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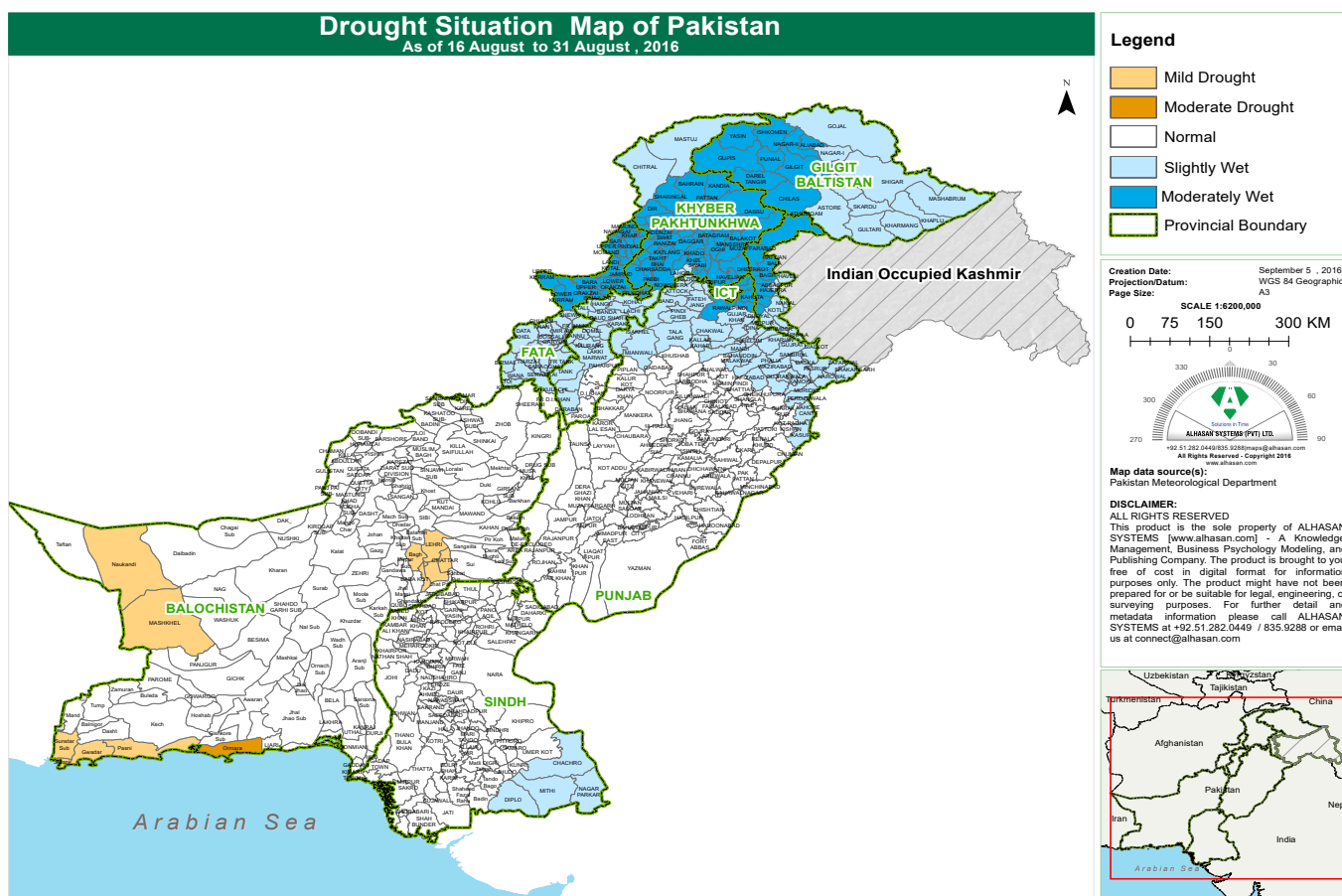
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Punjab health secy for EDOs' role in Congo virus awareness

The News, September 5, 2016

Another Congo virus case detected in Balochistan

The News, September 5, 2016

Swabi: Un-hygienic food sends 150 students to hospital

Dunya News, September 5, 2016

Pakistan, WB sign \$650m accords

The News, September 3, 2016

DETAILS

LAHORE: Secretary Primary and Secondary Health Punjab Ali Jan Khan has directed the EDOs Health of all districts to play their vital role in creating awareness regarding Congo virus among the people. He said personal protective gears should be used by the medics in the hospitals while providing medical treatment to the patients of Congo fever. Ali Jan Khan directed that contingency plan should be prepared and implemented for dengue surveillance during Eid-ul-Azha holidays and surveillance according to the micro-plan should be continued in the dengue sensitive districts.

He stated this while presiding over a monthly meeting of all EDOs Health in the committee room of Directorate General Health Services Punjab, here on Sunday. Besides, DGHS Dr Mukhtar Hussain Syed, senior officers of the department, members of Chief Minister Health Road Map team, representatives of International Development Partners, Director EPI, directors of different health programmes and EDOs of all the districts attended the meeting.

Secretary P&S Health Punjab said primary and secondary health sector was being developed to provide quality health services at the grass root level authorities should run health education campaigns through all types of media at least till Eid to inform general public, traders and those who work at the cattle markets about and for this purpose revamping of district and tehsil headquarters hospitals had been started. He said district health managers had to work hard with more dedication for timely completion of development projects in their districts. He directed the officers to ensure medical equipment and machinery functional and for this purpose they should pay visits to the hospitals and health facilities regularly. He directed that special attention should be paid on the availability of medicines and cleanliness in the hospitals. He observed that attendance of the doctors and paramedics had been improved in the hospitals due to the biometric system. He said use of latest technology in the health sector had brought lot of improvements in making discipline, monitoring of working and transparency in the affairs of health facilities.

The meeting reviewed the progress of routine immunisation coverage under EPI programme, Chief Minister's health road map team briefed the meeting regarding the availability of medicines, attendance of doctors, paramedics in the health facilities, they also informed about the performance of vaccinators, IRMNCH developments, functionality of medical equipment etc. It was noted that lot of improvement had been made in routine immunisation coverage and due to the better micro-planning and strategy anti-polio campaigns in the province had remained successful and Punjab, so far is a polio-free province.

The meeting reviewed the progress in development work in various projects in P&S health. The meeting discussed Congo and Dengue situation in Punjab and the steps taken to control these issues. Procurement of medicines, TB control, CDC, mother and child health and malnutrition issues were discussed in detail.

Dr Mukhtar Hussain Syed said prevention programme against diseases was being run in Punjab successfully and polio eradication campaigns in the province were fruitful as no polio case had so far been reported in Punjab which reflected the hardworking and dedication of the officers of the department and polio workers.

QUETTA: A 14-year-old boy has been tested positive who was admitted to the Fatima Jinnah Chest and TB Hospital after Congo virus was found in his blood samples sent to Aga Khan Hospital Laboratory Karachi.

Now the number of patients infected with Congo virus in Balochistan has reached 24 while 10 of them had died of excessive bleeding. Doctors at Fatima Jinnah Chest and TB Hospital said Abdul Wali, 14, was brought from Pishin to Quetta after complaining of bleeding from nose and mouth.

The blood samples of the patient were dispatched to Aga Khan Hospital Laboratory which confirmed the presence of Congo virus in blood. The patient was kept in isolation ward of the hospital and being provided medical treatment.

Another patient identified as Ghulam Muhammad, who is resident of Quetta was also brought to the Fatima Jinnah Chest and TB Hospital with complaint of suffering from continuous bleeding. "We have dispatched blood samples of Ghulam Muhammad to the Laboratory and awaiting results, doctors said.

A senior health expert Dr Mukhtar said the number of patients brought to Fatima Jinnah Hospital after suffering from bleeding this year has reached 86. He said 24 of them had been tested positive and adding that 10 patients had died of Congo virus in Balochistan during current year. He said 60 percent of Congo virus patients brought to the Fatima Jinnah Hospital belonged to Afghanistan and remaining 40 percent were residents of Balochistan.

SWABI: According to details, condition of at least 150 students of Colonel Sher Khan Cadet College in Swabi deteriorated after eating un-hygienic food, Dunya News reported.

A medical team reached the Colonel Sher Khan Cadet College after which the affected students were shifted to hospitals in Mardan and Peshawar. At least 80 students were released from hospital after the first aid. According to Deputy Commission, Mati Ullah, some 70 students are still in different hospitals for treatment where doctors said their condition in stable.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the World Bank (WB) on Wednesday signed four agreements worth \$650 million for extending financial support to crucial sectors including education, health, water and to manage natural disasters.

Climate change and art — practitioners' retreat in Swat stimulates positive energy

The News, September 3, 2016

KPK readies policy on climate change action

Geo News, September 1, 2016

According to announcement made by the Ministry of Finance here, Finance Minister Senator Ishaq Dar witnessed the signing ceremony of four agreements worth \$650 million with the World Bank on Wednesday to support projects in education, health, water and disaster sectors.

Tariq Bajwa, Secretary Economic Affairs Division, signed the financing agreements on behalf of Government of Pakistan while representatives of governments of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan signed the project agreements on behalf of their respective governments. Patchamuthu Illangovan, Country Director World Bank, signed the agreements on behalf of the World Bank. Ishaq Dar thanked the World Bank for its support, while Country Director, World Bank appreciated Pakistan's progress in economic reform and stabilisation, especially over the last three years.

The projects include:

i. Balochistan integrated water resources management and development project – \$200 million: This project's development objectives are to strengthen provincial government capacity for water resources monitoring and management and to improve community based water management for targeted irrigation schemes in Balochistan.

ii. Third Punjab education sector project (PESP-III) – \$300 million: The objective of the project is to support Punjab to improve school participation, completion and teaching-learning practices with a particular focus on low performing districts.

iii. Sindh Resilience Project - \$100 million: The objectives of the project are to mitigate flood and drought risks in selected areas and to strengthen Sindh's capacity to manage natural disasters.

iv. National Immunisation Support Project (NISP) – \$50 million, multi-donor trust fund grant of \$39.68 million (the MDTF grant) for NISP: The objective of the project is to increase the equitable coverage of services for immunisation against vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), including poliomyelitis, for children below 23 months in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Climate Change, Gallery 6, and East-West Centre Association, Islamabad Chapter, joined hands to offer a unique art retreat titled 'Climate Change and Art – A Practitioners' Retreat in Swat' in the last week of August. It included 12 participants: 6 painters, 3 photographers, and a sculptor, film maker and writer each.

The purpose of the retreat was to enable development of products (such as paintings, photographs, documentary, short visual stories) which would attract media and individuals for creating awareness about factors leading to climate change and its resultant negative impacts.

Selected participants had origins from various areas of Pakistan, three from Lahore (Abid Khan, Ahsan Jawaid, Ali Ijaz), two from Chakwal (Raja Najmul Hasan and Zainul Abedin) and one each from Rawalpindi (Saram Maqbool), Gilgit-Baltistan (Ayub Wali), Hangu (Shaheer), Shahdadpur (Irfan Gul Dahri), Quetta (S.M. Khayyam), Malakand (Junaid Baber) and Karachi (Ayesha Akif). They were led by Dr. Arjumand Faisal, curator of Gallery 6, who provided technical guidance throughout the retreat. The participants were lodged at PTDC Miandam and they also travelled to Bahrain, Madyan and Kalam and practiced under ideal weather conditions with temperatures ranging from 28 C in day to 13 C during night.

The artists and photographers captured beautiful landscapes depicting biodiversity, natural environmental serenity, vulnerability to disasters (like riverside settlements being washed away by floods), degradation of land, birds that are moving away, deforestation, disasters caused by flash floods and many other subjects related to climate change.

A few short visual stories on factors affecting climate change and effect/damages to environment because of climate change were also produced by interviewing local people. Locals narrated stories of massive deforestation, changing pattern of snowfall, effects on growing of fruits (especially apples), increasing floods and their devastating effects on housing areas and agricultural lands, etc.

A documentary on the entire retreat was also produced. Syed Abu Akif, federal secretary of the Ministry of Climate Change also visited the participants for two days over the weekend to see the progress of the work, while two ministry staff members remained with the participants for managerial support.

These 'products' will be exhibited at Gallery 6 in early October 2016. Participants have committed to actively use social media to spread messages about climate change among their community, families and individuals. They plan to engage the media during the exhibition days. East-West Centre Association, Islamabad Chapter, will play its due role to inform international audience about this unique event to reflect Pakistan's awareness and interest in issues of climate change.

Summarising the retreat at the time of departure, Irfan Gul Dahri, a senior participant said, "Thank you organisers for being such wonderful hosts. This trip was great in many ways: be it making new friends or getting insights of the ones that I already knew. I am taking back a lot of positive energy and intend to play my role as far as I can (in raising awareness of issues related to climate change). Thank you all, for this inspiration."

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) government has prepared policy to combat climate change in the province, government sources said. The policy aims to detect signs of climate change and assess impact of the change in the province so that preventative and corrective action can be taken.

Chief Minister KPK would soon sign the climate change policy, sources said. Repercussions from climate change affected over five million people in KPK during the past five years, according to the policy.

The policy further states that the government alone cannot combat climate change; all parties

KMC worker dies of dengue in Karachi

Dunya News, September 1, 2016

Journalists urged to sensitise masses about climate change risks

Pak Observer, September 1, 2016

HAI project to grow vegetables at Tharparkar meets amazing success

Daily Times, August 31, 2016

would need to be ready to deal with the issue. The policy aims to introduce low-emission vehicles in the region and establish laws to preserve forests, among other goals.

KARACHI: A worker of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) died of the mosquito-borne dengue haemorrhagic fever.

A private hospital confirmed the death of Muhammad Ashraf from the deadly disease however provincial dengue cell has expressed no knowledge of the incident. With the latest addition, the death toll caused by dengue fever in Karachi so far this year has reached three. On the other hand atleast 60 cases have been reported in Rawalpindi. Atleast 40 people were killed and overall 1400 were infected by the deadly disease last year.

Dengue fever is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and is a global public health concern. There is no vaccine available in Pakistan for the virus, which kills an estimated 20,000 people each year and infects up to 100 million across the world, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). There is no treatment for dengue, which causes symptoms including fever, severe joint pain, headaches and bleeding.

About half the world's population is at risk from the mosquito-borne disease, which sickens about 100 million people every year, mostly in Asia, Africa and Latin America. People have been advised to use mosquito nets and insect repellents and to avoid storing water in open pots where the larvae can breed.

PESHAWAR: The journalist community is urged to play its effective role in sensitizing masses about threats posed by Climate Change and other issues of environmental degradations.

"After the COP21 conference in Paris, Climate Change is considered as the biggest threat to the living beings on earth and journalist community should realize its role in creating awareness about the issue for sensitizing masses about the dangers posed by it," said Aamir Amjad, Senior Programme Officer Friedrich Nauman Foundation for Freedom (FNF).

Speaking at a day long capacity building workshop titled as 'Challenges of Climate Change-Implications for Pakistan and Role of Media', Aamir Amjad said FNF wants to orient newsmen about implications of climate change and what role they can play in tackling this challenge and saving the masses from huge losses caused by climate change and natural disasters caused by it in shape of floods, land slides. The workshop was attended by renowned environmentalists, agriculturists, social activists and media men. This is now a general consensus that climate change is the most pressing and potent challenge faced by humanity at large, adds Aamir Amjad. At the core of this challenge the focus should be as how we transform our lifestyle to mitigate the losses inflicted by environmental degradation. The most important thing in fight against environmental degradation and climate change is the need to inform and empower people on how this phenomenon impacts our planet and its resources, what are the consequences and most importantly ways of effectively combating this challenge, he went on to say.

Prominent environmentalist and former Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences Peshawar University, Professor Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman urged media men to convince politicians for incorporating environmental improvement in agenda of their party manifesto. "We cannot fight and redress the problem of environmental degradation unless the political parties make it part of their party agenda," he reiterated.

Dr. Shafiq apprised the participants of the workshop about affects of climate change on weather in shape of increasing temperature on annual basis. He said the last two decades were the hottest in 400 years history of the earth. This constant increase in weather pattern is causing global warming which is resulting in climate change, natural disasters, erratic weather etc, Professor Shafiq continued.

Dr. Inamullah, Associate Professor, Agriculture University Peshawar, in his presentation, informed participants of the workshop about affects on climate change on agriculture sector of Pakistan. He said changing weather pattern are reducing agriculture production and quality of the crops in the country. The centuries old farming procedures are changing and inflicting losses on farming community due to loss of crops of less production. Dr. Inam also called for mass awareness about affects of climate change and mitigation measures for saving the livelihood of hundreds of millions of people associated with farming sector.

THARPARKAR: Amazing success of the pilot project by a non-governmental organization to grow vegetables at drought-ravaged Tharparkar enables two hundred families to attain self-sufficiency in food and say adieu to living permanently on outside support and charity.

Different kinds of fully bloomed vegetables blanket barren and sandy tracts of land at Islamkot tehsil of the district to the delight of growers as well as passersby. The success of the project also proves the skeptics wrong who always question the sagacity of any such overture in the desert area.

A UK-based organization Human Appeal International had launched the project almost a year ago with an aim to facilitate local people making a smooth transition from living on outside support and charity to self-reliance by focusing on agriculture. As a prerequisite to the initiative, solar powered water pumps were installed at selected villages of Islamkot.

Benefiting over 20,000 people, the pumps relieved the people from pulling out water from bottomless wells through human carts. They also changed their life style with more focus on health and hygiene practices. To make the best use of extra water availed from the pumps; Human Appeal initiated a kitchen gardening project in the area. After a careful soil testing and field assessment, 200 farmers, including women, were selected for a four months long training in the area.

The focus of training remained seed growing, pest management and seed banking. "Through the

PMD warns India's water release may cause flooding

Express Tribune, August 30, 2016

project, we wanted to send a loud and clear message to one and all that are living on charity and outside support that it was no solution to the problems faced by the people of Tharparkar. They have to be made self sufficient in food and agriculture which holds the key to it", said Nisar Ahmad, the country director for the Human Appeal International. He also disclosed that his organization had decided to replicate it in other parts of the area to help people attain self-reliance to fight out poverty and drought like conditions in the area. The Human Appeal has been working in different sectors at Tharparkar and is committed to promote a culture of self-reliance in the area. Apart from humanitarian support and supply of clean drinking water, it has supported a large number of expectant and lactating mothers to overcome undernourishment through the provision of food supplements and special diet.

It also plans to introduce certain species of plants which are rich in nutrition both for human beings and livestock which is the backbone of local economy.

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Meteorological Department on Monday 29th Aug issued an alert informing about the chances of riverine flood in Pakistan because India is likely to release rainwater from its main rivers after September 1.

Also, Pakistan has received 25% above average rain since the onset of the monsoon season, according to the PMD. PMD Director-General Dr Ghulam Rasul told The Express Tribune normal to heavy showers are expected in the catchment areas near India from August 31 to September 1.

"Currently, all water reservoirs in India have reached the maximum conservation level and it is expected that the showers that are expected on Wednesday and Thursday would prompt India to release extra water in the rivers which would likely generate riverine flood in Pakistan," he said. He added that though India, before releasing water, issues alerts to Pakistan, still to be on a safe side it is the responsibility of the Pakistan Meteorological Department to inform the authorities concerned ahead of time.

"The PMD issues alerts as a precautionary measure; however, it does not mean that things would happen as predicted," he said. "However, till date all rivers are flowing normally, and at a few places there are low-level floods. The situation is fully under control and there are no threats of riverine floods till now," he said. "This year Pakistan has experienced only urban flooding so far — not riverine flooding till date," he said.

According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), monsoon rains have claimed 138 lives across the country this year. Of them, 52 were children, 63 men and 23 were women. The highest number of deaths was reported from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa where 52 people were killed followed by Fata with 27 deaths. Next comes Punjab with 22 deaths, Sindh (21), Balochistan (10), AJK (5) and Islamabad (1).

However, 63 people were reportedly injured across the country since the onset of the monsoon season this year and six are still missing in Chitral, according to the NDMA. Ghulam said that during the monsoon season lives of people and property near catchment areas are at major risk. "It is necessary to take extra precautionary measures in order to decrease human and property loss as much as possible," he said. He revealed that though the Met Office had predicted 10-20% above average rain during monsoon, after the recent spell of rains the average has reached 25%. "Pakistan has received a good amount of rain during the last week of August which helped the country to have above average rainfall as forecast earlier," he said.

KARACHI: The death toll in Karachi because of Congo virus reaches six as the deadly virus claimed another life in the, reported Dunya News.

The victim was identified as Islam-ud-Din. Many of the patients were still undergoing treatments in various hospitals of the city. The increase in death toll and uncertain situations in the aftermath have created an atmosphere of fear as locals were afraid to go to markets resulting in the purchase of cattle falling to a drastic level. Vendors that came to the city along with their cattle were also in a miserable state owing to the uncertain situation prevailing. Authorities were also proving to be mere spectators in the ongoing scenario.

RAWALPINDI: The academic Council of Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS-AAUR) Monday approved establishment of Climate Change Department under the Institute of Geo-Information and Earth Observation.

This was decided in 55th meeting of the academic council held here under the chairmanship of Prof Dr Rai Niaz Ahmad, Vice Chancellor (VC) PMAS-AAUR. Senior Faculty members, teaching heads, librarian, Registrar, Deans of Faculties, Directors of institutes and Controller Examination also attended the meeting.

Chairing the meeting, the VC said that strong academic section plays a vital role to give acknowledgement and peculiarity to any university or educational institution and it is considered as the back bone of a university.

While talking about importance of climate, he said that in Pakistan, currently there is lack of scientific research in the field of climate change and the climate change department will be very helpful to address the national demands of agriculture-based economy which is under stress due to climate change and extreme weather events. He stressed the need to promote climate change awareness not only for decision makers and young intelligentsia of Pakistan but also for end-users like farmers and general public to contribute to socio-economic development of the country. He was of the opinion to initiate climate smart agriculture in order to achieve sustainable National Food Security and environmental sustainability.

The department will offer undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs in the field of climate change with a research focus on global warming, Locating water stress areas, Analyzing Carbon sequestration by plant biomass, Climate Modeling, Drought Monitoring, Understanding and

Karachi: Congo virus claims another life

Dunya News, August 30, 2016

PMAS-AAUR to establish deptt of Climate Change

Pak Observer, August 30, 2016

monitoring extreme weather events and implementing international policies for mitigating climate change in Pakistan.

The department would provide a broad foundation of science-based skills, particularly in areas relating to climate protection and management. It will act as linchpin of research coordination between various faculties and institutes of the university for better understanding of climate change, its impacts and adaptation as key research responsibilities of PMAS-AAUR.

The department will also focus on Climate Change quantification in terms of agriculture production, precipitation anomalies, effects of temperature changes on food security and environment impact assessment of climate change.

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September 2nd to 3rd, 2016

Preliminary Damages/ Losses

Provinces	Deaths				Injured			
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Male	Female	Children	Total
Punjab	9	2	16	27	-	-	-	-
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	67	23	53	143	25	19	19	63

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

Source PDMAs

*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	-	2	2	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	-	-	-	-	4	On school
GB	15	-	15	1	-	1	3	-	-
Total	344	257	601	33	9	41	3	44	3

Source: PDMAs.

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

Final assessment is in progress by respective DMAs.

Relief Provided by NDMA & PDMAs

Items	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa				Balochistan		Punjab		GB		Total
	PDMA/DDMA	NDMA	PDMA Sindh	PDMA Punjab	PDMA	NDMA	PDMA	NDMA	GBDMA	NDMA	
Tents	1,015	-	100	300	1,150	-	-	-	15	-	2,580
Foods Items (Tons)	4.2	30 (flour)	-	10	32.4	-	50	-	0.45	-	127.05 Tons
Blankets/ Quilts	750	-	200	1,000	250	-	-	-	16	-	2,216
Plastic Mats	700	-	-	300	1,000	-	-	-	10	-	2,010
Kitchen Sets	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Mosquito nets	-	-	-	-	650	-	-	-	-	-	650
Cotton Mattresses	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100
Dewatering Pumps	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	25
Fodder (Packs)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	-	-	-	5000
Oil Stoves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	15

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Mobile phone services suspended in Rawalpindi

Express Tribune, September 06, 2016

Pakistan, Russia boost anti-terror cooperation

Xinhua News Agency, September 05, 2016

Over 16,700 men deployed on CPEC security

The Nation, September 05, 2016

DETAILS

RAWALPINDI: People in Rawalpindi will not be able to use cell phones for the next 24 hours as communication networks have been suspended for security reasons on the eve of defence day. Sources said that the suspension of cell phone services was part of security measures to foil an attempt by terrorists to sabotage defence day celebrations.

Remembering 1965 war: Defence Day to be commemorated across K-P

Stringent security measures have been put in place at various locations to avoid any untoward incident. Mobile signals went off the air across Rawalpindi at about 4pm on Monday. Army men were deployed at important locations and main roads, especially in Cantonment areas. The sources said that the cellphone services will remain suspended till Tuesday evening.

Deployment of military personnel in cantonment areas and other important locations and patrolling has been increased. A visit to different areas showed that army troops had been deployed on roads around military headquarters and the Army House. "The armed security men will remain on guard the whole night and till the evening of September 6," said a security official. The troops have also increased patrolling in and around military hospitals and other important installations. Meanwhile, the city police have also chalked out a security plan for the day.

In a press release, City Police Officer Israr Ahmed Abbasi said that as many as 1,200 police officers and personnel will carry out special security duties on Tuesday.

Independence Day: Cell service to be suspended in capital till noon

The officer said that strict checking and screening of vehicles would be carried out at all entry and exit points of the city. "Personnel of the Elite Force would carry out patrolling around important installations in the city," he said. Abbasi further said that police personnel would also perform their duty at special checkpoints around the clock. September 6 is celebrated to pay homage to the armed forces and their sacrifices and to commemorate Pakistan's successful defence against India aggression during the 1965 war.

MOSCOW, Sept. 5 (Xinhua) -- Pakistan's ambassador to Russia Qazi Khalilulla said on Monday that the two countries are carrying out closer cooperation in combating terrorism.

"We appreciate Russia supporting Pakistan's efforts in the fight against terrorism, as well as its willingness to supply weapons for these purposes," Khalilulla was quoted as saying by RIA Novosti. He said the Russia-Pakistan working group on fighting terrorism, which was founded in 2002, will meet in Moscow before the end of the year. The ambassador said that Islamabad was implementing a national action plan of comprehensive resistance to terrorism and extremism, including countering violence propaganda, and blocking financial flows to terrorists and their supporters, with the aim of extinguishing terrorism in the country. Khalilulla also revealed that the Chief of Air Staff of the Pakistani Air Force Sohail Aman had "fruitful talks" in Moscow in July on purchasing Russian Su-35 fighter jets, but he did not elaborate.

He said the Pakistani Air Force and other services of the country were considering different options of deepening cooperation with Russia, but denied knowledge of any plans to buy Russian weaponry in the near future.

ISLAMABAD - Nine infantry battalions and six civil armed forces wings are providing security to 8,819 Chinese professionals working in Pakistan on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

According to documents submitted last week by interior ministry in the national assembly, government has raised Special Security Division (SSD) consisting of nine composite infantry battalions and six CAF Wings for the security of Chinese professionals. As much as 21.57 billion has been spent in raising additional protection forces. Provision of security to citizens of Pakistan as well as to foreigners is administrative, legal, and constitutional responsibility of provincial governments, which they are carrying out with the assistance of army and civil forces. The total cost of raising the force and providing it with necessary equipment summed up to Rs22.60 billion. The government spent Rs5.77 billion in raising civil armed force component, while 15.8 billion are being incurred in terms of Army component. For the purchase of equipment Rs1.3 billion has been allocated in PSDP.

In CAF component, there are six wings with strength of 4,502 personnel. There are one SSD wing of Frontier Corps (FC) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, One FC Balochistan, three SSD wings of Pak Rangers Punjab and one of Sindh Rangers.

Nine Composite Infantry Battalions of army, with strength of 9,229, have been engaged. For all the above said forces deputed on CPEC security, the total number of personnel sums up to 13,731. As per data compiled by interior ministry on July 19 this year, 8,819 Chinese are working on 330 projects in Islamabad, Punjab, Sindh, KP, Balochistan, AJK Gilgit Baltistan and Fata areas. The highest number of Chinese working on CPEC projects is in Punjab where 3,754 professionals are working on 176 projects. Accordingly, the number of security personnel is also highest in Punjab i.e. 6,346 professionals. Among them, 486 are Army personal, 1,989 police officials, 384 Rangers, 3,135 'others' and 341 private security personnel. The ministry's data does not explain what exactly the term 'other' means.

In Sindh, 251 FC, 28 FC/BC, 677 police, 295 Rangers, 248 others and 1,146 private guards are deployed. In Balochistan, 2,220 FC, 25 police, 34 Levies, 500 others and 320 private guards are deployed on security of 558 individuals.

Karachi police foil terrorist attack planned for Eidul Azha

GEO TV, September 05, 2016

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Eurasia Review, September 05, 2016

In Islamabad Capital Territory, 14 FC/BC personnel, 41 cops and 384 private guards are doing the security duty for 885 Chinese. In Azad Kashmir, 1,272 personal have been deployed to secure 1,680 Chinese. In Fata 667 FC personnel are providing security to 13 professionals.

According to data, total number of Army, FC, FC/BC, police, Rangers, Levies, others and private guards are 16,703.

KARACHI: Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) on Monday arrested five suspects who were planning a terrorist attack in Karachi on Eidul Azha.

According to DIG CTD Arif Hanif, the arrested suspects were involved in sectarian killings in the city, adding that they had attacked a mosque in Gulshan-e-Iqbal. He said that the suspects belonged to a sectarian group and were planning a terrorist attack in the metropolis on Eidul Azha. He further said that weapons were also recovered from the suspects which were used in different criminal activities.

At least 13 persons were killed and another 41 were injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up near the entrance of District and sessions court of Mardan District in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on September 2, 2016. Four lawyers and three Policemen were among the dead. District Police Officer (DPO), Mardan, Faisal Shahzad said the attacker detonated a hand grenade before exploding his suicide vest. The bomb contained eight kilograms of explosive material, the DPO said, adding that security arrangements at the site of the attack helped mitigate the damage. The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) splinter, Jama'at-ul-Ahrar (JuA), claimed responsibility for the attack.

If the suicide bomber had not been restricted at the security check point, the incident may well have been a replay of the August 8, 2016 Quetta Civil Hospital suicide attack, in which there were 55 lawyers among 74 people killed. The lawyer fraternity had gathered at the hospital to mourn the killing of Balochistan Bar Association (BBA) President Bilal Anwar Kasi in a gun attack earlier on August 8.

The Mardan court suicide attack comes just hours after terrorists of JuA attacked the Christian Colony in the Warsak Dam area of provincial capital Peshawar in the morning of September 2. One civilian, one Levies official and four suicide bombers were killed in an exchange of fire with Security Forces (SFs) in that incident. Two Frontier Corps (FC) personnel, a Policeman and two private guards sustained injuries in the attack. Firing reportedly began around 6 am (PST), when terrorists wearing suicide jackets attacked the colony. Two of the attackers detonated their suicide jackets, while the other two were killed by SFs. Director General (DG) of Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lieutenant General Asim Bajwa confirmed "all four suicide bombers were killed".

The attacks in Peshawar and Mardan belied the Army's 'report card', presented a day earlier, on the success of military operations against terrorists in the tribal areas of the country. On September 1, 2016, ISPR DG Bajwa had given an exhaustive rundown of the 'progress' made against terrorists in the tribal areas of country in Operation Zarb-e-Azb (Sword of the Prophet) which was launched in the North Waziristan Agency of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) on June 15, 2014. He also highlighted that Pakistan had suffered a cumulative loss of USD 106.98 billion in the war on terror between 2001 and 2015. "We are not doing it for anyone but ourselves," he stressed. He added, further, that 3,500 terrorists had been eliminated during the course of Operation Zarb-e-Azb, while 537 SF personnel were killed, including 18 officers, 35 junior commissioned officers and 484 soldiers; and another 2,272 soldiers sustained injuries.

A comparative assessment of the first eight months of the current and previous year shows that the Army's assessment of the prevailing security scenario in the Province is far from reality. Overall fatalities in KP have registered a 16.66 per cent increase in the first eight months of 2016 as compared to the previous year; from 138 killed in 2015 to 161 in 2016. Terrorist fatalities have, however, declined by 30 per cent, while fatalities among civilians registered a sharp 51.47 per cent increase. SF fatalities remained the same, at 30, in both years.

The Provincial Government, however, also claims considerable improvement over the first six months of 2016. According to a handout issued in a meeting to review efforts taken to combat terrorism, which was chaired by Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nasir Khan Durrani on July 12, 2016, there has been a considerable decrease in incidents of terrorism, including Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and firing incidents, from January to June in KP. There have been 99 incidents of terrorism during this period, whereas the number of terrorism related incidents reported in 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 281, 292 and 134, respectively. Senior Superintendents of Police (SSP)-Operations Abbas Majeed Marwat also asserted that the outgoing year saw a sudden decrease in murders, street crimes, extortion and other crimes in Peshawar, the provincial capital of KP. The SSP Operations claimed that in 2015, Peshawar saw 221 cases terrorism registered, while the number came down to 91 in the first six months of 2016, owing to improved planning and Police operations in the city. According to official figures, more than 675 search and strike operations have been carried out in the urban and rural areas of the District during the course of seven months. 626 of these operations were in the January to June 16 period, during which 258 proclaimed offenders were arrested within the jurisdiction of 32 Police Stations. More than 15,000 arms and large quantities of ammunition were also seized across the city. These operations were categorized into three different types, according to SSP Operations Marwat: a total of 118 were conducted jointly with the Army; 124 were intelligence-based operations; and more than 365 were conducted solely by the Police. Some 4,000 places, including houses, hotels and hostels, were searched, resulting in the arrest of 3,287 suspects. Nevertheless, there have been three major incidents in addition to the two on September 2, and the one on August 8, mentioned above, during this last eight months, undermining the Government's claim of dramatic success:

January 20: TTP terrorists stormed the Bacha Khan University in Charsadda District, KP, killing at

Escaped terrorists are taking refuge on Afghan border: Ch Nisar

Dunya News, September 04, 2016

Terrorist attacks in Pakistan decreased by 45% in 2015: Report

Samaa TV, September 04, 2016

least 21 persons and causing injuries to 35 others.

March 7: A teenage suicide bomber killed at least 17 people, including six women, two children and two Policemen, and injured 23, at a Court complex in Shabqadar tehsil (revenue unit) of Charsadda District in KP.

March 15: At least 15 persons were killed and 25 were injured when a powerful bomb ripped through a Civil Secretariat bus, carrying Government employees, near Sunehri Masjid in Peshawar.

Significantly, KP Police have been facing an acute shortage of officers, which has direct bearing on their fight against terrorism and militancy. According to an official statement issued in Peshawar on August 11, 2016, the Provincial Police had approached the Home and Tribal Affairs Department, KP, to meet the shortage so they could maintain the operational capability of units established to curb terrorism. The Province needs five Additional Inspectors General (AIGs), where only two are available at present. In the rank of Deputy Inspector General (DIG), only eight officers are presently working against 18 sanctioned posts. Similarly, against 35 sanctioned posts of SSPs, only 17 are presently available. The shortage of officers in the rank of SP is glaring, with 78 sanctioned posts, and only 57 available officers. Keeping in view the threats and recent terrorist attacks, KP Police have urged the Home and Tribal Affairs Department to approach the Federal Government to post Police Service of Pakistan (PSP) officers in the Province to meet the deficiency and cope with the challenges of terrorism.

KP Police has also suffered tremendous losses since terrorism took the Province in its iron grip in 2006. On August 4, 2016, Chief Minister Parvez Khattak disclosed that as many as 1,587 Policemen had lost their lives in suicide attacks, bomb blasts, ambushes, encounters, rocket and mortar barrages and other incidents, since 1970. Over 80 per cent of these fatalities were among the constabulary. During the last almost 46 years, one AIG (Safwat Ghayur); two DIGs (Malik Mohammad Saad and Abid Ali); seven Superintendents of Police (SPs); one Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP); 24 Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSP); as well as 25 Inspectors, 115 Sub Inspectors (SI), 131 Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASI), 148 head constables and 1,133 constables have been killed in the Province.

Casualties recorded a sudden increase after 2006, when terrorists spilled over to the settled Districts from FATA. According to official Police statistics, as many as 1,204 Policemen have been killed in attacks in KP since 2006 – 28 in 2006; 107 in 2007; 176 in 2008; 207 in 2009; 101 in 2010; 148 in 2011; 94 in 2012; 133 in 2013; 108 in 2014; and 60 in 2015. At least 42 Policemen have already been killed during the current year, till July 20, 2016. Peshawar tops the list among the 25 Districts of the Province, with over 340 Police casualties, followed by Swat where 123 Police officials have died. In Bannu, 120 personnel have lost their lives, while 100 have died in Dera Ismail Khan.

After nearly a decade of counter-terrorism operations, including more than two continuous years of Zarb-e-Azb, the threat of terrorism persists, claiming increasing numbers of civilian lives and a continuing toll of SF personnel as well. Terrorism and the state's responses have destroyed all semblances of normalcy and security in KP, even as the Province and its neighbouring FATA region remains the core launching grounds of Pakistan's terrorist campaigns in Afghanistan through its proxies, prominently including the Taliban and the Haqqani Network. Pakistan's persistent duplicity and its consequent blowback remain the principal dynamic creating spaces for terrorism across borders in South Asia.

MARDAN (Web Desk) – Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar on Saturday said that action against terrorists' facilitators is underway while escaped militants are taking shelter on Afghan border.

Talking to media after meeting Mardan court blast's victims that killed 14 people and wounded more than 50, Chaudhry Nisar said that an impressive decrease has been recorded in terror attacks. He said that Pakistan has raised terrorism issue in front of Afghanistan and United States several times. He also pledged to tighten up security at a 25-kilometer long border with Afghanistan. The minister said the terrorists are at the verge of collapse as their capacity of hard targets has been neutralized and they are now chasing soft targets in perplexity. He said the militants have the hideous aim of spreading hatred against the state institutions which will be put to a death knell with the courage and unity of the nation. Chaudhry Nisar said with the successful operation Zarb-e-Azb and the support of people and political forces, terrorism is defeated but the facilitators still remain to be taken to task. He urged the nation to remain united and resilient against the terrorist elements who are facing a crushing defeat in the fight. He asked the provincial as well as federal government to monitor the evidence in Mardan explosion as reports pertaining to possible attacks on district court and Warsak Dam were received by the intelligence agencies.

Federal minister also lauded the efforts of security forces who killed four target killers in Peshawar. He said initial report has revealed foreigner assailants behind Christian Colony attack. He also announced that a policy is being made to assist the families of martyred. Responding to a question related to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally in Lahore, Ch Nisar said that "May Allah gives us strength to sort out the matters peacefully".

ISLAMABAD: The total number of terrorist attacks reported in Pakistan decreased by 45%, total number of deaths reduced by 39%, and the total number of people injured decreased by 53% in comparison to 2014, according to country reports of United States State Department.

On 2nd June 2016, the US State Department released "Country Reports on Terrorism", which describes the counter terrorism background during the last year. The figures in the report were provided by Interior Ministry to the National Assembly during its last session on Friday.

According to report, terrorist incidents in India and Bangladesh increased manifold during this

Nisar claims those who attacked Christian Colony were foreigners

Business Recorder, September 04, 2016

Imran blames foreign-funded terrorists for Pakistan attacks

Daily Times, September 03, 2016

Review: Khaled Ahmed

period. Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control Ch. Nisar Ali Khan informed National Assembly in the last session that law and order situation has improved significantly and incidents of terrorism have decreased since implementation of National Action Plan (NAP). Implementation of National Action Plan has enabled Pakistan to begin a journey of unprecedented economic growth. This growth has been built upon a foundation of improved law and order that has come about as a result of NAP. As a result of the visible improvement in the law and order situation in Pakistan, investor confidence has increased and the Pakistan Stock Exchange has hit its highest mark in three years. All of this has been possible because of the NAP.

National Action Plan (NAP) is a comprehensive and all inclusive document which aims at eliminating, terrorism, extremism and militancy in all its forms and manifestations. All provincial governments and other stakeholders are implementing the NAP. NAP is a national task and responsibility and there are a number of stakeholders including federal government, provincial governments and 22 others bodies. The Interior Minister told the National Assembly that NAP consists of a number of steps, actions, processes and procedures. Some are short term where actions have been taken and results achieved whereas others are medium to long term where actions have been initiated and results would be achieved in due course of time.

At times there are coordination and implementation issues, resource constraints etc. There are legal and financial constraints resulting in slow implementation of NAP. These issues are being resolved with time despite all these limitations, he informed.

The National Assembly was told that NAP is being pursued through vigorous monitoring and Ministry of Interior alongwith all other stakeholders is ensuring that all NAP points are implemented.-APP

Federal Interior Minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan on Saturday said that the four suicide bombers who attacked Peshawar's Christian Colony a day earlier were foreigners but it was yet to be ascertained which countries they belonged to. The interior minister claimed the federal government had dispatched two intelligence reports, indicating imminent threats to courts and to the provincial government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) before the attack. He was speaking to media persons at Mardan District Hospital. The interior minister was visiting the injured victims of Friday's blast that was claimed 14 lives and wounded more than 50. Chaudhry Nisar said that an impressive decrease has been recorded in terror attacks. He said security forces have won a difficult war but there is still more to be done to eradicate terrorism entirely, adding that "previously there were attacks every other day, now they happen in months". He said the Pakistani nation will not be subdued by terrorism and the war on terror will continue till militancy is eliminated from the country's soil. "We are not going to be subdued by terror. Terrorists have been defeated by our security forces however their facilitators have not been cleared yet." However, the interior minister admitted that the security situation in the country is not entirely under control. "We have yet to take financiers of terrorism to task," he said. He said Pakistan's war against terrorism was for its own survival. "To do politics on terrorist attacks is like putting the country's future at stake."

Nisar said that action against terrorists' facilitators is underway while escaped militants are taking shelter on Afghan border. He said that Pakistan has raised terrorism issue with Afghanistan and United States several occasions. He also pledged to tighten up security at long border with Afghanistan. The minister said the terrorists are at the verge of collapse as their capacity of hard targets has been neutralized and they are now chasing soft targets in perplexity. He said the militants have the hideous aim of spreading hatred against the state institutions which will be put to a death knell with the courage and unity of the nation. The security czar lauded KP police personnel for their courage and valiantly fighting terror but held the provincial government responsible for Friday's blast. "Preemptive measures should be taken to thwart terrorism and in this regard collective efforts are required on the part of federal and provincial governments to completely eliminate terrorism from our soil" The interior minister went on to say that the war against terror was being fought for the country's stability. "Playing politics on terrorism is equivalent to playing with the country's future." Chaudhry Nisar said with the successful operation Zarb-e- Azb and the support of people and political forces, terrorism is defeated but the facilitators still remain to be taken to task. He urged the nation to remain united and resilient against the terrorist elements that are facing a crushing defeat in the fight. He asked the provincial as well as federal government to monitor the evidence in Mardan explosion as reports pertaining to possible attacks on district court and Warsak Dam were received by the intelligence agencies. Federal minister also lauded the efforts of security forces that killed four target killers in Peshawar. He said initial report has revealed foreigner assailants behind Christian Colony attack. He also announced that a policy is being made to assist the families of martyred. Responding to a question related to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally in Lahore, Chaudhry Nisar said that "May Allah gives us strength to sort out the matters peacefully".

MARDAN: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan on Friday pointed the finger at foreign funded terrorists for the recent acts of terrorism in the country. "Terrorists want to spread chaos in Pakistan through foreign funding," Khan told the media after visiting Mardan Medical Complex.

At least 13 people, including lawyers and policemen, were killed and scores were wounded in twin blasts at the entrance gate of the district bar in Mardan. Accompanied by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervaz Khattak, Imran Khan rushed to Mardan, visited the crime scene and met families of the victims. "In addition to military action, there is an urgent need to launch a political action to deal with the scourge of terrorism," he said. "Pakistan needs a full-time foreign minister as our stance is not being presented to the world in a proper manner," he said. To a question, he said that FATA should be made part of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. "We should implement FATA's reforms without any delay," he maintained.

DUBAI: As Pakistanis, we are well aware of the plethora of issues plaguing our country. Even the

breaks down Pakistan's internal war

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most ignorant of us know the issues bubbling in the depths of a secretive government, the volatile law and order situation and the tumultuous relationship of Pakistan with other countries, primarily its neighbour. Most of us know the basics, because we suffer at the hands of the issue, day in and day out. However, if you are looking to delve deep into the reason why Pakistan is where it is, then you must pick up a copy of Khaled Ahmed's *Sleepwalking to Surrender: Dealing with Terrorism in Pakistan*.

Ahmed is a political analyst and well-known columnist. Aptly titled, his book breaks down the various factors that have led to Pakistan being in the conundrum it is in today.

Each chapter is dedicated to a different issue, from the Taliban, to the Nawaz-Modi meeting and the Hazaras. In each of these chapters, Ahmed succinctly gives the reader a bit of the history of the matter, followed by what the current situation holds. He paints a picture so vividly, that even a person who is not well informed about politics and the state of affairs can quickly catch up.

The reason this book was a revelation for me was because in our day-to-day news feeds we are informed about where Pakistan is, but in his book, Ahmed tells us where Pakistan was, and where it is probably headed.

Ahmed mentions Pakistan's "obsessive India strategy". He quotes Anatol Lieven when he states, "Pakistani politicians share responsibility for encouraging ordinary Pakistanis to see jihad in Kashmir as legitimate."

In this chapter, he discusses Pakistan's preference of "heroic isolation" to "slavery". He compares Pakistan to Iran, a country that isolated itself. He writes, "Pakistan's military strategy must embrace this heroic flexibility and come out of its own isolation to save the state from self-destructing."

Ahmed discusses Pakistan's internal war at length, as well as the external and internal factors contributing to it. He also gives background on the various military generals that have come and gone in the past few years as he analyses their strategic stance and the decisions they made.

It was interesting to see Ahmed dissect political events that have become an important part of Pakistan's history. One such event was the protests against the alleged electoral rigging, led by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairperson Imran Khan and Pakistan Awami Tehreek supremo Tahirul Qadri.

Ahmed first chronicles the events that led to the sit-in and the end result, which we were all witness to. He writes, "both leaders boasted about themselves like amateur politicians, pushed on to a stage they hardly deserved." To me, this aptly describes the events and their subsequent end. I was particularly interested in the chapter titled Ground Zero Karachi. Ahmed examines the shaky law and order situation of Pakistan's biggest metropolis. He writes, "Today Karachi is a battlefield where al-Qaeda and its affiliated terrorists must wage a successful war if they have to survive as a global movement." He also traces, via Karachi's history, the various ethnic groups that moved to Karachi and are still in the process of doing so. He quotes architect Arif Hasan, "Almost 75% of the city's population lives in settlements or neighbourhoods segregated on the basis of ethnicity. Crossing from one ethnically defined neighborhood to the other is, in many cases, no longer possible."

In this book, Ahmed frequently discusses the tumultuous relationship of the Pakistani military with the Taliban. He writes, "It [relationship of the state with terrorists] is worrisome because it pointed to possible internal contradictions of the Pakistani state and conversion of state employees to the world view of those whom it calls terrorists."

Ahmed has taken into consideration all areas that are leading to Pakistan's self-destruction. He writes about the law being changed frequently and usually working against women. For example, in 2013 the Council of Islamic Ideology's rejection of DNA tests to convict a rapist. Or the fact that they allowed underage marriages. How can a country function efficiently when its women are suppressed and find no protection under the law? He then moves on to discuss the struggles being faced by the Hazaras. He highlights the various wrongful reasons for which they are being oppressed. Ahmed states, "The community was comparatively prosperous and inward looking, thus arousing envy and hatred." For me, it was interesting and upsetting to read about how blatantly the country has turned a blind eye to its citizens.

Ahmed's book is dense with information, facts, history and beautifully crafted chronologies. For the average person, like myself, this book served as a means of catching up on years of Pakistan's struggle with terrorism and understanding the reasons behind it. I truly enjoyed Ahmed's level-headed analysis and his frank opinions about what needs to be done to prevent Pakistan's further descent into chaos.

At least 14 people were killed and dozens wounded when two bomb blasts went off at a district court in northwestern Pakistan, officials said.

A suicide bomber threw a hand grenade at police guards before storming into the compound and blowing himself up in the court in Mardan town in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

Nasir Khan Durrani, provincial police chief, told AFP news agency that the death toll had reached 14, with at least 58 people wounded, three of whom were critical. Officials said the bomber had up to eight kilogrammes of explosives packed into his vest, while the dead included lawyers and police.

Amir Hussain, president of the Mardan Bar Association, said lawyers were being targeted because they are "an important part of democracy, and these terrorists are opposed to democracy". "Our morale is not dented. It is still high," he told AFP.

Earlier, four suicide bombers who were trying to attack a Christian colony were killed during a gunfight with security forces outside the northwestern city of Peshawar, the army said. Soldiers backed by army helicopters fought back the fighters who had tried to attack the colony near

Deadly twin blasts hit court in Pakistan

Aljazeera TV, September 02, 2016

Would not tolerate even a shadow of terrorist in Pakistan: DG ISPR

Dunya News TV, September 01, 2016

US says terrorists in Pakistan pose threat to entire South Asia

Daily Times, September 01, 2016

Warsak Dam, just north of Peshawar. Asim Bajwa, an army spokesman, said "all four suicide bombers were killed" in the operation carried out against the fighters on Friday and that a clearance operation was under way. Local sources, though, told Al Jazeera that at least one civilian was killed and several wounded in the attack. Two of the four suicide bombers detonated their vests and the other two were shot dead, the sources said. Pakistani Taliban faction Jamaat-ur-Ahrar claimed responsibility for the attacks. The group's spokesman, Ehsanullah Ehsan, promised more attacks in a statement released to media. "We appeal to civilians to remain away from law enforcement installations and these un-Islamic courts. We will target them more," he said. Al Jazeera's Kamal Hyder, reporting from Islamabad, said despite army claims to have limited the number of attacks, armed groups still managed to operate across the country.

"Just yesterday the Pakistan military gave a press conference in which they said they had been able to control the number of attacks in the country," he said. "But it appears that the Tehreek-e-Taliban and their factions are still able to operate within Pakistan and carry out these attacks."

Last month, the Pakistan Taliban faction and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as ISIS) both claimed responsibility for a suicide attack at a hospital in Pakistan's Quetta that killed at least 70 people. The attack targeted a group of mourning lawyers, who had gathered at the emergency department of the hospital to accompany the body of a murdered colleague. The Pakistan army launched Operation Zarb-e-Azb under US pressure in 2014 in an effort to wipe out fighters and their bases in the North Waziristan tribal area.

RAWALPINDI (Web Desk) – Director General (DG) of Inter Services Public Relations, Lt General Asim Bajwa on Thursday stated that Pakistan would not allow "even a shadow" of terrorist on its soil. Briefing the media on counter-terrorism efforts, the military spokesperson stated that Islamic State, also known as Daesh, tried to make inroads into Pakistan in two groups. He also remarked about the role of ISIS in attacks carried out against various media houses over the last couple of years in various parts of the country.

According to ISPR reports revealed in this press briefing, the total apprehensions in the case of ISIS were 309 and which also included 25 foreigners and 157 from the freelancer groups aiding ISIS in Pakistan. Asim Bajwa also mentioned the so-called ISIS chief in Pakistan named Hafiz Umar, who was involved in attacks against law-enforcement agencies in Karachi and Hyderabad also assaults on media houses in various other cities. According to Bajwa, the planned attacks on media houses were fear-mongering exercises being carried out by the apprehended militants swearing allegiance to ISIS.

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The head of the military's media wing remarked that Operation Zarb-e-Azb against terrorists in the North Waziristan tribal region targeted terrorists indiscriminately. "The salient operational guidelines for Operation Zarb-e-Azb were that it would be an indiscriminate operation against all extremist outfits. It was decided that collateral damage would be avoided and human rights would be taken into consideration," Bajwa said. "In 2014, the security environment when Operation Zarb-e-Azb started was such that the country faced various instances of terrorism," he said. "There were 311 IED blasts, 74 attacks, and 26 suicide blasts in 2014." Bajwa said before the launch of Zarb-e-Azb, in which more than 3500 terrorists have been killed, North Waziristan was the epicentre of terrorism. "People could not imagine going to North Waziristan as it had become the epicentre of terrorism, however, the Pak Army managed to clear out the area completely after which forces moved to Khyber Agency where the terrorists had taken shelter," he said. Pak Army killed 900 terrorists during the Khyber operation and destroyed the network of terrorists that was threatening areas in the immediate surroundings, such as Peshawar, Bajwa said. "We recovered weapons, ammunition, IEDs, explosives, communications equipment, hate literature and discovered tunnels," he said.

WASHINGTON: The US State Department has said that the Haqqani network and other terrorist groups that operate inside Pakistan and along the Afghan border are a continued security threat to the entire South Asian region and beyond.

At the Tuesday afternoon news briefing, spokesman John Kirby also said that a trilateral dialogue of the United States, India and Afghanistan would be a way forward for deciding Afghanistan's future. The dialogue is scheduled in New York next month.

The State Department spokesman disagreed with a suggestion that there was a difference of opinion between US Secretary of State John Kerry and Defence Secretary Ash Carter over Pakistan's role in the war against terrorism.

Secretary Kerry who was in India earlier this week said that in recent months Pakistan had taken strong action against the Haqqani network. But last month, Secretary Carter refused to certify that Pakistan had done enough to counter the terrorist network which led to the suspension of \$300 million of US military aid to Pakistan.

"We all recognise the continued security threat that is posed by the Haqqani network and by other terrorist groups that operate inside Pakistan and along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan," said Kirby. "The Pentagon is obviously well aware of that, as we are here, and it's a conversation that we continue to have and will continue to have with our partners in the region. I'm not aware that there's any dissonance here in terms of the way we're seeing it," said the US official who was the Pentagon's spokesman earlier. Mr Kirby said the US had held "a constant conversation" with its Pakistani partners about the threat posed by the Haqqani and other extremist groups "there in the region and certainly operating inside Pakistan". And "we make these decisions routinely and they're based on active, fluid, dynamic conversations that we have with Pakistani leaders," he added. "I don't know of any difference. I think the United States government is viewing this very much all in the same light," said the US official.

Pakistan needs to join others in fighting terrorism, Kerry says
Reuters, August 30, 2016

Mr Kirby said that Secretary Kerry has held several conversations with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Chief of Army Staff Gen Raheel Sharif as well over this issue.

The US official said he would not like to speculate why the United States had postponed trilateral dialogue with India and Afghanistan on the Afghan issue. "I think what's important is that those discussions are important and they are going to continue." Mr Kirby said Secretary Kerry had praised the constructive role that India played in Afghanistan and wanted to see that role continue. "So we're focused on the future here. I'm not going to get into a debate or a discussion about what happened in the past and the degree to which those talks didn't continue. What matters is they are going to continue going forward." Mr Kirby said the level of these talks had not been decided yet.

At an earlier briefing at the Pentagon, India's Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar described the Indian narrative of the current trouble in the Kashmir Valley, claiming that it was primarily because of Pakistan's use of 'terrorist proxies', an allegation Islamabad rejects as baseless.

"As far as Kashmir is concerned, I think the government of India has been very proactive in handling the violence which comes from across the border," Mr Parrikar said at a joint briefing with Secretary Carter. Mr Carter did not attempt to challenge the Indian narrative, saying that Pakistan-based terrorist groups had targeted both Indian civilians and military. "Terrorism is one of the many missions on which we cooperate...We oppose terrorism affecting anyone and us. That's certainly true with respect to terrorist acts perpetrated against the Indian people, and also I should mention the Indian military," he said.

Pakistan needs to join other nations in fighting terrorists within its borders, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry urged on Tuesday, saying Islamabad should not feel isolated by talks between the United States, India and Afghanistan next month in New York.

Kerry announced the Afghanistan initiative on a visit to New Delhi for the annual U.S.-India strategic dialogue. His show of support for his Indian hosts marked a change from Washington's usual neutrality regarding India and Pakistan, South Asia's two nuclear-armed antagonists.

Tensions between Pakistan and India have spiked of late, as an uprising in Indian-administered Kashmir killed more than 60 people and injured thousands. Pakistan and India each claim the disputed territory in full but rule it only in part.

Washington has long urged India and Pakistan to reopen talks to resolve the tensions and Kerry will discuss the issue with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

Addressing a news conference, Kerry denounced terrorism in all its forms. He said the perpetrators of attacks on Indian soil - in Mumbai in 2008 and at an airbase in Punjab last January - should be brought to justice. "We cannot and will not make distinctions between good and bad terrorists," Kerry said. "Terror is terror no matter where it comes from, (or) who carries it out." India accuses Pakistan of responsibility for both attacks. Pakistan is trying suspects in the Mumbai attacks, in which 166 people died. Investigations into this year's airbase attack have so far been inconclusive. India's minister for external affairs, Sushma Swaraj, struck a similar note, saying there was a "meeting of minds" between her and Kerry on terrorism, which she described as the foremost threat to international peace and security. Kerry said the United States would open the trilateral talks on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York next month. Its goal is to stabilize Afghanistan, whose U.S.-backed government is struggling to contain Taliban rebels. India has provided a little over \$2 billion in economic assistance to Afghanistan in the last 15 years and said recently it would deliver more arms to Afghanistan. Kerry said the United States was working to address tensions in Afghanistan's fragile coalition of President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah. India's participation in the talks could only help strengthen those efforts and underscore to the Afghan leaders the importance of a stable and unified Afghanistan, he added. "My hope is that Pakistan as a country is not isolated by this but is encouraged by this," Kerry said. He said had spoken to Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif about the need for his country to deprive any group of "sanctuary." "It is vital that Pakistan join with other nations in tackling this challenge, and in fairness in recent weeks and months they have been moving more authoritatively in the western part of the country," Kerry added.

Asked what it will take to re-open talks with Pakistan, Suwaraj said India was not the one creating tensions with Pakistan. "We told them we want to solve our problems through talks," she said, "But they did things that forced us to suspend the dialogue. The least we expect is there should be action against the perpetrators. Talks can only happen if there is action on their side."

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DETAILS

SWABI/MARDAN: Nearly 200 students of the Colonel Sher Khan Cadet College, Swabi, were admitted to different hospitals on Sunday after their condition worsened due to food poisoning, hospital authorities said. More than 180 pupils of the college fell ill due to food poisoning on Sunday night, who were shifted to different hospitals in Mardan. The cause of food poisoning could not be ascertained immediately, according to sources. Students said they ate rice, chicken and drank soft drinks, following which they fell ill. Over 100 pupils have been brought to Mardan Medical Complex, confirmed Director Dr Tariq Mehmood. He added that all of them are out of danger. Mehmood said that food samples have been dispatched to laboratory to ascertain the cause of food poisoning.

The University Town Peshawar administration is shutting down private educational institutions operating within University Town, in compliance of court orders. These institutions have been providing quality education to the residents of Peshawar for the last many years and are also a source of employment. Earlier a court decision had stated that the KP government should discuss the provision of shifting these institutions to an appropriate space. No progress has been witnessed on this. All this is happening when Imran Khan has declared an 'education emergency' in the province. The KP government is requested to resolve the issue by specifying a suitable place for these institutions. Till then the authorities should be restricted from sealing these institutions.

KARACHI: In order to address the plight of the underprivileged children, who are unable to afford quality education, the Mohammad Ali Jinnah University (MAJU), Karachi administration, would be extending their free tutoring facility till university level, official stated on Saturday. Following the foundation of their Mohammad Ali Jinnah Secondary School in 2004 which caters to children from Hijrat Colony, Baloch Colony, Mehmoodabad, Akhtar Colony among other areas, this step was taken to help students achieving their goals in life. The school which started off with just 16 students almost a decade ago now has 650 students and the first batch of 14 passed their matriculation exams with A and B grades in 2014. Lauding the efforts of these students, Principal of the school, Ghulam Muhammad, MAJU faculty member, Rehan Muzammal Butt and Principal, Pakistan Education Foundation (PEF) College, Nasir Butt agreed to look after their further education. Nasir Butt has also offered free intermediate education at his college. The students who have completed their intermediate education would be given admissions in BBA and BS degree programs and this initiative would be followed for the rest to come. Stressing on the importance of education for all, President MAJU, Karachi chapter, Dr Zubair Sheikh said that he had high hopes for the young people and by providing quality education we could propel them toward success.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has introduced a number of reforms and initiatives to ensure that every individual in the province has access to quality health services. A report issued by the Health Department about its three years performance said that 1,000 nurses, 600 paramedics and 300 doctors had been recruited on ad hoc basis to cope with the shortage of medical staff. It said that over Rs3 billion had been allocated to give special financial incentives to doctors serving in far-flung areas. The communiqué said that Rs500 million had been allocated in seven divisions of the province for the treatment of Aids, cancer, hepatitis and diabetics. It said that around 2,118 Aids patients were currently registered with HIV treatment centre and they were being provided free treatment at the Hayatabad Medical Complex in Peshawar and the District Headquarters Hospital in Kohat. Additionally Rs1 billion had been allocated under the Annual Development Programme for 2016-17 for free emergency treatment in all teaching and district headquarters hospitals in the province, the handout.

It said that 500,000 patients had received free emergency treatment so far. Under the recently launched Sehat Sahulat Card Scheme, 18 lakh households covering a total of 1.4 billion people in the province would get free medical treatment costing Rs540,000 per household every year. The communiqué said that the government had extended kidney transplant and dialysis facility to Lady Reading Hospital, Khyber Teaching Hospital and Hayatabad Medical Complex in Peshawar and Ayub Medical Complex in Abbottabad. It said that the kidney transplant and dialysis facility had also been extended to hospitals in Kohat, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, Swat and Mardan districts. The handout said that Rs25 million had been earmarked for free insulin being provided at insulin banks in Lady Reading Hospital, Khyber Teaching Hospital in Peshawar and hospitals in Kohat, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu, Swat, Mardan and Abbottabad. The communiqué said the government had allocated Rs200 million for immunisation programme and steps had been taken to ensure every child was vaccinated against polio. It said that the Independent Monitoring Units had been established to ensure efficient health service delivery and accountability in hospitals.

LAHORE: The entry points leading to Mayo Hospital, Lahore, were blocked with heavy containers due to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) rally on Saturday, which caused tremendous difficulties for the doctors, patients and other visitors to reach the hospital. The Punjab and Lahore district government blocked The Mall with heavy containers, which blocked patients' access to the hospital. Several ambulances were also denied entry to the hospital, which endangered the lives of critical patients. Reportedly, a child had lost his life on the way to hospital as ambulance could not find its way to the hospital. It is learnt that more than 5,000 patients and visitors reached the hospital daily, but the number of patients reaching the hospital had considerably dropped due to closure of roads leading to Mayo Hospital. Similarly, female patients and pregnant women also faced difficulties in reaching the Lady Wellington Hospital, Lady Aitchison Hospital, whereas the patients coming from North Lahore also couldn't reach Sir Ganga Ram Hospital due to closure of Mall Road on both sides. The doctors of Mayo Hospital, however, created a map, showing the only entry and exit point

Anti-dengue walk held

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from Nisbet Road, and circulated through facebook and WhatsApp to facilitate the doctors, nurses, other staff and patients to reach the hospital. Mian Munshi Hospital and Nawaz Sharif Hospital, Yakki Gate, Data Darbar Hospital also became inaccessible for the patients due to shutdown of PTI rally's route from Shahdara to Charing Cross, The Mall. Ambulances, however, were able to transport their patients to other public sector hospitals including Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Services Hospital.

RAWALPINDI: Civic body of the city Saturday held a walk to create awareness among the general public about danger of dengue fever. People from different walks of life including staff of Social Welfare department participated in the walk, arranged on the directive of District Coordination Officer (DCO) Talat Mehmood Gondal. The walk participants were carrying banners and placards calling for taking precautionary measures against dengue virus, urging the citizens to maintain cleanliness in and around their homes. The walk was led by District Officer social welfare department Aslam Maitla. Speaking on the occasion, the DO briefed the participants on the efforts of the department to eradicate the spread of dengue. He said as per instructions of Punjab government, Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs), and action plan for eradication of Dengue is being followed and weekly reports are being submitted to the city district government as well as Punjab government.

The Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) arranged an awareness seminar on Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) prevalence in Pakistan at PARC Headquarters. While addressing the seminar, PARC Chairman Dr Nadeem Amjad, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Programme Coordinator Dr Muhammad Afzal and Member Animal Science Dr Shahid Rafique urged the scientists to arrange more such seminars in the country, including universities for the awareness of general public about the Congo fever and take necessary steps to control and minimise the disease in Pakistan. The PARC chairman said that scientists should open a window/helpline to respond people's queries. The issue should be publicised through electronic and print media, he added. The FAO coordinator said that PARC and provincial governments are taking necessary steps to control this disease. He said medicines are available to kill the animal ticks through spray and other methods. He said people should be sensitised to use gloves to pick the ticks from animals and ensure proper disposal of these ticks.

PARC Animal Health Programme (AHP) Senior Scientific Officer Dr Farooq gave a detail presentation about the Congo fever, while AHP Animal Sciences Institute (ASI) of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) Principal Scientific Officer Dr Aamer Bin Zahur and PARC (AH) Deputy Director Dr Zahida Fatima briefed about the disease. They said that this disease was identified first time in Crimea (Russia) in 1944. Later on due to this disease, a number of human deaths occurred in an African country Congo during 1954. Therefore, this disease is called CCHF. They said that in Pakistan, this disease was identified during 1978. The disease is caused by Arbo viruses and is transmitted through Hyalomma ticks of animals. It is a zoonotic disease carried by several domestic and wild animals. Animals are very less affected by this disease and their meat is safe for human consumption after cooking. It puts animal handlers, slaughter-house workers and agricultural labourers at highest risk in endemic areas with secondary transmission possible through contact with infected blood and other body fluids. Human infection is characterised by severe symptoms that often result in death.

Reputable accreditation bodies of higher education focus on the quality of teaching and research in rating and ranking of universities at the national or international levels. There are, of course, other such criteria considered as physical infrastructure, student-faculty ratio, library, lab and IT facilities, co-curricular activities, students' societies, philanthropic work or corporate social responsibility initiatives. However, the highest priority is given to the standard of faculty and originality of research indeed. Honestly speaking quality enhancement at our universities is reflected from the social and economic conditions of the majority, not of the handful of our population. There are other factors that have a positive or negative bearing on life at large such as leadership, law and order situation, unemployment and inflation etc. But quality enhancement at our universities, especially with pertinent, original and practical research, quietly plays an important role in determining the quality of life of our people. The essence of higher education and research would be of no help to society if concerned benefits do not reach or are not shared by the common man. Can learned HoDs and faculty members of our universities offer a minute of a thought each on how their lofty higher education and research masterpieces have trickle down public benefits in their respective field of specialisation, be it Economics, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Finance, Information Technology, Psychology, Media or the Social Sciences! It is a challenging, gutsy and thought-provoking question breaking away from the set, standard and stereotype practice of research that stays mainly in the libraries and presented as research papers to be shelved sooner or later or brainstormed in the guest speaker sessions, conferences, seminars and symposia for projection and for reference, generally with no follow up and feedback amid degradation of arts, sports, culture, business, economy, education, law, government, politics, education, health and so on. Our private and public sector universities have excelled in the set and standard criteria of university rankings as carried out by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), such specialised ratings as those pursued by National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC), National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) and international rankings as those pertaining to ASSB standards, Ed Universal ranking of business institutions and so on. But seldom do these universities now produce such scientists, researchers, engineers, doctors, economists and heads of institutes who have overall positive bearing on the social, educational, economic and developmental perspective of Pakistan as follows: Professor Dr Abdus Salam, Nobel laureate, Physics, Dr Ahmad Hasan Dani, HEC Distinguished National Professor, Dr Ishtiaq Hussain Qureshi, VC, KU, Dr Rashid Kausar, Michigan State University Scholar, Professor Dr Atta ur Rahman, Organic Chemistry, Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan, Nuclear Physics, Dr Ashiq Hussain, Neuroscientist, Munir Ahmad Khan, Atomic Energy Commission, Dr Abdullah Sadiq, Nuclear Physics, Dr Samar Mubarakmand, Science and Tech., Professor Dr Shahid Hussain Bokhari, IT and Aerospace, Dr Salimuzzaman Siddiqui, Organic Chemistry, Dr Javaid Laghari, Higher HEC, Datuk Rahman Anwar Syed, Entomologist, Anwar Naseem, Biotechnology, Dr Ayub K. Ommaya, Neurosurgery, Dr Hasnat Khan and Dr Sania Nishtar,

Cardiology, Muhammed Suhail Zubairy, Physics and Astronomy, Dr Mahbub ul Haq, Economist, Professor Matin Ahmed Khan, Marketing and Management, Dr Nergis Mavalvala, Astrophysics. Specialised writing is expected of specialists in various fields. While it needs to initiate with all its ingenuity at Master's level, it's not required of under-graduate students. Writing flair needs to nurture at school and develop at Intermediate/A-Levels or during Bachelor's programme towards study and career excellence. Career-focused writing plays a vital role in the development perspective of developed societies be it social, environmental, biological, medical, physical or nuclear sciences or in education and any field of socio-economic development. It is not just the highly advanced status that these countries enjoy as a result of their intelligentsia's original thinking, research and writing but the individual financial and social worth of the concerned contributor is rejuvenating indeed. A specialised writer is one who writes, in a newspaper, journal or magazine or as a workshop or seminar paper or for research and reference, in a potential field. It's when a doctor writes on medicine, an IT person writes on computers, a physicist writes on physics, a teacher writes on education, an economist writes on economy, a politician writes on politics, a philanthropist writes on social work and so on. A pre-requisite in specialised writing is sound language ability with vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and presentation. What counts is the concerned knowledge through books, journals, media, travel and field trips and through social and career-oriented interaction. Aptitude and inquisitiveness, knack for intensive reading, flair for reading beyond textbooks and devotion to reference and research remain important. Reputation enhances through writing for and contributing to specialised media sections and self-initiated or officially sponsored papers and publications. What matters in professional credibility is marketing research at concerned outlets and looking for continuous ingenuity, excellence and feedback.

As such, the whole gamut of developmental activity flourishes with ingenuity and inspiration stabilising the subsistence levels and raising the living standards of the concerned society where sky is the limit in innovation, enlightenment and rewards in contemporary living. All fields blossom whether arts and culture, education and research, health and recreation, business and industry, banking and insurance, trade and commerce, shipping and aviation, science and technology etc. The urge to write in one's own field makes one more research-oriented and more investigative as fresh ideas, insights, information and initiatives abound in human breakthroughs in arts, humanities and commerce and in natural, biological, environmental and physical sciences. As the concerned society benefits through inspiring and rewarding lifestyles and standards, the initiators of creative writing deserve that well-earned financial and social credibility. Rewards are aplenty for specialised writers who sure have an edge over stereotypes whether in teaching, journalism, law or public affairs or for those pursuing careers in medicine, engineering, management, information technology or in any profession.

Meanwhile, the concept of experiential learning, sharing and applying becomes indispensable amid advancement in wide and varied fields of education. Geared up to experiential learning and sharing are universities the world over: those linked to Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), Erasmus Mundus Consortium of European Universities, Association of American Universities, Association of Australian Universities, Association of Commonwealth Universities, Universities of the "underdeveloped world" fostered by the Organisation of American States (OAS) and Organisation of African Unity (OAU), universities fast endeavouring for educational and research excellence in India and Pakistan, individually speaking Global and Communication Studies at Helsinki University, Institute of Social Studies at The Hague in the Netherlands, Institute for English Speaking Students, University of Stockholm, Experiment in International Living, Brattleboro, Vermont and emerging universities in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Dubai etc. What remains of importance for the least developed, under-developed and developing countries are endeavouring for such a model of survival, sustenance and development which is in consonance with their objective conditions. It is seldom realised consciously or subconsciously the intelligentsia, men at the helm of affairs or the policy-makers of such countries are mostly bewitched and bewildered by such imported or alien concepts in planning and development which have nothing to do with their sorely, objectively and indigenously needed socio-economic development planning and practice.

LAHORE: "Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is committed to promoting higher education in Punjab and is undertaking various steps for the advancement of research culture and enhancing the skills of faculty in Higher Education Institutions (HEI)," stated Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin while speaking to the President American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and other delegates today. "We are on the right track and successfully pursuing our goals", he added. Dr. Nizam said that Punjab HEC is arduously working to promote research culture by arranging seminars, workshops, and provisions of travel grant for university faculty. Punjab HEC is also devoted to enhance the skills of the academic faculty through various Faculty Development Programs in line with the vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab. He informed that as per follow up of the Roadmap for Strengthening higher education in the province and after thorough deliberations, Punjab HEC has been established as an autonomous body by Punjab Assembly through an Act, with the vision to focus on basic issues of higher education institutions of Punjab, which has largest network of universities and colleges in the country.

Talking on the initiatives of Punjab HEC, the Chairman added that Punjab HEC has recently arranged trainings for university and college teachers and have already trained more than 500 newly inducted college teachers. Currently, Punjab HEC is training more than 700 principals of public sector colleges throughout Punjab with active involvement of the universities. Partnerships are underway with various international organizations and universities to bring the higher education institutions of the Punjab at par with international standards. The close coordination with international community would be greatly beneficial to address the challenges being faced by the higher education sector in the province. Community college initiative is one of the flagship programs of Punjab HEC, he remarked. He further stated that since its inauguration by the Chief Minister, Punjab HEC has achieved many milestones in a relatively short span of time. Instead of relying on the quantity of work, PHEC would continue to focus over improving the quality in higher education sector with the active involvement of

Punjab HEC committed to promote higher education, research culture: Chairperson
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Pledge renewed to work for promotion of women education

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stakeholders and partner organizations.

PESHAWAR: The 12th Foundation Day of the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University (SBBWU) was marked on Thursday with the renewed pledge to make every effort for the promotion of women education and empowerment in the province. Impressive arrangements had been made to mark the day. Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal and Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) Prof Dr Mukhtar Ahmad were supposed to be the chief guest and guest of honour on the occasion, but they failed to attend the function. In their absence, a member of the HEC Mohsin Sayyed served as the chief guest, while SBBWU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Razia Sultana was the guest of honour at the event held at the main campus of the university in Larama area near here. The event was opened with planting of saplings on the campus after which the students presented skits and tableaux. Noted Pashto singers Mahjabeen Qazalbash and Bakhtiar Khattak sang national songs.

In his speech on the occasion, Mohsin Sayyed lauded the lone women university of the province for promoting higher education among women. He said that it was a matter of happiness that the university completed its 12 years in a successful manner. He said having a women university in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was an urgent need. It provided a great opportunity to the women who were shy of going into co-education to get the higher education. Dr Razia Sultana recounted the achievements the university has made during the last 12 years. She said that the university had grown in all directions. "It has not only increased its disciplines, but also got own spacious building during the course of time," she added. The vice-chancellor said better education and empowerment of women was the key to the success of any society. The guests also cut a cake to mark the day. They also distributed laptops among the deserving students under Prime Minister's Laptop scheme. The faculty members were given away prizes and certificates for their excellent performance. The vice-chancellor announced a day-off for Friday.

JI for raising education budget

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Secretary General, Jamaat-e-Islami, Liaqat Baloch, has called for raising the education budget to be at par with the defence budget and adopting Urdu as the medium of instructions and holding competitive examinations in Urdu in accordance with the Supreme Court judgement. Inaugurating Lala Rukh Islamic schools in the city on Thursday, he said that national development was impossible without advancement in education and technology. He said that the education must be purpose oriented and the entire country should have a uniform education system. Liaqat Baloch said the government and private educational institutions were collectively responsible for the protection and growth of the young generations. He said that the IMF, the World Bank, and US Aid were meddling in our education system because of the foreign aid/ loans and pushing our young generation away from our Islamic culture and values. This could be stopped by taking the path of self reliance and introducing uniform education system.

Congo fever: Precautions urged while handling sacrificial animals

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RAWALPINDI / LAHORE / LAHORE: "People should be cautious about Congo virus even if their animals appear to be healthy. Using a spray or removing ticks from an infected animal might not be enough," Bahawalpur Rescue 1122 District Emergency Officer Asif Channar said on Thursday. Speaking to *The Express Tribune* via phone, he advised people to use protective equipment such as gloves and masks while handling sacrificial animals. He said people could get infected with Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever virus on being bitten by infected ticks or squashing these. He said a human could be infected if blood or a tissue from an infected animal came into contact with his cuts, grazed on the skin, or was splashed onto his eyes, nose or mouth. Channar said most people were not aware of the hazard of being bitten by ticks. Ticks have been found in scalp and between toes of Congo fever patients. Dr Alam Khan, a Congo fever patient at Karachi's Aga Khan Hospital, said laboratory tests had earlier diagnosed dengue fever only. "I came to Aga Khan Hospital where they immediately took me to an isolation ward," he said. "It is unfortunate that some labs are not following standard procedures... these are unable to diagnose Congo fever virus," he said. Medical reports of Khan, acquired by *The Express Tribune*, confirmed that he had earlier been diagnosed with dengue fever. He said the government had been unable to locate the virus's origin. "Millions of sacrificial animals have already been brought to cities," he said.

Authorities move to prevent Congo virus as Eid-ul-Azha approaches

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PESHAWAR: In the wake of incidence of Congo virus infection surfacing in parts of the country ahead of Eid-ul-Azha – the Muslim feast of sacrifice – authorities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have initiated a preventive campaign to protect public from the deadly virus. The campaign comes after the scare last year when on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, 13 out of the 43 suspected cases of Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever (CCHF) at the Hayatabad Medical Complex (HMC) in Peshawar died due to the infection. Together with reports from elsewhere in the country that indicated vulnerability of the public to the virus, the authorities have moved to inform people about the risk at a time when people handle sacrificial cattle and are exposed to bite from the tick that carries the CCHF vector. "We feel that a massive information campaign is needed to educate people about the Congo virus that is transferred through tick bites from animals to people and from animals to animals through infected blood and body secretions," said Dr. Syed Masoom Shah, District Director of KP's Livestock and Dairy Development Department.

Shah said that people working in the veterinary sector, owners and traders of cattle as well as men working in slaughterhouses had been asked not to touch the tick with bare hand and not to remove ticks from animals with hands. "People handling cattle should ensure removal of ticks with gloves," Shah told News Lens Pakistan. "Children should not be allowed to go to cattle markets. People visiting cattle markets to buy sacrificial animals should wear clothes of light colour so that ticks crawling on them could be spotted easily." He said there were no symptoms of Congo virus infection in case of animals but the moment it is transferred to human beings, they get very sick. Symptoms, said Dr. Shah, included high fever, dizziness, itching eyes, headaches, joint and muscle aches, red blotches on the body and bleeding from the nose. "Data shared by the Livestock Department shows that a total of 130 check posts have been established throughout the province where 529 workers are busy spraying the sacrificial animals with pesticides as they enter the province from other cities. The Department has also set up seven camps at Kaka Mandai, Naguman, Larama, Palosai, two on Ring

Strong vigilance needed ahead of Eidul Azha to avoid losses

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Road and one at the veterinary hospital in Peshawar to check animals for the ticks. Spokesperson for Hayatabad Medical Complex, Tauheed Bibi, said that out of 43 patients suspected of Congo virus infection reported at the facility in 2015, 29 were Afghans. 14 out of the 43 were tested positive for the virus, of which only one person survived. HMC is the only hospital in the city where a where a Congo isolation unit has been established. Bibi said this year, six suspected cases of CCHF had been reported at HMC. Of these, she said, three had tested positive for Congo virus. Two of them had died of infection. "The number of patients suspected of Congo virus increase ahead of Eid-ul-Azha due to free movement of sacrificial animals within and between cities and commuters and cattle traders frequently come in contacts with them," said Bibi.

Javed Khan, a cattle trader in Peshawar's Kaka Mandi who brings sacrificial animals from Punjab to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, said he brought nearly 100 animals to Peshawar on a daily basis, two weeks ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. He said he wasn't aware of the Congo virus but had heard about cases of infection on media and become cautious. He said many buyers touched the cattle to check if they were healthy for sacrifice and did not care about getting infected with the virus. "The preventive campaign is all the more necessary because of the public's attitudes and ignorance of the disease," said Khan. He said very few cattle traders use preventive measures like wearing gloves before touching animals and need to be sensitized about the disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) fact sheet on Congo virus says the CCHF cases have a fatality rate of up to 40 per cent. It says the hosts of the CCHF virus include a wide range of wild and domestic animals such as cattle, sheep and goats. Many birds are resistant to infection, but ostriches are susceptible and may show a high prevalence of infection in endemic areas, where they have been in contact with human cases, said the fact sheet. It is difficult to control or prevent CCHF for multiple reasons, according to WHO: "The tick-animal-tick cycle usually goes unnoticed and the infection in domestic animals is usually not apparent." Secondly, the tick vectors are numerous and widespread, so tick control with acaricides (chemicals intended to kill ticks) is only a realistic option for well-managed livestock production facilities. However, preventive measures can be taken against the disease by wearing protective gloves, light colour clothes for easy detection of ticks, use of repellent on skin, and avoiding areas where ticks are abundant, says the WHO fact sheet. Doctors in HMC are concerned about Congo patients coming from Afghanistan. He suggested there should be a health team deployed on border to check Afghan patients for Congo virus to help them reach HMC in isolation. He said there was no proper treatment for CCHF but supportive care to help patients recover from the disease. He said the chances of a patient recovering increase if the infection is reported at an early stage.

RAWALPINDI: Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic Fever (CCHF) has recently claimed at least two lives while as many as 16 patients have already died of the infection this year across the country and it is time for people to take extra care while handling sacrificial animals to avoid losses. Cases of CCHF have been reported from various parts of the country including Rawalpindi, Peshawar, Bahawalpur, Karachi and Quetta. CCHF is endemic in Pakistan with sporadic outbreaks. Since the diagnosis of first human case of CCHF in 1976 in Rawalpindi, the sporadic cases have continued to occur across Pakistan. At least 35 cases of the Congo virus have been reported in the country this year and sixteen patients died during treatment from CCHF. With increasing cases of CCHF in the country and Eidul Azha around the corner, this season we must be extra vigilant to protect ourselves from this potentially fatal infection. Head of Community Medicine at CMH Lahore Medical College Professor Dr Muhammad Ashraf Chaudhry expressed this while talking to 'The News' on Wednesday. He said that from 2011 to 2015, a total of 309 cases were confirmed positive for CCHF by National Institute of Health (NIH) and data reveals that Baluchistan remains the most affected province. To a query, he said the threat of dengue fever spread looms large because imported cases from Afghanistan are continuously being reported to the major hospitals of Peshawar, Quetta and Islamabad. It is important that mass scale sacrificial animal movements anticipated prior to Eidul Azha could serve as a source of propagation for ticks infested with CCHF thereby increasing the risk of disease transmission. Dr. Ashraf said it is imperative that authorities should remain on their toes because due to livestock close to the population centres, the risk of disease such as CCHF is reasonably high.

The CCHF is caused by infection with tick-borne virus. It is a zoonotic viral disease that is asymptomatic in infected animals, but a serious threat to humans. Domestic animals cattle, goats, sheep etc. are usual hosts for the adult ticks. The incidence of CCHF peaks from June to October, but cases occur throughout the year. Ticks are called 'chechar' in local parlance. It is transmitted to humans by the bite of Hyalomma tick; crushing an infected tick with bare skin, exposure to blood or tissue of the infected animal during slaughtering, drinking unpasteurized milk, direct contact with blood or secretions of an infected person and in hospitals due to poor infection control practices, said Dr. Ashraf. Human infections begin with nonspecific febrile symptoms after incubation period of 1-3 days with maximum of nine days, but progress to a serious hemorrhagic syndrome with a high case fatality rate (40%). The onset is sudden with initial sign and symptoms including headache, high grade fever over 38.5 degree centigrade for more than 72 hours and less than 10 days, back pain, joint pain, muscle pain, stomach pain, vomiting etc. Red eyes, flushed face, red throat, and petechiae (red spots) are common. As the illnesses progresses, large areas of severe bruising, bleeding from nose, mouth, gum bleeding, vomiting of blood and blood in stools occurs and the fever caused by the infection does not respond to common antibiotics or anti-malarial treatment.

When asked, Dr. Ashraf said that a number of other conditions including dengue have also similar symptoms, however; history of contact with a confirmed patient, suspected goat, sheep, cattle or other livestock (shepherds, butchers and animal handlers) increases the possibility of CCHF. He added that treatment of CCHF is primarily supportive. Care should include attention to fluid balance and correction of electrolyte abnormalities, oxygenation, hemodynamic support and appropriate treatment of secondary infections. Oral ribavirin has been used with reported success and may be taken orally as 2gm loading dose, 4gm/day in four divided doses for six days and 2gm/day in four divided doses for six days. He added that hospitals should maintain stock of Ribavirin tablets; in Pakistan it is available in the market as Ribazole®. He said that patient with probable CCHF should be isolated under strict barrier nursing and health workers should use Personal Protective Equipment

Sale of sacrificial animals banned in RY Khan

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Varsities across Sindh observe strike, suspend education activities

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Muddy conditions pose threat of disease outbreak at cattle market

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(PPEs) such as masks, goggles, gowns, gloves etc while handling the patient. All contaminated articles be handled safely and de-contaminated or disposed of safely, said Dr. Ashraf.

BAHAWALPUR: Additional District Collector Jameel Ahmad Jameel said on Tuesday that the Rahim Yar Khan DCO had declared a ban on sale and purchase of sacrificial animals in the city. The DCO has issued instructions regarding strict implementation of this ban, he said. Jameel was giving a briefing about precautionary measures regarding Congo virus in a video-link meeting with Adviser to Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafiq and the additional chief secretary. Jameel said that the district administration's anti-Congo virus campaign also included raising awareness about precautionary measures among people. He said temporary cattle markets had been set up in tehsils by the district administration. All vehicles carrying cattle and animals along the Sindh-Balochistan border, were stopped at various checkpoints and the animals inside were being sprayed with insecticide, he said. Teams of Livestock Department officials and policemen have been stationed at these posts, he said. "They have been tasked with overseeing precautionary measures." He said that Shaikh Zayed Hospital and all tehsil headquarters hospitals have set up quarantined wards for dengue fever and Crimean Congo Haemorrhagic Fever patients and have trained staff on duty.

KARACHI: Universities all over Sindh observed a strike on Wednesday to protest government intervention in their affairs. Educational and administration activities remained suspended as faculty protested against a three year old Sindh University Amendment Act which allows the government to directly appoint employees at varsities bypassing the university senate which makes such decisions. Professor Dr Shakeel Farooqui of the Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association (FAPUASA) speaking to Geo News said, "On one hand the government wants to control universities, and on the other hand it does not release funds for universities." He added that retired professors were still working at universities and so young staff could not be promoted. FAPUASA has been holding protests against the act since it was passed in 2013.

KARACHI: For thousands of traders who herded their 130,000 sacrificial animals to the Superhighway's makeshift livestock market where they intend to stay until Eid, the recent downpour can spell disaster if immediate measures are not taken to improve market conditions. Unhygienic damp conditions favour fast transmission of germs and can result in an outbreak of diseases, including Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and Crimean-Congo Haemorrhagic Fever (CCHF), according to experts. So far 130,000 animals have arrived at the market, spread over 900 acres along the Superhighway, which is organised by the Cantonment Board Malir (CBM) and facilitated by other government departments. The market, sources said, lacked a proper mechanism for animal inspection and to ensure that only the animals vaccinated against major diseases enter the market. This came to light after traders shared their concerns with Dawn during a visit to the market on Monday. The traders said they suffered a lot due to the two days of downpour as rainwater was standing in many stalls while mud and manure turned the facility into a big mess. "Strong winds along with rain uprooted all makeshift structures. We received no help from the administration and had to drain out water on a self-help basis by making holes into this wall," said Fazal, a trader who had brought 30 animals to the market, while pointing at a nearby concrete barrier. There was no electricity at the market for the past three days, he added. Sharing similar concerns with Dawn, some other traders called upon the administration to take measures to help traders cope with the aftermath of rain as mud and unhygienic conditions had made animals very vulnerable to disease. "I couldn't sleep over the past three days because my precious animals were all standing in water and mud. We had to drain out water on our own, as the soldiers were busy facilitating VIP blocks," said a trader while cleaning his animals.

He alleged that the market administration was only interested in making money, as it provided no facility despite collecting huge sums from traders under different heads. Expressing his disappointment, another trader said the administration should have made arrangements to tackle the emergency situation, as the city had received downpour before Eid-ul-Azha last year, too. "But then the situation was saved as there were only two days left in Eid and all traders managed to do their business," said Akram who brought his animals from Sialkot. He said he was contemplating to get his animals vaccinated against FMD. "All my animals are vaccinated against general diseases. But they may fall sick while standing in mud. I cannot afford their illness at this time." Not all traders had managed to pitch their tents again, as many had no option but to do without them. "Our tents are still wet. You can see that my cross-breed cow is shivering," said a trader while speaking to Dawn.

One could see some army soldiers at one place draining out rainwater while labourers in narrow lanes of the market were found clearing the mud. Some traders said they had to hire labourers to again set up the makeshift structures which had fallen on the rainy day. Asked about the possibility of disease outbreak in a livestock market in post-rain conditions, Prof Masood Rabbani, the dean of the faculty of veterinary sciences at Lahore's University of Veterinary Sciences, said continued standing in mud could cause lameness in animals. "Rainy conditions favour germ growth whereas sunlight kills them. Animals are exposed to the FMD risk in the presence of other infected animals," he said, while suggesting the traders to put sand on the soil once water is drained out of their animal stall. He strongly recommended that lime powder be sprinkled in the area as it was an inexpensive but efficient natural insecticide. "This also helps preventing movement of ticks on the ground and restricts its transmission." Visitors to the market can also apply lime powder under their footwear as a method to kill ticks that may have got attached to it. "However, there is no need for vaccination for the FMD right now, as an animal takes at least a month to build up immunity against this disease," he said. "Be vigilant. If any animal develops temperature or stops eating, it should be isolated and quarantined," he said, adding that insecticide sprays could also be used to prevent germ growth. When contacted, market administrator Jahangir Chaudhry said his team with the support of CBM was making all-out efforts to improve conditions at the market. "You know it's a huge place and requires a lot of manpower for management. But we are working round-the-clock to drain out water and clear mud from the market," he said.

Congo fever claims fifth

KARACHI: A middle-aged man living in the city's Karimabad neighbourhood died at a private hospital

life of year in city

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Karachi: Congo virus claims another life

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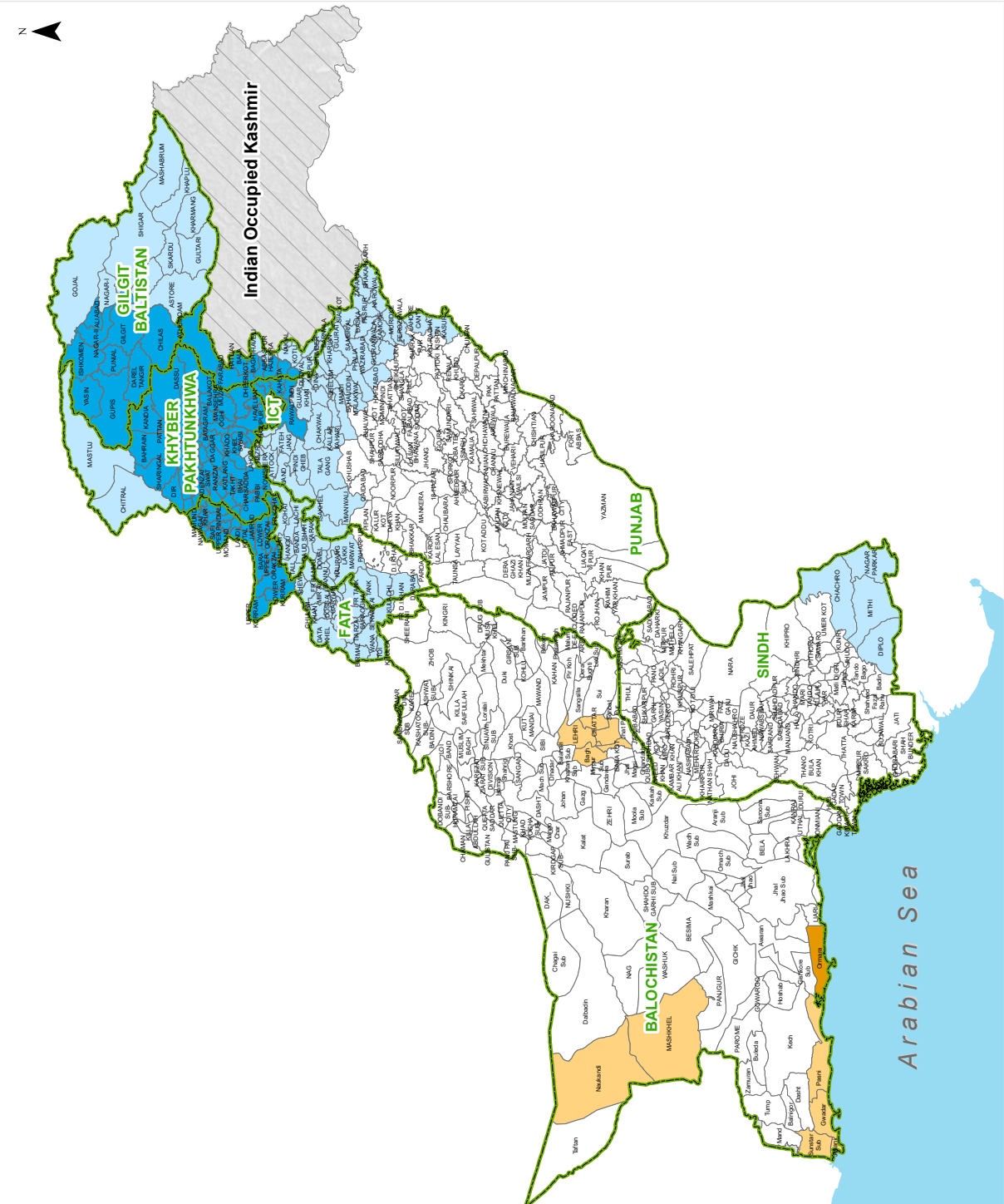
where he was admitted 10 days ago after contracting the deadly Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever (CCHF), taking the toll of victims of the disease in the city to five this year, officials said on Monday. Officials identified the patient as Saleem Ullah, 49, who was admitted to the hospital on Aug 19, which transferred him two days later to its intensive care unit after he was diagnosed as a victim of CCHF. "He died at the hospital on Sunday and the administration there informed us about that today [Monday]," said a senior official in the Sindh health ministry. Officials did not elaborate about how he contracted the virus however, they said an investigation had already been launched. Saleem Ullah was the fifth victim of CCHF, and the fourth to have died in less than a month, officials said. The day he was hospitalised the authorities had confirmed death of a trader at the Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC) because of CCHF who had travelled from Bahawalpur, bringing sacrificial animals to the city ahead of Eidul Azha. A 65-year-old man from Afghanistan died a week before him while a senior doctor from Bahawalpur died in a private hospital on July 31. The doctor too was infected with CCHF while treating a patient at his hospital. Such deaths have alarmed local authorities who have started pulling together all resources to make sure that the hundreds of thousands of animals at the Superhighway are safe from the tick that transfers the lethal disease to humans. Experts, however, said authorities in Sindh are miserably deficient in resources to inspect all animals arriving in the province ahead of Eid.

Sindh minister for livestock, Muhammad Ali Malkani, said he had directed the officials and veterinary doctors to ensure precautionary measures including spraying and fumigation with medicines to prevent the animals at cattle markets to be infected by CCHF. Deputy director, livestock department, Muzaffar Ali Vighio said he had constituted special teams of doctors, paraveterinary, and field staffs who had been provided the necessary medicines to prevent the spread of the disease. The provincial health authorities said they had sent an alert as well, asking all the relevant authorities to take measures and save millions of people in the teeming metropolis from the deadly disease that infected dozens of people in the last two years, out of which 10 did not survive. In a directive, the government asked the concerned authorities to specify points for inspection of animals away from populous localities and proper sites to be allocated for animal markets. In Karachi, officials claimed authorities were inspecting animals at the Toll Plaza or at the entry points of every city of Sindh. Besides, the municipal authorities have been asked to ensure proper sanitation at the site of animal markets and make available proper supply of drinking water. The Karachi Municipal Corporation has asked all visitors to the markets to wear light coloured clothes so that infected ticks from animals could be spotted easily.

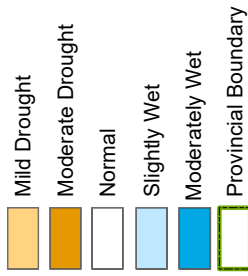
KARACHI (Dunya News): The death toll in Karachi because of Congo virus reaches six as the deadly virus claimed another life in the city on Monday, reported Dunya News. The victim was identified as Islam-ud-Din. Many of the patients were still undergoing treatments in various hospitals of the city. The increase in death toll and uncertain situations in the aftermath have created an atmosphere of fear as locals were afraid to go to markets resulting in the purchase of cattle falling to a drastic level. Vendors that came to the city along with their cattle were also in a miserable state owing to the uncertain situation prevailing. Authorities were also proving to be mere spectators in the ongoing scenario.

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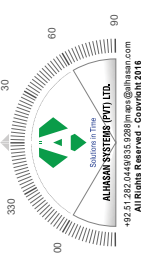
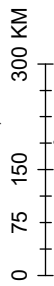


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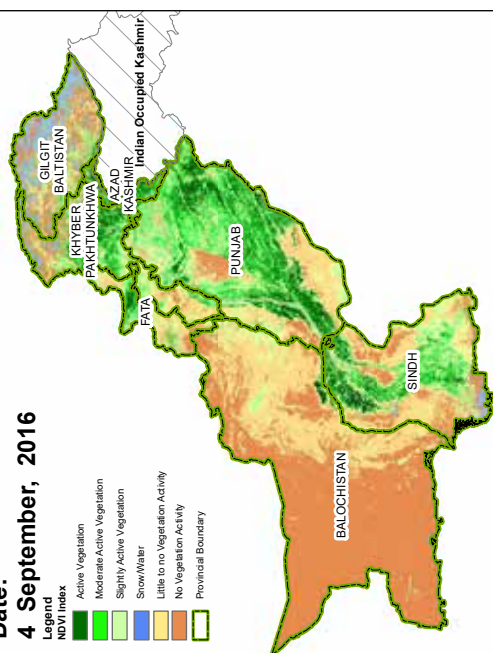


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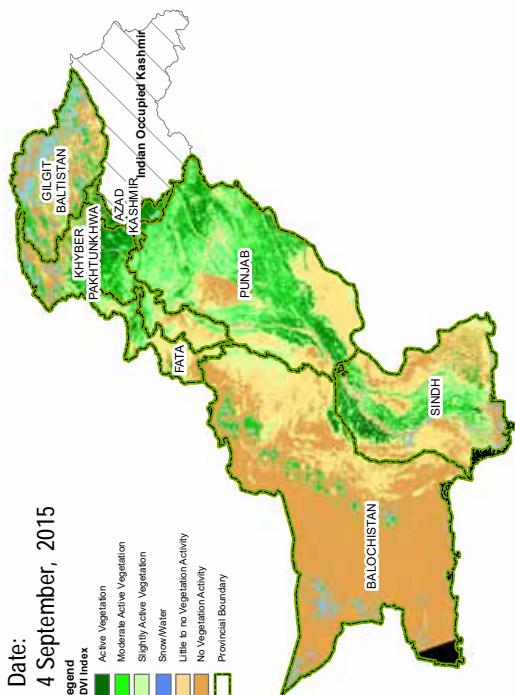
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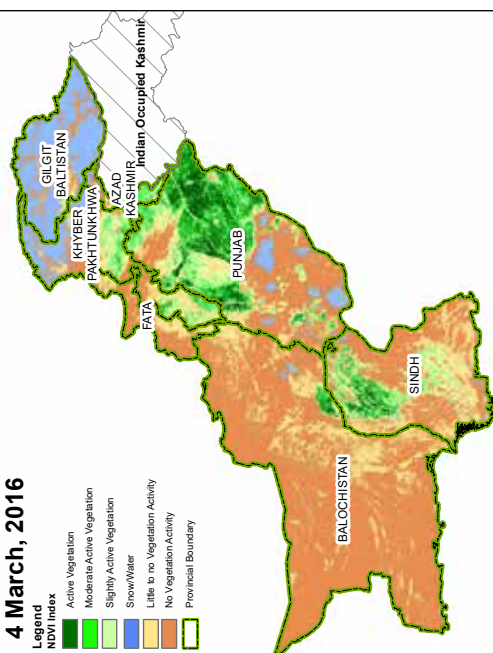
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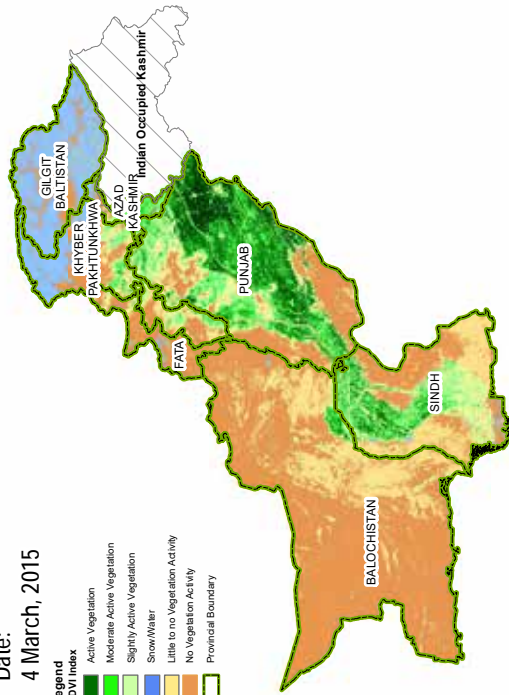
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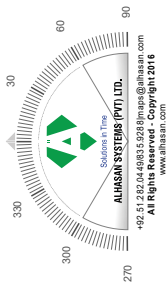
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کراچی (وقائع نگار + روزنامہ نوائے وقت نیوز + نیوز ایجنسیاں) وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی زیر صدارت صوبائی ایگس کمیٹی کا اجلاس ہوا۔ صوبے میں امن و امان کی صورتحال اور نیشنل ایکشن پلان کا جائزہ لیا گیا۔ کمیٹی نے سندھ دینی مدارس رجسٹریشن بل پر اتفاق کر لیا اور کراچی آپریشن ہر صورت منطقی انجام تک پہنچانے کا عزم کیا، تمام اضلاع میں امن کمیٹیاں بنانے کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا۔ گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد، گورکھ پور کمانڈر کراچی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار، ڈی جی رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر، چیف سیکرٹری، سینئر وزیر نثار کھوڑو، مشیر اطلاعات مولانا بخش چانڈیو اور مشیر قانون مرتضیٰ وہاب نے بھی شرکت کی۔ ڈی جی رینجرز نے بریفنگ دی 4 ستمبر 2013ء سے اب تک 848 ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کیا جو 7224 وارداتوں میں ملوث تھے، متحدہ عسکری ونگ کے 654 لیاری گیٹنگ وار 95 اور کالعدم تنظیموں کے 99 ٹارگٹ کلرز کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ مشیر قانون سندھ مرتضیٰ وہاب نے سندھ دینی مدرسہ رجسٹریشن بل پر اجلاس کو بریفنگ دی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ دینی مدارس کی رجسٹریشن آئین کے تحت ہونی چاہیے گی۔ مدارس کو ڈپٹی کمشنر، ضلع ایس پی، بلڈنگ کنٹرول اتھارٹی اور وزارت مذہبی امور سے این او سی لینا لازمی ہو گا۔ مشیر قانون کا کہنا تھا کہ کسی مدرسہ کو براہ راست زکوٰۃ، فطرہ وصول کرنے کا اختیار نہیں ہو گا۔ ڈی جی رینجرز نے تجویز پیش کی کہ سندھ سے کوئٹہ سسٹم ختم کیا جائے کیونکہ سسٹم سے میرٹ پر عمل نہیں ہوتا۔ اس سے سندھ کے شہری علاقوں میں احساس محرومی پیدا ہو تا ہے۔ انہوں نے نوجوانوں کو دہشت گردی اور انتہا پسندی سے روکنے کی تجاویز بھی دیں۔ میڈیا کو بریفنگ میں مشیر اطلاعات مولانا بخش چانڈیو نے کہا کہ پولیس کا ڈیٹا بنایا جائے گا۔ پولیس اصلاحات پر بھی غور کیا جائے گا۔ تحقیقات جدید طرز پر ہوں گی، عارضی رہائش والوں کا ریکارڈ رکھا جائے گا۔ آئندہ دنوں میں مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا فیصلہ اٹل ہے تاہم دینی مدارس کے تحفظات دور کئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی میں غیر ملکی طاقتیں ملوث ہیں انکا سد باب کیا جائے گا۔ پولیس میں نئی بھرتیاں کی جائیں گی۔ گاڑیوں کی نمبر پلیٹس چھپانا جرم قرار دیا جائے گا۔ اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی کے قانون پر سختی سے عملدرآمد کرایا جائے گا۔ دوسرے صوبوں سے آنے والے کراچی میں کارروائیاں کرتے ہیں اب انہیں روکا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ جو ملک کو گالی دے گا اسے ہر صورت پکڑیں گے۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کہ تمام سیاسی جماعتوں کے غیر قانونی دفاتر ختم کئے جائیں گے، 22 اگست جیسے واقعات قبول نہیں، کراچی آپریشن تیز کیا جائے گا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق قربانی کی کھالوں کے ضابطہ اخلاق پر سختی سے عملدرآمد کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ اجلاس میں کہا گیا کہ 22 اگست جیسے واقعات کسی صورت قبول نہیں کئے جاسکتے، پاکستان کے خلاف عناصر کو نہیں چھوڑیں گے۔ مولانا بخش چانڈیو کا کہنا تھا کہ جس جگہ، دفتر میں ملک کے خلاف بات ہوگی اسے خالی اور بند کیا جائے گا، وفاقی حکومت کی جو ذمہ داری ہے پوری کرے، صوبوں پر نہ تھوپے۔ صبح نیوز کے مطابق اجلاس دو گھنٹے سے زائد دیر تک جاری رہا۔ ملزمان کی بے آئی ٹی، انسداد دہشت گردی عدالتوں کے قیام پر فیصلوں پر غور کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کو بتایا گیا کہ 22 اگست کا واقعہ کراچی میں منظم دہشت گردی تھی، دہشت گرد چاہتے تھے کہ اس ایک واقعہ کو بنیاد بنا کر پورے شہر میں خوریزی کی جائے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ اور دیگر شرکاء نے قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی کارکردگی کو سراہا۔ اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ کراچی ٹارگٹڈ آپریشن کی طرز پر دہشت گردوں کے خلاف آپریشن کا دائرہ پورے صوبہ میں وسیع کیا جائے اور اس حوالے سے قومی ایکشن پلان پر عملدرآمد کو بھی ہر صورت یقینی بنایا جائے۔ کمیٹی نے اس بات پر بھی زور دیا کہ فلاحی سرگرمیوں کی آڑ میں کالعدم تنظیموں اور دیگر گروپ جو دہشت گردوں کی مالی مدد کا سلسلہ جاری رکھے ہوئے ہیں ان کو روکنے کے لیے بھی اقدامات کیے جائیں خاص طور پر عید قربان پر کسی بھی ایسی تنظیم کو جو دہشت گردوں کی مالی معاونت کرتی ہو اور دہشت گردوں کی سہولت کار ہو اس کی سرگرمیوں کو روکا جائے اور انہیں فنڈز اور کھالیں جمع نہ کرنے دی جائیں۔ مرتضیٰ وہاب کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی کے تمام اضلاع میں بیس کمیٹیاں تشکیل دی جائیں گی۔ بی بی سی کے مطابق سندھ حکومت نے کراچی میں بیگامہ آرائی سے نمٹنے کیلئے 'اینٹی رائٹس فورس' کے نام سے نئی فورس بنانے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ اس سے قبل کانٹونمنٹ رازم، سیشل انویسٹی گیشن یونٹ، اینٹی کارلنگنگ سیل، اینٹی وائلنٹ کرائم سیل پہلے سے موجود ہیں جن میں ایک مزید فورس کا اضافہ کیا گیا ہے۔ صبح نیوز کے مطابق فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ سیاسی گروہ کو اپنی مرضی زبردستی عوام پر مسلط نہیں کرنے دیں گے۔ اجلاس میں نو منتخب میزوسیم اختر کی بیرونی پارٹی یا انکی رہائش گاہ کو سب جیل قرار دے کر وہاں منتقلی کے آپشن پر غور کیا گیا جبکہ سربراہ ایم کیو ایم پاکستان فاروق ستار کی جانب سے بھیجی گئی سکیورٹی کی درخواست کا بھی جائزہ لیا گیا۔ ڈی جی رینجرز نے کہا کہ ملک دشمن قوتوں کے ہاتھوں کھیلنے والوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کی جارہی ہے رینجرز بطور فورس وطن کی سلامتی کے خلاف کوئی سرگوشی برداشت نہیں کریگی۔ اس موقع پر وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے کہا کہ نتائج کے حصول تک ٹارگٹڈ آپریشن جاری رکھا جائیگا، کراچی میں سیاسی گروہ کو اپنی مرضی زبردستی عوام پر مسلط کرنے دیں گے نہ امن خراب کرنے کی اجازت دیں گے نہ ہی فلاحی کاموں کی آڑ میں بھتہ لینے دیا جائیگا۔

کراچی: مشیر اطلاعات سندھ مولانا بخش چانڈیو کا کہنا ہے کہ صوبے میں مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا فیصلہ اٹل ہے اور اس حوالے سے مدارس کے تحفظات دور کیے جائیں گے۔ سندھ ایگس کمیٹی کے اجلاس کے بعد میڈیا کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے مولانا بخش چانڈیو نے کہا کہ مدارس کی رجسٹریشن کا

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سے قبل بھی اسپتال میں کنگو کا ایک مریض پشین کے رہائشی داد محمد زیر علاج ہے۔ ڈاکٹروں کے مطابق متاثرہ مریض کی حالت درست نہیں ہے کراچی میں ایم کیو ایم کے مزید دفاتر کو سیل کر دیا گیا، کراچی، حیدر آباد اور دیگر علاقوں سے متحدہ قاعدہ کی تصاویر کو اتار دیا گیا۔ ٹی وی چینل پر حملے میں ملوث دو خواتین کو بھی حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی جانب سے متحدہ قومی مومنٹ کے مختلف دفاتر پر چھاپے مارے گئے۔ پاک کالونی، فیڈرل بی ایریا، نار تھ کراچی میں واقع دفاتر کی پہلے تلاشی لی گئی، پھر ان دفاتر کو سیل کر دیا گیا۔ اس سے قبل گلشن اقبال، گلستان جوہر میں واقعہ دفاتر بھی سیل کئے جا چکے ہیں۔ اب تک ایم کیو ایم کے 30 سے زائد دفاتر کو سیل کیا جا چکا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے نجی ٹی وی چینل پر حملے میں ملوث دو خواتین کو لائسنس ایریا سے حراست میں لے لیا۔ خواتین کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت سے ہے۔ خواتین کی شناخت سی سی ٹی وی کیسروں کی مدد سے کی گئی۔ علاوہ ازیں عزیز آباد میں ایم کیو ایم کے مرکز نائن زیرو، مکاچوک اور شہر کے مختلف علاقوں سے ایم کیو ایم کے سینئر پوسٹر اور ایم کیو ایم کے قاعدہ کی تصاویر بھی ہٹا دی گئیں۔ متحدہ قاعدہ کے قائد کے گھر سے بھی ان کی تصاویر اتار دی گئی ہیں۔ مختلف عمارتوں اور دفاتر سے بھی تصاویر ہٹا دی گئیں۔ حیدر آباد سے بھی ایم کیو ایم کے قائد کی تصاویر ہٹا دی گئیں۔ دوسری جانب سندھ حکومت نے کراچی میں متحدہ قاعدہ کے سیکٹر اور یونٹ آفسز ختم کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق سرکاری زمینوں پر قائم تمام دفاتر ختم کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ متحدہ کے زیادہ تر دفاتر پارکس اور کھیل کے میدانوں میں ہیں۔ سرکاری اداروں میں موجود متحدہ لیبر ڈویژن کے دفاتر بھی ختم کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ شہر کی انتظامیہ نے ہدایت کی ہے کہ دفاتر پر اپنی خرید کر یا کرے پر لے کر قائم کئے جائیں۔

پولی کلینک اسلام آباد میں مسیحاؤں پر موت بانٹنے کا الزام ہے، غیر معیاری آکسیجن سلینڈرز کی خریداری میں ملوث 4 ڈاکٹر ز پولیس کے حوالے کر دیئے گئے۔ ملزمان میں وزارت کیڈ کا نیکشن افسر اور 2 کنٹریکٹرز بھی شامل ہیں، 2013ء میں دیئے گئے کنٹریکٹ میں مبینہ طور پر 3 کروڑ کی کرپشن کی گئی

کوئٹہ میں کنگو وائرس کا ایک اور مریض انتقال کر گیا۔ رواں سال بلوچستان میں کنگو وائرس سے جاں بحق افراد کی تعداد 10 ہو گئی۔ کوئٹہ سے تعلق رکھنے والا رحمت اللہ کو 27 اگست کو فاطمہ جناح اسپتال کے آکسولیشن وارڈ میں داخل کیا گیا تھا۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق 40 سالہ رحمت اللہ میں دو روز قبل کنگو وائرس کی تصدیق ہوئی تھی اور اس کی حالت تشویشناک تھی۔ گزشتہ رات حالت کے بگڑنے کے بعد وہ جانبر نہ رہ سکا۔ اس ہلاکت کے بعد بلوچستان میں کنگو وائرس سے ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 10 ہو گئی ہے۔ اسپتال ذرائع کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے فاطمہ جناح اسپتال میں اس وقت کنگو وائرس کا ایک مریض زیر علاج ہے۔ زیر علاج مریض کا تعلق پشین سے ہے۔ کنگو وائرس کا ایک مشتبہ مریض بچہ بھی اسپتال میں داخل ہے۔ جس کے خون کے نمونے تجزیہ کے لئے متعلقہ لیبارٹری بھجوائے جا چکے ہیں

کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے 15 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم کا آج آخری روز ہے۔ ایمر جنسی آپریشن سینٹر حکام کے مطابق بلوچستان کے 15 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم جاری ہے، مہم کا آج پانچواں اور آخری روز ہے، مہم کا تقریباً 95 فیصد ہدف حاصل کر لیا گیا ہے، امید ہے آج مہم کے اختتام تک مقررہ ہدف حاصل کر لیا جائے گا۔ اگر ہدف حاصل نہ ہوا تو مہم کل اور اتوار کو بھی جاری رہے گی، مہم میں 16 لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کی ویکسین پلائی جانی ہے

کراچی میں ڈینگی وائرس کے مزید 60 کیسز سامنے آگئے ہیں۔ ڈینگی پریوینشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کی جاری کردہ رپورٹ کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں کی او پی ڈیز میں 124 ایسے مریضوں کو لایا گیا جو ڈینگی سے متاثر تھے۔ مریضوں کو ڈینگی کی شکایت پر مختلف اسپتالوں میں داخل کیا گیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق ضلع بلیر میں 5، ضلع وسطی میں 14، ضلع جنوبی میں 13، ضلع غربی میں 4، ضلع شرقی میں 19 جبکہ ضلع کورنگی میں 5 کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق رواں سال اب تک صوبے میں ڈینگی سے ایک ہلاکت ہوئی ہے اور 1085 کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے جن میں سے 998 کیسز کراچی کے ہیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق شہر کے چند سرکاری اسپتال ڈینگی پروگرام کو اعداد و شمار فراہم نہیں کرتے جس سے درست اعداد و شمار سامنے نہیں آتے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق رواں سال شہر میں ڈینگی کے مریضوں کی تعداد 2 ہزار سے تجاوز کر چکی ہے جبکہ ڈینگی سے 2 ہلاکتیں بھی ہو چکی ہیں۔ لیکن محکمہ صحت سندھ اور کے ایم سی کی جانب سے اسپرے مہم شروع نہیں کی جارہی۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال صوبے میں ڈینگی کے 3676 کیسز سامنے آئے تھے اور ڈینگی سے 11 ہلاکتیں بھی ہوئی تھیں

لاہور نیلم سینماچوک میں سلنڈر دھماکہ ہونے کے باعث دکان میں آگ لگ گئی۔ ریسکیو اہلکاروں نے آگ پر قابو پا لیا۔ عینی شاہدین کے مطابق جمعرات کو دکان میں اچانک سلنڈر بلاسٹ ہو گیا جس کے باعث آگ بھڑک اٹھی۔ آگ کے شعلوں نے دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے پوری دکان کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا۔ چند لمحوں بعد دکان کے اوپر رہائشی تین منزلہ عمارت بھی آگ کی لپیٹ میں آگئی۔ اطلاع ملنے پر فائر بریگیڈ کی گاڑیوں نے

راستے بند، شہری خوار، ٹریفک میں پھنس کر خاتون اور بچہ جاں بحق، پی ٹی آئی کی قیادت پر مقدمہ کرائیں گے، حکومت؛ ہلاکتوں کی ذمہ دار انتظامیہ ہے، تحریک اس صاف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

3 ستمبر 2016

پولی کلینک اسلام آباد میں مسیحاؤں پر موت بانٹنے کا الزام

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2 ستمبر 2016

کوئٹہ میں کنگو وائرس کا ایک اور مریض دم توڑ گیا

جیو اردو نیوز

2 ستمبر 2016

بلوچستان کے 15 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم کا آخری روز

جیو اردو نیوز

2 ستمبر 2016

کراچی میں ڈینگی وائرس کے مزید 60 کیسز رپورٹ

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2 ستمبر 2016

لاہور: دکان میں گیس سلنڈر پھٹنے سے آتشزدگی، سلمان جل کر راکھ ہو گیا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

پبلک سروسز

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سرخیاں

صوبائی: کیڈٹ کالج میں فوڈ پوائزنگ کے باعث 500 طلباء کی حالت خراب ہو گئی جس کے بعد انہیں مختلف اسپتالوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق صوبائی کے کرنل شیر خان کیڈٹ کالج میں مضر صحت کھانا کھانے سے اچانک 500 طلباء کی طبیعت خراب ہو گئی جس کے بعد انہیں فوری طور پر مختلف اسپتالوں میں منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ریسکیو 1122 کے مطابق طلباء کو مردان میڈیکل کمپلیکس، ڈی ایچ کیو اور سی ایم اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا ہے جہاں ڈاکٹروں کا کہنا ہے کہ تمام طلباء فوڈ پوائزنگ کا شکار ہوئے ہیں جنہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جا رہی ہے۔

صوبائی کے کیڈٹ کالج میں مضر صحت کھانا کھانے سے 500 طلباء کی حالت غیر

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خیبر پور میں پیپلز پارٹی کے ورکرز کنونشن میں بجلی چوری کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ کنونشن میں مشیر اطلاعات سندھ مولابخش چانڈیو کے خطاب کے موقع پر ہلڑ بازی بھی ہوئی۔ خیبر پور کے سرکٹ ہاؤس میں پیپلز پارٹی کا ورکرز کنونشن ہوا جس میں وزیر خوراک سندھ نثار کھوڑو، مشیر اطلاعات مولابخش چانڈیو، قومی و صوبائی اسمبلیوں کے اراکین نے شرکت کی۔ کنونشن میں 20 سے زائد ایئر کولرز اور درجنوں پیڈسٹل فین لگائے گئے تھے جنہیں چلانے کے لیے سرکٹ ہاؤس کی دیوار سے متصل بجلی کی لائن پر کنڈا لگا دیا گیا اور دن دہائے چوری کی بجلی استعمال کی گئی۔ کوئی دیکھ بھی لے تو کار سرکار میں مداخلت کرنے کی جرات کسے ہے۔ سیکو افسران کو گھروں پر لگے کنڈے اندھیری رات میں بھی نظر آ جاتے ہیں لیکن سرکاری سطح پر دھولے سے کی جانے والی چوری پر یہ افسران آنکھیں کیوں بند کر لیتے ہیں۔ کنونشن میں مولابخش چانڈیو کے خطاب سے پہلے پیپلز پارٹی کے کچھ جیلے اسٹیج پر چڑھ گئے اور کچھ اسٹیج کے سامنے آگئے اور رکن قومی اسمبلی نواب خان وسان کے حق میں نعرے بازی شروع کر دی، جس پر مولابخش چانڈیو نے ناراضگی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ صرف جے بھٹو کے نعرے لگائے جائیں، ذاتی یا شخصی نعرہ لگانے والوں کا نام پارٹی انکیشن سے نکال دیا جائے گا

خیبر پور: پیپلز پارٹی کے ورکرز کنونشن میں بجلی چوری کا انکشاف

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کراچی: سندھ کے مختلف شہروں میں 7 ہزار 724 مدارس کی جیو ٹیکنگ کا عمل مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے جس سے ان مدارس کی نگرانی میں مدد ملے گی۔ اسپیشل برانچ سندھ کے مطابق ملک بھر میں بڑھتی ہوئی دہشت گردی کے پیش نظر سندھ بھر میں 7 ہزار 724 دینی مدارس کی جیو ٹیکنگ کا عمل مکمل کر لیا گیا ہے، جدید ٹیکنالوجی کے ذریعے کراچی، حیدر آباد، میرپور خاص، سکھر اور لاڑکانہ ڈویژن کا سروس مکمل کر لیا گیا جس کے بعد اب سندھ بھر میں قائم مدارس کی سرگرمیوں کی نگرانی کی جاسکے گی۔ ذرائع اسپیشل برانچ سندھ کے مطابق کراچی کے 3 ہزار 110، حیدر آباد کے 1 ہزار 291، میرپور خاص کے 750 سکھر کے 1 ہزار 536 اور لاڑکانہ کے ایک ہزار 377 مدارس کی جیو ٹیکنگ کی گئی۔ سندھ بھر میں 2 ہزار 302 مدارس بند جبکہ ایک ہزار 184 مدارس غیر رجسٹرڈ ہیں جن کو ضابطے میں لانے کے لیے تحریری طور پر آگاہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ دنیا بھر میں عمارتوں کی نگرانی کے لیے جیو ٹیکنگ ٹیکنالوجی کی مدد حاصل کی جا رہی ہے جب کہ سندھ بھر میں جیو ٹیکنگ کا فیصلہ سندھ ہیکس کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں کیا گیا تھا۔

سندھ میں 7 ہزار سے زائد مدارس کی جیو ٹیکنگ کا عمل مکمل

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کراچی: گرین اور اورنج لائن منصوبوں کی راہ میں آنے والی پائپ لائنوں کی منتقلی کے باعث شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں گیس کی فراہمی معطل ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے سائٹ ایریا، نار تھ ناظم آباد، فیڈرل بی ایریا، بفر زون اور یو پی موڑ سمیت اطراف کے علاقوں میں صبح 6 بجے سے گیس کی فراہمی معطل ہے جس کی وجہ سے شہریوں کو پھٹی کے روز شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے، لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد نے گیس کی فراہمی نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے ناشتہ بازار سے خرید لیا۔ دوسری جانب سوئی سدرن گیس کمپنی کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں گرین اور اورنج لائن میٹرو منصوبوں میں جاری کام کی راہ میں 20 انچ قطر کی گیس لائن آرہی تھی جسے دوسری جانب منتقل کیا جا رہا ہے، جس کی وجہ سے مختلف علاقوں میں گیس کی فراہمی معطل ہے جس پر وہ اپنے صارفین سے معذرت خواہ ہیں، جیسے ہی کام مکمل کر لیا جائے گا شہریوں کو گیس کی فراہمی بھی بحال کر دی جائے گی۔

کراچی میں پائپ لائنوں کی منتقلی کے باعث مختلف علاقوں میں گیس بند

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بلوچستان میں کانگو وائرس کا ایک اور کیس سامنے آگیا ہے، بشین کے رہائشی 14 سال کے عبدالولی کو چند روز قبل کانگو وائرس کے شبے میں اسپتال لایا گیا۔ فاطمہ جناح جنرل اینڈ چٹ اسپتال کوئٹہ کے حکام کے مطابق متاثرہ مریض عبدالولی کو چند روز قبل کانگو وائرس کے شبے میں اسپتال لایا گیا تھا، اس میں کانگو وائرس کی تصدیق ہو گئی ہے اور زیر علاج ہیں۔ عبدالولی کے علاوہ ایک اور مریض کو کانگو وائرس کے شبے میں اسپتال لایا گیا ہے، مشتبہ مریض غلام محمد کا تعلق کوئٹہ کے علاقے شیخ ماوندہ سے ہے، مریض کے خون کے نمونے تجزیہ کے لئے متعلقہ لیبارٹری بھجوا دیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس

کوئٹہ: ایک اور مریض میں کانگو وائرس کی تصدیق

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کراچی کے علاقے گلستان جوہر میں حساس ادارے نے خفیہ اطلاع پر پولیس کے ساتھ مل کر کارروائی کے دوران معروف قوال امجد صابری قتل کیس کے مرکزی ملزم کو گرفتار کر لیا، ذرائع کے مطابق ملزم کی شناخت شہزاد عرف مولا کے نام سے ہوئی ہے جو لیاقت آباد کارہائشی ہے جب کہ ملزم کا تعلق سیاسی جماعت سے ہے۔ ذرائع نے دعویٰ کیا ہے ملزم امجد صابری قتل کیس کا مرکزی ملزم ہے جس نے دوران تفتیش انکشاف کیا ہے کہ منصوبہ بندی عزیز آباد کے علاقے میں کی تھی جس میں اس کے دیگر ساتھی بھی شامل تھے۔ ملزم کے انکشاف کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے ملزمان کے ساتھیوں کی تلاش کے لیے چھاپے مارنا شروع کر دیے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب پولیس افسران نے ملزم کو حراست میں لینے کی تصدیق نہیں کی۔ واضح رہے کہ 22 جون کو لیاقت آباد 10 نمبر پر انڈر پاس کے قریب موٹر سائیکل سوار نامعلوم ملزمان نے امجد صابری کی گاڑی پر فائرنگ کی جس کے نتیجے میں وہ موقع پر ہی جاں بحق ہو گئے تھے۔

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کر سرچ آپریشن شروع کر دیا 3/4 بم ڈسپوزل سکواڈ نے جائے وقوعہ سے شواہد اکٹھے کرنا شروع کر دیے ہیں۔ ادھر صدر مملکت ممنون حسین 3/4 وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے دھماکے کی شدید مذمت کی ہے۔ چیف جسٹس انور ظہیر جمالی، شہباز شریف، بلاول بھٹو، عمران خان اور دیگر نے دہشت گرد حملوں کی شدید مذمت کی ہے۔ تحریک طالبان کے جماعت الاحرار گروپ کے ترجمان احسان اللہ احسان نے دونوں حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول کرتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ ابھی مزید حملے کئے جائیں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا ہم نے لوگوں کو ان غیر اسلامی عدالتوں سے دور رہنے کی ہدایت کی تھی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ہم ان کو مزید نشانہ بنائیں گے۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے مردان میں ہونے والے خود کش حملے کی شدید الفاظ میں مذمت کرتے ہوئے کہا بزدلانہ حملے دہشت گردی کے خلاف ہمارے عزائم کو کمزور نہیں کر سکتے۔ اس قسم کی بزدلانہ کارروائیاں دہشت گردی کے خلاف ہمارے عزم کو کمزور نہیں کر سکتیں۔ پسپا ہوتے دہشت گرد آسان اہداف کو نشانہ بنا رہے ہیں لیکن ہم دہشت گردوں کو پاکستان میں چھپنے کی جگہ نہیں دیں گے اور ان کا ہر جگہ پیچھا کیا جائے گا۔ آرمی چیف راجیل شریف نے میڈیکل کمپلیکس مردان کا دورہ کیا۔ ان کے ہمراہ چیف جسٹس پشاور ہائیکورٹ اور وزیر اعلیٰ پرویز خٹک بھی تھے۔ آرمی چیف نے ہسپتال میں حملے کے زخمیوں کی عیادت کی۔ آرمی چیف کو زخمیوں کے علاج و معالجے سے متعلق بتایا گیا۔ وکلاء نے کل ہڑتال کا اعلان کیا ہے

اسلام آباد میں پولیس نے سہالہ اور ترنول کے علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 70 مشکوک افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ جمعہ کو پولیس کے مطابق تھانہ سہالہ کی حدود میں پٹھان کالونی سہالہ بازار میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 35 گھروں اور دکانوں کو سرچ کیا گیا۔ اس دوران 60 مشکوک افراد کو حراست میں تھانے منتقل کیا گیا۔ ترنول کے علاقے میں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن، 10 مشکوک افراد گرفتار کیا۔ جن سے اسلحہ اور گولیاں بھی برآمد ہوئیں ہیں۔ سرچ آپریشن اتفاق کالونی اور ڈورے گاؤں میں کیا گیا۔

راولپنڈی: سیکورٹی فورسز نے فیصل آباد میں کومنگ آپریشن کے دوران 6 دہشت گرد گرفتار کر لئے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ ابلاغ عامہ ”آئی ایس پی آر“ کے جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کے اہلکاروں نے فیصل آباد اور گرد و نواح کے مختلف علاقوں میں کومنگ آپریشن کے دوران 6 دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق گرفتار دہشت گردوں میں خود کش بمباروں کے پیئر ل بھی شامل ہیں جب کہ ایک دہشت گرد خود کش حملہ آوروں کو بھرتی کرتا تھا، یہ تمام دہشت گرد 2014 سے وایج لسٹ پر تھے۔ واضح رہے کہ سانحہ کونہ کے بعد ملک بھر میں دہشت گردوں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کے خلاف کارروائیوں میں شدت آئی ہے۔

وزیر اعلیٰ ہاؤس میں مراد علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت صوبائی انیکس کمیٹی کے اجلاس میں گورنر سندھ ڈاکٹر عشرت العباد، سینئر صوبائی وزیر نثار کھوڑو، کور کمانڈر کراچی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل نوید مختار، ڈی جی رینجرز میجر جنرل بلال اکبر، آئی جی سندھ پولیس اے ڈی خواجہ، ایڈیشنل آئی جی مشتاق مہر اور ثناء اللہ عباسی سمیت سینئر پولیس افسران نے شرکت کی۔ اجلاس کو بریفنگ دیتے ہوئے آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ نے بتایا کہ پولیس کے حکمے میں آٹومیشن سسٹم کی اشد ضرورت ہے جس کے لیے پنجاب حکومت نے سندھ پولیس کو اپنا سوفٹ ویئر بلا معاوضہ دینے پر رضامندی ظاہر کی ہے۔ آٹومیشن سسٹم کی تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کے ذریعے ڈی آئی جی کی زیر نگرانی آئی ٹی کی ونگ قائم کی جائے گی جس میں سی آر ایم، پولیس ریکارڈ، ہیومن ریسورس، کمپلیٹ منیجمنٹ سسٹم سمیت دیگر شعبوں کو بہتر تکنیکی مہارت رکھنے والے 2500 آفیشلس چلائیں گے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ نے آئی جی سندھ کی تجویز منظور کرتے ہوئے چیف سیکریٹری کو ہدایت کی کہ اس ضمن میں تمام کاغذی کارروائی کو فوری طور پر مکمل کیا جائے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ نے ابتدائی طور پر 100 اہلکاروں پر مشتمل اینٹی ریپٹ فورس قائم کرنے کی منظوری دی جسے ہنگامہ آرائی سے نمٹنے کے لیے خاص تربیت فراہم کی جائے گی۔ اجلاس کے دوران اس بات کی نشاندہی کی گئی کہ گاڑیوں کی رجسٹرڈ نمبر پلیٹس میں سیکورٹی کی کوئی ضمانت نہیں اس لیے اجلاس میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ نئی معیاری نمبر پلیٹس متعارف کرائی جائیں گی جن میں ٹریکنگ سسٹم سمیت دیگر سیکورٹی خصوصیات شامل ہوں گی اور موٹر سائیکلوں کو بھی ایسی نمبر پلیٹ فراہم کی جائیں گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ صدیق میمن کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ محکمہ ایکسائز کے ساتھ رابطے میں آئیں۔ اجلاس کے دوران یہ بات نوٹ کی گئی کہ اسلحے کی نمائش پر پابندی کے باوجود لوگوں کی اکثریت قانون شکنی کرتی ہے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید نے چیف سیکریٹری سندھ کو احکامات جاری کیے کہ تمام ڈپٹی کمشنرز کو ہدایت کی جائے کہ وہ اپنے متعلقہ علاقوں میں اس پابندی کے حوالے سے عوام کو آگاہ کریں اور خلاف ورزی کرنے کی صورت میں سخت اقدامات کو یقینی بنائیں۔ اجلاس میں کراچی میں ہنگامہ آرائی سے نمٹنے کے لیے علیحدہ پولیس فورس تشکیل دینے کی منظوری دی گئی جب کہ گاڑیوں کے چوری اور جرائم میں استعمال کو روکنے کے لیے صوبہ میں گاڑیوں کی نئی نمبر پلیٹس متعارف کرانے کا فیصلہ کیا گیا، نئی نمبر پلیٹس جدید ٹریکنگ سسٹم سے منسلک ہوں گی۔

کراچی: قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے گلستان جوہر میں کارروائی کے دوران امجد صابری قتل کیس کے مبینہ مرکزی ملزم کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔

اسلام آباد: پولیس کا سہالہ اور ترنول میں سرچ آپریشن، 70 مشکوک افراد گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

2 ستمبر 2016

فیصل آباد میں سیکورٹی فورسز کا کومنگ آپریشن، 6 دہشت گرد گرفتار

ایکپریس اردو

1 ستمبر 2016

کراچی میں ہنگامہ آرائی سے نمٹنے کیلئے علیحدہ فورس تشکیل دینے کا فیصلہ

ایکپریس اردو

31 اگست 2016

امجد صابری قتل کا مرکزی ملزم گرفتار

دکلا اور سائلین کا ہوا جو وہاں پر موجود تھے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق حملے میں مجموعی طور پر 13 افراد شہید اور 30 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے۔ شہید ہونے والوں میں 4 وکیل، 3 پولیس اہلکار اور 6 عام لوگ شامل ہیں۔

نیویارک: اقوام متحدہ کے سیکرٹری جنرل بان کی مون نے مردان اور پشاور میں بم دھماکوں کی مذمت کرتے ہوئے مجرموں کو کبھی کر دار تک پہنچانے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ غیر ملکی خبر رساں ایجنسی کے مطابق بان کی مون کے ترجمان نے نیویارک میں میڈیا کو بتایا کہ یو این سیکرٹری جنرل کو پاکستان کے مردان اور پشاور شہروں میں بم دھماکوں میں جانی نقصان پر دلی صدمہ پہنچا انہوں نے پاکستانی قوم اور حکومت سے اس مشکل وقت میں یکجہتی کا اظہار کیا۔ بان کی مون نے کہا کہ پاکستان میں امن و استحکام کی ضرورت ہے حکومت کو چاہیے کہ وہ مجرموں کو انصاف میں کنہرے میں لائے، بان کی مون نے دھماکوں میں جاں بحق افراد کے لواحقین سے اظہار تعزیت اور زخمیوں سے ہمدردی کا اظہار بھی کیا۔

پشاور میں ورسک ڈیم کے قریب کرسمس کالونی میں دہشت گردوں کا حملہ ناکام، ایک شخص ہلاک، فورسز کی جوابی کارروائی میں 4 خودکش بمبار مارے گئے جبکہ 3 اہلکاروں سمیت 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ مردان کی ضلع پکھری میں خودکش حملے میں 4 وکلاء، 3 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 14 افراد جاں بحق، 40 زخمی ہو گئے۔ آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے دھماکے کے زخمیوں کی ہسپتال میں عیادت کی، تحریک طالبان کے جماعت الاحرار گروپ نے دونوں حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول کر لی ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق پشاور میں ورسک ڈیم کے قریب واقع کرسمس کالونی میں علی الصبح پانچ بجے کے قریب 4 مسلح دہشت گرد داخل ہوئے اور جدید ہتھیاروں سے حملہ کر دیا۔ واقعہ کی اطلاع ملتے ہی سیکیورٹی فورسز کی بڑی نفری موقع پر پہنچ گئی اور دہشت گردوں کے ساتھ فائرنگ کا تبادلہ شروع ہو گیا، فورسز کی کارروائی میں 4 خودکش بمبار ہلاک اور 3 سیکیورٹی اہلکاروں سمیت 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ یعنی شاہدین کے مطابق دودھشت گردوں نے خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا دیا جبکہ دودھشت گرد سیکیورٹی فورسز کی فائرنگ سے ہلاک ہوئے۔ کرپشن کالونی اور اطراف کے علاقوں کی فضائی نگرانی بھی کی گئی، حملے کی اطلاع سامنے آتے ہی پشاور کے ہسپتالوں میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی جبکہ ڈاکٹر ز اور طبی عملے کو فوری طور پر طلب کر لیا گیا۔ دوسری جانب وار سک روڈ اور اس سے منسلک دیگر شاہراہوں کو ٹریفک کے لیے بند کر دیا گیا۔ پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق ہلاک دہشت گردوں سے افغان سیمیں بھی برآمد ہوئیں، ہر حملہ آور کے پاس 8 سے 10 کلوگرام تک بارود تھا، خودکش حملہ آوروں کے سر اور ٹانگیں مل گئی ہیں، خودکش حملہ آوروں کی عمریں 20 سے 24 سال تھیں، حملے میں ہلاک شہری کی شناخت سیویل میج کے نام سے کی گئی، حملہ آوروں سے 4 گنیں، 4 دستی اور 4 جیکٹس برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔ حملہ آوروں میں سے ایک کا چہرہ قابل شناخت ہے، حملہ آوروں سے برآمد خودکش جیکٹیں ناکارہ بنا دی گئی ہیں۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق کرسمس کالونی میں دہشت گردوں سے فائرنگ کا تبادلہ کافی دیر تک جاری رہا جب کہ دہشت گردوں سے مقابلے میں 2 ایف سی اہلکار 2 سول گارڈز اور ایک پولیس اہلکار بھی زخمی ہوئے۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کا کہنا تھا کہ کرپشن کالونی میں ہلاک ہونے والے تمام دہشت گرد خودکش بمبار تھے تاہم حالات کنٹرول میں ہیں۔ سیکیورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق کرسمس کالونی پر حملہ کرنے والے دہشت گرد افغانستان سے ہدایات لیتے رہے، ذرائع کے مطابق خودکش حملہ آوروں سے دو افغان سیمیں برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔ چیف آف آرمی سٹاف جنرل راجیل شریف نے پاک فوج، ایف سی اور پولیس کی فوری اور موثر کارروائی کو سراہتے ہوئے دہشت گردی کی کوشش ناکام بنانے پر مبارکباد دی۔ وزیر اعظم نواز شریف نے پشاور میں دہشت گردی کا منصوبہ ناکام بنانے پر سیکیورٹی فورسز کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ فوج، ایف سی اور پولیس نے دہشت گردوں کے خلاف فوری کارروائی کی جب کہ بغیر کسی جانی نقصان کے دہشت گردوں سے غنمانہ صرف قابل تعریف ہے بلکہ فورسز کی اہلیت اور صلاحیت میں اضافہ بھی قابل قدر ہے۔ آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے کامیاب کارروائی پر خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بروقت جوابی کارروائی نے ملک کو بڑے سانحہ سے بچالیا، کئی بے گناہ شہریوں کی جانیں بھی محفوظ رہیں۔ آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے دہشت گردوں کو عبرتناک شکست دینے کا عزم بھی دہرایا، ان کا کہنا تھا کہ مذموم کوششوں سے امن کے دشمن افواج پاکستان اور قوم کا عزم متزلزل نہیں کر سکتے۔ دوسری جانب مردان میں ضلع پکھری گیٹ پر خودکش دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 14 افراد جاں بحق اور 40 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ خودکش حملہ آور نے مردان میں ضلع پکھری گیٹ پر پہلے دستی بم پھینکا اور پھر خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا لیا جس کے نتیجے میں 3 پولیس اہلکاروں اور 4 وکلاء سمیت 14 افراد جاں بحق اور 40 زخمی ہو گئے۔ دھماکے کے بعد امدادی ٹیموں کے اہلکاروں نے زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر ڈسٹر ک ہاؤس کو اور ٹری ہسپتال منتقل کیا جہاں انھیں طبی امداد دی جا رہی ہے۔ ہسپتال ذرائع نے بتایا کہ زخمیوں میں زیادہ تعداد دکلا کی ہے جن میں سے بیشتر کی حالت تشویش ناک ہے۔ دھماکے کے بعد مردان کے ہسپتالوں میں ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی گئی ہے، شدید زخمیوں کو پشاور منتقل کر دیا گیا اور دھماکے کے بعد دہشت گردی کے ذرائع کے مطابق احاطے میں وکلاء کی بڑی تعداد موجود تھی۔ دھماکے میں پولیس اہلکاروں اور 2 وکلاء سمیت 14 افراد جاں بحق ہوئے۔ مشیر اطلاعات خیبر پختونخواہ مشتاق غنی نے بتایا کہ حملہ آور نے سب سے پہلے گیٹ پر دستی بم پھینکا اور پھر اندر داخل ہونے کے بعد اپنے آپ کو دھماکے سے اڑا لیا۔ دوسری جانب ڈی پی او مردان نے بتایا کہ پولیس نے خودکش بمبار کو دیکھتے ہی اس پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں حملہ آور نے خود کو گیٹ پر ہی دھماکے سے اڑا لیا۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ خودکش حملہ آور نے 6 سے 8 کلو بارودی مواد استعمال کیا۔ واقعہ کے بعد سیکیورٹی فورسز نے پورے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

3 ستمبر 2016

پشاور: کرسمس کالونی پر حملہ ناکام، ایک

شہری، 4 خودکش بمبار مارے گئے،

مردان: پکھری میں خودکش دھماکہ،

14 افراد جاں بحق، 40 زخمی

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2 ستمبر 2016

سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

لاہور کے علاقہ نولکھامیں ڈولفن فورس کے اہلکاروں کی مبینہ فائرنگ سے 7 سالہ بچی زخمی ہو گئی، آئی جی پنجاب مشتاق احمد سکھیرا نے واقعہ کا نوٹس لے کر ایس پی مجاہد سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق واقعہ پاتھی گراؤنڈ میں پیش آیا جہاں خالد نامی منشیات فروش نے ساتھیوں کے ہمراہ ڈولفن فورس کے اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کر دی تھی۔ جوابی کارروائی کے دوران راہ گیر 7 سالہ ہادیہ زخمی ہو گئی۔ پولیس نے ملزم خالد کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ایس پی مجاہد فورس سید کرار حسین کے مطابق ڈولفن فورس کے ایک اہلکار کو حراست میں لے کر واقعہ کی تحقیقات کی جارہی ہیں۔

لاہور: ڈولفن فورس کی مبینہ فائرنگ سے 7 سالہ بچی زخمی

جیو اردو نیوز

5 ستمبر 2016

پاکستان کے صوبے خیبر پختونخوا کے دارالحکومت پشاور میں پولیس موبائل پر ہونے والے ایک ریموٹ کنٹرول بم حملے میں ایک اہلکار ہلاک اور ایک راگیر زخمی ہو گیا ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق یہ واقعہ اتوار کو سہ پہر پشاور شہر کے علاقے بچگی روڈ پر متحرک پولیس سٹیشن کی حدود میں پیش آیا۔ پشاور پولیس کے ایک اہلکار گل سید نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ پولیس کی ایک موبائل وین جارہی تھی کہ اس دوران سڑک کے کنارے پہلے سے نصب ایک ریموٹ کنٹرول بم دھماکے کا نشانہ بنی۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ حملے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار ہلاک اور ایک راگیر زخمی ہو گیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ موبائل وین میں ڈرائیور کے علاوہ اور کوئی اہلکار سوار نہیں تھا۔ دھماکے میں گاڑی مکمل طور پر تباہ ہو گئی ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ پشاور میں یہ واقعہ ایسے وقت پیش آیا ہے جب جمعے کو ہی پشاور کے علاقے ورسک میں عیسائی برادری کی ایک کالونی پر شدت پسندوں کی جانب سے حملہ کی کوشش کی گئی تھی جس میں ایک شخص ہلاک ہوا تھا۔ سیکورٹی فورسز نے اس حملے کی ناکام بناتے ہوئے چار دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا تھا۔ اس علاوہ اسی دن مردان میں بکھری کی حدود میں ہونے والے خود کش دھماکے میں پولیس اہلکاروں اور وکلاء سمیت کم سے کم 12 افراد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔ یہ بات بھی قابل ذکر ہے کہ پشاور میں پولیس اہلکاروں کو ہدف بنا کر قتل کے واقعات کا سلسلہ تو اتنے سے جاری ہے تاہم اس میں پہلے کے مقابلے میں کافی حد تک کمی دیکھی گئی ہے۔

پشاور میں پولیس موبائل پر بم حملے میں

ایک اہلکار ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

4 ستمبر 2016

پاکستان میں وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقے مہمند ایجنسی میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ سیکورٹی فورسز پر ہونے والے ایک ریموٹ کنٹرول بم حملے میں ایک سیکورٹی اہلکار ہو گیا ہے۔ پولیس کا انتظامیہ کے مطابق یہ دھماکہ اتوار کی صبح تحصیل صافی کے علاقے کوڑچرکند میں ہوا۔ تحصیل صافی کے پولیس ٹھکانے تحصیلدار محمود شاہ نے بی بی سی سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ملیشیا فورس کے اہلکار زرباد شاہ ایک تباہ شدہ مکان سے سامان لے کر جا رہے تھے کہ اس دوران وہاں پہلے سے نصب ریموٹ کنٹرول بم پھٹنے سے زوردار دھماکہ ہوا جس سے وہاں موجود اہلکار ہلاک ہوا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ یہ مکان ایک مبینہ شدت پسند کا تھا جسے چند دن پہلے سیکورٹی فورسز کی طرف سے دھماکہ خیز مواد سے تباہ کیا گیا تھا۔ خیال رہے کہ مہمند ایجنسی میں گزشتہ چند ہفتوں سے سیکورٹی اہلکاروں پر حملوں میں ایک مرتبہ تیزی آرہی ہے۔ بیشتر حملوں میں سیکورٹی اہلکار یا حکومتی حامی قبائلی مشران اور سرداروں کو نشانہ بنایا جاتا رہا ہے۔ کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان جماعت الحرار و قافو قفان حملوں کی ذمہ داری قبول کرنے کا دعویٰ کرتی رہی ہے۔

مہمند ایجنسی میں دھماکہ، ایک اہلکار

ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

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اسلام آباد: وفاقی تحقیقاتی ادارے ایف آئی اے نے بے نظیر انٹرنیشنل ایئرپورٹ سے اغواہرائے تادوان کے مقدمے میں مطلوب ملزم کو حراست میں لے لیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق اسلام آباد ایئرپورٹ پر تعینات ایف آئی اے اہلکاروں نے نجی ایئر لائن کی پرواز کے ذریعے وطن واپس آنے والے ریحان بٹ کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ ایف آئی اے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ریحان بٹ کے خلاف گواہی کے تحت اغواہرائے تادوان کا مقدمہ درج ہے، اسی مقدمے میں مفرور ہونے کی وجہ سے اسے بلیک لسٹ قرار دیا گیا تھا، ملزم کو قانونی کارروائی کے بعد پولیس کے حوالے کر دیا جائے گا۔

اسلام آباد ایئرپورٹ سے اغواہرائے

تادوان کا ملزم گرفتار

ایکسپریس نیوز

4 ستمبر 2016

مردان میں بکھری کے مرکزی دروازے پر ہونے والے خود کش حملے کے بعد علاقے میں فضا سوگوار رہی۔ مردان کیمپلیکس ہسپتال اور ڈسٹرکٹ ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال میں زخمیوں کا علاج جاری ہے جبکہ واقعے میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کی تدفین کر دی گئی۔ مردان میں دہشت گردی کے خلاف تاجروں کی اپیل پر ہڑتال کی گئی۔ جس کی وجہ سے کاروباری مراکز اور صبح کھلنے والی دکانیں بند اور ٹریفک معمول سے کم رہی۔ خیبر پختونخوا بار کونسل کی کال پر عدالتوں کا بائیکاٹ جاری رہا جبکہ تاجر برادری نے بھی شٹر ڈاؤن ہڑتال کا دل دی ہے۔ واقعہ میں جاں بحق ہونے والے افراد کی نماز جنازہ ادا کر دی گئی۔ مردان بکھری میں پولیس کی بھاری نفری تعینات کی گئی جبکہ مردان میں سکولوں، عمارتوں اور مقامات پر پولیس کی بڑھادی گئی۔ مردان پولیس حکام نے ابتدائی رپورٹ کی تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ بکھری میں حملہ کرنے والے خود کش بمبار نے پولیس کے 3 حصاروں سے بچنے کے لئے پولیس کے پاس پہنچ کر بینڈ گرنیڈ پھینکا اور اندر کی جانب دوڑ لگا دی تاہم دروازے پر تعینات سپاہی جنید خان اور دیگر نے اس کا پیچھا شروع کیا جس کے دوران حملہ آور نے برآمدے میں پہنچ کر خود کو دھماکے سے اڑا دیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق پولیس کے ساتھ سب سے زیادہ جانی نقصان برآمدے میں بیٹھے

مردان: دہشت گرد حملے کے بعد فضا

سوگوار، شہر میں شٹر ڈاؤن ہڑتال

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آباد 02، گوجرانوالہ، ساہیوال اور کامرہ میں ایک ملی میٹر اسکے علاوہ کالام 11، کوہاٹ 09، بالا کوٹ، ڈی آئی خان 07، پٹن 05- فانا، پارہ چنار 08، گولپس 04، سکرو 03، استور اور گلگت 02، گڑھی دوپٹہ 04، مظفر آباد 02 اور ٹوبہ میں 02 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔

کوئٹہ: کانگودائرس کا ایک اور مریض دم توڑ گیا

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کوئٹہ: کانگودائرس کا مزید ایک مریض دم توڑ گیا۔ جس کے بعد رواں برس ملک میں جان لیوا وائرس سے جاں بحق ہونے والوں کی تعداد 15 ہو گئی ہے۔ کوئٹہ کے فاطمہ جناح ہسپتال میں قائم کانگودائرس وارڈ 4 روز قبل لایا گیا مریض رحمت اللہ دم توڑ گیا۔ فوکل پرسن غلام عباس نوت کانہی نے سری روڈ کے رہائشی رحمت اللہ کی موت کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ اس نے 10 روز قبل اپنے گھر میں ایک بکری ذبح کیا تھا۔ جس سے کانگودائرس اس کے جسم میں داخل ہوئے تھے۔ فوکل پرسن غلام عباس کا کہنا ہے کہ فاطمہ جناح ہسپتال میں کانگودائرس کے مزید 3 مریض زیر علاج ہیں جن میں سے ایک کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ بلوچستان میں رواں برس کانگودائرس کے 10 مریض دم توڑ چکے ہیں جب کہ ملک بھر میں اب تک کانگودائرس کے 15 مریض جان سے ہاتھ دھو بیٹھے ہیں۔

موسلا دھار بارش، لاہور: 176 فیڈر

ٹرپ، چناب، جہلم میں سیلاب کا خطرہ

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لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار + نیوز رپورٹر + اپنے نامہ نگار سے + نامہ نگاران) بارش کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا، لاہور میں گزشتہ روز ہونے والی موسلا دھار بارش سے مختلف علاقوں میں پانی کھڑا ہو گیا جس سے نظام زندگی بری طرح متاثر ہوا جبکہ سڑکوں پر ٹریفک جام رہی جس سے گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگی رہیں جبکہ نشیبی علاقوں میں کئی کئی فٹ پانی کھڑا ہو گیا، بارش کے باعث لیسکوکا سسٹم جواب دے گیا اور 176 فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جس سے شہر کے کئی علاقوں میں بجلی غائب ہو گئی۔ گزشتہ روز دوپہر کے وقت اچانک موسلا دھار بارش کا سلسلہ شروع ہو گیا جو تقریباً ڈیڑھ گھنٹہ تک جاری رہا جس سے شہر میں جل تھل ہو گیا۔ لاہور کے متعدد علاقے کئی کئی فٹ پانی میں ڈوب گئے۔ شدید بارش اور پانی کھڑا ہونے کے باعث عوام گھروں اور دفاتر میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ لکشی چوک، وارث روڈ، سپریم کورٹ رجسٹری، علامہ اقبال روڈ، مال روڈ، شاہ عنایت قادری چوک، ڈیوس روڈ، داتا دربار، گڑھی شاہو، ہرمنس پورہ، بھیکے والا چوک، ایوبیہ مارکیٹ مسلم ٹائون، گڑھی، امپیریس روڈ، نو لکھا چوک، گولڈنگ روڈ، جوہر ٹائون کی مختلف سڑکوں، کوپر روڈ، سمن آباد، شاہراہ قائد اعظم، چوک ناخدا، اقبال ٹائون، مصری شاہ، چاہ میراں، فیض باغ سمیت متعدد علاقوں میں بارش کا پانی کھڑا ہو گیا۔ مال روڈ، فیروز پور روڈ، جیل روڈ اور گلبرگ کی شاہراہوں پر بھی ٹریفک کا نظام گھنٹوں معطل رہا۔ علاوہ ازیں سیشن کورٹ بااگر انڈین میں پانی جمع ہو گیا جس کی وجہ سے سائیکلوں اور وکلاء کو پارکنگ میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا، ٹریفک بھی ہلاک رہی۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق دریائے چناب اور جہلم پر سیلاب کا خطرہ ہے، وارننگ جاری کر دی گئی۔ نالوں میں درمیانے سے اونچے درجے تک سیلاب کی وارننگ دی گئی ہے۔ جہلم، چناب، ستلج اور راوی کے بالائی علاقوں میں شدید بارش کا امکان ہے۔ 31 اگست سے یکم ستمبر، دریائے جہلم، چناب اور نالوں میں سیلاب کا خطرہ ہے۔ سیلاب سے نمٹنے کے لئے متعلقہ اداروں کو تیار رہنے کا حکم دیا گیا ہے۔ دریائے چناب کا بہاؤ 60 ہزار کیوسک ہو گیا۔ دریائے ستلج میں بھی گنڈا سنگھ والا میں پانی کی سطح 13 فٹ بلند ہو گئی۔ شکر گڑھ، نارووال، سیالکوٹ کے نالوں میں بھی سیلاب کا خطرہ ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں لاہور میں شہری بجلی کی سپلائی معلوم کرنے کیلئے لیسکوفیلڈ افسران کو فون کرتے رہے مگر لیسکوفیلڈ افسران نے موبائل فون بند کر دیا۔ شہری اس صورت حال پر سراپا احتجاج بن گئے۔ دوسری طرف بیرو والے روز 176 فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جس سے شہر میں 10 سے 11 گھنٹے تک بجلی بند رہی۔

کوئٹہ: مویشیوں کو کانگودائرس سے بچاؤ

کیلئے بلوچستان میں اسپرے مہم جاری

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کوئٹہ: بلوچستان میں مویشیوں کے کانگودائرس سے بچاؤ کیلئے اسپرے مہم جاری ہے اور اب تک مہم کے دوران چار لاکھ جانوروں کو اسپرے اور علاج معالجہ کیا جا چکا ہے۔ محکمہ امور حیوانات کے مطابق بلوچستان کے اضلاع کوئٹہ، پشین، موسی خیل، کوہلو، ہرنائی، اوٹھل، سبی، زیارت، قلات، خضدار اور لورالائی میں مویشیوں کے تحفظ کے لئے کانگودائرس کی روک تھام اور بچاؤ اسپرے کی خصوصی مہم گزشتہ ایک ماہ سے جاری ہے۔ اسپرے مہم کے دوران اب تک تقریباً چار لاکھ جانوروں کو اسپرے اور علاج معالجہ کیا گیا۔ کانگودائرس کی روک تھام سے متعلق احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کرنے کے حوالے سے عوام الناس کو آگاہی دینے کے لئے خصوصی طور پر تشییری مہم بھی جاری ہے۔ کوئٹہ کی مویشی منڈیوں میں مستند ڈاکٹر زبیر عظیم کو تعینات کر دیا گیا ہے جو جانوروں کو کانگودائرس سے بچاؤ کے اسپرے کے لئے موجود ہیں جبکہ منڈیوں میں مال مویشی فروخت کرنے والوں کو ہدایت کی گئی ہے کہ وہ جانوروں کو مویشی منڈیوں میں داخلے سے قبل کانگودائرس سے بچاؤ کا اسپرے ضرور کرائیں۔

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تفصیلات

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار + نیوز رپورٹر + نامہ نگار + سپورٹس رپورٹر) لاہور میں موسلا دھار بارش کے بعد نکاسی آب کے ناکام آپریشن نے واسا اتھارٹی کی اہلیت کا ایک بار پھر بھانڈا پھوڑ دیا، ڈیڑھ گھنٹہ کی بارش سے شہر کی کوئی سڑک، گلی محلہ محفوظ نہ رہا اور پورا شہر ندی نالے کی شکل اختیار کر گیا جبکہ ڈیفنس کے گرجا چوک میں درخت گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق اور 4 شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ بارش سے لیسکوکے 240 سے زائد فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے اور شہر کا بیشتر علاقہ اندھیرے میں ڈوب گیا۔ مختلف علاقوں میں پانی کھڑا ہونے سے نظام زندگی بری طرح متاثر ہوا اور گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں، رات گئے تک سڑکوں گلی محلوں میں کئی کئی فٹ پانی کھڑا رہا جبکہ سڑکیں تالاب کا منظر پیش کرتی رہیں۔ گزشتہ روز دوپہر کے وقت اچانک موسلا دھار بارش شروع ہوئی اور تقریباً ڈیڑھ گھنٹہ میں شہر میں جھل تھل ہو گیا۔ نکاسی آب کا مناسب انتظام نہ ہونے کے باعث لاہور کے متعدد علاقے کئی کئی فٹ پانی میں ڈوب گئے جس سے نظام زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی۔ شدید بارش اور پانی کھڑا ہونے کے باعث عوام گھروں اور دفاتر میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ مختلف مقامات پر انڈر پاسز، لکشی چوک، وارث روڈ، سپریم کورٹ رجسٹری، علامہ اقبال روڈ، مال روڈ، مین بلیوارڈ گلبرگ و علامہ اقبال ٹائون، شاہراہ فاطمہ جناح، شاہ عنایت قادری چوک، لارنس روڈ، مزنگ چوگٹی، دھرم پورہ، گولڈنگ روڈ، ڈیوس روڈ، داتا دربار، گڑھی شاہ، ہرنس پورہ، بھیکے والا چوک، ایوبیہ مارکیٹ مسلم ٹائون، گڑھی شاہ، ایمپیرلس روڈ، جی پی او چوک، نابھہ روڈ، کشمیر روڈ، کوپر روڈ، ایک مور یہ پل، دو مور یہ پل، شیر انوالہ گیٹ، نو لکھا چوک، وارث روڈ، گولڈنگ روڈ، لکشی چوک، میکوڈروڈ، جوہر ٹائون کی مختلف سڑکوں، کوپر روڈ، سمن آباد، چوک ناخدا، مصری شاہ، چاہ میراں، فیض باغ سمیت متعدد علاقوں میں بارش کا پانی کھڑا ہو گیا جو واسا کی طرف سے پیشگی انتظامات نہ ہونے کے باعث گھنٹوں کھڑا رہا۔ کئی شاہراہوں پر موٹر سائیکلیں، گاڑیاں اور رکشے بارش کے کھڑے پانی میں بند ہونے سے ٹریفک کا نظام سست روی کا شکار رہا۔ شہر کے کئی انڈر پاسز میں بھی پانی داخل ہونے سے ٹریفک کا نظام جام ہو گیا۔ بارش کے باعث کئی علاقوں میں بجلی بھی معطل رہی۔ نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرجا چوک میں اچانک ایک پرانا درخت گرنے سے ایک رکشہ اور 2 موٹر سائیکلیں اس کی زد میں آ گئی۔ درخت اوپر گرنے سے رکشہ بری طرح تباہ ہو گیا جبکہ 2 موٹر سائیکلوں کو بھی نقصان پہنچا ایک زخمی کی حالت تشویشناک بتائی جاتی ہے۔ ٹریفک حادثے کے بعد یہاں ٹریفک بدترین جام ہو گیا۔ موسلا دھار بارش اور وارڈنز کے سڑکوں سے غائب ہونے پر ٹریفک کا مسئلہ گھمبیر ہو گیا۔ شہر کی تمام اہم شاہراہوں پر ٹریفک کا بدترین جام ہوا اور لوگ گھنٹوں ٹریفک میں پھنسے رہے اور شہر کی تمام اہم سڑکوں پر گاڑیوں کی لمبی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں۔ فیروز پور روڈ، کینال روڈ، جیل روڈ، شاہراہ قائد اعظم، شارع فاطمہ جناح، راوی روڈ سمیت شہر بھر میں سڑکوں پر بدترین ٹریفک جام رہی جس سے شہریوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ نیوز رپورٹر کے مطابق لاہور میں بارش کے باعث لیسکوکے 240 سے زائد فیڈرز ٹرپ کر گئے جس سے شہر کا بیشتر علاقہ اندھیرے میں ڈوب گئے، رات گئے تک متاثرہ علاقوں میں بجلی بحال نہ ہو سکی۔ لیسکو انتظامیہ بجلی کی سپلائی بحال کرنے میں مکمل ناکام ہو گئی۔ بارش نے لیسکو کے بجلی کے ترسیلی نظام کا بھانڈا پھوڑ دیا۔ اقبال ٹائون گلشن بلاک، مزنگ، نیو مسلم ٹائون، رحمان پورہ، جوہر ٹائون، اسلام پورہ، مین روڈ، سمن آباد، گلبرگ، ٹائون شپ، اندرون لاہور، بند روڈ سمیت دیگر کئی علاقوں میں بجلی شام 6 بجے کے بعد بند ہو گئی۔ شہر کی لیسکو کے دفتر فون کر کے بجلی کی بحالی کی معلومات حاصل کرنے میں بھی ناکام رہے۔ لیسکو افسران نے اپنے موبائل فون بند رکھے۔ دوسری طرف بجلی کا لاہور میں خسارہ 11 سو میگا واٹ رہا۔ لاہور میں 8 سے 10 گھنٹے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ جاری رہی۔ سپورٹس رپورٹر کے مطابق سڑکوں پر پانی کھڑا ہونے سے منٹوں کا سفر گھنٹوں میں طے کیا جاسکا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق لاہور، فیصل آباد، مالاکنڈ ڈویژن میں کہیں کہیں جبکہ سی، کوئٹہ، سکھر، ڈی آئی خان، کوہاٹ، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، سرگودھا، ساہیوال، بہاولپور ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہوائوں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش ہوئی۔ سب سے زیادہ بارش لاہور میں 92، ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ 39، لیہ 36، چکوال 12، اوکاڑہ 7، فیصل آباد 6، قصور 2، ساہیوال میں ایک ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران بالائی پنجاب، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، لاہور، سرگودھا، فیصل آباد ڈویژن جبکہ ڈی جی خان، ملتان اور ساہیوال ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہوائوں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔

اسلام آباد: محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم گرم اور خشک رہے گا۔ تاہم مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، گلگت بلتستان، کشمیر اور اس سے ملحقہ پہاڑی علاقوں میں چند مقامات پر گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں جبکہ ڈوب ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہوائوں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش ہوئی۔ سب سے زیادہ بارش لاہور میں 97 ملی میٹر جبکہ ٹوبہ ٹیک سنگھ 39، لیہ 36، چکوال 16، بھکر 12، سرگودھا 12، اوکاڑہ 7، فیصل آباد 6، قصور 03، جوہر

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت



بلیٹن میں شامل

- اردو کی خبریں
- قدرتی آفات سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- پبلک سروسز سے متعلق اردو کی خبریں
- نقشه جات
- انگریزی کی خبریں
- قدرتی آفات سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- سیفٹی اور سیکورٹی سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں
- پبلک سروسز سے متعلق انگریزی کی خبریں

سُرخیاں

- بارش: لاہور تالاب بن گیا، بدترین ٹریفک جام، بجلی غائب، درخت گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق
- کوئٹہ: مویشیوں کو کانگو وائرس سے بچائو کیلئے بلوچستان میں اسپرے ہم جاری
- کوئٹہ کانگو وائرس کا ایک اور مریض دم توڑ گیا
- اسلام آباد ایر پورٹ سے اغواہ برائے تاوان کا ملزم گرفتار
- مردان: دہشت گرد حملے کے بعد فضا سوگوار، شہر میں شٹر ڈائون ہڑتال
- پشاور: کرسچن کالونی پر حملہ ناکام، ایک شہری، 4 خود کش بمبار مارے گئے، مردان: کپری میں خود کش دھماکہ، 14 افراد جاں بحق، 40 زخمی
- سندھ میں 7 ہزار سے زائد مدارس کی جیو ٹیکنگ کا عمل مکمل
- سندھ ایپیکس کمیٹی کا دینی مدارس رجسٹریشن بل پر اتفاق
- حکومت کا ستمبر کے لئے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتیں برقرار رکھنے کا فیصلہ

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