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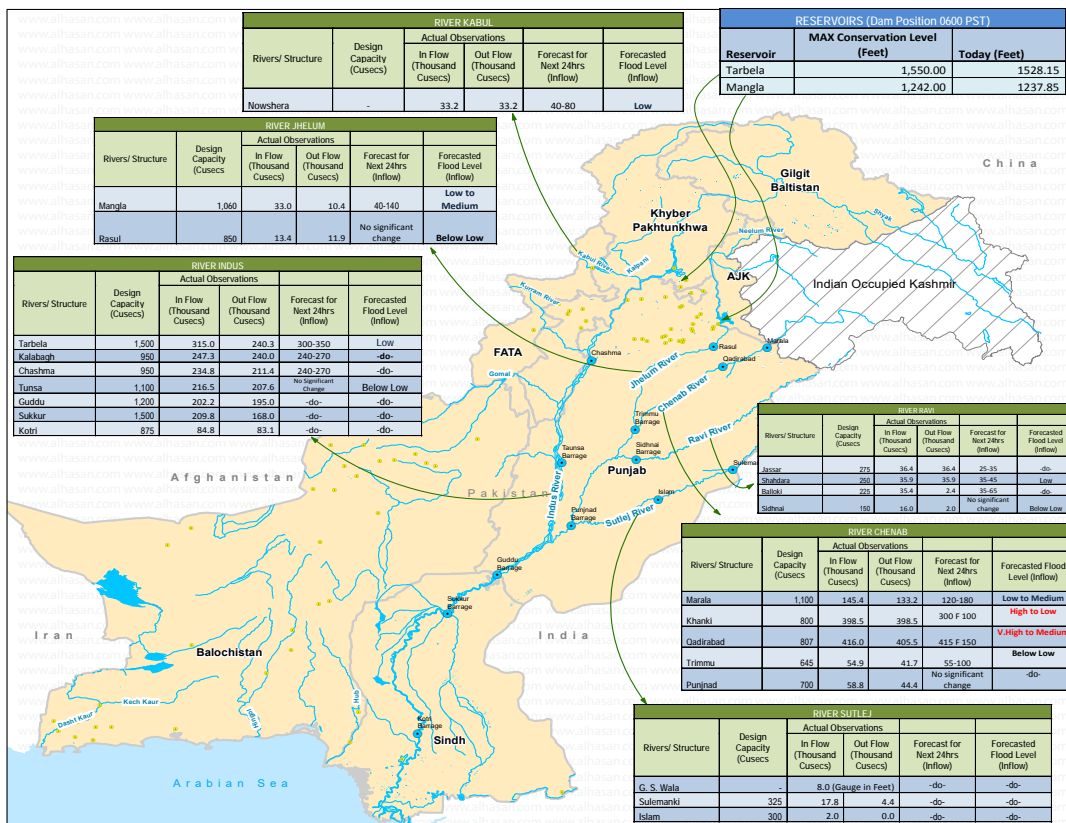
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PAKISTAN - RESERVOIRS & RIVERS FLOW MAP (as of August 08, 2016)



Legend

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- River
- Sea
- Provincial Boundary

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NATURAL CALAMITIES

NEWS HEADLINES

Rain exposes civic crisis in Karachi

The Nation, August 8, 2016

All set for possible dengue fever outbreak in Punjab

The News, August 8, 2016

DETAILS

KARACHI: Municipal authorities fail to swipe rainwater from key arteries of the metropolis while all major drains of city also overflowed due to poor cleanliness works.

According to details, two-day rain exposed the rain emergency, imposed by Sindh government a month ago. Various localities were accumulated in rainwater due to choked sewerage lines and overflowing of major drains of the city resulting rain and sewerage water mixed. The unhygienic water also entered in houses and business centers as citizens facing massive difficulties and left with the threat of epidemic diseases.

Earlier, Provincial Minister for Local Government and city administration have had claiming that rain emergency had been imposed on the prediction of rain by metrological department while all arrangements to facilitate the citizens during rain had been done. It is worth to mentioning here that former Chief Minister, Sindh Syed Qaim Ali Shah had released a special fund to cleaning work of 30 drains of city while as city administration carried out a anti-encroachment drive on Gujjar Nullah, consider as a key nullah of the city. So far the undergoing operation has not respite in difficulties of the citizens, as 29 other nullahs of the city were remain neglected by the administration.

Despite the claims, entire population of the city faced immense problems due to the poor arrangements for rains. It seems that municipal authorities including Karachi Metropolitan Corporation and District Municipal Administration have failed to provide relief the citizens from rain related problems during three days of rain.

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"From precautionary measures to drainage of rain-water, every member of Sindh Cabinet should stay alert and in full gears to tackle any flooding situation or emergency," PPP Chairman told the Sindh Cabinet members who called on him at Bilawal House following taking oath at Governor's House. He said that every Cabinet Member should be active and work in a unified manner to serve the masses and bring them out from poverty and unemployment. PPP Chairman also stressed upon them to run their respective departments on merit to make good governance visible to the people. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari also congratulated the new cabinet members and hoped they will come up to the confidence displayed on them by the Party and the electorates.

Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Political Secretary to the Chairman Jameel Soomro were also present on the occasion. Sindh Cabinet members also attended the meeting.

RAWALPINDI: The stage is almost all set for a possible outbreak of dengue fever in this region of the country as almost all risk factors considered important for appearance of seasonal dengue fever including rains, rising temperature, humidity and infected travellers or natives are very much in existence while the heaps of garbage and rubbish dumps existing in a number of localities in the region may add fuel to the fire.

Data collected by 'The News' has revealed that well over 30 confirmed patients of dengue fever have already been reported at the three allied hospitals in Rawalpindi, while in Islamabad, more than five patients have been tested positive for the infection, as the peak season for transmission of the infection in the region has yet to be set in.

It is important that during the last 10 years, the population in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi faced the worst ever dengue fever outbreak last year, in 2015 with more than 4,500 confirmed patients reported at the public sector hospitals of the twin cities.

Many health experts have repeatedly expressed to 'The News' that this year both the concerned authorities and the individuals have to take extraordinary measures to avoid a possible outbreak of dengue fever as unlike the past, this year, the first cases of dengue fever appeared in June and July. In routine, the first cases appear in this region of the country by the end of July or in the middle of August while sporadic cases, reported before August do not cross the figure of 10 generally.

The eggs laid down by mosquitoes 'aedes aegypti' and 'aedes albopictus', the vectors for dengue fever could not be checked from hatching and the appearance of a number of positive cases of the infection before August hints that the dengue fever vector is existing in abundance in this region of the country, said a top official at ICT Health Department pleading anonymity.

It is important that usually, 'aedes aegypti' lay the first eggs of the year at the beginning of May and the mosquito density is maximal in early July, late August and early September while the egg laying activity remains until November though the larval density reaches to its peak in September.

Health experts have repeatedly expressed to 'The News' after the most severe outbreak of the infection in 2015 that the need of the time is to remove heaps of garbage and unnecessary water accumulations properly from the region to safeguard population from a more severe dengue fever outbreak that would be with more chances of hemorrhagic manifestations as the disease is expected to re-appear in the months from August to November in 2016.

The concerned government authorities, however, seemed to have paid no heed to the opinion and the solid waste management remained poor throughout the year from January to date and it is evident from the existing situation as one can witness heaps of garbage and rubbish dumps on a

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Daily Pakistan, August 8, 2016

10 more die in rain-related incidents in Karachi

DAWN News, August 7, 2016

number of points in district Rawalpindi and in rural areas of the federal capital.

According to health experts and epidemiologists, still a lot can be done to avoid a possible outbreak of dengue fever that otherwise seems to be around the corner. Experts say that a surge in dengue fever cases is expected after the rains when an outbreak is already occurring in adjoining areas, districts or other parts of the country and it is time when we can start social mobilisation to contact community to look for sites and places inside or outside homes that can attract rain water and provide a favourable place for the female 'aedes mosquitoes' to lay eggs. Experts believe that through awareness campaigns, community can be convinced to keep vigilance and once individuals start destroying the possible breeding sites mechanically, the chances of the outbreak would certainly be lesser.

SIALKOT: About 200 villages near Sialkot, Pasrur and Sambarial have inundated as India released 425,000 cusecs of water into the river Chenab without any formal warning to Pakistan, the officials said.

According to the Meteorological Department, a high-level flood has been noted in the Chenab, Nala Muna War Tawi and Nala Jammu Tawi due to heavy rainfall in the Indian-held Kashmir and freshly released water. The water level also increased at Head Marala, while around fifty villages were affected by the floods in the regional streams. As a result, the Marala-Ravi Link Canal was closed for an indefinite period.

Meanwhile, 150 villages of Pasrur and Daska witnessed a havoc following the high floods in Nala Dek. Thousands of acres of the standing crops and hundreds of the livestock were affected. The Sialkot-Narowal road was also closed for traffic due to its vulnerability to the flood.

Sialkot District Coordination Officer (DCO), in a statement issued to the media, said that the holidays of the officials at the local administration have been cancelled and extensive rescue activities have been initiated in the affected areas.

On the other hand, the high flood in the Chenab is expected to pass by Muzzafargarh on Thursday. Keeping in the view the danger of the flood, the district administration has taken emergency measures in advance. Similar flood warnings have also been issued for the areas close to the Head Khanki and the Head Qadirabad. A collective amount of over 600,000 cusecs of water is expected to pass from the region.

An increasing water level was also recorded at Mangla Dam, from where around 125,000 cusecs of water is passing currently. The administration was hopeful that the water-level will remain below the danger zone. It is also worth mentioning here that so far across the country, at least eight people have died while several dozens still remain missing due to flood-related incidents.

KARACHI: At least 10 more people, including a girl and a young boy, died in rain-related incidents on Friday August 5, as poor municipal services amid prolonged power outages wreaked havoc on the city.

The rain continued to lash the metropolis on a second consecutive day when the death toll reached 12, with most of the deaths caused by electrocution. Almost the entire province received downpour on Saturday, with the maximum rainfall of 112 millimetres (almost five inches) being recorded in the second largest city of Sindh, Hyderabad. In Karachi, Landhi received the maximum rainfall of 47 millimetres (almost two inches). The city and other parts of the province may continue to receive showers on Sunday, according to the meteorological office. On Saturday, seven people died from electrocution in Karachi while three others died when the roof or a wall of their houses collapsed. The figures were shared with the media by the Edhi Foundation and Chippa Welfare Association whose ambulances moved the victims from different neighbourhoods to hospitals.

In Gulshan-i-Maymar, 12-year-old Sana Badshah died from electrocution. Mohammad Abbas, 25, met the same fate in Gulistan-i-Jauhar. Faisal Majeed, 18, died in Korangi-4, Hyder Ali, 42, died in Orangi Town. Noman Naeem, 10, died after coming into contact with a broken electrical wire in Orangi Town's Gulshan-i-Bihar. Two other people who died from electrocution in New Karachi and Jaudia Bazaar could not be unidentified.

Three deaths were reported from Defence, Baldia Town and North Karachi where the downpour eroded weak structures. According to the Edhi Foundation spokesperson, 25-year-old Usama died in Defence, 32-year-old Javeria Tahir in Qaimkhani Colony of Baldia Town and 65-year-old Hamid Ali in North Karachi after the roof or a wall of their houses collapsed on Saturday.

According to the Met Office, the city weather on Sunday is expected to remain partly cloudy to cloudy with chances of rain with thunderstorm. Responding to Dawn queries, a weatherman said Landhi received the maximum rainfall of 47 millimetres (almost two inches) while Gulshan-i-Hadeed received 45 millimetres of rainfall on Saturday. The airport area received 41mm rainfall, PAF Base Faisal received 40mm rainfall, Gulistan-i-Jauhar 34mm, University Road 34mm, North Karachi 32mm, Saddar 30mm and PAF Base Masroor received 26mm rainfall. He said: "Maximum temperature recorded in the city on Saturday was 30 degrees Celsius and the minimum temperature was 24 degrees Celsius, while humidity – amount of moisture in the air – was recorded at 81 per cent." The official added that the maximum temperature was expected to stay between 31 and 33 degrees Celsius on Sunday.

The maximum rainfall across the province was recorded in Hyderabad (76mm), followed by Thatta (71.6mm) and Badin (48). In other parts of Sindh, the official said, Nawabshah received 31mm of rainfall, Padidan and Sukkur 26mm, Nagarparkar 25mm, Dadu 18mm, Mithi 13mm, Mirpurkhas 7mm, Tando Jan 6.6mm, Chhachhro 5mm, Jacobabad 4mm, Chhor and Larkana 2mm, while Moenjodaro received one-millimetre rainfall on Saturday.

With the least relief and improvement in rain management system of the municipal authorities, Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah himself chose to monitor the Karachi administration's activities and at the same time showed his concern over the rain situation. "I am committed to

Monsoon season a test case for new Sindh cabinet: Bilawal

The News, August 7, 2016

Tripping has been caused by monsoon rain: K Electric

Pak Observer, August 7, 2016

restore Karachi as the City of Lights but all this would be possible when every citizen, irrespective of their socio-political or religious affiliation would come over and play their due role," he told journalists while having a cup of tea at a roadside teashop near Empress Market where he stopped to monitor relief and rescue operations. He also inspected rainwater drainage work in other parts of the metropolis. "Yes, I need your help, Karachi is our home and it is our collective responsibility to keep our home neat and clean. I have issued very clear directives to the commissioner and administrator of Karachi to activate all the deputy commissioners, DMC administrators to be in the field along with their workers. I want to see your workers in the field. Also, I told them to activate complaint cells." He said he would personally keep an eye on municipal services, development works, traffic issues and environmental and such other issues affecting day-to-day life. He also talked about the recently-planned programme for lifting and disposal of garbage that he said was expected to be started shortly.

His promises, however, fell short of bringing quick relief to Karachi residents as many areas remained flooded due to poor drainage system and sewage overflow. Life in several towns, particularly the low-lying areas, came to a standstill, as people faced the devastation caused by the downpour.

Sewage nullah overflow submerged Buffer Zone and Shadman Town, two major residential blocks of North Karachi, where residents were asked by the local administration to evacuate their houses for safer places.

Amid the flooded areas, the electricity supply system failed to show any improvement on the second consecutive day as residents complained the power supply that was suspended on Friday evening was not restored till Saturday evening.

However, the spokesman for the K-Electric claimed that their teams were working round the clock and the supply to most of the city areas were restored within a short of span of time. There was no detail about "most of the areas" where power supply was restored, as a number of residents from different districts called Dawn offices to share their sufferings due to prolonged power outages. The areas included Landhi, Shah Faisal Colony, Korangi, several blocks of Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Gulistan-i-Jauhar, Nazimabad, North Nazimabad, Federal B Area and Orangi Town.

The K-Electric found excuse in illegal connections saying that areas with such connection had high number of wires broken, which caused delays in restoration work, while ignoring the areas facing the same situation despite with least or no illegal connections. The KE spokesperson said: "The second spell of rain on Saturday morning caused tripping in some additional areas, including Garden, Clifton, Lyari, Gizri and some parts of North Karachi.

"The power breakdown in the second spell of rain at Dhabeji and Gharo was again restored on a priority basis. During the second spell of rains, out of KE's 1,450 feeders, only 200 feeders were affected that the KE rain emergency response teams have been able to immediately restore. In some areas the teams are dealing with the challenge of broken wires and standing water. The restoration work in these areas is being carried out with support and cooperation of town management."

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Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Political Secretary to the Chairman Jameel Soomro were also present on the occasion. Sindh Cabinet members who attended the meeting included Nisar Ahmed Khuhro, Dr. Sikander Mendhro, Mir Hazar Khan Bijarani, Manzoor Wasan, Syed Nasir Shah, Mukesh Chawla, Sardar Muhammad Bux Mahar, Muhammad Ali Malkani, Mumtaz Jakhani, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo, Imdad Pitafi, Fayaz But, Suhail Anwar Syal, Saeed Ghani, Babar Afandi, Nadir Hussain Khawaja, Shamim Mumtaz, Taimoor Talpur, Qasim Naveed, Aabid Bhayo, Shahid Thaheem, Rehana Laghari, Umer Rehman Malik, Naveed Anthony and Burhan Chandio.

KARACHI: The tripping has been caused by the monsoon rain, says an official of the K Electric. In a statement the power utility has informed about the details of trippings caused by recent monsoon rains. It said that the monsoon rains started on Friday evening, which caused EHT line tripping from Bin Qasim and affected different areas of Karachi.

The areas included vicinity of Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Garden, DHA and Dhabeji. The rain on Friday caused 400 feeders to trip, most of which are now restored. It maintained that the areas with high number of consumer using illegal connections always have high number of wire broken complaints which caused delays in restoration of power in these areas.

According to KE Spokesperson 'KE Teams has worked on 24 hour shifts and most of the areas were restored within a short span of time. Different areas of the city including Dhabeji were restored on high priority. However, in some of the areas power could not be restored due to the roads submerged in rainwater. The areas of DHA, Malir and Gulshan-e-Iqbal along with other areas of the city were also restored during the night'.

The press statement further added that the second spell of rain continued on Saturday morning

Monsoon rains kill 29 in Pakistan

The New Indian Express, August 7, 2016

Rain, flash floods claim 8 lives in Balochistan, many still missing

DAWN News, August 6, 2016

Rain causes surge in dengue larvae

Pak Observer, August 6, 2016

Floods devastate settlements, crops in Rajanpur, Ghotki

Dunya News, August 5, 2016

caused tripping in some additional areas, which were the vicinities of Garden, Clifton, Lyari, Gizri and some parts of North Karachi. The power breakdown in the second spell of rain at Dhabeji and Gharo was again restored on priority basis.

During the second spell of rains, out of KE's 1450 feeders, only 200 feeders were affected which KE rain emergency response teams have immediately restored. KE Spokesperson further added, 'K-Electric's rain emergency response teams are prepared to tackle any situation occurring round the clock.

"We apologized to all our consumers for the recent disruption of supply in the city and would also reiterate that KE Teams will continue to work round the clock for complete restoration" the spokesperson stated. In some areas the team is dealing with challenge of broken wires and standing water. The restoration work in these areas is being carried out with support and cooperation of town management. Consumers were requested to inform the utility service of any broken wires or technical faults or raise queries by calling on 118 and 021-99000 or by SMS to 8119 or register their complaint on KE's digital platforms.

ISLAMABAD: At least 29 people have been killed and many others were injured in the torrential rains that have lashed Pakistan's Sindh and Balochistan provinces.

The heavy monsoon showers that started on Friday and continued through yesterday and today have wreaked havoc and left scores of people missing. Most of deaths were reported from Karachi, capital of Sindh, where 14 people were killed due to collapsing of houses and electrocution, an official said.

While seven more deaths were reported from Sindh, eight people were killed, five others injured and eight reported missing in Harnai district of Balochistan, an official of the National Disaster Management Authority said. The rains have resulted in massive traffic jams and gridlocks in various parts of the city. The deaths in Balochistan occurred as several cars were washed away by flash floods, the official added. The Meteorological Office has predicted more rains in the next 24 hours in different parts of Pakistan.

HARNAI: At least eight people were dead and five others were injured as rain, flash floods wreaked havoc in Balochistan's Harnai district. In the district's most famous picnic point, Zard Aloo, six cars were drowned, Levies officials said, adding that at least 21 people were on board. "Out of them eight are dead, five are injured; whereas search for eight others is underway," Levies officials said.

Talking to DawnNews, Balochistan Home Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti said Frontier Corps (FC) and Levies Force were busy in carrying out rescue operation in the area. "Rain, flash floods are natural disasters. This is not an incident of terrorism and we regret every life lost," he said while responding to a question blaming his government for not preparing beforehand for expected rains. Pakistan Meteorological Department has predicted more rain during regular intervals in different districts of the province.

Earlier in June, thousands of people were rendered homeless after the washing away of their mud-houses. Moreover, many villages were submerged by floodwater following massive downpour for two days in different areas of Kachhi, Kalat and Lasbela districts.

The Nari river was in high flood after experiencing torrential rainfall in its catchment areas situated in the mountainous area of Harnai and Shahrag. The floodwater had entered different areas of Kachhi district, destroying over 200 houses in Fatovani village of Bhagh tehsil where hundreds of people and animals were reported to be stranded.

Severe weather hits the country every year, with hundreds killed and huge tracts of prime farmland destroyed in recent years. During the rainy season last summer, torrential downpours and flooding killed 81 people and affected almost 300,000 people across the country.

LAHORE: The Punjab government has accelerated the pace of larvae-cidal activities to save the population of five big districts of the province which are at high risk in current season of dengue spread on account of heavy rains this year.

There is a co-relation between precipitation and larvae breeding which requires more vigilance in larvae-cidal activities which are in full swing throughout the province. This was disclosed in a video link conference on dengue control held here at Civil Secretariat Lahore. Additional Chief Secretary Punjab Shamail Ahmad Khawaja presided over the conference.

Advisor to the Chief Minister on Health Khawaja Salman Rafique, Members Punjab Assembly Majid Zahoor, Waheed Gul, Provincial Secretaries Muhammad Aslam Kambo, Nawazish Ali, Farasat Iqbal, Additional Secretary Technical, Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Dr. Salman Shahid, DG Health Services Punjab Dr. Syed Mukhtar Hussain, In-charge CM's Dengue Control Cell Dr. Muhammad Waseem, DCO Lahore Capt. (R) Muhammad Usman, DCO Sheikhpura and other senior officers from various provincial departments attended the conference while Commissioners and DCOs of Rawalpindi, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Multan were present on video link. The conference was told that due to recent heavy rains, the breeding of dengue larvae has raised manifold both in the indoor water tanks, room coolers and roof tops of the households and in the hotspots lying at open spaces where ponding of water is stagnated specially in the wild growth grass spread over the old graveyards.

RAJANPUR / GHOTKI: Heavy rains in Punjab have severely inundated the streams and nullahs. Flood water entered Mozu Sonwa in nearby areas after heavy rain lashed in Rajanpur at Koh Suleiman.

Hundreds of acres of cotton, rice and sugarcane crops were affected whereas dozens of settlements also came in the way of the floods. Residents have started to migrate towards safe

'No compromise to be made on rights of Sindh,' says Shah after meeting PM

ARY News, August 5, 2016

National Monsoon Contingency Response Directive 2016

NDMA, August 4, 2016

havens under self-help however; the administration has not initiated any relief activity yet.

On the other hand, a 60 feet wide breach has been occurred in Khanpur Mehr area of Gothki which has influenced dozens of acres of fields.

ISLAMABAD: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah says no compromise will be made on rights of the province and vows to work for betterment of Sindh.

Regarding Tharparkar issues and famine-related deaths, he said drought-like situation in the arid region of Sindh was one of the major causes of deaths and government was launching several water projects to address needs of the people. He was of the view that speedy uplift works were underway in Tharparkar. He said the issue of Rangers policing powers had been resolved amicably.

NDMA is mandated under Clause 9(a) of NDM Act 2010 "To act as implementing, coordinating and monitoring body for disaster management". It is also required under Clause 9(d) of the Act "To laydown guidelines for preparing disaster management plans by different ministries or departments and Provincial Authorities". Furthermore, under Clause 9(f) of NDM Act 2010, NDMA is to "Coordinate Response in the event of any threatening disaster situation or disaster". Monsoon in Pakistan results into rainfall of variable intensity from July to September each year. The risk of flood hazards associated with Monsoon can turn into a disaster which merits prior preparation by all departments at Federal and Provincial level. NDMA being the lead Federal Agency, as per assigned mandate issues a Monsoon Contingency Response Directive, every year before Monsoon, based on the forecast of Pakistan Meteorological Department to lay down response guidelines in the realm of Flood Disaster Management i.e. flood fighting, preparedness, rescue, relief, recovery, rehabilitation etc to reassert the coordination mechanism amongst all stakeholders.

To lay down Response Guidelines for all stakeholders at Federal and Provincial level including AJ&K for a coherent response against visualised contingencies of Monsoon 2016, based on Forecast of Pakistan Meteorological Department in order to ensure sound disaster management against possible floods.

NDMA-Daily Monsoon Situation Report No.27

August 5th to 6th, 2016

Preliminary Damages/ Losses

Provinces	Deaths				Injured			
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Male	Female	Children	Total
KP	25	8	17	50*	9	5	10	24
Balochistan	3	-	-	3	5	3	-	8
AJ & K	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Islamabad	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
FATA	2	9	16	27	-	-	-	-
Total	31	18	33	82	15	8	10	33

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

PDMAs

***Ursoo Village, Tehsil Drosh, District Chitral Losses**

- 20 Male, 3 Female & 6 Children, Total 29
- 23 Recovered, 6 are still Missing

Private / Government Property / Livelihood Losses & Damages

Provinces	Houses Damages			Villages Affected			Crop Affected (Acres)	Cattle Head Perished	Govt Property
	Partially	Fully	Total	Partially	Fully	Total			
KP	130	31	161*	-	1	1	-	-	2 schools
Balochistan	31	-	31	-	-	-	-	30	-
Islamabad	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	162	31	193	-	1	1	-	30	2

Source: PDMAs.

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

Final assessment is in progress by respective DMAs.

Relief Provided by NDMA & PDMAs

Items	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa			Balochistan		Total
	PDMA/DDMA	NDMA	PDMA Sindh	PDMA Punjab	PDMA NDMA	
Tents	400	-	100	300	100	900
Foods Items (Tons)	1	30 (flour)	-	10	2	43 Tons
Blankets	350	-	200	1,000	100	1,650
Plastic Mats	300	-	-	300	-	600
Kitchen Sets	100	-	-	-	-	100

SAFETY AND SECURITY

NEWS HEADLINES

Suicide bomber kills at least 70 at Pakistan hospital

Reuters, August 08, 2016

2007-2016: A decade of deadly insurgent attacks across Pakistan

Daily Dawn, August 08, 2016

DETAILS

A suicide bomber in Pakistan killed at least 70 people and wounded more than 100 on Monday in an attack on mourners gathered at a hospital in Quetta, according to officials in the southwestern province of Baluchistan. The bomber struck as a crowd of mostly lawyers and journalists crammed into the emergency department to accompany the body of a prominent lawyer who had been shot and killed in the city earlier in the day, Faridullah, a reporter who was among the wounded, told Reuters.

Abdul Rehman Miankhel, a senior official at the government-run Civil Hospital, where the explosion occurred, told reporters that at least 70 people had been killed, with more than 112 wounded, as the casualty toll spiked from initial estimates.

"There are many wounded, so the death toll could rise," said Rehmat Saleh Baloch, the provincial health minister.

Jamaat-ur-Ahrar, a faction of the Islamist militant Pakistani Taliban group, claimed responsibility for the attack in an email. It was not immediately clear if the group had carried out the bombing, as it is believed to have claimed responsibility for attacks in the past that it was not involved in. "The Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan Jamaat-ur-Ahrar (TTP-JA) takes responsibility for this attack, and pledges to continue carrying out such attacks," said spokesman Ehsanullah Ehsan in the statement.

Only last week, Jamaat was added to the United States' list of global terrorists, triggering sanctions.

The White House condemned the attack. "We remain resolute in joining with the people of Pakistan in confronting terrorism in Pakistan and across the region," it said in a statement.

Television footage showed scenes of chaos at the hospital in Quetta, with panicked people fleeing through debris as smoke filled the corridors. Bodies lay strewn across a hospital courtyard shortly after the blast and pools of blood collected as emergency rescuers rushed to identify survivors. The motive behind the attack was unclear, but several lawyers have been targeted during a recent spate of killings in Quetta, the provincial capital of Baluchistan, which has a history of militant and separatist violence.

The latest victim, Bilal Anwar Kasi, was shot and killed while on his way to the city's main court complex, senior police official Nadeem Shah told Reuters. He was the president of Baluchistan Bar Association.

The subsequent suicide attack appeared to target his mourners, said Anwar ul Haq Kakar, a spokesman for the Baluchistan government. "It seems it was a pre-planned attack," he said.

Ali Zafar, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan, told reporters in the eastern city of Lahore, "We (lawyers) have been targeted because we always raise our voice for people's rights and for democracy ... Lawyers will not just protest this attack but also prepare a long-term plan of action." Police cordoned off the hospital following the blast, with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Army Chief General Raheel Sharif paying visits to the wounded on Monday evening.

In January, a suicide bomber killed 15 people outside a polio eradication center in an attack claimed by both the Pakistani Taliban and Jundullah, an Islamist militant group that has pledged allegiance to Islamic State in the Middle East.

Monday's attack was the deadliest in Pakistan since an Easter Day bombing ripped through a Lahore park, killing at least 72 people. Jamaat-ur-Ahrar also claimed responsibility for the bombing. Quetta has long been regarded as a base for the Afghan Taliban, whose leadership has regularly held meetings there in the past.

In May, Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour was killed by a U.S. drone strike while traveling to Quetta from the Pakistan-Iran border. (Additional reporting by Mehreen Zahra-Malik in Islamabad and Ruthy Munoz in Washington; Writing by Asad Hashim; Editing by Mike Collett-White and Steve Orlofsky).

ISLAMABAD: At least 63 people were killed Monday in a bomb attack on mourners outside a hospital in Quetta. Here is a list of major attacks against civilians by militant groups in the country since 2007:

2007

October 18: Bomb attacks targeting former premier Benazir Bhutto kill 139 people in Karachi as she returns to Pakistan for the first time in eight years. Bhutto herself died in a gun and suicide attack on December 27 later that year.

2008

August 21: Twin suicide attacks kill 64 people outside country's main weapon factory at Wah near Islamabad.

September 20: Sixty people are killed when a suicide truck bomb destroys part of the five-star Marriott hotel in Islamabad.

2009

October 28: A car bomb rips apart a market in Peshawar, killing 125 people.

December 7-9: At least 66 people die in four attacks at a market in Lahore.

2010

January 1: A suicide car bomb kills 101 people at a village volleyball game in Bannu.

May 28: Gunmen and suicide bombers storm mosques belonging to the Ahmadi religious minority in Lahore, killing 82 people.

July 9: A suicide bomber kills 105 people in a busy market in Mohmand.

September 3: A suicide attack kills 59 at a Shia rally in Quetta.

November 5: A suicide bomber kills 68 people during Friday prayers in Darra Adam Khel.

2011

April 3: Fifty die after two suicide bombers attack a Sufi shrine in Dera Ghazi Khan.

May 13: Two suicide bombers kill at least 98 people outside a police training centre in Charsadda.

2013

January 10: A double suicide attack on a snooker club kills 92 in a district of Quetta populated by Shia Hazaras.

February 16: A bomb at a market at Hazara Town, a Shia neighbourhood near Quetta, kills 89.

March 3: A car bomb explodes in a Shia neighbourhood in Karachi, killing 45.

September 22: Eighty-two people die when two suicide bombers attack a church in Peshawar after a Sunday service.

2014

November 2: Fifty-five people are killed by a suicide bomber at the main Wagah border crossing.

December 16: Taliban insurgents storm an army-run school in Peshawar, killing over 140 people, most of them children.

2015

January 30: Sixty-one people are killed as a suicide bomber hits a Shia mosque in Shikarpur.

May 13: The first attack officially claimed by the Islamic State group in Pakistan kills 45 Shia Muslims in Karachi.

2016

March 27: Seventy-five people are killed and hundreds injured in an explosion that targets Christians near a park in Lahore.

August 8: At least 63 people die and dozens are wounded when a blast tears through mourners at a hospital in Quetta.

ISLAMABAD: US Ambassador to Pakistan David Hale on Monday strongly condemned the attacks in Quetta that caused loss of precious human lives.

"On behalf of the US Mission to Pakistan, I strongly condemn today's horrendous and despicable attacks in Quetta, the murder of Balochistan Bar Association President Bilal Kasi and the bombing at the Civil Hospital," the US Ambassador said in a statement issued by the US Embassy. He extended his deepest condolences to the victims and their families during the time of grief. "This brutal and senseless attack on civilians will not undermine one of the most important pillars of Pakistan's democracy and civil society," the statement said. "We know this attack will not weaken the determination of the Pakistani people to create a secure, stable, and prosperous country. The US stands with the government and people of Pakistan and is committed to supporting them in the fight against terrorism. We support Pakistan's efforts to bring to justice those behind the attack," it added.

Pope Francis has condemned the habit of linking Islam with terrorism, saying that "this is not right and this is not true. I think that in nearly all religions there is always a small fundamentalist group", He added that, "We have them," referring to Catholicism. He went on to say that lack of economic opportunities for young people in Europe was also to blame for terrorism. "I ask myself how many young people that we Europeans have left devoid of ideals, who do not have work. Then they turn to drugs and alcohol or enlist in ISIS," he added. "If I speak of Islamic violence, I have to speak of Catholic violence. Not all Muslims are violent," he said. "I know it is dangerous to say this but terrorism grows when there is no other option and when money is made a god and it, instead of the person, is put at the centre of the world economy," he added. "That is the first form of terrorism. That is a basic terrorism against all humanity. Let's talk about that," he went on to elaborate.

It is nice of Pope Francis for trying to dispel the widely prevailing, but wrong perception of equating Islam and its followers with terrorism. It is not for the first time, the Pope has made similar remarks in the past as well which gave a loud and clear message that he believes in co-existence and is keen to make people of all faiths realise that all revealed religions stand for peace, love and brotherhood. But unfortunately, the establishment and governments in almost every country have their own mindset and agenda.

War becomes perpetual when it is employed as a rationale for achieving a specific version of peace, and or it has hidden objectives. This holds true for global war on terrorism as well; it has indeed, suffered from double jeopardy—mission creep and immorality—selective application.

Hale says US stands with Pakistan against terrorism

Daily Times, August 08, 2016

Dynamics of countering terrorism

The Nation, August 08, 2016

Provincial assembly strongly condemns Quetta attack, calls for stronger measure

Pakistan Today, August 08, 2016

Since the end of World War II, the United States has been intervening in various countries for making the world safe for American corporations; enhancing financial status of its military industrial complex: and preventing the rise of any society that might serve as a successful example of an alternative way of living.

This protectionism has resulted in the rise of mediocrity; hence America is throwing up such presidential candidates that one would think twice before hiring some of them even for menial house-hold errands. While American society could live with it, with impunity, for a couple of decades more, the rest of the world would continue to pay the price, especially for the wrong wars undertaken by America over the last decade and a half in the name of countering terror. War against terror has since long absorbed the objectives of creating an Israel pliant Middle East and an India Pliant South Asia. The counties of these regions are expected to either fall in line with this American wish— wilfully, or be prepared to be made to do so forcibly. Selective application of counter terrorism strategy to achieve these unrelated objective became visible soon after 9/11.

Though Pakistan is increasingly becoming a suffocating place for the terrorists; Uncle Sam continues to be unhappy; the oft floated reason for annoyance is not doing enough against terrorists; the actual reason is that Pakistan is not ready to play second fiddle to India; and there is national consensus on this.

In an interesting and simultaneous counter terrorism related development, the US has blocked a \$300 million tranche of Coalition Support Fund, that has already been spent by Pakistan on logistical services provided to the US for its counter terrorism and counter insurgency efforts, because Secretary of Defence Ash Carter has decided not to certify to the Congress that Pakistan was taking adequate action against the Haqqani network. "This decision does not reduce the significance of the sacrifices that the Pakistani military has undertaken over the last two years," Pentagon spokesman Adam Stump said on August 03. Pakistan says there are limits to how much it can do as it is already fighting multiple militant groups and is wary of a "blowback" in the form of more terror attacks on its soil. Washington Post has reported on August 03 Shamila Chaudhary, a former White House official stating that the decision could foreshadow additional steps increasing pressure on Pakistan to crack down on militants causing trouble in Afghanistan. "It is a way of sending a signal to the Pakistani military of what's to come, in the sense that the United States is no longer willing to give blank checks to Pakistan," she said.

The foreign office spokesperson in Islamabad played it down: "Coalition Support Fund is one of the many cooperative arrangements between Pakistan and the United States to pursue common objectives. These reimbursements enable the United States to support Pakistan's on-going counter-terrorism efforts in a manner that serves shared interests of both countries...senior members of the Congress and representatives of the media have visited the areas cleared from terrorists' control and observed for the gains. Pakistan remains committed to counter terrorism for ensuring security and stability in the region".

Knowing that terrorism has regional and global linkages, Pakistan is coordinating its counter terrorism efforts with regional and global regimes. Pakistan is party to all UN resolutions on the subject, as well as regional efforts under the auspices of various regional organisations like SAARC, CICA, SCO etc. Pakistan is also member of military alliances against terrorism like Islamic Military Alliance to Fight Terrorism (IMAFT), a Saudi led coalition of around 40 members; latest addition is Pakistan, China, Afghanistan and Tajikistan quadrilateral counterterrorism alliance, launched, on August 03, in the Chinese city of Urumqi. It will be formally known as Quadrilateral Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism (QCCM). It is a Chinese initiative; however, the Army Chief General Raheel Sharif was instrumental in its establishment. "Member countries would cooperate in counterterrorism situation evaluation, clue verification, intelligence sharing, counterterrorism capacity building, counterterrorism joint training exercises and personnel training".

The latest performance review of the National Action Plan (NAP) was held on August 01, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif chaired. He expressed his resolve to make Pakistan secure for every single citizen of the country irrespective of ethnicity and religion. There is a need for the international community to objectively evaluate Pakistan's contribution towards global counter terrorism effort. There is a need to evolve a universally acceptable definition of terrorism to differentiate it from genuine freedom struggles, like in Kashmir and Palestine. And then embark upon Counter terrorism effort under the auspices of the United Nations. This is time for the international political leadership to pay heed to how Pope Francis interprets terrorism.

The provincial assembly on Monday strongly condemned the devastated bomb explosion in Quetta and called for evolving a strategy for arresting the deteriorating law and order situation in the country. The debate was initiated by the Leader of Opposition Maulana Lutfur Rehman who begun his speech with condemning the Quetta blast, saying the whole country was passing through a critical situation.

Expressing grave concern over lawlessness, he said that target killing, extortion and other crimes were on a peak in the country. But, we are taking credit of legislations and not making a strategy for the elimination of the menace of terrorism, he said and added that a comprehensive policy should be evolved for the elimination of terrorism.

ANP Provincial General Secretary Sardar Hussain Babak said the nation was unanimous that National Action Plan (NAP) will eliminate terrorism, but the situation is the same. He said that NAP is limited only to a document. He said that all the five governments should announce to mourn the mayhem in Quetta. He said that terrorism had been imposed on us in the name of religion, but such people are only disgracing us.

Babak was critical of the forced repatriation of Afghan refugees and said that they were living in Pakistan for decades, but today their homes and properties were being auctioned which was

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unjust.

PML-N Parliamentary Leader Sardar Aurangzeb Nalota said that law and order in the country had improved after the general elections of May 2013. He said that the whole country is on the same page against terrorism. He termed the Quetta attack as a conspiracy against China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Senior minister for local government Inayat Khan said the people involved in Quetta attack have no relation with Islam and Pakistan. He said that law and order situation was being discussed in every meeting of the Apex Committee.

Regarding the repatriation of Afghan refugees, Inayat said that he and the senior minister Sikandar Sherpao have arranged a meeting with the chief minister and they discussed that the repatriation of Afghan refugees would create negative aspects in our province.

Qoumi Watan Party (QWP) Senior Minister Sikandar Sherpao said that peace is the major issue and is a pre-requisite for development. He stressed the need for adopting a joint strategy for tackling the issue of terrorism. He further said that FATA should be merged with KP.

Public Health Engineering (PHE) Provincial Minister Shah Farman also condemned Quetta explosion and said that the incident has both political and regional reasons. He said that the history of terrorism in Pakistan is half a century old. However, he said, the performance of PTI government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is better in this regard. He dispelled the impression of forced repatriation of Afghan refugees. However, he said the matter should be looked in the context of law and order situation in the province. In this regard, he also expressed surprise over the attitude of the government of Afghanistan, which has no writ of law in its country.

Fakhar Azam of PPP, Senior Minister for Health Shahram Khan Tarakai, Advisor to CM on Transport Malik Shah Muhammad Khan, Deena Naz of PTI, Aizaul Mulk of Jamaat-e-Islami, and Qurban Ali Khan of PTI also spoke on the issue.

WASHINGTON— The Pakistani government says it wants to introduce a new counter-extremism policy. But as Monday's bombing in Quetta shows, Pakistan has a long way to go to stop the carnage that has plagued the country, analysts say.

"A new counterterrorism policy in Pakistan would be a good thing, but I worry it could just be window dressing that papers over the broader problem," Michael Kugelman, senior researcher at the Woodrow Wilson Center, told VOA.

Kugelman said that the militant extremism problem would not end if Pakistan continues to "refuse to crack down on all forms of terrorism and all forms of terrorist groups."

Pakistan's National Counter-terrorism Authority (NACTA), which monitors and proposes counter-extremism strategies, is in the process of forming a new national counter-extremism policy in the country, officials said. "A national counter-extremism policy will be introduced within two months," NACTA chief officer, Ehsan Ghani told VOA.

According to Ghani, the policy will propose new laws as well as amendments to some existing laws in the country. It would also propose reforms in the education sector, including the widespread Madrassa system, to change the "mindset" in the country so the people be tolerant.

But Peshawar-based defense analyst Saad Mohammad Khan, a retired military leader, said the new laws and policies cannot be effective if they are not properly enforced. "Extremism is everywhere in the society," Khan added in the interview with VOA. "It is present in our houses, in our schools, offices, market." Khan said that unless the entire education system is overhauled, extremist views would be nurturing even in the mainstream and secular schools. "Children are taught that we [Pakistanis] are better human beings than others, and that other people [nations] are anti-Islam," Khan told VOA. "When those children grow up, most are paranoid which leads them towards extremism."

According to Khan, prominent members of the ruling Muslim League, which is not an Islamist party, have shown opposition to changing the current curriculum in Pakistani schools. Experts say many madrassas in Pakistan have been a source of militancy in both Pakistan and in neighboring Afghanistan. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial government was scathingly criticized last month for a \$3 million grant it recently allocated to Darul Uloom Haqqania madrassa, a controversial Islamic seminary that some critics call the "University of Jihad."

Headed by former senator Samiul Haq, the madrassa houses about 4,000 students and is widely known for links to, and publicly expressed sympathies for, the Taliban who are fighting local and U.S.-led international forces in Afghanistan. That association has won the Islamic cleric the title of "Father of the Taliban."

"You also have an environment in Pakistan that enables extremism," said Kugelman. "Networks of religious institutions and clerics as well as powerful victimization narratives that fuel the hardline ideologies that allow militancy to thrive." "I cannot imagine a new counterterror policy would do much to address this. The bottom line is that killing terrorists will not make terrorism go away," Kugelman said.

Anti-terror chief Ghani told VOA that under the government's National Action Plan, an action plan established in January 2015 to crackdown on terror networks in Pakistan, the government has taken a number of stern actions to counter extremism, including the closure of "98.4 million unregistered cellphone sim cards" in the country. He acknowledged, however, that a number of terror and banned group leaders still appear on television channels in Pakistan to further their agenda.

In Washington, the Pentagon has withheld \$300 million in military aid to Pakistan because of insufficient action by Pakistan against the Haqqani terrorist network. "The U.S. congress has shown that it is unhappy with Pakistan's continuing support for groups like the Haqqani network

Pakistan rejects US remarks of being selective in targeting terrorists

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that continues to fight Afghan and the U.S. forces in Afghanistan. And we saw that with the blocking of the U.S. government funding for F-16s sale to Pakistan," Lisa Curtis, a senior researcher at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, told VOA. Curtis said that ongoing Pakistan military operations against militants in the tribal region has reduced violence in Pakistan but other militant groups should be targeted too. "The Zarb-e-Azb operation has reduced violence in Pakistan but the U.S. also has concerns about other militant groups operating in the region and there are disagreements on these issues between Washington and Islamabad," Curtis said. "There will be a change... The frustration will grow. Whoever is the next U.S. president, it is likely to develop tougher policies towards Pakistan and demand more changes with regard to its policies toward Taliban."

Pakistan denies the allegations, saying it does not distinguish between "good and bad" militants. "We have taken decisive action against terrorists and extremists and also cooperate widely with other countries to defeat it," said Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nafees Zakaria.

ISLAMABAD (Web Desk) - In response to a media question on the US Deputy Spokesperson's critical remarks that Pakistan is selective in targeting terrorists and does not go after those threatening its neighbours, Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria said that Pakistan has taken concrete measures to counter terrorism in a phase-wise manner keeping in view Pakistan's national security concerns.

"We have taken a serious note of the remarks made by the US Dy. Spokesperson, which are self-contradictory and oblivious of the fact that Pakistan has taken concrete measures to counter terrorism in a phase-wise manner keeping in view Pakistan's national security concerns," the spokesperson said. He said: "Recently, Senator John McCain visited Pakistan along with some other Senators and Congressmen. They were unanimous in acknowledging the remarkable achievements made by Pakistan in its counter-terrorism drive. They visited Miramshah and observed the situation on ground for themselves. Senator McCain, on his return also wrote an article on his experience in Pakistan." Terrorism is more of a concern to Pakistan than its 'neighbour', the spokesperson said. He said that the arrest of the 'neighbour's' active service officer, who publicly confessed his state's involvement in perpetrating and financing terrorist and subversive activities in Pakistan, surprisingly did not prompt any statement by the US.

"I also wish to remind the US Dy. Spokesperson of the statement by Mr. Chuck Hagel in February 2013 that Pakistan's 'neighbour' uses the soil of another 'neighbour' of Pakistan to finance instability in Pakistan," Nafees Zakaria said. The factors behind spread of terrorism in Pakistan and the colossal losses inflicted on Pakistan in terms of loss of over 60,000 innocent lives and billions of dollars loss to the economy are obvious now, he said. He further said: "Given these ground realities together with the inhuman treatment meted out by the 'neighbour's' forces to the defenceless and innocent people struggling for their right to self-determination, the remarks of the Dy Spokesperson are misplaced and are not sensitive to Pakistan's security concerns."

A church in Pakistan's northwestern region of Peshawar was the site of renewed terrorist violence on September 22, 2013. In one of the deadliest suicide attacks in Pakistan in years, a suicide bomber killed 78 people and left more than 100 others wounded. Pakistan's Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan remarked that, "[s]uch an attack on women and children is against humanity." During that month, a 40% rise in terrorism was reported with 284 people becoming victims of terrorist violence. Conflict Monitoring Centre's monthly security report noted that 215 violent attacks had taken place in September alone.

The following year saw the Peshawar school massacre take place on December 16, when seven militants left 141 dead, of which 132 were children. According to the Global Terrorism Database (GTB/START) of the University of Maryland, 2013 represents the highpoint of terrorist incidents in Pakistan with approximately 2,200 having been recorded for that year. Subsequent years show a precipitous drop, about 2,000 for 2014 and over 1,000 for 2015. On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2015, another 75 people were killed with over 300 injuries reported after a suicide bomber detonated his explosives at the entrance of Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park in Lahore. On January 20, gunmen of the militant Islamic group Tehrik-e-Taliban (TTP) attacked Bacha Khan University in northwestern Pakistan, killing over 20 students and staff. Security forces managed to kill the militants.

Raja Nasir Abbas, Secretary General of Majlis-e-Wahdat-e-Muslimeen, uttered that Pakistan's "weak policies" has contributed to terrorism in Pakistan in recent years. While his statement sharply criticizes the abilities of the Pakistani government to manage acts of political violence and aggression within its own borders, there is song in the silence. The reasons behind Pakistan's terrorist plague extend beyond the perceived weaknesses of its policies. The structural fragility of the Pakistani state is the most predominant but certainly not the only factor to consider.

Restraint in the use of security forces in region-specific contexts and the unanimous declaration of peace talks have recently been used as the most convenient modes of explaining waves of terrorism over the past year. Prospects for the future of terrorism in Pakistan have also been attached to that same declaration. Such accounts, though, may be too shallow and provide little, if any, analytical weight so long as a view to addressing terrorism in Pakistan as a long-term problem is nurtured. Power coupled with the structural weakness of the Pakistani state has done much to cultivate terrorist activity not merely over previous years, but rather decades. Pakistani politics to begin with is almost entirely entrenched in power, cronyism, and family.

Political authorities have failed to obtain the political capacities necessary to address the state's endemic corruption, poverty, and poor education programs above and beyond a lack of willingness in relinquishing hold on privileged government positions. State resources (which remain scant) are apportioned to the military and state-level officials and others who are willing to provide assistance to the state by other means. The government has also crashed when it comes

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to delivering on the most basic services within the country. Consequently, security forces remain underfunded, ill-equipped, and are poorly trained, while a faulty judicial system has smoothed the planning and implementation of terrorist militant operations within Pakistani borders and in adjacent regions.

Ongoing conflict in the disputed territory of Kashmir is one of the main drivers of terrorism in Pakistan. Conflict there is part-and-parcel to a much larger problem with its powerful neighbor to the east. Power dynamics between India and Pakistan have long strained the Pakistani military and applied pressure to Pakistan on many levels. India's profound effect on Islamabad's foreign policy has also left the country financially drained. Continuing to promote the corrosive effects that the ongoing conflict in Kashmir has had on the stability of Pakistan as a state (including its ability to stand-up to an India that continues to flex its muscles) remains in India's best interest. An effect of this policy has been the continued degradation of Pakistan's capacity for internal governance, even if it means the fostering of terrorist militants that might spill over into India.

From Delhi's perspective, addressing isolated instances of militant terrorist activities does not present such a bleak picture so long as the byproduct is a prostrate Pakistan. Delhi has also gone to great lengths to foster the growth of instability from the inside. Retired Indian Army chief General Vijay Kumar Singh has recently admitted that the Indian government sponsored terrorism in Pakistan by sending money to separatists in Balochistan. Pakistan is now caught between its own terrorist threats at home and a threatening neighbor, which has continuously pulled Pakistan into a costly fear-induced arms race. Terrorism in Pakistan indeed serves a purpose for India too. However, not all of Pakistan's terror groups are apathetic when it comes to India. A variety of militants in Pakistan stand punitively anti-India like the groups Jamaat ud-Dawa (JuD) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM). The deadly Mumbai attacks in 2008 that left 170 people dead were carried out from a secure location in Karachi under the direction of Pakistan's Directorate of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Trapped by its own historical developments, Pakistani funds allotted to the ISI have been used to support Jihadi groups with the view of putting them into action against India. Here, another trade-off has been made that applies more pressure to Pakistan as a whole. Much of this support finds its place in Kashmir. ISI-supported Jihadi groups have been actively involved in the disruption of Pakistani politics by opposing democratic movements and aligning themselves to variable degrees with other forces directly opposing democratization efforts within the country. Military forces have for that reason been playing a treacherous game with its own people including its close allies and supporters in the international community.

Questions presiding over Islam and the drivers of terrorism in Pakistan are not without warrant. A fair appraisal of Pakistani Islam, on the other hand, illustrates that violence has seeped its way into Pakistan vis-à-vis foreign schools of Islam promoted by other states (i.e., Saudi Arabia) able to easily connect with and influence the Pashtun tribes in Pakistan. These are the regions where jihad has been culturally intertwined with local inhabitants and their disposition toward foreign invaders. Religious beliefs are thus less significant a factor than has been suggested. Islamabad's inability to properly integrate some parts of the country with others has also fueled violence in the country.

Despite Pakistan's troubling relationship with terrorism, including its distressing rise in terrorist activity over the past year, renewed activities by terrorists might compel analysts to re-examine the roots of violent and militant extremism in the country. Traditional, or previously accepted "causes" of terrorism in Pakistan might therefore come into question and receive renewed scrutiny. Accordingly, the ostensible continuity of terrorism, tragic as it may be, might actually provide an opportunity to see potential pathways for recovery and ways of tempering the virulent terrorist challenge in and around Pakistan in the near future.

Terror has continued to manifest itself and to this day Pakistani governments have not been able to control, let alone curb this growing threat. Despite claims that the Pakistani government is finally winning the fight against terrorism, the past several years, if not decades, illustrate the degree to which Pakistan's terror groups, which were once seen as strategic tool vis-à-vis India has become fully entrenched as a critical security crisis for the country, and one that increasingly seems less likely to be controlled.

The situation again raises questions about the possibility of Pakistan becoming a failed state, and what would happen to the nuclear arsenal of the country if that were to happen. The Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) were never properly integrated into the rest of the Pakistan, and other parts of Pakistan are showing signs of deep cleavage. Increasingly, Balochistan and the Pakistan-Indian border are destabilizing as well. While both states appear willing to confront and combat the overwhelming number of terrorist groups operating on both sides of the border, neither state has shown with any compelling force that they possess the capabilities to do so effectively.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Iran agreed on Saturday to forge close counterterrorism cooperation to deal with the militant Islamic State (IS) group and other security threats. This was agreed at the ninth round of bilateral political consultations held in Tehran. Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmed Chaudhry led the Pakistani delegation, whereas the Iranian side was headed by the Deputy Foreign Minister for Asia and Pacific, Ebrahim Rahimpour.

This was the second senior-level engagement between the two countries in a fortnight. National Security Adviser retired Lt Gen Nasser Khan Janjua visited Iran for a meeting with his counterpart in the last week of July, during which both sides emphasised the importance of addressing security issues, particularly problems with border security. "It was agreed that close cooperation was needed in countering extremism and terrorism, especially the threat" posed by organisations such as the IS, a statement issued by the Foreign Office after the political consultations said. Both sides also discussed cooperation in trade and economy and agreed to enhance it.

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"Regional situation as well as opportunities offered by enhanced connectivity for transit trade was also discussed," it said. This assertion implies that the two sides also discussed Pakistani concerns about the Chabahar port not only for being a rival to Gwadar, but also from the perspective of Indian involvement and prospects of cooperation between the two ports. Security circles see Indian involvement in Chabahar and the upcoming trade route linking the port to Afghanistan as a security threat. Iran has, however, been insisting that the two ports complement each other.

Mr Chaudhry apprised his Iranian counterpart of the latest situation in India-held Kashmir.

ISLAMABAD: Implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP) has brought relief to the nation as the country is witnessing a decline in terror activities with each passing year. Those who were prowling unchecked were flushed out and those putting up resistance were silenced forever in face of national commitment against the terrorists. Operation against terrorism has reduced the space for terrorists as the situation has considerably improved and this fact is not only recognised in Pakistan but also at international level. One can recall that when the present government took over in 2013, five to six bomb explosions were taking place every day, but due to collective approach of the incumbent government and armed forces against terrorism, such incidents were now declining.

A United States report says that there is 45 percent decrease in terror activities, 39 percent reduction in deaths related to terrorism and 53 percent reduction in injured cases related to terrorism as compared to last year. The situation has further improved in six months of this year. "Pakistan is winning war against terrorism but to take it to a logical conclusion, the country has to win on psychological front. The war has not finished and we have to make an agenda and create a narrative, which motivates the nation against terrorism. The nation should not lose hope as it is time of despondency for terrorists," Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan said.

Since the launch of the NAP, 1,808 terrorists have been killed and 5,611 arrested, National Counter-Terrorism Authority (NACTA) Coordinator Ihsan Ghani said while enumerating implementation status of 20 points of the NAP. As per details, about 951 of terrorists were killed in Federally Administrated Tribal Areas (FATA), 455 in Sindh, 197 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), 135 in Punjab, 68 in Balochistan and two in Gilgit Baltistan (GB), according to official statistics. Majority of terrorists were arrested in Sindh, KP and FATA where their number was 1,665, 1,572 and 1,256, respectively. Under the NAP, 122,772 combing operations were carried out while 142,335 suspects were arrested. Around 4,230 intelligence-based Operations (IBOs) were carried out while 119,794 calls were received at help line 1717. Some 411 executions had been carried out under the NAP including 380 in Punjab, 18 in Sindh, six in KP, five in Balochistan and two in AJK.

Similarly, in order to curb terror financing, 498 first information reports (FIRs) were registered under hawala/hundi and 692 accused were arrested. As part of anti-money laundering measures, the authorities concerned registered 230 FIRs and apprehended 341 persons while 126 accounts belonging to banned organisations with accumulated deposits of over Rs 1 billion were frozen.

Proscribed organisations had also been categorised with 43 as violent against the state, 12 as non-violent but anti-state and seven as armed but not anti-state. A committee had been constituted under Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz to finalise FATA reforms. Again thanks to collective approach of the government, 69 percent decrease was registered in incidents of target killing, 50 per cent in murders, 80 per cent in incidents of terrorism and 30 per cent in robberies after the start of Karachi operation. Regarding the Balochistan reconciliation process, dialogue with exiled Baloch leaders has been initiated and the government is in contact with estranged Baloch nationalists. Moreover, December 31 has been set as the deadline for return of registered Afghan refugees.

Pakistani nation, which has rendered supreme sacrifices in war against terrorism, is united to take this war to its logical end. Obviously the national unity and determination against this menace would help ensure a peaceful, safe and prosperous Pakistan to the new generation.

News of Pentagon not paying Pakistan \$300 million as reimbursements through the Coalition Support Fund for its role in war against terror should be a wake-up call for Pakistan and a moment of deep introspection. The refusal to pay \$300 million was because US Secretary of Defense Ash Carter did not tell Congress that sufficient action was being taken by Pakistan against the Haqqani network. Previously, Advisor to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz had said that Pakistan is wary of a "blowback" if it moved too fast against militants, implying that Pakistan had to consider its limitations when making these policy decisions. While there is nothing wrong in going about the operation against militants in a systematic manner and sequencing it in a way that would make it effective, nevertheless, the state needs to realise that it is responsible for the difficult position it finds itself in right now. And as Pakistan's name continues to be associated with militancy and terrorism, it must appear sincere in its efforts to eliminate this menace without distinction for groups that carry out activities outside it so that it can shed this negative image.

The military establishment has shown certitude in its fight against terrorism and many soldiers have embraced martyrdom in this fight. Moreover, the people of Pakistan have suffered a great deal from it, and not just in terms of violence and deaths, but also in terms of poverty and economic underdevelopment. Terrorism has impeded economic growth by preventing free mobility of labour as foreigners are reluctant to come to Pakistan or even invest here. Tourism, which could have been a booming industry in Pakistan, has not been able to develop on an international scale because of the tenuous security situation in the country. Facing crippling energy crisis, rampant illiteracy, and abysmal healthcare facilities, the state has to divert scarce resources to this costly fight, and continue to beef up its security apparatus.

**Terrorism challenge:
Pakistan committed to
working with member
states: Prime Minister**

Business Recorder, August 05, 2016

**Pakistan taking action
against all terrorists'**

Express Tribune, August 05, 2016

All of this is not to say that funding for the fight against terrorism in Pakistan must be reduced as the country is indeed in a very grave situation and this fight needs to be continued. However, what must be mulled over is the past policies that led to this juncture. All those great games that were played by certain actors in the avenues of power, which were far grander than could be managed, have ultimately and ironically led to this security crisis. While it would be naïve to say that Pakistan did not face threats from external forces, whether they were in the form of support for ethnic independent movements or a crisis of isolation in the wake of reduced geopolitical significance, but an overwhelming fixation on these issues has led to the preponderance of looking at everything from a securitisation lens. And this has resulted in excessive spending on defence and neglect on economic development so much so that the military's shopping list can only be serviced by foreign aid.

Now Pakistan must navigate itself out of the cycle of dependency that it has fallen victim to. Relations with the United States have been tense ever since the cancellation of the F-16 deal, and while there is much resentment in Pakistan over it, Pakistan cannot afford to diplomatically isolate itself from the US. In any case, Pakistan-US relationship has historically been one of vested interests, in which both were aware of being used by the other for their own objectives. For example, during the 1960s the US was aware that Pakistan was using its military aid not for the purpose of containing communism but to equip itself in case of a possible war with India, but the US continued to provide aid since it needed an ally in the region. Hence, wise choices need to be made now that would serve Pakistan's interests and space should not be given to impetuous decisions informed by a false sense of jingoism. Simultaneously, foreign support, which in the present case is in the form China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), must not be the sole basis of development, and Pakistan should also look inwards and address the underlying structural issues that have for long prevented from embarking on the course of peace and prosperity.

Only Pakistan can change its destiny and for that it has to be very smart about the choices that it makes. Starting now.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Thursday declared that Pakistan is committed to jointly working with Saarc member states in fighting terrorism, eradicating corruption and organised crimes. Addressing the inaugural session of 7th Saarc Interior/Home Ministers' conference here, he said that at national level, Pakistan has made remarkable gains against terrorism through the operation Zarb-e-Azb to eliminate the menace of terrorism and militancy.

"We've made remarkable gains to eliminate the menace of terrorism that became possible through effective implementation of the National Action Plan (NAP)...this shows our [Pakistan] determination to eliminate the scourge of terrorism from our soil for good," he added. The prime minister pointed out that the Saarc region is blessed with tremendous human and natural resources, adding there is no need to provide a platform to optimally harness the regional potential for peace and prosperity of our people. Such an approach is in sync with his government's vision of peace for development and peaceful neighbourhood, he said, adding Pakistan has always been supportive of initiatives taken by Saarc to advance its ideals and objectives as enshrined in its charter. The Prime Minister said that Pakistan has also been a strong advocate of stepping up regional efforts to ensure energy security through sharing of indigenous sources. "Pakistan shares the perception that connectivity is critical to the progress and prosperity of the region and supports, in principle, road, air, rail and water connectivity within the region," he maintained. Sharif said realisation of the goals and objectives envisaged in the Saarc charter is our collective responsibility. To make the organisation more effective, responsive and vibrant, he said it was vital for the national governments and Saarc states to make concerted efforts to make the organisation more productive. "Saarc must position itself to engage with interested states for social and economic progress in the region...the realisation of the goals and objectives envisaged in Saarc charter is our collective responsibility," he added. He expressed hope that the decisions taken at the meeting would provide the much needed impetus to the ongoing efforts in enhancing cooperation amongst the member states. Sharif said Saarc was conceived three decades ago to bring peace, freedom, social justice and economic prosperity in the region, adding with increasing connectivity and globalisation the member states also shared common challenges and concerns.

ISLAMABAD: As the Pentagon decided to withhold payment of \$300 million in military reimbursements, Pakistan contested US claims that it was not taking 'adequate action' against groups such as the Haqqani Network.

At his weekly news conference on Thursday, Foreign Office spokesperson Nafees Zakaria dismissed the US assessment and insisted that Pakistan did not make any distinction between terrorists. "We have taken decisive action against terrorists and extremists and also cooperate widely with other countries to defeat it," he stressed. "Phenomenon of terrorism is not country specific but it is a global issue. Our sincerity and resolve is unquestionable and acknowledged in the West including the US government." Zakaria pointed out that Pakistan had lost more than 60,000 of its citizens in this fight, including 6,000 brave soldiers and law enforcement officials. "No other country has given comparable sacrifices. These sacrifices not only include human lives but huge economic losses. It is our firm resolve that we will take action against any terrorist in Pakistan, whatever colour or shape it manifests itself in," he said. The spokesman added that the Coalition Support Fund (CSF) was one of the many cooperative arrangements between Pakistan and the US to pursue common objectives. "These reimbursements enable the US to support Pakistan's on-going counter-terrorism efforts in a manner that serves shared interests of both countries. Under this arrangement, both countries continue to work closely to build on the gains achieved over the past years that have improved security in the tribal areas." He further said over the past decade, Pakistan had conducted a large number of military operations that sequentially dismantled and destroyed terrorist infrastructure on its side on the international border with Afghanistan. "The latest of these major operations, 'Operation Zarb-e-Azb' has been a resounding

Pakistan brushes aside skepticism of anti-terror campaign

Voice of America, August 04, 2016

Pakistan joins quadrilateral group to counter terrorism

Express Tribune, August 03, 2016

Pakistan, Turkey vow to fight terrorism together

The News, August 02, 2016

success and it has cleared North Waziristan- the last bastion of militant networks- from terrorists of all affiliations," he said. He also said senior members of the Congress and representatives of the media visited the areas cleared from terrorists' control and observed the gains made in these operations as well as the development work underway, including projects undertaken in partnership with the US, for restoration of normal life in affected areas. "Pakistan remains committed to counter terrorism for ensuring security and stability in the region."

While Pakistan contested the US claim on the fight against terrorism, the spokesperson welcomed Washington's move to domestically proscribed Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, an offshoot of banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). "Pakistan has for long pleaded to take concrete action against TTP and the likes, who hiding in Afghanistan," Zakaria said. "From Afghanistan, these terrorists plan and launch attacks in Pakistan. You are right that this group was involved in the terrorist attack in Lahore's Children Park where innocent people, including a large number of children and women were killed," he said.

ISLAMABAD—Pakistan again brushed aside U.S. skepticism of its anti-terror efforts Thursday, saying Pakistani security forces are attacking militant groups without distinguishing between "good and bad" terrorists. The statement comes a day after the U.S. Defense Department announced it would not pay Islamabad \$300 million in military reimbursements because of insufficient action by Pakistan against the Haqqani network of terrorists and the Afghan Taliban. The funds come from the Pentagon's so-called Coalition Support Fund (CSF) program for allies that incurred costs in supporting the U.S.-led fight against terrorism and extremism. Pakistan has received around \$14 billion since 2002, making it one of the largest recipients.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nafees Zakaria, in responding to the decision, told reporters in Islamabad that the CSF "serves shared interests" of both Pakistan and the United States, enabling them to build on the gains achieved over the past years that have improved security in areas near the Afghan border. "We have taken decisive action against terrorists and extremists and also cooperate widely with other countries to defeat it. Our sincerity and resolve is unquestionable. ... It is our firm resolve that we will take action against any terrorist in Pakistan, whatever color or shape it manifests itself in," he said.

Allegations against Pakistan

Recent tensions in bilateral relations mainly stem from Washington's frustration over Islamabad's alleged unwillingness to act against the Haqqani and Taliban insurgents. U.S. and Afghan military commanders allege leaders and fighters of these groups use sanctuaries on Pakistani soil for plotting and staging attacks against local and foreign troops in Afghanistan. They maintain that while Pakistani counterinsurgency operations are targeting anti-state militants, including the so-called Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan or TTP, they have spared insurgents linked to the Haqqani network and the Afghan Taliban and instead covertly support their violent campaign.

Zakaria said that over the past decade, Pakistan has concluded a large number of military operations that have "sequentially dismantled and destroyed terrorist infrastructure" on its side of the border with Afghanistan. He said tens of thousands of Pakistanis, including security personnel, have lost their lives in the war against terrorism, in addition to the billions of dollars in losses to the national economy. Zakaria welcomed a decision Wednesday by the U.S. Department of State to designate a TTP splinter faction, Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, as a global terrorist organization.

Pakistani officials say the extremist outfit operates out of Afghan border areas and has been behind deadly terrorist attacks on civilians — including religious minorities — and security forces. Bilateral tensions between the United States and Pakistan were exacerbated after a U.S. drone strike in May killed the leader of the Afghan Taliban, Mullah Akhtar Mansoor, on Pakistani soil.

Pakistan, along with three other regional member states, joined on Wednesday the Quadrilateral Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism (QCCM) to counter terrorism.

According to the media military wing, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), the group includes armed forces of Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, and Tajikistan, which have agreed to establish the QCCM in order to coordinate and provide mutual support against terrorism.

Peace in Pakistan result of countless sacrifices by people, army: Gen Raheel

These countries' armed forces will help one another in countering terrorism, clue verification, intelligence sharing, capacity building and joint training exercises.

Army chief Gen Raheel Sharif, Afghan army chief Qadam Shah, head of Tajikistan Army Major General E A Cobidzoda and Chief of Joint Staff Department of Central Military Commission General Fang Fenghui were present on the occasion. The participants unanimously agreed that terrorism and extremism were serious threats to regional stability, reiterating to cooperate for tackling them for peace and stability of all member countries.

Earlier during the day, the COAS held meetings with Chief of General Staff Gen Fang of People Liberation Army. He discussed military to military relations, bilateral security cooperation, as well as all dimensions of long-term CPEC security.

Pakistan aware of hostility towards CPEC

General Raheel also held separate meetings with Xinkiang province Party Secretary Zhang Chun Xian.

ISLAMABAD: Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu and Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz, held a joint press conference in which both representatives vowed to fight terrorism together.

Speaking on the occasion, the Turkish Foreign Minister made it clear that he had spoken to Sartaj

Aziz on the issue of US-based cleric Gueln, whose schools are still operational in Pakistan. Mevlut Cavusoglu stated that Turkey had backed Pakistan's stance on Kashmir in the recent past as well. He said that Pakistan and Turkey both had been hit hard by militancy and terrorism hence the need for both states to jointly combat this challenge was necessary.

Sartaj Aziz also spoke on the occasion and said that Pakistan and Turkey would fight terrorism together. He also said that Pakistan and Turkey's thoughts on how to maintain peace in Afghanistan were similar. The Turkish Foreign Minister also praised Pakistan and said that relations between both states were brotherly.

"After the attempted coup, this is my first visit to any country" said Cavusoglu. "I am very happy to be in Pakistan and thank the country for their support," he added.

Sartaj Aziz also said that the Turkish people had foiled the attempts by a certain section of the Turkish army to stage a coup and overthrow the democratic government of Erdogan and Prime Minister Yildirim. Sartaj also reminded the Turkish Foreign Minister that the parliament of Pakistan had passed a resolution condemning the attempted military coup in Turkey.

The Turkish Foreign Minister on the other hand praised Pakistan's efforts in maintaining peace in Afghanistan and hoped the two countries would jointly combat the challenges that they face.

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DETAILS

MULTAN: Four people were wounded in a gas cylinder explosion in Multan on Monday, ARY News reported. A gas cylinder exploded inside a shop located at 17-Kasi area of the city due to which four people, including the shop owner, were injured. The wounded were rushed to Nishtar Hospital for treatment of their injuries. The roof of the shop came crashing down and the walls were completely destroyed following the cylinder explosion. Locals said that the blast was heard in the far flung areas of the historical city.

KARACHI: Over a dozen shops were gutted on Sunday in a fire that broke out in one of the city's busiest shopping centres, Gul Plaza, a day after 200 shops were razed to ashes in another shopping mall. The fire erupted at 10am on the second floor of Gul Plaza shopping centre, which is located on MA Jinnah Road. Reacting on information, initially two fire tenders approached the site. However, after they failed to control the blaze, 10 more tenders rushed to the site. The fire broke out on the second floor of the market, which gutted at least a dozen shops of garments, said the fire brigade spokesperson. However, the firefighters were able to save the remaining shops from being reduced to ashes after an effort of four-and-a-half hours, he added. No loss of life was reported during the incident. A large number of shopkeepers and owners also reached the site after receiving the news. "I saw news about fire at the market in a news channel," said Abdul Baki, one of the shop owners whose shop was gutted down. "I lost everything in the fire. How will I be able to sustain my family now?" The market's watchman said that the fire broke out after low-intensity explosions in the market. The market was closed when the fire broke out, he said, adding that he immediately informed the fire department about the incident. The fire brigade's spokesperson said that the electricity wiring was completely burnt and it seems that the fire broke out due to short circuiting of wires. However, the actual cause of the fire has yet to be ascertained. The police also reached the site after receiving the news. They said that it is likely that the fire broke out due to short-circuit and so far no criminal element has been found behind the incident. This was the third major fire that erupted at the city's busiest shopping centres, causing damages of millions of rupees to the traders and shopkeepers. Earlier on Thursday, a cloth warehouse was gutted when a fire broke out at the warehouse located at the top floor of the Cooperative Market in Saddar. On Saturday, over 200 shops were burned to ashes overnight after a fire engulfed Gold Mark Shopping Mall in Defence Housing Authority Phase I.

FAISALABAD/BAHAWALPUR: "There's no petrol station on the route I take from home to work, so I buy loose fuel...there are several barrel sale points on the way," Muhammad Jamil, a customer at a barrel sale point on Narawala Road, Faisalabad, says. The nondescript set-up is marked with bottles carrying the orange-red fuel hanging at the entrance. A spokesperson of the Faisalabad district administration says a crackdown is underway on sale of loose fuel in the district. He says the business is illegal. It is punishable under Sections 285 and 286 of the Pakistan Penal Code (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter; negligent conduct with respect to an explosive substance). The offence carries a punishment of up to Rs10,000 fine, he says. "I have never had trouble finding loose petrol," Jamil says. "Looking for a filling station is a hassle even if the fuel sold there is cheaper." Other customers at barrel selling points say loose fuel can be 20 per cent more expensive than the fuel sold at filling stations. For those selling loose fuel, it is simply a means of making a living. "We purchase petrol and sell it to people," says a teenager selling loose fuel at a roadside set up. Another owner of a barrel sale point explains that filling stations have a high sales turnover than them. "They can afford a smaller profit margin, we can't." Most of the customer base comprises motorcycle rickshaw drivers and motorcyclists, he says. "Standing and waiting in long queues for petrol at filling stations can be tedious...we provide a convenient alternative." Several motorcycle rickshaw drivers said that was the main reason why they ended up at barrel sale points. "Most petrol stations have long queues and we have passengers on a commute. This saves time," one such driver said. The district administration spokesperson said that they did not have the authority to tell oil companies to set up petrol stations along certain routes. "They, too, run a business." He said that the district administration was taking stringent measures to end barrel sale points in the district. "This is a dangerous business and you need a licence to sell gasoline...otherwise you face the music."

Islamabad-Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has placed the admission forms of Matric to PhD level programmes at its website www.aiou.edu.pk to facilitate the prospective students. It has also set up sale points of admission forms at the university's main campus, 44 regional campuses and around 100 coordinating offices in various parts of the country including Azad Kashmir and Northern areas. Last date for submission of the admission form is September 5, said spokesman of the university. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Shahid Siddiqui has directed the Director Admissions and Regional Directors to provide maximum facilities to the applicants for seeking admission as well as ensuring availability of admission forms at the nearest places. He also advised all Regional Directors to set up special camp at their offices for the guidance of the students. He assured the applicants that their proposals and complaints will be properly addressed. Meanwhile, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) has provided healthcare facilities for its employees, including a gymnasium, playground, walking track and child-day care centre here at its main campus. An AIOU spokesman in a statement said yesterday that well-equipped gymnasium had been established at the university's academic block, on the personal initiative of Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Shahid Siddiqui. "It provides excellent facilities to the employees to do exercises during their free-time free of charge," he said. "We may consider to open it for all-out side students as well." The spokesman said existing day-care centre for the children of female employees had been shifted to a better place which have all the essential

PEF pledges to promote education in far flung areas

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needs. The facilities, he said, were aimed at providing an enabling working environment to the employees, so that they could deliver the best in performing their official duties. The attention was also being paid for upgrading health and housing facilities for the employees, he added. The vice-chancellor, the spokesman said, also attached high importance for their timely promotion to their next grades, as well as giving them financial incentives like Eid bonus and loans for marriages of their children.

LAHORE: Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) Chairman Qamarul Islam Raja said that the foundation has forever defeated the menace of ignorance and illiteracy by helping thousands of deserving male and female students to continue their studies in partnering schools without being burdened. "The educational policies of PEF have been helpful in providing educated youth to the country. This is no small feat as the disfranchised communities have reposed their trust and confidence on us by sending their children, especially girls, to the PEF sponsored schools," he added while addressing the district coordination meeting of school partners from Bahawalnagar district at District Council Hall on Sunday. While giving a detail on different PEF sponsored reforms in the school education sector, he said that organised teachers and head teachers' capacity building programme would help improve the academic standards of the partnering schools. "Partner schools are also directed to ensure that governmental instructions with regard to schools' security and eradication of dengue are fully implemented to provide secure and clean atmosphere to the students," he mentioned. The PEF chairman said that different IT-based reforms were regularly evolved to ensure that the PEF system served in a transparent and efficient way. "Our student information system is state-of-the-art programme to store more than two million students' data efficiently," he added. Islam urged the school partners to ensure that their record was entered completely and was error-free. Similarly, he added, schools should also resolve their all registration related matters well in time. PEF Managing Director Tariq Mahmood said that extraordinary efforts were made to promote education in the remote and far flung areas of the southern districts. "Our Cholistan schooling project has helped spread education in every nook and corner of the vast desert spreading over three districts, as 67 percent of PEF partner schools and 69 percent of total students belong to southern districts of the province," he added. He further said that planning to provide free textbooks for the academic year 2017-18 has started already, adding that education was the basis of national development and our students would prove themselves as youth role models by proactively serving in the national mainstream.

Wapda criticises decision to arrest Pesco SDO

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PESHAWAR: The illegal detention of Pesco SDO Alam Zeb by Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) has been vehemently criticised Water and Power Development Authority (Wapda). However, an FIA official has insisted that a vigilance team from Wapda was present during the raid in which the official was arrested. A Wapda official told *The Express Tribune* the agency has taken the law in its own hands as it has registered a fake case against Pesco SDO Alam Zeb. "The fake case is registered under Section 5(2) Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947 along with Section 39-A of the electricity act and Section 409 and 109 Pakistan Penal Code." The SDO was arrested in a raid conducted by FIA on Friday. The FIA found illegal meters in Zeb's house in Hayatabad Town.

Rawalpindi: 5 more diagnosed with Congo virus

Dunya News August 7, 2016

RAWALPINDI (Dunya News): Five people belonging to the Rawalpindi region were diagnosed with Congo virus on Saturday, reported Dunya News. The patients belonged to Chakwal, Attock, Jehlum and Rawalpindi. Four patients, named Sakhawat, Saeed, Umar and Sarwar were suspected of carrying the virus whereas the presence of Congo virus in the fifth patient, Ulfat Hussain, was confirmed. These patients were being treated in the Holy Family Hospital. At the other hand, 14-year-old Usman recently died because of being infected by the Congo virus. Usman was admitted in the Fauji Foundation Hospital.

PAT staging sit-ins against Model Town incident today

ARY News August 7, 2016

KARACHI: Pakistan Awami Tehreek (PAT) is staging sit-ins in five cities of the country against the Model Town Incident, ARY News reported on Saturday. According to details, PAT is protesting against the Model Town incident in five main cities of the country including Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad. Qadri said that they will seek Qisas from the rulers at any cost. The party chief went on to say that getting Qisas from the rulers who are murderers is difficult, not impossible. PAT chairman had said that he will not participate in the first round of the protest. It should be noted that 14 people, including several PAT workers, lost their lives in clashes with Punjab Police at Lahore's Model Town area on 17th June 2014. Pakistan Awami Tehreek had announced to stage sit-ins against the incident on 6th August.

Anti-govt campaign of two 'step brothers' will be fruitless: Abid Sher

Dunya News August 6, 2016

KARACHI (Web Desk): After four hours of struggle, firefighters have managed to extinguish blaze at a shopping mall in Defence area of Karachi on Saturday morning, Dunya News reported. Reportedly, fire suddenly broke out late night at the shopping mall situated on Korangi Road in Defence Phase - I. Firefighters from Cantonment Board and DHA arrived at the scene and struggled for four hours to bring the fire under control. Goods worth millions of rupees were gutted in the incident, however; no life loss was reported. Chief Fire Officer Tehseen Ahmed told reporters that the building structure is substandard and fire engulfed first and second floor of the plaza due to absence of fire extinguishers. On the other hand, the affected shopkeepers protested against the authorities, alleging that their shops have reduced to ashes due to late arrival of firefighters. Meanwhile, Chief Fire Officer claimed that shopkeepers manhandled him and other staff members on their arrival.

Fire under control at Karachi shopping mall

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Defence, Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) would be supplied in February 2017 for Nandipur power project. Talking media the minister said the government has provided funds for LNG pipeline. After supply of uninterrupted gas for Nandipur project the power capacity of this project would increase from 425 MW to 525. He said Nandipur project has four turbines and now one of them is operational and other will be functional after 45 days one by one. On the other side, the news was appeared in newspapers "much-touted Nandipur power plant not only continues to be a headache for the authorities concerned, but also for the electricity consumers as the project is braving the mammoth loss every month.—APP

Six electrocuted as heavy rain lashes Karachi

Dunya News August 6, 2016

KARACHI (Dunya News): At least six people were electrocuted in different parts of Karachi due to heavy rainfall that lashed the city on Friday, Dunya News reported. According to details, a man was electrocuted in Hussainabad area while 18-year-old Faisal was electrocuted near Korangi No 4 area. In Malir's Khada Market 40-year-old was electrocuted while 17-year-old Salman electrocuted in Kala Board area. Two other persons were electrocuted in Gulistan Johar and New Karachi areas. Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC), at least 400 feeders were tripped across the city during the rain but the repair work has been started in the affected areas. Heavy rainfall lashed Karachi on Friday which also disrupted the traffic flow in many areas and caused difficulties to the commuters, however, it decreased the temperature in the city turning the weather pleasant.

PM approves construction of Hyderabad-Sukkur motorway

ARY News August 5, 2016

The decision about the mega-project was made at a meeting with Chairman National Highway Authority (NHA) Shahid Ashraf, who gave him a comprehensive briefing on the status of ongoing and future development projects across the country. The project is part of the comprehensive development plan recently approved by the Prime Minister during a marathon meeting of cabinet members held in Murree recently. Sharif has embarked on announcing such projects after facing mounting criticisms after the Panama Papers. The premier was informed that infrastructure development projects worth Rs.1000 billion including the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) were currently underway and most of the projects will be completed by 2018. Sharif also announced that he will perform ground breaking of Sialkot-Lahore motorway in the last week of this month. The 91-kilometre long project has been approved at a cost of Rs52.7 bn. He said that the network of motorways will generate jobs opportunities, speed up development and increase the economic growth of Pakistan as well regional connectivity. He was adamant that there will be no compromise on governance based on transparency and efficiency which is the vision of the government.

Aziz urges MSF to provide medical assistance in Indian-held Kashmir

ARY News August 5, 2016

ISLAMABAD: Adviser to Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz has written a letter to the Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders) and urged them to immediately provide medical assistance to thousands of injured people in Indian-Occupied Kashmir. Aziz highlighted the state of medical emergency that has developed in the region as a result of atrocious brutalities against unarmed and defenseless civilians by Indian forces. He emphasized the urgent need of eye surgeons, as hundreds of people are suffering from severe eye injuries caused by the use of pellet guns on peaceful protestors. The Noble-prize winning Medecins Sans Frontieres commonly called as Doctors without Borders is known for its humanitarian projects in conflict regions and developing countries facing endemic diseases. The restive region has seen massive protests which have resulted in the death of at least 64 people, and the indiscriminate use of pellet guns which have caused severe injuries. More than 50,000 Indian troops are deployed to quell the escalating tension in the region. The decades-old conflict has also been a major source of contention between India and Pakistan.

Govt asked to allow increase in drug prices

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KARACHI: Pharmaceutical manufacturers on Wednesday urged the government to link drug prices with inflation rate by allowing them to increase the prices by at least 50 per cent of inflation rate. They also urged Drug Regulatory Authority Pakistan (DRAP) to help domestic pharmaceutical industry to tap big international markets for exports. Zahid Saeed, a former chairman of Pakistan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association and chief of Korangi Association of Trade and Industry, said more companies would close its operation if drug prices were not linked with the inflation. He was speaking after the inauguration of the three-day pharmaceutical and health expo at the Expo Centre.

Hesco chief removed

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HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (Hesco) chief executive officer (CEO) Akhtar Ali Randhawa was finally shown the door by the water and power ministry on Tuesday. Lahore Electric Supply Company director (operations) Asadullah Khan has been given the charge as a stop-gap arrangement. The removal of Mr Randhawa, a retired officer, came in backdrop of a host of petitions filed in the Sindh High Court, against the extension given to him, by his subordinates and some other petitions filed by different concerns like the Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI). Acting upon one petition, the SHC, Hyderabad circuit bench, has restrained Hesco's board of directors from finalising a new CEO. While hearing some other petitions, it also restrained the Hesco chief from taking final disciplinary action against petitioner officers.

All 63 blood samples tested negative for Congo virus

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BAHAWALPUR: All the 63 blood samples taken from the people of Bahawalpur and Lodhran districts to probe the outbreak of Congo virus at the Bahawal Victoria Hospital were proved negative. Focal person Dr Aamir Bokhari said an army team headed by Brig Naila Azam and comprising Maj Asim and Maj Bilal of the National Epidemiology Survey Institute had collected blood samples for investigation, but results of all samples were found negative. He said the blood samples of two sons of deceased surgeon Dr Sagheer Sameeja were also included among the 63 people and their samples also showed negative results, adding that with the passage of the prescribed period of 14 days, the Congo virus had now lost its impact on human beings. Student nurse Nadia of the DHQ Hospital, Lodhran, had died on July 17 after an operation conducted on July 16 at the BVH by Dr Sameeja, who also later contracted the virus and then died at Aga Khan University Hospital in Karachi. His funeral was held on Wednesday at his native Dhanote village near Lodhran. The second team of the Punjab Healthcare Commission on Wednesday left the BVH after the completion of its inquiry into the outbreak of the Congo virus. BVH Chief Executive and Quaid-e-Azam Medical College (QAMC) Principal Prof Dr Haroon Khursheed Pasha said the chief minister's inquiry team was expected to visit the hospital on Thursday (today) to probe into the outbreak of the Congo virus.

Govt. to launch 'Azadi Train' ahead of Independence Day

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ISLAMABAD: The government will organise a special "Azadi Train" which will start its journey a couple of days before 14th August and cover the journey of 4000 km within one month before culminating in Karachi. The arrangements for running the train across the country to showcase the various aspects of Independence Day and the cultural colours of the motherland have been finalised by the coordination committee on which is headed by Secretary Railways Aftab Akbar. The train will contain coaches representing the culture and traditions of all the four provinces, Azad Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. The train will stop at all the major stations for three to four hours where musical programmes and cultural dances by artists would be organized by Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) and Lok Virsa. The artists will entertain the public participating in Independence Day.

Lahore roof collapse leaves five labourers injured

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Teacher arrested in Chitral for savagely beating kids

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Coal power plant project to be completed by December 2017: Punjab CM

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Govt burns midnight oil to end loadshedding

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celebrations and also hold puppet show on national themes. Also, two new songs have been composed which would be played on the occasion. Two coaches of the Azadi Train will be reserved for Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) which would highlight the sacrifices of the war heroes and pay tributes to the armed forces for their services for the nation. Another coach will highlight different aspects of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project. The main objectives for running the Azadi Train are to highlight the aspects of the independence movement, sacrifices of armed forces for the defence of the country and culture and heritage of all regions of Pakistan.

LAHORE: Five labourers were injured when a roof of a shop collapsed in Lahore, ARY News reported on Wednesday. The workers were asleep when the roof of a shop, located at Lahore's Kot Lakhpat, came tumbling down on them. Rescue workers arrived at the scene and recovered the wounded labourers from the debris. The victims were rushed to General Hospital for treatment of their injuries. Hospital sources said that the condition of the injured labourers is out of danger. Police said that the roof collapsed as it was in a dilapidated condition.

CHITRAL: A schoolteacher, accused of beating young schoolchildren brutally, was on Wednesday arrested in Chitral, ARY News reported. A case was registered against the culprit, Inam, under Child Protection System Bill, according to which the accused will minimum be punished six years in jail. Later, the local police swung into action and arrested the principal teacher of the school who is reportedly a psycho-patient. The First Information Report registered against the accused has cited a video clip doing rounds on social media as evidence, which is showing the teacher madly running after the young boys and girls and badly thrashing them with stick. This should be noted that corporal punishment is not allowed in schools under the law across Pakistan. This incident was recorded at a private school of Daroosh area in Chitral.

LAHORE (Dunya News): Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Shehbaz Sharif on Wednesday convened a meeting in Lahore and inspected energy related projects, reported Dunya News. He said that Sahiwal Coal Power Plant project was completed on extra pace. The plant will produce 1320 Megawatts of electricity and will be completed in assistance with Chinese companies. He also praised fast completion of the project and said that the very major project accomplished at such a fast pace was parallel to none. Federal Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Ports and Shipping Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo and Chinese delegation attended the meeting.

ISLAMABAD: With less than two years to go before next general elections, the PML-N government is already having sleepless nights. The reason, according to officials in the know, is the challenge to fulfil its promise of ending electricity loadshedding by May 2018. Having promised to add at least 10,000 megawatts to the national grid during its five-year stint, the ruling party is finding the target thorny. Besides faulty planning, some unforeseen happenings have also proved undoing for the government. The issue came under discussion during a meeting on energy presided over by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and attended by senior federal ministers and Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif on Tuesday. Although a press release issued after the meeting quoted the prime minister as saying, "we will end loadshedding by the end of our tenure", titbit of information on the huddle shared with Dawn suggested visible signs of anxiety gripping the participants. The meeting reviewed the progress on the ongoing and future energy projects in terms of the benchmarks. "The risk is too high if the government fails to generate required amount of megawatts and control loadshedding before PML-N leaders hit the road for the 2018 general elections campaign," admitted a PML-N legislator privy to the government's nervousness caused by the severity of the task. Therefore, he said, during the meeting the Sharif brothers again directed the relevant ministers and officials to take whatever measures they required to speed up completion of power projects. But, he said, in terms of the deadline to complete electricity generation projects, the government was running against time. Due to a recent accident at the site of Tarbela-IV extension project, which caused death of three Chinese engineers, the deadline for completion of the 1,410MW project has been extended to March 2018 from August 2017. Although, independents observers doubt that the PML-N government will be able to use 1,410MW before it heads for next general elections, the ministry of water and power believes that the project will be completed within the government tenure. "Remember, in May 2018 we will be out of government," said the PML-N lawmaker. The government is facing a similar tight deadline to produce 3,600MW from three liquefied natural gas-based projects in Punjab. "Completion of the power plants and making them fully operational by May 2018 is a gigantic task. Let's see how they go," an official of the ministry said. The government is banking on 1,410MW from Tarbela and 3,600MW from the LNG-based projects to end the shortfall.

The official said if required procedures were not completed in case of the plants, they would meet the same fate which the Nandipur power project had faced. The Nandipur project was prematurely made operational in May 2014 and, hence, it immediately collapsed. Only last week, the National Transmission Distribution Company revealed that instead of promised 425MW, it was generating only 230MW causing huge losses to the national kitty. Of three coal-based power plants, the government is hoping to complete only one -- 1,350MW Sahiwal power plant -- before May 2018 under the umbrella of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). With the financial closure of the fabled Neelum Jhelum hydro power project, the government is eyeing to add 969MW by mid-2017. A senior official of the ministry of water and power said the government was well aware of the challenge, and with as furious an opposition leader as Imran Khan, "we have no other option but to deliver." But he admitted that the building of a power project was unlike a regular infrastructure development and, hence, delays were regular a feature. Still, in the press statement, the prime minister expressed satisfaction over the pace of work on the energy projects and said the government was effectively diversifying the energy mix to overcome the shortfall. He said it was encouraging that all ongoing energy projects were being executed cost-effectively. The prime minister laid emphasis on the progress of energy projects under the CPEC and called for reviewing the pace of work on the projects on regular basis. He said utmost transparency must be ensured while executing energy projects. "Our aim is to reduce the energy shortfall that has been affecting domestic and industrial consumers for several years. We are committed to provide sufficient and affordable electricity to

Schoolteacher tortures student to unconsciousness in Abbottabad

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Construction of Dasu hydropower project in the doldrums

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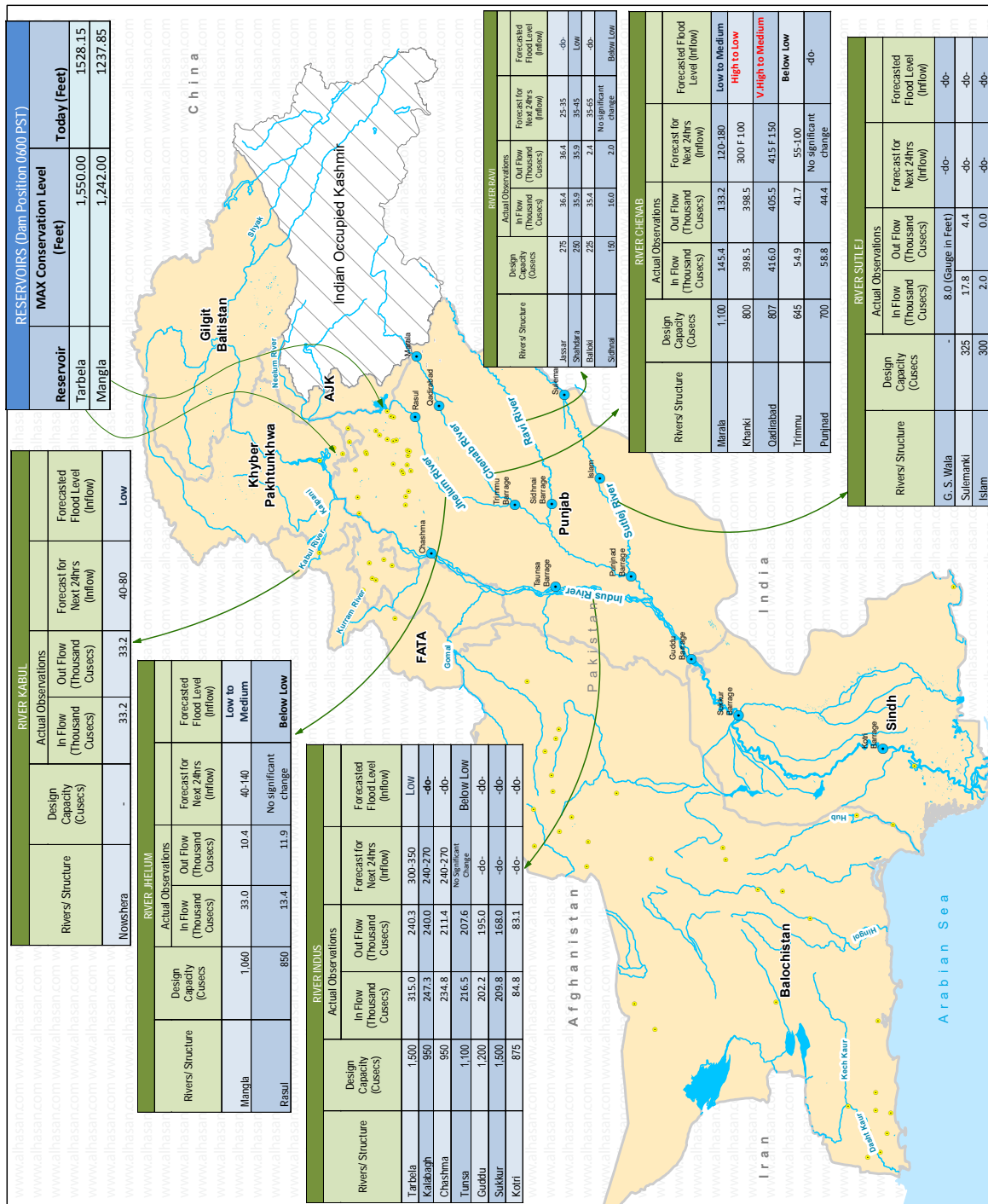
consumers to enable them to contribute to socio-economic development of the country," Mr Sharif said. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, Minister for Water and Power Khawaja Asif, Minister for Petroleum Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Secretary of Water and Power Mohammad Younas Dagha.

ABBOTABAD: A private schoolteacher beat student to unconsciousness for eating pakoras in Abbotabad on Tuesday, ARY News reported. On seeing a student of tenth grade, Muzammil Faheem, eating pakoras (spicy snacks) in school along with his friends, schoolteacher, Suhail, started brutally beating him with punches and kicks. The student kept crying, but nobody stopped the teacher of Modern Age Public School for his inhuman treatment of the child. The 14-year-old student was shifted to a nearby hospital in unconscious state of condition. Police have registered First Information Report against the Urdu teacher on complaint of Muzammil Faheem's father.

KARACHI: Supreme Court of Pakistan issued a verdict banning billboards from the roofs of private residential apartments and high-rise buildings within the city. The apex court was hearing the case at the Karachi registry where it announced the verdict, and instructed the session judges to conduct a survey and submit a report on billboards within one month. There was also an indefinite ban on any new billboards and hoardings within the city. The court expressed disappointment over the report presented by local authorities about billboards in the city. It said that billboards were still present on the footpaths in Zamzama Street, and that there will action taken over misrepresentation in the court. The Attorney-General apprised the court that illegal hoardings and billboards had been removed from all public places within the city.

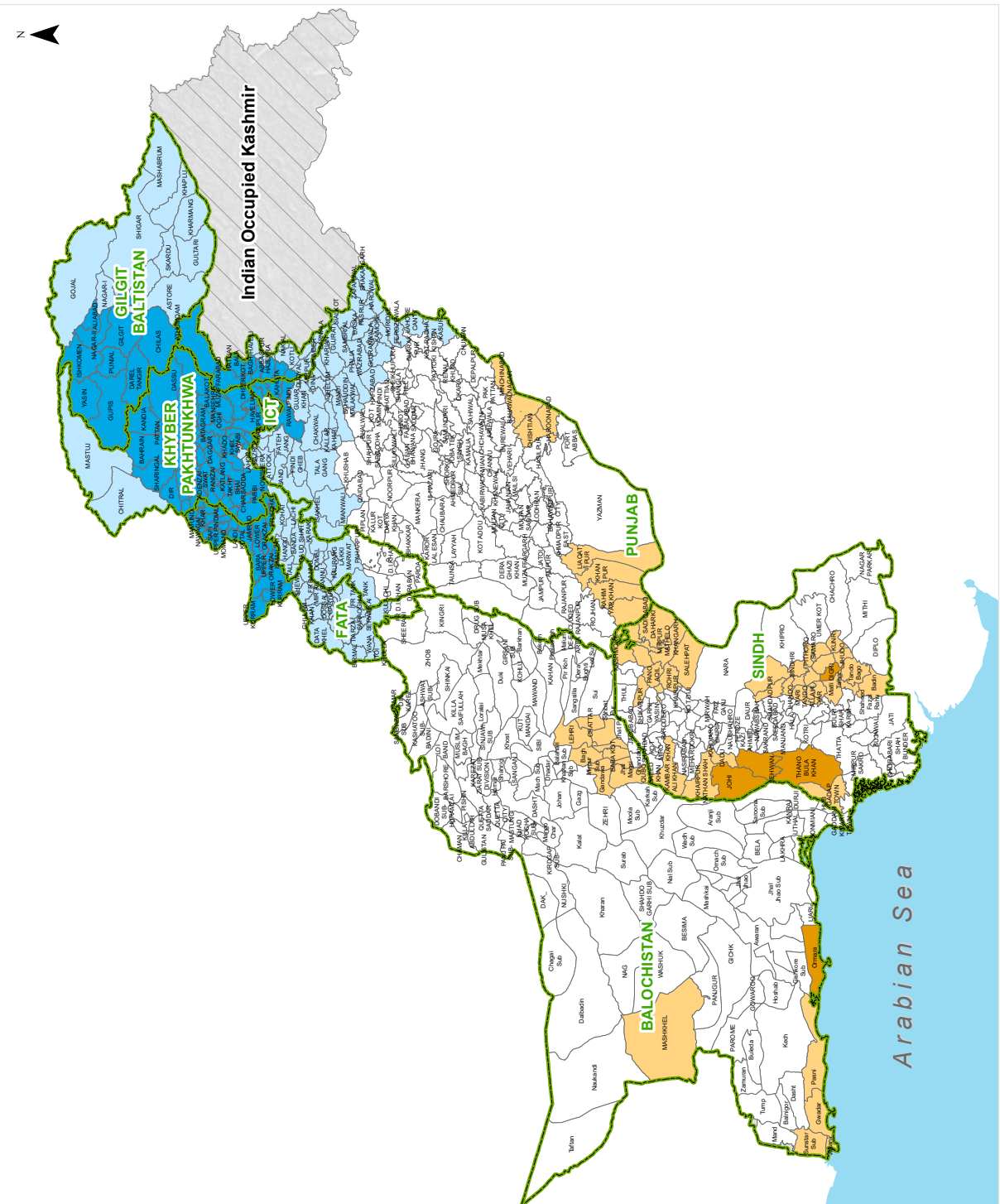
ISLAMABAD: The timely construction of \$2.5 billion first phase of the Dasu hydropower project is in the doldrums owing to petty disputes among stakeholders which may lead to cancellation of international funding. A senior official at the Economic Affairs Division told Dawn that they feared cancellation of \$1.1 billion loan agreement by the World Bank on Nov 1 this year owing to the inability of the stakeholders — the federal and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa governments and Wapda — to complete land acquisition. The acquisition of about 80,000 kanals of land is a fully funded component of the World Bank, having a precondition for its completion by Oct 31, 2016. The 4,320 megawatt (MW) Dasu HPP worth about \$4.5 billion is one of the top-priority hydropower projects under the 2013 Power Policy and Vision-2025. The World Bank is providing \$590 million loan along with a \$460m credit limit as partial risk guarantee for external commercial financing. Mid-term review of loan agreements has to be completed by Oct 31 this year. Separately, Wapda has contracted about Rs144bn from commercial banks to make available matching financing to meet local expenses. At the heart of the dispute is a claim of the KP government to charge 2.5 per cent service charges from Wapda on account of land acquisition. This is unacceptable to Wapda. "The justification being created by the Government of KP for fleecing 2.5pc charges is by declaring Wapda as a private company," said a senior Wapda official requesting anonymity. He said such charges had no legal authority and particularly when all services were already being paid for by the federal government through Wapda — a 100pc state-owned entity. This was also acknowledged by a former senior member of the Board of Revenue of the KP government.

PAKISTAN - RESERVOIRS & RIVERS FLOW MAP (as of August 08, 2016)

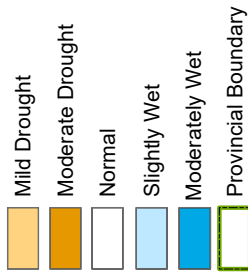


Drought Situation Map of Pakistan

As of 16 July to 31 July, 2016

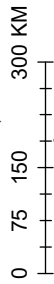


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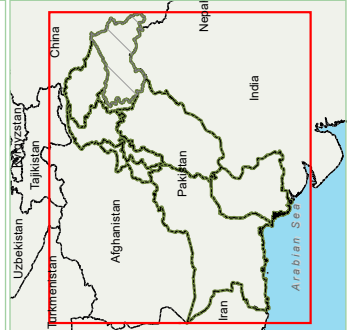
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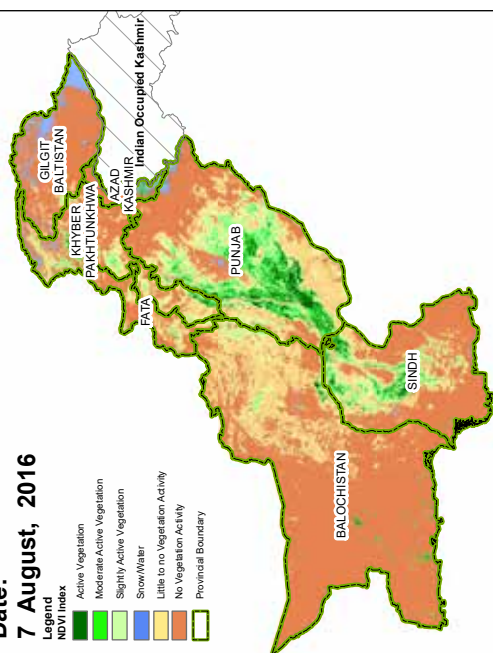


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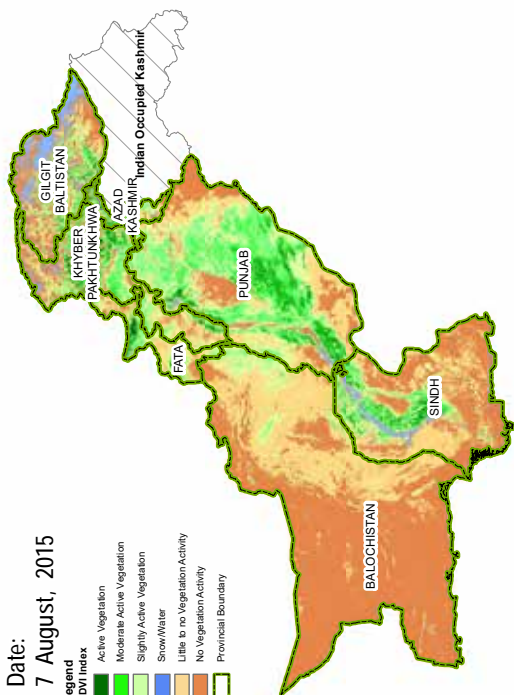
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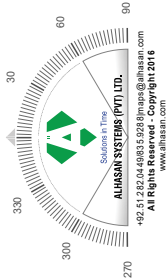
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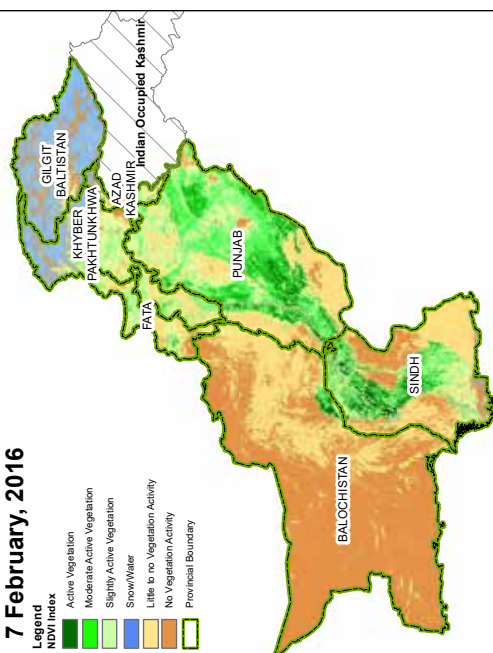
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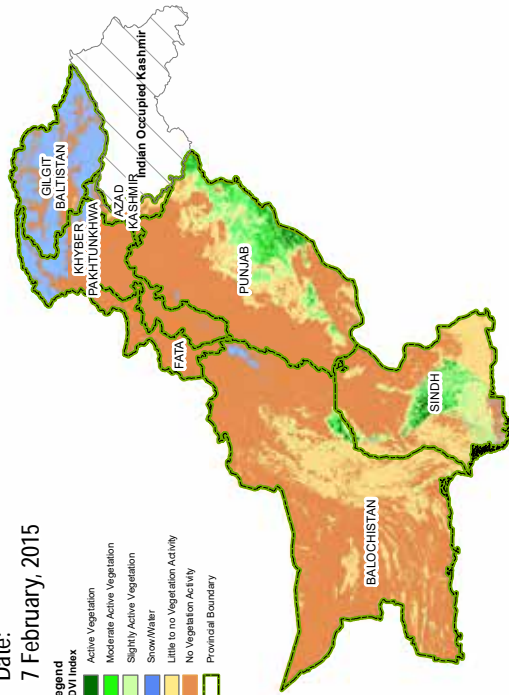
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کالگو وائرس سے بچاؤ اور احتیاطی تدابیر کے سلسلے میں کے ایم سی کی جانب سے احتیاطی تدابیر جاری کر دی گئی ہیں۔ بلدیہ عظمیٰ کراچی کے میڈیکل اینڈ ہیلتھ سروسز ڈیپارٹمنٹ نے انسداد کالگو کی ہیلتھ ایڈوائزری جاری کر دی ہے۔ سینئر ڈائریکٹر میڈیکل اینڈ ہیلتھ سروسز ڈاکٹر محمد علی عباسی کے مطابق قربانی کے جانوروں کو ٹول پلازہ یا مویشی منڈی میں لانے سے پہلے ان کا مکمل طبی معائنہ کرانا ضروری ہے، مویشی منڈی میں اور گھروں میں جراثیم کش اسپرے کرایا جائے، مویشیوں کے فضلے اور بیمار جانوروں کو فوری طور پر الگ کیا جائے۔ طبی ماہرین کے مطابق کالگو وائرس چیچھر سے پھیلتا ہے جو جانور کے جسم پر موجود ہوتا ہے جو انسان کے خون میں وائرس شامل کر کے جسم میں درد، بخار، متلی اور خون کے بننے کا سبب بنتا ہے۔

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ہے اور دو ماہ میں پنجاب کے تمام بلڈ بینکس کا ڈیٹا اکٹھا کر لیا ہے۔ ایک سال میں یا تو بلڈ بینکس ریگولیٹ ہوں گے یا بند کر دیے جائیں گے۔

ملتان (کرائم رپورٹر) سٹی ٹریفک پولیس ملتان نے یوم آزادی و ٹریفک شعور و آگاہی کے حوالے سے مقامی کالج میں ایک پروگرام منعقد کیا۔ اس تقریب میں طلباء، طالبات، ٹریفک کوارڈینیشن کمیٹی، سکاؤٹس، ٹریفک والنٹیرز اور کالج انتظامیہ نے شرکت کی۔ تقریب کے دوران طلباء و طالبات کو ٹریفک قوانین اور شہریوں کی قومی ذمہ داری پر لیکچر دیا گیا۔ پروگرام کے دوران طلباء و طالبات سے مختلف موضوعات پر تقریری مقابلہ بھی کروایا گیا۔ جس میں فرسٹ، سیکنڈ، تھرڈ آئیو اے طلباء و طالبات میں سٹی ٹریفک پولیس ملتان کی طرف سے انعامات تقسیم کیے گئے۔ اس کے علاوہ کونز ایکٹیویٹی کا بھی انعقاد کیا گیا اور درست جوابات دینے والوں میں گفتگو بھی تقسیم کیے گئے۔ آخر میں جشن آزادی و ٹریفک قوانین پر آگاہی کے لیے ٹریفک واک کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ اس واک میں سٹی ٹریفک پولیس ملتان، طلباء، طالبات، ٹریفک کوارڈینیشن کمیٹی، سکاؤٹس، ٹریفک والنٹیرز اور کالج انتظامیہ نے شرکت کی۔ واک کا انعقاد بوسن روڈ پر کیا گیا۔

کراچی: صدر کی عبداللہ ہارون روڈ پر واقع موبائل مارکیٹ میں نالے میں دھماکے کے بعد اس پر بنائی گئی کمرشل عمارت گر گئی جس کے نتیجے میں کئی افراد زخمی ہو گئے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے صدر کی عبداللہ ہارون روڈ پر الیکٹر وکس مارکیٹ میں واقع گندے نالے میں گیس بھر جانے سے دھماکا ہو گیا جس کے نتیجے میں نالے پر قائم 2 منزلہ کمرشل عمارت کا بڑا حصہ گر گیا، عمارت گرنے سے کئی افراد بلے تلے دب گئے۔ واقعے کی اطلاع ملتے ہی فائر بریگیڈ کے عملے سمیت دیگر نجی اداروں کے رضاکار بڑی تعداد میں پہنچ گئے جنہوں نے زخمیوں کو نکال کر سول اسپتال منتقل کر دیا، جہاں ان کا علاج جاری ہے۔ سول اسپتال انتظامیہ کا کہنا ہے کہ زخمیوں کی حالت خطرے سے باہر ہے جب کہ انہیں جلد ہی اسپتال سے فارغ کر دیا جائے گا۔

کراچی: ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ نے میٹرک جزل گروپ کے سالانہ امتحانات کے نتائج کا اعلان کر دیا جس کے مطابق لڑکیاں ایک بار پھر لڑکوں پر سبقت لے گئیں۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی میں ثانوی تعلیمی بورڈ نے میٹرک جزل گروپ کے سالانہ امتحانات کے نتائج کا اعلان کر دیا جہاں لڑکیاں ایک بار پھر لڑکوں کو پیچھے چھوڑتے ہوئے اول، دوم اور سوم پوزیشن لے کر آگے نکل گئیں۔ نتائج کے مطابق پہلی پوزیشن ایمن بولج، دوسری الفیہ جب کہ تیسری پوزیشن حنا جاوید نے حاصل کی۔ بورڈ کی جانب سے 50 ہزار، 30 ہزار اور 20 ہزار روپے بالترتیب پہلی، دوسری اور تیسری پوزیشن پر دیے گئے، جزل گروپ میں سٹیزن سینڈری اسکول گرلز کیمپس ہاتھ آئی لینڈ کی ایمن بولج بنت ندیم احمد نے پہلی، ایف سی مورس والا گرلز سینڈری اسکول رحمت بانی کیمپل اسٹریٹ کی الفیہ بنت برہان الدین نے دوسری اور ڈی اے نیلم بانی اسکول 167، زمزمہ نمبر 3 فیز 5 کی حنا جاوید بنت جاوید نعیم نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی جبکہ کوئی بھی پرائیویٹ امیدوار پوزیشن حاصل نہیں کر سکا، امتحانات میں جزل ریگولر پرائیویٹ گروپ کے مجموعی طور پر 24583 طلبہ و طالبات نے رجسٹریشن حاصل کی اور 24263 نے شرکت کی۔ امتحانات میں 124 امیدواروں نے گریڈ اے ون، 1199 نے گریڈ اے، 3783 نے بی، 5424 نے سی، 4723 نے ڈی اور 490 نے گریڈ ای میں کامیابی حاصل کی جبکہ 288 امیدوار صرف کامیاب قرار پائے، کامیابی کا تناسب 70.19 فیصد رہا، اسی طرح قوت گویائی و سماعت سے محروم خصوصی امیدواروں میں دیو اکیڈمی کی وفاناز بنت ساجد علی نے پہلی، مبینہ خان بنت خضر احیات نے دوسری اور ام ہانی بنت محمد اشرف نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی، مذکورہ امتحان میں 98 امیدواروں نے رجسٹریشن حاصل کی جبکہ 95 نے کامیابی حاصل کی، 82 نے فرسٹ ڈویژن جبکہ 13 نے سینڈ ڈویژن حاصل کی نتائج میں کامیابی کا تناسب 100 فیصد رہا۔

محکمہ صحت کی ٹاسک فورس نے سرگودھا میں کارروائی کرتے ہوئے جعلی ادویات بنانے والی 2 فیکٹریاں سیل کر دیں۔ فیکٹریوں میں کھانسی نزلہ زکام کے مضر صحت سیرپ تیار کئے جاتے تھے۔ کارروائی سرگودھا کے علاقہ واٹر سپلائی روڈ پر کی گئی۔ محکمہ صحت کی ٹاسک فورس نے چیئر پرسن ٹاسک فورس ڈاکٹر نادیہ عزیز کے ہمراہ جعلی ادویات بنانے والی 2 فیکٹریوں پر چھاپا مارا۔ دوران کارروائی بھاری مقدار میں جعلی ادویات پکڑی گئی جسے تجزیے کے لیے لیبارٹری بھیجا دیا گیا۔ جعلی ادویات بنانے والی فیکٹریوں میں مضر صحت سیرپ تیار کئے جاتے تھے

صوبائی وزیر صحت ڈاکٹر سکندر میندرھو نے سندھ گورنمنٹ اسپتال نیو کراچی کا دورہ کیا اور مرلیضوں کی خیریت دریافت کی۔ گورنمنٹ اسپتال کے دورے کے موقع پر ڈاکٹروں اور دیگر طبی عملے کی حاضری چیک کی۔ انہوں نے تمام عملے کو وقت کی پابندی کا خیال رکھنے کے ساتھ ادویات کی دستیابی کی بھی ہدایات جاری کیں۔ بعد میں ڈاکٹر سکندر میندرھو نے اسپتال کے مختلف وارڈز کا دورہ کیا اور مرلیضوں کی خیریت دریافت کی۔

سٹی ٹریفک پولیس کے زیر اہتمام جشن آزادی و شعور آگاہی کیلئے واک

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

04 اگست 2016

کراچی کے علاقے صدر میں نالے پر مٹی مارکیٹ گر گئی، کئی افراد زخمی

روزنامہ ایکسپریس اردو

03 اگست 2016

کراچی میٹرک جزل گروپ کے نتائج کا اعلان، لڑکیاں بازی لے گئیں

روزنامہ ایکسپریس اردو

03 اگست 2016

سرگودھا میں جعلی ادویات بنانے والی 2 فیکٹریاں سیل

جیو اردو نیوز

03 اگست 2016

وزیر صحت کا سندھ گورنمنٹ اسپتال نیو کراچی کا دورہ

روزنامہ ایکسپریس اردو

02 اگست 2016

کراچی میں ایم اے جناح روڈ پر واقع گل پلازہ میں آگ لگنے کے باعث 15 دکانیں جل کر تباہ ہو گئیں، آگ پر قابو پایا گیا ہے۔ واقعے میں کسی قسم کا جانی نقصان نہیں ہوا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے آتشزدگی کے واقعے پر تفصیلات طلب کر لی ہے۔ ایم اے جناح روڈ پر واقع گل پلازہ میں شارٹ سرکٹ کے باعث پہلی منزل پر آگ لگ گئی۔ جس نے دیکھتے ہی دیکھتے پلازہ کی پہلی منزل پر موجود 15 دکانوں کو اپنی لپیٹ میں لیا۔ آگ لگنے کی اطلاع ملتے ہیں فائر بریگیڈ کی 2 گاڑیوں نے موقع پر پہنچ کر آگ پر قابو پانے کی کوشش شروع کر دی۔ آگ کی شدت میں اضافے کے بعد مزید 3 گاڑیوں کو طلب کیا جنہوں نے کچھ گھنٹوں کی جدوجہد کے بعد آگ پر قابو پایا گیا۔ عمارت میں اندھیرے کی وجہ سے ریسکیو ٹیموں کو مشکلات کا بھی سامنا کرنا پڑا۔ پلازہ کے چوکیدار نے بتایا کہ کچھ دیر پہلے پی ایم ٹی کی مرمت کی گئی تھی جس کے بعد بلڈنگ سے پٹاخوں کی آوازیں آنے لگیں دیکھا تو آگ لگی ہوئی تھی۔ دوسری جانب وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ نے گل پلازہ میں آتشزدگی کے واقعے پر تفصیلات طلب کر لی ہے۔

لاہور: بیت المال کے دفتر میں آگ لگ گئی، جس سے دفتر میں موجود ریکارڈ جل کر خاکستر ہو گیا۔ ریسکیو ذرائع کے مطابق آگ بیت المال کے دفتر کے ریکارڈ روم میں لگی تھی۔ اطلاع ملنے پر فائر بریگیڈ کا عملہ موقع پر پہنچ گئے اور ریسکیو آپریشن کر کے ریکارڈ روم میں لگنے والے آگ پر قابو پایا گیا، تاہم ریکارڈ روم میں موجود تمام ریکارڈ جل کر خاکستر ہو گئے۔

حیدرآباد میں طوفانی بارشوں نے تباہی مچادی، شاہراہیں تالاب کا منظر پیش کرنے لگیں، کرنٹ لگنے سے 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے، بارش کا پانی گھروں میں داخل ہو گیا۔ پاکستان کے چوتھے اور سندھ کے دوسرے بڑے شہر حیدرآباد میں سڑک تو نظر نہیں آرہی لیکن ڈوبتی، ڈولتی گاڑیاں اور انہی گاڑیوں کو دھکے لگاتے شہری نظر آرہے ہیں۔ بارش جب بھی برستی ہے، حیدرآباد والوں کے لیے مصیبتوں کے انبار لگ جاتے ہیں، اس بار بھی برستا پانی، پائپ لائنوں کے بجائے گاڑیوں کے انجنز میں گیا، پہلے گاڑیاں بند ہوئیں۔ انڈر پاسز بچوں کے لیے سوئمنگ پولز بن گئے، شہری گھروں کو بعد میں پہنچے پہلے بارش کے پانی نے ڈارنگ روم، لاونج اور حیدرآباد والوں کے کچن میں انٹری دی۔ حالی روڈ، مرزا پٹھان، گاڑی کھانا، قاسم آباد، لطیف آباد نمبر 11، 12 اور نمبر 2 کے علاقے زیر آب آ گئے، محلے زیر آب آئے تو حیدرآباد کے لوگ بھی گھنٹوں گھنٹوں پانی میں کسی گھریا کیڑے کاٹے سے بچنے کے لیے اندازے لگا کر چلتے رہے اور کچھ اس بے حالی سے تنگ آکر اپنے اپنوں کے گھروں کی طرف چلے گئے۔ لطیف آباد نمبر دو میں پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما نوید قمر کے بنگلے میں پانی داخل ہو گیا، حیدرآباد کی سبزی منڈی بھی ڈوب گئی، ڈوبتی بھی کیوں نہیں، محکمہ موسمیات کہتا ہے شہر میں کل سے اب تک 115 ملی میٹر بارش ہوئی ہے۔ حیدرآباد کے کمشنر معتمد عباسی شہر سے پانی کی نکاسی کے بارے میں کہتے ہیں کہ 120 سے زائد پمپنگ اسٹیشن بجلی نہ ہونے کے باعث بند ہوئے 10 پمپنگ اسٹیشنوں کو اسٹینڈ بائی جرنلرز سے چلایا جا رہا ہے، جیسے ہی بجلی بحال ہوگی پمپنگ اسٹیشن کام کرنا شروع کر دیں گے اور سڑکیں پھر سے نظر آنے لگیں گی، فلائی اوورز میں بھی گاڑیاں چلیں گی۔

پاکستان فارماسیوٹیکل ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر حامد رضا کا کہنا ہے کہ ان کے مطالبات نہ مانے گئے تو 19 اگست سے پنجاب بھر میں ادویات کی پیداوار اور سپلائی بند کر دیں گے۔ لاہور میں پریس کانفرنس کرتے ہوئے حامد رضا کا کہنا تھا کہ پنجاب حکومت کی طرف سے بنائی گئی ٹاسک فورس غیر قانونی ہے، چھاپوں کا سلسلہ بند کیا جائے اور اس سلسلے میں 1976 اور 2012 کے ایکٹ پر عمل کیا جائے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ فیملیوں اور اسٹورز پر 24 گھنٹے چیک رکھیں لیکن قواعد و ضوابط کے مطابق ادویات کی کوالٹی پنجاب ڈرگ لیبارٹری سے چیک کر انیں۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ اگر مطالبات تسلیم نہ کیے گئے تو وہ 19 اگست کو سڑکوں پر نکل آئیں گے۔

کراچی میں ڈیفنس فیرون میں شاپنگ سینٹر میں آگ لگ گئی۔ فائر بریگیڈ حکام کے مطابق ڈیفنس گول مارکیٹ میں واقع دکان میں آگ لگ گئی جس کو بجھانے کے لیے فائر بریگیڈ کی 6 گاڑیاں مصروف ہیں۔ فائر بریگیڈ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ آگ پر قابو پانے کے لیے اسٹار کل کا بھی استعمال کیا جا رہا ہے۔ اس وقت آگ مارکیٹ کی دوسری منزل پر لگی ہوئی ہے۔

مشیر صحت پنجاب خواجہ سلمان رفیق کا کہنا ہے کہ اس وقت پنجاب میں پولیو کیسز کی تعداد صفر ہے جبکہ رواں سیزن صوبے میں ڈینگی کے صرف 22 مرلیض رپورٹ ہوئے ہیں۔ مشیر صحت پنجاب خواجہ سلمان رفیق نے لاہور میں میپائٹس سے متعلق رضا کارانہ فورس کی لاچنگ تقریب میں شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر ان کا کہنا تھا کہ میپائٹس کو کنٹرول کرنے کے لئے لڑائی جاری رکھنا ہوگی۔ انھوں نے مزید کہا کہ اپنا رہن سہن اور عادات تبدیل ناکیں تو آئندہ نسلیں نقصان اٹھائیں گی۔ خواجہ سلمان رفیق کا کہنا تھا کہ سیف بلڈ پراجیکٹ پر کام تیزی سے جاری

کراچی: گل پلازہ میں آتشزدگی، 15 دکانیں

جل کر تباہ

جیو اردو نیوز

07 اگست 2016

لاہور: بیت المال کے دفتر میں آگ لگ گئی،

ریکارڈ جل کر خاکستر

جیو اردو نیوز

07 اگست 2016

حیدرآباد: طوفانی بارش، کرنٹ لگنے سے 2

افراد جاں بحق

جیو اردو نیوز

06 اگست 2016

پنجاب میں چھاپوں کا سلسلہ بند کیا جائے

، پاکستان فارماسیوٹیکل ایسوسی ایشن

جیو اردو نیوز

06 اگست 2016

کراچی: ڈیفنس کے شاپنگ سینٹر میں آگ لگ

گئی

جیو اردو نیوز

06 اگست 2016

اس وقت پنجاب میں پولیو کیسز کی تعداد صفر

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جیو اردو نیوز

05 اگست 2016

پبلک سروسز

تفصیلات

سکھر بلڈ بینک اینڈ ڈرگ ڈسٹریبیوٹنگ سوسائٹی اور فلاحی تنظیم کی جانب سے ہونٹ اور تالو کٹے بچوں کے تین روزہ مفت پلاسٹک سرجری کیمرپ کا انعقاد سکھر بلڈ بینک اسپتال میں کیا گیا جس میں اندرون سندھ سے آئے ہوئے 100 سے زائد بچوں نے استفادہ حاصل کیا جبکہ ہونٹ اور تالو کٹے 30 بچوں کی مفت پلاسٹک سرجری کر کے بچوں کی سماجی زندگی کو بحال کیا گیا۔ کیمرپ کے اختتام پر سکھر بلڈ اینڈ ڈرگ ڈسٹریبیوٹنگ سوسائٹی کے صدر ڈاکٹر محمد نعیم نے کہا کہ ڈاکٹر اشرف گناترا اور ان کی ٹیم نے جس جذبے اور خلوص سے ان بچوں کی زندگیوں کو مسکراہٹوں سے بھرا ہے ان کی اس خدمت کا صلہ باری تعالیٰ کے علاوہ اور کوئی نہیں دے سکتا تاہم ہم ان بچوں کے والدین ان کی اس کاوشوں پر انہیں خراج تحسین پیش کرتے ہیں اور ان کے مشکور ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ سکھر اسپتال آئندہ بھی اس طرح کی خدمات کے لئے ہمیشہ اپنا بھرپور کردار ادا کرتا رہے گا۔ بعد ازاں انہوں نے کیمرپ میں اپنی خدمات انجام دینے والی المصطفیٰ ویلفیئر اور سکھر بلڈ اینڈ ڈرگ ڈسٹریبیوٹنگ سوسائٹی کی ٹیم کی بھی خدمات کو سراہا۔

وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ نے ڈسٹرکٹ میونسپل کارپوریشنز کو صفائی کیلئے 48 گھنٹے کا الٹی میٹم دے دیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ کا نیو سندھ سیکرٹریٹ اجلاس میں کہنا ہے کچرا نہ اٹھایا گیا تو متعلقہ ڈی ایم سیز کو تبدیل کر دیا جائیگا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ کی زیر صدارت نیو سندھ سیکرٹریٹ میں کراچی میں صفائی کی صورتحال پر اہم اجلاس میں کئی اہم فیصلے کیے گئے، وزیر اعلیٰ نے تمام ڈسٹرکٹ میونسپل کارپوریشنز کو صفائی کے لئے 48 گھنٹے کا الٹی میٹم دے دیا۔ ان کا کہنا ہے کچرا نہ اٹھایا گیا تو متعلقہ افسر گھر جائے گا، لیبر ندی، قیوم آباد کے گراؤنڈز میں کچرا پھینکا گیا تو پولیس ذمہ دار ہوگی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ کی صدارت میں نیو سندھ سیکرٹریٹ اجلاس جاری ہے۔ یہ پہلا موقع ہے کہ وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کی صدارت میں اجلاس صبح 8 بجے وقت پر اجلاس شروع ہوا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ پونے آٹھ بجے پہنچ گئے تھے لیکن بعض متعلقہ افسر تاخیر سے پہنچے۔ اجلاس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعلیٰ کا کہنا تھا میں باتوں سے زیادہ کام پر یقین رکھتا ہوں، بریفنگ نہیں نتائج چاہیے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کراچی میں کچرے کے حوالے سے بہت شکایات ہیں۔ کھلے میدانوں میں کچرا پھینکا جا رہا ہے۔ میدانوں میں کچرا پھینکنے کی اجازت نہیں دوں گا۔ کچرا اٹھکانے لگانے کی جگہ کا تعین کر کے بتایا جائے۔ پورے ریڈ زون کو ہنگامی بنیادوں پر صاف کیا جائے۔ کورنگی روڈ کی صفائی بھی کئی سالوں سے شروع کی جائے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ ضلع جنوبی میں 2400 خاکروب کی آسمائیں ہیں، صرف 1039 خاکروب کام کر رہے ہیں۔ ضلع سینٹرل نے 250 ڈسٹ بن کے آرڈرز دیئے ہیں۔

کوئٹہ میں پاک ترک انٹرنیشنل اسکولوں کے طلبہ اور ان کے والدین نے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا ہے۔ یہ مظاہرہ ان تعلیمی اداروں کو بند کرانے کے لیے ترکی کی حکومت کے مبینہ دباؤ اور ان کی انتظامیہ کی ممکنہ تبدیلی کے خلاف کوئٹہ پریس کلب کے سامنے کیا گیا۔ مظاہرے کے شرکانے اس موقع پر اپنے مطالبات کے حق میں نعرے لگائے جن میں یہ نعرہ بھی شامل تھا کہ 'پاک ترک اسکول کو چلنے دو، بلوچستان کو پڑھنے دو'۔ مظاہرے میں شریک ایک طالب علم عبدالہادی نے بتایا کہ وہ ایک غریب کان کن کی اولاد ہیں اور انہیں پاک ترک اسکول میں وظیفہ ملا جس کی وجہ سے انہیں مفت معیاری تعلیم حاصل کرنے کا موقع ملا۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ اب یہ سنے میں آ رہا ہے کہ ترکی کی حکومت ان اسکولوں کو بند کرانے کے لیے دباؤ ڈال رہی ہے جس کی وجہ سے وہ پریشانی سے دوچار ہیں۔

کراچی کی اہم سڑکوں پر جمع بارش کا پانی صاف کر دیا گیا ہے، لیکن اندرونی گلیوں میں اب بھی پانی موجود ہے جبکہ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ نے بھی بارش کا مزہ کمزور کر دیا، 2 دن میں بارش کے دوران ہونے والی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 14 ہو گئی ہے۔ کراچی میں 2 روزہ برہمچر، برہمچر، برہمچر کے مرجھائے چہرے کھل اٹھے، لیکن کئی علاقوں میں جمع پانی اور بجلی کی طویل بندش نے عوام کو پریشان بھی خوب کیا، کچھ علاقوں میں تورات آنکھوں میں ہی کٹی۔ کے ڈی اے چورنگی، گجر نالہ، ناگن چورنگی اور پی ای سی ایس ایچ بلاک 6 میں جہاں گزشتہ روز پانی گھروں میں داخل ہو گیا تھا، اب صورتحال قابو میں ہے۔ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے نکاسی آب کے انتظامات بھی کئے گئے، جس سے حالات خاصے بہتر نظر آرہے ہیں۔ شہر کی مرکزی شاہراہوں پر پانی تو موجود نہیں البتہ اندرونی گلیوں اور محلوں میں اب بھی پانی موجود ہے۔ اتوار کو کرنٹ لگنے اور ڈوبنے سے ایک بچہ سمیت 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے، 3 دن میں بارش کے دوران ہونے والی ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 14 ہو گئی ہے۔

سرخیاں

سکھر میں ہونٹ اور تالو کٹے سو سے زائد بچوں کا معائنہ

جیو اردو نیوز

08 اگست 2016

وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ کا ڈی ایم سیز کو صفائی کیلئے 48 گھنٹے کا الٹی میٹم

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پاک ترک اسکولوں کی مبینہ بندش کے خلاف کوئٹہ میں مظاہرہ

بی بی سی اردو

07 اگست 2016

کراچی: اہم شاہراہوں سے پانی صاف، اندرونی گلیوں میں موجود

جیو اردو نیوز

07 اگست 2016

چترال: وادی کیلاش میں سکیورٹی فورسز نے کارروائی کرتے ہوئے افغانستان سے آنے والے 5 دہشت گردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق چترال کی وادی کیلاش میں پاک افغان سرحد کے قریب استوئی کے مقام پر افغان صوبے نورستان سے دہشت گرد داخل ہونے کی کوشش کر رہے تھے، سکیورٹی فورسز نے افغان طالبان کی دراندازی روکنے کے لیے بھرپور کارروائی کی۔ فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے۔ ہلاک ہونے والے دہشت گردوں کی لاشیں فورسز نے اپنی تحویل میں لے لی ہیں۔ سکیورٹی ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ علاقے میں مزید دہشت گردوں کے ہونے کا خدشہ ہے جس کے لیے سرچ آپریشن جاری ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ ہفتے افغانستان سے داخل ہونے والے دہشت گرد مختلف کارروائیوں کے دوران 8 پاکستانی چرواہوں کو ہلاک کر کے سیکڑوں بھیڑ بکریاں چھین کر اپنے ساتھ لے گئے تھے۔

کراچی: میمن گوٹھ میں فائرنگ کے تبادلے میں 2 افراد جاں بحق اور 3 زخمی ہو گئے ہیں جب کہ پولیس نے ایک ملزم کو اسلحے سمیت گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقے ملیر میمن گوٹھ میں فائرنگ کے نتیجے میں 2 افراد جاں بحق جبکہ 3 افراد زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ زخمیوں اور لاشوں کو قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا جہاں زخمیوں کا علاج جاری ہے جب کہ لاشوں کو ضابطے کی کارروائی کے بعد ورثا کے حوالے کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ایس ایس پی ملیر راولپنڈی کا کہنا ہے کہ واقعہ بلوچستان کے 2 گروپوں کے درمیان ذاتی دشمنی کا شکار ہے۔ فائرنگ کرنے والے ایک شخص کو گرفتار کر کے اس کے قبضے سے 1 نائن ایم ایم پستول اور 6 گولیاں بھی برآمد کر لی گئی ہیں ملزم کی شناخت صادق کے نام سے ہوئی ہے۔

چترال میں فورسز کی افغانستان سے آنے والے دراندازوں کے خلاف کارروائی، 5 دہشت گرد ہلاک

ایکسپریس اردو
03 اگست 2016

کراچی کے علاقے میمن گوٹھ میں فائرنگ سے 2 افراد جاں بحق، 3 زخمی

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02 اگست 2016

جاتی ہیں۔ اس سال بھی اگست کے مہینے کے آغاز سے کوئٹہ اور بلوچستان کے دیگر علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشنز کے دوران گرفتاریوں کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا گیا ہے۔ بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ میر سر فراز گبٹی کا کہنا ہے کہ پاکستان کے لیے اگست کے مہینے کی جو علاقائی اہمیت ہے اس کو ریاست دشمن عناصر سبوتاژ کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ہمارے لوگ بلوچستان کے طول عرض میں یوم آزادی کو جوش و خروش سے مناتے ہیں۔ جب ریاست دشمن عناصر ان کو سبوتاژ کرنے کے لیے اپنی کاروائیوں کی منصوبہ کرتے ہیں تو پھر سیکورٹی فورسز انٹیلیجنس پر مبنی آپریشن کرتے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب کوئٹہ میں بلوچ رہنما لیکن اسٹوڈنٹس آرگنائزیشن کے زیر اہتمام ایک احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا گیا۔ یہ مظاہرہ تنظیم کے ڈپٹی سیکریٹری جنرل فیضان بلوچ کے حوالے سے تھا۔ تنظیم کے مطابق وہ ان چھ افراد میں شامل تھے جن کے بارے میں سرکاری حکام نے یہ دعویٰ کیا تھا کہ وہ بم دھماکوں میں ملوث تھے۔ سرکاری حکام نے ایک پریس کانفرنس میں یہ کہا تھا ان لوگوں کو تین اگست کی شب گرفتار کیا گیا۔ تاہم مظاہرے کے شرکاء نے اس دعوے کو مسترد کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ فیضان بلوچ کو 25 جون کو گرفتار کیا گیا تھا اور تشدد کے ذریعے ان سے اعترافی بیان لیا گیا ہے۔

ریجنرز نے کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیوں اور انسپکشنز کے دوران 5 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ ریجنرز نے مختلف علاقوں میں ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیوں کے دوران 3 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ کارروائیاں کلکشن، لیاقت آباد اور اورنگی ٹاؤن میں کی گئیں۔ ترجمان ریجنرز کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان سے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ ملزمان میں کالعدم تنظیم، سیاسی جماعت کے کارکن اور ایک بھتاخوڑ شامل ہیں جبکہ بلدیہ اور ماڈل کالونی میں انسپکشنز کے دوران دو ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کر لیا گیا ہے۔

بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ اور آواران میں تشدد کے دو مختلف واقعات میں کم از کم ایک بچی سمیت دو افراد ہلاک اور چھ زخمی ہو گئے۔ کوئٹہ میں فائرنگ کا واقعہ جمعے کی شب ایک دکان پر پیش آیا۔ سٹی پولیس سٹیشن کے ایک اہلکار نے بتایا کہ مسجد روڈ پر نامعلوم موٹر سائیکل سواروں نے ایک دکان پر فائرنگ کر دی جس کے نتیجے میں تین افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ زخمیوں کو فوری طور پر طبی امداد کے لیے سول ہسپتال کو منتقل کیا گیا جہاں ان میں سے ایک شخص زخمی کی تاب نہ لا کر چل بسا۔ پولیس اہلکار کے مطابق جس دکان پر فائرنگ کی گئی وہ بلاسٹ کی تھیلیاں فروخت کرنے والی دکان تھی لیکن اس وقت اس پر چم بھی فروخت کیے جا رہے تھے۔ ادھر ضلع آواران میں لیووز فورس کے ایک اہلکار کے گھر پر نامعلوم مسلح افراد نے حملہ کیا۔ آواران میں انتظامیہ کے ذرائع کے مطابق یہ حملہ ضلع کے علاقے جھاؤ میں کیا گیا۔ حملے کے نتیجے میں ایک بچی ہلاک اور چار افراد زخمی ہوئے۔ کوئٹہ اور آواران میں ہونے والے ان حملوں کے محرکات تاحال معلوم نہیں ہو سکے۔ آواران کے علاقے شکے میں گذشتہ روز فائرنگ کے دو مختلف واقعات میں دو افراد ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔ دو روز قبل بھی اسی ضلع کے دو مختلف علاقوں میں فائرنگ کے واقعات محکمہ تعلیم کا ایک افسر اور ایک ریٹائرڈ ٹیچر ہلاک ہوئے تھے۔

کراچی: محکمہ داخلہ سندھ نے صوبے میں اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی عائد کرتے ہوئے نوٹی فکیشن بھی جاری کر دیا ہے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق محکمہ داخلہ سندھ کی جانب سے جاری نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق صوبے میں اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی ہوگی جس کی خلاف ورزی پر دفعہ 188 کے تحت کارروائی کی جائے گی۔ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق پولیس اور قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں سے مماثل یونیفارم والے سیکورٹی گارڈز بھی نہیں رکھے جاسکتے اور سادہ لباس سیکورٹی گارڈز رکھنے پر بھی پابندی ہوگی۔ نوٹی فکیشن کے مطابق پولیس موبائل سے مشابہ گاڑیاں ضبط کی جائیں گی اور ہوٹر اور پولیس لائسنس والی گاڑیاں بھی ضبط ہوگی، نوٹی فکیشن میں کہا گیا ہے کہ پابندی امن وامان کی صورت حال کے پیش نظر لگائی گئی ہے۔

وزیراعظم نواز شریف سے آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف نے ملاقات کی۔ آرمی چیف نے آپریشن ضرب عضب کی کامیابیوں سے وزیراعظم کو آگاہ کیا۔ ملاقات میں خطے کی سیکورٹی صورتحال پر بھی تبادلہ خیال کیا گیا۔ انہوں نے وزیراعظم کو اٹلی جنس معلومات کی بناء پر کئے گئے آپریشنز سے بھی آگاہ کیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق ملاقات میں مقبوضہ کشمیر میں بھارتی مظالم سے پیدا ہونے والی صورتحال پر بات چیت بھی کی گئی جبکہ قومی سلامتی کمیٹی کے اجلاس کا ایجنڈا بھی زیر غور آیا۔

کوئٹہ: اسپتانی روڈ پر دھماکے کے نتیجے میں 2 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جنہیں فوری طبی امداد کے لیے اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کوئٹہ میں اسپتانی روڈ پر دھماکا ہوا جس کے نتیجے میں 2 پولیس اہلکاروں اور خاتون سمیت 5 افراد زخمی ہوئے ہیں جنہیں فوری طور پر قریبی اسپتال منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ دھماکے کے بعد سیکورٹی فورسز نے علاقے کو گھیرے لے لیا اور جائے وقوعہ پر بم ڈسپوزل اسکواڈ کو طلب کر لیا گیا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق دھماکے میں سیکورٹی فورسز کی گاڑی کو نشانہ بنانے کی کوشش کی گئی جس میں 12 اہلکار زخمی ہوئے جن کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ ذرائع کا کہنا ہے کہ قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے جائے وقوعہ سے شواہد اکٹھا کر کے تفتیش کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔

ریجنرز کی کراچی میں کارروائیاں، 5 ملزمان گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

06 اگست 2016

بلوچستان: تشدد کے واقعات میں دو افراد ہلاک، چھ زخمی

بی بی سی اردو

06 اگست 2016

سندھ میں اسلحہ کی نمائش پر پابندی، محکمہ داخلہ کا نوٹیفیکیشن جاری

ایکسپریس اردو

05 اگست 2016

دہشتگردوں کے گھیراؤ میں تھک گیا جائے گا: وزیراعظم، آرمی چیف

نوائے وقت

04 اگست 2016

کوئٹہ میں دھماکے سے 2 پولیس اہلکاروں سمیت 5 افراد زخمی

ایکسپریس اردو

03 اگست 2016

سیفشی اور سیکورٹی

تفصیلات

سرخیاں

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں حکام کے مطابق دارالحکومت کوئٹہ کے قریب دھماکہ میں کم از کم 18 افراد ہلاک اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ کوئٹہ سے بی بی سی کے نمائندے محمد کاظم کے مطابق صوبائی وزیر داخلہ سرفراز بگٹی نے بی بی سی سے بات کرتے ہوئے کم از کم 18 افراد کی ہلاکت کی تصدیق کی ہے جبکہ 20 سے زائد زخمی ہیں۔ جس وقت دھماکہ ہوا اس وقت ہسپتال کے باہر وکلا بھی موجود تھے۔ حکام کے مطابق دھماکے میں ہلاک اور زخمی ہونے والوں میں وکلا اور میڈیا کے نمائندے بھی شامل ہیں جبکہ ہلاکتوں میں اضافے کا خدشہ بھی ظاہر کیا جا رہا ہے۔ پیر کو بلوچستان بار ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر بلال انور کاسی کو کوئٹہ کے علاقے منوں جان روڈ پر نامعلوم افراد نے گھر سے عدالت جاتے ہوئے فائرنگ کر کے ہلاک کر دیا تھا۔ نامہ نگار کے مطابق بلال انور کاسی کی میت کو سول ہسپتال پہنچایا گیا تھا اور وکلا کی بڑی تعداد اس وقت وہاں موجود تھی کہ دھماکہ ہو گیا۔ ترجمان بلوچستان حکومت انوار الحق کا کڑے سرکاری ٹی وی کو بتایا ہے کہ تاحال دھماکے کی نوعیت واضح نہیں ہے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کچھ زخمیوں کو بولان میڈیکل کالج اور سی ایم ایچ بھی منتقل کیا گیا ہے۔

ترجمان صوبائی حکومت کے مطابق دھماکے میں نشانہ بننے والوں میں وکلا اور میڈیا کے نمائندے بھی شامل ہیں۔ سرکاری ٹی وی کے مطابق دھماکے کے بعد قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں کے اہکاروں نے علاقے کو گھیرے میں لے لیا۔ وزیراعظم پاکستان محمد نواز شریف نے کوئٹہ میں دھماکے کی سخت مذمت کی ہے۔

کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں رینجرز نے ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیاں کر کے سیاسی جماعت کے عسکری ونگ کے ٹارگٹ کلرز اور کالعدم تنظیم کے کارندے سمیت 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ رینجرز نے لائنڈھی، شاہ فیصل کالونی، بلدیہ ٹاؤن اور لیاقت آباد میں ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیاں کر کے 8 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ برآمد کیا ہے۔ ترجمان رینجرز کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان کا تعلق کالعدم تنظیموں اور ایم کیو ایم سے ہے۔ ملزمان ٹارگٹ کلنگ، ہتھیار خوری سمیت دیگر جرائم میں ملوث ہیں۔ دوسری جانب پولیس نے رواں سال کے گزشتہ 5 ماہ کی رپورٹ جاری کی ہے۔ رپورٹ میں بتایا گیا کہ مارچ سے جولائی تک پولیس اور جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے 732 مقابلے ہوئے ہیں اور پولیس مقابلوں میں 913 ملزمان کو رینگے ہاتھوں گرفتار کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان نے بتایا کہ پولیس مقابلے میں 52 دہشت گردوں، 103 ڈکیتوں اور 15 غواکروں کو ہلاک کیا گیا ہے۔ ترجمان کا کہنا ہے کہ پولیس کارروائیوں سے جرائم پیشہ عناصر کے 225 گروہوں کا خاتمہ ہوا ہے۔ پولیس مقابلوں اور کارروائیوں کے دوران ملزمان سے ایک اینٹی ایئر کرافٹ گن، 6 ایل ایم جیز، 127 کلاشنکوف، 366 شاٹ گنز، 1103 ایم پی فائو، 2681 پستول، 23 خود کش جیکٹس، 120 مینڈ گرنیڈز، 12 راکٹ لانچرز، 102 کلو گرام دھماکہ خیز مواد اور 17983 کی تعداد میں بھی ملی ہیں۔ آئی جی سندھ نے صوبے بھر میں ملزمان کی گرفتاریوں کے لیے جاری ٹارگٹڈ کارروائیوں میں مزید تیزی لائی جائے اور اس حوالے سے قانون نافذ کرنے والے دیگر اداروں سے خفیہ معلومات کے حصول اور تبادلوں کے مجموعی اقدامات کو مربوط بنایا جائے

کراچی کے علاقے لیاری میں پولیس کی کارروائی عمل میں آئی، جس میں لیاری گینگ وار کے 2 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا، جبکہ ملزمان کے 4 ساتھی فرار ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس کے مطابق ملزمان متعدد دواؤں میں مطلوب ہیں۔ لیاری کے علاقے سنگولین میں رات گئے پولیس نے خفیہ اطلاعات پر چھاپہ مارا اور گھر گھر تلاشی کے دوران 2 ملزمان کو گرفتار کر لیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق گرفتار ملزمان زوہیب بلوچ اور اعجاز چھانی کا تعلق عزیر بلوچ گروپ سے ہے، جبکہ ملزمان لیاری میں چھانی محلے کے رہائشی ہیں۔ کارروائی کے دوران ملزمان کے ساتھی شہاب، واصلہ، اسماعیل بینیرا اور ذیشان فرار ہونے میں کامیاب ہو گئے ہیں، جن کی تلاش کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ پولیس کے مطابق ملزمان مختلف جرائم کی وارداتوں میں پولیس کو مطلوب تھے۔ ملزمان کے قبضے سے بھاری تعداد میں اسلحہ اور منشیات برآمد کر لی گئی ہے۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان کے دارالحکومت کوئٹہ میں سیکورٹی فورسز نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 40 افراد کو گرفتار کیا ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں فرنٹیئر کور کے ترجمان کے مطابق ایف سی اور پولیس نے کوئٹہ شہر میں دو مختلف علاقوں سریاب اور کلی اسماعیل میں سرچ آپریشن کیے۔ ترجمان کے مطابق دونوں علاقوں سے 40 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے اسلحہ بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ بلوچستان میں حالات کی خرابی کے بعد سے 14 اگست اور 23 مارچ کی مناسبت سے سرکاری سطح پر بڑے پیمانے پر تقاریب کا انعقاد کے قبل سیکورٹی آپریشن کیے جاتے ہیں اور گرفتاریاں بھی عمل میں لائی

کوئٹہ میں سول ہسپتال میں دھماکہ، کم از کم 18 ہلاک

بی بی سی اردو

08 اگست 2016

کراچی: رینجرز کی کارروائیاں، سیاسی جماعت کے ٹارگٹ کلرز سمیت 8 گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

07 اگست 2016

کراچی: لیاری میں پولیس کی کارروائی، 2 ملزمان گرفتار

جیو اردو نیوز

07 اگست 2016

کوئٹہ: سیکورٹی فورسز کا آپریشن، 40 افراد گرفتار

بی بی سی اردو

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محکمہ موسمیات نے کہا ہے کہ شہر میں بجلی نہیں تھی، بارش کتنی ہوئی نہیں بتا سکتے، آج پھر کراچی میں بارش ہوگی۔

بہاولپور: (دنیا نیوز) 16 اور 17 جولائی کی درمیانی شب نادیہ نامی خاتون کا ٹائیفائیڈ بخار کی حالت میں شعبہ حادثات کے آپریشن تھیسٹر میں ڈاکٹر صغیر سمیع سمیت دیگر عملہ نے اپنڈکس سمجھ کر آپریشن کیا۔ آپریشن کے اگلے روز 17 جولائی کو خاتون ہلاک ہو گئی جس کے 10 روز بعد ڈاکٹر صغیر سمیت دیگر عملہ کی حالت بھی غیر ہونا شروع ہوئی تو اسکے ٹیسٹ کرائے گئے۔ ڈاکٹر صغیر ایک روز قبل کراچی میں جاں بحق ہو گئے ہیں جبکہ 2 مزید مریض ڈاکٹر عالم اور ڈاکٹر اویس اس وقت کراچی کے آغا خان ہسپتال میں داخل ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر گلزار ملک اور ان کے 2 بیٹوں سمیت 8 افراد اس وقت بہاولپور کے بہاول وکٹوریہ ہسپتال میں زیر علاج ہیں۔ شعبہ حادثات کے دونوں آپریشن تھیسٹر 11 روز بعد انتظامیہ نے سیل کر دیئے ہیں جہاں یومیہ 10 سے 15 آپریشن کئے جاتے تھے۔ ان تھیسٹرز میں ان 11 ایام کے دوران کتنے مریضوں کے آپریشن کئے گئے اور اس وقت ان مریضوں کی حالت کیا ہے کسی کو معلوم نہیں۔ ان حالات میں کالو وائرس کے مزید پھیلنے کے خطرات بڑھ گئے ہیں جن کے لئے انتظامیہ نے ابھی کوئی منصوبہ بندی نہیں کی۔ متاثرہ مریضوں نے 5 روز قبل ایئر پورٹ کے قریب واقع سوئمنگ پول پر بینکوپارٹی بھی کی تھی۔

کالو وائرس: بہاولپور میں ڈاکٹر سمیت 2 افراد

جاں بحق، 10 زیر علاج

دنیا نیوز

30 جولائی 2016

برسوں سے معمول کے مطابق مون سون بارشیں نہ ہونے کے باعث حب ڈیم سے کراچی کے لیے پانی کی فراہمی نہ ہونے کے برابر تھی۔

کراچی (دنیا نیوز) کراچی میں بارش آئی اور چلی گئی لیکن اپنے پیچھے اثرات چھوڑ گئی۔ بارش کا پانی اب بھی کئی علاقوں میں جمع ہے جو لوگوں کیلئے وبال جان بنا ہوا ہے۔ شہریوں نے رات اندھیرے میں گزاری۔ کے الیکٹرک کا دعویٰ ہے کہ انہوں نے شہر کی نوے فیصد بجلی بحال کر دی ہے، کراچی میں بارش کے بعد پانی نہیں نکالا جاسکا۔ مختلف علاقوں میں صورتحال جوں کی توں ہے۔ کورنگی، گلشن اقبال، سرجانی، کھارادر، محمود آباد، ملیر اور حیدری میں سڑکوں پر پانی جمع ہے جس کی وجہ سے لوگوں کو ابھی مشکلات کا سامنا ہے۔ کراچی میں گذشتہ روز ہونیوالی بارش نے صوبائی حکومت، بلدیاتی اداروں اور کے الیکٹرک کے پول کھول دیئے۔ وقفے وقفے سے ہونیوالی بارش نے سڑکوں پر ندیاں بہا دیں۔ انڈر پاسز بھی ڈوب گئے۔ ٹریفک کی روانی بری طرح متاثر ہوئی۔ ہر جگہ پانی ہی پانی نظر آیا، برساتی نالوں کی وجہ سے پانی کئی گھروں میں داخل ہوا جس سے مینیوں کو اپنا گھر بار چھوڑنا پڑا۔ بارش کے ساتھ بجلی نے بھی قیامت ڈھائی، اکثر علاقوں سے رات بھر بجلی غائب رہی۔ کے الیکٹرک کا کہنا ہے کہ شہر میں نوے فیصد بجلی بحال کر دی گئی ہے۔

کراچی: بارش کے بعد متعدد علاقوں سے پانی

نہیں نکالا جاسکا

دنیا نیوز

7 اگست 2016

بارش، کرنٹ لگنے، بجلی گرنے سے 12 افراد

جاں بحق، لاہور، کراچی میں سینکڑوں فیڈر

ٹرپ

روزنامہ نوائے وقت

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لاہور + کراچی (نیوز رپورٹر + نامہ نگار + سپورٹس رپورٹر + روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹر) بارش کا سلسلہ گزشتہ روز بھی جاری رہا جس کے باعث نشیبی علاقے زیر آب آگئے۔ بدین اور سرانے مغل میں آسانی بجلی سے 3 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ کراچی اور حیدر آباد کے مختلف علاقوں میں بجلی کا کرنٹ لگنے سے 9 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ کراچی میں بارش سے 300 فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے۔ لاہور میں گزشتہ روز بارش کے بعد وارڈنز کے سڑکوں سے غائب ہونے پر ٹریفک کا مسئلہ گھمبیر صورتحال اختیار کر گیا۔ شہر کی تمام اہم شاہراہوں پر ٹریفک کا بدترین جام ہو گیا اور لوگ گھنٹوں جام ٹریفک میں پھنسے رہے۔ شہر کی تمام اہم سڑکوں پر گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں جبکہ جیل روڈ اور شارع فاطمہ جناح پر مریضوں کو لے کر جانے والی ایبوسینسز بھی جام ٹریفک میں پھنس گئیں۔ کینال روڈ، جیل روڈ، شاہراہ قائد اعظم، شارع فاطمہ جناح، راوی روڈ اور ریلوے سٹیشن سے ملحقہ سڑکوں پر بدترین ٹریفک جام رہی جس پر شہریوں نے احتجاج کیا۔ علاوہ ازیں لیسکو اہلکار اور فیلڈ افسران بارش رکنے کے 5 گھنٹے بعد بھی بجلی کا نظام بحال کرانے میں ناکام رہے۔ لیسکو افسران نے سرکاری موبائل بند کر دیئے۔ بارش کی وجہ سے لاہور میں اقبال ٹاؤن (گلشن بلاک)، مصری شاہ، فیض باغ، چھہ، مزنگ، نیو مسلم ٹاؤن، رحمانپورہ، گلبرگ، یتیم خانہ، سمن آباد، مین روڈ، بسلامی، موڑ سمن آباد سمیت دیگر میں فیڈر ز بند رہے جس سے بجلی شام 6 بجے تک بند رہی۔ دوسری طرف لیسکو میں بجلی کا خسارہ 12 سو میگا واٹ رہا جس کو پورا کرنے کیلئے 10 سے 12 گھنٹے تک لوڈ شیڈنگ کی گئی۔ نارنگ منڈی سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نارنگ منڈی و گردونواح میں بجلی کی بدترین لوڈ شیڈنگ سے سینکڑوں لوگ نماز جمعہ بھی ادا نہ کر سکے جبکہ گرمی کی تاب نہ لاتے ہوئے ایک خاتون رضیہ بی بی جاں بحق ہو گئی۔ صبح ہوز کے مطابق حب اور گردونواح میں تیز بارشوں کے بعد حب ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح میں ڈیڑھ سے دو فٹ تک اضافہ ہو گیا ہے۔ ادھر بدین کے گاؤں ولی محمد لغاری میں آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ سرانے مغل سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق آسمانی بجلی گرنے سے ایک نوجوان دم توڑ گیا۔ سرانے مغل میں پریس کلب کے جنرل سیکرٹری محمد بوٹا کا جو اس سالہ بھتیجا اور نویں جماعت کا طالب علم مدرٹھ موشیوں کو پانی پلانے کے لئے نہر کے نالے پر گیا اسی دوران آسمانی بجلی گری جس کے باعث مدرٹھ موقع پر ہی دم توڑ گیا۔ علاوہ ازیں نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق کراچی کے علاقوں لیاری، گلستان جوہر اور گلشن اقبال میں بارش کے باعث کرنٹ لگنے سے 4 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ حیدر آباد کے علاقے لیاقت کالونی میں بجلی کے تار گرنے سے کرنٹ لگنے سے دو افراد جاں بحق اور بھٹائی نگر میں بھی کرنٹ لگنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق دو زخمی ہو گئے۔ کراچی میں بارش کے دوران کرنٹ لگنے سے 3 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے جبکہ کئی علاقوں میں پانی بھر گیا۔ اے پی پی کے مطابق تربلا ڈیم میں پانی ذخیرہ کرنے کی گنجائش صرف 26 فٹ رہ گئی۔ تربلا ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح 524.04 فٹ تک بلند ہو گئی۔ علاوہ ازیں لاہور سمیت ملک کے مختلف حصوں میں مون سون بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ گذشتہ روز لاہور میں موسلا دھار بارش نے سڑکوں پر جل تھل کر دیا۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق 24 سے 48 گھنٹوں میں سندھ، مشرقی بلوچستان (ژوب، قلات، سبی، نصیر آباد، ڈویشن)، اسلام آباد، بالائی پنجاب (راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ، لاہور، فیصل آباد، سرگودھا، ساہیوال، ڈویشن)، کشمیر میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش جبکہ خیبر پختونخوا، فانا اور جنوبی پنجاب (ملتان، بہاولپور، ڈی جی خان، ڈویشن) میں چند مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کیساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق بجلی کی غیر اعلانیہ لوڈ شیڈنگ کے دورانیہ میں اضافہ ہونے سے شہری بلالائے۔ 18 گھنٹے کی بجلی کی بندش سے کاروبار متاثر ہوئے اور پاور لومز انڈسٹری تباہ ہو کر رہ گئی ہے۔ صبح ہوز کے مطابق کراچی کو ایک بار پھر ہلکی بارش بھاری پڑ گئی بارش نے کے الیکٹرک کی کارکردگی کا پول کھول دیا ہے۔ شہر کا 25 فیصد علاقہ بجلی سے محروم ہو گیا ہے جبکہ بارش کے باعث 300 سے زائد فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے۔ بارش سے سڑکوں پر ٹریفک جام ہو گئی جس کے باعث گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئی ہیں۔ ہنزہ سے روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹر کے مطابق ہنزہ میں سوست کے مقام پر برساتی نالے میں طفیلی پیدا ہو گئی۔ پولیس کے مطابق شاہراہ قراقرم کا ایک کلو میٹر حصہ اور ایک پل پانی میں بہہ گیا۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹر کے مطابق

ہدایت کی رحمت کی بارش کراچی والوں کے لئے زحمت نہیں بنی چاہئے، متعلقہ اداروں کے افسران اور عملہ اپنی حاضری کو یقینی بنائیں تاکہ عوام کو مشکلات کا سامنا نہ کرنا پڑے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ نالوں کی صفائی کا خود جائزہ لوں گا اور نکاسی کے نظام کو بہتر بنانے کے لئے کسی بھی قسم کی غفلت برداشت نہیں کی جائے گی۔ وزیر اعلیٰ موسلا دھار بارش میں گھر سے ناشتہ کیے بغیر ہی شہر کے دورے پر نکل کھڑے ہوئے۔ انہوں نے برستی بارش میں شہر کے مختلف علاقوں کا دورہ کیا اور نکاسی آب کی صورتحال کا جائزہ لیا۔ اس دوران انہوں نے صدر کے علاقے میں ایک ہوٹل سے چائے پرائیوٹے کا ناشتہ کیا۔ ناشتے سے فارغ ہونے کے بعد جب بل دینے کی باری آئی تو وزیر اعلیٰ نے کہا کہ وہ اپنا پرس گھر پر بھول آئے ہیں لیکن بل ضرور ادا کریں گے۔ انہوں نے اپنے پرنسپل سیکرٹری سے ادھار لے کر بل ادا کیا۔ وزیر اعلیٰ کو ہوٹل پر چائے پیتا دیکھ کر متعدد لوگ وہاں امد آئے اور وزیر اعلیٰ سے شکایات کا سلسلہ شروع کر دیا۔ اس موقع پر انہوں نے عوام سے کہا وہ اکیلے شہر کی حالت درست نہیں کر سکتے اس کام میں عوام ان کا ساتھ دیں۔ این این آئی کے مطابق پیپلز پارٹی پارلیمنٹریز کے صدر اور سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری نے بارشوں کی وجہ سے سندھ میں انسانی جانوں کے نقصان پر افسوس کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے حکومت سندھ کو ہدایت کی ہے متاثرہ علاقوں میں بحالی کے لئے ہنگامی اقدامات کرے۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق دھاتی پراپ لائن پھٹنے سے شہر کو پانی کی فراہمی میں بھی رکاوٹ ہوئی۔ ترمجان کے الیکٹرک کے مطابق بارش سے متاثر 400 میں سے 350 فیڈرز بحال کر دیئے۔ کراچی میں قائد اعظم کی جائے پیدائش وزیر مینشن بھی پانی سے بھر گیا۔ کراچی میں بارش کے سبب سندھ کابینہ میں توسیع کا معاملہ آج بروز اتوار تک ملتوی کر دیا گیا، سندھ کابینہ کے مزید 8 وزراء نے ہفتے کی شام گورنر ہاؤس کراچی میں منعقدہ تقریب میں حلف اٹھانا تھا، تاہم بارش کی وجہ سے تقریب ملتوی کر دی گئی، زرائع کے مطابق نئے وزرا کی حیثیت سے میر ہزار خان بھارانی، منظور حسین وسان، ناصر حسین شاہ، ضیاء الحسن بخاری، گیان چند ایرانی، روبینہ قائم خانی اور ڈاکٹر سہراب سرکی حلف اٹھا سکتے ہیں، یہ بھی معلوم ہوا ہے وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ مراد علی شاہ 12 اہم وزراء تین داخلہ اور خزانہ اپنے پاس ہی رکھیں گے، زرائع کے مطابق سابق وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ قائم علی شاہ کے فرزند اسد علی شاہ کو مشیر کی حیثیت سے شامل کرنے کے لئے صلح و مشورے جاری ہیں۔ حیدر آباد میں بھی طوفانی بارش کے باعث شہر کی اہم شاہراہوں پر پانی جمع ہو گیا جبکہ مختلف علاقوں کے گھروں میں پانی داخل ہو گیا۔ حیدر آباد کے علاقے لطیف آباد میں لوگ چھتوں پر چڑھ گئے۔ حیسکو ترمجان کا کہنا ہے 70 سے زائد فیڈر ٹرپ کر گئے، جس کی وجہ سے بیشتر علاقے بجلی سے محروم ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق حیدر آباد میں 112 ملی میٹر بارش ریکارڈ کی گئی ہے۔ حیدر آباد میں پیپلز پارٹی کے رہنما نوید قمر کے بیٹے میں بھی بارش کا پانی داخل ہو گیا ہے۔ روزنامہ نوائے وقت رپورٹ کے مطابق ہرنائی میں زردالو تنگی کے پہاڑوں پر موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث ریلے میں 5 گاڑیاں اور ان میں سوار 15 سے 20 افراد بہہ گئے۔ لیویڈ زرائع کے مطابق 15 افراد کی نعشیں نکال لی گئیں جبکہ خاتون سمیت 16 افراد کو زندہ نکال لیا گیا۔ ریلے میں لاپتہ ہونے والے دیگر افراد کی تلاش جاری ہے۔ ریلوے میں بہنے والے افراد کو نیسے سے پکڑ کر منانے آئے تھے۔ کراچی کے 90 فیصد تجارتی مراکز بند ہو گئے۔ صنعتوں میں 40 فیصد پروڈکشن متاثر ہوئی اور معیشت کو سات ارب روپے کا نقصان ہوا ہے۔ حیدر آباد میں بھی بارش نے تباہی مچادی اور کرٹ لگنے سے 2 افراد جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ شدید بارش سے حیدر آباد سندھ کا سب سے بڑا تالاب بن گیا 112 ملی میٹر بارش سے حیدر آباد میں تباہی ہو گئی۔ حب ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح 290 فٹ کی حد عبور کر گئی۔ حافظ آباد سے نمائندہ روزنامہ نوائے وقت کے مطابق موسلا دھار بارش نے شہر کو پانی پانی کر دیا۔ نکاسی آب اور سیوریج نظام تباہ ہونے کی وجہ سے سڑکوں، گلیوں میں تین تین فٹ پانی کھڑا ہو گیا، گوجرانوالہ روڈ پر جنرل بس سٹینڈ کے قریب ٹریفک جام سے گاڑیوں کی لمبی قطاریں لگ گئیں لوگوں کو شدید دشواریوں کا سامنا رہا۔ مختلف علاقوں میں مکانوں اور کارخانے کی دیواریں گر گئیں، گھروں اور دکانوں میں داخل ہونے پر دکانداروں نے احتجاجی مظاہرہ کیا۔ کامونکے سے نامہ نگار کے مطابق نالہ ڈیک میں پانی کی زیادتی اور مزید بارش کے نتیجے میں طغیانی سے متعدد دیہات کے زیر آب آنے کا خدشہ لاحق ہو گیا ہے۔ لاہور سے خصوصی رپورٹر کے مطابق وزیر اعلیٰ پنجاب محمد شہباز شریف نے کراچی میں بارش کے باعث مختلف حادثات میں قیمتی انسانی جانوں کے ضیاع پر دکھ اور افسوس کا اظہار کیا ہے۔ کراچی کی لمبرندی میں رکن سندھ اسمبلی ساجد جو کیو کا بھتیجا ڈوب گیا، بابر جو کیو کی نعش کی تلاش جاری ہے

سندھ اور بلوچستان کے مختلف علاقوں میں گزشتہ 3 روز سے جاری طوفانی بارشوں سے جہاں کئی مشکلات پیدا ہوئی ہیں وہیں حب ڈیم میں :حب کراچی کے لیے ایک برس کا پانی جمع ہو گیا ہے۔ روزنامہ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق کراچی سمیت سندھ اور بلوچستان میں گزشتہ 3 روز سے وقفے وقفے سے بارشوں کا سلسلہ جاری ہے، اس دوران اب تک مختلف مقامات پر 130 ملی میٹر سے زائد بارش ہو چکی ہے۔ بارش کا یہ پانی قدرتی برساتی نالوں کے ذریعے دریائے حب میں شامل ہو رہا ہے جس سے حب ڈیم میں پانی کی سطح میں بتدریج اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ متعلقہ حکام کا کہنا ہے 3 روز کے دوران اب تک ڈیم میں قابل استعمال پانی کی سطح 14 فٹ سے زائد بڑھی ہے جس کے بعد اب پانی کی سطح 293 فٹ تک پہنچ گئی، ڈیم میں اس وقت انتہائی پانی جمع ہو گیا ہے کہ آئندہ ایک برس تک کراچی کو پانی کی طے شدہ مقدار فراہم کرنے کے لیے کافی ہے۔ واضح رہے کہ گزشتہ 3

سندھ اور بلوچستان میں بارشیں؛ حب ڈیم میں کراچی کے لیے ایک برس کا پانی جمع ہو گیا

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پاکستان کے سرکاری ذرائع ابلاغ کے مطابق کراچی سمیت صوبہ سندھ کے مختلف شہروں میں بارش کے دوران پیش آنے والے مختلف حادثات میں کم از کم 16 افراد ہلاک ہو گئے ہیں۔ اتوار کو بارش کے بعد صوبائی دارالحکومت کراچی کے مختلف علاقوں میں نظام زندگی بری طرح متاثر ہوا ہے۔ ریڈیو پاکستان کے مطابق کراچی میں بارش کے دوران مختلف حادثات میں کم از کم 11 افراد کی ہلاکت ہوئی۔ ریڈیو ذرائع کے مطابق آٹھ افراد کی ہلاکت کرنٹ لگنے اور تین افراد چھتیں گرنے سے ہوئی۔ سندھ کے دیگر شہروں حیدرآباد، میرپور خاص، بدین، سکھر اور خیرپور میں گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں میں کم از کم پانچ افراد کی ہلاکت کی اطلاعات ہیں۔ تین افراد کی ہلاکت ضلع بدین کے مختلف علاقوں میں ہوئی جبکہ حیدرآباد اور ٹنڈو محمد خان میں ایک ایک ہلاکت کی اطلاع ہے۔ سرکاری ذرائع کے مطابق حیدرآباد، خیرپور، میرپور خاص، کوٹ غلام محمد اور دیگر اضلاع میں تیز بارشوں سے نظام زندگی متاثر ہوا ہے۔ دوسری جانب وزیر اعلیٰ سندھ سید مراد علی شاہ نے کراچی میں بارش کے بعد کے متاثرہ علاقوں کا دورہ کیا اور حالات کا جائزہ لیا۔ اس موقع پر انھوں نے متعلقہ محکموں کو نشیبی علاقوں سے پانی کی نکاسی کا جلد از جلد ممکن بنانے کی ہدایات جاری کیں۔ دوسری جانب پاکستان کے محکمہ موسمیات نے آئندہ 24 گھنٹوں میں زیریں سندھ اور ملک کے بالائی علاقوں میں مزید بارشوں کا امکان ظاہر کیا ہے۔

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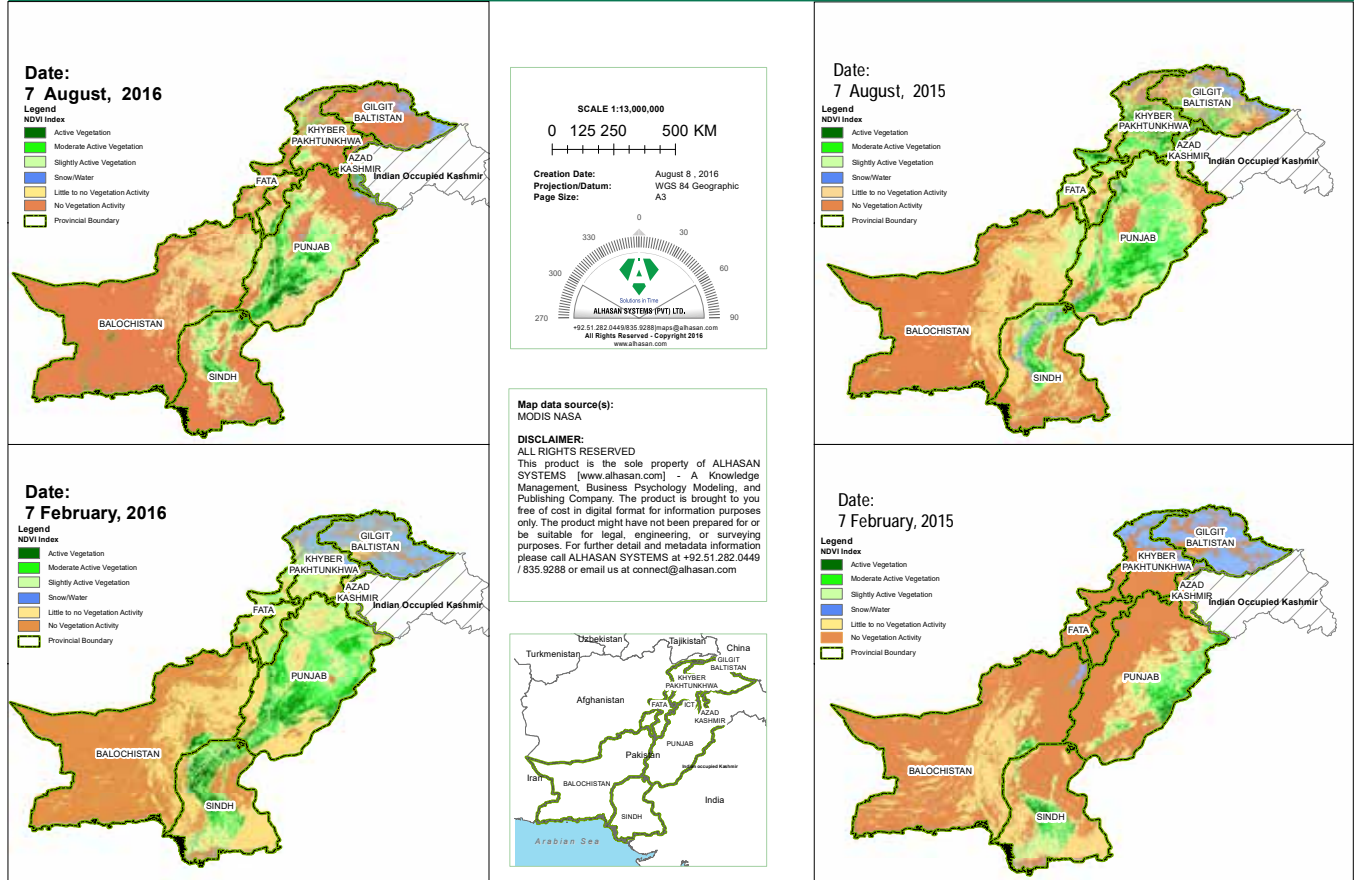
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