں وکلا اور صحافیوں سمیت 173 افراد جاں بحق اور 80 سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔

چیز مین تحریک انصاف عمران خان کا کہنا تھا کہ کوئٹہ دھماکے کے بعد تمام تر سیاسی اختلافات پیش پشت ڈال کر دہشت گردوں کو مل کر شکست دینا چاہئے جب کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف تمام اپوزیشن، جماعتیں حکومت کے ساتھ ہیں۔ تحریک انصاف کے چیز مین نے سول ہسپتال کوئٹہ کا دورہ کیا اور گزشتہ روز دھماکے میں زخمی ہونے والے افراد کی عیادت کی۔ اس موقع پر میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے عمران خان کا کہنا تھا کہ کوئٹہ دھماکے کے بعد تمام تر سیاسی اختلافات پیش پشت ڈال کر دہشت گردوں کو مل کر شکست دینا چاہئے، انٹیلی جنس ادارے اور ہماری مسلح افواج بھرپور طریقے سے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف نبرد آزما ہے تاہم دہشت گردی کو جڑ سے ختم کرنے کے لئے پولیس کا کردار اہم ہوتا ہے اس لئے پولیس کو غیر سیاسی کرنے کی اشد ضرورت ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پولیس جتنی غیر سیاسی ہوگی اس کی کارکردگی اتنی ہی اچھی اور سکیورٹی صورت حال بہتر ہوگی۔ عمران خان کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردی سے سب سے زیادہ خیر بختوں خواہناثر ہوا لیکن فخر سے کہتا ہوں کہ وہاں پولیس کو غیر جانبدار اور غیر سیاسی بنادیا گیا ہے جس کی گواہی کورمانڈر پشاور بھی دیں گے، تحریک انصاف کوئٹہ دھماکے میں شہید ہونے والے افراد کے اہل خانہ کے ساتھ ہے جب کہ دھماکے کے متاثرین کی بھرپور مدد کریں گے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف تمام اپوزیشن جماعتیں حکومت کے ساتھ ہیں، دہشت گردوں کے خلاف ہمارا عزم اور ارادے مضبوط ہیں۔ نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر تمام جماعتوں نے دستخط کئے تھے اس پر پوری طرح عملدرآمد کی ضرورت ہے۔ چیز مین تحریک انصاف نے کہا کہ حکومت کے خلاف نہیں بلکہ حکومت کی جانب سے کی جانے والی ناانصافیوں اور غلطیوں کے خلاف تحریک شروع کی، 2013 کے عام انتخابات میں پورے ملک میں سب سے زیادہ دھاندلی بلوچستان میں ہوئی اسی لئے 4 حلقوں کو کھولنے کی بات کی تھی، الیکشن کمیشن کو انتخابی اصلاحات کرنے کی ضرورت ہے اگر انتخابات شفاف ہوں گے تو ملک میں جمہوریت مضبوط ہوگی۔ عمران خان کا کہنا تھا کہ پانا لیکس کے حوالے سے تحقیقات کا مطالبہ صرف ہمارا نہیں بلکہ اپوزیشن جماعتوں سمیت پوری قوم کا ہے۔

کراچی: ڈی ریجنل سندھ میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کا کہنا ہے کہ سندھ ہائی کورٹ اور ماتحت عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی مزید بہتر بنائی جائے۔ ڈی جی ریجنل سندھ میجر جنرل بلال اکبر نے سندھ ہائی کورٹ میں وکلا رہنماؤں سے ملاقات کی جس میں عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی کے حوالے سے تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر میجر جنرل بلال اکبر کا کہنا تھا کہ سانحہ کوئٹہ میں جاں بحق ہونے والے وکلا کے لواحقین سے ہمدردی ہے اور ہم وکلا کے غم میں برابر کے شریک ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ وکلا اور عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی موثر بنائی جائے گی اور سندھ ہائی کورٹ اور اس کی تمام ماتحت عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی کو مزید بہتر بنایا جائے گا۔ ایس ایس پی سٹی فیض اللہ کورسجوانے سٹی کورٹ میں میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ سٹی کورٹ میں آمد و رفت کے غیر ضروری تمام راستے بند کر دیئے جائیں گے جب کہ واک تھر و گٹھیں پر پولیس کی مزید نفری تعینات کی جائے گی۔ دوسری جانب سانحہ کوئٹہ اور انسداد دہشت گردی عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی پر جائزہ اجلاس ہوا جس میں ایس ایس پی ضلع جنوبی، متعلقہ ایس ایچ او اور انسداد دہشت گردی عدالتوں کے ججز نے شرکت کی۔

سول و عسکری قیادت کا دہشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے بھرپور طاقت استعمال کرنے کا فیصلہ

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وکلا اور عدالتوں کی سکیورٹی کو موثر بنایا جائے گا، ڈی جی ریجنل سندھ

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آپریشن کیا گیا تھا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں تین عسکریت پسند ہلاک ہو گئے جب کہ فرنٹیئر کور کا ایک اہلکار بھی زخمی ہوا۔ اسی طرح کی ایک اور کارروائی میں کابل میں بھی چار عسکریت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا گیا۔ ایف سی کے ترجمان کے مطابق حساس اداروں اور ایف سی کے اہلکاروں نے کابل کے علاقے کابان میں مشترکہ سرچ آپریشن کیا۔ ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ دونوں آپریشنز کے دوران اسلحہ و گولہ بارود بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والے افراد کا تعلق کالعدم عسکریت پسند تنظیموں سے تھا۔ دونوں واقعات میں ان افراد کی فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ہلاکت اور عسکریت پسند تنظیموں سے تعلق کی آزاد ذرائع سے تصدیق نہیں ہوئی ہے۔ دوسری جانب کالعدم عسکریت پسند تنظیم بلوچ ریپبلکن آرمی نے ڈیرہ گٹھی کے علاقے مرو اور دیگر علاقوں میں سیکورٹی افواج پر حملوں اور ان کو نقصان پہنچانے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے لیکن سرکاری سطح پر ان حملوں کی تصدیق نہیں ہوئی۔

خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں پولیس نے نرسوں اور لیڈی ہسپتالہ ورکرز پر مشتمل ایسے گروہ کو گرفتار کیا ہے جو نجی اور سرکاری ہسپتالوں سے نومولود بچوں کو اغوا کرنے کی سرگرمیوں میں ملوث تھا۔ جمعے کو پشاور کے ایس ایس پی عباس مجید مروت نے ایک پریس کانفرنس میں کہا ہے کہ انھوں نے اب تک سات افراد کو گرفتار کیا ہے جن میں ایک نرس دولیڈی ہسپتالہ ورکرز اور دو آیاتوں کے ساتھ ساتھ دوسرے شامل ہیں۔ یہ گروہ پشاور نوشہرہ مردان اور اسلام آباد کے علاوہ دیگر شہروں میں قائم سرکاری اور نجی ہسپتالوں کے علاوہ میٹرنیٹ ہومز کے ساتھ رابطے میں رہتا تھا۔ پولیس کے مطابق جب کسی ہسپتال میں مردہ بچہ پیدا ہوتا تھا تو اسے سرد خانے میں محفوظ رکھ دیا جاتا تھا اور اس کے بعد جب کسی عورت کے ہاں زندہ بچہ پیدا ہوتا تھا تو اسے سرد خانے سے نکال کر مردہ بچے سے تبدیل کر دیا جاتا تھا اور اس عورت کو یہ تسلی دی جاتی تھی کہ ان کا بچہ مردہ پیدا ہوا ہے۔ پولیس حکام نے بتایا کہ اس گروہ نے اب تک نو بچے فروخت کیے ہیں اور ان نومولود بچوں کو 70 ہزار روپے سے لے کر تین لاکھ روپے تک میں فروخت کیا جاتا ہے۔

پشاور پولیس نے حیات آباد سمیت کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کرتے ہوئے 81 افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا، گرفتار افراد سے اسلحہ اور کارٹوس بھی برآمد کر لئے گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن پشتہ خرو، سرہند اور حیات آباد کے علاقوں میں کیا گیا ہے جس میں 68 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار کر لئے گئے، غیر قانونی طور پر مقیم 3 افغان باشندوں کے علاوہ کراہی داری کے کوائف مکمل نہ کرنے والے 10 افراد کو بھی گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ گرفتار افراد سے 3 پستول اور درجنوں کارٹوس برآمد کئے گئے ہیں۔ پولیس نے گرفتار افراد کے خلاف مقدمات درج کر لئے انھیں آج عدالت میں پیش کیا جائے گا۔

پشاور میں لیڈی ڈاکٹر اور اسٹاف نرس بچوں کی اغوا کار نکلیں۔ پولیس نے بچوں کے اغوا کار گروہ کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق گروہ میں اسٹاف نرس، مختلف میٹرنیٹ ہومز کی لیڈی ڈاکٹرز بھی شامل ہیں۔ اغوا کار گروپ کی طرف سے نومولود بچوں کو 3 لاکھ روپے میں فروخت کرنے کا انکشاف کیا گیا۔ ایس ایس پی کے مطابق اغوا کار گروپ اب تک 9 بچوں کو فروخت کر چکا ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق 7 ملزمان کو گرفتار کیا گیا جن میں 5 خواتین بھی شامل ہیں۔ ملزمان ہسپتالوں اور میٹرنیٹ ہومز سے نومولود بچے اغوا کر کے فروخت کرتے رہے۔ گروہ ہسپتال انتظامیہ کی مدد سے زندہ کی بجائے مردہ بچے بھی والدین کے حوالے کرتے اور زندہ بچے 70 ہزار سے 3 لاکھ تک فروخت کرتے رہے۔ گرفتار خواتین لیڈی ہسپتالہ ورکر ہیں۔ مزید ارکان کی گرفتاری کیلئے چھپاے مارے جا رہے ہیں۔ ملزمان سے ایک بچی بھی برآمد کی گئی۔

راولپنڈی کے علاقے گوجران اور کلر سیداں میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے کوبنگ آپریشن کیا جس کے نتیجے میں دو اہم کمانڈروں سمیت چھ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر کے بھاری مقدار میں اسلحہ، گولہ بارود اور بڑی تعداد میں تیار کی گئی بارودی سرنگیں (آئی ای ڈیز) برآمد کر لیں۔ جمعہ کو پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے گزشتہ رات راولپنڈی کے علاقے کلر سیداں اور گوجران میں کوبنگ آپریشن کیا جس کے نتیجے میں دو اہم کمانڈروں سمیت چھ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ سیکورٹی فورسز نے گرفتار دہشت گردوں سے بھاری مقدار میں گولہ بارود اور بڑی تعداد میں تیار کی گئی بارودی سرنگیں بھی برآمد کر لیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق ملک بھر سے دہشت گردوں کی گرفتاری اور ان کی کیمین گاہوں کے خاتمے تک کوبنگ آپریشن کا سلسلہ جاری رہے گا۔ یاد رہے کہ کوسٹ کے سول ہسپتال دھماکے کے بعد ملک بھر میں کوبنگ آپریشن تیز کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا تھا۔

کوسٹ میں 3 روز کے دوران دہشت گردی کا دوسرا واقعہ، الخیر ہسپتال کے قریب پولیس موبائل پر ریوٹ کنٹرول بم حملے میں 4 اہلکاروں سمیت 14 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ دھماکے سے کچھ دیر قبل وفاقی شریعت کورٹ کے جج جسٹس ظہور شاہوانی کی گاڑی گزری تاہم وہ محفوظ رہے جبکہ ایک گاڑی اور دو موٹر سائیکلوں کو نقصان پہنچا۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کے مطابق کوسٹ میں زرغون روڈ پر الخیر ہسپتال اور سریاب فلائی اوور کے قریب ریوٹ کنٹرول بم کا زور دار دھماکا ہوا۔ دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 4 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 14 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں کو سول ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ دھماکے سے کچھ دیر قبل وفاقی شریعت کورٹ کے جج جسٹس ظہور شاہوانی کی گاڑی وہاں سے گزری تھی۔ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ سرفراز بگٹی نے میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے

پشاور: نومولود بچوں کے اغوا میں ملوث

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بی بی سی اردو

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کے اغوا میں ملوث نکلیں، ایک بچی برآمد

اغوا کار گروپ اب تک 9 بچوں کو

فروخت کر چکا ہے

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 اگست 2016

سیکورٹی فورسز کا گوجران اور کلر سیداں

میں کوبنگ آپریشن، دو اہم کمانڈروں

سمیت چھ دہشت گرد گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

12 اگست 2016

کوسٹ: تین روز کے دوران دہشت گردی

کا دوسرا واقعہ، پولیس وین پر بم حملہ 14

افراد زخمی، وفاقی شرعی عدالت کے جج کی

گاڑی کچھ لمبے پہلے گزری

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

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پشاور: بچوں کو اغواء اور خرید و فروخت میں ملوث گروہ نے عدالت کے روبرو اعتراف جرم کر لیا جس کے بعد انہیں جیل بھیج دیا گیا جب کہ پولیس نے گروہ کی نشاندہی پر نومولود بچی فروخت کرنے والے والدین کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق تھانہ کینٹ پولیس نے نومولود بچوں کے اغواء اور خرید و فروخت میں ملوث گروہ کو عدالت کے روبرو پیش کیا تو تمام ملزمان نے معزز جج کے سامنے اعتراف جرم کر لیا جس کے بعد تمام ملزمان کو سینٹرل جیل بھیج دیا گیا۔ ملزمان میں 6 خواتین اور 2 مرد شامل ہیں جنہوں نے اعتراف کیا کہ انہوں نے 9 بچوں کو فروخت کیا۔ دوسری جانب پشاور کینٹ پولیس نے بچوں کی خرید و فروخت کا دھندہ کرنے والے گروہ کی سرغنہ وجہہ کی نشاندہی پر بچی بیچنے والے والدین کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ بچی کے باپ امتیاز اور ماں فرحت کو نوشہرہ کے علاقے میاں خیل پی سے پکڑا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق والدین نے پانچویں بیٹی پیدا ہونے پر رابطہ کار کے ذریعے 94 ہزار روپے میں اپنی بیٹی کو فروخت کیا۔ واضح رہے کہ پولیس نے 4 روز قبل ڈگری پشاور میں بچی فروخت کرنے والی خاتون کو رینگے ہاتھوں گرفتار کر کے اس کے مزید ساتھی بھی پکڑ لئے تھے، گروہ کے ارکان اسپتالوں اور میٹرنٹی ہو مزر سے نومولود بچوں کو اغواء کر کے انہیں بیچ دیتے ہیں۔ پولیس کی ابتدائی تفتیش کے مطابق گروہ کا ایک رکن امین اور اس کی بیوی عرف کران ایک سال تک افغانستان میں بھی یہ دھندہ کرتے رہے، گروہ میں سرکاری اسپتال کی اسٹاف نرس، خالہ اور مختلف میٹرنٹی ہو مزر کی لیڈی ڈاکٹر ز اور عملے سمیت دس افراد کی نشاندہی ہوئی ہے جب کہ کاکا نامی ایک گورکن بھی گروہ میں شامل ہے۔

پشاور میں بچوں کے اغواء کا گروہ کا اعتراف جرم، بچی بیچنے والے والدین بھی گرفتار

ایکسپریس اردو
15 اگست 2016

چار برس پہلے جانے کس نے اس وقت کے پاکستانی وزیر داخلہ رحمان ملک کے کان میں کہا ہو گا کہ موبائل فون سروس معطل کرنے سے دہشت گردی بھی معطل ہو جاتی ہے۔ چنانچہ 19 اگست 2012 کی عید الفطر سے آج تک 24 بار موبائل فون سروس بند ہو چکی ہے۔ ہو سکتا ہے کسی اہم تعطیل پر واقعی اتنا سنگین خطرہ منڈلا رہا ہو کہ موبائل فون سروس کی معطلی ایک ناگزیر انتظامی مجبوری ہو۔ مگر جھپٹے چار برس سے یہ ایک معمول کی انتظامی رسم بن چکی ہے کہ یکم محرم، عاشورہ، چہلم، یوم علی، عید میلاد النبی، یوم عشق رسول، 23 مارچ، 14 اگست، چینی وزیر اعظم کا دورہ، طاہر القادری کا مارچ غرض کوئی بھی ذرا احساس دن یا موقع ہو۔ پہلا نزلہ موبائل فون سروس پر گرتا ہے۔ موجودہ حکومت نہ صرف سابق جمہوری حکومت کا تسلسل ہے بلکہ اسے ورثے میں موبائل فون سروس کی معطلی کی روایت بھی ملی ہے۔ یہ تو ثابت ہو چکا کہ موبائل فون سروس معطل ہونے سے سیلولر کمپنیوں کو کتنا مالی نقصان ہوتا ہے یا عام لوگوں اور ایمر جنسی اداروں کے کارکنوں کی باہمی رابطہ کاری کس قدر مشکل ہو جاتی ہے۔ مگر یہ ثابت ہونا بھی باقی ہے کہ موبائل فون سروس معطل ہونے سے دہشت گردی میں کیا اور کتنی کمی ہوتی ہے؟ اگر یہ طریقہ دہشت گردی کی روک تھام میں اتنا ہی کامیاب ہے تو کیوں نہ موبائل فون سروس مستقل ہی معطل کر دی جائے تاکہ پاپ کٹے۔

موبائل فون کی دہشت گردی

جی بی سی اردو
14 اگست 2016

پاکستان کے صوبہ پنجاب کے دار الحکومت لاہور کے نواحی علاقے شاہدرہ کے قریب سیکورٹی فورسز کے کومبنگ آپریشن میں دودھشت گردوں سمیت 11 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ صوبہ بلوچستان کے دار الحکومت کوئٹہ میں گذشتہ پیر کو سول ہسپتال میں خودکش حملے کے بعد ملک بھر میں شدت پسندوں کے خلاف کومبنگ آپریشن شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا تھا۔ فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کے ایک بیان مطابق سنجر کی شب شاہدرہ کے قریب برکت ٹاؤن میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے کومبنگ آپریشن کیا۔ بیان کے مطابق تین گھنٹے تک جاری رہنے والے اس آپریشن میں دو دہشت گردوں سمیت 11 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ بیان میں دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم شدت پسند تنظیم سے ظاہر کیا گیا ہے تاہم اس تنظیم کا نام نہیں بتایا گیا۔ سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی میں اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں خودکش دھماکے کے بعد فوج کے سربراہ جنرل راجیل نے شدت پسندی کے واقعات میں ملوث افراد کو ہدف بنانے کے لیے انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیوں کو ملک بھر میں کومبنگ آپریشن شروع کرنے کا حکم دیتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ صورتحال کو کنٹرول کرنے کے لیے تمام وسائل بروئے کار لائے جائیں گے۔ کوئٹہ میں ہونے والے اس دھماکے میں 70 سے زائد افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ ہلاک شدگان میں بڑی تعداد وکلا کی تھی۔ کوئٹہ کے سول ہسپتال پر خودکش حملے کے بعد ملک میں ایک بار پھر شدت پسندی کے خلاف موثر کارروائیوں پر سوالات اٹھائے جا رہے ہیں۔

لاہور میں سیکورٹی فورسز کا کومبنگ

آپریشن، 11 گرفتاریاں

جی بی سی اردو
14 اگست 2016

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے دار الحکومت کوئٹہ سمیت دو علاقوں میں حکام نے سیکورٹی افواج کی کارروائیوں میں سات عسکریت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کی جانب سے فراہم کردہ معلومات کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والے تین عسکریت پسند جمعہ کی رات گئے کی جانے والی ایک کارروائی میں مارے گئے۔ ترجمان نے کہا کہ کوئٹہ شہر میں سریاب کے علاقے میں عسکریت پسندوں کی موجودگی پر سرچ

بلوچستان: سیکورٹی آپریشن میں سات عسکریت پسند ہلاک

جی بی سی اردو

صوبے خیبر پختونخواہ کے ضلع بنوں میں طوفانی بارشوں کے باعث چھتیں، درخت اور سائن بورڈز گرنے کے واقعات میں تین افراد جاں بحق جبکہ پچاس سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے۔

تفصیلات کے مطابق حادثات درخت، چھتیں اور سائن بورڈز گرنے کے باعث پیش آئے جس کے باعث 50 سے زائد افراد زخمی ہوئے جن میں اکثر کو طبی امداد دیکر فارغ کر دیا گیا، مکانات کی چھت گرنے سے تین افراد جاں بحق ہوئے جبکہ بجلی کا نظام درہم برہم ہو گیا مسلسل بارش کے باعث دریاؤں میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہو رہی ہے جس کے باعث نشیبی علاقوں میں طغیانی کا خطرہ ہے۔

پاکستان میں مون سون کی حالیہ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں کم از کم تین افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں جبکہ دریائے چناب میں سیلابی صورت حال پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے سینئر اہلکار محمد حنیف نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں اس وقت دریائے چناب میں بعض مقامات پر درمیانے جبکہ بعض مقامات پر اونچے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ ☆ خیبر پختونخوا میں شدید بارشیں، چار افراد ہلاک ☆ خیبر پختونخوا میں بارشوں اور سیلاب سے 45 ہلاک محمد حنیف نے کہا کہ بالائی علاقوں پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، فانا اور کشمیر کے علاقوں میں آئندہ دو سے تین دنوں کے دوران بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہے گا اور اس کی شدید میں مزید اضافہ ہو گا۔ محمد حنیف کے مطابق بالائی پنجاب اور خیبر پختونخوا میں آئندہ متوقع شدید بارشوں کے نتیجے میں ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کا خطرہ ہے۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ اس وقت بھی بارشوں کی وجہ سے بعض علاقوں کے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کی اطلاعات مل رہی ہیں لیکن مزید بارشوں کے نتیجے میں صورت حال خراب ہو سکتی ہے اور اس وجہ سے نشیبی علاقوں میں رہنے والے افراد احتیاط برتیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اس وقت صرف دریائے چناب میں سیلاب ہے جبکہ ملک کے دیگر دریاؤں میں صورتحال معمول کے مطابق ہے۔ دوسری جانب دریائے چناب میں سیلاب کی وجہ سے جھنگ اور سرگودھا کے علاقے متاثر ہوئے ہیں اور دریا کے کنارے آبادیوں میں پانی آنے کی وجہ سے لوگ محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ سیلابی پانی کی وجہ سے جھنگ سرگودھا روڈ کے بند ہونے کی اطلاعات بھی مل رہی ہیں۔

پاکستان میں مون سون کی حالیہ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں کم از کم دو افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ دریائے چناب میں سیلابی صورت حال پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے سینئر اہلکار محمد حنیف نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ بارشوں کے نتیجے میں اس وقت دریائے چناب میں بعض مقامات پر درمیانے جبکہ بعض مقامات پر اونچے درجے کا سیلاب ہے۔ ☆ خیبر پختونخوا میں شدید بارشیں، چار افراد ہلاک ☆ خیبر پختونخوا میں بارشوں اور سیلاب سے 45 ہلاک محمد حنیف نے کہا کہ بالائی علاقوں پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، فانا اور کشمیر کے علاقوں میں آئندہ دو سے تین دنوں کے دوران بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری رہے گا اور اس کی شدید میں مزید اضافہ ہو گا۔ محمد حنیف کے مطابق بالائی پنجاب اور خیبر پختونخوا میں آئندہ متوقع شدید بارشوں کے نتیجے میں ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کا خطرہ ہے۔ ان کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ اس وقت بھی بارشوں کی وجہ سے بعض علاقوں کے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کی اطلاعات مل رہی ہیں لیکن مزید بارشوں کے نتیجے میں صورت حال خراب ہو سکتی ہے اور اس وجہ سے نشیبی علاقوں میں رہنے والے افراد احتیاط برتیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اس وقت صرف دریائے چناب میں سیلاب ہے جبکہ ملک کے دیگر دریاؤں میں صورتحال معمول کے مطابق ہے۔ دوسری جانب دریائے چناب میں سیلاب کی وجہ سے جھنگ اور سرگودھا کے علاقے متاثر ہوئے ہیں اور دریا کے کنارے آبادیوں میں پانی آنے کی وجہ سے لوگ محفوظ مقامات پر منتقل ہو رہے ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ سیلابی پانی کی وجہ سے جھنگ سرگودھا روڈ کے بند ہونے کی اطلاعات بھی مل رہی ہیں۔ دوسری جانب خیبر پختونخوا کے جنوبی ضلع بنوں میں بدھ کی صبح تیز ہواؤں کے شدید بارش سے کم سے کم دو افراد ہلاک اور 28 زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ پشاور میں قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق مقامی انتظامیہ ہلاک اور زخمی ہونے والے افراد کے علاوہ املاک کو ہونے والے نقصان کی تفصیلات حاصل کر رہی ہے۔

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لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + سپورٹس رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران) مون سون بارشوں کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا اور لاہور سمیت راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا، ملتان، اسلام آباد سمیت کئی شہروں میں بارش ہوئی جبکہ ملک میں بجلی کی ڈیمانڈ میں کمی سے شارٹ فال کم رہا جس کے باعث لوڈ شیڈنگ کا دورانیہ کم رکھا گیا تاہم جن علاقوں میں بارش ہوئی وہاں ترسیلی نظام متاثر ہوا اور درجنوں فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے۔ جن علاقوں میں ٹرانسفارمر جل گئے وہاں ٹرانسفارمر کی تبدیلی تاخیر کا شکار رہی جس کے باعث ان علاقوں میں بجلی کی بندش کا دورانیہ طویل رہا۔ شارٹ فال میں کمی کے باعث انڈسٹریز کو ایک بار پھر بجلی کی بلا قحط فراہمی کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا گیا۔ گزشتہ روز صوبائی دارالحکومت میں دوپہر کے وقت ہونے والی بارش سے لیسکو کے مزید 22 فیڈرز ٹرپ ہوئے جن کی بحالی بارش رکنے کے بعد کر دی گئی اسلام آباد میں بارش کا سلسلہ مسلسل جاری رہنے کے باعث آئینکوس میں ترسیلی نظام زیادہ متاثر ہوا۔ گزشتہ روز شہروں میں 8 گھنٹے جبکہ دیہی علاقوں میں 12 گھنٹے تک کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔ جس کے باعث لوگوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق بجلی کی 18 گھنٹے تک کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری رہی جس کی وجہ سے شہریوں کے کاروبار متاثر ہو کر رہ گئے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق تربیال غازی میں گرڈ سٹیشن کی خرابی کی وجہ سے بجلی بیک ڈاؤن رہا۔ گزشتہ روز دن بھر اور جمعہ کی نماز کے وقت بھی بجلی غائب رہی۔ غازی کا علاقہ شدید ٹرپنگ کی زد میں رہا۔ عوام نے پیسکو کی نااہلی کے باعث بجلی کی بار بار معطلی پر سخت شدید احتجاج کیا۔ علاوہ ازیں کئی شہروں میں بارش سے نشیبی علاقوں میں پانی کھڑا ہو گیا تاہم موسم خوشگوار رہا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق خیبر پٹی کے 'بالاکوٹ 62'، ڈی آئی خان 41، مالم چہ 26، کوہاٹ 9' دیر 8 میں 13 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔

کراچی: (دنیا نیوز) گجر نالہ کے اطراف تجاوزات کا خاتمہ حکومت سندھ کے لئے کسی چیلنج سے کم نہ تھا لیکن محض 22 روز میں نالے کے دونوں طرف 8 کلو میٹر سے زائد کا قبضہ ختم کر کے مکانات کو گرا دیا گیا ہے۔ غیر قانونی مکانات کو گرانے سے قبل رہائشی افراد رضاکارانہ طور پر اپنے گھر گرا رہے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ زیادہ نقصان سے بچنے کے لئے 30 فٹ تک اپنا گھر خود گرا رہے ہیں۔ ضلع وسطی کی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ گجر نالے کے اطراف تمام تجاوزات ختم کرنے کے بعد نالے کے دونوں طرف سڑک تعمیر کی جائے گی جب کہ قبضہ ختم کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ نالے کی صفائی بھی کی جارہی ہے۔ انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ گجر نالے پر قبضہ چھ ماہ تک ختم کرالیں گے اور صرف 22 روز میں 8 کلو میٹر سے زائد کی پٹی کلیئر کرانا بڑی کامیابی ہے۔

گجر نالے کے اطراف میں 8 کلو میٹر سے زائد رقبہ سے تجاوزات کا خاتمہ

دنیا نیوز

13 ستمبر 2016

لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر + نامہ نگاران) بارشوں کے باعث چھتیس گرنے سے وزیر آباد اور حافظ آباد میں خاتون سمیت 2 افراد جاں بحق اور 4 زخمی ہو گئے جبکہ لاہور میں بارش کے نتیجے میں لیسکو کے مزید 27 فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے۔ تلوڈی بھنڈرا کے مقام پر نالہ ڈیک کا بند ٹوٹ گیا۔ بند ٹوٹنے سے متعدد دیہات زیر آب آ گئے ضلعی انتظامیہ کے مطابق دیہاتوں کا رابطہ نارووال شہر سے منقطع ہو گیا۔ وزیر آباد سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق مسلسل تیز بارش کی وجہ سے مکان کی چھت گرنے سے خاتون حفیظاں جاں بحق ہو گئی جبکہ 4 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ نارووال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ڈی سی او نارووال کا کہنا ہے کہ نالہ ڈیک اور نالہ بنیں میں اگلے چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران خطرناک سیلابی ریلے کے گزرنے کے پیش نظر فلوڈ وارننگ جاری کر دی گئی نالہ ڈیک اور نالہ بنیں کے گرد بسنے والوں کو محفوظ مقام پر منتقل ہونے کی ہدایت جاری کر دی گئی ہے۔ این این آئی کے مطابق محکمہ موسمیات نے کہا ہے کہ آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور مرطوب رہے گا راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، لاہور، سرگودھا، ساہیوال، بہاولپور، ہزارہ، پشاور، کوہاٹ، بنوں، ڈی آئی جی خان ڈویژن، فانا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ مزید بارش کا امکان ہے۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق نواحی گاؤں کی چھتوں میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے غریب محنت کش باہر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ گزشتہ روز وہ ایک کمرے میں سو رہا تھا کہ اچانک بارش کے دوران اسکی چھت نیچے آ گئی۔ دیہاتیوں نے لمبے ہٹا کر اسکی نعش کو لمبے سے نکال لیا۔ مرید کے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ڈیک نالوں میں طغیانی بڑھ گئی۔ مرید کے 6 گھنٹے کی بارش نے تباہی مچادی کچے مکانات گر گئے۔ انڈر پاس گلیاں بازار پانی کے جوڑ بن گئے۔ صبح 4 بجے سے شروع ہونے والی بارش نے تباہی مچادی درجنوں کچے مکانات گرنے سے متعدد شہری زخمی ہو گئے جبکہ متعدد مویشی بھی زخمی ہو گئے۔ علاوہ ازیں لاہور میں جاری بارشوں کے باعث لیسکو کا ترسیلی نظام متاثر ہو رہا ہے، جمعرات کی صحیح ہونیوالے بارش کے نتیجے میں بھی لیسکو کے 27 فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جنہیں وقفے وقفے سے بحال کیا گیا، علاوہ ازیں ٹرانسفارمر جلنے اور بارش سے متعدد علاقوں میں فنی خرابی کے باعث شہریوں کو طویل بندش کا سامنا رہا۔ دوسری جانب بارش سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا ہے جس کے نتیجے میں بجلی کی طلب میں کمی واقع ہوئی ہے۔

بارش، چھتیں گرنے سے خاتون سمیت 2 جاں بحق، نالہ ڈیک کا بند ٹوٹ گیا

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- 34 سول و عسکری قیادت کا دھشت گردی کے خاتمے کیلئے بھرپور طاقت استعمال کرنے کا فیصلہ
- 32 موسم گرما کی چھٹیاں ختم، پنجاب بھر میں سرکاری اسکول کھل گئے
- 32 واہگہ بارڈر پر پرچم اتارنے کی روایتی تقریب، عوام کا جوش و خروش
- 32 کراچی کیلئے فراہمی آب کا منصوبہ، کے فور کا سنگ بنیاد رکھ دیا گیا
- 31 اسلام آباد شہر کے اہم علاقوں میں 2 ماہ کیلئے دفعہ 144 نافذ
- 30 نیشنل ایکشن پلان، مانیٹرنگ ٹاسک فورس قائم کرنے کا فیصلہ

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