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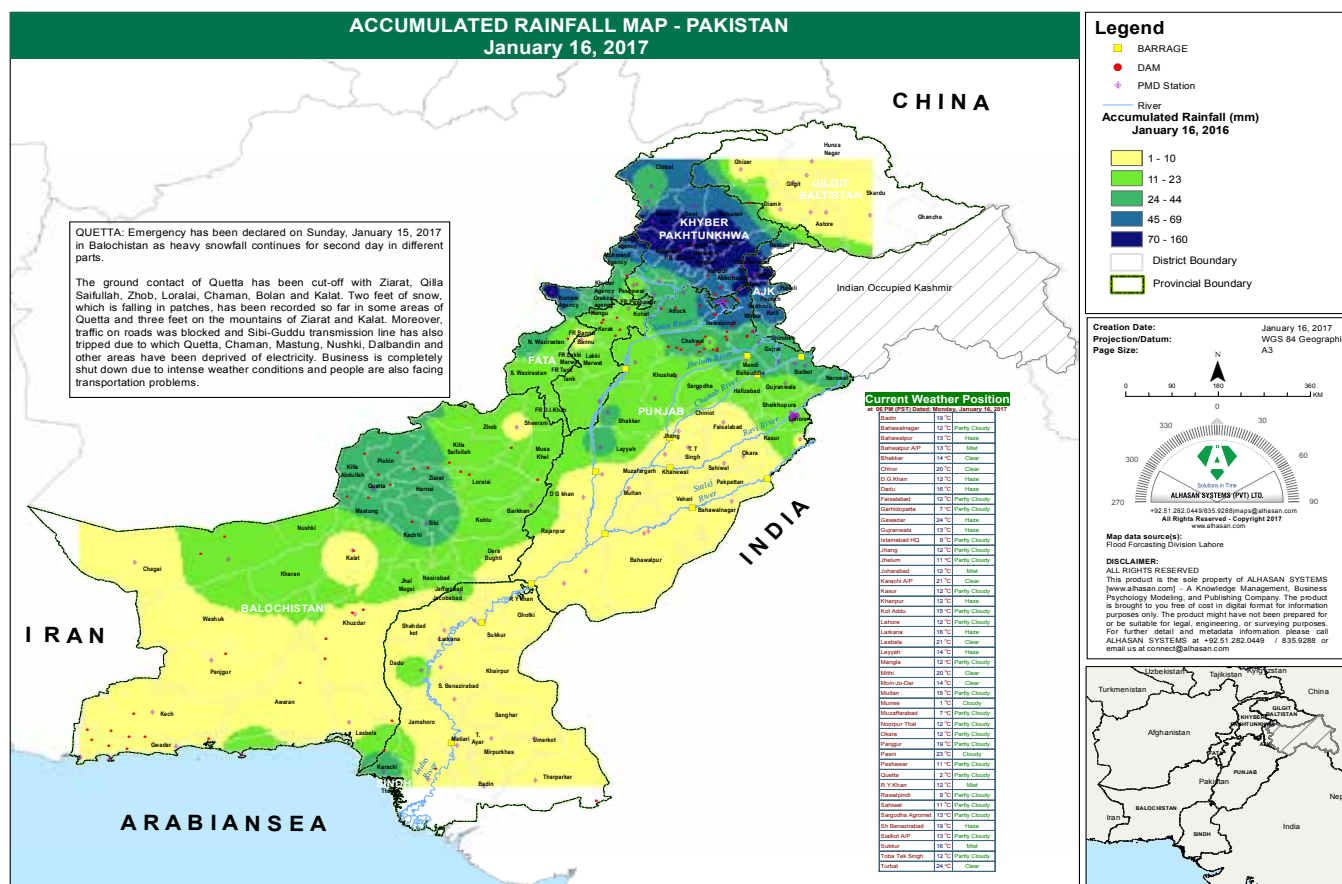
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Heavy snowfall halts life in Balochistan, Chitral, hilly areas

DAWN News, January 16, 2017

Roads cleared, traffic resumes after snowfall led to roadblocks in Quetta

Geo News, January 16, 2017

Experts call for effective land management

Pak Observer, January 16, 2017

DETAILS

Roads were blocked in Chitral and Balochistan due to heavy snowfall in the region, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement on Sunday, adding that the army and the Frontier Corps (FC) personnel cleared the snow and restored traffic in the snow-laden areas.

The Lowari Tunnel in Chitral and roads from Quetta to Karachi (NHW 25), Quetta to Sukkur (NHW 65) and Taftan to Quetta (NHW 40) opened Saturday 14 January 2017 night for traffic, ISPR said.

FC Balochistan has established crisis management centres in Quetta, Sibbi, Ziarat, Pishin, Loralai, Kallat and Khuzdar, whereas an army assistance camp have been set up in Panakot, Malakand Division to assist the public in coordination with local administrations, the military's media wing stated.

Severe cold weather with chilly winds has wrapped many parts of the country as it entered 2017, with hilly areas receiving heavy snowfall and others getting heavy rains. Though an inconvenience for locals, tourists in areas like at Malka-i-Kohsar in Murree were delighted with the weather change even though a massive gridlock was created according to the local traffic wardens.

According to the report aired by a private news channel, the main Mall Road in the hill resort was overcrowded with a noticeable hike in shopping spree. Demand for piping hot food, especially tea, desserts and sweets, has also risen in the area. Similarly, severe cold is prevailing in Quetta, Kallat, Peshawar and other hilly areas of the country while the chilly weather continues in Islamabad, Rawalpindi and Lahore.

QUETTA: It continued to snow in most parts of Balochistan and its provincial capital Quetta for the second straight day on Sunday 15 January, 2017, blocking roads and causing shortage of food.

The first snow of the season that hit the province on Saturday broke the previous 12-year-record of snowfall. A number of vehicles got stuck between Mangocher and Khad Kocha on Karachi highway linking to Quetta. Uptill now, Kozak Top has received four-feet of snow.

People including children and women have been stuck due to heavy snowfall and awaiting aid. Rain and snow in Quetta have dropped the temperature further. Two inches of snowfall were recorded in Ziarat which caused road blockades. Kalat received seven inches of snow, in the first snowfall of the season. Meanwhile, Zhob received snowfall after 15 years.

Balochistan govt issues travel alert

Balochistan government has issued a warning in which it advised people not to take Karachi to Quetta highway.

A travel-warning was also issued for Sibbi, Ziarat and Chaman areas. The provincial ministry in its advisory said that people should only travel in case of extreme emergency. The government also advised the administration and police to make arrangements for food and other basic necessities.

Pak Army starts relief work in snow-hit areas

According to the ISPR, Army started relief activities in the areas where snow has disrupted daily lives. Several roads were blocked due to snow, some of which have been cleared including the Lowari tunnel, Quetta to Sukkur road and Taftan highways, according to the ISPR.

The flow of traffic has recommenced on Chaman-Quetta's Shahrah-e-Kozak, after up to two foot of snow was cleared by Frontier Works Organisation. Moreover, crisis management centres have been established in Quetta, Sibbi, Ziarat, Pishin, Loralai, Kalat and Khuzdar to deal with untoward incidents.

Ministry of Climate Change, UNDP Pakistan and all four provinces have agreed to step up efforts for Sustainable Land Management (SLM) to combat desertification and land degradation issues facing the country. This was agreed at a high-profile meeting held at the Ministry of Climate Change which is leading the efforts in partnership with UNDP, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and all four provinces.

Action Plan for 2017 was agreed during the high-level Programme Steering Committee (PSC) meeting of Sustainable Land Management Programme (SLMP, Phase-II) held at ministry's secretariat in Islamabad.

The progress of the programme in four provinces of Pakistan was discussed and programme's achievements were appreciated by the members of the Committee who approved stepping up of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) up-scaling activities in 2017 through diversified interventions including integrated provincial policies, technical trainings, effective land use planning with Geographic Information System (GIS) and implementation of climate-resilient activities in partnership with communities across landscapes in the country.

Chairing the meeting, Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Syed Abu Ahmad Akif emphasized importance of combating desertification and land degradation in Pakistan's context and appreciated program's achievements, he said, "Better management of land resources through this program will go a long way in poverty reduction, better livelihoods, food security and improved ecosystems in the country."

Joint Secretary of Ministry of Climate Change and the National Program Director of SLMP (Phase-II), Ishrat Ali, informed the meeting about how the programme is introducing modern approaches and advanced technologies in Pakistan's areas affected by land degradation and under the risk of desertification. Mr. Amanullah Khan, Assistant Country Director, UNDP (Environment Unit),

Met department forecasts rain, snow to continue till Wednesday

The News, January 15, 2017

Large aggregations of Purpleback squid attributed to climate change

The News, January 15, 2017

NA recommends bringing Met Department under Climate Change Ministry

Daily Times, January 13, 2017

emphasized to bring provinces upfront in SLM activities and institutionalize these activities in their development portfolios. Earlier, National Program Coordinator, Hamid Marwat presented a complete overview of the activities executed in 2016 and highlighted the impact of the program activities in target districts and communities. SLMP's Annual Work Plan for 2017, to combat land degradation and desertification in Pakistan, was presented in the meeting which PSC approved.

Second phase of the Sustainable Land Management Program (SLMP-II) is an up-scaling phase of the SLMP pilot phase project to be implemented in 14 dry land districts in 4 provinces. With support from United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Pakistan and Global Environment Facility (GEF), the program became operational in September 2015.

ISLAMABAD: The Met department has forecasted that rain and snow will continue to shower till Wednesday 18 January 2017.

The good news is that during the next 72 hours, most areas of Balochistan along with a few regions in Sindh, Islamabad, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, FATA, Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan will witness heavy rain, thunder and snow. There will be continuous snowfall on mountain peaks in the northern areas.

Earlier, it was forecasted that snow and rain will happen till Monday but now it has been made clear that the session will continue till Wednesday. The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has stated that Skardu had minus 14 degree Celsius, which is the lowest in cities on Saturday. Temperature in other cities was recorded to be; minus 10 degree Celsius in Kalam, minus 7 degree Celsius in Gilgit and Astore, minus 6 degree Celsius Malam Jaba and minus 5 degree Celsius in Rawlakot. However, minus 3 degree Celsius was recorded in Quetta, Chitral and Murree.

KARACHI: Climate change is playing an important role in the ecosystem dynamic of the Arabian Sea as fishermen have reported an unusual increase in the population of Purpleback flying squid in Pakistani waters during November 2016 to January 2017.

The fishermen have been sighting increase in the occurrence of oceanic (*Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis*), sometimes caught in their gillnets. In the beginning of this year, they located unprecedented concentration of this squid in offshore waters between 20° and 24° N both along Sindh and Balochistan coasts especially in the Kori Great Bank along Sindh coast and in off Malan along Balochistan coast.

This squid lives in open waters from the surface down to depths of around 1,000 m of ocean. It exhibits diurnal vertical migration and moves from deeper layers to surface or shallower waters during night. Commenting on the development, Rab Nawaz, Senior Director Programmes, WWF-Pakistan stressed the need for studying long term changes in the oceanographic factors that may result in increase of certain species. Occurrence of bloom of jellyfish in December, 2016 and that of purpleback flying squid indicates that climate change is playing important role in the ecosystem dynamic of the Arabian Sea, he added.

Japanese Research Vessel "R/V Shoyo Maru" during the survey in 1975 located dense concentration of this squid about 90 nautical miles off Pasni Balochistan. They observed that purpleback flying squid seemed to inhabit the 120-200 m depth layers during daytime. A positive light attraction effect due to the vessels light was observed during night time. Acoustic survey revealed that the squids are widely and abundantly distributed in the offshore waters in the region. However, in 1976 this research vessel again conducted acoustic surveys but could not locate any such concentrations.

It is also interesting that in some other areas of Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf unprecedented occurrence of purpleback flying squid was observed during November and December 2016. Fishermen in Fujairah, U. A. E. caught large number of this oceanic squid in November 2016. Similarly, very high catches of this species were recorded from Oman.

From both these areas these squids were processed and exported. However, processing industry in Pakistan has not yet taken any such step for harvesting, processing and export of this squid. Muhammad Moazzam Khan, Technical Advisor (Marine Fisheries) WWF-Pakistan pointed out that abundant occurrence of purpleback flying squid in the Arabian can be attributed to long term changes in oceanic regime.

'Climate change may have also influenced the unprecedented appearance of the oceanic squids in Pakistani waters. As this species is found in abundance, therefore, there is an opportunity for the Pakistan's fisheries industry to gear up for exporting this high priced commodity to Far East Asian countries.'

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly's Standing Committee on Climate Change recommended that Pakistan Meteorological Department should be brought under the Climate Change Ministry. The Committee met here at parliament house on Thursday under the chairmanship of MNA Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman Darishak. The committee discussed the terms, conditions and policy for the 'think tank on climate change.' While briefing the committee, DG Environment Irfan Tariq said that the think tank was the consultative forum of experts on climate change, which was established in 2015.

Weather expert Dr. Qamar Zaman is its convener and it has 35 members. He said that the climate change ministry was acting as the facilitator of the think tank but it was a matter of great concern that this was the only meeting held since its inception. MNA Imran Zafar Leghari of PPP expressed his apprehensions that the Sindh province did not have any representation in the think tank and said that it should only be comprised of parliamentarians. "Sindh is among the provinces most likely to suffer from climate change. Is Sindh is not part of Pakistan?"

MNA Murad Saeed of PTI supported Leghari's viewpoint and demanded that KP should also be

Climate change: Pakistan at seventh among top 10 most vulnerable countries

The News, January 13, 2017

given representation in the think tank. On the occasion, exchange of heated words took place between Legahri and Federal Minister for Climate Change Zahid Hamid. The minister was of the view that the think tank was formed hurriedly before the Paris Agreement on climate change. But after intervention from other committee members, he agreed to give representation to Sindh in the think tank.

He said that Pakistan was the seventh most negatively impacted country in the world from climate change. He said that the provinces should also take measures to reduce climate change effects. He said that though the development of the forests was a provincial subject, the federal government had allocated Rs 2 billion for it. He said that ministry prepared report of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDC) of Pakistan. The report has been prepared through a broad consultation process and taking into consideration the Vision 2025 of the Planning Commission, National Climate Change Policy, National Disaster Risk management Policy and a host of other relevant documents. The report noted that future greenhouse gas emissions of Pakistan were likely to have grown considerably given the forecasted economic growth and expansion in the energy sector, especially the usage of coal.

Balochistan's Secretary of Environment said that his province was facing the problem of shortage of water and the ground water table was declining with the passage of time. He demanded support from the federal government to address the issue. The Standing Committee also suggested that the think tank should reviewed, broadened and all provinces should be given equal nomination.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change has been increasing with the passage of time despite that its contribution to the global warming is very much negligible. It is currently on the seventh position among the world top 10 countries vulnerable to the vagaries of climate change and global warming.

Pakistan's greenhouse gas emission is less than a percent of global emission, but still it is most vulnerable to its impacts. "In 2015, Pakistan was at the 8th position and now it is on the 7th place among top 10 countries of the world which are most vulnerable to the climate change," Zahid Hamid, Minister for Climate Change, said this while presiding over the UNIDO's Cleantech Awards distribution ceremony here. The awards were distributed under the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) of UNIDO.

GCIP is a global programme, aimed at supporting and converting innovations in the field of clean technologies into successful businesses. The innovations focused on the five categories of renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency, waste to energy and green buildings.

During the third cycle of the programme this year, GCIP supported 82 SMEs and startups in Pakistan through a comprehensive programme of extensive mentoring, training, access to investors and showcasing opportunities.

Winners received awards ranging from \$20,000 (National Winner) to \$15,000 (4 runner-up prizes), including a prize for the most promising woman-led business. As part of the package, all winners will receive a funded opportunity of mentorship and training during their exposure visit to the Silicon Valley, USA.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Zahid Hamid stressed the importance of innovation in clean technology in mitigating harmful impacts of climate change. The minister specifically appreciated the role of the UNIDO and its partners in arranging this competition, to foster green entrepreneurship and introduce viable solutions to the current energy crisis in Pakistan. He reiterated his ministry's continued support to this endeavour. PCST Chairman Prof Dr Anwarul Hassan Gilani, highlighted the role of PCST in supporting entrepreneurship in Pakistan, particularly in clean technologies to ensure sustainability of the ongoing initiatives. He also reiterated the possible role of PCST as hub of activities of National Cleantech Platform of UNIDO.

The UNIDO Representative to Pakistan, Mr Esam Alqararah, while addressing the ceremony, shared the UNIDO's vision on energy and environment and the efforts UNIDO in promoting renewable energy and clean technologies in Pakistan. Alqararah pinpointed the importance of renewable energy and energy efficiency in the development of the country. He reiterated UNIDO's commitment to further strengthening the cooperation with the Ministry of Climate Change.

The GCIP Project Manager from UNIDO HQ Alois Mhlanga highlighted the significance of innovations in clean technologies and appreciated the achievements of GCIP in Pakistan. He highlighted the prospects and need of sustainability of this programme through national partners.

The ceremony was attended by more than 250 high ranking officials and dignitaries, ambassadors, international donor agencies, rectors and vice chancellors of universities, representatives from government institutions including allied departments of MoCC, representatives from industries, investors, Ministry of Industries and production, Climate Change Division, chambers of commerce and industry and private sector stakeholders and GEF cell.

Given the significance and contribution of small businesses to the promotion of job creation and overall economic development of Pakistan, UNIDO is implementing "Global Cleantech Innovation Programme for SMEs and Start-ups" focusing on the promotion of innovations in clean technologies, funded by the Global Environment Facility and supported by its strategic partners, Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (PCST), National Productivity Organisation (NPO), Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM) and international Knowledge partner - The Cleantech Open USA, since 2014.

The Programme is currently running in six countries, including Pakistan, and aims at developing a sustainable entrepreneurship ecosystem, while supporting clean technology innovations in SMEs and startup entrepreneurs to maximise their opportunities to achieve sustainable commercial success, with the help of Cleantech Open's proven model to support cleantech startups and SMEs for the implementation of the acceleration programme in Pakistan.

Chitral must be linked with CPEC

Daily Times, January 12, 2017

The programme is focused on enhancing both emerging cleantech start-ups and the local entrepreneurial ecosystem and policy framework in Pakistan. A competition-based approach is used to identify the most promising entrepreneurs across the country, whilst a local acceleration programme supports, promotes and "de-risks" the participating companies and connects them to potential investors, customers and partners.

ISLAMABAD: Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Reform, said the government must link Chitral to the tremendous trade and economic opportunities that will arise from the opening of the Lowari Tunnel and the CPEC projects.

Addressing a round-table conference 'Devising our own Destiny: A Model for Collaborative Partnership for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Chitral' hosted by Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) in collaboration with the Federal, Provincial and District Governments of Chitral, he said Chitral District is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters with the frequency of such disasters increasing every few years. The organizations gathered here are critically important in helping mitigate the effects of climate change and build disaster resilient communities and structures.

It will take the full support, technical assistance and resources of all the stakeholders present here to ensure that Chitral is protected from the effects of climate change and natural disasters, Ahsan Iqbal said. The preservation and promotion of the unique cultural heritage of the region and sustainable planned economic growth that does not damage the fragile social balance of Chitral is also a concern."

Qazi Azmat Isa, CEO of PPAF, said PPAF has invested in the social capital in Chitral for 15 years and now we are convening all the stakeholders to create a unique model of sustainable and inclusive development which will make Chitral a model district in KP. He added Chitral has been cut off from the mainstream because of the location throughout the year and the climate in winters. We are at a juncture in time when the Lowari Tunnel and the CPEC routes will make travel to and from Chitral much easier and therefore much more frequent.

Stefano Pontecorvo, Italian Ambassador to Pakistan spoke about the Italian commitment to Pakistan and development in Chitral. He said he believes that Pakistan will be one of the most leading countries in the next 10 years. Thomas Drew, British High Commissioner to Pakistan spoke about his many visits to Chitral which he saw as a haven of peace, diversity and natural beauty. He fully supported the stakeholder commitment to sustainable development in Chitral.

Stakeholders Meeting held under the Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change for Comparison of Agriculture and Climate Models for Pakistan

Express Tribune, January 11, 2017

A meeting of stakeholders for AgMIP Project of Pakistan was held at Meteorological Headquarter, Islamabad which was attended by the large number of concerned organizations including Mr. Nisar A Memon, Chairman Water Environment Forum (WEF) Pakistan, Dr. Qamar-uz-Zaman Chaudhry, Climate Expert and DG Met. Mir Yusuf Badain, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change chaired the meeting. Agricultural Models Intercomparison (AgMIP) Project of Pakistan is part of the global activity and it is lead by University of Agriculture Faisalabad and its second phase is nearing the end. The project is aimed on identification of the best models suited for Pakistani agroclimatic conditions keeping in view the future climatic trends. Pakistan Meteorological Department has been providing the baseline climatic characteristics and future projections of temperature and precipitation on district scale. Agricultural and economic models are being tested by research teams of UAF for different cropping systems in Pakistan. On successful completion of the first phase for Rice-Wheat cropping system where the results were very encouraging, the second phase was launched in Cotton-Wheat system.

Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Chaththa, PI of the AgMIP project briefed the audience about the results obtained in first and second phase in the light of past climate and highlighted the impacts changing climate on future crop yields. He also presented the socio-economic impacts and suggested various adaptation measures to counter the adverse effect of climate on food security. The research findings of PMD indicated that temperature in agricultural plains has risen over the last 60 years and the increase in recent two decades was higher than the previous trend. Also the rate of increase of night temperatures is greater than the increase noticed in day temperatures. Agricultural experts identified that the increase in minimum temperature is responsible for the decline in rice yield because it reverses the grain production process. Similarly, the untimely rains have significantly impacted the crop production especially rains at the time of harvesting and threshing caused pre-and post harvest losses. Abnormally wet weather conditions at critical stages of crop growth and development promoted the growth of insects and pest which reduced the quantity and quality of yield.

Future projections indicate that there will be no significant change in rainfall amount but its temporal and spatial distribution will be highly influenced due to climate change. It means that untimely rains may threaten the crop production in future increasing losses at maturity stage. Temperatures are likely to increase @0.4C per decade in agricultural plains of Punjab and Sindh which will ultimately increase the water requirement of crops and also heat wave conditions may retard crop growth and development. High temperatures coupled with abnormally wet summer climatic conditions in cotton zone may help pathogens to grow which may hamper the crop yield. The scientists say that in the absence of adaptation measures, the anticipated losses and uncertainty in crop production will be magnified many times over the prevailing scenarios.

The main findings of the projects are

- There would be increase in mean max. temperature of 2.5 oC & 3.6 °C and mean min. temperature 2.7 °C & 3.8 oC under 4.5 and 8.5 RCPs, respectively for mid-century (2040-2069)
- Decrease in rainfall would be about 33 & 52 % during cotton growing season and 36 & 42 % during Wheat growing season under 4.5 & 8.5 RCPs, respectively for mid-century (2040-

Calamitous: Many disaster bodies exist on paper only

Express Tribune, January 11, 2017

2069) for hot dry conditions

- Reduction in Cotton yield of 42% and wheat yield 4.5% under RCP 4.5 for mid-century (2040-2069)
- Reduction in Cotton yield of about 47% and wheat yield 2 % in Cotton-wheat cropping system under RCP 8.5 for mid-century (2040-2069)

Project teams have suggested adaptation packages

For Wheat

- Heat and drought tolerant cultivars should be developed
- Wheat should be sown 10 days earlier for those farmers whose sow their crop after 20 November
- Plant population should be increased by 10%
- Urea fertilizer should be applied with irrigation water

For Cotton

- Heat and drought tolerant cultivars should be developed
- Balanced used of fertilizer should be applied
- Row spacing should be increase from 75 cm to 85 cm

ISLAMABAD: A number of ghost district disaster management authorities (DDMA) exist across Pakistan, The Express Tribune has learnt.

An official working closely with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) said that there are many districts across the country where DDMA exist only on papers. A National Post Monsoon 2016 Review Conference was held to identify gaps, record the lessons learnt and to devise most appropriate strategy for future. "Pakistan has to suffer great human loss in natural calamities every year because of the absence of DDMA," the official said.

Furthermore due to the absence of these DDMA, the Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMA) are unable to provide accurate details to the NDMA," he said. Considering the impact of climate change on Pakistan there is a dire need to have active DDMA in every district of the country along with trained human resources, he said.

Meanwhile, a statement issued by the NDMA chairman Major General Asghar Nawaz highlighted the paucity of trained workforce. "Shortage of human resources is a major concern and a setback for capacity building," he said.

He specifically emphasised that response must be configured according to the degree of vulnerability for optimum utilisation of resources, improvement in response to urban flooding in major city centres, rationalisation of requirement of rescue equipment at district level by taking into account equipment held by the army and provinces, completion of flood protection work before June 2017, standardisations of reporting format and creations of synergy in relief efforts.

Chairman NDMA appreciated the collaborative role of various federal and provincial departments to mitigate the flood threat during monsoon season 2016. He stated that climate change presents a real threat and emphasised over the need to further strengthen integrated coordination mechanism amongst all relevant stakeholders in order to ensure better preparedness.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Senate unanimously condemns Modi's anti-Pakistan statement

ARY News, January 16, 2017

Rangers' policing powers end in Karachi

Daily Dawn, January 16, 2017

Govt moves for speedy trial of terrorists

GEO TV, January 16, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Monday unanimously passed a resolution condemning the statement of the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi against Pakistan.

During the recently held BRICS Summit in Goa, India, Modi had attributed terrorism to Pakistan and drew a parallel between India and Israel evoking a parallel between Kashmir and Palestine. The resolution moved by Sehar Kamran appreciated the reaction of the international community to this baseless propaganda by the Indian prime minister. It said that the statement made by the Indian premier was an effort to divert the attention of the international community from the Indian atrocities against the people of Occupied Kashmir. The resolution reiterated that there will be no compromise on the sovereignty and defence of Pakistan and our resolve to fight against terrorism and contribute towards bringing peace and harmony in the world.

The House passed another resolution recommending the government to launch a scheme for provision of interest-free loans to farmers for installation of solar tubewells in the country. The resolution was moved by Chaudhry Tanvir Khan. The House passed another resolution recommending the government to start evening and night shifts in the dispensaries in the rural areas of Islamabad in order to make the medical facility available round the clock to the people living in those areas.

The special policing powers granted to Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, by the provincial government under Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 to carry out raids and arrest suspects ended on Monday.

The government had extended the Rangers' policing powers on October 18, 2016, for 90 days thus entitling them to carry out raids, snap checking and arresting the people in the provincial capital only. Sindh government, however, had not issued any official statement in connection with extension of the powers by the end of the day.

Earlier in the evening, following a cabinet meeting, Adviser to Sindh Chief Minister on Information Moulana Bux Chandio told reporters that no discussion was done in the meeting regarding the extension in powers of Rangers in Karachi. "We had many issues on our agenda in the cabinet meeting but due to the burning issue of census, all others were deferred," he said. PPP-led Sindh government has repeatedly announced that the extension of Rangers powers was subject to the approval from the provincial cabinet.

Sources in Sindh Home Department told Dawn that policing powers of the paramilitary force ended on Sunday. The official sources revealed that a summary to this effect for granting extension of powers to the paramilitary force was moved to the Sindh chief minister nearly a month ago but he has not approved the summary as yet. The sources told Dawn that the provincial government had "some reservations" over the Rangers's recent action particularly raids on offices of a businessman in limits of Kharadar and Saddar police station. The paramilitary force had also detained some persons from there, who were released later on. The Rangers official had also lodged FIR against the businessman who was widely believed to be very close to the former president of Pakistan under Anti-Terrorism Act. Sources added that the provincial government wanted to get "some assurances" from the Rangers to avoid such actions in future.

ISLAMABAD: Owing to the time-tested obsession of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif with special courts to quickly dispense justice to dangerous criminals, the federal government is putting in place adequate legal tools and instruments to achieve the objective if no parliamentary consensus was worked out on the military courts.

In this connection, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan's statement that separate laws are being framed for terrorists and those involved in sectarian violence is an unambiguous pointer to the fact that he and his ministry will play the lead role in introducing a fast track system of dispensation of justice in cases involving terrorism. Even when the military courts functioned for two years, the interior ministry used to examine, scrutinize and select the cases, which were recommended by other authorities including provincial governments.

A senior cabinet minister told The News that in the first instance, the government's effort is to hammer out an agreement on extending the powers of the military courts to try civilian terrorists of all hue and colour, which lapsed on Jan 7 as the sundown clause in the 21st constitutional amendment became operative. But he conceded that given the strong opposition by a majority of political and parliamentary parties there is little or no likelihood that a consensus would be arrived at further involvement of military courts in trying the "jet black" terrorists.

The Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) and Jamaat-e-Islami are firmly opposed to the extension of the authority of the military courts and consistently ran a campaign to the effect. The stand they have taken has not left any room for a compromise.

The government's dilemma is that it is in no position to amend the Constitution single-handedly to give powers to the military courts as it doesn't have the requisite two-thirds majority in the parliament. Even if it is able to manage such a tally in the National Assembly with tremendous difficulty, it doesn't have this number in the Senate, controlled by the opposition especially the PPP, which is in no mood to cooperate with the government. However, it can easily amend the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) or frame another ordinary law to promulgate it through an ordinance, which will be laid before the parliament later. It will be able to push it through the National Assembly but would be incapacitated to do so in the Senate. As an alternative in the wake of the approach and policy of the political parties to the military courts, the government is exploring other

Dar assures US of Pakistan's commitment to eradicate terrorism

Daily Times, January 16, 2017

Army chief rubbishes Afghanistan's claim linking Pakistan with terror attacks

Express Tribune, January 16, 2017

options. One of them is strengthening the law while another is increasing the number of such courts with enhanced powers. However, all this will need a consensus. As the military courts' authority exhausted, all the cases pending before them were immediately transferred to the existing Anti-Terrorism Courts (ATCs) where the pace of adjudication is not very fast compared to that of the army officers led forums.

Way back in 1997 in his second stint as prime minister, Nawaz Sharif had enacted the ATA, which continues to be in operation till today. It has been amended from time to time to tighten it further so that criminals could not escape the net. A Nawaz Sharif government had also even allowed the military courts to work because of the prime minister's passion to swiftly dispose of cases of toughened criminals. Considering his preference, there is no doubt that the premier will take solid steps for speedy trial of such offenders.

Since the enactment of the ATA, there have been umpteen complaints that it has also been frequently misused by influential people while registering cases with police against their rivals. They had managed to include the ATA clauses in these cases even when there was no legal justification for that. But as a whole the ATCs have worked promptly and convicted a large number of dangerous criminals at a fast track, much better than the ordinary courts. However, still their pace has been much slow compared to the military courts. Even when the cases had been decided by the ATCs, they had been stuck up in two tiers of appeals, first in a high court and then in the Supreme Court, consuming years to conclude. This dents the actual objective of the law, which is that the cases should be dealt with very speedily. However, in the case of decisions of the military courts no appeals were allowed to high court or the Supreme Court. But still the convictions had been challenged in high courts through writ petitions. A number of such pleas are pending disposal in different high courts.

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar said on Monday that Pakistan was committed to root out terrorism and violent extremism; and the initiation of 'Operation Zarb e Azb' in 2014 was a clear manifestation of the government's resolve.

The Finance Minister was talking to Commander US Central Command, General Joseph Votel, who called on him. Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif and ISI DG Lt Gen Naveed Mukhtar also participated in the meeting, according to a press statement issued by the Finance Ministry. Welcoming General Votel, the finance minister stated that Pakistan attaches great importance to its relations with the United States and wishes to further enhance the political and military cooperation between the two countries. He said that US support has been critical for the efforts against the menace of terrorism and violent extremism and hoped that such cooperation would continue in the future. He stated that the operation was launched and sustained through country's own resources, adding that the operation also resulted in displacement of a large number of people, for whom the government made adequate arrangements, resulting in additional unbudgeted financial costs. The minister reiterated Pakistan's desire for peace and stability in Afghanistan, which was essential for regional stability. He stated that effective coordination among stakeholders and comprehensive political reconciliation process in Afghanistan was imperative to achieve these objectives. He said that the improvement in security and economic conditions would also ensure early return of Afghan refugees from Pakistan to their homeland. He also shared with the CENTCOM chief Pakistan's efforts for effective border management and stressed on the need for enhancement of similar efforts on the Afghan side. The finance minister reiterated Pakistan's resolve not to allow its soil to be used against any country.

The CENTCOM chief stated that the US acknowledged the human and material sacrifices made by Pakistan in fighting terrorism. He emphasised that continued military cooperation between the two countries was essential, adding that the commitment of the political and military leadership of Pakistan to counter terrorism was greatly appreciated. The US Commander expressed that the improved security and economic environment in Pakistan was heartening. He hoped that the CPEC initiative will further strengthen Pakistan's economy, according to the statement. The CENTCOM chief stated that robust border management was important for both Pakistan and Afghanistan. He assured US support to the two countries in this regard.

Commander United States Central Command (US CENTCOM) General Joseph L Votel called on army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa at the General Headquarters (GHQ) and discussed the security situation in Afghanistan.

"[Speaking] with reference to the recent terror incidents and follow up rhetoric from certain factions implicating Pakistan, the army chief said blame game is detrimental to enduring peace and stability," the military's media wing ISPR said in a statement. Earlier during the day, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani told Gen Bajwa that those who recently launched attacks in Afghanistan "lived, were recruited and operated freely in Pakistan and no action was taken against them."

Afghan attackers 'live, recruit and operate' in Pakistan, Ghani tells army chief

"The COAS highlighted that Pakistan has undertaken operations against terrorists of all hue and colour and there are no safe havens inside the country to be used against Afghanistan," statement added. Gen Bajwa expressed his commitment to work in close coordination with Afghanistan and US Resolute Support Mission (RSM) for improved security environment in the Pak-Afghan border region.

In this regard, the COAS emphasised requirement of Pak-Afghan bilateral border security and intelligence-sharing mechanisms. "Pakistan supports and looks forward to an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process," he said. He also highlighted the importance Pakistan accords to its relations with the US, particularly cooperation in counter-terrorism and regional stability.

No safe havens in Pakistan for terrorists: COAS: The visiting dignitary acknowledged and appreciated Pakistan Army's successes in fight against terrorism and continued efforts for bringing

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peace and stability in the region. Earlier on arrival at GHQ, a contingent of Pakistan Army presented Guard of Honour to the visiting dignitary. General Votel also laid a floral wreath at Yadgar-e-Shuhada to pay homage to the martyrs.

MANDI BAHAUDDIN-The Pakistan Ex-Servicemen Society (PESS) condemned the recent remarks made by Punjab Minister Rana Sanaullah about military courts' performance. The other day, the minister had said that the performance of military courts was not up to the mark. In a meeting held at DASB Camp office here on Friday, the PESS office-bearers said Pak Army had been fighting against terrorism since 2001, laying down their lives, and losing limbs to restore government writ. The army took on military courts when judiciary and civil administration had failed to control terrorism despite having large police force and judiciary at their disposal, they said.

During the last two years, military courts tried terrorists and punished them under the law and reduced terrorism in the country, they noted. On the other hand all government and national institutions' performance had deteriorated badly, they said. "Politicians are only seen on TV shows blaming each other, giving no attention to issues of public," they said. They paid glowing tributes to their serving brethren for tackling terrorism bravely and with fortitude. They also paid rich tributes to those injured and martyred in the Zarb e Azb. The veterans said their hearts and thoughts were with their serving brothers and they would not tolerate any bad remarks against armed forces of Pakistan. They also praised COAS General Qamar Javed Bajwas for making pledge to uphold dignity and credibility of Pakistan army through selfless performance of their role and duties, in his address to Kharian Garrison officers. The meeting was arranged and presided over by Chief Petty Officer Muhammad Aslam who is President PESS Mandi Bahauddin City. The meeting also condoled the death of Sindh Governor Saeeduzzaman Sadiquee and prayed eternal peace for him. public service claim : Serving public has been the manifesto of the PML-N since day first in the politics and no one could deter the party from this noble duty.

District Council chairman Sardar Azhar Khan Leghari stated at a meeting with the party office bearers and workers here. He pledged not to let down the PML-N voters who have honoured the party with their trust, saying with functioning of the locals' bodies.

A new period of development in RY Khan district has been started. He also urged the LB representatives to make all-out efforts to resolve public problems at their doorsteps. PML-N office bearers Haji Khadim and Khalid Mehmood Saeedi were also present on the occasion.

ISLAMABAD: The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region will continue to tighten security along the border with Pakistan and other neighbouring countries to prevent terrorists from entering or leaving the region illegally in the coming year, the chairman of the region said. Xinjiang, which borders eight countries, including Pakistan and Afghanistan, has been China's main battleground in the fight against terrorism.

According to a China Daily's report, tighter controls will add to the entry-exit measures that were put in place in 2016, said the region's chairman Shohrat Zakir, in his work report at the annual session of the Xinjiang People's Congress in Urumqi in last week.

Many terrorists who carried out attacks in the region in recent years received training abroad and then entered illegally. Some also fled across the border, said , a top Party official of southern Xinjiang's Kashgar prefecture Aniwur Turson. "We need to make sure not a single terrorist can get in or out of Xinjiang, especially when our neighbouring countries are facing rising terrorist threats," Aniwur said.

On the evening of Jan 8, three terror suspects were killed in a police raid in southern Xinjiang's Hotan prefecture, according to local media, the report added. The suspects resisted arrest and were shot dead at around 8 pm. No police officers were hurt, according to Ts.cn, a news portal affiliated with the regional government. The suspects were believed to have conducted an attack in April 2015.

Another Hotan official Azez Musar, said terrorist cells are particularly active in border areas in Xinjiang. "We must improve our ability to detect suspicious activities in those areas and conduct strict inspections near the borders in accordance with the law," he said. It has been more than four months since former Party chief Chen Quanguo of the Tibet autonomous region, stepped in as the new top leader of Xinjiang.

Chen sees keeping the region stable as the overriding political goal and is directing Xinjiang officials to make that their top priority. He said officials would be evaluated based on the security situation.

GWADAR: China has handed over two ships to Pakistan Navy for joint security along the sea route of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. The Chinese officials, who reached Gwadar aboard the ships, handed the ships over to their Pakistani counterparts at a ceremony at Gwadar Port. Commander of Pakistan Fleet Vice Admiral Arifullah Hussaini received the ships, which have been named after two nearby rivers Hingol and Basole.

Speaking at the handing-over ceremony, Vice Admiral Arifullah Hussain said the Chinese ships have become part of the Pakistan Navy, and they will be deployed for the security of the Gwadar port and the sea route of CPEC. The Chinese government will provide two more ships namely Dasht and Zhob to Pakistan Navy. Work on the ships is in progress in China and will be completed soon.

CPEC – A BACKGROUND

In April 2015, China and Pakistan launched a plan for energy and infrastructure projects in Pakistan worth \$46 billion, linking their economies and underscoring China's economic ambitions in Asia and beyond.

China's President Xi Jinping arrived in Pakistan on April 15, 2015 to oversee the signing of

Options being mulled for speedy terror trials: Nisar

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agreements aimed at establishing a China-Pakistan Economic Corridor between Pakistan's southern Gwadar port on the Arabian Sea and China's Xinjiang region. The plan, which would eclipse U.S. spending in Pakistan over the last decade or so, is part of China's aim to forge "Silk Road" land and sea ties to markets in the Middle East and Europe. The corridor, a network of roads, railways and pipelines, will pass through Balochistan. The two sides also agreed to strengthen cooperation in civil nuclear energy, space and maritime technology, counter-terrorism and defense.

Pakistan is of the view that China will provide up to \$37 billion in investment for energy projects to generate 16,400 MW of power. Concessional loans will cover nearly \$10 billion of infrastructure projects.

Xi said it cemented an "all-weather strategic cooperative partnership" between the neighbors.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said the corridor would transform Pakistan into a regional hub and give China a shorter and cheaper route for trade with much of Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

ISLAMABAD - Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali yesterday said the government is trying to bring in a system for speedy trial of terrorists and reiterated his stance that sectarian organisations will have to be treated differently from terrorist outfits.

Speaking to the media at Kalar Syedan, he said that a number of political parties had reservations over the extension of military courts mandate, adding different options were being considered to set up a judicial system for fast track trial of terrorists. He said that work was being done to make a new law combining POPA (Protection of Pakistan Act) and ATA (Anti Terrorism Act) but solution to the problem depends on the consultations with the political parties. Defending his earlier remarks given in the Senate, Nisar said that banned sectarian organisations should be graded separately from other banned terrorist outfits. Separate rules would have to be framed for those organisations which were proscribed in the past because of their sectarian character to clear a lot of confusion over the issue, the interior minister said.

The sectarian outfits, both Sunni and Shia, which were proscribed due to conflicts based on sectarian differences and they must not be clubbed with other terrorist groups which out rightly reject the state and its system and pursue the agenda of mass murders.

Defending his meeting with 'Maulana' Muhammad Ahmed Ludhianvi – chief of banned sectarian organisation Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ) – he said he was not the only one to meet heads of Sunni and Shia sectarian organisations as the PPP leaders too have been meeting them.

Earlier this week, Nisar had said in the Senate that banned sectarian organisations could not be equated with the banned terrorist organisations and his remarks had invited widespread criticism from the opposition parties. "I left no space or leverage for any militant or terrorist organisation in my speech (made in the Senate) but some people misinterpreted it without reading it," the minister said and admitted that he had talked about the difference between the two types of banned organisations. On one side are those terrorist outfits which have no space in Pakistan, their leaders are either eliminated in police encounters or they are in jail while on the other side are proscribed sectarian organisations," he said, adding there were no cases against such sectarian organisations and they have been existing in the country for decades.

This is unfair to link everything to 'Maulana' Muhammad Ahmed Ludhianvi, he said while again giving a justification of his meeting with ASWJ chief. Whether Allama Sajid Naqvi is a terrorist or Agha Hamid Ali Shah Moosvi can be connected with some banned organisation, the minister said while referring to the leaders of Shia organisations. He answered the question himself in the same breath, "Not at all as they are patriots but the organisations they are linked with were proscribed in the past." The minister also defended his statement that Sunni-Shia conflict was 1,300 years old. "What is wrong with my statement," he asked. He further said that these conflicts and bloodsheds were a part of Islamic history.

Chaudhry Nisar lashed out at the PPP for its criticism on his remarks in the Upper House calling the opposition party's reaction 'mere allegations and unnecessary criticism'. Nisar said that some media circles also toed the same line and used the language of PPP that was surprising and painful for him. He called it "professional dishonesty". "What trouble PPP has with me, all know," he said while giving a veiled reference to the corruption cases against some PPP leaders. The minister said that all photographs were on record in which PPP leadership had been meeting with the leadership of secession organisations. He said that his recent meeting with PPP Senator Dr Babar Awan was personal in nature.

To a question about the outcome of the inquiry committee headed by Justice (r) Amir Raza Khan formed to probe leaks of national security meetings, the minister said he was not answerable in this regard as the federal government (and not his ministry) had formed this committee. He however said that he had showed his reservations for twice extending the deadline for the committee to probe the matter. "I have come to know that the report of the committee is ready and would be presented to the government in next few days," he added. About the recent abduction of five social media and human rights activists, Nisar said that security and intelligence agencies were trying to recover the missing persons. He clarified that only one of the activists, Salman Haider, had been kidnapped from Islamabad. "It requires sometime to uncover these incidents but all efforts are being made to recover them at earliest," he added. He said the policy of the government is clear in this regard, hoping the matter would be resolved amicably.

Responding to a question about Justice Qazi Faez Esa report on Quetta terrorist attacks, Nisar said his statement along with the stance of interior ministry would be submitted before the SC a day or two before January 19 - the date of hearing of the case. He said that performance of his ministry during last three and half years would be presented before the court. He said that the orders of the transfer of inquiry officer in child-maid Tayyaba torture case had been reversed and the officer would remain in his position. Explaining the re-verification campaign of CNICs, he said

Terrorist attacks down 29 percent in 2016 to 11 years low: report

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Three MQM activists in Karachi arrested by LEAs

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that his ministry had blocked 450,000 CNICs and that number remained just over 500 during the previous regimes during 2008-13. "Similarly, I have cancelled 32,400 passports" issued to aliens, he said. He admitted that all blocked CNICs were not illegal and those legal would be unblocked soon as a parliamentary committee to oversee the process has been formed. "With this huge number of blocked cards, you can see how this problem is deep-rooted because it had vested interests. We will take the issue to its logical conclusion."

PPP Senator Saeed Ghani responding to Nisar's press conference said that PPP stance proved correct that Chaudhry Nisar Khan was the biggest hurdle in implementation of the National Action Plan. Senator Ghani said that truth has come in the open that interior minister has become a spokesman of terrorist outfits. "Chaudhry Nisar is annoyed with the PPP because the party opposes terrorists and it will continue to resist terror organisations." Ghani said federal and Punjab governments were not serious in implementing NAP and were avoiding action against terrorist outfits in Punjab. He said that Nisar was continuing as interior minister even after the outing of Quetta tragedy report that has raises several questions.

Terrorist attacks in Pakistan have fallen by 29 per cent on year-on-year basis in 2016 to 441 incidents, which is down 83pc from the peak of 2,586 incidents in 2009, according to Pakistan Security Report 2016.

Within that, 85pc (78pc in 2015) of the attacks occurred in the areas of the federally administered tribal areas (Fata), Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), which accounts for 19pc of the country's total population with no major agricultural, industrial or business activity. Here, effective implementation of National Action Plan (NAP) and improvement in counterterrorism approach are necessary to sustain/complement the gains. "Despite the significant improvement in the security situation, Global Terrorism Index still categorises Pakistan as 4th most dangerous country, worse than the India's 8th position", Zeeshan Afzal at Insight Securities said. However, terrorism in Pakistan is declining compared to the region, therefore, we believe Pakistan position would improve in global indices once recent security situation, based on 2016 data is incorporated, he added. To recall, 2015 was the year when Pakistan, as a state and society, came up with the resolution against terrorism, also called as National Action Plan (NAP). Under the plan, military operations in Fata, Rangers-led surgical operations in Karachi, Frontier Constabulary's (FC) counterinsurgency raids in Baluchistan and intelligence based operations in Punjab and KPK were initiated. The marked improvement is much appraisable as Pakistan is amongst the five countries (Iraq, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan & Syria) suffering the highest impact from the wave of global terrorism. As the Pakistan forces have wiped out most of the first line militants, the half-trained are now looking for soft targets while the rising ratio of unsuccessful attacks hints Pakistan is moving towards terrorist cleanup.

"We believe the security situation would further improve in 2017 as Pakistan Army is continuing with its operations and all social/religious/political groups are dissociating themselves from the advocates of extremism. Pakistan story, which came in the limelight after the economic recovery, energy projects initiations and CPEC, is complemented by improved security situation where Pakistan benchmark equity index KSE100 is likely to re-rate to 56,000 levels by December 2017", Zeeshan Afzal said.

The Chinese Ambassador Sun Weidong on Friday called on the Army Chief General Qamar Bajwa and conveyed his country's satisfaction on the security arrangements for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The ambassador acknowledged and appreciated Pakistan's army efforts on war against terrorism. Other matters of mutual interest including regional security were also discussed during the meeting.

KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM)-London and MQM-Pakistan activists were arrested by paramilitary personnel in the early hours of Saturday. Reports said that former Town Nazim Faisal, associated with MQM-Pakistan was arrested from the Bahadurabad area. He was shifted to an undisclosed location later. Police also arrested MQM-London activist Kamran from Lyari's Kilri area. Police alleged that the detainee had been involved in target killing and terrorism cases.

Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) also arrested MQM-London member Basharat Hussain, though his current location remains undisclosed. The forces had arrested senior MQM-London in-charge Saathi Ishaq on Thursday. Rangers personnel had taken Ishaq into custody near the Sindh High Court when he was about to leave for his house, said party leader Musatafa Azizabadi. MQM-London Rabta Committee member, and Karachi University Assistant Registrar Arif Haider, was also taken into custody. His location remained confidential information.

In the face of recent actions, MQM-London Convener Nadeem Nusrat appealed to the government to stop LEAs from abducting his party workers. Nusrat pointed out that banned outfits had been given a free hand by the state to operate in the city while a ban had been placed on political activities to suppress the MQM. He claimed that former Gulshan-e-Iqbal Town Nazim Javed Ahmed had also been arrested by LEAs. He further added that the main rational was to prevent people from participating in MQM London's Istihkam -e- Pakistan rally.

ISLAMABAD: Former Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General (rtd) Raheel Sharif has been invited to speak on terrorism at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos.

A WEF spokesperson confirmed that Gen Sharif would take part in two sessions of the event to be held on January 17.

His first session 'terrorism in the digital age' will discuss the fragmented struggles against major militant groups such as Al Qaeda, the Islamic State and Boko Haram along with responsible leadership in international security and resilience to the global network. The focus of the session will be on terrorist organisations and the trend which sees them increasingly using sophisticated

Pakistan rejects US claims of terrorists safe havens in FATA

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digital networks to signal allegiance to a wider movement, attack their enemies and manage resources. The former COAS will also speak in the session on 'Global security context' which will discuss "the noteworthy changes and emerging trends reshaping the international security agenda".

Pakistan already had significant representation at this year's forum with award winning documentary filmmaker Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy being given the honour of co-chairing the meeting. However, this is also the first time that a former army official from the country has been asked to address the audience at the meeting. Former President General Pervez Musharraf, was the last person from Pakistan with a military background to have spoken at the forum, but he had done so in his guise as the president. General Raheel was chosen for his successful track record in battling terrorism and militant activities, having been at the helm during Operation Zarb-e-Azab, which had significantly reduced terrorist presence in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will lead the Pakistani delegation to the meeting, which also includes National Health Services State Minister Saira Afzal Tarrar, Mosharraf Zaidi and Arif Naqvi. More than 2,500 participants from nearly 100 countries will meet and participate in over 300 sessions during this year's meeting of the WEF. This year's theme revolves around discussions on how global leaders can renew and adapt international cooperation systems to the complex, changing trends of the modern world in order to foster inclusive and equitable growth.

ISLAMABAD: Taking the bull by the horns, Foreign Office on Friday strongly rejected allegations of safe havens in FATA, and reiterated that Pakistan does not allow its territory to be used for attacks against any other country. "The often repeated claims regarding safe havens are, therefore, more of rhetoric than anything else. We wish to reemphasize that some foreign elements are exploiting the situation and using Afghan soil against Pakistan, in particular, and the region, at large," said spokesperson of Foreign Office on Friday.

In a move which many in Pakistan believe, is a clue that the US doesn't regard Pakistan as its important ally in 'War against terrorism', US State Department has said that the remoteness of the area and the military's tactical limitations prevent Islamabad from eliminating all terrorist safe havens.

Followed by these dubious and unrealistic claims, a statement issued by the Foreign Office later on Friday stated that Pakistan's contribution to the international community's fight against terrorism and the sacrifices that it rendered have been acknowledged by the world, including the US at various levels of their leadership, EU and others countries. The statement was issued in a response to International Media reports which quoted US state department's reports alleging that Significant parts of Pakistan along its border with Afghanistan, including Waziristan, Balochistan and FATA, continue to be a safe haven for terrorists. Earlier on Tuesday, US States department spokesman Mark Toner also endorsed Kabul's claim that the existence of safe havens in Fata allowed terrorists to carry out attacks inside Afghanistan whenever they want.

Toner, during a press briefing, urged the Pakistani government to realize that "Afghanistan's security, Pakistan's security, indeed India's security, they're all interconnected". The three countries, he said, needed to work together to defeat terrorism. The comments followed twin suicide blasts near the Afghan parliament earlier this week on Tuesday that killed scores. Another blast in Kandahar killed the UAE Ambassador Juma Mohammed Abdullah Al Kaabi and wounded some other diplomats.

The US State Department's report sent shocking waves into Pakistan's power corridors, Pakistan Observer has learned reliably. Disappointed by the US claims, Foreign Office not only rejected the allegations but also tried to make Obama Administration realize that Pakistan lost thousands of its citizens and economic losses of over US\$ 100 billion due to the menace of terrorism. The statement issued by the Foreign Office boldly mentioned Zarb-e-Azb which quelled militancy from FATA. "The successes of Zarb-e-Azb are manifested in the improved security and economic situation in Pakistan, particularly near Pakistan-Afghanistan border. The results of our military action are there for everyone to see through peace and stability at our borders with Afghanistan. The US Parliamentarians and US Commanders have visited the FATA Areas and publicly acknowledged the successes of Pakistan's counter-terrorism drive," Foreign Office stated.

Spokesperson of Foreign Office said that Afghanistan is infested with many terrorist organizations due to the instability there, which has created space for the terrorist elements such as Haqqani Network's leadership, TTA, TTP, Daesh, Al-Qaeda, Jamaat-ul-Ahrrar, etc. It is, therefore, not appropriate to blame others for the adversities due to the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan. Also on Friday, Foreign Office stated that the activities of Indian RAW and NDS nexus remains a matter of deep concern to Pakistan," Spokesperson said. "Pakistan remains committed to peace efforts in Afghanistan as it is not only in the interest of the region but more importantly, Pakistan. It is unfortunate that our sincere efforts towards stability in Afghanistan are being maligned. "Pakistan wants peace and stability in Afghanistan. We are engaged in border management which is imperative for effective counter terrorism," said the Spokesperson," adding that Pakistan will continue its policy of cooperation with international community to defeat the menace of terrorism.

ISLAMABAD: In case the PML-N fails to achieve a political consensus to win a new life for the recently-abolished military courts, the government is considering setting up courts for trial of terrorism cases with secret judges and prosecutors.

Official sources said that there is a proposal to have such courts in order to encourage them to speedily decide terrorism cases without any fear. The proposal, which has been recently firmed up, ensures that no one would have any idea about the identity of both the judge and prosecutors of these courts. These courts will be set up, according to the proposal, with the merger of the existing Anti-Terrorist Act and the recently-lapsed Protection of Pakistan Act (POPA) 2014. It is believed

Punjab may transfer its IT-based anti-crime models to other units

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that unless the protection of judges and prosecutors involved in the trial of terrorism cases is ensured, there can't be speedy and fair trial of terror suspects. The military courts, set up through the 21st Constitutional Amendment, have expired on January 7 as the constitutional amendment had envisaged only two-year life for these tribunals. The military courts were constituted in the first week of 2015 following the Dec 2014 Army Public School attack.

Most of the political parties were primarily against the setting up of military courts but they had to accept it as a "bitter pill" because of the failure of the criminal justice system to effectively try and punish terrorists. Following the lapse of 21st Amendment, the government decided to re-approach the political parties for yet another constitutional amendment under which the military courts could have a new life to try terror suspects.

Speaker National Assembly has already held a meeting with leaders of different political parties, having representation in parliament, but some of them including the PPP, JI and JUI(F) have serious reservations. Although, the speaker expects all these parties to meet again on January 17th to evolve a consensus for the revival of military courts, the PPP in its meeting on Thursday decided to oppose the reconstitution of military courts tooth and nail.

Media reports suggest that there is a consensus within the party that the PPP will not support the proposal for the reconstitution of military courts. It is said that even former president and President Pakistan People's Party-Parliamentarians Asif Ali Zardari has directed PPP leaders to oppose the move and take a hard stance in the upcoming meeting of the heads of the parliamentary committee, which was summoned by the Speaker National Assembly on January 17. A cabinet minister in the Nawaz government, when contacted, still sounded optimistic that the opposition including the PPP may agree to the revival of military courts in the best public interest. However, in case of failure, the government intends to push its proposal for making a new law with the merger of Anti-Terrorist Act and Protection of Pakistan Act for setting up of anti-terrorism courts with secret judges and prosecutors.

LAHORE: Authorities in Punjab are trying to meet the pressing demand from other provinces, Azad Kashmir and Islamabad, for transfer of information technology based models and strategies it is fast adopting to fight crime, particularly terrorism. "They are interested in emulating our sophisticated IT-based models and strategies. There have been requests from their governments and even the Sindh chief minister has recently visited our office for the purpose," a senior official of the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) told Dawn on Thursday.

The models and strategies have been designed by the PITB for law enforcement agencies and police, and the official said the board had obtained permission from Punjab chief minister to transfer its work to other provinces, Azad Kashmir and Islamabad to also help them modernise their crime fighting apparatuses and their ability to hunt down criminals and terrorists. "The service will be free of cost," he said. He said the 'step one' technology had already been transferred to Sindh, on a formal request by its chief secretary, and Azad Kashmir. Both were also provided human resource to enable them to raise their own staff in due course of time. Islamabad had also been transferred the same technology that included complaint management, FIR registration and police record management system, he said, adding a similar request from Balochistan was pending action. The models and strategies developed for law and order include biometric handsets given to police at pickets within Lahore and at the city's entry points to identify criminals and terrorists.

Fingerprints are scanned by a handheld biometric devices and checked against a slew of integrated criminals' databases for any record. Big Data is employed to verify the identities of people, identify patterns, track criminals' movement and for analysis to predict any terrorist activity. These biometric scanners are all connected to a massive databank integrating multiple databases such as the Criminal Record Office (CRO), Red Book, Black Book and 4th Schedule, comprising extensive records of all suspects and convicts in cases of terrorism and sectarian violence.

In the last few months, the traditional method of criminals' record keeping has been replaced with digital biometric data. CROs have been established in all 36 districts of Punjab and are connected to a central database. This has resulted in dozens of criminals being caught through digitally matching the fingerprints from the crime scene with the digitised CRO database.

Digitisation of the CRO is part of a larger effort to develop an integrated criminal profiling system. This new profiling system combines data from CNIC, CRO, call data records, vehicle ownership records, land ownership data, driving licence, arms licence, urban property tax information, tenant information, hotel check-ins and prisoners data to enhance the surveillance and investigation capability of law enforcing agencies. This data is progressively being made accessible on handheld biometric devices. Around 1,000 handheld devices have already been given to law enforcement agencies and are being used in all counter terrorism search operations. In the last eight months, over 704,077 verifications have been made using these handheld devices. The system will in due course also include data from police beat books and the traditional surveillance registers maintained by police, which were recently digitised across Punjab. Big Data is proving extremely valuable, not only in identifying terrorists but also in preempting terrorist attacks by using predictive intelligence.

Similarly, a crime mapping system has been put in place in four Punjab districts — Sargodha, Faisalabad, Vehari and Lahore. Each instance of crime reported in the system is also geo-tagged by the investigating officer through an Android phone application. Modeled after the NYPD's CompStat system, over 268,000 crime incidences have been geo-tagged to date. Geo-tagged crime data enables the police to do spatial analysis of the crime trends and plan patrols and check posts accordingly. The PITB official said Big Data Platforms are increasingly emerging as a vital component of combating terrorism globally, with countries like US using analysis to predict and prevent terrorist attacks. Pakistan, among the worst victims of terrorism, now looks to Big Data to fight the menace. Another important step towards automating the police operations is launching of

Do we really need military courts?

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the Centralised FIR (First Information Report) Information System. This system enables Punjab police to track the life cycle of an FIR across all 36 districts of the province. A total of 298,087 FIR's have been made available online since the inception of the system. The system is directly contributing to faster and improved investigation. A key IT intervention revolves around the development of a computerised data management system for police. The primary purpose of this system is to digitise all police records (Thana registers) maintained at the police station level to speed up lengthy investigation processes and provide efficient resolution to the citizen's complaints. Currently, this system has been rolled out in all 709 police stations in Punjab. As part of developing an effective counter terrorism strategy, PITB and Punjab police are collaborating to address the genesis of terrorist activity at the grassroots level to stop it from spreading. To this end, PITB and the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) of Punjab police have developed a number of databases, each dealing with a particular aspect of terrorism and militancy. The most significant of these are; the 4th Scheduler, the Red Book and the Black Book.

The 4th Scheduler is a centralised database containing records and information of all suspects and convicts in cases of religious hate speech and sectarian violence across all districts of Punjab. The database also keeps track of their movement. The Red Book is a database consisting of records and information of all proclaimed offenders in cases of terrorism carrying head money.

Similarly, the Black Book is a database comprising records and information of all POs in cases other than terrorism and carrying head money. In addition, there are a number of other databases such as an extensive record of all worship places and seminaries in Punjab, including their locations, current status and sphere of influence.

Punjab police have been connected to the information bank of National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra), the digital domicile archives, the driving licence information, car/vehicle ownership record and citizen profiles compiled by various telecom companies.

The integration of all these criminal and citizen-centric databases in tandem with Big Data analysis tools would help in identifying patterns in terrorism activity, profiling terrorists, locating structures spreading terrorist ideologies, identify potential terrorists and even predict locations of future terrorist attacks, the official said. As part of the National Action Plan (NAP), all madrassahs in Punjab have been geo-tagged using smartphone applications. This exercise has produced a digital record of the students, visitors, including foreigners, in over 13,800 madrassas across the province. Likewise, an extensive exercise was underway for geo-tagging and biometric verification of around 256,000 Afghan refugees in Punjab, he concluded.

Two different positions have now emerged about the military courts. While the government's belated efforts to reach a consensus on the extension for military courts have failed in first attempt due to the opposition from PPP, JI, JUI-F and PTI, the army lauded their performance in combating terrorism. Dialogue perhaps is needed not only between the civil and military leadership but also government and opposition for a solution. The opposition parties are right when they sought explanation from the government about judicial reforms in the last two years, which were promised when the Parliament approved these courts.

On the other hand, the army top brass, after a Corps Commander Conference, lauded the efforts of military courts, indicating their importance and presence till the completion of the ongoing operation.

One fails to understand why the government started its effort for extension after the expiry of its term on Dec 31, which has not only created confusion but also vacuum as neither these courts are functioning nor those cases pending have yet been transferred back to anti-terrorism courts. It has also raised a question whether the PML-N government itself is serious in extension, the way the issue was not even come under discussion before the expiry of term.

Setting up military courts or the deployment of law enforcement agencies other than police have always been made in an extraordinary situation and for a limited period. Sources say the establishment believes these alleged terrorists should be tried in military courts for speedy trial as civilian courts and police still lack the capacity because of threats to judges, lawyers and witnesses. But it is also true that the establishing military courts under a civilian government is in itself quite embarrassing and reflects the failure of the system as successive governments have not been able to make civilian institutions strong to deal with the militant groups, bring major judicial reforms and make anti-terrorism courts more effective. The opposition parties also have a point when they said that the government had two years to bring drastic reforms in improving police, prosecution, protection of witnesses and extensive judicial reforms, but even some major steps have not been taken.

Now if the army has emphasised the need and importance of the military courts till the completion of Zarb-e-Azb, they also need to convince the civilian leadership how these courts in the last two years had helped combating terrorism. Therefore, a dialogue is needed between the civilian and military leadership, both on military courts as well as National Action Plan which again had not been enforced. Therefore, the Parliament needs a meaningful debate on this issue in which Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and all oppositions leaders, including Imran Khan, must participate.

A joint session of Parliament can also seek in-camera briefing from the military leadership on the rationale behind continuing with these courts.

When two years back, the Parliament gave the approval to military courts in an extraordinary situation after the APS children massacre, it had also given the task to the government for bringing major reforms.

While there has been marked improvement in law and order and major decline in suicide attacks, but the very presence of FC in Balochistan and Rangers in Karachi shows that these operations are far from over. Secondly, it also illustrates that we are still not confident enough to hold the trial of alleged terrorists of outlawed groups in civilian courts. If all this is true then it also raises some

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questions about the amount of success in Operation Zarb-e-Azb. If the militants are still strong enough to hit back at police, other law enforcement agencies and those linked with their cases so frequently, what has been the success rate?

Secondly, one of the arguments in favour of military courts has been to create fear among the terrorists, criminals and to dispose of their cases in weeks and months without long adjournments. It is partially true and to give some civilian colour in it, the Parliament gave the right of appeal to the convicts. It is also true that the civilian courts, including superior courts, not only take years in giving judgments, at times five to ten years, something which suits the militants as our jails itself are considered safe haven for militants.

In 1997, when the Anti-Terrorism Act was introduced, the purpose was the same – speedy trial in seven days and appeals in the superior courts were suppose to be disposed of within 30 days followed by the last appeal in the Supreme Court. There was nothing wrong in the law and could have been the best alternate to any military court but due to the opposition from lawyers and bar association, it become so ineffective that now appeals against anti-terrorism courts' decision take unlimited period. Some cases are pending for the last 10 to 12 years. So the government and opposition as well as the military establishment could reach a consensus on ATC and the Act could be amended to make it more effective.

Interestingly, those against the military courts belong to both religious and liberal and secular parties, but for different reasons. Those who support military courts believe that under no circumstance our judicial system is either capable of or has the capacity to convict the kind of terrorists they are confronted with. Knowing that the military courts would expire on Dec 31, 2016, it was surprising that the government started consultation only after ISPR's statement that the courts had stopped functioning on expiry of their term. Thus, the government faced stiff resistance from the opposition as it is also an election year and in the post-Panama affairs, it may not be easy for it get a constitutional amendment passed with two-thirds majority. It was also surprising that the government has brought the NAB Ordinance too in haste without consulting the opposition and thus they have taken the government to the task.

The ISPR had already issued details about the performance of military courts in the last two years, including the execution of 12 terrorists, while some other cases are now under appeal before the superior courts.

When the Parliament approved establishment of military courts for two years, it laid down certain conditions as well as some parties feared that blanket approval could be misused. These were related to sectarian killings or to outlawed groups involved in terrorist acts. It is for the second time that military courts had been set up under the civilian government. In 1998, despite the ATC, the then PML-N government imposed governor's rule in Sindh and set up military courts which were later declared void by the Supreme Court.

Terrorism is one of the biggest challenges Pakistan is confronted with and a rational debate is needed on this important issue. It is unfortunate that our democratic governments had not been able to make strong judicial or police reforms. Effective civilian courts and speedy trial is still a better alternate to military courts. The question is: can they do it?

On Tuesday, the Interior Minister appeared before the Senate to answer questions on the fate of the missing activists, yet he only managed to infuriate the senators present. Their response of a walkout – the parliamentary standard rebuke – was not only justified, but tame considering the gravity of the Interior Minister's statements. Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan deserved a tongue lashing that would reorient his senses by force, and further consequences for his highly irresponsible statements. It should be evident why such a drastic response is necessary; Pakistan's sitting Interior Minister claimed that "banned sectarian organisations could not be equated with other banned terrorist organisations" and hence, the former deserved some sort of leeway. He went on to say that the Shia-Sunni conflict was 1300 years old, and thus not the current government's problem, and that past governments had allowed sectarian groups to contest elections too. What is infinitely worse is the fact that these statements were not made due to some misguided yet genuinely held belief, they were made to protect himself from criticism for his meeting with Ahmed Ludhianvi, the chief of banned sectarian organisation Ahle-e-Sunnat Wal Jamaat (ASWJ).

The plain fact is that most of what he said is clearly wrong. Claiming that sectarian organisations are not "purely terrorist" is to ignore the countless acts of violence that they have committed – from bombings to murders of prominent minority members. Organisations such as Lashkar-e-Jhangvi and Sipah-e-Sahaba didn't gain notoriety by just spreading divisive and anti-minority propaganda, but by backing up this propaganda with violence such as the 2013 Quetta bombings which killed over a hundred members of the Hazara community. This is the textbook definition of terrorism, and in fact the National Counterterrorism Centre – a government department – lists them as "terrorist organisations", yet the Interior Minister feels there is a difference. Even the Afghan Taliban professed sectarian ideals. ASWJ may not be currently holding a gun – which it has at several points in the past – but it is the spiritual successor of these groups, the vanguard of this toxic ideology and the precursor of future terrorist groups – there is a reason why these groups are banned, and not just disapproved of.

Furthermore, dismissing the Sunni-Shia strife as "a 1300-year-old conflict" is not only highly insulting, but is tantamount to saying that the government has no role in it. We expect our Interior Minister to strive towards ending this conflict, not to say that it has always been so and always will be. In the end, such remarks only legitimise the actions of the violent majority. Such a flippant attitude by the Interior Minister towards Pakistan's most divisive conflict – that too only to protect himself – is highly regrettable. It is high time Mr Nisar starts serving the whole nation, all of its people and sects – not just his party and himself.

ISLAMABAD: The reported decision of former Army Chief General @ Raheel Sharif to lead the

alliance is against terrorism, not Iran

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military alliance of 39 Muslim countries to fight terrorism, is generally misconstrued here as anti-Iran.

Neither the Saudis, who are behind the creation of this alliance, ever said this nor is any other evidence available to prove this. Yet many here particularly in the media have already concluded that the military alliance is Iran-centric and thus General Raheel must not join it. So it's a shut and close case for them.

In reality, it was announced at the time of the creation of this alliance that it was being established to counter terrorism and eliminate terrorist organizations including ISIS. Iran was not included in the alliance by Saudi Arabia. On the other hand, Iran also had shown its reservations about this alliance. There are still lots of ambiguities about details of this military alliance. Till such time that the contours of such an alliance are made clear, giving it a sectarian colour and rejecting it outrightly is both premature and biased. On the basis of mere perceptions and prejudice, passing judgments against Gen ® Raheel and the Saudi government is unfair.

Pakistan's stated position on Saudi-Iran tension is clear and unambiguously reflected in the Islamabad's stance on the Yemen conflict. Despite Riyadh's keenness, Pakistan had refused to send its troops to Saudi Arabia to fight against Iran-backed rebels in Yemen. The decision was taken by the Pakistani parliament, and duly endorsed by the country's civil and military leadership.

Then General Raheel was the Army Chief. Like our parliamentarians and the civilian leadership, General Raheel knew the serious implications of getting into Yemen conflict. Generally it was said and believed that Pakistan's direct involvement in Yemen conflict will further the sectarian divide within Pakistan.

Here the question arises how Pakistan and General ® Raheel would be ready to do, what they had rejected before despite the displeasure of the Saudis. Saudi Arabia has been a major target of terrorist organizations during the last few years. Mostly these terrorist attacks were carried out by ISIS. The ISIS has once even carried out a suicide attack just outside the premises of Masjid-e-Nabvi in Madina, which has jolted Muslims all over the world.

In these situations, Saudi Arabia decided to launch a military alliance of Muslim countries to counter terrorism. Some believe that General ® Raheel had his input in the formation of the alliance and that was the very reason that soon after the military alliance's announcement a report appeared in the media suggesting that Gen Raheel would lead the alliance.

After the 2015 announcement, nothing concrete has yet been done in the formation of the alliance, which practically still exists on papers only. It is expected that General ® Raheel once formally takes over as military alliance head, would make the ball rolling. In such a situation, how could one conclude that Gen ® Raheel is joining anti-Iran military alliance of Sunni Muslim States?

If tomorrow Saudi Arabia decides to use this alliance against Iran instead of fighting against terrorism and terrorist organizations, both Pakistan and General ® Raheel will have the option to withdraw. In another scenario, Pakistan with the support of some other countries including Turkey can help bridge gap between Saudi Arabia and Iran. An effort could even be made to convince both the countries for the inclusion of Iran in the military alliance of Muslim countries.

Questions are also being raised if General ® Raheel has got the GHQ/government's no objection certificate (NOC) before giving his consent to lead the military alliance termed "Muslim's Nato" by The Guardian. Ironically, no one here sees in this alliance what the British newspaper has clearly spotted.

In principle General ® Raheel should get government's NOC before formally joining the military alliance to fight terrorism. The government of Pakistan should take it as a matter of pride that its former Army Chief is being made head of the military alliance of 39 Muslim countries and thus there is no reason to bar him from leading the alliance.

Pakistan has great record of fighting against terrorism. General ® Raheel earned worldwide acclaim for leading Pakistan Army in its fight against terrorism and for the same reason he has been offered the lead role in the military alliance. Both for Gen ® Raheel, as an individual, and for the Pakistani nation, there can be no greater job to protect the holy lands of Makkah and Madina and to fight against terrorism haunting the Islamic world. By the way, Pakistani troops have been serving in Saudi Arabia in the past too.

There are some, who argue that how Pakistan could send its troops to join the alliance or even to protect the holy lands. Such voices were never heard when a dictator used Pakistan Army to protect the interests of United States. Similar voices were vocal when Saudi Arabia helped Pakistan with US\$ 1.5 billion. These voices are never heard when US drones kill innocents in Pakistan, however, they reverberate again when some ruler of friendly Arab country is allowed hunting of birds in Pakistan.

KARACHI: A policeman was killed in the wee hours of Wednesday in Lasbela area. Khalid (30) was targeted at Nishtar Road by assailants, SP Jamshed Tahir Noorani said. The deceased was posted at Counter Terrorism Department Guard Headquarter, he added. The incident appears to be a case of personal enmity, police said.

According to reports at the crime scene, two shells of 9mm pistol were found. Meanwhile, IG Sindh AD Khawaja has taken notice of the incident and has demanded an inquiry report.

Later during the day, police rounded up four suspects in relation to the murder. The slain police officer's brother nominated five people in the FIR, of which four have been arrested while one is still at large. An FIR has been registered in the Soldier Bazaar Police Station.

Sporadic killings are on the rise in Karachi. Earlier this week, a man died and two policemen were injured when unknown men attacked the Taimuria police station near Five Star Chowrangi on Friday.

Karachi policeman killed in attack, four suspects arrested

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The Military Crutch

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Sometimes a civilian government acts as its own worst enemy, and the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) is especially adept at undermining itself. Having spent the majority of its term in a tense balancing act with the past military regime, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif seems set to lay down his arms at moment's notice to this one too. One meeting with the new military regime, and a few loud TV analysts were all it took for the government to put its weight behind the revival of the controversial military courts – despite having promised the nation in the most gravest of tones that the stipulated two-year period will be final. This sense of acquiescence is heightened when we consider that no one in the government was calling for an extension before this meeting. There were no calls for an extension, nor was there political will for it, despite attention being drawn toward the imminent demise of the military courts in the parliament. This talk of revival has caught everyone unawares because the government too was perhaps unaware of such a demand.

What is the demand, stripped from its surrounding notions? Hand judicial power to the military once more, allow it to arrest its own people – which includes civilians – and try them in secret hearings by its own procedures? A mutilation of the democratic principle of separation of powers, which prevents one body from becoming too powerful in a nation.

The greatest problem in this talk of revival is not the ever-expanding powers of the military, it is the simple fact that there is absolutely no need for it this time around. The previous military courts were constituted in the middle of an active and extensive military engagement on the borders. The argument was that these courts can safely and swiftly deal with the stream of “hardcore terrorists” captured in the operation while the government gets the Anti-terrorism court structure updated. The operation is over, and the prime targets captured and convicted. The anti-terrorism court in the meanwhile has successfully and safely convicted popular terrorists like Mumtaz Qadri. There is no new batch of militants to be tried – there is no pressing need that the civilian judicial system cannot handle.

This “need”, sold to us in the emotionally charged environment following the APS Peshawar attack, was the only reason people tolerated the violation of legal norms, and constitutional safeguards in these courts. We were convicting the murderers of children, and after two years these evidently unfair trials could be over.

Yet the government seems to pay no heed to these concerns. To them, the military is an easy solution always there. Why improve law enforcement when the Rangers can take care of it? Why fix the justice system when the military courts can handle the difficult cases? This “crutch” – as described by Shah Mehmood Qureshi – is keeping the government lame. And yet it wonders why the military is so powerful?

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TIMERGARA: Residents of Lower Dir district have been facing acute low pressure of natural gas for the last one month. The residents of Timergara, Balambat, Makakabad, Kadaro, Khema, Manogay and other areas are forced to use cold water and to seek other means for cooking purposes due to unavailability of gas in the area. "Since the beginning of heavy rains and snowfall, gas has totally disappeared in our area," naib nazim Malakabad village council Malik Ali Bakht said. azim VC Khema Kandaro, Malik Ikramuddin, said the situation in his area was extremely worrisome due to the worst gas load shedding. Nazim VC Andheri Manogay Naqeebullah, demanded of the relevant authorities to take notice of the situation and end the load shedding forthwith. Talking to this scribe via phone from Swat, Senior Supervisor Metering (SSM) and in charge Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) transmission Amin Khan, strongly rejected the impression of any load shedding in gas supply, saying that it was only the low pressure from Nowshera that had been causing miseries to the residents. "Not only Lower Dir, but areas of Swat, Bathkela, Mardan and Peshawar are also facing low pressure of gas," he said, adding that the problem would continue till February 15. Amin Khan argued that every year in winter season, the issue arises as the gas reservoirs produce 50 per cent less gas as compared to that of summer days. PESCO tells Peshawar Circle to improve recovery: The Chief Executive Officer PESCO Anwar-ul-Haq Yousafzai has hailed the performance of Bannu Circle for increasing recovery up to five per cent and directed SE Peshawar Circle to improve the performance. This he said while presiding over a meeting held here at WAPDA House which was attended by Chief Engineer Operation, Mohsin Raza, Chief Engineer Commercial Shabir Ahmad, Chief Engineer Planning Muhammad Iqbal Marwat, Superintending Engineers of Bannu, Swat, Mardan, Abbotabad, Peshawar and Mansehra Circles and PESCO's senior management. The CEO reviewed the progress regarding replacement of defective meters and directed to accelerate the process. Provision of new connections to the public was also discussed and it was decided to provide the remaining new pending connections immediately. He also directed to replace the damaged distribution transformer immediately in good areas where losses are less and recovery is good. The progress achieved in photo meter reading so far was discussed and he directed to implement photo meter reading 100 per cent, so that over billing complaints of the consumers is redressed.

The CEO said that line losses were the main cause of PESCO's deficit. The drive against illegal use of electricity and direct hooks were discussed and important decisions were taken in this regard. He ordered that no one should be spared who is involved in power theft, as due to power pilferage PESCO's distribution system is over loaded on one side and on the other side PESCO's Line Losses increase. He also directed the PESCO Technical Staff to adopt all precautionary measures to avoid electrocution and electric shocks for their own safety.

KARACHI: The Health and Medical Services Department of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) has decided to establish a model "KMC Diagnostic Laboratory" in F.B Area. The proposed KMC Diagnostic Laboratory will be established in a five-room building situated in FB Area's Block-6 near Nazeer Hussain Memorial Kidney Center. The laboratory will be equipped with x-ray, ultrasound, laser and other advanced equipment to diagnose multiple diseases under one roof. The multiple diagnostic facilities like PCR to detect dengue, Congo, Chikungunya, malaria and other viral and infectious diseases will be provided at the diagnostic laboratory. The KMC Diagnostic Laboratory will be made operational within a month, where poor and destitute people can avail diagnostic facilities free-of-cost. Technical staff for the laboratory will be hired or arranged from the KMC hospitals. According to senior director Health and Medical Services, KMC, Dr Muhammad Ali Abbasi, KMC has planned to establish the diagnostic laboratory in FB Area to provide advance diagnostic facilities to citizens free-of-cost. He said that the laboratory will set up for public within a month.

"Necessary equipment and machinery had been arranged to make the laboratory operational," Dr Abbasi said.

LAHORE: The City Traffic Police (CTP) has decided to start an awareness campaign on the use of helmet and seat belt through lectures in schools and colleges. In this connection, the CTP has also sped up the campaign among citizens to promote awareness about traffic rules, said Traffic Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Syed Ahmed Mobin on Sunday. He said several people had lost their lives due to violation of traffic laws. He said use of helmets and seat belts would save the lives of youth and others. He said that the CTP had fined several motorists for violating traffic rules last year. He added that on the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, traffic laws would be introduced at primary level in schools' syllabus soon. In this regard, the CTP has forward suggestions for approval to the chief minister, he said. Sources said that traffic laws were disappeared from the school syllabus a few years back for unknown reasons and now police high-ups again are trying to include traffic laws in school syllabus. Sources said that traffic laws were disappeared from the school syllabus a few years back for reasons unknown and now police high-ups are trying to include traffic laws in school syllabus. Sources added that the traffic police officials have planned to make the drivers follow the traffic laws strictly to bring down deaths in road accidents. They have also planned to meet the international standards of road safety. "If we educate our children on traffic laws now we will gain positive results within few years and we can also save lives of innocent people through the campaign," added sources.

KARACHI: Three days anti polio campaign commenced in Sindh on Monday. Health Secretary Fazlullah Pechuho informed that campaign will vaccinate 8.4 million children under the age of five.

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Careem launches service in Hyderabad, Peshawar and Faisalabad

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Govt raises petrol, diesel prices

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Year's first anti-polio drive begins today

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Anti-polio drive postponed in Khyber at eleventh hour

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Meanwhile, 2.2 million children amongst 8.4 million will be vaccinated in 188 union councils of Karachi, the rest of them will be vaccinated across districts of Sindh. There will be 5,000 policemen guarding the 1,200 volunteers for administering anti drops. Emergency Operation Centre coordinator Fayaz Jatoi said there have effective improvements in the program with polio cases lowering from 306 cases in 2014 to 20 cases in 2015. However, their goal was to reach zero cases, he said.

Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries with polio virus.

Careem has just launched its service in Hyderabad, Peshawar and Faisalabad.

The organisation reported, "With this test launch, we aim to embrace all vibrant cultures of our beloved nation," adding that Careem would soon be available in more places. All kinds of rides, up to 12 kilometres, will be available for Rs 100 to the customers in Hyderabad, Peshawar and Faisalabad due to a promo code feature 'CareemKaroo'. It can be used twice.

Careem's services started from Karachi, Lahore and later extended to Islamabad. Uber and Careem had become the most favoured modes of travel ever since the launch of these car services app.

Careem also launched a rickshaw ride service in Karachi and Lahore called 'Tezz Rickshaw Service' at rate of Rs 60 and a minimum fare of Rs 75.

ISLAMABAD: The government on Sunday increased prices of petrol and diesel by Rs1.77 and Rs2 per litre respectively with immediate effect for the next 16 days, passing a partial impact of a hike in international oil prices on to consumers. Announcing the decision, Finance Minister Ishaq Dar said the prices of other products were kept unchanged despite substantial increases demanded by the petroleum ministry as well as the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra). "Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources and Ogra have recommended an increase of Rs1.77 per litre in the price of MS-92 RON petrol, Rs3.94 in the price of high-speed diesel, Rs14.31 in the price of kerosene and Rs10.11 in the price of light diesel oil with effect from January 16," Mr Dar said. In line with the prime minister's instructions to provide as much relief as possible to the common man, and keeping in view that kerosene and light diesel are used by low-income segments of the country's population, prices of the two products have been maintained at the current level until Jan 31. The decision had been taken also keeping in view the fact that kerosene catered to the energy needs of the poor, especially in winter, the minister said. He said it had been decided that the price of petrol would be increased by Rs1.77 per litre in line with Ogra's recommendation and that of high-speed diesel by Rs2, which was almost half the increase recommended by the regulator. As such, the ex-depot price of petrol went up by 2.67 per cent to Rs68.04 per litre from Rs66.27 and that of high-speed diesel by 2.65pc to Rs77.24 per litre from Rs75.24. Over the past few months, the government has been bringing down tax rates on different petroleum products that had been increased up to a record level of 50pc during the last financial year in a bid to partially share the impact of higher international oil prices and tax rates with consumers. Following this strategy, the finance minister had increased the prices of petrol and high-speed diesel by Rs2 and Rs2.7 per litre, respectively, for the month of December 2016. However, on the directive of prime minister, the prices of kerosene and light diesel were kept unchanged in December. Even with reduced rates, the government will charge about Rs10 per litre on petrol and Rs17 on high-speed diesel as general sales tax. Both are the largest revenue-generating oil products, with diesel sale across the country now going beyond 800,000 tonnes per month, against a monthly consumption of around 700,000 tonnes of petrol. The sales of kerosene and light diesel are generally less than 10,000 tonnes per month. The finance minister claimed that the prices had been maintained since April last year to ensure price stability, despite an increase of around 43pc in international oil prices during 2016. He said the government had been absorbing the negative financial impact after its decision to not pass on the increase to consumers.

KARACHI: The first anti-polio campaign of the year will begin on Monday (today) in which some 8.4 million children under the five years of age will be targeted across Sindh, officials said on Sunday. They said out of the 8.4 million children, 2.2m would be vaccinated in 188 union councils of Karachi. The rest will be vaccinated in the rest of the province. At least 5,000 police personnel will be providing security to more than 12,000 polio workers. "There will be a strong monitoring mechanism through the emergency operation centre (EOC) in Sindh and the partner staff," said an official. Coordinator of the EOC Sindh Fayaz Jatoi claimed that there had been drastic improvements in the programme in the last few years with polio cases in the country decreasing from 306 cases in 2014 to 20 cases in 2016. However, he added, those 20 cases were too many and "our goal is to reach a zero case". Sindh Population Welfare Minister Mir Mumtaz Jakhani asked all district population officers, medical officers, reproductive health services centres with field staff to extend full cooperation to health authorities in Sindh in the campaign, which will continue for three days excluding the 'catch-up days'. He said with combined efforts and dedication the dream to rid the country of the poliovirus would be realised. The minister will visit and monitor the campaign and ensure active contribution of population welfare ministry in making the drive success. He warned the officials that no lame excuse would be tolerated in this regard. Eight of the 20 cases in the country last year were reported in Sindh. Some 306 cases of polio were reported in Pakistan in 2014; and 54 in 2015.

LANDI KOTAL: The anti-polio vaccination campaign planned to start on Monday (today) in Khyber Agency along with other Fata regions has been postponed for at least a week owing to the delay in laboratory test result of the polio vaccine used in the previous campaign. Local health authorities were all set to send around 700 teams to vaccinate over 200,000 children under age five in all the three sub-divisions of Khyber Agency during the three-day campaign. Director Health Services, Fata, Jawad Habib had even inaugurated the campaign during his visit to Jamrud civil hospital on Jan 13. The health officials, however, said that the campaign was postponed at the eleventh hour after security officials in Bara insisted on arrival of the laboratory test result of the polio vaccine

Vital vaccine now part of EPI

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samples which were sent to Islamabad for proper examination after the death of five children during the previous anti-polio drive. Sources said that it was established beyond doubt that the deaths were caused due to other medical complications, including pneumonia, epilepsy, head injuries or premature birth, as was proven during medical examination of their blood samples. They said that parents of the deceased children along with elders of the region were taken on board while sharing with them results of all medical tests conducted on the blood samples of the affected children. "It was only after the satisfaction of the local community and their pledge to support the next vaccination campaign that necessary arrangements were made for the Jan 16 drive," they said, adding that a string of meetings were also held in the three sub-divisions to dispel the negative propaganda against polio vaccination. The officials said that they wanted to continue with the good work they had been performing since November last year when the last polio case was detected in Khyber. They said that the security officials were insisting on sharing the lab test result of the polio vaccine with them prior to the launch of next campaign.

LAHORE: For the first time, more than one million children will be administered Rotavirus vaccine under the routine immunisation schedule of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) initially in six districts of Punjab. After Lahore, Multan, Khushab, Kasur, Mandi Bahauddin and Muzaffargarh the vaccine will be introduced in phases in rest of the province which accounts for 20 per cent of country's birth cohort, an official of the directorate-general of health services said on Sunday. Administered in two oral doses for children of six weeks as well as 10 weeks of age, Rotavirus vaccine would be the 10th vaccine to be introduced in the EPI. It would boost immunity of children against diarrhoea and significantly reduce the burden of disease among children under five years of age. It would also help reduce the diarrhoea-related mortality in children below five in Punjab. "Around 1.2m cases of diarrhoea are reported annually in Punjab with 23,000 deaths due to diarrhoea including 40-45pc related to Rotavirus," said the official. The Punjab launch of Rotavirus vaccine would also kick off the national roll-out of the life-saving vaccine. Immunisation has proved to be one of the most powerful and cost-effective of all health interventions, especially to prevent severe rotavirus disease and the deadly, dehydrating diarrhoea that it can cause. Life-saving Rotavirus vaccines needed to be introduced as part of a comprehensive approach to control diarrhoea-related disease, along with other interventions including oral dehydration therapy, exclusive breastfeeding, zinc treatment besides improvements in water and sanitation. Inclusion of Rotavirus vaccine in the EPI was formally announced at a recent ceremony held in Lahore. The ceremony was attended by Senior Country Manager of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, Dr Hamidreza Setayesh, country representative of Unicef Pakistan, Belgium Ambassador to Pakistan Ms Frederic Verheyden, Federal EPI Manager Dr Saqlain Gillani, Punjab Minister for Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Khwaja Salman Rafique, Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khwaja Imran Nazir and representatives from WHO and the Gates Foundation in Pakistan.

Number of beds at LGH's Emergency Ward doubled to 42

Daily Times, January 16, 2017

LAHORE: The Lahore General Hospital (LGH) administration has doubled the number of beds and staff at the Emergency Ward. The administration has also banned entry of medical representatives in the ward. Separate emergency rooms have also been allocated for male and female patients at the emergency ward while code of ethics and standard operation procedures (SOPs) have been issued to doctors working at the ward in order to create good working environment and better care of patients. These decisions were taken during a meeting presided over by Post Graduate Medical Institute (PGMI) and Lahore General Hospital (LGH) Principal Prof Ghiyasun Nabi Tayyab held on Sunday in connection with improving the affairs of the emergency ward and solve the problems of patients. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal said that administrative changes were need of the hour and the LGH administration had enhanced the number of beds at the emergency ward from 20 to 42, while 40 charge nurses instead of 15 would remain on duty during three shifts at the ward. He said that entry of medical representatives has been banned and the on duty deputy medical superintendent would be held responsible if the policy is violated. The principal directed both assistant medical superintendent and DMS to adopt open door policy for patients and their attendants and also implement 'reward and reprimand' policy to their staff. "Strict action would be taken against shirk workers while nursing staff would be made duty bound to keep charts of patients updated," he said, adding that all available resources were being spent on improvement of healthcare system for patients and the process of provision of medical facilities to masses would be closely monitored in accordance with the direction of the Punjab chief minister.

Health care experts demand crackdown against supply of drugs at educational institutes

Pakistan Today, January 16, 2017

KARACHI: Healthcare experts have demanded the government to launch a well-planned, organised and rigorous crackdown against the drug manufacturers, smugglers and peddlers across the country's educational institutes. Pakistan Medical Association (Centre) Secretary General Dr SM Qaisar Sajjad while talking to PPI welcomed the statement of Interior and Narcotics Control Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan regarding the campaign against the use of narcotics in schools and educational institutions. He said that the decision has been taken very late but the PMA welcomes the move of the federal government. He said that the PMA had been demanding an organised and rigorous crackdown on drug manufacturers and peddlers for a long time to save the nation from the hazardous effects of drugs. He said a well-planned and organised crackdown should be launched throughout the country from primary school to university level. He suggested that all the provincial governments should follow the federal ministry of narcotics decision and start the crackdown against drug suppliers in their respective provinces. He informed that the consumption of tobacco products in students has become a fashion in the country and a lot of students are using betel nets, bet leaf, sheesha, cigarette, heroin, marijuana, hashish, opium and other drugs in educational institutes. He said unfortunately 14 percent female students are using different forms of drugs in Sindh and other parts of the country and the drug abuse has alarmingly increased in the country. He demanded the federal and provincial government to impose a complete ban on selling tobacco and other drugs inside the premises or around the educational institutes across the country, besides launching a comprehensive crackdown on drug importers, manufacturers and suppliers. He further demanded strict penalties to drug manufacturers and

CNG filling stations in Punjab closed for another three days

The News International, January 15, 2017

Pakistan ranks first in discovery of most gas reserves

Pakistan Today, January 15, 2017

Three-day anti-polio campaign to begin from Monday in FATA, KP and GB

Pakistan Today, January 15, 2017

Gas loadshedding in twin cities force people to look for firewood

Geo News, January 14, 2017

Country's first deepwater container terminal to be ready by April

Pakistan Today, January 14, 2017

suppliers.

Another leader of PMA, Mirza Ali Azhar, said that the consumption of drugs and other tobacco-related products have rapidly increased in urban and rural areas of the country. He said that comprehensive efforts are needed to break the chain of drug supply to the educational institutes and drugs are not produced or manufactured in Pakistan and are generally imported from neighbouring countries; therefore, law enforcement agencies should maintain strict monitoring of borders to stop the supply of drugs into the country. He said consumption of drugs and other tobacco-related products has destroyed the whole society, especially the young generation. He said oral cancer has become the leading cause of death in Pakistan. Healthcare expert said that the sheesha smoking is also on the rise in youngsters but they are not aware of the fact that smoking one hour Sheesha is equal to smoking 200 cigarettes and said that the special surveillance teams should be formed to monitor the activities of gangs involved in the supplying of drugs to the educational institutions. He said sincere, well-planned, organised and comprehensive efforts are needed to stop the supply of narcotics to schools and other educational institutions and the use of narcotics is a menace from which our children must be protected, adding that those who were pushing the innocent children towards narcotics are criminals.

LAHORE: Gas supply to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations of the province will remain suspended for another three days. CNG stations were to be reopened on Saturday evening but the high demand of gas in chilly weather forced the gas department not to resume supplies to them. According to an announcement made by the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Ltd (SNGPL), it has been decided that supply of Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG) to the CNG sector will remain suspended till January 17.

Pakistan has surpassed other countries with the discovery of maximum number of gas reserves. According to a report of research market pertaining to worldwide oil and gas reserves, Pakistan, United States and Norway are the three biggest countries in discovering the most reserves. The maximum number in Pakistan was discovered in the initial six months of 2016. Australia ranks second in the list whereas Europe came third. Asian countries dominated the list with more than 30 reserves discovered in the second trimester of 2016. Moreover, most of the reserves were found on land instead of deep water.

PESHAWAR: A three-day anti-polio vaccination campaign will begin in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, Kotli district and Sargodha from Monday. The campaign is to be followed by another one targeting all missed children which will be held under the supervision of political agents, commissioners and security forces. As many as 1,029,179 children under the age of five will be inoculated in Fata and Frontier regions. As many as 4,125 teams, comprising 3,668 mobile teams, 326 fixed teams and 131 transit teams will be involved in the immunisation drive. In a recent Fata Task Force meeting, held at the Governor House, K-P Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said: "Fata is almost polio free and by ensuring high-quality campaigns and reaching out to each and every child across the agencies will make eradication a reality." In Gilgit Baltistan, two lac and twenty thousand children up to five years of age will be administered anti polio drops. In Kotli district, of Mirpur division one hundred 42 thousand children upto five years of age would be administered anti-polio drops. In Sargodha, 577,000 children up to five years of age will be administered anti-polio drops. The K-P governor also awarded Rs500,000 to EOC Fata team for their exceptional performance and all-out efforts in reducing the number of polio cases in 2016. Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio and Senator Aysha Raza Farooq, also attending the occasion: "We have come very close to our goal but this should not slow us down rather we should aim to carry out three high-quality campaigns in the new year and defeat the virus completely by March 2017 and ensure that we sustain it for the next three years." Only 19 polio cases were reported across Pakistan during 2016. Out the total, two cases were from South Waziristan.

ISLAMABAD/RAWALPINDI: Gas load shedding hit twin cities as the weather turned chilly on Saturday. Citizens face immense difficulty as they are unable to switch on their heaters and some are forced to cook food on make-shift wood stoves. In Islamabad, G6, G7, Golra Mor and Chak Shahzad areas suffered the worst gas loadshedding. In Rawalpindi gas loadshedding hit Dhamyal, Firozpora, Mohanpura, Gulzar Quaid and Raja Bazar areas. Citizens complain that prices of gas cylinders have skyrocketed forcing them to buy firewood for cooking and heating purposes.

Pakistan's first deep-water container terminal at the Karachi Port has entered the final phase of infrastructure development to welcome mother vessels by mid-April this year, say officials. Despite the significance attached to this terminal, sources say the KPT has been delaying their part of the project, which may not bode well with the investors who have a positive outlook of Pakistan's ports – they are targeting to manage 20,000 TEU ships to serve as hub terminal for mother ships coming to Pakistan. Spread over 85 hectares, the terminal is designed to accommodate Super Post Panamax ships: large vessels having a capacity of up to 20,000 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), an industry standard to measure a ship's cargo carrying capacity. Placed on the mouth of Karachi Harbor, it has a depth of 16 meters and provides the most convenient access to mother ships entering Karachi. The project is a joint venture of Karachi Port Trust (KPT) and Hutchinson Port Holdings Limited (HPH), the Hong Kong-based parent of SAPT. According to industry sources, SAPT has a lot of significance when it comes to meeting the growing shipping needs of Pakistan. This can be an early harvest project from China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) point of view because Gawadar Port, which lacks supporting infrastructure – power, storage, roads, railways etc – will take a while to fully develop, they say. With SAPT, Pakistan will be able to accommodate deep draft container ships and reap economic benefits including reduced costs to the country's importers and exporters and reduction in transit time for shipments, and employment opportunities. The taxation benefits to the local economy have already started to accrue and are envisioned to grow as the traffic for the terminal grows swiftly in the next couple of years, sources say.

PU to introduce IT-based Learning Management System

Pakistan Today, January 14, 2017

LAHORE: In a landmark initiative in the history of Punjab University, PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir has announced to introduce Learning Management System in all the teaching departments of the university. In this regard, the Vice Chancellor held a meeting with Director IT Imran Qureshi and other IT experts. Issuing necessary directions in the meeting, Dr Zafar Mueen said that a digital system must be set up in order to replace existing obsolete learning system with digitised learning to get optimum learning results. He said that the proposed solution would be based on Moodle which was a renowned open-source Learning Management System being widely used across the globe. He said that this system would enable students to interact online with the teachers and during the whole academic program. He said that teachers would be able to schedule classes, mark attendance, assign quizzes, post assignments and presentations and manage examinations. He said that in this way, teachers and students would be able to contact each other on 24/7 basis. He said that transparent assessment and course learning outcomes systems would be introduced. He said that through this system, it would also be able to know how much course had been covered. He said that faculty and students portals would also be developed. He said that this system would initially be experimented at one department and after its success, it would be implemented in rest of the departments. He said that the system would result in delivery of quality education which is the main objective of the incumbent administration.

SNGPL shuts down CNG stations in Rawalpindi

The Nation, January 13, 2017

RAWALPINDI: All CNG stations in the city have been closed to improve gas pressure, a top official of SNGPL said here on Thursday. SNGPL Chief Engineer Javed Khan told APP that owing to the recent cold wave the demand for gas has increased drastically. He said teams have been set up to disconnect gas supply of those using gas compressors. He warned that beside disconnection, their gadgets will also be confiscated for using illegal means. He urged domestic consumers to avoid using gas heaters and geysers in morning/evening hours.

Gas supply to CNG stations in Islamabad suspended for three days

Daily Times, January 12, 2017

ISLAMABAD: Sui Northern Gas (SNG) has suspended the supply of gas to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations all over Punjab and Islamabad for three days. Sources said that the decision was taken to suspend the gas supply to CNG stations to mitigate the woes of domestic consumers in the intense cold weather. According to the decision, the gas supply will remain disconnected from Wednesday evening at 6 pm to Saturday evening till 6pm. CDA installs 37 water filtration plants: The Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control, Muhammad Baleeghur-Rehman on Wednesday told the Senate that the Capital Development Authority (CDA) had installed 37 water filtration plants in Islamabad to provide clean drinking water to the residents. Speaking during the Question Hour in the House, the minister said 34 plants were fully operational while only three were closed due to the repair work of the tube-wells. He said the operation and maintenance of water filtration plants was contracted out. A fresh contract for 2016-17 was under process. The plants' maintenance at present was being carried out departmentally under the administrative control of the Deputy Director with a team of supervisory staff, he added.

To another question, the minister said during the last three years 266,412 Pakistanis were deported to Pakistan due to various reasons and they were dealt with in accordance with the law. He said that Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif had directed all the Pakistani embassies to provide every possible assistance to the stranded Pakistanis (in foreign countries). Baleegh said 37 deportees were returned to the European Union countries because they were sent to Pakistan without due process of law i.e. verification of their national status, as required under standard operating procedures (SOPs) for deportation from abroad. Regarding encroachment of the CDA land, the minister said there were some huts along the road and a proposal regarding their removal was earlier formulated but due to a restraining order passed by the Supreme Court the action against the said illegal encroachments could not be actualised. The minister said the action was outside the mandate of katchi abadis (slums) and was being taken by the respective team on a daily basis, precisely for movable encroachment.

Baleeghur-Rehman said some land of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) was under adverse possession. In order to determine the exact acreage of the detail field a survey was being started, he added. Call for new industrial estate in Islamabad: Establishment of a new Industrial Estate in Islamabad region has become essential to promote trade and exports with China and Central Asian countries and the government should accelerate efforts to realise this goal, observed former Senator Syed Zafar Ali Shah while addressing the business community at the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said the CPEC project was poised to change the business dynamics in Pakistan while the next century was termed the century of Asia and the business community should get ready to face the coming challenges to compete effectively in the new scenario. Syed Zafar Ali Shah said the business community was playing an important role in the development of the local economy and all relevant organisations including IESCO, SNGPL, FBR and the CDA should play a facilitative role in the better growth of business activities. It would help in creating new jobs and reducing unemployment in the region as well. He said that he had old relations with the ICCI and assured that he would cooperate with the Chamber in efforts aimed at redressal of key issues of the business community.

Young doctors in Lahore demand end to 'VIP culture' in govt hospitals

Geo News, January 12, 2017

LAHORE: Young doctors on Thursday gathered to protest against the alleged 'VIP' culture prevalent at public hospitals. Refusing to accept the suspension of Medical Superintendent Jinnah Hospital and three professors over the death of Zohra Bibi, the young doctors demanded an end to what they call preferential treatment of VIPs at the hospitals. The young doctors said public hospitals neglect the poor and prioritise the powerful. They said the poor patients often do not get hospital beds and medicines and have to wait very long to access medical facilities. The 'VIP' patients, on the other hand, are immediately provided beds and medicines. They further said that the General Hospital has 110 beds in the emergency ward but they receive more than 2,000 patients daily. No major hospital has been built in the city since 1995, they added. The young doctors called for Chief Minister Punjab to invest money in upgrading the hospitals instead of handing out compensations to victims. The Medical Superintendent and the three professors were suspended following the death of Zohra Bibi, a 60-year-old kidney patient who had failed to get a

PM Nawaz launches National Health Programme in Narowal

Pakistan Today, January 12, 2017

Seven killed, eight injured in Lahore building fire

Geo News, January 11, 2017

PM hands over 200 buses to schools in Islamabad

Geo News, January 11, 2017

FATA students to get scholarships worth Rs 1.4 bln

Pakistan Today, January 11, 2017

Water filtration plant at Katas Raj temple inaugurated

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bed in the hospital and died on the cold floor of the hospital earlier this month. CM Punjab Shehbaz Sharif had visited the patient's family in Kasur and handed over a financial compensation cheque worth one million rupees to the bereaved family.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Thursday launched the PM's revolutionary National Health Programme in Narowal aimed at catering to the health-care needs of people earning less than Rs 200 a day. The programme in Punjab has been launched in four districts and would benefit 134,000 families in Narowal alone. Health care cards would be provided to the families through a transparent computerised system. Under the programme, the deserving people suffering from seven major diseases would be provided medical treatment up to the cost of Rs 300,000. The patients would be able to get additional medical care of Rs 300,000 in case the total cost exceeds the initial payment. The programme was launched in Rahim Yar Khan and has been expanded to Narowal, Khanewal and Sargodha, benefitting 3.5 million patients.

LAHORE: At least seven people were killed and eight injured when a building caught fire near Mehmood Booti Interchange in Lahore on Wednesday. The fire erupted at an office of a construction company, firefighting officials and rescue members said. The injured have been shifted to Kot Khawaja Saeed Hospital. The blaze has been doused and the cooling process is underway at the building. On Monday, a fire broke out inside a furniture market near Lahore's Lakshmi Chowk. The blaze engulfed huge quantities of furniture and other equipment at the market, officials said. At least one man was reported wounded, who had jumped off the a building fearing for his life.

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday distributed buses to 422 educational institutes in the capital under the PM Education Reforms program. Addressing the inauguration ceremony for the program at one of the schools, the Prime Minister said the government wants to ensure children are provided with all latest facilities and an excellent environment for studies. He also announced that a bypass will be built for school children arriving from Barakahu area. "You children are the future of Pakistan," the premier said, to huge applause from the audience. "You are precious to us, you will grow up and serve the country. You will make us proud." The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter Maryam Nawaz at the inauguration, said that Maryam Nawaz is paying special attention to children's education. Maryam Nawaz, addressing the ceremony earlier, said the government is working to bridge the gap between public and private schools in the country. The Prime Minister cut a cake with the children and took rounds in the new bus with the children. He further said that the ministers will continue to visit schools and pledged to personally visit the schools as well.

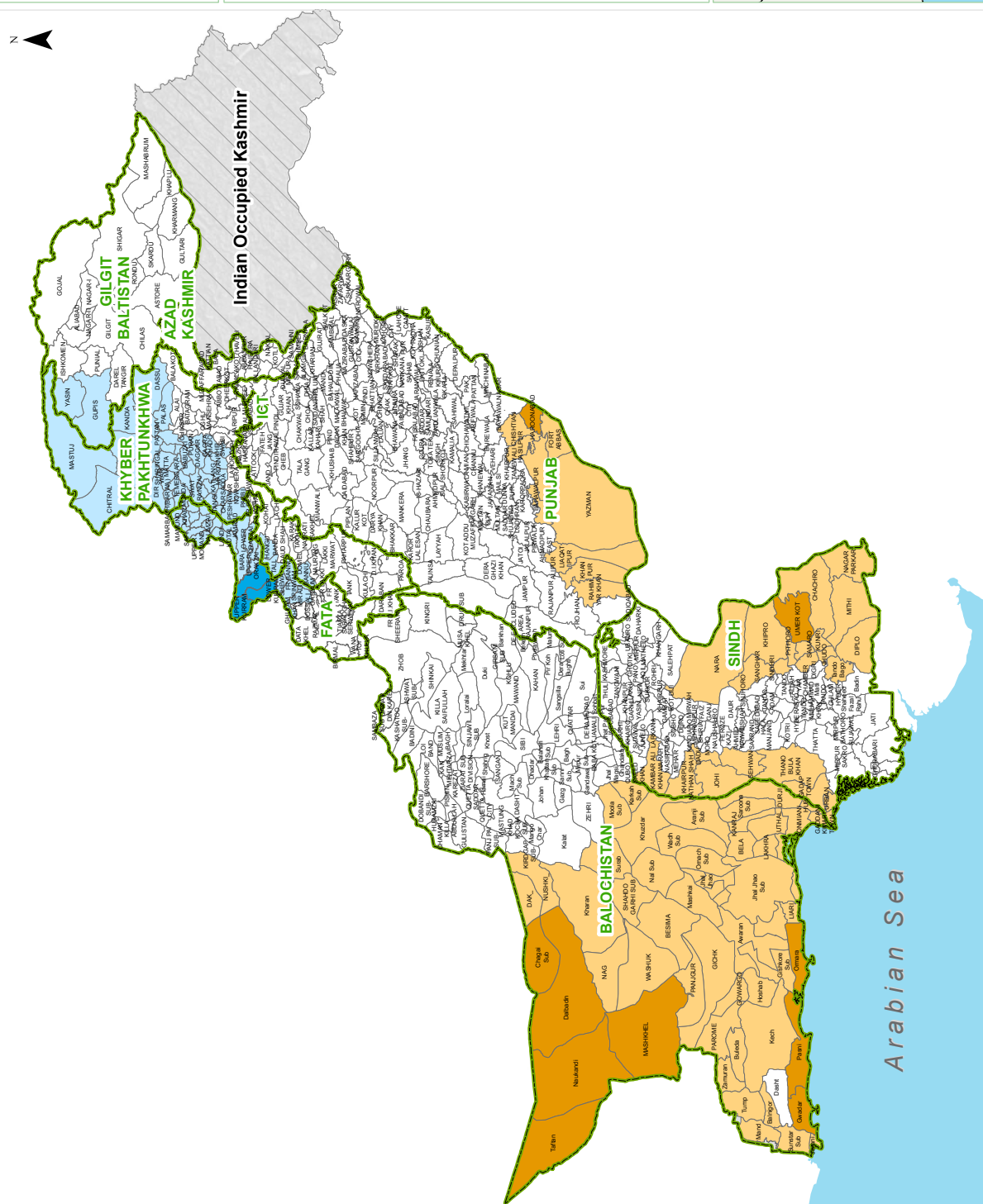
The federal government would spend Rs 1.4 billion on providing scholarships to talented students of FATA. Sources of FATA secretariat informed while speaking in a government-run radio programme that students from Class V to Class XII are being provided regular scholarships so that they could continue their education. More than 3,000 tribal students are benefiting from this programme, they added.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Wednesday inaugurated a water filtration plant at the sacred Hindu temple Katas Raj. The filtration plant set up at the temple's holy Amrat Jal pond will provide clean drinking water to the pilgrims visiting the place. The prime minister planted a sapling in the premises of the temple. He also visited different sections of Katas Raj where he was briefed about its historic significance. Minister for Religious Affairs Sardar Yusuf and Chairman Evacuee Trust Property Board Siddiq-ul-Farooq accompanied the Prime Minister



Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

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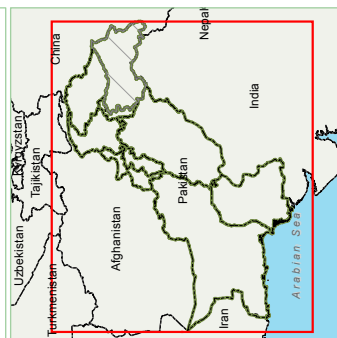
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Action Plan for the Removal of Encroachment to upgrade Karachi Circular Railway

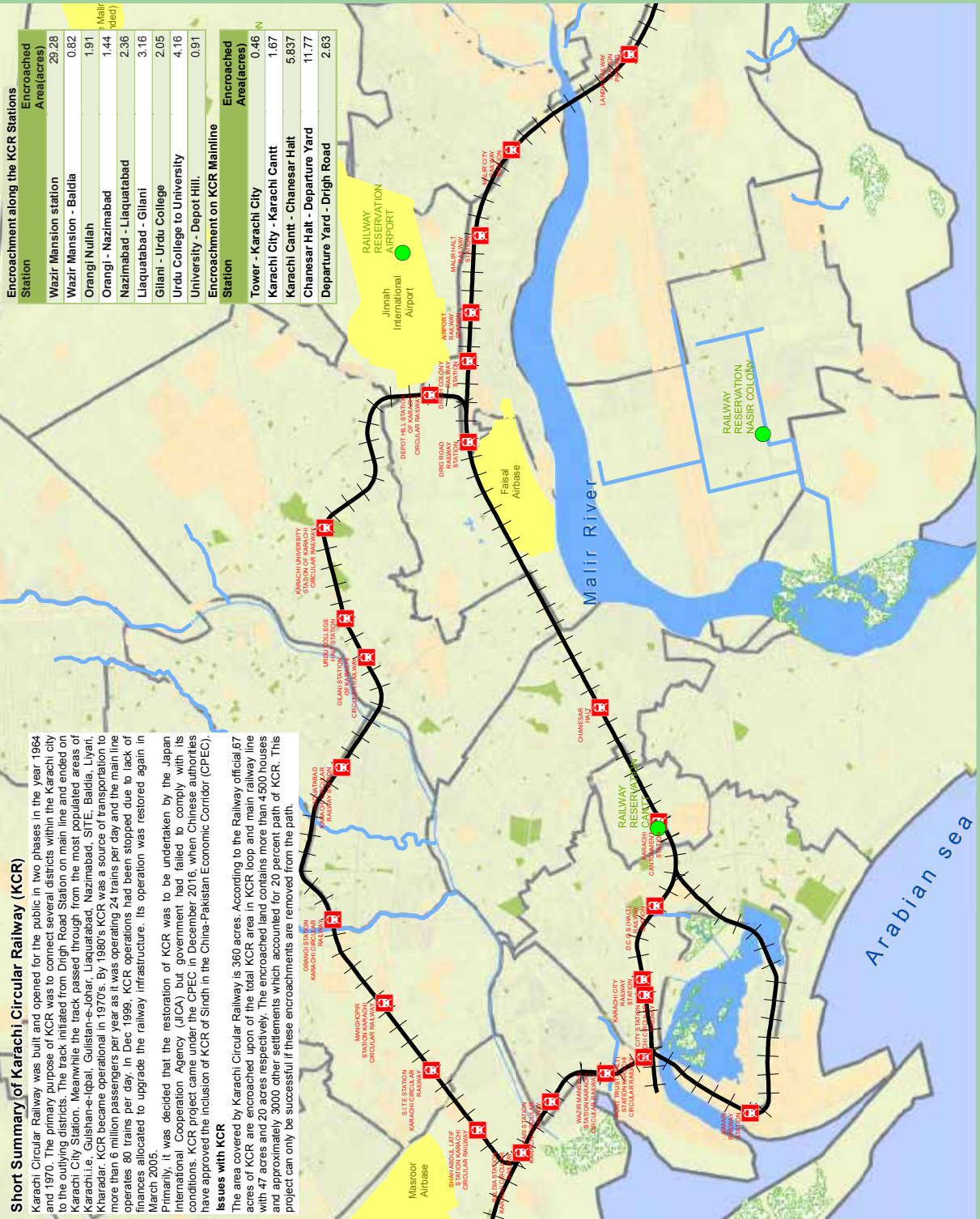
Short Summary of Karachi Circular Railway (KCR)

Karachi Circular Railway was built and opened for the public in two phases in the year 1964 and 1970. The primary purpose of KCR was to connect several districts within the Karachi city to the outlying districts. The track initiated from Drigh Road Station on main line and ended on Karachi City Station. Meanwhile the track passed through from the most populated areas of Karachi i.e. Gulistan-e-Iqbal, Nazimabad, Nazimabad, SITE, Baldia, Lian, Kharadar. KCR became operational in 1970s. By 1980's KCR was a source of transportation to more than 6 million passengers per year as it was operating 24 trains per day and the main line operates 80 trains per day. In Dec 1999, KCR operations had been stopped due to lack of finances allocated to upgrade the railway infrastructure. Its operation was restored again in March 2005.

Primarily, it was decided that the restoration of KCR was to be undertaken by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) but government had failed to comply with its conditions. KCR project came under the CPEC in December 2016, when Chinese authorities have approved the inclusion of KCR of Sindh in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Issues with KCR

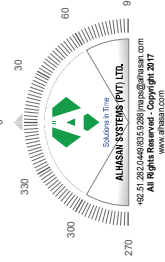
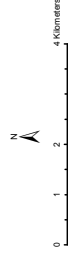
The area covered by Karachi Circular Railway is 360 acres. According to the Railway official 67 acres of KCR are encroached upon of the total KCR area in KCR loop, and main railway line with 47 acres and 20 acres respectively. The encroached land contains more than 4500 houses and approximately 3000 other settlements which accounted for 20 percent path of KCR. This project can only be successful if these encroachments are removed from the path.



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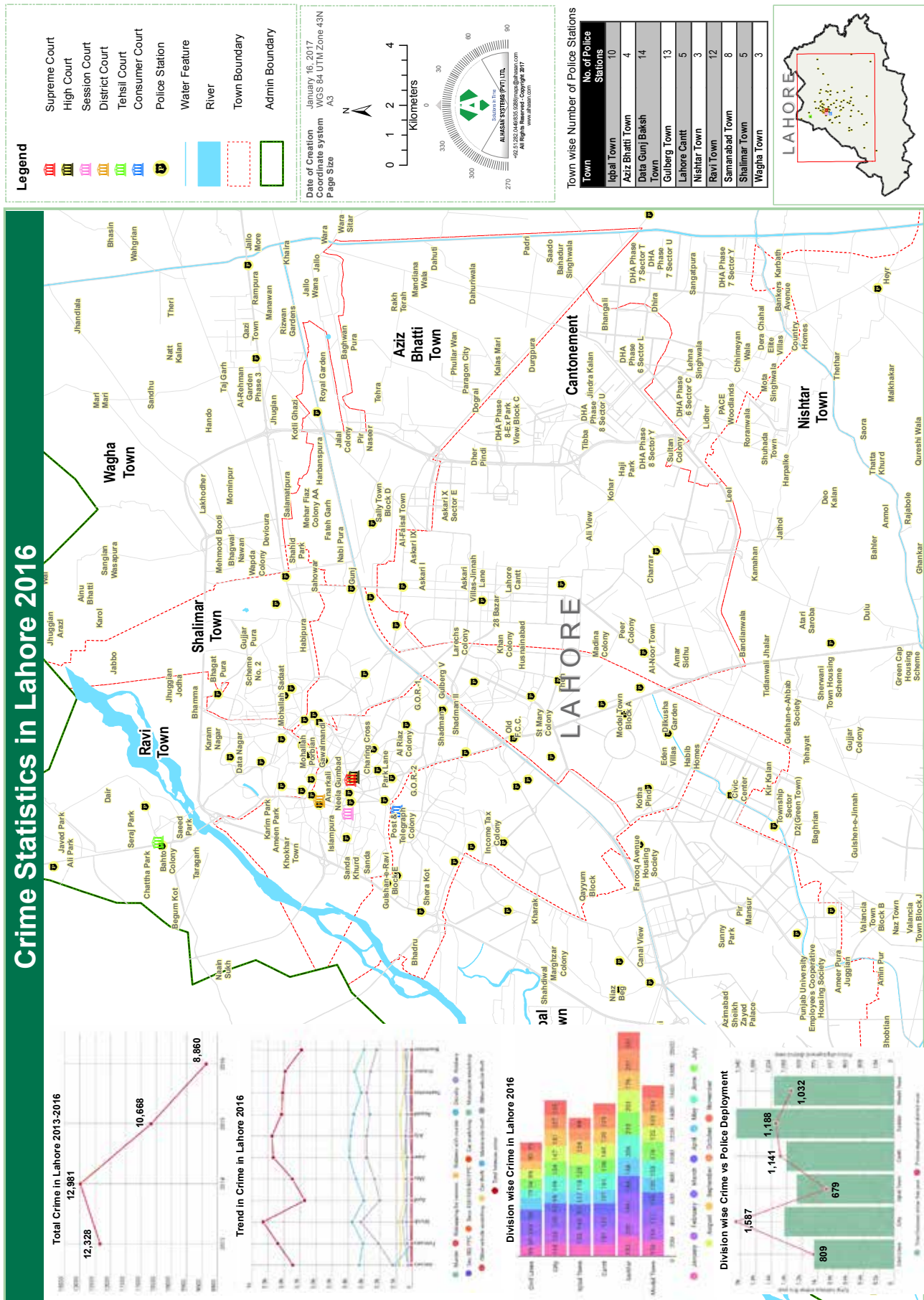
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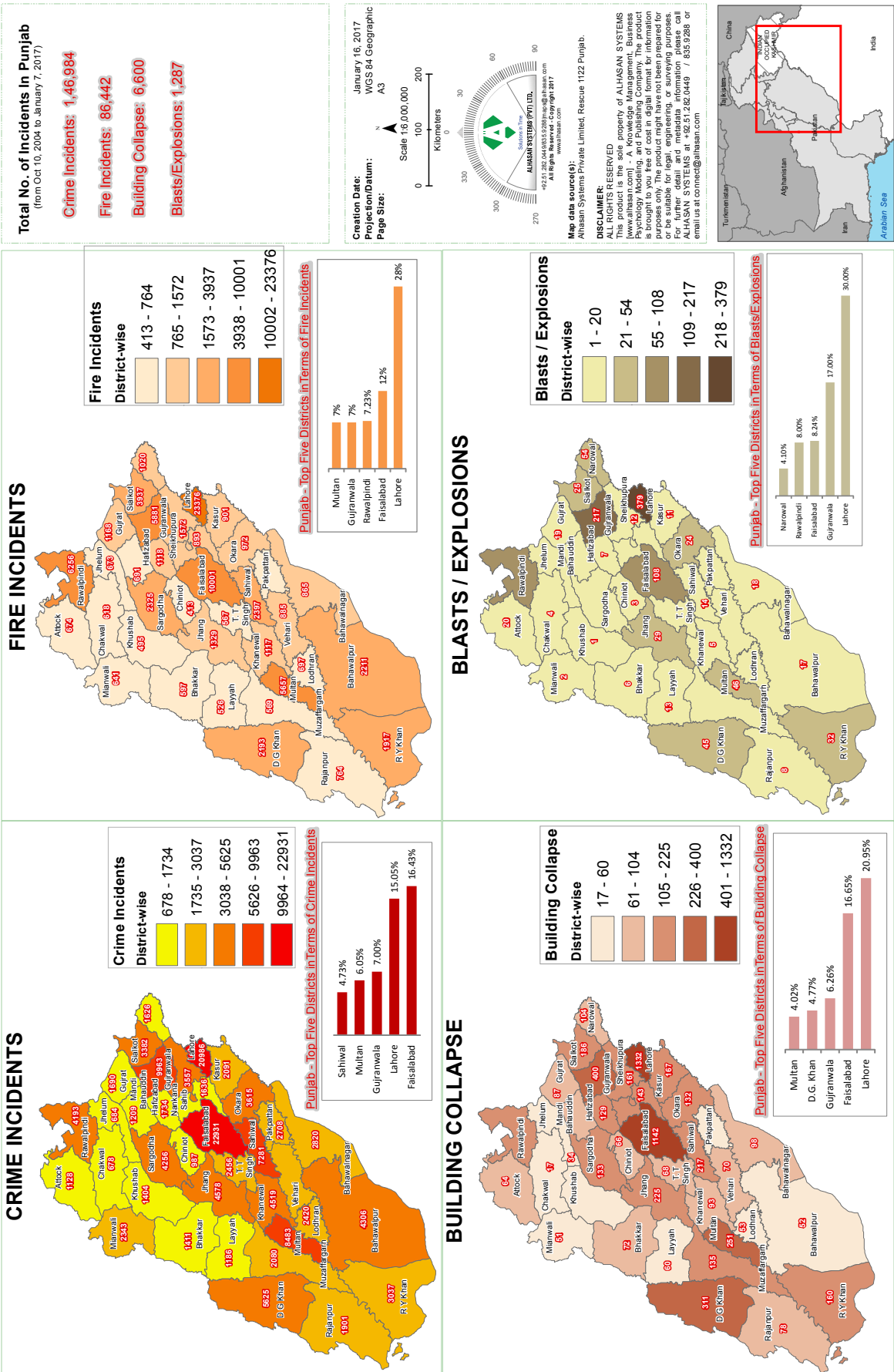


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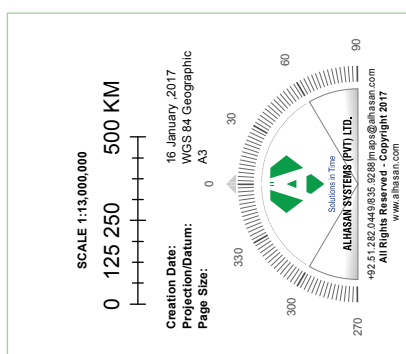
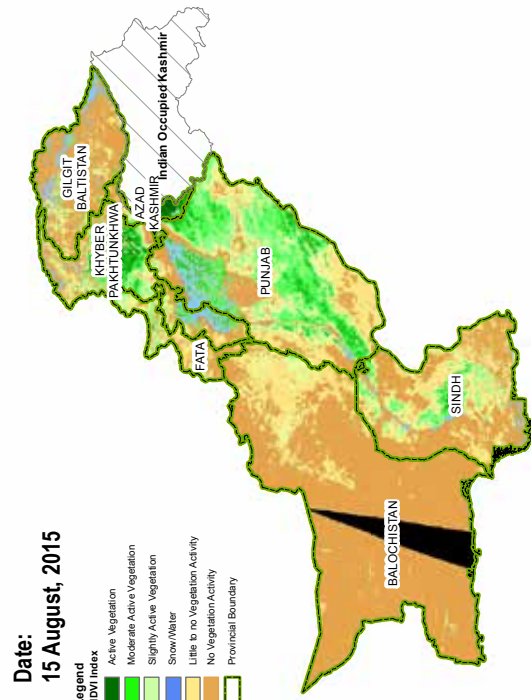
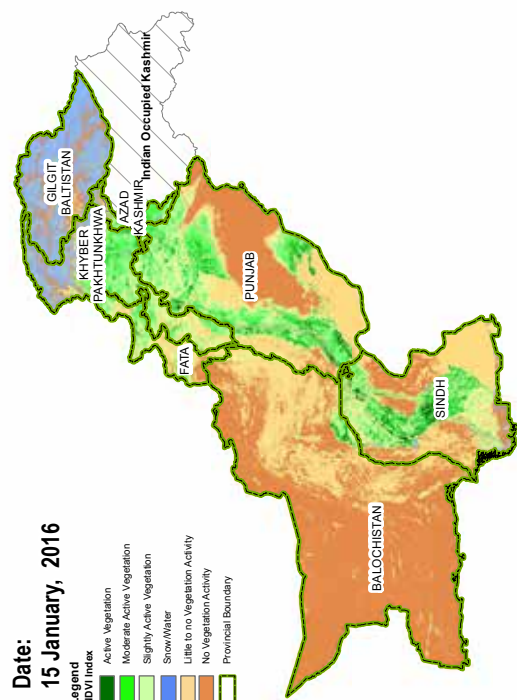


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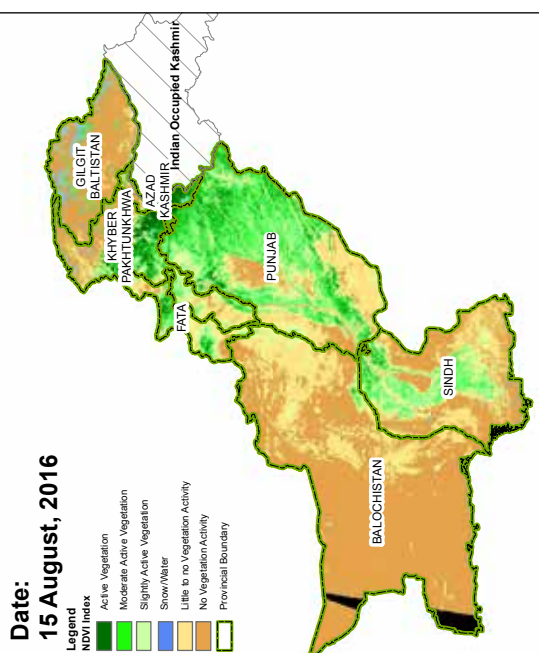
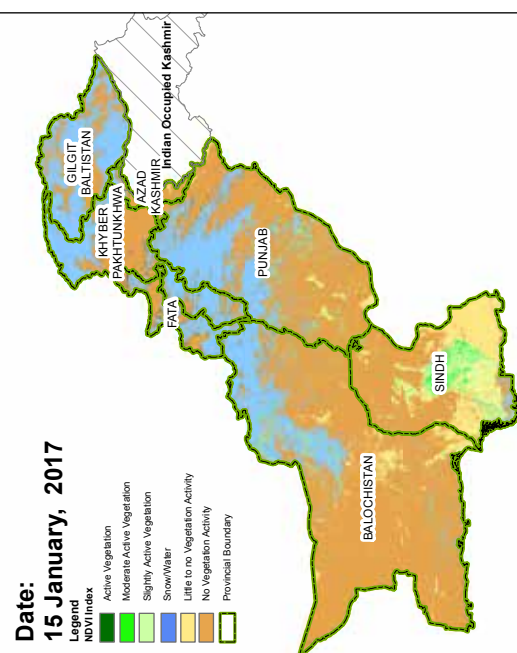
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کے بعد مضر دودھ بہا کر ضائع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ فوڈ اتھارٹی نے ناقص اور غیر معیاری دودھ کی شہر میں ترسیل کو روکنے کیلئے کارروائی کی، کاروائی کے دوران نروالہ روڈ مرضی پورہ کے علاقے میں دودھ لے کر جانے والی 40 گاڑیوں کی چیکنگ کے دوران 5 گاڑیوں میں ملاوٹی اور غیر معیاری دودھ موجود ہونے کا انکشاف ہوا، جس پر 800 لیٹر دودھ قبضے میں لے لیا گیا۔ دودھ میں سوڈیم کلورائیڈ، فارمالین اور پانی کی آمیزش تھی، فوڈ اتھارٹی انتظامیہ نے ملاوٹ ثابت ہونے پر 800 لیٹر دودھ ضائع کر دیا۔ ادھر کوئٹہ کے شہری بھی دودھ کے نام پر زہر پینے لگے، کوئٹہ سمیت صوبے میں ملک ٹیسٹنگ لیب ہی نہیں ہے، صوبائی حکومت نے فوڈ اتھارٹی کو بنائی مگر اسے فعال نہیں کیا، محکمہ صحت کے پاس پر دودھ چیک کرنے کے آلات نہیں ہیں۔ ڈیری فارم ایسوسی ایشن کے مطابق کوئٹہ کے ڈیری فارموں سے دودھ فروخت کرنے والوں کو ڈیڑھ لاکھ سے 2 لاکھ لیٹر دودھ حاصل ہوتا ہے، لیکن شہر میں دودھ کی ضرورت تقریباً 4 لاکھ لیٹر ہے، تقریباً ڈیڑھ سے 2 لاکھ لیٹر دودھ کی کمی شکار پور سے لائے گئے دودھ اور پاؤڈر سے بنائے دودھ سے پوری کی جا رہی ہے جو مضر صحت ہے۔ دوسری جانب ضلعی انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان میں دودھ کے ٹیسٹ کیلئے کوئی لیبارٹری نہیں ہے، محکمہ صحت اور محکمہ لیبر کے پاس جو آلات ہیں ان سے صرف دودھ میں موجود پانی کو چیک کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ بلوچستان حکومت نے ایک سال قبل بلوچستان خوراک کی چیکنگ کیلئے بلوچستان فوڈ اتھارٹی ضرور بنائی لیکن اسے فعال نہیں کیا گیا، اتنا عرصہ گزرنے کے باوجود اس اتھارٹی کا ڈی جی تک تعینات نہیں کیا گیا ہے، ڈی سی کوئٹہ کا کہنا ہے کہ جلد شہر میں مضر صحت دودھ کے خلاف مہم چلائی جائے گی۔

گوجرانوالہ: سردی سے بچنے کیلئے جلائی آگ پر بچوں نے پٹرول پھینک دیا، خانہ بدوشوں کے تین بچے جھلس گئے، تفصیل کے مطابق چند داقلہ کے قریب خانہ بدوشوں نے خیمہ بسنی آباد کر رکھی ہے، جہاں پر صبح سردی کی شدت کم کرنے کے لیے انہوں نے آگ جلائی، اس دوران بچوں نے آگ پر پٹرول پھینک دیا، جس سے بھڑکنے والی آگ نے کمن صائمہ، ذیشان اور نادر کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لے لیا، ریسکیو اہلکاروں نے جھلسنے والے تینوں بچوں کو ڈسٹرکٹ ہسپتال منتقل کیا، تینوں بچے آپس میں بہن بھائی ہیں۔

گوجرانوالہ: سردی سے بچنے کیلئے جلائی آگ پر بچوں نے پٹرول پھینک دیا، 3 کمن جھلس کر زخمی

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اظہار کیا ہے اور اس ہسپتال کی تعمیر کیلئے بھی ان کا تعاون لائق تحسین ہے۔ عوام سے وعدہ ہے کہ انہیں صحت کے مسائل سے نجات دلا کر دم لوں گا۔ شعبہ صحت میں تبدیلیوں کیلئے اصلاحات مکمل کئے بغیر چین سے نہیں بیٹھوں گا اور اس بات کو یقینی بنایا جائے گا۔ ہم پنجاب کے تمام سرکاری ہسپتالوں کو درست کریں گے اور وہاں پر بھی طبی سہولتوں کو بہتر بنائیں گے۔ وطن عزیز کو قائد اور اقبال کا پاکستان بنانے کیلئے ضروری ہے کہ ہر فرد کو محنت اور دیانت سے کام کرنا ہو گا۔ دیکھی انسانیت کیلئے اپنے من میں درد پیدا کرنا ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ رجب طیب اردگان گورنمنٹ آف پنجاب ہسپتال مظفر گڑھ کی خوبی یہ ہے کہ اسے غیر سرکاری تنظیم چلا رہی ہے۔ صحت کے شعبے میں انقلاب لائیں گے جس کا خواب دیکھی انسانیت کی آنکھوں میں موجود ہے۔ رجب طیب اردگان ہسپتال مظفر گڑھ کی طرح پنجاب کے دیگر سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ڈاکٹر ز بھی موجود ہیں، عملہ بھی ہے، ادویات بھی ہیں اور انہیں فنڈز بھی ملتے ہیں لیکن کیا وجہ ہے کہ ان ہسپتالوں میں عوام کو طبی سہولتوں کی بجائے دھکے کھانے پڑتے ہیں۔ یہاں ہر چیز خود کار نظام کے تحت چل رہی ہے جبکہ دوسری طرف سرکاری ہسپتالوں میں ادویات کا رجسٹر میں اندراج تک نہیں ہوتا۔ ہسپتالوں کے میڈیکل سنور تو کھلے ہوتے ہیں لیکن وہاں عملہ موجود نہیں ہوتا اور اگر عملہ ہوتا ہے تو اسے ادویات کے بارے میں علم نہیں ہوتا۔

اگر اس ہسپتال کو بھی محکمہ صحت کے حوالے کر دیا جاتا تو اس ہسپتال کا بھی وہی حال ہوتا جو سرکاری ہسپتالوں کا ہے۔ سیاسی قیادت اور بیوروکریسی نے اگر آنے والی نسلوں کو سنوارنا ہے اور اللہ کو جواب دینا ہے تو اسے اپنے دل میں غریب کیلئے درد پیدا کرنا ہو گا اور ہسپتالوں کی حالت کو سدھارنا ہو گا۔ کس قدر افسوس کی بات ہے کہ قصور کی ایک خاتون کو اپنے علاج معالجے کیلئے چار ہسپتالوں کے دھکے کھانے پڑے۔ ایک ہسپتال سے دوسرے ہسپتال جانے کیلئے اسے ایسوی لینس نہ ملی اور بالآخر یہ جناح ہسپتال کے فرش پر دم توڑ گئی۔ اس کا قصور صرف یہ تھا کہ یہ غریب کی والدہ تھیں۔ اگر یہ کسی وزیر اعلیٰ، وزیر، سیاستدان یا افسر کی والدہ ہوتیں تو ان کا نہ صرف علاج ہو تا بلکہ پروٹوکول بھی ملتا۔ یہ وہ افسوسناک صورت حال ہے جسے بدلنا ہے۔ ہسپتالوں کے پاس وسائل بھی ہیں، ڈاکٹر بھی، عملہ بھی اور ادویات بھی لیکن کمی ہے تو صرف درد دل رکھنے کی۔ اگر یہ خاتون علاج کیلئے ہسپتال آئی تھی تو ہسپتال کے ایم ایس کو اپنے کمرے میں بٹھانا چاہئے تھا اور کہتا کہ میں تمہارے لئے بید تلاش کرتا ہوں۔ جناح ہسپتال میں جاں بحق ہونے والی قصور کی رہائشی خاتون کے گھر جانے پر تنقید کرنے والوں کے سینے درد دل سے خالی ہیں۔ میں ارکان اسمبلی سے بھی سوالی بن کر پوچھتا ہوں کہ اگر مظفر گڑھ میں ایسا شانداز ہسپتال بن سکتا ہے تو پنجاب کے دیگر شہروں میں کیوں نہیں۔ شہباز شریف اور صدر مملکت ممنون حسین کے درمیان ملاقات ہوئی جس میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور اور فلاح عامہ کے منصوبوں پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ شہباز شریف نے اس موقع پر گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) کی حکومت نے ساڑھے تین برس کے دوران عوام کی خدمت کے ریکارڈ قائم کئے ہیں اور عوام کو معیاری سہولتوں کی فراہمی کیلئے اربوں روپے کی لاگت سے ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر تیزی سے کام جاری ہے۔ پاکستان میں ترقی اور خوشحالی کی سیاست کی جگہ ہے۔ یہ وقت اتحاد اور اتفاق کا ہے۔ انتشار یا احتجاج کی سیاست کی کوئی گنجائش نہیں۔ شہباز شریف نے یہ میں صوبائی وزیر برائے ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ مہر اعجاز احمد چلانے کی رہائش گاہ پر انکی ہمیشہ، کوٹ اڈو کے گاؤں دائرہ دین پٹان میں صوبائی وزیر برائے جیل خانہ جات ملک احمد یار ہنجر کے گھرانے کے والد سابق پارلیمنٹری لیڈر ملک اجمل یار ہنجر کے انتقال پر گہرے دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا۔

شہر کراچی میں چھروں کے خاتمے کے لئے خاطر خواہ اقدامات نہ کیے جانے پر ڈینگی، ملیریا اور چکن گنیا کے کیسز کو روکا نہیں جا سکا، لیاری سے چکن گنیا کے مشتبہ 11 مریضوں کو رپورٹ کیا گیا۔ ڈینگی پر یونیشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کی جاری کردہ ہفتہ وار رپورٹ کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں کی اوپی ڈیز میں 15 ایسے مریضوں کو لایا گیا جو ڈینگی سے متاثر تھے جبکہ 12 مریضوں کو ڈینگی کی شکایت پر مختلف اسپتالوں میں داخل کیا گیا۔ یہ وہ کیسز ہیں جو رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں رپورٹ نہ ہونے والے ڈینگی اور ملیریا کے کیسز درجنوں میں ہیں واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال صوبے میں ڈینگی اور ملیریا کے ہزاروں کیسز سامنے آئے تھے جبکہ درجنوں ہلاکتیں بھی ہوئی تھیں لیکن ڈینگی پر یونیشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام اور ملیریا کنٹرول پروگرام کی غیر فعالیت کے باعث ان کیسز کو روکنے کے لئے نہ کوئی واضح حکمت عملی بنائی گئی نہ ہی خاطر خواہ اقدامات کیے گئے۔ دوسری جانب صوبائی محکمہ صحت کی عدم توجہ کے باعث چکن گنیا کے مشتبہ مریض شہر کے دیگر علاقوں سے بھی سامنے آنا شروع ہو گئے ہیں۔ 0

دودھ میں خطرناک کیمیکلز کی ملاوٹ کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، فیصل آباد اور لاہور میں فارملین، پوریا اور نمک اور پانی کی ملاوٹ والا دودھ پکڑا گیا جبکہ کوئٹہ میں دودھ ٹیسٹ کرنے کی کوئی لیبارٹری ہی نہیں ہے۔ دودھ کے نام پر شہریوں کی رگوں میں زہر اتارنے کا کاروبار جاری ہے، لیکن اب پنجاب میں ملاوٹ کرنے والوں کے گرد گھیرا بنگ ہونے لگا، پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی ایکشن میں آگئی، کھانے پینے کی اشیاء میں ملاوٹ کرنے والوں کے خلاف لاہور اور فیصل آباد میں بڑی کارروائیاں کی گئیں۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیموں نے لاہور میں دو ہزار لیٹر اور فیصل آباد میں 8 سو لیٹر ناقص دودھ برآمد کر کے ضائع کر دیا۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے مطابق فیصل آباد میں دودھ لانے والے 40 ٹینکروں کو چیک کیا گیا تو دودھ میں لاش محفوظ کرنے والا کیمیکل فارمالین اور پوریا موجود تھا۔ ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر پی ایف اے شہباز سرور نے بتایا کہ دودھ میں ملاوٹ کرنے والے 2 افراد کو حراست میں لیا ہے۔ فیصل آباد میں پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے لاش محفوظ کرنے والا کیمیکل فارملین دودھ میں ملانے والے 2 افراد کو حراست میں لیا ہے، جبکہ 40 ٹینکروں کی چیکنگ

کراچی میں چکن گنیا کے مرض کو روکا نہ

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روزگاری کا مزید سیلاب آئے گا اس اضافے کے خلاف ہر فورم پر آواز بلند کریں گے۔ تحریک انصاف کے وائس چیئرمین شاہ محمود قریشی اور سابق گورنر پنجاب چوہدری محمد سرور نے کہا ملک میں پہلے ہی مہنگائی اور بے روزگاری کے ہاتھوں غریب خودکشی کر رہے ہیں حکومت کا یہ اقدام غریبوں پر مہنگائی کا بم ہے، تحریک انصاف پارلیمنٹ میں اسکے خلاف بھرپور احتجاج کرے گی۔ پیپلز پارٹی کے سیکرٹری جنرل نیز بخاری، سیکرٹری اطلاعات چوہدری منظور اور پنجاب کے صدر قمر الزمان کاٹرہ نے اپنے رد عمل میں کہا حکومت فضول منصوبوں پر اربوں روپے کا ضیاع کر رہی ہے جبکہ اپنے اخراجات پورے کرنے کے لئے قوم کی جیبوں پر ڈاکے مارے جا رہے ہیں اور پٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافہ بھی عوام پر ظلم ہے اسکے خلاف پارلیمنٹ میں آواز بلند کریں گے۔ مولانا عبدالغفور حیدری اور مرکزی ترجمان نے کہا قیمتوں میں اضافہ ایک ظالمانہ اقدام ہے، حکومت عوام کو ریلیف نہیں دے سکتی تو اسے مہنگائی کرنے سے بھی باز رہنا چاہئے اس لئے اس اضافہ کو واپس لیا جائے۔ عوامی مسلم لیگ کے سربراہ شیخ رشید احمد اور مولانا سبیح الحق نے کہا ہے کہ مسلم لیگ ن قوم کو مسائل سے نجات دلانے کا نعرہ لگا کر اقتدار میں آئی مگر آج ملک میں ہونے والی مہنگائی پر قوم کانوں کو ہاتھ لگانے پر مجبور ہے اور سمجھ نہیں آتی یہ قوم سے کس جرم کا انتقام لے رہے ہیں۔ لاہور سے خصوصی رپورٹر کے مطابق ق لیگ کے مرکزی سیکرٹری اطلاعات سنیر کامل علی آغا نے پٹرول، ڈیزل اور مٹی کے تیل کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے خلاف سینٹ میں آواز اٹھانے کا اعلان کیا ہے۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا ق لیگ کے سیکرٹری جنرل طارق بشیر چیمہ اس معاملے کو قومی اسمبلی میں اٹھائیں گے جبکہ پنجاب اسمبلی میں بھی ق لیگ کی پارلیمانی پارٹی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے خلاف احتجاج کرے گی۔

ڈیرہ بگٹی اور گردونواح میں خسرے کی وبا پھوٹ پڑی، 4 بچے ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق ڈیرہ بگٹی اور گردونواح میں خسرے کی وبا سے سیکڑوں بچے متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔ اس نتیجے میں 4 بچے زندگی کی بازی ہار گئے، ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال کے ایم ایس کے مطابق روزانہ گردونواح سے خسرہ سے متاثرہ 50 کے قریب بچے ہسپتال لائے جا رہے ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ علاقے میں ڈاکٹروں اور ادویات کی شدید کمی کا سامنا ہے، لہذا محکمہ صحت کے اعلیٰ حکام فوری طور پر علاقے میں ڈاکٹروں کی ٹیم، خسرے کی ویکسین اور ادویات روانہ کریں۔

عدنان ملک... لاہور میں دل کے مریضوں کو جعلی اسٹنٹ فروخت کرنے والے گروہ کا انکشاف ہوا ہے۔ اس حوالے سے ایف آئی اے کے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر سرفراز چوہدری کا کہنا ہے کہ 4 کروڑ روپے مالیت کے جعلی اسٹنٹ برآمد کر لئے گئے ہیں۔ انہوں نے بتایا کہ جعل ساز ڈاکٹروں کے ساتھ مل کر مریضوں کو اسٹنٹ ڈالنے کا مشورہ دیتے تھے، 6 ہزار روپے مالیت کے اسٹنٹ کے 2 لاکھ روپے وصول کیے جاتے لیکن اسٹنٹ نہیں ڈالا جاتا تھا۔

یو ٹیلیٹی اسٹورز میں فروخت ہونے والا یو ٹیلیٹی برانڈ کا آئل اور گھی غیر معیاری نکلا۔ یو ٹیلیٹی اسٹورز کارپوریشن اور وزارت صنعت و پیداوار نے اس بات کا سپریم کورٹ کے سامنے اعتراف کر لیا۔ عدالت نے یو ٹیلیٹی اسٹورز پر فروخت ہونے والی کھانے پینے کی تمام اشیاء کے معیار سے متعلق پورٹ طلب کر لی، عدالت نے اس سوال کا جواب بھی مانگا ہے کہ ٹیڑا پیک دودھ کے ڈبے کی اندرونی تہہ کے انسانی صحت پر کیا اثرات ہوتے ہیں۔ چیف جسٹس ثاقب نثار نے ریمارکس دیے کہ کھانے پینے کی اشیاء سے عوام کی صحت اور بچوں کا مستقبل وابستہ ہے، غذا ٹھیک نہیں ملے گی تو صحت خراب ہوگی۔ عدالت کو بتایا گیا کہ آئل اور گھی سپلائی کرنے والی کمپنیوں کو بلیک لسٹ کر دیا گیا ہے، آئندہ یو ٹیلیٹی اسٹورز پر صرف اعلیٰ معیار کے برانڈز کا کوکنگ آئل اور گھی فروخت ہو گا

حکومت پنجاب نے بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے پیش نظر صوبہ بھر کے تمام بنیادی مراکز صحت کو شمسی توانائی پر منتقل کرنے کیلئے ابتدائی طور پر 2 ارب روپے کے فنڈز مختص کرنے کا اصولی فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ صوبہ بھر کے دور دراز علاقوں میں واقع بنیادی مراکز صحت کو پہلے مرحلہ میں شمسی توانائی پر منتقل کیا جائیگا تاکہ بجلی جانے کی صورت میں بنیادی مراکز میں عوام کو طبی سہولتیں فراہم کرنے میں دشواری کا سامنا نہ کرنا پڑے۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) وزیر اعلیٰ شہباز شریف نے رجب طیب اردگان گورنمنٹ آف پنجاب ہسپتال مظفر گڑھ کی توسیع کے منصوبے کا سنگ بنیاد رکھا اور ہسپتال میں فیملی میڈیسن کلینک کا افتتاح کیا۔ توسیع کے بعد ہسپتال میں مجموعی طور پر 400 بستروں کا اضافہ ہو گا جس سے ہسپتال 500 بستروں پر مشتمل ہو جائے گا اور اس منصوبے پر 9 ارب روپے سے زائد لاگت آئے گی، ہسپتال کی توسیع کیلئے 113 ایکڑ اراضی حاصل کی گئی ہے۔ توسیعی منصوبہ رواں برس کے آخر تک مکمل کر لیا جائے گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے ہسپتال کا دورہ بھی کیا اور طبی سہولتوں کا جائزہ لیا۔ مریضوں سے ملاقات کر کے ان کی خیریت دریافت کی اور طبی سہولتوں کی فراہمی کے بارے پوچھا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ ہسپتال میں مریضوں کو علاج معالجے کی جدید سہولتیں فراہم کی جا رہی ہیں اور یہاں جدید مشینری کے ذریعے علاج معالجہ دیکھ کر دل خوش ہو گیا ہے۔ صوبے کے ہر ہسپتال میں ایسی ہی جدید مشینری مہیا کرنے کا عزم کر رکھا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر درد دل سے کام لیں تو مریض کا آدھا درد دور ہو جاتا ہے۔ ترک صدر سے جب بھی ملا انہوں نے پاکستان اور پنجاب کے عوام کیلئے بے پناہ محبت کا

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کانٹے دار مقابلہ ہوا۔ اتحاد گروپ کے رائے نجم الحسن صدر اور زاہد وسیر فنانس سیکرٹری کے علاوہ کوئی بھی امیدوار کامیاب نہ ہو سکا جبکہ انصاف گروپ کی طرف سے میاں تصور عباس بھی جزل سیکرٹری بھاری اکثریت سے کامیاب ہوئے۔ نائب صدر انصاف گروپ وقار ہنجر، لاہری سیکرٹری رب نواز بھی، جوائنٹ سیکرٹری شیخ امجد منتخب قرار پائے، مجلس عاملہ میں وقاص بھی، عرفان ورث، مدثر بھی، رائے منشاء کھل، قمر جاوید گجر، عدنان اکبر لودھرا وغیرہ شامل ہیں۔ شاہ کوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تحصیل بار کونسل شاہ کوٹ کے سالانہ انتخابات میں جناح گروپ اور پروفیشنل گروپ کے متفقہ امیدوار میاں قاسم حبیب بھاری اکثریت سے صدر اور میاں عظیم مشتاق جزل سیکرٹری منتخب ہو گئے جبکہ فیصل بن زائر نائب صدر اور مرزا حسین ہلمی جوائنٹ سیکرٹری کا انتخاب جیت گئے۔ میاں قاسم حبیب نے 74 ووٹ لئے۔ ان کے مد مقابل جابر جاوید رائے صرف 32 ووٹ حاصل کر سکے۔ پھر محل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بار کونسل کے سالانہ انتخابات بد نظمی کا شکار رہے اور، پولیس نے بروقت کارروائی کرتے ہوئے تصادم کو بڑھنے سے روک دیا جبکہ وکلاء کی جانب سے ہیلت باکس اٹھا کر لے جانے کی کوشش بھی کی گئی، وکلاء گروپوں میں مذاکرات کامیاب نہ ہونے پر الیکشن کو غیر معینہ مدت کے لئے ملتوی کر دیا گیا۔ معینہ طور پر جعلی ووٹ کا سٹ کئے جانے کے شبہ میں مد مقابل امیدواران کے حمایتی وکلاء میں نوک جھوک کے بعد نوبت ہاتھ پائی تک آن پہنچی۔ مکوں اور تھپڑوں کا آزادانہ تبادلہ کیا گیا۔ وزیر آباد سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بار ایسوسی ایشن وزیر آباد کے سالانہ انتخابات گیارہ بجے تک پرامن رہے اور اس دوران تقریباً ڈیڑھ سو کے قریب وکلاء اپنا ووٹ کا سٹ کر چکے تو بار کے بعض ممبران نے الیکشن بورڈ کے روبرو پیش ہو کر بیان کیا کہ فراہم کردہ انتخابی فہرستوں میں کچھ ووٹ جعلی ہیں جو جدید دھاندلی کے زمرے میں آتے ہیں اس دوران بعض وکلاء نے ووٹر باکس زبردستی اٹھا لیا جس پر دوسرے فریق نے مداخلت کی جس پر وکلاء تو نکرار سے ہاتھ پائی اور لڑائی جھگڑے پر اتر آئے اور بعض نے ووٹر باکس سے کا سٹ شدہ ووٹوں کو پھاڑ دیا جس کے بعد شدید ہنگامہ آرائی شروع ہوئی۔ اس پر الیکشن کے لیے 21 جنوری کی تاریخ مقرر کر دی ہے۔ جزاوالہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق پنجاب بار نے مقامی وکلاء کے درمیان تضاد کی وجہ سے الیکشن بورڈ مقرر کیا تھا جسکو ہائی کوٹ نے پیشین کے بعد ختم کر کے انتخابات کو غیر معینہ مدت کیلئے ملتوی کر دیا ہے۔ فیصل آباد سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن کے الیکشن برائے سال 2017ء اکیس جنوری کو ہوں گے۔

وفاقی حکومت نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں 2 روپے فی لٹر تک اضافہ کر دیا جس کا اطلاق کل 16 جنوری سے ہوگا اور نئی قیمتیں 31 جنوری تک برقرار رہیں گی۔ وفاقی وزیر خزانہ اسحق ڈار کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق پٹرول کی قیمت میں ایک روپیہ 77 پیسے کا اضافہ کیا گیا ہے جس کے بعد اس کی نئی قیمت 68 روپے 4 پیسے ہو گئی ہے۔ وزیر خزانہ نے بتایا ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 2 روپے اضافہ کیا گیا ہے جس کے بعد اس کی نئی قیمت 77 روپے 22 پیسے فی لٹر ہو گئی ہے۔ اسحق ڈار کے مطابق مٹی کے تیل اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمتوں میں کوئی اضافہ نہیں کیا جائے گا اور ان کی قیمتیں موجودہ سطح پر برقرار رہیں گی۔ وزیر خزانہ اسحق ڈار نے پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے کہا آئل اینڈ گیس ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (اوگرا) نے پیٹرول کی فی لٹر قیمت میں ایک روپے 77 پیسے، ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 3 روپے 94 پیسے اضافے کی تجویز دی تھی تاہم ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں دو روپے کا اضافہ کیا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے بتایا اوگرا کی تجویز کے مطابق پٹرول کی قیمت میں 1 روپے 77 پیسے فی لٹر اضافہ کیا گیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا اوگرا نے مٹی کے تیل کی فی لٹر قیمت میں 14 روپے 31 پیسے اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمت میں 10 روپے 11 پیسے اضافے کی سفارش کی تھی تاہم وزیر اعظم نے اس تجویز کو مسترد کرتے ہوئے مٹی کے تیل اور لائٹ ڈیزل کی قیمتیں برقرار رکھنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ واضح رہے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں کا جائزہ 31 دسمبر 2016 کو بھی لیا گیا تھا تاہم سال نو کے موقع پر قیمتوں میں اضافہ نہ کرنے کا اعلان کیا گیا تھا۔ حکومت نے عوام کو کئی سال کا تحفہ دیتے ہوئے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتیں برقرار رکھنے کا اعلان کیا تھا۔ آئی این پی کے مطابق پاکستان پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما سینیٹر سعید غنی نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کو ظالمانہ اقدام قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے قیمتوں میں اضافے سے مہنگائی کا طوفان آئے گا، پیٹرولیم کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کیخلاف پارلیمنٹ میں احتجاج کریں گے۔ ایک بیان میں پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے پر رد عمل دیتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ وزیر خزانہ اسحق ڈار کی معاشی پالیسیاں معیشت کو تباہ اور عوام کو بد حال کر رہی ہیں۔ پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں کا تعین کرنے والے اوگرا سے اختیارات چھین کر حکومت من مانی کر رہی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا نواز حکومت پاکستانی اشیاء کے ایکسپورٹ میں ناکام رہی ہے یہی وجہ ہے بجٹ خسارہ پورا کرنے اور حکومتی غیر ضروری اخراجات کو پورا کرنے کے لئے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں ظالمانہ اضافہ کیا جا رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا نواز گردی کے ایسے اقدامات کے خلاف پارلیمنٹ میں بھرپور احتجاج کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے مطالبہ کیا کہ حکومت پیٹرولیم کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے فیصلے کو واپس لے اور عوام کا مزید خون نہ چوڑنے سے گریز کرے۔

روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق ہائی سپیڈ ڈیزل پر جی ایس ٹی ڈھائی فیصد بڑھا دیا گیا۔ نوٹیفکیشن جاری کر دیا گیا ہے۔ آئی این پی کے مطابق اپوزیشن جماعتوں نے پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کو ”مہنگائی بم“ قرار دے تے ہوئے کہا ہے حکومت قوم کو کس جرم کی سزا دے رہی ہے؟ پٹرول اور ڈیزل کی قیمتوں میں اضافے سے ٹرانسپورٹ کرایوں میں اضافے سمیت مہنگائی کا نیا طوفان لائے گا، حکمرانوں کی ناکام پالیسیاں غریب کے لئے کسی عذاب سے کم نہیں، پیٹرولیم مصنوعات کی قیمتوں میں اضافے کے خلاف پارلیمنٹ سمیت ہر فورم پر آواز بلند کریں گے۔ جماعت اسلامی کے امیر سنیئر سراج الحق اور سیکرٹری جزل لیاقت بلوچ نے قیمتوں میں اضافہ واپس لینے کا مطالبہ کرتے ہوئے کہا حکومت کے اس اقدام سے ملک میں مہنگائی اور بے

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ووٹ لیکر صدر اور رانا سر بلند خان جزل سیکرٹری منتخب ہو گئے۔ صدر کیلئے الیاس حسین ریحان 684 ووٹ لیکر دوسرے نمبر پر رہے۔ سینئر نائب صدر کی نشست پر حافظ منیر احمد 997 ووٹ لیکر کامیاب ہو گئے۔ ان کے مخالف امیدوار ضیاء رسول 808 ووٹ لیکر دوسرے نمبر پر رہے، نائب صدر کی نشست رنوف احمد چوہان 951 ووٹ لیکر کامیاب ہوئے، ان کے مد مقابل آصف جاوید بٹ 866 ووٹ لے سکے، جزل سیکرٹری کی نشست پر رانا سر بلند خان 674 ووٹ لیکر جیت گئے۔ ان کے مد مقابل انصر محمود شیخ کو 448 ووٹ ملے، لاہری سیکرٹری کی نشست پر وردہ تحریم 932 ووٹ لیکر کامیاب ہو گئیں جبکہ ان کے مد مقابل امیدوار سندس گل چوہدری کو 925 ووٹ ملے۔ بار الیکشن میں پہلی مرتبہ بائیومیٹرک طریقہ سے ووٹنگ ہوئی، امیدواروں کی کامیابی کا اعلان ہوتے ہی ان کے حامی وکلاء نے ڈھول کی تھاپ پر بھنگڑے ڈالے اور جشن منایا۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ بار نکانہ صاحب کے سالانہ الیکشن میں محمد امین بھٹی گروپ کا تمام پیٹیل کامیاب ہو گیا۔ صدر رائے محمد اکرم خاں بھٹی 59 ووٹوں کی برتری سے، نائب صدر چوہدری جاوید انور مان 68 ووٹوں کی برتری سے، فنانس سیکرٹری شیخ عبدالرحمن 8 ووٹوں کی برتری سے جبکہ جزل سیکرٹری رائے قاسم مشتاق 26 ووٹوں کی برتری سے کامیاب قرار پائے۔ جوائنٹ سیکرٹری رائے غضنفر علی کھل، فنانس سیکرٹری شیخ عبدالرحمن، لاہری سیکرٹری سیکرٹری عابد علی قادری، ایڈیٹر چودھری عبدالجید کامیاب ہوئے۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ بار حافظ آباد کے سالانہ انتخابات میں جسٹس، فرینڈز لائز گروپ کے چودھری محمد شعیب بھٹی 460 ووٹ لیکر صدر منتخب ہوئے جبکہ مد مقابل امان اللہ سندھو نے 254 ووٹ حاصل کیے۔ رانا محمد مدثر 467 ووٹ لیکر جزل سیکرٹری جبکہ ان کے مد مقابل محمد غفر دھو تھڑے 245 ووٹ حاصل کیے۔ دیگر عہدیداران میں شاہد لطیف گل نائب صدر، اعجاز چدھر جوائنٹ سیکرٹری، حاجی بلال شیخ فنانس سیکرٹری، عتیق الرحمن ملک لاہری سیکرٹری منتخب ہوئے۔ انتخابات میں کامیابی پر جسٹس، فرینڈز لائز گروپ کے حامیوں نے جشن مناتے ہوئے مٹھائیاں تقسیم کیں اور ڈھول کی تھاپ پر خوب بھنگڑے ڈالے۔ شیخ پورہ سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ بار ایسوسی ایشن کے سالانہ انتخابات میں بڑے دلچسپ مقابلہ کے بعد میاں عبدالسعد 29 ووٹوں سے کامیاب ہو گئے، مد مقابل رانا زاہد محمود خاں ایڈووکیٹ 541 ووٹ حاصل کر سکے جبکہ نائب صدر چودھری امجد علی گجر اور فنانس سیکرٹری کیلئے ساجد محمود کامیاب قرار پائے۔ صدر کیلئے میاں عبدالسعد ایڈووکیٹ 571 ووٹ لیکر کامیاب ہوئے، مد مقابل رانا زاہد محمود نے 541 ووٹ لیے اور 11 ووٹ مسترد ہوئے۔ صدر میاں عبدالسعد کو مسلم لیگ (ن)، تحریک انصاف، انصاف لائبر فورم، جماعت اسلامی سمیت دیگر سیاسی جماعتوں کی حمایت حاصل تھی۔ میاں عبدالسعد کی کامیابی کا اعلان ہوتے ہی ان کے حامی وکلاء نے ان کے حق میں نعرے بازی اور ڈھول کی تھاپ پر بھنگڑے ڈالنے شروع کر دیئے اور ان کو کندھوں پر اٹھا کر جلوس کی شکل میں ممبر پنجاب بار کونسل رانا سیف اللہ خاں کی رہائش گاہ پر چلے گئے جہاں پر ان کے اعزاز میں پر تکلف عشا تہ دیا گیا۔ تین دہائیوں کے بعد جزل سیکرٹری میاں لیاقت علی بلا مقابلہ منتخب ہو چکے ہیں۔ قصور سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ بار قصور کے انتخابات میں 691 ووٹ لے کر ملک ریاض احمد خان صدر بن گئے جبکہ مد مقابل مہر محمد سلیم 546 ووٹ لے کر ہار گئے۔ جزل سیکرٹری میاں منور حیات 791 ووٹ لے کر کامیاب جبکہ چوہدری صلاح الدین 431 ووٹ لے کر شکست کھا گئے۔ نائب صدر شہباز احمد خان 671 ووٹ حاصل کر کے منتخب اور مد مقابل شہباز شیر 549 ووٹ لے کر ہار گئے۔ اسی گروپ کے جوائنٹ سیکرٹری جنید اقبال بھی منتخب ہو گئے۔ جیتنے والے پورے پیٹیل کو مسلم لیگ ن کی حمایت حاصل تھی۔ وکلاء نے جلوس کی شکل میں شہر کا چکر لگایا، دربار خواجہ دائم الحضور اور بابا بھیسے شاہ کے مزار پر حاضری دی۔ قصور سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق ڈسٹرکٹ قصور کے سالانہ انتخابات میں اتحاد گروپ کو اتفاق گروپ کے ہاتھوں شکست ہوئی۔ ساگلاہل سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق مقامی بار ایسوسی ایشن کے انتخابات میں چوہدری محمود الحسن کاناواں 19 ووٹوں کی برتری سے صدر اور چوہدری عرفات ذوالفقار 24 ووٹوں کی برتری سے جزل سیکرٹری منتخب ہو گئے، صدارت کیلئے چوہدری محمود الحسن کاناواں نے 79 اور محمد زاہد نواز کھچی نے 60، نائب صدر کیلئے رائے محمد جہانگیر کھل نے 75 اور حسن جاوید چٹھہ نے 62، جزل سیکرٹری کیلئے چوہدری عرفات ذوالفقار نے 78 اور علی حیدر چٹھہ نے 54، جوائنٹ سیکرٹری کیلئے رانا لقمان حنیف نے 73 اور فیروز خان نے 63 ووٹ حاصل کئے، آڈیٹر طالب حسین سلیمی، فنانس سیکرٹری کیلئے اوصاف سعید دالہ اور لاہری سیکرٹری کیلئے فیخر النساء بلا مقابلہ کامیاب ہو گئیں۔ نوشہرہ ورکاں سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تحصیل بار کونسل نوشہرہ ورکاں کے سالانہ انتخابات میں پروفیشنلز لائز گروپ نے 4 اور رہبر لائز گروپ نے 3 نشستیں جیت لیں۔ نو منتخب صدر غلام تقی بریار نے 70، اصغر محمود وڑائچ نے 64، جزل سیکرٹری اسرار احمد سیکھو نے 72، جوائنٹ سیکرٹری میاں عبدالحمید نے 70 فنانس سیکرٹری خالد فاروق ورک نے 58، لاہری سیکرٹری عاتف ریاض نے 69 اور آڈیٹر ابوزر مہدی نے 74 ووٹ حاصل کئے۔ فیروزوالہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بار ایسوسی ایشن تحصیل فیروزوالہ کے سالانہ انتخابات میں وفاقی وزیر رانا تنویر حسین گروپ کے حمایت یافتہ صدر کے امیدوار چوہدری افضل احمد کا پورا پیٹیل کامیاب ہو گیا۔ جیتنے والوں میں صدر چوہدری افضل احمد 561 ووٹ، جزل سیکرٹری کاشف علی ڈھڑر 525 ووٹ نائب صدر شہانہ مقبول شیخ 606 ووٹ جوائنٹ سیکرٹری رانا مدثر 574 ووٹ فنانس سیکرٹری ایم ناصر خان 552 ووٹ، سیکرٹری لاہری رانا عابد بھٹی 590 ووٹ لے کر کامیاب ہو گئے۔

پنڈی بھٹیاں سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تحصیل بار ایسوسی ایشن پنڈی بھٹیاں کے سالانہ انتخابات میں وکلاء کے دو بڑے گروپوں اتحاد اور افغان کے درمیان

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

ملک بھر کے مختلف شہروں میں آج سے 3 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے۔ خیبر ایجنسی میں انسداد پولیو مہم کو 23 جنوری تک ملتوی کر دیا گیا ہے جبکہ کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے 15 اضلاع میں مہم بر فباری اور موسم کی صورتحال کے پیش نظر ملتوی کر دی گئی ہے، انسداد پولیو مہم آئندہ ہفتے سے شروع ہوگی۔ کراچی سمیت سندھ میں بھی تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم کا آغاز ہو گیا ہے۔ پنجاب میں حافظ آباد، ملتان، فیصل آباد، گجرات، سمیت مختلف شہروں میں 5 سال سے کم عمر بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جا رہے ہیں۔ خیبر پختونخوا کے ضلع صوابی میں چار روزہ جبکہ چارسدہ میں تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم جاری ہے، مہم کے دوران موٹر سائیکل کی ڈبل سواری اور اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی لگائی گئی ہے۔ ملک کے قبائلی علاقہ جات میں آج سے تین روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم کا آغاز کیا گیا ہے، خیبر ایجنسی میں گزشتہ مہم کے دوران سات بچوں کی مبینہ اموات کے باعث آج سے شروع ہونے والی مہم 23 جنوری تک ملتوی کر دی گئی ہے۔

لاہور میں کہیں ملکی تو کہیں تیز بارش کے بعد سردی بڑھ گئی۔ 80 سے زائد فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے۔ کئی علاقوں میں رات بھر سے بجلی غائب رہی، شہری رات بھر بجلی کا انتظار کرتے رہے۔ لاہور میں سخت سردی کے ساتھ بارش کے بعد لیسکو کی ناقص کارکردگی نے لاہوریوں کی مشکلات بڑھا دیں۔ بارش کے بعد 80 فیڈر ٹرپ اور شہر کے کئی علاقے بجلی سے محروم ہو گئے۔ لیسکو نے ستر فیصد سے زائد کی بحالی کا دعویٰ کیا لیکن کئی علاقے ابھی تک بجلی سے محروم ہیں۔ بارش کا سلسلہ رات کے آخری پہرہ ختم گیا لیکن بارش کے دوران متاثر ہونے والے بجلی کے اسی فیڈر میں سے کئی بحال نہ ہو سکے۔ لیسکو کا کہنا ہے کہ بحالی کا کام جاری ہے اور ستر فیصد فیڈر بحال کر دیے گئے۔ لاہور میں بجلی کے قتل سے سب سے زیادہ متاثر ہونے والے علاقوں میں ہرنس پورہ، مغلیہ پورہ، صدر، جوہر ٹاؤن، علامہ اقبال ٹاؤن کے چھ بلاک اور گلبرک کے کچھ علاقے شامل تھے۔

قومی احتساب بیورو نے محکمہ صحت خیبر پختونخوا میں وسائل کے غلط استعمال اور کوتاہیوں کی نشاندہی کی ہے اور محکمے کی کارکردگی بہتر بنانے کے لئے مختلف کمیٹیوں کی تجاویز پر مبنی سفارشات تیار کر کے صوبائی حکومت کو بھیجی ہیں۔ محکمہ صحت خیبر پختونخوا کی کارکردگی بہتر بنانے کے لئے نیب خیبر پختونخوا نے سفارشات مرتب کی ہیں۔ نیب اور محکمہ صحت کی کمیٹیوں کی مشاورت سے نیب رولز کے سیکشن 33 سی کے تحت مرتب کردہ سفارشات صوبائی حکومت کو بھیجی گئی ہیں۔ چیونیز کو ملنے والی دستاویزات کے مطابق محکمہ صحت میں وسائل کے غلط استعمال اور ملازمین کے پرسنل فائلز غائب ہونے سمیت بہت سی کوتاہیاں سامنے آئی ہیں۔ قومی احتساب بیورو نے محکمہ صحت میں ہیومن ریسورس مینجمنٹ سسٹم کی ضرورت پر زور دیا ہے اور طبی عملے کے خلاف شکایات کے لئے آن لائن نظام متعارف کرانے، ڈاکٹروں کی معائنہ فیس، ٹیسٹ اور دیگر سہولیات کے ریٹ مقرر کرنے اور تمام نجی و سرکاری اسپتالوں کے مریضوں کے مکمل آن لائن میڈیکل ریکارڈ کو یقینی بنانے کی سفارش کی ہے۔ نیب نے یہ تجویز بھی دی ہے کہ ملازمین کا سروس اسٹرکچر اور جاب ڈسکرپشن واضح ہونا چاہیے۔ تمام نجی طبی مراکز اور کلینکس کو ہیلتھ کیئر کمیشن کے ساتھ رجسٹرڈ کرایا جانے اور تمام لوگوں کو ہیلتھ انشورنس کارڈ فراہم کئے جائیں۔

لاہور / گوجرانوالہ / شیخوپورہ / قصور / ننکانہ (اپنے نامہ نگار سے + نمائندہ خصوصی + نامہ نگاران) ایشیا کی سب سے بڑی لاہور بار ایسوسی ایشن کے سالانہ انتخابات کے سلسلے میں ہونے والے پہلے بائیومیٹرک ”دنگل“ کا تجربہ بری طرح ناکام ہو گیا۔ گزشتہ روز پولنگ مقررہ وقت 9 بجے کی بجائے 10 بجے ایک گھنٹے کی تاخیر سے شروع ہوئی اور ابھی سووٹ بھی کاسٹ نہیں ہوئے تھے کہ بائیومیٹرک سسٹم فیل ہو گیا اور پولنگ روک دی گئی۔ پولنگ ملتوی ہونے کے اعلان کے ساتھ ہی ووٹرز نے الیکشن بورڈ کی خلاف ورزی شروع کر دی۔ وکلاء کی کثیر تعداد نے الیکشن بورڈ کی خلاف ورزی کے خلاف سخت نعرے بازی کی اور شدید تنقید کا نشانہ بنایا اور ٹینٹ اکھاڑ دیئے۔ سردی کی شدت کے باعث ووٹرز کی بہت کم تعداد سیشن کورٹ میں موجود تھی۔ دس بجے پولنگ شروع ہوئی تو سیکرٹریٹ گیٹ سے سیشن کورٹ تک امیدواروں کے سپورٹرز کثیر تعداد میں ہاتھوں میں سنگرز پکڑے لمبی قطاروں میں کھڑے تھے لیکن ووٹرز بہت کم تھے۔ پولنگ کا آغاز ہونے کے تقریباً 25 منٹ بعد ہی پولنگ روک دی گئی اور پولنگ ملتوی کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا گیا۔ سیشن کورٹ کی عمارت میں منعقد ہونے والے انتخابات کے سلسلے میں بڑا پر تکلف انتظام کیا گیا۔ سیشن کورٹ کے بیرون گیٹ سے لیکر سیشن کورٹ کے قریب پولنگ ہاتھ تک گتے کی عارضی گلیاں بنائی گئی تھیں۔ واک تھر ویٹ اور گلیوں کے دونوں طرف آئینی ریلنگ لگائی گئی۔ سیورٹی کا بھی سخت انتظام تھا لیکن سارا انتظام دھڑے کا دھرا رہ گیا۔ پولنگ اب 21 جنوری بروز ہفتہ ہوگی۔ گوجرانوالہ سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق گوجرانوالہ ڈسٹرکٹ بار کے سالانہ انتخابات میں نصر اللہ گل 780

ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں انسداد پولیو مہم کا آغاز

چیو اردو

16 جنوری 2017

لاہور: بارش کے بعد 80 فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے، بجلی غائب، صارفین کو مشکلات کا سامنا

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

16 جنوری 2017

محکمہ صحت خیبر پختونخوا میں وسائل کے غلط استعمال کی نشاندہی

چیو اردو

15 جنوری 2017

لاہور بار کے الیکشن بائیومیٹرک سسٹم کی ناکامی پر 21 جنوری تک ملتوی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

15 جنوری 2017

سوشل میڈیا پر بھی آواز اٹھاتے رہے ہیں جبکہ باقی تین سوشل میڈیا کارکنان بھی اپنے فوج مخالف نظریات کی وجہ سے جانے جاتے ہیں۔ شہریوں کے لاپتہ ہونے کے واقعات پاکستان میں ان سبب سے نہیں۔ اس سے پہلے بلوچستان میں لاپتہ ہونے والے افراد کے معاملے پر سپریم کورٹ ملک کے خفیہ اداروں پر تنقید کر چکی ہے۔ مگر یہ پہلا موقع ہے کہ سوشل میڈیا پر متحرک رہنے والے کارکنان غائب ہو رہے ہیں جنہیں حکومت تاحال بازیاب نہیں کروا سکی۔

کراچی: شہر قائد میں نامعلوم افراد کی جانب سے تھانے پر دستی بم حملے اور ٹریفک پولیس اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں ایک شخص جاں بحق جب کہ 2 اہلکار زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے نار تھ ناظم آباد میں تیوریہ تھانے پر موٹر سائیکل پر سوار نامعلوم افراد نے دستی بم سے حملہ کیا جس کے نتیجے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار زخمی جب کہ فائو اسٹار چورنگی پر ملزمان کی فائرنگ سے ٹریفک پولیس اہلکار اور راگیر زخمی ہو گیا جنہیں اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا جہاں راگیر زخموں کی تاب نہ لا کر جاں بحق ہو گیا۔ ڈی آئی جی کراچی ڈو الفقدار لاڑ کا کہنا ہے کہ موٹر سائیکل پر سوار 2 افراد نے تھانے کی دیوار پر کرکیر پھینکا جب کہ ملزمان نے فائو اسٹار چورنگی پر ٹریفک اہلکاروں پر بھی فائرنگ کی تاہم اہلکاروں کی جوابی فائرنگ سے ملزمان فرار ہو گئے۔ موٹر سائیکل پر سوار ملزمان میں سے ایک نے ہیلمٹ اور دوسرے نے رومال پھینکا تھا تاہم علاقے کی ناکہ بندی کر کے ملزمان کی تلاش شروع کر دی گئی ہے۔ دوسری جانب آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ نے تھانے پر کرکیر حملہ اور ٹریفک اہلکاروں پر فائرنگ کے واقعے کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے جب کہ آئی جی سندھ نے ہدایات جاری کیں ہیں کہ تفتیش کو انتہائی مربوط اور موثر بنایا جائے۔

راولپنڈی: آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے کابل اور قندھار میں دہشت گرد حملوں کی شدید مذمت کرتے ہوئے اس میں قیمتی جانی نقصان پر افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے گزشتہ روز کابل اور قندھار میں دہشت گرد حملوں کی شدید مذمت کی اور دہشت گردوں حملوں میں قیمتی جانی نقصان پر افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاک فوج دہشت گردی کے خلاف افغان عوام اور فورسز کے ساتھ ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ روز افغان پارلیمنٹ کے قریب خود کش حملے اور قندھار میں دھماکوں کے نتیجے میں 39 افراد ہلاک اور متعدد عرب امارات کے سفیر سمیت 100 سے زائد زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔

کراچی: آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ نے پولیس افسران کو اسٹریٹ کرائمز کے انسداد اور خاتمے کے لیے تمام تر سنجیدہ اقدامات کو یقینی بنانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ آئی جی سندھ اے ڈی خواجہ کی صدارت میں سینٹرل پولیس آفس کراچی میں انسداد اسٹریٹ کرائمز کے حوالے سے اعلیٰ سطح کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی مشتاق مہر، سی پی ایل سی کے چیف زبیر حبیب، تینوں زول ڈی آئی جی سمیت دیگر اعلیٰ پولیس افسران نے شرکت کی۔ آئی جی سندھ نے اجلاس میں شریک پولیس افسران کو احکامات دیئے کہ اسٹریٹ کرائمز کے انسداد اور خاتمے کے لیے تمام تر سنجیدہ اقدامات کو یقینی بنایا جائے۔ آئی جی سندھ نے ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی کو ہدایات دیں کہ ایس آئی یو کو انسداد اسٹریٹ کرائمز کا خصوصی ٹاسک دیتے ہوئے اس ضمن میں ایس ایس پی ایس آئی یو فاروق اعوان کو فوکل پرسن نامزد کرنے کا باقاعدہ اعلامیہ جاری کیا جائے تاکہ سی پی ایل سی سے مربوط روابط کے تحت اسٹریٹ کرائمز کی روک تھام اور ملوث ملزمان کے خلاف تمام تر کارروائیوں کو انتہائی ٹھوس اور منظم بنایا جاسکے۔ اے ڈی خواجہ نے ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی اور سی پی ایل سی چیف کو بھی ہدایات دیں کہ چوری اور چھینے گئے موبائل فونز کو ہلاک کرنے کے حوالے سے ایسا سافٹ ویئر تیار کرنے کے اقدامات کیے جائیں جو ایسے تمام موبائل فونز کے آئی ایم ای آئی نمبرز ہفتہ وار بنیاد پر ناصرف رن کرے بلکہ رپورٹ بھی اس حوالے سے جزیئر کرے، انہوں نے اے آئی جی آپریشنز سندھ کو ہدایات دیں کہ مذکورہ سافٹ ویئر کی تیاری کے سلسلے میں پی ٹی اے، موبائل فونز کمپنیز، اے این ایف، قانون نافذ کرنے والے دیگر اداروں سمیت دیگر تمام اسٹیک ہولڈرز پر مشتمل اجلاس فوری طور پر طلب کیا جائے۔

کراچی میں ٹریفک پولیس پر فائرنگ اور تھانے پر کرکیر حملہ، ایک شخص جاں بحق

ایکسپریس نیوز

12 جنوری 2017

پاک فوج دہشت گردی کے خلاف افغان عوام اور فورسز کے ساتھ ہے، آرمی چیف

ایکسپریس نیوز

11 جنوری 2017

اسٹریٹ کرائمز کے خاتمے کیلئے سنجیدہ اقدامات کیے جائیں، آئی جی سندھ

ایکسپریس نیوز

10 جنوری 2017

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مکانی کرنے والے بیشتر افراد کی واپسی ہو چکی ہے لیکن اب بھی کوئی ساٹھ ہزار سے زیادہ خاندان دیگر علاقوں میں خیموں یا کرائے کے مکانات میں رہائش پزیر ہیں۔ شمالی وزیرستان انجینسری سے تعلق رکھنے والے طلباء اور نوجوانوں نے جمعے کو پشاور پریس کلب سے ریلی نکالی اور گورنر ہاؤس تک جانے کی کوشش کی لیکن انھیں گورنر ہاؤس تک نہیں جانے دیا گیا۔ ان نوجوانوں کا کہنا تھا کہ متاثرین کو ہر ماہ بارہ ہزار روپے امدادی رقم دی جاتی ہے لیکن اب چار ماہ سے انھیں یہ رقم ادا نہیں کی گئی۔ اس احتجاجی مظاہرے کی قیادت اسد اللہ کر رہے تھے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ متاثرین کی زندگی گزارنا ایک عذاب سے کم نہیں ہے اور اس میں حکومت کی جانب سے فراہم کی جانے والی رقم میں تاخیر سے متاثرین کی مشکلات بڑھ جاتی ہیں۔ اسد اللہ نے کہا کہ وزیراعظم نے ان متاثرین کے لیے پچیس ہزار روپے کے رمضان پیکیج کا اعلان کیا تھا جسے ایف ڈی ایم اے کے حکام نے ان کی دواہ کی قسطوں میں برابر کر دیا ہے حالانکہ رمضان پیکیج معمول کی ماہانہ رقم سے علیحدہ تھا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ایف ڈی ایم اے کی جانب سے تاخیری حربے استعمال کیے جا رہے ہیں اور انھیں نہیں معلوم کہ حکام ایسا کیوں کر رہے ہیں۔ اس بارے میں قبائلی علاقوں میں قدرتی آفات سے نمٹنے کے ادارے ایف ڈی ایم اے کی ڈائریکٹر جنرل خالد خان سے پوچھا تو ان کا کہنا تھا کہ نومبر اور دسمبر کی قسط وفاقی فنانس ڈویژن نے ابھی جاری نہیں کیں اور جیسے ہی رقم انھیں فراہم کی جائے گی وہ متاثرین تک پہنچا دیں گے۔ دوسری جانب بیشتر علاقوں میں جہاں متاثرین کی واپسی ہو چکی ہے ان علاقوں سے تعلق رکھنے والے ایسے افراد جنھوں نے واپسی کے لیے اپنے آپ کو رجسٹرڈ نہیں کرایا انھیں کہا گیا ہے کہ وہ فوری طور پر ایف ڈی ایم اے کے حکام سے رابطہ کریں ورنہ ان کی متاثرین یا آئی ڈی بی کی حیثیت ختم کر دی جائے گی۔ ایسی اطلاعات بھی ہیں کہ حکومت ان متاثرین کی اپنے علاقوں کو واپسی کے لیے کوششیں کر رہی ہے اور حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ اس سال جون تک تمام متاثرین اپنے علاقوں کو واپس چلے جائیں گے۔ شمالی وزیرستان میں فوجی آپریشن ضرب عضب جون سال دو ہزار چودہ میں شروع کیا گیا تھا جس سے کوئی دس لاکھ افراد نقل مکانی پر مجبور ہوئے تھے۔ ان متاثرین کو حکومت کی جانب سے نقل رقم، خوراک کا راشن، روزانہ استعمال کی اشیاء اور آنے جانے کے اخراجات دیے جاتے تھے۔ اس کے علاوہ جن لوگوں کے مکانات مکمل تباہ ہوئے یا انھیں جزوی نقصان پہنچا ہے انھیں بھی رقم دینے کے وعدے کیے گئے ہیں لیکن متاثرین کے مطابق یہ رقم آٹے میں نمک کے برابر ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے سرحدی شہر چمن میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد کے حملے میں ایک پولیس اہلکار سمیت دو افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ ضلع ڈیرہ بگٹی میں ایک تعمیراتی کمپنی پر حملہ کیا گیا۔ چمن ایک سینئر پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ پولیس اہلکار سمیت دو افراد کی ہلاکت کا واقعہ جمعرات کی شب محمود آباد کے علاقے میں پیش آیا۔ اہلکار کے مطابق اس حملے میں مسلح افراد نے پولیس اہلکاروں پر حملہ کیا۔ اس حملے میں ایک ہیڈ کانسٹیبل سمیت دو افراد ہلاک جبکہ ایک پولیس اہلکار زخمی ہوا۔ ہلاک ہونے والے دوسرا شخص راگبیر بتایا جاتا ہے۔ پولیس اہلکار نے بتایا کہ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں ایک حملہ آور کو زخمی حالت میں گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ تاحال اس حملے کے محرکات معلوم نہیں ہو سکے ہیں۔ ادھر ضلع ڈیرہ بگٹی میں نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے ایک تعمیراتی کمپنی پر حملہ کیا ہے۔ ڈیرہ بگٹی میں انتظامیہ کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ یہ حملہ پٹوئ کے علاقے میں کیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق اس علاقے میں ایک تعمیراتی کمپنی سڑک کی تعمیر میں مصروف ہے۔ ذرائع نے بتایا کہ نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے کمپنی کی مشینری اور اہلکاروں پر بھاری ہتھیاروں سے حملہ کیا جس کے باعث اس علاقے میں زوردار دھماکوں کی آوازیں سنائی دیں۔ ذرائع کے مطابق فوری طور پر اس حملے میں کسی جانی اور مالی نقصان کی اطلاع موصول نہیں ہوئی۔ ڈیرہ بگٹی کا شمار بلوچستان کے ان علاقوں میں ہوتا ہے جو کہ شورش سے متاثر ہیں۔ اس علاقے میں پہلے بھی اس طرح کے حملے ہوتے رہے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے قومی کمیشن برائے انسانی حقوق نے پانچ لاپتہ سماجی اور سوشل میڈیا کے کارکنان کی گمشدگی کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے وزارت داخلہ سے جواب طلب کر لیا ہے۔ کمیشن نے اس سلسلے میں تحقیقات شروع کر دی ہیں اور تحقیقات کی روشنی میں حقائق پیش کرنے کے لیے اگلے چند دنوں میں اجلاس طلب کیا جا رہا ہے۔ خیال رہے کہ چار سماجی اور سوشل میڈیا کارکنان سلمان حیدر، عاصم سعید، وقاص گوریہ، اور احمد رضا کی گمشدگی کے بعد اب ایک اور سماجی کارکن شمر عباس لاپتہ ہو گئے ہیں۔ اس سلسلے میں کمیشن کے سربراہ چوہدری محمد شفیق نے جمعرات کو اسلام آباد میں لاپتہ کارکنان کے اہل خانہ سے رابطہ کیا۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ وہ تمام خاندانوں سے لاپتہ ہونے والے افراد کی تفصیلات کی روشنی میں رپورٹ تیار کر رہے ہیں۔ جس کے بعد اگلے چند دنوں میں ہونے والے کمیشن کے اجلاس میں اس معاملے کو اٹھایا جائے گا۔ وہ یہ رپورٹ سینٹ کی کمیٹی برائے انسانی حقوق میں بھی پیش کریں گے۔ انسانی حقوق کمیشن نے لاپتہ افراد کے اہل خانہ کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ وہ سوشل میڈیا پر اپنے عزیزوں کے خلاف چلائی جانے والی مہم کی شکایت کمیشن سے کریں تاکہ متعلقہ اداروں کو تحقیق کے بعد کارروائی کرنے کا حکم دیا جاسکے۔ سلمان حیدر، وقاص گوریہ اور عاصم سعید کے اہل خانہ نے ان کی گمشدگی کے خلاف ایف آئی آر درج کرادی ہے جبکہ شمر عباس کے اہل خانہ کو کمیشن نے یقین دلایا ہے کہ وہ ایف آئی آر درج کرانے میں ان کی بھرپور مدد کرے گا۔ اس سلسلے میں کمیشن کے سربراہ چوہدری محمد شفیق نے شمر عباس کے بھائی اشعر عباس سے کہا کہ وہ کل صبح کمیشن سے رابطہ کریں۔ بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے شمر عباس کا کہنا تھا کہ میرے بھائی مذہب سے بالاتر ہو کر اقلیتوں کے حقوق کے لیے آواز اٹھاتے تھے۔ وہ پاکستان کے مخالف نہیں مگر تمام شہریوں کے ساتھ برابری کا سلوک کرنے کا مطالبہ کرتے رہے ہیں۔ وہ اسلام آباد کام کے سلسلے میں آئے تھے اور اب تک ہمارا ان سے رابطہ نہیں ہو پایا۔ لاپتہ ہونے والے سلمان حیدر ایک شاعر، مصنف اور استاد ہیں۔ وہ بلوچستان میں غیر قانونی گمشدگی کے خلاف

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شخص گنتی سے محروم نہ رہ جائے اور باہر کا کوئی شخص بھی گنتی میں شامل نہ ہو سکے۔

پشاور: پاک فوج اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی جانب سے مختلف علاقوں میں کومنگ آپریشن کیا گیا جس میں 58 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کی جانب سے جاری بیان کے مطابق پشاور میں پاک فوج اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کی جانب سے شاہین ٹاؤن، ورسک روڈ، دالازک، پکا غلام میں کومنگ آپریشن کیا گیا، مشترکہ کومنگ آپریشن میں 5 افغان باشندوں سمیت 58 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا جب کہ ملزمان سے بڑی مقدار میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود اور مٹیاں برآمد کی گئی۔

ہیومن رائٹس کمیشن آف پاکستان نے گزشتہ دنوں کئی بلاگرز کے لاپتہ ہونے کے بعد، سول سوسائٹی کے سرگرم کارکنوں میں عدم تحفظ کے احساس پر شدید تشویش کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے لاپتہ بلاگرز کی فوری بازیابی کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔ سنچر کو جاری ہونے والے ایک بیان میں ایچ آر سی پی کا کہنا تھا کہ 'حکام یقیناً چار بلاگرز کے لاپتہ ہونے کے بعد پیدا ہونے والے عدم تحفظ کے ماحول سے آگاہ ہیں۔' بے چینی صرف چار بلاگرز کے لاپتہ ہونے کے بعد نہیں بلکہ ان بلاگرز کے خلاف آن لائن غلط ہم سے بھی پھیل رہی ہے۔ 'ایچ آر سی پی کا کہنا تھا کہ جنہوں نے بھی یہ کام کیا ہے، انہوں نے پاکستان کی کوئی خدمت نہیں کی بلکہ پاکستان کے تشخص کو خراب کیا اور اب پاکستان کا شمار ایسے ملکوں میں ہونے لگا ہے جہاں سائبر سپیس میں اپنی رائے کا اظہار کرنے والے غیر محفوظ ہو گئے ہیں۔ تنظیم کا کہنا تھا کہ ریاست اور حکومت کو ان وجوہات پر غور کرنا چاہیے جس کے باعث ان بلاگرز کے لاپتہ ہونے پر سکیورٹی ایجنسیوں پر انگلیاں اٹھائی جا رہی ہیں۔ ایچ آر سی پی کے بقول لاپتہ ہونے والے بلاگرز نے اگر کچھ غلط کیا بھی ہے تو تب انہیں اس طرح اٹھانا غلط ہے اور اگر واقعی ایسا ہے تو قانون پر عمل کیا جائے اور عدالتوں کو ان کیسوں کی سماعت کا موقع ملنا چاہیے۔ بغیر کسی تاخیر کے ان بلاگرز کی بازیابی سب کے مفاد میں ہے۔ اور یہ بات بھی سمجھ لینی چاہیے کہ قومی مفاد اسی میں ہے کہ قانون کا احترام کیا جائے اور طریقہ کار پر عمل کیا جائے۔' ایچ آر سی پی نے حکومت سے بھی مطالبہ کیا کہ سول سوسائٹی کے سرگرم کارکنوں اور بلاگرز کو یقین دلائے کہ حکومت ان کے حقوق کی خلاف ورزی کو روکنے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہے اور انہیں ایسا پر امن ماحول فراہم کرنے کی بھی جس میں رائے کا اظہار ممکن ہو۔ خیال رہے کہ چار سماجی اور سوشل میڈیا کارکنان سلمان حیدر، عامر سعید، وقاص گورایہ، اور احمد رضا کی گمشدگی کے بعد اب ایک اور سماجی کارکن شرمین لاپتہ ہو گئے ہیں۔

خواتین کے حقوق کے حوالے سے قائم قومی کمیشن نے حکومت پاکستان کو تجویز دی ہے کہ پارلیمنٹ میں خواتین کے لیے مختص سیٹوں کی تعداد میں اضافہ کیا جائے۔ سنچر کو نیشنل کمیشن آن دی سیٹس آف ویمن نے یہ تجاویز پارلیمانی کمیٹی برائے انتخابی اصلاحات کو بھیجیں۔ کمیشن کی چیئر پرسن خاور ممتاز نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ انتخابی اصلاحات کے حوالے سے پارلیمانی کمیٹی نے اصلاحات کے لیے قانون کا دوسرا مسودہ شائع کیا ہے اور اس پر کمیشن سے تجاویز طلب کی ہیں۔ کمیشن کی سربراہ خاور ممتاز کی صدارت میں ہونے والے ایک اجلاس میں کمیشن کی کمیٹی برائے قانون اور پالیسی نے انتخابی اصلاحات کی پارلیمانی کمیٹی کی عبوری رپورٹ کا جائزہ لیا تھا۔ خاور ممتاز نے بتایا کہ تجاویز میں اس بات کو بھی شامل کیا گیا ہے کہ کسی بھی انتخاب کو جائز قرار دینے کے لیے ووٹروں کی تعداد میں دس فیصد خواتین کا ہونا لازمی کر دیا جائے۔ خاور ممتاز کے مطابق کمیشن نے سیاسی جماعتوں کے حوالے سے کہا ہے کہ ہر جماعت کو کم از کم دس فیصد مکثیں خواتین کو دینی چاہئیں اور اپنی ہر فیصلہ ساز کمیٹی میں 33 فیصد حصہ خواتین کے لیے مختص کرنا چاہیے۔ پارلیمان میں مختص سیٹوں پر آنے والے قانون سازوں کے حوالے سے ایک رائے یہ پائی جاتی ہے کہ ایسے اراکین کی اپنے حلقوں میں حقیقی یا چلی سطح پر مقبولیت انتہائی کم ہوتی ہے اور اسی لیے وہ اہم قانون ساز نہیں بن پاتے۔ اس حوالے سے سوال کے جواب میں خاور ممتاز کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ اس رائے سے کسی حد تک اتفاق کرتی ہیں تاہم کسی حد تک ان کی رائے اس کے برعکس ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ 'ان تمام اقدامات کا مقصد خواتین کو ملکی سیاست کے مرکزی دھارے میں لانا ہے اور تعداد میں اضافے سے اس عمل میں تیزی آئے گی۔' ان کا کہنا تھا کہ 'بہترین بات تو یہ ہو کہ خواتین کی سیٹوں پر اراکین انتخاب لڑ کر انہیں چنانچہ تجاویز میں یہ بات شامل ہے کہ خواتین کی سیٹوں پر براہ راست انتخاب کروانے کے طریقہ کار پر بھی غور کیا جائے۔' خاور ممتاز نے بتایا کہ کمیشن کی تجاویز میں یہ بھی شامل ہے کہ قومی اسمبلی کے ایک حلقے سے ریزرو سیٹ پر ایک ہی خاتون آئے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ 'اس شرط کی وجہ سے ملک کے وسیع تر حصے کی خواتین کی ملکی سیاست کے مرکزی دھارے میں شمولیت ممکن ہو سکے گی۔' مختص سیٹوں کے حوالے سے پاکستان میں ماضی میں ایک رجحان یہ بھی دیکھا گیا ہے کہ ریزرو سیٹوں پر سیاسی جماعت کے سربراہ یا بااثر افراد کے خاندان کے لوگوں کو پارلیمنٹ کا رکن بنادیا جاتا ہے۔ مختص سیٹیں بڑھانے سے کیا اس رجحان میں اضافہ نہیں ہوگا؟ اس کے جواب میں خاور ممتاز نے کہا کہ 'موروثی سیاست پاکستان کا ایک بڑا مسئلہ ہے اور یہ خواتین ہی نہیں بلکہ مردوں کے لیے بھی اتنی ہی ہوتی ہے۔' موروثی سیاست کے پیچھے تو اہر ہوت ہے چیزیں ہیں۔' یاد رہے کہ پاکستان کی قومی اسمبلی کی 342 نشستوں میں سے فی الحال 60 خواتین کے لیے مختص ہیں جبکہ پاکستان کی آبادی کا تقریباً 48.6 فیصد حصہ خواتین کا ہے۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے شمالی وزیرستان ایجنسی کے نوجوانوں نے فائناڈیز اسٹر منجمنٹ اتھارٹی کی جانب سے متاثرین کو فراہم کی جانے والی رقم کی فراہمی میں تاخیر کے خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا ہے اور کہا ہے کہ انہیں یہ رقم فوری طور پر جاری کی جائے۔ فوجی آپریشنز کے نتیجے میں اپنے علاقوں سے نکل

پشاور میں سکیورٹی فورسز کا کومنگ

آپریشن، 58 مشتبہ افراد گرفتار

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لاپتہ بلاگرز کی فوری بازیابی قومی مفاد

میں ہے، ایچ آر سی پی

بی بی سی اردو

14 جنوری 2017

قومی اسمبلی میں خواتین کے لیے مختص

سیٹیں بڑھانے کی تجویز

بی بی سی اردو

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رقم کی ادائیگی میں تاخیر، فائناڈیز

کا احتجاج

سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

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**پی ٹی آئی فنڈنگ کیس؛ عمران خان نے
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لی

ایکپریس نیوز

16 جنوری 2017

اسلام آباد: پاکستان تحریک انصاف کے چیئر مین عمران خان نے پارٹی فنڈنگ کیس میں الیکشن کمیشن میں جمع کرائے گئے اپنے بیان پر غیر مشروط معافی مانگ لی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن میں پی ٹی آئی پارٹی فنڈ کیس کی سماعت ہوئی جس میں الیکشن کمیشن نے پی ٹی آئی کی جانب سے جمع کرائے گئے جواب پر سخت برہمی کا اظہار کیا، پی ٹی آئی کی جانب سے 9 جنوری کو الیکشن کمیشن میں جواب جمع کرایا گیا تھا جس میں الیکشن کمیشن کو متعصب قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا گیا تھا کہ اسلام آباد ہائی کورٹ نے اس کیس پر حکم امتناعی دے رکھا ہے لیکن الیکشن کمیشن اس کے باوجود اس کیس کی سماعت کر رہا ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن میں سماعت کے موقع پر چیف الیکشن کمشنر تحریک انصاف کے وکیل پر برہم ہو گئے اور کہا کہ 2 سال سے کیس التواء کا شکار ہے تاہم ہم کس سے تعصب کر رہے ہیں، کیا آپ ہمارے ساتھ کھیل کھیل رہے ہیں، اس سے زیادہ کیا بد تمیزی ہو سکتی ہے۔ چیف الیکشن کمشنر سردار رضوان نے تحریک انصاف کے وکیل سے مکالمہ کرتے ہوئے کہا ہمارا سیاست سے کوئی تعلق نہیں، ہم اس پر لعنت بھیجتے ہیں لیکن خبر دار کرتے ہیں کہ ہمارے ساتھ سیاست سیاست نہ کھیلیں۔ ممبر الیکشن کمیشن ارشد قیصر کا کہنا تھا کہ یہ الیکشن کمیشن کے ساتھ مذاق ہے، جس کی مرضی آتی ہے یہاں بولنا شروع کر دیتا ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے برہم ہونے پر تحریک انصاف کے وکیل نے معذرت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم 9 جنوری کو جمع کرایا گیا اپنا جواب واپس لیتے ہیں تاہم الیکشن کمیشن نے تحریری معافی نامہ جمع کرنے کا حکم دیتے ہوئے سماعت 24 جنوری تک ملتوی کر دی۔ دوسری جانب تحریک انصاف کے وکیل نے تحریری معافی نامہ الیکشن کمیشن میں جمع کر دیا ہے جس میں چیئر مین تحریک انصاف عمران خان نے غیر مشروط معافی مانگی ہے۔ معافی نامے کے متن میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پی ٹی آئی نظر ثانی درخواست میں پیش کیا گیا بیان واپس لیتی ہے۔

حویلیاں طیارہ حادثہ؛ حملے کے ارکین

کی قبر کشائی کا فیصلہ

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اسلام آباد: حویلیاں میں حادثے کا شکار ہونے والے طیارے پی کے 661 کے عملے کو نشہ آور یا زہریلی اشیاء دینے جانے کے خدشے کے پیش نظر عملے کے تمام ارکین کی قبر کشائی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ ایکپریس نیوز کے مطابق حویلیاں میں حادثے کا شکار ہونے والے طیارے کے عملے کے ارکان کی قبر کشائی کا فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے۔ وزارت کیڈ نے ہمزہ اسپتال کی انتظامیہ کے نام نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کیا ہے جس میں ہدایات جاری کی گئی ہیں کہ پھر انتظامیہ خاتون اور مرد میڈیکل لیگل افسران پر مشتمل میڈیکل بورڈ تشکیل دے۔ میڈیکل بورڈ حویلیاں طیارے حادثے کے عملے میں شامل 15 ارکان کی قبر کشائی کر کے ان کا پوسٹ مارٹم کریں تاکہ اس بات کا تعین کیا جاسکے کہ طیارے کے عملے کے ارکین کو کوئی نشہ آور یا زہریلی اشیاء تو نہیں دی گئیں۔ قبر کشائی کے لئے ضلعی انتظامیہ سے باقاعدہ اجازت لی جائے گی اور شہید پائلٹ کیپٹن صالح جنجوعہ اور ان کے معاون احمد جنجوعہ کی قبر کشائی کے بعد پوسٹ مارٹم رپورٹ تیار کیا جائے گی۔ واضح رہے کہ طیارہ چترال سے اسلام آباد آرہا تھا کہ حویلیاں کے قریب گر کر تباہ ہو گیا تھا جس میں عملے میں 5 ارکان سمیت 48 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے تھے، ان مسافروں میں معروف نعت خواں اور مبلغ جنید جمشید بھی شامل تھے۔

سندھ میں مردم شماری کا پہلا مرحلہ 15

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کراچی: ڈی جی نادرا نے بریفنگ کے دوران سندھ کی صوبائی کابینہ کو بتایا ہے کہ سندھ میں کراچی، حیدر آباد اور گھوٹکی سے مردم شماری کا پہلا مرحلہ 15 مارچ سے شروع ہو گا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت سندھ کابینہ کا اجلاس ہوا جس میں زکوٰۃ و عشر کی صوبائی سطح پر وصولی، دینی مدارس اور اطلاعات تک رسائی کے بل امن وامان کی صورتحال، ترقیاتی منصوبے اور رینجرز کے خصوصی اختیارات سے متعلق امور پر بھی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اجلاس کے دوران ڈی جی نادرا نے آئندہ مردم شماری سے متعلق اجلاس کو بریفنگ دی۔ ڈی جی نادرا نے بریفنگ کے دوران اجلاس کے شرکاء کو بتایا کہ سندھ میں مردم شماری مختلف مراحل میں ہو گی۔ مردم شماری کا پہلا مرحلہ 15 مارچ کو شروع ہو جائے گا جس میں کراچی، حیدر آباد اور گھوٹکی شامل ہیں جب کہ دوسرا مرحلہ 10 روز بعد شروع ہو گا۔ مردم شماری کے لیے ساڑھے 4 کروڑ فارم تیار کیے گئے ہیں اور ان فارم میں خصوصی بار کوڈ ہوں گے۔ مردم شماری کے فارم کو اسکین کرنے کے لیے خصوصی مشینیں لی گئی ہیں جو صرف بار کوڈ والے فارم کو شمار کرے گی، فوٹوکاپی والا فارم بھی مشین نہیں پڑھے گی۔ مردم شماری کے طریقہ کار کی وضاحت کرتے ہوئے ڈی جی نادرا نے مزید بتایا کہ مردم شماری کے لیے مقرر ہر شمار کنندہ کو اس کے علاقے کا نقشہ بھی دیا جائے گا، اس کے علاوہ اس کے ساتھ ایک سپاہی بھی ہو گا، جن گھروں میں ایک سے زائد خاندان ہیں انہیں الگ پکچر یا چوہے کی بنیاد پر گنتی کیا جائے گا، بغیر شناختی کارڈ والے شخص کو بھی مردم شماری میں شامل کیا جائے گا اور شناختی کارڈ کا نہ ہونا بھی ریکارڈ کا حصہ بنالیا جائے گا، صوبائی اور ضلعی سطح پر شکایات سیل بنائے جا رہے ہیں جہاں مردم شماری کی سرگرمیوں کا روزانہ کی بنیاد پر جائزہ ہو گا جب کہ 60 روز میں ابتدائی اعداد و شمار جاری کر دیے جائیں۔ اجلاس کے دوران منظور وسان نے تجویز دی کہ بوہری، گجراتی اور پارسی بھی مردم شماری فارم میں شامل ہونے چاہئیں کیونکہ یہ کمیونٹیز تقسیم ہند سے پہلے سے رہائش پذیر ہیں۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ مردم شماری کو قابل قبول، معتبر اور شفافیت یقینی بنائی جائے کیونکہ ہم چاہتے ہیں کہ کوئی بھی

سے بھوکے پیاسے ہیں، ایسولینس بھی ٹنل میں پھنسی ہوئی ہے۔ مسافروں میں خواتین، بچے اور بزرگ شامل ہیں۔ مسافروں نے اعلیٰ حکام سے فوری مدد کی اپیل کی ہے۔

اسلام آباد: (دنیا نیوز) ملک کے اکثر علاقوں میں بارش اور پہاڑوں پر بر فباری کا سلسلہ بدھ تک جاری رہے گا۔ کہیں ریم جم تو کہیں روٹی کے گالوں سے موسم پر مستی چھائی رہے گی۔ محکمہ موسمیات نے نوید سنائی ہے کہ بلوچستان میں اکثر جگہ سندھ میں چند مقامات پر جبکہ اسلام آباد، پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، فانا، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں کہیں کہیں گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش اور پہاڑوں پر بر فباری آئندہ اڑتالیس گھنٹے جاری رہے گی۔ لیکن بارش اور بر فباری کا سلسلہ پیر کو بھی مکمل طور پر ختم نہیں ہو گا بلکہ وقفے وقفے سے بدھ تک چلتا رہے گا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق، ہفتہ کے روز سب سے زیادہ سردی سکرو میں پڑی جہاں درجہ حرارت منفی 14 تک گر گیا۔ کالام منفی 10، گلگت، مگروٹ، استور منفی 07، قلات، پاراچنار، مالم جبہ منفی 06، راولا کوٹ منفی 05، کوئٹہ، چترال اور مری میں درجہ حرارت منفی 03 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

میدانوں میں بارش، پہاڑوں پر بر فباری کا
سلسلہ بدھ تک جاری رہے گا

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لینے کے لئے لیاری کا دورہ کیا اور عوام میں گھل مل گئے۔ میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ شہر کے میئر بھی فیلڈ میں ہیں اور کام کر رہے ہیں، میں نے میئر کراچی کو کہا ہے کہ ہمیں جوائن کریں۔

بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری سے ٹھنڈ بڑھ گئی، مزید برف باری کے علاقوں میں برف باری سے ٹھنڈ بڑھ گئی۔ مختلف شہروں میں بارش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ بڑی تعداد میں سیاح برف باری سے لطف اندوز ہونے کیلئے آزاد کشمیر پہنچ گئے۔ ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری کے بعد موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا ہے۔ پہاڑوں پر برف باری سے وادیاں خوبصورت منظر پیش کرنے لگیں۔ برف باری نے سڑکوں، مکان اور درختوں کو سفید چادر سے ڈھانپ دیا ہے۔ سیاح برف باری سے لطف اندوز ہونے کے لئے پہاڑی مقامات کا رخ کر رہے ہیں۔ کراچی میں موسم سرما کی بارش جمعہ کو شروع ہوئی ہفتہ کو بھی سلسلہ نہ ٹوٹا اور شام تک شہر میں ہلکی اور تیز بارش ہوتی رہی۔ پنی اے ایف بیس مسرور میں 52 ملی میٹر، فیصل میں 48، ناظم آباد 45، لاندھی 15.5، گلستان جوہر 29، ناتھ ناظم آباد 33، گلشن حدید 7، پونی روٹی 18.5، پنی اے ایف فیصل 53، ماڈل آبزر ویٹری 43، ایئر پورٹ 35 اور ناتھ کراچی میں 34 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ 18 کلو میٹر فی گھنٹہ کی رفتار سے چلنے والی ہواؤں نے سردی کی شدت کو بڑھا دیا ہے۔ سندھ کے بیشتر شہروں کی طرح حیدر آباد میں بھی سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا اور یونہی باندی کے بعد موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا۔ سکھر میں بھی ہلکی پھلکی بارش کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز سے جاری ایک طرف موسم خوشگوار ہے تو وہیں شہریوں کو بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کا عذاب بھی جھیلنا پڑا ہے۔ ٹھنڈے میں بارش سے خانہ بدوشوں کی مشکلات بڑھ گئی ہے۔ سخت سردی، جھوپڑیوں میں رہنے والوں کے لئے کڑا امتحان ہے۔ ادھر محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران بلوچستان کے اکثر اور سندھ کے چند مقامات جبکہ اسلام آباد، پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، فانا، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں کہیں کہیں گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری کا امکان ہے۔

بالائی علاقوں میں برف باری سے ٹھنڈ بڑھ گئی، مزید برف باری کا امکان

اردو ادب

15 جنوری 2016

کراچی: 24 گھنٹے بعد بھی سڑکوں سے بارش کا پانی نہیں نکالا جا سکا

دنیا نیوز

15 جنوری 2016

کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی میں 24 گھنٹے کے باوجود سڑکوں سے بارش کا پانی نکالا نہیں جا سکا، بیشتر سڑکوں پر پانی اب بھی موجود ہے، حکومتی دعوے دھرے کے دھرے رہ گئے، عملہ اور مشینری غائب ہے، بارش کی وجہ سے ٹرینوں کی آمد و رفت بھی متاثر ہوئی۔ کراچی میں بارش کے بعد سڑکوں کا برا حال ہو گیا۔ 24 گھنٹے گزرنے کے باوجود پانی نہیں نکالا جا سکا، گزشتہ روز ہونیوالی بارش کے بعد شہر قائد کی بیشتر سڑکوں پر پانی کھڑا ہے جس کی وجہ سے شہریوں کو مشکلات درپیش ہیں۔ حکومت نے پانی نکالنے کے دعوے تو بہت کئے مگر وہ دعوے دعوے ہی رہ گئے۔ اولڈ سٹی ایریا اور یونیورسٹی روڈ سمیت شہر کی بہت سی سڑکیں ایسی ہیں جہاں بارش کا پانی اب بھی جمع ہے جسے نکالنے کیلئے کوئی انتظامات نظر نہیں آ رہے۔ شہری گزشتہ روز سڑکوں پر پانی جمع ہونے کی وجہ سے رُلتے نظر آئے۔ بارش کی وجہ سے کراچی کینٹ سیشن پر ٹرینوں کی آمد و رفت بھی متاثر ہوئی، سکھر ایکسپریس ساڑھے چھ گھنٹے تاخیر سے روانہ ہوئی۔ مسافر شدید سردی میں ٹھہرتے رہے، کراچی میں بارش کی وجہ سے جہاں دیگر معمولات زندگی متاثر ہوئے وہیں کاروباری سرگرمیاں بھی متاثر ہوئیں۔

کراچی / گلگت (نیوز ایجنسیاں + خصوصی رپورٹر) کراچی میں سردی کی پہلی بارش سے موسم خوشگوار ہو گیا، کے الیکٹرک کے 100 سے زائد فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے، جس سے متعدد علاقے بجلی سے محروم ہو گئے، تار گرنے کے باعث کرنٹ لگنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق اور دو بے ہوش ہو گئے، موٹر سائیکلس سلب ہونے کے باعث متعدد افراد زخمی ہو گئے، نکاسی آب کے ناقص انتظامات کے باعث یونیورسٹی روڈ، شارع فیصل اور راشد مہنا س روڈ پر بدترین ٹریفک جام ہو گیا، ڈرائیور کی بارش سے شہر میں مختلف جگہ پانی جمع ہو گیا۔ کوریجی کورنگ کے باعث جمعہ بازار میں بجلی کا تار گر گیا جس سے ایک شخص کرنٹ لگنے سے موقع پر ہی دم توڑ گیا جبکہ دو بے ہوش ہو گئے جنہیں اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق کراچی میں آج بھی بارش ہونے کا امکان ہے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق وادی کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارش جبکہ پہاڑوں پر برف باری بھی شروع ہو گئی جس سے موسم سرد ہو گیا۔ کوئٹہ میں بارش ہوتے ہی بجلی کی آنکھ چمکی شروع ہو گئی اور شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں گیس پریشر بھی کم ہو گئے۔ کوئٹہ میں بھی بارش کے باعث 13 فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے۔ سردی کے باعث لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ علاوہ ازیں سردی بڑھنے سے گلگت بلتستان میں دریائے شیوک کا پانی جم گیا، منچلوں نے کھیل کا میدان بنالیا۔ راولپنڈی، اسلام آباد اور لاہور میں ٹھنڈ زوروں پر رہی۔ گلگت بلتستان، آزاد کشمیر، چترال میں موسم کی شدت کے باعث لوگ گھروں تک محدود ہو کر رہ گئے۔ خیلو میں پارہ منفی دس اور بالائی علاقوں میں منفی 15 رہا۔ راولپنڈی، اسلام آباد میں بادلوں کی سورج سے آنکھ چمکی جاری رہی۔ لاہور میں صبح دھند رہی، لوگ ٹھہرتے رہے جبکہ بلوچستان میں اکثر اور سندھ، فانا، مالاکنڈ، ڈی آئی خان اور ڈی جی خان ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری ہو سکتی ہے۔ بی بی سی کے مطابق چھ ماہ کی کشیدگی کے بعد کشمیر میں بھاری برف باری کے بعد عام لوگوں اور سیاحت سے وابستہ حلقوں میں امید کی کرن نظر آ رہی ہے۔ سطح سمندر سے 8700 فٹ کی بلندی پر واقع گلگت کا قصبہ سرینگر سے شمال کی جانب پچاس کلو میٹر کے فاصلے پر ہے۔ گزشتہ کئی برس سے جاڑے میں بہت کم برف باری ہوتی تھی لیکن اس سال جنوری میں ہی بھاری برف باری ہوئی جس نے بھارت اور دوسرے ملکوں سے سیاحوں کو کشمیر میں طرف راغب کر دیا۔ علاوہ ازیں چترال سے آنے والی سینکڑوں گاڑیاں لواری ٹنل میں پھنس گئیں۔ فوجی وی کے مطابق 1500 کے قریب گاڑیاں ٹنل کے اندر بلاک ہو کر رہ گئیں۔ ہزاروں مسافر گاڑیوں میں محصور اور رات سردی میں گزارنے پر مجبور ہو گئے۔ درجہ حرارت منفی 14 سینٹی گریڈ ہے اور برف باری کا بھی امکان ہے۔ ٹنل میں پھنسے مسافروں نے دہائی دی ہے کہ 15 گھنٹے

کراچی: سردی کی پہلی بارش، 100 فیڈر ٹرپ، کرنٹ لگنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق، چترال سے آنے والی سینکڑوں گاڑیاں لواری ٹنل میں پھنس گئیں

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لاہور/کراچی/کوئٹہ (نامہ نگاران + نیوز ایجنسیاں + نوائے وقت رپورٹ) کراچی سمیت ملک کے مختلف شہروں میں بارش اور پہاڑوں پر برف باری کے باعث سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ کراچی میں بارش کے دوران ہونے والے مختلف حادثات میں 18 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ خیبر ایجنسی کے علاقے لنڈی کوتل میں شدید سردی کے باعث 2 بچے جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ سردی بڑھنے سے گیس اور بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا جس کی وجہ سے شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ سرگودھا سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق پنجاب سے ہوائوں اور کہیں ہلکی اور کہیں تیز بارش نے لوگوں کو گھروں تک محدود کر کے رکھ دیا۔ کھانے پینے کیلئے لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد نے ہولوں کا رخ کر لیا۔ جھکڑے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق وقفے وقفے سے بارش کے باعث کاروبار زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گئی۔ گرم ملبوسات کا استعمال بھی بڑھ گیا۔ جھکڑے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق بازاروں میں گاہکوں کی آمد و رفت میں کافی کمی دیکھنے میں آئی جبکہ دوسری جانب ہسپتالوں میں مریضوں کی تعداد بڑھ گئی۔ کمالیہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ٹھنڈی ہوائیں چلنے سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہو گیا، بازاروں میں سنسنائی کا عالم رہا۔ ساہیوال، سرگودھا سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ٹھنڈی ہوا اور بوند باندی سے موسم سرد ہو گیا۔ سفید پوش لوگوں نے لنڈا بازاروں کی طرف رخ کر لیا۔ 24-24 گھنٹے گیس بند ہونے کے باعث لوگوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑ رہا ہے۔ چنیوٹ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق سردی میں اضافہ سے لوگ گھروں تک محدود ہو گئے۔ جھنگ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گیس کی بندش اور کم پریشر سے شہری پریشان ہیں۔

خواتین کو کھانا پکانے میں شدید مشکلات کا سامنا ہے جبکہ طلبہ و طالبات کو سکول و کالج اور ملازمت پیشہ اور کاروباری حضرات کو بغیر ناشتہ اپنے کام کاج پر جانا پڑتا ہے شہری میٹکے داموں ایل پی جی، لکڑیاں اور کوئلہ خریدنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ بھیرہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق حکومت کے دعوؤں کے باوجود بجلی اور گیس کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری ہے۔ سوئی گیس کا پریشر صبح چھ بجے سے رات نو بجے تک قریباً زیر و کر دیا جاتا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں موسم کی بجلی بر فباری ہو رہی ہے۔ طویل عرصے کے بعد کوئٹہ نے برف کی سفید چادر اوڑھی۔ بر فباری سے شہریوں کے چہرے خوشی سے کھل اٹھے ہیں اور انھوں نے برف سے لطف اندوز ہونے کے لیے تفریحی مقامات کا رخ کر لیا ہے۔ شہریوں کا کہنا تھا کہ بر فباری، بارش سے وادی کوئٹہ میں خشک سالی کا خاتمہ ہو گا۔ زیارت، قلات، پشین اور قلعہ عبداللہ میں بھی بر فباری ہوئی۔ کوڑک کی پہاڑی پر بر فباری کی وجہ سے ٹریفک کی روانی متاثر ہوئی۔ کراچی میں جمعہ کی رات اور ہفتے کو ہونے والی بارش کے باعث کاروبار زندگی متاثر ہوا ہے اور رات کو ایم اے جناح روڈ اور شاہراہ فیصل پر طویل ٹریفک جام رہا۔ سڑکوں پر آب پانی کھڑا ہے اور وقفے وقفے سے ہونے والی بارش کی وجہ سے بجلی کی فراہمی بھی معطل ہوئی ہے۔ آن لائن کے مطابق کراچی میں بارش کا سلسلہ ہفتے کے روز بھی جاری رہا۔ مختلف حادثات میں 6 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 16 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے قائد اعظم کی رہائش گاہ وزیر فٹن میں بھی پانی داخل ہو گیا بارش اور تیز ہواؤں کے باعث سردی کی شدت میں مزید اضافہ ہو گا۔ دوسری جانب میئر کراچی و سیم اختر نے کسی بھی ہنگامی صورت حال سے نمٹنے کے لئے بلدیہ کراچی کے تمام ملازمین کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کرتے ہوئے رین ایمر جنسی نافذ کر دی۔ گوجرانوالہ سے نمائندہ خصوصی کے مطابق سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ کے باعث بچوں سمیت شہری کھانسی، نزلہ، زکام جیسی بیماریوں میں مبتلا ہو گئے ڈاکٹر ز کے کلینکس پر مریضوں کا رش بڑھ گیا، کسٹن بچے، مرد اور خواتین کی بڑی تعداد موڈی وائرس کا شکار ہو چکے ہیں۔ جڑانوالہ سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گرد و نواح میں سارا دن ٹھنڈی ہوائیں چلتی رہیں گرم میواجات اور دیگر کھانے پینے کی اشیاء کی مانگ میں بھی اضافہ ہو گیا دکانداروں نے قیمتیں بڑھا دی ہیں۔

سجلوال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق الفضل ٹائون، المصطفیٰ ٹائون اور بلوچ کالونی کے رہائشیوں نے سجلوال میں سوئی گیس کی لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خلاف احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ دریں اثناء پاک فوج نے لواری ٹنل کو ٹریفک کیلئے بحال کر دیا۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق تمام مسافر اور چھوٹی گاڑیاں اپنی منزل کو روانہ ہو گئیں۔ کراچی میں بارش کے باعث نظام زندگی مفلوج ہو کر رہ گیا ہے، شہر قائد میں کے الیکٹرک کے 300 فیڈر ٹرپ کر جانے کے باعث کئی علاقوں میں گزشتہ روز سے ہی بجلی غائب رہی جبکہ دفاتر اور سکولوں میں بھی حاضری بہت کم رہی۔ لگھڑ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہوا ہے جس کے سبب لوگوں نے چائے، کافی اور تھوہ کا زیادہ مقدار میں استعمال کیا ڈرائی فروٹ کی مانگ میں بھی اضافہ دکھائی دیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق شہر میں آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں کے دوران گرج چمک کے ساتھ مزید بارش کا بھی امکان ہے جس سے سردی کی شدت میں بھی اضافہ ہو گا۔ و سیم اختر کا میڈیا سے بات کرتے ہوئے کہنا تھا کہ ہمارے پاس اختیارات کی کمی ہے جس کے باعث ہمیں کام کرنے میں شدید دشواری کا سامنا ہے۔ شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں ٹریفک حادثات اور کرٹ لگنے سے 17 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے اور 16 زخمی ہو گئے۔ علاوہ ازیں وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ نے کہا ہے کہ بارش کے بعد شہر کی صورتحال اطمینان بخش نہیں، حکومت کی پوری کوشش ہے کہ بارش زحمت نہ بنے۔ وزیر اعلیٰ نے شہر کی صورتحال کا جائزہ



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