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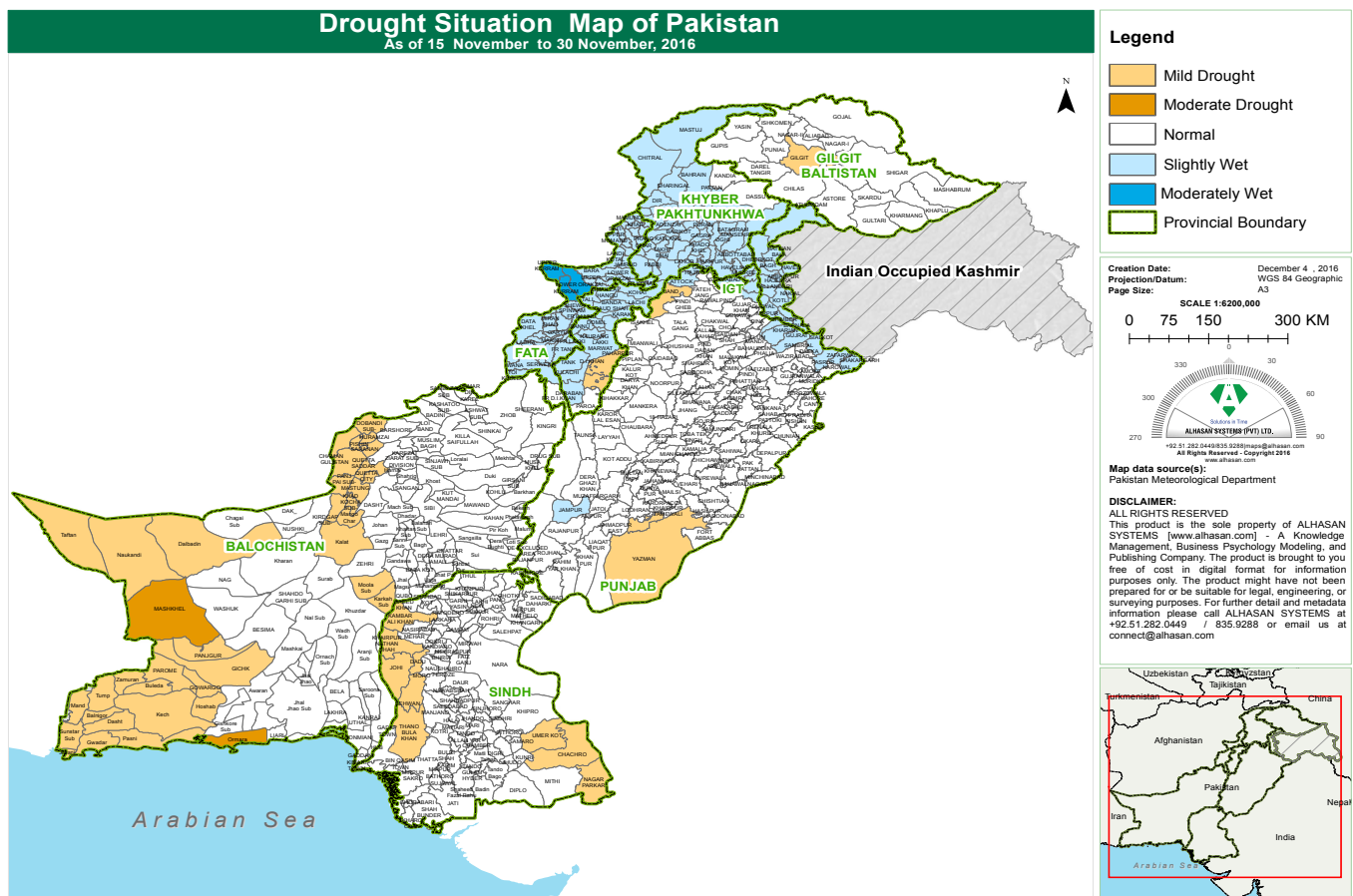
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Climate changes leading to natural disasters

The Nation, December 5, 2016

Climate change pilot project gets Rs 99.96 million fund

Pakistan Today, December 3, 2016

Govt to establish fund for disaster management

DETAILS

KARACHI: Professor Hans-Werner Koyro from Geissen University Germany has said that climate changes are leading to major disasters such as floods and drought.

Expressing his views at the International Workshop entitled, 'Sustainable Development and Environment Protection', organised by the Institute of Sustainable Halophyte Utilisation, University of Karachi with the support of Pakistan Academy of Science and University of Karachi, he said that these environmental changes threatened to cause major food crises for the growing world population.

"In many countries such as Germany and Brazil there is an increasing tendency to use food crops like maize and sugarcane to produce bio-fuel," the professor said, and added, "However, food versus fuel dilemma has to be addressed in order to ensure food security for growing the world population." He further said that in order to meet these changes, there was a need to find biological solutions.

Students and young faculty members from various departments such as Botany, Geography, CEMB and ISHU as well as from Lasbela University of Water, Agriculture and Marine Sciences attended the hands on workshop and seminar sessions during the event.

The aim of the workshop is to create awareness about global environment changes, which are threatening health and food security. International experts in the field of Ecophysiology and Agricultural Sciences conducted the presentation and training sessions.

Faculty members of ISHU conducted practical training sessions under the guidance of Prof Hans-Werner Koyro in various groups to work on monitoring ionic, osmotic, oxidative and photosynthetic mechanisms on different types of stress tolerant plants as tools to evaluate responses to environmental stresses. Halophytic plants growing at the Institute were used to conduct analysis with state-of-the-art instruments and techniques.

In addition, pitfalls in data interpretation for high stress tolerant plants which could sometimes be quite complex were also reviewed.

Students, divided into various groups based on their specialization and research interests, presented the logic and justification for their work plans and discussed underlying questions that they expected to be answered by their research in the light of global environmental changes and how these changes could be encountered through their scientific research.

The discussion sessions and work plans were coordinated by Prof Dr Benno, Prof M Ajmal Khan and Prof Bilquees Gul. Dr Koyro elaborated on the various types of salt tolerant plants as well as their biochemical, anatomical and physiological sub-types and the remarkable ways through which these plants had evolved to deal with naturally harsh conditions such as high temperatures, light, salinity, drought and flooding.

There are lessons to be learnt from this biological diversity of form and function that can reshape our conventional crops and cropping systems to obtain high yields and economic benefits such as medicine, biofuel and food and fodder.

Prof Dr Xiaojing Liu gave a lecture on 'Growing Halophytes from Agronomic Purposes'. He stressed the importance of appropriate agronomic practices that can ameliorate salt stress under saline, waterlogged soils to produce high value conventional crops such as corn, sorghum and cotton. He presented detailed case study of Suaeda Salsa, an edible halophyte in China and showed experimental data from early germination stage to successful field trials under saline conditions. During freezing conditions in winter, these soils are irrigated with sea water which when melted result in leaching of salts.

In addition, different fertilizer trials were carried out and irrigation practices like mulching with hay straw and synthetic plastic material to improve soil moisture and mineral content. Eventually they succeeded in developing a cropping system using a local salt tolerant plant with high yield.

It was demonstrated that using appropriate agricultural practices coupled with modern research techniques for evaluating salt tolerant plants new crops can be developed for high yields. Similar experiments were also done using other crop plants where they were previously unable to carry out successful agriculture.

LAHORE: The Punjab government will be launching a pilot project to figure out the most effective methods of minimising the impact of climate change on the agricultural sector.

An amount of Rs 99.96 million has been approved for the pilot project, an official of the Punjab Planning and Development Department told APP. He said that under the pilot project, modern techniques of rainwater management in cotton fields will be applied. He said that outcome of the application of these modern techniques will enable the experts to analyse their impact and compile the relevant data. The data will then be planning future courses of action. He said that the success of the pilot project would pave the way for launching more projects of a similar nature.

The Punjab Provincial Development Working Party has given a go ahead for this project by approving these funds, he added. The approval was given in a meeting of the Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) for the current fiscal year (2016-17).

ISLAMABAD: With the provision of a \$200 million grant by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the government has signed an agreement to establish a National Disaster Risk Management Fund (NDRMF) to reduce the country's vulnerability to disasters from natural hazards and climate

DAWN News, December 3, 2016

Dengue fever outbreak comes to end in capital

The News, December 3, 2016

Early drought warning helps Pakistan's farmers prepare for dry season

Thomson Reuters, December 2, 2016

change.

The NDRMF will be established as a public limited company under Section 42 of the Companies Ordinance 2016 to provide sustainable mechanisms to enhance Pakistan's resilience to future disasters. The focus of the fund will be disaster risk reduction, design and development, financing strategies and partnership with other organisations to provide relief and recovery support, including livelihood restoration initiatives and reconstruction of the public infrastructure.

The NDRMF will also conduct quantitative risk modelling analysis for major natural hazards faced by Pakistan to develop a comprehensive national disaster risk framework strategy. The framework will be used to create disaster risk maps and quantitative national and sub-national data for expected levels of loss from hazardous events varying in types, intensity and frequency.

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar attended the meeting where the government and the ADB signed a loan agreement for the provision of \$200m and grant agreement of 4.5m Australian dollars for NDRMF. The agreement was signed by Secretary of Economic Affairs Division Tariq Bajwa and ADB Country Director Werner E Liepach.

The high commissioner of Australia and representatives of Norway, Japan, Switzerland and the European Union were also present on the occasion. The total outlay of the fund will be \$3 billion of which the ADB will provide \$1bn in five tranches. The Australian government will co-finance the fund and other donors such as Norway, Belgium and Switzerland also expressed interest in making contributions to it.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Dar thanked the ADB and the Australian government for the support and helping the government establish a common window to pool financial resources, adding that participation of development partners in the noble cause will also inspire organisations around the world to take similar initiatives. The NDRMF will strengthen Pakistan's disaster preparedness efforts, he added. Mr Liepach said that the fund is a trend-setting initiative which will not only mitigate the effects of natural disasters but will also help cushion the fiscal shock of a catastrophe.

ISLAMABAD: The dengue fever outbreak that proved to be the most severe in nature in the history of the federal capital this year with report of well over 2,800 confirmed cases of the infection and at least three deaths has come to an end after the setting in of winter.

Data collected by 'The News' on Friday has revealed that in last five days, a total of eight patients of the infection have been tested positive for dengue fever from the federal capital while to date, a total of 2806 confirmed patients have been reported this year. The infection claimed at least three lives in the federal capital this year.

It is important that the dengue fever outbreak this year set a new record of most cases of the infection in one year in the federal capital along with most cases in a single year as compared to the total number of dengue fever patients reported in the previous 10 years combined.

It is also worth mentioning here that in the previous 10 years, the dengue fever spread came to its seasonal close after the first week of November while this year, as many as 507 confirmed cases of the infection were reported in November in Islamabad.

The outbreak that was the most severe in nature this year in the federal capital has come to an end and for the last one week, only one to two patients were being reported per day, said Additional District Health Officer at ICT Health Department Dr. Muhammad Najeeb Durrani while talking to 'The News'. He said out of a total 2806 confirmed patients of the infection so far reported from the federal capital, as many as 2455 are residents of Islamabad rural areas while 294 cases were reported from Islamabad urban. He added that another 38 cases reported in hospitals in Islamabad were residents of Rawalpindi while as many as 19 patients were taken to Islamabad hospitals from other districts of the country. He added the need of the time is to devise a fool proof strategy to deal with the incidence of dengue fever in the coming year and for that, a lot is needed to be done to proper management of solid waste in the rural areas of the federal capital.

RAWAT: Like his farming neighbours, Bilal Khan plants wheat in late October or early November each year, and harvests and sells his winter crop a few months later.

But this year, there are no wheat stalks to be seen on his 3 hectares (5 acres) of land in Rawat, a town some 12 miles (20 km) from Islamabad, Pakistan's capital. Instead, Khan is growing onions, potatoes, cauliflower, cabbage and carrots.

In late October, the Pakistan Meteorological Department informed Khan and other farmers that no rain was forecast for the crucial wheat-growing months of November and December in parts of northern Pakistan that rely solely on rain-fed agriculture. The warning was one of the first of its kind from Pakistan's weather service, aimed at helping farmers look ahead months, rather than just days, and plan for crops more likely to survive drought. "As advised by the weatherman on the radio, I exercised caution and opted for vegetable cultivation, it being less water-intensive," Khan said. He is irrigating his crops with water drawn from a nearby pond.

Bilal Khan transplants cabbage seedlings in his family's field in Rawat, about 12 miles from Islamabad, Pakistan's capital. TRF/Saleem Shaikh

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS: Winter rains are usually reliable in this region - but already those who did not heed the weather forecast are regretting their decision, as they watch the wheat they planted fail.

Muhammad Khan spent \$2,000 on wheat seed which he finished sowing on Nov. 7 on his family's 4-acre farm in Ghool, a village about 90 km southeast of Islamabad. His nights have been sleepless since he noticed the seeds growing abnormally slowly. The wheat plants were only 3 inches tall by Nov. 21, rather than the 12 inches he would have expected. "Even if rains come in January and February, the wheat output would be less than 50 percent" of normal, because the

Climate change has become people's problem: Khattak

DAWN News, December 1, 2016

grain heads will be underdeveloped, Khan predicted.

Slow growth makes the crop vulnerable in other ways too. Karaim Nawab, a wheat farmer in Gujar Khan, said if wheat doesn't grow strongly enough to properly grip the soil, the plants are at risk of being flattened if there are heavy winds later in the season.

Wheat is grown on around 9 million hectares (22 million acres) of land in Pakistan, 30 percent of which is rain-fed. Around 25 million tonnes of the crop are produced annually across the country. The Potohar plateau in the northeast, where Islamabad and its surrounding area are located, produces 3 million tonnes.

EL NINO INFLUENCE

Farmers usually finish sowing wheat by mid-November and, under normal circumstances, two rainy spells in November and December drench the fields, allowing the seeds to germinate. The harvest begins in April.

This year, things are different. Ghulam Rasul, director-general of the Meteorological Department, said the winter drought appears to be the result of an unusual high pressure zone over Central Asia that has driven rain clouds over northern Pakistan and beyond without letting rain fall. Rasul says the drought is a consequence of the El Niño phenomenon, but that the effects are much harsher now than the last time the weather phenomenon affected Pakistan, in 2009. The most recent El Niño has also caused severe droughts in Africa and devastating floods in Asia-Pacific countries.

The winter drought comes on the heels of a monsoon that receded in early September, almost three weeks earlier than expected.

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Apart from holding back the onset of winter rains across Pakistan, El Niño is also causing large fluctuations between day and night-time temperatures, Rasul added - another headache for farmers. Muhammad Tariq, director of the state-owned Rain-fed Agriculture Research Institute in Chakwal, said wheat requires temperatures of 21 to 25 degrees Celsius for effective germination. "This winter, during the peak wheat-sowing months of October and November, the temperature remained around 30 degrees," he said.

The unusually high temperatures have forced farmers to delay wheat sowing in Islamabad and its suburban areas such as Rawat, Gujar Khan, Taxila, Attock and Rawalpindi. "Although drought-tolerant wheat varieties have been introduced in the rain-fed areas, these varieties also need water," Tariq said.

In Rawat, Bilal Khan is confident his vegetables will sell quickly when he takes them to market in February and March. He predicts he will make as much money as he would have from a wheat crop. "The forecast has been a big help as it has saved my investment of almost \$3,000 going down the drain had I cultivated wheat this time," he said. (Reporting by Saleem Shaikh and Sughra Tunio, editing by James Baer, Megan Rowling and Laurie Goering; Please credit Thomson Reuters Foundation, the charitable arm of Thomson Reuters, that covers humanitarian news, women's rights, corruption and climate change.

PESHAWAR: Chief Minister Pervez Khattak said on that his government was fighting against the timber mafia, which had destroyed the forests and caused a huge damage to the environment.

He was speaking at the concluding session of the three-day national conference on climate change, organised by the Climate Change Center at the Agriculture University, Peshawar. He said that the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government had confiscated timber worth Rs10 billion, which the timber mafia and its handlers in bureaucracy had cut down in the name of windfall. He said that the government had zero tolerance for those spoiling and destroying the natural assets and sources.

Mr Khattak said that his government had focused on the plantation of saplings across the province to combat the rising temperature. He said that by the end of December this year they would achieve the target of planting 500 million saplings. He hoped that the academic institutions and research centres would guide the government on coping with the changing weather pattern. He said that during the last 70 years, successive provincial governments had planted only three million saplings, while the present government was determined to plant 1,000 million trees during its tenure.

According to the chief minister, the shrinking sources of water, deforestation and rising pollution could pose a challenge to the future generation. He said that climate change had become the people's problem, and the universities and institutes should teach the negative effects of the climate change to the common people.

About the overall situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Meteorological Department director Mohammad Hanif said that summer had extended to 160 days from 140 days during the last 20 years. He said that the winter had shrunk to about 45 days from 60 days, while spring had become almost non-existent. He said that this was alarming, especially for crops and water resources.

The average temperature has risen over 25 years by about 1 to 2 degrees Celsius and it was increasing with the passage of every year, he added. Mr Hanif said that monsoon had slightly increased and winter rainfall decreased, while the rain pattern had shifted to about 100 kilometers west from the north. He said that all these changes were leading to a disaster.

Dr Arjumand Nizami, country representative of Inter-Cooperation based in Pakistan, said that presentation of Dr Hanif had paved the way for the case of adaptation. She said that the only choice was to adapt to the changes already taking place. She emphasised on improving the capacity of all the institutions, researchers, organisations and farming communities. She insisted that climate and agricultural scientists must translate their findings in easily understandable messages for the end users so they could reduce their vulnerability to negative effects of climate

Pakistan setting up world's biggest solar park

Geo News, November 30, 2016

change. Earlier, vice-chancellor Dr Zahoor Ahmad spoke about the efforts of his university and teachers in the field of research.

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid said Pakistan is setting up world's largest 1,000 MW solar park as part of its plans to promote renewable energy.

Pakistan has also enacted National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2016 to promote effective conservation and efficient use of energy, he said while addressing a press conference. The minister led a Pakistani delegation to participate in COP22 Conference held in Morocco which provided an opportunity to signify achievements made in addressing climate change. He said the world community was informed that Pakistan's contribution to global warming is minimal, adding, "We emit less than 1 % of total annual global greenhouse gas emissions. Yet we are ranked amongst the top ten countries most vulnerable to climate change."

The world community was also informed that Pakistan today faces several major risks relating to climate change including glacial melt, variable monsoons, recurrent floods, rise in sea level, higher average temperatures and higher frequency of droughts, he said. He added that millions of people are affected and colossal damage is caused on recurring basis.

"These threats pose major survival concerns for Pakistan, particularly in relation to country's water security, food security and energy security. They also have enormous adverse consequences for all socio-economic sectors, impeding our ability to promote sustainable growth and development and economic prosperity of our people," the minister highlighted.

Pakistan taking 'substantial steps' to combat climate change. "We also informed the world that Pakistan, being a responsible member of global community, has taken substantial steps especially during 2016 despite these challenges. It will also enable us to contribute to global mitigation efforts against climate change and keep the temperature rise below 2-degrees Celsius," Zahid Hamid said.

The minister added that these included ratification of Paris Agreement and approval of Pakistan Climate Change Act-2016 by cabinet for presentation in Parliament. He said the launch of Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme, which is to be implemented all over the country to the tune of Rs 2 billion, is also part of the measures.

The other initiative is the historic Pakistan Climate Change Bill, which will establish a high-level, policy-making Pakistan Climate Change Council along with Pakistan Climate Change Authority, to prepare and supervise implementation of adaptation and mitigation projects in various sectors, he added. "Finalization and submission of Pakistan INDCs to UNFCCC Secretariat will serve as our climate change agenda, taking into account the latest situation relating to our development needs and strategies," the minister said.

That includes updated projections of greenhouse gases emissions and national ambition to reduce these emissions, along with associated financial and technical implications, he said. The minister said Pakistan has developed a National Sustainable Development Strategy and has become perhaps the first ever country whose National Assembly passed a unanimous resolution adopting the SDGs Agenda as its own national development agenda.

Pakistan Parliament is also the first parliament in the world to become completely "green" by converting 100% to solar energy. Zahid Hamid also briefed about his engagements during COP-22 and highlighted side events attended by him during the conference.

Answering a question, he said, "We included in delegation those NGOs which were registered with UNFCCC." While replying to a question about cutting of trees in Islamabad, he said that the mayor of Islamabad has signed Green Charter to protect and conserve trees in the capital.

Favourable prospects for 2017 wheat crop production

Planting of the 2017, mostly irrigated, "rabi" (winter) wheat crop is currently underway and will continue until mid-December. Near-average irrigation water supplies in the main wheat-growing areas of Punjab and Sindh provinces are benefitting plantings and early crop development in these areas. However, below-normal rains hindered planting operations in the minor rainfed-producing "barani areas", located in the northern parts of Punjab Province.

Current official forecasts put the 2017 wheat output at a record level of 26 million tonnes, 2 percent up from the 2016 bumper output. This forecast rests on expectations that adequate water availability in the main reservoirs will boost plantings, while the good supply of quality seeds, fertilizers and herbicides will increase average yields.

Above-average 2016 summer cereal crops estimated

Harvesting of the 2016 summer (monsoon) season maize and rice crops is almost complete. FAO estimates the 2016 paddy and maize outputs at 10.3 million tonnes and 5.2 million tonnes, respectively, slightly above the previous year's production. This result follows generally favourable weather conditions during the cropping season, coupled with an adequate water supply for irrigation and good access to fertilizers and other basic inputs.

Rice exports to increase in 2016

FAO forecasts rice exports in 2016 at 4.4 million tonnes, representing a 7 percent increase from the 2015 level, thanks to competitively priced non-basmati supplies. Wheat exports in the 2016/17 marketing year (May/April) are forecast to increase from the previous year's low level to 800 000 tonnes, in line with the 2016 overall good output and large carryover stocks.

Prices of wheat and wheat flour strengthened in recent months

Prices of wheat and wheat flour, the country's main staples, have strengthened in recent months, following seasonal patterns, but remained below their year-earlier levels owing to good

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availabilities following a bumper 2016 crop.

Food security conditions overall stable but concerns remain in Tharparkar District and northern Pakistan

Overall, the food supply situation is stable following two consecutive years of good harvests and large carryover stocks of the main staples. However, food security concerns remain in some areas, particularly in Tharparkar District and northern Pakistan.

In Tharparkar District (southeastern Sindh Province) and the surrounding areas of Sindh Province, a below-average drought-affected cereal production for the third consecutive year, coupled with losses of small animals, especially sheep and goats, has aggravated food insecurity and caused acute malnutrition.

Food insecurity has been exacerbated by the lingering negative impact of the 2015 floods; the provinces of Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were most affected. Official assessments reported the loss of lives and severe damage to housing, infrastructure and agriculture. Households in northern parts of the country have also not fully recovered from the impact of the earthquake in October 2015.

The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, located in northern Pakistan, are still affected by the return process after the large scale displacement (312 000 families or around 1.9 million people) due to insurgency in FATA. According to OCHA estimates, as of October 2016, over 1.3 million refugees remained displaced in northern Pakistan. These populations rely mainly on humanitarian assistance, including food aid, healthcare and other necessities.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Pakistan fulfilled commitment to Afghan peace by attending HoA: FO

The Nation, December 05, 2016

Sabri killers confess involvement in 13 other incidents

GEO TV, December 05, 2016

Army chief confirms death sentences of four terrorists

The News, December 05, 2016

Armed forces engage terrorists in Balochistan, operation still underway with five killed

Daily Times, December 05, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office (FO) Spokesperson Nafees Zakaria says Pakistan has fulfilled its commitment to peace and stability in Afghanistan by participating in Heart of Asia (HoA) Conference in India.

In an interview on Monday, he said despite all odds and hurdles Pakistan remained steadfast to its commitment. He said in the joint declaration of the conference that the issue of terrorism has been mentioned in an overall context. This has clarified Pakistan's stance that terrorism is a global threat and a common enemy which needs to be curtailed by joint efforts. He added that Pakistan is among the worst affected countries of terrorism. We have rendered numerous sacrifices in war against terrorism which have been acknowledged by the world community. He said many countries have expressed the desire to learn from Pakistan's experience of counter-terrorism.

Foreign Office spokesperson further said that a country which makes much hue and cry over terrorism is itself patronizing this scourge. A glaring example of this can be witnessed in Indian-held Kashmir (IHK) where the state forces have been brutalising the innocent people who are raising demand for freedom. He said that the examples of involvement of that country in financing and perpetrating terrorist activities inside Pakistan are also available and the evidence of which was submitted by Islamabad in a dossier. He said the biggest proof of its involvement is arrest of a spy Kulbashan Yadav from Balochistan.

KARACHI: The suspects arrested in connection with the murder of renowned Qawwal Amjad Sabri and the martyrdom of Pak Army soldiers in Karachi have confessed of being involved in 13 other criminal incidents, claim Counter-Terrorism Department on Monday.

According to CTD, the suspects —Ishaq aka Bobby and Asim aka Capri — confessed to killing Sabri near Karachi's Liaquatabad while they also martyred four Pak army soldiers in two separate incidents near Parking Plaza and Tibet Centre.

In June, Amjad Sabri was gunned down by a motorcyclist near his Liaquatabad residence. He was on his way to a television studio to attend a Ramazan transmission when the incident took place. The criminals were arrested by CTD in-charge Raja Umer Khitab and are involved in nine high-profile cases. Among the high-profile cases the two are accused in, include the October 30 attack on a Majlis in Nazimabad, attack on two Army personnel in Saddar parking plaza. Other cases the accused are involved in are 21 May 2016 attack on police constables in Aisha Manzil, 20 April 2016 attack in which seven policemen were martyred, 1 December 2015 attack in which two traffic policemen were killed, 20 November 2015 attack on Rangers in which four personnel were killed and 29 August 2015 attack in which Amir Haider Advocate Supreme Court was killed.

Asim alias Capri was arrested in 2013

Asim alias Capri was also arrested in July 2013.

Chaudhry Aslam said he had arrested Asim alias Capri in the murder case of MPA Sajid Qureshi.

According to police, in 2015 Asim was released on bail and started criminal activities.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff on Monday confirmed death sentences awarded to another four hardcore terrorists involved in heinous offences related to terrorism including the killing of civilians, officials of law enforcement agencies and Airport Security Force, according to Geo News. The convicts planned and executed attacks on Jinnah International Airport Karachi, CID building Karachi, ISI Office Sukkur and convoy of law enforcement agencies.

"On the whole, they were involved in the killing of 58 persons including SSP Chaudhry Muhammad Aslam and causing injuries to 226 others including SSP Farooq Awan", an ISPR press release said. Firearms and explosives were also recovered from their possession. These convicts were tried by military courts.

According to the ISPR, Atta Ur Rehman, Sabir and Farooq Bhatti were members of proscribed organisations and were involved in attacking innocent civilians, Law Enforcement Agencies, ISI officials and Jinnah International Airport which resulted in deaths of 58 individuals including SSP Chaudhry Mohammad Aslam. As a result of these terrorist attacks 226 persons including SSP Farooq Awan also sustained injuries. These convicts admitted their offences before the Magistrate and the trial court and were handed down death sentences.

Another convict Gul Zareen, a member of a proscribed organization, was involved in attacking police officials which resulted in the death of police constable Sartaj, police constable Ahmed Khan and injuries to 10 others including SSP Farooq Awan. He was also found in possession of firearms and explosives. The convict admitted his offences before the Magistrate and the trial court. He was awarded death sentence, the ISPR statement said.

PISHIN: Five terrorists belonging from a banned militant outfit were killed with several others, belonging to the same group were arrested on Monday.

The encounter occurred during an operation by security forces in Haramzai area. Confrontation by exchange of fire from the terrorists' side injured security personnel, Levies officials reported. Weapons, explosives, and foreign currency were recovered from the terrorists, security forces claimed.

During the operation, Frontier Core (FC), Anti-terrorism Force (ATF) and Police forces took part. The operation is still underway, after a tip off signaling presence of more terrorists in the vicinity.

Nawaz, Bajwa discuss national security issues

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Amritsar Declaration calls terror biggest threat to peace

The Nation, December 05, 2016

Additional troops have been called on spot. This is a developing story.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan: The Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa held a meeting with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif at the PM House in Islamabad on Monday and discussed matters pertaining to national security. "Professional issues pertaining to national security were discussed during the meeting," said a statement issued by the PM Office.

The COAS also separately called on President Mamnoon Hussain at the Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad and discussed matters of security and professionalism. The president felicitated General Qamar Bajwa on assuming his position as the Army Chief and expressed confidence that his professional capabilities would strengthen the national defence.

President Mamnoon directed to continue the implementation of National Action Plan (NAP) and Operation Zarb-e-Azb to ensure complete peace in the country. The meetings took place a day after India and Afghanistan once again lashed out at Pakistan on terrorism at the sixth Heart of Asia Conference in Amritsar.

While addressing the Conference on Sunday, the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani accused Pakistan of waging an "undeclared war" and said that Taliban insurgents battling his government would not last a month without sanctuary in the neighboring state. The Afghan president also urged Pakistan to spend around \$500 million pledged in aid for Afghanistan to tackle extremism.

Separately, the Indian government did not allow Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz to hold a press conference on the sidelines of Heart of Asia Conference citing "security reasons".

Later talking to media persons in Islamabad, Sartaj Aziz said that the Afghan president's statement was "regrettable", and reiterated that Pakistan believed in peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan and had complete solidarity and commitment to bring peace and security in the neighboring country. Sartaj Aziz also said that India could not succeed in its attempts to damage Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan and creating differences between the two brotherly states.

AMRITSAR - The Heart of Asia Conference (HoA) on Sunday called for concerted regional and international cooperation to ensure elimination of terrorism in its all forms and manifestations and stressed on early finalisation of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism with consensus.

The 'Amritsar Declaration' issued at the conclusion of the 6th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia held in Indian city of Amritsar, also called for "dismantling of terrorist sanctuaries and safe havens in the Heart of Asia region, as well as disrupting all financial, tactical and logistical support for terrorism." The conference co-chaired by Arun Jaitley, Finance Minister of India and Salahuddin Rabbani, Foreign Minister of Afghanistan, recognised terrorism as the biggest threat to peace, stability and cooperation in the region. The participants of the meeting called upon all the States to take action against the terrorist entities in accordance with their respective national counter terrorism policies, their international obligations and the UN Global Counter Terrorism Strategy 2006. The participants recalled the five Ministerial conferences in Istanbul (2011), Kabul (2012), Almaty (2013), Beijing (2014), and Islamabad (2015) and reaffirmed commitment to the principles, objectives, and outcomes enshrined in the declarations of HoA-IP aimed at promoting regional peace and prosperity.

The HoA-IP was reaffirmed as an important regional platform for political dialogue and close regional cooperation aimed at promoting stability, peace and prosperity in Afghanistan and the entire Heart of Asia region, and for enhancing Afghanistan's connectivity with the entire Heart of Asia region.

The meeting commended countries in the region and beyond, particularly Iran and Pakistan, for their hospitality in hosting millions of Afghan refugees for over three decades and called upon them to continue hosting the Afghan refugees until their sustainable repatriation and reintegration in Afghanistan can take place in a voluntary, safe, gradual and dignified fashion, in accordance with the Solutions Strategy for Afghan Refugees to Support Voluntary Repatriation, Sustainable Reintegration and Assistance to Host Communities. The conference urged the international community to provide generous support and targeted assistance for Afghan refugees, returnees and host communities in the region, with emphasis on youth, education and livelihoods.

It welcomed the Afghanistan-Pakistan-UNHCR and Afghanistan-Iran-UNHCR Tripartite Commissions on Voluntary Repatriation of Afghan Refugees from Iran and Pakistan, as vital steps in the Solutions Strategy, and supported the Final Statement of the UNHCR Executive Committee High Level Segment refocusing the international community's attention on the Afghan refugee situation in this critical period. The conference recognised the role of cultural heritage as a catalyst for social and economic development of the Heart of Asia region. The participants reaffirmed commitment to the UN Charter and its enshrined principles of sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, sovereign equality of nations and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other States as well as universally recognised principles and norms of international law. The conference reaffirmed commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reiterated the importance of increased political dialogue and consultations between countries of the Heart of Asia region for a stable, peaceful and prosperous region. It remained committed to resolving differences peacefully, and refraining from threat or use of force against the political independence, territorial integrity, or sovereignty of any State. It was decided to work towards regional consensus on non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, which is critically important for good neighbourliness between countries of the region, and for peaceful co-existence as independent and sovereign nations, and re-affirm commitment to these principles. It was stressed to advance regional cooperation as an effective means to address common challenges and to promote security, stability and socio-economic development in the Heart of Asia region.

The conference reaffirmed appreciation and expressed strong and unequivocal support for the ongoing constructive efforts of the Government of Afghanistan towards regional engagement and its commitment to building an increasing environment of trust and confidence throughout the region. The participants appreciated the commitment of the international community for supporting the Government and people of Afghanistan and stress the crucial need for continuation of such support for achieving a peaceful, stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

The conference welcomed the assumption of full responsibility for security by the ANDSF and for their role in fighting terrorism and violent extremism in Afghanistan. The agreements were welcomed between the International Community and the Government of Afghanistan, and relevant decisions, which allow for continued financial support to the ANDSF until 2020 and assistance to them by the Post-ISAF Mission, in support of long-term security and stability in Afghanistan. Tributes were paid to the sacrifices made by the ANDSF and international forces. The conference commended the European Union and Afghanistan for convening the October 4-5 Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, and recognise the importance of the development assistance commitments made by over 100 countries and international organisations, and of the Self-Reliance through Mutual Accountability Framework (SMAF) and its deliverables.

The international community was called upon to further strengthen international and regional cooperation towards sustained efforts for a secure, stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

The conference appreciated the continued efforts by the OIC and Afghanistan to convene the International Ulema Conference in Makkah, Saudi Arabia with inclusive representation of the Islamic countries and hope a positive outcome would contribute to lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan.

The significance of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) and its subsequent resolutions on the role of women in conflict prevention, peace negotiations and post-conflict processes in the Heart of Asia region, was recognised. The participants expressed concern over the gravity of the security situation in Afghanistan in particular and the region and the high level of violence caused by the Taliban, terrorist groups including ISIL / DAISH and its affiliates, the Haqqani Network, al Qaeda, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, East Turkistan Islamic Movement, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Muhammad, TTP, Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, Jundullah and other foreign terrorist fighters.

Acknowledging the support that terrorism derives in the region, an immediate end to all forms of terrorism was demanded, as well as all support to it including financing of terrorism. The conference commended the government of Afghanistan in successfully pursuing peace talks with Hizb-e-Islami Gulbuddin Hekmatyar resulting in the signature of a peace agreement that sets a good precedent for future peace talks with all other armed groups. The declaration mentioning the challenges ahead recognized that terrorism, violent extremism, radicalization, separatism, and sectarianism and linkages among them were the gravest issues that the Heart of Asia region and the rest of the international community face. The conference termed those a severe threat to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, economic development and bilateral and regional cooperation and renewed its strong commitment to strengthening comprehensive cooperation among the Heart of Asia countries and intensify efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations through solidarity and collective action. The Heart of Asia moot also vowed to introduce measures to curb the spread of violent extremism and terrorism.

"We recognize the necessity of taking serious measures to address recruitment of youth to extremist and terrorist networks." It noted that radicalization of disaffected elements of the population, especially youth, could only be prevented by effective deradicalization and counter-radicalization strategies involving all the HoA countries.

To counter radicalization it was agreed to gather experts from the fields of security, education and local governance to meet in the first half of 2017 to identify key areas to be addressed for developing this regional approach and provide recommendations. The declaration welcomed and supported Afghanistan's initiative in taking the lead in exploring a regional counter-terror strategy as agreed in Islamabad in December 2015.

The HoA expressed concern about the increase in production and cultivation of opium in Afghanistan, the volume of drug trafficking and demand in the HoA region and beyond. The meeting called for eradication efforts as it posed a threat to the socio-economic development, security and stability not only in Afghanistan, but also in the surrounding region and the world as a whole. "We also stress the urgent need to respond to the serious challenges posed by the nexus between revenue and its financial support for terrorist entities in Afghanistan, the Heart of Asia region and globally."

In a measure to disrupt these links, the conference called for increasing dialogue between their relevant ministries and agencies to tackle this menace. The conference, while recognizing that a politically negotiated settlement remains important for durable peace in Afghanistan, reiterated support to the Government of Afghanistan in its efforts to advance an Afghan-led Afghan-owned peace process. "We urge all Afghan Taliban groups and all other armed groups to enter into peace talks with the Government of Afghanistan."

"While recognizing the importance of the contributions of neighbouring countries and regional partners in this process, we urge all those countries in the region and beyond who have leverages and influence to help bring the Taliban to the negotiation table," the HoA declaration said. The HoA conference during its deliberations on ways to achieving prosperity acknowledged the crucial role of Afghanistan as a natural land bridge in promoting regional connectivity and economic integration in the Heart of Asia region. "We reiterate our strong support for Afghanistan's efforts to use its geographic location to enhance wider regional economic cooperation." The moot welcomed the practical implementation of TAPI and completion of the first stage of the Asian International Railway Corridor between Imamnazar, Turkmenistan, and Aqina, Afghanistan - the initial stages of

TAT linking Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. The conference also encouraged early implementation of the multinational energy and connectivity projects of CASA-1000, TUTAP, Chabahar Agreement, the Five Nation Railway, TAT linking Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Tajikistan by rail, as it would forge economic connectivity and growth in the region. It also welcomed the MoU on Jointly Building the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

The HoA conference noted the 'significant step' taken by Afghanistan, Iran and India by signing their trilateral transport and transit agreement based on sea access through Chabahar. Once implemented, this corridor would provide additional and dependable access for Afghanistan and Central Asia to regional and global markets. It was agreed to collaborate more closely in removing the non-tariff barriers to trade, establishing and implementing bilateral and multilateral regional transit-trade framework agreements. "In this regard, we stress on the urgent need to integrate, through the land route, South Asia and Central Asia through the expansion of existing bilateral trade and transit agreement both northwards and southwards," the declaration added.

Recognizing the importance of the role of small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) in the economic growth of individual countries and the region as a whole, the conference committed to undertake measures to strengthen the growth of SMEs, including women entrepreneurship, and their expansion across borders into other countries of the region.

In this regard, the members of the Trade, Commerce and Investment Opportunities CBM were tasked to explore measures, such as simplifying customs procedures, exchanging information on regional markets and addressing tariff and non-tariff barriers, and submit a report to the Senior Officials Meetings. As part of the Confidence Building Measures, the HoA declaration reiterated collective support to promote the implementation of six CBMs identified in the HoA-IP and noted that a number of activities under various CBMs that were carried out since "we last met in Islamabad in December 2015."

The HoA appreciated the valuable support of the international community to the HoA-IP and in this regard called for looking forward to continued contributions of the supporting countries and organizations to realize the implementation activities prioritized under each CBM. The conference concluded by tasking Senior Officials to hold the first 2017 SOM of this process, within three months of this conference. It welcomed the willingness of Azerbaijan to host the next Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process as Co-chair in 2017. It also welcomed the presence of guest countries Austria, Bulgaria, Latvia and Uzbekistan in the conference and noted their interest in the Heart of Asia Istanbul process. The declaration was adopted in Amritsar by the foreign ministers and high-level representatives of the participating countries of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Nations. The declaration also has the support of international and regional organizations: Commonwealth of Australia, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Poland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States, Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Collective Security Treaty Organizations (CSTO), Economic Cooperation Organisations (ECO), North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Cyber crimes

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Sir: Besides pedagogical purposes, the cyber world is highly exploited for the promotion of cybercrimes. Cybercrimes are committed inter alia with the help of phishing, hacking and diffusion of malicious viruses. Cyber pornography, identity theft and the sale of illegal articles have been institutionalised with the speedy progress of cybernation. The worst cases involve transaction fraud, piracy, plagiarism and blackmailing, where a man blackmails his girlfriend by making an erroneous account or uploading her private photographs on public websites.

Even the newly introduced internet banking system in Pakistan is at high risk. Account holders can lose their money to hackers and criminals sitting offshore where there are no cyber law enforcing agencies. The scammers are quite instrumental in harnessing the advantage of anonymity provided by the internet and defraud denizens. The cyber threat is not confined intra-regionally. The implications of 'cyber terrorism' are quite terrible, particularly if they fall into the hands of terrorist outfits because this would automatically give them enormous political leverage.

The gravity of the situation can be gauged from the fact that state-sponsored espionage battles are fought via the cyber world. Not surprisingly, a National Cyber Security Policy in India has been working since 2013. Sadly, Pakistan is devoid of such robust policies. On December 31, 2007, former president Pervez Musharraf enacted a law called the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Ordinance (PECO) 2007. The law has been criticised on many grounds. Currently, the Cyber Crime Bill has been enacted. It seems that the incumbent government is determined to address the rising problems of the cyber threat in a proactive rather than reactive fashion. For the proper promulgation of the law, all stakeholders should duly reciprocate to ensure their sincere participation.

KIBRIYA ASAD, Karachi

Karachi operation success linked with eradication of terror sanctuaries in Punjab: Qadri

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Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) Chief Tahirul Qadri Sunday (today) said that Pakistan is going through its most crucial time, and Karachi operation would meet its desired result only when terror sanctuaries in Punjab are uprooted.

Speaking to press at Jinnah International Airport, after returning from Canada, Dr Qadri said: "Karachi never had the problem of sectarian killings, it came from Punjab," further adding, "not only

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Police reveals statistics of anti-terrorism operations in Karachi

Daily Times, December 04, 2016

Military court trials of terror cases set to end on Jan 2

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in Karachi, wherever there are sectarian tensions, wherever there are religious extremism and terrorism, it all originated and spread all across the country from Punjab.” Qadri further stated that the rulers are trying to pave ways for ‘monarchy’ in the country. Letter of Qatari prince has proved their corruption. “Their corruption has been exposed. Now it is a test of the institutions,” he added. Dr Qadri alleged that the ruling party deliberately lost the by-election of Jhang in favour of a banned religious group. “PML-N had never let any political party to win any by-election, but just after the change of command in Army, government assisted Sipah-e-Sahaba/Lashkar-e-Jhangvi in winning the election,” he said. The PAT chief said that a kingship is being established in Pakistan and in view of establishing real democracy in the country, action against it should be immediately taken, otherwise, even the constitution would remain subservient to it. The PAT chief further emphasised that nation must wake up for resolution of issues.

KARACHI: Karachi Police recently disclosed a report regarding operations conducted last month against criminals and terrorists in the city.

According to the report, a total of 67 operations were carried out in the month November 2016. The report further adds that 18 suspected terrorists were killed and 24 terror suspects were arrested in the operations conducted last month. A Karachi Police spokesperson further added that during the operations conducted last month, 394 people were arrested for illegal arms possession, while 389 drug dealers, 13 extortionists, and 14 people allegedly involved in killings were taken into custody. As per the police spokesperson, 16 Kalashnikovs, 62 rifles, six LMGs, 515 handguns and 42 hand grenades were recovered during the anti-terrorism operations. He further added that 31 people became victims of target killings and 74 were injured in numerous firing incidents in the city.

ISLAMABAD: The power of military courts to try civilians is likely to end in a month as the government does not appear interested in extending the relevant amendment to the Constitution, which will lapse on Jan 2.

On Jan 3 last year, parliament passed the 21st Constitution Amendment, bringing the civilian suspects of terrorism under the jurisdiction of the military courts which are otherwise meant to try personnel of the armed forces for disciplinary reasons or for offences mentioned in the schedule of the Pakistan Army Act (PAA) 1952.

According to Minister of State for Interior Affairs Baleegh Rehman, “since the situation is under control now, there is no need to extend such wartime legislation”. The amendment extended the scope of scheduled offences of the PAA. It envisaged trial by military courts of those who claim or are known to belong to any terrorist group or organisation using the name of religion or a sect, those who take up weapons or wage a war against Pakistan or attack the armed forces or law-enforcement agencies; those involved in kidnapping for ransom; possession or storing of explosives, firearms or suicide jackets; using or designing vehicles for terrorist acts; providing or receiving funding from any foreign or local sources for terrorism; “overawing” the state or any section of the public or a sect or religious minority and creating terror or insecurity in or outside the country.

Earlier, civilians could only face a court martial if they “seduce, or attempt to seduce” persons subject to the PAA or if they were working at military installations or employed at temporary military setups.

Another anti-terrorism law, the Protection of Pakistan Act (PoPA), also lapsed in July after completing its two-year term. The government was initially indecisive about its renewal but days before PoPA's expiry it constituted a high-level team to discuss the revival of the legislation with the political parties. The amendment related to the military courts was passed with a sunset clause of two years.

While the law is set to expire in a month, there is no progress in the law ministry for extending it.

An official of the ministry told Dawn that the authorities were awaiting a signal from the interior ministry for preparing the draft of a bill in this regard. He said the interior ministry was monitoring progress on the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism and the military courts had been given the powers to try civilians as its part. “The interior ministry has consulted the law ministry over the military courts and the latter advised it to forward a written proposal if it wanted to extend the powers of military court for a certain period,” he said.

According to him, after the interior ministry submits the proposal, the law ministry will begin the process to table the bill in parliament. Political circles, however, believe that the government is not in a position to extend the military courts’ powers without the support of other parties.

The opposition PPP’s Senator Saeed Ghani, when contacted, said the powers of military courts given under the 21st Amendment could not be extended without the approval by a two-thirds majority in parliament, which the ruling PML-N lacked. “The PML-N government has not made any contact with the PPP to get its support,” he said and added that the government appeared to be unwilling to extend the tenure of the military courts for civilians’ court martial. “Last time the PPP was also reluctant to support this law but we were under pressure due to the situation and the terrorist attack on the [Peshawar] Army Public School (APS),” he said. “I don’t think that today one can justify such legislation.”

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) spokesman Fawad Chaudhry said the party would place the issue on the agenda of its next meeting. He said the government had failed to effectively implement NAP and it should be monitored by a parliamentary committee instead of the interior ministry. The matter of the military courts should also be brought before such a panel, he suggested. Sources in the interior ministry said the authorities concerned were looking towards the military authorities to ascertain their stance on the issue. The ministry, meanwhile, will continue handling the cases subject to the PAA till the expiry of the law. The military spokesman, when contacted, did not comment.

The death of the National Action Plan

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Military sources, on the other hand, claimed that the government was unwilling to give powers to the military courts even two years back and the APS incident had forced it to take the decision. They said that the amendment had been introduced with the sunset clause to give time to the government to improve the criminal justice system. However, the government did not upgrade the system and after the expiry of the law, the suspects of terrorism would be tried by the same courts, the sources alleged.

Minister of State Baleeghur Rehman, however, claimed that the law and order situation had improved manifold and there was no need to extend the military courts' powers.

In December 2014, the situation was entirely different, he said, adding that it was easy for the PML-N to persuade other political parties to support the amendment then but it appeared to be difficult now. Even otherwise, the situation is under control now and I don't think there is a need to extend the law, he said.

Few things are as hypocritical as the baying outrage of many conservative Pakistanis who denounce Donald Trump for his bigotry and intolerance.

More often than not, these people will pounce upon even the most remote incident of Islamophobia or racism in the United States to bemoan the plight of Muslims around the world, treating these events as further confirmation of the belief that the West and its allies in Israel and India are working together to undermine and destroy Islam.

The hypocrisy of this position becomes self-evident when many of these same individuals turn a blind eye to the obvious oppression and discrimination that exists within Pakistan itself. This is a country in which religious minorities do not enjoy the same rights and privileges as their fellow Muslim citizens, where sectarian organisations openly preach hatred against rival sects and belief systems, and where people are routinely murdered for believing in the wrong God or for adhering to a different interpretation of history and scripture.

To this ignominious list we can now add the election of a known preacher of hate and sectarian activist – a veritable member of a 'banned' organisation – to the Punjab Assembly.

On the 1st of December 2016, Masroor Nawaz Jhangvi, son of the founder of the Sipah-i-Sihaba (now known as the ASWJ) Haq Nawaz Jhangvi, won the by-election held in PP-78 (Jhang) after receiving over 48000 votes. He defeated the PML-N's Nasir Ansari by almost 13000 votes, and had more votes than all the opposition parties combined.

Masroor Jhangvi is no ordinary ASWJ leader, nor can his electoral candidacy and subsequent victory be seen as being unexceptional. Other than the fact that the ASWJ was and is a proscribed organisation in Pakistan, Jhangvi's name is also on the Fourth Schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997.

What that means is that while he had not actually been convicted of any crime, he is suspected of terrorist activities and, as such, is supposed to be subjected to a variety of measures aimed at monitoring and restricting his activities around the country.

Among other things, inclusion in the Fourth Schedule means that Masroor Jhangvi cannot undertake public engagements; he cannot address large meetings, he cannot visit schools without official permission, and he certainly cannot be given a platform upon which he can spread his message of hate and bigotry.

Yet, despite the fact that his political party is 'banned', and despite the fact that the Fourth Schedule precludes participation in an election, Masroor Jhangvi openly campaigned for, and won, a provincial assembly seat in Jhang. There are a number of reasons why Jhangvi was able to succeed. Jhang has, for various reasons, long been a hotbed of sectarian tension, and the ASWJ has high levels of support in the area. Jhang has also suffered from a tremendous amount of neglect, with low levels of public spending and service provision serving as a damning indictment of claims made by the PML-N about development and prosperity. It could also be argued that Jhangvi benefitted from a divided opposition vote bank, with the PML-N, PPP, and PTI all fielding separate candidates instead of uniting behind one person in order to stop the ASWJ. Indeed, the PML-N itself has cited this as the main reason why its candidate was unable to win.

All of this misses the point, and falls into the trap of normalising something that should never be seen as normal. Invoking poor governance and the absence of a united front as justifications for Jhangvi's victory legitimise his participation in the election, and conveniently skirt around more fundamental questions regarding how and why he was allowed to contest the election in the first place. It is deeply disconcerting to see the state sit by and watch this man get elected, either unwilling or unable to do anything about it. It is profoundly disturbing to learn that almost 50000 voters supported Jhangvi's politics and ideology. If there was ever any proof needed to demonstrate that the National Action Plan has failed, this is it; a suspected terrorist wins an election with the support of an extremely radicalized section of the populace.

What answer does the government have to all of this? What cunning plan will the powers-that-be devise to combat the cancer of extremism that has enveloped our society? Will there be an acknowledgment of the dangers posed by 'friendly' militant organizations? Will the establishment engage in a long overdue rethink of its disastrous Afghan and Indian policies? Will the distinction between good and bad Taliban be done away with? Will laws regarding hate speech and sectarianism actually be enforced? Will the miscreants who thrive on the propagation of religious terror finally be treated like the criminals they are, thrown in jail instead of being garlanded and feted as 'scholars'? Will the full machinery of the state finally be deployed to fight an existential, ideological battle for the hearts and minds of the people, emphatically and implacably delivering the message that all people are equal regardless of their creed?

Of course not. None of this will happen. It is one of the sad ironies of our current situation that those in a position to do something meaningful about changing the status quo are precisely the

Thai police arrest Baldia factory fire suspect

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actors who have the least incentive to do so. Religion has long been used as a tool by the state to establish its hegemony and pursue its objectives, and there are many in power who continue to believe in the efficacy of this strategy. Until this dangerous delusion is challenge change is unlikely. Just as Nero allegedly fiddled while Rome burnt, the government and establishment are likely to just keep screaming "CPEC!" and "Zarb-i-Azb!" as Pakistan is systematically and inexorably dismantled from within

KARACHI/BANGKOK - A Pakistani man suspected of starting a devastating factory fire in Karachi four years ago that killed 259 people has been arrested in Bangkok, Thai police said Saturday.

Abdul Rehman alias Bhola, 46, was detained at a hotel in the red-light district Nana area of the capital on Friday evening, said Thailand's Interpol chief. "Thai Interpol tracked this suspect following an arrest warrant sought by the Pakistani authorities," Major General Apichart Suriboonya told AFP. "He will be repatriated as soon as Pakistan is ready," he added. Apichart said Bhola was suspected of being part of a criminal gang that was extorting the owners of a Karachi garment factory. The gang burned down the Baldia factory when the owners refused to pay seven million baht (\$200,000), he said. Bhola was arrested from Room No 405 of the Royal Garden Home Hotel on Sukhumvit Soi 3 (Nana), following a raid by commandos from the Crime Suppression Division (CSD) and Interpol officers. Police found the man alone in the room and did not see anything illegal there.

"An anti-terrorism court in Karachi issued arrest warrants for Rehman on September 16 this year, but Pakistani authorities later learned that he had fled to Thailand," a Thai police official said.

On Saturday, FIA Sindh confirmed that the Interior Ministry had approved a team to bring back the key accused in Baldia factory fire case from Thailand.

Zafar Baloch, FIA Sindh spokesperson, said that FIA Deputy Director Badruddin Baloch and Inspector Rehmatullah Domki were among the approved team. He informed that the team would fly to Thailand as per the directives of concerned authority to take into custody Abdur Rahman aka Bhola. This year, on November 28, an anti-terrorism court, during hearing of Baldia factory fire case, had admonished the authorities for not being able to arrest the suspects. It had also ordered the Interior Ministry to arrest fugitives with the help of Interpol. So far two main accused in the case, Abdur Rahman aka Bhola and Zubair aka Lala have been arrested while Hammad Siddiqui is still at large. The fire at the Ali Enterprises factory in September 2012 was one of Pakistan's worst industrial disasters. A judicial probe into the blaze was damning, pointing to a lack of emergency exits, poor safety training for workers, the packing in of machinery and the failure of government inspectors to spot any of these faults.

Initially the fire was believed to be an accident but a Joint Investigation Team 'reinvestigating' the case this year termed the incident a "planned sabotage and terrorist activity". A murder case was registered against the factory owners, but it never came to trial. Much of the factory's garment output went to the German company KIK, who have paid out nearly two million dollars in compensation to the victims' families.

Staff Reporter from Lahore adds: Pak Sarzameen Party (PSP) chief Mustafa Kamal yesterday denied his party's any association with Abdul Rehman alias Bhola, a suspect who was arrested in Bangkok in connection with the Baldia factory.

Talking to reporters at Lahore Airport, Kamal said: "Bhola was never a member of PSP. We categorically deny this claim. Anyone can download and fill the party form off the internet." Kamal is on three-day tour to Lahore to organise his party in the Punjab's capital.

During his stay, he will meet party office-bearers and workers, address the Meet the Press programme at Lahore Press Club today and hold a press conference on Monday. Mustafa clarified that the allegations relating to the factory fire against Rehman were levied when he was a member of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, adding that PSP did not even exist at the time. Kamal said his party had challenged the status quo and politics of fear in Pakistan. He said PSP would soon become the strongest party of Karachi. He said he had great expectation from people of Punjab to make PSP a strong party.

ISLAMABAD: A predominant majority of youth (79.6%) hailing from across Pakistan and studying at the Quaid-e-Azam University believe that the fear factor prevalent in their minds has been decreased as a result of operations against terrorists, extremists and gangs while 7.4% of them say the fear factor still prevails at the same level while 13% view that the fear has further increased. This was revealed in a quick study of 54 respondents who gave their spontaneous responses while this writer asked a question whether the fear of terrorism has reduced, remains the same or increased amid military operations against the extremist and terrorist groups since the launch of the Zarb-e-Azb.

Out of 54 university students hailing from across Pakistan, 43 (79.6%) have said that the fear factor has been less than it used to be three years back, four (7.4%) of them feel that the fear factor remains the same while seven (13%) said the fear factor has rather increased due to improper security protections. This has been an overall picture while calculating the combined data.

When the data was desegregated along provincial lines, the responses happened to be variant as almost 88% students hailing from Punjab and 100% from Sindh were of the view that the fear of terrorism has been reduced. From Punjab, 2 (12%) out of 17 respondents admitted that they feel that the fear factor still prevails. The students from Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) were either having the feeling of a similar level of threat or fear of terrorism or they felt it has been increased due to insufficient security and safety mechanism.

From Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, 4 (40%) out of 10 respondents said the fear factor is less, one (10%)

80% youth feel secure saying 'fear of terrorism' reduced considerably

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Pakistan not responsible for unrest in IHK: Omar Abdullah

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Govt failed to implement NAP: Bilawal Bhutto

Pak Tribune, December 03, 2016

Bill for journalists safety, security next year, says Marriyum

The Nation, December 03, 2016

feels it is same and 5 (50%) said that it has been increased. From Balochistan one (33.3%) out of three feels it is the same, while 2 (66.7%) say it has been increased. From Fata one (50%) out of two respondents says the fear factor is less, while the others (50%) feel it has been increased. From Gilgit-Baltistan, four (57%) out of seven say the fear factor is less, while 3 (43%) feel that it is still the same. The data clearly shows that the people in Punjab and Sindh feel that the situation has improved in these two provinces where people, particularly in urban areas to an extended extent, enjoy their freedom of movement without much fear of any terrorist attack, though with a general care and caution. But the same feeling does not prevail in the people from Fata, GB, KP and Balochistan as they still are facing terror attacks or threats. The respondents from Fata also mentioned of the issue of peaceful and honourable repatriation of temporarily displaced population due to operation Zarb-e-Azb. There is a dire need that the government looks into the situation and takes measures to ensure the sense of security among the diverse people of the country. The government needs to take stern and needed action as required under the National Action Plan 2015 to build a peaceful, co-existent and inclusive society in the country so that every citizen feel secure and honoured as equal citizen as guaranteed in the Constitution.

SRINAGAR: Former chief minister of Indian-held Kashmir (IHK) and opposition National Conference (NC) working president Omar Abdullah on Saturday gave a clean chit to Pakistan, saying the country cannot be blamed for the ongoing unrest in Kashmir. He said distorting the current unrest in the Valley as a simple manifestation of terrorism or external interference would be a grave mistake, the Indian media reported. "We told the central government to act on the promises that it has made to people of Jammu and Kashmir. We told the Centre to understand the betrayal it has been committing for so many years against the State," Omar said, while addressing the party delegates' convention in north Kashmir's Baramulla Dak Bunglow on Saturday.

Kashmir has been witnessing unrest after the killing of 21-year-old Hizbul Mujahideen commander Burhan Wani on July 8. At least 94 people have been killed, over 13,000 injured and more than 8,000 arrested during the over four-month-long unrest in the Valley.

Pakistan has glorified Burhan and described him as "martyr". Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif raised Burhan's killing during his speech at the UN in September and described him as a 'young leader', who was 'murdered' by Indian forces and who has emerged as a symbol of latest Kashmir Intifada, a popular and peaceful freedom movement. Omar Abdullah said: "Don't be under the false impression that the unrest in Kashmir has been ignited by Pakistan. "Pakistan has no role in triggering the present uprising in the Valley. They might have taken advantage of the situation or added fuel to it but Pakistan is not responsible for present unrest," he said, adding, "We found that some people at the Centre willingly or unwillingly wanted to keep themselves ignorant about the situation in Kashmir. It was easy for them to blame Pakistan. But we kept trying to make them understand that the unrest in Kashmir has not been created by Pakistan. It is the result of our mistakes." The former chief minister said it would be a grave mistake to always blame Pakistan and turning a blind eye to internal issues.

"Distorting the current unrest in Valley as a simple manifestation of terrorism or external interference would be a grave mistake. To blame Pakistan alone for the political situation or the current unrest in the Valley is a distortion of the truth," he said. Omar said the IHK people have espoused a political sentiment even when there was no external interference and this political sentiment forms the basis of the State's special status that has since been eroded by extra-constitutional machinations. He said the political issue in Kashmir was neither an invention nor a creation of Pakistan but because of historic blunders and broken promises by successive dispensations in New Delhi. "The situation today stands compounded because of the present Central Government's refusal to even acknowledge that a problem exists in Kashmir," Omar said.

Taking a dig at the PDP-BJP coalition government in the IHK, he said the alienation in the Valley had been compounded by the opportunistic PDP-BJP alliance, whose inherent contradictions had translated into never-ending U-turns on crucial evocative issues.

LAHORE: Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government had failed to implement the National Action Plan (NAP).

Addressing a meeting of party workers from southern Punjab in connection with the PPP's 49th Foundation Day celebrations at the Bilawal House in Bahria Town on Friday, he said that the government had badly failed to implement the NAP as per its due spirit. He said that rulers in Raiwind were not ready to even talk against terrorism, leave alone fighting terrorism. Bilawal Bhutto strongly criticised the government for spending huge exchequer on metros when a great number of people of the country were deprived of healthcare and education facilities. He also said that metros could be constructive after providing basic necessities to the masses across the country. He also chanted slogans against the interior minister, saying that such slogans were being chanted in the hub of the ruling party's city, so the Sharif should be warned about the situation that could emerge after December 27. He warned that he would change his current slogan of "Go Nisar Go" into "Go Nawaz Go" if his four demands were not accepted before December 27. Criticising the ruling Sharif brothers' policies, he said that the people who live in Raiwind, as well as Federal Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, had no interest in resolving the problems of the general public.

KARACHI Minister of State for Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Marriyum Aurangzeb on Friday said that legislative process for the security and safety of journalists was underway and a bill to this effect would be tabled in the Parliament early next year in consultation with CPNE and other stakeholders.

Talking to the office-bearers and members of the Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE) at the CPNE head-office here, she underlined the need for joint efforts for a democratic and stable Pakistan. CPNE President Zia Shahid, Secretary General Ijaz-ul-Haq and other office-bearers and

Rangers nab three terrorists in Karachi

The News, December 03, 2016

Rangers arrest 19 including three terrorists from Karachi

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Where is the Karachi Operation heading to?

GEO TV, December 02, 2016

members were present in the meeting.

She said that PML-N government believed in media freedom, but journalism with responsibility was need of the hour. The Minister said that print media had played an important role for democracy and democratic norms. Marriyum Aurangzeb informed that the Academy of Information Ministry was being activated for offering training to journalists at the government-level. The first model for the training of journalists was under preparation, she added. She said that the government wanted to strengthen institutions, adding the role of media was vital in the development of a civilised society. The Minister stressed that editorial committees needed to be activated in the electronic media. She said that strengthening of Press clubs across the country was among the government's priorities. Several programmes for women journalists were also under consideration, she added. Marriyum Aurangzeb said that the operation launched by the present government against terrorism in the country, and the action to restore law and order in Karachi city, had produced positive results. The Minister said that Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif's government is taking practical steps for development and prosperity of the country. She said that Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif rid the country of terrorism, built motorways, initiated energy projects, launched public transport projects, Pakistan's first health insurance programme and educational reforms programme. Marriyum Aurangzeb emphasised that Pakistan needed Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif today. About the development activities, she pointed out that work on the motorway from Karachi to Hyderabad had been started, adding, that the phases of Hyderabad to Sukkur and Sukkur to Multan Motorway would also be completed in the present government's tenure.

The CPNE members praised Marriyum Aurangzeb for her priorities for the media, especially print media.

The Minister said that constructive recommendations pertaining to media freedom and for addressing problems faced by journalists would be welcomed and such recommendations and suggestions would also be considered in policy making.

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers have apprehended three terrorists affiliated to banned outfits Lashkar-e-Jhangvi (LeJ) and Al-Qaeda late on Friday.

Rangers spokesman said among the three terrorists one belongs to Al-Qaeda Sub-Continent and two are affiliated to LeJ.

Over 16 other suspects were also rounded up during various actions in the metropolis, the spokesman he said and added that the other arrested suspects were either extortionists or street criminals. They include six extortionists, four Iranian diesel smugglers, two illegal immigrants and two street criminals. Meanwhile, the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of police also claimed to have arrested three target killers from Surjani Town. Another hitman was arrested from Orangi Town. Also, two alleged robbers were killed in the firing of a citizen in SITE area.

KARACHI: Sindh Rangers on Friday arrested 19 suspects including three alleged terrorists belonging to banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Al-Qaeda, a spokesman for the paramilitary forces said.

According to the spokesman, out of the three terrorists one belongs to Al-Qaeda Sub-continent while the other two were affiliated with Lashkar-e-Jhangvi. He said that the other arrested suspects were either extortionists or street criminals. The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) of police also claimed to have arrested three target-killers from Karachi's Surjani Town. The operation against criminal elements in Pakistan's commercial hub Karachi was initiated back in September 2013 after the federal cabinet empowered Rangers to lead a targeted advance with the support of police. Since then Rangers have extended their powers every few months when they expire.

New army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, while setting his priorities on external and internal security, needs to give a fresh look to success and shortcomings of the Karachi Targeted Action which, if not reviewed in a right perspective, could be counterproductive.

While the ground situation by and large remains under control, incidents of target killings often resurface while street crime is constantly rising. Law enforcement agencies or the government have not been able to come out with any strategy to cope with the situation. The operation is still far from addressing basic problems without which neither government nor the army would be able to get the desired results. Some top officials admitted the presence of sleeper cells of outlawed groups in thousands of katchi abadis. The most neglected area is either poor investigation, bad prosecution or political bias, which not only caused embarrassment to the government, police and rangers, but also the apex committee.

What happened to the biggest arms seizure case? Acquittal of two alleged MQM militants suspected for their links with RAW for want of evidence despite authorities' confidence? Dr Asim Hussain's JIT, over 15,000 files taken by the FIA from Sindh Building Control Authority for probe into 'china-cutting' only reflect operational failures.

It was also claimed that in the last three years that over 16,000 suspects had been detained but many of them had been released except for those involved in heinous crimes. Majority of them belongs to the MQM, Lyari gang war and outlawed groups. What is the progress in their cases?

Some of these failures brought bad name to the operation as nothing came out despite a massive media hype created against the PPP and the MQM links. Unlike 'Zarb-e-Azb', Karachi operation also has political dynamics particularly when the police and law enforcement agencies suspect nexus between terrorism and politics, but they fail to produce concrete evidence in court.

Karachi operation was not an initiative of the federal or provincial governments, but one must thank the Supreme Court's 2011 judgement in the suo-motu 'Karachi Badamni' case which led to the launch of this high-profile operation. There have been lots of ups and downs in the operation

Imran Farooq murder: ATC issues arrest warrants of three suspects
Daily Dawn, December 02, 2016

PHC stays execution of five army court convicts
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particularly over the powers of the rangers, their extension, policing powers etc, but finally they got powers under Anti-Terrorism Action. However, the powers to detain any suspect for 90 days ended with the expiry of Protection of Pakistan Ordinance (PPO). This is exactly what happened in Karachi operation. 90-Azizabad, and Bilawal House in Clifton are symbols of two major parties of Sindh — the MQM and the PPP, respectively.

While 90 and MQM remains under constant attack for being allegedly involved in major targeted killings, extortion, the authorities had often linked Bilawal House with terror financing which created tension between the Sindh and the federal government on one hand, and between the PPP and the establishment on the other. It is ironic that despite several meetings of the 'apex committee', both at provincial and federal level, with the latter having prime minister and army chief as members had been unable to find a solution. Till this day, no one knows exactly why the government failed in forming a 'redress and grievances' committee, despite decisions taken at the highest level.

Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah's silence on the failure of police in not getting even close to the tall claims made last month about one of the country's biggest arms seizure from a house near the MQM headquarters, was surprising. The CM as well as the former governor, Dr Ishratul Ebad, announced rewards for the police for the operation, which has now become a cause of embarrassment. If nothing else, the CM should have at least suspended the team which had made such claims and had even directly or indirectly linked it to the MQM.

Similarly, in the case of killing of world famous Qawal Amjad Sabri, the authorities initially linked it with MQM's alleged militants, but later arrested two suspects of outlawed groups in the same case. No one knows the final outcome of another high-profile case and that is the smuggling of arms and terror financing through Fisheries. Some top officials of the Fishermen Cooperative Society, including its chief, Nisar Morai, were arrested. Later, he was released and bailed out, but now again arrested. What happened to this big scam, which involved billions of rupees and supply of arms through sea?

Another case, which is apparently heading nowhere and which got so much coverage on the media, is the alleged links between Lyari gang-war leader Uzair Baloch and the PPP leadership and the Sindh government. All these suspects or at least the high profile one like Dr Asim Hussain and Uzair Baloch's video confessions had been recorded, some were even aired. Another video confessional statement, which hit the headline was that of one of the three suspects in Dr Imran Farooq murder case.

Dr Asim Hussain's case, which practically led to tension between Sindh and Centre, and also between Sindh government and Rangers, made the closest aide of Asif Ali Zardari a victim, though in ranger's file, he still falls in the category of high-profile criminal.

Some former police officials and those who had been dealing with the investigation in the past believe that one of the reasons why police failed in the investigation is because of implication one suspect in too many cases instead of seriously probing one or two cases in which the suspect was actually involved. Secondly, both police and rangers must stop politicizing the cases by branding them with one political party or the other. Thus, it is time that the federal government, Sindh government, rangers and police sit and give serious thought to what they had done in the last three years. The premier apex committee, headed by PM Nawaz Sharif and the new army chief, must spend one or two days in Karachi to see where the operation went wrong despite success.

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Islamabad on Friday issued arrest warrant of three suspects allegedly involved in Imran Farooq murder case. Arrest warrant of Kashif Khan Kamran, Muhammad Anwar and Iftikhar Hussain were issued by the ATC on the request of Federal Investigation Agency (FIA). FIA had plead that three alleged suspects were directly involved in killing of senior Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) leader Imran Farooq.

According to the documents available with Dawn.com, the FIR against the above mentioned suspects was registered in September 2010. Last month, Khalid Shamim, a key suspect in the murder of Dr Imran Farooq, confessed to his role in the murder and alleged Altaf Hussain was also involved. "September 16 was chosen as the date for Farooq's murder as it was meant to be a gift for Altaf Hussain on his birthday," said Shamim in his confessional statement. He added that a sum of 25,000 pounds were sent to him through Iftikhar Hussain, which were spent on travel arrangements. The Federal Investigation Agency submitted the confessional statement in an anti-terrorism court in Islamabad on Thursday.

Last year, FIA arrested Khalid Shamim and Moazzam along with Mohsin Ali for their alleged role in the murder of Dr Farooq.

Earlier this year, a video of Shamim emerged, who was being held at the Adiala jail at that time, in which Shamim alleged that MQM chief Altaf Hussain was involved in Imran Farooq's murder.

Senior MQM leader Dr Imran Farooq was was stabbed and beaten to death near his apartment in Green Lane, Edgware in the UK in 2010. The FIA's counter-terrorism wing had registered a case under the relevant clauses of the Anti-Terrorism Act and the clauses of conspiracy, assistance, abatement and assassination/murder have also been incorporated in the FIR.

PESHAWAR: A Peshawar High Court bench on Thursday stayed the execution of five militants convicted by a military court on different counts of terrorism and suspended their death sentences.

Chief Justice Mazhar Alam Miankhel and Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Khan issued notice to the defence ministry seeking records of the cases of those convicts, whose family members have separately challenged sentences.

Khalid Anwar Afridi was the lawyer for convict Fazal Ali, whereas Barrister Tajamul represented other convicts, including Torah Gul, Mohammad Wali, Payo Jan and Khial Jan.

Police nab 51 suspects, recover huge cache of arms

Daily Times, December 02, 2016

Gen Sharif offered to join JI for 'dry-cleaning politics'

Daily Times, December 02, 2016

The ISIS conundrum – Is Pakistan heading in the right direction?

The Nation, December 02, 2016

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), media wing of Pakistan Army, had on Nov 22 issued a press release wherein it was mentioned that the Chief of Army Staff had confirmed death sentences awarded to 10 hard core militants including the present five convicts.

Lawyer Khalid Anwar said convict Fazal Ali was a resident of Swat and was handed over to Pakistan Army by a local Jirga in 2009. He added that after that he had gone missing and later on he was traced at an internment centre at the Pak-Austrian Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management in Swat. He stated that the family members had met him at the said centre in 2014. He added that on Nov 23 the family members came to know about his conviction by the military court through newspapers. He added that the convict was innocent and he was not provided opportunity of fair trial including selecting a counsel of his choice.

About Fazal Ali, the ISPR had claimed that he and two other convicts were members of Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan and they were involved in attacking law-enforcement agencies and personnel of armed forces. It was claimed that the said attacks had resulted in death of Havildar Munir Ahmed and Sepoy Sajid Khan and injuries to several soldiers.

About the other four convicts, Barrister Tajamul said they were residents of Khyber Agency and were taken into custody early this year. He added that they were not given opportunity of presenting proper defence and were also not provided record of their cases.

About the said four convicts, the ISPR had claimed that they were members of Lashkar-i-Islam, a Bara-based banned outfit. The ISPR claimed that Tirah Gul and Mohammad Wali had attacked LEAs and armed forces resulting into the killing of Havildar Noor Mast, two naiks Farman Ali and Shabbir Akhtar, and sepoy Humayun, Fakhar Alam and Ismail and injuries to many other soldiers.

Similarly, about Khial Jan the ISPR had stated that he was involved in attacks which had killed a civilian Abdullah and a member of Khasadar force, Sameed Khan, and had injured several others. Moreover, the ISPR had claimed that the convict Payo Jan was involved in attacks on LEAs which had resulted in the death of sepoy Qasim Raza. The high court has normally been conducting in-camera proceedings of final arguments in cases of military courts convicts.

Several of the military court convicts approached the high court but failed to get relief against their convictions. Appeals of several of them were also turned down by the Supreme Court. Currently, their review petitions are pending with the apex court.

PESHAWAR: The Peshawar Police have arrested 51 suspects and recovered illegal arms from them in Phandu area of provincial capital during the Search and Strike operations on Thursday.

An official of police informed Daily Times that search and strike operation in Phandu and its surrounding areas was conducted after the police force received reliable information regarding the presence of suspected persons. The official further said that area was chosen after the martyrdom of Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Asmat Ullah in a recent attack on a police patrol vehicle in Phandu.

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Operations Peshawar Sajjad Khan informed this scribe that the operation was conducted on Thursday morning and suspects are in the custody of Peshawar police. He added that the arrested persons could have cause disaster if they were not arrested in time. Sajjad Khan further said that the Peshawar police was conducting operations in different areas of the city. "Where ever there are reports of presence of any suspects or unknown men causing trouble for the locals and residents, we go after them," he said. The SSP lauded the role of Peshawar police and said that the region was on the frontline in the War on Terror but the Peshawar police had bravely fought the war against terrorism and protected the people from any big disaster or destruction.

The residents of Phandu Kalle responded that the arrested suspects were involved in bad activities and seen often with unknown people of evil caliber. The Phandu Kalle is more known from its road Phandu road. Which connect Peshawar with many other rural districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province? Alongside Phandu there are villages. This was not the first time that suspects were arrested from Phandu area the official informed Daily times that before this raid 25 suspects were arrested from this area on February 04, 2016. This area connect different other areas to enter Peshawar from link roads and rural pathways. The sources added that police vehicles were targeted here and unknown suspects have conducted 7 ATA by firing on police vehicles.

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan (JI) has offered General Raheel Sharif - the retired chief of the army staff - to join the party for holding an 'operation' in politics like the successful Zarb-e-Azb military action against terrorism during his tenure in the Pakistan Army. This offer was formally given by Dr Waseem Akhtar, the only legislator of the Jamaat-e-Islami in the Punjab Assembly from Bahawalpur during the assembly proceedings on Thursday. Highlighting the political situation on a supplementary question during Question Hour in the House, the Jamaat leader said that he formally invited General Sharif to join them as a politician after two years as per national laws and rules and regulation for the army officer. Paying rich tribute to General Sharif, he said that the former army chief had maintained law and order by holding a successful military operation against terrorists in the country so such an act was also needed in politics. For such a purpose, he should join the Jamaat. Interestingly, when Dr Waseem tabled his offer to a retired general to join Jamaat against the party's political hierarchy and procedure of joining, the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) lawmaker Nadeem Kamran questioned the presence of a general in the party.

Considering their massive online presence, denying the presence of IS in Pakistan, or stating that the group is yet to infiltrate Pakistan, is like living in a fool's paradise

When it comes to terrorist outfits that have infiltrated in Pakistan, ISIS is one name that has surely resulted in the Pakistani authorities experiencing some sleepless nights. From Northern Iraq (Mosul) to Syria and from there on to the rest of the world, the global aspirations of IS can't be overlooked. In terms of Pakistan, it isn't about the militants operating in FATA, rather the real threat

lies in the urban areas, where the youth are being radicalized big time.

Before staring contemplating how to fight IS, it is important for Pakistan to know the group inside out. There has to be a reason why educated masses are showing allegiance to Mr. Baghdadi, the figure-head of IS. Although, the current situation isn't bleak enough, but it is high time that Pakistan must set the panic alarms on. In terms of current situation of IS in Pakistan, the group has become a brand name that is catching eye-balls, and this is where it gets difficult to handle.

IS's presence in Pakistan is debatable. The Foreign Office has, time and again, assured the nation that there isn't anything to bother about. However, what has transpired over the last few months forces us to think otherwise. Pakistan, as a state, is getting wrong here. Measuring the presence of IS in Pakistan isn't about the number of people who have flown over to Syria or Levant, rather it is about how many people share the same ideology or sympathize with the group. In the light of this, IS has a massive presence in Pakistan, curbing which should be the way to go for Pakistan.

Now consider ISIS's reach. The organization has more than 35,000 foot soldiers with foreign fighters joining in the ranks in large numbers. It controls territory in northern Iraq and Syria to the size equal to that of Jordan, seized \$500 million from Mosul's central bank in 2014, makes \$3 million in oil trade every day, relish on hefty tax payments from minorities, and considered as the richest outfit amassing net worth of over \$2 billion. Add to it the organization's massive online presence and you have the world's most feared outfit- the ISIS.

Security analysts who are of the view that IS is still in the initial phase in Pakistan aren't performing a 360 degree analysis. It's more than two years since IS went public and the formation of the group was formally announced. Considering their massive online presence, denying the presence of IS in Pakistan, or stating that the group is yet to infiltrate Pakistan, is like living in a fool's paradise.

Security paradigm is constantly evolving, and according to Bruce Hoffman, the economic measures such as making the captives do all the laborious work has allowed IS to focus entirely on the recruitment process. With a sustainable enough economy and the semiotics the group is using, it is likely to work for them in the future as well. After all, there has to be a reason why educated people in Europe are willing to say good-bye to the lavish lifestyle they are enjoying. Safoora Goth carnage was an eye-opener, and what transpired recently at the Darga Shah Noorani in Balochistan highlighted and manifested the fact that the IS narrative is working worldwide, and Pakistan is no exception to it. The time is ticking, and the Pakistani authorities need to unearth the ideology before it explodes, literally!

Pakistanis need to be sure about whether IS exists in Pakistan or not. This dichotomy wouldn't work. If this confusion exists, then Pakistan is surely going to fight a battle within a war itself. Therefore, being clear about what you'd like to achieve, and why you want to achieve that has to be the top-most priority of the government, and more precisely, the law enforcement agencies. In terms of the trends of IS in Pakistan, it mostly depends on whether the state itself allows the group to infiltrate within the region or not. Taking tough decisions may not come naturally, but allowing the things to carry on without thinking outside of the box is asking for trouble.

In the contemporary scenario, it seems as if the Pakistani government has literally conveyed to the group that as long as you don't hit us, we have no issues with you expanding your network. We wouldn't take any action whatsoever against those who have shown allegiance to you in Pakistan. But please- for heaven's sake- just don't get back to us. What a great security policy our civilian government has in store for the nation! I guess, Operation Gibraltar and Grandslam is a special case study Pakistanis need to be cognizant of. Letting IS grow is the biggest mistake the Pakistani government is committing. Army is doing a commendable job, and with the change in command, the counter-terrorism policies need to be pursued with full vigor. But, as I enunciated above, this menace can't be countered alone by Operation Zarb-e-Azb. Pakistani authorities are playing into the hands of IS, and the inability to device any strategy and remaining ignorant about the group's presence in the country is the major factor that can help it rise big time.

Now, let's focus on the other side of the picture. What to do to eradicate or overcome this menace is the question, then? If the government is to stop IS from infiltrating further in the region, then it must understand that it is the mind, not the weapons that do the trick. Disarming the militants wouldn't suffice. Just get rid of the jihadi literature that is easily available in Pakistan, and most worryingly, taught at various levels across the country. Knowing your enemy and knowing what they're focusing upon is the key.

Unfortunately, we in Pakistan, have given little attention to this fact. If the government focuses on social inclusiveness, and pays much attention to monitoring and regularizing the curriculum being taught to the kids across the country and keeping check over the clerics, then it would be immensely helpful. Here's a workable solution. Adopt a system where all of the clerics are government representatives, and what they preach is in line with the writ of the state. This is how clerics are regularized in Turkey, and replicating that in Pakistan along with the aspects highlighted above can result in IS having a hard time making further inroads in Pakistan.

ISLAMABAD: Russian ground forces will hold joint military drills with forces of Pakistan next year. The Russian Defense Ministry, during a press briefing in Moscow, said joint military drills will be aimed to further improve combat operation preparedness against terrorism, mountain training, and actions of formations at different zones. Pakistani and Russian armies held the first ever joint military exercises called "Friendship 2016" in September this year. A contingent of more than 200 Russian and Pakistani ground forces had participated in the joint exercise between the two militaries. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday said that Russia has shown keen interest to boost its relations with Pakistan. Russia said that it will also organise military drills with Collective Security Treaty Organization countries which included six post Soviet states belonging to the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Russia to hold joint military drills with Pakistan in 2017
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Security fund

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It is a bitter fact that Pakistan continues to face many internal and external challenges and threats which have to be faced and overcome fighting these boldly, courageously and daringly as usual in a determined manner. No doubt lot has been achieved under Zarb-e-Azb operation and the National Action Plan in elimination of militancy, extremism and terrorism from the sacred soil of the motherland but the war on terror is still continuing and will continue till the militants, terrorists, their collaborators and facilitators are completely eliminated. All measures being taken against these anti-State and anti-people elements quite obviously involve quite heavy expenditures.

Quite rightly and timely, the Federal Government has proposed to establish National Security Fund for financing all these activities to effectively cope with security challenges and war on terror in order to achieve desirable objectives in satisfactory manner at the earliest possible. For ensuring continuation of appreciable pace of economic progress and development, the country has to be made safe and secure for the people and also for the foreign investors.

According to the reports, the proposed National Security Fund will be established with 3 per cent of National Finance Commission (NFC) Award divisible pool of resources between the Federal Government and four units of the Federation i.e. the Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pukhtoonkhwa and Balochistan only after consultation and approval of the provinces.

For meeting the security challenges, 29 more civil armed wings of the armed are being established in addition to existing 28 such wings and also North Security Division is also being raised to meet security requirements of 46 billion dollars comprehensive China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. It is also good to note the assertion by the federal government that if the National Security Fund is established with okay by the provinces, it will only be used to meet arrangements and for no other purpose whatsoever.

Security related issues and challenges are of great national importance and it is hopefully expected that the provinces will accord their approval for the establishment of the proposed much needed and essential National Security Fund when it is deliberated in the upcoming meetings of the National Finance Commission. The sooner it is established the better it would be for the country and the nation as all security concerns and challenges are to be faced by all of us with greater national unity to say the least, please.

ISLAMABAD: A day after formally taking charge of Pakistan Army, General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Wednesday outlined his priorities saying the defence and security of Pakistan against external and internal threats will remain his ultimate objective as chief of army staff.

In a major policy statement, the newly-appointed army chief also emphasised that the war against terrorism would continue with a 'focused approach' and that it would be taken to its logical conclusion.

On his first visit to field formations after taking over command of Pakistan Army, Gen Qamar visited the Corps Headquarters Peshawar and North Waziristan, said Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) in a statement giving the first insight into the new army chief's take on a host of internal and external security challenges.

Gen Qamar formally took charge of the army at a colourful ceremony held at the Hockey Stadium in Rawalpindi on Tuesday. He assumed the charge of arguably the most powerful and challenging job at a time when Pakistan is confronted with both internal and external challenges.

Although recently retired army chief Gen Raheel Sharif is credited with turning the tide against militancy, it remains to be seen whether his successor will follow the same policy. "War against terrorism will continue with focused approach and it will be taken to its logical conclusion till total elimination of terrorism from our soil," Gen Qamar said while speaking to troops in North Waziristan. "We will continue to move ahead of the gains already made so far," he added, vowing that no terrorists of any hue would ever be allowed to come back. His statement appears to be aimed at sending a loud and clear message that Pakistan will not discriminate in its ongoing fight against terrorism.

People who know the new army chief believe that Gen Qamar will follow a more 'proactive and decisive' policy against terror outfits than his predecessor. Security sources said Gen Qamar was expected to make explicit and categorical statements in coming days on oft-repeated allegations against Pakistan that it was not doing enough against terror and that the country's approach was selective. At the same time, he will also spell out his policy on current tensions with India. In an informal interaction with reporters soon after taking the charge, Gen Qamar hinted at de-escalation of tensions along the Line of Control (LoC).

Meanwhile, the military's media wing said the army chief was given detailed briefing at the corps headquarters about prevailing security situation in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Fata and Malakand Division, ongoing stabilisation and combat operations, progress of return of TDPs and continuing development works. At North Waziristan he was briefed by the local formation commander on the security situation in the agency, resettlement phase of TDPs and inspected reconstruction work on ground. Paying tribute to brave tribes, officers and men of the army, FC, levies, and police, the army chief stressed the need for expediting pace of new raising of FC wings to enhance an effective Pak-Afghan border management. He said TDPs return should be completed within the stipulated time, and they should be assisted in all ways to resettle respectfully. Earlier at Peshawar, Gen Qamar was received by Corps Commander 11 Corps Lt Gen Hidayatur Rehman who also accompanied him to North Waziristan.

ISLAMABAD—NAB is closely working with Ministry of Education for incorporating anti-corruption theme in the curriculum from class I to X, eradication of corruption is essential for strengthening the country's economy, said National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Chairman Qamar Zaman Chaudhry on Tuesday. He was addressing a seminar titled 'Role of Youth in Eradication of Corruption' arranged at Faisal Masjid campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad

COAS vows to press ahead with war on terror

Express Tribune, November 30, 2016

NAB working on incorporation of anti-corruption theme in curriculum: Qamar

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(IIUI) by varsity's Faculty of Shariah and Law.

"Corruption is root cause of every evil and it has become one of the greatest challenges of the modern era. Some have called it as grave as terrorism since the nexus between the two is quite unholy" said Qamar Zaman Chaudhry. He added that Youth is future of Pakistan that make up over 60 per cent of country's population so their role is crucial for eradicating corruption. Chairman NAB said corruption was far more prevalent in developing countries as compared to the developed ones and it badly impacts society, governance and youth. He was of the view that economy and social development of Pakistan has suffered immensely from the detrimental effects of corruption & terrorism. He hailed the role of army in fight against terrorism and said that NAB and other anti-corruption agencies were working to curb the menace of corruption through various designed strategies. He urged students to develop zero tolerance for corruption and play their due role in inculcating positive behaviour and good deeds in their surroundings. Students must play a pivotal role in promoting awareness and taking steps for eradication of corruption to make the country prosperous, he added. "We have also signed an MOU with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Under the MoU, NAB and HEC are undertaking joint efforts for sensitizing the youth against corruption" he told. He urged all the universities to join hands to eliminate corruption and suggested that IIUI students should launch an anti corruption club for which NAB will provide every possible cooperation and support.

IIUI Rector, Dr. Masoom Yasinzaï said on the occasion that corruption is a global phenomena which has crippled the societies. He said that Youth is the best utilizable source to get rid of the menace of corruption. The IIUI Rector said the every year 5% of global GDP goes in bribery which he termed unfortunate and urged the youth to step forward against corruption by applying Islam's message of transparency. He assured that IIUI would be found in leading ranks against the corruption and such activities would continue from varsity platform.

Earlier, Vice President IIUI, Dr. Muhammad Munir Khan thanked NAB and IIUI administration for support amid arrangements of the seminar and vowed to continue this cause in future. The event was also attended by Director General NAB Aliya Rashid, Director General IIUI Khalid Mehmood Raja, other high officials of both organizations, varsity's Deans, faculty members and students.

3 'TTP men' held in Karachi

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KARACHI - The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) claimed on Monday to have arrested three militants associated with the outlawed Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) during a raid on their hideout in the Machar Colony area of Sohrab Goth. According to details, the CTD team raided the militants' hideout on a tip off and arrested three men associated with the TTP Zubair Group. The team also seized weapons from the suspects.

CTD officials identified the suspects as Jahanzaib, Sohaib Khan and Noshair. They said that a suspect Usman fled the scene. Police said those arrested were involved in terror financing and used to kidnap people for ransom. They were involved in other criminal activities and financing militants in Waziristan.

Police said that Zubair was killed in an encounter during the Karachi operation and his group members left the city due to the operation. They were now returning to the city to carry out terror attacks, police said.

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KARACHI: The deadly fire that erupted in a hotel in Karachi early Monday also injured some Pakistani cricketers who were staying at the hotel. Cricketers from UBL's first-class team, which also included some international Pakistan cricketers, were evacuated from their hotel rooms following the blaze, which killed 11 people and injured over 70, 30 of them critically. Two of the players received injuries in the incident, sources revealed. "Bowler Yasim Murtaza, in an attempt to evacuate himself from the hotel, jumped off from the second floor of the building and fractured his ankle," sources said. "Karamat Ali is also among the injured of the incident, he was injured by broken glass." International Pakistani cricketers Sohaib Maqsood, Hammad Azam and Umar Amin were also present inside the hotel when the fire broke out. Some

Cricketers help in rescue efforts: Sohaib Maqsood along with other cricketers, although shaken themselves, helped in rescuing guests trapped inside the ablaze building. UBL cricket team head Nadeem Khan said Maqsood evacuated a family trapped inside the hotel. The family had children and Maqsood did not want to leave them behind helpless, the manager said. The cricketers also helped in rescuing and evacuating Chinese officials affected by the fire.

LAHORE: The Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU) has notified students of its Lahore campus to get enrolled in the main Multan campus as the sub-campus in Lahore has been declared illegal. The longstanding contention between the students and the varsity seems to have come to an end after several protests were held by students and assurances given by the government to safeguard students' future. According to the Higher Education Commission (HEC), around 17 sub-campus had been functioning under public-sector universities, mostly in Punjab. The Lahore campus of BZU was established under public-private partnership in 2012. However, in 2015 the HEC declared the sub-campus illegal, saying it did not fulfil the minimum requirements set by the commission. The decision led to several protests by students of the campus, oftentimes blocking the Canal Road where the sub-campus is located.

An advisory issued by BZU Multan states the university syndicate took the decision to enrol students of the sub-campus in a meeting on November 11 in lieu of the orders of the Lahore High Court. "All the students concerned are directed to get themselves enrolled at the Office (specially established for the students) located at Institute of Social Sciences, main campus, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan till December 20 on prescribed enrolment form available at www.bzu.edu.pk." The students have been directed to attach a demand draft of Rs1,000 in favour of BZU treasurer as the processing fee. The university will administer examination on December 22. Only those students would be accommodated whose data had been provided by the sub-campus. The advisory states: "The students will be enrolled in a semester of the continuing programme/degrees as determined by BZU based on the results submitted by each student. Only those students will be considered for enrolment whose record has already been provided by management of disputed BZU Lahore campus, under the Court Order dated 31-08-2016". As per the record provided in compliance of court order, the passed out students are also directed to get themselves enrolled till December 20 for onward processing of their special examination and award of degrees. The date of special examination shall be announced on December 22. Meanwhile, some students would be accommodated in Lahore by the HEC and the provincial higher education body – HED. Students of BS Technology and DPT will be accommodated through the HEC and HED Punjab in relevant institutions of Lahore as per the information supplied by the representative of HEC in the 4/2016 meeting of the BZU, Multan Syndicate.

LAHORE: Although not a single polio case was reported in 2016 in Punjab, the positive results of environmental samples are still a cause of concern and require more dedicated efforts in the polio drive that is soon to start, said Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Health (PSH) Khawaja Imran Nazir. He was speaking at the monthly meeting of health executive district officers (EDOs) on Sunday. Imran directed the EDOs to personally monitor the polio drive this month. He stressed special efforts must be made to tighten the drug control regime with a firm action against culprits involved in spurious drugs activities. Emergency Operation Centre Coordinator Dr Munir Ahmed said due to positive results of environmental samples, Multan would be specifically focused in the upcoming polio campaign. He gave presentation on the indicators that required immediate attention in the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication. He added Punjab was able to address the rural and urban disparity in immunisation coverage, reducing it to just over 1%. PSH Secretary Ali Jan Khan said preventive health care was under special focus and based on study of successful models in the world, new initiatives were being introduced in the beginning of 2017. He directed penalties and other disciplinary measures on staff members who are not complying with biometric attendance requirement. He asked for reports on sites where scanners were out of order. The meeting also reviewed the status of basic health units (BHUs), facilities and resources needed for the improvement. Punjab Health Services Director General Dr Mukhtar Hussain Syed, health EDOs from all districts, chief minister roadmap team and officials from Punjab Information Technology Board, Policy and Strategic Planning Unit, UNICEF and WHO were also in attendance at the meeting. The chief minister roadmap team also presented analysis on key performance indicators for primary and secondary health care. The vaccinators' performance was under special scrutiny and it was decided the Punjab government will further fine tune its immunisation programme through child level data analysis.

MULTAN: Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif said that Multan metro bus project would be inaugurated soon as the development projects were government's top priority for the welfare of the people. He said that sense of deprivation among people of South Punjab would be

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ended and their living standard would also be improved through the uplift projects, initiated by the government. He said that better and organized traveling facility would be available to people by completion of metro bus project, adding that the modern transport culture would be introduced. He expressed these views while talking to Parliamentarians and PML-N delegations here. The parliamentarians informed the Chief minister that the uplift projects have brought prosperity and development in South Punjab. Shahbaz Sharif condoled with ex-MNA Sheikh Tariq Rasheed over the death of his mother and MPA Sultana Shaheen over death of her nephew. Punjab Governor Malik Rafiq Rajwana, MNA Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar, MPAs Haji Ehsan-u-Din Qureshi, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Rai Mansab, Mujahid Ali Shah, Chaudhary Abdul Waheed Arain and Saeed Ansari were also present on the occasion.—APP

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister for Elementary and Secondary Education Muhammad Atif Khan Saturday said that Information Technology was playing vital role for the development of the country and the provincial government was taking measures to extend it across the province. He said this while addressing in E-Pakistan conference here at Sarhad University of Information Technology (SUIT). The minister said that the KP government has established 500 IT labs so far. He said that Rs1.5 billion have been allocated for 500 more IT labs which would be established next year. He said that there were total 180 labs before PTI led coalition government adding that their government would establish 1300 IT labs till the end of their government. The minister appreciated the role of SUIT to extend the project from E-Peshawar to E-Pakistan. Speaking on the occasion Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Dr Saleemur Rehman said that SUIT is giving modern education to the students. He said that such student would become a beacon for the welfare and prosperity of the country. Earlier, chairing a presentation on establishment of IT Labs in Government Schools of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Minister said that the PTI led Provincial Government was planning to establish latest IT Labs in all Government Schools of the Province to equip new generation with IT education.—APP

DI KHAN: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Pervez Khattak on Saturday said the government was taking tangible measures to extend relief to growers, planning to put all existing all electricity-based tube-wells of agriculture sector on solar energy in the province during the current year. Inaugurating Gomal Zam Command Area Project, the chief minister said the agriculture sector shared a good contribution in economic development, so the government would provide solar-powered tube-wells to the growers of the province as part of efforts to give impetus to economic growth. He said the provincial government would approach World Bank to lend financial support to the plan and fully capitalize on agriculture development-oriented efforts. He said that mega project of the Gomal Zam Command Area scheme would herald a green revolution to the land in area, which had been lying either barren or unproductive due to water scarcity, adding it would irrigate 87700 hectare of land in Kulachi, over 94000 hectare of Tank and about 8000 hectare of Dera Ismail Khan. He said said work on Chashma Lift Canal project would soon be kicked off, adding the province would bear cost of Rs 40 billion and federal government would share expenditure to the tune of Rs 70 billion to execute the project which would give boost to the agriculture filed of the district. He said that Dera Ismail Khan had been included in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Project under which railway tracks and roads networks from Peshwar to Dera Ismail would be laid, generating economic activities in the belt. He said that CPEC project also envisaged an Industrial Park in area of the Dera Ismail Khan which would provide job opportunities for the youth of the area. Thus, he urged the parents to provide technical education to their children in order to prepare them for securing jobs in industrial units or projects, being executed as part of the multi-billion CPEC project. He said that provincial government had taken a number of initiatives for the welfare of the people of the province, adding initiative of Insaaf Card was giving testimony to this effect. He said Insaaf- Card holder would be entitled to avail upto Rs 5,00,000 free medical treatment, adding the programme would soon cover half of the province's population. He said government had also enacted Right to Service law in order to facilitate people, adding complaints should be registered if anyone found hurdles in getting domicile certificate or licenses. Referring to local government system of the province, the chief ministers said local representatives were effectively contributing their services for the welfare of the local population. Adding they were instantly resolving masses' problems at grass-roots level. He also highlighted his government's efforts to cover land with trees, saying one billions of trees would be planted across the province, which would ensure positive environmental impact for the population. Earlier, he chief minister was briefed about Gomal Zam Command Area project by Commissioner Dera Ismail Khan circle Dr Nazeer Akhtar Warriach.—APP

State Minister for Water and Power Abid Sher Ali on Saturday inaugurated a grid station of 132-KV in Chenab Nagar. Addressing a gathering, he said another project, 220-KV Lalian grid station, would also start functioning in the next year. Abid Sher said the government had started a number of power projects which would help overcome energy shortage till 2018. He added that not a single unit was added to the national grid by the previous governments. The minister said the government had connected provinces with motorways which would raise living standard of the people besides providing them with basic facilities of life. The minister said the PML-N government would win the next general elections due to its people-welfare policies. He said Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan was creating hindrances in the way of progress and prosperity of the country. Minister of State for Water and Power, Abid Sher Ali says the government is focusing on laying new transmission lines and upgrading the existing distribution system in the country. The State Minister appreciated the efforts of officials for completing project of grid station prior to its stipulated time. He said progress of country lies in the electricity and PML-N government is committed to fulfill its promise. NNIFaisalabad: Outspoken junior water and power ministry Abid Sher Ali on Saturday branded PTI Chairman Imran Khan and his close companions a gang of robbers. 'Imran Khan is a munshi (secretary) of Jahangir Khan Tarin,' Abid Sher Ali told media in Faisalabad, a couple of day after he was rebuked by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif for making provocative remarks about his political rivals, including Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. 'In the coming days, they (PTI leaders) will have to hide their faces, but they will find no place to hide,' he said. The state minister urged Imran Khan to present evidence he claimed to have regarding offshore holdings of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his family. Ali urged the Supreme Court to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Imran Khan for

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saying he had already won his case in the apex court. He said that Imran Khan's lie was caught and God willing the people of Pakistan would blacken the faces of PTI Chairman and Sheikh Rashid. To a question, he said that PML-N would bag 80 percent of the seats in Sindh in the next general elections. —Agencies

MULTAN: Around 1,100 classrooms will be constructed at 650 primary and middle schools of Multan district. This was announced by Multan Executive District Officer (EDO) Education Muhammad Ashfaq. The government decided to build more classrooms in schools that did not have enough space to accommodate a large number of students. Talking to *The Express Tribune*, he said EDOs of different districts of the province told the government that the number of sections has increased because more students were enrolled in primary classes. However, due to the shortage of classrooms, two classes of different grades were being conducted in a single room. In some schools, students sit in corridors, on grounds or under trees because of the lack of classrooms, he added. In order to deal with the issue, Ashfaq said the education department decided to construct more rooms. He added instructions were issued to conduct a survey of schools facing problems.

PESHAWAR: More than 2,200 workers assigned for road maintenance across Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa are working without a proper attendance mechanism and duty schedule. The issue came up at a recent meeting of the communication and works department. According to the minutes of the Nov 16 meeting, the chairman and adviser to the chief minister on C&W affairs Akbar Ayub Khan was briefed about issues left unaddressed over the past many years. The meeting was attended, among others, by C&W Secretary Muhammad Asif Khan, Chief Engineer Central Muhammad Ayub Khan, Chief Engineer East Ijaz Ahmad Ansari, Superintending Engineer Headquarters North Ghulam Yazdani, Director of Planning and Development Shakir Habib and Executive Engineer Highways Division Aziz Khatak. Documents obtained by *The Express Tribune* showed that a large number of these workers, known as 'road repair men', were working in offices and houses of both serving and retired government officers. "The absence of road repair men is creating an embarrassing situation and road edges and kerbs and drains are not being maintained properly, creating problems for the public," the minutes of the meeting quoted the chairman as saying. Subsequently, official attending the meeting decided that no maintenance workers would be allowed to work for government officers and all such repair men and workers would be recalled to join their original duties. "Salaries of those who fail to rejoin their duties should be withheld ... Their services should be terminated after serving show-cause notices on them." Road inspectors were also asked to ensure proper attendance of such workers or else they would face strict disciplinary action. The meeting agreed to prepare fresh lists of road porters that should be submitted with the office of the secretary C&W. "The lists must contain biographical data of the porters." Furthermore, it was decided that funds would be released for providing uniforms and tools for the road repair workers.

MULTAN: (Dunya News): Police and health department on Saturday raided a factory making fake medicines and arrested its owners. They seized the fake medicines worth millions of rupees and sealed the factory, reported Dunya News. As Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Shehbaz Sharif ordered strong action against the factories making fake medicines, the health department officials also came to life and sealed a factory in Multan's Kotwali Police Station premises in a raid, seizing medicines and machines worth millions of rupees. The fake medicines were not only being supplied in Multan but also in other areas of South Punjab. However, police arrested factory owner Iftikhar Rafique and started investigation.

KARACHI (Dunya News): With the "100 day cleanliness campaign" inaugurated by Karachi mayor Waseem Akhtar entering its third day, heaps of garbage can still be seen at areas where the campaign was kicked off. It has also been reported that the elected representatives of these particular areas are nowhere to be found, hence revealing the interest of the authorities in the campaign. While talking about UC-26 of East District, the parks in the area have transformed into garbage units while the debris lying outside the schools is a serious pain in the neck for the students. The locals were of the opinion that there is no need for a cleanliness campaign; instead a proper set-up should be devised for keeping the city clean. Moreover, they also expressed that the cleanliness campaign should not be limited to a few areas and that the whole city should be benefitted out of this project.

ISLAMABAD: The claims by the concerned authorities for improvement in gas supply were dashed to the ground as many localities in the twin cities were left with low to zero gas pressure amid cold weather. The residents of Rawalpindi and Islamabad are facing acute shortage of gas which speaks volumes about the inefficiency of the concerned authorities of the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) in providing a basic facility without any interruption and problem. The problem of gas shortage persists in localities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi including Sadiqabad, Muslim Town, Haji Chowk and Tarlai. However, despite hue and cry, the SNGPL authorities are not taking practical steps to mitigate the problems to provide relief to people. The citizens said they are facing problems in their homes in preparing their breakfast, lunch and dinner as the pressure of gas goes to zero and the stoves did not work. A resident of Muslim Town Amir Riaz demanded restoration of the gas supply as early as possible. Another resident of Tarlai Akhtar Khan said, "we need to heat our homes and cook food so gas should be supplied according to our needs." A restaurant owner in Sadiqabad Hussain Shah said restaurants are also forced to use wood or gas cylinders for making food. —APP

MULTAN: The district government has started a special crackdown against child labour in factories, shops, brick kilns and other places. This was said by Assistant Commissioner Khalid Gillani while speaking to journalists in Multan on Friday. Khalid instructed the officials' concerned people to take action against those involved in it. As part of the initiative, he raided different spots along with the officers of labour department and child protection department. At least three cases were registered against brick kiln owners under Child Labor and Kiln Act. The assistant commissioner said forced child labour cases were found mostly in the areas of Vehari Road, Shujaabad Road and Bandbosan road. He added during inspection, more than ten brick kilns were found where children were being forced to work. He maintained more than 50 children were shifted to child protection centre after being rescued from brick kilns.

Admin okays five parks for Multan

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Building fire eventually brought under control near Karachi's city courts

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Young doctors stage protest against central induction policy in various cities

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Poisonous medicine in fake pharmaceutical factory adjacent to Adiala Jail

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MULTAN: The town is going to get five new parks as the district government approved Rs50 million funds for the project on Thursday. Sources said that the parks would be set up at Bosan Road telephone exchange, Bohar Gate, Muzaffarabad Railway Station, Toya Kani Wala and Socila Welfare Complex Matti Tal areas and their development would be done within just one month time. The district government sources said that the Parks and Horticulture Authority had been given the task to set up the park and funds for this purpose had also been released. A meeting chaired by the DCO also took place on Thursday to finalize the project during which the Director General of Parks and Horticulture Authority Kausar Khan was given the task to develop the parks as soon as possible. The parks will have facilities like play land, jogging tracks and restaurants to offer maximum recreation to the citizens. The PHA sources said that the services of companies with good repute and the landscaping experts had been hired for the parks and they would be completed within one month.

KARACHI: Fire broke out on Friday in a three-storey building near city court's in Karachi. Ten fire brigade vehicles, after a lot of struggle, eventually doused the fire. According to chief fire officer, firefighters had earlier controlled 90 percent of the fire but bowsers eventually ran out of water and the fire gained back intensity. A firefighter also got injured in the process. Fire had also reached to a three-storey school nearby. Locals had also resorted to self help attempts to extinguish the fire. Due to heavy traffic, fire tenders initially faced difficulty in reaching the site of fire. Fire brigade officials said that the intensity of fire was high. Earlier, clouds of smoke were seen issuing from the area. The site is near to a commercial area, having clothing and furniture shops as well.

HYDERABAD: The health activist underlined need of creating mass awareness about HIV/AIDS so that the adults could be aware of causes of the deadly disease and adopt precautionary measures in order to save their lives as well as future generation.

Efforts with serious concern were required to control HIV/AIDS in Pakistan, which was rising gradually as a result, lack of awareness about the causes that transmit the virus in the human body, Executive Director Sindh Health Development Society (SHED) and Coordinator District Task Force on HIV/AIDS Hyderabad, Dr. Zahid Sadder emphasized while talking to APP here on Thursday in connection with World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day, marked on December 1 every year since 1988, was dedicated to creating awareness of the disease. Dr. Zahid Sadder emphasized the need of focusing attention on protecting children and adults from HIV/Aids and ensure care and support for those who were affected by the disease. He said that in addition to providing regular medical facilities to the people, the Sindh government has decided to prepare a plan of action against HIV/AIDS and to implement it with the collaboration of organizations, NGOs and the community participation. He informed that the strategy would be to control over behavioral risk factors responsible for spread of HIV/AIDs in the society and to monitor HIV prevalence through detective methods and organizational performance so that this menace could be combated with scientific methods.—APP

MULTAN: About 40 percent colossal loss of water takes place in the century old watercourses because of their poor maintenance and aging across the Punjab province, an agriculture officer disclosed. The tertiary canal commanded irrigation system irrigates 37.46 million acres of land through about 58,000 watercourses in Punjab, said Naveed Asmat Kahloon, assistant director agricultural information while talking to The Nation. He said that this is resulting in severe shortage of irrigation supplies at the farm level that is being further aggravated due to escalating pressure on agriculture because of rapidly increasing population. In addition, there is another 10.11 million acres of land outside the canal commands, which is irrigated by about 200,000 tube-wells as well as water lifting systems, farm dug wells, streams, nullahs etc. "Since inception of On Farm Water Management programme, about 44,000 watercourses have been remodeled and reconstructed according to engineering design in the canal commanded areas of the Punjab. The intervention has generated significant economic, financial, social and environmental benefits," he added. He further stated that main causes of water losses in watercourses are seepage, spillage and side leakage resulting from irregular profile and zigzag alignment of banks, with many points of weakness, silt deposition, causing restrictions in flows and overtopping, shrubs, vegetation and trees growing in watercourse right of way, varying cross sections of the conveyance channel, frequent bank cuttings and plugging for water diversion, damage caused by rodents and animals. He emphasised that these losses can be minimised by adopting watercourse improvement procedure which consists of complete demolishing of community channel and its rebuilding / re-aligning according to the engineering design. He said that salient impacts of watercourse improvement are annual water saving (acre-ft) 122%, improvement in crop yields 2-15%, increase in cropping intensity 4%, saving in irrigation time 28%, expansion in irrigated area 21%, reduction in labor for irrigation 50%, enhancement in farm incomes 15%, decrease in conveyance losses 39%, curtailment in saline area 87%. He said that the government of Punjab was providing entire cost of construction materials besides providing technical guidance while the farmers were required to contribute entire labor costs for improvement of the watercourses.

MULTAN (Dunya News): Young Doctors Association in Multan, Lahore, Faisalabad and Rawalpindi staged a protest and took out a rally on Tuesday against the central induction policy. A large number of doctors attended the rallies taken out in the cities. The protesters were holding placards having anti-government phrases. While raising slogans against Punjab government the doctors said that the central induction policy by provincial government has been made to unemployed the doctors. They pronounced the policy is preventing the doctors from gaining higher education.

RAWALPINDI: (Dunya News): Poisonous medicine was found being prepared in a fake pharmaceutical factory, adjacent to Adiala Jail. Poisonous injections and fake medicine were also taken into custody. The factory is set up right next to police check post in Adiala Jail, reported Dunya News. Fake medicine and poisonous injections were found in the raid by Drug Control Authority. The suspects succeeded in fleeing, however. Large quantities of unregistered medicine, bluster machine, syrup tank, creams and machines used to prepare them were found in the factory. Adiala Jail's police check-post is also located right at the gate of the factory but the police had no knowledge about it.

HESCO engineer escapes unhurt in firing, team made hostage

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Fake medicine was being supplied in the twin cities, Punjab and Azad Kashmir. Drug Controller Naveed Anwar sealed the factory while the mobile phones and WiFi systems of the suspects were taken into custody. Raids are being conducted in various areas for their arrest.

HYDERABAD: The Superintending Engineer Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) Operation Circle Nawabshah escaped unhurt of firing by armed persons during operation against defaulters and power theft at a village near Qazi Ahmed town on Tuesday. According to HESCO spokesman, the SE HESCO, Malik Imtiaz-ul-Haq along with his team members was on way to Village Ali Hassan Khoso of Qazi Ahmed to cut off the illegal tube well connection. When the HESCO team reached near the village, the spokesman informed that, one Muhammad Soomar Khoso and other villagers started firing and made the team members hostage on gun point and batons. The SE escaped unhurt and later informed the Rangers and Police about the situation, the spokesman informed and added that a Police party has moved to the said village to rescue the HESCO team. The team has dismantled the power transformer and the HESCO management has started legal formalities to take action against attackers, the spokesman informed. Meanwhile, the special teams of HESCO have carried out operation against defaulters and power theft and removed 300 illegal connection as well as 200 connection on charge of non-payment of electricity dues of 30 villages of Hyderabad, Nawabshah, Mirpurkhas, Tando Allahyar, Badin, Umerkot, Thatta and Jamshoro districts, the spokesman informed and added that the teams also recovered Rs. 1.65 million as outstanding dues from defaulters. Faisalabad: Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO) has disconnected 27 power connections of the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) for nonpayment of Rs 1.2 million bill. FESCO spokesman Tahir Sheikh said here Tuesday that the PHA was issued notices for payment of dues.—APP

World's largest 1000mw solar park to promote renewable energy: Zahid

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Climate Change, Zahid Hamid on Tuesday said Pakistan was setting up world's largest 1000 MW solar park as part of its plans to promote renewable energy. Pakistan has also enacted National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act, 2016 to promote effective conservation and efficient use of energy, he said this while addressing a press conference. The minister led a Pakistani delegation to participate in COP22 Conference held in Morocco which provided an opportunity to signify achievements made in addressing climate change despite being adversely impacted. He said world community was informed that Pakistan's contribution to global warming is minimal, adding that "We emit less than 1 % of total annual global greenhouse gas emissions. Yet we are ranked amongst the top ten countries most vulnerable to climate change." The world community was also informed that Pakistan today faces several major risks relating to climate change including glacial melt, variable monsoons, recurrent floods, rise in sea level, higher average temperatures and higher frequency of droughts. He said millions of people are affected and colossal damage is caused on recurring basis. "These threats pose major survival concerns for Pakistan, particularly in relation to country's water security, food security and energy security. They also have enormous adverse consequences for all socio-economic sectors, impeding our ability to promote sustainable growth and development and economic prosperity of our people," highlighted by the minister. He said, "We also informed the world that Pakistan, being a responsible member of global community, has taken substantial steps especially during 2016 despite these challenges. It will also enable us to contribute to global mitigation efforts against climate change and keep the temperature rise below 2-degrees Celsius, he said and added these included ratification of Paris Agreement and approval of Pakistan Climate Change Act-2016 by cabinet for presentation in Parliament. He said launch of Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme to be implemented all over the country to tune of Rs 2 billion. The other initiative was historic Pakistan Climate Change Bill which will establish a high-level, policy-making Pakistan Climate Change Council, along with Pakistan Climate Change Authority, to prepare and supervise implementation of adaptation and mitigation projects in various sectors. Finalization and submission of Pakistan INDCs to UNFCCC Secretariat will serve as our climate change agenda, taking into account the latest situation relating to our development needs and strategies. It includes updated projections of greenhouse gases emissions and our national ambition to reduce these emissions, along with associated financial and technical implications, he said. The minister said Pakistan has developed a National Sustainable Development Strategy and became perhaps the first country in the world whose National Assembly passed a unanimous Resolution adopting the SDGs Agenda as its own national development agenda.—APP

Shahbaz orders strict action against absent doctors

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SAHIWAL: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif paid a surprise visit to District Headquarters Hospital, Sahiwal, on Tuesday and ordered strict action against absentee doctors for many weeks. He went to different wards and inquired after the patients and asked about medical facilities being provided to them in the hospital. He showed strong indignation to the administration on setting up MS office away from the hospital. The Chief Minister asked from hospital administration whether it wants that the voice of patients should not reach them and no patient could contact them for resolution of their problems, it is not correct in any way. The Chief Minister said he was not ready to accept that MS office has been shifted due to repair and construction. The Chief Minister checked the attendance register of doctors and staff and expressed displeasure on not taking action against absentee doctors and staff. He directed Commissioner Sahiwal Division to present report within three days after scrutiny of attendance register and said that checking attendance of doctors and staff is the responsibility of administrative officers. During checking of attendance register, the Chief Minister found that a specialist doctor was absent from the last 29 days, upon which, he showed aggravation and taking its strict notice ordered strict action as per law against absentee doctors and staff. If specialist and senior professors will not attend hospitals then how modern and quality treatment facilities will become available to the patients, he questioned. Shahbaz Sharif took strict notice of receiving money from the patients and conducting CT scan from outside and warned hospital administration that he will not tolerate such complaints in future. He directed to immediately provide CT scan machine for the hospital. During the visit of the hospital, the Chief Minister met patients and their attendants individually in different wards and asked about treatment facilities.

Women protest against

MULTAN (Dunya News): Numerous women in Multan protested against Sui Northern authorities over increasing domestic disputes due to gas outages on Wednesday. The female residents of Basti

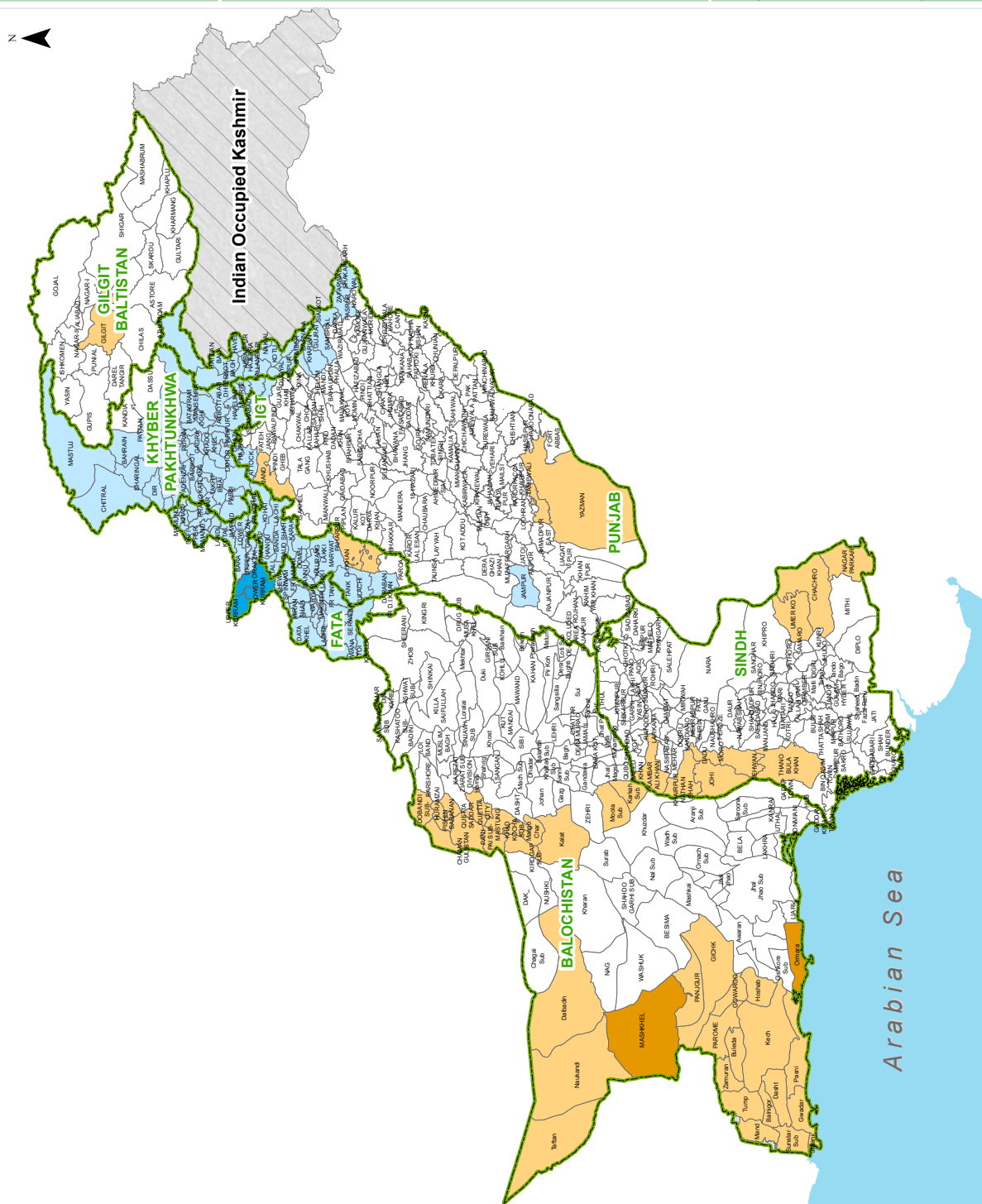
gas outages in Multan*Dunya News November 29, 2016***Achakzai wants result oriented actions against ghost teachers, schools***Dunya News November 29, 2016*

Nooran Wali blocked Vehari Road for traffic due to which verbal clash occurred between the protesters and citizens. The protesting women said that divorce rate is escalating as a result of the disputes between husband and wife which occur over gas loadshedding. They said that the Chief Justice of Pakistan should take notice of such events. The protesters asserted that despite of paying bills gas is not available in their homes whereas raise in Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) prices have further augmented the problems.

QUETTA: Governor Balochistan, Muhammad Khan Achakzai Monday expressed his concern over presence of ghost teachers and schools in the province and urged the authorities concern to take stern action against them. He said "there are ghost teachers and schools in different districts of Balochistan," adding that the authorities concerned must take result-oriented actions against them. He was addressing a concluding session of teacher training program held under Secondary Education Department here. The Governor said that quality education made youth skilled, talented and mature. "Education Department should ensure provision of quality education at educational institutions of the province," he added. He said that education should be imparted in local mother languages including Pashto, Balochi and Brahvi, as saying that syllabus books in mother languages helped students in understanding lessons. He said that Pakistan could not get benefit from modern revolutions occurred in agriculture and industries in rest of the world. "It is need of hour to equip our youth with modern scientific education, especially knowledge pertaining to information technology," he said. Referring to corruption, Governor Achakzai said that corruption could be controlled in government departments if government officials perform their duties properly. Later, he distributed certificates among participants of the training workshop.—APP

Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

As of 15 November to 30 November, 2016

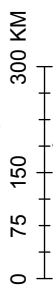


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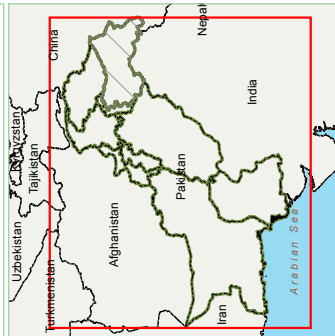
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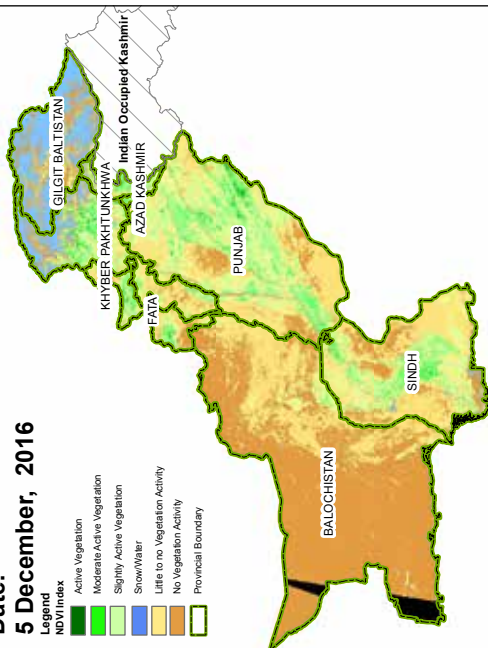


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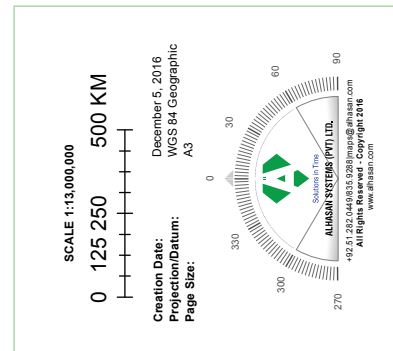
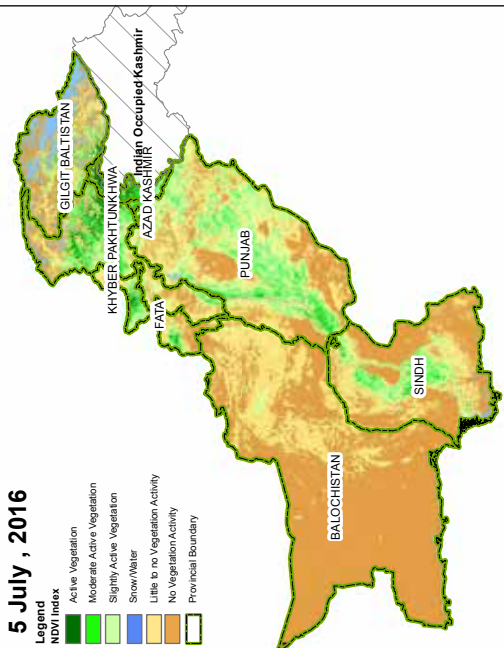
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صورت حال مختلف نہیں، شہر میں چالیس فیصد سے زیادہ سبزیاں لمبر سے آتی ہیں، جہاں سیوریج کے گندے اور صنعتوں کے آلودہ زہریلے پانی سے سبزیاں کاشت کی جاتی ہیں، جو انتہائی مضر صحت ہے۔

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے ڈی جی نور الامین مینگل کا کہنا ہے کہ 71 میں 42 آئل، گھی ملز کے غیر معیاری گھی اور آئل پران کے مالکان کو وارننگ دے دی گئی ہے، بہتری نہ آئی تو ان کے لائسنس منسوخ کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی جانب سے دو روز قبل گھی اور کوکنگ آئل کے 71 نمونوں میں سے 42 کو غیر معیاری اور مضر صحت قرار دیتے ہوئے متعلقہ کمپنیوں سے جواب طلب کیا گیا ہے۔ ڈی جی نور الامین مینگل کا کہنا ہے کہ عوامی شکایات کی بناء پر گھی اور آئل کے نمونے چیک کیے گئے، جن ملوں کے نمونے غیر معیاری پائے گئے انہیں وارننگ جاری کر دی گئی۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کہ دیگر برانڈز کے نمونوں کو بھی چیک کر لیا جائے گا جن میں بہتری نہ پائی گئی ان کے لائسنس کنسل کر دیئے جائیں گے۔

سلمان اشرف... کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے 3 اضلاع کے سیوریج کے پانی میں پولیو وائرس کی موجودگی کے انکشاف کے بعد انتظامیہ نے 12 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو کی خصوصی مہم شروع کر دی ہے۔ عالمی ادارہ صحت کی رپورٹ کے مطابق کوئٹہ پشین اور قلعہ عبداللہ جو پولیو کیسز کے حوالے سے پہلے ہی ہائی ریسک قرار پائے ہیں۔ وہاں کے سیوریج کے پانی میں پولیو وائرس کی موجودگی کے انکشاف نے ضلعی انتظامیہ اور پولیو ایمر جنسی سیل کو متحرک کر دیا اور ہنگامی بنیادوں پر انسداد پولیو کی 3 روزہ مہم کا دوبارہ اضلاع میں آغاز کیا گیا ہے۔ مہم میں سولہ لاکھ سے زائد بچوں کو پولیو کے قطرے پلانے کا اعلان کیا گیا ہے جس کو بعد ازاں دو روز کی توسیع کے بعد پانچ روز تک بڑھا دیا گیا ہے۔

ملتان کے نشتر اسپتال میں کالگو کے شہ میں ایک اور مریض داخل ہو گیا جسے ایمر جنسی وارڈ میں داخل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے مطابق ملتان کے نشتر اسپتال میں داخل 25 سالہ مریض ذیشان خانوال کارہانسی ہے، جو کچھ روز قبل جمہوریہ کالگو سے واپس پاکستان آیا تھا۔ ذیشان کو نشتر کے ایمر جنسی وارڈ میں داخل کر لیا گیا ہے اور مریض کے خون کے نمونے تجزیہ کے لئے اسلام آباد روانہ کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ اس سال نشتر اسپتال میں 19 کالگو کے شہ میں مریضوں کو لایا گیا تھا جن میں 4 مریض انتقال کر گئے جبکہ 3 مریض صحت یابی کے بعد گھروں کو روانہ ہو گئے اور 11 مریضوں کی رپورٹ منفی آئی تھی۔

کراچی میں نیگلیریا سے ایک خاتون جاں بحق ہو گئی، جس کے بعد صوبے میں نیگلیریا سے جاں بحق افراد کی تعداد تین ہو گئی ہے۔ محکمہ صحت کے ذرائع کے مطابق نیگلیریا سے جاں بحق متاثرہ خاتون گلستان جوہر کی رہائشی تھیں۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ 33 سالہ ثروت آصف کئی روز سے اسٹیڈیم روڈ پر واقع نجی اسپتال میں زیر علاج تھیں، متاثرہ خاتون میں نیگلیریا کی تصدیق کے بعد خاتون کا علاج جاری تھا۔ صوبے بھر میں نیگلیریا سے متاثرہ 3 افراد اب تک موت کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔

ناقص نمونوں والی گھی ملوں کو وارننگ دے دی گئی، پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی

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کراچی میں نیگلیریا سے خاتون جاں بحق

چیو اردو

29 نومبر 2016

مہنگائی کو جنم دے گا ٹرانسپورٹ کے کرایوں میں اضافہ ہو گا اس سے عام آدمی متاثر ہو گا پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کو جواز بنا کر بجلی کی فی یونٹ میں اضافہ کیا جائے گا اپنے بیاں میں رانا جلیل حسن گادی نے کہا کہ حکومت پٹرولیم لیویز ٹیکس فوری واپس لینے کا مطالبہ کیا ہے پاکستان تحریک انصاف صوبائی حلقہ پی پی 9 کے رہنما خالد خان جدون نے کہا ہے کہ نواز شریف پانامہ لیکس کیس میں بری طرح پھنس چکے ہیں اب ان کا احتساب سے بچنا مشکل ہی نہیں بلکہ ناممکن ہے تحریک انصاف تمام تر مکمل ستاویزی ثبوت کے ساتھ عدالت میں گئی ہے تحریک انصاف کے حقائق نامہ نے حکومتی درباریوں کی راتوں کی نیندیں حرام کر دی ہیں

راولپنڈی (ہیڈ رپورٹر) جمعہ کے روز یہاں تیز رفتار آل ٹینکر کچہری چوک میں الٹ گیا جس سے ہزاروں لیٹر تیل سڑک پر بہہ گیا جس سے کوئی بھی المٹناک حادثہ ہو سکتا تھا البتہ خوش قسمتی سے کوئی جان نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ اس وقوعہ کی وجہ سے تمام اطراف کی ٹریفک جام ہو گئی اور لوگوں کو شدید پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ کچھ ہی روز قبل اس مقام پر کچھ پرے ایک آل ٹینکر تیز رفتاری کے باعث الٹ گیا تھا جس سے کئی گاڑیاں تباہ اور متعدد وکلاء شدید زخمی ہو گئے تھے جبکہ گزشتہ ماہ کے اوائل میں گلریز میں ایک آل ٹینکر کو آگ لگنے سے کروڑوں روپے مالیت کا نقصان ہوا تھا لیکن کسی متعلقہ اتھارٹی نے کوئی نوٹس نہیں لیا۔

راولپنڈی کے علاقے روات میں ایک اور جعلی دواساز فیکٹری پکڑی گئی، فیکٹری سے بھاری مقدار میں غیر معیاری ادویات برآمد کر کے سیل کر دیا گیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب میاں شہباز شریف کے حکم پر ڈسٹرکٹ ہیلتھ انتظامیہ راولپنڈی نے شہر میں جعلی ادویات بنانے اور فروخت کرنے والوں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن کر رکھا ہے۔ دو روز کے دوران اڈیالہ روات اور سید پور روڈ کے علاقوں میں قائم جعلی ادویات تیار کرنے والی چار فیکٹریوں پر چھاپے مار کر 11 افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا ہے۔ ای ڈی ہیلتھ ارشد علی صابر کے مطابق کریک ڈاؤن کا سلسلہ جاری ہے شہریوں کی نشاندہی پر بھی کارروائیاں کی جائیں گی۔ ای ڈی ہیلتھ کا مزید کہنا تھا کہ محکمہ ہیلتھ میں موجود کالی بھیڑوں کا بھی خاتمہ کیا جائے گا اور مبینہ طور پر جعلی ادویات کی فروخت کی سرپرستی میں ملوث افراد کے خلاف سخت محکمہ کارروائی کی جائے گی۔

تھر کے صحرائیں غذائیت کی کمی اور دیگر امراض کے باعث گزشتہ ماہ 43 اور رواں سال 442 بچے انتقال کر چکے ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت تھر کے مطابق نومبر میں ضلع کے سرکاری اسپتالوں میں 43 بچے انتقال کر گئے جبکہ 11 ماہ میں یہ تعداد 442 ہے۔ انتقال ہونے والے تمام بچوں کی عمریں 5 سال سے کم جبکہ اکثریت نوزائیدہ ہے۔ رواں سال 670 بچے ایسے بھی ہیں، جنہیں تشویشناک حالت میں کراچی و حیدرآباد کے اسپتالوں میں علاج کے لئے منتقل کیا گیا۔ ڈی ایچ او ڈاکٹر چندر گورمانی کا دعویٰ ہے کہ سول اسپتال مٹھی سمیت تمام اسپتالوں میں صحت کی بہترین سہولیات فراہم کی جا رہی ہیں اور ادویات و عملہ بھی موجود ہے۔

صوبائی وزیر صحت ڈاکٹر سکندر میندھرو نے کہا ہے کہ خون کی قلت سے حاملہ خواتین کی اموات باعث تشویش ہے، صحت مند ماں ہی صحت مند اور بیماریوں سے پاک بچہ جنم دے سکتی ہے، سندھ حکومت خواتین کو صحت کی بہترین سہولتیں فراہم کرنے کے لئے کوشاں ہے اس سلسلے میں لوگوں اور سماجی تنظیموں کا کردار بھی بڑی اہمیت رکھتا ہے۔ ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے وائٹ اینڈ الائنس کے زیر اہتمام مقامی ہوٹل میں منعقدہ ”خون کی کمی سے خواتین کی اموات“ کے موضوع پر منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سندھ میں گیارہ سو یونیوں کو نسلیں ہیں جن کے لئے 22 ہزار لیڈی ہیلتھ ورکرز موجود ہیں اگر وہ فرض اور ایمانداری سے گھر گھر جا کر خواتین کو صحت کے بارے میں مفید مشورے اور علاج اور ادویات فراہم کریں تو خواتین کو خون کی کمی سے ہونے والی اموات کو کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ صوبائی وزیر نے کہا کہ عوام کو صحت کی بہتر اور معیاری سہولتیں فراہم کرنا ہی ہماری اولین ترجیحات میں شامل ہے، سماجی تنظیموں کے تعاون سے خواتین کی بہتر صحت کے بارے میں اپنا کردار ادا کرنے کے لئے تیار ہیں جس کے لئے ہمیں مل جل کر کوششیں کرنا ہوں گی۔ اس موقع پر ڈاکٹر عاصمہ بدر، زوار کھوڑو، ڈاکٹر شمیمہ، ڈاکٹر قدسیہ عظمیٰ، ڈاکٹر نیلو فر سمیت ماہرین نے بھی خطاب کیا۔ سیمینار میں کراچی کے علاوہ سندھ بھر سے تعلق رکھنے والی سماجی تنظیموں کے عہدیداروں کے علاوہ صحافیوں نے بھی شرکت کی۔ سیمینار میں ملٹی میڈیا کے ذریعے شرکاء کو خون کی کمی سے خواتین کی ہونے والی اموات کے بارے میں بتایا گیا اور اہم آگاہی دی گئی۔

ملک بھر کے شہری مضر صحت سبزیوں کھانے پر بھی مجبور ہیں، طبی ماہرین کے مطابق کیمیائی کھادوں اور زہریلے پانی سے آگاہی گئی سبزیوں مختلف بیماریوں کا باعث بنتی ہیں۔ پنجاب، سندھ، خیبر پختونخوا اور بلوچستان، ملک کے تمام چھوٹے بڑے گاؤں، قصبوں اور شہروں میں فصل اگانے کے لیے کیمیائی کھادوں کا استعمال عام ہے۔ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ گزشتہ دنوں یہ انکشاف بھی ہوا کہ پنجاب کے نو بڑے شہروں میں کیمیکل ملاپائی سبزیوں کی کاشت کے لیے استعمال کیا جاتا ہے۔ زرعی ریسرچ انسٹی ٹیوٹ کی رپورٹ کے مطابق سبزیوں کے نمونوں میں زہریلے مواد کے علاوہ مضر دھاتیں بھی پائی گئیں۔ طبی ماہرین کا کہنا ہے کہ زہریلی دھاتوں کے اثرات کی وجہ سے ہائی بلڈ پریشر، دماغ، جگر اور گردوں کے امراض ہو سکتے ہیں۔ کراچی میں بھی

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3 دسمبر 2016

تیز رفتار آل ٹینکر کچہری چوک میں

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فیکٹری پکڑی گئی

جیو اردو

3 دسمبر 2016

تھر: غذائیت کی کمی اور دیگر امراض

، نومبر میں 43 بچوں کا انتقال

جیو اردو

2 دسمبر 2016

خون کی کمی حاملہ خواتین کی اموات کا بڑا

سبب ہے، وزیر صحت

جیو اردو

2 دسمبر 2016

ملک بھر کے شہری مضر صحت سبزیوں

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پاکستان کے سب سے بڑے شہر کراچی میں پیر کی صبح شارع فیصل پر ایک مقامی ہوٹل میں آگ لگنے سے 11 افراد ہلاک جبکہ 79 افراد شدید زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ یہ حادثہ شارع فیصل پر واقع ریجنٹ پلازہ ہوٹل میں پیش آیا۔ سرکاری ذرائع کے مطابق زخمیوں کو جناح ہسپتال کراچی میں داخل کروادیا گیا ہے۔ جناح ہسپتال کی انتظامیہ کی جانب سے جاری اعداد و شمار کے مطابق ہلاک شدگان میں چار خواتین بھی شامل ہیں۔ ابتدائی معلومات کے مطابق آگ چلی منزل پر موجود باورچی خانے میں لگی جس نے کچھ ہی دیر میں 6 منزلوں کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا۔ آگ لگنے اور دھواں پھیلنے کی وجہ سے ہوٹل میں مقیم افراد وہیں محصور ہو گئے جنہیں ریسکیو ٹیموں نے بعد میں وہاں سے نکالا۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ جائے وقوع پر ابتدائی امدادی کارروائیاں مکمل کر لی گئی ہیں اور آگ پر مکمل طور پر قابو پایا گیا ہے۔ فائر بریگیڈ حکام نے بتایا کہ آگ پر قابو پانے میں تین گھنٹے لگے۔ علی الصباح آگ لگنے کے بعد ہوٹل کی عمارت میں دھواں بھر جانے کی وجہ سے فائر بریگیڈ کے عملے کو مشکلات کا سامنا رہا تھا۔ جناح ہسپتال کے شعبہ حادثات کے انچارج ڈاکٹر سیسی جمالی نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ چار خواتین سمیت 11 افراد کو مردہ حالت میں ہسپتال لایا گیا تھا جبکہ کل 17 افراد زخمی حالت میں ہسپتال لائے گئے تھے جن میں اکثریت دھوئیں سے متاثر تھی اور کچھ افراد جھڑکیوں نے کھڑکیوں سے باہر چھلانگ لگا کر اپنی جانیں بچانے کی کوشش کی تھی، انھیں چوٹیں لگی تھیں۔

کراچی ہوٹل میں آتشزدگی 11 افراد ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

5 دسمبر 2016

اسلام آباد (پیش رپورٹ) خصوصی افراد کی نگہداشت، تعلیم و تربیت اور ان کے مفادات کا تحفظ معاشرے کے ہر فرد کی ذمہ داری ہے۔ یہ بات صدر مملکت ممنون حسین نے خصوصی افراد اور بچوں کے عالمی دن کے موقع پر تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ 3 دسمبر کی اہمیت یہ ہے کہ پاکستانی قوم پوری دنیا کی آواز میں آواز ملاتے ہوئے اس عزم کو دہراتی ہے کہ پائیدار ترقی کے اہداف کے حصول کے لئے خصوصی افراد کو معاشرے کا فعال حصہ بن کر رکھا جائے گا۔ ان سے کبھی امتیازی سلوک نہیں برتا جائے گا، ان کے حقوق کبھی سلب نہیں ہونے دیئے جائیں گے اور معاشرے میں خصوصی افراد اور بچوں کے حقوق کے تحفظ کیلئے شعور اجاگر کیا جائے گا۔ صدر مملکت نے کہا ہمارے یہ بچے اپنی صلاحیتوں کے اعتبار سے کسی طرح کم نہیں۔ یہ امر بھی باعث اطمینان ہے کہ خصوصی افراد اور بچوں کی تعلیم و تربیت اور بہبود کیلئے نجی سطح پر بھی قابل قدر کام ہو رہا ہے جس پر میں ان تمام اداروں اور ان میں کام کرنے والے کارکنوں اور ذمہ داروں کو خراج تحسین پیش کرتا ہوں۔ انہوں نے کہا وزارت کیڈ اور دیگر تمام سرکاری ادارے اپنی کارکردگی کو مزید مہیا بنائیں اور خصوصی افراد، خاص طور پر بچوں کو زندگی کی دوڑ میں شریک کرنے کے لئے بھرپور محنت کریں گے۔ انہوں نے خصوصی بچوں کے والدین سے بھی کہا کہ وہ ان بچوں کی تعلیم، ذہنی و جسمانی تربیت، صحت، سیر و تفریح اور دیگر حقوق کا خاص طور پر خیال رکھیں تاکہ وہ اپنے بچوں کو معاشرے کا بہترین شہری بنا سکیں۔ صدر مملکت نے اس موقع پر خصوصی بچوں کی تیار کی ہوئی اشیاء کے مختلف سٹالز کا بھی معائنہ کیا۔

خصوصی افراد کی نگہداشت، تعلیم و تربیت معاشرے کے ہر فرد کی ذمہ داری ہے: صدر ممنون

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 دسمبر 2016

اسلام آباد (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ) وزیراعظم نواز شریف سے نئے گیس کنکشن دینے پر عائد پابندی ختم کرنے کی سفارش کر دی گئی۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق صنعتوں، کمرشل اداروں، نجی ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹیوں کو گیس کنکشن دینے کی اجازت طلب کی گئی ہے۔ وزیر پٹرولیم نے کہا ہے کہ نئے گیس کنکشن ایل این جی کی قیمت کے مطابق دیئے جائیں گے۔ ہاؤسنگ سوسائٹیوں، صنعتوں اور کمرشل اداروں کو کنکشن دینے پر 2012ء سے پابندی ہے۔

نواز شریف سے نئے گیس کنکشن دینے پر پابندی ختم کرنے کی سفارش

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 دسمبر 2016

بلوچستان میں گردوں کے امراض میں مبتلا افراد اور ان کے اہل خانہ کے لئے خوشخبری ہے کہ کونڈہ میں کڈنی ٹرانسپلانٹ آپریشن جلد شروع کر دیئے جائیں گے۔ گردوں کے ٹرانسپلانٹ آپریشن کونڈہ میں صوبائی حکومت کے تحت بلوچستان انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف نیفرولوجی میں کئے جائیں گے۔ ترجمان انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے مطابق مریضوں کو کڈنی ٹرانسپلانٹ آپریشن کی سہولت مفت مہیا کی جائے گی، کونڈہ میں سہولت کے بعد ٹرانسپلانٹ کے لئے مریضوں کو دیگر صوبوں کو جانے کی ضرورت نہیں رہے گی۔ اس حوالے سے ضروری بندوبست کیا جا رہا ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ نجی شعبے میں ایک مریض کے کڈنی ٹرانسپلانٹ پر لاکھوں روپے کے اخراجات آتے ہیں اور اس کے لئے کونڈہ اور اندرون صوبہ سے مریضوں کو کراچی یا لاہور جانا پڑتا ہے۔

کونڈہ میں کڈنی ٹرانسپلانٹ آپریشن جلد شروع کر دیئے جائیں گے

جیو اردو

4 دسمبر 2016

راولپنڈی (نیوز رپورٹر) پاکستان تحریک انصاف ٹریڈرز ونگ کے ضلعی جنرل سیکرٹری اور ممتاز سیاسی و سماجی رہنما رانا جلیل حسن گادی نے کہا کہ پٹرولیم کی قیمت میں دو روپے ہائی اپنڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 2.70 روپے اضافے پر تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ ہو شر

پٹرولیم کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے مہنگائی کا طوفان آئیگا تحریک انصاف

ہے کہ پاکستان سے دہشت گردی، کرپشن اور لاقانونیت کا خاتمہ کیا جائے، ہر وہ آواز جس سے تفرقہ کی بو آئے دشمن کی آلہ کار ہے، علماء کرام اتحاد و وحدت کے پیغام کا پرچار کر کے دشمن کی سازشوں کو ناکام بنائیں، نئے آرمی چیف جنرل قمر باجوہ پاکستان کی سالمیت کی خاطر ملک کے اثاثوں پر حملے کرنے والے دہشت گردوں کیخلاف آپریشن کا آغاز کریں ان خیالات کا اظہار انہوں نے بزرگ عالم دین علامہ مرزا یوسف حسین سے ان کی رہائش گاہ پر ملاقات کے دوران کیا۔ اس موقع پر علامہ باقر زیدی، علامہ ظہیر الحسن نقوی، میثم عابدی، علامہ علی انور جعفری، علامہ مبشر حسن، علامہ اظہر نقوی، انجینئر رضا نقوی سمیت دیگر رہنما بھی موجود تھے۔ علامہ راجہ ناصر عباس جعفری نے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ آج موجودہ حالات میں ضروری ہے کہ پوری پاکستانی قوم اپنے وطن سے دہشت گردی، کرپشن اور لاقانونیت کے خاتمے کیلئے متحد ہو، جہاں کرپشن ملک کی جڑوں کو کھوکھلا کر رہی ہے تو وہیں دہشت گردی کا شکار محب وطن عوام کو ظالموں کی صف میں کھڑا کرنے کی سازشیں ہو رہی ہیں، انصاف کا تقاضہ تو یہ ہے کہ ظالم کو اس کے ظلم کی سزا دی جائے اور مظلوم کی دادرسی کی جائے۔

لاہور: ڈیفنس سی کے علاقے میں نامعلوم موٹر سائیکل سوار ملزمان نے فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں پراپرٹی ڈیلر ہلاک ہو گیا۔ نمائندہ ایکسپریس کے مطابق ڈیفنس سی کے علاقے میں پراپرٹی ڈیلر عامر رندھاوا اپنے دفتر سے نکل کر گھر واپس جانے کے لیے گاڑی میں بیٹھنے لگا تو موٹر سائیکل سوار ملزمان نے اس پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں عامر رندھاوا شدید زخمی ہو گیا جسے اطلاع ملنے پر فوری طبی امداد کے لیے اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں وہ زخموں کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے دم توڑ گیا۔ فائرنگ کے بعد علاقے میں شدید خوف و ہراس پھیل گیا جب کہ پولیس نے موقع پر پہنچ کر جائے وقوعہ سے شواہد اکٹھا کر کے تحقیقات شروع کر دیں۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ واقعہ کی دیرینہ دشمنی سمیت قتل کے دیگر محرکات پر تفتیش جاری ہے اور جلد ہی ملزمان کو ٹریس کر کے گرفتار کر لیا جائے گا۔

خاتمہ کیا جائے علامہ ناصر عباس

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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لاہور کے علاقے ڈیفنس میں فائرنگ سے

پراپرٹی ڈیلر ہلاک

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کراچی میں ریجنل کی کارروائی، 19 ملزمان گرفتار

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کراچی کے علاقے سرجانی سے کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 نارگٹ کلرز گرفتار، سی ٹی ڈی

ایکسپریس نیوز

2 دسمبر 2016

کراچی: مختلف علاقوں میں فائرنگ کے واقعات، 4 افراد زخمی

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1 دسمبر 2016

کوئٹہ کرپشن کیس میں گرفتار حیدر آباد چیئرمین آف کامرس کے صدر گوہر اللہ کے ریمانڈ میں توسیع

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

1 دسمبر 2016

غیر قانونی طریقے سے پاک ایران سرحد عبور کر نیوالے 34 افغان باشندے گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

1 دسمبر 2016

کراچی: فائرنگ سے ایک شخص ہلاک، نارگٹ کلر سمیت 6 ملزم گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

30 نومبر 2016

ملک سے دہشت گردی اور کرپشن کا

کراچی میں دہشت گردوں، بھتا خوروں اور لیبروں کے خلاف ریجنل کی ایکشن جاری ہے۔ مختلف علاقوں سے 19 ملزمان گرفتار کر لیے۔ ترجمان ریجنل کے مطابق دو ملزمان کا تعلق کالعدم لشکر جھنگوی، ایک کا القاعدہ بر صغیر سے ہے، دیگر ملزمان میں 6 بھتا خور اور دو اسٹریٹ کرمنل بھی شامل ہیں۔ محکمہ انسداد دہشت گردی نے بھی سرجانی ٹاؤن سے 3 نارگٹ کلرز گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔

کراچی: سی ٹی ڈی نے سرجانی ٹاؤن میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 کارندوں کو گرفتار کر لیا جو قتل سمیت دیگر وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کاؤنٹر ٹیررازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے کراچی کے علاقے سرجانی ٹاؤن میں کارروائی کی جس میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 3 کارندوں کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ ایس پی سی ٹی ڈی حفیظ جو نجو کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان میں قاری عابد، قاری نذیر اور زیر اشفاق شامل ہیں جن سے دستی بم اور ٹی ٹی پستول بھی برآمد ہوا ہے جب کہ ملزمان بھتا خوری، قتل اور اقدام قتل کی بھی متعدد وارداتوں میں ملوث ہیں۔

کراچی (کرائم رپورٹر) کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں فائرنگ کے واقعات میں چار افراد زخمی ہو گئے، تفصیلات کے مطابق ناظم آباد نمبر 2 میں مسلح افراد نے ایک نوجوان 22 سالہ ثار ولد محمد گل کو فائرنگ کر کے زخمی کر دیا۔ سپربائی وے پر چاکر ہوٹل کے نزدیک نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے ایک شخص 45 سالہ اکبر علی زخمی ہو گیا۔ گلشن اقبال کے علاقے میٹروول تھرڈ میں فائرنگ سے 22 سالہ احسان اللہ زخمی ہو گیا جب کہ سرجانی میں عبداللہ موڑ پر بھی فائرنگ سے ایک شخص 35 سالہ محمد نعیم زخمی ہو گیا۔

کراچی (واقع نگار) کراچی کی احتساب عدالت نے کوئٹہ کرپشن کیس میں ملوث حیدر آباد چیئرمین آف کامرس کے سابق صدر گوہر اللہ کے جوڈیشل ریمانڈ میں توسیع کر دی ہے۔ بدھ کو احتساب عدالت میں کوئٹہ کرپشن کے حوالے سے کیس کی سماعت ہوئی۔ عدالت میں ملزم گوہر اللہ کے وکیل شوکت حیات ایڈوکیٹ نے موقف اختیار کیا کہ ملزم کی گرفتاری کے 105 روز گزر جانے کے باوجود بھی ریفرنس دائر نہیں کیا گیا۔ کہے۔ 90 روز تک ریفرنس فائل کئے بغیر ملزم کو جیل میں رکھنا غیر قانونی ہے۔ گوہر اللہ کی حراست قانون کی حکمرانی کے اصولوں کے خلاف ہے۔ عدالت نے گوہر اللہ کی درخواست پر 7 دسمبر تک جواب طلب کرتے ہوئے ملزم کی جوڈیشل ریمانڈ میں توسیع کر دی ہے۔ کیس میں گوہر اللہ کے ساتھ سابق پرنسپل سیکریٹری سہیل اکبر شاہ ضمانت پر ہیں۔

کراچی (کرائم رپورٹر) پاکستان کو سٹ گارڈز نے دوران چیننگ شاہ جہان روڈ (بلوچستان) سے مختلف گاڑیوں اور بسوں میں سوار 34 افغان شہریوں کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ یہ تمام افراد بغیر کسی قانونی دستاویزات اور راہ داری کے غیر قانونی طریقے سے پاک ایران سرحد عبور کرنے کی کوشش کر رہے تھے۔ ابتدائی تفتیش کے بعد ان تمام افراد کو مزید قانونی کارروائیوں کے لیے ایف آئی اے کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔

کراچی (کرائم رپورٹر + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹر) کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں فائرنگ کے واقعات میں ایک نوجوان ہلاک اور تین افراد زخمی ہو گئے قائد آباد میں سویڈش انسٹی ٹیوٹ کے قریب مسلح افراد کی فائرنگ سے موٹر سائیکل پر جانے والا نوجوان 28 سالہ عل رضا ہلاک ہو گیا مقتول علی رضا کے بارے میں معلوم ہا ہے کہ وہ اندرون سندھ سے آیا تھا دریں اثناء ادھر سخی حسن چورنگی کے قریب نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے موٹر سائیکل پر جانے والا نوجوان 28 سالہ علی رضا ہلاک ہو گیا دریں اثناء ادھر سخی حسن چورنگی کے قریب نامعلوم افراد کی فائرنگ سے نوجوان کیف الوری زخمی ہو گیا عائشہ منزل فلائی اوور پر مسلح ملزمان نے ڈکیتی کے دوران مزاحمت پر ایک شخص وہاب کو فائرنگ کر کے زخمی کر دیا جبکہ گارڈن میں 27 سالہ گل زیب کو فائرنگ کر کے زخمی کر دیا علاوہ ازیں شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں سیاسی جماعت کے نارگٹ کلر آصف عرف ہلاک سمیت 6 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کیا ہے سی ٹی ڈی پولیس سول لائنز نے کورنگی انڈسٹریل ایریا میں چھاپہ مار کر ایک نارگٹ کلر کو گرفتار اور اسکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ادھر اورنگی ٹاؤن اور کورنگی میں پولیس نے مقابلوں کے بعد پانچ ملزمان کو زخمی حالت میں گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ شہر قائد میں ہائی پروفائل کیسز میں ملوث ملزمان کی گرفتاری کے باوجود شہر میں نارگٹ کلنگ اور دہشت گردی کی وارداتیں کم نہیں ہو سکی ہیں۔ پولیس نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سے متنازع پریس کانفرنس تک کراچی۔ ادھر کراچی میں چور لیاقت آباد سپر مارکیٹ کی آٹھ دکانوں کا صفایا کر گئے نامعلوم ملزمان نے آٹھ دکانوں کے تالے توڑ..... میں موجود رقم اور قیمتی اشیاء لوٹ کر فرار ہو گئے صبح آٹھ بجے بازار کے چوکیدار نے چکر لگایا تو آٹھ دکانوں کا صفایا ہو چکا تھا۔

کراچی (میوز رپورٹر) مجلس وحدت مسلمین پاکستان کے مرکزی سیکریٹری جنرل علامہ راجہ ناصر عباس جعفری نے کہا ہے کہ حب الوطنی کا تقاضہ یہ

سوار خان، عمران اور ہارون کو بذریعہ کرکٹ میچ جوا کھیلے ہوئے قابو کر کے داف پر لگی ہوئی رقم مبلغ 17050/- روپے اور 7 عدد موبائل برآمد کر لئے جبکہ تھانہ پیرودھائی پولیس نے اعوان چوک کے علاقہ میں انعام کالاچ دیکر انعامی پرچیاں فروخت کرتے ہوئے 2 ملزمان ریاض اور خرم شہزاد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضہ سے 12530/- روپے مع آلات قمار بازی قبضہ پولیس میں لے کر قمار بازی ایکٹ کے تحت مقدمات درج کر لئے۔

کراچی: پرانی سبزی منڈی کے قریب نامعلوم افراد نے ایس ایچ او پی آئی بی کالونی پر دستی بم حملہ کر دیا تاہم دستی بم پھٹ نہ سکا جس سے ایس ایچ او اور دیگر اہلکار محفوظ رہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقہ پرانی سبزی منڈی پر قائم پولیس چیک پوسٹ پر ایس ایچ او پی آئی بی کالونی نفری کے ہمراہ موجود تھے کہ اس دوران نامعلوم ملزمان نے دستی بم حملہ کر دیا تاہم دستی بم پھٹ نہ سکا جس کے باعث ایس ایچ او اور دیگر اہلکار بھی محفوظ رہے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ موٹر سائیکل پر سوار ملزمان نے ایس ایچ او پر دستی بم حملہ کیا جو کامیاب نہ ہو سکا جب کہ ملزمان پر جوبائی فائرنگ کی گئی تاہم وہ بچ نکلنے میں کامیاب ہو گئے۔ پولیس کے مطابق دستی بم حملہ گزشتہ دنوں سے علاقے میں جاری منشیات فروشوں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن کا رد عمل ہو سکتا ہے۔

پاکستان کے شمالی علاقے گلگت بلتستان میں حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ہنزہ میں ایک غیر ملکی خاتون سیاح ہوٹل کے کمرے میں مردہ پائی گئی ہیں۔ ان کی لاش قریبی ہیلیکٹر سنٹر منتقل کر دی گئی ہے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ غیر ملکی خاتون کی موت بظاہر ہوٹل کے کمرے میں گیس بھر جانے سے ہوئی ہے، تاہم پولیس اس سلسلے میں مزید تحقیقات کر رہی ہے۔ ایس ایچ او عابد نے بتایا کہ یہ واقعہ ہنزہ کے قصبہ گلگت میں پیش آیا۔ ان کے مطابق پولیس ہر زاویے سے چھان بین کر رہی ہے، تاہم اصل حقائق پوسٹ مارٹم رپورٹ کے بعد ہی سامنے آ سکیں گے۔ پولیس کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والی خاتون کا نام منیرہ بانو ہے، اور ان کا تعلق سنگاپور سے ہے۔ وہ اپنے شوہر اور دو بچوں سمیت سیاحوں کے ایک گروپ کے ساتھ ہنزہ آئی تھیں۔ صبح جب یہ خاندان کمرے سے باہر نہیں نکلا تو ان کے ساتھیوں نے دروازے پر دستک دی۔ جب دروازہ نہ کھلا تو انتظامیہ کو مطلع کیا گیا جنہوں نے ماسٹر کی سے دروازہ کھولا تو سب بے ہوش پائے گئے۔ انھیں علی آباد میں آغا خان ہیلیکٹر سنٹر منتقل کیا گیا جہاں ڈاکٹروں نے خاتون کی موت کی تصدیق کی، تاہم طبی امداد کے بعد خاتون کے شوہر اور بچوں کی حالت خطرے سے باہر بتائی جا رہی ہے۔ پولیس حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ منیرہ بانو کی لاش پوسٹ مارٹم کے لیے اسلام آباد روانہ کر دی گئی ہے جس کے بعد اسے سنگاپور روانہ کر دیا جائے گا۔

راولپنڈی (نیوز رپورٹر): راولپنڈی پولیس نے منشیات فروشوں اور ناجائز اسلحہ رکھنے والوں کا روائی کرتے ہوئے 05 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے ملزمان کے قبضہ سے 1250 گرام چرس، 40 لیٹر کھلی شراب، 01 عدد پستول 30 بور مع 05 روند اور آلات گیس ری فلنگ برآمد کر کے الگ الگ مقدمات درج کر لیے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق تھانہ واہ کیٹ پولیس نے جہانگیر احمد سے 1250 گرام چرس، تھانہ وارث خان پولیس نے کامران سے 20 لیٹر کھلی شراب، تھانہ صادق آباد پولیس نے عدنان سے 20 لیٹر کھلی شراب، تھانہ ریس کورس پولیس نے حمزہ سجاد سے 01 عدد پستول 30 بور مع 05 روند، تھانہ نصیر آباد پولیس نے محمد طیب کو غیر قانونی طور پر گیس ری فلنگ کرتے ہوئے قابو کر کے اس کے قبضہ سے سلفر مع آلات ری فلنگ برآمد کر کے ملزمان کے خلاف الگ الگ مقدمات درج کر لیے۔ راولپنڈی پولیس نے قمار بازوں کے خلاف کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 19 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضہ سے نقد رقم مبلغ 68870/- روپے، 21 موبائل فون اور 02 موٹر سائیکل برآمد کر کے الگ الگ مقدمات درج کر لیے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق تھانہ سول لائن پولیس کو خفیہ ذرائع سے اطلاع ملی کہ چند اشخاص احاطہ ذبح خانہ کے علاقہ میں جوا کھیل رہے ہیں جس پر تھانہ سول لائن پولیس نے فوری کارروائی کرتے ہوئے اڈے پر ریڈ کر کے 10 ملزمان سلیمان، سجاد حسین، امیر بخش وغیرہ کو بذریعہ تاش جوا کھیلے ہوئے قابو کر کے داف پر لگی ہوئی رقم مبلغ 18000/- روپے اور 10 عدد موبائل برآمد کر لیے جبکہ تھانہ ریس کورس پولیس نے پیپلز کالونی کے علاقہ میں بذریعہ ڈولی دانہ جوا کھیلے ہوئے 04 ملزمان محمد اشرف، توقیر حیدر، اشفاق حسین اور محمد توصیف کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضہ سے 41460/- روپے، 06 موبائل فون اور 02 موٹر سائیکل برآمد کر لیے اور تھانہ گنجنڈی پولیس نے مقبول ہوٹل کے علاقہ میں بذریعہ جوا کھیلے ہوئے 04 ملزمان فیاض محمد، شہزاد، ارشد اور فہیم کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضہ سے 7880/- روپے اور 04 موبائل فون برآمد کر لیے، تھانہ پیرودھائی کے علاقہ مسلم پارک میں انعام کالاچ دیکر محمد یاسر کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضہ سے 1530/- روپے اور 01 موبائل فون مع آلات قمار بازی قبضہ پولیس میں لے کر قمار بازی ایکٹ کے تحت الگ الگ مقدمات درج کر لیے۔

کراچی کے علاقہ سائٹ میں شہری کی فائرنگ سے 2 مہینہ ڈاکو ہلاک ہو گئے۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ ملزمان نے کار میں سوار شخص کو لوٹنے کی کوشش کی، کار سوار شخص نے فائرنگ کر دی جس سے دونوں ملزمان مارے گئے۔ کراچی کے علاقہ گلشن اقبال بلاک 13 ڈی میں بھی شہریوں نے 2 مہینہ ڈاکو پکڑ لیے، لوگوں نے ڈاکوؤں کو تشدد کا نشانہ بنانے کے بعد پولیس کے حوالے کر دیا

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سائٹ کراچی، شہری کی فائرنگ سے 2

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تفصیلات

سرخیاء

آرمی چیف جنرل آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے 4 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی، یہ آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ کا پاک فوج کی قیادت سنبھالنے کے بعد اس نوعیت کا پہلا اقدام ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق دہشت گردوں میں عطا الرحمن ولد فقیر محمد، محمد صابر ولد الطاف گل اور فاروق بھٹی ولد محمد اسحاق شامل ہیں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کا کہنا ہے کہ یہ دہشت گرد شہریوں، سیکورٹی فورسز اور اے ایس ایف اہل کاروں کے قتل میں ملوث تھے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق کراچی ایئر پورٹ، سی آئی ڈی بلڈنگ، آئی ایس آئی آفس سکھر اور فورسز کے قافلے پر حملے میں یہی دہشت گرد ملوث تھے، جبکہ ایس ایس پی چوہدری اسلم کو بھی انہی دہشت گردوں نے قتل کیا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کا کہنا ہے کہ ان دہشت گردوں نے ایس ایس پی فاروق اعوان سمیت 226 افراد کو حملوں میں زخمی بھی کیا، ان دہشت گردوں کے خلاف فوجی عدالت میں مقدمات کی سماعت کی گئی۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق ان دہشت گردوں نے مجموعی طور پر 58 افراد کو قتل کیا، دہشت گردوں کے خلاف فوجی عدالت میں مقدمات کی سماعت کی گئی

پشین: حرمرئی میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک جب کہ کئی کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق پشین میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے حرمرئی میں کالعدم تنظیم کے دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر کارروائی کی، دہشت گردوں کی فائرنگ سے 2 سیکورٹی اہلکار زخمی ہوئے جب کہ جوابی کارروائی میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک اور کئی کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ دہشت گردوں کے ٹھکانے سے اسلحہ اور گولہ بارود بھی برآمد ہوا ہے۔ حراست میں لیے گئے دہشت گردوں کو تفتیش کے لیے نامعلوم مقام منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے جب کہ علاقے میں اب بھی سیکورٹی انتہائی سخت ہے۔

خیبر ایجنسی میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے فضائی کارروائی کر کے 12 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق وادی تیراہ کے علاقے میں دہشت گردوں کے خلاف فضائی کارروائی کی گئی، دوران کارروائی 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ سیکورٹی ذرائع کے مطابق فضائی کارروائی میں متعدد ٹھکانے بھی تباہ کر دیئے گئے، مارے جانے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم لشکر اسلام سے ہے۔

اسلام آباد (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹر سے) وفاقی پولیس نے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 49 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا جنرل ہولڈ اپ کے دوران بغیر کاغذات کے 211 موٹر سائیکلتھانوں میں بند کر دیئے گئے شراب، چرس اور جعلی کرنسی کے دھندے میں ملوث 4 ملزمان سے 10 لیٹر شراب، 1050 گرام چرس اور جعلی کرنسی برآمد کر کے مقدمات درج کر لیے گئے 10 اشتہاری بھی دھر لے گئے تھانہکراچی پولیس نے ملزم احتشام فیصل کو گرفتار کر کے 10 لیٹر شراب، تھانہ ترنول پولیس نے ملزم محمد وسیم کو گرفتار کر کے اس سے 1050 گرام چرس، تھانہ نون پولیس نے ملزم سرفراز سے ہزار روپے والے 15 عدد جعلی نوٹ برآمد کر لئے جبکہ تھانہ سہالہ پولیس نے بغیر اجازت ڈیزل پٹرول فروخت کرنے پر ملزم ابرار کو گرفتار کر لیا۔

راولپنڈی (اپنے سٹاف رپورٹر سے) راولپنڈی پولیس نے منشیات فروشوں اور ناجائز اسلحہ رکھنے والوں کی کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 13 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لے تھانہ وارث خان پولیس نے محمد طلحہ، ذوالفقار اور محمد دلاور سے 2295 گرام چرس، تھانہ نیوٹاؤن پولیس نے ابن حسن رضا سے 250 گرام چرس، تھانہ مور گاہ پولیس نے شاہد علی سے 130 گرام چرس، تھانہ ٹیکسلا پولیس نے خورشید احمد سے 1270 گرام چرس، تھانہ سٹی پولیس نے محمد ندیم سے 5 لیٹر کھلی شراب، تھانہ آراے بازار پولیس نے غلام عباس سے 05 لیٹر کھلی شراب، تھانہ واہ کینٹ پولیس نے عبدالناصر سے 10 لیٹر کھلی شراب، تھانہ گوبر خان پولیس نے محمد عثمان سے پستول 30 بور معہ 4 روند، تھانہ کلریدال پولیس نے عمران، شاہد حسین اور مظہر اقبال سے چوری شدہ زیورات، 4 عدد چوڑیاں، ایک جوڑی کانٹے، 2 عدد انگوٹھیاں اور نقدی 20 ہزار روپے برآمد کر کے ملزمان کے خلاف مقدمات درج کر لئے۔ راولپنڈی پولیس نے کرکٹ اور انعامی پرچے وں پر جوا کرانے اور کھلے والے والے 9 قمار بازوں کو گرفتار کر لے اداف پرگی 29 ہزار 580 روپے کی نقدی اور سات موبائل فون بھی قبضے میں لے لئے تھانہ گنجمنڈی کو اطلاع ملی تھی کہ چند اشخاص دہلی دواخانہ کے علاقے میں جوا کھیل رہے ہیں جس پر پولیس نے فوری کارروائی کرتے ہوئے اڈے پر ریڈ کر کے سات ملزمان ظہور احمد، جہانزیب اختر، وحید الدین، محمد شمیر، غلام عباس،

آرمی چیف نے 4 دہشت گردوں کی سزائے موت کی توثیق کر دی

جیو اردو

5 دسمبر 2016

پشین میں سیکورٹی فورسز کے آپریشن کے دوران 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک

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5 دسمبر 2016

خیبر ایجنسی: سیکورٹی فورسز کی فضائی کارروائی، 12 دہشت گرد ہلاک

جیو اردو

4 دسمبر 2016

وفاقی دار الحکومت کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن، 49 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 دسمبر 2016

راولپنڈی پولیس نے 13 ملزمان دھر لئے، شراب، چرس اور اسلحہ برآمد

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 دسمبر 2016

اسلام آباد میں چار جبکہ لاہور اور پشاور میں درجہ حرارت آٹھ ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

2 دسمبر 2016

کراچی: کیمیکل کے گودام میں لگنے والی

آگ پر قابو پایا گیا

دنیا نیوز

2 دسمبر 2016

لاہور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں شدید

دھند، نارنگ: 14 گاڑیاں ٹکرا گئیں، 50

مسافر زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

2 دسمبر 2016

کراچی: (دنیا نیوز) ایم اے جناح روڈ پر ڈیمنسوپال کے قریب کیمیکل گودام میں اچانک آگ بھڑک اٹھی۔ دھوئیں کے کالے بادل آسمان پر چھا گئے۔ فائر بریگیڈ کی گاڑیوں نے موقع پر پہنچ کر آگ بجھانے کا کام شروع کیا۔ اس دوران دو فائر فائٹرز زخمی ہو گئے۔ آگ کی شدت بڑھنے پر اطراف کی دکانوں اور گھروں کو خالی کر لیا گیا۔ آگ لگنے کے بعد علاقے میں ٹریفک جام ہو گیا تھا جس سے فائر بریگیڈ کو موقع پر پہنچنے میں دشواری کا سامنا رہا۔ فائر ٹینڈرز میں پانی ختم ہوا تو بجلی بندش سے پانی بھرنے کی موثر نہ چل سکی جس سے گاڑیوں میں پانی بھرنے میں تاخیر ہوئی۔ میئر کراچی و سیم اختر بھی موقع پر پہنچے ان کا کہنا تھا کہ شہری علاقوں میں کیمیکل کے گودام خطرناک ہیں۔ کیمیکل گودام میں آگ بجھانے کے انتظامات نہیں تھے۔ ڈھائی گھنٹے کی جدوجہد کے بعد آگ پر قابو پایا گیا۔ متاثرہ عمارت کو فائر بریگیڈ نے مخدوش قرار دے دیا ہے۔

لاہور + نارنگ (آن لائن + نامہ نگار) لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں دھند پڑنے کے باعث سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا جبکہ موٹر وے پر حدنگاہ کم ہونے سے کئی مقامات پر ٹریفک کی روانی قفل کا شکار رہی۔ دسمبر کے آغاز کے ساتھ ہی لاہور سمیت پنجاب کے بیشتر علاقوں کو دھند نے اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا ہے محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق دھند پڑنے کا سلسلہ رات سے ہی شروع ہو گیا جس کی وجہ سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوا دھند کے باعث لاہور سے کالا شاہ کاکور روڈ پر حدنگاہ کم ہو گئی تھی جس کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کی روانی متاثر رہی۔ دوسری طرف نیوکالا خطائی لاہور روڈ پر کھنڈا سٹیشن کے قریب علی الصبح شدید دھند کے باعث 14 گاڑیاں یکے بعد دیگرے آپس میں ٹکرا گئیں۔ 50 سے زائد مسافر زخمی ہو گئے بتایا جاتا ہے کہ شدید دھند کے باعث کچھ نظر نہ آنے پر 4 کاریں 2 بسیں 6 ٹیوٹاویگنوں اور 2 ٹرک یکے بعد دیگرے آپس میں پیچھے سے ٹکراتے گئے۔ جس کے باعث 20 خواتین سمیت 50 مسافر خون میں نہلا گئے جنہیں زخمی حالت میں مختلف ہسپتالوں میں داخل کروادیا گیا۔

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کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی سمیت سندھ میں آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران دن کو موسم خشک اور رات کو سرد رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران موسم خشک رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ کراچی میں دن کو مطلع صاف اور رات کو موسم سرد رہے گا۔ شمال مشرقی یا شمال مغربی ہوا 51 سے 10 تاٹ کی رفتار سے چلنے کا امکان ہے۔ کراچی میں کم سے کم درجہ حرارت 14 سے 16 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ رہنے کا امکان ہے۔ سمیت سندھ بھر میں بھی آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران دن میں موسم خشک اور رات کو سرد رہنے کا امکان ہے۔

سرخیاں

کراچی میں آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے کے دوران موسم خشک رہے گا

دنیا نیوز

4 دسمبر 2016

غذائی قلت کے باعث روزانہ 80 کروڑ

افراد بھوکے سوتے ہیں، رپورٹ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

4 دسمبر 2016

اقوام متحدہ (صبح نیوز) اقوام متحدہ کی جانب سے جاری رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ غذائی قلت کے باعث روزانہ 80 کروڑ افراد بھوکے سوتے ہیں اسلئے اس مسئلے پر قابو نہ پایا گیا تو 2035 تک آدھی سے زیادہ دنیا کی آبادی غذائی بحران کی لپیٹ میں آجائے گی۔ اقوام متحدہ کے ذیلی ادارے برائے غذا اور زراعت کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ دنیا بھر میں غذائی بحران کی بڑھتی جارہی ہے اور اگر اس بحران پر قابو پانے کے لیے اقدامات نہ کیے گئے تو 2035 تک آدھی سے زیادہ دنیا کی آبادی غذائی بحران کی لپیٹ میں آجائے گی۔ رپورٹ میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ غذائی بحران کی وجہ سے دنیا کی ایک تہائی آبادی متاثر ہے۔ اور اس کے باعث پوری دنیا کی معیشت کو 3.5 کھرب کا نقصان بھی ہوا ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق غذا کی کمی ایک عالمگیر مسئلہ ہے جس کے باعث روزانہ تقریباً 80 کروڑ سے زائد افراد بھوکے سوتے ہیں جب کہ اس کے برعکس 1.9 ارب افراد کھانے سے موٹاپے کا شکار ہیں۔ رپورٹ میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ غیر معیاری غذا اور ورزش کا نہ کرنا صحت کے لیے خطرہ بن چکے ہیں۔ ادارے کے مطابق حکومتوں کو چاہیے کہ وہ ملک میں زیادہ سے زیادہ زراعت کو فروغ دیں اور عوام کو زراعت کی مدد میں رعایت فراہم کریں تاکہ غذا کی کمی کا مسئلہ حل ہو سکے۔

سوات میں زلزلے کے جھٹکے

اوصاف

3 دسمبر 2016

سوات (روزنامہ اوصاف) سوات اور اس کے گرد و نواح کا علاقہ شدید زلزلے سے لرز اٹھا جبکہ ریکٹر سکیل پر زلزلے کی شدت 3.5 ریکارڈ ہوئی، زلزلے کی نوعیت اس قدر شدید تھی کہ لوگ کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد کرتے ہوئے اپنے گھروں سے باہر نکل آئے تاہم ابھی تک زلزلے کے باعث کسی قسم کے جانی و مالی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی

دنیا کا سب سے بڑا شمسی توانائی پارک

پاکستان میں

اے آر وائی نیوز

3 دسمبر 2016

اسلام آباد: وفاقی وزیر برائے کلائمٹ چنج زاہد حامد کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان بہت جلد دنیا کا سب سے بڑا شمسی توانائی پارک قائم کرنے والا ہے جس سے 1000 میگا واٹ بجلی پیدا کی جاسکے گی۔ اسلام آباد میں ایک پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وفاقی وزیر کا کہنا تھا کہ وفاقی کابینہ کی جانب سے منظور کردہ قومی توانائی پخت ایکٹ 2016 بھی نافذ کر دیا گیا ہے تاکہ ملک میں توانائی کے کفایت شعرا استعمال اور اس کی بچت کو یقینی بنایا جاسکے۔ واضح بن چکی ہے۔ وفاقی وزیر زاہد حامد نے رہے کہ پاکستان کی قومی اسمبلی دنیا کی پہلی پارلیمنٹ ہے جو مکمل طور پر شمسی توانائی سے فعال ہونے والی پارلیمنٹ بنایا کہ پاکستان دنیا بھر میں مضر گرین ہاؤس گیسوں کے اخراج میں ایک فیصد سے بھی کم حصہ رکھتا ہے، تاہم ان گیسوں سے وقوع پذیر ہونے والے کلائمٹ چنج اور اس کے خطرات سے متاثر ہونے والے سرفہرست 10 ممالک میں شامل ہے۔ 'دنیا آگاہ ہے کہ عالمی درجہ حرارت میں اضافے میں ہمارا میں پاکستانی وفد کی سربراہی حصہ ایک فیصد سے بھی کم ہے۔' زاہد حامد نے مراکش میں ہونے والی موسمیاتی تغیرات (کلائمٹ چنج) کی عالمی کانفرنس بھی کی تھی۔ وفاقی وزیر نے کہا کہ پاکستان ماحولیاتی خطرات سے نمٹنے کے لیے دنیا کے ساتھ کھڑا ہے اور اس سلسلے میں ہر ممکن اقدامات اٹھائے جا رہے ہیں۔ ان کے مطابق قومی توانائی پخت ایکٹ 2016 بھی اسی کی ایک کڑی ہے۔ حکومت کا گلیشیرز کا ڈیٹا حاصل کرنے کے لیے اہم اقدام

کردی انہوں نے کہا کہ کچھ عرصہ قبل پاکستان نے انسداد ماحولیاتی نقصانات کے لیے طے کیے جانے والے معاہدے پیرس کلائمٹ ڈیل کی بھی توثیق کا آغاز کیا گیا ہے جس کے تحت پورے ملک میں شجر کاری کی جائے گی۔ انہی ماحول دوست اقدامات کے تحت پرائم منسٹر گرین پاکستان پروگرام کے حصول کے لیے ایک مربوط حکمت عملی بھی تیار کی ہے گی۔ زاہد حامد نے بتایا کہ وفاقی حکومت نے اقوام متحدہ کے طے کردہ پائیدار ترقیاتی اہداف اور پاکستان وہ پہلا ملک ہے جس کی قومی اسمبلی نے ان اہداف کو قومی پالیسی کا حصہ بنانے کے بل کو متفقہ طور پر منظور کیا ہے۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹے میں ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہے گا جبکہ پنجاب کے میدانی علاقوں میں رات اور صبح کے اوقات میں دھند پڑنے کا امکان ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹے میں بھی ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد اور خشک رہا۔ آج صبح ملک میں کم سے کم درجہ حرارت قلات اور ہنزہہ میں منفی چار ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا، کالام اور گلگت میں منفی دو، کوئٹہ صفر، مری دو،

ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم سرد

اور خشک رہے گا، پنجاب کے کچھ علاقوں

میں دھند پڑنے کا امکان



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