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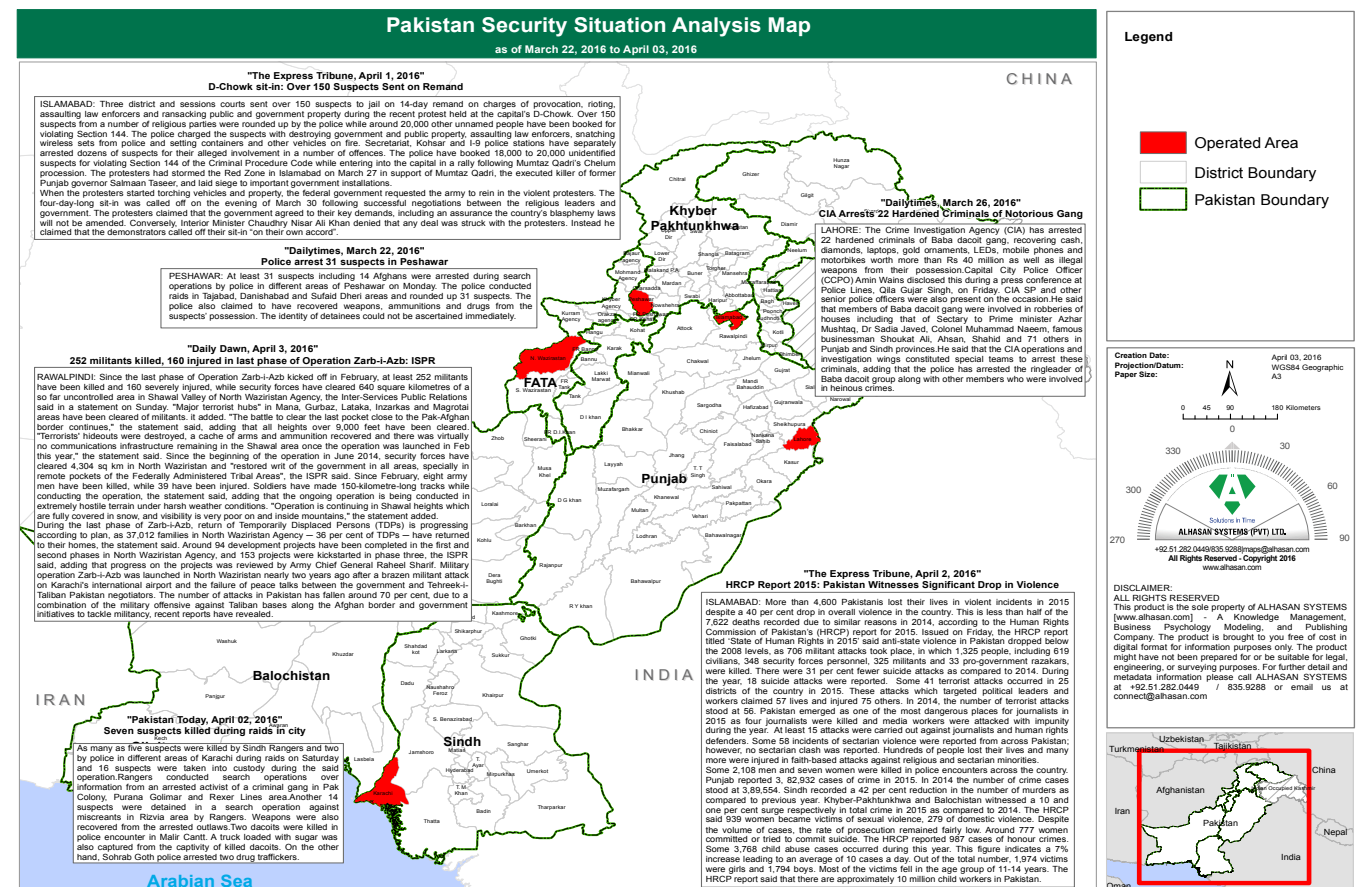
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## NATURAL CALAMITIES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Rain, snowfall hit parts of KP

*The News, April 3, 2016*

#### LDA's urban development plan to 'hit environment'

*The News, April 2, 2016*

### DETAILS

**PESHAWAR:** One person was killed and two others sustained injuries in roof collapse incident in Upper Dir district as fresh wave of heavy rain hit parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and tribal areas, with rain falling in Peshawar till the filing of this report Saturday night. The roof of the house owned by Muhammad Nadeem collapsed due to rain in Gandgar area of Darora Union Council in Upper Dir. His three-year-old son was killed while his wife and another son sustained injuries.

In Swat, the landslides blocked the Mingora-Kalam road. Also, the rain water washed away small bridges in various villages disrupting routine life. The hills in Kalam and Malam Jaba received snowfall, intensifying the cold in the region. Meanwhile, the weather remained cloudy in most parts of the region while rain thundershowers occurred at scattered places in the region and Peshawar received intermittent rain throughout the day on Saturday. According to the Met Office in Peshawar, around 40 millimeters (mm) was recorded in Parachinar and a downpour of 50mm in Upper Dir.

Pattan received 35mm rain, Kalam 16mm, Chitral 15mm, Mirkhani 13mm, Malam Jabba 11mm, Bannu 8mm, Saidu Sharif 7mm, Drosh & Timergara received 6mm each, Balakot 5mm, Kohat 4mm, Peshawar 5mm while Kakul and Dera Ismail Khan received 2mm rain. Some areas along the River Shah Alam, including Jahti Bala and Takhtabad areas in Peshawar, were hit by hailstorm. However, no measureable loss was observed to the standing crop of wheat in the areas hit by the calamity.

The Met Office has also predicted thundershower and strong gusty winds with isolated heavy rain and snowfall over the hills today (Sunday). The areas which may receive rain today include Mardan, Swabi, Kohat, Hangu, Karak, Bannu Lakki Marwat, Dera Ismail Khan, Tank, Malakand, Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Swat, Buner, Shangla, Chitral, Abbottabad, Haripur, Mansehra, Kohistan, Battagram, Torgar, Mohmand, Bajaur, Kurram, Khyber, Orakzai, South and North Waziristan agencies.

**LAHORE:** The Master Plan of Lahore Development Authority (LDA) to extend urbanisation and development to the districts of Nankana Sahib, Kasur and Sheikhupura will seriously affect the wild habitat of hundreds of species of birds, reptiles, mammals, fauna and flora, which may result in an ecological disaster in the Lahore Division.

An ecological study carried out as part of the project's Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to gather ecological data of the said project revealed that the proposal may have an impact on the natural environment, including existing flora, fauna and wild habitats. This study includes both aquatic and terrestrial ecology of the project area with the guiding principle to conserve major habitats of flora and fauna in the area. The study includes identification, prediction and evaluation of existing habitats, flora and fauna, officials said, adding the baseline ecological study was of 30 days in which tours of the area were arranged to assess plant and animals in different times of the day present in different habitats.

Officials said after a vigorous literature review, certain criteria were established to evaluate animal and plant species in different habitats. Keeping in view international and national legislation, protection status of species found in all habitats was determined, which helped in proposing conservation of respective habitats of protected species.

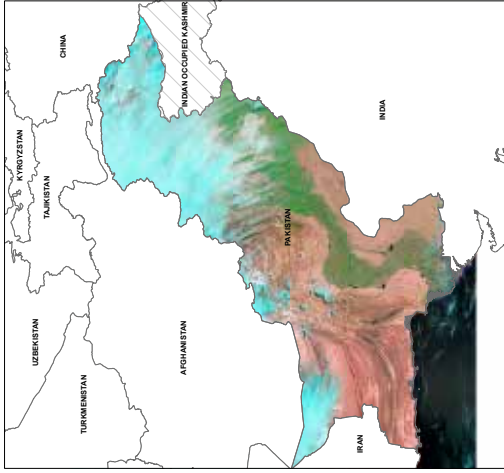
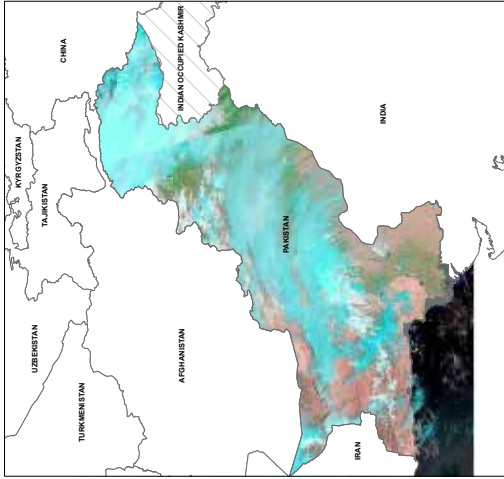
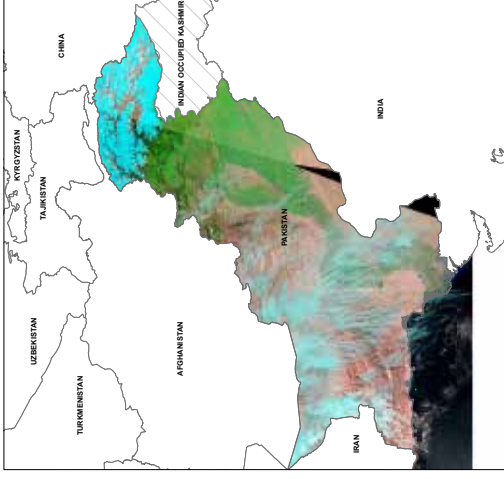
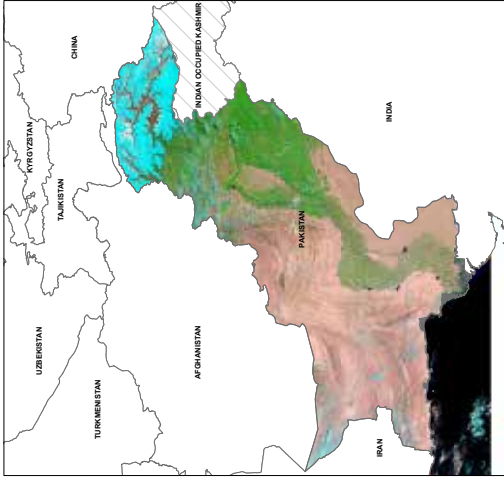
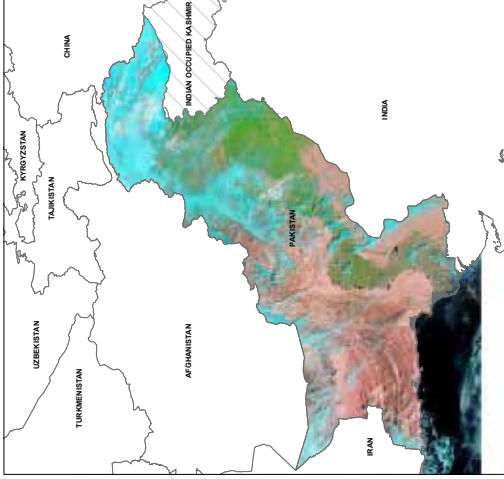
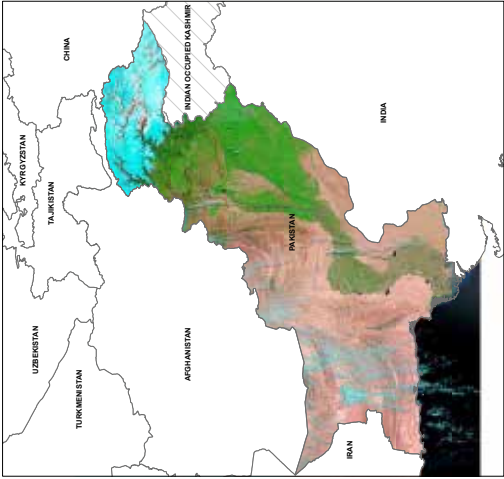
Out of many identified habitats, major area in the project sites was under Agriculture. Most of the agriculture land will be plunged in new development. Current agriculture area of the project site is 285,875 acres, most of that lies in Kasur (Bhai Pheru 21,800 acre, Kasur 11,044 acre and Pattoki 13,353 acre) and Lahore (Raiwind and Multan road 46,230 acre) districts. "After the implementation of the proposed Master Plan 192,602 acres (55.26%) of this productive agriculture land will be lost causing a great threat to food security," the study said, adding wheat and rice are the major staple crops of the project area, while maize, sugarcane and seasonal vegetables are also cultivated. After agriculture the other prominent area in the project site was orchards, most of which are privately owned. According to the master plan of the project site, most of these orchards will be converted to residential areas in new development. These orchards were mainly of guava while a few of oranges and mangoes were also sighted.

Besides cultivation of crop lands, orchard plantation is common practice for commercial purposes. These orchards were also the habitat of many birds, mammals and plant species. Common bird species were *Streptopelia tranquebarica*, *Acridotheres tristis*, and *Passer domesticus*. Following species of mammals were there *ratus ratus*, *Mus musculus*, and *Suncus murinus*. Some grasses and herbs were also present there. Most common plant species were *Dalbergia sisso*, *Albizia lebbek*, *Eucalyptus*, *Ficus religiosa* and *Acacia nilotica*.

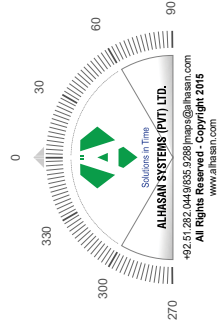
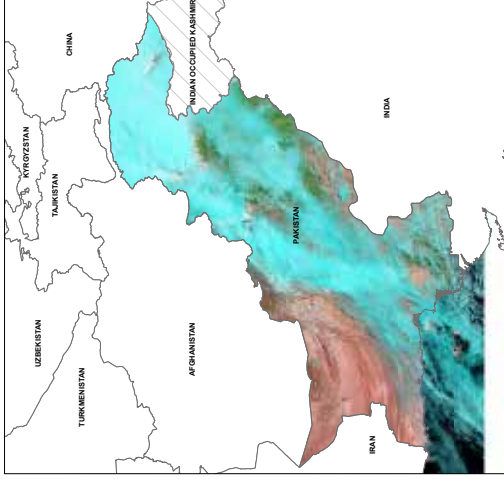
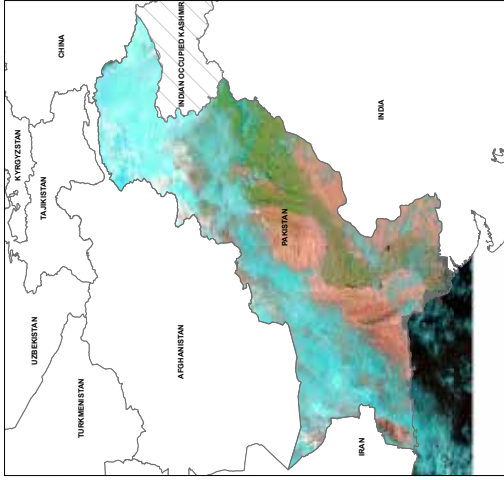
"Significantly many birds and reptile species were found to be protected as they were either under threat as per IUCN Red list (one bird and two reptile species) or were protected under Punjab Wildlife Act (22 bird and six reptile species). One bird (*Otus bakkamoena*) and five reptile species (*Ptyas mucosa*, *Xenochrophis piscator*, *Varanus bengalensis*, *Pangshura smithii* and *Lissemys punctata Adersoni*) are protected either under CITES appendix I, II or III. Two mammal species (*Felis chaus* and *Herpestes mungo*) are also protected under Punjab Wildlife Act," the study revealed. It further said that project sites had significantly higher biodiversity richness which was 101 species of fauna and 146 species of flora. Fauna includes 70 species of birds, 13 of mammals, 15 of reptiles and three of amphibians.

None of the native plant species are under threat as per IUCN Red list but they are under serious threat locally as they have been exterminated due to habitat loss, overuse or are replaced with

**WEEKLY WEATHER SITUATION MAP OF PAKISTAN**  
(March 27, 2016 to April 03, 2016)



A map of Pakistan and its surrounding regions. Pakistan is the central focus, colored in shades of green and brown. To its north is India, with a hatched area labeled 'INDIAN OCCUPIED KASHMIR'. To the west are China, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, and Tajikistan. To the south is Iran. The Arabian Sea is to the southeast. The map includes labels for 'PAKISTAN', 'INDIA', 'CHINA', 'IRAN', 'UZBEKISTAN', 'TURKMENISTAN', 'TADJIKISTAN', and 'INDIAN OCCUPIED KASHMIR'.



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## 12 more dengue cases reported in city

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## First case of 2016 from district tested positive at HFH

*The News, March 30, 2016*

other more economically important species, the study further revealed, adding same is the case with native fish species among that only Mully (Wallago attu) is 'near threatened' in IUCN Red Data Lists but there are other fish species like Rita rita (Ravi Khagga) that also suffer from serious threat and decline due to over exploitation, water pollution and introduction of invasive species.

Giving details of the potential ecological impacts from the project's planning, implementation (construction and operation), the study said that possible mitigation measures were proposed for enactment of habitat and species. "The negative impacts expected from the implementation, construction and operation of this master plan are loss of agricultural land, loss of biodiversity, habitat loss and fragmentation, water, noise, air and light pollutions and change in groundwater recharge capacity," the study maintained.

However, the study also mentioned some positive impacts of the project, including increased economic activity, livelihood opportunities, reducing pressure on other mega cities like Lahore, better transportation, education, healthcare, sewer and municipal water supply facilities, increased land and property values and initiation of secondary development.

It further stated that negative impacts of this development could be mitigated by minimising biodiversity loss by developing Green Infrastructure, restoration of native vegetation on railroad and roadside verges and river and canal banks, identification and conservation of areas important for priority animal species, planning for nature conservation through the restoration of ecological networks, urban agriculture and kitchen gardening.

The study; however, strongly recommended that the biodiversity should be conserved by protecting species and their habitats and secondly more green areas should be developed with native plants as a compensation of lost vegetation. It recommended that there would be dire need to develop infrastructure and policies to reduce water, noise, light and solid waste pollutions, design ground water recharge and rainwater harvesting mechanisms and to promote urban agriculture for assuring food security.

Talking with The News, LDA's Director Shakeel Minhas, who is the architect of this master plan said that there were serious misconceptions about the plan as LDA was only going to rationalise the already developed and urban areas of these districts. He said the master plan would restrict land use to certain limits to save environmental degradation as well as habitat loss. He maintained that the plan would provide designated industrial, commercial and residential areas so that no one could use the land beyond its capacity.

As many as 12 more dengue viral fever cases have been reported from Karachi in a week, taking the number of detected cases to 325 in the city since January 1, 2016. As per the weekly report issued by the dengue prevention and control programme Sindh, at least 12 new dengue fever cases were detected from Karachi from March 25 to 31, 2016.

A total 340 dengue fever cases had been reported in Sindh province since 1st January 2016, out of which 325 were detected from Karachi, five from Hyderabad, two from Sukkur, one each from Tando Muhammad Khan, Jamshoro, Mirpurkhas, Sanghar, Ghotki, Thatta, Shikarpur and Shaheed Benazirbad. No death was reported from dengue fever this year so far.

**RAWALPINDI:** Holy Family Hospital in town has tested a patient positive for dengue fever, the first positive case of the infection this year from the district that proves the existence of adult mosquito 'aedes aegypti', the vector that causes dengue fever in the district.

The patient namely Fazal Muhammad reached HFH on Saturday with signs and symptoms of dengue fever from Tehsil Gujar Khan, some 50 kilometers from Rawalpindi. The HFH admitted the patient after suspecting him a patient of dengue fever and collected his blood sample for dengue serology. On Monday evening, his test came out to be positive for dengue fever.

The patient who is undergoing treatment in isolation ward at the HFH works in a poultry farm in Gujar Khan, said In-charge infectious diseases unit at Rawalpindi Medical College and allied hospitals Dr. Javed Hayat while talking to 'The News' on Tuesday.

He said the patient who was tested positive for dengue fever through NS1 test at the HFH was suffering from high grade fever and arthralgia, joint pain for six days before reaching hospital. According to technical guidelines prepared by Dengue Expert Advisory Group of the Punjab government, a case can be confirmed positive only through NS1 test under the criterion set in 2014.

It is important that Fazal is the first confirmed case of dengue fever reported from the district in 2016 that is alarming because it proves the existence of dengue fever vector in the region. Earlier this year, a patient was tested positive for the infection at the HFH however he was a resident of Hub, Baluchistan and it was believed that he contracted infection in his native town.

Many health experts believe that the confirmation of dengue fever patient from the district has increased the chances of a severe outbreak of the infection in the region this year too. It is worth mention here that the population in Rawalpindi district faced the worst-ever dengue fever spike last year, in 2015 with well over 3,800 confirmed cases of the infection reported at the three allied hospitals in town. The infection caused as many as 15 deaths in 2015, the number that was reported at the allied hospitals in town only.

Studies reveal that dengue, which is the fastest re-emerging arboviral disease in the world, imposes a heavy economic and health burden on countries, families and individual patients. In the absence of an effective drug or vaccine, the only strategic options presently available are effective case management to prevent death and vector control to reduce viral transmission. Accordingly the only best method to reduce the transmission of dengue virus is to control vector mosquitoes and protect against mosquitoes bites.

To a query, Dr. Javed said the HFH has notified the provincial and district health departments of

## Can religious clerics drive action on climate change in Pakistan?

*Dawn News, March 30, 2016*

the confirmation of the first case of dengue fever from the district. The provincial health secretary has also been notified of the case, he added.

**ISLAMABAD:** Prayer leaders and other religious clerics are an under-used means of pushing action to combat climate change, experts and religious scholars said at a multi-faith meeting on Thursday. Religious leaders have the moral standing to call on people and businesses to consider the environmental impact of their activities and take a bigger role in reducing their own carbon footprints and finding ways to cope with the growing impacts of climate change, experts said at a multi-faith meeting in Islamabad.

Pakistan Ulema Council's Maulana Tahir Ashrafi said imams [prayer leaders] could have "unprecedented influence" in bringing action on climate change. But first, he said, "they need training to both understand and communicate the issues accurately in a country hard-hit by climate-related drought, flooding, crop losses and other problems." "We religious leaders in Pakistan can talk about climate change with people as long as we become knowledgeable about climate change and its other facets," he maintained.

### 'Power of faith activists must be tapped'

At the recent gathering, which drew scientists, religious scholars and academics, Charles Amjad, an American professor emeritus at the Luther Seminary in Minnesota, said relying only on political and non-governmental organisation leaders to drive climate action was a mistaken approach. "We must realise that people do listen to religious scholars in mosques, priests in churches, rabbis in synagogues and pundits in Hindu temples in most developing countries, far more than they do to politicians, bureaucrats, media and mayors," he said. "This power of faith activists must be tapped for addressing climate change," he urged.

Religious leaders might urge people to use energy-efficient appliances, bicycle instead of driving, reduce the amount of water they use or help protect forests, Amjad said. Such appeals could take the form of religious anecdotes and tales from the lives of prophets and saints, some of whom used resources such as water judiciously and sustainably in their own lives, said Bishop Samuel Azariyah, vice-chairman of the World Council of Religions. He noted that most religions and scriptures call upon their followers to avoid unsustainable and irresponsible exploitation of the earth's resources. Nonetheless, "humans have used them treacherously, out of greed, for relentless pursuit of economic growth and consumption", he lamented.

### 'Engaging new voices is key'

Ingrid Naess-Holm, an adviser on climate justice and energy issues at Norwegian Church Aid, said that engaging new types of voices on the need for climate action is key. "It's really valuable to have new kinds of actors, (particularly) the most influential, like faith leaders, on board in this regard," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Leaders who speak from the pulpit on climate change, however, must realise they are taking on "a big opportunity and responsibility for themselves", she said — and must be prepared to lead by example as well as urging others to act. Ashrafi said one key to getting religious leaders to speak out on climate change is ensuring they get help to understand the issues in "the simplest possible language".

Letting leaders of different faiths learn what other religious leaders are doing on climate change would also be useful, he said. To date, he said, imams in Pakistan have rarely been called on to speak out about climate change, something that "reflects ignorance about the unprecedented influence of the religious leaders", he said.

In wake of the monstrous heat wave that devoured thousand innocent lives in Karachi last year, with countless fleeing to hospital on throes of death, summers this time around have been heralded by frantic air conditioner purchases, stocking (read: hoarding) up of bottled water and has suffused us with a silent dread of the outdoors. With Ramadan around the corners, silent prayers and some not so silent ones are being said all around for the heat to tone down a bit before masses begin to fast. However, being mindful of heat exhaustion and heat stroke can prevent you from becoming a creature of night and allow you to reclaim all the golden sun soaked summer fun from beach parties to garden cook outs while fully enjoying Eid festivities and the holiday wedding season without breaking a sweat.

### Cause and effect

Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are two interrelated conditions which may quickly put victims in clutches of death. Heat exhaustion results from a drop in blood pressure which may be brought on by depletion of salt or water. Prolongation of symptoms of heat exhaustion leads to heat stroke which ultimately causes irreparable damage to the vital organs of the body. Symptoms of heat exhaustion develop rapidly and include;

- Flushed skin
- Increased sweating
- Extreme tiredness
- Feeling sick (nausea) and vomiting
- Increased heart rate
- Confusion and dizziness
- Infrequent urination and dark color urine

On the other hand, heat stroke is body's inability to cool down following excessive heat exposure. Heat stroke is considered a medical emergency and its symptoms, which may take several days to

## How to survive summer heatwaves

*Express Tribune, March 30, 2016*

## Contingency plan ready to cope with heatwave emergency

*Pakistan Today ,March 30,2016*

## Authorities directed to identify dengue hot spots

*The News ,March 29,2016*

## SHC tells govt to suggest ways to deal with another heatwave

*The News ,March 29,2016*

appear, include:

- Body temperature of 104 °F, which may develop without prior signs of heat exhaustion.
- Dry skin which signifies body's inability to produce sweat or heavy sweating that suddenly stops as water stores in the body are depleted, a major sign of dehydration and overheating.
- Rapid heartbeat.
- Hyper ventilation which is rapid shallow breathing.
- Muscle cramps.

Heat stroke can also affect the nervous system and lead to seizures or fits, hallucination, lack of co-ordination, anxiety and loss of consciousness.

### First aid for heat exhaustion

Signs of heat exhaustion necessitate immediate attention in order to prevent lasting damage to the body or death of victim. If you suspect that someone is suffering from heat exhaustion, follow the advised protocol immediately:

- Move the person to a cool, shaded place with fresh air or air conditioning.
- Get them to drink plenty of fluids to replenish depleted water levels. Rehydration drinks or sports drinks are also recommended.
- Avoid caffeine as it can lead to worsening of dehydration.
- Use cool water (not cold water) on the skin through shower or facecloth to bring down core body temperature.
- Loosen tight clothing to increase ventilation.
- Do not give them any medication like Aspirin or Paracetamol.

If the person does not respond to any of these treatments within 30 minutes, seek medical help without delay.

The health department, government of Sindh, has made a special contingency plan to cope with the expected heatwave emergency situation in coming summer season throughout Karachi, it was learnt on Tuesday.

An official of the health department told PPI that the health department had decided to start training of doctors and other medical staff at district level on urgent basis to treat heat-stroke patients effectively. The trained health practitioners and others staff would be deployed in emergency departments of the public sector hospitals. Besides, availability of life-saving drugs, additional beds in hospitals, establishment of heat-stroke relief centers and presence of doctors would be ensured to cope with expected heat stroke emergency in months of May or June.

Necessary directives have already been issued to district health officers, town health officers and medical superintendents of government hospitals to make necessary arrangements for training of doctors and other staff on urgent basis before the start of summer season. Health Services Karachi Director Dr Shakoor Abbasi informed that a high-level meeting was held under the chair of provincial health minister. He said the meeting was also attended by DHOs, heads of public sector hospitals and deputy commissioners. He said during a meeting a special contingency plan was made to deal with the heat-stroke patients in public hospitals. It was decided that the presence of doctors, medical staff in accident and emergency departments and availability of lifesaving drugs would be ensured during summer season. He said heads of public sectors hospitals and DHOs had already been directed to start preparations to avert any possible medical emergency like situation in the city. It is pertinent to mention here that severe heat wave with temperatures as high as 49 °C (120 °F) struck Pakistan in June 2015. It caused deaths of about 1,500 people from dehydration and sunstroke, mostly in Sindh province and its capital city, Karachi, while thousands others were rushed to hospitals for emergency treatment.

**RAWALPINDI:** Commissioner Rawalpindi has stressed the need for coordinated efforts to timely check hot spots and effective indoor and outdoor surveillance so that anti-dengue measures could be made fruitful.

In a meeting on Monday, the commissioner said that the eradication of dengue is not the responsibility of any individual entity, it is a joint responsibility of all the government departments, local bodies and community to work together and ensure preventative measures to address the issue without any delay. He said that all the graveyards located in Rawal and Potohar towns including cantonment areas must be cleared within next 15 days by carrying out survey.

The commissioner made it clear to all the stake holders that it can be made possible by performing entrusted tasks within the fixed time lines. Earlier, the Health executive district officer (EDO) in a meeting said that the Health Department has finalised all the arrangements to tackle dengue.

**KARACHI:** The Sindh High Court on Tuesday directed the provincial government to submit its comments about taking precautionary measures in case of another heatwave in Karachi. The court was hearing a petition seeking the constitution of a judicial commission to fix the responsibility of negligence on federal and provincial authorities concerned over the deaths of more than 1,000 citizens last year from excessive heat.

Petitioner Shahzad Roy and other social welfare organizations submitted in the petition that more than 1,000 persons had died while more than 40,000 others suffered from heatstroke in the heatwave that struck Karachi last year, but the federal and provincial governments had failed to understand the seriousness of climate change despite several warnings. They submitted that the federal and provincial governments did not declare a state of emergency in the heatwave-hit areas

## Sea intrusion, sinking of Indus delta threaten coastline

*Dawn News , March 29, 2016*

until 23 June when over 426 persons had died and a large number of people suffered from heatstroke. The petitioners said even the city's power utility failed to provide uninterrupted electricity supply to residents, and uninterrupted supply of power had could have minimized the suffering of citizens in the terrible heatwave. Besides, they said, the role of K-Electric in the entire heatwave episode should be examined since it had failed to provide uninterrupted supply. It was said the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority also filed its report mentioning that NEPRA had imposed a fine of Rs10 million on the K-Electric with regards to the power breakdown during last year's heatwave and discriminatory distribution of electricity to different areas of the Karachi.

NEPRA said it had directed the KE to provide electricity to all consumers without any discrimination. Its representatives said the KE was also warned to increase its generation capacity and improve its transmission and distribution system strictly in accordance with the relevant investment plans. The petitioner's counsel submitted that there was prediction of another heatwave this year by the metrological department so measures need to be taken in this regard. The SHC division bench headed by Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah adjourning the matter till April 13 and directed the provincial government to submit comments with regard to measures taken for overcoming the heatwave situation.

The K-Electric, earlier, submitted in its comments that it could not be blamed for death of over 1,000 citizens in the recent heatwave since it did its utmost to ensure provision of electricity in the city. The K-electric submitted that there was no communication by any government authority or department giving any forewarning as to the extent of the heatwave. Besides, it was said, the majority of those who passed away were homeless people.

The KE said that neither was it shown nor it was established that there was a direct correlation between load shedding and deaths. "Had this been the case, areas such as Sibi and Larkana, where load shedding regimes are much higher (in some cases up to 18 hours and mercury reaches 49 degrees Celsius) there would have been more deaths," it stated, adding that there was no correlation between the deaths caused by the heatwave and the alleged lack of electricity or load shedding.

### Notice to Chairman NAB

The SHC issued notice to Chairman NAB to explain the inefficiency and non-serious conduct of the bureau's investigation officers. Hearing a petition against NAB reference in sales tax refund, the court took exception regarding absence of NAB investigation officers in the case. Petitioner sought asked for quashing the NAB reference against him pertaining to defaulting to the tune of Rs4.3 million in sales tax refund. The court observed that neither the investigation officer appeared in court nor did he file a report to assist the court.

**KARACHI:** Increasing sea intrusion along with the sinking of the Indus delta due to the phenomenon of land subsidence poses a serious threat to Pakistan's coastline that needs to be addressed through immediate short- and long-term measures, said experts at a briefing held at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) on Monday.

They were briefing the members of a sub-committee of the senate standing committee on planning, development and reforms and journalists on the status of sea intrusion and its possible solutions to secure the coastal areas of Sindh and Balochistan. It emerged during the discussion that the coastline was undergoing a continuous change, as the waves hitting the coast during the monsoon period were extremely powerful. Therefore, all coastal development activities (including land reclamation) needed to be carried out after taking a detailed scientific input, the experts said.

Also, natural barriers such as mangroves and islands guarding against sea-based calamities should be protected, they said. "Land subsidence (a gradual settling or sudden sinking of the earth's surface that occurs when groundwater, oil, gas etc are taken out in large quantities) along the coast is alarming. There is also a gradual increase in the level of sea due to climatic conditions.

"These conditions have hastened the degradation process manifolds and if we experience a repeat of the 1999 cyclone, which caused widespread infrastructural damages and claimed hundreds of human lives, our losses will be much higher," said NIO director general Dr Asif Inam, who is also part of a cell tasked by the federal ministry of science and technology to scientifically assess sea intrusion. He said sea intrusion had widened the creeks and the areas which were relatively protected stood exposed at present.

### 'Karachi, Mumbai exposed to sea intrusion'

Giving a presentation on sea intrusion, Pakistan Navy commander Salman Ahmed Khan informed the audience that it was a global phenomenon and, according to a United Nations study, at least 20 major cities including Karachi and Mumbai were exposed to sea intrusion.

"The level of sea intrusion is different at different locations. It is, however, estimated that 50 million people across the world will be affected by the phenomenon," he said. No international studies had mentioned data on sea level rise specific to Pakistan (because they didn't have the country's data) but if sea level rise occurred at the rate being predicted globally, its compounded effect (along with sea intrusion) could be devastating, he added.

### The only creek nourishing the Indus delta

According to him, both Sindh and Balochistan coasts have their own dynamics and there is a dire need to conduct detailed studies on these coasts. He said that irrigation structures had either damaged or completely destroyed natural estuaries. "Seawater ingress is increasing. Khobar Creek is the only creek left to nourish the Indus delta," he said. His presentation included slides on the impact of land subsidence in Indonesia, Turkey and parts of Sindh. Prof Sarfaraz Solangi of Sindh University said the Sindh coast was a soft coast it was composed of silt and clay. The gradual increase in sea level was a major threat to the coast as it was already below the sea level.



### Senate Body For Elaborate Plan To Counter Environmental Threats

*Brecorder, March 29, 2016*

### Islamabad local government to work on environment profile

*The News , March 28, 2016*

### No escape from disasters

*Express Tribune , March 28, 2016*

#### Reduced silt, sediments

"Reduced silt in the delta owing to negligible flow of freshwater makes it very vulnerable," he said while showing maps of intruding sea and water availability downstream Kotri before and after the construction of Kotri barrage, Mangla and Tarbela dams. Sea intrusion was directly linked to the reduced size of the Indus delta, he said. In reply to a question by a lawmaker, Dr Inam said water was a medium that supplied silt and sediments to the delta. "We need to have sediments if we want to stop sinking of the Indus delta."

Dr Mansha of Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (Suparco) said preliminary findings of a recent study indicated that the problem of sea intrusion was very much there. The area of Waddi Khuddi Creek (of Sindh) studied under the research showed that the water had intruded 2.10 kilometres into the land.

"Different coastal locations will have different level of sea intrusion. The coastline has changed and our study indicates that the process continues. Many creeks have disappeared today that existed decades ago," he said. The programme saw an intense debate on water discharge downstream Kotri. The Sindh government officials, however, preferred to remain silent on some important points raised by an official of the Indus River System Authority Khalid Rana, Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf leader Dr Arif Alvi and Dr Farooq Sattar of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement. The Irsa official said no province, including Sindh, had ever complained in writing about water shortage in the Council of Common Interests. Dr Alvi and Dr Sattar questioned the Sindh government stance on deforestation of mangrove caused by coastal development and land reclamation.

"A case between the government and the DHA over coastal land is pending in the court. The dispute is not over destruction of mangroves but rather over land ownership. The Sindh government should explain its stance over an advertisement recently published in newspapers about a major commercial project planned to be built on the Karachi coast [that also involved land reclamation]," said Dr Alvi. Balochistan government officials spoke about acute water shortage that the provinces had been facing for a long time and said the province faced the challenge of its survival. Thorough studies needed to be conducted on the Balochistan coast that had a completely different dynamics, they said.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas on Tuesday urged all the stakeholders for devising an effective strategy to combat the possible consequences of climate change. The committee, which met here with Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the chair, also stressed for allocation of more funds to counter environmental changes. It was observed to prepare a plan for possible floods in the country and pay more heed towards less developed areas facing problems due to various climate changes. The committee expressed its concern over deforestation as the number of trees were being cut in huge number in the country.

The committee also directed the National Disaster Management Authority Pakistan (NDMA) to provide more assistance to other departments related to climate change.

**ISLAMABAD:** The newly-elected local government of Islamabad is likely to resume work on environmental profile with an aim to bring together complete information about pressures, problems, patterns and trends of environment in the capital city.

An official said the Environment Directorate of Capital Development Authority (CDA) is being transferred to the Municipal Corporation of Islamabad and the elected representatives have already been briefed on the challenges related to the natural environment of the city.

"No tree will be removed to carry out development project and a fresh campaign will be initiated to increase the tree cover, especially in the residential areas and along roads of the city," the official said. The official said the profiling would be conducted in coordination with the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) and a database would be compiled about water sources, green cover and all pollution sources affecting quality of air and water in Islamabad.

Deputy Mayor Syed Zeeshan Naqvi said Islamabad is one of the most green capitals in the world and all out measures would be taken not only to maintain its natural character but also to enhance its beauty besides carrying out development projects in the city. He said environmental profile would include human activities within urban development like solid waste management, transportation management, liquid waste disposal and energy consumption; flora and fauna and vegetation cover.

Natural disasters are something that are inevitable in Pakistan. So are they in many other countries, but their vulnerability and the consequences of natural disasters are mitigated by effective pre-planning. For Pakistan, poor governance, corruption, an already weak infrastructure and a chronic inability to implement policies, which reduce risk all aggregate to an artificially heightened vulnerability. Plainly put, we could do a lot better at helping ourselves than is currently the case. This is exposed in data compiled by Verisk Maplecroft, which is a UK-based risk-management company. Pakistan ranks at seven out of the top 10 countries whose populations are acutely exposed to natural disasters. Around 136 million, a startling 70 per cent of our population, are exposed to the range of natural hazards and calamities, which often happen, as in the case of large earthquakes, with no warning whatsoever. With spring rains already having taken their toll in the north and west of the country, we face another year in which flooding of catastrophic proportions is a near certainty. Many areas have not recovered from the floods of previous years, and there are still families living in tented accommodation in the wake of the 2005 earthquake. Flooding is our biggest problem, with 10 million exposed to acute risk and it is only ever going to get worse as global warming affects rainfall pattern and volume. The report notes that in countries such as India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, there are building codes in place, often rudimentary, but everywhere poorly implemented. Construction continues on floodplains and mountainsides liable to subsidence if they become waterlogged, a far from rare occurrence. Urban planning in Pakistan is

## Hunger Claims 4 More Thar Lives

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often piecemeal or indeed wholly absent, the cities expanding laterally with little regulation or thought for how they will be affected by extreme weather events. Endemic corruption feeds through into a lack of disaster preparedness, and the unfortunate reality is that unless and until known and endemic deficits are rectified, the cumulative effects of natural disasters will only multiply. Self-inflicted wounds are the slowest to heal.

**MITTHI:** The malnutrition and the outbreak of the waterborne diseases claimed the lives of four more children in drought-hit Thar on Monday. Three kids including Sharmina daughter of Mohammad Ramzan, newborn son of Dileep Bheel and Gulnaz daughter of Chanesir died in Civil Hospital of Mithi and three years Parsan daughter of Sardaro died Rural Health Center of Chhachhro thus according to officials toll rose 130 since March. While, according to unofficial details gathered by the local journalists and rights activists the toll with the deaths of four more children rose 288 in three months.

The parents of the ailing children talking to the local journalists in Mithi, Islamkot and Chhachhro complained against the attitude of the doctors and other staff and the lack of the quality medication. While, Mr. Irshad Ahmed, the official of Pak Osis company, engaged in the installation of RO plants talking to Media claimed.

## Effective Precautionary Measures Essential For Coping With Natural Calamities

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**LAHORE:** Parliamentary Secretary Information & Culture Rana Muhammad Arshad has said that effective precautionary measures are essential for coping with natural calamities and minimizing the losses. He said it is need of the hour that the disaster management should be forwarded in a professional manner. He said that an effective response mechanism is vital for coping with any natural calamity. He also stressed the need of capacity-building of concerned institutions. Rana Arshad said that trained human resource can play an effective role in disaster management, therefore, there should be effective coordination between National Disaster Management Authority and Provincial Disaster Management Authority. He said that best results can be achieved through use of modern technology with regard to disaster management. He said that government has constituted a committee which will consider all proposals jointly with the officials of National Disaster Management Authority.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### K-P to seek Kabul's help against extortion calls

*The Express Tribune, April 3, 2016*

#### Four militants killed

*Daily Dawn, April 3, 2016*

#### Punjab CM, security czar and army chief discuss Punjab operation

*The Express Tribune, April 2, 2016*

#### 34 tortured bodies found in 40 days at Chashma Barrage

*Geo News, April 2, 2016*

#### HRCP report 2015: Pakistan witnesses significant drop in

### DETAILS

**PESHAWAR:** The top panel overseeing implementation of the National Action Plan against terrorism in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has decided to seek help from Kabul against extortionists using Afghan soil to make extortion calls in Peshawar. The apex committee also decided to shut down illegal communication towers on Pakistani soil. "A high-level delegation will soon visit Kabul to engage with Afghan authorities to seek cooperation for the resolution of the issue," says a statement issued by the military's media wing after a meeting of the apex committee on Saturday. Attendees included Chief Minister Pervaiz Khattak, Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra, army chief General Raheel Sharif, ISI chief Lt Gen Rizwan Akhtar, Peshawar's corps commander and officials from the Fata secretariat. The military is combing the strategic Shawal Valley of North Waziristan Agency in the final phase of Operation Zarb-e-Azb launched in mid-June, 2014. Intelligence-based operations, or IBOs, are also ongoing in K-P against terrorists and their facilitators. "The forum reviewed the progress of the ongoing operation in Shawal, IBOs in the province, resettlement and return of TDPs (temporarily displaced persons) and border management at Torkham," the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in the statement. The committee voiced satisfaction over progress in the Shawal operation and IBOs, it added.

The meeting also decided to improve border management at all crossing points, especially at Torkham, in Khyber Agency. And for this purpose, the forum decided to enforce the existing border crossing mechanism in letter and spirit. While speaking at the meeting, the army chief paid rich tributes to people of Fata and K-P for their unwavering support. "With an unflinching resolve and courage, our proud tribesmen of Fata and people of K-P stood up to the atrocities of terrorists, pushed them back and marginalised them in society," he said, adding that this deserves the highest of accolade. Gen Raheel reiterated his commitment with the tribespeople that their area would be rebuilt and the entire socio-economic infrastructure revived. He appreciated harmony amongst all stakeholders/organisations involved and directed them to accelerate the pace of work and ensure its best quality. The chief minister and governor of K-P appreciated the 'whole-hearted support' of Pakistan Army, and reiterated the resolve of Fata and K-P to rid the region of terrorism and extremism and pave way for development and well-being of the people.

**KARACHI:** Police claimed on Saturday night to have killed four suspected militants in an encounter in Quaidabad area. Malir SSP Rao Anwar said that contingents of police, acting on a tip-off provided by held suspects, conducted targeted raid on an alleged hideout of the militants. On seeing the police, the suspects resorted to firing and during exchange of fire, four of them were killed. The encounter was going on when we went to press.

**ISLAMABAD:** Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan held a meeting with army chief General Raheel Sharif late Thursday in an effort to break the apparent deadlock on how to pursue the anti-terror operation in the province. The meeting held in Rawalpindi, which took over three hours, attempted to narrow down differences between the government and the army over the requisition of Rangers for the offensive against militants in Punjab, a senior security official with knowledge of the unprecedented development disclosed to The Express Tribune on Friday. The army has long been pushing the federal government to grant special policing powers to the Rangers in a bid to eradicate militancy in Punjab, something the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government is not willing to do so out of fear of political backlash. However, the deadly terrorist attack in Lahore on March 27 that left over 70 people dead compelled the army chief to order an operation in Punjab against militants and their facilitators. The federal and Punjab governments are believed to be upset over the army's move without taking them into confidence, triggering speculations that the civil and military leadership are on a collision course. Against the backdrop of this situation, the Punjab chief minister and prime minister's security czar met the army chief.

The security official, familiar with the late-night meeting, said the meeting was part of efforts to evolve consensus for the 'all important' operation in Punjab. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, he acknowledged differences between civil and military authorities but insisted that "things have not reached a point of no return." "Hopefully, the two sides will bridge the gap soon," the official added. The military establishment is also understood to have been unhappy over statements issued by certain government officials claiming there were no terrorist hideouts or no-go areas in Punjab. "This is not true. We all know there are sleeper cells and terrorist hideouts in Punjab," the official insisted saying the government in Punjab appeared to be in a state of denial mainly because of 'political reasons.' However, the official made it clear that the army had already begun 'operation clean up' in Punjab and will take this to its logical end. Although there was no official word from either side on the secret meeting, sources said the federal government might agree to call up the Rangers but without giving them special policing powers.

**SARGODHA:** In a strange turn of events 34 bodies have been found from the Chashma Barrage in a span of 40 days. The bodies are found with signs of severe torture. In some cases, their hands and feet have been cut off, police said. Local police say that each time they find a body they send a report to the Punjab government, with the description and picture. Police said only one of the bodies found has been identified so far. Citizens of the city are concerned over the strange incident.

**ISLAMABAD:** More than 4,600 Pakistanis lost their lives in violent incidents in 2015 despite a 40 per cent drop in overall violence in the country. This is less than half of the 7,622 deaths recorded due to similar reasons in 2014, according to the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan's (HRCP)

## violence

*The Express Tribune, April 2, 2016*

## India involved in state-sponsored terrorism in Pakistan, says IG FC

*The Express Tribune, April 2, 2016*

## D-Chowk sit-in: Over 150 suspects sent on remand

*The Express Tribune, April 1, 2016*

## Post Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park: Centre asks K-P for list of schedule 4 suspects

*The Express Tribune, April 1, 2016*

## Pakistan's nukes no cause of concern: official

*Daily Dawn, April 1, 2016*

report for 2015. Issued on Friday, the HRCP report titled 'State of Human Rights in 2015' said anti-state violence in Pakistan dropped below the 2008 levels, as 706 militant attacks took place, in which 1,325 people, including 619 civilians, 348 security forces personnel, 325 militants and 33 pro-government razakars, were killed. There were 31 per cent fewer suicide attacks as compared to 2014. During the year, 18 suicide attacks were reported. Some 41 terrorist attacks occurred in 25 districts of the country in 2015. These attacks which targeted political leaders and workers claimed 57 lives and injured 75 others. In 2014, the number of terrorist attacks stood at 56. Pakistan emerged as one of the most dangerous places for journalists in 2015 as four journalists were killed and media workers were attacked with impunity during the year. At least 15 attacks were carried out against journalists and human rights defenders. Some 58 incidents of sectarian violence were reported from across Pakistan; however, no sectarian clash was reported. Hundreds of people lost their lives and many more were injured in faith-based attacks against religious and sectarian minorities.

Some 2,108 men and seven women were killed in police encounters across the country. Punjab reported 3,82,932 cases of crime in 2015. In 2014 the number of crime cases stood at 3,89,554. Sindh recorded a 42 per cent reduction in the number of murders as compared to previous year. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan witnessed a 10 and one per cent surge respectively in total crime in 2015 as compared to 2014. The HRCP said 939 women became victims of sexual violence, 279 of domestic violence. Despite the volume of cases, the rate of prosecution remained fairly low. Around 777 women committed or tried to commit suicide. The HRCP reported 987 cases of honour crimes. Some 3,768 child abuse cases occurred during this year. This figure indicates a 7% increase leading to an average of 10 cases a day. Out of the total number, 1,974 victims were girls and 1,794 boys. Most of the victims fell in the age group of 11-14 years. The HRCP report said that there are approximately 10 million child workers in Pakistan.

**QUETTA:** Inspector General Frontier Corps (FC) Major General Sher Afghan alleged that India is involved in state-sponsored terrorism and wanted to destabilise law and order situation in Balochistan. Referring to the arrest of Indian spy Kulbhushan Yadav Afghan from Balochistan last month, Afghan said India wanted to destabilise the situation in the province through some of its agents. Talking to media at the FC Headquarters in Quetta on Saturday, IG FC said there was a time when Pakistan flag was not hoisted on 23rd March in Balochistan but things have changed now which is evident from the way Pakistan Day was celebrated across the province this year. Further, Afghan said, earlier there were 'no-go' areas in the province where neither the administration nor the elected representatives could go. However, the situation has changed and FC is helping the provincial government in every possible way. Balochistan belongs to all of us and we have to work for its development, he added. Responding to a question, IG said the Gwader Port would be completed at every cost and RAW would not be able to put in any hindrances in it.

**ISLAMABAD:** Three district and sessions courts sent over 150 suspects to jail on 14-day remand on charges of provocation, rioting, assaulting law enforcers and ransacking public and government property during the recent protest held at the capital's D-Chowk. Over 150 suspects from a number of religious parties were rounded up by the police while around 20,000 other unnamed people have been booked for violating Section 144. The police charged the suspects with destroying government and public property, assaulting law enforcers, snatching wireless sets from police and setting containers and other vehicles on fire. Secretariat, Kohsar and I-9 police stations have separately arrested dozens of suspects for their alleged involvement in a number of offences. The police have booked 18,000 to 20,000 unidentified suspects for violating Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code while entering into the capital in a rally following Mumtaz Qadri's Chelum procession. The protesters had stormed the Red Zone in Islamabad on March 27 in support of Mumtaz Qadri, the executed killer of former Punjab governor Salmaan Taseer, and laid siege to important government installations.

When the protesters started torching vehicles and property, the federal government requested the army to rein in the violent protesters. The four-day-long sit-in was called off on the evening of March 30 following successful negotiations between the religious leaders and government. The protesters claimed that the government agreed to their key demands, including an assurance the country's blasphemy laws will not be amended. Conversely, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan denied that any deal was struck with the protesters. Instead he claimed that the demonstrators called off their sit-in "on their own accord".

**PESHAWAR:** The federal government asked the K-P government to send all the lists of suspects on Schedule 4 of the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997 so their CNICs and passports could be blocked. Talking to The Express Tribune, a government official said the decision was taken by the Ministry of Interior after Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park was attacked in Lahore and the Punjab government started arresting Schedule 4 suspects. "Their CNICs and passports will be blocked and further action like strict monitoring will be taken against them," he added. While a year ago, there were over 2,000 people on the list, after thorough revision by K-P police, the current number of suspects increased to 5,362. Around 4,405 suspects, a vast majority, are allegedly involved with banned group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan. Sectarian outfits, those repatriated from Guantanamo and Afghanistan have also been included in the list. In addition to militants and those suspected of sectarianism, around 103 hardened criminals have also been put on the list. "These people are closely monitored by police stations and they cannot move out of the jurisdiction of their local police stations without informing the police."

**WASHINGTON:** Foreign Secretary Aizaz Chaudhary said on Thursday that Pakistan had never had a nuclear accident or breach of security and, therefore, there was no cause of concern about its nuclear programme. At a news briefing at the Pakistan Embassy, the foreign secretary said the impression that Pakistan's nuclear installations were insecure was baseless. "Pakistan's nuclear installations are not only secure but the world also acknowledges that they are," he said. "Pakistan has worked very hard to ensure their security." Mr Chaudhary said that the International Atomic



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*The Express Tribune, March 31, 2016*

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Energy Agency has recorded 2,734 nuclear incidents worldwide, including five in India, but "not a single accident or breach happened in Pakistan, although our programme is 40-year old". He recalled that earlier this month, Pakistan signed the amended Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials, "which shows our confidence". The foreign secretary said it was wrong to describe Pakistan's short-range missiles or small nukes as battlefield or tactical weapons. "Pakistan has short-range and long-range missiles, and the purpose behind both is to deter aggression," he said. "We want to prevent war, to prevent the space Indians created for war" by building military installations close to the Pakistani border as part of their cold start doctrine, he added. "Calling them battlefield weapons creates a wrong perception. These are for deterrence, only and only for defence," Mr Chaudhary said. "There is no cause of concern."

He explained that Pakistan has a principled stance, "maintaining a credible, minimum deterrence". Asked how Pakistan determines what's credible minimum deterrence, the foreign secretary said the National Command Authority "continues to assess the threat perception and the threat level determines the level of deterrence". He said Pakistan's preparedness was tied to the threat posed by India and the deterrence varied accordingly. "If the threat level increases we have to meet that and their conventional and nuclear levels are increasing too," he said. "All nuclear weapons are centrally controlled by the National Command Authority," said Mr Chaudhary while rejecting media speculations that the present arrangement in Pakistan gave the decision power to a field commander. Responding to a question about the summit, the foreign secretary said each of the 50 plus participating nations would present their case, and then all would sit together to consider how to increase global security. The summit, he said, would issue a joint communiqué and four action plans, on the roles the IAEA, United Nations and Interpol in the monitoring process and on global partnership and combating nuclear terrorism and Pakistan was actively participating in preparing these documents. The foreign secretary said Pakistan had installed radiation monitors at all sensitive facilities and planned to install more monitors at all 72 exit and entry points in the country.

He said that Pakistan had participated in all preparatory talks for the summit and its participation would reflect in all the documents that would be issued after the summit. He said that Pakistan had a modest nuclear programme with "full ownership of its people, essentially for its defence and not to threaten anyone". "India, on the other hand, has an ambitious nuclear programme, and an equally ambitious conventional weapons programme," he added. "We have a modest programme because we feel we have the right to defend ourselves." Mr Chaudhary also rejected the suggestion that the Nuclear Security Summit was focusing on Pakistan. "This summit is based on certain principles, stating clearly that nuclear security is essentially a national responsibility and all measures are voluntary," he said. He said Pakistan was working with the international community to ensure the security of its nuclear installations, which were always in safe hands. "The National Command Authority, headed by the PM, is fully in charge." He said the perception created in the media that Pakistan had the fastest growing nuclear programme was wrong and pointed that several studies showed that India had a bigger nuclear programme.

**KABUL:** Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani has said that both Pakistan and Afghanistan had been facing the challenge of terrorism, stressing the need for concerted efforts to fight the menace. He was addressing a reception held at Pakistan Embassy in connection with Pakistan's National Day celebrations, said a statement. He stated that both countries were bonded by geography, culture, religion and history and it was essential to further promote and strengthen bilateral relations. He felicitated the government of Pakistan on behalf of the people and Government of Afghanistan on its National Day Reception. The minister condemned the suicide attack that recently took place in Lahore, resulting in loss of innocent human lives. He also expressed his gratitude to the government of Pakistan for hosting Afghan refugees for long time. Speaking on the occasion, Pakistan Ambassador to Afghanistan, Syed Abrar Hussain, said that it was highly imperative to build a multi-pronged and dynamic Pak-Afghan relationship which is befitting to the traditions and values of the two sides. He said that Pakistan wanted to promote cooperation with Afghanistan. "Peace and stability in Afghanistan would ensure peace and stability in Pakistan, the region and the world" he added.

**SHABQADAR:** In a joint search operation carried out in Shabqadar circle, 36 people were arrested, including seven Afghan nationals, 14 proclaimed offenders and 15 suspects. A large cache of ammunition was also seized on Wednesday. Shabqadar Circle DSP Inam Jan told the media police and security force officials were conducting search operations in the regions which fall under the jurisdiction of Shabqadar, Sro Kali, Khwajawas and Battagram police stations. Jan said 14 kilogrammes of marijuana, four Kalashnikovs and seven pistols were confiscated during the raids. The police and Frontier Constabulary have also increased security at Shabqadar Bazaar and surrounding areas. Checking at all entrance and exit points of the tehsil was also heightened, including the entrance from Mohmand Agency at Ekka Ghund and other border areas.

**Against illegal mining**

At a press conference held in Ekka Ghund, tribal elders Malik Fauzi Khan, Malik Mukamil Khan and others from Dag Tarnanai in Pindyal tehsil, Mohmand Agency said illegal mining was being carried out in their tribal areas. They accused Salman and Asal Khan, two outsiders, with the help of former administration officials, of obtaining an illegal lease and mining nephrite in lower Mohmand Agency. Tribal elders declared this unacceptable and appealed to the current administration to take notice. They warned they would not be responsible for the consequences that may follow if the administration does not take action against illegal mining in their areas.

**WANA:** Seven houses of alleged militants and their facilitators were razed to the ground by a lashkar (a group of peace volunteers from Ahmedzai Wazir tribe) in different areas of Wana in South Waziristan agency on Wednesday. The houses of Ghulam Jan and his relatives were demolished in Shalam Dana and those of Toor Hafiz and Wari Khan in Shin Warsak. The houses

### A scary aftermath: Five suspects killed in two southern districts

*The Express Tribune, March 30, 2016*

### Two convicted by military courts hanged in Kohat

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2016*

### 465 houses searched in Multan operation

*Daily Dawn, March 30, 2016*

of Gul Mir in Tiarza and Sattar Khan and his cousin in Samar Bagh were also razed to the ground. The "accused terrorists" belonged to the Hakimullah and Maulvi Nazir groups of the banned Tehreek-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). According to sources, the decision to demolish the houses was taken by a 120-member jirga (an elders' council) after "proofs" of the suspects' involvement in terrorist activities were obtained through an investigation. The jirga found that the "militants and their facilitators" were part of the TTP and had violated a peace accord with the government. It investigated the matter on a complaint lodged by the political administration of South Waziristan. Wana bazaar remained closed during the demolition process in which over 400 volunteers participated, sources said. The houses were razed to the ground with the help of bulldozers and the debris was set on fire.

**DERA GHAZI KHAN/FAISALABAD/BAHAWALPUR:** Two 'terrorists' in Rajanpur district and three suspects in Muzaffargarh districts have been killed during search operations conducted by the Counter Terrorism Department, Special Branch, district police and intelligence agencies on Monday-Tuesday, a statement issued by Regional Police Officer Rehmat Ullah Khan Niazi on Tuesday said. Niazi said a person in Rajanpur and seven people in Muzaffargarh had been arrested for facilitating terrorists. Police officials said they were interrogating them about their alleged links with terrorist outfits. He said the law enforcement agencies had arrested 26 terror suspects in Dera Ghazi Khan division. Some of them are accused of aiding and abetting terrorists and others of violating the Rented Premises Act. Among those arrested in Dera Ghazi Khan are suspects identified as Muhammad Jameel, Naeem, Ashraf and Tahir. In a meeting of heads of various government departments, Dera Ghazi Khan DCO Nadeemur Rehman said special orders had been issued to make strict security arrangements at educational institutes and offices. He said nobody would be allowed to enter those premises without proving their identity. "It's the little precaution we take that save lives...it is our responsibility to protect citizens." More than 100 people from Faisalabad, Chiniot, Jhang and Toba Tek Singh districts were taken into custody by law enforcement agencies and Army officials on Monday-Tuesday for allegedly having ties with banned outfits.

Police officials refused to comment on record about the operation launched in Faisalabad in the aftermath of an attack at the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park in Lahore. However, they said some of the arrested men had been trained at militant camps in North Waziristan and had participated in the Soviet-Afghan jihad in the '80s. They said 13 of the people taken into custody were suspected of facilitating terrorists and 11 people have accused of aiding and abetting militants in various attacks. In Rahim Yar Khan district, police held search operations in 15 areas and took 148 people into custody on Monday night. Police said 125 of them had been cleared, eight were out on bail against surety bonds and FIRs had been registered against 15. Following the attack in Lahore, Rahim Yar Khan DPO Zeeshan Asghar directed the district police to conduct search operations at 15 sensitive locations. The relevant SDPOs and SHOs, members of the Elite Police Force and intelligence agencies were told to accompany the cops during the operation. Bahawalpur police held search operations in seven sensitive areas and interrogated 150 people. After questioning 133 of them were cleared and released while cases were registered against 17. In Bahawalnagar, police searched 18 sensitive locations and questioned 40 people. Of those, they registered cases against 15 people.

**PESHAWAR:** Two 'terrorists' convicted by military courts for involvement in attacks on security officials and civilians were executed at a jail in Kohat Wednesday, a military sourced confirmed. The Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Sharif had signed the death warrants of Mehmood and Rab Nawaz last year. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) in September last year issued the names of nine 'hardcore terrorists' whose death sentences had been approved by the army chief. The convicts executed today were among them. The ISPR had shared the following details at the time about conviction of the militants hanged on Wednesday: Mehmood s/o Khawaza Khan, an active member of TTP, was found involved in attacking security personnel in KP, killing two soldiers and injuring 13 others. He admitted his offences before the magistrate and trial court and was awarded death sentence. Rab Nawaz s/o Shahi Room, an active member of TTP, was involved in killing of two civilians, processing firearms and abetting attack on military in Peshawar which resulted in death of two soldiers and caused severe injuries to another.

#### Military courts

In the wake of the APS carnage, military courts were set up for trying terrorists under amendments made to the Constitution and the Army Act. Political parties had unanimously agreed over the issue of setting up military courts to tackle terrorism cases in the country following the gruesome attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014, following which the Parliament passed the 21st constitutional amendment in Jan 2015 to set up the said courts. President Mamnoon Hussain had also promulgated an ordinance further revising the recently amended Army Act to ostensibly aid the functioning of military courts by allowing for trials in camera, i.e without the presence of the public or the media, and over video link if necessary. The Supreme Court in a majority ruling upheld the establishment of military courts in Pakistan. Petitions challenging the 21st amendment were dismissed in August this year in a majority 11-6 vote of the 17-member SC bench. Chief Justice Nasirul Mulk and Justice Dost Muhammad announced the verdict. In a 14-3 majority vote, petitions challenging the 18th amendment were also dismissed by the bench. Judges provided seven opinions and two additional notes on the ruling. In its editorials, Dawn has criticised the establishment of military courts for "simply not being compatible with a constitutional democracy."

**MULTAN:** Multan police claimed to have taken into custody 50 suspects during a search operation conducted in the area of Sehwa Chowk and adjoining localities on Tuesday. According to a police handout, the search operation was conducted jointly by the intelligence agencies, police and counter terrorism department. It stated that over 465 houses were searched during the operation with the help of biometric devices and 50 suspects were taken into custody. It further said that

**'Most wanted': CTD arrests five suspects linked to a political party**  
*The Express Tribune, March 29, 2016*

**501 booked under anti-terror act**  
*Daily Dawn, March 29, 2016*

**All Fourth Schedule suspects to be arrested**  
*Daily Dawn, March 29, 2016*

three different weapons were also recovered during the operation that continued till the filing of this report. Meanwhile, the administration of Nishtar Medical College and Hospital postponed the annual funfair of the college while on other hand the district administration has asked the administration of educational institutions not to hold annual activities.

**SIALKOT:** LEAs detained 250 suspects, including 60 Afghan nationals, in search operations in Sialkot, Daska, Sambrial, Pasrur and surrounding areas.

**BAHAWALPUR:** Range police arrested 50 suspects in 40 operations during the last 24 hours in the three districts of Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahimyar Khan.

**DERA GHAZI KHAN:** Law enforcement agencies arrested 22 suspects, including seven from Muzafargarh and 15 from Rajanpur, says a statement from the Dera Ghazi Khan RPO office.

**KARACHI:** Indian intelligence agency, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), has established its links in Karachi and its official are working in various government departments, including the Karachi Water and Sewerage Board, said Counter-Terrorism Department SSP Naveed Khawaja on Tuesday. Some of these agents have already been arrested in the past from government departments. Addressing a press conference at CTD Civil Lines to reveal the arrest of five suspects said to be affiliated with a political party, the SSP said one of the most wanted criminals, Safdar alias Safdar Don, was arrested during a raid conducted on a tip-off in Liaquatabad. "The accused is a close aide of notorious criminal Raees Mamma and is affiliated with a political party," said SSP Khawaja. He added that Mamma, who has links with RAW, is currently hiding abroad ever since the Karachi operation was started. The officer further said that the CTD police also arrested four of his companions, who were identified as Barkat Ali, Riaz Ahmed, Shakeel and Zahid, during separate raids in different parts of the metropolis. The police also seized a huge cache of arms and ammunitions from them. "They hid the weapons in an empty plot in Korangi," said the CTD officer, adding that the weapons included a G-3 rifle, 222 rifle, MP5, three repeaters, two pistols and hundreds of bullets. The SSP said the weapons would be sent to the forensic division of the Sindh police for confirmation of the weapons being used in recent target killings. Cases have been registered against them while further investigation is under way, he added.

#### **Political party worker held**

Federal B Industrial Area police on Tuesday claimed to have apprehended a worker of a political party, who was allegedly involved in over a dozen target killings and extortion cases in the city. The accused, identified as Sheraz alias Bablu, was arrested during snap-checking on main Rashid Minhas Road while weapons were also found in his possession. SHO Naeem Khan said that during initial course of interrogation, the accused has confessed to killing at least one dozen people belonging to Sunni Tehreek and Baloch community. The SHO said that the accused was also being questioned about his possible involvement in the arson cases of the deadly 2009 Ashura bombing at Light House Signal that claimed over 40 lives and wounded several others. The officer added that the suspect's name was also mentioned in the joint interrogation report of Faisal Mama, who was recently arrested by the paramilitary force. The police are also trying to arrest his companions.

**RAWALPINDI:** In a delayed move, the police registered four separate cases against 501 religious workers, including their leadership, under the Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA) for creating terror and violence in society and formally arrested those booked in Rawalpindi on Sunday during clashes between workers of religious parties and police. It took more than 24 hours to decide whether the protesters booked by police were to be released or formally arrested as the authorities concerned were waiting for the outcome of efforts by the government to persuade the marchers to disperse peacefully from D-Chowk. But after their efforts proved unproductive, it was decided to register cases against the protesters who were picked up by police during the show down in Rawalpindi on Sunday. Though the CPO Rawalpindi had claimed that around 1,000 people were booked as over a dozen, including he himself, were injured during clashes, the cases were registered only against 501 people. "Yes, cases have been registered against the protesters, including their leadership who were involved in violence, under Anti-Terrorism Act (ATA)," City Police Officer Israr Ahmed Abbasi told Dawn. The arrested people were detained in different police stations of Rawalpindi and Gujar Khan. All of those arrested would be sent to Adiala jail on Tuesday.

**LAHORE:** In the wake of the Gulshan-i-Iqbal Park suicide attack, the government has decided to arrest all individuals included in the Fourth Schedule of the Anti-Terrorism Act. The decision was taken at a meeting on law and order presided over by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif here on Monday. The prime minister expressed anger at Punjab's security officials for ignoring an alert issued by an intelligence agency about presence in the province of four to five suicide bombers looking for a soft target. He also expressed dismay over the leniency shown towards miscreants in Islamabad and asked Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, who was present in the meeting, to personally look into the matter. A participant of the meeting told Dawn that the prime minister had ordered an immediate action against the history-sheeters included in the Fourth Schedule and said the action must not wait for a Rangers-police combined operation strategy and all law-enforcement agencies could act on their own to avert chances of criminals slipping away. The Fourth Schedule comprises the elements found to be or suspected to be involved in anti-state activities, delivering hate speeches and/or activists of religious outfits not yet banned but related with militancy in any way.

At least 2,000 criminals are at present included in the list, the official said, adding that the action had been started across Punjab, particularly in Lahore, Faisalabad and Multan. The prime minister got infuriated at the Punjab home secretary when a joint director general of the Intelligence Bureau told him that the agency had issued a terror alert well in time. Secretary Azam Sultan claimed in the meeting that his department had issued a circular containing the alert, but law-enforcement agencies overlooked it. The meeting was told that the wife of a terrorist killed in an encounter month ago was now apparently operating the deadly network of a banned outfit. It was also

## Safe City Project operational, awaits formal inauguration

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informed that the suspected bomber, whose skull was found at the crime scene, had been working for a banned outfit and also recruited some youths for it. The prime minister expressed displeasure over the entry of the miscreants into Islamabad's Red Zone without any hindrance. He was informed that organisers of the chehlum of Mumtaz Qadri had given an assurance that they would not cross a certain limit and that's why Punjab police were ill-prepared to tackle the protesters.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Safe City Project, under which 1,800 surveillance cameras have been installed across the federal capital, has become operational, but is yet to be formally inaugurated. The project's command and control centre has been established in a bombproof building at H-11 which will monitor important buildings, entry and exit points, roads, commercial centres and a sizable portion of the city's residential areas. The command centre spreads over 2,009 square-metres, and all the cameras are connected to it by 500 kilometres of fibre optic cables and operated through a 4G network. According to the project director, Dr Tahir Akram, the project is ready and will likely be inaugurated in the coming weeks. The project aims to secure the life and property of the city's residents, as well as counter a terrorist activity effectively and efficiently. However, the project's utility may be compromised if the government fails to ask the relevant authorities from the district administration and police to be present at the command and control centre to respond to situations accordingly. The outer gates of the project command and control centre are as unremarkable as any other government department. The main gate is permanently closed, so no guards have been deployed there. The other entrance is hardly an improvement, while police officials have been deployed, they are there largely to welcome visitors in a casual manner. However, behind the unassuming exterior is a compelling command centre.

In addition to several offices, the main hall consists of over 100 seats for representatives who will receive citizen calls and pass information on to the relevant departments, such as the police, fire brigade, district administration or Rangers. Inside the control room, special software has been installed on 100 computers. The district administration, police and National Database and Registration Authority (Nadra) officials will monitor the footage on the 1,800 cameras within the control room, where it will be displayed on 70 screens. According to Dr Akram, Chinese companies provided 1,950 cameras, out of which 1,800 have been installed in strategic locations identified by the Islamabad police and other law enforcement agencies. He said the remaining cameras would be used sporadically, as they can be transported from one location to another. Worth \$125 million, the Safe City Project was completed in a couple of years by Nadra and the Chinese firm, Huawei Technology. The Chinese government provided the aforementioned sum to the Pakistani government as a 'soft loan' payable in 25 years. The project was conceived by the PPP-led government, and was approved on December 29, 2009, following an agreement between Pakistan and China. However, the project was challenged in the Supreme Court, and on Aug 23, 2012, a three-member bench, comprising justices Nasirul Mulk, Asif Saeed Khosa and Sheikh Azmat Saeed, struck down the contract.

The project was renegotiated with the Chinese company after the PML-N came to power. According to Dr Akram, cameras have been installed at around 150 entry and exit points, key intersections, convergence points and near important buildings. "Though the entire territory of the federal capital hasn't been covered through these 1,800 cameras, we can monitor every car coming out of any residential sector in Islamabad," he said. He added: "We can monitor the movement of any suspect, and his/her information along with a photograph would be shared with the nearest mobile police team through a handset supporting 4G technology." The project's technical director, Kashan, said the system could link with input from hundreds of cameras installed by traders and private individuals outside their residences and business centres. He said it was also capable of facial recognition, and can read vehicle registration plates. "The Excise and Taxation Office (ETO) recently shared its database with Safe City, so the stolen vehicles, fake or tampered number plates can easily be recognised which will minimise the chances of car theft in the federal capital." He said Islamabad police had solved at least six cases with the help of the Safe City Project, including a bank robbery and vehicle theft.

Mr Kashan said the system can alert law enforcement agencies of the presence of suspects in the city, as well as detect traffic violations and trace violators using the ETO database. He said the cameras can also read registration plates and detect a vehicle's speed at night. However, an insider said the system would be useless if it was not handled appropriately. He said the cameras could have helped police monitor the movements of crowds that entered the Red Zone on Sunday. He added officials did not visit the command and control centre even after the sit-in began at D-Chowk, and were instead relying on television news coverage while they sat in their respective offices. He suggested that for an effective response to such a situation, officers of no lesser rank than a deputy commissioner or a senior superintendent of police should monitor the situation from the command centre. He added that the project director had proposed to the interior ministry that senior district administration and police officials be asked to stay at the centre on a permanent basis.

## CM Sindh, DG Rangers discuss Karachi operation

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**KARACHI:** Director General (DG) Sindh Rangers, Major General Bilal Akbar called on Sindh Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and exchanged views on Karachi operation besides over all law and order situation. In the meeting held at CM House, Qaim Ali Shah said, "law and order situation in Karachi has improved and operation against miscreants has yielded positive results." The Chief Minister said Karachi operation will continue till elimination of terrorism.

## Over 2,000 'ghost' seminaries detected in Sindh

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**KARACHI:** The Sindh security administration found no existence of more than 2,000 registered seminaries on ground which they believe were brought on government record only to collect donations and funding from different sources, official sources told Dawn on Sunday. This has been revealed during a recent survey jointly carried out by police's two units namely the Special Branch and the Counter-Terrorism Department. This ongoing survey was being conducted to ascertain the number of madaris (seminaries) allegedly involved in promoting extremism and sectarianism in order to keep check on their activities. "We have detected a total of 2,096 seminaries, which on



**Military gives go-ahead for Punjab operation after Lahore carnage**  
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papers have been shown as registered in Sindh, but actually they are closed or are not available," disclosed additional inspector general of police, CTD, Dr Sanaullah Abbasi. The senior police officer described these seminaries as 'ghost' and said that they had been registered merely to get donations and funding from different sources.

Out of such ghost seminaries, at least 639 seminaries have been detected in Karachi division only followed by Hyderabad (843), Mirpurkhas (192), Sukkur (364) and Larkana divisions (58). The police counterterrorism unit chief pointed out that there were a total of 10,222 seminaries in Sindh. Out of them, 1,491 were unregistered. As many as 1,185 seminaries have not been registered in Karachi division, 175 in Hyderabad, 53 in Mirpurkhas, 18 in Sukkur and 60 in Larkana. "If you take the number of closed or not available seminaries, it brings the total number of seminaries to 8,126 in Sindh," the CTD head said. Out of total seminaries, after reduction of the closed and not available one, Dr Sanaullah Abbasi said that geotagging of 7,495 had been done so far while 631 were pending with senior superintendents of police of districts concerned.

**Schools security**

Police Special Branch and the CTD have also completed a survey of 39,373 educational institutes out of total 56,498 institutes in Sindh while efforts were under way to conduct the survey of remaining 17,125 institutes, said Dr Abbasi. Out of total 10,475 educational institutes in Karachi only, the survey of 4,071 has been completed for security purpose so far.

**LAHORE:** The Army and Rangers will conduct a widespread operation across Punjab to target militants, their facilitators and their hideouts, military sources told Dawn.com on Monday. Sources said the decision was taken during a high-level military huddle, chaired by Army chief Gen Raheel Sharif at the General Headquarters on Monday. The crackdown would give paramilitary Rangers extraordinary powers to conduct raids and interrogate suspects similar to those the Rangers have used for more than two years in Karachi, a senior security official based in Lahore told Reuters on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to share details of the plan. "The technicalities are yet to be worked out. There are some legal issues also with bringing in Rangers, but the military and government are on the same page," he said. One other military official and two government officials confirmed the decision on condition of anonymity. Earlier today, Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Lt Gen Asim Bajwa said a number of suspects had been nabbed in five operations across Punjab, without officially saying a widespread operation had been launched similar to those underway in the country's northwest and Karachi. The operation is continuing with full force, reported Radio Pakistan.

A number of "suspected terrorists and facilitators" were arrested during the five raids which were conducted in Lahore, Faisalabad and Multan after the Lahore suicide explosion, said DG ISPR Asim Bajwa. He added that a "huge cache of arms and ammunition" were also recovered by security officials. Police was also able to identify the Lahore suicide bomber as Yousuf, son of Ghulam Farid, a resident of Muzaffargarh. Security personnel have been stationed outside the alleged bomber's house in Muzaffargarh, and police claim to have arrested three members of his family for interrogation, DawnNews reported. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, while chairing a high-level security meeting in Lahore on Monday, called for more proactive coordination amongst law enforcement and intelligence agencies against terrorism, Radio Pakistan reported. He said all provinces must step up intelligence-based operations against terrorists, adding that the goal is not only to eliminate the terror infrastructure but also to get rid of the extremist mindset.

**New policy or knee-jerk reaction?**

Senior defence analyst Hasan Askari, while speaking to DawnNews, said he was of the opinion that the decision to conduct an operation in Punjab was "an outcome of what happened in Lahore yesterday". "The Punjab government has wanted to spearhead the entire counter-terrorism investigation in the province through the Counter-Terrorism Department. They have said they do not want the Army and Rangers to intervene." Askari believes a "side has been picked in the argument," with the Army taking the initiative. "What remains to be seen is whether this is a change of policy or a temporary reaction." "If it is a change of policy, then it can make a difference. But if it is a temporary reaction and the Punjab government is not in favour of the operation, then things can get complicated," Askari said. "Our civilian governments are often hesitant to go after these sorts of groups. These groups are present in Punjab and in other provinces. It isn't unusual to ask the Army or Rangers to help out with these groups," he said. But this did not mean that the civilian government's responsibility had ended, Askari added. Askari said he believed the Army should be summoned, "but what we have to observe now is the nature of the investigation." "It is possible that this is a temporary reaction to catch the groups, after which the Army will hand matters over to the Punjab government. Or matters could proceed as they have in Sindh, where the Army and Rangers are playing a foundational role in investigating terrorists," he said.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### NEWS HEADLINES

#### Water shortage grips I-10

*The Nation, April 03, 2016*

#### CPEC challenged over environment concerns

*The Express Tribune, April 03, 2016*

#### 16,000 children across country still unreachable for vaccination

*The Express Tribune, April 03, 2016*

### DETAILS

**Rawalpindi:** The residents of sector I-10 have been facing acute water crisis for the last fifteen days and are forced to wait for water tankers everyday for their daily water needs, thanks to delay on part of Capital Development Authority (CDA). The residents said that they had lodged several complaints with authorities concerned regarding ongoing water crisis but no action has been taken. They said that they have to buy a tanker against Rs 100 from CDA to cater to their needs. A schoolteacher Hafeez-ur-Rehman, a resident of street number 100 of the water shortage-hit I-10, said that CDA suspended water supply to the area fifteen days ago because WAPDA disconnected the electricity connections of the tube wells of CDA owing to non-payment of bill. "Now getting water tanker has become also impossible as I went to CDA office and deposited Rs 100 for the purpose but despite passage of three days, the authority did not send water tanker to my home," he said. He said that he made a phone call to a deputy director and brought the matter into his notice but the deputy replied the CDA was helpless in solving the issue. "We have suffering from acute water shortage for the last fifteen days and CDA, which is responsible to supply water, is not supplying water," said Adil Aziz, another resident of I-10. He said that they are left with no other option but to buy water from private suppliers against high rates. Many other residents complained of water shortage and demanded Chairman CDA Mahroof Afzal to address their problem. Ramzan Sajid, the spokesman for CDA, when contacted, denied that residents are facing water shortage. "It is wrong. CDA is supplying water to residents on daily basis," he said. He said that CDA always tries its level best to address the complaints of residents on priority basis.

**LAHORE:** The Lahore High Court has submitted another petition challenging the establishment of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and other 12 projects including Sahiwal and Thar Col power project. The Lawyers Foundation for Justice filed the petition yesterday through A K Dogar, submitting that these projects should not be established as they would create environmental problems in the country. Besides this, the government borrowed 46 billion dollars for these projects, the petitioner maintained. The petitioner held that China and all other developed countries were shifting their energy production to other sources rather than coal, but it was regrettably being ignored in Pakistan. He requested the court to order the government to stop these projects. China-Pakistan economic corridor (CPEC) is a mega project of US\$45 billion taking the bilateral relationship between Pakistan and China to new heights. The economic corridor is about 3000 kilometres long consisting of highways, railways and pipelines that will connect China's Xinjiang province to rest of the world through Pakistan's Gwadar port.

**PESHAWAR:** At least 16,000 children across the country remain out of the reach of polio workers and have yet to be vaccinated. The number has reduced drastically from 0.36 million. Health experts said there were certain areas that were not accessed until 2014. A majority of these regions belonged to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, especially in North Waziristan and Khyber agencies. As a result, 16,000 children were exposed to poliovirus. "In around 50% of the cases reported in 2014, children were not administered polio drops even once and there are still areas where parents are refusing to inoculate their children," said UN official Dr Zubair Mufti. Mufti, while speaking during the 24th Biennial Central Convention at Peshawar Medical College, revealed there were a series of problems with programme management. "Dedicated bodies were not included in the campaign against the crippling virus," he said. "The objective can only be achieved once the issue is taken on a street, mohallah, union council and grass-root level." The UN official added around 20,000 cases were reported in 1994 and the number was reduced to 28 in 2005. However, 90% of the cases from K-P and Fata were reported in areas where campaigns could not be held. In some cases, the campaigns, if conducted, were ineffective. Pakistan Islamic Medical Association (PIMA) former president Dr Tanveer Zubairi said measles was eradicated from the globe in 1997 and that too after it claimed some Rs50 million lives. He added polio did not exist in the rest of the world, but lingered on in the region. Of the overall nine cases in 2016, two are from Afghanistan and seven from Pakistan. He said the international community spent around Rs250 million by carrying out campaigns and taking samples.

According to Zubairi, PIMA put all its efforts to change perceptions about polio drops and raised its voice against the targeting of health workers. The objective was to build trust. "Some areas were inaccessible, but after Operation Zarb-e-Azb, most of these regions are reachable. We have been engaging Islamic scholars to clear misconceptions about the drops," Zubairi said. He added the Federation of Islamic Medical Association (FIMA), Organisation of Islami Countries, WHO, UNICEF, religious scholars and Jamia Al-Azhar (Egypt) will continue their efforts. Dr Musa Nooruddin, a Malaysian national who participated in the programme, pointed out the cases of smallpox in Muslim-majority countries such as Bangladesh and Somalia. "You protect people around you when you vaccinate your kids," Nooruddin said. He stated a huge amount of money was spent on protecting children against diseases and some US\$426 million could be saved between 2011 and 2020. He added around six million deaths could also be prevented through suitable preventive measures. Minister for Health Shahram Khan Tarakai also spoke on the occasion, saying the role of health experts and religious scholars was vital to eliminate the virus. "If a country like Nigeria could be declared polio-free; why not Pakistan?" he asked. "Elected people [of the local government] should be involved as they hail from the same area and can easily convince those parents who refuse polio workers." He hoped with consistent and untiring efforts, the virus would be eradicated from the region. Governor Iqbal Zafar Jhagra also spoke on the occasion and said the virus' existence in Pakistan and Afghanistan was a matter of grave concern. The governor said the security situation aided the spread of the virus in the region. He said a nation that could become a nuclear power was capable of eliminating this crippling disease. Jhagra added polio was an important matter that needed

### Girl burnt alive, three siblings injured in Sukkur

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### Health Department to recruit 1,000 doctors, 159 pharmacists soon

*Daily Times, April 03, 2016*

### Lok Virsa organises traditional Baloch musical event at folk festival

*Daily Times, April 03, 2016*

### Govt determined to improve literacy rate

*Daily Times, April 03, 2016*

### PBM to establish 100 modern computer laboratories in WECs

*Daily Times, April 03, 2016*

### HEC deliberates acceleration of innovation,

to be addressed in the country in general and the province in particular. Health experts from across the country attended the programme at Peshawar Medical College.

**SUKKUR:** A teenaged girl was burnt alive and her siblings received burn injuries when unidentified men set their house on fire on Saturday morning in Alif Shah Shaheed Colony, situated within the limits of Lakhidar police station in Shikarpur. Mariam, daughter of Badaruddin Shaikh, saw two men enter the house after climbing the boundary wall when she came out of the room to drink water. Before she could resist, the men caught hold of her and took her back to the room where her twin sister, Erum, elder brother, Barkat Ali and younger sister, Amber, were sleeping. The men allegedly poured petrol on her siblings, set them on fire and managed to flee after locking the room from outside. Erum died on the spot, while the other three were injured. The neighbours rushed to the house after listening to their screams and extinguished the fire. The deceased and the injured were shifted to Civil Hospital, Shikarpur. Mariam was sent home getting first aid, while her sister and brother were referred to a hospital in Sukkur. Talking to media at the hospital, the victim's father claimed that his house was robbed a couple of years ago in which his neighbour, Ghulam Din Shaikh, was allegedly involved. The allegation of theft had sparked enmity between the two families, he said, adding that he suspects that Shaikh was behind the incident. No case was registered till the filing of this report.

**KARACHI:** Health Department of Sindh government is going to appoint 1,000 doctors on contract basis for six months in the month of April to overcome the shortage of health practitioners in Sindh province while recruitment of 159 pharmacists would also begin soon. A reliable source in Sindh Health Department on Saturday said that the department had decided to appoint 1,000 doctors including medical officers both male and female on contract basis for six month time period to overcome the shortage of doctors across the Sindh province. He informed that 159 pharmacists would also be hired to overcome the paucity of pharmacists in public sector hospitals throughout the province. The public sector hospitals of Sindh have been facing acute shortage of doctors, nurses and pharmacists badly affecting the patients' care in healthcare centres. Over 500 posts of doctors are lying vacant in Sindh government hospitals in Karachi since last several years. Sindh Health Secretary Dr Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo was not available for comments on the issue.

**ISLAMABAD:** The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage, Lok Virsa organised a grand finale of the Saroz competition, traditional Baloch music during its ongoing folk festival "Lok Mela" at Shakarparian. Balochistan's former chief minister Dr Abdul Malik Baloch was the chief guest whereas provincial Culture Minister Mir Mujeeb Rehman Mohammad Hassani attended the event as guest of honour. While speaking on the occasion, Dr Malik said, "Lok Virsa deserves commendation for promoting Saroz in such a beautiful way. The personal efforts of Dr Fouzia Saeed in projecting the true culture of Balochistan are praiseworthy. We will support every initiative that leads to create national harmony and integration among the nation, which is need of the hour. He also congratulated prize-winning contestants. Provincial Culture Minister Mir Mujeeb Rehman also spoke during the finale and appreciated the contribution of Lok Virsa in highlighting indigenous folk culture of all provinces and regions through mega event like Lok Mela. Earlier in her welcoming remarks, Lok Virsa Executive Director Dr Fouzia Saeed said, "Lok Virsa is a national institution established for the promotion and preservation of Pakistan's folk and traditional heritage. It includes folklore of every province and region.

**ISLAMABAD:** An official of the Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training on Saturday said that the government is focusing on improving literacy rate. He said that the government is determined to improve the education sector through a number of initiatives. The official said that to remove illiteracy from the country, the government has launched recently a nationwide campaign to enroll children deprived of education in schools that will be continued till April 30th. He said, "The campaign will be held in every union council, tehsil, district and province. The government would also provide free education and books to the children, he added. He further said that the government is spending less than two percent of GDP on education and it would take up this ratio to four percent in the next two years.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan Baitul Mal (PBM) has finalised a plan to establish 100 computer laboratories in its Women Empowerment Centres (WECs), Vocational Dastkari Schools to equip technically the vulnerable segment of the society. According to an official, the programme is a joint effort of Pakistan Baitul Maal (PBM), Universal Service Fund (USF) and Microsoft to help young girls from underserved areas. He said collaborative efforts are key for alleviating poverty from the country adding that 157 Women Empowerment Centres (WEC) are working in the country under the PBM. Microsoft is already setting up IT labs in 50 WECs in collaboration with the USF. Now they have decided to establish 50 more computer laboratories in Women Empowerment Centres making the number of computer laboratories to 100. The provision of modern IT labs would enable young girls to meet challenges of modern world besides learning new skills. In these centres, the poor girls would be provided IT training including web designing, networking and other skills to make them economically self-reliant. The IT and modern knowledge would help poor women to become entrepreneurs and contributors to national economy. He said that the PBM is committed to empower poor women by enhancing their communication skills providing them with modern knowledge based infrastructure to help evading marginalisation. The official said that the Women Empowerment Centres are also working in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) and northern areas. The schools offering free training to widows, orphans and poor girls in different skill including drafting, cutting, sewing, knitting, hand and machine embroidery, fax, photocopiers, printers, interior decoration, beautician, cooking, tie and dye and glass painting etc according to the requirement of area. Local skills are also being imparted in these schools, he added.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Higher Education Commission (HEC) Innovation Steering Committee has suggested engaging with senior management of universities to improve output of their Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (ORICs). The meeting chaired by HEC Innovation

## commercialisation at universities

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Steering Committee Chairman Imtiaz Rastgar discussed at length the monitoring and evaluation process, development of success parameters and outreach and marketing strategy for startup businesses in universities. Imtiaz Ali Rastgar also holds office of Managing Director Rastgar Engineering Co (Pvt) Ltd. Executive Director Dr Arshad Ali was also present in the meeting held at HEC Secretariat, said a news release issued on Saturday. Members also proposed ORIC participation in national start-up competitions. Dr Arshad Ali said that the universities would be encouraged to enhance the scope of innovation and commercialisation incubation centres. The upcoming Rs 2.94 billion for Technology Development Fund (TDF) was also discussed at length, under which 200 projects would be funded in the next five years whereas research project with commercial viability would also be funded. Innovation Steering Committee established by HEC in March this year is mandated to further strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship activities in Pakistani universities that would ultimately help in creation of job opportunities as well as country's economic empowerment. Dr Arshad Ali urged the gathering about the urgency to create a framework and a mechanism to promote innovation and create a progressive environment for ORICs by encouraging cross learning and mentoring as Pakistan possess talented entrepreneurs who need guidance. He stressed the need to take into account the global industry and how Pakistan could make a niche for itself. Since its inception, the committee has now held three meetings to discuss means to strengthen links between academia and industry through ORICs in universities. During these meetings, representatives from industry and ORICs of universities have been brainstorming at length about the need to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship activities in Pakistani universities. The meeting was attended by HEC R&D Adviser Dr Muhammad Latif, DG (IT) Anwar Amjad, CyberVision International CEO Muhammad Murtaza Zaidi, DPL Pvt Ltd CEO Syed Ahmed, PASHA CEO Jhan Ara, eMumba CEO Owais Anjum, National Technology Council Chairman Maj Gen (r) Akbar Saeed Awan, Nayatel CEO Wahaj Siraj DM Ventures Founder Yusuf Hussain, DEASIMASH CEO Ali Hasnain, NEXUS Telecom MD Ammar Ahmed Khan, Channel-7 MD Sayyed Ahmad Masud, Khurram Bhatti from PASHA, Dr Saad Liaquat from Interactive Group, Dr Sarah Khan, Sehrish Fatima and Shafaq Soomro from NUST and Corporate Advisory Council Director Rabia Shoaib.

## C-15 development work starts

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**ISLAMABAD:** Development work in sector C-15 commenced yesterday with the chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA) directing for expeditious work with quality assurance. During the first phase of development, all major roads, service roads, drainage system, culverts and retaining wall around the sector C-15 will be constructed. The first phase would be completed with the cost of Rs 382 million. A meeting in this regard was held here at CDA headquarters yesterday which was chaired by Chairman CDA Maroof Afzal. The meeting reviewed the progress of development work being carried out at sector C-15.

On this occasion, the director sector development apprised the chairman CDA that after awarding contract for development work of sector C-15, development activities at the site have commenced. The meeting was briefed that during the first phase of the project, seven major roads are being constructed in addition to the construction of service roads while drainage system of the sector would also be constructed during the first phase.

The chairman CDA was apprised that culverts along the road and retaining wall around the sector would be also constructed during the first phase. The chairman was further informed that first phase of the development of sector C-15 will be completed within one year time. Meanwhile, 40 employees, including two female staffers, of the CDA will proceed for Haj this year on the expense of the authority. The computer balloting was carried out here at the CDA headquarters on Friday. The Haj balloting ceremony was also attended by Chairman CDA Maroof Afzal, board members of the authority, Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, General Secretary CDA Mazdoor Union (CBA) and office-bearers of CDA Employees Union. Maroof Afzal punched the computer key for initiating Haj balloting. He congratulated the employees declared successful in the draw and requested those selected for the Haj to pray for the prosperity and development of Pakistan as well as for the CDA.

## Parliamentarians urged to visit schools to interact with students

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**KARACHI:** Children's Literature Festival (CLF) and NGO Alif Ailaan organised a story telling workshop in a local hotel to encourage students to read and take interest in storybooks. According to a press release issued on Friday, the CLF and Alif Ailaan has initiated "School Reading Project" with the hope that the day would come soon when parliamentarians would visit government schools in their constituencies to interact with students and teachers through storytelling to encourage reading habits.

CLF Founder Baela Raza Jamil discussed how encouraging it is for the children when a parliamentarian visits their school. She said, "The interaction of such people with the students means a lot to the children adding that the children will remember for his life time that some minister or a secretary visited their school and talked to them. Alif Ailaan's Political Advocacy and Communications Manager Maliha Umer in her presentation discussed about how such initiatives of these stakeholders could bring change. Maliha said that the students should be motivated to read storybooks other than their course books. She said that after visiting schools, the parliamentarians could also discuss the condition of schools in the assemblies and bring change in the educational system of the country. The storytelling workshop was a part of a series of workshops that are being held across the country under the School Reading Programme 2016, which is a project of Children's Literature Festival and Alif Ailaan to ensure poor learning levels begin to occupy increased space in the educational discourse. CLF CEO Maham Ali briefed the audience on poor learning levels. She said that on a national level, 49 percent of class five students could not read sentences in English, 50 percent could not do simple two-digit division and 55 percent could not read stories in Urdu, all meant for class two. According to Annual Status of Education Report, 2015, a provincial comparison of learning levels showed that Sindh ranked the lowest in categories of class five students who can read sentences in English and class five students who can do two-digit mathematics. Two trainers from Zambeel Dramatic Readings, Mahvash Faruqi and Asma Mundrawala led the workshop to teach the participants how to describe a story to school going children. They engaged the parliamentarians, local government representatives and education managers in the workshop through a tale about a



### Three illegal blood banks sealed

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### Snake-dog bite cases' vaccination begins in five hospitals

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### SED hands over 1,000 primary public schools to NGOs

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### PAME conference : Improvement in editorial standards of medical publications stressed

*Daily Times, April 02, 2016*

crocodile and monkey and asked them to explain the story in their own words. Mundrawala said that five things should be kept in mind while interacting with children through storytelling. These include eye contact, voice control, facial expressions, body language and expressions. She said, "These points should be kept in mind whenever you tell a story to a child or else he or she would lose interest in the story". Education Secretary Fazlullah Pechuho and Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM) MNA Dr Fauzia Hameed promised the CLF and Alif Ailaan that they would visit the government schools and interact with the children through storytelling. The members of Sindh Assembly, Taimur Talpur, Rehan Hashmi and Jamal Ahmed also attended the workshop.

**KARACHI:** On the directives of Provincial Minister for Health Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, a drive against illegal blood banks is going on in the province. During the campaign, a team of Sindh Blood Transfusion Authority (SBTA) led by SBTA Secretary Dr Zahid Ansari in collaboration with the local police and administration raided at Taluka Johi in district Dadu and sealed Mehtab, Ali and Indus Pathology blood banks, which were operative illegally. The health minister also issued clear orders to take strict action against illegal and unregistered blood banks.

**KARACHI:** The snake and dog bite cases' vaccination facility has been started in five public sector healthcare centres of Karachi, an official at Health Department said on Friday. Karachi Health Services Director Dr Shakoor Abbasi on the directives of Provincial Health Minister Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar have provided the Anti-Snake Venom Serum (ASVS) and Anti-Rabies Vaccine in five hospitals of Karachi including Sindh Government Hospital Korangi, Sindh Government Hospital New Karachi, Sindh Government Hospital Ibrahim Haideri, Rural Health Centre Gadap and Rural Health Centre Malir. He said that the vaccination is free of cost, which would help save precious lives. ASVS facility is already available in Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre. The dog bite cases are also treated in Civil Hospital Karachi and Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre, he added.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Schools Education Department (SED) on Friday handed over around 1,000 primary public schools to non-government organisations (NGOs) to improve the overall quality of education. As many as 40 primary schools of Lahore are also included in the list. However, these schools were handed over through Punjab Education Foundation (PEF), which is already working with several private schools and paying them per student share. SED and PEF would also pay Rs 700 per student to NGOs who are taking charge of the schools. The NGOs would be responsible for the decoration of school building, increasing quality of teaching, teacher's trainings and curriculum. SED had planned to handover around 3,500 schools to the private sector for which it has initially decided to handover around 1,000 schools as a sample test and if this experiment would be successful in its goals, then all 3,500 schools would be given to the NGOs. Earlier, Punjab SED had asked for an application from NGOs for taking charge of public schools under public-private partnership in January and around 3,500 NGOs applied.

According to sources, only the schools with poor performance of results of class five examinations had been considered for this purpose. Sources said the decision was taken after the teachers of these schools failed to increase the standards and quality of education. The selection of these schools was made after taking into consideration the performance of last 20 years, sources added. They said that NGOs would not only introduce new techniques and latest teaching methods, but it would also provide students with the latest and up-to-date curricula, which would definitely increase the standards of education in Punjab. It is pertinent to mention that the Punjab Teachers Union (PTU) had already rejected the experiment and termed it as an initiative to destroy the education sector by commercialisation. Both chapters of PTU had condemned the government's act separately and demanded the chief minister, high ups and SED to save the future of poor children by not letting NGOs takeover the schools of Punjab. PTU Lahore Chapter Secretary General Kashif Shahzad and PTU Punjab General Secretary Rana Liaqat had strongly condemned the act of Punjab government and warned that they would hold a protest if the government would not take its decision back. They said that this would eventually increase not only school fee, which would affect the budget of a poor man who is earning below Rs 15,000 per month.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairman Prof Dr Nizamuddin has said that the current research in health sciences is not targeted at the issues, which need to be addressed in the country. "Best results in healthcare can be achieved if we bring together the researchers and policymakers so that research is based on need while policies are based on evidence," he said at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day conference of Pakistan Association of Medical Editors (PAME) at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) on Friday.

The PHEC chairman said that there was a dearth of research in medical education especially at undergraduate level. "Most medical colleges have their own journals but the standard of papers published in these journals is not up to the mark," he said, adding that special editorial teams should be set up and symposia, seminars and workshops should be arranged for them on regular basis. Nizamuddin was of the opinion that area of public health was being criminally neglected. "One or two public health institutes would not serve the purpose. We need more institutes with social scientists working there in close collaboration with health professionals," he maintained. He said that the country with a population of 200 million had a huge data, which was not being explored for the benefit of public at large. He urged UHS to come up with research projects specially focusing public health and community medicine for which, he assured, funds would be provided by PHEC. PAME President Dr Fatema Jawad said that one of the aims of the association was to improve editorial standards and promote professionalism in medical editing through education, self-criticism and self-guidance. She said that awareness in clinical research was growing and it was being carried out in all medical institutions. "Number of scientific publications has increased four-folds. However, there is still a question mark on the standards of medical publications in the country," she said, adding that out of 51 medical journals being published in the country, only three were recognised internationally for last three decades or so. Dr Fatema was of the view that Pakistan Medical and Dental Council could play a role in raising the standards of medical publications. She paid rich tribute of PAME's first president late Dr Maqbool Jafary. UHS VC Maj Gen (r) Prof Muhammad Aslam said that medical journals could

### Punjab govt approves double shift in 1,000 primary schools of Rawalpindi

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### Two booked for law violation

*Daily Times, April 02, 2016*

### CDA to ensure quality assurance in new Sector C15

*Daily Times, April 02, 2016*

### Three technical universities to be established: HEC

*Daily Times, April 02, 2016*

### launches operation against encroachments in Sector F10, F11

*Daily Times, April 02, 2016*

### Dumping and Transfer Station in Ladies Park

contribute to knowledge by publishing quality research and ensuring that a peer review process was in place. "It must also be ensured that journals are published regularly and reach out to readers through editorials, education, evidence based medicine and community medicine," he opined. He added that the conference presented an opportunity to show the vital importance of journals for the dissemination of health research and for the attainment of better healthcare for all. Eastern Mediterranean Association of Medical Editors (EMAME) Secretary General and chief organiser of the conference Shaukat Ali Jawaid said that the conference aimed at promoting collaboration and exchange among editors, authors, researchers and publishers of medical journals and upgrading the quality of scholarly publications in medicine and health sciences in country. The theme of the conference, which is being organised in collaboration with EMAME and Health Research Advisory Board, is 'Professionalism and Medical Journal Editors'. The conference is targeted at editors, editorial staff, reviewers and referees of biomedical journals besides academicians and medical writers. The scientific programme includes keynote lectures, seminar, panel discussions and five workshops on medical writing, publication ethic, editorship, incorporating technology into medical journalism and peer review for editors, reviewers and authors.

**RAWALPINDI:** Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Shahbaz Sharif has accorded approval to start double shift in over 1,000 primary schools in district Rawalpindi. There would be separate teaching and non-teaching staff for conducting double shift. Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharif has given target of maximum enrolment in all the educational institutions. The step for initiating second shift in primary schools has been taken in this perspective. During a review meeting in connection with launching double shift in primary schools, EDO Education Qazi Zahoorel Haq said that MNA Malik Ibrar Ahmad had sent proposal to Punjab CM that double shift to be started in all higher secondary, middle and primary schools in district Rawalpindi in the wake of day to day growing population besides ensuring maximum enrolment of students in the schools in pursuance of Punjab CM's agenda. CM Shabaz Sharif has approved the launching of double shift in all the primary schools of district Rawalpindi in the first phase.

**RAWALPINDI:** A student has been booked for allegedly taking away the answer sheet with him within the Banni police jurisdiction. Sohaib who is senior superintendent of Muslim High School no 2, lodged a complaint with the local police that a student Mohammad Tanveer had taken the answer copy with him after the examination hours. On a separate note, a man has been booked for allegedly hurling life threats and abusing a traffic warden within the Naseerabad police jurisdiction. Meherabad's Traffic Warden Abid Khattack lodged a complaint with the local police that he had been performing his duty when he signaled Ahmed who was driving a car to stop for violating the traffic rule. Ahmad blocked the main road and started hurling life threats and abusing him. The police have registered separate cases and started investigation.

**ISLAMABAD:** The Capital Development Authority (CDA) Chairman Maroof Afzal has directed for expeditious development with quality assurance at sector C15, which has commenced on Friday. Initially, during the first phase of development, all the major roads including service roads, drainage system and retaining wall around the sector C15 would be constructed. The first phase would be completed with the cost of Rs 382.0 million. A meeting in this regard was held at CDA headquarters on Friday, which was chaired by CDA Chairman Maroof Afzal, which reviewed the progress of development work being carried out at sector C15. Member Administration Amer Ali Ahmed, member engineering and other senior officers of the authority also attended the meeting. On the occasion, sector development director informed the CDA chairman that after awarding contract for development work of sector C15, developmental activities at the site have commenced. The meeting was also briefed that during the first phase of the project, seven major roads are being constructed in addition to the construction of service roads while drainage system of the sector would also be constructed during the first phase. The CDA chairman was also informed that the culverts along the road and retaining wall around the sector would also be constructed during the first phase. The CDA chairman was further informed that the first phase of development in sector C15 would be completed within a period of one year.

**ISLAMABAD:** Higher Education Commission (HEC) Chairman Dr Mukhtar Ahmed has said that the establishment of three new vocational and skill development universities, one each in Islamabad, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Punjab are in the pipeline. He was talking to a delegation of the Republican Institute for Vocational Education (RIVE), Belarus at his office. HEC Executive Director Dr Arshad Ali was also present on the occasion. The HEC chairman said that Pakistan and Belarus have an agreement at the government level for the academic collaboration. The delegation headed by RIVE Rector Prof Arkady Shklyar also included International Research in VET Head of Department (HOD) Olga Dekhtiarenko and RIVE Vice Rector Valery Golubovsky. The two sides agreed that Pakistan and Belarus have many similar priorities for higher education and both the countries need to uplift their potential in addressing future educational, scientific and technological challenges. It was agreed to strengthen cooperation in academic, vocational, engineering and science areas. Prof Arkady Shklyar informed the HEC chairman that RIVE develops strategy for vocational training adding that it is focusing on different educational systems. He said, "We have initiated mutual cooperation initiatives with various international organizations".

**ISLAMABAD:** The Capital Development Authority (CDA) razed dozens of illegal constructions in sector F10 and F11 on Friday with the assistance of capital city police. The officials of CDA Enforcement Department along with the police participated in the operation against the encroachments. The CDA officials also confiscated 15 trucks loaded with goods. A senior official of CDA said that encroachments both temporary and regular are being removed and that strict legal action would be taken against those violating the rules. About 200 officials and personnel of CDA and police participated in the operation.

**RAWALPINDI:** Citizens have voiced strong protest over establishment of Dumping and Transfer Station (DTS) by Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) in the Ladies Park owned by

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**Pakistan to introduce Rotavirus Vaccine for diarrhoea**
*The Nation, April 01, 2016*
**39 doctors dismissed, 27 issued notices for absence from duty**
*The Nation, April 01, 2016*
**WWF-Pakistan raises awareness on protection of vultures**
*Daily Times, April 01, 2016*
**Punjab Police recruits 233 lady constables**
*Daily Times, April 01, 2016*

PHA. RWMC has occupied the Ladies Park and adjacent area, which was earlier under use of weekly bazaar and set up DTS there. RWMC first of all dumps tonnes of garbage and filth, which is collected from all the localities of Rawalpindi and then shifts it through trucks outside the city. Advocate Raja Hanif said that the alternative site would be provided for Ladies Park and walls are being erected around the existing site of this park. MNA Malik Ibrar Ahmad said that the RWMC should not have set up DTS in Ladies Park as garbage could be shifted by parking jumbo vehicles outside the city and should also shift directly the garbage to them through small vehicles.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan is set to introduce Rotavirus Vaccine in its routine immunisation programme to control the deaths of infants occurring from diarrhoea.

Currently, the children aged from 0 to 11 months and pregnant women are immunised against 9 vaccine preventable diseases under the National Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) and diarrhoea would be the 10th disease to be included in the programme. The infants at the age of 10th and 14th weeks would be vaccinated against the disease. The vaccination would be started under the programme from January 2017, however, Punjab is likely to start the vaccination a bit earlier, informed Dr Syed Saqlain Ahmed Gilani, National Programme Manager of EPI. In a provincial consultative meeting held yesterday a comprehensive briefing on the Rotavirus vaccine application was given by the National Programme Manager of EPI to provincial/ areas EPI managers and development partners. During the presentation, Dr Syed Saqlain Ahmed Gilani highlighted that globally 700,000 children under five die of diarrhoea while Rotavirus kills more than 197,000 (28 per cent) children. In Pakistan Rotavirus is responsible for severe gastrointestinal infections in every 1 out of 3 children. Although, there is no comprehensive data available related to deaths caused from diarrhoea but according to rough estimates about 3700 children die of diarrhoea only in Punjab, he said.

Dr Saqlain Gilani while presenting the main features of the Rotavirus Vaccine application shared that advisory group of EPI had recommended the introduction of Rotavirus Vaccine in 2011. About 90 per cent support for the programme would come from GAVI- the vaccine alliance- and for this the Government of Pakistan has decided to submit an application for Rotavirus Vaccine introduction to GAVI in May 2016, stated Dr Saqlain Ahmed Gilani during his presentation. Discussing the requirements of the Rotavirus Vaccine application, he expressed, a storage capacity analysis up to district level needed while requirement of an additional cold chain capacity from province to district level is also required. Rotavirus disease burden and surveillance mechanism is also a need for the preparation. Development of monitoring and evaluation plan, health system strengthening system and GAVI performance framework finalisation is also underway, he said. Maintaining a balance of gender and equity and increased immunisation coverage is also a requirement for the rotavirus vaccine application. He said that a working group has been constituted to develop a comprehensive rotavirus vaccine application.

**KARACHI:** Sindh Minister for Health Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has ordered to remove 39 doctors from their services who were absent from duty since long while 27 doctors have been issued final show cause notices and if they are failed to comply with the orders they would be fired too. This was decided in meeting called for personal hearings of doctors who are not on duty since long on Thursday. The health minister said that so far more than 130 doctors had been dismissed from their services and among them mostly were female doctors. He said that most of the doctors went on ex-Pakistan leave but did not returned and their removal from service would send a warning message to ghost employees in the Health Department. Dahar said, "Since he has resumed the portfolio of health minister, 435 absent doctors have been issued show cause notices to join their duties and if they fail to do so, they will also be terminated from their services". He said, "He would not spare any ghost employees in the Health Department and no pressure would be tolerated in this regard."

**LAHORE:** WWF-Pakistan on Thursday organised an awareness-raising event for the protection of vultures at Government Primary School, Changa Manga Forest Reserve, located near the ex-situ white-backed vulture conservation facility. Activities held on the annual day of the school included a lecture delivered by the WWF-Pakistan Gyps Vulture Restoration Project team, sharing key facts about vultures and efforts currently in place for its conservation. The team shared with the students that the drastic decline in the white-backed vulture population, which is now critically endangered, could be attributed to the use of Diclofenac Sodium in livestock, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), which causes kidney failure in vultures. The drug has been effectively banned since 2006 as an outcome to WWF-Pakistan's effective lobbying.

On the occasion, the students were also shown a documentary titled Missing Vultures, made by WWF-Pakistan, on the importance of vultures and causes of the decline in their population. The presentation was followed by an interactive quiz. A mural painted by the students of white-backed vultures in their natural habitats with a message about their ecological significance was unveiled at the school. A large number of community elders along with parents attended the event and appreciated the efforts of WWF-Pakistan in spreading awareness regarding vulture conservation. WWF-Pakistan has been working for the protection of the Gyps vulture for more than a decade, both through in-situ and ex-situ conservation. The Gyps Vulture Restoration Facility in Changa Manga Forest Reserve is the only ex-situ conservation initiative in Pakistan dedicated to improving the current population along with a captive breeding programme. As part of WWF-Pakistan's in-situ conservation work, a Vulture Safe Zone (VSZ) was established in Nagar Parkar, Sindh in 2012. This remote area hosts the last remaining wild population of critically endangered white-backed and long-billed vultures.

**LAHORE:** Punjab Police is prepared to meet all kind of challenges including terrorism, and for this purpose, the lady police officials are performing their duties energetically side by side with the male police officials. "The lady police officers always proved their capabilities and professionalism at all levels and in every unit of the police department. Human history has proved and acknowledged the courage, bravery and determination of the women at defence fronts," said Punjab Inspector General

### Economic outlook positive but challenges remain: ADB

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Mushtaq Ahmad Sukhera while addressing the passing out ceremony of the 8th batch of 233 recruited lady constables at Police Training College, Chung on Thursday. IG Additional Training Capt (r) Usman Khattak, Police College Commandant Fayyaz Ahmad Dev and other senior police officers were also present on the occasion. The IG said he feels proud that a large number of women are joining the police department and he hoped that after getting such professional training, they would perform their duties diligently and would also try their best to eliminate crime from the society. He said that there is no gender discrimination in Punjab Police and this is the reason that all 550 lady constables from last year are successfully discharging their duties in all districts and are also busy in providing relief to the women complainants. PTS Chung Commandant DIG Fayyaz Ahmad Dev told the IGP that the passed out ladies belonged to 23 districts, which also included five from the Federal Investigation Agency. He added that 55 lady recruits were from Multan, 25 from Gujrat, 20 Bahawalnagar, 19 each from Rawalpindi and Khanewal, 18 Gujranwala and 17 from Vehari. He said that among these lady recruits, one is an M.Phil, two of them are LLB, 18 MA, 100 graduates, 78 intermediate while 38 have passed matriculation. The training period comprised of eight months and was commenced on July 24, 2015.

**ISLAMABAD:** Pakistan's economy will continue to pick up in fiscal year (FY) 2016 as reform and stabilisation measures provide a lift, with higher foreign exchange reserves, and softer inflation and oil prices also supporting the overall macroeconomic outlook, says the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its latest flagship annual economic report. The Asian Development Outlook 2016 (ADO), released Thursday, forecast growth of 4.5% for FY 2016 and 4.8% in FY2017. In FY2015, growth came in at 4.2%. "While the outlook is for moderate gains in growth, the report also notes that continued public sector enterprise losses, insufficient energy and power evacuation capacity, and security concerns will continue to test the country's economy," the ADB outlook on Pakistan observed. "Pakistan needs to stay the course of macroeconomic and structural reforms, in particular in revenue collection, the energy sector, and in revitalising public sector enterprises that have been causing a fiscal drain," said ADB's Country Director for Pakistan Werner Liepach. "These reforms are critical for fiscal and economic sustainability and to promote investment and economic growth," he remarked. The ADO notes that large-scale manufacturing grew by 3.9% in the first half of FY2016 from a rise of 2.7% in the same period the year earlier, boosted by low raw material prices, expanded construction, and low interest rates. However, textile production grew by only 1% over the same period due to weaker demand in export markets and increased competition, with falling global commodity prices and heavy rains damaging cotton output, Pakistan's vital agriculture sector is expected to experience slower growth in FY2016. The ADB Outlook further said that the key challenges impeding stronger economic growth include inadequate infrastructure and transport connectivity, and limited access to finance. "Low investment in human development has also left Pakistan with a workforce lacking the skills needed to help the country compete in global markets and to increase productivity by producing goods with higher value", the report says. It added that improved prospects for the economy, therefore, depend on faster implementation of ongoing reforms to alleviate power shortages, expanding fiscal space, fostering a competitive business environment, and liberalising trade.

### Massive corruption : CDA appoints 1,200 employees against rules

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**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) Labour Union has appointed 1,200 persons in the civic body against the rules during the last nine years in connivance with members and senior officers.

Sources told Daily Times that CDA Labour Union General Secretary Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin, administration members and other members of CDA are involved in illegal appointments in CDA. Sources said that the junior category staff was also promoted at their behest adding that the officer bearers of CDA Labour Union have become part of corrupt mafia. CDA Labour Union general secretary was elected as a collective bargaining agent. Office bearers of CDA Labour Union receive Rs 3 million every month on account of funds. Sources further told Daily Times that Chaudhry Yasin along with high ranking officers of CDA is involved in massive irregularities. They said, "He got appointed his family members on important posts in CDA against the rules and regulations. His son Chaudhry Shahzad was also appointed in grade-10 and later he was promoted as assistant director sports and culture in grade-17 in defiance of rules". Sources said, "He was promoted against merit norms and he did not even fulfil the condition of educational qualification set for this post. The son-in-law of Chaudhry Yasin is appointed as admin officer in DMA. His daughter has also been appointed as officer". They said that Chaudhry Yasin was retired from CDA as electrician 10 years back and he is holding assets worth million of rupees in Faisalabad, Islamabad and other cities.

Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had arrested CDA Labour Union President Shahid Khan for allowing others to set up illegal structures and for his involvement in China cutting and commercial use of residences and residential plots in the federal capital. The FIA had also recovered a sum of Rs 300 million from his bank account during investigation and he was sent to Adiala Jail. Later, he was released from jail as a result of deal with FIA. The CDA has its own work force and machinery resources but contracts of millions of rupees are awarded and distributed among them under labour union pressure. Labour union commits corrupt practices in collusion with member environment, sanitation and fire fighting. Later, member admn and member HRD initiated fake inquiries but no action has been taken against any one in the light of inquiry reports. Inquiries were conducted within no time on media reports but this process remains confined to papers only. Sources said that CDA corrupt mafia appointed grade-5 employees on the post of grade-17 in return for heavy bribery. As per law, a long period is required for promotion to grade-17. Firemen were appointed as field inspectors against the rules. The CDA HR Department also ordered for verification of degrees of all officers in 2012 but administration and chairman have failed to implement these orders so far. Sources said that Chaudhry Muhammad Yasin is running the affairs of CDA since the last 10 years. They said that the allottees of several illegal housing schemes in Zone-1V of federal capital were allowed to execute construction work without obtaining No Objection Certificate (NOC) due to negligence of CDA.

While CDA has allocated this zone for agriculture farming, they added. These housing schemes



### 28,000 saplings to be planted along Islamabad Expressway

*Daily Times, April 01, 2016*

### Teacher abducted, PIA official assaulted

*Daily Times, April 01, 2016*

### Residents at risk of epidemic diseases

*Daily Times, April 01, 2016*

### 39 doctors dismissed from service, 27 issued showcause notices: Minister

*The Nation, March 31, 2016*

### Imparting technical skills

include Adil Valley, Sumli Dam Road, Al Syed Avenue, Al-Rehman City View Lehtrar Road, Al-Qamar Housing Scheme, Arsalan Town,, Abdullah Gardens,, Ali Model Town, Al-Nihal Housing Scheme, Burma Town, Bahria Enclave, Cantt Pre-Housing Scheme, City View, City Town, Daniyal Town, Eden Life and Faisal Town. Sources said that about 120 NGOs are operating in residential areas of the federal capital in violation of CDA building rules while as per rules they can set up their offices only in commercial areas adding that 65 housing schemes have been launched in zone-IV illegally without obtaining NOC from CDA adding that in this way CDA and national exchequer have been deprived of tax money running into millions of rupees. They said that a number of illegal housing societies are located in zone-III and if all these housing societies are legalized, these can fetch billion of rupees into national kitty adding that the CDA Planning Member Waseem Ahmad Khan is stated to be allegedly involved in setting up several illegal-housing societies in capital. Sources said that the FIA is also conducting inquiry against high profile corrupt officers of CDA. 93 officers of CDA who have played the role of facilitator in establishment of illegal housing societies in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) have also been summoned by the FIA and an inquiry is underway. Sources further said FIA is being pressurised and offered bribe money to prevent it from holding further inquiry. Those involved in this same are pressurising State Minister for CADD Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry to stop the inquiry. List of 56 corrupt officers of CDA has not been sent to FIA.

**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) will plant 28,000 saplings along the signal-free Islamabad Expressway to keep the surroundings environment-friendly, clean and green. CDA has planned to plant 28,000 environmental-friendly species in the green belts of Islamabad Expressway in which Shisham and Kachnar are main species, said an official. He said that a total of 319 trees were removed from the site of the under construction signal free Islamabad Expressway, which included 256 trees of paper mulberry that are not considered environment-friendly. He said that the climatic changes could only be confronted by protecting existing green cover and making serious efforts for its further enhancement. He said that for the preservation of forests, collective efforts are required adding that the forests are the largest storehouses of carbon as they absorb and store human-generated and other carbon dioxide emissions. He said that healthy forests are critical in fighting against the storms and other natural disasters. Under the ongoing tree plantation drive, CDA would plant 300,000 saplings in different areas of the federal capital while with the collaboration of partner organisations 450,000 plants would be planted collectively to meet the global demands, he added. He further said that the people from all walks of life particularly the students of different educational institutes have been practically engaged in the tree plantation drive for creating awareness about tree plantation among the residents of the federal capital. He said that special efforts are being made to protect and preserve flora and fauna of Margalla Hills National Park.

**RAWALPINDI:** A schoolteacher has allegedly been abducted within the airport police jurisdiction. Farman Ali who is a resident of Airport Housing Society, lodged a complaint with the local police that unknown persons have abducted his brother Tayab Ali, who is a schoolteacher by profession, from a local market where he had gone for shopping. The police have registered a case and started investigation. Meanwhile, an employee of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) was assaulted and injured by a passenger within the Cantonment police jurisdiction. Noreen Khalid who is a duty officer at PIA Mall Road Office, lodged a complaint with the local police that Zaman Khalid who had missed a flight turned up at the office and demanded to return the amount against the ticket. When he was denied the amount to be returned back, he assaulted her with a chair and injured her. The injured was rushed to a local hospital for medical aid. Police have registered separate cases and started investigation.

**RAWALPINDI:** The residents of the Rawalpindi city and cantonment areas have been at greater risk of catching contagious and epidemic diseases as the Rawalpindi Cantonment Board (RCB) has failed to collect and dispose of garbage and trash that could be seen scattered at every nook and corner. With heaps of garbage and household waste and waste of different hospitals and clinics scattered in different places, area residents are highly exposed to different kind of hazards. The heaps of unattended garbage and waste could be seen strewn in different areas including Naseerabad, Johar Pul, Golra Mor, Peshawar Road and other adjoining areas as the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) and the RCB Sanitation Department have failed to collect garbage on time to further dispose of the same. Anjum who is a resident of Naseerabad area said that a few years back, her children had been freely roaming and playing in playgrounds and parks and now dirt and garbage have occupied these places shrinking recreational places for the residents. Several residents complained that though the Rawalpindi Waste Management Company and the Sanitation Department charge them against collecting household garbage, they throw garbage in dumping points near residential areas. Besides garbage dumps, encroachments have also been made alongside Nullah Lai in areas including Javed Colony, Nadeem Colony, Gawalmandi, Amarpur, Dhok Rata, Dhok Hassu and other adjoining areas which may further aggravate the situation in the peak monsoon season. The residents have demanded that the authorities should take notice of the issue and issue instructions for removing garbage.

**KARACHI:** Provincial minister health Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar has ordered to remove 39 long absent doctors from their services, while 27 absent doctors have been issued final show cause notices and if they are failed to comply with the orders they will be fired too. This was decided in meeting, called for personal hearings of long absent doctors. The health minister told that so far more than 130 long absent doctors had been dismissed from their services and among them mostly were female doctors. It is to mention here that mostly doctors went on ex-Pakistan leave but did not return and their removal from service would send a warning message to ghost employees in health department. Mr. Dahar added, "Since he has resumed the portfolio of minister health, 435 absent doctors have been issued show cause notices to join their duties and if they fail to do so, they will also be terminated from their services." He said that he would not spare any ghost employees in the health department and no pressure would be tolerated in this regard.

**LAHORE:** The federal government would set up vocational secondary schools across the country to

## : Government to set up vocational secondary schools

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decrease the ratio of dropouts. Primary pass students would be given admission so that they may get skilled training while passing their matriculation. "All provincial governments have allocated sufficient funds for the promotion of vocational training during the current financial year.

Punjab government, under the leadership of Shahbaz Sharif, is also giving full concentration for the promotion of technical education. Pakistan is now smoothly moving ahead in economic matters," said State Minister for Education Baligur Rehman while addressing the prize distribution ceremony at 2nd day of 'National Skills Show' at the Expo Centre. Provincial Ministers Ayesha Ghous Pasha, Choudhary Muhammad Shafique, Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA) Chairman Irfan Qaiser Sheikh, NAVTTC Executive Director Zulfiqar Cheema, diplomats of Iran, Middle East, Africa, Iran, Malaysia, Russia including other countries, Economic Adviser to Punjab CM Ejaz Nabi, renowned industrialists Sikandar Khan, Adul Basit, Syed Mehmood Ghazanvi, Mian Muhammad Idrees, Rehmatullah Javaid, presidents of district board of managements and large number of youth attended the ceremony.

Provincial Ministers Ayesha Ghous Pasha and Choudhary Muhammad Shafiq in their addresses said that TEVTA is now on the right track to introduce demand-driven short courses as per requirement of the industry. Shahbaz Sharif has given prime importance to train skilled manpower of Punjab, they added. TEVTA chief Irfan Qaiser Sheikh said the authority is spending its major portion of development budget on students' trainings instead of spending on brick and mortar, adding that the government has allocated sufficient budget for the promotion of technical education and vocational training for the current financial years as well. "Without promoting technical education and vocational training, economic growth is not possible. Introduction of demand-driven short courses are the need of the time which will give fruitful results and our industry will not only get trained manpower but also new job opportunities will be provided to trained manpower," he added. Sheikh said that youth, parents, general public and renowned entrepreneurs attended the two-day National Skills Show while the business community has also lauded the contributions of TEVTA to promote technical education and vocational training across Punjab. "TEVTA has collected more than 3,500 CVs and job applications of the pass out students." He said that 'Conduct of Career Counseling Conference' has given fruitful results as experts of various sectors shared their professional knowledge with the participants. He also briefed about the promotion of technical education and introduction of short courses during the last 18 months. He said that these short courses have been offered on the demand of local and overseas industries.

## 'Govt committed to equipping youth with technical skills'

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**ISLAMABAD:** State Minister for Education and Professional Training Balighur Rahman on Wednesday said that government was taking concrete steps to equip youth with technical skills and professional training through Prime Minister's Education Reforms Programme. He said that no country could progress without imparting education and technical skills to the youth. The government, he said, was determined to equip youth with technical skills and professional training to emerge them in the different industries at national and international level. Highlighting the achievements in education sector by present government, he said a vivid development could be seen in education sector as the federal and provincial governments had allocated more funds in the present tenure as compared to the past. The minister said that six million children from class 1 to 5 were still out of schools and the government was making efforts to bring them to school. He said enrolment in schools had been increased as 5 percent students of the primary education had been moved from private to public sector schools. Baligh said through Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme, the enrolment of students in universities had been increased up to 30 percent, which was a positive sign in the education sector. "We will modernise the curriculum of the educational institutions to meet the challenges of the world," he said, adding a plan for the characterisation of the students was also underway aiming at creating a corruption-free society.

## Public parks in Rawalpindi to remain shut for one week

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**RAWALPINDI:** In the wake of loss of 72 precious lives in a suicide bomb blast at Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park in Lahore, the district administration and the cantonment boards have ordered closing down all public parks for one week. Public parks in Rawalpindi are in a dilapidated condition and most of them lack security. While the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) has failed to maintain the upkeep of public parks, drug addicts and unscrupulous elements could be seen roaming the parks. Most families avoid visiting public parks due to alleged harassment and starting by crooked persons, those who opted to go only return home after facing unavoidable situations. However, PHA Director Genarl Abid Malik said that there were 39 small and big parks in the Rawalpindi city, which have been shut temporarily to make security arrangements. "Police personnel and security guards will be deployed at the entry point of major public parks before they are opened for public," he said. Meanwhile, Rawalpindi Cantonment Board Spokesman Qaisar said that there were nine small and big parks in cantonment areas. Security arrangements have already been put in place in Rumi Park while the rest will soon have foolproof security arrangements within a week time.

## Police baton-charge protesting teachers

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**KARACHI:** Police on Wednesday resorted to baton-charge and water cannons to disperse teachers protesting against non-payment of salaries in the provincial capital. According to sources, a group of teachers staging protest were approaching the Chief Minister House when the police intervened. While police claimed to have arrested at least five teachers, several of them were also injured. The police sealed the roads leading towards the CM House by placing containers and started baton-charging the protestors. The shelling from the police's side knocked several demonstrators unconscious but most of them managed to reach the CM House, added sources. In December last year, more than 100 teachers protested and blocked the road near Sindh Secretariat, demanding the release of their salaries, due for a year. "I was appointed along with 750 teachers after we cleared our tests in 2012," said a protesting teacher, who, along with other demonstrators, claimed they received their appointment letters in October 2014 and joined as junior school teachers in various schools across the city but were due to receive their salaries.

Meanwhile, Sindh's Senior Minister for Education Nisar Ahmed Khuhro has said that the government did not believe in violence but the teachers are also bound to follow the law. He issued this statement in view of teachers' protest outside the Karachi Press Club (KPC) for pursuing their demands on

### New building control body on the cards

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### IEP-RIC to collaborate with varsities to enhance engineers' professional growth

*Daily Times, March 30, 2016*

### Question papers being sold at Rs100

*The Nation, March 30, 2016*

Wednesday. Khuhro said every person had the right to hold protest in a democratic way but crossing the limits of red zones was inappropriate. He said the government believed in talks. "If teachers will come up with legitimate demands, the government will consider them." He said they did not support the violation and arrests of teachers and the ones arrested during the protest would be released soon.

**ISLAMABAD:** The federal capital will have a new building control department to issue no-objection certificates (NOCs) to buildings, especially in rural areas. Sources said that the shifting of the Building Control Section (BCS) of the CDA to the Metropolitan Corporation has been halted for the time being. The CDA building section issues NOCs only to buildings located in urban areas while there is no system in place in respect of buildings located in the jurisdiction of Islamabad Capital Territory. The source claimed that the new body was being set up to give legal cover to high-rise buildings constructed in rural areas. Sources alleged the influential building and land mafia was pushing the local representatives to make legislation to give legal cover to their illegality. The issue of illegal buildings has already been raised in the National Assembly as well.

**ISLAMABAD:** Institution of Engineers Pakistan, Rawalpindi-Islamabad Chapter (IEP-RIC) would develop its partnership with local universities for enhancing professional development of young and newly graduated engineers. It will also seek the support of the higher education institutions to enhance its membership for collective benefit. Through the mutual collaboration, the two sides would hold lectures and seminars on professional matters in order to equip the engineers with new developments enabling them to play their useful role in the country's socio-economic development. Similar collaborations would also be developed with the Engineering Council Pakistan (ECP) for community's welfare and professional development. It was decided at the IEP-RIC Administrative and Finance Committee's meeting held on Tuesday. The meeting was presided over by its Chairman Hafiz M Ehsan Qazi. While taking stock of the institutional work, it was noted that there is a gradual increase of IEP-RIC memberships. The committee unanimously approved its budget and accounts for the recent months. The Programs' In-charge Engr Arjumund Shaikh welcomed the participation and role of Young Engineers Forum (YEF) in achieving the desired goals and objectives. He briefed them about the institution's objectives aiming at promoting engineering education, knowledge dissemination and skills transfer. The proposed plan of IEP linkages with various institutions, industries, NGOs (national and international) was also discussed in the meeting and it was decided that they would work vigorously to have better career for the young engineers. Engr Dr. Attaullah Shah stressed that 'YEF' need to come forward and play its effective role in promoting and accelerating activities of IEP-RIC. Group Cap (r) Engr Najamuddin called for conducting short courses in the relevant disciplines for the benefit of young engineers. Engr Osaf Malik underlined the importance of continuing professional development (CPD) programme for professional grooming of the young engineers. He said that such activities at the level of IEP should be a regular feature.

**ARKANA/KARACHI/MIRPURKHAS:** Question papers are available for sale at Rs100 around the examination centres. Around 116 examination centres have been setup in Larkana region, 22 in Kambar Shahdadt district, 23 in Shikarpur district, 15 in Jacobabad district, 18 in Kashmore/Kandhkot district and 21 in Dadu district. There was high-level cheating in the first paper and mismanagement of the BISE were reported at various examination centres. Thousands of cheating material was detected at different centres during the paper. A Sindhi paper was leaked out within few minutes before the examination and complete violation of rules and regulations was observed in different parts of Larkana, Jacobabad, Kamber-Shahdadt, Dadu and others.

During the examination, the staff and security guards were busy helping students in solving the question papers in and outside the centres. Students faced difficulties in finding their centres due to misprinting on the roll number slips. The Board authorities and police negligence were witnessed. The surveillance and vigilance teams were as usual absent from the centres. The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) annual examinations of the Board of Secondary Education Karachi (BSEK) were commenced here on Monday. BSEK Chairman Anwar Ahmed Zia informed that 340,000 candidates would appear at 382 centres in the metropolis. The examinations would continue up to April 20. Anwar Zai said on the opening day, the paper of computer studies was conducted in the morning session. The afternoon papers were of Home Economics, Arabic, Persian and Braille. Zia said the papers started and concluded as per scheduled time and the attendance was cent percent. He stated that the Board has formed as many as 103 vigilance teams and of these 40 consist of officers of the local administration. He said he visited five examination centres in District Central and Malir and the arrangements were satisfactory. Section 144 has been imposed around the premises of the examination centres in the metropolis.

There was a need to improve further the security arrangements at the examination centre, it was pointed out. On the other hand, the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Annual Examinations-2016 Part-I and Part-II began from Monday in all the 10 districts under the management of BISE Hyderabad. A total of 132,402 male and female candidates are taking part in the annual examinations. In this regard, 217 examination centres have been set up in Hyderabad, Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Matari, Benazirabad, Dadu, Jamshoro, Thatta, Sujawal and Badin districts. Hyderabad Commissioner Qazi Shahid Pervez, along with the Chairman, BISE Hyderabad, Prof Dr M Memon and Controller of Examinations Prof Masroor Ahmed Zai visited different examination centres of Hyderabad to review the arrangements and vigilance against copying, cheating and using of unfair means in the examinations. During the visit, the commissioner also caught three candidates red-handed who were engaged in helping candidates in copying in the examination centre. He asked the officials concerned to arrest these persons and ordered no entry of unauthorized persons in the centres. The commissioner also directed the suspension of invigilator Mazharuddin Solangi on charge of his negligence and also directed the registration of FIR against a person who was solving the paper in place of the actual candidate. Talking to media persons, he informed that the patrolling of Rangers and Police has been enhanced around the examination centre while vigilance committees have been formed to visit the examination centres and take strict action

### School walls in dilapidated condition in Sector G7

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### Protesters damage property worth Rs 170m, halt business activity

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### Securitymen to be deployed in 34 public parks of Rawalpindi

*Daily Times, March 30, 2016*

### expedites campaign against food handlers

*Daily Times, March 30, 2016*

### IIUI, ISESCO vow to boost mutual cooperation for academic excellence

*Daily Times, March 30, 2016*

against copying, cheating and using of unfair means during the examinations.

**ISLAMABAD:** The walls of G7 Model School for Girls is in dilapidated condition due to lukewarm attitude of the school administration. Hundreds of students enrolled in the school and the authorities concerned should take notice of the dilapidated conditions of walls and wild bushes are not even trimmed regularly. During visit to the school, it was observed that about 43 percent walls of the schools need repairing. A schoolteacher Farzana Hameed said, "These dilapidated walls should be repaired and the wild bushes in the premises of school should be trimmed on regular basis". A student Fahad Ahmed said that most of the time animals can be seen entering into the premises due to dilapidated conditions of walls. Another student Fayyaz Khan said, "The open grounds of the school are being used by the children of neighbouring localities as playgrounds".

**ISLAMABAD:** Public property worth more than Rs 170 million has been damaged by protestors since their sit-in at D-Chowk in the federal capital three days ago besides suspension of business activities and transport in the federal capital. Similarly, 50 policemen have been injured in clash with the protestors. According to Islamabad district administration sources, the Metro bus service remained suspended for last three days and as a result of which the people commuting between the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad are facing hardships. The protestors damaged metro bus stations of Parade Ground and China Chowk on Jinnah Avenue. Besides several motorbikes parked around the stations, heavy power generators and other installations were also set on fire. Two motorbikes of officials were snatched from the policemen. The official sources estimated that the damage caused to the metro bus stations is more than Rs 130 million while revenue of approximately Rs 4 million had been lost due to the suspension of the metro bus service till date. According to police sources, the wireless set of station house officer (SHO) Kohsar police was snatched by the protestors, while a vehicle of fire brigade was also damaged. Three containers were also set on fire while police patrolling vehicles were also damaged. Fire Brigade's vehicle driver Hyat Khan and Fire Brigade AFO Haq Nawaz were thrashed by the protestors. Meanwhile, the capital city police said that six First Information Reports (FIRs) have been registered at three police stations. According to police, two FIRs each have been registered at Industrial area, Kohsar and Secretariat police stations. Meanwhile, traders of Blue Area have expressed displeasure over destruction of public property and suspension of business activities in the capital city. Farukh, who runs a laptop selling shop in Blue Area said that his business had been affected due to the sit-in and urged the government to take measures for restoring normal environment in the capital's business hub. All Pakistan Traders Union President Muhammad Kashif Chaudhry condemned the suspension of business activities in Blue Area due to the ongoing protest. Meanwhile, the police on Tuesday arrested more than 100 protestors and presented them in the courts of judicial magistrates. They were sent to jail after the courts gave their remand to the police.

**RAWALPINDI:** Punjab government has issued directives for induction of security guards equipped with state-of-the-art arms, installation of walk through gates on entry and exit points, close circuit cameras (CCTV) and deployment of policemen in plain clothes in all 34 public parks in the district Rawalpindi. The directives for taking these measures on emergency basis have been issued in the wake of Lahore public park carnage. In accordance with this decision, four to six security guards would be deployed at central gates of the major public parks. Security has been beefed up in all the public parks including Jinnah Park, Ayyub Park, Race Course Park, Roomi, Ibne Batoota Park, Ladies Park, Children Park and Nawaz Sharif Park. The orders have been issued in this regard for checking all the vehicles through metal detectors. Instructions have been issued that all the small gates to be closed down in these parks and only two major gates to be kept open for the movement of people.

**ISLAMABAD:** Directorate of Health Services (DHS) of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) has further expedited its campaign against food handlers engaged in poor food practices in the capital city. On the directives of Capital Development Authority (CDA) Member Administration Amer Ali Ahmed, the constituted teams of Health Services Directorate of the civic body are raiding in the entire city to ensure the quality of food. During the last three months, these teams have fined 118 food handlers and issued 162 notices to the violators of hygiene sections of PPF Ordinance, 1960. Moreover, 13 different premises have been partially sealed in addition to the lodging of FIR against a school canteen in sector H8. Furthermore, 93 packets of non-branded food items, several kilogrammes of rotten apples and guava, 37 litres of non-branded expired soft drinks and 138 un-hygienic, cracked and chipped utensils including cups, plates, kettles etc were confiscated and destroyed on the spot. CDA Member Administration Amir Ali Ahmed directed the Directorate of Health Services to continue operation against sub-standards fruit and vegetables sellers in the capital city to make sure the supply of hygienic foodstuff for the masses. He further directed to ensure the implementation of principles of public health and relevant rules and regulations and strict action against sellers of sub-standard food sellers, including un-hygienic and adulterated foodstuff spots. He also directed to submit daily progress report in this regard.

**ISLAMABAD:** International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) and Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) have agreed to boost mutual cooperation in terms of scholarships, conferences and academic excellence. This development is the result of a meeting between ISESCO Director General (DG) Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri and IIUI President Dr Ahmed Yousif Al-Draiweesh, said a press release on Tuesday. During the meeting, Dr Abdulaziz Othman assured for cooperation regarding provision of scholarships to IIUI students. He praised IIUI's role for improving educational standards for the youth of Muslim world. Both the personalities also discussed matter of a conference on "The Experience of Islamic Universities in Teaching of Arabic Language to Non-Arabs" regarding which ISESCO DG said that the organisation would jointly work with IIUI for arrangements of the conference. It was also agreed in the meeting that IIUI and ISESCO would jointly hold a conference on Iqbal's thoughts in Morocco. Dr Al-Draiweesh congratulated Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri upon receiving Sitara-i-Imtiaz, which was conferred upon him by the government of Pakistan on March 23rd. On the occasion, Dr Al-Draiweesh said that IIUI is keen to broaden its



### Authorities directed to identify dengue hot spots

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### Rs 290m for 14 link roads in Rawalpindi

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### CDA plants 375,502 saplings, plans 450,000 more this year

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### PC-I under consideration for 200-bed general hospital in Tarlai

*Daily Times, March 28, 2016*

### Highway drivers to be educated about dozing risks

*Daily Times, March 28, 2016*

### School enrolment has dropped under CM Shahbaz: Elahi

*Daily Times, March 28, 2016*

linkages with all the universities of the world. He reiterated his resolve that IIUI would keep disseminating Islam's message of peace. He also thanked ISESCO for cooperation with IIUI and hoped that mutual ties would be further strengthened in the future.

**RAWALPINDI:** Commissioner Rawalpindi has stressed the need for coordinated efforts to timely check hot spots and effective indoor and outdoor surveillance so that anti-dengue measures could be made fruitful. In a meeting on Monday, the commissioner said that the eradication of dengue is not the responsibility of any individual entity, it is a joint responsibility of all the government departments, local bodies and community to work together and ensure preventative measures to address the issue without any delay. He said that all the graveyards located in Rawal and Potohar towns including cantonment areas must be cleared within next 15 days by carrying out survey. The commissioner made it clear to all the stake holders that it can be made possible by performing entrusted tasks within the fixed time lines. Earlier, the Health executive district officer (EDO) in a meeting said that the Health Department has finalised all the arrangements to tackle dengue.

**RAWALPINDI:** The Punjab government has released Rs 290 million for the construction of 14 link roads and renovation of government offices and accommodations in district Rawalpindi. These funds have been released to the city district government of Rawalpindi under the Punjab City Governance Improvement Project (PCGIP), said a source. According to the source, Rs 80 million would be spent on the construction of 14 link roads, Rs 21.5 million on the construction and renovation of social welfare centers (SWCs) including Aafiat, Darul Aman, Kashana, Sanat-e-Zar, Women Crisis Centre (WCC), working women hostel, Gahwara, Negahban, offices of the Social Welfare Department, Excise and Taxation Department, Education Department and other departments. Work on these projects will soon be started, the source added.

**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) has planted 375,502 saplings from its own nurseries in last two years at a cost of only Rs 6 million. Capital Development Authority is planting 450,000 more saplings in the federal capital in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and different institutions this year. According to a document, the plants are obtained from civic authority's own nurseries. The details of the saplings planted in various sectors in last two years included 6,490 plants in admin sector, 20,321 saplings were planted in sector G5 and diplomatic enclave, 6,492 in sector G6, 6,687 in sector G7, 13,214 saplings were planted in last two years in F6; 3,480 in sector F7; 12,315 at Zero point; 4,100 were planted along Faisal Avenue; 760 along 7th Avenue; 3,625 were planted along Capital Avenue; 8,480 along Jinnah Avenue; 7,888 at various places in sector I-8; 5,115 were planted in sector I9; 7,275 in sector I-10; 4,780 in sector I-11; 2,900 in sector I-14; 3,150 in I15; 3,350 in I16; 5,270 in H8; 6,046 in H9; 7,250 in sector I11 Grave Yard; 2,150 saplings were planted in Police Headquarters in sector H11 and various other sectors CDA would plant 225,000 plants in the rural areas of the city while 75,000 saplings would be planted in the urban areas particularly in different residential sectors, median strips of avenues, green belts along major highways and parks to eventually help enhance natural beauty of the capital.

**ISLAMABAD:** A PC-I is under consideration with the government for construction of 200-bed Islamabad General Hospital at Tarlai, aiming to ensure more health facilities in rural areas of the federal capital. A token fund of Rs 10 million has already been allocated in current Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2015-16 for the project which would have an estimated cost of Rs 2722.56 million. Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control has highlighted steps being taken by the government for the establishment of hospitals and more health facilities in the rural areas of Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). The officials said that the construction work is underway to establish more Basic Health Units (BHUs). These include construction of BHU at Tarnol and BHU at Kirpa. The ministry said that there is no major government hospital in the rural areas of ICT. Presently, there are three Rural Health Centres functioning under the administrative control of Health Department of ICT to provide health facilities to population of the metropolis. These include Rural Health Centre Tarlai, Rural Health Centre Barakahu and Rural Health Centre Sihala. The ministry said that 14 Basic Health Units (BHUs) are also functioning in rural areas of ICT and these are BHU Rawat, BHU Gagri, BHU Bukhar, BHU Bhimber Trar, BHU Sohan, BHU Jagiot, BHU Jhangi Syeddin, BHU Chirah, BHU Turmair, BHU Pind Begwal, BHU Phulgrah, BHU Shahdara, BHU Gokina, and BHU Shah Allah Ditta. In addition, one dispensary is also functioning at Model Town Hamak in the capital city.

**LAHORE:** While blaming dozing at the steering due to fatigue and weariness as one of the foremost reasons for accidents on highways, DIG Motorway Police, Central Zone Mirza Faran Baig ordered an education drive for the drivers using the national highways. According to a spokesperson, on the directions of the DIG, the NH&MP is observing 'Dozing at Wheel' campaign in which officers will brief motorists, especially drivers of heavy transport vehicles (HTVs) and public transport vehicles (PSVs) to take proper rest during long journeys and in case they feel drowsy, they should stop and have a cup of tea. The officers have also been directed to ensure the use of hooter and horn whenever any HTV vehicle or passenger bus passes them especially in the late hours of night. The officers have been asked to visit different hotels besides national highway to brief and educate the drivers staying there about the phenomenon of dozing at wheel. In order to make this campaign more successful and meaningful, Mobile Education Unit of Central Zone will also visit different goods transport and passenger bus terminals from Lahore to Rahim Yar Khan in order to brief and educate drivers about the hazards of driving while drowsy. Baig has asked the officers of Central Zone to take personal interest in the campaign in order to make it meaningful and result-oriented.

**LAHORE:** Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid senior leader Chaudhry Pervez Elahi has said that laptops are being distributed among students by the ruling party to get votes and not to promote education. While addressing a press conference on Sunday, Elahi claimed that "98 percent children were going to schools in Punjab during his tenure", but this number has gone down remarkably during the tenure of the PML-N. "The education standard in schools has gone down during the tenure of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, who has been distributing laptops, which is nothing but a farce. Around 80

### Capital to get five multi-storey plazas to overcome parking woes

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### Preventive measures can save lives affected by heat waves: Jam Mehtab Hussain

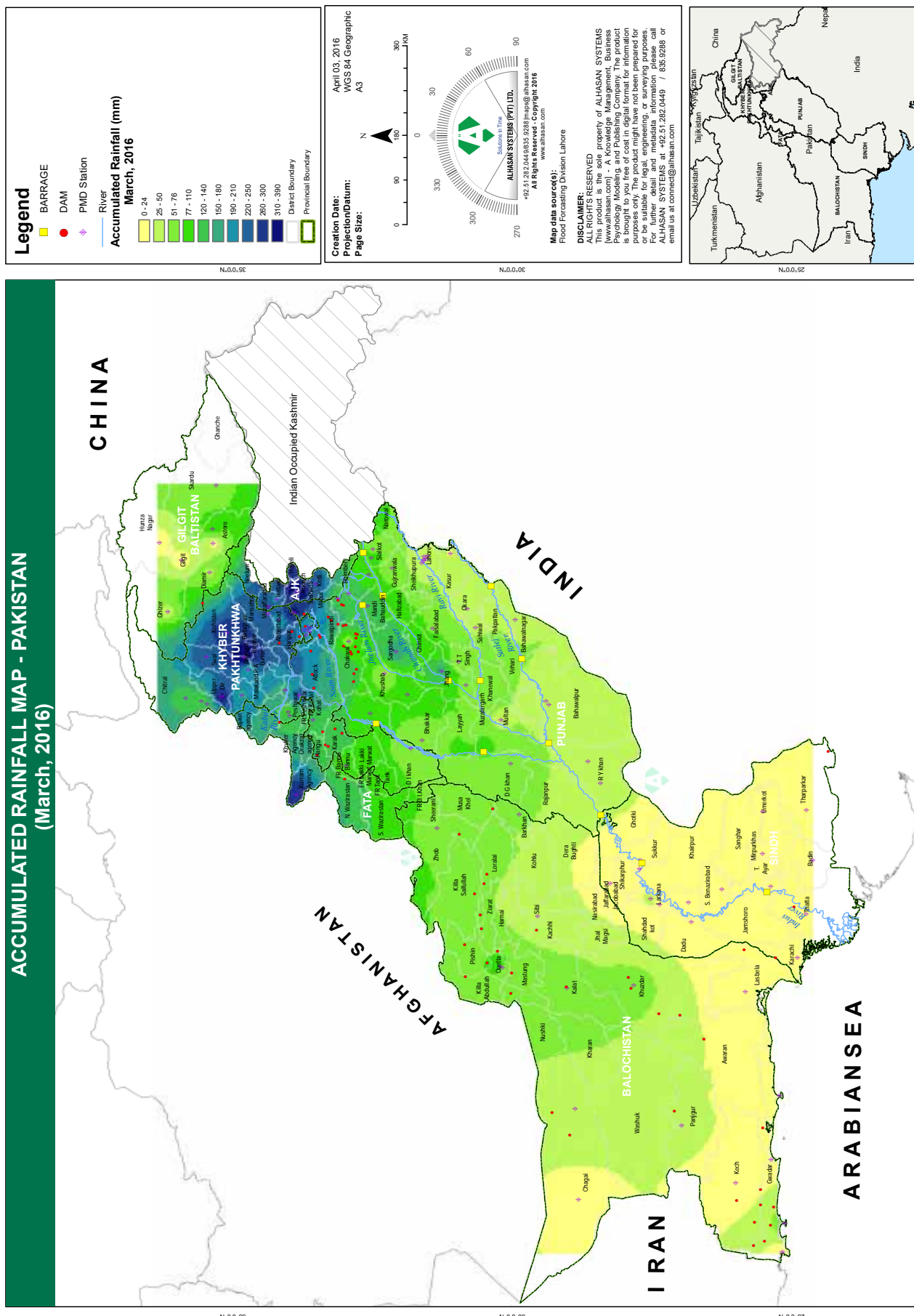
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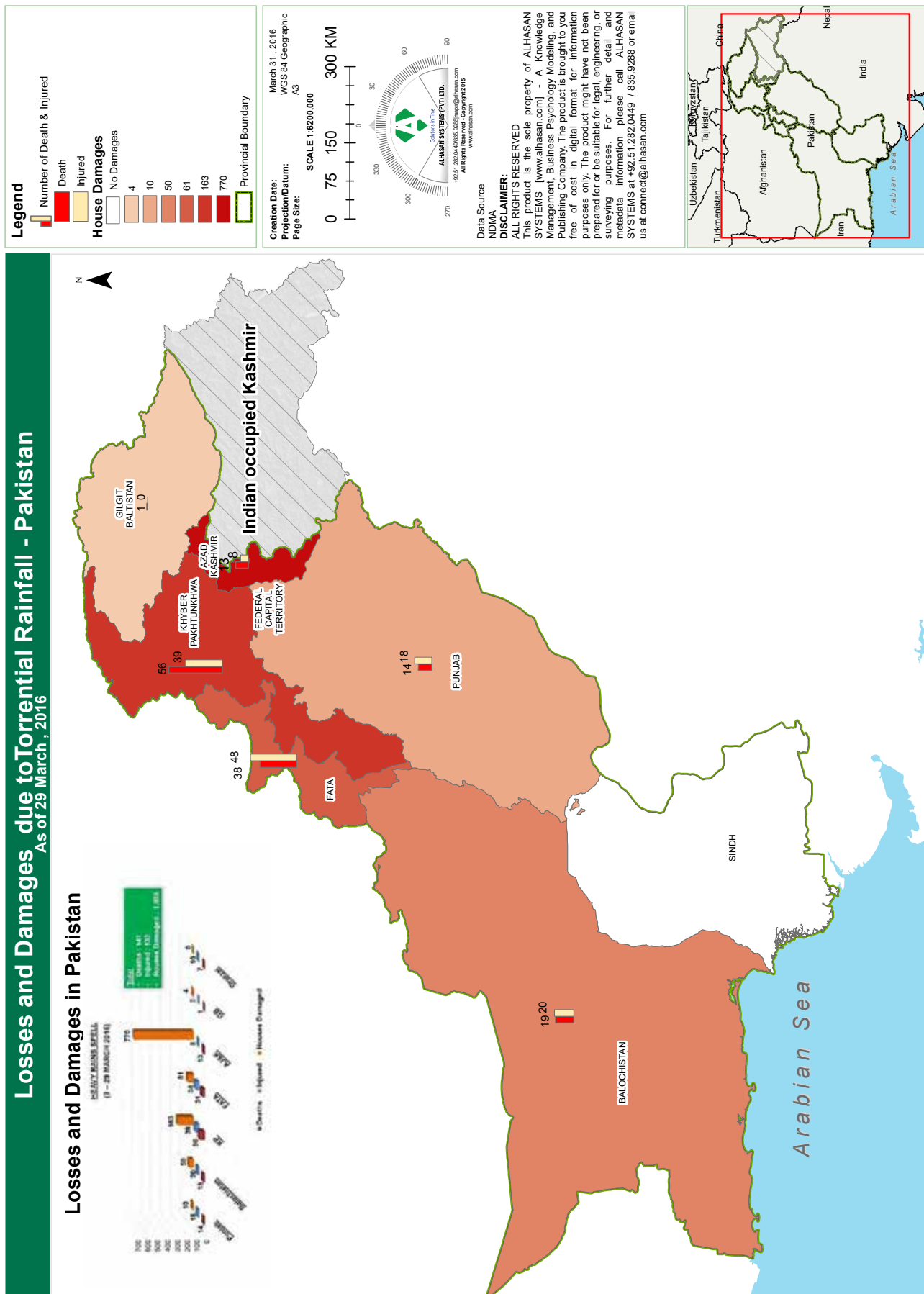
million people have been living in abject poverty in Punjab with a majority of public lacking access to basic facilities and healthcare and education facilities." The former chief minister lauded the army and intelligence agencies for arresting a RAW agent. "Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has been sending expensive dresses to the Indian premier as a goodwill gesture, and in return, Indians are sending agents to destabilise Pakistan," he said while lashing out at Nawaz for keeping a silence over the issue. He also claimed that all development projects initiated by the PML-Q have been closed by the PML-N government.

**ISLAMABAD:** Capital Development Authority (CDA) would construct five multi level parking plazas at busiest points of the capital city to help overcome parking woes and to ease the traffic pressure in the federal capital. The parking plazas would be constructed in Blue Area and other busiest areas of the capital city. CDA had allocated a sum of Rs 256.057 million for constructing parking plazas during financial years 2014-15 and 2015-16. According to a breakup, Rs 169.922 million had been allocated for constructing parking plazas during 2014-15 and Rs 86.135 million for completing the task during 2015-16. The planning and development department Capital Development Authority has almost finalised the plan for constructing five parking plazas in various areas of the city. Parking plazas are imperative not only to overcome the parking problems but also to counter increasing car-lifting incidents in the federal capital. Traffic problems and car thefts can be overcome to a great extent by constructing proper multi level car parking plazas. Parking plazas would be constructed near G6, Parade Ground in south of metro station, F7 Stock Exchange in the south of metro station, F-7 north of Seventh Avenue, F8, Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital and F-8, Ketchery Crossing. Plazas would help ease the traffic congestion in the metropolis. Police and CDA officials said that the shortage of parking space in Blue Area and other major markets of the city including Aabpara, Super, Jinnah Super and Karachi Company has not only aggravated traffic woes but also increased car-lifting incidents in the federal capital. According to CDA, food courts would also be constructed near these plazas and a survey had also been completed for pin pointing suitable places for constructing parking plazas. The CDA has already constructed two multi-level public car parking in Jinnah Super Market (F-7 Markaz) with the capacity to park 440 vehicles.

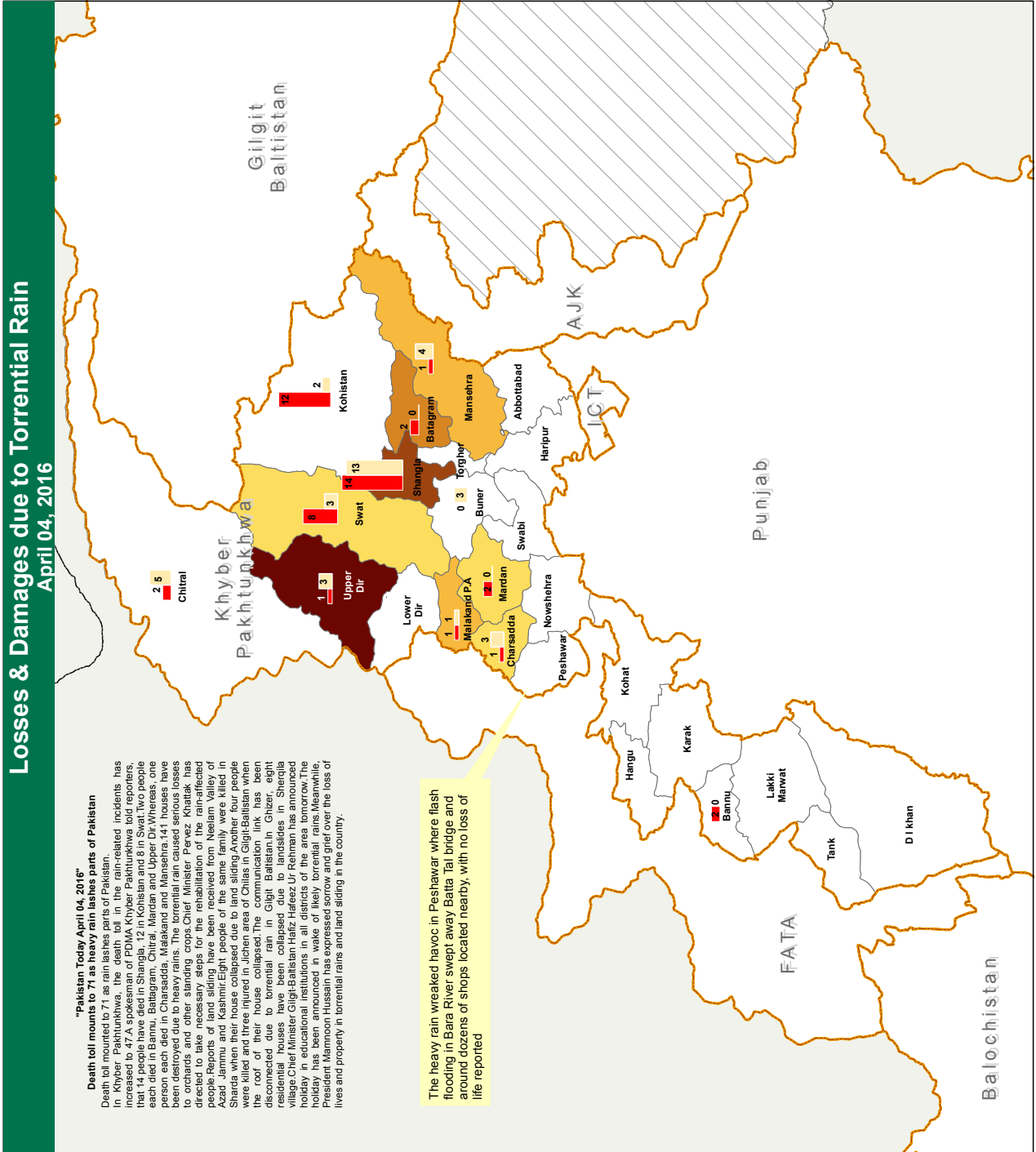
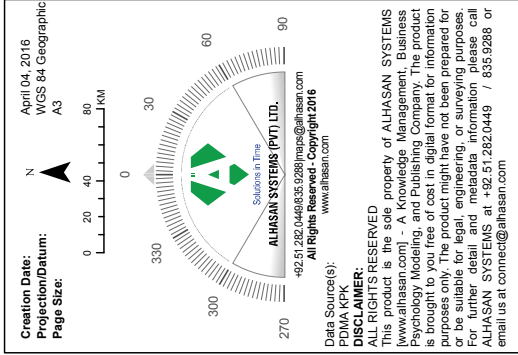
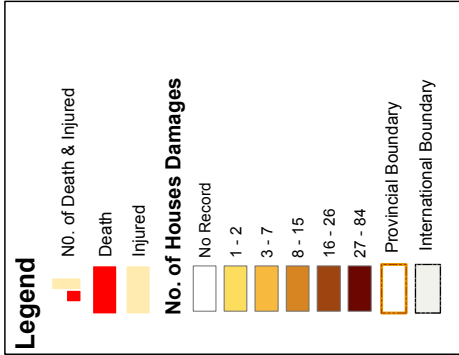
**KARACHI:** Public and private hospitals, ambulance services, scouts and girls guide, departments like health, revenue, SESSI, KMC, Water Board, Local Administration, K-Electric and MET Office should be taken on board to counter the severe heat wave that may visit Karachi city in May and June, while at least three control rooms will be established to monitor the situation and all departments concerned will submit a high level contingency plan to combat heat – wave. Meanwhile all rehabilitation centers will be linked to a big hospital concerned. This was decided in a meeting, held here in Sindh Assembly Committee Room, chaired by the Health Minister Sindh Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar. Secretary Health Dr. Saeed Ahmed Mangnejo, Deputy Commissioners of six districts, all MS of Government Hospitals, DHOs, representatives of education and other departments also attended the meeting. Preventive measures were focused in the meeting and it was also decided that short courses, regarding how to treat heat – wave patients to be conducted, a massive awareness drive through electronic and print media would also be launched.

The list of rehabilitation centres would be published in leading newspapers. Water, ambulances and availability of basic medicines would be provided at these camps and it would be ensured that heat stroke affected patients might be treated at nearest centre and not to refer to big hospital to save time and lives of the patients. The Health Minister Mehtab Dahar directed to launch health alert system through mobile messages and avert loss of life at any cost. Mr. Dahar directed DHOs and MSs to enhance capacity building of health care staff, community participation and volunteer services and to establish a task force consisting of PDMA, Health, Local Administration, scouts/ girls guide, MET Office, Traffic Police and private ambulances services etc. With the implementation of preventative and risk reduction strategies the loss of lives can be curtailed and if we work together whole heartedly we can avert deaths, he concluded.









as of March 22, 2016 to April 03, 2016

**O-Chowk sit-in: Over 150 Suspects Sent on Remand**

When the protesters started looting vehicles and property, the federal government requested the army to rein in the violent protesters. The four-day shirān was called off on the evening of March 30 following successful negotiations between the religious leaders and the government. The protesters claimed that the government agreed to their key demands, including an assurance the country's blasphemy laws will not be amended. Conversely, Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan denied that any deal was struck with the protesters. Instead he claimed that the demonstrators called off their shirān "on their own accord".

**PESHAWAR:** At least 31 suspects including 14 Afghans were arrested during search operations by police in different areas of Peshawar on Monday. The police conducted raids in the districts of Mardan, Chitral, Swat, Dir Lower, FATA, Bajaur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit Baltistan, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, Islamabad Capital Territory, Federal Capital Territory of Islamabad, National Capital Territory of Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh.

**252 militants killed, 160 injured in last phase of Operation Zarb-i-Azb: ISPR**

According to the plan, as of 37,012 families in North Waziristan Agency – 36 per cent of TDPs – have returned to their homes, the statement said. Around 94 development projects have been completed in the first and second phases of the operation. The Agency was established by Army Chief General Raheel Sharif. Military operations in the region were launched in 2014 after a series of militant attacks. The Pakistan Army's Operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched in North Waziristan nearly two years ago after a brazen militant attack on Karachi's international airport and the Waziristan peace talks between the government and Tehreek-ul-Taliban Pakistan regulators. The number of attacks in Pakistan has fallen around 70 per cent, due to a series of military operations against militant bases along the Afghan border and government-backed forces to tackle militancy. Recent reports have revealed

As many as five suspects were killed by Sindhi Rangers and two by police in different areas of Karachi during raids on Saturday and 16 suspects were taken into custody during the said operations. The police conducted search operations over information from an arrested officer of a criminal gang in Pak Colony, Purnia Gohar and Rexer Lines area. Another 14 suspects were detained in a search operation against the gangster, who was arrested in the said area. Two suspects were recovered from the arrested outlaw. Two dacoits were killed in the operation. The police recovered a large quantity of drugs and a suspected drug encounter in Malli Cant. A truck loaded with sugar was seized in the operation. The police recovered a large quantity of drugs and a suspected drug encounter in Malli Cant. A truck loaded with sugar was seized in the operation. The police recovered a large quantity of drugs and a suspected drug encounter in Malli Cant. A truck loaded with sugar was seized in the operation.

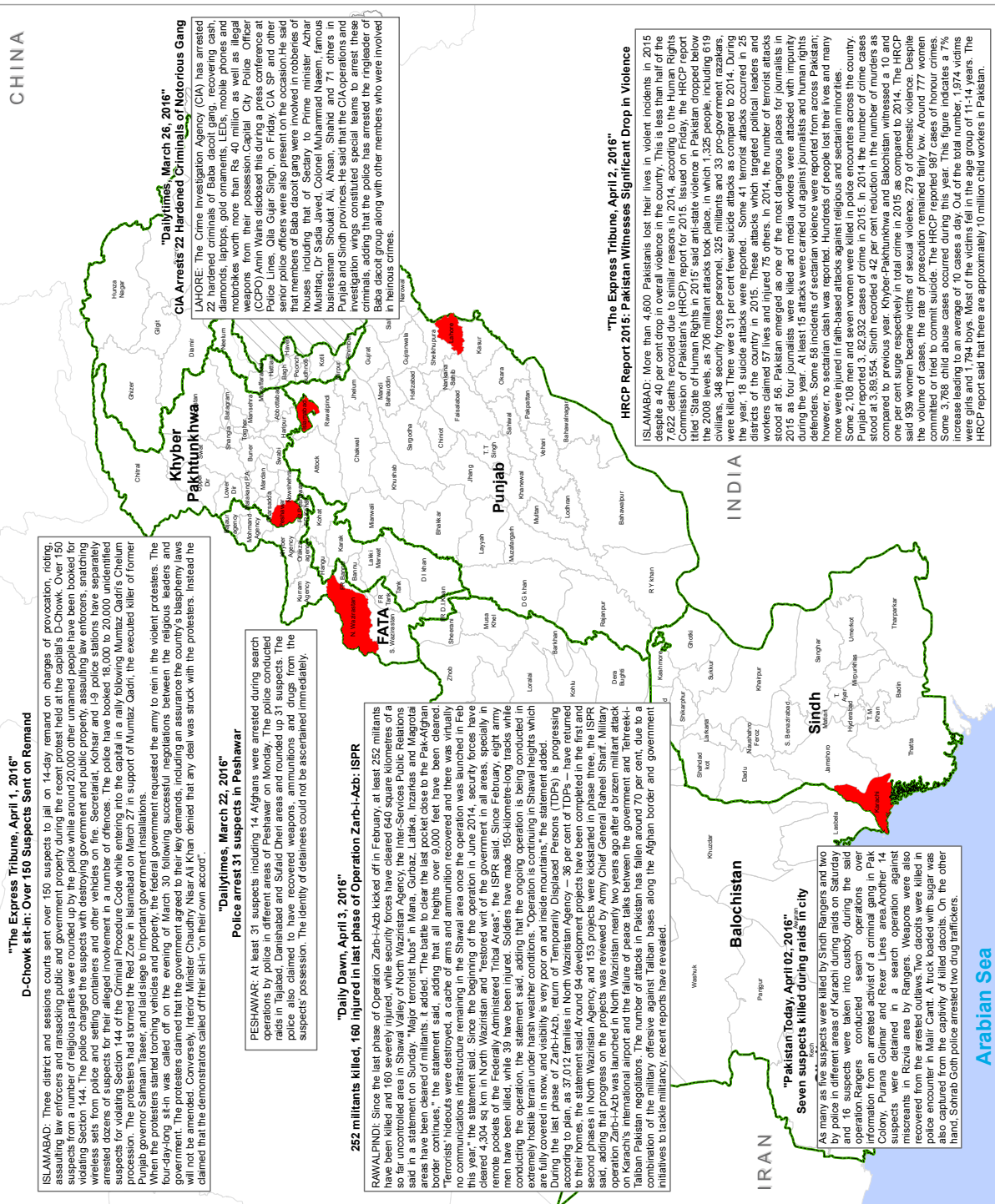
HRCP Report 2015: Pakistan Witnesses Significant Drop in Violence

**ISLAMABAD:** More than 4,600 Pakistanis lost their lives in violent incidents in 2015 despite a 40 per cent drop in overall violence in the country. This is less than half of the 7,822 deaths recorded due to similar reasons in 2014, according to the Human Rights Foundation's annual report titled "State of Human Rights in 2015" said anti-state violence in Pakistan dropped below the level of 2008 levels as 706 militant attacks took place, in which 1,325 people, including 619 civilians, 348 security personnel, 325 militants and 33 pro-government raskazas, were killed. There were 31 per cent fewer suicide attacks as compared to 2014. During the year, 18 suicide attacks were reported. Some 41 terrorist attacks occurred in 25 districts of the country in 2015. These attacks which targeted political leaders and lawmakers killed 57 lives and injured 75 others. In 2014, the number of terrorist attacks was 205 while 105 persons were killed and media workers were attacked with impunity as 15 journalists were killed and media workers were attacked with impunity during the year. At least 15 attacks were carried out against journalists and human rights defenders. Some 58 incidents of sectarian violence were reported from across Pakistan; however, no sectarian clash was reported. Hundreds of people lost their lives and many more were injured in faith-based attacks against religious and sectarian minorities.

Some 2,108 men and 322 women were killed in police encounters across the country. Amongst them, 1,028 men and 162 women were killed in 2015. The number of crime cases registered stood at 69,554. Sindh had a 42% increase in crime cases over the year as compared to previous year. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan witnessed a 10 and one per cent surge respectively in total crime in 2015 as compared to 2014. The HRCP found 938 women became victims of sexual violence, 279 of domestic violence. Despite the volume of crimes, the rate of prosecution remained fairly low. Around 777 women committed or tried to commit suicide. The HRCP reported 987 cases of honour crimes. Some 3,768 child abuse cases occurred during this year. This figure indicates a 7% increase in child abuse cases over the last year. The HRCP also reported 11 deaths of girls and 794 boys. Most of the victims fell in the age group of 11-14 years. The HRCP report said that there are approximately 10 million child workers in Pakistan.

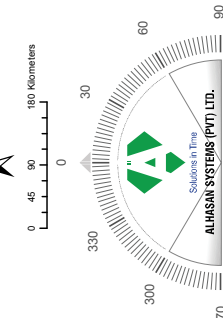
CIA Arrests 22 Hardened Criminals of Notorious Gang

**LAHORE:** The Crime Investigation Agency (CIA) has arrested 22 hardened criminals of Babul dacoit gang, recovering cash, diamonds, laptops, gold ornaments, LEDs, mobile phones and motorbikes worth more than Rs 40 million as well as illegal weapons from their possession. CIA Police Officer-in-Charge (CP) and head of the Punjab Operations, Mr. Asim Khan, said the Babul dacoit gang was active in the Punjab Police Lines, Qila Qajar, Singh on Friday, CIA SP and senior police officers were also present on the occasion. He said that members of Babul dacoit gang were involved in robberies of houses including that of Secretary to Prime Minister, Azhar Mushtaq, Dr. Sadia Javed, Colonel Muhammad Naeem, famous businessman Shoukat Ali, Ahsan, Shahid and 71 others in Punjab and Sindh provinces. He said that the CIA Operations and investigation wings constituted special teams to arrest these criminals. He said that the Babul dacoit gang was highly involved in religious crimes along with other members who were involved in religious crimes.

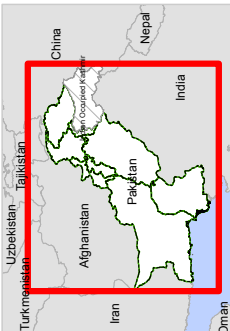


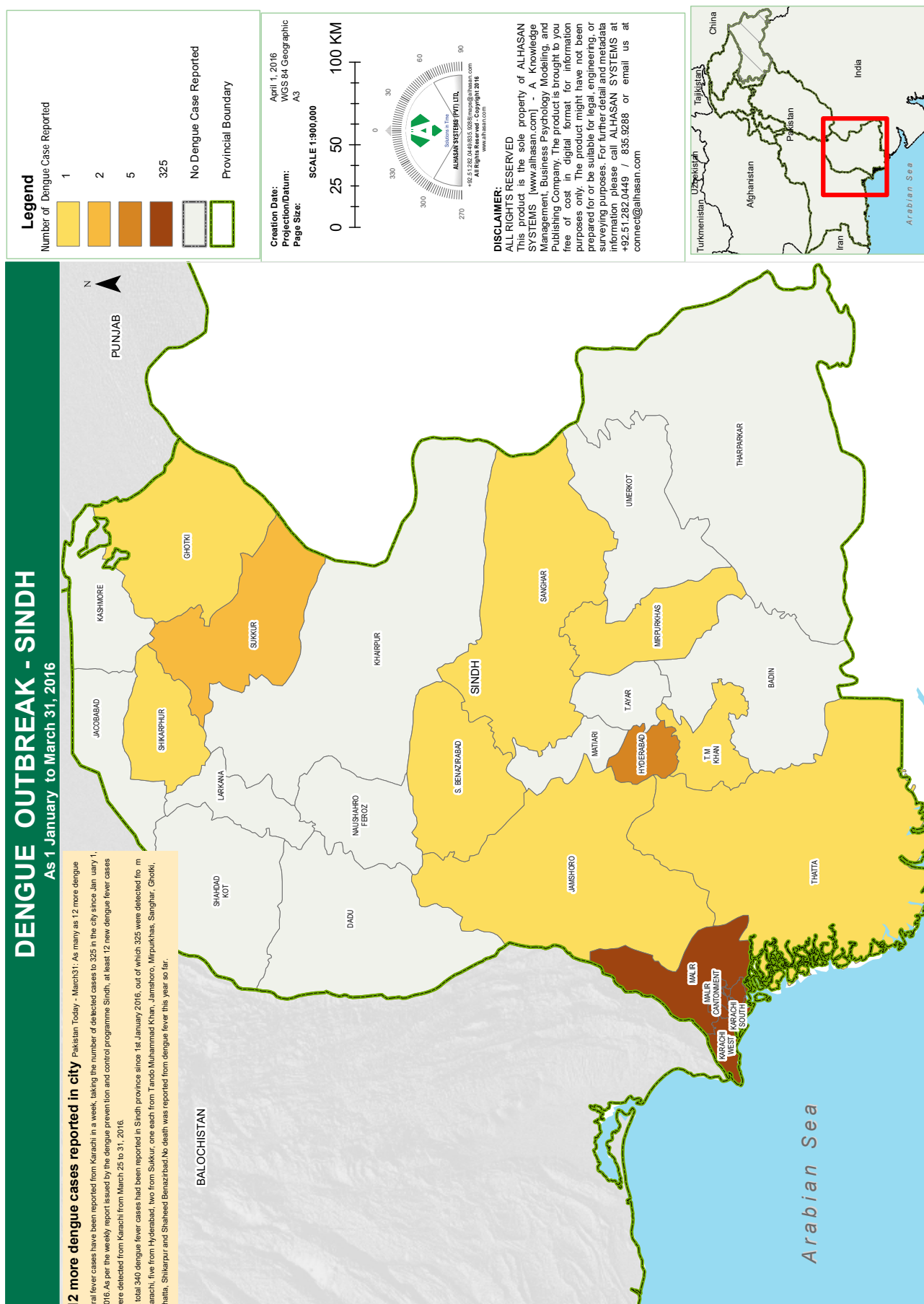
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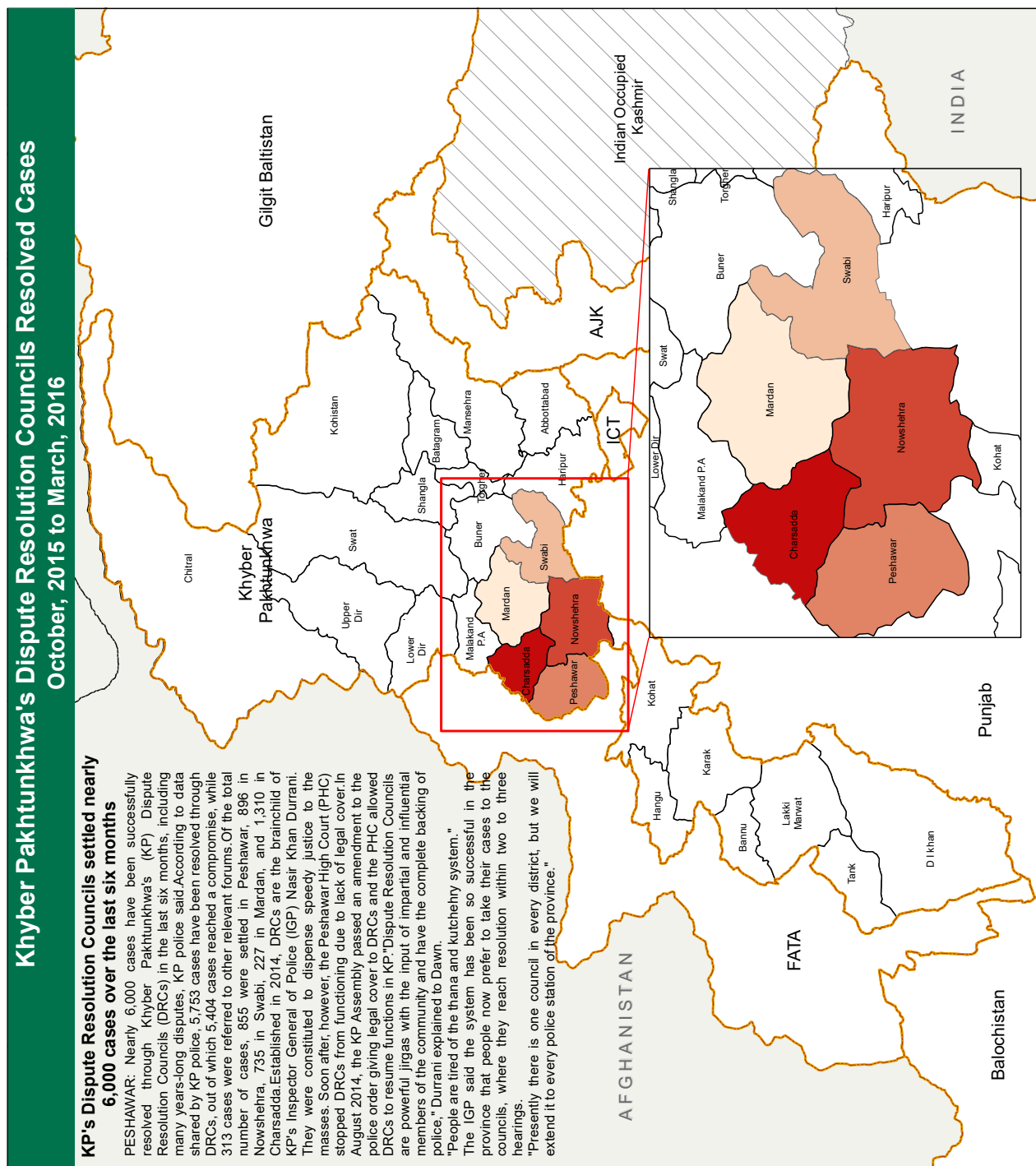
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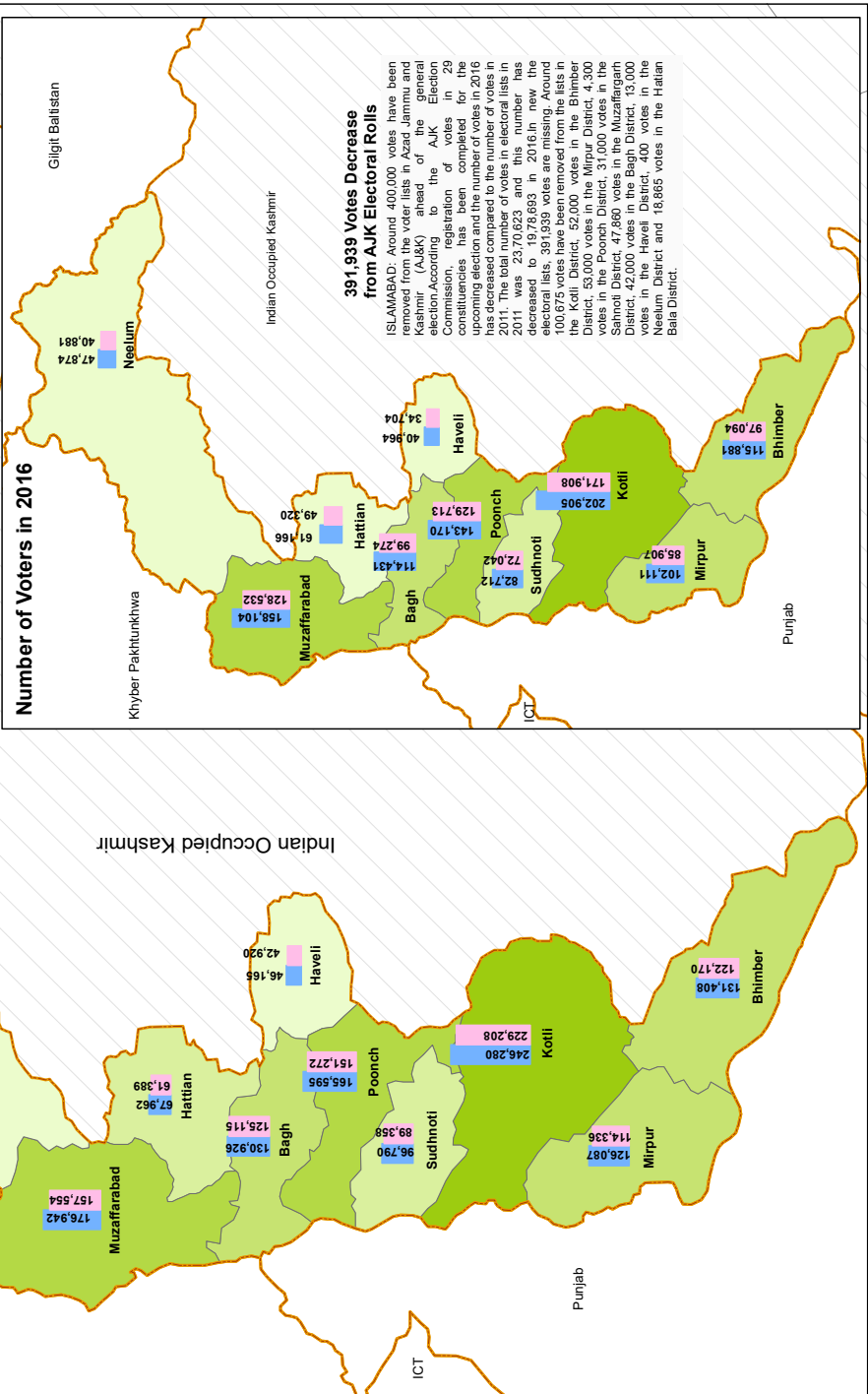
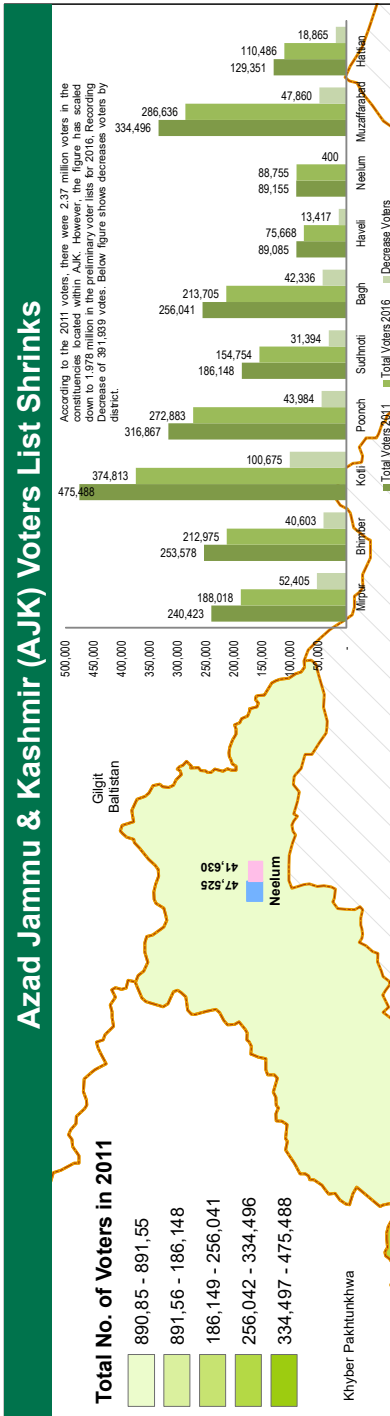
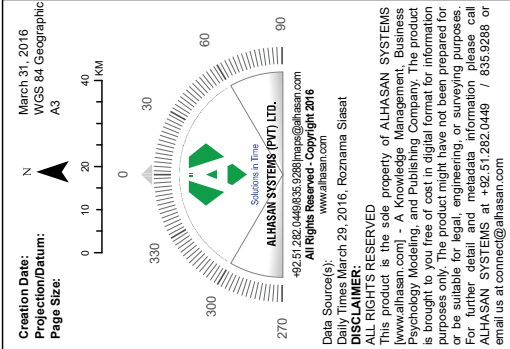
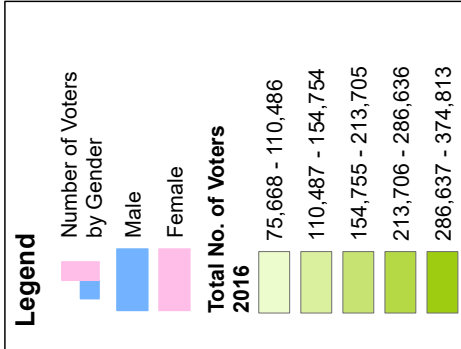
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اسلام آباد..... جڑواں شہروں اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی میں میٹرو بس سروس آج تیسرے دن بھی معطل رہی، جس کے باعث شہریوں کو شدید مشکلات کا سامنا رہا۔ جڑواں شہروں اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی کے درمیان میٹرو کا یہ حسین سفر شروع ہوئے ابھی ایک سال ہی گزرا تھا کہ پر تشدد مظاہرین کے ایک وارنہ رواں دواں زندگی کا پیہرہ روک دیا۔ راولپنڈی سے اسلام آباد کے ریڈ زون کا رخ کرنے والے مظاہرین نے جناح ایونیو سے گزرتے ہوئے میٹرو کے اسٹیشن پر دھاوا بول دیا، جنگلے کو توڑتے ہوئے اسٹیشن کے اندر داخل ہو گئے اور توڑ پھوڑ کی۔ میٹرو بس سروس کی بندش کو تین دن ہو چکے ہیں، شہریوں کی مشکلات ہر اگلے روز بڑھتی جا رہی ہیں، میٹرو بس جڑواں شہروں اسلام آباد اور راولپنڈی میں زندگی رک سی گئی ہے، شہری منتظر اس کی جلد بحالی کے ہیں۔

اسلام آباد (این این آئی) صوبہ بلوچستان میں جان لیوا بیماری ایڈز کے وائرس ایچ آئی وی سے متاثرہ مریضوں کی تعداد میں اضافے کا خدشہ ظاہر کرتے ہوئے محکمہ صحت کے حکام نے مختلف علاقوں میں لوگوں کے خون کا تجزیہ کرنے کا عمل شروع کر دیا ہے۔ ایڈز کنٹرول پروگرام بلوچستان کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر نور قاضی نے امریکی میڈیا کو بتایا کہ گزشتہ چند ماہ کے دوران کوئٹہ اور تربت میں قائم مراکز میں جب مختلف بیماریوں کے لیے مریضوں کے خون کے تجزیے کیے گئے تو اس سے پتا چلا کہ یہاں قابل ذکر تعداد میں لوگ ایچ آئی وی سے متاثر ہیں۔ کوئٹہ میں 226 مریضوں کا علاج ہو رہا ہے اور تربت میں 68 کا علاج شروع ہے۔ کوئٹہ میں 173 مرد ہیں، 44 خواتین ہیں 9 بچے ہیں اور اسی طرح تربت میں 47 مرد ہیں 18 خواتین ہیں اور 3 بچے ہیں مزید کوئٹہ کے اندر ہم سروے کرنے جا رہے ہیں کام شروع ہو چکا ہے میرے اندازے کے مطابق یہ تعداد بڑھتی جا رہی ہے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ صوبے میں شعبہ صحت کے لیے مختص کیے گئے فنڈز میں اضافے کے بعد مختلف اسپتالوں میں خون کے تجزیے کرنے کیلئے مشینیں لگائی گئی تھیں اور جب یرقان اور دیگر بیماریوں کیلئے مریضوں سے خون کا نمونہ لیا جاتا ہے تو اسے ایڈز کے تجزیے کیلئے بھی بھیجا جاتا ہے جس سے یہ معلوم ہوا کہ صوبے میں ایچ آئی وی سے متاثرہ لوگ بھی موجود ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر نور قاضی کے مطابق اس وقت کوئٹہ کے ساتھ ساتھ ابتدائی طور پر لسبیلہ گڈانی، نصیر آباد، ڈوب شیرانی اور قلعہ سیف اللہ میں بھی جائزہ لینے کا کام شروع کر دیا گیا ڈاکٹر نور قاضی کے مطابق ایڈز کے بارے میں کچھ اس طرح سے رویے ہیں لوگوں کے کہ اگر مریض کسی کو بتائے تو وہ ایڈز کو خدا انا خواستہ کسی بدکاری وغیرہ کے حوالے سے جاننے لگتے ہیں تو اس حوالے سے وہ اپنا مرض چھپاتے ہیں اور اسی چھپانے کی وجہ سے وہ مرض پھیلتا جاتا ہے نہ وہ اپنے ریزر کے بارے میں احتیاط کریں گے کسی اور کو روکیں گے کیونکہ وہ کہتے ہوئے شرماتے ہیں وہ اپنی شریک حیات کو بھی نہیں بول سکتے اسی وجہ سے وہ اپنی شریک حیات کو بھی وائرس منتقل کرے گا جو بچے پیدا ہوں گے ان کو بھی منتقل ہو گا۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بلوچستان میں اس مرض سے متعلق آگاہی مہم بھی شروع کر دی گئی ہے حکومت اس مرض کی تشخیص اور ادویات فراہم کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ ایڈز سے متاثرہ افراد کی مالی معاونت بشمول ان کے بچوں کی اسکول فیس بھی ادا کریگی۔

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## پبلک سروسز

### تفصیلات

### سرخیاء

**کراچی:** الیکشن کمیشن نے کراچی میں قومی اسمبلی کے حلقہ این اے 245 اور سندھ اسمبلی کے حلقہ پی ایس 115 کے ضمنی انتخاب کے لیے 90 فیصد پولنگ اسٹیشنوں کو حساس قرار دے دیا ہے۔ امن و امان قائم رکھنے کے لیے پولنگ اسٹیشن کے اندر اور باہر پولیس و رینجرز کو تعینات کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ کراچی کے ضلع وسطی میں این اے 245 اور ضلع شرقی میں سندھ اسمبلی کی خالی نشست 115 پر ضمنی الیکشن 7 اپریل کو ہوں گے، الیکشن کمیشن نے دونوں حلقوں کے لیے سکیورٹی پلان کو حتمی شکل دے دی ہے اور انتخابی ضابطہ اخلاق بھی جاری کر دیا ہے، الیکشن کمیشن سندھ تنویز ذکی کی صدارت میں ہفتہ کو اجلاس ہوا، اجلاس میں ریٹرننگ افسران ندیم حیدر، تابندہ خلیق، رینجرز کے بریگیڈیئر خرم شہزاد، ایڈیشنل آئی جی کراچی مشتاق مہر، ڈپٹی کمشنر سینٹرل، ڈپٹی کمشنر ایسٹ اور محکمہ تعلیم کے افسران نے شرکت کی۔

خیبر پختونخوا اور گلگت بلتستان میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے اور سیلابی پانی میں بہہ جانے کے واقعات میں بچوں اور خواتین سمیت 13 افراد جاں بحق جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق گلگت بلتستان میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث چلاس کے علاقے جچمن میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک ہی خاندان کے 4 افراد جاں بحق اور 2 زخمی ہو گئے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والوں میں والد بیٹا اور 2 بیٹیاں شامل ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ چترال کے علاقے ٹھیک شین میں گھر پر پہاڑی تودہ گرنے سے 15 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جب کہ لینڈ سلائیڈنگ کے باعث شاہراہ قراقرم کئی مقامات سے بند ہو گئی۔ سوات میں بھی شدید بارشوں کے باعث مختلف علاقوں میں 2 خواتین سمیت 13 افراد سیلابی ریلے میں بہہ گئے جب کہ کبل کے علاقے کلا گئی کے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی۔ شدید بارشوں نے بحرین میں بھی تباہی مچادی اور رابطہ پل سیلابی پانی میں بہہ گیا۔ بارشوں کے باعث دریائے سوات میں اونچے درجے کا سیلاب آگیا ہے جب کہ پشاور میں گزشتہ رات ہونے والی شدید بارش کے باعث سڑکیں اور گلیاں ندی نالوں میں تبدیل ہو گئیں ہیں۔ چارسدہ میں بھی شہد کے گاؤں چلماری میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک بچہ دب کر جاں بحق ہو گیا جب کہ ماں اور بھائی شدید زخمی ہو گئے۔ بالا کوٹ کے گاؤں پھاگل کاخان میں بھی گھر کی چھت گرنے سے ایک شخص جاں بحق ہو گئے۔ شانگلہ میں بھی پہاڑی تودہ گرنے سے 2 مکان مکمل تباہ ہو گئے جب کہ حادثے میں 13 افراد جاں بحق بھی ہوئے۔ محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ آج بھی مالاکند، ہزارہ ڈویژن، گلگت بلتستان، آزاد کشمیر، اسلام آباد اور پشاور سمیت مختلف شہروں میں بارش جب کہ بالائی علاقوں میں پہاڑوں پر بر فباری کا امکان ہے۔

**اسلام آباد:** وفاقی دارالحکومت کے مختلف علاقوں میں 4 روز سے معطل موبائل فون سروس بحال کر دی گئی۔ ایکسپریس نیوز کے مطابق وفاقی دارالحکومت کے مختلف علاقوں میں 4 روز سے معطل موبائل فون سروس بحال کر دی گئی ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق موبائل فون سروس ریڈ زون میں ہونے والے دھرنے کے باعث معطل کی گئی جسے وزارت داخلہ کی ہدایت پر ریڈ زون اور اس کے اطراف کے علاقوں میں معطل کیا گیا تھا تاہم حکومت اور مظاہرین کے درمیان کامیاب مذاکرات کے بعد سروس بحال کی گئی۔ پی ٹی اے ذرائع کے مطابق موبائل فون سروس کی بندش میں ریڈ زون کو فوکس رکھا گیا تھا تاہم سکیورٹی خدشات کے باعث اطراف کے علاقوں میں بھی سروس معطل کی گئی جس سے دیگر علاقوں میں موبائل سروس میں تعطل پیدا ہوا۔

**لاہور (مائٹنگ ڈیسک):** پنجاب ایگزیکٹو کمیشن نے پانچویں اور آٹھویں جماعت کے امتحانات کے نتائج کا اعلان کر دیا ہے۔ پی ای سی کے ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر شہزاد ملک کا کہنا ہے کہ پانچویں جماعت میں 12 لاکھ 46 ہزار 507 طلبہ طالبات نے امتحانات دیئے جس میں کامیابی کا تناسب 79 فیصد رہا۔ ڈپٹی ڈائریکٹر مطابق آٹھویں جماعت کے امتحانات میں 10 لاکھ 22 ہزار 906 امیدواروں نے حصہ لیا جس میں کامیابی کا تناسب 79.11 فیصد رہا۔

**اسلام آباد (صباح نیوز):** پانی و بجلی کے وزیر مملکت عابد شیر علی نے کہا ہے کہ حکومت نے توانائی کے بہت سے منصوبے شروع کیے ہیں جن کی تکمیل سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کے خاتمے میں مدد ملے گی۔ سرکاری ٹی وی سے باتیں کرتے ہوئے وزیر مملکت نے کہا کہ رواں سال کے آخر تک بجلی کی پیداوار بڑھ کر اٹھارہ ہزار میگا واٹ ہو جائے گی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ دیار بھاشا اور داسو ڈیم منصوبوں پر کام جاری ہے اور ستر فیصد زمین خرید لی گئی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ لائن لاسز کم کرنے کے لئے موجودہ نظام کو بہتر بنانے کے علاوہ نئی ترسیلی لائنیں بھی بچھانی جاری ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ بجلی کی پیداوار بڑھانے کیلئے تربیلا کے چوتھے اور پانچویں توسیع منصوبے پر بھی کام جاری ہے۔

**این اے 245 اور پی ایس 115 کے 90 فیصد پولنگ اسٹیشن حساس قرار**  
ایکسپریس  
03 اپریل 2016

**خیبر پختونخوا اور گلگت بلتستان میں شدید بارشوں نے تباہی مچادی، 13 افراد جاں بحق**  
ایکسپریس  
03 اپریل 2016

**اسلام آباد کے مختلف علاقوں میں 4 روز سے معطل موبائل فون سروس بحال**  
ایکسپریس  
30 مارچ 2016

**پنجاب ایگزیکٹو کمیشن نے پانچویں اور آٹھویں جماعت کے امتحانات کے نتائج کا اعلان کر دیا**  
روزنامہ پاکستان  
28 مارچ 2016

**توانائی منصوبوں کی تکمیل سے لوڈ شیڈنگ کا خاتمہ ہو گا: عابد شیر علی**  
روزنامہ پاکستان  
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کور کمانڈر راولپنڈی، ڈی جی آئی ایس آئی اور ڈی جی ایم آئی بھی شریک ہوئے آرمی چیف نے اعلان کیا کہ معصوم شہریوں کے قاتلوں کو انصاف کے کنہرے میں لائیں گے۔ آرمی چیف جنرل راحیل شریف نے انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیوں کے سربراہوں کو حملہ آوروں کی جلد گرفتاری کی ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دہشت گردوں اور ان کی حمایت کرنے والوں کو جلد پکڑا جائے۔ معصوم بچوں کے قاتلوں کو ہر صورت انصاف کے کنہرے میں لایا جائے، وحشی درندوں کو زندگیاں سے کھیلنے نہیں دیں گے۔ پنجاب سمیت پورے ملک کو دہشت گردی سے پاک کیا جائے گا۔ انہوں نے ہدایت کی کہ آپریشن میں کوئی اثر و رسوخ برداشت نہ کیا جائے۔ کسی شخص سے رعایت نہ برتی جائے۔ عسکری قیادت نے ہدایت کی کہ آپریشن کے دوران کسی قسم کا سیاسی دباؤ قبول نہ کیا جائے۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق بندر وڈ اعوان ٹائون لاہور میں پولیس نے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 21 انتہائی مشکوک افراد کو گرفتار کیا۔ ڈی آئی جی آپریشنز کے مطابق زیر حراست افراد میں سے 2 کا تعلق سوات سے ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پنجاب بھر میں پہلے انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیز کی اطلاعات پر پولیس کارروائی کرتی تھی مگر لاہور کے گلشن اقبال پارک میں ہونے والے دھماکے کے بعد آپریشن کا طریقہ کار تبدیل کر دیا گیا۔ نئی ٹی وی کے مطابق سیوریٹی فورسز نے 5 مختلف کارروائیوں میں 26 دہشتگرد گرفتار کئے۔ آپریشن میں کالعدم تحریک طالبان کے دہشت گرد گرفتار ہوئے کالعدم تنظیموں کے مددگار بھی گرفتار کئے جارہے ہیں۔ اسلام پورہ لاہور میں حساس اداروں نے کارروائی کر کے 6 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا۔ کشور پولیس نے کچے کی طرف جانے والی کار پر چھاپہ مار کر 3 افراد کو گرفتار کر کے ان کے قبضے سے 8 دستی بم برآمد کئے۔ ایس ایچ او کشور نے کہا ہے کہ گرفتار افراد سے 2 ہزار سے زائد گولیاں، 200 جعلی اسلحہ لائسنس بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔

لاہور (نامہ نگار) قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے گلشن پارک میں خود کش دھماکے کے بعد وہاں سے دو مشکوک افراد کو گرفتار کرنے کے علاوہ مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کرتے ہوئے 45 افراد کو گرفتار کر کے تفتیش کے لئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔ دھماکے کے بعد شہر بھر میں سیوریٹی ہائی الرٹ کر دی گئی اہم مقامات پر سادہ لباس میں بھی اہلکار تعینات کر دیئے گئے ہیں۔ گلشن اقبال پارک میں خود کش دھماکے کے فوری بعد لاہور بھر میں پولیس اور حساس اداروں کی جانب سے اہم مقامات پر سیوریٹی بڑھادی گئی ہے اور اہم عمارتوں کی کڑی نگرانی کی جارہی ہے اور وہاں سادہ لباس میں اہلکاروں کو تعینات کر دیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق بم دھماکے کے بعد پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے معلومات کا تبادلہ شروع کر دیا ہے اور لاہور بھر میں مشکوک افراد کے خلاف بڑے پیمانے پر سرچ آپریشن کا فیصلہ بھی کیا گیا ہے۔

لاہور کے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن،  
45 افراد گرفتار، سیوریٹی سخت، اہم عمارات  
کی نگرانی

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میں پنجاب کے علاقے شریوڑ کا ناصر اقبال، پشاور کا خان وحید اور ایبٹ آباد کا جنید ظہور شامل ہیں، جبکہ دیگر دو کی شناخت ابھی باقی ہے۔ پولیس نے ہلاک دہشت گردوں کی نعشیں پوسٹ مارٹم کے لیے مردہ خانے منتقل کر دی۔ حساس اداروں کی طرف سے لاہور اور گرد و نواح میں مشترکہ آپریشن کے دوران درجنوں افراد کو شناختی کوائف کی عدم دستیابی پر حراست میں لیا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق آپریشن کے دوران شہریوں کے شناختی کوائف اور مشکوک گاڑیوں کو بھی چیک کیا گیا۔ پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے دو موہر پل کے قریب کارروائی کرتے ہوئے چھ مہینہ دہشت گردوں کو گرفتار کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ لاہور میں دو موہر پل کے قریب پولیس اور حساس اداروں کی جانب سے کارروائی کی گئی، کارروائی کے نتیجے میں 6 مہینہ دہشت گرد گرفتار کیے گئے جنہیں مزید تحقیقات کے لیے نامعلوم جگہ پر منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ لاہور کے علاقہ علامہ اقبال ٹاؤن میں مشتبہ افراد کے خلاف سرچ آپریشن کے دوران 23 افراد کو حراست میں لے لیا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن میں علامہ اقبال ٹاؤن اور گلشن اقبال پولیس کی بھاری نفری نے حصہ لیا۔ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران شہریوں کے شناختی کوائف اور مشکوک گاڑیوں کو چیک کیا گیا۔ تاہم شناختی کوائف کی عدم دستیابی پر 23 افراد کو حراست میں لے کر تحقیقات کیلئے تھانہ منتقل کر دیا گیا ہے۔ ملتان سمیت جنوبی پنجاب کے مختلف اضلاع میں سی ٹی ڈی، پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے مشترکہ سرچ آپریشن جاری رکھا۔ سیوریٹی اداروں نے کالعدم تنظیموں کے کارندوں سمیت متعدد مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیکر نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔ سرچ آپریشن کے دوران دو افغان شہریوں سمیت 90 مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا۔ تفصیلات کے مطابق سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک لاہور کے بعد ملتان سمیت جنوبی پنجاب کے مختلف اضلاع مظفر گڑھ، راجن پور، ڈیرہ غازیخان، لودھراں، وہاڑی اور رحیم یار خان میں گزشتہ روز بھی پولیس اور حساس اداروں کا سرچ آپریشن جاری رہا۔ ملتان کے مختلف علاقوں اندرون شہر، متی تل، الپہ، نیو ملتان کالونی، شاہ رکن عالم کالونی اور ملحقہ آبادیوں میں 700 گھروں کی بائیو میٹرک سیکنگ کی گئی۔ پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے ان علاقوں میں موجود تمام دکانوں اور مارکیٹس کو بھی چیک کیا۔ پولیس ذرائع کے مطابق سرچ آپریشن کے دوران اسلحہ اور گولیاں بھی برآمد کی گئیں۔ حساس اداروں نے ان سے دو لیپ ٹاپ بھی قبضے میں لے لئے۔ نیو ملتان اور شاہ رکن عالم کالونی کے علاقوں سے کوائف مکمل نہ ہونے پر 20 افراد کو بھی حراست میں لیا گیا۔

## پنجاب میں فوج رینجرز کا آپریشن شروع متعدد دہشت گرد سہولت کار گرفتار

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اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر + نوائے وقت رپورٹ + ایجنسیاں) سانحہ گلشن اقبال پارک لاہور کے بعد آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کے حکم پر پنجاب بھر میں پاک فوج، رینجرز اور انٹیلی جنس اداروں نے دہشت گردوں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کیخلاف باقاعدہ طور پر آپریشن کا آغاز کر دیا ہے۔ آپریشن کے دوران متعدد دہشت گردوں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کو پکڑ لیا گیا ہے اور بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کیا گیا ہے۔ آئی ایس پی آر کے مطابق لاہور دھماکے کے بعد پنجاب میں دہشت گردوں کے خاتمے کا جائزہ لینے کے لئے آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کی زیر صدارت اجلاس ہوا۔ بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ لاہور، فیصل آباد، ملتان میں انٹیلی جنس اداروں نے فوج اور رینجرز کی مدد سے 5 آپریشنز کئے اور مزید اطلاعات پر آپریشنز کا سلسلہ جاری ہے۔ متعدد مشتبہ دہشت گردوں اور ان کے سہولت کاروں کو گرفتار کر کے بڑی تعداد میں اسلحہ و گولہ بارود برآمد کر لیا گیا۔ نجی ٹی وی کے مطابق بڑے پیمانے پر کریک ڈاؤن میں 200 سے زائد افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا۔ عسکری ذرائع کے مطابق آپریشن کی نگرانی خود آرمی چیف کر رہے ہیں۔ آپریشن کے دوران کئی نئے شواہد ملے ہیں۔ فوج، رینجرز اور انٹیلی جنس ایجنسیوں نے پنجاب بھر کے علاوہ صوبے کے ساتھ جڑے تینوں صوبوں کے سرحدی علاقوں میں بھی کریک ڈاؤن کیا گیا۔ کریک ڈاؤن میں اہم کامیابیاں ملی ہیں۔ سانحہ لاہور کے بعد اتوار کو رات گئے تک جی ایچ کیو میں آرمی چیف جنرل راجیل شریف کی زیر صدارت تفصیلی اجلاس ہوا تھا جبکہ گزشتہ صبح دوسرا اجلاس بھی کئی گھنٹے رہا۔ 24 گھنٹے کے دوران آرمی چیف کی صدارت میں دو اعلیٰ سطح کے اجلاس ہوئے جن میں فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ دہشت گردوں کی ملوث کسی شخص سے رعایت برتی جائے گی نہ ہی کسی اثر و رسوخ کو خاطر لایا جائیگا۔ ایک اور ذریعہ کے مطابق سانحہ لاہور میں بھارت کا ملوث ہونا قطعاً خارج ازمکان نہیں، یہ پہلو سامنے رکھا جا رہا ہے کہ بھارت نے پاکستان میں اہم جاسوس کی گرفتاری کے رد عمل میں یہ بزدلانہ کارروائی کرائی ہو۔ اجلاس میں اب تک کی معلومات کی روشنی میں آپریشن کی آئندہ حکمت عملی پر غور کیا گیا۔ اطلاعات کے مطابق پہلا آپریشن مظفر گڑھ میں علی الصبح 3 بجے شروع ہوا جس میں کالعدم تنظیم کے 14 افراد جن میں معاویہ، بابر عمر فاروق کا تعلق کالعدم سپاہ صحابہ سے ہے دوسرا آپریشن لاہور میں صبح 4 بجے کیا گیا اور متعدد افراد گرفتار کئے گئے۔ فوج اور رینجرز نے تیسرا آپریشن فیصل آباد میں ساڑھے تین بجے کے قریب کیا جہاں سے کئی افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ سیوریٹی اداروں نے لاہور سے 7 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا۔ پنجاب حکومت نے سیوریٹی اداروں سے کالعدم تنظیموں کے بارے میں معلومات طلب کر لی ہیں۔ سیوریٹی فورسز نے گوجرانوالہ میں کارروائی کر کے 78 مشتبہ افراد کو زیر حراست لے لیا۔ لاہور میں ماڈل ٹاؤن، کوتوالی، باغبانپورہ اور نندی پور کے علاقوں میں آپریشن کر کے مشتبہ افراد کو حراست میں لیا گیا۔ حساس اداروں نے جہلم سے آپریشن شروع کر کے اس کا دائرہ کار گجرات، گوجرانوالہ اور کاموکی، نارووال تک بڑھا دیا۔ کاموکی سے 7 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر کے تفتیش شروع کی گئی۔ ملتان سے بھی متعدد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے۔ ذرائع کے مطابق آرمی چیف کی زیر صدارت اعلیٰ سطح کے طویل اجلاس میں

قرار دیے جانے کے دعوے کو مسترد کیا جاتا رہا ہے۔ اسی طرح گرفتار افراد کی کالعدم تنظیموں سے تعلق کے دعوے کو بھی مسترد کیا جاتا رہا ہے۔

پاکستان میں انسانی حقوق کے کمیشن کا کہنا ہے کہ گزشتہ سال ملک بھر میں غیرت کے نام پر 1100 خواتین کو قتل کیا گیا جبکہ اس دوران غیرت کے نام پر قتل ہونے والے مردوں کی تعداد 88 ہے۔ جمعہ کو پاکستان کمیشن برائے انسانی حقوق نے سنہ 2015 کی ایک رپورٹ جاری کی۔ جس میں کہا گیا ہے کہ گزشتہ برس ملک بھر سے 833 خواتین کو اغوا کرنے کے مقدمات رپورٹ کیے گئے اور ان واقعات میں ملوث افراد کی خلاف قانونی کارروائی بہت کم ہوئی ہے۔ رپورٹ میں یہ بھی کہا گیا ہے کہ اس عرصے کے دوران 939 خواتین کو جہنی تشدد کا نشانہ بنایا گیا ہے جبکہ 777 خواتین نے گزشتہ برس خود کشی یا پھر خود کشی کرنے کی کوشش کی۔ رپورٹ میں اس بات کا بھی ذکر کیا گیا ہے کہ ملک میں سزائے موت پر عارضی پابندی ہٹنے کے بعد سے 47 خواتین قیدی پھانسی لگنے کی منتظر ہیں۔ اس رپورٹ میں دعویٰ کیا گیا ہے کہ ان میں سے زیادہ تر خواتین کو قانونی معاونت فراہم نہیں کی گئی ہے۔ سنہ 2015 میں بچوں کے خلاف جہنی تشدد کے خلاف واقعات میں سنہ 2014 کی نسبت سات فیصد اضافہ دیکھنے کو ملا ہے۔ اس رپورٹ کے مطابق ملک بھر میں جہنی تشدد کے 3768 واقعات درج کیے گئے۔ جہنی تشدد کا شکار ہونے والوں میں 1974 لڑکیاں اور 1794 لڑکے شامل ہیں۔ جہنی تشدد کا شکار ہونے والوں کی عمریں گیارہ سال سے لے کر پندرہ سال کے درمیان ہیں۔ رپورٹ میں اس بات کا بھی ذکر کیا گیا ہے کہ ملک بھر میں روزانہ کی بنیاد پر دس بچوں کو جہنی تشدد کا نشانہ بنایا جاتا ہے۔ پھانسیوں کے بارے میں انسانی حقوق کے کمیشن کی رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ اس عرصے کے دوران 327 افراد کو تختہ دار پر لٹکا دیا گیا۔ جس کے نتیجے میں پاکستان دنیا کے اُن ممالک میں شامل ہو گیا ہے جہاں پھانسیوں کی شرح سب سے زیادہ ہے۔ سنہ 2015 میں توہین مذہب کے الزام میں 22 افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا جن میں 15 مسلمان، 4 مسیحی اور 3 احمدی شامل ہیں۔ رپورٹ میں اس بات کا بھی ذکر کیا گیا ہے کہ گزشتہ چند برسوں کے دوران عقیدے کی بنیاد پر تشدد کے واقعات کی وجہ سے اقلیتی برادری سے تعلق رکھنے والے ہزاروں افراد ملک چھوڑ کر چلے گئے ہیں۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق توہین مذہب کے قانون کے اطلاق کے حوالے سے عدلیہ کی رائے میں نمایاں اور مثبت تبدیلی دیکھنے کو ملی۔ اس رپورٹ میں یہ بھی کہا گیا ہے کہ سنہ 2015 میں ملک بھر میں پولیس مقابلوں میں 2108 مرد اور 7 خواتین ہلاک ہوئیں۔ ملک بھر میں تشدد کے واقعات میں 4600 افراد ہلاک ہوئے جبکہ سنہ 2014 میں یہ تعداد 7622 تھی۔ جبری گمشدگی کے بارے میں اس رپورٹ میں کہا گیا ہے کہ اس عرصے کے دوران صرف صوبہ بلوچستان میں جبری گمشدگی کے 151 واقعات رونما ہوئے ہیں جبکہ جبری گمشدگیوں سے متعلق بنائے گئے تحقیقاتی کمیشن میں 1400 کے قریب مقدمات زیر التوا ہیں۔

## پاکستان: غیرت کے نام پر ایک برس میں 1100 خواتین قتل

بی بی سی اردو

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سانحہ لاہور کے بعد پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں قانون نافذ کرنے والے اداروں نے دہشتگردوں، جرائم پیشہ عناصر، شریکین اور سہولت کاروں کی خلاف کارروائیاں تیز کر دی گئیں۔ آج بھی پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں کارروائیاں کی گئیں جن میں سو سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ لاہور کے فیکٹری ایریا میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران بارہ سے زائد افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ پولیس کے مطابق گرفتار افراد کے پاس شناختی کوائف نہیں تھے۔ ملتان اور بہاولپور کے مختلف علاقوں میں پولیس کے سرچ آپریشن کے دوران نوے سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ سیالکوٹ میں بھی پولیس کی جانب سے دہشت گردوں اور جرائم پیشہ افراد کے خلاف سرچ اینڈ سٹر انک آپریشن کیا گیا۔ کارروائی کے دوران پندرہ سے زائد مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ سرگودھا میں بھی پولیس کی جانب سے مختلف علاقوں میں سرچ آپریشن کے دوران پندرہ مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا۔ گرفتار افراد سے اسلحہ سمیت دیگر سامان بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ تمام افراد کو مزید تفتیش کیلئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا۔

پنجاب کے مختلف علاقوں میں دہشتگردوں کے خلاف گہرا ننگ، مختلف شہروں میں سرچ آپریشنز کے دوران سو سے زائد مشتبہ افراد گرفتار

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سیورٹی فورسز نے رانیو نڈ روڈ پر خفیہ اطلاع پر چھاپے کے دوران پانچ دہشتگردوں کو ہلاک کر دیا، جن کے قبضے سے گلشن اقبال پارک، ریس کورس پارک، باغ جناح، پنجاب اسمبلی کے نقشے، اسلحہ، بارود، ٹائم ڈیوائسز اور مینڈ گرنیڈ بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں، پولیس نے شبہ ظاہر کیا ہے کہ دہشتگرد گلشن اقبال پارک پر ہونے والے خود کش حملے سمیت دہشتگردی کی دیگر کارروائیوں میں ملوث ہو سکتے ہیں، پولیس اور حساس اداروں نے دو موریہ پل کے قریب کارروائی کرتے ہوئے چھ مبینہ دہشتگردوں کو گرفتار کر کے مزید تحقیقات کے لئے نامعلوم مقام پر منتقل کر دیا۔ مقابلہ رائے ونڈ روڈ پر واقع ایل ڈی اے ایونیو میں ہوا جہاں پولیس کے مطابق ملزموں نے کرائے پر گھر حاصل کر رکھا تھا۔ ذرائع کے مطابق پولیس نے خفیہ اطلاع پر چھاپہ مارا تو ملزموں نے پولیس کی چھاپہ مار پارٹی پر فائرنگ شروع کر دی جس پر پولیس نے بھی جوابی فائرنگ کی۔ دو طرفہ فائرنگ کا سلسلہ تقریباً دو گھنٹوں تک جاری رہا جس میں پانچ مشتبہ دہشت گرد ہلاک ہو گئے جبکہ ایک رات کے اندھیرے کا فائدہ اٹھاتے ہوئے فرار ہو گیا۔ پولیس کا کہنا ہے کہ ہلاک کئے گئے ملزموں کے گلشن اقبال پارک دھماکے میں ملوث ہونے کا شبہ ہے کیونکہ ان کے قبضے سے گلشن اقبال پارک، ریس کورس پارک، باغ جناح، پنجاب اسمبلی کے نقشے، اسلحہ، بارود، ٹائم ڈیوائسز اور مینڈ گرنیڈ بھی برآمد ہوئے ہیں۔ پولیس نے یہ بھی دعویٰ کیا ہے کہ دہشت گرد مزید دہشت گرد حملوں کی منصوبہ بندی کر رہے تھے۔ ہلاک کئے گئے تین مبینہ دہشت گردوں کی شناخت بھی ہو گئی ہے جن

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پاکستانی فوج کا کہنا ہے کہ آپریشن ضرب عضب کے آخری مرحلے میں فوج نے شمالی وزیرستان ایجنسی کے علاقے شوال کا 640 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ کلیئر کر لیا ہے۔ پاکستانی فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ آئی ایس پی آر کی جانب سے جاری ایک بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ شوال کے متعدد علاقوں میں شدت پسندوں کے ٹھکانوں کو تباہ کیا گیا ہے۔ بیان میں شمالی وزیرستان میں آپریشن کے آغاز کے بعد سے نقل مکانی کرنے والے افراد کے بارے میں کہا گیا ہے کہ 30 ہزار بارہ خاندان یعنی 36 فیصد پناہ گزین اپنے گھروں کو واپس جا چکے ہیں۔ بیان کے مطابق پاک افغان سرحد کے قریب شدت پسندوں کے آخری ٹھکانوں کی صفائی کے لیے آپریشن جاری ہے۔ یاد رہے کہ شمالی وزیرستان میں ضرب عضب آپریشن کا آخری مرحلہ رواں سال فروری میں شروع کیا گیا تھا۔ بیان میں کہا گیا ہے کہ مانا، گرباز، لٹاکا، انزکاس اور مگروٹائی کے علاقوں کو کلیئر کر دیا گیا ہے۔ بیان کے مطابق جون 2014 میں شروع ہونے والے آپریشن ضرب عضب میں شمالی وزیرستان میں اب تک 4304 مربع کلومیٹر علاقہ کلیئر کر لیا گیا ہے اور حکومت کی عملداری قائم کر دی گئی ہے بالخصوص قبائل علاقوں کے دور افتادہ علاقوں میں۔ آئی ایس پی آر کا کہنا ہے کہ ضرب عضب کے آخری مرحلے میں 252 شدت پسند ہلاک اور 160 شدید زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔ دوسری جانب شوال میں آٹھ فوجیوں کی ہلاکت جبکہ 39 زخمی ہوئے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے قبائلی علاقے اورکزئی ایجنسی میں کونسلے کی ایک کان میں ہونے والے دھماکے میں پانچ مز دور ہلاک اور چھ زخمی ہو گئے ہیں۔ یہ دھماکہ اورکزئی ایجنسی کے علاقے کلاہیہ کے جنوب مشرق میں دس کلومیٹر دور کوریز میں ہوا۔ حکام کا کہنا ہے کہ بظاہر یہ دھماکہ کونسلے کی کان کے اندر گیس بھر جانے سے ہوا۔ اس دھماکے کے نتیجے میں کونسلے کی کان کے اندر پھنس جانے والے افراد کو باہر نکالنے کے لیے پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ اور فرنٹیئر کور کے اہلکاروں نے مشترکہ کوششیں کی ہیں۔

اسسٹنٹ پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ عزیز اللہ جان نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ انتظامیہ نے کونسلے کی کان کے مالک میجر اور ٹھیکیداروں کو گرفتار کر لیا ہے۔ کونسلے کی یہ کانیں چاہے قبائلی علاقوں میں ہوں یا بلوچستان کے دور افتادہ علاقوں میں ان میں کام کرنے والے بیشتر غریب لوگ ہوتے ہیں جو بچوں کا پیٹ پالنے کے لیے ان اندھیروں میں کام کرنے پر مجبور ہیں۔ پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے مطابق گذشتہ ماہ کونسلے کی کان کے حادثے کے بعد مقامی سطح پر یہ فیصلہ کیا گیا تھا کہ جب تک اس بارے میں تحقیقات مکمل نہیں ہوتیں تب تک کونسلے کی تمام کانوں میں کام بند رہے گا۔ اسسٹنٹ پولیٹیکل ایجنٹ نے بی بی سی کو بتایا کہ کونسلے کی کان کے مالک کا موقف یہ ہے کہ مز دور ضروری مرمت کے لیے کان میں کام کر رہے تھے۔ پولیٹیکل انتظامیہ کے مطابق اس بارے میں تحقیقات جاری ہیں۔ خیال رہے کہ گذشتہ ماہ بھی اورکزئی ایجنسی میں کونسلے کی ایک کان بیٹھ گئی تھی جس میں سات کان کن ہلاک اور دس زخمی ہو گئے تھے۔ کونسلے کی یہ کان ڈولی کے علاقے میں تھی۔ اورکزئی ایجنسی میں پہلے بھی کونسلے کی کانوں میں حادثات ہوتے رہے ہیں۔ پہاڑی علاقوں میں واقع کونسلے کی ان کانوں میں حفاظتی انتظامات نہ ہونے کے برابر ہیں جس کے باعث اکثر اوقات قیمتی جانیں ضائع ہو جاتی ہیں۔ کونسلے کی ان کانوں میں کام کرنے والے بیشتر مزدوروں کا تعلق شانگلہ اور سوات کے علاقوں سے ہے جو انتہائی غریب گھرانوں سے تعلق رکھتے ہیں۔

پاکستان کے صوبہ بلوچستان میں گذشتہ چار ماہ کے دوران 417 ٹارگٹڈ آپریشنز میں حکام نے 92 عسکریت پسندوں کو ہلاک کرنے کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ان کاروائیوں کے دوران سیکورٹی اداروں کے 22 سے زائد اہلکار ہلاک اور 65 زخمی ہوئے۔ اس بات کا اکتشاف بلوچستان کے وزیر داخلہ میر سرفراز بگٹی نے صوبائی حکومت کے ترجمان انوار الحق کاکڑ اور فرنٹیئر کور کے ڈی آئی جی ایف سی بریگیڈیئر طاہر محمود کے ہمراہ پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کیا۔ صوبائی وزیر داخلہ نے بتایا کہ فرنٹیئر کور بلوچستان اور حساس اداروں کے یکم دسمبر 2015 سے لے کر اب تک ٹارگٹڈ آپریشنوں میں دواہم کمانڈروں سمیت 92 عسکریت پسند مارے گئے۔ انھوں نے بتایا کہ اس عرصے کے دوران 1,844 مشتبہ افراد کو گرفتار کیا گیا۔ ان آپریشنز کے دوران مختلف اقسام کے 820 چھوٹے بڑے ہتھیار اور 10,727 کلو گرام دھماکہ خیز مواد بھی برآمد کیا گیا۔ سرفراز بگٹی نے بتایا کہ اس دوران ایف سی کے 22 جوان ہلاک اور 65 زخمی ہوئے۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ کالعدم تنظیموں کے خلاف جاری آپریشن فیصلہ کن مرحلے میں داخل ہو چکا ہے اور شدت پسند تنظیموں کی کمرٹوٹ پکلی ہے۔ سیکورٹی افواج کی کاروائیوں کے حوالے سے وقتاً فوقتاً بعض قوم پرست جماعتوں کے بیانات بھی آتے رہے ہیں جن میں ان کاروائیوں میں مارے جانے والے افراد کی ایک بڑی تعداد کو عسکریت پسند

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پر تیز، گرد آلود ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کا امکان ہے۔

محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران مالاکنڈ، ہزارہ ڈویژن، اسلام آباد، فانا، گلگت بلتستان اور کشمیر میں اکثر مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش جبکہ چند مقامات پر موسلا دھار بارش اور پہاڑوں پر بر بارش کا امکان ہے۔ پشاور، مردان، بنوں، کوہاٹ، ڈی آئی خان ڈویژن، راولپنڈی، سرگودھا اور گوجرانوالہ ڈویژن میں کہیں کہیں جبکہ ڈی جی خان، ملتان، ساہیوال، فیصل آباد، لاہور ڈویژن، کوئٹہ، ژوب، قلات اور سی ڈویژن میں چند مقامات پر گرد آلود ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی توقع ہے۔ گزشتہ چوبیس گھنٹوں کے دوران کے پانی، فانا، کشمیر اور گلگت بلتستان میں کہیں کہیں گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش ہوئی جبکہ بالائی پنجاب اور اسلام آباد میں چند مقامات پر ہلکی بارش ہوئی۔ گزشتہ روز سب سے زیادہ درجہ حرارت شہید بینظیر آباد اور پڑعیدن میں چالیس ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ ریکارڈ کیا گیا۔

کراچی میں پچھلے دو ماہ سے ہر جگہ گرمی کی شدید لہر، یعنی 'ہیٹ ویو' کے چرچے ہیں۔ پچھلے سال 15 سے 20 جون کے درمیان یہ لہر اتنی شدت سے آئی تھی کہ 1200 سے زائد افراد لقمہ اجل بن گئے تھے۔ تبھی سے یہ پیٹنگوئی کی جارہی ہے کہ اس سال بھی ایسی ہی شدید گرمی پڑنے کا امکان ہے جس کے دوران شاید سمندری ہوا بھی بند ہو جائے۔ فروری کا مہینہ یوں تو کراچی میں صدیوں سے سردی کے سیزن میں شمار ہوتا آیا ہے۔ لیکن اس بار اس ماہ درجہ حرارت معمول سے زیادہ ہو گیا جس کے سبب لوگنے کا خوف عوام کو پریشان کر گیا۔ شکر ہے مارچ میں اتنی گرمی نہیں پڑی۔ لیکن اپریل کے بارے میں محکمہ موسمیات نے ابھی سے سب کو خبردار کر دیا ہے۔

محکمہ کا کہنا ہے کہ کراچی میں آئندہ چند دنوں میں درجہ حرارت 40 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ سے بھی اوپر جا سکتا ہے۔ یہ درجہ حرارت معمول سے بالکل ہٹ کر ہے۔ پچھلے سال گرمی کی لہر کے دنوں درجہ حرارت 45 ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ تک پہنچ گیا تھا۔

اس پیش گوئی نے امکانی طور پر آئندہ مہینوں میں ہیٹ ویو کے خوف کو کئی گنا بڑھا دیا ہے۔ یہاں تک کہ حکومتی ادارے بھی تشویش میں مبتلا ہو گئے ہیں اور ہر سطح پر حفاظتی انتظامات اور احتیاطی تدابیر اختیار کی جارہی ہیں۔ تشہیری مہم، سیمینار، مختلف سرکاری اداروں مثلاً بجلی و پانی کے محکموں، اسپتالوں۔ حتیٰ کہ مردہ خانوں اور رفاہی تنظیموں میں بھی ہیٹ ویو سے بچنے کے لئے اپنا اپنا کردار ادا کرنا شروع کر دیا ہے۔ سندھ کے میدانی علاقوں میں گرمی کی شدت بڑھنے کے زیادہ امکانات ظاہر کئے جارہے ہیں۔ محکمہ موسمیات کا کہنا ہے کہ اپریل سے ہی بارش کے بادل منڈلائیں گے ضرور لیکن برسین گے نہیں۔

چونکہ پچھلے سال زیادہ تر اموات کی وجہ ہیٹ ویو کے ساتھ ساتھ بجلی کی لوڈ شیڈنگ بھی بنی تھی۔ لہذا، کمشنر کراچی سید آصف حیدر شاہ نے 'کے الیکٹرک' کی انتظامیہ کو لوڈ شیڈنگ کم سے کم کرنے کی سفارش کی ہے۔ اس حوالے سے وہ 'کے الیکٹرک' کے حکام کے ساتھ باقاعدہ میٹنگ بھی کر چکے ہیں جس میں 'کے الیکٹرک' نے یقین دلایا ہے کہ ہیٹ ویو کے خدشات کے پیش نظر ان کا محکمہ الرٹ رہے گا۔ اسپتالوں کو بجلی بلا قطل دی کمشنر کراچی کے کنٹرول روم میں خصوصی کسٹمر سروس سینٹر قائم کئے جارہے ہیں، جہاں خصوصی طور پر 'کے الیکٹرک' کا عملہ متعین جاتی رہے گی۔ کیا جائے گا، جو بجلی کی فراہمی سے متعلق شہریوں کی شکایت کے ازالہ کے لئے فوری کارروائی کرے گا۔ شہری کنٹرول روم کے خصوصی فون نمبر پر رابطہ کر کے شکایت درج کرا سکیں گے۔ ادھر ڈپٹی کمشنر ملیر سید محمد علی نے وائس آف امریکہ سے خصوصی گفتگو میں بتایا کہ ڈی سی آفس ملیر میں بھی ممکنہ ہیٹ اسٹروک سے بچاؤ اور اس کے تدارک کے حوالے سے بنائی گئی حکمت عملی کا جائزہ لیا گیا ہے۔ جائزے کے دوران فیصلہ کیا گیا ہے کہ ناگہانی صورت حال سے نمٹنے کے لئے جگہ جگہ ریلیف کیمپس بنائے جائیں گے۔

### مردہ خانوں کی گنجائش بڑھادی گئی، سیلکڑوں قبریں اور کفن تیار

پچھلے سال کی تباہ کاریوں کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے اس سال لوگنے کے نتیجے میں ہونے والی امکانی اموات سے نمٹنے کے لئے ایدھی سرد خانے میں لاشیں رکھنے کی گنجائش سو فیصد تک بڑھادی گئی ہے، جبکہ ایدھی قبرستان میں 300 قبریں تیار کر دی گئی ہیں۔ لاشوں اور مریضوں کی اسپتالوں تک منتقلی کے لئے 100 جدید سہولیات والی ایسوی لینسز حاصل کر لی گئی ہیں۔ برف بنانے والی کچھ گاڑیاں بھی منگوائی جارہی ہیں۔

ان اعداد و شمار کی تصدیق کرتے ہوئے ایدھی ٹرسٹ کے روح رواں عبدالستار ایدھی کے بیٹے فیصل ایدھی کا کہنا ہے کہ "چونکہ پچھلے سال مردہ خانوں میں جگہ کم پڑ گئی تھی۔ یہاں تک کہ قبریں کھودنے والے بھی نہیں مل رہے تھے۔ لہذا اب کی بار پہلے سے تمام انتظامات کر لئے ہیں۔ دعا ہے کہ ایسے حالات کبھی بھی نہ ہوں مگر امکانی طور پر موجودہ سرد خانوں میں لاشیں رکھنے کی گنجائش بڑھانے کے ساتھ ساتھ تین نئے سرد خانے بھی قائم کئے جارہے ہیں جبکہ 60 لاشیں رکھنے کے لئے تیار کرایا گیا خصوصی کنٹینر اگلے چند دنوں میں کراچی پہنچ رہا ہے۔

کراچی: گرمی کی پیش گوئی، صورت حال سے

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پشاور۔ پاکستان کے شمال مغرب میں گزشتہ 24 گھنٹوں سے جاری موسلا دھار بارش کے باعث ایک درجن سے زائد افراد ہلاک اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے ہیں جب کہ ندی نالوں میں سیلابی صورتحال کے علاوہ بعض علاقوں میں پہاڑی تودے گرنے سے آمد و رفت بھی معطل ہو کر رہی گئی ہے۔ خیبر پختونخواہ میں آفات سے نمٹنے کے صوبائی ادارے کے ترجمان لطیف الرحمن کے مطابق حالیہ بارشوں سے مالاکنڈ اور ہزارہ ڈویژن کے سوات، مانسہرہ اور چترال کے مختلف علاقوں میں بارشوں کے باعث مختلف مقامات پر پہاڑی تودے گرنے کے علاقے سب سے زیادہ متاثر ہوئے ہیں۔ سے سڑکیں متاثر ہوئی ہیں جہاں آمد و رفت بحال کرنے کے لیے امدادی کارروائیاں بھی جاری ہیں۔ بارشوں کے باعث مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے کے علاوہ کئی علاقوں میں فصلوں کو بھی شدید نقصان پہنچنے کی اطلاعات ہیں۔ صوبائی دارالحکومت پشاور میں بھی موسلا دھار بارشوں کی وجہ سے متعدد علاقوں میں سیلابی صورتحال دیکھنے میں آئی۔ باڑہ خوار نالے میں پانی کی سطح بلند ہونے کے بعد یہ پانی بڑے تیل کے علاقے میں داخل ہو گیا جہاں درجنوں دکانیں اور اس ریلے میں بہہ گئیں۔ بارشوں سے متاثرہ علاقوں کے لیے امدادی کاموں کی تفصیلات کے بارے میں ترجمان لطیف الرحمن نے وائس آف امریکہ کو بتایا کہ دو روز قبل ہی تمام اضلاع کی انتظامیہ کو اس بارے میں انتباہ جاری کر دیا گیا تھا اور تمام علاقوں میں انتظامیہ نے محکمہ موسمیات نے بارشوں کا سلسلہ آئندہ چوبیس گھنٹوں تک جاری رہنے کی پیش گوئی کی ہے جس سے امدادی کارروائیاں شروع کر دی ہیں۔ خدشہ ہے کہ جانی و مالی نقصان میں اضافہ ہو سکتا ہے۔

گزشتہ ماہ بھی شمال مغربی پاکستان کے علاوہ بلوچستان میں ہونے والے غیر معمولی بارشوں کے باعث 120 سے زائد افراد ہلاک ہو گئے تھے۔ پاکستان کو گزشتہ چند سالوں سے غیر معمولی موسمیاتی تغیرات کا سامنا ہے جس دوران غیر معمولی بارشوں اور سیلابوں کی وجہ سے سیکڑوں افراد ہلاک جبکہ لاکھوں ایکڑ پر کھڑی فصلیں تباہ ہو چکی ہیں۔

تیمرگرہ: دریائے پنجگور کے سیلابی پانی میں پھنسے شخص کی جیچہ و پکار نے اہل علاقہ کو متوجہ کر لیا۔ سہاء کی ویڈیو کے مطابق تیمرگرہ میں محنت کش لکڑیاں جمع کرنے دریائے پنجگور پہنچا تھا۔ اس دوران وہاں سیلابی پانی کا بڑا ریلہ آگیا۔ محنت کش پانی کے تیز بھاؤ کے باعث باہر نکلنے میں ناکام رہا۔ سہاء نے یہ مناظر کیمرے کی آنکھ میں محفوظ کر لئے۔ ترجمان پی ڈی ایم اے کے مطابق پانی میں پھنسے شخص کو نکالنے کے لیے پاک فوج سے رابطہ میں ہیں۔ سیلاب میں پھنسے شخص کو جلد نکال لیا جائے گا۔ سہاء

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دریائے پنجگور میں سیلاب، محنت کش پانی میں پھنس گیا

سہاء

خیبر پختونخوا اور گلگت بلتستان میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث مکانات کی چھتیں گرنے اور سیلابی پانی میں بہہ جانے کے واقعات میں بچوں اور خواتین سمیت 13 افراد جاں بحق جب کہ متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ گلگت بلتستان میں شدید بارشوں کے باعث چلاس کے علاقے جچن میں مکان کی چھت گرنے سے ایک ہی خاندان کے 4 افراد جاں بحق اور 2 زخمی ہو گئے۔ جاں بحق ہونے والوں میں والدین اور 2 بیٹیاں شامل ہیں۔ اس کے علاوہ چترال میں گھر پر پہاڑی تودہ گرنے سے 5 افراد زخمی ہو گئے جب کہ لینڈ سلائڈنگ کے باعث شاہراہ قراقرم کئی مقامات سے بند ہو گئی۔

سوات میں بھی شدید بارشوں کے باعث مختلف علاقوں میں 2 خواتین سمیت 3 افراد سیلابی ریلے میں بہہ گئے جب کہ کبل کے علاقے کلاگئی کے ندی نالوں میں طغیانی آگئی۔ شدید بارشوں نے بحریں میں بھی تباہی مچادی اور رابطہ پل سیلابی پانی میں بہہ گیا۔ بارشوں کے باعث دریائے سوات میں اونچے درجے کا سیلاب آگیا ہے جب کہ پشاور میں گزشتہ رات ہونے والی شدید بارش کے باعث سڑکیں اور گلیاں ندی نالوں میں تبدیل ہو گئیں ہیں۔ چار سہہ میں بھی 3 افراد جان کی بازی ہار گئے بھی ہوئے۔

محکمہ موسمیات کے مطابق آج اور اتوار کے روز دیر، سوات، شانگلہ، کوہستان، بنگرام، مانسہرہ، گلگت، غدر، دیامر، استور، مظفر آباد اور وادی نیلم میں اکثر مقامات پر تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش جبکہ چند مقامات پر موسلا دھار بارش کا امکان ہے۔ شدید بارشوں کے باعث بالائی کے پی، گلگت بلتستان اور آزاد کشمیر میں لینڈ سلائڈنگ اور مقامی ندی نالوں میں طغیانی کا بھی خطرہ ہے۔ آج ہفتہ اور اتوار کے روز اسلام آباد، فانا میں اکثر مقامات پر جبکہ پشاور، مردان، کوہاٹ، بنوں، ڈی آئی خان ڈویژن، راولپنڈی، گوجرانوالہ اور سرگودھا ڈویژن میں کہیں کہیں تیز ہواؤں اور گرج چمک کے ساتھ بارش کی توقع ہے۔ کوئٹہ، ثوب، قلات، سبی ڈویژن، ڈی جی خان، ملتان، ساہیوال، فیصل آباد اور لاہور ڈویژن میں چند مقامات

محکمہ موسمیات نے آج اور کل اسلام آباد اور فانا میں اکثر مقامات پر جبکہ کے پی اور بالائی پنجاب میں کہیں کہیں بارش کی پیش گوئی کر دی

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