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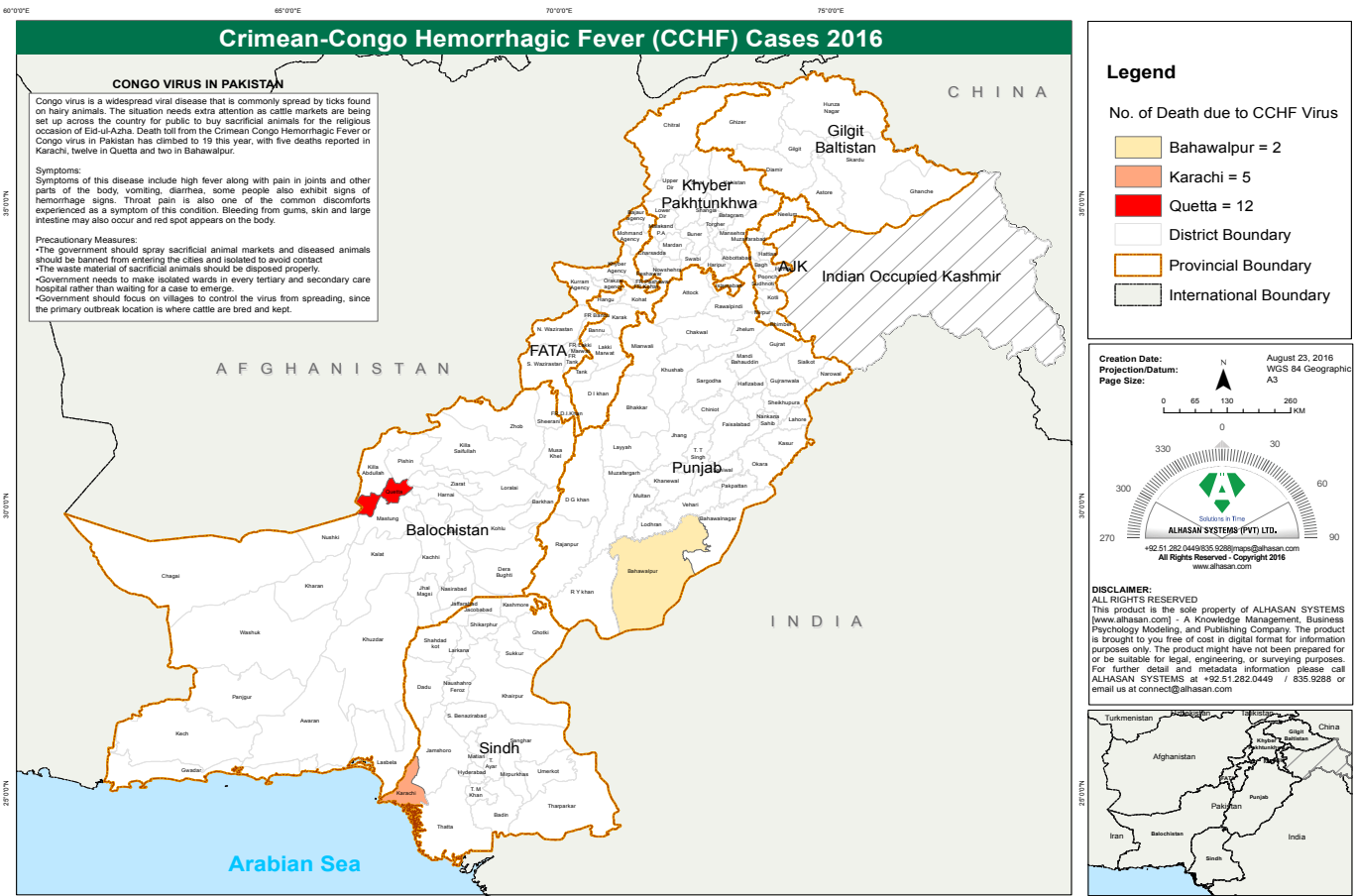
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

UN lauds Pakistan's capacity in dealing with natural calamities

Pak Observer, August 22, 2016

ICT to launch 3rd phase of anti-dengue campaign next month

Pak Observer, August 20, 2016

CDA to launch Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive

Pakistan Today, August 20, 2016

Opinion: Coping with heatwaves

Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), August 19, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for Pakistan Neil Buhne has said that the countries hosting refugees and migrants need to be assisted more so that they could help the displaced people in a better way.

Talking to Radio Pakistan, he emphasized coordinated policies among the countries facing the issue. Neil Buhne said the international community has a responsibility towards the people displaced from Federally Administered Tribal Areas as well as the Afghan refugees in Pakistan. To a question, he said Pakistan has considerably improved its capacity to deal with the situations emerging out of emergencies such as floods. He said that NDMA has an important role in overcoming natural disasters across the country.

Taking part in the program conducted in connection with World Humanitarian Day, Head at the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Heli Uusikyla also said that the return and rehabilitation of the IDPs of FATA is a challenge, and collective efforts are needed to deal with it successfully. She said about sixty percent of the internally displaced persons of FATA have returned to their homes. She said the global media has an important role to draw the world attention towards the humanitarian issue. Heli Uusikyla said the United Nations and its partners are in need of \$21.6 billion to meet the needs of 95.4 million displaced people across the world.

ISLAMABAD: District Health Department, Islamabad has planned extensive campaign against dengue in the rural areas of Islamabad from the next month and completed all necessary arrangements in this regard.

According to sources, the district health officials plan extensive drive against dengue in the rural areas and special teams will be constituted for destroying mosquito breeding places.

The officials would carry out the larvicidal activity to eliminate the dengue mosquitoes. Sanitary inspectors and the Lady Health Workers have been advised to identify active breeding sites by making extensive visits in the villages, bazaars and congested areas where the rain water gets collected in rains.

The district health officials had already launched extensive anti-dengue drive in the rural areas of Islamabad in three phases from March to July 2016 whereby fumigation and spray were carried out at over 1500 places.

The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has finalised the arrangements for upcoming Monsoon Tree Plantation Drive scheduled to be launched on August 24. CDA Environment Member Sanaullah Aman said that authority would make the drive successful with public participation from all walks of life. He said during the campaign, 300,000 saplings of different species would be planted in the city.

Special arrangements have been made to ensure proper growth of the saplings to be planted to enhance green image of the federal capital, he added. The environment member said that famous personalities, celebrities from showbiz and other areas are also expected to participate in the launching ceremony. He said some 15,000 fruit trees would also be planted at Lake View Park.

Aman also directed the formations to take consolidated steps to ensure survival of the maximum saplings.

CDKN has undertaken a project to facilitate stakeholders in developing the heatwave management plan for Karachi, Pakistan. Syed Muhammad Abubakar, Knowledge Officer, CDKN Asia highlights how this project will initiate a process at the local level to help the development of the heatwave management plan, in coordination with and through the consensus of all stakeholders.

In the summer of 2015, Pakistan faced a deadly heatwave. Temperatures increased to more than 43°Celsius, accompanied by air depression over the Arabian Sea, blocking the sea breeze to Karachi. The situation became more severe due to clear skies, which made the air warmer. The Karachi heatwave of 2015 was among the top ten deadliest heatwaves of human history, and killed 1,271 people.

World Meteorological Organization (WMO): 'A heatwave occurs when the daily maximum temperature of more than five consecutive days exceeds the average maximum temperature by 5°Celsius'.

Keeping in view the devastation caused by the heatwave, the Ministry of Climate Change published a technical report to assess the reasons behind it. According to the report, 'On the heat index scale, during this (heatwave) event in Karachi, the maximum temperature recorded was 44.8°C but the heat index was around 66°C on the peak heatwave day of June 20, 2015. The main causes of deaths identified were heatstroke and dehydration.'

It's important to note that the situation was made more severe due to the Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect. This is a phenomenon whereby the increase of concrete structures and emissions from anthropogenic activities leads to the condensation of slightly warmer air over urbanized areas, when compared to surrounding rural areas. The UHI occurs in pockets impacting the areas with less green spaces and places of low socioeconomic status such as slums. This contributed greatly to the 2015 heatwave event in Karachi.

In Pakistan, CDKN has undertaken a project to facilitate stakeholders in developing the heatwave management plan for Karachi city. The activities of this project include initiating a process at the local level to help the development of the heatwave management plan, in coordination with and

Educational institutions: speakers for adopting disaster management policy

Business Recorder, August 19, 2016

through the consensus of all stakeholders.

To improve coordination and planning for heatwave management among various government departments and NGOs, two consultative workshops were held last year. According to Bilal Khalid, Focal Person, CDKN Pakistan Country Programme at LEAD Pakistan, 'Fatal heatwave events often have gradual onset which prevents early detection. This has led to large scale casualties in recent past before the authorities were able to react. Hence the traditional reactive disaster response model is incompatible for managing heatwaves. There is a need to develop a proactive heatwave management plan that includes an early warning system and clear protocols for heatwave response. Such a plan will also require close coordination between the various institutions, since no government department can single-handedly tackle the challenge. Lastly there is need for capacity building and awareness raising of all concerned stakeholders to sensitize them about the risks and mitigations strategies for responding to heatwaves.'

This year Karachi wasn't affected by the UHI phenomenon but in order to avoid any possible heatwave event, Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) took concrete measures by timely issuing heatwave warning alerts. According to Dr Ghulam Rasool, DG, PMD, 'PMD established Heatwave Early Warning Centres in Karachi which operated round the clock. Heatwave warnings were issued three days in advance and shared with all the local stakeholders. Also, warnings were shared on an hourly basis. PMD and K-Electric also inked an agreement to coordinate closely in awareness raising campaigns and risk reduction. PMD informed K-Electric about the heatwaves three days in advance and then on daily and hourly basis, so that load shedding was not done when there were chances of heatwave. This coordination worked well during the heatwave of 22-26 April 2016.'

When asked about the heatwave management plan for Karachi, Ajay Kumar, Assistant Director Operations, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Sindh, said, 'The heatwave management plan is a workable solution but it should be expanded beyond Karachi, to the entire province. Last year, heatwaves killed people not just in Karachi but in various other parts of Sindh as well.'

Ajay Kumar further added: 'Beyond any doubt, a heatwave is an emergency and disaster situation, therefore PDMA Sindh should take ownership of it.' Ajay also suggested PDMA Sindh to get views from all stakeholders once again before finalizing the management plan. Bilal Khalid, Focal Person, CDKN Pakistan Country Programme, LEAD Pakistan, further supported the idea and said, 'The heatwave management plan should be replicated to other cities of Pakistan as well. However, these plans should be sensitive to the local geography climate and socioeconomic conditions.'

CDKN is working to develop the next phase of the project, which involves the development of a heatwave management plan for Karachi. The management plan will support Karachi in mitigation of extreme heat impacts, by identifying context appropriate heat management and mitigation strategies, along with institutional frameworks to enable effective implementation.

Dealing with heatwaves is as important as dealing with poverty, food and water scarcity, diseases or floods. The most marginalized communities are most vulnerable to the phenomenon, and many of them are caught unaware of it. It is imperative for government, private sector, civil society, media and layman to sit together and finding innovative solutions to deal with it.

Experts have stressed the need for adopting disaster management policy at educational institutions, saying that natural and man-made disasters have always caused serious damage to schools and colleges. Speaking at a two-day consultative meeting arranged by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with other stakeholders including provinces and international donors, the speakers said that Pakistan being a disaster prone country is vulnerable to natural calamities as well as man-made disasters.

The meeting was informed that the country's education institutions particularly the schools have been the worst victim of disasters in terms of destruction and loss of life of children, for example majority of the victims in October 2005 earthquake were from schools and colleges. It was further stated that the National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy, formulated in 2013 focuses on prevention, mitigation and preparedness aspects of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The policy recognised that higher vulnerability leads to higher losses in disaster and hence highlighted the need for effective disaster risk reduction interventions for vulnerable groups. Children form the most important segment of vulnerable groups and require special attention.

In 2015, NDMA undertook the initiative to formulate the concept of Child Centred Disaster Risk Reduction in concert with UNICEF. The Gender and Child Cell of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA - GCC) is in the process of developing a set of guidelines for the purpose of safety of schools, titled Pakistan School Based Disaster Risk Management (PSBDRM) Framework. The Document is meant to be followed by public and private schools across the Country to build their capacity in terms of prevention, preparedness and response against natural and man-made disasters to ensure minimal damage and loss of life.

The Pakistan School Based Disaster Risk Management (PSBDRM) Framework has the following objectives: (i) To provide guidance based on the best practicable measures for schools safety in the domain of infrastructure, security, environment and psychological protection. (ii) To institutionalise the Pakistan School Based Disaster Risk Management Framework across Pakistan in all public and private schools in urban as well rural areas. (iii) To build the capacity of schools to put up a sound local response in a disaster emergency in the school to mitigate losses. (iv) To improve knowledge and awareness about the root causes, characteristics, and consequences of natural and man-made disasters which pose a threat to school and student safety. (v) To formulate a strategy for monitoring, supporting, and rigorously evaluating a wide range of school and student safety practices, including mock drills. (vi) Put forth a structured co-ordination mechanism between all stake holders to include school community, parents, government departments, law enforcement

Cut in green gases: Team formed to outline steps

Express Tribune, August 19, 2016

UK marks World Humanitarian Day by helping Pakistani flood effected families

Pakistan Christian Post, August 18, 2016

NDMA chairman vows to protect schools from natural disasters

Radio Pakistan, August 18, 2016

agencies and school association etc.

The development of framework has been an iterative process and the NDMA pursued consultative process with experts in the field of school safety and different stake holders. A total of 84 high profile government officials from Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan and FATA, along with key donors, development partners and representatives from the education sector participated in the meeting.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has constituted a team of experts to outline the steps for reductions in greenhouse gas emissions. The team will formulate the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) for mitigation and adaptation to tackle climate change issues.

At a meeting on Thursday, the Ministry of Climate Change deliberated upon a preparation plan in formulating timely and researched based INDCs ahead of its submission to the Conference of the Parties (COP-22), which is going to be held in Morocco from November 7 to November 18.

The meeting chaired by Climate Change Minister Zahid Hamid was also attended by French ambassador Martine Dorance, Moroccan ambassador Mustapha Salahdine, representatives of the Punjab Environmental Protection Agency, the UNDP, the Ministry of Water and Power, the Ministry of Finance, the Provincial Disaster Management Authority Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National University of Science and Technology, Quaid-i-Azam University, the Sustainable Development Policy Institute, the International Union for Conservation of Nature and the Pakistan Meteorological Department. "The team would help identify where we stand and what efforts are required for mitigation and adaptation to cope with climate change issues," the minister told the participants.

Last year before the COP-21, Pakistan had submitted its action plan to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat without making any specific commitments after missing the deadline and it was strongly criticised by local climate change experts. The country, however, has committed to reducing its emissions to the extent possible in the wake of the work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project which may lead to a rise in greenhouse emissions significantly.

"We have to learn lessons from COP-21 to actively participate in COP-22. It is a big gathering with a participation of officials, the private sector, civil society and all stakeholders. Pakistan has signed the Paris agreement and taking initiatives for its implementation," the French ambassador said.

The ambassador of Morocco said that "We have formulated a steering committee having experts to organise and take care of arrangements of the COP-22." He said that they were expecting significant participation from Pakistan in the conference.

INDC deputy head of experts' team Dr Bilal Anwer gave a presentation on a research under way on the INDCs preparation in Pakistan. "We have taken 2015 as a base year to calculate INDCs because a lot of economic activities took place from 2012 to 2015".

"We are also analysing mitigation potentials for different sectors and some areas of mitigation included in INDCs such as improving irrigation through the lining of canals and strengthening risk management system for the agriculture sector," Anwar said.

ISLAMABAD: The UK has stepped up its humanitarian response following the heavy monsoon rains, as it pays tribute to those giving humanitarian assistance around Pakistan on World Humanitarian Day. UK Aid has given humanitarian assistance to over five million people in Pakistan following natural disasters and conflict, but with eight million people across Pakistan are at risk of flooding each year, it continues to invest in innovative solutions to help victims of floods, other natural disasters and conflict.

In the last three years, the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) has designed and built - alongside the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the non-governmental organizations ACTED and HANDS - 52,000 flood-resilient shelters, as well as energy efficient smokeless stoves and distributed low-cost solar lights, which have all gone to the victims of floods.

Since 2010, three major floods have hit Pakistan during the monsoon seasons. Recent flooding has killed 116 people in different areas of Pakistan and damaged 582 houses. In the coming days, if the situation further escalated then DFID and its partners have the capacity to scale up rapidly with further emergency stock.

On the occasion of world Humanitarian day, Joanna Reid, Head of DFID Pakistan, said: "I am incredibly proud of the UK humanitarian assistance to Pakistan. Having helped five million victims of natural disasters and floods, we stand ready - working with other donors as well NGOs, local authorities and local people - to respond quickly to the monsoon floods. We are watching the flood situation in Pakistan closely. We have emergency relief ready for 9000 families, and are ready to step up our efforts even more if it is needed.

"On World Humanitarian Day it is important to remember those working on the ground to help families and communities recovering from natural disasters and conflict. Too many people in Pakistan have been killed for trying to give people a future. As we get ready to help more people in Pakistan, I remember their bravery and important work on this day.

A two-day consultative meeting titled "Comprehensive School Safety Guidelines" was held in Islamabad today. The meeting formulated national framework to cater School Based Disaster Risk Management.

Addressing the concluding session, Chairman National Disaster Management Authority Asghar Nawaz said it is our responsibility to protect schools and children from manmade and natural disasters. The NDMA Chairman says Pakistan is the first among the SAARC countries, which is adopting such a framework to protect schools.

EPA sealed 93 sites in anti-dengue drive

Pak Observer, August 18, 2016

Amir Khan inaugurates water, power facilities in Tharparkar

Dunya News, August 18, 2016

Pak army distributes relief goods among drought-hit families of Tharparkar

Radio Pakistan, August 17, 2016

Excessive farming in Thar threatens livestock

The News, August 17, 2016

RAWALPINDI: District Officer Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Azhar Iqbal said that the Agency sealed 93 sites as part of its ongoing anti-dengue drive in different areas of the city during the last six months. The EPA teams visited 23,692 sites including 15,409 tyre shops and 9,281 junkyards.

During inspection of dengue breeding sites, the squads issued notices to 166 owners where SOPs regarding dengue were not being followed.

Talking to APP, the District Officer said he himself is monitoring dengue breeding points in the city and the whole process is being checked through Punjab Government Dengue Online Android System. He said the squads are visiting various areas and updating dengue progress images and details on Dengue Android Software. He said the government is utilizing all resources to check the spread of the killing virus. He said that like other directorates of EPA, the Dengue directorate is working efficiently in all parts of the district to cope with dengue.—APP

THARPARKAR: Pakistani-origin British boxer, Amir Khan has inaugurated a potable water supplying facility and announced construction of a healthcare facility for the residents of drought-hit area. Khan visited Tharparkar along with his wife, Faryal Makhdoom, where they were welcomed by the locals.

According to Additional Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Hussain Baloch, the Bolton star had promised the government of support in its efforts to better lives of those living in Tharparkar. While talking to the media, Khan appreciated provincial government's efforts to provide as many facilities to Thar as possible in the budget given by the federal government. He urged international organizations to take notice of almost 433 lives that were lost this year to drought, malnutrition and outbreak of disease.

District Health Officer has said that around 63,500 children were brought to around six health facilities and only 6,353 were treated there. According to provincial minister Dr Ramesh Kumar Vankwani of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, several dispensaries in remote villages were lying unoperational.

Explaining the water facilities provided by the Amir Khan Foundation, Khan said that Tharis have to walk at least three kilometres for water and they are vulnerable to snake bites, which if they encounter, they would not make it to the hospital in time.

The foundation has built water tanks for them that have the capacity to provide clean drinking water to at least 800 people. Earlier during August visit to Pakistan, Khan met with Sindh Sports Minister, Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar and discussed promotion of boxing in the province. He also held a meeting with Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif who gifted him an antique muzzle British pistol. Khan has paid several visits in the past to different cities including Karachi's Lyari, a neighbourhood that is seeing crime and violence for past many years. Before his departure from Tharparkar, Khan promised the locals of more visits in the future.

Pakistan Army has distributed about four thousand tons of food and relief goods among two hundred thousand drought affected families of Tharparkar District under the operation Labaik-2.

ISPR spokesman Maj. Abid Hussain Randhawa told Radio Pakistan Hyderabad Correspondent Noor Hussain Chand that Pakistan Army had also set up mobile relief camp with free medical facilities.

HYDERABAD: The herders in Thar Desert are being deprived of their right to sand dunes and natural grazing fields by the farmers and big landlords who have ploughed the communal lands for cultivation.

After recent rains, landlords hired tractors and ploughed wide areas of the open land, which are reserved for raising livestock. On the other hand, small-scale farmers, who traditionally use camels and pairs of donkeys for ploughing their family lands, leaving natural grazing fields, including sand dunes for livestock rearing, have also started expanding. This is not only ruining the fragile ecology of the sand dunes, but also violating the communal rights of the people.

Thar Desert received delayed rainfall in the first week of August, which farmers believe was enough for sowing guar and other crops, rather than producing grains like pearl millet and sorghum.

Akbar Rahmo, who leads an organisation AWARE working on water, alternate energy and education in Thar Desert, said, "As per the law all these places - sand dunes and gaochers (grazing fields) are common properties and the communities have consensus over the same." Lamenting the violation, Rahmo said, "It is a violation of the Thar Land Grants Policy 1930, which declared water ponds, wells, sand dunes, pathways and grazing fields as communal properties, which the communities have been using equally through generations."

This year not only farmers have expanded cultivation area beyond their own family lands, but landlords too have hired tractors to plough excessively for sowing seeds. It is happening because the successive governments have suspended old land utilisation policies, and certain politicians are backing the miscreants to utilise even communal land for cultivation.

As a result, the herders are left with no place to raise their animals that are essential for their survival. The sand dunes in Thar Desert are very fertile and turn green after light showers. Many dunes covered with vegetation house various wildlife species. According to Rahmo, the current situation might lead to violence.

In the government archives, there is no exact data and desert land is yet to be computerised. Hence this unlawful expansion of land may give rise to land ownership disputes. Some activists, keeping an eye over the emerging changes in the mineral-rich desert, said this land utilisation trend developed after coal exploration activities began. "People are grabbing lands, claiming

ownership on it,” they said.

People also lamented the use of tractors, introduced in 1990s, which became a necessity after animal casualties followed by persistent droughts. However, the use of tractors also meant uprooting of many useful plants which provided the animals with rich nutrients; must for growth and milk production. This vegetation grows naturally and during monsoons, attracts herders, who bring their animals there for rearing.

Though there is no freshly updated data of livestock population in the Thar Desert, it is quoted as six million animals, big and small. Majority of the people in the desert depend on animal rearing for livelihood due to uncertain rains. On top of that, shortage of fodder also forces the herders to move to barrage areas for a few months each year.

Thar usually requires two-three showers of rains measuring over 100mm, which is sufficient for cultivation. Early showers in June and mid-July are helpful for farmers to produce grains like pearl millet and indigenous sorghum, which are the main grain crops for sustaining the desert community.

However, late showers do not benefit grain crops. After receiving delayed rains in the first week of August, the only options farmers have are to grow guar or other cash crops. This will also lead to food insecurity. Some agriculturists call for introducing crops that benefit farmers in case of delayed rains. It has been reported for a few years that due to insufficient and erratic rains in Thar, people are facing food insecurity and malnutrition, causing deaths of minor children.

In case of low rainfall, and to avoid a drought-like situation, the government has set August 15 as a deadline. After that, the government declares Tharparkar district as calamity-hit and announces packages of food for people and fodder for animals.

Though this year the desert has received sufficient rains, it did not benefit farmers for producing food crops. On top of that the disturbed ecology and land grabbing have made the livelihood of herder communities vulnerable as well.

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August 20th to 21st, 2016

Preliminary Damages/ Losses

Provinces	Deaths				Injured			
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Male	Female	Children	Total
Punjab	19	1	-	20	-	-	-	-
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	77	22	37	136	25	19	19	63

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

Source PDMA's

***Ursoo 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			
Punjab	-	1	1	29	-	29	-	-	-
KP	169	52	221*	2	1	3	-	-	2 schools
Balochistan	157	203	360	1	8	9	-	40	-
Islamabad	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
AJ & K	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	329	256	585	32	9	41	-	40	2

Source: PDMA's.

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

Final assessment is in progress by respective DMAs.

Relief Provided by NDMA & PDMA's

Items	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				Balochistan		Punjab		Total
	PDMA/DDMA	NDMA	PDMA Sindh	PDMA Punjab	PDMA	NDMA	PDMA	NDMA	
Tents	1,015	-	100	300	1,150	-	-	-	2,565
Foods Items (Tons)	4.2	30 (flour)	-	10	32.4	-	50	-	126.6 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
Dewatering Pumps	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	25
Fodder (Packs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	5000

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

India funding terrorists in Balochistan

Pakistan Observer, August 22, 2016

Pakistan strongly condemns terrorist attack in Turkey

Pakistan Today, August 21, 2016

NACTA receives thousands of false informations about terrorism

Pakistan Observer, August 21, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD—Chief Minister Balochistan Nawab Sanaullah Khan Zehri has said that the governments could not change through sit-ins and long marches, adding that the governments change through performance and good deeds. He said that PTI could not even secure victory in KP in next elections. He said if the governments are changed through sit-ins and long marches then no one could govern the country. He said there are millions of PML-N workers and they will not allow anyone to topple PML-N government through sit-ins and unconstitutional manner. He said the people of Balochistan are united against terrorism and they will root out terrorism from province. He said the annoyed Baloch leaders should come and do politics under the framework of Pakistani constitution. He said Balochistan is situated in conflict zone and facing war like situation. He said the people of Balochistan are not scared from the terrorists. Zehri said his government has zero tolerance for corruption, adding that former secretary finance Mushtaq Ahmed Raisani has been arrested during his tenure.

In an interview, Zehri said that the footage of the Quetta suicide blast and their facilitators would be presented before media soon. He said the terrorists are sitting in neighbouring country and RAW is funding these terrorists. He said terrorists from neighbouring country are targeting people in Balochistan. He said action in province would continue until and unless last terrorist is present in Balochistan. He said the action would be taken against the safe havens and hideouts of terrorists in Balochistan. He said suicide bombers come from neighbouring country and carry out blasts. He said Balochistan is situated in conflict zone, adding that 150 kilometres away NATO is present. He said terrorists succeeded to carry out blast after eight months. He said Balochistan is facing war like situation. He said the people of Balochistan are not scared from the terrorists. He said people are demanding to take the war against terrorism to conclusion. He said every step would be taken for the protection of lives of people of law enforcement agencies, adding that robots could also be used for this purpose. He said Balochistan government will provide Rs 5 million to the critically injured persons of Quetta blast. Zehri said he has asked health minister to bring improvement in his department, adding that he is personally reviewing the performance of all ministries. He said the people of Balochistan are united against terrorism and they will root out terrorism from province. He said the annoyed Baloch leaders should come and do politics under the framework of Pakistani constitution. He said the annoyed Baloch leaders are even not enjoying one percent support of people. He said the negotiations could only move forward when the annoyed Baloch leaders will accept the Pakistani constitution. He said the Balochistan government will hold dialogues with the annoyed Baloch leaders, adding that the people of Balochistan are emotional and they did not want to even hear about the offer of dialogues to Mir Brahamdaghi Bugti, Harbiyar Marri, Zamran Marri and others. Zehri said he is satisfied over the pace of work on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project. He said many projects under CPEC are going to complete in December. He said industrial zones will be established on CPEC project, adding that one hundred and 50 thousand jobs would be created on industrial zones. Zehri said his government has zero tolerance for corruption, adding that former secretary finance Mushtaq Ahmed Raisani has been arrested during his tenure. He said that former advisor to chief minister Balochistan on finance Mir Khalid Langove could be considered innocent unless and until convicted by courts.

Pakistan Sunday (today) strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Turkey's Gaziantep province and reaffirmed solidarity with the government and people of Turkey.

"The Government and people of Pakistan are deeply anguished and saddened by the news of the latest terrorist attack in Turkey, targeting a wedding ceremony in the southeastern Province of Gaziantep," a press release from the Foreign Office said.

Reports indicated at least 50 innocent lives were lost and more than 90 injured. The terror attack in Gaziantep followed the most recent acts of terrorism in Van, Bitlis and Elazig.

The Foreign office said the heartlessness of this brutality was evident from the fact that a celebration was turned into mourning. "Pakistan condemns this despicable act of terrorism in the strongest possible terms. Pakistan also reiterates its condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations", it added. Pakistan also extended profound sympathies and condolences to the brotherly people and Government of Turkey. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have lost their loved ones. We also pray for the speediest recovery of the wounded." It said those seeking to disturb the peace, stability and internal harmony of Turkey would never succeed. "We remain firm in our belief that the fraternal people of Turkey would decisively defeat the scourge of terrorism with their resolute will and unshakable resolve," Pakistan's Foreign Office said.

For its part, like always, Pakistan remained in abiding solidarity with Turkey as it waged its valiant struggle against terrorism, worked to preserve its peace and harmony and persevered in its journey of progress and prosperity.

ISLAMABAD—Spokesman of National Counter Terrorism Authority's (NACTA) Usman Ghani said that eight people have been arrested for giving false information to anti terror body of NACTA on its free toll number of 1717.

Talking to BBC, he said that these men are being proceeded against Telephone and Telegraph Act of 1885 and NACTA laws. He said in the first 20 days of last month some 20 thousand false information were given to NACTA about terrorism. Usman Ghani said as a first step numbers from which false calls are made are blocked and if the calls are not stopped its SIM is blocked even then if the caller continues to make false calls he is proceeded against under the law. He said such callers besides offering false information about terrorism also hurl abuses to the personnel

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manning the telephone or tell them obnoxious jokes. He said NACTA received 41 such genuine calls on which prompt action had been taken. An expert on Security Affairs Amir Rana said the reason behind the false calls is that the culture of Help Line is not so old in the country. He said it would take time till the people in general could know the utility of this service and the procedure of lodging complaint has to be simplified.

Now, a time has come that Pakistan can not and must not allow this proxy war imposed by two of its known inimical neighbours namely; Afghanistan and India; to be just a kind of a routine exercise, to wait for the terrorists to attack as per their will and evil designs; and after that we ask our law enforcing agencies, to go after them and their facilitators with an iron hand. This sort of mindset will ruin us completely, sooner than later. Offence is the best defence. Pakistan must inform the members of the Security Council of the United Nations, Afghanistan and India that come what may, Pakistan will launch severe punitive strikes inside Afghanistan, on its terrorists training bases and on the Indian consulates, as well.

We must remember that when it comes to a do or die situation, especially for a nuclear power, then there is no going back. Precisely, this was the reason USA was absolutely ready for a nuclear war, when Russia planned to install missiles, in its back yard in Cuba. Similarly, on May 7, 1999, during the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia, five US JDAM guided bombs hit the People's Republic of China Embassy in the Belgrade district of New Belgrade, killing three Chinese reporters and outraging the Chinese public. Actually, the current strategy of our known enemies, to wage an out-sourced third party war, to disintegrate and degenerate a nuclear Pakistan, suits them as the best option, at a minimum cost to our enemies. As such, it is high time that our strategy is revamped and rehashed, to let our enemies and the whole world know very clearly that red lines of Pakistan's conventional and nuclear thresholds have been crossed; and we reserve the right to use any and all weapons to safeguard our national interests.

This means clearly the use of nuclear and all weapons at our disposal, because we can't sit idle and witness our own demise, without any punishment to the mischief mongers. In this regard, if the UNO or the world powers want to take steps to ensure peace on our western borders, we should have no objection, provided all the Indian advisers working with the various Ministries and departments of the Afghan government, after the NATO invasion of Afghanistan, are permanently sent back to India. (In fact, before the start of the NATO invasion of Afghanistan the USA had accepted this Pakistani condition that India will have no role in this Afghan war on terror). So, for a nuclear Pakistan, enough is enough. We must not forget that any all-out nuclear war between India and Pakistan, will not only be a complete annihilation of both the countries, but it will be an Armageddon, for the entire planet, as well. As the matter is extremely grave and fraught with dangerous consequences, we must prove before-hand to the world the Indo-Afghan nexus against Pakistan, with factual statements of American leaders and scholars and other related water tight evidences and documents. In this regard, besides the other evidences like the video of Indian NSA Ajit Doval wherein, he is talking in detail about his defensive offensive strategy and removing thorn with a thorn, the following must be used as a proof of the Indo-Afghan designs against Pakistan:

In 2008, the Indian Naval chief, Admiral Suresh Mehta, expressed concerns over the development of Gwadar port and had said, "Being only 180 nautical miles from the exit of the Straits of Hormuz, Gwadar, being built in Balochistan coast, would enable Pakistan to take control over the world energy jugular and interdiction of Indian tankers." – Senator Chuck Hagel, who later became US Secretary of Defence, earlier commented on India's role in Afghanistan, during a speech at the Cameron University in Oklahoma in 2011, quoted as below:

Quote "India has over the years financed problems for Pakistan from across the border in Afghanistan."

In his talk on Afghanistan, Mr Hagel reportedly said that India had been using Afghanistan as a second front against Pakistan. "India has over the years financed problems for Pakistan on that side of the border, and you can carry that into many dimensions." He noted that India took advantage of tensions between Kabul and Islamabad for fomenting troubles in the areas that border Afghanistan. "The point being [that] the tense, fragmented relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan has been there for many, many years," he said.

Mr Hagel is not the only American to suggest that India has been using Afghanistan for stirring troubles in Pakistan. C. Christine Fair, an Assistant Professor at Georgetown University, made similar suggestion during a Congressional hearing on Afghanistan in 2011.

In June 2015 the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Bangladesh said "heard what my ears would never want to hear again – Narendra Modi's acceptance of India's lethal plan in the disintegration of East Pakistan in 1971, and its threat to destabilise Pakistan through terrorism." His statement also proved that the specific aim of creating RAW in 1968 was to subvert the people of former East Pakistan and prepare grounds for the creation of Bangladesh for the training of over one million Mukti Bahini.

On July 16, 2009, Prime Minister Gilani, in presence of the Indian PM Manmohan Singh, in Sharm-el-Sheikh, mentioned that Pakistan has some information on threats in Balochistan and other areas. – The capture of Indian spy namely Kalbhushan Yadav in March 2016 proves beyond shadow of any doubt, India's blatant interference in Pakistan: and is iron clad proof of active Indian sabotage and killings in Pakistan, which tantamount to waging undeclared war by India against Pakistan.

The world must be informed that Pakistan is not in an ordinary war, rather, for us it is our world war, which is being fought for the last almost 15 years for the life and death of Pakistan. Already Pakistan has suffered casualties of nearly 80,000 civilian and military personnel and about a trillion dollar economic loss. This type of war has not been witnessed by any other nation, in the history of the world. Even the combined period of the last two world wars was not this much long.

Pakistan again invites India for Kashmir talks

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Moreover, it seems that this fight may not end very soon, in the near future. As such, our entire civil and military strength will have to stand united in front of the terrorists, who are hell bent to fight this war, not in our back yard, but right in the middle of our homeland.

In any crime investigations, the first logical step is to find the beneficiary of that criminal act. Here, in Pakistan we have observed a pattern, which reveals that either the terrorists have been targeting the GHQ, Naval and Air Force bases or indulging in specific targeted attacks on Sri Lankan cricketers, Chinese nationals and other foreigners, soft targets like intelligentsia, polio workers, hospitals, educational institutions, busy markets, tourists and Pakistani minorities. All these operations are carried out (at specifically chosen vital timings) not only to inflict maximum men and material losses, but also to undermine Pakistan's military power, sabotage CPEC, create isolation for Pakistan in foreign relations and inflict maximum damage on economy, sports and tourism etc.

We should not be so naive to indefinitely close our eyes and ignore the role of huge number of Indian advisers, specially posted to work with the government of Afghanistan. In fact, the terrorism in Karachi and the insurgencies of Swat and Balochistan are a clear testimony of the Indian evil designs, being perpetrated by the Indians using the resources and assets of Afghanistan. However, Pakistan must clearly know that this Indian game plan, specifically designed to keep Pakistan bleeding for an indefinite period, will never cease, till such time we repay the Indians in the same coins, by devising a strategy, to fight fire with fire. Therefore, it is high time that Pakistan should officially warn India to immediately pack up all its personnel posted as advisors in Afghanistan, failing they will have to suffer unimaginable retaliation from Pakistan. The recent sudden increase of acts of terrorism also highlights the importance of preventive measures to curb this menace, which is causing severe losses of innocent lives, material and reputation of the country.

In the cases of previous terrorist attacks on the GHQ, PIDC house and Pakistan Navy air base, it was reported that the gang of attackers was residing in a rented house for quite some time, in an area not very far away from their targets. It was also reported that the neighbours of these houses were although, suspicious of these tenants yet they kept quiet and did not tip area police, about their apprehensions.

Under the circumstances, there is a dire need for motivating general public, which must remain extra-vigilant, in playing their role of defending the motherland, by involvement of entire population of the country, to look out in their near vicinity, for the presence and suspicious activities of the terrorists.

As such, in order to make the stay of terrorists at any place almost impossible, it is proposed to actively involve the entire population, to look out and hunt them. This objective can be easily achieved, by the announcement of the government, that a reward of Rs. 50 million shall be paid to any person, who informs the Police, about the terrorist(s) staying in a house, hostel, hotel, rest house or any such place. If our war against terror and for our survival is to be won quickly, the entire population of the country shall have to be geared up and involved in the task of watch and vigilance.

Last but not the least, as is done in many countries, to introduce compulsory three years military service, a dedicated law must be enacted for entire Pakistani citizens, without any discrimination of rich and poor. Besides many other benefits, it will help produce a new generation of disciplined and physically fit Pakistanis.

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan yesterday sent another letter to India inviting foreign secretary S Jaishankar to visit Islamabad this month and hold talks over the Kashmir issue. The development came days after India rejected Pakistan's earlier offer for talks on the decades-old dispute and insisted the dialogue should only be restricted to terrorism and security matters.

Foreign Office Spokesman Nafees Zakaria said Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale was handed a letter by Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry – a reply to his Indian counterpart's correspondence where New Delhi out-rightly rejected the proposal to discuss the Kashmir violence. "The Indian envoy was summoned by the Foreign Secretary and a reply to the letter of the Indian Foreign Secretary was handed over to him. The letter invites the Indian Foreign Secretary to visit Islamabad by the end of this month to discuss the Jammu and Kashmir dispute," Zakaria said. He said Pakistan called for putting an immediate end to the human rights violations against the innocent people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir. "Pakistan also called for providing medical facilities to the injured... (and) permission for doctors and paramedics to travel (to IHK)," he added.

Earlier, Jaishankar had conditionally accepted Aizaz Chaudhry's invitation for talks making it clear that the agenda should concern only issues related to terrorism. In his letter, the Indian foreign secretary said the talks should focus on five aspects of terrorism. "In a letter dated 16 August, Foreign Secretary has first of all underlined that Pakistan's self-serving allegations made in their communication are rejected in their entirety by the government of India," Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup said. "Pakistan has no locus standi in respect of Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of our nation," he added. According to Swarup, Jaishankar in his letter "conveyed that he accepts his counterpart's invitation to visit Islamabad" but made it clear that the discussions should focus first on the more pressing aspects of the Jammu and Kashmir situation. The letter stated that Islamabad should end 'various activities' which harm India's interests including "cessation of cross-border terrorism."

More than 70 people have been killed in Indian-held Kashmir Valley in clashes between protesters and security forces in the wake of the killing of a prominent Kashmiri freedom fighter Burhan Wani, in a military operation on July 8. Relations between the two neighbours have nosedived over the Kashmir unrest, with India opposing Pakistan's moral and diplomatic backing of the protesters. Pakistan has taken up the issue at the international level seeking support to stop the killings in

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Kashmir and make progress to resolve the issue peacefully. Reacting to it, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi blamed Pakistan of committing 'atrocities' in Balochistan and elsewhere in the country. Pakistan has been accusing India of fanning terrorism and turmoil in the south-western province.

In his speech to mark India's Independence Day on Monday, Modi claimed that people in Balochistan and Gilgit have thanked him for his stating that their human rights have been violated.

Tariq Fatemi, Special Assistant to PM on Foreign Affairs, said the other day that Modi had "crossed a red line" by opining on Pakistan's internal issues that further strained relations between the two countries. The Indian prime minister's comments "could set back relations in a far more serious manner than anything that's gone before," he said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. Fatemi said that the Indian leader's speech shows that Delhi is "in contact with militant elements" in Balochistan.

On Wednesday, the United Nations top human rights official called on India and Pakistan to allow UN observers access to both sides of Kashmir, "given grave concerns about recent allegations of serious human rights violations". The newspaper said there was no immediate response from New Delhi or Islamabad to the UN request.

More than 47 people have died and thousands more been injured in recent weeks in clashes between Indian security forces and protesters in Indian Occupied Kashmir. Indian has been making vain attempts to accuse Pakistan of fomenting trouble in Held Kashmir.

In the interview with WSJ, Fatemi said that Kashmir is an international dispute, whereas Balochistan is internal. "We have never ever raised an issue in India which can be termed a domestic element of Indian politics," he said. "This adds a new twist which is far beyond the usual exchange of allegations and mutual recriminations." The newspaper said that Indian officials weren't reachable on Wednesday night to respond to Fatemi's comments. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has repeatedly said he wants to normalise relations with India. Fatemi said that the combination of Nawaz Sharif in Pakistan and a strong nationalist leader in India had "created an opportunity that we rapidly appear to be losing" for a political settlement between the countries. He said the speech shows that Delhi is "in contact with militant elements" in Balochistan. In the interview, Fatemi said that Kashmir is an international dispute, whereas Balochistan is internal. "We have never ever raised an issue in India which can be termed a domestic element of Indian politics," he said. "This adds a new twist which is far beyond the usual exchange of allegations and mutual recriminations."

PESHAWAR (Web Desk) – At least nine terrorists have been killed in an aerial and ground operation of security forces in Rajgal area of Khyber Agency.

According to the details, Pakistan Army carried out an operation in Khyber Agency Rajgal area, killing nine terrorists while destroying six hideouts along with ammunition and weapons, ISPR said in a statement. The army offensive is underway in the mountainous terrain of Babar Kachkol, Naray Nao and Tor Sapar areas of Khyber. The operation against militants is in full swing after the Quetta carnage. Civil-Military leadership of the country agreed to launch combing operations as well to squash terrorism. Moreover, The Army Chief General Raheel Sharif on Friday visited frontline troops busy in operations along Pak-Afghan border in Khyber Agency.

The Army Chief was given a detailed briefing on the progress of operations and gains consolidated so far. Talking to troops, he directed enhanced vigilance and pro-active approach to stop any type of movement of terrorists. The Army Chief expressed his satisfaction over the progress of the ongoing operation against violence groups

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said yesterday that eliminating terrorism from Pakistan was the top-most priority of his government. He was talking to a delegation of Norway led by its Foreign Minister Borge Brende here.

The Prime Minister said that Pakistan the ongoing military operation 'Zarb-e-Azb' had been a huge success in curtailing terrorism throughout the country. He said that it has dismantled the terrorists' networks, which have resorted to hit soft targets out of sheer frustration. The Prime Minister said after achieving a growth rate of 4.7 percent in GDP last year, Pakistan hoped to cross 5 percent growth in the GDP in coming months. Meanwhile, in a meeting with Minister Gilgit Baltistan, Hafiz Hafeezur Rehman, the Prime Minister said the people of Gilgit Baltistan has rendered great sacrifices for Pakistan, which reflects their passionate attachment with the country. Contributions of the people of GB in the national development and prosperity are most praiseworthy, added the Prime Minister.

The Chief Minister apprised the Prime Minister on various ongoing development projects related to Gilgit Baltistan, during the meeting, said an official statement. He also apprised the Prime Minister on party matters of Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) pertaining to GB.

The Prime Minister said the present government had initiated various developmental initiatives for the socio-economic development of GB. He said he would soon be visiting GB to review the progress on different projects.

Says clearance of treacherous Rajgal mountain passes is manifestation of Pak's commitment to check cross border movement

Expressing satisfaction over the pace of the military operation against the terrorists, Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Raheel Sharif lauded the professionalism of the security personnel engaged in the operations against the terrorists hiding in the most rugged of terrain.

According to an ISPR press release, the Army Chief gave these during his visit to the troops busy in operations along the Pak-Afghan Border in the Khyber Agency, during which he was also given detailed briefing by operational commander on progress of operations and gains consolidated so

Turkey with Pakistan in fight against terrorism: Erdogan

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Balochistan CM lashes out at Modi saying RAW is behind terrorism

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COAS General Raheel Sharif said that the clearance of mountain passes in Rajgal, despite it being the most treacherous terrain where terrorists were entrenched on the high mountain passes to stay on both sides of the border, is a manifestation of Pakistan's commitment to check cross-border movement. He directed enhanced vigilance and proactive approach to stop any type of movement of terrorists. While talking to troops, the army chief said that the nation and valiant army had paid a huge price in the fight against terrorism. "We will commit all efforts to clear all remote pockets and sleeper cells of terrorists till their total elimination from anywhere in the country," the COAS said.

The army chief was received on the frontline by Corps Commander Peshawar Lt Gen Hidayat Ur Rehman.

ISLAMABAD: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Thursday received the All Parties Parliamentary Delegation led by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed at the Presidential Palace in Ankara.

During a meeting that lasted for 90 minutes and was held in a cordial atmosphere, Erdogan thanked both houses of the parliament of Pakistan for unanimously passing resolutions in support of democracy in Turkey. He appreciated prompt phone calls from President Mamnoon Hussain and "my brother Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif", a message received here from Ankara said.

Erdogan condemned the terrorist incident in Quetta and condoled with the families, adding that Turkey supported Pakistan in the struggle against terrorism. He told the visiting parliamentarians that he would soon visit Pakistan to thank Pakistani people for standing by Turkey in the hour of need.

Terming the visit of the Pakistani delegation very significant, Erdogan said: "Your support to Turkey in the aftermath of the July 15 coup attempt is exemplary."

Mushahid said the parliamentary delegation was representing eight political parties belonging to both the government and the opposition, which supported Turkey's defence of democracy. He praised President Erdogan for showing bold leadership during the crisis and taking the initiative of mobilising people to resist the coup attempt. He presented a plaque to Erdogan, inscribed with the text of the two resolutions of the parliament of Pakistan.

Senator Talha Mahmood presented a fatwa of 51 Ulema of all schools of thought, supporting Turkish democracy and the constitutional government of President Erdogan. The meeting was attended by Senator Javed Abbasi (PML-N), Senator Sehar Kamran (PPP), MNA Munaza Hassan (PTI), Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi (National Party), Sahibzada Tariqullah (Jamaat-e-Islami) and Senator Sitara Ayaz (ANP).

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Sanaullah Zehri on Thursday accused Indian spy agency, RAW, of conducting terrorism in Pakistan. "You can't defeat us, we are resolute to kill each and every terrorist," Zehri said, in hawkish mood, while addressing a gathering in Quetta. In his speech, he was responding to India Prime Minister Modi and separatist leader of the outlawed Baloch Republican Party (BRP) Brahamdag Bugti. "You support Hindus just for peanuts, you are not a Muslim," he said to Brahamdag Bugti. Zehri said "I'm stating it responsibly that RAW is involved in terrorism incidents in Pakistan. Modi's friend is Pakistan's traitor," he chanted.

Last week, Modi said that the people of Balochistan, Gilgit and Azad Kashmir had thanked him in past few days, and that he was grateful to them. "We condemn Narendra Modi's statement on Balochistan. No one in Balochistan supported his statement. There is no comparison between the struggle for liberation in India-held Kashmir and the so-called Balochistan insurgency," Zehri said.

The Indian premier's speech on August 15, India's Independence Day, sparked protests across Balochistan, with large numbers of tribesmen taking to the streets in protest in Dera Bugti, Khuzdar, Quetta, Chaman and other parts of the province. "People of Balochistan, Gilgit and PoK (Pakistan Occupied Kashmir) have thanked me a lot in the past few days, I am grateful to them," Modi had said. Angry protesters set ablaze the Indian flag and chanted slogans against the Indian prime minister.

"We didn't ask the people to come out on the streets... They are on the streets themselves," Zehri said of the protests against Modi. "The Kashmiris are agitating for their right to self-determination in accordance with UN resolutions, whereas in Balochistan there is only a small group working on the behest of the enemy country," Zehri said, referring to suspected Indian involvement in terror activities in the province. "I swear on the blood of the dead, wherever these terrorists are, we will hunt them down. The Indian government fully supports the ongoing insurgency in Balochistan. It is deeply involved in sponsoring elements like Brahamdag Bugti, Haerbyar Marri, Zamran Marri and Allah Nazar," he said, accusing Brahamdag Bugti of "getting funds from Indians, that's why he supported Modi's statement".

Zehri's speech comes days after a video showing exiled Baloch leader Brahamdag Bugti appreciating 'support' given to the Baloch people by the Indian premier began circulating on social media. "Shame," Zehri said, encouraging his audience to join in with the chants. "100 per cent of Kashmiris are demanding their right to self-determination, whereas in Balochistan, not even 1 percent of people support the insurgency," he claimed. "We arrested [Indian spy] Kulbhushan Jadhav and his entire network," Zehri said, adding that the spy admitted during investigation that he had funded and trained lesser-privileged people and "turned them against Balochistan and Pakistan".

The Balochistan chief minister had earlier pointed towards the involvement of Indian spy agency Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) in the Aug 8 blast in Quetta. "The media asked how I could say that RAW is involved," Zehri said, adding that the reports he receives as CM Balochistan reveal RAW's involvement.

Pakistan must be a key partner in efforts to eliminate terrorism in Afghanistan: State Deptt
The Nation, August 19, 2016

Pakistan made painstaking efforts to counter terrorism
Daily Times, August 18, 2016

The collective effort to eliminate terrorism
Daily Times, August 18, 2016

India 'willing' to hold talks with Pakistan on Kashmir
Daily Dawn, August 18, 2016

Answering a question posed by an Indian journalist, the State Department spokesman John Kirby, in a briefing on Thursday said that Pakistan shares a long border with Afghanistan as well as common threats and common challenges.

"And there have been times when Pakistan and Afghanistan didn't see eye to eye on every issue, and there have been times when they have found ways to work together. And we continue to stress the importance of a strong bilateral relationship between Afghanistan and Pakistan."

John Kirby said they know that not every member of the Taliban is willing to embrace the political process of moving forward. "That's why it's important that the United States continue to make clear our intention and our support of a strong, sovereign, secure, stable Afghanistan." He said the US Secretary of State John Kerry spoke with both President Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah just Thursday morning about the importance of continuing to move forward with the political and economic reforms that they're trying to enact.

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq on Thursday said that Pakistan has been a big victim of terrorism and has overcome the menace with painstaking efforts. He was addressing the concluding session of SAARC's first Young Parliamentary Conference, said a press release. It was the mandate of members' parliament to choose options of war or negotiations to resolve the issue of terrorism, he added. He underlined that the representation of women should be increased in exchange of delegations between SAARC-member countries to promote their participation in politics. Ayaz condemned the incidents of terrorism in Paris and Brussels and said that collective efforts were needed to eliminate terrorism. He said the youth should take part in politics with zeal and zest as they had powers to take any decision. He said the foreign delegations should visit the various universities to maintain contacts with youth. The speaker also appreciated the arrangements of current moot.

Meanwhile, the heads of participating delegations endorsed the Islamabad Declaration of the conference and said that they were returning to their respective countries with a positive thinking about Pakistan. Convener of the conference – Malik Aziz Khan – presented the 'Declaration of Conference' and suggested to make SAARC Young Parliamentary Forum a proper institution..

With an aim to wipe out all terrorists once and for all, the Pakistan army has embarked on another operation in the Khyber Agency. Ground forces backed by air strikes and heavy artillery shelling at suspected militant hideouts have succeeded in penetrating into the deep-forested Rajgal valley in Tirah, which is considered to be the last bastion of outlawed militant groups. Sporadic incidents of terror have kept the security forces on their toes, and the military leadership is pursuing a methodological strategy to eliminate militancy from the country. For them the use of force is the only way to flush out militants. For this purpose, ground operations are underway in restive areas of the country bordering Afghanistan, while arrested terrorists are being sent to the gallows intermittently since Pakistan ended a seven-year moratorium on death penalty after Taliban attackers gunned down more than 150 people, most of them children, at the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014. Lately, Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif has signed the death warrants of 11 "hardcore terrorists" who were convicted by military courts of terrorism-related offences.

Along with these military ventures, the civilian government is also being asked to ensure strict implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP). Reportedly, there are differences between the military and civilian leadership over the proper implementation of NAP. It shows a lack of cohesion between government and military establishment in their war against terrorism, giving the perception that their strategies in targeting of ending militancy are not similar. The military establishment took up the issue with the government, and expressed its concerns over the sluggish performance of the committees formed to oversee the implementation of NAP. In order to address these concerns, the government has approved a plan for setting up 29 wings of the Frontier Corps, and constituted the body that would oversee the implementation of NAP.

Undoubtedly, the use of force had become necessary to root out the malaise of militancy that has long gripped the country. However, along with the launching of operations, there is a need to address the root causes of terrorism in the country. The execution of militants is not a solution to the problem. At a time when the death penalty is being abolished in most countries, Pakistan is using this centuries-old punishment as deterrence against crimes, whereas as studies show, the death penalty has failed to prove a deterrent against crime and terrorism. Instead of relying on capital punishment that is considered an inhuman act there is a need to introduce a reform culture in which criminals would be treated as human beings. Hanging offenders will not bring peace to a terrorism-riddled Pakistan, or solace to those who lost their loved ones to an act of brutality. Pakistan must have a reform system based on human values of repentance, rehabilitation, compassion and forgiveness. Pakistan needs to implement an effective strategy to shut those factories that produce such human bombs that unleash hell on civilians. The glorification of taking lives under the garb of "jihad" is something that sullies the narrative of complete elimination of terrorism as there exists myriad organisations that distort religious injunctions to justify killing of people under one pretext or other. In order to fully implement NAP, action must be taken against all those banned outfits that through relentless indoctrination pervert young minds and collect finances in the name of religion. Unless coordinated efforts both at civilian and military levels are made, the scourge of militancy will continue to plague the country.

ISLAMABAD: Indian High Commissioner Gautam Bambawale on Wednesday submitted Indian Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar's reply to an earlier Pakistan invitation for dialogue, expressing his country's 'willingness' for talks with Pakistan on the Kashmir dispute, sources in the Foreign Office told DawNews on Wednesday. However, India also pushed for talks on "certain other issues", they added.

Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhry had on Monday invited his Indian counterpart to Pakistan for

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dialogue on the Kashmir dispute in a letter that "highlighted the international obligations of Pakistan and India with regards to resolving the Kashmir dispute in accordance with United Nations Security Council resolutions".

Sources told DawnNews the Foreign Office is now preparing a response to India's reply keeping in mind Pakistan's historical stance on certain issues, as well as the ongoing situation in Kashmir.

'Cross-border terrorism'

Indian foreign ministry sources on Wednesday told Reuters talks should focus on the situation in Kashmir, adding that India is willing to send Jaishankar to Pakistan for talks focused on fighting cross-border terrorism. The Indian sources made it clear, however, that India "rejects in their entirety the self-serving allegations regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, which is an integral part of India". The move comes as relations between Pakistan and India remain strained days after prime ministers of both countries made controversial statements regarding Kashmir on Aug 14 and 15.

Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on Tuesday told a rally in India-held Kashmir that "going to Pakistan is the same as going to hell". Parrikar went on to say that Indian troops had "sent back five terrorists yesterday", referring to the gunmen who were reportedly killed while attempting a cross-border incursion on Monday.

On Aug 14, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Pakistan's High Commissioner to New Delhi Abdul Basit dedicated Independence Day to the freedom of Kashmiris, while both neighbours traded allegations of 'unprovoked' cross-border firing along the working boundary. Tensions between Pakistan and India have been running high since the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani sparked anti-government protests in India-held Kashmir, with over 60 people dead in clashes between protesters and Indian authorities.

Last week, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz had announced Pakistan was ready for dialogue with India on Kashmir, in response to which India listed issues that must be addressed before any progress is possible.

Indian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup said that before the start of dialogue Pakistan must address "incitement to violence and terrorism across the border, parading of internationally recognised terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and Syed Salahuddin, and sincere follow up on the Mumbai attack trial and the Pathankot attack investigation".

India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj also responded saying: "Unlike in the past we cannot agree that dialogue with sponsor and supporters of terrorism should carry on without being linked to action in that regard." She was obliquely referring to Pakistan.

Earlier in August, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar and Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh also traded barbs at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) Interior Ministers' meeting in Islamabad.

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.

While an array of foreign and domestic forces are involved in fomenting terrorism in Pakistan, illegal movement at the Pak-Afghan border and the presence of Afghan refugees in our country are two major tools being used in this enterprise. The Quetta carnage prompts us to do some unconventional deliberation on these issues.

The Pakistani state does not have control over the geo-strategic ambitions of the regional and international forces involved in the promotion of terrorism. However, it can take certain steps which can lead to the mitigation of the threat. Preventing the movement of militants from Afghanistan into Pakistan and preventing the smuggling of arms and ammunition is one such area.

Security issues were inherent in our country's long, controversial borders from day one. At the time of Independence, Pakistan's boundaries with all four neighbouring countries were controversial and disputed. We resolved our disputes with China and Iran by ceding a huge mass of territory to both of them, but failed to settle the Durand Line with Kabul and the Jammu and Kashmir territory with Delhi.

Iran and Pakistan signed a boundary agreement on February 6, 1958 which was enacted on July 15, 1963 when Pakistan gave Iran 499 square kilometres of its territory. In 1963, the Sino-Pakistan Frontier Agreement and Sino-Pak Boundary Agreement was made under which China ceded over 1,942 square kilometres to Pakistan and Pakistan recognised Chinese sovereignty over hundreds of square kilometres of land in Northern Kashmir and Ladakh. The 2500-kms porous and mountainous border, called the Durand Line, with Afghanistan remained unsettled and now has become a huge security issue. Pakistan insisted on the finality of this border but the rulers in Kabul always refused to recognise its sanctity. They have claims over the territory controlled by Pakistan. The same ethnic Pakhtun tribes straddle the two sides of the boundary and keep travelling across the border. For any security force in the world such a long, controversial border would be a nightmare.

Military experts say it is near impossible to seal this border through fencing and other barriers because the territory is mountainous and the border, at places, passes through human settlements, houses and mountain tops. The Afghan government is also strongly opposed to the barrier.

India can put up a barrier on the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir which is a disputed territory as per UN resolutions. Iran can build a barrier on its boundary with Pakistan. Why can't

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Record 70pc reduction in terror attacks in Pakistan after 2014

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Pakistan do the same? If that security measure, howsoever expensive it may be, can secure lives of our innocent people who keep falling victim to the reckless terrorism emanating from Afghanistan we should go for it.

The fortification of the Pak-Afghan boundary may not eliminate all the terrorism we are faced with but it will lead to substantial reduction in violent activities for it will check illegal, unauthorised movement across the two countries. This may also put to rest allegations that Pakistan has expansionist designs towards the West.

The presence of more than three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan provides another convenient tool to the foreign powers to wage a proxy war in Pakistan. Trained mercenaries sponsored by the Afghan-India combine can easily disguise themselves among the refugees with whom they share close tribal bonds irrespective of ideological and political affiliations. The monitoring of Afghan refugees and their settlements is not easy.

The refugees have spread in every nook and corner of the country during the past more than 35 years of their stay here. This is the second generation of Afghan refugees. It's wishful thinking, and official rhetoric for public consumption, that the refugees will return to their homeland. They have bought properties here, established businesses and married with the locals. A big section of the local Pakhtun population has sympathy with us for ethnic reasons. They will now allow the state to forcefully evict them. Above all, the powerful international community won't allow us to force these refugees back to turbulent Afghanistan.

In tribal, ethnically-divided Afghanistan warring tribes may continue to fight with each other for another decade or more. The country has little economic base of its own and survives on foreign handouts. No Afghan refugee is going to leave a relatively prosperous life in this country for Afghanistan. They have become part of our economic system.

After hosting more than three million people for over 35 years, it will be unwise on our part to treat them harshly and force them to leave – which they will not in any case. It would be more realistic on our part to naturalise the Afghan refugees as Pakistani citizens. In this way, we can monitor them effectively and bring them under our security system's oversight.

For centuries Pakhtuns have migrated wave after wave from Afghanistan to this part. Let it be yet another, though the last of its kind, wave of the Pakhtun migration and put a full stop to this by building a wall at the Durand Line. Our focus should be on checking the inflow of new people from Afghanistan.

Securing the Pak-Afghan border and bringing all the Afghan refugees into an effective security net are two major steps that can boost our internal security system's capacity in the fight against the hydra-headed menace of terrorism.

WASHINGTON (APP) – The United States on Tuesday reiterated call for Pakistan and India to have greater collaboration in fighting terrorism, saying it was good both for the region as well as for Washington.

"We would encourage greater dialogue and counter terrorism cooperation between both Pakistan and India. We've said that many times. It's for the good of both countries; it's for the good of the region. Frankly, it's for the benefit of the United States," US State Department Spokesman Mark Toner said at a regular briefing.

Asked to comment on Pakistan's offer for "conflict talks", the spokesman said that it is important for the two countries to have greater collaboration and dialogue "and we would encourage any effort in that regard".

Pakistan last week offered to India for a bilateral arrangement on non-testing of nuclear weapons. Pakistan had, after the 1998 test, proposed to India simultaneous adherence to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, but it did not elicit a favorable response.

A foreign office spokesman, in a statement issued on Tuesday, said that in the larger interest of peace and stability in the region, and in the global context, Pakistan has indicated the possibility that the two countries may consider a bilateral arrangement, which is reflective of its policy of promoting restraint and responsibility in South Asia and its consistent support for the objectives of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

"The bilateral non-testing arrangement, if mutually agreed, could become binding immediately without waiting for the entry into force of the CTBT at the international level," the spokesman said.

On Monday, a State Department spokesperson stated that the United States support all positive steps that India and Pakistan can take to forge closer relations, calling for finding a peaceful resolution to the Kashmir dispute.

Reiterating US position on Kashmir, the spokesperson said that it was for Pakistan and India to decide on the pace, scope and the character of any discussions regarding Kashmir.

State Dept's country report on terrorism says terror attacks rise enormously in Bangladesh and India

ISLAMABAD: A series of anti-Taliban military offences has helped Pakistan reduce terror attacks by nearly 70 percent during the past two years, a period during which other regional countries faced surge in violence orchestrated by militants.

Only 477 major and minor terrorism attacks have been reported this year so far in Pakistan compared to around 2,000 in 2014, reveal official statistics compiled by the National Counter Terrorism Authority (Nacta), exclusively obtained by Geo News/The News.

The significant decline is attributed to the operations by the Pakistan military launched by mid-2014 to push back militants linked with al-Qaeda from its lawless tribal region on the Afghan border. This

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Chief of Army Staff confirms death sentences of 11 terrorists

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was the time when terror attacks in Bangladesh and India rose enormously, according to latest country reports on terrorism released by the US Department of States. Its statistics showed violence drastically dropped in Pakistan. The National Counterterrorism Center, part of Office of the Director of National Intelligence, through the Worldwide Incidents Tracking System in America collected these statistics which put Pakistan at third place with improved law and order situation in the list of top ten countries with the most terror attacks.

In 2012, Pakistan was atop the list while Afghanistan, Iraq, India and Nigeria were also included to this list accordingly. Bangladesh was particularly hit by violence with militants attacks increasing nearly 400 percent in 2015 compared to a year ago (2014). More than 459 attacks were recorded last year compared to just over a hundred in 2014, States Department statistics continued to reveal.

An increased in violence was reported with 791 terror attacks in 2015 as compared to 764 in 2014 in India last year. This is the highest number of terrorist incidents and deaths since 2010 and there were 763 incidents which represents a 20 per cent increase from 2013 in India which left Nigeria behind which witnessed less attacks than India, reveal the US Department statistics.

Pakistan witnessed a thousand attacks last year as compare to 2014 which witnessed nearly 2,000 attacks. As many 28,328 people killed and 35,320 injured in 11,774 terrorist attacks in more than 92 countries in 2015, the report concluded.

Nacta's newly compiled figures exclusively obtained by Geo News/The News revealed that terror attacks gradually started decreasing since June, 2014 when Pakistan launched operation Zarb-e-Azb.

Around 4,307 civilians and security personnel lost their lives and 11,400 injured in 5,000 terror attacks after 2013 in Pakistan, according to Nacta's official figures. The country witnessed record reduction in violence this year as compared to last ten years, recording 503 deaths of civilians and security personnel in 477 terror attacks by August 7, 2016, official figures continued to reveal that around 1,157 people also injured this year.

Around 838 innocent people were killed and 1,706 injured in 1,139 terror incidents in 2015, 1,172 civilians and security personnel were killed and 3,185 injured in 1,816 terror incidents in 2014.

In 2013, around 1,794 innocent people were killed and 5,352 injured in 1,571 terror incidents while 1,163 civilians and security personnel were killed and 3,346 injured in 1,316 incidents in 2012.

Nacta National Coordinator Ihsan Ghani said despite criticism and misperceptions about Zarb-e-Azb and the National Action Plan (NAP), the general sense of security and improved law and order situation in the country spoke of the successes of the both.

Armed militias have been curtailed, glorification of terrorism on media reduced, terrorist network weakened by blocking 98 million SIMs and hate speech and material confiscated in bulk, he claimed.

While terrorist attacks have shown an upward trend in India and Bangladesh, there has been a sharp drop in such attacks in Pakistan, Nacta chief told The News. "The gains of Zarb-e-Azb and NAP will have to be sustained through long term measures. Both [NAP and Zarb-e-Azb] have made a visible impact on the law & order and security situation in the country where terrorist attacks have climbed down to pre-2005 level. Though it is tough to sustain this momentum, the government pledged to achieve through soft long-term measures," Ghani opined.

Malaysian civil and military chiefs have praised Pakistan Army's achievements against terrorism and efforts for regional peace and stability. The country's leadership met army chief General Raheel Sharif as he arrived in Putrajaya city on a two-day visit on Wednesday.

During the meeting, General Raheel said Pakistan and Malaysia had convergence of interests in various domains of regional security and the need to go after terrorism indiscriminately.

In his meeting with the army chief, Malaysian Defence Minister Dato Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein also expressed the desire to expand the range of defence collaboration. Hishammuddin hoped that the spirit of cooperation will be helpful in strengthening the existing relationship between the military of the two countries and evolve into a longterm strategic partnership.

The COAS also held separate meetings with Chief of Defence Forces (CDF) General Tan Sri Dato Sri Haji Zulkifeli bin Mohd Zin and Chief of Malaysian Army General Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi bin Raja Mohamed Noor. He was introduced to senior army commanders and was given detailed briefing on the operational and training aspects of the military.

Earlier, a smartly turned out contingent of Malaysian army presented guard of honour to army chief at the army headquarters. The Terms of Reference were also signed between the military leaders to institutionalise a longterm framework for cooperation.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif on Tuesday confirmed death sentences awarded to 11 hardcore terrorists, who were involved in committing heinous offenses related to terrorism, including killing of DIG Fayyaz Sumbal and ASI Raza Khan of Balochistan Police and Inspector Kamran Nazir of ISI at Quetta.

According a statement issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) wing of the Pakistan Army, the terrorists also include those involved in sectarian killings, kidnapping and slaughtering of civilians and personnel of Frontier Constabulary and killing of Major Abid Majeed of Pakistan Army. They planned and executed a number of attacks on Law Enforcement Agencies and Armed forces of Pakistan. They were also involved in destruction of Schools and communication infrastructure. These convicts were tried by military courts.

Details of terrorists:

Zia Ul Haq S/O Wali Khan: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in suicidal attacks which caused death and injuries to a large number of civilians. The convict was also involved in attacking Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in death of Deputy Inspector General of Police Fayyaz Sumbal, Assistant Sub Inspector Raza Khan, several other police officials and Inspector Kamran Nazir of Inter Services Intelligence. He was also involved in sectarian killings. He admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 12 charges and awarded death sentence.

Fazal e Rabbi S/O Fazal Ghafoor: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in slaughtering and killing of civilians. He was also involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death of Maj Abid Majeed and injuries to several soldiers. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 4 charges and awarded death sentence.

Muhammad Sher S/O Zaray: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in killing of civilians. He was also involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death and injuries to soldiers. The convict also destroyed a Girls Middle School. He admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 5 charges and awarded death sentence.

Umer Zada S/O Gul Rehman: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death and injuries to soldiers. He was also in possession of explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 3 charges and awarded death sentence.

Latif Ur Rehman S/O Saif Ur Rehman: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in kidnapping and killing personnel of Law Enforcement Agencies. He was also involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death of soldiers. The convict was also in possession of fire arms and explosives. He admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 5 charges and awarded death sentence.

Muhammad Adil S/O Muhammad Akbar Jan: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in kidnapping and slaughtering soldiers of Frontier Constabulary. The convict was also involved in destruction of Police Station Matta. He was also in possession of fire arms and explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 5 charges and awarded death sentence.

Israr Ahmed S/O Abdul Rahim Jan: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death and injuries to soldiers. He was also involved in destruction of a Girls Primary School and a hotel of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 4 charges and awarded death sentence.

Abdul Majeed S/O Khona Moula: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan which resulted in death and injuries to soldiers. He also destroyed a hotel of Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 3 charges and awarded death sentence.

Hazrat Ali S/O Fazal Rabi: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in planting Improvised Explosive Devices and killing of civilians. He was also involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 5 charges and awarded death sentence.

Mian Said Azam S/O Mian Said Jaffar: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in attacking Armed Forces of Pakistan and Law Enforcement Agencies which resulted in death and injuries to soldiers. He was also involved in destruction of Girls Schools. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 5 charges and awarded death sentence.

Kaiser Khan S/O Habib Khan: The convict was an active member of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. He was involved in killing of civilians and destruction of communication infrastructure. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was tried on 2 charges and awarded death sentence.

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LAHORE: Following approval of Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, the department of Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education has enhanced administrative and financial powers of autonomous medical institutions, head of the institutions and medical superintendents in the province and a notification has been issued in this regard. Secretary Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Najam Ahmed Shah informed that government has amended schedule V&VI of Punjab Medical and Health Institutions Rules 2003 for this purpose. He said that the purpose of giving financial and administrative powers to the heads and MSs of autonomous medical institutions is to improve the efficiency of these institutions and evolve an efficient healthcare system by removing flaws in healthcare delivery system.

According to the notification, while complete powers have been given to Board of Management of autonomous hospitals and specialized institutions, principals, heads of institutions and MSs have been empowered in a number of administrative and financial matters. Now principal and MS will have the power to make bulk purchase of medicines up to 40 lakh and 30 lakh respectively through purchase committee for the hospital. Similarly, principal and MS will have the authority to make local purchase of medicines of five lakh and two lakh rupees respectively. Principal can give one year's leave to any employee, however, relevant rules will be applicable in case of X-Pakistan leave. Principal and MS will have administrative and financial power of sanctioning up to 40 lakh and 30 lakh rupees respectively.

Similarly, principal will have the authority to purchase construction material of up to 15 lakh rupees for construction work of immediate nature for the hospital while MS has the authority to spend ten lakh rupees for this purpose. Moreover, principal and MS will have the power to hire consultant or firm with a sum of up to 20 lakh and ten lakh rupees respectively, however, the consultant or firm should be registered with the P&D. Similarly, they will be authorized to spend a sum of up to 20 lakh rupees with the approval of purchase committee for the purchase of computers, hardware, software, photo state machines etc.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, on the request of Chief Minister Balochistan Sana Ullah Zehri, has granted permission to male and female students residing in Balochistan and holding domicile of Punjab to participate in entry test of medical colleges arranged by University of Health Sciences. Special relaxation of one day has been granted to those male and female students who did not submit their applications for participation in entry test for admission in medical colleges of Punjab due to bomb blast in Quetta. On the instructions of Punjab Chief Minister, University of Health Sciences will set up a special desk at Bolan Medical College Quetta on August 23 from 9:00am to 3:00pm for receiving applications. Application forms are also available at the website of UHS www.uhs.edu.pk.

QUETTA: A woman died of Congo virus at Fatima Jinnah TB Sanatorium Hospital Quetta who was brought from Afghanistan for medical treatment. The hospital sources said that Fatima Bibi, a patient suffering from Congo virus was brought at the sanatorium from Afghanistan three days back who died on Sunday. 'Fatima died of excessive bleeding due to Congo virus which caused her death', said, Dr. Mukhtar, a senior doctor at the hospital. He said that total 84 patients on a suspicion of to be suffering from Congo virus were brought at the hospital. We sent blood samples of the patients to Agha Khan Hospital Laboratory in Karachi and 22 of 84 were confirmed to be infected with Congo virus,' he said. 'Nine of 22 patients including Fatima Bibi have died of the disease this year'. Dr. Mukhtar said that most of patients brought at Fatima Jinnah TB Sanatorium belonged to Afghanistan. He, however, said that locally Congo virus has also been reported in different districts of Balochistan including Quetta this year.—APP

ISLAMABAD: A case has been registered against an employee of the Quaid-i-Azam Hospital for allegedly stealing data from the CT scan machine and according to a supreme court lawyer, the case might be the first of its kind in the country. Iftikhar Ali, the chief security officer at the hospital, who is the complainant in the FIR, told Dawn that an employee had stolen patient data from the hospital in connivance with others. "I cannot give you the exact number of patients whose data was stolen, but it is a large number because the information in question was collected over four years," he said. Mr Ali said the patients' names, phone numbers and addresses were included in the records that were stolen.

"This information can be used against them and the hospital. The patients who were treated at the hospital can be blackmailed," he said, adding that all hospitals keep patient information confidential. "That is why it was decided to involve the police so they can help make sure the data is not used for the wrong purposes," he said. Mr Ali added that the suspect, who has since been arrested, also copied the machines' software, due to which the software had been corrupted. "The software was expensive and we bought it three years ago for around Rs35 million. Now we will have to buy it again and its price will have increased even more," he said. The investigation officer at the Shams Colony Police Station, Ghulam Habib told Dawn that the suspect had been arrested and a case registered against him. "The suspect claims he was not involved in the theft and that some persons had come into the record room and copied the data and that he had tried to stop them," he said. "We are investigating the issue and the inquiry will be completed soon," he said. Talking to Dawn, an advocate in the Supreme Court, Riasat Ali Azad said that though there were instances of medical records of a particular patient being stolen or "disappearing" usually to avoid a court case or for insurance claims, he has never before heard of a case of such a large amount of patient data being stolen in Pakistan. He pointed out that the sections under which the case was registered were also interesting with

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section 380 meant for theft from a 'dwelling house' which he explained meant "a theft from a house of office in which people live or visit". The other section under which the case was registered is section 457 for 'lurking house- trespass' which the lawyer said was meant for when thieves break in a window or a wall of a house and steal valuables.

Punjab Education Foundation is committed to bringing every child to schools by 2018. Addressing the school partners in Bahauddin Zakariya University in Multan today, PEF Chairman Engr Qamar-ul-Islam Raja said PEF provided an opportunity of free quality education to the low-income families in the province. He said that with the continued support and financial patronage of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the Punjab province has emerged as the glowing example of education-promotion in whole of South Asia.

ISLAMABAD: The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra) has decided to impose an additional charge of 70 paise per unit on power consumers in a bid to collect \$1.5 billion for laying a transmission line from Sindh to Punjab. The estimated cost will be recovered from the consumers of state-owned power distribution companies, excluding the privatised K-Electric, over a period of 25 years, which will meet expenses of laying an 878-kilometre transmission line from Matiari, Sindh to Nankana Sahib district, Lahore. Of the total stretch of the transmission line, 550.65 km of power cables will be laid in Punjab and 314.9 km will be covered in Sindh. It will be a 660-kilovolt high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line and help transmit 4,000 megawatts of electricity from the new coal-fired power plants at Port Qasim, Hub and Thar to northern Pakistan. The government was seeking to collect Rs1.1 per unit to raise Rs200 billion, but the regulator after reviewing the statistics allowed Rs0.70 per unit, which would bring Rs156 billion. However, the regulator clearly pointed out in the decision that the additional tariff would be applicable for 25 years only.

The National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) and the State Grid of China had signed a cooperation agreement in April 2015 for laying the Matiari-Lahore transmission line, which has been included among priority projects of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The CPEC is a \$46-billion project which includes execution of massive power and infrastructure projects in Pakistan with Chinese assistance. The transmission line will carry about 660MW from Engro's coal-fired power plants in Thar, 1,320MW from a mine-mouth power plant in Thar, 1,320MW from the Port Qasim power project, 660MW each from two coal-power plants in Hub and 330MW from Siddiqsons Energy. According to the petition filed with Nepra, the NTDC had opted for the HVDC 660kv line for the transmission of bulk power based on feasibility and cost studies conducted by SNC-Lavalin of Canada in 2013. Two converter stations in Matiari and Lahore will also be part of the project that will help it come in line with the existing transmission system. Moreover, the project is associated with the power generation plants based on imported and local coal at lower costs, which will save billions of dollars annually that will otherwise be needed for the import of oil for electricity production. This is the first private-sector transmission line project that will take 36 to 42 months for completion of work.

PML-N Leader and Member National Assembly Hamza Shahbaz has said that power load shedding in the country will be ended after the completion of ongoing projects. Addressing a public meeting in Burewala on Saturday, he said coal-fired power project will be completed very soon and other projects will also be completed by the year of 2018. Hamza Shahbaz said Imran Khan should fulfill his promises made to the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa instead of staging rallies and sit ins.

Under the programme of rehabilitation of Barrages in Punjab, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Jinnah Barrage at Sindh River in Mianwali has been completed. According to official sources, Jinnah Barrage has been rehabilitated at a cost of over twelve billion rupees and water discharge capacity from the barrage has also been enhanced from eight hundred thousand cusses to nine hundred thousand cusses. Under the project, a bridge has also been rehabilitated which connects Kalabagh with Mianwali beside construction of a park at a cost of over four hundred million rupees. Sources said a primary school and basic health unit have also been completed for community in the area.

Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif has said that Knowledge Park Project will bring revolutionary change in education sector. He was chairing a Board of Directors meeting regarding Knowledge Park Project in Lahore on Saturday. Shahbaz Sharif said the project is imperative to acquaint the youth with modern and research studies. He said Knowledge Park Project will be an example of transparency, quality and speediness. The Chief Minister directed the concerned authorities to take every step for fast implementation of the project.

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pervaz Khattak has directed to move a summary to the Council of Common Interest (CCI) containing recommendations of the provincial government to safeguard its interests in gas sector. He was presiding over a meeting regarding unbundling of gas sector by the federal government at Chief Minister's Secretariat Peshawar here Thursday. Chief Secretary, Amjad Ali Khan, administrative secretaries of concerned departments, Chief Executive Officer KP Oil & Gas Company and other concerned officials attended. The meeting was told that federal government had decided unilaterally the unbundling of SNGPL / SSGC ignoring the consent of provinces through Economic Coordination Committee. The process was meant to finance RLNG transmission and LNG imports to Punjab at the expense of other three provinces. The process is based on imports and not indigenous gas. Federal government has also hired World Bank to make the whole process credible. It was also revealed that according to the proposed unbundling structure by federal government, there would be one national company for transmission while four distribution companies at provincial level. Resultantly financial losses would be compensated out of provincial royalties which was totally against the interest of the province. The meeting proposed that exploration, production, transmission and distribution should be under single company controlled at provincial level through a cohesive system. The meeting was further told that government of Khyber

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Pakhtunkhwa has 32 % and 53% shares in SNGPL and SSGCL respectively giving them legal power to have its own company. The Chief Minister said we will have to act quickly to safeguard the interests of the province at CCI the constitutional forum for protecting our rights and interest. The Chief Minister made it clear unambiguously that his government would never compromise on the rights and interest of the province. He authorized Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Energy and Power Department to negotiate with federal government and ordered to move a summary in this regard. Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pervez Khattak has directed to identify different stations and sites for the proposed Peshawar bus rapid transit project to be initiated towards the end of this year. He was presiding over a high level meeting here at the Chief Minister Secretariat Peshawar today. Special Assistant to CM for Transport Malik Shah Mohammad Wazir, Head of strategic Support Unit Sahibzada Saeed, Administrative Secretaries of concerned departments and quarter concerned attended. Addressing the participants of the meeting, the Chief Minister asked the quarter concerned to widen and clear the alternative routes for diversion of traffic once the project is put on ground. The traffic flow should not be abstracted, he added. He also directed for the expansion of overhead bridges, roads and underpasses and plan commercial activities there. The Chief Minister directed the Commissioner Peshawar, Secretaries Transport, Local Government and DG PDA to visit different corridors of the proposed Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit and identify the sites and stations. He said that there should be all facilities including waiting places, washrooms, water etc. The Chief Minister further directed to add an additional line in the proposed corridors of the Peshawar Bus Rapid Transit and it should be completed within one month. He made it clear that work on the corridors would be started this year therefore the concerned departments should finalize their arrangements so that the vehicular flow is unhindered.

ISLAMABAD: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Government of Balochistan Thursday signed a cost-sharing agreement worth Rs100 million to provide assistance and support to impoverished areas which have experienced the social, economic and environmental impacts of hosting refugees from Afghanistan since 1979.

This is a continuation of the Refugee Affected and Hosting Areas (RAHA) project, which developed infra-structure and built social cohesion in 12 districts, benefiting 1.35 million people in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces with European Union funding, a statement of the UNDP issued here said. The extension will seek to make up for shortfalls in achieving the original targets in Balochistan province. The agreement was signed by Marc-Andr, Franche, the outgoing UNDP Country Director; Dr Hamid Khan Achakzai, the Balochistan Minister for Planning & Development; and Daud Barrech, Balochistan Additional Chief Secretary for Development. Under the agreement, UNDP will mobilize additional resources to scale-up the programme. "The communities involved in the first phase of RAHA lag considerably in terms of human development and infrastructure compared to the rest of Pakistan," said Marc-Andr, Franche. "Building social cohesion, stronger livelihoods, essential infrastructure and social and environmental protections helped build their resilience despite the strain caused by an influx of refugees needing assistance." Using Euro 40.5 million in funding from the European Union, RAHA expanded from 23 to 102 union councils in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, directly benefiting 54 percent of the population, against a target of 60 percent in these areas between 2011 and 2015. Under this project, over 4,100 community organizations were formed to lead local development agendas, and community and major infrastructure schemes (such as roads) benefited over 584,000 people. Clean drinking water and education projects benefited 717,000 people in both provinces, while reforestation led to nearly half a million trees planted. The project also contributed to the only facility which provides free orthopaedic and prosthetic services in Balochistan. This new cost-sharing agreement will expand on the gains made between 2011 and 2015, and consolidate them in some of the most deprived areas of Balochistan province.—APP

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News): The price of petroleum is likely to be reduced by Rs4.50 per litre from September 1, reported on Friday. The prices of High Speed Diesel (HSD), Light Diesel Oil (LDO), High Octane Blending Component (HOBC) and kerosene oil will be slashed in accordance with the international market. The price of HSD, the most widely consumed petroleum product in the country, was proposed to be decreased by Rs3.46 per litre. The summary proposed an increase of Rs2.80 per litre in the price of LDO, which is used to run tubewells and pumps in the industrial sector. The price of high octane blending component (HOBC) may be reduced by Rs4.50 per litre. The price of kerosene, which is used for cooking in remote areas, may go down by Rs3 per litre. The Finance Ministry is considering increasing petroleum levy and General Sales Tax (GST) due to which the public will be deprived of relief.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif presided over a high level meeting here today which considered various proposals for the reorganization and modernization of Institute of Public Health and Directorate General Health Services. The Chief Minister granted approval to the proposal of establishment of a consolidated and autonomous Public Health Agency. Addressing the meeting, Shehbaz Sharif said that the role of Institute of Public Health and Directorate General Health Services is of vital importance for the provision of quality health facilities to the masses.

Therefore, he said, reforms in both these institutions are the need of the hour. He said that research and collection of information with regard to diseases is the basic responsibility of Institute of Public Health while it also provides technical assistance to the government in this regard. Giving approval to the proposal of establishing Punjab Public Health Agency, the Chief Minister said that it will be completely autonomous and run on the pattern of Punjab Forensic Science Agency. He directed that the proposed plan should be speedily implemented. He said that both institutions have not discharged their responsibilities with regard to provision of better health facilities to the citizens efficiently, therefore, there is a need to introduce reforms of basic nature in these institutions for making further progress. He said that all out resources will be made available for the improvement of healthcare system. Shehbaz Sharif said that the

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performance of Institute of Public Health and Directorate General Health Services is not satisfactory. He said that funds are a trust of the nation and their wastage will not be tolerated. He said that benefits of resources of billions of rupees provided for improvement of health services should reach the common man and all out measures will be taken for extending quality health facilities to the masses. Shehbaz Sharif also issued instructions for setting up a steering committee and project management unit for reforms in these institutions.

The Chief Minister will be the head of the Steering Committee whereas Parliamentary Secretary on Health Kh. Imran Nazir will be the head of Project Management Unit. Provincial Finance Minister Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Advisor on Health Kh. Salman Rafique, head of DFID Punjab Ben French, British public health expert John Forde, Parliamentary Secretary on Health Kh. Imran Nazir, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, concerned officials besides secretaries of the concerned departments attended the meeting.

CHAKDARRA: A total of 182 students of Malakand University were awarded scholarships and cheques of financial assistance from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal and Higher Education Commission (HEC) in a simple ceremony held in Vice Chancellor Office here. 122 students were given scholarships by Higher Education Commission (HEC) while ten students were awarded with scholarships by SEAP. The ceremony among others was attended by Vice Chancellor University of Malakand, Prof. Dr. Johar Ali, Dean of Sciences Prof. Dr. Mir Alam and Director Scholarships Dr. Arshad.—APP

FAISALABAD: Directorate of Colleges has issued showcase notices to seven private colleges over enrolment of intermediate students without college registration. Notices were issued to Al-Hadi College and Hassan Bin Sabit College in Ghulam Muhamamd Abad, Concept and Educator colleges in Khurianwala, Al-harram Education College, GMIT College and Al-Fallah group of colleges. Director Colleges Rana Munawar Ahmed Khan said that all unregistered colleges would be given time for registration. He said that strict action will be initiated against management in case they failed to register their educational institutes. The notices have been issued on the report of committees comprising principals of government colleges. These were set up to identify private colleges giving admissions to intermediate students without registration, he said.—APP

KARACHI (Dunya News): National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) on Thursday has approved Rs 0.39 per unit increase in K-Electric tariff. According to details, a hearing regarding raising electricity prices was conducted by Nepra in which, K-Electric suggested to increase the price by Rs 0.45/ unit but the authorities refused and agreed on Rs 0.39 increase. The price hike was recommended under the fuel adjustment of June month. It was also decided that the order would be implemented from September month.

LAHORE (Dunya News): A combing operation shall be initiated across educational institutions in Punjab in order to ensure their fool-proof security, reported Dunya News. District Coordination Officers (DCO) have also been directed to take precautionary measures keeping in view the security concerns related to the educational institutions in the province. Sources indicate that combing operation shall take place around educational institutions that fall under the A and A-plus category during the first phase of the campaign whereas other educational institutions shall be gradually made part of the proceedings. Letters have been issued by the home ministry to various security agencies and institutions in this regards. On the other hand, the provincial government has directed the heads of the educational institutions to hand over children to their parents or close-ones when the school closes after ensuring proper identification.

A high level meeting chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was held in Lahore on Wednesday. The meeting reviewed restructuring of Institute of Public Health, Directorate General Health Services (DGHS) and proposals regarding modernizing the health institutions. The Chief Minister said that Punjab Public Health Agency will be fully sovereign in his decisions and it will be run according to the forensic science model.

ISLAMABAD: Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony has established a help line for facilitation and information of the pilgrims in Saudi Arabia as well as Pakistan. The intending pilgrims of both government as well as private scheme could register their complaints in Pakistan on 042-111-725425, the ministry has dedicated a number 800-1166622 for registering complaints in Saudi Arabia, said an official of the ministry. He said the help line is working round the clock to facility intending pilgrims. Saudi Arabian Hajj Ministry has also established a help line 800-4304444 for registering the complaints in Urdu language. For queries, Hajj Information Centre, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Islamabad could be contacted on 051-9205696, Directorate of Hajj, Islamabad is also available for queries at 051 9247574-75, Directorate of Hajj, Karachi, 021-35688307, 021-99204761; Directorate of Hajj, Lahore, 042-99205087-8, Directorate of Hajj, Peshawar, 091-9217482-3, Directorate of Hajj, Multan 061-9330058; Directorate of Hajj, Sukkur 071-5806078; 071-5806052 and Directorate of Hajj, Quetta 081-9213021; 081—9213326 for registration of queries and complaints. Likewise, Directorate General Hajj, Jeddah could be contacted on 00966-12-5500426. The number of Director General Hajj, Makkah was 00966-12-5500436; Director General (Hajj) Madina Munawwara 00966-14- 8250782; Consulate General of Pakistan, Jeddah can be contacted on 00966-12-6600875 and 0096-12-6692371 in case of need. The staff deputed in the holy land and as well in Pakistan would try to address grievances.—APP

MOHMAND AGENCY: Qoumi Lashkar elders of Shinwar, Qandhrail, Gurbuz and Masood in joint action demolished at least five houses of militants facilitators were demolished in Lower Chamrkand area of Safi tehsil near Pak-Afghan border of the Mohmand tribal region here on Tuesday afternoon a local administration official told Dawn from Chamrkand.

Safi tehsildar Miraj Khan told that elders of Safi tehsil consisting on the four major tribes formed a 40 members committee to safeguard and protect their respective areas as law and order situation are worsening in the area. He said that the committee will inform the local administration

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as well as security forces when any suspect's activities observe in the area. During the demolition operation in the area security forces cleared the all adjoining areas through bomb disposal squad.

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk): The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) on Wednesday took suo moto notice of illegal appointments in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Dunya News reported. The Chief Justice has issued a notice to NAB Chairman, directing him to submit a report on the matter, the Registrar Office sources told. The suo moto notice was taken on a letter submitted by a citizen. Registrar Office has also been ordered to fix a date for hearing of the case at earliest. The National Accountability Bureau is Pakistan's apex anti-corruption organization. It is charged with the responsibility of elimination of corruption through a holistic approach of awareness, prevention and enforcement.

LAHORE (Dunya News): Lahore Development Authority (LDA) on Wednesday sealed a private school in Lahore's Johar Town when the students were inside. LDA officials sealed the building for constructing school on non-commercial area. The students used back door to enter the school after which, the authorities opened internal doors and put lock on the main gate. Principal of the school said that the action was taken without pre-notice of evacuation. The students said that they were going for assembly when the incident took place and they were locked up in the class rooms.

ISLAMABAD: A district-level campaign to stop spreading of Congo virus has been kicked off at a veterinary hospital in Katlang, Mardan. According to officials, animals would be sprayed during the campaign to protect them from the attack of Congo virus, reported a private news channel. A ceremony was held in veterinary hospital Katlang which was attended by farmers, local government representatives and general public. Talking to private news channel, Veterinary Doctor Misal Khan informed that Congo virus transmits from animals to human beings and to stop spreading of Congo, animals in houses and cattle markets should be sprayed during the campaign. He said since animals are being slaughtered during Eid-ul- Azha on large scale, there are more chances of spreading of the virus. Dr. Misal Khan said that usually the Congo fever transmitted to human being through insects found in the body of animals, which usually suck blood from animals.—APP

FAISALABAD: State Minister for Water and Power Chaudhary Abid Sher Ali on Monday said that elaborate measures are being taken to completely end power outages by March 2018. He said that Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif was committed to making Pakistan load-shedding free by 2018. Therefore, energy projects were being completed on war-footing. He said that a large quantity of electricity was being added to the national grid system after every two, three months besides establishing new grid stations to provide electricity connections to all applicants. He said that a new grid station had also been installed at Chenab Nagar and it would be inaugurated during the next week. He said that 98 per cent electricity cable passing near the houses and rooftops of residential buildings had been removed and the remaining work would also be completed soon. He said that earlier defective transformers were sent for their repair to FESCO Headquarters, where there is already a heavy workload which causes unnecessary delay in repair of defective transformers. Now, a new Transformer Repairing Workshop has been established at Sargodha to lessen the FESCO Headquarters burden, he said adding that new workshop would also help in removing defects from the transformers of Sargodha and its adjoining areas without unnecessary delay. The minister further said that on the direction of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, open courts were being held regularly to hear public complaints and to take steps for their redress. He asked the FESCO employees to work honestly, dedicatedly and efficiently as there is no room for corrupt, negligent, lethargic and delinquent elements in the power distribution company.—APP

PESHAWAR: Police in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Nowshera district claimed on Monday to have arrested an alleged offender of 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 said. Further, a case under the recently approved cybercrime bill has been registered against the suspect.—DNA

MANDI BAHAUDDIN: A newly wed couple died of gas suffocation in Kuthiala Syedan, a village on outskirts of Mandi Bahauddin. According to police, 35-year-old Shahbaz and 30-year-old bride, who were married on Sunday, were killed due to suffocation from gas leakage from a power generator. The couple was found dead at their residence in wee hours of Monday morning.

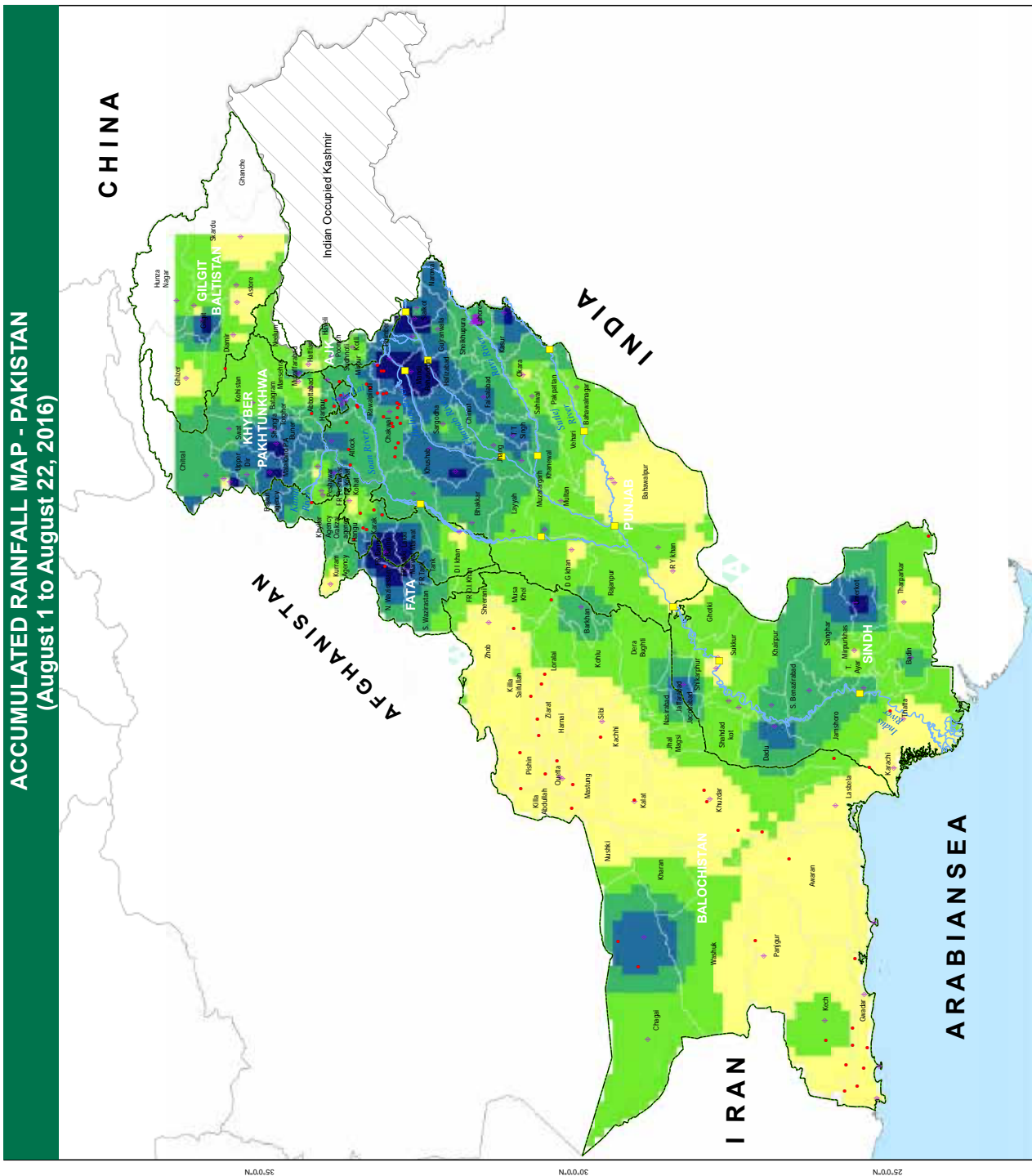
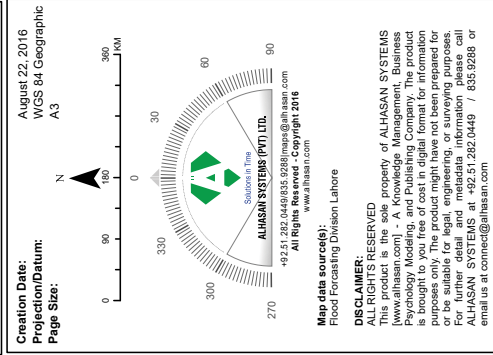
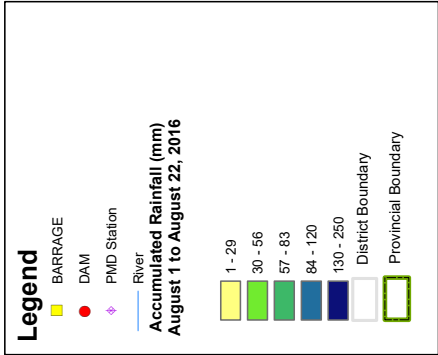
RAWALPINDI (Dunya News): Fire in readymade garments market in Dhamial Camp engulfed four shops leading to losses worth lacs of Rupees, reported Tuesday. Fire that erupted suddenly near Zafar Plaza in Dhamial Camp took four shops in its shade. Locals have stated that rescue teams reached with an hour delay that led to the huge loss. However, reason behind eruption of fire was not traced until filing of this report.

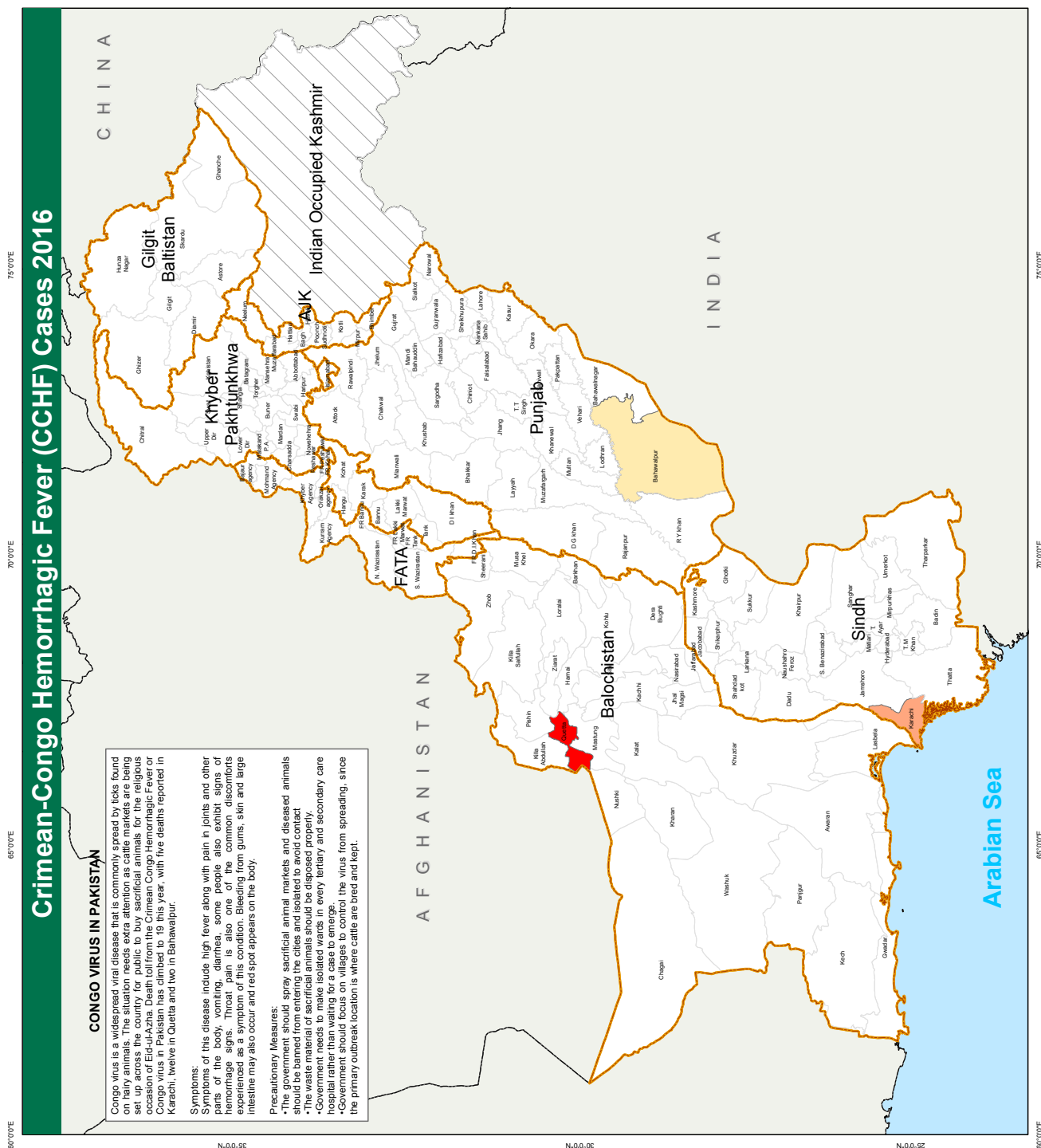
JHANG (Dunya News): Underage brother and sister on Tuesday died of electrocution in a house near railway crossing in Jhang. According to details, the incident took place in Jalalabad area when the children tried to open iron door that suddenly caught current due to electricity wires extension passing above. The minors identified as seven-year-old Naeem and three-year-old Emaan Fatima died on the spot. Earlier, three members of family were electrocuted while two were shifted to hospital for electrocution induced injuries in Shahdara. As a girl shifted a cot in the early morning from rooftop to a nearby shed, it came in contact with live wires passing above which claimed her life on the spot. In another incident, a live wire fell into stagnant water on Anum Road in Kot Lakhpat Division of Lahore after a rainfall claiming two lives. Inquiry conducted on the directives of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif recommended suspension of officials responsible and registration of a First Information Report.

Anti-polio drive underway in Afghan refugee camps in Balochistan

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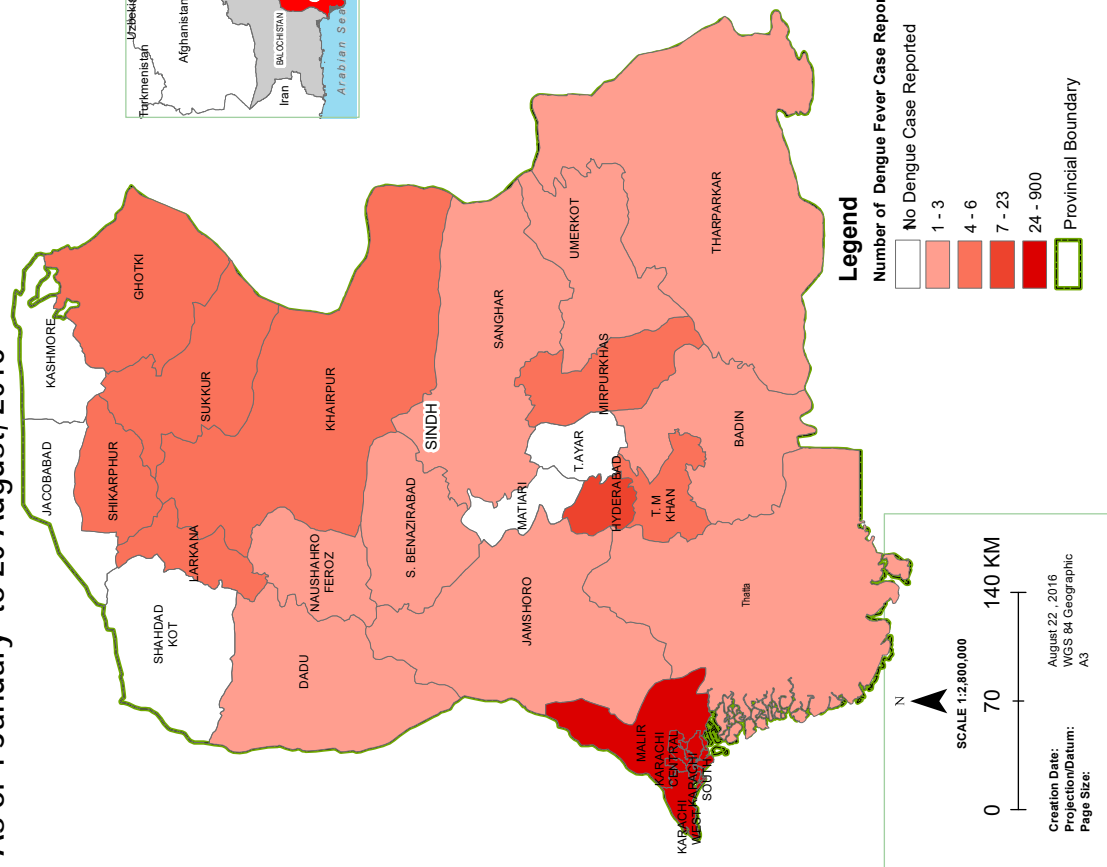
QUETTA (Dunya News): Anti-polio campaign is underway in various Afghan refugee camps of Balochistan on second day. According to authorities of Emergency Operation Centre for polio, the drive is in progress in the refugee camps located in Jangal, Posti, Chagai and Leja. The campaign has set a target to vaccinate 6830 Afghan children and will continue till August 22. Attacks on polio teams in Balochistan and other parts of the country have complicated vaccination drives for health authorities. In January at least 15 persons were killed in a blast outside an anti-polio centre in Quetta. Attacks in a city impact health department's activities in other cities as well. An attack on an anti-polio team in Karachi in April martyred seven policemen resultantly, a drive, ongoing in Multan was deferred for as many as seven days. However, number of polio cases has declined in the recent years in Pakistan. Year 2015 witnessed 54 cases in the country which was an 80 percent fall from the earlier figures. Reach of polio teams to remote areas in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) of the country was supported by successful Operation Zarb-e-Azb that was launched in mid 2014 to eradicate militancy. At least 98 percent of children were vaccinated against the crippling virus in FATA in March which was a big leap for health authorities compared with previous years when teams could not reach different areas owing to threats and insurgency. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only two countries left in the world that are struggling with eradication of polio.



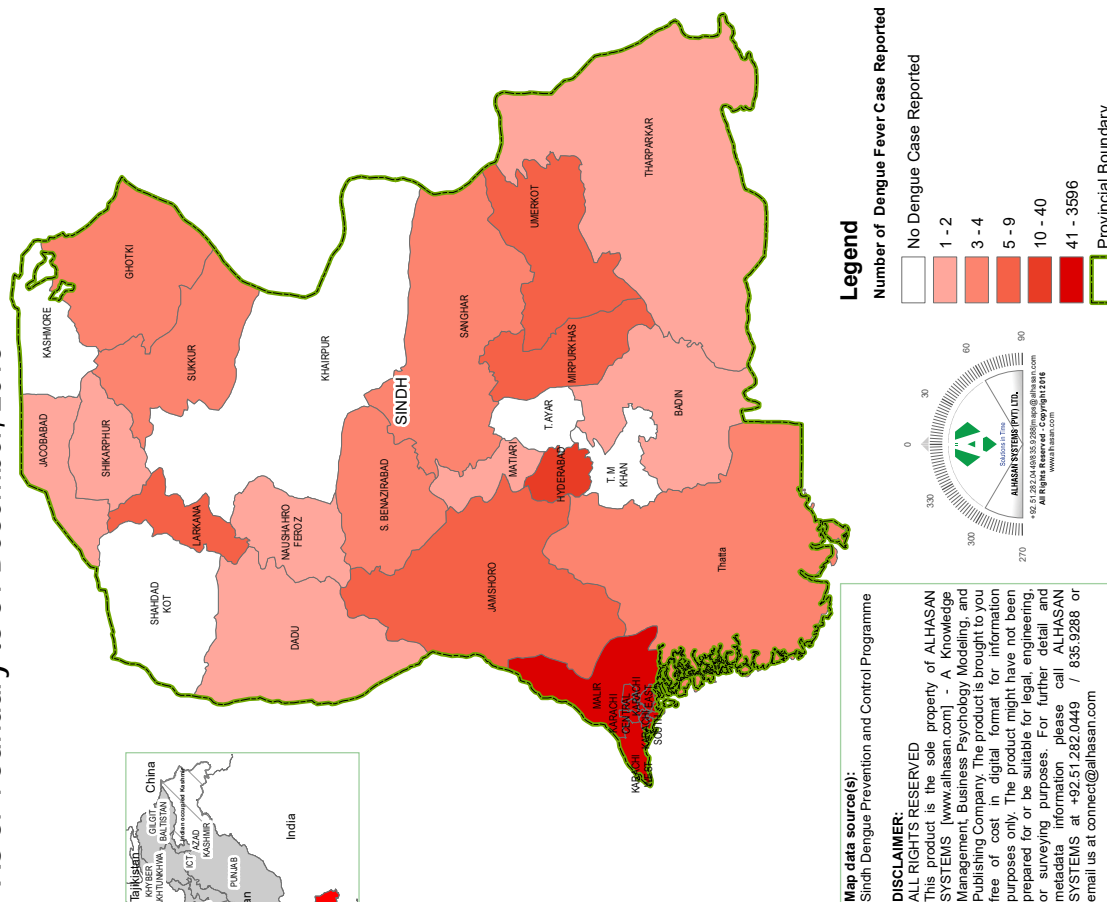


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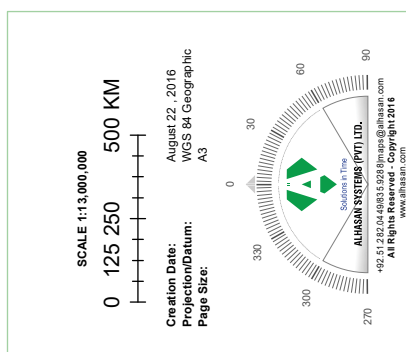
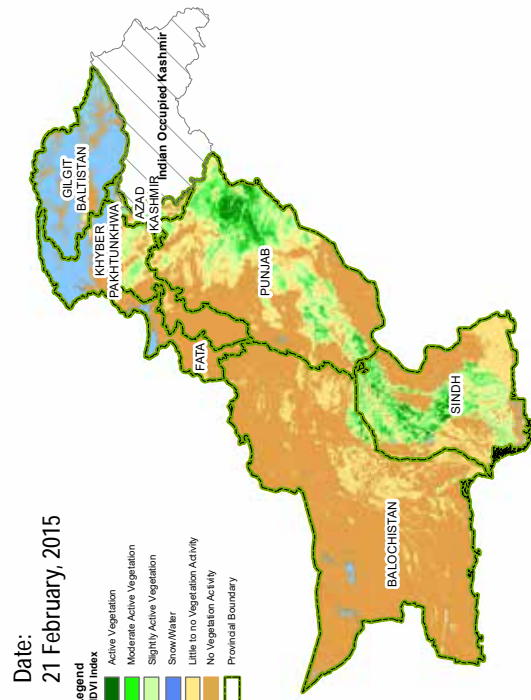
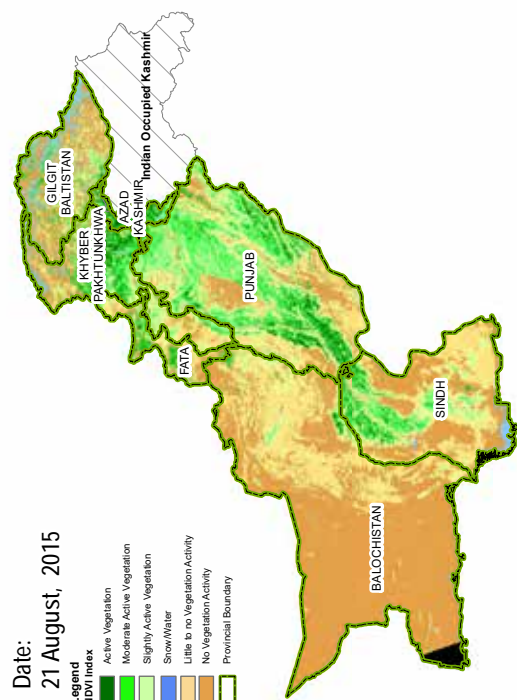


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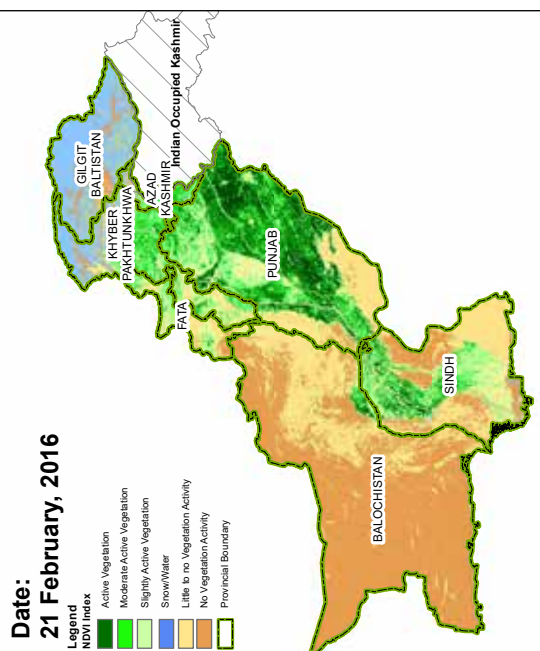
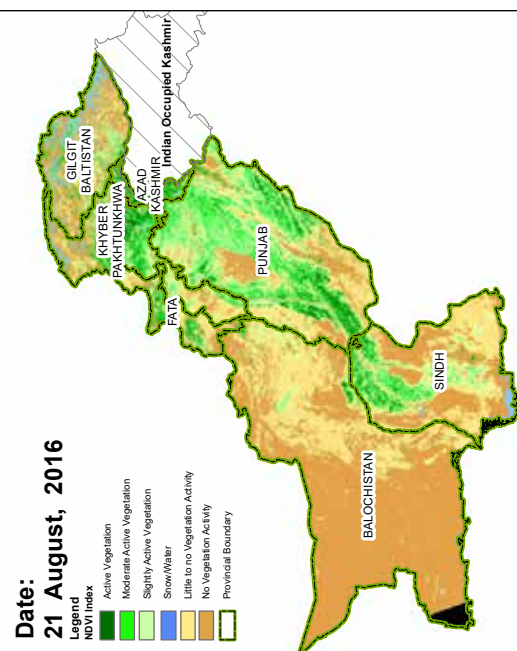


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تعاون بارے ویٹنام کے سٹیٹ آڈٹ آفس اور سپریم آڈٹ انسٹی ٹیوشن آف پاکستان کے درمیان دو طرفہ ایم او پر دستخط کی بھی منظوری دی گئی۔ کابینہ نے سٹیٹ بینک آف پاکستان اور روس کے سنٹرل بینک کے درمیان بینکاری نگرانی تعاون کے بارے میں ایم او پر دستخط کے لئے بات چیت کے آغاز کی منظوری دی۔ پاکستان اور ترکمانستان کے درمیان سفارتی پاسپورٹ رکھنے والوں کے لئے ویزہ ختم کرنے کے معاہدے پر دستخط کی بھی منظوری دی گئی۔ پاکستان اور قزاقستان کے درمیان حجر موں کے تبادلے کے بارے میں معاہدے پر دستخط کی بھی منظوری دی گئی۔ پاکستان اور کینیا کے درمیان غیر قانونی نقل و حرکت اور منشیات کی روک تھام میں تعاون کے بارے میں ایم او پر دستخط کے ضمن میں بات چیت کے آغاز کی بھی منظوری دی گئی۔ وفاقی کابینہ نے ملک بھر میں دہشتگردی سے متاثرہ خاندانوں کی مدد کیلئے جامع پالیسی تشکیل دینے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ اجلاس میں سانحہ کوئٹہ کے شہدائے فوجی خواتین جبکہ زخمیوں کی جلد صحت یابی کیلئے دعا کی گئی۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعظم میاں نواز شریف نے ہدایت کی کہ شہداء کے خاندانوں کی بہبود کیلئے جامع پالیسی تشکیل دی جائے، شہداء کے بچوں کی تعلیم اور روزگار کیلئے جامع پروگرام پیش کیا جائے، دہشتگردی سے متاثرہ ہونے والوں کیلئے نیشنل انڈونمنٹ فنڈ کے قیام سے متعلق فیصلہ سبلی کا بھی جائزہ لیا جائے۔

لاہور: پنجاب حکومت نے صوبے میں دہشت گردی کے خدشات کے پیش نظر سرکاری و پرائیویٹ اسکولوں کے اطراف کی آبادیوں میں کومنگ آپریشن شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق صوبائی حکومت نے صوبے میں دہشت گردی اور اسکولوں میں ممکنہ طور پر بچوں کے اغواء کے خدشات کو پیش نظر رکھتے ہوئے اسکولوں کے اطراف کی آبادیوں میں کومنگ آپریشن شروع کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ اس ضمن میں محکمہ داخلہ کے ذرائع نے بتایا ہے کہ لاہور کے جتنے بھی اسکول ہیں ان کے اطراف ہر گھر کے مکینوں کے کوائف کو چیک کیا جائے گا اور مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق حساس، اے کیٹگری اور اے پلس کیٹگری کی نوعیت کے اسکولوں میں سکیورٹی کے مزید فول پروف انتظامات کرنے کی ہدایت کی گئی ہے، اسکولوں کے چوکیدار، گارڈز اور اساتذہ کا بائیو ڈیٹا چیک کیا جائے گا اور اسکول انتظامیہ کو ہدایت کی گئی ہے کہ بچوں کو چھٹی سے قبل باہر نہ جانے دیا جائے۔

اسلام آباد: سندھ میں سی این جی کی فروخت کے معاملے پر اوگرا اور آل پاکستان سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن کے درمیان مذاکرات کامیاب ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اوگرا اور سندھ کی تمام سی این جی ایسوسی ایشنز کا اجلاس اسلام آباد میں ہوا جس کے دوران سندھ میں سی این جی کی فروخت کے معاملے پر غور کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کے بعد میڈیا سے غیر رسمی بات کرتے ہوئے چیئر پرسن اوگرا عظمیٰ عادل خان کا کہنا تھا کہ سی این جی ایسوسی ایشنز کے تمام مسائل اور تجاویز سنی ہیں اور فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کہ سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن کے مسائل حل ہونے تک صوبے بھر میں سی این جی کی فی کلو کے حساب سے ہی فروخت کی جائے گی۔ چیئر پرسن اوگرا عظمیٰ عادل خان نے کہا کہ امید ہے کہ حکومتی مشاورت سے رواں سال ستمبر میں سی این جی ایسوسی ایشنز کے معاملات حل کر لئے جائیں گے تاہم اس وقت تک سی این جی فی کلو میں ہی فروخت ہوگی جب کہ آل پاکستان سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن کے ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ اوگرا کے ساتھ مذاکرات کامیاب رہے۔

پنجاب میں اسکولوں کے اطراف کی آبادیوں میں کومنگ آپریشن کا فیصلہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

17 اگست 2016

سی این جی کی فروخت؛ اوگرا اور سی این جی ایسوسی ایشن کے درمیان مذاکرات کامیاب

ایکسپریس اردو

16 اگست 2016

21 اگست 2016

متاثر ہو جاتے ہیں، بعد ازاں جگر اور گردے بھی کام کرنا چھوڑ دیتے ہیں اور مریض موت کے منہ میں چلا جاتا ہے۔ اگر کسی شخص میں کانگو وائرس منتقل ہو جائے تو مریض کو تیز بخار سر درد، متلی، قے، بھوک میں کمی، نقاہت، کمزوری اور غنودگی، منہ میں چھالے، اور آنکھوں میں سوجن ہو جاتی ہے، مریض کے جسم کے مختلف حصوں سے خون رسنے لگتا ہے اور کچھ ہی دنوں میں وہ موت کے منہ میں چلا جاتا ہے۔ یہ کیڑا اگر انسان کو کاٹ لے یا متاثرہ جانور ذبح کرتے ہوئے وقت انسان کو کٹ لگ جائے تو اس بات کے امکانات کافی حد تک بڑھ جاتے ہیں کہ یہ وائرس انسان میں منتقل ہو جائے۔ ڈاکٹرز کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر اس مرض کا بروقت علاج کروایا جائے تو متاثرہ شخص صحت مند ہو سکتا ہے تاہم اسے علاج کے لیے پابندی ضرور کرنی ہوگی۔ دوسری جانب عید الاضحیٰ کے پیش نظر طبی ماہرین نے عوام کو پابند کیا ہے کہ وہ ”مویشی منڈی کا رخ کرنے سے قبل احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کریں مویشی منڈی میں داخلے سے قبل اپنے منہ کو اچھی طرح ڈھانپ لیں اور ہاتھوں میں دستانیں پہنیں۔“

وزیر اعلیٰ خیبر پختونخوا پرویز خٹک نے کہا ہے کہ وفاق روزانہ خیبر پختونخوا کی 600 میگا واٹ بجلی چوری کر رہا ہے، ایک زمانے سے خیبر پختونخوا کے ساتھ مذاق کیا جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی کے معاملے پر صوبے کے حق سے ہرگز دست بردار نہیں ہوں گے، وفاق کی جانب سے چھوٹے صوبوں کا حق مارنا نقصان دہ ہے۔ انہوں نے وفاق کو دس دن کی ڈیڈ لائن دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ اگر بجلی کی چوری نہ روکی گئی تو کے پی کے حکومت پيسكو کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کرے گی

20 اگست 2016

سندھ مراد علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت منعقدہ کابینہ اجلاس میں دینی مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا بل منظور کر لیا گیا۔ اجلاس میں مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا قانونی مسودہ پیش کیا گیا جسے منظور کر لیا گیا۔ بل کے تحت صوبے میں نئے دینی مدارس کے لیے سندھ بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی سے اجازت لینا ہوگی۔ رجسٹر ڈینی مدارس کی دوبارہ رجسٹریشن محکمہ داخلہ اور صوبائی محکمہ مذہبی امور کرے گا، مشیر قانون کی سربراہی میں کمیٹی 15 دن میں کام کرے گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے اجلاس کے دوران صوبے میں نیشنل ایکشن پلان پر ہر صورت عمل کرنے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ مدارس انتظامیہ رجسٹریشن کے عمل میں تعاون کرے۔

20 اگست 2016

اسلام آباد: نیپرانے ٹیاری لاہور ٹرانسمیشن لائن کا بوجھ ٹیرف کی صورت میں عوام پر ڈال دیا ہے جو 25 سال تک اسے ادا کرتے رہیں گے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق نیپرانے ٹیاری لاہور ٹرانسمیشن لائن کے ٹیرف کی منظوری دے دی ہے۔ پرائیویٹ پاور اینڈ انفراسٹرکچر بورڈ (پی پی آئی بی) نے ٹرانسمیشن لائن کے لیے 91 پیسے فی یونٹ ٹیرف مقرر کرنے کی درخواست کی تھی تاہم نیپرانے پی پی آئی بی کی درخواست مسترد کرتے ہوئے ٹیرف 70 پیسے فی یونٹ مقرر کر دی ہے۔ نیپرا حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ٹرانسمیشن لائن سے 4 ہزار میگا واٹ بجلی کی فراہمی ممکن ہو سکتی ہے اور منصوبے پر ایک ارب 75 کروڑ ڈالر خرچ ہوں گے جب کہ متعلقہ ٹیرف 25 سال کے لیے نافذ العمل ہو گا۔

19 اگست 2016

اسلام آباد: عالمی منڈی میں خام تیل کی قیمت میں کمی کے بعد آئندہ ماہ پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی کا امکان ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق آئندہ ماہ پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 4 روپے 35 پیسے کی کمی کا امکان ہے، پٹرول کی فی لیٹر قیمت میں 2 روپے 60 پیسے، ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 3 روپے 46 پیسے، ہائی اوکٹین کی قیمت میں 4 روپے 35 پیسے، مٹی کے تیل کی قیمت میں 3 روپے اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 2 روپے 80 پیسے فی لیٹر کی کمی کا امکان ہے۔ دوسری جانب وزارت خزانہ نے پٹرولیم لیوی اور جی ایس ٹی میں اضافہ کرنے پر غور شروع کر دیا ہے اور پٹرولیم لیوی اور جی ایس ٹی لگنے سے عوام ریلیف سے محروم ہو سکتے ہیں۔

19 اگست 2016

وزیراعظم محمد نواز شریف نے پاک چین اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت توانائی اور بنیادی ڈھانچے کے جاری منصوبہ جات پر کام کی رفتار پر اطمینان کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے ہدایت کی ہے کہ تمام منصوبوں کی مقررہ مدت میں تکمیل کی سختی سے پیروی کی جانی چاہیے۔ وزیراعظم ہاؤس میں کابینہ کے اجلاس کی صدارت کرتے ہوئے وزیراعظم نے کہا کہ اگر ہم جاری منصوبوں کے ثمرات سے مستفید ہونا چاہتے ہیں تو توانائی اور بنیادی ڈھانچے کی ضروریات کے حوالے سے ہماری آئندہ کی منصوبہ بندی اولین ترجیح ہونی چاہیے جبکہ اس امر کو گزشتہ حکومتوں نے نظر انداز کیے رکھا۔ وزیر ہاؤسنگ و تعمیرات نے کابینہ کو نجی شعبے کے ساتھ مل کر لینڈ بینکنگ کیلئے جوائنٹ ونچر پالیسی کے بارے میں بریفنگ دی۔ کابینہ نے وزارت کی تجویز کی اصولی منظوری دے دی اور اسے مزید بہتر بنانے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ کابینہ نے مجوزہ ہاؤسنگ پالیسی کے حوالے سے وزیر ہاؤسنگ و تعمیرات، وزیر داخلہ، وزیر قانون اور چیئر مین سی ڈی اے پر مشتمل چار رکنی کمیٹی تشکیل دے دی۔ وفاقی کابینہ نے ”کوڈ آف کریمنل پروسیجر ترمیمی ایکٹ 2016“ کے مجوزہ مسودہ بل پر صوبوں کی آراء حاصل کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا جیسا کہ وزیراعظم کی طرف سے تشکیل کردہ قانونی اصلاحات کمیٹی نے سفارش کی ہے۔ کابینہ نے پاکستان اور ترکمانستان کے درمیان دفاعی پیداوار کے ایم او یو کی منظوری دی۔ پاکستان اور جاپان (جاپا) کے درمیان توانائی کے شعبوں کی اصلاحات کے پروگرام II کے لئے قرض معاہدے پر دستخط کی بھی موثر بہ ماضی منظوری دی گئی۔ کابینہ نے سرکاری شعبے کی آڈیٹنگ میں تعاون بارے ملائیشیا کے نیشنل آڈٹ ڈیپارٹمنٹ اور پاکستان کے آڈیٹر جنرل آفس کے درمیان مفاہمت کی یادداشت پر بات چیت کی اصولی منظوری دی۔ اس کے علاوہ سرکاری شعبے کی آڈیٹنگ میں

18 اگست 2016

وفاق ہماری 600 میگا واٹ بجلی چوری کر رہا ہے، پرویز خٹک

جیو اردو نیوز

سندھ کابینہ نے مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا بل منظور کر لیا

جیو اردو نیوز

ٹیاری لاہور ٹرانسمیشن لائن کا بوجھ ٹیرف کی صورت میں عوام پر ڈال دیا گیا

ایکسپریس اردو

آئندہ ماہ پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں کمی کا امکان

ایکسپریس اردو

اقتصادی راہداری کے تحت توانائی اور بنیادی ڈھانچے کے جاری منصوبے

مقررہ مدت میں مکمل کئے جائیں: نواز شریف

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سرخیاء

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ کنگو وائرس سے متاثرہ مزید دو افراد وفات پا گئے ہیں۔ کوئٹہ میں فاطمہ جناح جنرل اینڈ چیف ہسپتال میں کنگو سے متاثرہ مریضوں کے علاج کے لیے دس بستروں پر مشتمل ایک خصوصی وارڈ قائم ہے۔ اس وارڈ میں گزشتہ ہفتے کنگو سے متاثرہ پانچ مریض علاج کے لیے لائے گئے تھے جن میں سے دو افراد وفات پا گئے ہیں جبکہ تین کا علاج جاری ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ بلوچستان کے آٹھ اضلاع کنگو کے خطرے سے دوچار ہیں۔ ان اضلاع کے علاوہ کوئٹہ میں افغانستان سے بھی کنگو سے متاثرہ مریضوں کو علاج کے لیے لایا جاتا ہے۔ فاطمہ جناح جنرل اینڈ چیف ہسپتال کے چیف میڈیکل آفیسر ڈاکٹر عباس نوٹکانی نے بتایا کہ رواں سال کنگو سے متاثر ہونے کے شبے میں 83 مریضوں کو علاج کے لیے لایا گیا جن میں سے 12 کی موت ہوئی۔ ڈاکٹر عباس نوٹکانی نے بتایا کہ انسان مال مویشی سے کنگو کے مرض میں مبتلا ہوتے ہیں اور کوئٹہ میں عید الاضحیٰ کی مناسبت سے مویشی منڈیوں میں سپرے کا کام جاری ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ روزانہ کی بنیاد پر محکمہ امور حیوانات کے حکام سے ان کے اجلاس ہوتے ہیں اور محکمے کے مطابق اب تک شہر میں 90 فیصد مویشی منڈیوں میں سپرے کا کام ہو گیا ہے۔

خیبر ایجنسی میں آپریشن خیبر تھری جاری ہے، سکیورٹی فورسز نے خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی راجگل میں موجود دروں اور بلند پہاڑی مقامات پر کنٹرول سنبھال لیا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق آج وادی راجگل کے علاقے دامودرب میں سرچ آپریشن کیا گیا، آپریشن کے دوران بڑی مقدار میں گولابارود کے اور آئی ای ڈیزبرآمد ہوئیں۔ گزشتہ ہفتے شروع ہونے والے آپریشن خیبر تھری میں اب تک 40 دہشت گرد مارے گئے جبکہ 21 دہشت گرد زخمی ہوئے، فضائی اور زمینی کارروائیوں میں اب تک دہشت گردوں کے 43 خفیہ ٹھکانے تباہ کیے گئے ہیں۔ کلیئر ہونے والے دشوار گزار بلند پہاڑی مقامات اور دروں پر سکیورٹی فورسز اپنی پوزیشنز مستحکم کر رہی ہیں، آپریشن خیبر تھری پاک افغان سرحد کے انتہائی قریبی علاقوں میں کیا جا رہا ہے تاکہ دہشت گردوں کی سرحد کے آر پار نقل و حرکت روکی جاسکے۔

کراچی میں بچوں کے اغوا کی افواہوں پر کراچی پولیس نے اسکولوں کے لئے پروفارما جاری کر دیا ہے۔ پروفارما میں اسکول میں سیکورٹی گارڈ کی تعداد اور اسلحہ کی تفصیلات طلب کی گئی ہے۔ جبکہ ہر اسکول میں کم از کم 2 سیکورٹی گارڈ لازمی قرار دیئے گئے۔ کراچی پولیس کی جانب سے شہر کے نجی اسکولوں کو بھیجے گئے سولنامہ میں ان سے پوچھا گیا ہے کہ اسکول میں سیکورٹی گارڈ اور اسلحہ کی تعداد بتائی جائے، بتایا جائے کہ اسکولوں کی دیواروں کی اونچائی کتنی ہے اور یہ کہ دیواروں پر خاردار تاریں ہیں یا نہیں، اسکولوں میں سی سی ٹی وی کیمروں کی تعداد اور پارکنگ سے اسکول کا فاصلہ بھی بتایا جائے۔ پولیس کی طرف سے بھیجے گئے سولنامے میں اسکول کے فوکل پرسن کا نام اور طلباء کی تعداد بھی پوچھی گئی ہے اور پرائیویٹ اسکولوں سے کہا گیا ہے کہ اسکول کی سیکورٹی کے لیے کم از کم دو سیکورٹی گارڈز ہونا لازمی ہیں۔ اس سے پہلے گزشتہ روز ہی ڈائریکٹر پرائیویٹ اسکولز کی طرف سے اسکولوں کو 16 نکات پر مشتمل ہدایت نامہ بھیجا تھا جس میں ان سے کہا گیا تھا کہ اسکولوں میں سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے لگائیں، عملے اور سیکورٹی گارڈز کے بارے میں قریبی تھانے کو بتائیں اور اسکولوں کی بیرونی دیواروں کو 10، 10 فٹ اونچا کریں۔

ٹھٹھہ: صوبہ سندھ کے شہر ٹھٹھہ کے قریب المناک ٹریفک حادثے میں 9 افراد جاں بحق اور 40 زخمی ہو گئے جن میں سے 10 کی حالت تشویش ناک ہونے کے باعث ہلاکتوں میں اضافے کا خدشہ ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق سندھ کے شہر ٹھٹھہ کے علاقے جھڑک کے قریب پیش آیا جہاں کراچی سے شہر اد کوٹ جانے والی بس بے قابو ہو کر ٹریلر سے ٹکرائی۔ حادثے میں 9 افراد موقع پر ہی جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ پچاس مسافر زخمی بھی ہوئے جنہیں کراچی اور حیدر آباد کے اسپتالوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ زخمیوں میں دس افراد کی حالت تشویش ناک ہے۔ ریسکیو اہلکار حادثے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی جائے وقوعہ پر پہنچ گئے اور امدادی کارروائیاں شروع کر دیں، جبکہ ٹھٹھہ اور حیدر آباد کے ہسپتالوں میں ایمر جنسی بھی نافذ کر دی گئی۔ یاد رہے کہ گزشتہ ماہ دادو میں آمري کے قریب انڈس ہائی وے پر مسافر کوچ تیز رفتاری کے باعث الٹ گئی جس کے نتیجے میں تین مسافر موقع پر ہی جاں بحق جبکہ تیس سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔ واضح رہے کہ حادثے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد میں دو بچے اور تین خواتین بھی شامل ہیں۔

گانگو وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد اور اموات میں اضافے کے بعد طبی ماہرین نے آگاہی مہم چلانے شروع کر دی ہے۔ طبی ماہرین کے مطابق کنگو نامی کیڑا بھیڑ، بکری، گائے، بھییس اور اونٹ کی جلد پر پایا جاتا ہے جو جانور کی کھال سے چپک کر خون چوستا رہتا ہے۔ یہ کیڑا اگر انسان کو کاٹ لے تو اس میں کنگو وائرس منتقل ہو جاتا ہے۔ کیڑے کے کاٹنے سے وائرس انسانی جسم میں داخل ہو کر تیزی سے سرایت کرتا ہے، جس کے باعث متاثرہ شخص بھیڑ سے

کوئٹہ میں کنگو وائرس سے دو افراد کی موت

بلوچی اردو
22 اگست 2016

کراچی، وفاتی جامعہ اردو سے 163 جعلی ڈگریاں جاری

جیو اردو نیوز
22 اگست 2016

کراچی پولیس نے اسکولوں کو سولنامہ بھیج دیا

جیو اردو نیوز
21 اگست 2016

ٹھٹھہ: بس اور ٹرالر میں تصادم، خواتین اور بچوں سمیت 9 افراد جاں بحق، 40 افراد زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت
21 اگست 2016

عید الضحیٰ قریب آتے ہی کنگو وائرس پھیلنے کا خدشہ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

آباد میں حساس اداروں اور فرنٹیئر کور نے کومنگ آپریشن کے تحت مشترکہ کارروائی کرتے ہوئے گھر گھر تلاشی لی اور 13 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان کے مطابق آپریشن کے دوران ملزمان کے قبضے سے 24 ہتھیار، اور ایک شارٹ گن برآمد ہو گئی۔

کراچی کے نجی اسکولوں کے لیے سیکورٹی کا نیا ہدایت نامہ جاری کر دیا گیا ہے، جو 16 نکات پر مشتمل ہیں۔ ڈائریکٹر اسکول منصوبہ صدیقی نے نجی اسکولوں کے لئے سیکورٹی ہدایت نامہ جاری کر دیا ہے، نجی اسکولوں کو ہدایت نامے میں 16 نکات دیئے گئے ہیں، جن میں بتایا گیا ہے اسکول میں داخلے کے لئے انتظامیہ غیر متعلقہ افراد کو پاس جاری کرے گی۔ ہدایت نامے کے مطابق اسکولوں کی دیواروں کو 10 فٹ لمبا کیا جائے، تمام اسکولوں میں قریبی ہیپٹالوں اور پولیس تھانے کے نمبر لازمی ہونے چاہئیں۔ ہدایت نامے میں لکھا ہے کہ نجی اسکول کے تمام عملے کی مکمل لسٹ قریبی تھانے کو جمع کرائی جائے، اسکولوں کے چوکیدار کو تھانے کی تصدیق کے بعد تعینات کیا جائے، اسکولوں میں سی سی ٹی وی کیمرے نصب کئے جائیں، ہدایت پر عمل نہ کرنے والے اسکول مالکان کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے گی

کراچی : پولیس اور رینجرز نے شہر کے مختلف علاقوں کارروائیوں کے دوران ٹارگٹ کلرز اور دہشت گردوں سمیت 26 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق رینجرز انٹیلی جنس نے کبائٹی ٹاؤن میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 2 دہشت گردوں صد اقبال اور سید مریم کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے ایک ایل ایم جی سمیت دیگر اسلحہ اور بڑی تعداد میں گولیاں برآمد کر لیں۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق ملزمان کا تعلق ایم کیو ایم کے عسکری ونگ سے ہے جب کہ ان سے برآمد شدہ اسلحہ شہر میں ٹارگٹ کلنگ اور بد امنی پھیلانے کے لیے استعمال ہوتا تھا۔ ادھر الفلاح پولیس نے گرین ٹاؤن میں چھاپہ مار کارروائی تو ملزمان نے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے بعد پولیس نے جوابی فائرنگ کرتے ہوئے 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق ملزمان کا تعلق سیاسی تنظیم سے ہے۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے جمشید کوارٹر، تین ہٹی اور جہانگیر روڈ پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے سیاسی اور لیاری گینگ وار کے کارندوں سمیت 4 افراد کو حراست میں لے کر نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔

خیبر ایجنسی : پاک افغان بارڈر کے قریب سیکورٹی فورسز کی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں 11 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ 4 زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق سیکورٹی فورسز نے پاک افغان بارڈر کے قریب خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی راجگل میں بابر پگول، نارے ناؤ اور تور سپر میں فضائی کارروائی کی جس کے نتیجے میں 11 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ 4 زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ فضائی کارروائی کے نتیجے میں دہشت گردوں کے 8 ٹھکانے بھی تباہ ہوئے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ 2 روز قبل پاک فوج کی جانب سے خیبر ایجنسی کی وادی راجگل میں اضافی دستے تعینات کئے گئے تھے۔

انسانی حقوق کے تحفظ کے عالمی ادارے ہیومن رائٹس واچ نے افغانستان پر الزام عائد کیا ہے کہ صوبہ بغلان میں افغان سیکورٹی فورسز بچوں کے سکولوں کو فوجی اڈوں کے طور پر استعمال کر رہی ہیں۔ جرمن ذرائع ابلاغ کے مطابق ہیومن رائٹس واچ کی شائع ہونے والی ایک رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ افغان صوبے بغلان کے چند دیہات میں بچوں کے سکولوں کی عمارتوں کو فوج اپنے کیپوں کے طور پر استعمال کر رہی ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق اس عمل میں تیزی سے اضافہ ہوا ہے۔ اور ان دیہاتوں میں صرف یہی مضبوط عمارتیں ہیں جنہیں افغان فورسز طالبان کے خلاف کارروائیوں میں استعمال کر رہی ہیں۔ انسانی حقوق کی تنظیم کا کہنا ہے کہ بغلان میں کم از کم 12 سکول فوجی مقاصد کے لیے استعمال ہوئے ہیں جس سے ان سکولوں پر جوابی حملوں کا خدشہ ہے اور اس طرح ان میں موجود اساتذہ اور بچوں کی زندگیوں کو خطرات لاحق ہو سکتے ہیں۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق ایسا کرنے سے افغانستان میں بچوں کے تعلیم حاصل کرنے کا حق بری طرح پامال ہوا ہے اور ملک میں ہزاروں کی تعداد میں بچے تعلیم کے حصول سے محروم ہو گئے ہیں۔ تنظیم نے افغان حکومت اور افغان سیکورٹی فورسز سے مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ سکول کی عمارتوں کا فوجی اڈوں کے طور پر استعمال بند کیا جائے اور اس حوالے سے مناسب اقدام اٹھائے جائیں۔ ہیومن رائٹس واچ کے ادارے نے طالبان سے بھی سکولوں پر حملے بند کرنے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

پشاور: سی ٹی ڈی نے خفیہ ادارے کی اطلاع پر پشاور سے خود کش بمبار کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ سی ٹی ڈی پولیس نے خفیہ ادارے کی اطلاع پر کارروائی کی۔ جس دوران ریڈیو پاکستان کی عمارت کے قریب سے دہشت گرد کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ جس کے قبضے سے 2 کلوززٹی بم برآمد ہوا۔ گرفتار دہشت گرد رحمان الدین کا تعلق کا عدم تنظیم سے ہے جس نے خود کش حملوں کی تربیت بھی حاصل کر رکھی۔ گرفتار دہشت گرد کی عمر 18 سے 20 سال کے درمیان ہے جس کا تعلق اپر دیر کے علاقے سے ہے اور اسے خود کش حملے کیلئے تیار کیا گیا تھا۔

ملزمان گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

جیو اردو نیوز

20 اگست 2016

کراچی میں نجی اسکولوں کو سیکورٹی مزید

سخت کرنے کی ہدایت

جیو اردو نیوز

20 اگست 2016

کراچی سے دہشت گردوں اور ٹارگٹ

کلرز سمیت 26 ملزمان گرفتار

ایکسپریس اردو

19 اگست 2016

خیبر ایجنسی میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی

کارروائی میں 11 دہشت گرد ہلاک،

آئی ایس پی آر

ایکسپریس اردو

18 اگست 2016

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سرخیاں

پاکستان کی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبہ خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع ہنگو سے شدت پسندوں کے چھ سہولت کاروں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ نامہ نگار عزیز اللہ خان کے مطابق آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جبر کو جاری ہونے والے بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ یہ گرفتاریاں ہنگو کی تحصیل ٹل میں جاری کومنگ آپریشن کے دوران عمل میں آئی ہیں۔ بیان میں یہ بھی بتایا گیا ہے کہ گرفتار کیے گئے افراد کے قبضے سے اسلحہ اور گولہ بارود بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ اتوار کو بھی فوج نے ٹل میں کارروائی کے دوران ایک مبینہ شدت پسند کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا تھا۔ ادھر قبائلی علاقہ خیبر ایجنسی میں بھی شدت پسندوں کے خلاف فوج کا آپریشن جاری ہے اور اتوار کو مختلف کارروائیوں کے دوران چھ شدت پسند ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے۔ اتوار کو آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جاری کیے گئے بیان کے مطابق خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقوں ستار قلعے، نارے ناؤ اور راجگال میں فضائی کارروائیوں اور زمینی آپریشن کے دوران دہشت گردوں کے دو ٹھکانے تباہ کیے گئے جبکہ اس دوران چھ شدت پسندوں کو بھی ہلاک کیا گیا۔

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 جبکہ 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 معزرت 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 وجہ کی نشاندہی پر بچی بیچنے والے والدین کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ بچی کے باپ امتیاز اور ماں فرحت کو نو شہرہ کے علاقے میاں خیل بی بی 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 روکے گا تو بچوں کو گرفتار کر کے اس کے مزید ساتھی بھی پکڑ لئے تھے، گروہ کے ارکان اسپتالوں اور میٹرنی ہومز 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 کرن ایک سال تک افغانستان میں بھی یہ دھندہ کرتے رہے، گروہ میں سرکاری اسپتال کی اسٹاف نرس، خالہ اور مختلف میٹرنی ہومز کی لیڈی ڈاکٹرز اور عملے سمیت دس افراد کی نشاندہی ہوئی ہے جب کہ کاکانامی ایک گورکن بھی گروہ میں شامل ہے۔

کابل کے علاقے قلعہ زمان میں افغان نیشنل آرمی کی گاڑی سڑک کنارے بم سے ٹکرائی۔ دھماکے میں ایک فوجی ہلاک اور آٹھ زخمی ہو گئے۔ زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر کابل کے مرکزی ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا جہاں تین کی حالت نازک بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ افغان میڈیا کے مطابق صوبہ قندوز کے ضلع خان آباد پر طالبان نے قبضہ کر لیا ہے۔ خان آباد جغرافیائی لحاظ سے انتہائی اہمیت کا حامل شہر ہے اور اسے قندوز کا گیٹ وے بھی کہا جاتا۔ خان آباد پر قبضے کے بعد طالبان نے مرکزی شاہراہ بند کر دی ہے جس سے قندوز کا شمال مشرقی صوبے بخارا سے رابطہ منقطع ہو گیا ہے۔ طالبان نے قندوز پر گزشتہ برس بھی قبضہ کیا تھا جسے امریکی اتحادی فوجوں نے چھڑا لیا تھا۔

مانسہرہ کے علاقے گیتی داس کے قریب پولیس کے مبینہ مقابلے میں 2 ڈاکو ہلاک اور ایک پولیس اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق مانسہرہ کے علاقے گیتی داس کے قریب مسافر گاڑیوں کا کاناوے جب چلاس روڈ پہنچا، تو گھات لگائے ڈاکوؤں نے گاڑیوں پر فائرنگ کر دی۔ جس کے بعد کاناوے کی حفاظت پر مامور پولیس موبائل میں موجود پولیس اہلکاروں نے جوابی فائرنگ کی، جس کے نتیجے میں 2 ڈاکو موقع پر ہی مارے گئے، جبکہ ایک پولیس اہلکار ڈاکوؤں کی فائرنگ سے زخمی ہو گیا۔

رحیم یار خان کے شہر صادق آباد میں مسلح افراد نے تشدد کے بعد فائرنگ کر کے 3 افراد کو زخمی کر دیا ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق اوور ہیڈ برج صادق آباد میں مسلح افراد نے 3 افراد پر دھاوا دیا اور تشدد کا نشانہ بنانے کے بعد فائرنگ کر کے فرار ہو گئے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ تشدد اور فائرنگ پرانی دشمنی کا شاخسانہ ہے، چند روز قبل ایک شخص قتل کے جرم میں عمر قید کی سزا کاٹ کر آیا تھا جسے مخالفین فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کر دیتا تھا جس کے بعد سے ماچھی اور جٹ برادری میں کشیدگی پیدا ہو گئی ہے۔

کوئٹہ کے علاقے خروٹ آباد میں کومنگ آپریشن کے دوران 13 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا گیا۔ ایف سی ترجمان کے مطابق خروٹ

ٹل میں کومنگ آپریشن جاری، چھ سہولت کار گرفتار

بی بی سی اردو
22 اگست 2016

آپریشن خیبر تھری، راجگل میں 40 دہشتگرد ہلاک

جیو اردو نیوز
22 اگست 2016

کابل: سڑک کنارے نصب کیا گیا بم پھٹنے سے افغان نیشنل آرمی کا ایک اہلکار ہلاک اور آٹھ زخمی ہو گئے

روزنامہ نووائے وقت
21 اگست 2016

مانسہرہ: مبینہ پولیس مقابلے میں 2 ڈاکو ہلاک

جیو اردو نیوز
21 اگست 2016

صادق آباد: مسلح افراد کی فائرنگ سے 3 افراد زخمی

جیو اردو نیوز
20 اگست 2016

کوئٹہ: کومنگ آپریشن، 13 مشتبہ

قبل اپنے منہ کو اچھی طرح ڈھانپ لیں اور ہاتھوں میں دستانیں پہنیں۔“

لاہور (دنیا نیوز) لاہور کا موسم آج قدرے گرم رہے گا۔ ہوا بھی چلتی رہے گی اور دوپہر کے بعد کہیں کہیں ہلکی بارش کا بھی امکان ہے۔ موسم کا حال بتانے والوں کے مطابق آج زیادہ تر وقت شہر کا آسمان صاف رہے گا تاہم کبھی کبھی بادلوں کا آنا جانا بھی لگا رہے گا جبکہ دوپہر میں کہیں کہیں ہلکی بارش کا بھی امکان ہے۔ زیادہ سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت 36 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک جائے گا اور کم سے کم 28 ڈگری سینٹی ہو گا۔ ہوا میں نمی کا تناسب 50 سے 69 فیصد تک رہے گا جب کہ شہر میں ہلکی ہوا بھی چلتی رہے گی۔ موسم کی یہ صورتحال چند روزیوں ہی برقرار رہے گی۔

کراچی / لاہور (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ + نیوز رپورٹر) جناح ہسپتال کراچی میں گزشتہ روز کاٹگو وائرس کا شکار مریض جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ہسپتال کے ڈاکٹر ظفر مہدی نے بتایا کہ 22 سالہ اللہ دتہ کا تعلق بہاولپور سے تھا اور وہ مولیشیوں کا بیوپاری تھا۔ اللہ دتہ کے اہل خانہ میڈیکل ٹیموں کی زیر نگرانی ہیں۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت لاہور کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں کاٹگو کا کوئی بھی مریض داخل نہیں، اس حوالے سے محکمہ صحت پنجاب کا کہنا ہے کہ لاہور کے سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ان دنوں کاٹگو کے مرض میں مبتلا کوئی بھی مشتبہ مریض رپورٹ نہیں ہوا۔

کوسمہ: (دنیا نیوز) صوبائی دارالحکومت کے ٹی بی سینٹر ایم کے شعبہ وبائی امراض وارڈ میں کاٹگو سے متاثرہ 3 مریض لائے گئے تھے جن میں سے 2 مریضوں میں ٹیسٹ کے بعد کاٹگو وائرس کی تصدیق ہو گئی۔ بی بی فاطمہ اور حبیب اللہ کو افغانستان سے منہ اور ناک سے خون آنے کی شکایت پر کوسمہ لایا گیا تھا جبکہ قلعہ سیف اللہ کے رہائشی رحمت اللہ کے خون کے نمونے ٹیسٹ کے لئے کراچی بھیجے گئے ہیں۔ ہسپتال میں زیر علاج کاٹگو وائرس سے متاثرہ مریضوں میں سے 1 خاتون کی حالت تشویشناک بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ ہسپتال انتظامیہ کے مطابق اب تک بلوچستان میں کاٹگو کے 82 کیسز رجسٹرڈ ہوئے جن میں سے 22 مریضوں میں کاٹگو کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے اور 8 مریض اپنی زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے ہیں۔ افسوسناک صورت حال یہ ہے کہ کاٹگو وائرس کے پے در پے کیسز سامنے آنے کے باوجود بلوچستان میں کاٹگو کی تشخیص کے لئے کوئی لیبارٹری موجود نہیں جو مریضوں کے علاج میں تعطل اور شرح اموات میں اضافہ کا باعث ہے۔

لاہور کا موسم آج گرم اور خشک رہے گا

گا

دنیا نیوز

21 اگست 2016

بہاولپور کا رہائشی کاٹگو مریض کراچی

کے اسپتال میں جاں بحق

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

20 اگست 2016

کوسمہ: کاٹگو کے دو مریض زیر علاج، 1

کی حالت نازک

دنیا نیوز

20 اگست 2016

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فلڈ فور کاسٹنگ ڈویژن کے مطابق تربیلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح چند سو اکتالیس اعشاریہ چھ سات فٹ ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے تاہم تربیلا ڈیم میں پانی کی آمد ایک لاکھ تریس ہزار ایک سو کیوسک اور پانی کا اخراج ایک لاکھ پچاس ہزار کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے جبکہ منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح بارہ سو اکتالیس اعشاریہ سات پانچ فٹ ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے تاہم منگلا ڈیم میں پانی کی آمد انیس ہزار سات سو تینتالیس کیوسک اور اخراج تیس ہزار کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔ فلڈ فور کاسٹنگ ڈویژن کے مطابق دریائے کاہل میں نوشہرہ کے مقام پر پانی کا بہاؤ بائیس ہزار نو سو کیوسک ریکارڈ کیا گیا ہے۔

روالپنڈی (نیوز): خیر پختونخوا کے علاوہ تین صوبوں میں کنگو وائرس نے خطرے کی گھنٹی بجادی، سینکڑوں کیسز سامنے آ گئے، اب تک 19 افراد جان کی بازی ہار چکے ہیں، کوئٹہ میں مریضوں کیلئے الگ یونٹ قائم کر دیا گیا، پمز اسپتال کا عملہ بھی ہائی الارٹ ہے۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق کراچی میں 4، بلوچستان میں 9 اور پنجاب میں 6 ہلاکتیں ہوئی ہیں، پنجاب میں 48 کیس سامنے آئے ہیں جن میں بہاولنگر کے اللہ دتہ کراچی میں موذی مرض کی وجہ سے ہلاک ہوئے، بہاولپور میں نرس نادیر اور ڈاکٹر صغیر جاں بحق ہو گئے، ملتان میں لورالائی کے سیف اللہ جان کی بازی ہار گئے ہیں۔ بلوچستان میں کنگو کے 83 کیس رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں، جن میں 22 مریضوں میں کنگو کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ اس وقت جناح اسپتال میں 3 افراد زیر علاج ہیں، فاطمہ نی نی اور حبیب اللہ کی ٹیسٹ رپورٹ میں بھی کنگو کی تصدیق ہو گئی ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں کنگو وائرس کے خدشے کے پیش نظر وزارت صحت نے خصوصی ہدایت جاری کر دی ہیں، وزارت صحت کا کہنا ہے کہ اس سلسلے میں تمام انتظامات مکمل کر لیے گئے ہیں۔ پمز اسپتال انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ ہنگامی بنیادوں پر ادویات اور سولیشن چیمبرز قائم کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ جن میں تین تربیت یافتہ ڈاکٹر 9 نرسز اور 13 پیرامیڈیکل سٹاف 24 گھنٹے تعینات رہیں گے۔ طبی ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ کنگو وائرس سے بچنے کے لئے جانوروں کے قریب جانے سے گریز کیا جائے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ کنگو وائرس سے متاثرہ مزید دو افراد وفات پا گئے ہیں۔ کوئٹہ میں فاطمہ جناح جنرل اینڈ چیف ہسپتال میں کنگو سے متاثرہ مریضوں کے علاج کے لیے دس بستروں پر مشتمل ایک خصوصی وارڈ قائم ہے۔ اس وارڈ میں گزشتہ ہفتے کنگو سے متاثرہ پانچ مریض علاج کے لیے لائے گئے تھے جن میں سے دو افراد وفات پا گئے ہیں جبکہ تین کا علاج جاری ہے۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ بلوچستان کے آٹھ اضلاع کنگو کے وائرس کے خطرے سے دوچار ہیں۔ ان اضلاع کے علاوہ کوئٹہ میں افغانستان سے بھی کنگو سے متاثرہ مریضوں کو علاج کے لیے لایا جاتا ہے۔ فاطمہ جناح جنرل اینڈ چیف ہسپتال کے چیف میڈیکل آفیسر ڈاکٹر عباس نوٹکانی نے بتایا کہ رواں سال کنگو سے متاثر ہونے کے شے میں 83 مریضوں کو علاج کے لیے لایا گیا جن میں سے 12 کی موت ہوئی۔ ڈاکٹر عباس نوٹکانی نے بتایا کہ انسان مال مویشی سے کنگو کے مرض میں مبتلا ہوتے ہیں اور کوئٹہ میں عید الاضحیٰ کی مناسبت سے مویشی منڈیوں میں سپرے کا کام جاری ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ روزانہ کی بنیاد پر حکمہ امور حیوانات کے حکام سے ان کے اجلاس ہوتے ہیں اور محکمے کے مطابق اب تک شہر میں 90 فیصد مویشی منڈیوں میں سپرے کا کام ہو گیا ہے۔

گانگو وائرس سے متاثرہ افراد اور اموات میں اضافے کے بعد طبی ماہرین نے آگاہی مہم چلانا شروع کر دی ہے۔ طبی ماہرین کے مطابق گانگو کیڑا بھیڑ، بکری، گائے، بھینس اور اونٹ کی جلد پر پایا جاتا ہے جو جانور کی کھال سے چپک کر خون چوستا رہتا ہے۔ یہ کیڑا اگر انسان کو کاٹ لے تو اس میں کنگو وائرس منتقل ہو جاتا ہے۔ کیڑے کے کاٹنے سے وائرس انسانی جسم میں داخل ہو کر تیزی سے سرایت کرتا ہے، جس کے باعث متاثرہ شخص پھیپھڑے متاثر ہو جاتے ہیں، بعد ازاں جگر اور گردے بھی کام کرنا چھوڑ دیتے ہیں اور مریض موت کے منہ میں چلا جاتا ہے۔ اگر کسی شخص میں کنگو وائرس منتقل ہو جائے تو مریض کو تیز بخار سرد، متلی، تھک، بھوک میں کمی، نقاہت، کمزوری اور غنودگی، منہ میں چھالے، اور آنکھوں میں سوجن ہو جاتی ہے، مریض کے جسم کے مختلف حصوں سے خون رسنے لگتا ہے اور کچھ ہی دنوں میں وہ موت کے منہ میں چلا جاتا ہے۔ یہ کیڑا اگر انسان کو کاٹ لے یا متاثرہ جانور زنج کرتے ہوئے وقت انسان کو کٹ لگ جائے تو اس بات کے امکانات کافی حد تک بڑھ جاتے ہیں کہ یہ وائرس انسان میں منتقل ہو جائے۔ ڈاکٹر کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر اس مرض کا بروقت علاج کروالیا جائے تو متاثرہ شخص صحت مند ہو سکتا ہے تاہم اسے علاج کے لیے پابندی ضرور کرنی ہوگی۔ دوسری جانب عید الاضحیٰ کے پیش نظر طبی ماہرین نے عوام کو پابند کیا ہے کہ وہ ”مویشی منڈی کا رخ کرنے سے قبل احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کریں مویشی منڈی میں داخلے سے

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