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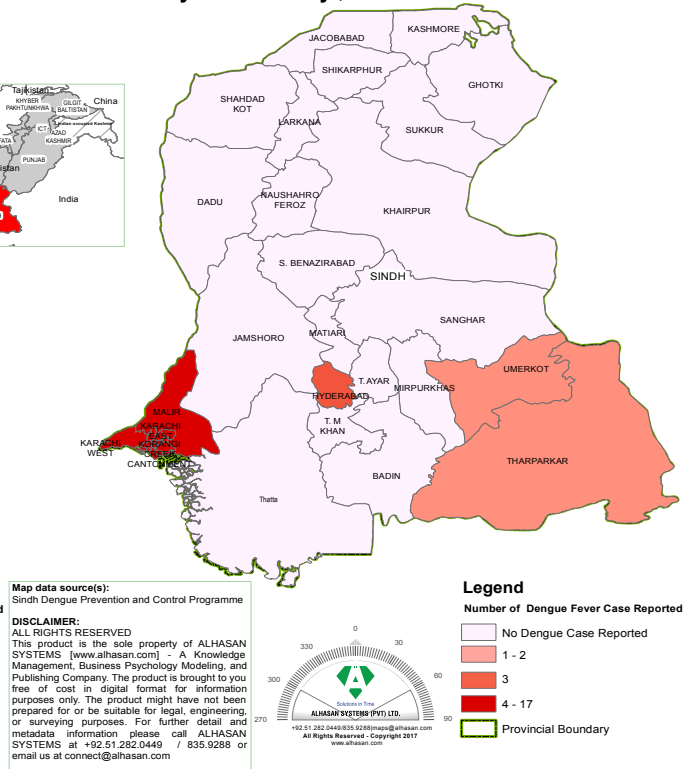
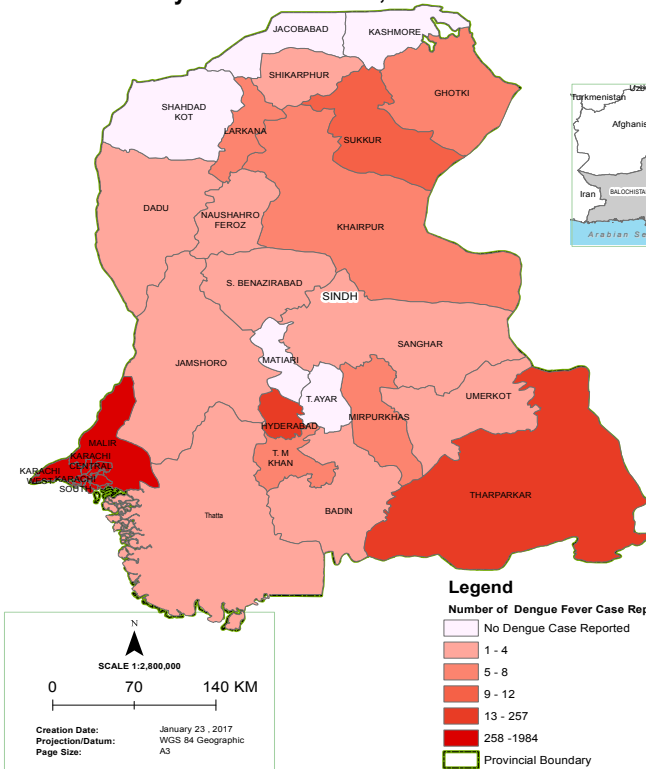
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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Fresh wave of cold hits Pakistan, rain expected in Karachi

Geo News, January 23, 2017

Replacing obsolete radars: Met Office's upgrade plan placed before EAD

Express Tribune, January 22, 2017

Pakistan School Safety Framework to be finalised in March: NDMA

Pak Observer, January 22, 2017

Pakistan to get additional WB funds for National Forest Policy

Business Recorder, January 21, 2017

DETAILS

KARACHI: Yet another spell of rain and snow has enveloped the country starting this week. According to the Met, the new wave of rain and snowfall will be much more intense than the previous one. Since the last two years snow has mostly dominated the winters in the country, but this time rain is likely to dominate the season, the Met said.

A fresh system of winds and clouds has entered Balochistan, triggering light rain and bringing back the cold in Quetta and surrounding areas. The rainwater could cause flooding in nullahs and streams of Balochistan, the Met warned. The mountains of Quetta, Zhob and Kalat are also likely to be blanketed in snow during the ongoing week. Heavy snowfall has started again in the mountains of Murree, Galyat, Hazara, Malakand and Kashmir. Rain is forecasted for Karachi on Tuesday and Wednesday. Besides, landslides are feared to occur in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir.

Hunza Valley received its first snow of the season, which intensified the cold in the area. The Met has advised people to follow the precautionary measures suggested by the National Disaster Management Authority/National Highway Authority for travel during rain.

ISLAMABAD: The Rs19 billion plan for upgrading Pakistan Meteorological Department's equipment, including the procurement of the latest weather radars, has finally been moved to the Economic Affairs Division (EAD) after a seven-month delay.

A government official, who wished not to be named, told The Express Tribune: "This is a positive move ... This reflects that efforts will now be made for arranging funds for replacing obsolete and dysfunctional radars and buy at least 14 new radars to cover at least 95 per cent of the country."

According to the official, it appeared that disaster management was not on the government's priority list and Pakistan was among countries most vulnerable to natural calamities and extreme weather events. In June last year, the prime minister had asked the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) to submit a report on its failure to inform in advance about the windstorm that devastated Islamabad and parts of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa on June 1.

The report was submitted in the same month and the Prime Minister's House agreed on acquiring the latest weather radars and asked the PMD to submit a comprehensive plan in this regard. But it remained in doldrums until December last year. Met Office's chief Dr Ghulam Rasul said: "The proposal has now been sent to the EAD and we are hoping for the best."

Over the past few years, he said, Pakistan experienced extreme weather events mainly because of climate change impact and in the coming years, there will be a significant increase in the number and intensity of such events. "Therefore, upgrading the early weather forecast system is very crucial for forecasting changes in weather patterns and issuing advance alerts, preventing human and property losses," he said.

The Pakistan School Safety Framework, which was being pre-tested as a pilot programme in 68 schools, would be finalized in March. "The pilot programme will be concluded by February 15, 2017 and its findings will contribute towards finalization of the Framework in March 2017," according to an official document available with APP. The pilot programme was launched in 68 schools both in public and private sectors across the country including Islamabad Capital Territory. The framework, being finalized by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with UNICEF Pakistan, would help promote a safe learning environment for students, teachers and school staff against natural and man-made hazards.

Besides, it would ensure preparedness of the school community against hazards and enable schools to develop a comprehensive response mechanism against any disaster. The framework would also sensitize all stakeholders about their respective responsibilities in school safety and ensure children's participation in building school safety and implementing risk reduction.

It would define all the elements of school safety in the context of Pakistan and determine realistic standards for the adoption of meaningful disaster risk reduction measures. Under the framework, the component of school safety included safety of infrastructure, physical security of school premises, fire safety, environmental safety and psycho-social safety within a school. The framework encompasses laying down of minimum safety standards for all categories of schools (primary, middle, secondary), formulation of school safety organizations and school safety plans, awareness and preparedness measures for school community.

It also defines a comprehensive evaluation system to determine the safety standards by school itself and second party evaluation by an integrated team of district education department, provincial building department and police to determine the overall safety standards, on annual basis. The pilot activity involved training of teachers (designated as school safety officers) and training of the district evaluation team members. The selected schools will prepare respective school safety plans, carry out self assessment of respective schools for safety standards and will be subjected to evaluation by district teams.—APP

Pakistan is expected to get additional funds from the World Bank to implement the National Forest Policy, recently approved by the Council of Common Interests (CCI). Officials of the Ministry of Climate Change told this to the Sub-Committee of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) during a briefing. The meeting was held to review audit paras of the Ministry of Economic Affairs Division and Ministry of Climate Change.

The officials stated that a total Rs 4 billion have been allocated for the implementation of the policy

Govt issues precautionary measures for likely dry spell

Daily Times, January 20, 2017

and out of the amount the federal government will share Rs 2 billion, while all the federating units will share Rs 2 billion.

The committee met under the chairmanship of Sardar Ashiq Hussain Gopang. The committee was informed that Pakistan has secured \$3.8 million readiness fund of Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) to combat climate change and tropical deforestation after a tough competition at Geneva, Switzerland. The FCPF is the World Bank administered facility that is set up to compensate developing countries for reduction in carbon dioxide emissions achieved by preserving their forests.

The federal government on the directives of the Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has earmarked Rs 2 billion in the Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) for Green Pakistan Programme, under which 100 million new trees would be planted.

Replying to a question, the officials said that not only formal consent but also 50 per cent financial share of provincial governments is prerequisite for formulation and processing of an umbrella project for accessing the funds allocated for the program in the federal PSDP, said an official.

According to officials, Pakistan ranked 135th amongst countries contributing to global warming and 7th amongst countries most vulnerable to adverse impacts of climate change. The Ministry of Climate Change has developed a comprehensive strategy to address climate change which identifies policy approaches and implementation pathways for both adaptation and mitigation. The officials said that the ministry has also submitted draft legislation on Pakistan Climate Change Act (PCCA, 2016). It envisages the establishment of Pakistan Climate Authority, Pakistan Climate Change Council and Pakistan Climate Change Fund, he added.

Eight countries, including Pakistan, have been selected for the FCPF fund after Norway pledged \$100 million for the fund. The countries selected for the fund include Pakistan, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Fiji, Dominican Republic, Nigeria, and Togo. The total allocation of the readiness grant stands at \$30.4 million.

The environment experts believe that the funding will help Pakistan preserve its fast degrading forests, besides improving forest cover. Pakistan has forests on 4.4 million hectares, while current rate of deforestation of natural forests is 27,000 hectares per year.

The officials of Climate Change Ministry told the committee, "The Ministry of Climate Change has prepared a new forest policy in consultation with provinces that includes forestry, wildlife, biodiversity, water and other important components." They said, "The budget allocated for the projects under climate ministry is Rs 4 billion, and more funds are expected from the World Bank." The committee also reviewed objections on Economic Affairs Division and directed the relevant officials to ensure financial accountability in all departments in a transparent manner.

KARACHI: The Ministry of Climate Change and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) have jointly issued precautionary measures for all stakeholders in the wake of an expected dry spell of weather, resulting in any probable drought like condition in 2017.

According to a document made available to Daily Times, the NDMA predicts that the country may face drought like conditions in upcoming months since the lack of adequate rainfall has opened the doors for a potential disaster in several areas. The Pakistan Meteorological Department's (PMD) seasonal outlook for December 2016-January 2017 with the subject less than long term average rain and snow expected during December 2016-January 2017 states that severe El-Nino of 2015-16, although settled to normal in early summer, has caused a raise in temperature leading to 2016 being the warmest year.

Currently, border-line La Nina conditions prevail in the Pacific which is the cooling phase of ocean. The Indian Ocean dipole is also in a neutral state. Global climatic conditions and output of different forecasting models suggest that the effectiveness of western disturbances was weak in December 2016 and shall remain weaker in January 2017 for the South Asian region including Pakistan, the NDMA's document added.

Therefore, a few westerly waves reached central parts of Pakistan rousing in below normal rainfall/snowfall during December 2016. The situation is likely to relatively improve in January 2017 and near normal rainfall/snowfall is expected. Fog/smog with variable intensity prevailed in Punjab and KP during December and is likely to prevail in January 2017 while the day temperature is likely to remain slightly higher than normal during the period due to less than normal expected precipitation.

Surface and ground water resources may experience further depletion while water management authorities and users may have to observe extreme care, the NDMA warned. The ministry has proposed precautionary measures for all stakeholders during preparedness/mitigation phases against any probable drought like condition.

Proposing precautionary measures to PMD, the NDMA states that the probability of likely drought conditions through monitoring of drought indicators is to be closely monitored by PMD in collaboration with SUPARCO. Any abnormal variation from the normal weather pattern is to be immediately reported by the PMD.

The NDMA requested the Ministry of National Food Security and Research to review requisite prior planning for national food security and sustainability in the country. Necessary instructions related to the agriculture and livestock sector may kindly be issued to relevant stakeholders. If required, all federal and provincial stakeholders must be told to remain vigilant.

The Ministry of Water and Power should ensure prudent regulation of major water reservoirs on the basis of PMD's advisories. National Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Network shall do contingency planning forthwith to manage all health-related aspects during potential drought like conditions in collaboration with provincial Health Departments, NDMA proposed.

Seminar on climate change

The News, January 20, 2017

"Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) and district officials shall closely monitor drought indicators on ground and report any unusual trend to all relevant stakeholders and should run awareness campaigns for conservation of water and health related issues arising out of dry weather. Coordination with relevant provincial departments to ensure contingency planning regarding food, health, and water aspects for both human and livestock while municipal and other related authorities to be cautioned to keep a close watch on water demand, water supply, ground water table and dams level. Close watch must be kept in drought vulnerable regions in respective provinces also".

ISLAMABAD: A seminar titled 'The Social Impacts of Climate Change on Pakistani Society' was organised by National Council of Social Welfare, says a press release. Chairman of National Council of Social Welfare Dr. Nadeem Shafiq Malik, chaired the seminar while Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzaal, director, Pakistan Meteorological Department was the chief guest.

Representative of Civil Society, NGOs, students, and officials of CAD&D attended the seminar. In his presidential address, Dr. Shafiq said that it is very necessary to spread awareness among the people in order to prevent the deteriorating condition of the climate. It is adversely affecting the lives of people. The current government has taken several steps in order to minimize the consequences of climate change. Pakistan is rated at 10th number. among the most prone countries affected by Climate Change.

The consecutive devastating floods, earthquakes, droughts, decrease in the production of yields of crops, increasing duration of summer season and Green House Gases are the effects of Climate Change. Deforestation, smoke of industries and automobile vehicles has increased damage to climate excessively. Other speakers, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzaal, Director Pakistan Meteorological Department and Prof. Dr. M. Irfan, of International Islamic University said that millions of Pakistani are compelled to migrate due to climate change. The climate and water resources are affecting adversely.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

World should stand united against terrorism

Daily Times, January 23, 2017

69 Pakistanis in Saudi detention on terror charges

The News, January 23, 2017

Army Chief directs soldiers to be prepared to defeat all threats

Business Recorder, January 23, 2017

Protecting the corridor : Special security force for CPEC notified: report

Express Tribune, January 23, 2016

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: President Mamnoon Hussain on Monday urged the world to get united against violence and extremism.

Talking to Muslim World League Secretary General Dr Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Al Essa at the Presidency, the President said that Pakistan was greatly affected by terrorism, but largely overcame the menace due to the government's prudent policies. The president said that terrorism was not only affecting Pakistan but also the entire world, for which the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) needed to devise an effective policy. He said that a system should be in-place to revive the infrastructure of the countries affected by terrorism, which had created a negative impression about Muslims all over the world. The president told the secretary general that being the head of an Islamic organisation, a great responsibility rested on his shoulder to create a policy aimed at harmony among Muslims. He mentioned that many places of the Muslim world were targeted and added that the Muslims of Palestine and Kashmir were facing big challenges.

Dr Muhammad bin Abdul Karim Al Essa lauded the steps taken by Pakistan against terrorism and said that the world community, particularly Muslim countries, should benefit from the expertise of Pakistan.

JEDDAH: The number of Pakistanis under detention in Saudi jails on terror charges reached 69 with the arrest of a woman in Jeddah's Al-Naseem district during a security operation on Saturday.

According to a report in Saudi newspaper Arab News, Fatima Ramadan Balochi Murad was arrested along with her Saudi husband from an apartment in Al-Naseem district by security agencies after a tip-off.

Last July, a Pakistani terrorist named Abdullah Qalzar Khan blew himself up near Solaiman Fakeih Hospital in Jeddah. The security authorities arrested 49 Pakistani residents and put them under interrogation since the bombing in July. A terrorism operation attempt was also foiled last October in Jeddah. It involved two Pakistanis — Solaiman Arab Deen and Farman Naqshaband Khan. They had planned to carry out blasts in Al-Jowhara Stadium.

A recent statement issued by the Interior Ministry through its Tawasul (communications) portal said that 5,085 terror suspects from 40 countries are in detention in five intelligence prisons in the Kingdom.

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Monday directed officers and soldiers to keep themselves fully trained and abreast to defeat all types of threats.

General Bajwa said this while addressing troops during his visit to elite Strike Corps at Multan Garrison. "Our experience of counter terrorism operations has made us battle hardened which is a valued add-on in operational preparedness," he said. The COAS, recounting successes of Pakistan Army, said soldiers of Pakistan Army is the best in the world. He laid wreath at Yadgar-e Shuhada and offered Fatiha for the martyrs, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release here stated.

Corps Commander briefed the COAS on operational preparations and administration of troops.

Later the COAS addressed soldiers and officers of the Garrison. The COAS appreciated troops' participation from Multan Corps in ongoing counter terrorism operations in FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The COAS especially praised them for concurrently keeping themselves fully trained and prepared to thwart challenges of conventional war. He said soldiers of Pakistan Army are the best in the world. Army is what its soldiers are. "Am proud to be COAS of a brave and highly professional Army" the COAS said. Soldiers freely interacted with the COAS and expressed their pride and eagerness to selflessly serve the country and the nation.

Earlier, on arrival at Multan, the COAS was received by Lieutenant General Sarfraz Sattar, Commander Multan Corps.

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Interior is learnt to have issued a notification for establishing the Special Security Division (SSD) for protecting the \$55 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

According to details on the state-run Radio Pakistan's website, the SSD would involve raising nine army battalions and six civilian wings with 13,700 personnel. After the Planning Division requisitioned from the provinces, deployment orders shall be issued by the Ministry of Interior, it added. However, this notification is yet to be confirmed by the Ministry of Interior.

China has already expressed satisfaction over security arrangements during the sixth Joint Cooperation Committee meeting held in Beijing, the state-run radio maintained. The nine composite battalions of SSD will have 9,229 personnel while six wings of civilian armed forces will have 4,502 personnel. Terms of references of SSD had already been sent to provinces/special regions for requisitioning armed forces/civilian armed forces under Articles 147 and 245 of the Constitution and Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997, it is further learnt.

Briefing a parliamentary panel in August last year, officials of the ministry of defence stated that SSD had been entrusted to protect Chinese workers and projects under the CPEC.

Officials informed the committee that the government had also allocated Rs1.3 billion for CPEC security in addition to efforts of provincial governments. The cost of raising the SSD was Rs500

Our Afghan Guests

The Nation January 23, 2017

Operation will continue till elimination of terrorism: CM

The Nation, January 23, 2017

million and it took a year to be raised, officials maintained during the briefing.

CPEC is intended to rapidly expand and upgrade Pakistani infrastructure, besides deepening and broadening economic links between Pakistan and China. First trade activity took place through CPEC on November 13 last year, when cargo from China was transported to ships at Gwadar Port, for markets in West Asia and Africa. The CPEC involves 3,000-kilometre-long network of roads, railways and pipelines to transport oil and gas besides energy projects between Gwadar Port and Kashgar in China's Xinjiang region.

Proposed by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang during his visit to Pakistan in May 2013, the CPEC is expected to act as a bridge for the new maritime route that envisages linking three billion people in Asia, Africa and Europe. There are 12 energy projects under CPEC which are expected to add 5,000 megawatts of electricity to the national grid by 2017-18.

Similarly, the transport infrastructure under CPEC consists of rail-based mass transit system, railways, new provincial projects and new Gwadar projects. Rail-based mass transit system includes Karachi Circular Railway, Greater Peshawar Mass Transit and Quetta Mass Transit. The projects also include upgrading Pakistan Railways ML-1 and establishment of a dry port at Havelian.

As the policy for the repatriation of the Afghan refugee population gets tougher, there is relief in the fact that their repatriation is not sudden and inhumane as per official state policy.

One of these positive measures, to ease the burden of the immigrant population, is that the deadline announced for the repatriation of refugees will not affect the Afghan students' education. They are allowed to carry on their studies beyond December 2017, which is to be the final date for the voluntary repatriation of around 1.3 million registered refugees, provided that refugee students obtain certificates from the head of their education institution concerned.

While this demographic has been often maligned for being complicit in criminal or terrorist activities, the facts on the ground are that the Afghans have been peaceful guests in Pakistan.

According to official figures, Afghan refugees are only responsible for one percent of serious criminal offences in KPK.

While the figures may differ in other parts of the country, until we have those figures at hand, it is unfair to demonise these people. The relationship with Afghanistan has been extremely one-sided for the past forty years, with Pakistan giving Afghans aid and shelter and getting terrorism in return. The repatriation of the Afghan population was a practical necessity. Pakistan, at least in its policy, has been patient. Deadlines to voluntarily repatriate have been extended multiple times.

Federal Secretary Ministry of State and Frontier Regions Mohammad Shehzad Arbab has also stated that under the state's policy, which still requires the federal cabinet's approval, Afghan investors will have to submit certificates from the Board of Investment to the Interior Ministry, Pakistani spouses will get long-term visas to continue their stay, and patients from Afghanistan coming for treatment will also get relaxations. Activity and interactions will continue even after repatriation.

Harassment of Afghans by law enforcement agencies and civilians is a reality, but this is a problem of culture and mind-sets, rather than state policy on paper being harsh. This gap must be closed. Though the majority of refugees are not a security threat, we know that the porous Durand Line has been the bane of military operations as Afghan territory has been a safe haven for fleeing terrorists. It is essential to have stricter immigration controls and checks. Security is paramount, but it does not have to be at the cost of the image of Pakistan, or by the persecution refugees.

Pakistan has a terrible image in Afghanistan due to the official government's pro-India stance. Exemplary behaviour towards the refugees could counteract this venom, at least among the Afghan people.

HYDERABAD - Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah has said the provincial government is creating awareness in the province with regard to the upcoming population census in the country.

Talking to the media during visits to different villages in Jamshoro district on Sunday, Shah said that all concerned officials and staff had been warned that negligence would not be tolerated. He said the government of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) had been serving the people of Sindh for the last nine years. He said that groundwork for the upcoming general elections was also being done. The chief minister said his party was again gaining popularity in Punjab and this had added to the anxiety of its opponents.

Responding to a question about the security situation, the chief minister said the law and order situation had improved in Karachi, but the operation would continue till complete elimination of terrorism from the city. On the issue of registration of religious schools, the chief minister said that a list of seminaries had been submitted to the federal interior minister, but he had yet to respond to it.

Replying to a question, he said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had been rejected by the people of Sindh. He said the PTI had no standing in Sindh. He reiterated the demand for acceptance of PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari's four demands by the federal government. Responding to the demand of the local people about supply of irrigation water, the chief minister said that remodelling of the Dadu Canal would be carried out soon in order to increase the canal's capacity.

Speaking in Naushaharo Feroze earlier in the day, the chief minister said the Sindh government was committed to welfare of the masses and all issues facing the people were being resolved on priority.

Talking to media persons at Mehram Khan Nagor village in Naushahro Feroze District at the

90 pc of FATA IDPs are back home: Jhagra

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wedding ceremony of son of Dr Abdul Sattar Rajpar, a member of the Sindh Assembly from the PPP, he said that recruitment to vacant posts at all departments would be made purely on merit. He said that decent job opportunities would be provided to the youth of Sindh. He said that PPP Co-Chairman Asif Ali Zardari would take part in by-election and join the National Assembly. He said the PPP was firm on its stance and categorically said that Zardari was contesting the by-election from Nawabshah as he announced earlier. Responding to another question regarding upgrade of health and civic amenities in the district, the chief minister stated that Civil Hospital of Naushahro Feroze would soon be upgraded to the level of district hospital. The decision about the Municipal Committee of Naushahro Feroze will be taken after consideration of population and other relevant rules in this regard, he said. PPP leader Zulfiqar Ali Behan, Chairman of District Council Abdul Sattar Abbasi, Vice Chairman of District Council Pir Qurban Ali, Special Assistant to CM on Irrigation Babar Effandi and members of the Sindh Assembly were also present on this occasion.

PESHAWAR: The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Governor, Iqbal Zafar Jhagra, said over 90 per cent Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) had returned to their homes in the Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA).

Talking to the media in Peshawar he said there were many problems to delay the process for IDPs resettlement; however, harsh weather was the main reason. But now the difficult phase had been completed and only ten per cent need to be sent back to their homes. The governor lauded the Pakistan armed forces for eliminating the nurseries of terrorists from the area through Operation Zarb-e-Azb. He said a comprehensive reforms package for FATA had been prepared with consensus, which had even been adopted by the National Assembly and was now in the Senate for deliberations. The governor said in the majority of the area people were in favour of merging FATA in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra said after implementation of reforms in FATA during the current year, local government elections will also be held in FATA. Anti-polio drive: A five-day anti-polio campaign in Khyber Agency and Wana Subdivision of South Waziristan Agency will start on Monday January 23, 2017. The active campaign will continue for five days from Monday January 23rd to Friday January 27th, followed by a catch up of missed children, under the supervision and assistance of political agents, commissioners and security forces.

In Khyber Agency, about 2.25 lakh children below the age of 5 years will be vaccinated by 869 teams, comprising 791 mobile teams, 52 fixed teams and 26 transit teams. While in Wana Subdivision 44 mobile teams, 20 fixed and 8 transit teams will be vaccinating 72202 children.

Due to ongoing community mobilisation and validation of micro-plans, the anti-polio campaign in Khyber Agency and Wana subdivision of South Waziristan was postponed for a week. Agency Polio Eradication Committee (APEC), in its recently held meeting at Khyber House on January 19, 2017, decided to continue with the plan of launching anti-polio campaign in Khyber Agency from Monday (January 23, 2017).

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) FATA confirmed that all the arrangements had been finalised for the campaign and health teams were ready to reach out to every child in both the agencies. EOC Coordinator FATA urged the parents to ensure that all their children under 5 are vaccinated during this round. He said that thanks to the cooperation of the community and hard work of our courageous health workers/Sehat Muhafez, Khyber Agency did not report any case during 2016. "We want to get rid of the virus forever from KP and rest of FATA and this is the time to give the virus the final push and ensure a healthy and safe future for our children," he added.

Protest: The Khurram Agency Student's Federation staged a protest demonstration outside the Peshawar Press Club on Sunday to condemn yesterday's deadly bomb blast in Kurram Agency that left at least 25 people dead and injured 85 others. They also urged the people not to give a sectarian colour to the blast and said they all were united against terrorism and extremism. The protesters raised their voice against increase in terrorism. They held placards and banners condemning the attack and demanded the government to provide security to citizens.

Speakers at the gathering urged the government to increase the security at the Pak-Afghan border to avoid terror incidents from across the border.

Ijaz Bangash, who participated in the protest, told Daily Times that the government should stop such attacks in future because it's the fifth of its kind when the security of the region had been handed over to the political administration of Kurram Agency.

RAWALPINDI: FC Balochistan along with other LEAs apprehended 81 suspects and recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition during last week foiling terrorist actions. Alongside, 32 Area Dominating operations were also carried out in Quetta city in collaboration with young volunteers from civil society.

According to ISPR, security forces are also engaged in area domination and counter terrorism operations in southern zone of Quetta in Sibi-Sui-Dalbadin- Kahan zone. A large number of terrorists including from BRA and BLA have surrendered to security forces bringing stability in the areas.

Pakistan and India have been involved in conflicts and problems at all levels since their inception after partition. The very first issue to emerge was the distribution of resources as well as the territory between both. Though the Radcliffe award was supposed to divide British India in such a way that was acceptable to both, unfortunately, this did not happen. Thus, the conflict over Kashmir emerged, which is present to date. This conflict has resulted in further issues such as water dispute, interstate terrorism (to win over each other) and, most recently, a fresh wave of proxy war.

It is not as impossible as it seems to make things work between Pakistan and India. An initiative was taken by the Youth Parliament Pakistan, a project of PILDAT, to draft policy briefs on several

81 suspects, huge arms cache recovered: ISPR

Pakistan Observer, January 23, 2017

Two nations, too many problems

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issues concerning the general public. This year, one of the five Youth Standing Committees presented its recommendations about helping Pakistan and India develop better relations by seeking examples from other countries that had made peace with each other after prolonged enmity. One such recommendation was to get articles published in renowned newspapers, which would help us outreach the literate fraction of both the nations. Therefore, we have taken this step of publicising our policy briefs, this one being on one aspect of national security and foreign relations.

From the “hereditary” enmity of the 19th and early 20th century to the famous “Franco-German Friendship” of recent times, France and Germany have not only set aside their major political and historical differences but also moved forward to form a union, which now comprises of 28 European states. Soon after the Second World War, these countries had realised that their survival was better off sharing resources and banking on their commonalities. The “core countries” or “twin engines” devised policies and enacted laws to ensure free movement of goods, services and people. The union’s policy on Schengen areas and abolition of passport controls not only gave opportunities to their own citizens to travel freely but also aided tourism industry greatly.

A recent example of two countries making progress in their relationship is that of Kosovo and Serbia. Kosovo had declared independence in 2008 from Serbia after years of ethnic clashes and major battles in the form of Kosovo war of 1998-99 and Yugoslav Wars between the Albanian and Serb populations. While Serbia does not recognise Kosovo as an independent state to date, it has accepted the legitimacy of its institutions, especially judiciary, after the Brussels agreement of 2013. The acceptance of the legal system was based on the agreement that the judicial panels will have a fair representation of the Kosovo Serbs. Since the Brussels Agreement, the two countries, for regional stability and individual economic growth have worked towards several other agreements, including university exchanges, freedom of movement and trade.

The Irish model of Good Friday Agreement 1998 collectively dealt with concerns of both nationalists and unionist in Northern Ireland and shaped institutions between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Along with this, one major step towards the stability of the region was an agreement on decommissioning within two years of this agreement and normalisation of security arrangements in Northern Ireland “to levels compatible with a normal peaceful society”.

So how can Pakistan and India normalise their relations? It is recommended that a three tier bottom-up approach should be followed to resolve the issues. The aim is to remove smaller boulders from the path first and then eventually move towards the large boulder blocking the way. The aim of track II & III diplomacy is to focus on trust building and lay down a strong foundation so that moving up the pyramid becomes smooth. Small level initiatives like student exchange programmes and bursaries for students willing to study across the border should be arranged, and cultural exchange through missions of artists, lawyers, poets and journalists promoting peace and travelling to and fro the border should be done. Visa policies should be made flexible to give ease of movement to the people. This will strengthen tourism industry in both the countries and will reinforce peace. Local media should be used to act as tools for peace by creating and airing programmes that incorporate the true spirit of friendship. Television shows similar to ‘Voice of America’ can be produced to bridge gaps between the two nations.

Considering the water dispute between the two countries, according to independent experts, Pakistan is expected to be one of the most water-stressed nations in the world by 2025. When Indus Water Treaty came into being several challenging aspects, such a global warming, were not as an imminent threat as they are now. It is time to revisit and revise the treaty and consider this natural threat to Pakistan since a major chunk of its economic development relies on agriculture. An independent office of Indus Water Commission comprising neutral experts should be established. The data collected and project designs should be made available to both the countries so they could raise objections, if any, as soon as possible and the disputed resolution process could also subsequently take place at the earliest.

Coming towards the most critical issue between the two countries, i.e. the territorial issue and subsequent security concerns, the problem caused by non-state actors (NSAs) and their trans-frontier activities has been one of the most vexing issues between the two South Asian neighbours in recent years. If the problem of these non-state actors is resolved, it can eliminate a lot of threats currently present to both the nations. Therefore, in order to find a mature solution, South Asian states should cooperate with each other to handle these non-state actors from the platform of SAARC or by some other agreement. A suitable example in this regard can be the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation-type agreement with other nations.

The Jammu and Kashmir dispute is one of the biggest unfinished agendas. The Indo-Pak relationship has been overshadowed by the Kashmir issue since the very beginning. Following several examples of nations from all over the globe, both countries can offer each other military disarmament and a decommission in Kashmir within a specific timeframe along with empowering and establishing institutions within Kashmir. Before that, restoration of the bus service that was started back in 2005 and 2006 within the two parts of Kashmir should be done. Intra-Kashmir barter trade that began in 2008 with the idea of encouraging greater interaction across the border should also be restored as soon as possible. The international community should ensure that in the case of protests in the disputed valley, peaceful or otherwise, India must not use excessive force and should not violate the basic human rights, such as by the use of pellet-guns and abduction of Kashmiris. Joint committee should be formed in order to ensure implementation of this strategy, which includes representatives from all three; Kashmir, India and Pakistan. This stance would probably be completely acceptable to the Hurriyat leaders as well in that a mutually acceptable solution is being reached. For this purpose, flexibility must be shown by both the sides which would prove to be beneficial for all three. We hope to make a difference through our recommendations.

Rallies condemn Parachinar blast

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ISLAMABAD: Protest rallies and gatherings were held all across the country to protest the Parachinar bomb blast on the call of Tehreek Nifaz-e-Fiqah Jafria chief Agha Syed Hamid Ali Shah Moosavi.

Speakers at rallies strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Parachinar. They also demanded implementation of the National Action Plan to curb the menace of terrorism from Pakistan.

According to a press release, the TNFJ chief addressed a delegation from Kohat and Kurram Agency here Sunday. He said the government must provide protection to the residents of Parachinar from the terrorists infiltrating from Afghanistan. He also said that tenure of military courts must be extended to provide speedy justice to victims. Meanwhile, countrywide protest rallies were also held on the call of Majlis Wahdatul Muslimeen chief Allama Raja Nasir Abbas to protest against act of terrorism in Parachinar. Protesters demanded strict govt action against terrorists.

Terrorists will be defeated on all fronts: Gen Bajwa

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PESHAWAR: Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Sunday said the armed forces of Pakistan would defeat terrorists, militants and their financiers on every front.

Gen Bajwa visited Parachinar, the headquarters of Kurram Agency, and Peshawar, said the Inter-Services Public Relations in a press release. The COAS was given a detailed briefing on the Parachinar bombing. He met the tribal elders and also visited the Agency Headquarters Hospital to meet the injured.

Expressing grief over the incident, General Bajwa lauded the support of tribal brethren in combating terrorism and acknowledged their sacrifices for peace. He said with the support of tribesmen, the army, FC and other law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) had done a great job in stabilising the area. He said terrorists would fail to derail the process and lauded the efforts of tribal people for maintaining tribal and sectarian harmony in the area. "Pakistan belongs to all of us without religious, provincial, tribal, linguistic, ethnic, sectarian or any other form of discrimination." On the area people's demand, the COAS announced the establishment of an Army Public School (APS) at Parachinar for imparting quality education. The tribal elders thanked the COAS for sharing their sorrow and the announcement of the APS. They pledged to continue supporting efforts for enduring peace and stability.

Later, the army chief also visited the Combined Military Hospital, Peshawar, and met those critically injured in the Parachinar blast. Earlier on arrival at Parachinar, the COAS was received by Lieutenant General Nazir Ahmed Butt, Commander of the Peshawar Corps.

Two shot dead in Quetta's Satellite Town area

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Unidentified assailants opened fire and killed two people in Quetta's Satellite Town area on Sunday evening, reported Dawn News.

Police officials said the gunmen were on a motorcycle when they opened fire and critically injured two tribal locals. The injured were rushed to the Civil Hospital in Quetta but they succumbed to their injuries. The motive behind the attack remains to be ascertained. The assailants escaped unhurt from the crime scene. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the killing. Police and personnel from other law enforcement agencies reached the spot and an investigation is underway.

Balochistan has been experiencing incident violence and targeted killings since more than a decade. More than 1,400 incidents targeting the minority Shia and Hazara community have taken place in the province during the past 15 years.

While sectarian terrorism in Balochistan has disproportionately targeted the Hazara community, easily identifiable because of their distinctive physical appearance, other Shias — especially pilgrims travelling to and from Iran — have not been spared either.

Who Provides CPEC Security?

Pakistan Today, January 22, 2017

Terrorism is not a threat to Pakistan alone

In the past two years, instead of launching a collaborative foreign approach to counter terrorism, the government has gone by its own way and means

Over the past two years, Pakistan and China are strikingly differing on the perspective of security on the CPEC projects and their workers. There is a different security environment in Pakistan and the Chinese are not accustomed to it. They want to see a different security environment in Pakistan free of terrorism where strict law and order is imposed.

Pakistanis live in a different security environment. The government has been tackling the menace of terrorism by using its home-grown prescriptions Zarb-e-Azb and the National Action Plan (NAP). In the past two years, instead of launching a collaborative foreign approach to counter terrorism, the government has gone by its own way and means. The results are encouraging. This, however, does not satisfy the Chinese side. The Chinese perceive a somewhat "dangerous security environment" in Pakistan while executing CPEC projects. Pakistanis think differently.

Pakistan has been working on three fronts to provide security to Chinese workers on the CPEC projects: Two armed divisions have been erected by the army in 2015. A Naval Task Force 88 has been set up in November 2016. A Police Special Security Force has been raised last year. There are joint military exercises besides intelligence-sharing.

What else should be done by Pakistan? The Chinese side can convey new measures to be adopted by Pakistan because they are not satisfied. On the contrary, Pakistan is satisfied with the kind of security arrangements so far provided for CPEC projects and Chinese workers.

CPEC is a terrorism-free project for Chinese workers. Since it was launched, two Chinese workers were reported killed last year. As a whole, the number of Chinese terror-related killings were 12 that ran during 2004-2013. The operation Zarb-e-Azband NAP swiftly controlled all such situations. Conversely, this did not send a positive message to the Chinese. They are apprehensive of

Crackdown: Two 'terrorists' blow themselves up in Jeddah
Express Tribune, January 22, 2017

CTD gets 4G system to trace smartphone calls across Sindh
Daily Dawn, January 22, 2017

security of the CPEC.

Terrorism is not a threat to Pakistan alone. It is threat to the region and even beyond. No government from Canada to Australia can say that they are free of terror and projects can be launched. The situation in Pakistan has improved much. There are internal security vulnerabilities in China too that also cast a black shadow on the projects. At least, there are four such vulnerabilities (Xinjing separatism, the Tibet issue, Taiwan question, and Hong Kong's civil liberties) in China. Of all the six corridors of the One Belt One Road (OBOR), China faces a peculiar kind of security threat. The China-Mongolia-Russia Economic Corridor (CMREC) faces security threats. The New Eurasian Land Bridge (NELB) is not out of terrorist attack. The China-Central and West Asia Economic Corridor (CCWAE) faces IS threat and internal security vulnerabilities. The Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor (BCIMEC) confronts terrorism originates from Tibet and Myanmar. The BCIMEC receives a lacklustre response. Lastly, the 21 Centaury Maritime Silk Road faces a number of threats including restive situation in the South China Sea.

Comparing CPEC with all other Chinese-led five economic corridors, CPEC confronts least security threats and internal security vulnerabilities. The reason is that CPEC is far ahead of all these five economic corridors and faces least threats. CPEC is not the flagship of threats. It is security model all other OBOR projects.

Additionally, IS is not a peculiar threat to CPEC but it is peculiar to China. Uyghur separatism is not yet over and the militancy continues. These are peculiar threats to China along with the Tibetan issue, which India has been hosting since 1959.

Security of CPEC is something that could be shared by both sides. It is not good that the one side just keep interrogating the other side. This mentality should be wrecked. This uncomfortable situation between the two sides should be sorted out. The issue of the security should be jointly tackled. Both sides should come up with proposals and way forward tackling the CPEC security.

RIYADH: Two men accused of planning attacks against Saudi Arabia blew themselves up during a firefight with security forces in the Red Sea city of Jeddah on Saturday and a third was arrested in another operation, the country's interior ministry said.

Saudi security forces raided a suspected terrorist hideout used for making explosive belts and other devices in Jeddah's eastern Al-Harazat district, a spokesman for the ministry said in a statement. Two men holed up inside the premises shot at security forces, who returned fire, according to the statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency. The suspects refused to surrender and "blew themselves up by detonating their explosive belts," it said, confirming an earlier statement by Jeddah authorities.

Saudi-owned Arabiya TV showed footage of smoke rising above Jeddah and an explosion tearing through a building. Pictures posted on Twitter showed a fire at the site of the shootout.

The interior ministry spokesman also said a third suspect was arrested on Saturday in a security operation targeting another Jeddah neighbourhood. The suspect, a Saudi national, is believed to have had links to the two men who blew themselves up. He was arrested along with a Pakistani woman whom he identified as his wife, the spokesman said.

Earlier this month, security forces shot and killed two suspected terrorists including an explosive belt maker during a police operation in the north of Riyadh. Both were Saudi citizens. At the end of October, authorities said they had foiled a plot to bomb a football stadium in Jeddah during a football match and dismantled two 'terrorist' cells linked to the Islamic State group. Eight suspects were arrested in the operation, including two Pakistanis, a Syrian and a Saudi.

The Islamic State has carried out a series of bombings and shootings in Saudi Arabia since mid-2014 that have killed scores of people, mostly members of the Shia community and security services. Last year, a suicide bomber was killed and two people were wounded in a blast near the US Consulate in Jeddah, the first bombing in years to target foreigners in the kingdom.

Saudi Arabia is a member of the US-led international coalition that has been battling Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. The kingdom has also formed a 39-nation military alliance to combat terrorism and has reportedly approached Pakistan's former army chief General (retd) Raheel Sharif to command it.

KARACHI: The Sindh police have finally acquired the multimillion-rupee 4G mobile phone call locator system, the technology that had once been in the exclusive use of the intelligence agencies, and handed it over to the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), which will put it at the disposal of all wings of the police department, it emerged on Saturday.

Officials said the CTD had been chosen by the top brass to run the system as the department handled the most heinous crimes committed by hardened criminals and militants. "In fact, the Sindh police have acquired two 4G mobile phone call locators, which have been handed over to the CTD for use in the entire province. The police have been using the technology for more than two years but the latest one is a modern [gadget] to trace smartphone communications," said a police source.

In 2013 the Sindh police had acquired two sets of the system and initially the Special Branch was told to run it, which also facilitated investigation of cases by other arms of the department, said the source. Officials said that those previous sets were capable of meeting requirements of 2G and 3G mobile phones. "As the name suggests, the caller locator will allow police investigators to spot the exact location from where a mobile phone call is being made," said the source.

It all began in 2010 when the Sindh police had planned to use the system but they had to shelve it after opposition from the country's powerful intelligence apparatus. In line with the past practice, police heavily depended on the intelligence agencies when they needed to locate mobile phone

Parachinar market blast leaves 25 dead

Pakistan Observer, January 22, 2017

ANP man gets 21-year jail term in illegal arms case

The News, January 22, 2017

calls, especially those made in high-profile cases of kidnapping for ransom and extortion. The Peshawar police had gained the technology years ago. Moreover, the Sindh government and business community also supported the move to end once and for all police investigators' oft-repeated excuse that they could not effectively deal with organised gangs in the absence of modern technology.

"The CTD SSP has been appointed focal person for the entire department who could be approached by any unit of the Karachi police with a request for the use of the system," said an official. "CTD officials have undergone training in the use of the equipment. Whenever they receive a request from any unit or section of the law-enforcement agency, they move with the equipment to the required location to offer the service." He said the use of modern technology would quash the excuse often extended by the law-enforcement agency for its failure in certain cases because of lack of such equipment and it would also enhance its investigation capability. "The sets acquired by the police have been locally designed and developed. [The technology] has been effectively used for tracing criminals and kidnappers in the interior of Sindh where several groups were busted using the technology," he added.

90 injured, many in critical condition; Gen Bajwa says terrorists will fail to regain lost relevance; Funeral prayers held, bodies handed over to relatives; KP govt assures full support to victims

Peshawar: Twenty-five people were killed and more than 90 wounded seriously when a powerful explosion ripped through a congested market in Parachinar, the headquarters of the Kurram Agency Saturday morning. The doctors at various hospitals of the province, where the victims were shifted, feared the death toll might rise as the condition of many injured was critical. Deadly explosion caused by an explosive material planted in a crate of apple played havoc in the Fruit and Vegetable market in the morning when the business was at full swing.

According to reports reaching here, a large number of sellers and buyers were busy in the new Sabzi Mandi near Eidgah market when a huge explosion rocked the area around 8.50 in the morning. Panic gripped the area as scores of people were seen lying in pool of blood with many crying for help. Political authorities of Parachinar said the explosive was detonated with the help of the remote controller. Another official said the explosion took place when the market was crowded with retailers buying fruits and vegetables. The law enforcers including the Quick Response Forces (QRFs) of the Army and the FC immediately rushed to the site of the blast and cordoned off the area to facilitate the rescue operation as the victims were shifted to DHQ hospital and later to Kohat. Army helicopters were also used to evacuate the victims and later over two dozen critically wounded persons were airlifted to CMH Kohat and Peshawar for treatment.

While initially 10 people were pronounced dead, the death toll rose to 25 till the filing of this report as many more succumbed to their injuries in many hospitals. According to various hospitals around ninety injured were brought for the treatment with the independent sources saying 55 to 60 people sustained serious injuries in the blast. Some reports said, 12 dead bodies were shifted to Imam Bargah while six dead bodies have been shifted to a nearby mosque.

According to an ISPR statement, Chief of Army Staff Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa directed for quick evacuation, best medical care to the victims of Parachinar blast. Army personnel and Frontier Corps' Quick Reaction Force reached the blast site within no time. Meanwhile, Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa reaffirmed his resolve to curb the terrorism at all cost and said that terrorists will fail in their attempt to regain lost relevance. In the meanwhile the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government assured the victims all possible support will be made available to them. The spokesman of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, Mushtaq Ghani, said the Zarb-e-Azb Operation has broken the back of terrorists. MPA Shaukat Yousafzai said all possible facilities will be made available to the wounded. Director Health Services of FATA has declared emergency at hospital in Kurram Agency and leaves of all health staff have been cancelled and they have been ordered to report for duty. Additional human resources, medicines and ambulances from nearby health facilities were shifted to Kurram Agency to ensure supplies of services to the affectees. Purpose built emergency kits, obtained from ICRC, have also been sent to Parachinar while teams have been constituted to visit and look after the needs of injured referred to Peshawar hospitals. The funeral prayers of 20 victims were held on Saturday afternoon. Inspector General of Frontier Corps Major General Shaheen Mazhar Mehmood, Brig Amir Muhammad Khan, Commandant Tall Bridge, Member National Assembly Sajid Tori, Political Agency Kurram and people from different walks of life, and relatives of the deceased attended the funeral prayers. Soon after the prayers, bodies were handed over to the relatives and heirs for burial. Meanwhile, a shutter-down strike was observed in the Parachinar city to condemn the act of terrorism. In a text message sent to journalists, the proscribed Lashkar-i-Jhangvi al-Aalami claimed that it, along with Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan splinter Shehryar Mehsud group carried out the attack. However, the Shehryar Mehsud group did not independently claim the bombing.

An anti-terrorism court (ATC) has sentenced Awami National Party (ANP) worker Sher Hakeem to 21 years in prison for possessing illegal arms and explosives.

Hakeem was arrested from the area of Quaidabad in September 2013. The police team had seized illegal weapons and explosive materials during their raid. On Saturday the ATC awarded him a 21-year jail term and ordered confiscating movable and immovable properties of the convict. The court also imposed a fine of Rs25,000 on the ANP activist and announced that if he failed to pay the fine, he would have to spend an additional six months in prison.

Another ATC hearing a terrorism case against Pakistan Peoples Party's (PPP) Dr Asim Hussain, Pak Sarzameen Party's Anis Qaimkhani and others permitted Qaimkhani to go abroad against a surety of Rs2 million. Pasban's Usman Moazzam and PPP's Abdul Qadir Patel were also in court for the hearing. The ATC was informed that Dr Hussain was not feeling well enough to be in court.

Remnants of terrorists need to be wiped out

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Terrorism cases have fallen since 2013: Iqbal

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FC apprehends 81 people,

In the four cases pertaining to the violent incidents of May 12, 2007, the ATC concerned issued non-bailable warrants against 12 of the accused.

Muttahida Qaumi Movement's (MQM) Kamran Farooqui, who was already detained in other cases, Adnan Ahmed and others were declared absconders. The court issued arrest warrants against them and fixed February 9 as the next date of hearing. As many as 16 MQM workers accused in the case were brought to the ATC. The court also adopted a lenient manner on their bail matter. They were granted bail against Rs. 500,000 each, but 15 of them claimed they were unable to pay the amount so the court fixed Rs75,000 each as the bail amount.

ISLAMABAD: The devastating terrorist attack in Parachinar, Kurram Agency, the first-ever in the new year, is a stark reminder that the remnants of terrorists still have the capability and capacity to strike though not very frequently and need to be decimated through an intensified campaign to wipe out the scourge from Pakistan once and for all. It is the primary responsibility and obligation of the premier intelligence agencies to track down the perpetrators and bring justice to them in the same way their cohorts have been dealt with. They ought to move fast so that the criminals are not encouraged to repeat their despicable action. It so happened that this was the first major terrorist onslaught since Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa assumed office of the chief of army staff on Nov 29 last. Even before he came in place, terrorism had been controlled to a large extent through powerful measures as part of the Zarb-e-Azb and other operations carried out by police and other law enforcement agencies across Pakistan, but fears always remain that there are still elements that can rock some parts of the homeland, mostly remote areas where security measures are perhaps not very tight and stringent.

The last main terrorist hit occurred at the police training college in Quetta on October 24, 2016, in which more than sixty recruits and others were martyred. Before that, fourteen persons were killed in another strike at the Mardan district courts complex on September 2, 2016. Also, in Quetta seventy lawyers embraced martyrdom in an incident on August 8. The last episode has been inquired into by a one-man judicial commission comprising Qazi Faez Isa, which has submitted its report to the Supreme Court. As a whole, there has been marked peace because of the counterterrorism campaigns.

Gen Bajwa has declared that there will be no letup in the operations against terrorists and these will continue till the elimination of the last criminal from Pakistan. More than once, he has visited the troops engaged in the drive to encourage and buck them up. It is thus clear that there is no change in this strategy even after the change of command in the army. During his address to the Sindh Rangers and Karachi businessmen, he has also made it clear that the operations against target killers, extortionists and mafias would continue unabated in the mega city. Same is the policy of the Nawaz Sharif government.

The relentless efforts of the Counter Terrorism Departments (CTDs) of Punjab and Sindh have also produced satisfactory results as they keep conducting operations almost on daily basis. It is frequently heard that some hardcore terrorists, who had been involved in many strikes in various regions of Pakistan, had either been killed or captured during the raids by the CTDs.

The situation has remarkably improved not only in Punjab and Sindh but even in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), which had been the principal target of terrorists because of being contiguous to the tribal areas and Afghanistan from where such operations emanate, there has been noticeable change. The Afghan regime, which is playing in the hands of India and the United States, has been unable to put a stop to terrorism inside Pakistan through the elements living there despite Pakistan's countless protests. Instead of acting against them decisively, it has been obsessed with making counter allegations against Islamabad. Its policy has been the main contributor to even a small number of terrorist incidents that are taking place in Pakistan.

The military courts, which had been given powers to try civilian terrorists for two years, which expired on January 7, had imposed heavy penalty on them they deserved. This served as a forceful deterrent to the terrorists who received a clear-cut message that they would be dealt with under the law very severely and quickly. Meek efforts have been made to evolve a consensus on the extension of these powers of the military courts but there are little chances that these will be revived due to the stubbornness of some political parties for pure political reasons. However, the government is going to make a last-ditch effort as Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returns from his foreign visit. If in any case this authority was not revived, the government plans to introduce a mechanism which will provide for speedy trial of terrorists.

Terrorism cases in the country have fallen to just a tenth since 2013 while energy projects part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) had boosted the economy.

This was stated by Federal Minister for Planning Professor Ahsan Iqbal while addressing the ninth International CSR Summit and Awards, organised by the National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH). He added that the crippling energy crisis had brought the country to the brink of a civil-war like situation in 2013. "We should remember the times in 2013 when the country had been facing 18 to 20 hours of loadshedding and labourers were protesting on the streets creating a civil war-like situation due to near shutdown of the industries," Iqbal said, adding that now "loadshedding had been curtailed by four to six hours daily." He added that owing to investment received through the CPEC project, the government was going to add 11,000 megawatts of electricity to national grid by 2018.

On terrorism, he said that country had been facing up to 4,500 incidents of terrorism every year till 2013, which had now decreased to around 450 such incidents a year.

NFEH President Naeem Qureshi that his forum had been supporting corporate sector in philanthropy and in for investing in socio economic sectors since 2007.

Frontier Corps (FC) Balochistan conducted Intelligence Based Operations (IBOs) and counter-

recovers arms from Balochistan

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Is terrorism a real problem for the world?

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Special Security Division established to protect CPEC projects

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terrorism operations in Balochistan, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) statement said on Saturday. It said that during the last week, FC Balochistan along with other law enforcement agencies apprehended 81 suspects and recovered huge cache of arms and ammunition. An operation was carried out in Quetta City in collaboration with young volunteers from civil society. ISPR said that security forces are also engaged in area domination and counter-terrorism operations in the southern zone of Quetta, in Sibi-Sui-Dalbadin- Kahan zone. A large number of militants belonging to Baloch Republican Army (BRA) and Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) have surrendered to security forces bringing stability to the areas.

After WW2 paramount powers of the world transferred from Great Britain to United States of America (USA). These powers made USA a Hegemonic state and it started to rule the world's developing countries. After the tragedy of 9/11 most of these developing countries are making their policies according to USA especially to counter the terrorism. These countries are inclusive of Pakistan, Cuba, Somalia, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Syria, Afghanistan and Africa. The policies are usually supervised by United State of America. It is a bitter fact that Pakistan is the most affected country of the world that has stricken by terrorism. Pakistan has faced loss of more than fifty thousand precious lives of its soldiers, policemen and citizens as a result of bomb blasts, suicidal attacks and target killings. People of the country are living under constant fear and threats of terror. The terrorists also kidnap people for ransom, plunder antiquities, carry out attacks on educational /national institutions, holy places, markets and other public places. The terrorist claim to be at war with west for the sake of Islam, but they are killing Muslims in Pakistan and other parts of the world as well. It is worth mentioning here that one of the core issues of the UN's 65th general assembly in 2015 was "Terrorism". In fact the 9/11 terrorists' attacks in USA were declaration of war between terrorists and rest of the world and it endorses the Bush Doctrine. It is doubtless that it is another Guerilla War, the enemies are known but not visible and they are beyond the land, sea or air territories. The globalization has also become a channel to promote terrorism. Many terrorist groups including ISIS and Al-Qaeda are negative outcome of globalization. During couple of decades these terrorist groups have created fear and sense of insecurity around the world. Their shadows have covered the press and electronic media with full strength. Their motive is one but they are operating with different names. The unity of the terrorist groups is a constant threat and challenge for the entire world, therefore the world must think and plan to combat these groups for the elimination of terrorism and restoration of peace.

Let's suppose that one day the world somehow overcomes terrorism, would it really become peaceful in the presence of conflicts spread over the different regions of the world? Some of the burning issues of the world are:

- « Capitalism and communism between US and Russian
- « Pakistan and India conflict over disputed Kashmir
- « Israel- Palestine Conflict over the disputed land
- « Kurdish and Turkish conflict
- « Civil war in Syria
- « Civil war in Central African Republic
- « Saudi-Yemen conflict
- « Conflict between Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC)

Would our future generations be secured from fear, threats and violence under these circumstances? The answer would probably be NO, because it is not only the terrorism but many other facts which have hacked peace from the world. Therefore the world leaders must come together to address these issues. The charter of UNO must be followed for the restoration of peace. Joint efforts must be carried out to curb terrorism, extremism, fundamentalism, human rights violations, religious and sectarian discrimination, poverty alleviation, illiteracy and hatred.

The Ministry of Interior has issued a notification for the establishment of Special Security Division to protect \$55bln worth China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects, Pakistan Today has learnt.

Official sources told your correspondent that SSD has been established for the security of CPEC and a notification to this effect has been issued by the ministry of interior. "The SSD has been assigned with the duty of protecting projects under CPEC and Chinese workers working on these projects," sources said. The SSD will be comprised of nine army composite battalions (9,229 personnel) while six civil armed forces (CAFs) wings (4,502 personnel) have also been raised. Agreed TORs (term of references) of SSD have been sent to provinces/special regions for requisition of armed forces/CAFs under Articles 147 and 245 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and under Anti-Terrorism Act 1997.

"After requisition from the provinces, deployment order shall be issued by the Ministry of Interior (MoI)," a senior official at Planning, Development and Reforms Ministry said, adding, "One percent of total cost of CPEC projects allocated by MoPD&R, as per the decision of Cabinet Committee on Energy, has been provided in the current PSDP (Public Sector Development Programme)." The official further informed that the Chinese side has expressed satisfaction on the security arrangements during a meeting held in Beijing on December 29, 2016, co-chaired by Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for PD&R, and Wang Xiaota, Vice Chairman National Development Reform Commission (NDRC).

CPEC is an economic corridor comprising a collection of projects currently underway, at a cost of more than \$55 billion. The corridor is intended to rapidly expand and upgrade Pakistani infrastructure, as well as deepen and broaden economic links between Pakistan and the People's

Shehbaz lauds security forces' sacrifices, terms Pakistan unconquerable
Daily Times, January 20, 2017

ATC directs to arrest Altaf Hussain through Interpol
Pakistan Today, January 20, 2017

No blasphemy case filed against missing bloggers: Nisar
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Republic of China. It is considered to be an extension of China's ambitious One Belt, One Road initiative. First trade activity took place through CPEC on 13 November, 2016, when cargo from China was transported to ships at Gwadar Port, for markets in West Asia and Africa.

According to the updated status of CPEC project post 6th JCC Meeting, there are 12 energy projects under CPEC which are expected to add 5,000 MW of electricity to the national grid by 2017-18. Similarly, the transport infrastructure under CPEC consists of rail-based mass transit system, railways, new provincial projects and new Gwadar projects. Rail based mass transit system includes Karachi Circular Railway, Greater Peshawar Mass Transit and Quetta Mass Transit. The projects also include upgradation of Pakistan Railways ML-1 and establishment of Havelian Dry Port.

New provincial projects include Ketī Bunder Sea Port Development Project, Naukundi-Mashkhel-Panjgur Road project connecting with M-8 & N-85, Chitral CPEC Link Road from Gilgit, Shandor, Chitral to Chakdara, Mirpur-Muzaffarabad-Mansehra Road for connectivity with CPEC route, Quetta Water Supply Scheme from Pat Feeder Canal, Balochistan, Iron Ore Mining Processing and Steel Mills at Chiniot, Punjab.

Similarly, new Gwadar projects under CPEC include Gwadar East Bay Expressway, New Gwadar International Airport, necessary facilities of fresh water treatment, water supply and distribution, Technical and Vocational Institute at Gwadar, Pak-China Friendship Hospital, Development of Free Zone, Bao Steel Park petrochemicals, stainless steel and other industries in Gwadar, Development of Gwadar University, and 300MW coal-fired power plant at Gwadar among other projects under the CPEC. The CPEC involves 3,000-kilometer network of roads, railways and pipelines to transport oil and gas besides energy projects from Gwadar Port to Kashgar city, northwestern China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region. Proposed by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang during his visit to Pakistan in May 2013, the CPEC is expected to act as a bridge for the new maritime Silk Route that envisages linking three billion people in Asia, Africa and Europe.

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Shehbaz Sharif has said that Pakistan security forces' sacrifices created history and set an unprecedented example which conveys a clear message to friends and foes that Pakistan is unconquerable. He was talking to the newly appointed Punjab Rangers DG Major General Azhar Naveed Hayat who called on him on Friday.

The Chief Minister congratulated him on his appointment and extended best wishes to him. Praising the services of officers and officials of Rangers in maintaining law and order situation in Pakistan, Shehbaz said that their contribution was appreciable and they were blessed with unconditional love and support of Pakistani people. The CM said that the government had achieved major successes against terrorism in recent times which could be attributed to the domestic consensus against terrorism and the tremendous efforts and sacrifices made by our security forces. He said, "We all have to play our role for bringing peace in the country. We are proud of the huge contributions of our security forces who fought very well professionally and spiritually and the whole nation pays homage to our Martyrs."

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) the other day directed the investigation officer to approach Interpol for the arrest of Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) Founder Altaf Hussain. The court also directed the investigation officer to contact interior ministry for the issuance of red warrants against Altaf on charges of provocative speeches, treason and chanting slogans against state's sovereignty. The order was issued after the investigation officer informed the judge that arrest order could not be implemented against the accused as he was living in London. ATC also voiced displeasure over non-arrest of other absconding accused and issued non-bailable warrants against them. Meanwhile, the ATC reserved verdict on bail plea of Shahid Pasha and other party leaders.

ISLAMABAD -Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan Thursday took a serious notice of the media reports regarding registration of criminal cases on blasphemy charges against the five missing bloggers and social media activists in an Islamabad police station.

According to a spokesman of the Interior Ministry, the minister also took notice of what he called 'propaganda' against the social media campaigners on charges of blasphemy.

Denying initiation of any criminal proceedings against the social media activists in this connection, the minister said there was no truth about the registration of cases against them and such reports were absolutely non-serious and ridiculous.

At least, five social media activists, including Salman Haider, Ahmed Waqas Goraya, Asim Saeed, Ahmed Raza Naseer and Samar Abbas had gone missing from Islamabad and Punjab in the first week of January. "Some elements are disseminating wrong information on this matter and they are aggravating the situation," the minister said. The dissemination of negative propaganda and wrong information is a clear proof of the indifference attitude of these elements, he said adding that perhaps they have no feelings that the miseries of the missing persons families would increase with their action. "The government is focusing on all of its resources to recover the bloggers safe and sound and all efforts are being made in the connection," Chaudhry Nisar said. He also showed sympathy with the families of missing persons.

Earlier this week, a non-government organisation, Civil Society of Pakistan, had moved an application against five missing persons in the Industrial Area Police Station of Islamabad for registration of a case on blasphemy charges against them. The application was moved after discussions on social media that these campaigners were allegedly involved in committing blasphemy through social media sites.

RANGERS POWERS EXTENDED IN KARACHI

The Ministry of Interior extended the policing powers of Rangers in Karachi for another period of 90 days under the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997. A notification issued by the Ministry of Interior says that the powers of Rangers Sindh had been extended for another period of 90 days with effect from

Solid proof points to Indian terror in Pakistan: FO

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January 16, 2017 under clause (i) of the sub section 3 of section 4 of Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

The notification says: "Pursuant to the request made by the Home Department, Government of Sindh, dated 18th January, 2017 and in continuation of this Ministry's Notification No. 9/1/95-R (Sindh) dated 16th October, 2016, the powers of Rangers has been extended." The policing powers authorise the paramilitary force to prevent the commission of terrorist acts, or scheduled offences, in the notified area under the provision of the Anti-Terrorism Act. The extension in powers of Rangers in Karachi had remained a bone of contention between the federal and the Sindh governments in the past, as the latter wanted to curtail the powers of the paramilitary force. In December 2015, the PPP-led Sindh government had got a resolution passed in the provincial assembly that had asked the federal government to extend powers of Rangers but with some conditions. Sindh government then had moved a summary to the federal government along with a copy of the resolution but the Interior Ministry rejected had rejected the summary.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan said on Thursday it had solid proof of Indian state-sponsored terrorism on its land.

Speaking at the weekly press briefing here, Foreign Office Spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said the confessional statement of RAW agent Kulbhushan Yadav had proved that Indian secret agencies were continuously involved in subversive and terrorist activities in Pakistan. He said Pakistan had asked the Indian government to pursue the path of dialogue and engagement, rather than confrontation, violence and terrorism. "India has always shirked from dialogue to resolve all outstanding issues, including the Jammu & Kashmir dispute. Pakistan believes just resolution of the Kashmir dispute is essential for normalisation of relations with India," he added.

To a question about the statement of Indian minister of state in which he termed the RSS a terrorist outfit, he said the statement should be seen in the backdrop of public confession by the RSS activist, Swami Aseemanand, on involvement in February 2007 terrorist attack on the Samjhota Express in which mostly Pakistanis were killed. "Swami was the mastermind; he had also identified other terrorists involved belonging to Abhinav Bharat, headed by the then serving Indian Army Colonel, Prohit. RSS was instrumental in the genocide of more than 500,000 Kashmiri Muslims during November 1947. Our FM's letter to the Chair UNCIP also reflects on the RSS's gruesome activities," he said.

Responding to another query, Zakaria said: "We have submitted the dossier on Kulbhushan Yadav very recently. This dossier is based on the confessions and revelations made by Kulbhushan Yadav. What we had submitted earlier was the evidence and information that reflected on Indian involvement in terrorism, which had been gathered. "Indian involvement in Pakistan's internal matters is a longstanding problem that we have been raising with the international community for quite some time."

In 2013, he said: "We also saw a statement of the then US Defence Secretary, Chuck Hagel, who revealed how India financed instability in Pakistan from Afghanistan." He also referred to the statement of Ajit Doval in which he said India will use the Taliban against Pakistan. Indian Defence Minister Manohar Parriker also stated that they would use terrorists against Pakistan. "You have also seen the Indian statements on Balochistan at the highest political level. All these statements is an undeniable proof of Indian involvement in perpetrating terrorism and terror financing in Pakistan," he said.

Talking about instability in Afghanistan, Zakaria said not only Islamabad, but also a number of independent studies and assessments had established that the factors impeding reconciliation and stability in Afghanistan were internal to Afghanistan. He said the increasing foothold of various terrorist organizations and outfits due to persistent instability in Afghanistan was a growing concern for not only Pakistan, but also for other countries in the region and beyond.

"Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), General Nicholson's annual assessment report and various other UN reports have amply identified that risks and obstacles in the way to peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan remain internal", he remarked.

To a question about the hostile statements of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in which he had pointed the finger at Pakistan for the recent terror attacks in Afghanistan, he said Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Bajwa had not only condoled, but also offered cooperation to tackle militancy. "We reject the Afghan government's baseless allegations. The accusatory approach is unhelpful towards efforts for peace. Pakistan has suffered from the terrorism and has made unparalleled sacrifices. We have done more than any other nation in the world in the fight against terrorism," the spokesman commented. He said it was disappointing that some elements having no interest in peace in Afghanistan and wanting to damage the Afghan-Pakistan relations had been maligning Pakistan for their own agenda.

Referring to China's shut-up call to India on the passing of CPEC through Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan, he said Pakistan too had clarified that CPEC was basically an economic project that will benefit the entire region.

On Wednesday Prime Minister Modi and his foreign secretary had also pointed to the CPEC. Modi had asked Beijing to show "respect and sensitivity" to Delhi's concerns and interests while Jaishanker criticized Beijing for not honoring India's concerns about the territorial integrity.

"Regarding India declaring Kashmir as their integral part, Kashmir is a disputed territory and it is an internationally recognized dispute. So, any claim to that effect by India is a violation of UNSC resolutions, which call for plebiscite and realising Kashmiris' rights to self-determination", said the spokesman. He said the Indian Held Kashmir today was the most militarized zone in the world with one Indian soldier for every 12 Kashmiris. "Over several decades Indian occupation forces have massacred over 1.5 million Kashmiris. During the current phase of uprising since 8 July, 2016 they have once again unleashed the reign of terror targeting innocent civilians including children.

Will sending street crime cases to ATCs solve the problem?

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Pellet guns have been used to deliberately target the eyes of peaceful protesters resulting in permanent blindness of around 1,000 people, including young girls and children", reminded the spokesman. He said Pakistan was aware that India was expanding not only its conventional arms capability, but also international reports had pointed to Delhi building new nuclear facilities. "We have consistently maintained that both India and Pakistan should agree on meaningful measures for restraint and avoidance of nuclear or conventional arms race in the region. India's expansion of its conventional and nuclear capabilities goes against the objective of strategic stability in South Asia. Without appropriate non-proliferation safeguards, the NSG exemption would lead to expansion in the Indian capacity to produce fissile material for military use," warned the spokesman.

Meanwhile, commenting on criticism coming from Washington on Pakistan's nuclear policy, the spokesman said it was unfair to blame Pakistan for the nuclearization of South Asia. "It was India, which introduced the nuclear factor in South Asia. Obviously, Pakistan had no option but to follow suit to avoid nuclear blackmail. Last year, India conducted 120 tests of various missile systems including SLBM, ICBM, etc. India is rapidly enhancing its conventional and nuclear arsenals quantitatively and qualitatively," argued the spokesman. Pakistan's policy, he said, was committed to avoidance of arms race in South Asia and had demonstrated utmost restraint while taking necessary steps for the maintenance of credible minimum deterrence. "Those worried about the risk of nuclear weapons in South Asia should impress upon India to positively respond to Pakistan's proposal of Strategic Restraint Regime (SRR)", the spokesman reminded Washington without naming it.

KARACHI: Were you one of the 60,000 people mugged in Karachi last year? As per the Citizens-Police Liaison Committee, street crime in Karachi shows no signs of relenting.

While the Karachi operation might have suppressed militancy and terrorism in the volatile metropolis, a serious surge in street crime was witnessed, prompting the authorities to come up with a solution. The chief minister came up with one: send all street crime cases to the anti-terrorism courts (ATCs).

In the last meeting of the apex committee on January 2, Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah had asked his law adviser, Murtaza Wahab, and prosecutor-general, Shahadat Awan, to suggest whether cases of street crimes could be sent to anti-terrorism courts (ATCs). He had ordered them to suggest amendments in the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA), 1997.

Senior serving and retired police officials were taken aback at this suggestion — to them, improving and strengthening of policing is a more plausible solution instead of putting additional burden on the ATCs.

During the meeting, the chief minister directed Sindh IG Allah Dino Khawaja to take necessary measures to stop street crime. He approved vigorous operations against street criminals and drug and land mafias. He then directed Wahab and Awan to suggest amendments in the law. "I am committed to the people of Karachi [and want] to make this city free of street crime," he said, categorically adding at that time that he would not listen to any excuses. "I want results."

Confusion prevails

The provincial government is likely to withdraw its decision regarding the proposition of amendments to ATA, said officials in the Sindh government. Those who were directed to make such amendments seem to be confused as they believe that trial of street crime cases in the ATCs cannot be made possible due to a number of issues. "This is a complicated issue as [the anti-terrorism] law comes under [the] federal government and without consultation of the federal government, the provincial government cannot [make] such changes," said a senior government official. He further remarked that even though decisions are made every now and then, implementation remains a big issue. "Like others, the fate of this decision will also [remain] bleak," he said. "The apex committee had decided to take concrete steps to help eliminate street crime," law adviser Wahab told The Express Tribune. The government is now doing its homework on the decisions taken in the apex committee meeting, said home secretary Shakeel Mangnejo. "The minutes of the meeting have been approved now," he said.

Alternative suggestions

Meanwhile, top police officials expressed dismay over the government's ill-planning and the idea of amending the ATA. Former top police officials stressed that the normal system of policing should be improved instead of introducing new laws. "It has become a common practice to do [just anything] new [such as establishing] special courts," said former Sindh IG Shoaib Suddle. "Actually, it is not [the] right way. Does anyone have any idea what would happen if the police started sending street crime cases to the ATCs? There would definitely be overcrowding and there would [be] no difference between [lower] courts and the ATCs." The investigation process should be improved urgently and investigators should focus more on scientific and forensic evidence instead of normal practices, such as witness accounts, he suggested. There is also a dire need of improving the conviction rate. "Across the world, 80% prisoners are convicted in the prisons but, in Pakistan, you will find 80% under-trial prisoners," he claimed.

Another retired Sindh IG also criticised the proposition. "Nothing [could be] more absurd than that," said former Sindh IG Afzal Shigri. "What is going on here? Everyone's case is being registered under [the anti-terrorism] act. Our government should learn lesson from the world that fought terrorism. But in our country, lawmakers and terrorists all are being tried in the ATCs alike. It's a joke."

Former CPLC chief Nazim Haji was of the view that the solution lay in the revival of the Police Order 2002. "This should be revived with some amendments," urged Haji. "This system will help in reforms in the police department as the police have now been criminalised and politicised." He termed the suggestion to amend the ATA a 'short cut'. "Things will not improve until reforms [are

Empowering the Rangers

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introduced] in the departments concerned, including the judiciary, police, prisons and prosecution," he said. "As reforms are hectic and difficult work, no one is interested. It is like making fool of the public. Why don't they [government] try the street crime cases in military courts?"

It is reported that the Sindh government has decided to extend the special policing powers of the Rangers in Karachi for another 90 days. It is further reported that the senior leadership of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) had directed Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah to make the three-month extension. The extension of powers under the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997 allows the Rangers to carry out raids and arrest suspects. The last extension expired on Monday 16th January, and the Sindh government had the choice of allowing it to remain lapsed or make an extension. It was correct to choose the latter.

Any 'controversy' around the extension of Rangers powers is largely manufactured. There have been disagreements between Interior Minister Chaudhary Nisar Ali Khan and various members of the Sindh government over the role of the Rangers. Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah is said to have been displeased at raids on the offices of Anwar Majeed, a former close associate of former President Asif Ali Zardari which were timed to coincide with Mr Zardari's return to Pakistan. Apart from documents the raids netted 17 Kalashnikovs, 4 pistols, 3,255 rounds of ammunition and 9 ball bombs.

The cleaning up of Karachi is no ordinary policing operation. The police forces are highly politicised and deeply corrupt. They are in the pockets of criminals and terrorists alike. The Rangers are not, and the renewal of their powers has proved to be effective in the past in reducing crime and incidents of terrorism, and will be effective into the future for as long as necessary. The renewal of Rangers powers should be a matter of routine rather than a political ping-pong match every quarter. There is criticism that the Rangers are heavy-handed, more so than the police and that may well be true — but then again urban warfare such as is being waged in the city was never going to be pretty or palatable. If the city is ever to be truly pacified, de-weaponised and decriminalised then the Rangers are a vital tool in that process. No pain no gain goes the saying. Continue as before, gentlemen.

62 outfits banned under Anti-Terrorism Act, Senate told

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The federal government has banned 62 organisations under the Anti-Terrorism Act, said a minister on Thursday, as Pakistan steps up its efforts to choke terrorist funding.

"Amendments in the Anti-Terrorism Act have been made with a focus to choke terrorist funding," Balighur Rehmann, state minister for interior, told the Senate during question hour session. Major sources of funds used by the terrorists in the country include extortion money, funding by certain foreign intelligence agencies and drug money, said the minister. Till now, he said, 844 cases have been registered in this regard and investigations are underway.

The government is under severe pressure from international groups and major opposition parties over the alleged immunity given to militant outfits. Members with suspected ties to militant groups continue to get elected to National and provincial assemblies. Baligh said Pakistan was a signatory to the International Convention on the Suppression of Financing of Terrorism adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. The State Bank, the minister said, had issued detailed regulations to all the banks for strict compliance regarding anti-money laundering and terrorist financing. Baligh said the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 had been promulgated which would make collection of funds for terrorist organisations through any information system or electronic devices an offence.

Sindh CM signs summary of 90 day extension in rangers powers

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KARACHI: Chief Minister of Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday signed the summary extending the special policing powers to the Rangers in Karachi.

CM House officials told APP that extension has been granted for another 90 days as per recommendation of the provincial home ministry and shall now be forwarded to the federal government for approval. It is under the Anti-Terrorism Act-1997, that Rangers since September 2013 have been granted special powers to raid and take into custody suspects for their alleged involvement in targeted killings, kidnapping for ransom, extortion and terrorism in Karachi. It may be pertinent to mention that Sindh Rangers in their annual report for 2016 claimed to have conducted 1,992 operations and apprehended 2,847 suspected criminals in the metropolis.

In the report, the Rangers also claimed that murders and targeted killings in the city declined significantly in 2016, with 87 people falling victim compared to 199 in 2015.

Four terrorists killed in Sheikhpura encounter

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SHEIKHPURA: Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) gunned dead four terrorists in Sheikhpura, ARY News reported on Wednesday.

According to CTD, four terrorists were shot dead in an encounter near Sheikhpura Bypass whereas three of their accomplices managed to escape. Large cache of weapons and explosives were recovered from the slain terrorists.

According to law enforcement sources, the terrorists were affiliated with a banned outfit. It should be noted that all political stakeholders in Pakistan had agreed over the National Action Plan (NAP) against terrorism and the terrorist organizations after the Army Public School terrorist attack in Peshawar that claimed around 150 lives on December 16, 2014. Most of the victims of the attack were students. Thousands of terrorists have been killed, executed or arrested in raids carried out under the action plan. However, several political parties have complained that their activists being targeted under the NAP operations.

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Eight students injured

DETAILS

ISLAMABAD: Doctors registered with the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) are legally bound to prescribe and use stents that are registered by the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP). The import, export, distribution, sale, prescription and use of unregistered stents in patients is a cognizable offence and FIRs will be registered against violators of DRAP Act 2012. A warning to this effect was served Sunday during an emergency meeting of DRAP. The meeting was convened to take stock of the use of substandard and non-registered stents by doctors in cardiac and tertiary care hospitals in Pakistan. Expressing concern over the malpractices of cardiac consultants and specialists who use unregistered, smuggled and low-quality stents, DRAP emphasised that doctors can only prescribe and use any of the 55 stents registered by DRAP. Meanwhile, a three-member committee comprising Additional Director (Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing), Director Medical Devices, and Deputy Director General, Lahore, has been constituted to investigate the use of low-quality stents in government hospitals and private hospitals, and to track the involvement of doctors in this heinous crime. In this regard, the Lahore branch of DRAP conducted a raid on the sale office of multinational company B. Braun, leading to the recovery of 40 unregistered stents and seizure of expired infusions. The Federal Inspector of Drugs, Lahore, sealed the premises in compliance with provisions of law. "The Division of Quality Assurance and Laboratory Testing is committed to take stern action against culprits who prescribe and use unregistered stents and play with the lives of poor people to fill their pockets. In the eyes of law, unregistered drugs and stents cannot be sold and used and all found involved are accused persons. Teams of DRAP have started raids and inspections all over Pakistan to take stern action against doctors, pharmacists or big businessmen involved in the practice," the meeting pointed out.

LAHORE: At least 1,124 nurses and 342 pharmacists would be hired for district headquarters and tehsil headquarters hospitals to improve nurse-to-bed ratio. These recruitments are part of a revamping plan of 25 DHQs hospitals and 15 THQs hospitals, which would be completed during the current year, said Punjab Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazeer on Sunday. The minister said that computerised tomography machines were also being provided at all DHQ hospitals under the public-private partnership programme. He said that applications for recruitments of nurses and pharmacists had been invited and for this purpose a written test would be conducted through the National Testing Service (NTS) for posts of pharmacists, both male and female. Punjab Primary and Secondary Health Secretary Ali Jan Khan said that an advertisement had been sent to newspapers for appointment of nurses and pharmacists. He disclosed that 993 nurses would be recruited in district headquarters hospitals and 131 in tehsil headquarters hospitals.

"Similarly, 303 and 39 pharmacists would be appointed to district headquarters hospitals and tehsil headquarters hospitals, respectively," he said, and added that application forms could be downloaded from the web site of NTS) and the advertisement could be downloaded from the website of the Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department. He said that recruitments would be facility-specific, non-transferable and contract based. "Aspirants must specifically mention name of DHQ/THQ hospitals at the application form," the health secretary said. He observed that the appointments would not only improve performance of hospitals but also increase medical facilities for patients.

ISLAMABAD: Over 11 domestic and international flights departing from and scheduled to land at Benazir Bhutto International Airport faced delays or cancellations on Monday. According to officials at the airport, the flights cancelled or faced delay due to the weather. Some of the flights that will not land on time include PK-233 that was bound for Dubai from Islamabad, PK-451 for Skardu, NL-714 from Damam, PK-752 from Birmingham, PK-786 from London, NL-224 from Dubai, NL-710 from Jeddah, NL-902 from Manchester. A new wave of cold has hit Pakistan, causing heavy snowfall has started again in the mountains of Murree, Galyat, Hazara, Malakand and Kashmir. A fresh system of winds and clouds has entered Balochistan, triggering light rain and bringing back the cold in Quetta and surrounding areas. Rain is forecasted for Karachi on Tuesday and Wednesday.

TAXILA: The prolonged power loadshedding and low gas pressure has made life in urban as well as rural areas of Taxila tehsil miserable in the chilly weather. The residents have been facing eight to 15 hours electricity loadshedding and suspension of gas supply at peak hours for the last several days. Iesco is carrying out six to eight hours unannounced loadshedding in the urban areas and 12 to 14 hours in the rural areas, while most localities are also experiencing low gas pressure. Besides, fluctuation in voltage adds to the miseries of the people as it damages their electrical appliances. After more than two months dry spell Potohar region received the much awaited rain, turning the weather cold in the area with mercury touching almost zero Celsius. In this condition the unscheduled hours long gas and electricity loadshedding wreaks havoc with the residents. The prolonged power loadshedding has also resulted in acute shortage of water in many areas. Even the areas where there is no gas loadshedding the people complain of low pressures specially in the early morning creating problem for the school or office goers as they cannot have breakfast. In the absence of gas, people are forced to use firewood or coal for cooking or keeping themselves warm. Saeed Ahmed, an office-bearer of local traders union, said after a break of two months, Iesco has started 10 to 12 hours unannounced loadshedding despite their claim that the government had announced end to loadshedding. He said loadshedding had also hit shopkeepers and domestic consumers. When contacted, an Iesco official said supply was being suspended directly from Islamabad and that they were trying to get a schedule for the outages. SNGPL distribution officer Aabid Saeed said increasing demand and excessive consumption of gas in the area was in fact a leading cause of low pressure of gas. He said the company was using the latest machinery to supply gas.

OKARA: Eight students of a private college suffered burn injuries, while one of them was referred to Lahore in a critical condition during a bonfire on Saturday. Girls from first- and second-year classes

during bonfire

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Govt plans to import further 1,200mmcf of LNG

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CTD gets 4G system to trace smartphone calls across Sindh

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Dawn under cyber attack

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were enjoying a bonfire at the college on G.T. Road when clothes of some of them standing close caught fire. Those who suffered burn injuries were identified as Kainat, Jannat, Saadia, Amna, Kinza, Naila, Saman and Abida. On receiving information, Rescue 1122 and police personnel rushed to the site. The rescue team shifted five students to DHQ hospital emergency ward from where Abida was referred to Lahore's Jinnah Hospital with severe burns. Kinza, Naila and Saman were sent home after being given first aid on campus, while the remaining students were stated to stable at the hospital. Deputy Commissioner Sucrat Amman Rana rushed to the emergency ward to inquire after the burn victims and also directed inquiry into the incident.

LAHORE: The government has decided to import further 1,200mmcf of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in future to meet increasing gas demand of all sectors. The government has also directed top officials of the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited to immediately start designing and planning works in this regard. Under the plan, another gas pipeline for supplying 1,200mmcf of LNG to Sindh and Punjab, after re-gasification at the port, will be laid from Karachi to Lahore on the fast track in about one year, it is learnt. "Federal Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has informed us to start designing, planning various works required to be accomplished for laying a new pipeline from Karachi to Lahore and importing 1,200mmcf of LNG to meet the growing demand of domestic, commercial, industrial, power and CNG sectors," SNGPL managing director Amjad Latif told Dawn on Saturday. At present, the government is importing over 400mmcf of LNG from Qatar. And under the existing plan, it is to import 200mmcf in addition to 400 by this month's end and 600mmcf by end of June this year. The supply of 400mmcf of LNG after re-gasification is meant for textile, fertilizer, power and CNG sectors in Punjab.

However, the 200mmcf of LNG, which is exclusively for the power sector, is likely to be received by the 1,200MW Bhikki Power Plant in Sheikhpura on Jan 27. "It is confirmed that the supply of 200mmcf to Bhikki Power Plant would start from Jan 27. And the remaining 600mmcf of the total 1,200mmcf under the current plan will be imported by end of June this year," the MD said. He said both the state-owned gas companies were issued necessary directions by the minister for the import of further 1,200mmcf of LNG and laying of a new pipeline during a meeting held in Karachi on Jan 20. The meeting was attended by MDs of SSGC and SNGPL, SSGC's board of directors' chairman, ministry's federal secretary and other senior officials concerned. The MD said before import of additional LNG a couple of terminals for re-gasification would be built /installed. "Under the decision, the SSGC has been asked to lay a new pipeline from Karachi to Sawan. And the SNGPL will lay the pipeline from Sawan to Lahore," he said, adding that a major chunk of the 1,200mmcf would be used in Punjab because of the acute shortage of gas. At present, the total gas demand in the SNGPL areas (Punjab and KP) is about 2,500mmcf, whereas the availability in the system ranges from 1,900 to 2,000mmcf, including 1,400 to 1500mmcf of indigenous and 400 to 450mmcf of imported LNG. Since we have a shortfall of 500mmcf or so and the gas demand is increasing by the day, the government plans to import further 1,200mmcf in future to provide relief to all consumers," the official claimed.

KARACHI: The Sindh police have finally acquired the multimillion-rupee 4G mobile phone call locator system, the technology that had once been in the exclusive use of the intelligence agencies, and handed it over to the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), which will put it at the disposal of all wings of the police department, it emerged on Saturday. Officials said the CTD had been chosen by the top brass to run the system as the department handled the most heinous crimes committed by hardened criminals and militants. "In fact, the Sindh police have acquired two 4G mobile phone call locators, which have been handed over to the CTD for use in the entire province. The police have been using the technology for more than two years but the latest one is a modern [gadget] to trace smartphone communications," said a police source. In 2013 the Sindh police had acquired two sets of the system and initially the Special Branch was told to run it, which also facilitated investigation of cases by other arms of the department, said the source. Officials said that those previous sets were capable of meeting requirements of 2G and 3G mobile phones. "As the name suggests, the caller locator will allow police investigators to spot the exact location from where a mobile phone call is being made," said the source. It all began in 2010 when the Sindh police had planned to use the system but they had to shelve it after opposition from the country's powerful intelligence apparatus. In line with the past practice, police heavily depended on the intelligence agencies when they needed to locate mobile phone calls, especially those made in high-profile cases of kidnapping for ransom and extortion.

The Peshawar police had gained the technology years ago. Moreover, the Sindh government and business community also supported the move to end once and for all police investigators' oft-repeated excuse that they could not effectively deal with organised gangs in the absence of modern technology. "The CTD SSP has been appointed focal person for the entire department who could be approached by any unit of the Karachi police with a request for the use of the system," said an official. "CTD officials have undergone training in the use of the equipment. Whenever they receive a request from any unit or section of the law-enforcement agency, they move with the equipment to the required location to offer the service." He said the use of modern technology would quash the excuse often extended by the law-enforcement agency for its failure in certain cases because of lack of such equipment and it would also enhance its investigation capability. "The sets acquired by the police have been locally designed and developed. [The technology] has been effectively used for tracing criminals and kidnappers in the interior of Sindh where several groups were busted using the technology," he added.

KARACHI: In keeping with the principles of a free and independent press, it is necessary for us to inform our readers and place on public record that Dawn has come under sustained cyber attacks over the last two weeks. A statement issued by dawn.com says the origin of these attacks is unconfirmed as yet. "We are working to protect our data and infrastructure against these attacks and are confident that any attempts to hack into our systems will remain unsuccessful," Chief Digital Strategist and Editor Dawn.com Jahanzaib Haque says. "Despite numerous malicious attempts, no data has been compromised, nor leaked so far." Dawn is working to further shore up its systems and

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networks with Google and Facebook also engaged in the investigation. The statement says that once the origin of the source is confirmed, Dawn may take necessary action against the perpetrators in accordance with law.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Tuesday will inaugurate the Metro Bus service in Multan. According to reports, "Authorities have completed the Multan Metro Bus project and people will soon have the best transport facility in the city." The Punjab government has spent over Rs.28 billion on the project, with 21 bus stations set up on 18.5km long route to facilitate 97,000 commuters daily.

ISLAMABAD: Chairperson Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) Marvi Memon Friday said the new BISP's website would provide robust information and better understanding on its various programmes to the public. "We believe in right to information and each and every detail is present on the website for public scrutiny and valuable feedback," she, at the launch of website, said. Special Advisor to Prime Minister Irfan Siddiqui launched the new website as chief guest on the occasion. He commended the BISP for its services to the most vulnerable segment of society and for high standards of transparency. He said the BISP's performance was being appreciated in the highest power corridors of the country. He appreciated the BISP for making available online all impact evaluation reports and stated that this newly revamped website with enhanced features would help general public in benefiting from richer online content. The redesigned website offers quick and easy access to essential information on cash transfer, National Socio Economic Registry, Waseela-e-Taleem (WeT) and e-commerce. These newly added features offers more comprehensive understanding of the BISP. The new website has improved functionality, enhanced rich content and is aesthetically beautiful and user friendly. The dynamic access to the database makes the website more informative. The website has been especially optimized for use on mobile and linked with Google Maps. The new website goes live today with the same address www.bisp.gov.pk. Visitors are encouraged to explore the website and sign up for updates from the BISP. A hi-tech app designed by the BISP in collaboration with Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) has also been linked with the website for continuous monitoring of attendance compliance of more than 1.3 million children enrolled in primary schools under Waseela-e-Taleem. The app is supplemented with the GPS that will update the attendance status online making the attendance compliance easy and transparent for the BISP.

KALLAR SYEDAN (Dunya News): Poisonous food presented at wedding ceremony in Kallar Syedan killed two people while 45 others have been admitted to local hospital on Saturday following critical condition, reported Dunya News. The marriage ceremony took place last night. Many guests faced severe condition within a few hours after consuming food at wedding. Two of them died in hospital including 14-year-old boy Farid and 40-year-old woman. Police have started investigating the matter by inquiring from the chef and host family's representative. Moreover, people protested against unavailability of beds in the hospital due to which two patients were being forced to lay on single bed. The deputy commissioner was present during the protest.

KARACHI (Dunya News): The hygiene condition of Karachi could not be improved even after 52 days of Mayor Waseem Akhtar's 100-day cleanliness campaign. The campaign was launched in twenty union councils (UCs) of three districts but only 25-30 percent work has been done in these UCs. According to locals, the working staff gets active when the mayor visits these places, and then vanishes afterwards and no work is done later. The people also told that it is not possible to clean the whole city in hundred days, and an integrated plan is required for the entire process.

LAHORE (Daily Dunya): Medical mafia is selling counterfeit drugs across Pakistan by importing inexpensive and substandard raw material from neighboring countries India and Iran. Doctors and staff of health department are also involved in this illicit practice whereas private and public hospitals are preferring counterfeit medicines over original ones in order to maximize their profits. A committee was constituted on directions of Punjab CM after emergence of spurious stents. Committee's report revealed that medical mafia is pouring fake drugs in market by exploiting names of big companies whereas heavy bribe is being offered to authorities concerned to keep their mouth hush. Report further narrated that an injection with production cost of Rs25 to 30 was being sold in market at price of Rs300 to 500. Injection ceftriaxone sodium, Cefixime, Diclofenac, Clarithromycin, Glimepiride, Sitagliptin, Vildagliptin, Moxifloxacin are names of some drugs of whom bogus products are being found in excess in market. Lahori market of provincial capital is hub of substandard drugs from where these counterfeit products are supplied across Pakistan. An indiscriminate operation has been initiated against substandard and counterfeit drug makers whereas quality of medicines is being tested in local and international laboratories, said Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khawaja Imran Nazir.

LAHORE: People in several parts of Punjab will have to suffer additional loadshedding of at least three to four hours for a week from Friday (today), following closure of a 500kv transmission line to connect the newly-built 1,320MW Sahiwal Coal Power plant with the national grid. During the week there will be six-hour outages in urban and eight hours in rural areas, Dawn learnt on Thursday. The closure of the 500kv grid station and the transmission line will affect a majority of areas falling in operational jurisdiction of the Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco) and various parts of the Gujranwala Electric Power Company (Gepco) and Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco). The Lesco areas facing additional outages include Lahore, Kasur, Sheikhpura, Okara and Nankana Sahib, says a senior Lesco official. "After this brief inconvenience, the electricity supply to our areas will improve due to connectivity of the Sahiwal coal-fired plant with the national grid," says the Lesco Chief Executive Officer Syed Wajid Kazmi. Talking to Dawn, he said similarly the plant's connectivity with the national grid would also improve the power supply to the areas falling under other distribution companies (DisCos). He, however, said that he didn't know exactly that to what extent the line's closure would affect the Fesco and Gepco areas. "I can confirm that the entire area falling within Lesco jurisdiction will be affected due to the line's closure," Mr Kazmi added. He said the Lesco had been directed by the quarters concerned to carry out loadshedding for three to four hours, in addition

Hospitals to get health management system

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to the existing schedule. "The addition of loadshedding hours means a cut of about 400MW in the Lesco quota. Before this, we were already facing a deficit of 370 to 380MW, forcing us to observe a load shedding schedule of three to four hours on daily basis," he explained. He said during the week of additional outages, Lesco and other affected Discos would be supplied electricity through the 500KV system dedicated for northern parts of the country.

LAHORE: All tertiary and district headquarters (DHQ) hospitals will be digitised through a health information management system to make the healthcare delivery transparent. The system would also improve the performance of the hospitals, said Minister for Specialised Healthcare and Medical Education Khwaja Salman Rafiq at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Health Sector Reforms at Civil Secretariat on Thursday. Besides preparing database on patients, the system would also maintain inventory of medicines procurement, supply and consumption and medical equipment as well as machinery, said the minister, adding that Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif had sought the completion of three health sector development scheme on priority basis. The meeting learned the Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) would start the health information management system in one teaching and one DHQ hospital as a pilot project. The PITB would give presentation in the next weekly meeting of the Cabinet Committee while the Infrastructure Development Authority Punjab (IDAP) would prepare the health information management system for the Pakistan Kidney and Liver Institute.

The meeting finalised Schedule of New Expenditure (SNE) for new employments for completed projects in the health sector for forwarding the same to the competent authority for approval. Minister for Primary and Secondary Healthcare Khwaja Imran Nazir said that a timeline should be fixed for completion of development schemes and accordingly work should be carried out. Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department Secretary Najam Ahmad Shah said that health insurance scheme has been introduced in four districts of the province under the Prime Minister National Health Programme. The secretary said that the chief minister had directed them to enhance the scope of health insurance scheme to 36 districts to provide medical cover to the poor and deserving population. The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary Shamail Ahmad Khawaja, Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department Secretary Ali Jan Khan, PITB Chairman Dr Umar Saif, Mujahid Sher Dil from IDAP, Planning and Development department Member Health Dr Shabana Haider and others.

Polio campaign in city enters final stage

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ISLAMABAD: A three-day polio vaccination campaign ended in the city on Thursday, with the lady overseeing the fight against the crippling disease in the country declaring that "extraordinary efforts are required to keep the federal capital polio free". Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, the Prime Minister's Focal Person for Polio Eradication, made the observation to polio team workers she met in the slums of Islamabad to ensure that the cursed disease doesn't resurfaces in the federal capital. Though the last polio case in Islamabad was reported in September 2008, seven years later polio virus was detected in sewerage samples from the city, according to the Coordinator of the National Emergency Operation Centre, Dr Rana Muhammad Safdar. "Despite good overall immunity, the capital remains programme's high priority due to frequent movement of high risk populations from areas where virus is still present," said the official. Polio teams vaccinated 187,539 children, or 62 percent of the targeted figure, during the first two days of the just-ended, rain-affected campaign. Efforts were made to cover the left out children on the last day of the campaign. Senator Farooq urged reinvigorated efforts during final push against the crippling virus. "No child should be missed. These children are going to decide our success or failure in coming months," she said. "The Health Department should focus on the selection and training of appropriate heads and members of polio teams to reach each child during every campaign." Pakistan reported 20 cases in 2016 against 54 in 2015 and 306 in 2014. More campaigns are critical from now till May 2017 to effectively plug the residual immunity gaps and achieve the goal of Zero Polio in the country. Meanwhile, the CDA administration is taking action against its officials who stayed away from polio duties. Mayor of Islamabad and chairman CDA, Sheikh Ansar Aziz is said to have ordered member administration, CDA, Mohammad Yasir Pirzada, to take "stern action" against them.

Anti-polio drive to be launched in Khyber on Monday

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LANDI KOTAL: Authorities in Khyber Agency have decided to launch the three days anti-polio campaign from January 23 after the vaccine administered during the previous drive were tested negative by National Control Laboratory for Biologicals in Islamabad. A letter sent to the national programme manager of EPI said that National Control Laboratory for Biologicals performed tests on vaccine samples sent from Khyber Agency and the results were compared with the certificate of analysis provided with the lot. "The vaccine has no bacteria or fungal contamination as evident in the sterility test performed while the pH is within stated limits," it added. Authorities had to suspend the scheduled vaccination campaign at the last moment after security officials refused to allow administration of the vaccine to children in Bara till the outcome of the laboratory tests of the vaccine samples from the previous campaign. At least five children died in Bara and Landi Kotal during the last campaign after which a number of parents and local elders expressed their reservations over the quality of vaccine administered to their children. The health authorities in the meantime sent blood samples of the affected children along with anti-polio drops to Islamabad for authentic medical examination. Officials said that all the children died due to other ailments as was proved from the results of their blood tests but the result of polio vaccine got delayed owing to its sensitive nature, causing postponement of the scheduled campaign on January 16. Meanwhile, Agency Polio Eradication Committee (APEC) comprising representatives of World Health Organisation, UNICEF, additional political agent, agency surgeon and security officials held a meeting at Khyber House on Thursday after receiving the vaccine test results from Islamabad. The meeting decided to conduct the vaccination campaign simultaneously in Bara, Landi Kotal and Jamrud with the help of over 700 health teams to vaccinate around 223,000 children below the age of five.

Nadra teams up with Mastercard to start e-payment facilities

ISLAMABAD (Dunya News): Pakistani citizens will now be able to carry out financial transactions and also receive government disbursements through their national ID cards thanks to the new collaboration of technology giant Mastercard and NADRA. According to details, both NADRA and Mastercard have teamed up to optimise National ID cards with e-payment facilities. With new facility,

Dunya News, January 19, 2017

Sialkot: Patient dies after getting tortured by doctor

Dunya News, January 19, 2017

Gas Infrastructure Development Cess: Ministry asks CNG sector to retire Rs 40 billion dues

Business Recorder, January 19, 2017

CNG Stations: Supply to remain suspended

The Express Tribune, January 19, 2017

Punjab CNG stations closed for indefinite period

The Nation, January 18, 2017

the citizens would be able to use their CNICs for sending and receiving both domestic and international remittances. In addition, the e-payment facilities would also end the requirement of physically visiting a bank branch or currency exchange for money transfer requirements.

SIALKOT (Dunya News): A patient died on the floor in Allama Iqbal Memorial Hospital on Wednesday night after getting kicked by the doctor, reported Dunya News. 28-year-old Afzaal was suffering from pain in stomach and was crying in the emergency ward. Doctor got furious when he was asked by Afzaal's brother to treat him, and kicked him. Afzaal fell off the strature after getting kicked and lost his life. His family said that case should be filed against the doctor and protested outside the hospital.

Ministry of Petroleum asked the CNG sector to retire its outstanding dues of Rs 40 billion collected under the head of Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) here on Wednesday. A meeting of the special committee was held to discuss the implementation on report of committee on Infrastructure Development Cess Bill 2015. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour convened the committee. Federal Minister for Petroleum Shahid Khaqan Abbasi said that the ministry is conditionally ready to negotiate with the CNG sector if they agree to withdraw all court cases against the ministry. He said the government would not give the waiver and CNG sector should come up with schedule of retirement of GIDC amount collected by CNG stations from public till deregulation of CNG prices. The minister also agreed that it was difficult to determine whether or not the CNG Association collected GIDC. He said the CNG sector did not have data to show whether or not GIDC is being charged on the consumers. He further acknowledged that it is hard to run CNG stations as the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) does not allow the sector to raise rate of gas used as CNG. The ministry has estimated that recovery from the CNG stations under the head of GIDC is Rs 30 billion, in addition to Rs 10 billion as late payment surcharge (LPS). The CNG Association opined that GIDC was not charged and total amount of GIDC was around Rs 10 billion. The exchange of harsh words between Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood and the CNG representatives was witnessed, following the boycott of CNG Association from the proceedings of the committee. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood alleged that CNG Association collected Rs 200,000 to Rs 400,000 from each petrol station to resolve the issue of GIDC. Central chairman of All Pakistan CNG Association, Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha got furious and blamed the senator for telling a lie. Following which the CNG representatives boycotted the proceeding on his remarks. Senator Talha argued that he had information about what he claimed.

Earlier, convenor committee directed the ministry and CNG Association to sort out their differences on GIDC through a fruitful dialogue. The committee was informed that a total of Rs 100 billion on account of GIDC was outstanding against various sectors, including captive power plants (CPPs), compressed natural gas (CNG) stations, general industry and others. The committee also gave the ministry 2-week time to formulate mechanism on the recommendations of the committee regarding retrospective charges under GIDC. The committee discussed its earlier recommendations that no retrospective GIDC will be charged on captive power producers (CPPs). The rate of GIDC for CPPs for future after promulgation of GIDC Act should be brought down at par with the industrial sector. It was further discussed that the small power producers (SPPs) and new captive power producers (NCPP) will be treated at par with IPPs. The minister for petroleum said that it was the subject of Ministry of Finance, adding that his ministry was unable to reduce the rates of CPPs owned by textile ministry. He said that 200 industrial units are enjoying windfall profit from CPPs along with electricity from grids. The minister maintained that CPPs rates could not be reduced because other sector, like fertilizer sector, would also demand reduction in gas rates. He further challenged the jurisdiction of the committee for its role in determining the future rates for CPPs. He said its mandate is to resolve the anomalies in GIDC before promulgation of GIDC Act 2015.

LAHORE: In order to ensure Sui gas for domestic users during the winter, supply to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations of the province will remain suspended till further orders. According to a spokesman of Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), CNG stations were to re-open on Saturday evening (January 14). Meanwhile, SNGPL Lahore Region General Manager Qaiser Masood, in a press conference last Friday, claimed that sufficient gas was being given to the city and low pressure complaints have declined this year. He also claimed to have disconnected more than 250 consumers over compressor use through a special operation.

ISLAMABAD: In view of the worsening gas supply situation and low pressure, the government has ordered the closure of CNG stations in the Punjab for an indefinite period. The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), in a letter, asked both the gas utilities of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL) to resolve the issue of low pressure immediately, giving a prompt response to such complaints. In January, the government closed the CNG stations in the Punjab and Islamabad for three days, which was later extended for another three days. The CNG association was, however, informed Tuesday that the gas supply to the CNG stations would remain suspended till further orders. In a recent meeting with the government officials, the CNG sector urged the government to improve the gas supply situation. For this purpose, SNGPL should stop or at least reduce the gas supply to industries because the closure of gas to the CNG sector would not resolve the issue of low pressure, the CNG association told the government, adding the CNG stations in the Punjab are only consuming about 55 mmcf of gas whereas general industries are using up to 350 mmcf of gas. However, the government side was of the view that at the moment they cannot suspend gas supply to the industries, particularly when the government is advertising the package worth billions of rupees to the industrial sector. It is pertinent to mention here that the government last week announced Rs 180 billion package to boost the country's exports over the next five years. Besides, it was also noted that the issue of low gas pressure is not because of the gas shortage, but because of the system constraints. The problem of low gas pressure is usually faced by the consumers in the congested areas as the distribution pipelines are narrow there.

Meanwhile, the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra), in a letter, asked both the gas utilities of Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Limited (SNGPL) and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL), to immediately address low pressure complaints, plan necessary system augmentation

Mingora people protest gas outages

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Gas utility denies loadshedding in KP

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Gas supply to Punjab CNG sector halted indefinitely

Dunya News, January 17, 2017

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wherever required along with continuity of supplies and advertise energy conservation measures to overcome this seasonal phenomenon. Complaints are rampant from domestic consumers all over the country, in particular, and commercial as well as industrial consumers, in general, against the low gas pressure. Such a low gas pressure is causing a great inconvenience apart from creating social economic concerns for all sections of the society. Reacting to the government decision, all Pakistan CNG Association, Ghiyas Paracha, has demanded gas supply to RLNG-run CNG stations in the Punjab and Islamabad. According to a press release issued here, he said the CNG stations in the Punjab and Potohar consume imported LNG and not local gas, so there is no reason for the closure of RLNG-run CNG stations. "We are neither part of the gas supply priority list nor do we depend on the locally produced gas. If the government needs gas to meet the domestic demand, it should be taken from all the sectors with equal proportion," he said. "It is a fact that after a long time the confidence of CNG consumers has returned towards CNG stations, which will be shaken again due to this decision. So the government should take steps to restore the confidence of the public and the CNG business," he asserted. In order to improve the situation, the gas utilities should put in all efforts to ensure adequate line pressure to meet the contractual obligations in line with the minimum performance and services standards notified by the Ogra, he averred. Meanwhile, an official source told The Nation that the low gas pressure issue cannot be resolved with the closure of the Punjab CNG stations as they are just consuming 55 mmcf of gas.

MINGORA: The residents of Malookabad, Rang Mohallah, Tahirabad, Fizagat, Mingora, Saidu Sharif and other areas here on Tuesday took to streets against prolonged gas loadshedding. The protesters threatened to shut the entire district if government failed to resolve the issue of gas loadshedding. The protest was also joined by tehsil nazim and district councillors. "The pressure of gas is very low in this freezing weather as gas has been supplied to Dir, Batkhela and Amandara from the main pipeline of district Swat. It causes gas loadshedding in Swat," said the protesters. They said that government should lay new pipeline to supply gas to other districts. "It is very good that gas has been supplied to other areas but there should be new pipelines or government should increase capacity of the existing pipelines so that every area can get its required amount of gas. Of the 150 pounds of gas, only 50 pounds of gas is supplied to Swat. It is unacceptable," said Yousaf Ali, a tehsil councillor of Malookabad. The protesters said that women would also stage protest if government failed to resolve the issue of gas loadshedding. Setting a deadline of 18 January for the government, they said that protests would be observed at all the squares of Mingora on 19 January if the issue was not resolved.

PESHAWAR: The Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited has rejected the consumers' complaints about gas loadshedding in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and said the province was given the same volume of natural gas, which it produced. SNGPL general manager Saqib Arbab told reporters at his office on Tuesday that KP's gas production was around 400 million cubic feet per day and the province was supplied the same volume of gas in the winter season, which was enough for around 675,000 domestic, 6,400 commercial, 3,000 special domestic and 780 industrial consumers. He said the use of compressors by certain consumers put extra load on the gas distribution system for which it was not designed and thus, depleting gas available for sale to all consumers. The official said most consumers used substandard equipment for cooking food and heating water and that their maintenance was not carried out properly and therefore, those equipment needed extra high gas pressure for normal operation. He said the SNGPL consumers should stick to their contractual gas load by restricting the use of gas to cooking and water heating purposes. "This will ensure ample gas supply to all consumers. The gas-run generators and gas compressors should be discouraged by neighbourhood councils and town committees through the communication to the communities in meetings and congregations," he said.

Mr. Arbab said the gas utility encouraged the use of energy conservation devices such as conical baffles, water heater timer devices and solar water heaters. "The amount is recovered from consumers in monthly installments. The use of room heater run on gas should be discouraged as it's not only a waste of expensive resource but also a health and safety hazard," he said. The official said after the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, the SNGPL was bound to supply gas to the province where it was produced. "There is no concept of gas loadshedding in the gas distribution principles. All industrial consumers of the province are being given uninterrupted gas," he said. Mr. Arbab blamed the low gas pressure reported in certain areas of the province on the use of inefficient gas-fired electric generators, which, he said, unduly burdened the gas pipeline network. "If each and every household restrains itself to the use of gas to cooking and water heating as agreed to by consumers in the contract, no one in province will ever face low gas pressure," he said. The official said the use of substandard quality room heaters by consumers, whose premises were located near the SNGPL 'feeder mains', had extremely strained the pipeline network and that the company had to face low gas pressure at tailends and lengthy streets. He claimed that the SNGPL was complying with the government's socio economic reforms agenda by supply gas pipeline network to far flung areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa like, Dir, DI Khan, Bannu and other remote areas. "We have laid almost 1,000 kilometers of gas pipelines in the last three years in line with the government's directives. We've taken certain steps to make more gas available for sale for all consumers and a few projects are in the pipeline," he said. Ends

LAHORE (Dunya News): The officials of Sui Northern Gas Pipe Lines Limited (SNGPL) has revealed that owing to the increase in domestic utility, the supply of gas to the CNG stations is not possible. The officials also confirmed that the gas that was earlier supplied to CNG stations would now be transferred to the industrial sector. The Sui Northern Gas Pipe Lines Limited (SNGPL) has already shut down all the CNG stations throughout Punjab on January 8 and had to be opened on January 17. However, owing to the deficiency of gas, the CNG stations have been shut down indefinitely.

RAWALPINDI (Dunya News): Over 2,000 litre adulterated milk has been disposed of by Punjab Food Authority (PFA) on Tuesday in a crackdown against substandard food in the metropolis. In an early morning raid, officials of PFA and police personnel seized over 2,000 litre milk over adulteration of chemicals. Fareeha Anwar, Deputy Director of the authority said that several vehicles used for



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Khanewal: Poisonous food claims one life

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transportation of milk in the morning were snap-checked today. Upon learning about adulteration and consumption of unfit milk by locals, the personnel disposed of the product. The food authority has seized thousands of tonnes of substandard meat across Punjab in the recent past while restaurants were fined and sealed for an announced period of time over ignorance in maintenance of eatables.

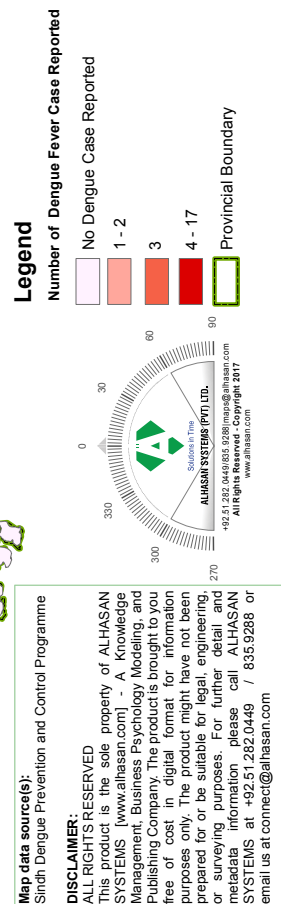
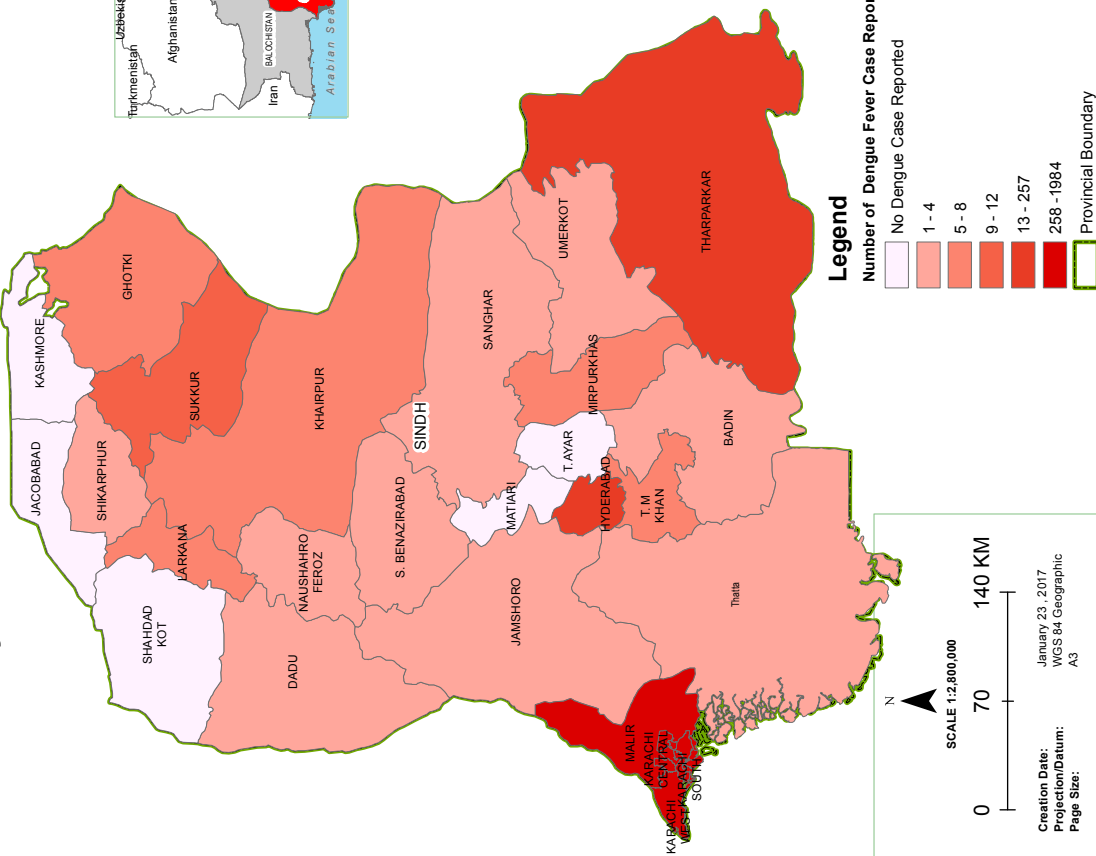
KHANEWAL (Dunya News): According to details, condition of five poultry farm labourers named Faizan, Waseem, Nauman, Abdur Rauf and Shahroz deteriorated after eating poisonous rice in Talumba area near Khanewal on Monday. They were rushed to the Nishtar Hospital where Faizan died while condition of other affected persons is also very serious. All the labourers were residents of Jampur area of Rajanpur. Meanwhile, police have started investigation.



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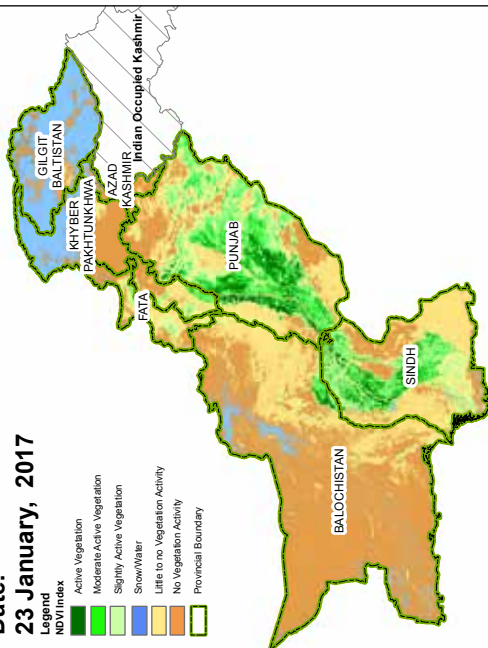
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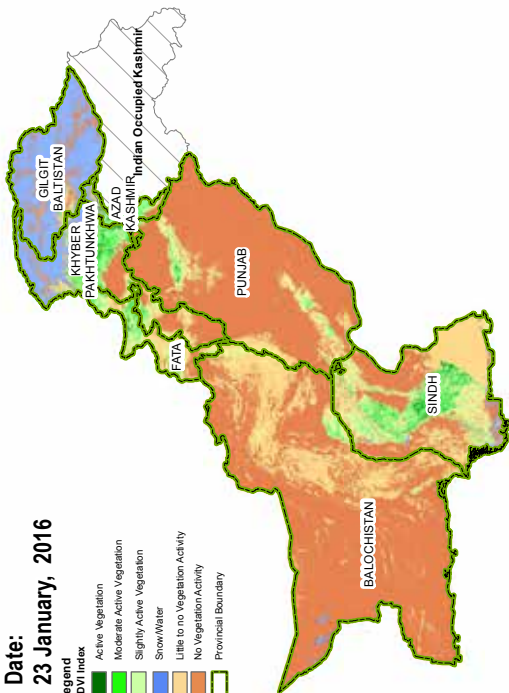
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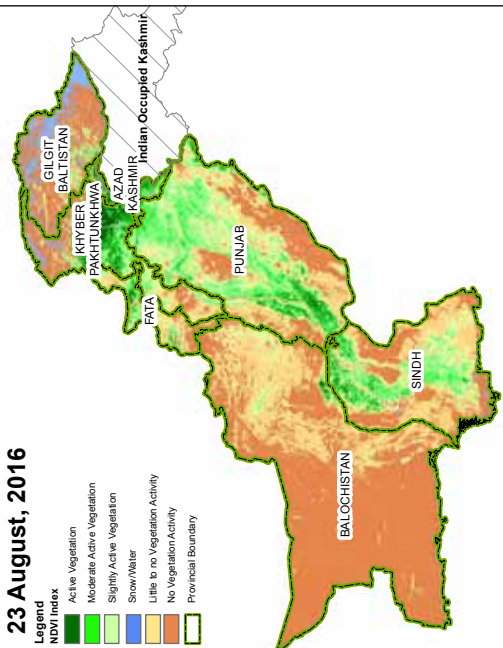
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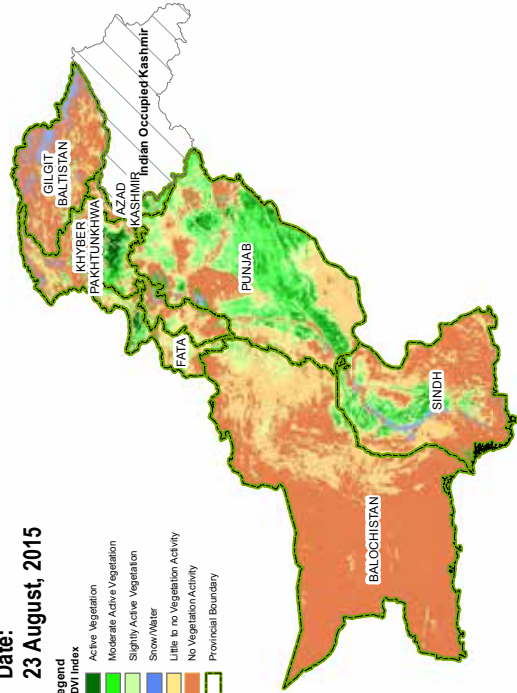
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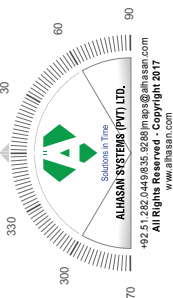
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سول اسپتال جبکہ آباد کے امراض چشم کا شعبہ کئی سالوں سے غیر فعال ہے، حال ہی میں کروڑوں روپے کی لاگت سے کی گئی ای این ٹی بلاک کی تزئین و آرائش بھی بیکار ہو گئی ہے۔ آپریشن تھیٹر تک مرمت نہیں کیا گیا جو اب بند ہے جبکہ امراض چشم کی تشخیص کے لیے موجود مشینیں بھی خراب ہے جسے درست نہیں کیا گیا۔ اس سلسلے میں امراض چشم کے ماہر ڈاکٹر ہاشم قریشی کا کہنا تھا کہ سول سرجن کو اس حوالے سے تحریری طور پر آگاہ کیا ہے، جب مشینیں درست ہوگی تو مریضوں کا بہتر علاج ہوگا، او ٹی بھی جلد بنوائی جائے تاکہ آپریشن کیے جاسکیں۔

جبکہ آباد: سول اسپتال میں امراض چشم کا شعبہ غیر فعال

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19 جنوری 2017

لاہور، سروسز اسپتال کے 17 میں سے 7

وینٹی لیٹرز خراب

چیو اردو

18 جنوری 2017

لاہور کے سروسز اسپتال میں نصف کے قریب وینٹی لیٹرز خراب ہونے سے مریضوں کو پریشانی کا سامنا کرنا پڑ گیا۔ انتہائی نگہداشت وارڈ میں زیر علاج مریض ایسویک کے ذریعے سانس لینے پر مجبور ہو گئے۔ لاہور کا بڑا سرکاری سروسز اسپتال جہاں دور و نزدیک کے روزانہ سیکڑوں مریض علاج معالجے کے لیے آتے ہیں، اسپتال کے انتہائی نگہداشت وارڈز میں ان کے لیے صرف 17 وینٹی لیٹرز ہیں۔ کچھ روز سے صورت حال تشویشناک ہے، 17 میں سے 7 نے کام کرنا چھوڑ دیا ہے، صرف دس فنکشنل ہیں۔ وارڈز میں پڑے یہ ناکارہ وینٹی لیٹر مریضوں اور لواحقین کے لیے اذیت کا سامان بنے ہوئے ہیں۔ بچوں کے آئی سی یو میں صرف 3 وینٹی لیٹرز درست ہیں باقی مریض سانس کی ڈوری برقرار رکھنے کے لیے ایسویک کا سہارا لینے پر مجبور ہیں۔ دوسری جانب سروسز اسپتال کے ایم ایس کا دعویٰ برعکس ہے، وہ کہتے ہیں کہ تمام وینٹی لیٹرز ٹھیک کام کر رہے ہیں۔

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیموں کے کینے ٹیریا

اور کینٹینوں پر چھاپے

چیو اردو

18 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیموں نے لاہور کے مختلف سرکاری اور نجی اسپتالوں کے کینے ٹیریا اور کینٹینوں پر چھاپے مارے، ناقص اور زائد المیاد اشیاء کی فروخت پر تین کو سیل کر دیا گیا، جوہر ٹاؤن کے ایک نجی اسپتال کو ناقص صفائی پر 30 ہزار روپے جرمانہ کیا گیا۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیم نے شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں کے فوڈ پوائنٹس میں چھاپے مارے، میو اسپتال، کے ای میڈیکل یونیورسٹی اور کوٹ خواجہ سعید اسپتال کے کینے ٹیریا کی چیکنگ، ناقص صفائی اور مضرت صحت اشیاء بیچنے پر تینوں کینے ٹیریا سیل کر دیئے گئے۔ فوڈ اتھارٹی کی ٹیم نے کینال روڈ پر واقع مینگے ترین ڈاکٹرز اسپتال کے کینے ٹیریا کی چیکنگ کے دوران ناقص صفائی پر 30 ہزار روپے جرمانہ کیا، اسپتال انتظامیہ کو فوڈ کورٹ میں صفائی کا انتظام بہتر بنانے کے لیے سات روز کی وارننگ بھی دی گئی۔

کراچی: ڈینگی سے مزید 13 افراد متاثر

چیو اردو

17 جنوری 2017

کراچی میں ڈینگی سے مزید 13 افراد متاثر ہو گئے ہیں۔ ڈینگی پریوینشن اینڈ کنٹرول پروگرام سندھ کی جاری کردہ ہفتہ وار رپورٹ کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے شہر کے مختلف اسپتالوں کی او پی ڈیز میں 9 ایسے مریضوں کو لایا گیا جو ڈینگی سے متاثر تھے۔ ان میں سے 4 مریضوں کو ڈینگی کی شکایت پر مختلف اسپتالوں میں داخل کیا گیا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق رواں سال اب تک ڈینگی سے 30 افراد متاثر ہو چکے ہیں۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ سال بھی ڈینگی کے ہزاروں کیسز رپورٹ ہوئے تھے اور درجنوں ہلاکتیں ہوئی تھیں۔

کراچی، 9 افراد میں چکن گنیا کی تصدیق

چیو اردو

17 جنوری 2017

ملیر سعود آباد اسپتال میں مزید 9 افراد میں چکن گنیا کی تصدیق ہو گئی۔ کراچی کے علاقے ملیر سعود آباد اسپتال کی ایم ایس ڈاکٹر ریحانہ باجوہ کے مطابق گزشتہ ہفتے 11 افراد کے خون کے نمونے اسلام آباد تصدیق کے لئے بھیجے گئے تھے جن میں سے 9 افراد میں چکن گنیا کی تصدیق ہوئی ہے۔ ایم ایس ملیر سعود آباد اسپتال کے مطابق گزشتہ ایک ماہ میں 300 سے قریب افراد چکن گنیا کے مرض میں مبتلا ہو چکے ہیں۔ بارش کے بعد گندگی کے باعث مچھروں کی بہتات ہو گئی ہے جس کے باعث لوگ صفائی ستھرائی کا خاص خیال رکھیں۔

ناقص اسٹنٹ کی فراہمی، چیف جسٹس کا

از خود نوٹس

چیو اردو

17 جنوری 2017

قبر زیدی... لاہور میں دل کے مریضوں کو ناقص اسٹنٹ کی فراہمی پر چیف جسٹس پاکستان ثاقب ٹار نے از خود نوٹس لے لیا۔ چیف جسٹس پاکستان نے اس حوالے سے ڈی جی ایف آئی اے سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی۔ اس حوالے سے 'جونیوز' نے اپنی رپورٹ میں انکشاف کیا تھا کہ لاہور میں ایک گروہ دل کے مریضوں کو جعلی اسٹنٹ فروخت رہا ہے، جعل سازوں سے 4 کروڑ مالیت کے جعلی اسٹنٹ برآمد ہوتے تھے۔ جعل ساز ڈاکٹروں کے ساتھ مل کر مریضوں کو اسٹنٹ ڈالنے کا مشورہ دیتے تھے، چھ ہزار روپے مالیت کے اسٹنٹ کے 2 لاکھ روپے وصول کیے جاتے لیکن اسٹنٹ نہیں ڈالا جاتا تھا۔

ڈھوک حسو میں اتوار کو صبح سویرے گیس سلنڈر پھٹنے سے دھماکہ ہوا اور آگ لگنے سے گھر کے مکین جن میں میاں بیوی اور چار بچے بھی شامل ہیں زخمی ہو گئے۔ واقعے میں مجموعی طور پر 8 افراد جھلس کر زخمی ہوئے جن کو امدادی ٹیموں نے ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا ہے۔

دھماکہ، 8 افراد زخمی

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

22 جنوری 2017

لاہور میں گورنر پنجاب رفیق رجووانہ سے وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب شہباز شریف نے ملاقات کی، جس میں باہمی دلچسپی کے امور، پنجاب میں امن وامان کی صورتحال اور صوبے میں جاری ترقیاتی منصوبوں پر تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ اس موقع پر شہباز شریف نے کہا کہ عوام کو ریلیف کی فراہمی ہماری اولین ترجیح ہے۔ وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی قیادت میں حکومت عوام کی ترقی و خوشحالی کے پروگرام پر عمل پیرا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے صوبے میں شفافیت، اعلیٰ معیار اور تیز رفتاری سے منصوبوں کی تکمیل کو فروغ دیا ہے۔ جنوبی پنجاب کی ترقی کے لیے اربوں روپے کے منصوبوں پر کام جاری ہے۔ ملاقات کے دوران گورنر پنجاب رفیق رجووانہ کا کہنا تھا کہ شہباز شریف کی قیادت میں صوبائی حکومت نے امن عامہ کی بہتری کیلئے مؤثر اقدامات کیے ہیں۔

حکومت ملک سے توانائی سمیت دیگر
بحرانوں کے خاتمے کے لیے دن رات
کوشاں ہے: شہباز شریف

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

21 جنوری 2017

کراچی میں جمہرات کی شام سول سوسائٹی کی تنظیموں اور سنی مذہبی جماعتوں کے اتحاد کے کارکنوں کا تصادم ہو گیا، جس میں ایک دوسرے کے خلاف نعرے بازی کے علاوہ پتھر اؤ بھی کیا گیا۔ لاپتہ بلاگر سلمان حیدر، وقاص گوارہ اور عاصم سعید کی جبری گمشدگی کے خلاف انسانی حقوق کمیشن، طلبہ اور مزدور تنظیموں کے علاوہ سول سوسائٹی کی تنظیموں نے جمہرات کو احتجاج کا اعلان کیا تھا۔ اعلان کے مطابق مظاہرین کو، جن کی قیادت انسانی حقوق کے رہنما اسد بٹ، شیمہ کرمانی اور پروفیسر ریاض احمد کر رہے تھے، پریس کلب کی طرف مارچ کرنا تھا۔ اس مظاہرے کے جواب میں سنی جماعتوں کے اتحاد تحریک لبیک یار سول اللہ نے جمہرات کو اسی وقت پریس کلب سے آرٹس کونسل کی طرف مارچ کرنے کا اعلان کر دیا۔ پولیس نے دونوں جماعتوں سے رابطہ کر کے سول سوسائٹی کو آرٹس کونسل اور مذہبی جماعتوں کو پریس کلب تک محدود رہنے کا سمجھوتہ کیا۔ تحریک لبیک یار سول اللہ کے کارکنوں نے پریس کلب کے سامنے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا، جس میں سلمان حیدر، وقاص گوارہ اور عاصم سعید کے خلاف توہین مذہب کے الزام میں سخت کارروائی کا مطالبہ کیا گیا، تین درجن لوگوں پر مشتمل اس احتجاج کے اختتام سے قبل ایک رہنما نے اٹھ کر کہا: 'رسالت کے پروانو، پولیس تمہارا راستہ نہیں روک سکتی، آگے بڑھو۔' جس کے بعد یہ کارکن آرٹس کونسل کی طرف روانہ ہو گئے۔ پولیس نے رکاوٹیں کھڑی کر کے مظاہرین کو سول سوسائٹی کے کارکنوں کی طرف بڑھنے سے روک دیا اور یہ فاصلہ صرف چند قدم تک محدود تھا، اسی دوران مذہبی جماعتوں کے کارکنوں نے نعرے بازی بھی کی جبکہ بعض لوگوں نے پتھر اؤ بھی کیا جس سے سول سوسائٹی کے کارکنوں میں بھگدڑ مچ گئی۔ پولیس نے مداخلت کر کے کچھ کارکنوں کو حراست میں لے لیا۔ انسانی حقوق کمیشن کے صدر اسد اقبال بٹ نے میڈیا کو بتایا کہ وہ پر امن طور پر ریلی کی شکل میں پریس کلب جانا چاہتے تھے تاہم وہاں ایک مذہبی تنظیم کا مظاہرہ ہو رہا تھا جس پر پولیس نے ان کے مظاہرے کو آرٹس کونسل تک محدود کر دیا۔ انہوں نے الزام عائد کیا کہ مذہبی گروپ کے کارکنوں نے مظاہرین پر پتھر اؤ کیا جس کے باعث کچھ لوگ معمولی زخمی ہو گئے اور بھگدڑ مچ گئی۔ انہوں نے حکومت سے مطالبہ کیا کہ لاپتہ افراد کو فوری بازیاب کر لیا جائے اور مذہبی انتہا پسندی کی سوچ رکھنے والے افراد کے خلاف کارروائی کی جائے۔ مظاہرین سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے تحریک نسواں کی رہنما اور نامور کسٹھک ڈانسر شیمہ کرمانی کا کہنا تھا کہ اظہار رائے کی آزادی ہونی چاہیے۔ 'ایسا نہ ہو کہ ہم لکھیں اور پابند سلاسل کر دیا جائے، ایسے اقدامت کسی صورت میں قابل قبول نہیں ہیں۔' کراچی یونیورسٹی کے پروفیسر ریاض احمد کا کہنا تھا کہ 'اس احتجاج سے حکومت کے ساتھ مذہب کے تشکیلات بھی لال پیلے ہو رہے ہیں، پولیس کے ساتھ مل کر خواتین پر تشدد کیا جا رہا ہے اور ان پر لاثیناں برساتی جا رہی ہیں۔'

لاہور، پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کی کارروائی،

ایک کینے سیل

چیو اردو

20 جنوری 2017

پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی نے لاہور کے علاقے گلبرگ میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے کینے چاکلیٹ روم سیل کر دیا، کینے اپ اسٹیریز کو صفائی کا نظام ٹھیک نہ ہونے پر 25 ہزار روپے جرمانہ کیا گیا ہے۔ پنجاب فوڈ اتھارٹی کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ ایم ایم عالم روڈ پر چھاپے کے دوران کینے چاکلیٹ روم میں زائد المیعا اشیاء برآمد ہوئیں۔ دوسری جانب کینے اپ اسٹیریز میں صفائی کے انتظامات ناقص تھے جس پر کینے کو 25 ہزار روپے جرمانہ کر دیا گیا۔

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روزنامہ نوائے وقت

19 جنوری 2017

جھنگ: آل پاکستان واپڈا ہائیڈرو پاور کرز یونین نے نونل چیئرمین نورالحسن کی قیادت میں کمپنی وائزر یفرنڈم کے خلاف پریس کلب جھنگ کے سامنے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا جس میں ملک غلام عباس اکبر، حافظ عبدالقیوم، قاضی نعیم عباس، محمد اقبال انجم، فاضل خان وغیرہ عہدیداران سمیت فیسکو ملازمین کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی اس موقع پر نونل چیئرمین نورالحسن نے کہا کہ ہم کمپنی وائزر یفرنڈم کو مسترد کرتے ہیں این آئی آر سی کے فیصلے کے مطابق 2 فروری کو ملکی سطح پر واپڈا ملازمین کا ریفرنڈم کر دیا جائے۔ کمپنی وائزر یفرنڈم مزدور دشمن پالیسی ہے ہم یہ پالیسی ہرگز کامیاب نہیں ہونے دیں گے۔ اگر کمپنی وائزر یفرنڈم کو نہ روکا گیا تو احتجاج کا دائرہ کار وسیع کیا جائے گا۔

پشاور میں کیمیکل ملا 8 ہزار لیٹر دودھ پکڑا گیا، دودھ میں پانی اور یوریا سمیت مختلف کیمیکل ملائے گئے تھے۔ پشاور کی ضلعی انتظامیہ اور محکمہ لائیو اسٹاک کے عملے نے غریب آباد کے علاقے میں ملاوٹ والا دودھ بیچنے والوں کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن کیا، اس دوران ملاوٹ شدہ دودھ سے بھرا ٹینکر پکڑ کر چار افراد کو

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تفصیلات

پشاور (یورورپورٹ) خیبر ایجنسی اور جنوبی وزیرستان کے وانا تحصیل میں 5 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم آج پیر کے روز سے شروع ہو رہی ہے پولیٹیکل ایجنٹس، کمشنرز، نیم فوجی اور فوجی دستوں کی سکیورٹی اور سرپرستی میں 27 جنوری 2017 تک جاری رہے گی۔

پشاور (یورورپورٹ) خیبر پختونخوا کا وزیر تعلیم بن کر بھرتیوں کے لئے سرکاری محکموں میں شہریوں کی سفارش کرنے والا 2 رکنی نوسر باز گروہ گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے جن کے قبضہ سے نوسر بازی میں استعمال ہونے والا موبائل فون اور سم کارڈ بھی برآمد کر لیا گیا ہے ملزمان کے خلاف ضلع مردان کے تھانہ شکر میں مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے جن سے مزید تفتیش جاری ہے مردان پولیس کے ترجمان نے روزنامہ نوائے وقت کو بتایا کہ گزشتہ دنوں نیشنل ٹیسٹنگ سروس (این ٹی ایس) ضلع مردان کے ایک ملازم عمران نے انہیں درخواست دی کہ ایک شخص نے فون کر کے خود کو صوبائی وزیر تعلیم محمد عاطف خان ظاہر کیا اور ایس ایس ٹی پوسٹ کے لئے اہلائی کرنے والے مختیار نامی شخص کے ٹیسٹ ریزلٹ مانگے اور ساتھ ہی سفارش بھی کر دی لیکن اسے شک ہے کہ فون کرنے والا وزیر تعلیم نہیں بلکہ کوئی نوسر باز ہے ترجمان کے مطابق موبائل ڈیٹا کے ذریعہ کیس کی تفتیش کی تو فون وزیر تعلیم نے نہیں بلکہ عام شہری نے کیا تھا جس کے بعد فون کے مالک ملزم طارق ولد قادر ساکن شکر کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا جس نے اعتراف جرم کرتے ہوئے اپنے دوسرے ساتھی جاوید ولد ولی یار کانام بھی اگل دیا جس پر اسے بھی گرفتار کر لیا گیا ملزمان کے خلاف تھانہ شکر میں مقدمہ درج کر لیا گیا ہے جن سے مزید تفتیش جاری ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے ساحلی ضلع شہر گوادر میں صاف پانی کا مسئلہ ایک مرتبہ پھر سنگین ہو گیا ہے۔ بلوچستان کے بعض علاقوں میں گزشتہ ہفتے بارش اور بر فباری کی وجہ سے کسی حد تک خشک سالی کا خاتمہ ہوا ہے لیکن گوادر اور اس سے متصل سکران ڈویژن کے بعض علاقے اب بھی طویل خشک سالی سے دوچار ہیں۔ خشک سالی کا فوری اثر گوادر میں گھریلو استعمال کے پانی کی قلت کے حوالے سے پڑا ہے کیونکہ بارشیں نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے گوادر اور اس کے نواحی علاقوں میں پانی کی فراہمی کا واحد ذریعہ آکرہ ڈیم مکمل طور پر خشک ہو گیا ہے۔ گوادر سے تعلق رکھنے والے سینئر صحافی بہرام بلوچ نے بتایا کہ اس وقت گوادر شہر اور اس کے نواحی علاقوں کو ٹینکروں کے ذریعے 160 کلومیٹر دور ضلع کچ میں واقع میرانی ڈیم سے پانی فراہم کیا جا رہا ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اس مقصد کے لیے حکومت کی جانب سے فی ٹینکر 10 سے 12 ہزار روپے کی ادائیگی کی جا رہی ہے۔ سابق صدر پرویز مشرف کے دور حکومت میں سمندری پانی سے نمک نکالنے کے لیے ایک منصوبہ بنایا گیا تھا۔ بہرام بلوچ کے مطابق یہ ایک ارب روپے سے زائد کا منصوبہ تھا لیکن وہ پلانٹ ناکام ہوا۔ گوادر کے قریب پشکان کے علاقے کے رہائشی نورالامین نے بتایا کہ پانی کا مسئلہ اتنا سنگین ہے کہ لوگوں کو معاش کی بجائے زیادہ پریشانی پانی کی ہوتی ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا دوسرے علاقوں کے لوگ صبح اٹھ کر اپنی معاش کا فکر کرتے ہیں لیکن گوادر کے لوگوں کو یہ فکر ہوتی ہے کہ وہ کہ پانی کا انتظام کہاں سے کریں۔ پشکان ہی سے تعلق رکھنے والے بابا آدم نے بتایا کہ پشکان کو پہلے روزانہ ڈیڑھ لاکھ گیلن پانی فراہم کیا جاتا تھا لیکن آج کل 60 سے 70 ہزار گیلن پانی فراہم کیا جا رہا ہے۔ گوادر کو پانی فراہم کرنے والے محکمہ پبلک ہیلتھ انجینئرنگ کے ایس ڈی او ثناء احمد نے فون پر بتایا کہ گوادر میں لوگوں کی پانی کی ضروریات کو پورا کرنے کے لیے روزانہ 230 سے 240 ٹینکر میرانی ڈیم سے گوادر کے لیے پانی لاتے ہیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ گوادر میں پانی کی طلب 25 لاکھ گیلن روزانہ ہے لیکن اس وقت گوادر شہر کو ٹینکروں کے ذریعے 12 لاکھ گیلن پانی فراہم کیا جا رہا ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ گوادر میں پانی کی قلت کے مسئلے کو دور کرنے کے لیے ایک اور ڈیم مکمل کیا جا چکا ہے جبکہ دوسرا ڈیم تکمیل کے آخری مراحل میں ہے۔

کوئٹہ سمیت بلوچستان کے 13 اضلاع میں انسداد پولیو مہم کا دوسرا مرحلہ کل سے شروع ہو رہا ہے۔ انسداد پولیو مہم کے دوسرے مرحلے کے لئے تمام ضروری اقدامات کر لئے گئے ہیں، مہم کوئٹہ، بارکھان، بولان، جمل گسی، قلعہ عبداللہ، خاران، خضدار، لورالائی، موسی خیل، پشین، شیرانی، سی اور واشک میں چلائی جا رہی ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ ثوب کی کچھ یونین کونسلوں میں بھی بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے۔ ان اضلاع میں مہم بر فباری اور موسم کی صورت حال کے باعث ملتوی کر دی گئی تھی، پہلے مرحلے میں انسداد پولیو مہم 11 اضلاع میں چلائی گئی تھی۔ دوسرے مرحلے میں تقریباً 13 لاکھ بچوں کو پولیو سے بچاؤ کے قطرے پلائے جائیں گے، مہم کے لئے مجموعی طور پر 4347 ٹینمیں تشکیل دے دی گئیں۔

راولپنڈی کے علاقے ڈھوک حسو میں گیس سلنڈر پھٹنے سے 8 افراد زخمی ہو گئے، ریکوئٹم نے تمام افراد کو ہسپتال منتقل کر دیا۔ راولپنڈی کے علاقے

سرخیوں

خیبر ایجنسی اور وانا میں 5 روزہ انسداد پولیو مہم آج سے شروع ہوگی

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وزیر تعلیم بن کر بھرتیوں کے لئے

سفارش کرنے والا 2 رکنی نوسر باز گروہ

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افراد تالے کاٹ کر یوٹیلیٹی اسٹور میں داخل ہو گئے اور لاکھ روپے سے زائد مالیت کا سامان اور نقدی لیکر فرار ہو گئے۔ دکانداروں کا کہنا ہے کہ علاقے میں اب تک تالے کاٹ کر چوری کی یہ چھٹی واردات ہے، پولیس کا علاقہ میں گشت نہ ہونے اور منشیات فروشوں کی سرپرستی کے باعث، علاقہ نوگوا ایریا بنا ہوا ہے۔ اہل علاقہ کا آئی جی سندھ سے واقعات کا نوٹس لینے کی اپیل کی ہے۔

جنیو اردو

20 جنوری 2017

کے دودھشت گرد ارشد اور شارق کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ زمان ٹاؤن پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دو ملزمان شہزور اور مصور کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا، گرفتار ہونے والے ملزمان نے دوران تفتیش شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں اسٹریٹ کرائم کی متعدد وارداتیں کرنے کا اعتراف کیا ہے۔ بلال کالونی پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دو ملزمان محمد فرمان اور رضوان کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ، چھینی ہوئی موٹر سائیکل اور 1 کلو گرام اعلیٰ کوالٹی کی چرس برآمد کر لی، گرفتار ہونے والے ملزمان نے دوران تفتیش شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں اسٹریٹ کرائم کی وارداتیں کرنے کے علاوہ شہر کے مختلف علاقوں میں منشیات فروخت کرنے کا بھی اعتراف کیا ہے، ملزمان سے تفتیش کی جارہی ہے۔ خواجہ اجیرنگری پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے مقابلے کے بعد زخمی حالت میں ملزم اصغر کو گرفتار کر کے اسکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ ٹیپو سلطان پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دو ملزمان بابر پرویز اور نعمان کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ کلری پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے دو ملزمان ناصر احمد اور رضوان کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا۔ شریف آباد پولیس نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے ملزم شاہنواز عرف شانی کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا، ملزم سے تفتیش کی جارہی ہے۔ فیروز آباد اور کلنٹن پولیس نے اپنے علاقے میں چلنے والے شیشہ بار پر کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 18 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے انکے قبضے سے بھاری مقدار میں شیشہ برآمد کر لیا

کراچی (روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ + آن لائن + صبح نیوز) وفاقی حکومت نے رینجرز کے اختیارات میں 90 روز کی توسیع کر دی۔ وفاقی وزارت داخلہ نے توسیع کا نوٹیفیکیشن جاری کر دیا۔ اختیارات میں توسیع انسداد دہشت گردی ایکٹ 1997ء کے تحت کی گئی۔ توسیع کا اطلاق 16 جنوری سے 3 ماہ کیلئے ہو گا۔ قبل ازیں آن لائن / صبح نیوز کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے چار دن کی سوچ بچار کے بعد آخر کار رینجرز کے اختیارات میں 90 دن کے اضافے کی سمری پر دستخط کر دیئے۔ سمری وفاق کو بھجوا دی جبکہ محکمہ داخلہ نے بھی اس حوالے سے وفاقی حکومت کو خط لکھ دیا ہے۔ واضح رہے 15 جنوری کو رینجرز کے اختیارات کی مدت ختم ہو گئی تھی اور اختیارات میں مزید اضافے کی سمری پر دستخط نہ ہونے کی وجہ سے عوام میں تشویش پائی جاتی تھی۔ سمری کے مطابق رینجرز کو کراچی میں نوے دن کے لیے خصوصی اختیارات حاصل ہوں گے۔

راولپنڈی: بھارتی فوج نے لائن آف کنٹرول پر جنگ بندی معاہدے کی ایک مرتبہ پھر خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے مختلف سیکٹرز میں فائرنگ کی جب کہ پاک فوج کی جانب سے بھی بھرپور جوابی کارروائی کی گئی۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق بھارتی فوج نے لائن آف کنٹرول پر جنگ بندی کے معاہدے کی خلاف ورزی کرتے ہوئے جندروٹ، کنیال، بڑوہ اور خنجرال سیکٹرز میں فائرنگ کی تاہم بھارتی فوج کی فائرنگ سے کسی جانی نقصان کی اطلاع نہیں ملی جب کہ پاک فوج نے بھرپور جوابی کارروائی کرتے ہوئے بھارتی ہندو قتل کو خاموش کر دیا۔ ترجمان پاک فوج کے مطابق 24 گھنٹے میں بھارتی فوج نے جنگ بندی کی 5 خلاف ورزیاں کیں۔

آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ سے کراچی کے تاجروں و صنعت کاروں نے ملاقات کی ہے اور انہیں اپنے مسائل سے آگاہ کیا اور سندھ حکومت کی شکایت بھی لگائی۔ تاجروں نے آرمی چیف کو بتایا سندھ حکومت ذمے داری ٹھیک سے نہیں نبھا رہی، کراچی کو گند اتریں شہر بنادیا گیا ہے۔ اس موقع پر آرمی چیف نے کہا تاجر اور صنعت کار ملکی معیشت کی ریڑھ کی ہڈی ہیں، قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کراچی میں امن کیلئے کام کرتے رہیں گے۔ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے کراچی آپریشن کے فیصلے پر عملدراری جاری رکھنے کی یقین دہانی کر دی۔ تاجروں نے کاروباری ماحول کے بارے میں آرمی چیف کو آگاہ کیا۔ آرمی چیف نے تاجروں کو یقین دہانی کرانی شہر میں امن کے قیام کیلئے مزید اقدامات کئے جائیں گے اور رواں سال کراچی کے حالات میں مزید بہتری نظر آئے گی۔ اس موقع پر بات کرتے ہوئے آرمی چیف نے کہا کراچی آپریشن نہیں رکے گا۔ تاجروں کے تحفظات دور کریں گے۔ آرمی چیف نے کہا رینجرز سٹریٹ کرائمز کا بھی جڑ سے ختم کرے گی۔ تاجروں نے آرمی چیف کو تجویز دی رینجرز کو اختیارات 3، 3 ماہ کے بجائے ایک سال کیلئے دے دیئے جائیں۔ صدر ایف پی سی سی آئی زیر طفیل نے میڈیا کو بتایا آرمی چیف نے کہا ہے کراچی کو دہشت گردوں سے پاک کر دیا جائے گا۔ ملاقات 2 گھنٹے جاری رہی۔ تاجروں کے مسائل پر خصوصاً بات ہوئی۔ آرمی چیف سے 40 کے قریب صنعت کاروں اور تاجر تنظیموں نے ملاقات کی۔

لاہور: کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے شیخوپورہ بانی پاس کے قریب کارروائی کرتے ہوئے 4 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا۔ ترجمان سی ٹی ڈی کے مطابق کاؤنٹر ٹیرازم ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کی اطلاع پر شیخوپورہ بانی پاس کے قریب کارروائی کی جس کے نتیجے میں 4 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں جب کہ ملزمان کے قبضے سے 2 کلاشنکوف، 3 کلو بارودی مواد، پستول اور موٹر سائیکلیں برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔ سی ٹی ڈی حکام کے مطابق ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیم سے تھا جب کہ دہشت گرد انسپکٹر راجہ قتیلین سمیت درجنوں افراد کے قتل میں ملوث تھے اور دہشت گردوں کی شناخت میں آصف چھوٹو، ڈاکٹر شاکر اور نور الامین کے نام سے ہوئی۔

کراچی کے علاقوں کورنگی اور پی آئی بی کالونی میں پولیس کارروائیوں کے دوران 6 ملزمان گرفتار کر لئے گئے، ملزمان سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ چند دن قبل پرانی سبزی منڈی میں چوری کی سی سی ٹی وی فوٹیج منظر عام پر آگئی۔ فوٹیج میں چور کو یوٹیبلٹی اسٹور میں سامان جمع کرتے دیکھا جاسکتا ہے۔ نامعلوم

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وفاقی حکومت نے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی

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پاک فوج کی بھرپور جوابی کارروائی

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کر رہی، کراچی کے تاجروں کا شکوہ؛

آپریشن جاری رہے گا، تحفظات دور

کریک، آرمی چیف

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ملزمان گرفتار، اسلحہ برآمد

لگی جسے طبی امداد کے لیے فوری طور پر اسپتال منتقل کیا گیا تاہم زخمی پولیس اہلکار دوران علاج دم توڑ گیا۔ پولیس اہلکار عاطف ایس پی راول ڈویژن کا گن مین تھا۔ راولپنڈی پولیس کی جانب سے پولیس اہلکار کے جاں بحق ہونے کے بعد فائرنگ کرنے والوں کے خلاف کارروائی کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے جبکہ مقتول کے اہلخانہ نے بھی فائرنگ کرنے والوں کے خلاف سخت کارروائی کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔

کراچی : رینجرز نے گولیمار میں گھر پر چھاپہ مار کر 4 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا جن قبضے سے اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد ہوئی ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق رینجرز نے کراچی کے علاقے گولیمار میں گھر پر چھاپہ مار کر 4 ملزمان، شریف، عدیل اور شیخ عمران کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق ملزمان کے قبضے سے 78 کلو چرس، 8 کلو ہیروئن، اسلحہ اور 5 لاکھ روپے برآمد ہوئے ہیں جو انہوں نے گھر کے خفیہ خانوں میں چھپا رکھے تھے۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ ملزمان کو قانونی چارہ جوئی کے لیے ایٹنی نار کوئٹس فورس کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔

راولپنڈی : پاک فوج کے سربراہ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گردوں کی دوبارہ سر اٹھانے کی کوشش ناکام ہوگی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق آرمی چیف جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ نے پارا چنار کی سبزی منڈی میں ہونے والی دہشت گردی کی مذمت اور جاں بحق افراد کے لواحقین سے اظہار تعزیت کیا ہے۔ جنرل قمر جاوید باجوہ کا کہنا ہے کہ دہشت گردوں کی دوبارہ سر اٹھانے کی کوشش ناکام ہوگی، انہوں نے پارا چنار میں تعینات پاک فوج کے اعلیٰ حکام کو ہدایت کی کہ تمام زخمیوں کو جلد از جلد نکال کر اسپتال پہنچایا جائے اور انہیں بہترین طبی سہولیات فراہم کرنے کی ہدایت کر دی۔ واضح رہے کہ پارا چنار کی سبزی منڈی میں ہونے والے دھماکے میں 20 افراد جاں بحق اور 40 سے زائد زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔

اسی ہفتے کے دوران پاکستانی فوج کے سابق سربراہ اور وزیراعظم نواز شریف ڈیووس سوسائٹیز لینڈ میں ہیں جہاں عالمی اقتصادی فورم جاری ہے۔ جنرل راحیل شریف کے پرستار میڈیا اور خصوصاً سوشل میڈیا پر جنرل راحیل شریف کی اہم گفتگو کا زیادہ چرچا نہیں ہوا اسی لیے اس پر پہلے بات کرتے ہیں۔ پاکستانی فوج کے سابق سربراہ جنرل رینارڈ راحیل شریف نے گزشتہ ہفتے سوسائٹیز لینڈ کے شہر ڈیووس میں عالمی اقتصادی فورم سے خطاب کیا۔ جہاں وزیراعظم پاکستان بھی ڈیووس میں موجود تھے مگر دہشت گردی کے خلاف جنگ جیسے اہم موضوع پر بات کرنے کے لیے جنرل راحیل شریف موجود تھے۔ جنرل راحیل شریف کا موضوع بھی انتہائی اہم تھا جو کہ 'ڈیجیٹل دور میں دہشت گردی' تھا جس پر انھوں نے اظہار خیال کیا۔ بطور چیف آف آرمی سٹاف جنرل راحیل شریف میڈیا کی توجہ کا مرکز تو رہے مگر انھوں نے بہت کم اس طرح پبلک فورم پر اظہار خیال کیا یا سوالات کے جواب دیے جیسے ڈیووس میں صورتحال تھی۔ جنرل راحیل نے کہا کہ دہشت گردی کے خلاف ایک جوابی بیانیہ کی ضرورت ہے۔

انھوں نے کہا کہ 'دہشت گردوں کے پاس کوڈیجیٹل دور میں جو پلیٹ فارم دستیاب ہیں چاہے وہ سوشل میڈیا ہو یا کوئی بھی اور پلیٹ فارم ہو۔ وہ اسے بہت ہی موثر طریقے سے استعمال کرتے ہیں۔' انھوں نے کہا کہ 'نہ صرف اس پر بھرتی کا کام ہوتا ہے بلکہ مالی معاونت کرنے والے، امداد کرنے والے، سہولت کار، سلیپر سیل اور ان سے ہمدردی رکھنے والے سب اس میں ملوث ہیں۔' جنرل راحیل نے کہا کہ 'آزاد دنیا کو چاہیے کہ وہ متحد ہو کر اس فتنے کے خلاف اتنی تیزی سے کارروائی کریں۔ بلکہ ہمیں اس فتنے سے نجات حاصل کرنے کے لیے یلغار کرنی چاہیے۔' دہشت گردوں کے حوالے سے انھوں نے کہا کہ 'ایسا نہیں کہ کوئی غاروں سے کوئی بیٹہ کر ایسے کر رہا ہے بلکہ اس پاگل پن کے پیچھے ایک نظام ہے اور دنیا پہلے ہی اس کے خلاف کارروائی کرنے میں دیر کر چکی ہے۔' دنیا کے ستر سے زیادہ انسانی حقوق کے کلیدی گروپس نے فیس بک پر الزام لگایا ہے کہ وہ سفید فام لوگوں کے علاوہ 'دوسروں کے ساتھ امتیازی سلوک برتتے ہیں۔' ان گروپس نے فیس بک کے بانی مارک زکربرگ کو خط لکھا ہے اور اس میں مطالبہ کیا ہے کہ فیس بک جب کسی پوسٹ کو ہٹاتی ہے تو اس کی وجہ بیان کرے اور یہ بھی واضح کرے کہ اس نے کون سا قاعدہ توڑا ہے اور اس پر اپیل کا حق بھی دے۔ اس خط میں یہ بھی لکھا گیا ہے کہ فیس بک ایک رپورٹ شائع کر کے عام عوام کے لیے مہیا کرے جس میں یہ بتایا جائے کہ اس نے کتنی پوسٹس ہٹائیں اور ان میں سے کتنی نفرت پر مبنی مواد کے زمرے میں آتی ہیں۔ گزشتہ ہفتے ہم نے دہلی کے ایک فوٹو گرافر کا ذکر کیا تو اس ہفتے پاکستان سے ایک فوٹو گرافر خمیس کا ذکر کریں گے جنھوں نے اپنی تصاویر میں بلوچستان کے حسین علاقوں کے مناظر پیش کیے ہیں۔ آپ ان کی تصاویر ان کے انسٹاگرام پر دیکھ سکتے ہیں

کراچی میں اسٹیل ٹاؤن کے علاقے سے 4 افراد کی تشدد زدہ لاشیں برآمد ہوئی ہیں۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راولڈوانا نے تصدیق کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ چاروں لاشوں پر تشدد کے نشانات پائے گئے ہیں اور انہیں گولیاں مار کر قتل کیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق لاشیں ایک خالی پلاٹ سے برآمد ہوئی ہیں جن کی ابتدائی طور پر شناخت نہیں ہو سکی ہے۔ پولیس نے ریکوئٹ کو طلب کر کے مزید کارروائی شروع کر دی ہے

پولیس اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے 27 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ، منشیات اور مسروقہ سامان برآمد کر لیا ہے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق قانون نافذ کرنے والے ادارے کے اہلکاروں نے بدھ اور جمعرات کی درمیانی شب لیافت آباد میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے ایک سیاسی جماعت لندن گروپ

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تفصیلات

سرخیاء

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں فائرنگ کے واقعات میں خاتون سمیت 13 افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق شاہ لطیف تھانے کی حدود خلد آباد عباس میڈیکل ہسپتال کے قریب فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 22 سالہ عدنان پرویز اور 25 سالہ بلال عنایت زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں جناح ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا، پولیس کے مطابق زخمی ہونے والے آپس میں رشتہ دار ہیں اور انھیں دشمنی کی بناء پر نشانہ بنایا گیا۔ ڈاکس تھانے کی حدود اخلاق چوک مچھر کالونی میں نامعلوم سمت سے آنے والی گولی لگنے سے 18 سالہ زہرا زوجہ جمیل زخمی ہو گئی جسے سول ہسپتال منتقل کیا گیا۔

پشاور (یورورپورٹ) پشاور اور گرد و نواح میں پولیس اور سیکورٹی فورسز کے جوانوں نے مشترکہ سرچ اینڈ سٹر ایک آپریشنز کئے جس میں متعدد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے جبکہ اسلحہ بھی برآمد ہوا ہے آپریشنز میں سرخ رساں کتوں کی خدمات لی گئیں جبکہ گھر گھر تلاشی کے لئے لیڈیز پولیس اہلکار بھی موجود تھیں ایس پی رورل فرقان بلال کی نگرانی میں مضافاتی علاقوں تھانہ ناصر باغ اور ریگی کی حدود میں جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف سرچ اینڈ سٹر ایک آپریشن کیا گیا جس میں پاک فوج کے جوانوں نے بھی حصہ لیا اس موقع پر پورے علاقے کو سیل کر دیا گیا تھا اور باقاعدہ گھر گھر تلاشی لی گئی جن میں سرخ رساں کتوں کو بھی استعمال کیا گیا جبکہ لیڈیز پولیس اہلکار بھی دوران تلاشی موجود تھیں پولیس آپریشن کے دوران دو پستول، ایک رائفل، چار سو گرام منشیات، اور دس مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا جبکہ وی وی سم کے ذریعے متعدد گاڑیوں کو چیک کیا جس کے دوران ایک موٹر سائیکل بھی قبضے میں لی گئی ادھر ایس ایچ او بڈھ بیر قاضی عارف نے ماشو لگر کے علاقے میں جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف کریک ڈاؤن کیا جس میں دو ایس ایم جیز، تین پستول، چار رائفلس، نو اشتہاری پکڑے گئے جبکہ 49 گھروں کی تلاشی لی گئی مضافاتی علاقوں میں جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے خلاف ہونے والا آپریشن کئی گھنٹوں تک جاری رہا۔

پاکستان میں وفاق کے زیر انتظام قبائلی علاقے کرم ایجنسی کے ہیڈ کوارٹر پاڑا چنار میں ہونے والے دھماکے میں کم از کم 24 افراد ہلاک اور 28 زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ کرم ایجنسی کے ایڈیشنل پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ نصر اللہ خان نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 24 ہو گئی ہے جبکہ 13 شدید زخمیوں کو ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے سی ایم ایچ پشاور منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔ ہسپتال میں موجود ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ 55 سے زیادہ زخمی ہسپتال لائے گئے ہیں جنہیں طبی امداد فراہم کی جارہی ہے۔ زخمیوں میں کچھ کی حالت تشویشناک بتائی گئی ہے۔ یہ دھماکہ سبزی منڈی کی عید گاہہ رکیٹ میں ہوا۔ پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے اہلکاروں نے بتایا کہ دھماکہ صبح 8:45 پر ہوا۔ دھماکے کے وقت سبزی منڈی میں بڑی تعداد میں لوگ موجود تھے۔ کرم ایجنسی کے علاقے پاڑا چنار میں دھماکے کے بعد رکن قومی اسمبلی ساجد حسین طوری نے کہا کہ کرم ایجنسی کے ساتھ افغانستان کا علاقہ ننگر ہار لگتا ہے، جہاں سے داعش کی طرف سے دھمکیاں موصول ہو رہی ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ان کے قبائل کے لوگوں کو یہ دھمکیاں ننگر ہار سے ملی ہیں۔ ہمیں سرحد پار افغانستان سے شدت پسند تنظیم داعش سے بھی دھمکیاں موصول ہو رہی ہیں جبکہ کالعدم تنظیم تحریک طالبان پاکستان سے تو ایک عرصے سے علاقے میں کشیدگی ہے۔ ساجد حسین نے کہا کہ سیکورٹی کی ذمہ داری پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ اور سیکورٹی حکام کی ہے اور انھیں یہ ذمہ داریاں پوری کرنا چاہیے۔ پاڑا چنار سے ملنے والی اطلاعات کے مطابق 12 لاشوں مرکزی امام بارگاہ پہنچائی گئی ہیں جب کہ بعض زخمیوں کو ایجنسی ہیڈ کوارٹر ہسپتال پہنچایا گیا۔ پاکستانی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جاری ہونے والے بیان کے مطابق زخمیوں کو ہیلی کاپٹر کے ذریعے پشاور کے ہسپتالوں میں منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے بیان کے مطابق دھماکے کے بعد فوج اور ایف سی کی کوئیک رسپانس فورس نے جائے وقوع پر پہنچ کر علاقے کو گھیر لیا۔ بیان میں مزید کہا گیا ہے کہ آرمی کے ہیلی کاپٹروں کی مدد سے زخمی افراد کو وہاں سے نکالا گیا۔ ساجد حسین طوری ان سے جب پاڑا چنار دھماکے کے بارے میں پوچھا تو انھوں نے کہا کہ ہلاک ہونے والے افراد میں زیادہ تعداد اہل تشیع کی ہے جن کی اجتماعی نماز جنازہ مرکزی امام بارگاہ میں ادا کی گئی جس کے بعد میتیں اپنے اپنے آبائی علاقوں کو روانہ کر دی گئی ہیں۔ ایڈیشنل پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ نصر اللہ خان نے کہا کہ اس دھماکے میں ملوث افراد کی گرفتاری کے لیے کوششیں جاری ہیں لیکن اب تک وہ کچھ بتا نہیں سکتے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ اس حملے کو مختلف زاویوں سے دیکھا جا رہا ہے کیونکہ یہ علاقہ افغانستان کے قریب واقع ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اب تک یہ واضح نہیں ہو سکا کہ یہ خود کش حملہ تھا یا دھماکہ خیز مواد کسی پٹنی یا تھیلے میں رکھا گیا تھا تاہم اس بارے میں تحقیقات کی جارہی ہیں۔

راولپنڈی: گزشتہ رات طمسہ آباد میں شادی کی تقریب میں ہوائی فائرنگ سے زخمی ہونے والا پولیس اہلکار دوران علاج دم توڑ گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق راولپنڈی کے علاقے طمسہ آباد میں رات گئے شادی کی تقریب میں کی جانے والی ہوائی فائرنگ سے ایک گولی پولیس اہلکار عاطف کے سر پر جا

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سے بدھ کے روز تک بارش اور برف باری کی پیش گوئی کے بعد پی ڈی ایم اے کے ملازمین کی چھٹیاں منسوخ کر دی گئی ہیں جبکہ حالیہ بر فباری کے بعد بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں امدادی اشیاء کی ترسیل کا کام بھی تاحال جاری ہے۔

کوسٹ (نامہ نگار) کراچی کے قریب صوبہ بلوچستان کے ضلع لسبیلہ میں زلزلے کے شدید جھٹکے محسوس کیے گئے، ریکٹر اسکیل پر زلزلے کی شدت 4.5 ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات پاکستان کے مطابق سندھ کی پٹی اور صوبہ بلوچستان کے مختلف شہروں میں جمعہ کے روز زلزلے کے شدید جھٹکے محسوس کئے گئے، ریکٹر اسکیل پر زلزلے کی شدت 4.5 ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے۔ زلزلے کے خوف کے باعث لوگ گھروں سے باہر نکل آئے اور کلمہ طیبہ کا ورد شروع کر دیا۔ زلزلہ پیہاہ مرکز کے مطابق زلزلے کا مرکز لسبیلہ سے 50 کلومیٹر دور شمال مغرب میں تھا۔ جب کہ محکمہ موسمیات کے حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ زلزلے کی گہرائی 15 کلومیٹر تھی۔ صوبائی ادارے پی ڈی ایم اے کا کہنا ہے زلزلے سے تاحال کسی جانی یا مالی نقصان کی کوئی اطلاع نہیں ملی۔

لاہور (نامہ نگاران) کئی شہروں میں سردی اور دھند کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی برقرار رہا جس کے باعث لوگ گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ گیس اور بجلی کی بندش بھی جاری رہی جس سے لوگ پریشان ہو گئے جبکہ دھند کے باعث لاہور سمیت کئی شہروں میں ٹریفک حادثات کے دوران 2 ہائیو سمیت 12 افراد جاں بحق اور کئی زخمی ہو گئے۔ کوٹ رادھا کشن سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق چھاڈنگا ناکے کوٹ رادھا کشن کی طرف آنے والا ٹرک دھند کے باعث الٹ گیا جس کے باعث ڈرائیور زخمی ہو گیا جبکہ ٹرک کی باڈی وغیرہ ٹوٹ گئی تاہم امدادی ٹیم وغیرہ بروقت نہ پہنچ سکی۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق ریت سے بھری ٹرائی نے دھند کے باعث موٹر سائیکل سواروں کو پکڑ لیا جس کے نتیجے میں موٹر سائیکل سوار تین 18 سالہ محمد طاہر، 10 سالہ محمد احمد اور 9 سالہ محمد عبداللہ موقع پر دم توڑ گئے۔ واقعہ کی اطلاع ملتے ہی پورے گاؤں میں صف ماتم بچھ گئی والدین پر غشی طاری ہو گئی۔ تینوں بچوں کا تعلق نارنگ منڈی کے سرحدی گاؤں منڈیالی سے تھا۔ نارنگ منڈی کے دوہی حاجی محمد ارشد کے دو بیٹے محمد طاہر اور محمد عبداللہ جبکہ ایک بھتیجا احمد شوکت لاہور میں تعلیم حاصل کرتے تھے اور نواحی گاؤں کھنڈا میں ایک شادی کی تقریب کے سلسلہ میں موٹر سائیکل پر سوار ہو کر نارنگ منڈی آرہے تھے کہ روعہ والا کے قریب جب وہ مین روڈ پر آئے تو ریت سے بھری ایک تیز رفتار ٹرائی نے تینوں کو پکڑ لیا۔ تینوں بیٹوں کی نعشوں کو جب آبائی گاؤں منڈیالی لایا گیا جہاں تینوں جنازے اکٹھے اٹھنے پر پورے گاؤں میں صف ماتم بچھ گئی اور ہر آنکھ اشکبار تھی۔ پاکستان، عارفوالہ اور وہاڑی سے نامہ نگاران کے مطابق پاکستان میں تیز رفتار ٹرک سڑک پر کھڑے ٹرک سے پیچھے سے ٹکرا گیا، ڈرائیور کنٹرول سمیت چار افراد موقع پر کے قریب ایک ٹرک نے تیز رفتاری کے باعث سڑک پر کھڑے ٹرک کو پیچھے EB/ جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ بتایا گیا ہے کہ ملتان قصور روڈ پر گاؤں 167 سے دے مارا جس کے باعث ٹرک میں سوار ضلع قصور کے رہائشی محمد رضوان، محمد اسلم، شہزاد اور ایک نامعلوم شخص موقع پر ہی جاں بحق ہو گیا جس کی نعشیں ریکوڈ 1122 نے ٹرک کی باڈی کاٹ کر نکال کر ٹی ایچ کیو عارفوالہ پہنچا دی ہیں۔ ادھر گھونکی میں سکول دین اور کار میں تصادم کے نتیجے میں 27 بچے زخمی ہو گئے۔ نکانہ صاحب سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق شہر اور اس کے گرد نواح میں بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ اور بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ بدستور جاری رہا۔ بجلی کی بدترین اور غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ نے عوام کا جینا محال کر دیا۔ واپڈا حکام کی طرف سے مسلسل چھ، چھ گھنٹے کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ سے لوگوں کے کاروبار بری طرح تباہ ہو گئے۔ بروقت پانی لگنے سے زمینداروں کی فصلیں بھی شدید متاثر ہوئیں، بجلی کی بار بار اور بدترین بندش سے نہ صرف گھروں میں خواتین، بچوں اور بوڑھوں کو مشکلات کا سامنا ہے بلکہ مساجد میں نماز پڑھنے والے بھی پانی میسر نہ سکا۔ شہریوں نے شدید احتجاج کیا ہے۔ وہاڑی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق گیس کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کی وجہ سے گیس کی ریفلنگ کا دھند عروج پر پہنچ گیا، غیر قانونی ریفلنگ کرنے والوں نے گیس کے مرضی کے ریٹ مقرر کر لئے، قانونی کارروائی سے بچنے اور چھاپوں کے ڈر سے دکان کی بجائے خفیہ مقامات پر ریفلنگ شروع کر دی، وہاڑی اور گرد نواح میں تقریباً گزشتہ دو ماہ سے سوئی گیس کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ کا سلسلہ شروع ہے جس کی وجہ سے گھر بیوا استعمال کیلئے عوام نے سلنڈروں میں گیس بھرا کر گھر کا نظام چلانا شروع کر دیا ہے اس صورتحال کا غیر قانونی طور پر گیس کی ریفلنگ کرنے والوں نے بھرپور فائدہ اٹھایا۔ نارووال سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق تین روز سے نارووال اور گرد نواح کو کالے بادلوں کے ساتھ وقفے وقفے کے ساتھ ہلکی بارش اور بج بڑبڑے ہوؤں نے اپنی لپیٹ میں لے رکھا ہے جس سے سردی کی شدت میں اضافہ ہونے سے لوگوں اپنے گھروں میں محصور ہو کر رہ گئے۔ ٹھنڈ کی وجہ سے دفاتر اور سکولوں میں بھی حاضری کم رہی۔ تین روز سے سردی کی شدید لپیٹ میں ہے۔

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اسلام آباد (روزنامہ اوصاف) محکمہ موسمیات نے کہا ہے کہ پیر سے بدھ کے دوران بلوچستان کے بیشتر علاقوں میں بارش جبکہ کوئٹہ، ژوب اور قلات ڈویشن کے پہاڑوں پر مزید بر فباری کا امکان ہے۔ منگل اور بدھ کے روز سندھ میں بھی کہیں کہیں بارش ہوگی۔ پیر سے جمعرات کے دوران اسلام آباد، پنجاب، خیبر پختونخوا، کشمیر، گلگت بلتستان اور فانا میں بیشتر مقامات پر بارش اور پہاڑوں پر مزید بر فباری کا امکان ہے۔ منگل سے جمعرات کے دوران مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ، مری، گلیات، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر کے پہاڑوں پر مزید بر فباری ہو سکتی ہے۔ تاہم ملک کے بالائی / وسطی علاقوں میں مطلع جزوی طور پر ابر آلود رہے گا۔ کوئٹہ ڈویشن اور گلگت بلتستان میں ایک دو مقامات پر ہلکی بارش اور پہاڑوں پر ہلکی بر فباری کا امکان۔ پنجاب کے میدانی علاقوں اور بالائی سندھ میں رات اور صبح کے اوقات میں دھند کا امکان ہے۔ آئندہ 48 گھنٹوں میں ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم شدید سرد اور خشک رہیگا۔ پنجاب کے میدانی علاقوں اور بالائی سندھ میں رات اور صبح کے اوقات میں دھند کا امکان ہے۔ گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں ملک کے بیشتر علاقوں میں موسم شدید سرد اور خشک رہا تاہم نوکنڈی 03، دالہنیز اور پنجگور میں 01 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی۔ جبکہ جنوبی پنجاب اور بالائی سندھ کے بعض علاقے دھند کی لپیٹ میں رہے۔ سکردہ منفی 09، استور منفی 08، پاراچنار منفی 07، مالم جبہ، قلات منفی 06، گوپس، کالام، راولا کوٹ، گلگت، دیر منفی 05، بگروٹ منفی 04، اور ہنزہ میں درجہ حرارت منفی 03 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

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بارش اور شدید بر فباری کے بعد پی ڈی ایم اے کا بلوچستان میں ہائی الرٹ بارش اور بر فباری کی نئی لہر آئندہ ہفتے ملک میں داخل ہوگا جبکہ پی ڈی ایم اے بلوچستان نے صوبے میں ہائی الرٹ جاری کرتے ہوئے شہریوں کو غیر ضروری سفر سے گریز کرنے کی ہدایت اور محکمے کے اہلکاروں کو مشینری سمیت قومی شاہراہوں پر موجود رہنے کا حکم دیدیا ہے۔ نیشنل ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی کی جانب سے جاری مراسلے کے بعد پریوینشل ڈیزاسٹر مینجمنٹ اتھارٹی نے صوبے بھر میں ہائی الرٹ جاری کر دیا ہے۔ ریسکیو آپریشن کو مزید موثر اور بروقت اقدامات کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے پی ڈی ایم اے بلوچستان کو مزید چار ہیلی کاپٹر بھی فراہم کر دئے گئے ہیں۔ پی ڈی ایم اے بلوچستان کی جانب سے جاری ہدایت نامے کے مطابق صوبے کے تین ڈویژنل 13 اضلاع میں چار روز تک شدید بارش اور بر فباری کا امکان ہے جن میں ضلع کوئٹہ، قلات، مستونگ، بولان، قلعہ سیف اللہ، لورالائی، پشین، ژوب، زیارت، شیرانی، ہرنائی، موسی خیل اور بارکھان شامل ہیں۔ پی ڈی ایم اے نے کوئٹہ میں قائم کنٹرول روم میں کراسز مینجمنٹ سیل قائم کرتے ہوئے شہریوں کو غیر ضروری سفر کرنے سے گریز اور بر فباری کی صورت میں چھتوں کو وقفہ قفا صاف کرنے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کی اتوار

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