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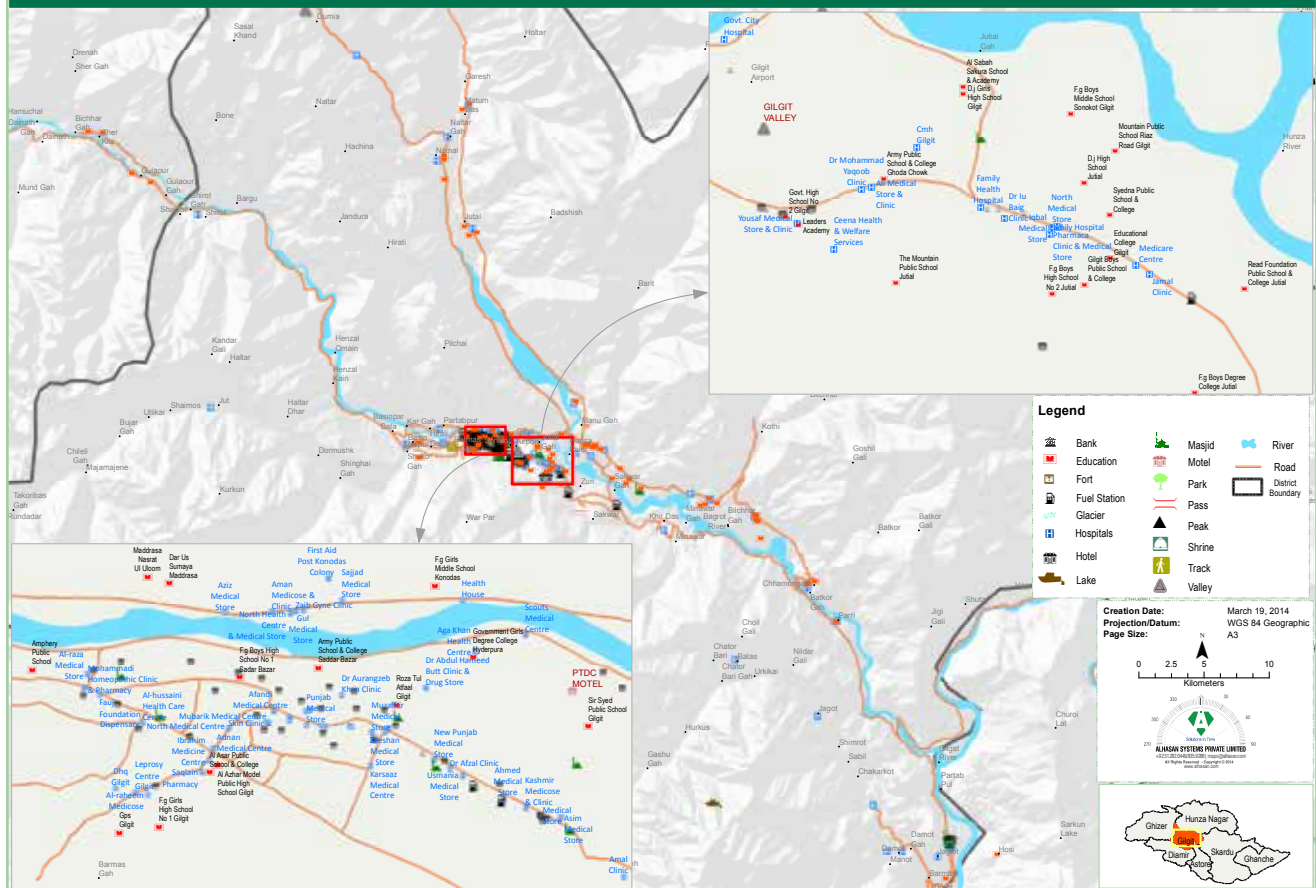
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DETAILS

KABUL: With Afghanistan heading for presidential and provincial council elections on April 5, candidates are defying Taliban security threats and campaigning across the country's main cities. True to its promise of disrupting the democratic process, the Taliban carried out a series of deadly attacks recently, including a suicide bombing of a five-star hotel on March 2 that killed a foreign election observer and eight other people, forcing two major international election observer groups to pull out of Afghanistan. On Friday, the Taliban said they launched a suicide attack on a guest house of foreigners and an adjacent Church in Kabul, which was targeted because "invading countries are using the church to convert Afghans to Christianity." "Attacks will continue and will keep on killing foreigners," said Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. Independent analysts say the withdrawal of watchdog organisations like National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) could undermine the credibility of the vote. However, Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC) officials have played down the absence of these groups, insisting that dozens more like them will stay to monitor the polls. IEC spokesman Noor Mohammad Noor says their panel has registered 14 international observer groups and the pullout of two missions would not disrupt the monitoring process, according to Pajhwok — an independent Afghan news agency. About 1,206 observation groups, including 67 local ones, have approached the IEC to monitor the elections and the commission has registered 150,000 individuals in this regard, including poll observers and media representatives, Noor says. By the looks of it, the Taliban are determined to spread pre-election terror. Afghanistan saw another bloody day on Tuesday when a group of suicide bombers stormed an election office in Kabul near the residence of key presidential candidate, Dr Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai. Taliban bombers also attacked a bank in Asadabad, the capital of eastern Kunar and a gathering in northern Kunduz province. Officials put the death toll of all three attacks at 15. Labelling the upcoming polls as 'sham elections', the Taliban have issued special instructions to their fighters to "target all its workers, activists, callers, security apparatus and offices". In a statement last week, the Taliban leadership week called upon the people to "keep away from electoral offices, voting booths, rallies and campaigns". The brazen attacks prompted calls from the IEC on the country's security institutions to strengthen security for its employees and polling stations. IEC officials, however, remain confident that the group behind the violent attacks will not succeed in sabotaging Election Day. Despite the deadly security threat, many people are taking the risk and participating in election rallies across the country. On Friday, frontrunners Dr Abdullah Abdullah, Dr Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai and Dr Zalmay Rasoul made various public appearances in Mazar-e-Sharif, Kandahar and the capital, respectively. A recent survey conducted by the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA) reveals nearly 92% of Afghans support the elections and 75% want to cast their vote. "The will of the people is strong, especially among civil society and educated Afghans who want elections to be successful," FEFA head Jandad Spinghar told *The Express Tribune* from Kabul. However, Spinghar remained cautious, saying they would keep a close watch on electoral fraud and the fragile security environment. Members of the Afghan media also remained hopeful regarding voter turnout despite Taliban attacks. "The Taliban are seditious fighters who are always resorting to insurgency and riots," the Arman-e Melli newspaper noted in an editorial comment this week, adding the people should "stand up against the Taliban."

KABUL: Suicide bombers targeted buildings near the Independent Election Commission (IEC) headquarters in Kabul on Saturday, staff and police said, the latest in a spate of attacks ahead of next week's presidential election. "I am here... the attack is going on around the IEC compound," spokesperson Noor Mohammad Noor told Reuters by telephone from a safe room inside the building. An explosion was followed by gunfire, IEC staff and police said. The IEC compound is close to offices used by the United Nations Office Complex in Afghanistan (UNOCA) and other international organisations. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack, the second launched against an IEC office in the capital this week as the attack by militants seeks to derail the April 5 election it calls a Western-backed "sham". Noor said that IEC personnel were safe and that Afghan security forces were in control of their building. Police said that a nearby building that was privately owned had been targeted for reasons that remained unclear. "We can only confirm that a number of armed insurgents have entered a building close to the IEC," said Kabul's police chief spokesperson Hashmat Stanekzai. Another IEC official told Reuters that staff inside the compound feared the neighbouring building might be used by insurgents to fire on their headquarters because it was several stories high.

KARACHI: The Sindh government has started working for holding free and fair Local Body (LB) elections as per directives of apex court. The Chief Minister Sindh Qaim Ali Shah presiding over the meeting of the Ministerial Committee for LB elections arrangements discussed the modalities for transparent LB elections in peaceful atmosphere. Qaim Ali Shah said he always have honoured the court decisions as such his government had already agreed to hold LB elections as per decision by the apex court in the near past. The meeting discussed over the short order of the court and showed its keen interest to go through detailed order of the apex court, which was yet to be received by the Sindh government. The Chief Minister directed the Secretary Law Mir Muhammad Shaikh and legal experts of the Sindh administration to prepare their working paper for holding LB elections with reference to apex court order and to fulfill its other formalities and put up the same in next meeting for evolving strategy to have local bodies elections in the province in transparent manner. The Sindh Minister for Local Government and Information Sharjeel Inam Memon, Sindh Minister for

Repeat episode

Pakistan Today 23rd March, 2014

Works and Services Mir Hazar Khan Bijrani, Sindh Minister Parliamentary Affairs Dr Sikandar Mendhro, adviser to CM for Finance Syed Murad Ali Shah, Secretary Local Govt Muhammad Haneef, Secretary law Mir Mohammad Shaikh, Principal Secretary to CM Rai Sikandar and other officers of related departments attended the meeting.

Considering the party's record, it was only a matter of time before the MQM joined the PPP's Sindh government. Reports reveal that the predictable decision has been made, and a formal announcement will be made soon enough. The PPP and MQM were coalition partners in the previous provincial government, but failed to carry forward the arrangement after the May 2013 elections. Despite several differences on key matters such as the local body system, the two parties have agreed to once again sit together for the 'greater good,' as they often put it. In order to understand this consistently complicated relationship, it is imperative to understand the ethno-political dimensions which often dictate decisions such as the one under discussion. Broadly speaking, the Sindh province can be divided into two parts: urban and rural. Similarly, the demographic can also be divided in two categories: the Urdu-speaking Mohajirs and indigenous Sindhis. The former are concentrated in the major urban centers such as Karachi and Hyderabad, while the latter are spread out all over the province. Successive election results are a testament to this divide, as the MQM always emerges as the leading, if not sole, representative of the Urdu-speaking urbanites, while rural Sindh never fails to display its loyalty to the PPP. As a result of this, the provincial assembly is dominated by the PPP, with a noticeable presence of the MQM. Now, the PPP can easily do without the MQM as far as numbers are concerned, but running provincial affairs without including representatives of "Pakistan's economic hub" can be very tricky. Perhaps too tricky, which explains why the MQM always receives an invitation to share power. Simply put, the MQM's real strength is not just the number of people who vote for it, but the business-concentrated areas they are settled into. But, that is taking too positive a view of the situation. Sharing power means making unsavory compromises which often entail direct, negative consequences for the common people. Political expedience comes in the way of necessary action, as witnessed during the tenure of the previous MQM-PPP-ANP coalition government. While party leaders exchanged views over tea and biscuits, the lower cadres spilled each other's blood in a never-ending turf war in Karachi. Harsh ground realities suggest that the new coalition will fail to return peace to the metropolis or bring prosperity to the wider province.

SC dismisses review petition, orders LB elections by Nov 15

Associated Press of Pakistan 23rd March, 2014

KARACHI: Mar 20 (APP): Supreme Court of Pakistan has dismissed a review petition of Sindh Government against previous ruling of the apex court regarding the delimitation of election constituencies. The three-member bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani in short order issued here on Thursday stated that delimitation is prerogative of Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). The bench also directed the ECP to ensure the holding of Local Bodies elections by or before November 15, 2014. The bench in its order said that the power to hold elections of the local Government stand vested in the Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of Article 140A of the Constitution. The Election Commission has been mandated to "organize and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law. As the holding of election of Local Government delayed for more than nine years, which is violative of the constitutional command, we are persuaded to direct the Governments, Federal and Provincial (of Sindh) to carry out appropriate amendments/legislation to empower the Election Commission of Pakistan to initiate and carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the Local Government elections. This exercise should be completed within a period of five months from today and the E Commission of Pakistan shall thereafter take requisite measures to carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the Local Government expeditiously so as to complete the same within the period of 45 days of the enactment/amendments in laws in terms of this order". "The Election Commission of Pakistan shall further ensure that the announcement of election schedule and the process of holding it is complete by or before 15th of November, 2014".

Sindh to hold LG polls in November

Pakistan Today 22nd March, 2014

SINDH: The Sindh government announced on Saturday that local government elections will be held in November this year. Sindh Chief Minister Qaim Ali Shah announced in a meeting on Saturday that preparations for the local elections will begin soon. Sharjeel Memon, Sikander Mendro and Murad Ali Shah were also present in the meeting. Earlier on Wednesday, the Supreme Court ordered all provinces to conduct local body elections no later than November 15. The case was heard by a three-member bench presided by Chief Justice Tasadduq Hussain Jilani. In February, several members of the provincial assembly called for holding local government elections as soon as possible so as to mitigate administrative problems. Lawmakers representing the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said holding of local government elections and devolving powers to the grassroots level would serve the people. Many complained that local elections had not been held in a long time, and holding them soon is necessary.

SC dismisses Sindh govt plea on delimitations

The Nation 21st March, 2014

KARACHI - Supreme Court (SC) on Thursday dismissed Sindh government's appeal plea against provincial high court (SHC) decision on delimitation of constituencies for local bodies (LB) polls in the province maintaining carrying out delimitation and conducting elections were responsibilities of Election Commission (EC). The petition was filed by the Sindh Government in the Karachi Registry of the apex court, appealing against the high court's decision to nullify the delimitation process for the local government (LG) elections. The court ruled, "Legislation

PPP may propose former Justice Ajmal Mian for CEC

The News 21st March, 2014

SC directs ECP to complete local govt's poll process by Nov 15

The News 21st March, 2014

be enacted in respect of delimitation and EC should complete delimitation process within five months and LB polls be conducted till November 15. SC bench led by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Tassaduq Hussain Jilani pronounced this short order after hearing miscellaneous petitions pertaining to delimitation for LB polls in Sindh on Thursday in Karachi Registry. Talking to mediapersons, counsel for MQM Senator Farogh Nasim said following hearing of the case SC had ruled in clear terms that delimitations had not been carried out in Sindh in line with law. MQM had appealed to SC through its petition that powers for carrying out delimitation should rest with a neutral institution and as per constitution of Pakistan this institution is EC. The recent delimitations made by Sindh government were got carried out through deputy commissioners, he added. They were empowered to declare any territory urban or rural. He underlined that SC accepted MQM plea that powers for carrying out delimitations of constituencies for national, provincial assemblies' election and LB polls should rest with EC. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed secretary establishment to appoint Inspector General of Sindh Police at the earliest and present a report in the court. Three-member bench headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani was hearing Karachi law and order implementation case here at SC Karachi Registry. The chief justice expressed displeasure over the non-appointment of IGP, saying it showed the non-seriousness of authorities concerned that still acting police head was serving at the key post in the province despite deteriorating law and order situation. The chief justice directed the attorney general to ask secretary establishment for immediate appointment of IGP Sindh.

ISLAMABAD: PPP is considering the name of former chief justice Peshawar High Court and ex-law secretary Justice (retd) Mian Muhammad Ajmal for the post of the Chief Election Commissioner. According to sources, the inner PPP circles feel that all the constitutional posts have so far gone to the Punjab or Sindh and it would be better if the chief election commissioner is selected either from Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa or Balochistan. Sources said the PPP was divided on the name of Justice (retd) Rana Bhagwandas and the legislation that was tailored to pave the way for him to take up the post was blocked in the Senate by the PPP and its partners at the opposition benches despite its passage from the National Assembly with complete support of the PPP. The PPP took a tough stance in the Senate on a piece of legislation aiming to benefit one man and refused to compromise. Sources say it is likely that leader of the opposition in the National Assembly Syed Khurshid Shah may formally propose the name of Mian Muhammad Ajmal to the government once the government contacts him. The name of Justice (R) Mian Ajmal also came up for the post of NAB chairman a few months back and the opposition and the government agreed on his name but Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif disagreed saying the retired judge was secretary law ministry when General (R) Pervez Musharraf imposed November 3, 2007 emergency. Syed Khurshid Shah is also likely to consult the other opposition parties including PTI before proposing the name of Justice (R) Mian Ajmal to the government.

KARACHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday directed the federal and Sindh governments to carry out appropriate amendments/ legislation to empower the Election Commission of Pakistan to conduct the delimitation process for the local government's election within five months. "The Election Commission of Pakistan shall thereafter take requisite measures to carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies so as to complete the same within a period of 45 days of the enactment/amendments in the laws," the SC's three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani ordered. The election commission has been directed to ensure that the announcement of election schedule and process of holding election may be completed by or before November 15. The short order of the Supreme Court came on the Sindh government's appeal against the Sindh High Court's judgment that struck down the delimitation exercise as well as fresh amendments in Sindh local government law in Supreme Court. The SHC, on December 30, had struck down the amendments made through Sindh local government (third amendment) Ordinance substituting the population figures for union committees in Metropolitan Corporation declaring same as ultra vires the Sindh Local Government Act and the Constitution besides set aside the entire delimitation exercise carried out by the delimitation officers for Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur and Larkana divisions. Being aggrieved with the SHC's judgment, the Sindh government submitted that as a result of impugned order there is complete chaos with regard to local bodies election as neither the candidates who have filed nomination papers nor the voters know about the ultimate fate of the electoral process. The SC's three-member bench headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani after hearing the case of Sindh government and respondents counsel, amicus curiae and others, for reason to be recorded later on, held that power to hold elections of the local government stand vested in the election commission of Pakistan in terms of Article 140-A of the Constitution. The court observed that holding of the local government elections has been delayed for more than nine years, which is violation of Constitutional command. The court directed the federal and provincial governments to carryout appropriate amendments/ legislation to empower the election commission of Pakistan to conduct delimitation process for the local government's election within five months. The court directed ECP to take requisite measures to carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies so as to complete the same within a period of 45 days of the enactment/amendments in the laws. The court observed that the ECP has been mandated to organize and conduct election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with the law and that corrupt practices are guarded against. The Supreme Court held that since delimitation of the constituencies of the local government is part of the process of organizing and holding elections honestly, justly and fairly which is the Constitutional

Supreme Court orders centre, Punjab to hold LB polls by November 15

Business Recorder 20th March, 2014

mandate of ECP, therefore the power to carry out such delimitation should vest with the ECP. The court also upheld the Sindh High Court's judgment that struck down the amendments made through Sindh local government (third amendment) Ordinance substituting the population figures for union committees in Metropolitan Corporation declaring same as ultra vires the Sindh Local Government Act and the Constitution. It is pertinent to mention that SHC had also set aside the entire delimitation exercise carried out by the delimitation officers for Karachi, Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Sukkur and Larkana divisions observing that election of local bodies may be conducted on position as existing prior to the delimitation process started in the year 2013.

PUNJAB: The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Wednesday issued directives to federal and Punjab governments to complete legislation regarding Local Bodies (LB) polls within five months since the polls were delayed for over nine years in the country. The court also directed the government for ensuing holding of LB polls till November 15. A three-judge bench of the Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani with Justice Khilji Arif Hussain and Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed announced its verdict on appeal of the Election Commission of Pakistan against the judgement passed by the Lahore High Court on February 3, 2014. The bench ruled in its short order: "Since the holding of elections of Local Governments has been delayed for more than nine years, which is violative of the Constitutional command, we are persuaded to direct the Governments, Federal and Provincial (of Punjab) to carry out appropriate amendments/legislation to empower the Election Commission of Pakistan to initiate and carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the Local Government Elections." The court directed the concerned authorities to complete the exercise within five months, saying that Election Commission of Pakistan shall thereafter take requisite measures to carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the Local Government expeditiously so as to complete the same within a period of 45 days of the enactment/amendments to laws." The Election Commission of Pakistan shall further ensure that the announcement of election schedule and the process of holding polls be completed by or before November 15, 2014," the order said. Earlier, the Punjab government had sought four-month time from Supreme Court for holding LB polls in the province. Advocate General Punjab Mustafa Ramdy submitted a report pertaining to timeframe for the LB polls in the apex court, adding that the polls would be completed in 10 stages. He submitted that it would take four months to prepare draft bill and delimitation of constituencies for LB elections. Muhammad Akram Sheikh, counsel for Election Commission of Pakistan, contended before the court that Local Bodies Acts 7 and 10 are repugnant to the Constitution, saying that the apex court has the jurisdiction to annul these Acts. After hearing arguments of the parties the court reserved the judgement in the matter. Announcing the judgement, the bench ruled that the power to hold elections of the Local Government stand vested in the Election Commission of Pakistan in terms of Article 140-A of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The court ruled that Sections 8 to 10 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and the relevant Rules framed there-under are ultra vires of the Constitution in so far as they empower the Provincial Government to carry out the delimitation of the constituencies for the Local Government.

LB polls: SC orders new delimitations in Sindh

Samaa News 20th March, 2014

KARACHI: The Supreme Court of Pakistan ordered that new delimitations be carried out across the Sindh province and directed the Sindh government to put in place appropriate legal framework for holding of local government elections in the province, SAMAA reports. On Thursday, while announcing the judgment on an appeal filed by the Sindh government against orders of the Sindh High Court in which it declared null and void old delimitations, the Supreme Court observed that local government elections have been kept pending for over nine years. The court further ordered that the Sindh government should announce schedule of the local bodies elections before November 15, 2014. Yesterday, the Supreme Court directed the federal and provincial governments to hold local bodies' elections by Nov 15, observing that it's a legal obligation in which no delay would be tolerated. The court also directed completion of legislation for the delimitation of electoral constituencies across Pakistan within five months. The apex court observed that existing law on delimitation is 'contrary' to the Constitution, declaring it null and void, and gave a final authority to the Election Commission of Pakistan for delimitations in the country. - SAMAA

Punjab LG polls: SC empowers ECP to delimit constituencies

Express Tribune 20th March, 2014

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down Punjab government's authority to delimit constituencies for local government (LG) elections, authorising the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) instead to undertake the gigantic task. The decision was made by a three-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani while hearing an ECP petition against a Lahore High Court judgment in which the poll body was directed to conduct the delimitation in Punjab. The apex court bench directed both federal and provincial governments to carry out appropriate legislation to empower the ECP to carry out the delimitation process for LG polls. "This exercise should be completed within a period of five months and the Election Commission of Pakistan shall thereafter take requisite measures to carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the Local Government expeditiously so as to complete the same within a period of 45 days of the enactment/amendments in laws in terms of this order," the court stated in its order. Taking a strict stance on the delay in LG polls for over nine years, the bench observed that the delay amounted to violation of the Constitution. Subsequently, the court set November 15, 2014 for the announcement of an election schedule and completing the process required for holding the polls. The bench further declared that Sections 8 to 10 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013 and the relevant rules framed thereunder are ultra vires of the constitution in so far as

SC orders Centre, Punjab to hold LB polls by Nov 15

The News 20th March, 2014

SC tells KP to prepare for LB polls in one month

The News 19th March, 2014

Punjab govt criticised for not holding LG polls

The News 6th March, 2014

they empower the provincial government to carry out the delimitation of the constituencies for the polls. Referring to Article 140A, the court said that the power to hold Local Government elections was vested in the ECP, which under Article 218(3) has been mandated to "organise and conduct the election and to make such arrangements as are necessary to ensure that the election is conducted honestly, justly, fairly and in accordance with law, and that corrupt practices are guarded against, the power to carry out such delimitation should vest with the Election Commission of Pakistan." During the hearing, Advocate General Punjab Mustafa Ramday told the bench that the provincial government would comply with the court's orders. "There will be no delay but please allow us sometime to amend the law for empowering the commission to carry out the delimitation process," Ramday added.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday directed the federal and Punjab governments to complete legislation in five months and hold the local bodies (LB) elections by November 15. A three-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani and comprising Justice Khilji Arif Hussain and Justice Sheikh Azmat Saeed, announced the order on an appeal of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) against a judgment passed by the Lahore High Court (LHC) on February 3, 2014. "Since the holding of LB elections has been delayed for more than nine years, which is violative of the Constitution, we are persuaded to direct the governments, federal and provincial (of Punjab), to carry out appropriate amendments/legislation to empower the ECP to initiate and carry out the process of delimitation of constituencies for the LB elections," the court ruled in its short order. The court directed that this exercise be completed within a period of five months starting from March 19 and the ECP shall thereafter carry out delimitation of the LB constituencies within 45 days. "The ECP shall further ensure that the announcement of the election schedule and the process of holding it are completed by or before 15th of November, 2014," says the order. Earlier, the Punjab government had sought four-month time from the SC for holding the LB election in the province. Advocate General (AG), Punjab, Mustafa Ramday, submitted a report mentioning that elections would be conducted in 10 stages. He submitted that it would take four months to prepare the draft legal bill and delimitation of constituencies for the LB elections. Muhammad Akram Sheikh, the counsel for the ECP, contended before the court that the Local Bodies Acts 7 and 10 were repugnant to the Constitution adding that the apex court had the jurisdiction to annul these acts. Meanwhile, the court reserved the judgment in the matter. The court, however, said that the ECP was authorised to hold the LG elections according to Article 140A of the Constitution. The court ruled that Sections 8 to 10 of the Punjab Local Government Act, 2013, and the relevant rules framed under this act were in contradiction to the Constitution as they empowered the provincial governments to carry out delimitation of the constituencies. Meanwhile, the court disposed of the ECP's appeal. It is pertinent to mention here that the KP government has submitted before the court that it has completed the delimitation of constituencies for holding the LB elections in the province.

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday told Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) government to complete within one month arrangement for local bodies (LB) elections in the province. Earlier, the provincial government informed the apex court about completion of delimitation process for LB polls in the province in pursuance of its orders. A three-member bench, headed by Chief Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani, heard the LB polls case. Appearing on notice, KP Advocate General (AG) Abdul Latif Yusufzai informed the court that the provincial government has completed delimitation process for holding LB polls and issued notification in this regard. He said copy of the notification was also provided to Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). He submitted that the KP government has issued notification but the issue of delimitation process in Sindh and Punjab is still pending with the apex court wherein the apex court is yet to decide as to whether the process of delimitation could be assigned to the ECP or not. He said if the court may assign the task to the ECP, then delimitation exercise done by the provincial government would stand abolished. He requested the court to find an amicable solution in the instant matter. The court observed that its decision about delimitation in Punjab and Sindh will be announced soon but in the meantime, the KP government should complete arrangements for holding the elections in the province. The court adjourned the hearing of the case for date in office. Also, the same bench heard review petition of Watan Party on election reforms, and sought comprehensive reply from the ECP within 15 days regarding the implementation of its orders in the instant matter. Bilal Minto, counsel for Watan Party, submitted that some portions of two decisions of the court have not been implemented for which the ECP could be asked for its reply. At this, the court asked DG ECP Sher Afgan to appraise the court about the reasons due to which its orders were not yet implemented in letter and spirit. The DG ECP sought some time to submit reply.

LAHORE: PTI Punjab President Ejaz Chaudhry and others have severely condemned the Punjab government for not holding the LG elections in the province. At a press conference here, the PTI Punjab leadership said that it was against the law and the constitution to not to hold the LG elections. Even the Supreme Court has asked many times to give date for holding local body elections but the ECP is silent on it, the party leaders said. The Tehreek e Insaaf Punjab leaders on the occasion also said that, according to Article 220, the ECP can take help of any institution of Pakistan to hold elections but the PML-N government has ignored what is written in the constitution. PTI leadership on the occasion demanded the ECP announce the date to hold local body elections as soon as possible, calling for holding the polls according to the constitution. The PTI leaders also alleged that the land mafia of Punjab chief minister Shahbaz Sharif had completely changed the LDA boundaries to convert an agriculture land

into plazas and factories. The latest development in this regard is that the LDA has been extended from Lahore to Sheikhupura, Nankana Sahib and Kasoor just to make sure that the most fertile agricultural land is now available to them to further sale of their steel and construction business. Dr. Yasmin Rashid, the PTI Punjab General Secretary on the occasion severely condemned the prevailing lack of governance in Punjab, expressing grief and sorrow on the incident of a poor young mother who killed her own children. She said it was tragic that, because of the high cost of living caused by the inflation of the PML-N government, the poor were now forced to take the lives of their children as they could not afford even basic commodities and necessities for them. The press conference was addressed by MPA Aslam Iqbal, Andleeb Abbas and others. Meanwhile, in a seminar, the PTI leadership highlighted the importance of the International Women's Day celebration while the chief guest gave a comprehensive talk on the role Pakistani women are playing and their contribution in non-traditional fields and professions. Dr Nasira Javed was the chief guest of the event which was arranged by Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf President Punjab Women Wing and office bearers for the International Women's Day celebrations. Main speakers of the seminar included Saloni Bokhari, MPA Sadia Sohail, Shamsa Ali, Sarah Ahmed and others. Senior PTI Member Shamsa Ali, advocate, speaking on the occasion, brought to light the importance of encouraging and ingraining self respect of women in society. In her address, she specially discussed the contribution of women in the informal labour sectors, like the home based workers and domestic workers. She said that women formed about 85% of this vital sector. Shamsa Ali underlined the need for the Ratification of the ILO's Conventions on Home Based Workers and Domestic Workers. This would facilitate the legislation of laws for the recognition of these women as workers under the Labour Laws of Pakistan and provide social security, etc, for this extremely marginalized sector consisting mainly of women and children. She also highlighted that the crimes against women had increased. Though laws had been legislated, their implementation remained absent due to lack of any effective mechanism and callous apathy on the part of the successive governments, she said. Sadia Sohail, an MPA, on the occasion apprised the gathering of PTI's demand for the implementation of Women Protection Law (bill) in the assembly. She said the law would safeguard security of women, which had so far been avoided by those who had been in the government. Sarah Ahmed gave a presentation on the developments in the KPK by the PTI government, highlighting initiatives which affected women. Giving her concluding remarks, Saloni Bokhari highlighted the achievements of the KPK government. She said the previous two governments in KPK were unable to bring about any positive reforms regarding law and order and security situation in the province. She said the PTI was determined to change the situation and had already begun by working to establish a good policing system. The Health and Education reforms are gender tolerant and are being carefully monitored to benefit women, she said.

Consensus on Bhagwandas as new CEC

The News 7th March ,2014

ISLAMABAD: The government and the opposition seem to have agreed on appointing Justice (retd) Rana Bhagwandas as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). Finance Minister Ishaq Dar contacted the Leader of the Opposition Syed Khurshed Shah two days back to agree on a name to fill the vacant post. The latter sought time to discuss the name of the new CEC with other opposition parties and on Thursday conveyed to the government that the opposition parties had agreed on the name of Justice (retd) Bhagwandas as the new CEC. However, there is a legal hitch as Justice (retd) Bhagwandas has recently resigned as chairman of the Federal Public Service Commission. Sources said an amendment in the law is to be presented in the National Assembly on Friday to remove the legal hurdle in the appointment of Justice (retd) Rana Bhagwandas as the Chief Election Commissioner. Supreme Court Judge Justice Nasirul Malik has been serving as acting Chief Election Commissioner following the resignation of Justice (retd) Fakharuddin G Ebrahim, who relinquished the post after the general elections last year.

Internal incoherence: PML-N gropes in the dark ahead of LG polls

Express Tribune 8th March

PESHAWAR: While coalition parties and opposition parties have been busy strategising for local government (LG) polls, announcing alliances, the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) is yet to swing into electioneering action. The party has to resolve its internal rifts before it can expect success in these elections, say PML-N members. A grand meeting of the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) chapter of PML-N has been finally convened for Saturday (today) to discuss and formulate a strategy for LG elections. PML-N General Secretary Rahmat Salam Khattak told *The Express Tribune* on Friday that district presidents and general secretaries from across K-P have been summoned at the party's provincial secretariat to discuss the matter. Incidentally, PML-N's decision comes at the heels of the chief minister's (CM) statement on Wednesday wherein he told a delegation of Insaf Student Federation that all preparations have been made for LG polls and April 30 has been proposed to the Supreme Court as the date for the election. "In the light of directives issued by the apex court, the provincial government is prepared for any date set up by the Election Commission of Pakistan," said CM Pervez Khattak. Rahmat said Saturday's meeting, the first for addressing LG polls, has been called to obtain feedback from district office bearers. Commenting on the election date proposed by the government, Rahmat said, "Keeping in view the many arrangements that need to be undertaken, it seems unlikely that LG polls will be held on April 30. More time will be needed to finalise a date." According to a senior PML-N leader, until now the party had not taken any tangible steps regarding LG elections. "This is the first meeting the party has called regarding the polls while other political parties in K-P have already conducted several rounds of meetings," he said. PML-N has its work cut out for the local bodies polls as it needs to set its own house in order first by bringing in individual performance-oriented leaders to work together in coordination in the larger interest of the party, he added. A PML-N stalwart

Four election workers kidnapped in Afghanistan, says official

Dawn 13th March, 2014

Punjab govt fearful of LB polls: PTI

Pakistan Today 8th March, 2014

Turbat incidents Expose Baloch Miscreants' Cruelties

Kashmir Watch 7th March, 2014

from Peshawar said the elections may not be smooth sailing for the party as it has to overcome many issues, especially bringing coherence in its ranks. "Because of the growing dissent within the party it is going through a tough time in K-P," he said. Several leaders have left the party, including Farid Toofan who recently left to join Awami National Party-Wali, the breakaway faction of ANP formed by Begum Nasim Wali. "Fiaz Khan from Swat, Bahadur Khan and Rahim Shah from Mardan have also deserted the party," he said. Another PML-N member said older activists are increasingly feeling disappointed for being left out in party decisions. "There are people who are at the helm of the party even though they only joined recently," he contended. Considering the fact that ANP, Pakistan Peoples Party and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl have already formed an alliance and have progressed towards chalking out a regional strategy, PML-N is only just taking its initial steps. The internal situation of PML-N as shared by some leaders indicates that the party will need extra efforts on the part of its leaders; firstly to pacify the feelings of dissent among its members and then decide which party it can form an alliance with for LG polls and on what terms.

KABUL: An Afghan election commission official says four election coordinators were kidnapped in Afghanistan's restive Nangarhar province, which borders neighboring Pakistan. Sareer Ahmed Barmal, a commissioner with the Independent Election Commission, told The Associated Press on Thursday that the four men were taken a day earlier and no one has taken responsibility for their abduction or demanded a ransom. Barmal says area elders have been meeting in an attempt to discover the identities of the kidnappers in order to negotiate the release of the men. On Monday, the Taliban threatened violence ahead of Afghanistan's April 5 presidential elections, warning Afghans to stay away from the polls and promising attacks against election workers and Afghan security forces protecting them.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) provincial head Ejaz Ch has said that the party supports the high court's decision to hold local body elections as early as possible in view of Punjab government's efforts for delaying these elections. Addressing a local bodies' workers convention in Sargodha, Ejaz Ch said that reason for the Punjab government to delay the polls was nothing but its pathetic performance. "They know with their present performance they will lose the elections. The constant economic pressures on a common man and the constant concessions to traders and the rich have proved that the PML-N is basically a party of the business class which only comes into power to make money and enrich their family and friends" Ejaz said. He said recent increase in electricity prices at a time when massive load shedding was taking place even in the winter showed the government intentions to further crush a common man in the coming summer. PTI leader Dr Yasmin Rashid said the federal government was now planning to hold a census mainly because it wanted the local body elections to be delayed so that the poor performance was not exposed in the elections results. He said the very fact that the government had insisted on holding non-party elections was a confirmation of the wrong intentions of the government. PTI Punjab Secretary Information Andleeb Abbas said the KPK govt had done all the experiments to hold local bodies' elections through biometrics but the government appointed wrong people in NADRA who were refusing to hold biometric elections while giving reasons which were not valid at all. She said the PTI would protest against this attitude of NADRA's and she demanded that elections based on biometrics be allowed in KPK and be made mandatory in all provinces.

BALUCHISTAN: Turbat incidents Expose Baloch Miscreants' Cruelties By Sajjad Shaukat As a result of the elections 2013, the government led by a nationalist leader Chief Minister Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has been established. Being progressive and moderate man, he ensured that socio-economic justice would meet with success, while playing a key role in empowering Baloch leaders to manage the affairs of their province and also to participate in Pakistan's decision-making process. And on December 7, 2013; local body's elections were largely held in a peaceful manner in Balochistan. While terror-acts still keep on going in Balochistan, but without grasping reality, and speaking in the tone of external entities, some politicians, human rights activists and media persons of Pakistan have been propagating against Pak Army, Frontier Constabulary (FC), country's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and Military Intelligence (MI) including other law-enforcing agencies regarding subversive acts in the province. It seems ridiculous when some of them allegedly say that security agencies are behind terrorist activities in Balochistan. It is mentionable that India, the US and Israel have been internationalizing the Balochistan issue in accordance with their secret designs. In this respect, in connivance with the Baloch separatist leaders who have taken refuge in Switzerland, Sweden, US and London, these foreign elements use media, various NGOs and human rights organizations for false propaganda against Pakistan's security forces and ISI in relation to extrajudicial killings, mutilated bodies and the missing persons. It is notable that Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) is also in collusion with some US Congressmen to get foreign support so as to animate the scheme of separatism in Balochistan. For the purpose, BLA and the Baloch feudal lord, Khan of Kalat had planned to take the issue of Balochistan to International Court of Justice (ICJ) and expected that India would pay \$2.4 million lawyers' fee to contest their case in ICJ. As Indian support did not get materialized, BLA and Khan of Kalat went over to US leaders to press forward their case. In February 8, 2012, three Republican Congressmen including Dana Rohrabacher, Louie Gohmert and Steve King tabled a bill before US Congress stating, "Balochistan is currently divided between Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan with no sovereign rights of its own. In Pakistani Balochistan the people are subjected to violence and extrajudicial killings." The bill favoured Baloch rights of self-determination, having a sovereign state. Earlier, the US subcommittee on 'Oversight and Investigations of the House

Committee on Foreign Affairs' convened a hearing on extrajudicial killings and violation of human rights in Baluchistan. Rohrabacher chaired the meeting, while Lt. Col. (R) Ralph Peters testified. Lt. Col. (R) Peters is the architect of infamous 2006—New Middle East map and is an advocator for the disintegration of Muslim states on sectarian and religious lines. His map shows a number of Islamic countries including Pakistan as truncated. While writing in the June 2006 issue of The Armed Forces Journal of the US, he had suggested Washington about the creation of a "Greater Balochistan" which would integrate the Baloch areas of Pakistan with those of Iran—and the Frontier Province (Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa) should be incorporated into Afghanistan." Although the US Administration quickly distanced itself from Congressional hearing by Rohrabacher and Peters' testimony, yet US denial does not augur well with ground reality, as American think tanks, NGOs and websites go on instigating the separatist elements in Baluchistan. US State Department which funded National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and Voice of Baluchistan (VOB) have been instrumental in fomenting dissension and nationalistic feelings in the province. It has been pressurizing Pakistan to allow opening of a US consulate in Quetta. The aim is to execute America's clandestine aims against Islamabad. As regards the deteriorating situation of Balochistan and the missing persons, everyone knows the foreign-backed separatist groups such as the BLA, Baloch Liberation Front (BLF), Baloch Republican Army (BRA) and their affiliated outfits including another group, Jundollah (God's soldiers) which have been fighting for secession of the province get logistic support from American CIA and Indian RAW—these miscreants kidnapped and killed many innocent people and the security personnel in the province. They also massacred many persons through suicide attacks, bomb blasts, targeted killings and sectarian violence. Therefore, they are responsible for dumped bodies and extrajudicial killings in the province. On a number of occasions, these militant outfits claimed responsibility for their subversive acts. In fact, miscreants in Balochistan employ coercive techniques and cruel methods to intimidate local people to expand their influence and enlarge their support base. Their oppressive tactics are extremely harsh, as they cruelly kill innocent people and throw away the dead bodies to inflict psychological pain to the bereaved families, impersonating their frightening clout and masquerading posture.

These ruthless killers demonstrate their real mischief by shifting the blame of their heinous crimes to law-enforcement agencies including FC, MI and ISI. Hence, by playing the double game, they manage to conceal their brutalities, and present themselves as victims. Unfortunately, due to their vested interests and insular mindset, some media analysts and political leaders of Pakistan fall prey to the elusive schemes and deceptive plans of the Baloch miscreants. In this regard, investigative media, judiciary and elite leadership have not been able to uncover the real designs of the militants who frequently assassinate innocent civilians in Balochistan through cruel techniques, and then openly grumble through media by insinuating that security forces and law-enforcing agencies are responsible for such killings. In this respect, illegal abduction and cold blooded murder of the 14 years young boy, namely, Chakkar, son of Khuda Dost, resident of Turbat city, is a case in point. On January 7, 2014 at 4 PM, a group of unknown motorcyclists kidnapped Chakkar from Turbat city's fish market. After three days, his bullet-ridden body was found from Kech Kour-Koshkalat area of Turbat, and handed over to his family. Later on, the miscreants propagated that ISI was involved in abduction and killing of an innocent child. But, technical probe, undoubtedly, proved that miscreants of the BRA were involved in kidnapping and merciless killing of that young boy. After knowing the true picture of the incident, on January 16, 2014, a protest demonstration was staged by family members and relatives of the late Chakkar at the Main Chowk in Turbat in front of Press Club Turbat, District Kech. He aggrieved protesters chanted slogans against BLF and BRA for targeting guiltless people. They demanded from the government to eliminate terrorist organizations which have been targeting innocent persons of Mekran Division and are disturbing law and order situation in the area. Another similar demonstration was held on January 18, 2014 at Press Club Turbat by the relatives of Javed, resident of Azian, Tehsil Tump, District Kech, who was also killed by the Baloch miscreants of the BLF on December 21, 2013 in Hochat area, Tehsil Dasht, District Kech. Besides, on November 27, 2013, in Turbat, District Kech, Abdul Karim from Zehri (Khuzdar) was abducted by the BRA culprits and his body was thrown away on November 28, 2013. The poor fellow was a popcorn seller, but was eliminated by trigger-happy and power hungry culprits of the BRA. Similarly, on November 12, 2013 in Turbat city, four miscreants of the BRA murdered two sweepers and fled away. Both the deceased persons were government servants, employed at Technical Training Centre Turbat and belonged to Sindh. While, on November 14, 2013, the cruel insurgents of the BRA killed a laborer, namely, Qadir Bakhsh, resident of Sindh. The incident took place at Dashti Bazaar Turbat, District Kech and the youth was brutally massacred, due to pistol used by the BRA terrorists. And on November 18, 2013, three innocent persons belonging to Dera Ghazi Khan, namely, Mulazim, Abdullah and Mustafa were killed by the terrorists of the BLF in Josak area, Tehsil Turbat and District Kech. Now, instead of shifting the blame game to the security forces, ISI and other law-enforcing agencies, our responsible media anchors and commentators must expose the real face of foreign enemies—assisting the Baloch miscreants who are not only involved in kidnapping the innocent civilians, but are also behind their cold blooded murder including mutilated bodies and extra-judicial killings.

ELECTION FRAMEWORK NEWS

Pakistani crew of Morning Glory to return home soon: FO

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistani crew members of the oil tanker, Morning Glory, which was stopped by the US navy off Cyprus off the coast of Libya, have been released and they should be heading back to Pakistan soon, depending on the availability of flights, said foreign office spokesperson said on Thursday. During the weekly briefing at the foreign office in Islamabad on Thursday, spokesperson Tasneem Aslam said that the Pakistan Embassy in Libya was informed that the crew have been cleared by the Libyan authorities after an investigation and they would be heading home soon. Libya had complained that some vessels, registered in the names of various countries, were taking Libyan oil illegally and apparently, that was the case with regard to Morning Glory as well, said FO spokesperson. On March 19, 2014 the UN Security Council adopted a resolution under which illegal acquisition of Libyan oil has become an international crime, while the crew of Morning Glory were arrested on March 17, the foreign office urged Pakistanis to work only with authentic, well established companies so that they are not caught in a situation like this.

Nuclear Suppliers Group

Responding to a question regarding chances of Pakistan being included in the Nuclear Suppliers Group, Aslam said Pakistan has a long standing engagement with the Nuclear Suppliers Group and have held meeting in Islamabad as well. Pakistan sought access to nuclear technology to meet its energy requirements and for use in medical and agricultural fields. "We believe that selective approach undermines the credibility of all these arrangements."

"We are interested and we feel that we qualify for inclusion. Not only that we adhere to the criteria but also, at this summit, Pakistan's credentials as a responsible nuclear state have been acknowledged. We hope that we will be able to convince the Nuclear Suppliers Group in this regard", the spokesperson added.

No evidence of militants going to Syria from Pakistan

On a question whether US government has contacted Pakistan after a report in **New York Times** report alleged that al Qaeda militants have been travelling from Pakistan to Syria, the spokesperson said that "US has not shared this information with us." "There have been no contacts and we have no information how al Qaeda could be traveling from Pakistan to Syria."

US aid to Pakistan

On a question whether US has decided to cut the aid given to Pakistan, the foreign office spokesperson said that the US House Foreign Relations Committee had approved this but it is a long process. "The House of Representatives has not done it yet. Therefore, it is premature to comment on it." Responding to a question halt of the US drone strikes in Pakistan, Aslam said that at the moment there are no drone strikes and Pakistan expects the US would continue this policy since drone strikes are counterproductive with a growing consensus on that view. Referring to a resolution by the European Parliament and reports presented to the Human Rights Council Session by Ben Emerson, Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, hearings in the British, Dutch and the European Parliaments on the question of drone strikes, the foreign office spokesperson said that in view of a very strong international consensus emerging, hopefully the US will refrain from resuming strikes.

Accusations Modi

In response to the question regarding accusations made by the Indian prime ministerial candidate Narendra Modi that Pakistani backed militants are involved in terrorist activities in Indian Kashmir, the foreign office said they saw the statement as part of the election season in India. "Unlike Pakistan where India is not an election issue, in India, Pakistan becomes an election issue unfortunately." On the allegation, Aslam said that Pakistan condemns terrorism as Pakistan itself has been a victim of terrorism which has its roots in the events in the region over the last 30 years.

Mediation in Kashmir

Commenting on question regarding the Indian rejection of Nawaz Sharif's demand that the play a mediator's role in solving the Kashmir issue, Aslam said Jammu and Kashmir issue is one of the oldest disputes on UN Security Council agenda and a United Nations Military Observer Group is deployed in India and Pakistan. "It is important for India and Pakistan to resolve this issue in order to move like other regions towards developing good neighborly relations," she said. "What Prime Minister [Nawaz] essentially said in The Hague is that if there is reluctance on Indian side to resolve this issue bilaterally, our common friends can help convince India to come to the negotiating table. It's not an internal affair of India."

Ban on flag waving of foreign countries during WorldT20

On a question regarding Bangladesh government's decision of not allowing Bangladeshi spectators to hold flags or to cheer the Cricket team of Pakistan during the World Twenty20, the spokesperson said that it was not a Pakistan specific issue and that spectators were asked not to carry flags of other countries, applicable to all the countries participating in the tournament. "As regards the rights of the spectators, because these events generate revenue both for ICC and the host government, it is in the domain of the ICC. ICC negotiates the framework with the host government. ICC has already taken up this matter," said Aslam. She further said that as a participant in this event, Pakistan had raised some security issues with Bangladesh which were resolved to satisfaction.

DISTRICT : ASTORE GILGIT BALTISTAN

Profile

District Astore is located in Gilgit Baltistan
 Number of Settlements/ Communities: 222

Population

Astore Population :

1998 Total Population is 7,204.5
 2013 Total Population is 9,249.8
 2013 Male Population is 48,764
 2013 Female Population is 43,735

Area

Astore Total Area: 5,206.1 km

Health

Total number of Health Facilities in Astore :27

List of the Health Facilities:

Name	Type
NEW HOSPITAL ASTORE	MEDICAL SERVICES
BOBIN FIRST AID POST	CLINIC
CIVIL HOSPITAL BUNJI	CLINIC
TURBILLING FIRST AID POST	MEDICAL FACILITIES
DOYAN FIRST AID POST	MEDICAL FACILITIES
GUDAI DISPENSARY	CLINIC
QAMARI DISPENSARY	CLINIC
DISHKIN DISPENSARY	MEDICAL FACILITIES
FIRST AID POST HARCHOW	GENERAL HOSPITALS
DASHKIRM DISPENSARY	MEDICAL STORES
GORIKOTE FIRST AID POST	GENERAL HOSPITALS
BHU DARILA ASTORE	MEDICAL STORES
PAKORA FIRST AID POST	MEDICAL STORES
TERISHING FIRST AID POST	DISPENSARY
REHMAN PURE DISPENSARY	DISPENSARY
DISPENSARY RATTU	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST MIR MALIK	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST FAQIR KOTE	DISPENSARY
BHU DIRLAY ASTORE	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST CHILEM	BASIC HEALTH UNIT
SHANKER GRAH DISPENSARY	MEDICAL STORES
DISTRICT HOSPITAL ASTORE	MEDICAL STORES
SHARAFAT MEDICAL STORE ASTORE	DISPENSARY
DILAWER MEDICAL STORE ASTORE	DISPENSARY
BHU PARISHING	MEDICAL STORES
CIVIL HOSPITAL ASTORE	MEDICAL STORES
NEW HOSPITAL ASTORE	BASIC HEALTH UNIT

Education

Total Number of Educational Facilities: 63

Boys Schools: 32
 Girls' Schools: 15
 Co. Education: 16
 Private : 16
 Government: 47

Name	Type	Name	Type
F.G BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HERBUN SASSI	GHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL DASS PAIN	PPS
F.G INTER COLLEGE EIDGAH ASTORE	GC	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL KHARIM	PPS
ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL EIDGAH ASTORE	PHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL GORIYAL	PPS
F.G BOYS HIGH SCHOOL EIDGAH ASTORE	GHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL LOUSE	PPS
READ FOUNDATION SCHOOL	PHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL MINIMARG NO.3	PPS
F.G GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ASTORE	GHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL MIRMALIK	PPS
GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	GHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSHKIN BALA	PPS
GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL RATU	GHS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL TETWAL	PPS
GOVT. DEGREE COLLEGE ASTORE	GC	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL THING	PPS
CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL DACHI	PPS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ASTORE	GHS
F.G GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	GHS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CHORIT	GHS
MINHAJ PUBLIC SCHOOL	PHS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DASHKIN	GHS
GBPS MICHA	GPS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL GORIKOTE	GHS
GGPS RATU	GPS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL GUDAI	GHS
FG GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL DOYAN	GES	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL KHANGROOL	GHS
GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CHOUGAM	GHS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL LOUSE	GHS
CRESENT GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL HARCHO	PPS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL PAKORA	GHS
CRESENT GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL SHER QULI	PPS	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL RATTURATTU	GHS
CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL BATWASHI	PPS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL DASS PAIN	PPS
CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL DAMOUSER	PPS	CRESENT MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL KHARIM	PPS
GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOWGAM	GES	GBPS CHOUNGRAH	GPS
GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL DOYAN	GES	GBPS GUZAIR	GPS

	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL FINA	GES	GBPS HOSI DASS	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL HARCHO	GES	GBPS KILISHAI	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL JUTAY	GES	GBPS NAKAY	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL MIRMALIK	GES	GBPS PATTIPURA	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL TARISHING	GES	GBPS PHOPAN	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL THING PAIN	GES	GBPS SHAPAY	GPS
	GBPS CHILIM	GPS	GBPS YAGAM	GPS
	GBPS ZIAN	GPS	GOVT. GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL TARISHING	GC
	GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BONJI	GHS	F.G BOYS HIGH SCHOOL HERBUN SASSI	GES
	GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CHOUNGRAH	GHS	F.G INTER COLLEGE EIDGAH ASTORE	GES
	GOVT. GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL FINA	GES	GOVT. GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL MAICHA	GHS
	GOVT. GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL LOUSE	GES		

DISTRICT: DIAMIR , GILGIT BALTISTAN

Profile

District Diamir is located in Gilgit Baltistan
Number of Settlements/ Communities: 363

Population

Diamir Population:

1998 Total Population is 117,849
2013 Total Population is 151,307
2013 Male Population is 77,262
2013 Female Population is 74,045

Area

Diamir Total Area: 6,901.82 Km.

Health

Total number of Health Facilities in Diamir : 18

List of the Health Facilities:

Name	Type
DHQ DIAMIR	DISTRICT HEADQUARTER HOSPITAL
DISPENSARY JAL	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST NIAT	MEDICAL STORES
DISPENSARY BUNAR	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST GUNARFORM	MEDICAL STORES
DISPENSARY GOHAR ABAD	DISPENSARY
DISPENSARY PHURLEY	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST RIAKOTE	MEDICAL STORES
BHU THORE	BASIC HEALTH UNIT
FIRST AID POST HUDURE	MEDICAL STORES
CIVIL HOSPITAL CHILAS	GENERAL HOSPITALS
DISPENSARY BABUSER	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST GAS BALA	MEDICAL STORES
BHU KHANBARI	BASIC HEALTH UNIT
FIRST AID POST DODUSHAL DAREL	MEDICAL STORES
CIVIL HOSPITAL DAREL	GENERAL HOSPITALS
CIVIL HOSPITAL TANGIR JUGLOT	GENERAL HOSPITALS
FIRST AID POST KORANGHA TANGIR	MEDICAL STORES

Education

Total Number of Educational Facilities: 40

Boys Schools: 29

Girls' Schools: 02

Co. Education: 09

Private : 00

Government: 40

Name	Type	Name	Type
GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL CHILAS	GHS	GBPS MUTHAT BUNNER	GPS
GOVT. GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	GHS	GBPS SINGLE THAK	GPS
F.G BOYS HIGH SCHOOL	GHS	GBPS THAK KOTE	GPS
GOVT. HIGH SCHOOL GOR	GHS	GPS GAIS BALA DASS	GPS
GBPS GABBAR THORE	GPS	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL GAIS BALA	GES
GBPS GALA BATOGAH	GPS	GGPS GOHARABAD	GPS

	GBPS BAISEL NIAT	GPS	GBPS MUTHAT RIAKOTE	GPS
	GBPS DANGPHARY CHILAS HUDUR	GPS	GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL HUDUR PAIN	GPS
	GOVT. PRIMARY SCHOOL HACHI KHINER	GPS	GPS MANI BALA GONERFORM	GPS
	GBPS HAMACHICH HUDUR	GPS	GBPS MUTHAT RIAKOTE	GPS
	GPS HUDUR PAIN	GPS	GBPS CHACKER BOTAGAH	GPS
	GPS JALIPUR ,G.FORM	GPS	GBPS DALUPUR BATOGA	GPS
	GBPS KHAYA NIAT	GPS	GBPS DANGPHARI HUNDUR	GPS
	GBPS LOMER NIAT	GPS	GBPS DASSAR THAK, CHILAS	GPS
	GPS MINOR,THORE	GPS	GBPS DIRKIL GHOHARABAD	GPS
	GBPS TOPPER HUDER	GPS	GBPS DARANG, GOHARABAD	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NIAT	GHS	GBPS DOYANG THAK	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL JALL	GES	GBPS LOSHI THAK	GPS
	GOVT. BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL THORE	GES	GBPS MASHI BOTOGAH	GPS
	GBPS BABUSAR CHILAS	GPS		

DISTRICT: GHANCHE , GILGIT BALTISTAN

Profile

District Ghanche is located in Gilgit Baltistan

Number of Settlements/ Communities: 759

Population

Ghanche Population:

1998 Total Population is 76,326

2013 Total Population is 97,995

2013 Male Population is 50,676

2013 Female Population is 47,320

Area

Ghanche Total Area: 8,545.49 km

Health

Total number of Health Facilities in Ghanche : 34

List of the Health Facilities:

Name	Type
LAHAR HOSPITAL	GENERAL HOSPITALS
GARBONG HOSPITAL	GENERAL HOSPITALS
THANNA HOSPITAL	GENERAL HOSPITALS
THQ DAGHONI	TEHSIL HEADQUARTER HOSPITAL
HOSPITAL DALTIR	GENERAL HOSPITALS
GOND HOSPITAL BALGHAR GOND	GENERAL HOSPITALS
CIVIL DISPENSARY SOOQ	DISPENSARY
CIVIL HOSPITAL KERIS	GENERAL HOSPITALS
VATERINARY HOSPITAL YUGO	VETERINARY
BHU BARAH	BASIC HEALTH UNIT
PIUN HOSPITAL	GENERAL HOSPITALS
FIRST AID POST GONE	MEDICAL STORES
DISPENSARY KURO	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST HARKON	MEDICAL STORES
DISPENSARY THALLY	DISPENSARY
FIRST AID POST KUNIS	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST KHASU	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST KHAPLU	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST KHAPLU PAIN	MEDICAL STORES
FIRST AID POST GHARBOCHONG	MEDICAL STORES
DHQ KHAPLU	DISTRICT HEADQUARTER HOSPITAL
FIRST AID POST SOGHA	MEDICAL STORES
DISPENSARY SURMO	DISPENSARY
DISPENSARY DAWOO	DISPENSARY
CIVIL HOSPITAL SIKSA	GENERAL HOSPITALS
DISPENSARY CHOWAR	DISPENSARY
SINO MEDICAL DISPENSARY	DISPENSARY

	CIVIL DISPENSARY	DISPENSARY
	DISPENSARY HUSHEY	DISPENSARY
	FIRST AID POST KAND	MEDICAL STORES
	FIRST AID POST KHANE	MEDICAL STORES
	FIRST AID POST TALIS	MEDICAL STORES
	BHU MACHULU	BASIC HEALTH UNIT
	FIRST AID POST HALDI	MEDICAL STORES

Jostling for votes in India

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By Express Tribune

When the hurly burly is done, India will have a government at the centre, hopefully. But for the next month, politics will be at its worst, and sometimes even at its best, as leaders jostle for space in the new alignments to make their own presence felt amongst the constituents.

Strangely enough, while everyone knew that the elections were going to be declared for April— this time stretching through nine phases into May — none of the political parties seem to be in complete command. The full lists of candidates is yet to be announced, with even the so-called national parties like the BJP and the Congress groping for suitable people; new alignments are being set up and broken over seat adjustments with a great deal of fluidity visible insofar as political affiliations are concerned. And while Congress scion Rahul Gandhi and the BJP's Narendra Modi did make a head start in their personal campaigns, their parties have still to catch up with the painstaking details of putting together the electoral infrastructure on the ground.

The wild card is the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) whose leader Arvind Kejriwal has become the first politician of any consequence to 'invade' Modi's home turf, namely Gujarat, since 2002. He is currently touring the state, preparing a report card on the development — or rather otherwise — of Gujarat, given the fact that the media, the BJP and interestingly enough at one point, the Union Planning Commission, had given a gold star to Modi on this front. As one is writing this, televisions are broadcasting images of Kejriwal and his convoy standing outside Modi's residence in Gujarat asking for an appointment so that they can ask him pointed questions. Needless to say, Modi did not give the appointment, but Kejriwal achieved his purpose of confronting the BJP's prime ministerial candidate on his own mantra of development.

The AAP — that has got many of the feminist outfits attacking it for the emphasis on the aadmi and the sheer neglect of the *aurat*— has introduced the dramatic element into these elections, with Kejriwal being an unguided missile, capable of going anywhere and

confronting anyone. He is a highly intelligent and shrewd player, and while his style might offend the educated elite, it does strike a chord with in his target audience of the lower-middle class — the poor and the marginalised. The party is like a big potpourri of all kinds of members, and hence all kinds of opinions. On the one hand, the party dissociates itself from senior advocate Prashant Bhushan's remarks about a referendum in Kashmir on the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), but on the other, offers a Lok Sabha ticket to Irom Sharmila, who has been on a permanent fast against the AFSPA.

The AAP has become a thorn in the side of both, the BJP and the Congress; with either unable to support it as they do not know when Kejriwal will turn on them. The scenes in VIP Delhi of direct confrontation between BJP and AAP workers convinced the minorities, for instance, that the AAP means business, and that this fight against the BJP is not 'manufactured' as was rumoured, but real.

It is not clear how much of this will translate into votes for the AAP. It started campaigning too late and does not have the candidates and more importantly, the organisation that is required to mop up. It is expected to fare well in Delhi and Haryana, and in some urban cities like Chandigarh and Bangalore. But the aim of this party is to get at least 35-40 seats so that it emerges as the third largest in parliament, thereby putting it in a position to influence the composition of the next government.

The outcome is difficult to predict as the campaigns have just about begun and the Indian audience is currently just watching without allowing its critical faculties to take over. Decisions are made towards the end and it is only then that the media and the pollsters might be able to predict the outcome with a little more certainty.

The Indian voters in villages hold the key, and the campaigns, as they intensify, will see all the political parties trying to wrest this from them, only to be forgotten for the next five years.

The world's largest election

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B The world's largest general elections are around the corner. About 1.2 billion people are going to get another government; the exercise is often far less exciting than it sounds. The size results in fragmentation: so many parties, regions and variations. Complexity doesn't make good copy. In the last general elections in 2009, the Indian media complained it was an issue-less election. 26/11 had happened a few months ago but the dust on that had settled down. LK Advani complained that the Congress wasn't hanging Afzal Guru to appease Muslim voters, as if Indian Muslims give a damn about Kashmiris. Manmohan Singh was re-elected with better numbers. Credit was given largely to some economic schemes of the 2004-2009 years of Singh, especially a job scheme for the rural unemployed.

In 2004, Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government was fairly popular and decided to project the nation's economic growth as the reason why his government should be re-elected. India Shining, they said. That had the opposite effect. The Congress party turned it around and asked: *aam aadmi ko kya mila?* What did the ordinary Indian get from your economic growth?

In other words, the main issue in both elections was the economic well-being of the average Indian. What is it that my taxi driver, my employer, my vegetable seller, and the Indian farmer worry about the most? Kashmir? Pakistan? America? Nuclear deal? A massacre in Gujarat 14 years ago? The truth is that for most Indian voters, like most voters everywhere, the most important thing is a sense of well-being, the sense of security that they can buy their food and still have some money left to enjoy life, the ambiguous sense that their government is capable of and willing to run the state. The second term of the Manmohan Singh-led United Progressive Alliance has been more unpopular than any government in recent history. The mood in the Congress party right now is of such melancholy, it seems as if the election results are already out. The bets about the Congress party are whether it will win fewer seats than their worst performance (106 of 543) or

more. I bet it will get less than 106 — its worst performance in history.

With every passing day, the number of people who doubt Narendra Modi will be prime minister (PM) reduces. If Modi is PM, we will all say India has taken a turn for the right. That would be a half-truth. The average Indian voter doesn't care about right and left. In Delhi, people with right-wing inclinations don't vote for the Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) because the BJP leaders in the capital city-state are jokers. What voters vote for is good governance, prosperity, economic well-being and law and order. When they vote along caste or community lines, they do so because the other option discriminates against them on those lines.

Unchecked inflation, low growth, policy paralysis, scam after scam, brazenly defending the indefensible, never saying sorry, using a heavy hand where a soft hello was required, never seeming to do the right thing, doing it when it was too late — that is what Singh's second term has been like. In other words, a lot of people who will be voting for Narendra Modi are not people who like to see Muslims butchered. While I won't be one of Mr Modi's voters, I see a lot of people who say that Modi is the only option. Such is the desperate need for change; so universal is the failure of Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi this time that Modi is but the obvious alternative. Some may call it the TINA factor — There Is No Alternative.

A dangerous fascist waiting to be PM makes this election 'exciting' enough, but we've got more. There's a new start-up in town and it's disrupting the game. Nobody knows how many seats the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will win — where, why and how. But the AAP has dominated the discourse so emphatically that the BJP looks like the incumbent and the AAP looks like the opposition. The BJP's inability to answer the AAP's questions about its relations with India's real ruler, Mukesh Ambani, makes it look a lot like the Congress. I can't wait for the results!

India's electoral alliances

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The defeat of the Congress party in next month's elections will also bring the end of the United Progressive Alliance's (UPA) existence. The UPA, just like its rival, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), was a construct rather than an actual coalition of like-minded parties.

Once the government wraps up and the cabinet jobs are handed back, the UPA will dissolve itself rather than remain as a coherent opposition. And most of the people who backed the Congress for being secular or progressive will now back the BJP for being focused on development.

In some ways, the UPA had ceased being 'progressive', the quaint term used to allude to leftism, after the exit of the Communists. They supported the Congress from the outside 10 years ago and were the first to leave the alliance. They said they were pushed out by Manmohan Singh's desire to befriend America through the nuclear deal.

Today, the UPA is only the Congress and its state partners in Maharashtra and Kerala, and little else. And in Maharashtra, it is not really an alliance so much as rival factions of the same party, with one side headed by Sharad Pawar. In Kerala also, the Congress allies with former factions of itself and the Muslim League. Of all the other parties in the UPA, only the National Conference has three Members of Parliament (MP). The rest are single MP parties. The larger groups holding the government up are all on the outside, including the Samajwadi Party and the Bahujan Samaj Party.

Many, many more parties have left the UPA over time than remain with it. Bengal's Trinamul is long gone and so is Bihar's Rashtriya Janata Dal of Lalu Prasad Yadav. They left when the weakness of the government meant they could no longer squeeze it for profit in terms of either personal or political benefit. Such opportunism does not hurt the regional forces and they have become quite shameless in striking up alliances.

This is true especially of the southern parties, such as the DMK, the ADMK and other small caste groups from Tamil Nadu. The Tamilian parties have become utterly mercenary and no longer

make any pretenses of differentiating between the Congress and the BJP. The journalist, Shekhar Gupta, came up with the term 'ATM ministries' to define those portfolios, such as telecom, that the Tamilians demand because of their money-making potential.

This will remain true for the next formation as well. If the opinion polls are accurate and the Bharatiya Janata Party is on track to win no more than 200 seats, and in constant need of a few dozen votes, it will be in a similar position as the Congress. The cost to prop up the government will be the surrendering of large parts of it to the Tamilians, whether they are Jayalalitha's MPs or Karunanidhi's. It will also mean giving regional parties a veto on foreign policies that concern their state. The Bengalis made life miserable for Manmohan Singh over his Bangladesh policy and the Tamilians blocked his reaching out to Sri Lanka.

We can observe the temporary and essentially opportunistic nature of India's political alliances on the other side as well. The NDA was put together by the Janata Dal (JD) in Bihar, which exited the alliance last year after Narendra Modi's nomination as prime ministerial candidate. In a way, this exit by the JD signaled the end of the NDA because the only allies remaining with the BJP were those who supported it before the NDA was formed. These are the other communal (I use the word in its traditional rather than accusatory meaning) parties, the Sikhs of the Akali Dal and the Marathis of the Shiv Sena. All the others — and there were a dozen others in the time of Atal Bihari Vajpayee — have left. It was George Fernandes of the Janata Dal, who made the BJP acceptable by aligning with it. It is said that the BJP becomes secular at 180 seats and no doubt that is what will happen this time as well. Some opportunists, like Chandrababu Naidu from Andhra Pradesh and Dalit leader Ram Vilas Paswan in Bihar, have already returned to the nascent alliance, which may or may not be called the NDA after Modi's victory.

And after the victory comes, Modi will have the same unpleasant task on his hands that more than anything else occupied Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi for the last 10 years.

The politics of elections

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Just when it seemed that at least the 2014 general elections in India would pass without the usual bogey references to Pakistan, the BJP's prime ministerial candidate, Narendra Modi, did the needful and described Indian Defence Minister AK Antony and his principal opponent in Varanasi, Arvind Kejriwal, as variations of the machine gun made famous by terrorists and, of course, as Pakistani agents.

The Congress condemned it, but not as vociferously as one would have thought, and Kejriwal might have also, but given the media decision to report him in parts, this has not really become "viral".

The election temperatures are rising, as till now Modi had a pretty clear field to campaign in. He started early and spent months addressing public rallies — he does not like close interactions where uncomfortable questions can be asked — and in the first stage, he managed to at least demolish the Congress party and its First Family — as this was clearly the space the BJP wanted to occupy from the onset.

However, now the Gujarat chief minister has started feeling the heat as even the Congress party seems to have revved up its act a little bit, and scion Rahul Gandhi is definitely appearing a little more confident and assertive these days. But more than that, the regional parties have finalised most of their candidates and their campaigns, and are now firmly in the fray where the BJP and the Congress are both at the receiving end. So there is criticism of Modi and the BJP, with the chieftains of the federal parties just about starting a blistering attack on him and, of course, the Congress.

The wild card, Aam Aadmi Party's Kejriwal, has also contributed with his rather significant visit to Gujarat and now his decision to oppose Modi in Varanasi. Kejriwal, despite the media's preoccupation with the sole egg thrown at him, addressed a huge rally and got pretty good support in a constituency that is largely being perceived as a saffron bastion. It will be an intense battle and it remains to be seen who succeeds in polarising what and whether the rural constituency is as enamoured of Modi as is the city of Varanasi.

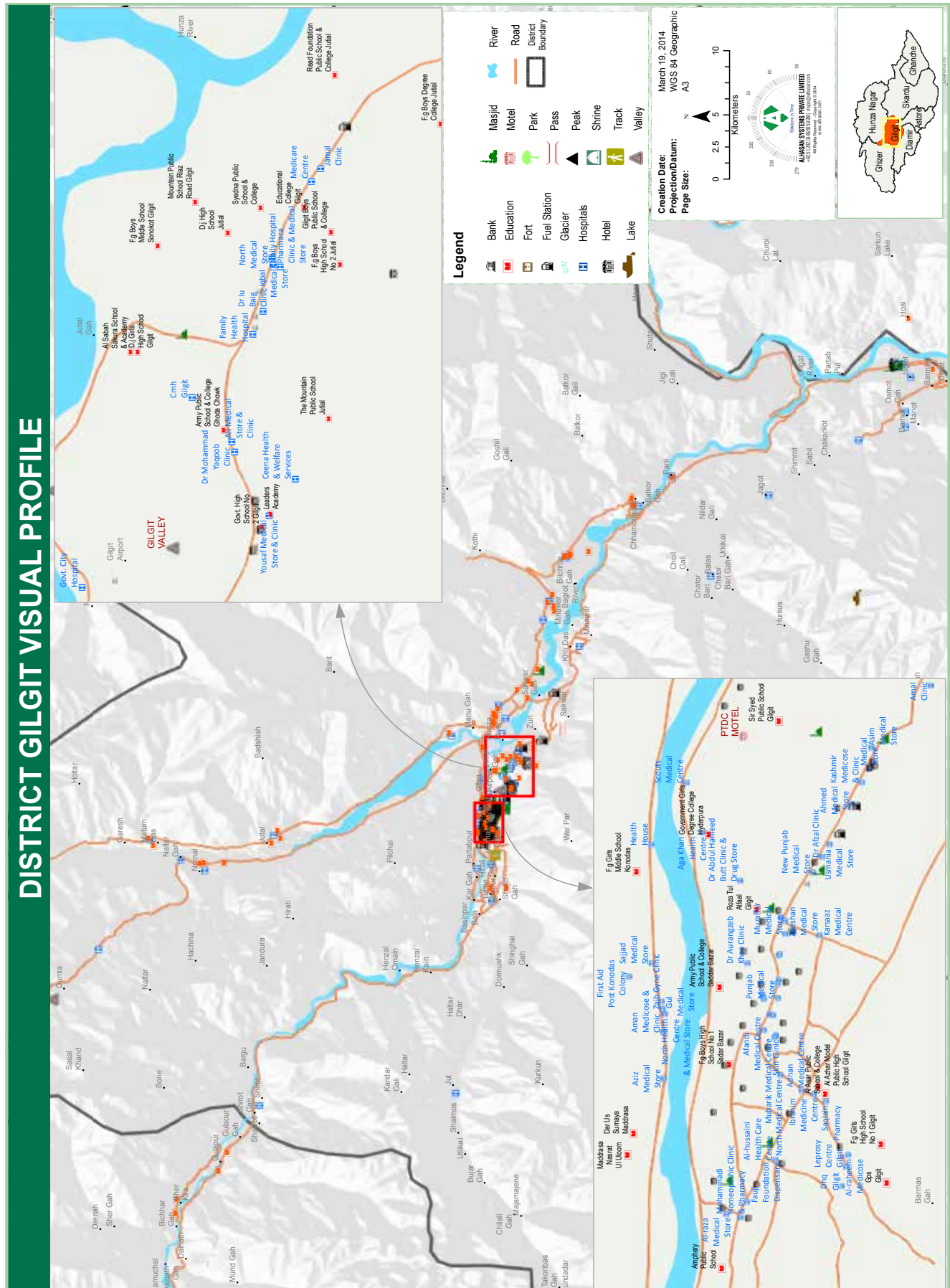
Indian elections are all about the imponderables that somehow escape the media and pollsters, particularly in complex states like Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar where caste equations dominate and Muslims usually resort to tactical rather than bulk voting. For instance, in western UP — the seat of the Muzaffarnagar violence — Muslims are looking largely at Mayawati and her Bahujan Samaj Party. But the jury is still out in central and eastern UP where Mulayam Singh holds sway and a few Congress party candidates command personal loyalties.

There is no doubt the BJP will emerge as the single-largest party in India, but it cannot be said at this stage with any degree of certainty whether it will get 160 Lok Sabha seats or 200 seats. This will make all the difference between forming the government or sitting in the opposition.

There is no doubt, too, that the Congress party is on its way out and will lose a dramatic number of seats in these polls. But again, while it will probably drop below 100 seats, the Indian electorate has a strange way of upping the ante by doing the unpredictable and the Congress could end up with a little more respectable three-digit score. Unlikely, but as they say, possible.

Interestingly, the focus of these elections has been on development, corruption and inflation. It has also been on communalism, but not overtly as secular India is feeling the pressure of these polls. All eyes are thus on the regional parties that are still responding to federal goals and are led by astute politicians who know the ground and their constituents well. They also tend to work without too much fanfare on the ground, consolidating what they have and trying to add more.

Of course, electoral waves tend to subsume such considerations, but then the big debate in India is whether there is a wave or not. There is an assertion of certain castes and sections of society, but this often gets mistaken for a wave — when actually there is none. The next month is crucial as all the tricks of the trade will be used, and perhaps even more by some of the larger parties in the fray who have the media with them, in addition to the corporate houses drooling in support.



Legend

- River
- Road
- District Boundary
- Masjid
- Motel
- Park
- Pass
- Peak
- Shrine
- Track
- Valley
- Bank
- Education
- Fort
- Fuel Station
- Glacier
- Hospitals
- Hotel
- Lake

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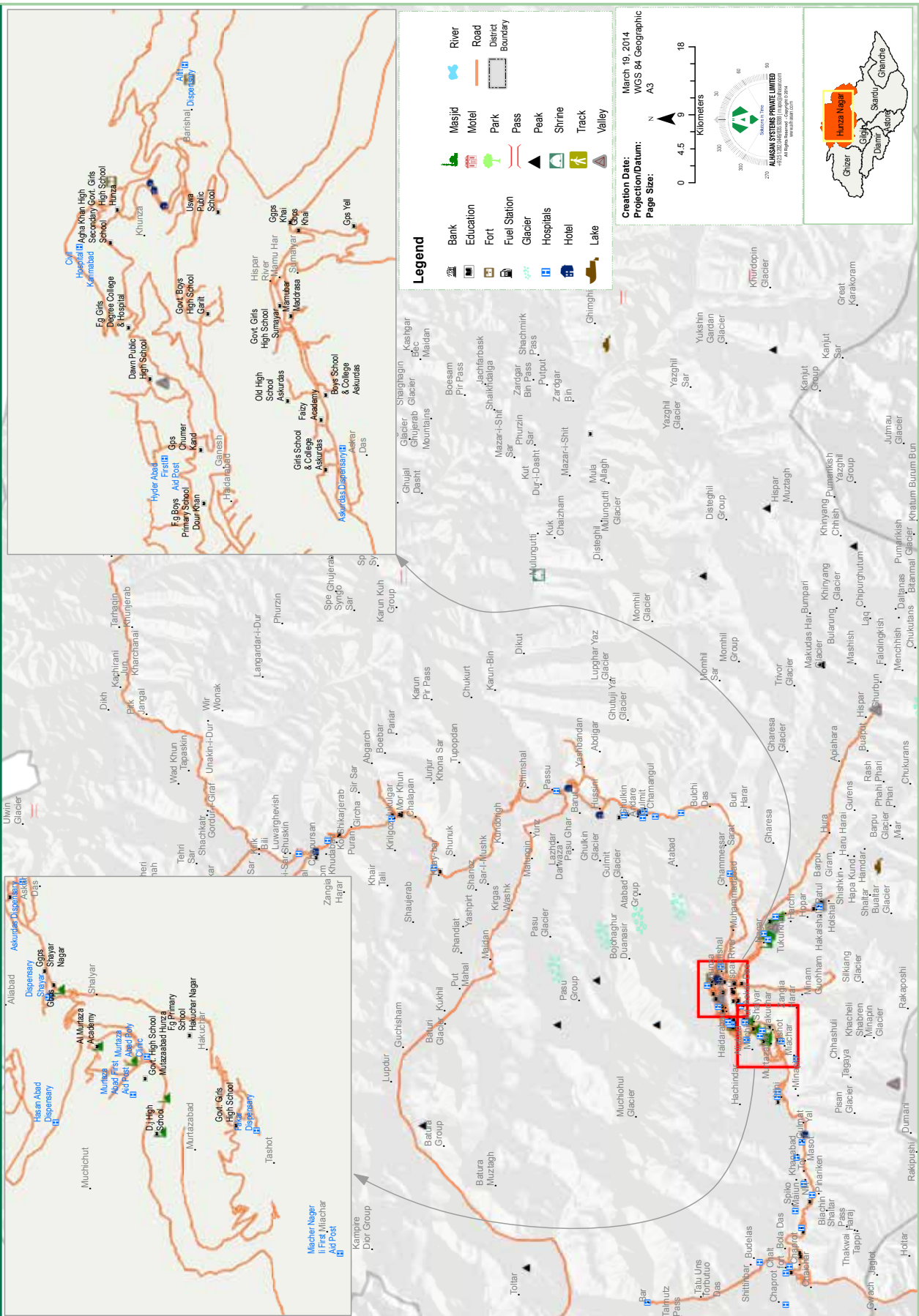
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کابل (ثناء نیوز + اے پی پی + اے ایف پی + بی بی سی) افغانستان میں الیکشن کمیشن کے ہیڈ کوارٹرز پر حملے میں 5 افراد ہلاک اور متعدد زخمی ہو گئے۔ حملے کی ذمہ داری افغان طالبان نے قبول کر لی۔ غیر ملکی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق حملہ ہفتے کے روز اس وقت ہوا جب مسلح افراد نے الیکشن کمیشن ہیڈ کوارٹرز کے مین گیٹ کو کھولا اور فائرنگ شروع کی جب سخت سیوریجی اقدامات تھے۔ الجزیرہ ذرائع کے مطابق یہ مشرقی کابل میں واقع ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کے ترجمان نور محمد نور نے غیر ملکی خبر رساں ادارے کو تفصیلات بتاتے ہوئے کہا کہ ہم نے دفتر کے اندر دو زوردار دھماکوں کی آواز سنی اور عمارت پر مسلح افراد کی جانب سے فائرنگ کا سلسلہ بھی کافی دیر تک جاری رہا جبکہ وزارت داخلہ کے ترجمان کا کہنا تھا کہ ابتدائی معلومات کے مطابق 4 حملہ آور خود کش جیکبوں سمیت عمارت میں داخل ہوئے پہلے تو ان حملہ آوروں نے فائرنگ کی پھر دھماکے کئے۔ ان کے مطابق ہلاکتوں کی تعداد 5 ہیں جبکہ کئی زخمی بھی ہوئے ہیں۔ مرنے والوں میں دو الیکشن کمیشن کے افسر، دو پولیس اہلکار اور ایک بچی شامل ہیں۔ ذرائع کا کہنا تھا کہ زخمیوں میں بھی بعض کی حالت تشویشناک ہے۔ ذرائع نے مزید بتایا کہ تقریباً 20 غیر ملکیوں کو وہاں سے نکال کر محفوظ مقام پر منتقل کر دیا گیا۔ ادھر افغان سیوریجی فورسز نے 20 طالبان شہید اور متعدد کی گرفتاری کا دعویٰ کیا ہے۔ ترجمان وزارت داخلہ کے مطابق ہلاکت نہیں ہوئی۔ اس جگہ حملے سے تھوڑی دیر قبل انتخابی سیوریجی کے حوالے سے پریس کانفرنس ہونا تھی۔ افغانستان کے نائب وزیر داخلہ جنرل ایوب سالنگی نے صحافیوں کو بتایا کہ برقیے میں ملبوس حملہ آوروں نے الیکشن کمیشن کے دفتر ترجمہ ایک قریبی عمارت سے کیا جس پر افغان سیوریجی فورسز نے جوابی کارروائی کی جو پانچ گھنٹے جاری رہنے کے بعد ان حملہ آوروں کی ہلاکت کے نتیجے میں ختم ہوئی۔ طالبان نے حملے کی ذمہ داری قبول کرتے ہوئے دھمکی دی ہے کہ وہ پرامن صدارتی انتخابات نہیں ہونے دیں گے۔ کابل ایئرپورٹ کے حکام نے بتایا کہ حملے کے بعد کابل ایئرپورٹ سے جانے اور آنے والی پروازوں کو روک دیا گیا تاکہ طالبان کہیں ان ایر لائنز کو نشانہ نہ بنا ڈالیں۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایئرپورٹ کے سامنے سے گزرنے والی مرکزی شاہراہ کو بھی بند کر دیا گیا۔ ایئرپورٹ انتظامیہ کے مطابق ابتدائی طور پر رن وے کو دو گھنٹوں کے لئے بند کیا گیا تھا لیکن سیوریجی خدشات کے باعث یہ ابھی تک بند ہے۔ ایئر انڈیا اور امارات ایئر لائنز کے مسافر جہازوں کا رخ موڑ دیا گیا۔

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کابل (این این آئی) افغان صدارتی امیدوار کے گھر کے قریب ریجنل الیکشن کمیشن کے دفتر پر طالبان کے خود کش حملے سے بینک میں دھماکے نتیجے میں حملہ آور سمیت 12 افراد ہلاک اور 24 زخمی ہو گئے۔ وزارت داخلہ کے ترجمان صدیق صدیقی نے بتایا کہ تین میں سے دو حملہ آور چند گھنٹوں کی لڑائی کے بعد مارے گئے جبکہ تیسرا حملہ آور چار گھنٹے تک فائرنگ کے تبادلے کے دوران ہلاک ہو گیا، انہوں نے کہا کہ حملے کے وقت 70 ملازمین دفتر میں موجود تھے، انہوں نے کہا کہ حملے میں دو پولیس اہلکار نصب شدہ دھماکہ خیز مواد کا نشانہ بنے، ہلاک ہونے والوں میں صوبائی الیکشن کونسل کا امیدوار اور دو الیکشن کمیشن کے اہلکار بھی مارے گئے۔ صدارتی امیدوار اشرف غنی کا گھر بھی زد میں آ گیا۔ کنڑ میں بینک میں خود کش دھماکہ سے 3 سیوریجی اہلکار مارے گئے۔

لاہور (واقع نگار خصوصی) چیف جسٹس لاہور ہائیکورٹ مسٹر جسٹس عمر عطا بندیال نے قرار دیا ہے کہ سیاستدان عدلیہ کو اپنے تنازعات میں نہ گھسیٹیں۔ عدلیہ نے عام انتخابات الیکشن کمیشن کی درخواست پر کروائے مگر انتخابات میں دھاندلی کا سارا الزام عدلیہ پر لگا دیا گیا۔ چیف جسٹس نے یہ ریمارکس سپیکر قومی اسمبلی ایاز صادق کی الیکشن کمیشن کے حکم تکلف درخواست کی سماعت کے دوران دیئے۔ ایاز صادق نے الیکشن کمیشن کی طرف سے این اے 122 کے الیکشن ریکارڈ کے معائنے کے حکم کو چیلنج کر رکھا ہے۔ سپیکر قومی اسمبلی کی وکیل نے کہا کہ الیکشن کمیشن ریٹرننگ آفیسر کو ریکارڈ کے معائنے کا حکم نہیں دے سکتا، انتخابات کے بعد ریٹرننگ آفیسر کا کردار ختم ہو جاتا ہے، تحریک انصاف کے چیئرمین اور این اے 122 میں ناکام امیدوار عمران خان کے وکیل نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ الیکشن کمیشن ریٹرننگ آفیسر کو انتخابات کے معائنے کا حکم دے سکتا ہے کیونکہ عوامی نمائندگی ایکٹ 1976 کے تحت ریٹرننگ آفیسرز الیکشن کمیشن کے ماتحت ہیں۔ اس پر چیف جسٹس عمر عطا بندیال نے ریمارکس دیئے کہ جوڈیشل آفیسرز الیکشن کمیشن کے پابند نہیں ہیں۔ عدلیہ نے اپنے ادارے کا تحفظ بھی کرنا ہے، جیس جاکر کسی ایک جج کے خلاف دھاندلی کا ایک ثبوت لے کر آئیں ورنہ الزام تراشیوں بند کر دیں، چیف جسٹس نے مزید کہا کہ الیکشن کمیشن کا اپنا نظام خراب تھا مگر انگلیاں معزز جج صاحبان پر اٹھائی گئیں، عدلیہ کا کام عوام کو انصاف مہیا کرنا ہے۔

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) پنجاب اسمبلی میں اپوزیشن لیڈر میاں محمود الرشید نے کہا ہے کہ تحریک انصاف بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے پنجاب اسمبلی کے اندر اور سڑکوں پر بھی جدوجہد کیلئے تیار ہے، پنجاب حکومت کو مزید بھانے بنا کر بلدیاتی انتخابات سے فرار کی اجازت نہیں دیں گے، حکمران صوبے میں بلدیاتی انتخابات نہیں کروانا چاہتے تو بادشاہی نظام نافذ کر دیں، صوبے میں گورننس نام کی کوئی چیز دور بین سے بھی نظر نہیں آتی مگر حکمران اور ان کے حواری صوبے میں سب اچھا کا راگ الاپتے رہتے ہیں۔

پنجاب حکومت کو بلدیاتی انتخابات سے فرار نہیں ہونے دیجئے: محمود الرشید

نوائے وقت

26 مارچ 2014

لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) پنجاب اسمبلی میں اپوزیشن لیڈر میاں محمود الرشید نے کہا ہے کہ آئندہ انتخابات میں میٹروپولیٹن کی سواریاں بھی حکمرانوں کے ساتھ نہیں ہوں گی، مسلم لیگ (ن) وفاق اور صوبے میں ناکامیوں کے سوا کچھ نہیں کر سکی۔ گزشتہ روز پارٹی دفتر میں مختلف وفد سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے میاں محمود الرشید نے کہا کہ مسلم لیگ (ن) اپنی تشہیر کے منصوبوں کے لئے سرکاری خزانے کا بے دریغ استعمال کر رہی ہے۔ عوام حکمرانوں کی پالیسیوں سے تنگ آ چکے ہیں۔

نوائے وقت

25 مارچ 2014

حلقہ بندی ایکشن کمشن نے کرائیں تو
بلدیاتی انتخابات 2015ء میں بھی نظر نہیں
آ رہے: رانا ثناء

نوائے وقت

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لاہور (خصوصی نامہ نگار) صوبائی وزیر قانون رانا ثناء اللہ خان نے کہا ہے کہ فوج ہم سے زیادہ الطاف حسین کے دماغی توازن کے بارے میں جانتی ہے وزیراعظم کو میرے الطاف حسین کے بارے میں موقف پر کوئی اعتراض ہے اور نہ ہی ان کی جانب سے میری کوئی سرزنش کی گئی، ایکشن کمیشن کے پاس وسائل نہیں اگر ایکشن کمیشن حلقہ بندی کرائے گا تو بلدیاتی انتخابات 2015ء میں بھی ہوتے نظر نہیں آ رہے، ایکشن کمیشن نے حلقہ بندیاں اگر اسسٹنٹ کمشنروں اور پنواروں سے ہی کرنی ہیں تو ہماری حلقہ بندیاں ہی قبول کر لیں، شیخ رشید کی بطور سیاسی ورکر عزت کرتا ہوں مگر 12 اکتوبر 1999ء کے بعد انہوں نے غلطیاں کیں اور مصلحت کا شکار ہو کر پرویز مشرف کے کہنے پر ق لیگ کا ساتھ دیا، جرائم میں اضافے کا تعلق ایف آئی آر کے اندراج سے نہیں ہوتا، دینی مدارس سے بچڑے جانے والے غیر قانونی طلبہ سے تحقیقات کی جارہی ہیں، اپوزیشن کا آر پی او، ڈی پی او کی میرٹ کے برعکس تعیناتی کا الزام بے بنیاد ہے۔ گزشتہ روز پنجاب اسمبلی کے احاطے میں میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا کہ الطاف حسین کی دماغی حالت درست نہیں اور یہ صرف ہم نہیں بلکہ فوج بھی اچھی طرح جانتی ہے اور میں نے الطاف حسین کے دماغی توازن کو خراب قرار دے کر کوئی غلط بات نہیں۔ ایک سوال کے جواب میں ان کا کہنا تھا ہمارے پاس ووٹر لسٹیں 2013ء کی ہیں جبکہ مردم شماری 1998ء والی ہے اس لئے مردم شماری اور ووٹر لسٹوں کو آپس میں نہیں جوڑنا چاہئے ہم پہلے بھی بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے پر تیار تھے اور اب بھی تیار ہیں۔ انہوں نے کہا جہاں بھی دہشت گردوں کی موجودگی کے حوالے سے کوئی اطلاع ملتی ہے تو ہم وہاں کارروائیاں کرتے ہیں اور دینی مدارس میں غیر قانونی طور پر رہائش پذیر جن غیر ملکی طلبہ کو گرفتار کیا گیا ہے ان سے تحقیقات کی جارہی ہے اور جو طلبہ بھی بے گناہ ہو گئے ان کو چھوڑ دیا جائے گا جبکہ باقی کے خلاف قانون کے مطابق کارروائی ہوگی۔ علاوہ ازیں رانا ثناء اللہ خاں نے صوبہ کے 7 اضلاع کی ضلعی زکوٰۃ کمیٹیوں کے لئے نامزد کئے جانے والے چیئرمینوں کو تفویض کردہ ذمہ داریوں سے احسن طریقے سے عہدہ برآ ہونے اور شادی گرانٹ، گذارہ الاؤنس، عید گرانٹ اور دیگر مددات میں زکوٰۃ فنڈز سے جاری کردہ رقوم کو شفاف طریقے سے مستحقین تک پہنچانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔ انہوں نے یہ بات گزشتہ روز پنجاب اسمبلی کے کمیٹی روم میں شیخوپورہ، لاہور، گجرات، ساہیوال، پاکپتن، ملتان اور بہاولپور کے لئے نامزد چیئرمینوں کو تقررنے دینے کی تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہی۔ صوبائی وزیر زکوٰۃ و عشر ملک ندیم کھانہ نے تقریب سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے نئے چیئرمینوں سے توقع کا اظہار کیا کہ وہ کسی بھی قسم کی ذاتی پسند ناپسند اور سیاسی وابستگی سے بالاتر ہو کر مستحقین میں زکوٰۃ فنڈز کی فراہمی کو یقینی بنائیں گے۔ انہوں نے نئے چیئرمینوں کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ اپنے اپنے اضلاع میں زکوٰۃ کمیٹیاں تشکیل دیں اور اس ضمن میں جلد رپورٹ پیش کریں تاکہ مستحقین تک ان کا حق پہنچایا جاسکے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ وہ زکوٰۃ کی تقسیم کے وقت یا زکوٰۃ کے مستحق کا انتخاب کرتے وقت ان کی عزت نفس کا خاص طور پر خیال رکھیں۔ رانا ثناء اللہ کا کہنا ہے کہ زکوٰۃ فنڈ امانت ہے اس کی تقسیم کے عمل کو صاف اور شفاف بنایا جائے۔

اسلام آباد (وقائع نگار + ایجنسیاں) سپریم کورٹ نے بلدیاتی انتخابات کے لئے حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار ایکشن کمشن کو دینے کا حکم دیتے ہوئے وفاق اور صوبوں کو ہدایت کی ہے کہ پانچ ماہ میں قانونی ترمیم کی جائے اور قوانین بنا کر پنجاب، سندھ اور خیبر پٹی کے 15 نومبر تک بلدیاتی انتخابات کرائے جائیں۔ صوبوں کی طرف سے دیئے گئے ناظم فریم کو سامنے رکھتے ہوئے فیصلے میں دریا دیا کہ 18 ویں ترمیم کے بعد ایکشن کمشن کی ذمہ داری ہے کہ وہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کرائے اور آئین کے تحت حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار صوبوں کے پاس نہیں ہونا چاہئے کیونکہ آئین کے مطابق شفاف اور کرپشن سے پاک انتخابات کا انعقاد ہونا چاہئے۔ حلقہ بندیوں کے سلسلے میں جہاں بھی قانون سازی کی گئی ہے وہ خلاف آئین اور آئین سے متصادم ہے۔ لہذا اس کو کالعدم قرار دیا جاتا ہے۔ انتخابی عمل کا آغاز حلقہ بندیوں کے عمل سے ہوتا ہے اس لئے عدالت کی طرف سے دیئے گئے وقت میں سارے عمل کو مکمل کیا جائے۔ قبل ازیں دوران ساعت حکومت پنجاب اور سندھ کی جانب سے عدالت سے استدعا کی گئی تھی کہ انہیں صوبوں میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے لئے وقت دیا جائے کیونکہ اس ضمن میں قانون سازی کرنا ہوگی۔ پنجاب حکومت نے عدالت میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انعقاد کے لئے ناظم فریم جمع کرواتے ہوئے چار ماہ کا وقت مانگا تھا۔ ایڈووکیٹ جنرل پنجاب نے عدالت سے استدعا کی کہ صوبائی حکومت نے حلقہ بندیاں اور قانون سازی کرنی ہے ان تمام معاملات

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کو حل کرنے کے لیے چار ماہ کا وقت درکار ہو گا۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ پنجاب حکومت عدالت کا یہ حکم ماننے کے لیے تیار ہے۔ عدالت میں جمع کرائے گئے ناظم فریم کے مطابق قانونی تقاضوں کو پورے کرنے کے عمل کو دس حصوں میں تقسیم کیا ہے۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق قانون کے ڈرافٹ کی تیاری کے لیے پچیس روز اور اس کی منظوری کے لیے دس روز جبکہ وزارت قانون سے مسودے کی منظوری کے لیے سات روز اور کابینہ سے منظوری کے لیے سات روز صوبائی اسمبلی کا اجلاس بلانے کے لیے پانچ روز کا وقت جس کے بعد معاملہ سینڈنگ کمیٹی کو بھیجا دیا جائے گا اس میں ایک ماہ کا وقت درکار ہو گا۔ رپورٹ کے مطابق گورنر سے منظوری اور گزٹ میں اشاعت کے لیے پندرہ روز کا وقت چاہئے اور حلقہ بندیوں کے قوانین کی تیاری کے لیے بیس روز چاہئیں۔ مجموعی طور پر چار ماہ کا وقت بنتا ہے۔ ایڈووکیٹ جنرل نے کہا کہ عدالت کے تمام احکامات پر عمل کیا جائے گا۔ عدالت نے ساعت مکمل ہونے کے بعد فیصلہ سناتے ہوئے نو سال تک بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ ہونا غیر آئینی قرار دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ حلقہ بندیوں سے متعلق سیکشن آٹھ سے دس آئین کی خلاف ورزی ہے۔ آئین کے آرٹیکل 140 اے کے تحت بلدیاتی انتخابات کا انعقاد الیکشن کمشن کی ذمہ داری اور شفاف انتخابات کیلئے انتظامات مکمل کرنا الیکشن کمشن کا مینڈیٹ ہے۔

اسلام آباد (ثناء نیوز) پنجاب، سندھ کو بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انعقاد کی تاریخ بتانے کے لیے دی گئی مہلت ختم ہو گئی۔ سپریم کورٹ پنجاب میں حلقہ بندیاں کا عدم قرار دینے جانے بارے ہائی کورٹ کے فیصلہ کے خلاف الیکشن کمشن کی دائر اپیل اور سندھ و پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے حوالے سے دائر مقدمات کی سماعت آج (بدھ کو) کرے گی۔ چیف جسٹس صدیق حسین جیلانی کی سربراہی میں جسٹس خلیف عارف حسین اور جسٹس شیخ عظمت سعید پر مشتمل عدالت عظمیٰ کا تین رکنی بنج بدھ کو کیس کی سماعت کرے گا۔ یاد رہے گزشتہ ہفتہ سماعت کے دوران سپریم کورٹ نے پنجاب اور سندھ میں حلقہ بندیوں اور بلدیاتی انتخابات بارے مقدمات کی سماعت کے دوران سندھ اور پنجاب کی حکومتوں کو ایک بار پھر مہلت دیتے ہوئے بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انعقاد کی تاریخ سے عدالت کو آگاہ کرنے کے لیے صوبائی حکومتوں کو آٹھ دن میں جواب جمع کرانے کا حکم دیا تھا آج صوبائی حکومتوں کی جانب سے جواب بھی جمع کرایا جائے گا۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) ڈی جی الیکشن کمشن ڈاکٹر شیر افگن نے کہا ہے کہ الیکشن کمشن ملک بھر میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے کیلئے تیار ہے، اگر ہم قومی اسمبلی کیلئے حلقہ بندیاں کر سکتے ہیں تو بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے بھی حلقہ بندیاں کر سکتے ہیں، ہمیں حد بندیوں کے حوالے سے سپریم کورٹ کے فیصلے کا انتظار ہے۔ گزشتہ روز سپریم کورٹ کے باہر میڈیا سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے ڈاکٹر شیر افگن نے مزید کہا کہ سپریم کورٹ نے انتخابی اصلاحات کیس کی سماعت کی ہے اور ہم سے اصلاحات کے بارے میں جواب بھی طلب کیا ہے۔ الیکشن کمشن شفاف اور منصفانہ انتخابات کے انعقاد کیلئے تمام تر اقدامات کر رہا ہے۔ حلقہ بندیوں میں کہیں صوبائی قانون آڑے آ رہا ہے تو کہیں اٹھارہویں ترمیم سے معاملات متاثر ہو رہے ہیں۔ سپریم کورٹ سماعت کر رہی ہے۔ کے پی کے نے بھی بتایا ہے کہ انہوں نے حلقہ بندیاں مکمل کر لی اور اب وہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے کیلئے تیار ہیں۔ اب دیکھیں عدالت کیا حکم دیتی ہے۔ اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات بارے جواب تو انتظامیہ نے دینا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (آن لائن) سپریم کورٹ نے پاکستان ورکرز پارٹی کے انتخابی اصلاحات عملدرآمد کیس میں عام انتخابات کے دوران 9 شقوں پر عملدرآمد نہ کئے جانے پر الیکشن کمشن سے 15 روز جبکہ خیبر پی کے اور اسلام آباد میں بلدیاتی انتخابات جلد کرانے اور اس حوالے سے عدالتی حکم کے مطابق ایک ماہ میں حکومت سے رپورٹ طلب کر لی ہے، ان شقوں میں انتخابی اخراجات، ووٹرز فہرستیں، پری پول دھاندلی، شناختی کارڈ کی پڑتال، اسلحہ کا استعمال اور انتخابی عملے کی جانبداری شامل ہیں۔ عدالت نے سیکرٹری دفاع توہین عدالت کیس، چار حلقوں میں اگلوٹھوں کے نشانات کی تصدیق، کنونشن بورڈز میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے حوالے سے انتخابات عمران خان کی درخواست کی سماعت بھی غیر معینہ مدت تک کیلئے ملتوی کر دی، چیف جسٹس نے ریمارکس دیئے ہیں کہ ملک میں منصفانہ اور شفاف انتخابات کا انعقاد الیکشن کمشن کی ذمہ داری ہے اور اس ذمہ داری کی ادائیگی میں ملک کے تمام ادارے تعاون کرنے کے پابند ہیں۔ درخواست گزار نے عدالت کو بتایا کہ الیکشن کمشن نے عوامی نمائندگی ایکٹ میں دیئے گئے قوانین اور عدالتی فیصلے کے مطابق تعین کردہ انتخابی اصلاحات کی 9 شقوں پر عملدرآمد نہیں کرایا ہے۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ نوائے وقت) سپریم کورٹ نے سندھ اور پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کے لیے حلقہ بندیوں سے متعلق کیس کی سماعت کرتے ہوئے پنجاب اور سندھ کی حکومتوں سے بلدیاتی انتخابات کروانے کے لیے آج تاریخیں طلب کر لی ہیں جبکہ پیپلز پارٹی کی قیادت سے سندھ اور پنجاب میں کمشنرز کو حلقہ بندیوں کے اختیارات دینے کے معاملہ پر دوہرے معیار پر تحریری جواب بھی طلب کر لیا ہے۔ چیف جسٹس صدیق حسین جیلانی نے ریمارکس دیئے ہیں کہ پیپلز پارٹی کا حلقہ بندیوں کے لیے موقف پنجاب میں کچھ اور سندھ میں کچھ

عدالت کی پنجاب، سندھ کو بلدیاتی الیکشن کرانے کیلئے تاریخ بتانے کی مہلت ختم

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حلقہ بندیوں کے حوالے سے عدالتی فیصلے کا انتظار، ملک بھر میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے کو تیار ہیں: ڈی جی الیکشن کمشن

نوائے وقت

19 مارچ 2014

منصفانہ اور شفاف انتخابات کرانا الیکشن کمشن کی ذمہ داری، تمام ادارے تعاون کے پابند ہیں: چیف جسٹس

نوائے وقت

19 مارچ 2014

صوبائی حکومتیں پاور شیئرنگ نہیں چاہئیں، پنجاب اور سندھ آج بلدیاتی الیکشن کی تاریخ دیں: سپریم کورٹ

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اور ہے، جسٹس خلیفی عارف حسین نے کہا ہے کہ کوئی بھی صوبائی حکومت بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے میں سنجیدہ نہیں، ہر پارٹی کے منشور میں لکھا ہے کہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کرائیں گے لیکن کسی کو دلچسپی نہیں، دلچسپی اس لیے بھی نہیں ہے کہ کیونکہ اس سے اختیارات بلدیاتی نمائندوں کو دینا پڑیں گے، جسٹس شیخ عظیم سعید نے ریمارکس دیئے ہیں کہ پنجاب حکومت اپنا دامن جھاڑ کر بیٹھی ہے بلدیاتی انتخابات سے متعلق فیصلہ حکومت پنجاب نے کرنا ہے عدالت نے نہیں، فاضل عدالت نے مزید سماعت آج تک ملتوی کرتے ہوئے انارنی جزل سے پنجاب لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی بعض شقوں کے باہم متصادم ہونے سے متعلق رائے طلب کر لی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے اکرم شیخ ایڈووکیٹ پیش ہوئے اور کہا کہ میں پہلے بھی اس رائے کا اظہار کر چکا ہوں کہ حد بندیاں الیکشن کمیشن کے ذریعے ہونی چاہئیں۔ ڈی جی الیکشن کمیشن شیراقلین نے کہا کہ شفاف الیکشن کی بنیاد شفاف حلقہ بندیوں پر ہوتی ہے، الیکشن کمیشن حلقہ بندیاں کروانے کے لیے تیار ہے جبکہ اس کے پاس ماہر عملہ بھی موجود ہے، ضرورت صرف اسے اختیار دینے کی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن صوبائی اور قومی اسمبلی کی حلقہ بندیاں کرتا رہا ہے، الیکشن کمیشن بلدیاتی حلقہ بندیاں بھی آسانی کر سکتا ہے جس پر فاضل عدالت نے اس حوالے سے حلقہ بندیوں کے اختیار سے متعلق الیکشن کمیشن سے تحریری جواب آج تک طلب کر لیا۔ ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ جزل پنجاب نے صوبائی حکومت کا موقف بیان کیا کہ حکومت عدالت کے فیصلے پر مکمل عملدرآمد کرے گی، انہوں نے نشاندہی کی کہ 18 ویں ترمیم میں یہ واضح نہیں کیا گیا کہ حلقہ بندیاں کون کرے گا؟ جس پر جسٹس عظیم سعید شیخ نے کہا کہ اس ترمیم میں یہ واحد خامی نہیں اور بھی بہت سی خامیاں موجود ہیں۔ پیپلز پارٹی کی جانب سے پارٹی کے سیکرٹری لطیف کھوسہ کی فریق بننے کی درخواست کو فاضل عدالت نے منظور کر لیا، لطیف کھوسہ نے کہا کہ پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے سے متعلق الیکشن کمیشن کے موقف کی تائید کرتے ہیں، جس پر عدالت نے کہا کہ آپ کا موقف سمجھ سے بالاتر ہے پیپلز پارٹی سندھ میں حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار کمشنرز کو دے رہی ہے اور پنجاب میں اس کی مخالفت کر رہی ہے آپ تحریری جواب جمع کرائیں کہ ایسا کیوں ہے؟ اور کیا پیپلز پارٹی الیکشن کمیشن کو یہ اختیار دینے کو تیار ہے؟ اور یہ جواب بھی دیا جائے کہ سندھ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کب کرائے جائیں گے؟ دوران سماعت فاضل عدالت نے انارنی جزل سلیمان اسلم بٹ کو مخاطب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بادی النظر میں پنجاب لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی شق 7 اور 19 باہم متصادم اور یہ شقیں آئین کے آرٹیکل 222 کے بھی خلاف نظر آتی ہیں، اس پر آپ عدالت کی معاونت کریں۔ آن لائن کے مطابق جسٹس تصدق حسین جیلانی کہا کہ ہماری جمہوری حکومت کا دلچسپ پہلو یہ ہے کہ اقتدار میں آنے والی جماعت اپوزیشن میں جاتے ہی جمہوریت کی بات کرتی ہے اور حکومت میں آنے کے بعد انہیں جمہوریت یاد نہیں رہتی بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ کروا کر صوبائی حکومتیں ”پاور شیئرنگ“ نہیں چاہتیں، حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے بنائے گئے بلدیاتی قوانین میں بادی النظر میں سیکشن 7 اور 17 باہم متصادم ہیں، قانون سازوں نے الیکشن کمیشن اور حکومتوں کے درمیان بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انعقاد کے بارے میں اختیارات کو واضح ہی نہیں کیا۔ جسٹس خلیفی عارف حسین نے ریمارکس دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ سندھ اور پنجاب میں مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پیپلز پارٹی بلدیاتی انتخابات نہیں کرنا چاہتیں کیونکہ انہیں خوف ہے کہ اختیارات کو چلی سطح پر منتقل کرنا پڑے گا، اتنا اہم مقدمہ زیر سماعت ہے اور کسی سیاسی جماعت کو عدالت کا دروازہ کھٹکھٹانے کی ہمت نہیں ہوئی صرف تحریک انصاف نے رجوع کیا ہے وہ بھی بغیر وکیل کے، نہ جانے کیا لینے آئے ہیں، پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ (ن) سمیت سب کے انتخابی منشور میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرنا درج ہیں مگر یہ صرف کہنے کی باتیں ہیں اس پر عمل نہیں کیا جاتا، حد بندیوں کا معاملہ ہو یا کوئی اور کوئی بھی سیاسی جماعت سنجیدہ نہیں ہے۔ جسٹس شیخ عظیم سعید نے کہا ہے کہ سیاسی جماعتوں کی سنجیدگی کا یہ عالم ہے کہ بلدیاتی قوانین کے حوالے سے ہائیکورٹ کے باہم متصادم فیصلوں کو بھی تسلیم کر لیا ہے، ہائیکورٹ جانے کو کوئی تیار نہیں، سارا گند اور ملبہ سپریم کورٹ کے حصے میں ڈال کر فیصلہ مانگا جاتا ہے، ہم کس کس بات کا فیصلہ کریں۔

آئندہ انتخابات کے بعد غریب، تعلیم یافتہ
ایماندار افراد سے ملکر حکومت بنائیگی:

الطاف

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09 مارچ 2014

بلدیاتی انتخابات، تحریک انصاف کی
درخواست پر لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کے نفاذ
کا نوٹیفکیشن طلب

لندن (نوائے وقت رپورٹ) ایم کیو ایم کے قائد الطاف حسین نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان کے تمام غریب نسلی و لسانی، مذہبی اور فقیہی اختلافات بالائے طاق رکھ کر فرسودہ جاگیر دارانہ نظام سے نجات اور اپنی قسمت بدلنے کیلئے متحد ہو جائیں۔ لاہور میں پاکستان عام آدمی پارٹی کے چیئرمین ارسلان ملک سے ٹیلیفون پر بات کرتے ہوئے انہوں نے کہا دو فیصد مراعات یافتہ طبقہ گزشتہ 67 سال سے چہرے بدل بدل کر ملک کو لوٹ رہا ہے اور عوام کی حالت بد سے بدتر ہو رہی ہے۔

لاہور (دقائق نگار خصوصی) لاہور ہائیکورٹ نے بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے سرکاری اہلکاروں کو ریٹرننگ افسر مقرر کرنے کے خلاف تحریک انصاف کی درخواست پر لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کے نفاذ کا نوٹیفکیشن طلب کر لیا۔ مسٹر جسٹس شاہد وحید نے تحریک انصاف پنجاب کی جانب سے دائر درخواست کی سماعت کی۔ درخواست میں عدالت کو بتایا گیا کہ پنجاب حکومت نے لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی شق 22 میں ترمیم کر

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اور ہے، جسٹس خلیفی عارف حسین نے کہا ہے کہ کوئی بھی صوبائی حکومت بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے میں سنجیدہ نہیں، ہر پارٹی کے منشور میں لکھا ہے کہ بلدیاتی انتخابات کرائیں گے لیکن کسی کو دلچسپی نہیں، دلچسپی اس لیے بھی نہیں ہے کہ کیونکہ اس سے اختیارات بلدیاتی نمائندوں کو دینا پڑیں گے، جسٹس شیخ عظیم سعید نے ریمارکس دیئے ہیں کہ پنجاب حکومت اپنا دامن جھاڑ کر بیٹھی ہے بلدیاتی انتخابات سے متعلق فیصلہ حکومت پنجاب نے کرنا ہے عدالت نے نہیں، فاضل عدالت نے مزید سماعت آج تک ملتوی کرتے ہوئے انارنی جزل سے پنجاب لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی بعض شقوں کے باہم متصادم ہونے سے متعلق رائے طلب کر لی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے اکرم شیخ ایڈووکیٹ پیش ہوئے اور کہا کہ میں پہلے بھی اس رائے کا اظہار کر چکا ہوں کہ حد بندیاں الیکشن کمیشن کے ذریعے ہونی چاہئیں۔ ڈی جی الیکشن کمیشن شیر اگلن نے کہا کہ شفاف الیکشن کی بنیاد شفاف حلقہ بندیوں پر ہوتی ہے، الیکشن کمیشن حلقہ بندیاں کروانے کے لیے تیار ہے جبکہ اس کے پاس ماہر عملہ بھی موجود ہے، ضرورت صرف اسے اختیار دینے کی ہے۔ الیکشن کمیشن صوبائی اور قومی اسمبلی کی حلقہ بندیاں کرتا رہا ہے، الیکشن کمیشن بلدیاتی حلقہ بندیاں بھی آسانی کر سکتا ہے جس پر فاضل عدالت نے اس حوالے سے حلقہ بندیوں کے اختیار سے متعلق الیکشن کمیشن سے تحریری جواب آج تک طلب کر لیا۔ ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ جزل پنجاب نے صوبائی حکومت کا موقف بیان کیا کہ حکومت عدالت کے فیصلے پر مکمل عملدرآمد کرے گی، انہوں نے نشاندہی کی کہ 18 ویں ترمیم میں یہ واضح نہیں کیا گیا کہ حلقہ بندیاں کون کرے گا؟ جس پر جسٹس عظیم سعید شیخ نے کہا کہ اس ترمیم میں یہ واحد خامی نہیں اور بھی بہت سی خامیاں موجود ہیں۔ پیپلز پارٹی کی جانب سے پارٹی کے سیکرٹری لطیف کھوسہ کی فریق بننے کی درخواست کو فاضل عدالت نے منظور کر لیا، لطیف کھوسہ نے کہا کہ پنجاب میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانے سے متعلق الیکشن کمیشن کے موقف کی تائید کرتے ہیں، جس پر عدالت نے کہا کہ آپ کا موقف سمجھ سے بالاتر ہے پیپلز پارٹی سندھ میں حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار کمشنرز کو دے رہی ہے اور پنجاب میں اس کی مخالفت کر رہی ہے آپ تحریری جواب جمع کرائیں کہ ایسا کیوں ہے؟ اور کیا پیپلز پارٹی الیکشن کمیشن کو یہ اختیار دینے کو تیار ہے؟ اور یہ جواب بھی دیا جائے کہ سندھ میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کب کرائے جائیں گے؟ دوران سماعت فاضل عدالت نے انارنی جزل سلیمان اسلم بٹ کو مخاطب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ بادی النظر میں پنجاب لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی شق 7 اور 19 باہم متصادم اور یہ شقیں آئین کے آرٹیکل 222 کے بھی خلاف نظر آتی ہیں، اس پر آپ عدالت کی معاونت کریں۔ آن لائن کے مطابق جسٹس تصدق حسین جیلانی کہا کہ ہماری جمہوری حکومت کا دلچسپ پہلو یہ ہے کہ اقتدار میں آنے والی جماعت اپوزیشن میں جاتے ہی جمہوریت کی بات کرتی ہے اور حکومت میں آنے کے بعد انہیں جمہوریت یاد نہیں رہتی، بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ کروا کر صوبائی حکومتیں ”پاور شیئرنگ“ نہیں چاہتیں، حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے بنائے گئے بلدیاتی قوانین میں بادی النظر میں سیکشن 7 اور 17 باہم متصادم ہیں، قانون سازوں نے الیکشن کمیشن اور حکومتوں کے درمیان بلدیاتی انتخابات کے انعقاد کے بارے میں اختیارات کو واضح ہی نہیں کیا۔ جسٹس خلیفی عارف حسین نے ریمارکس دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ سندھ اور پنجاب میں مسلم لیگ (ن) اور پیپلز پارٹی بلدیاتی انتخابات نہیں کرنا چاہتیں کیونکہ انہیں خوف ہے کہ اختیارات کو چلی سطح پر منتقل کرنا پڑے گا، اتنا اہم مقدمہ زیر سماعت ہے اور کسی سیاسی جماعت کو عدالت کا دروازہ کھٹکھٹانے کی ہمت نہیں ہوئی صرف تحریک انصاف نے رجوع کیا ہے وہ بھی بغیر وکیل کے، نہ جانے کیا لینے آئے ہیں، پیپلز پارٹی اور مسلم لیگ (ن) سمیت سب کے انتخابی منشور میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرنا درج ہیں مگر یہ صرف کہنے کی باتیں ہیں اس پر عمل نہیں کیا جاتا، حد بندیوں کا معاملہ ہو یا کوئی اور کوئی بھی سیاسی جماعت سنجیدہ نہیں ہے۔ جسٹس شیخ عظیم سعید نے کہا ہے کہ سیاسی جماعتوں کی سنجیدگی کا یہ عالم ہے کہ بلدیاتی قوانین کے حوالے سے ہائیکورٹ کے باہم متصادم فیصلوں کو بھی تسلیم کر لیا ہے، ہائیکورٹ جانے کو کوئی تیار نہیں، سارا گند اور ملہ سپریم کورٹ کے حصے میں ڈال کر فیصلہ مانگا جاتا ہے، ہم کس کس بات کا فیصلہ کریں۔

**آئندہ انتخابات کے بعد غریب، تعلیم یافتہ
ایماندار افراد سے ملکر حکومت بنائیں گے:**

الطاف

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**بلدیاتی انتخابات، تحریک انصاف کی
درخواست پر لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کے نفاذ
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دی ہے جس کے تحت اب کسی بھی سرکاری اہلکار کو بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے ریٹرننگ افسر مقرر کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ پنجاب حکومت کا یہ اقدام آئین کی خلاف ورزی ہے جبکہ حکومت سرکاری افسران کے ذریعے بلدیاتی انتخابات پر اثر انداز ہونے کی کوشش کر رہی ہے لہذا لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کی شق 22 کو کالعدم قرار دیا جائے۔ عدالت نے درخواست کی ابتدائی سماعت کے بعد لوکل گورنمنٹ ایکٹ کے نفاذ کے حوالے سے جاری نوٹیفیکیشن طلب کرتے ہوئے سماعت 10 مارچ تک ملتوی کر دی۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ نوائے وقت) سپریم کورٹ میں ”بلدیاتی انتخابات کیلئے حلقہ بندیوں سے متعلق لاہور ہائیکورٹ کے فیصلہ کیخلاف الیکشن کمیشن کی اپیل“ کی سماعت کے دوران حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے کہا گیا ہے کہ فاضل عدالت اگر اس سلسلہ میں اپیلوں کی سماعت کا اختیار ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن ججز کو دینے کا فیصلہ جاری کرے تو اسے کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہوگا جبکہ الیکشن کمیشن کی جانب سے عدالت سے استدعا کی گئی ہے کہ حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار الیکشن کمیشن کو دینے کیلئے وفاقی سطح پر قانون سازی کی جائے اور اس حوالے سے صوبائی حکومتوں کی جانب سے بنائے گئے قوانین کو خلاف آئین قرار دیا جائے۔ چیف جسٹس تصدق حسین جیلانی کی سربراہی میں قائم تین رکنی بنچ نے اپیل کی سماعت کی تو ایڈیشنل ایڈووکیٹ جنرل پنجاب محمد حنیف کھٹانہ نے بتایا کہ انہوں نے پنجاب حکومت سے ہدایت لے لی ہیں اور انہیں کہا گیا ہے کہ اگر عدالت اگر اس سلسلہ میں اپیلوں کی سماعت کا اختیار ڈسٹرکٹ اینڈ سیشن ججز کو دینے کا فیصلہ جاری کرے تو حکومت کو کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہوگا۔ عدالتی حکم پر انہوں نے بیان تحریری طور پر عدالت میں جمع کرا دیا۔ دوران سماعت الیکشن کمیشن کے وکیل اکرم شیخ نے عدالت سے استدعا کی کہ حلقہ بندیوں کا اختیار الیکشن کمیشن کو دینے کیلئے وفاقی سطح پر قانون سازی کی جائے اور اس حوالے سے صوبوں کے قوانین خلاف آئین قرار دیئے جائیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ پنجاب کی حد تک ہائیکورٹ حلقہ بندیوں کے قانون کو خلاف آئین قرار دے چکی ہے اور اسی بنا پر ہائیکورٹ کے حکم پر عملدرآمد کیلئے الیکشن کمیشن کو قانونی اختیار دینے کا مطالبہ کیا گیا ، مولانا مودودی کی تفسیر 21،22،A- پیروگراف 64-66 آرٹیکل 17-A- رہا ہے۔ انہوں نے اپنے موقف میں آئین کے آرٹیکل 140 تفہیم القرآن، سید قطب شہید کی تفسیر کے حوالے دیئے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ووٹ بنیادی حقوق کا معاملہ ہے مجلس شوریٰ قانون سازی کر سکتی ہے۔ بعد ازاں فاضل عدالت نے کیس کی سماعت سوموار 10 مارچ تک ملتوی کر دی۔ ثناء نیوز کے مطابق پنجاب حکومت کے موقف پر عدالت نے پنجاب حکومت کی تعریف کی۔ چیف جسٹس تصدق حسین جیلانی کا کہنا تھا کہ عدالت اصول کی بات کر رہی ہے زیر التواء ایپیلیں ڈسٹرکٹ سیشن ججز کو ٹرانسفر کرنے سے پہلے ججز کو اختیارات دے دیئے جائیں۔ چیف جسٹس نے ایڈووکیٹ جنرل پنجاب کو ہدایت کی کہ وہ اپنا موقف تحریری طور پر عدالت میں جمع کرا دیں۔

لاہور (خصوصی رپورٹر) مسلم لیگ (ن) لاہور کے صدر محمد پرویز ملک اور سیکرٹری اطلاعات عمران علی گورانیہ نے کہا ہے کہ حلقہ بندی پی 81 جھنگ سے مسلم لیگ (ن) کے امیدوار کی جیت اس امر کا واضح ثبوت ہے کہ پاکستان بھر کے عوام کو وزیراعظم نواز شریف کی قیادت پر بھرپور اعتماد ہے۔ عوام کو بجا طور پر توقع ہے کہ وزیراعظم نواز شریف اپنی اس انتخابی مدت کے دوران لوڈشیڈنگ، بیر وزگاری اور مہنگائی جیسے دیرینہ مسائل حل کر کے پاکستان کو خود انحصار اور باوقار قوموں کی صف میں لاکھڑا کریں گے۔ انہوں نے کہا ہے کہ جھنگ کے ضمنی انتخابات میں اپنے امیدوار کی شکست پر عمران خان نے حسب عادت دھاندلی کا شور مچا دیا ہے۔ عوام جانتے ہیں کہ عمران خان ہارنے کے بعد ہمیشہ الزام تراشی اور دھاندلی کا داویلا کرتے ہیں۔ عمران خان بتائیں کہ خیبر پی کے میں ایسی کوئی انقلابی تبدیلیاں لیکر آئے ہیں کہ عوام انہیں ووٹ کا حقدار سمجھیں۔

اسلام آباد (نمائندہ خصوصی + نیوز ایجنسیاں) سپریم کورٹ نے کئوٹمنٹ بورڈز میں بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ کرانے پر وفاقی وزارت دفاع سے ایک ہفتے میں تحریری جواب طلب کر لیا ہے، سیکرٹری دفاع آصف یاسین توہین عدالت کیس کی سماعت بھی ایک ہفتے کے لئے ملتوی کر دی گئی جبکہ حلقہ بندیوں کی نگرانی سیشن ججز کو سونپنے کی تجویز پر حکومت پنجاب سے آج (منگل) کو جواب طلب کر لیا گیا ہے جبکہ ایڈیشنل سیکرٹری الیکشن کمیشن نے عدالتی تجویز سے اتفاق کر لیا ہے۔ چیف جسٹس تصدق حسین جیلانی نے دوران سماعت ریمارکس دیتے ہوئے کہا ہے کہ حکومت واضح کرے کہ اگر قانون سازی نہیں ہوگی تو کیا کئوٹمنٹ بورڈز میں بلدیاتی انتخابات بھی نہیں ہوں گے، لوگوں کو زیادہ دیر تک انکے حقوق سے محروم نہیں رکھا جاسکتا، حکومت بلدیاتی انتخابات کرا دے بعد میں قانون سازی ہوتی رہے گی، جب نیا قانون آئیگا تو اس کا بھی جائزہ لیا جاسکتا ہے بادی النظر میں حکومت کئوٹمنٹ بورڈز میں بلدیاتی انتخابات کرانا ہی نہیں چاہتی، چیف جسٹس نے ریمارکس دیئے کے قانون پاس کراتے رہیں گے مگر اس میں ایک شق یہ بھی شامل کر لیں کہ قانون کی منظوری کے بعد دوبارہ انتخابات کرا لئے جائیں۔ جسٹس شیخ عسکرت سعید نے ریمارکس دیئے کہ کیا بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ کرانا ایک جمہوری عمل ہے؟ اس بنیاد پر کہ قانون سازی ہو رہی ہے، حکومت تحریری طور پر بتائے بلدیاتی انتخابات نہ کرانے کا آئین و قانونی کیا جواز ہے؟ جسٹس خلی عارف کا کہنا تھا کہ کام کرنا ہو تو چند گھنٹوں میں بھی ہو جاتا ہے لیکن انتخابات میں تاخیر کیوں ہو رہی ہے۔ عدالت کے روبرو اتارنی جزل

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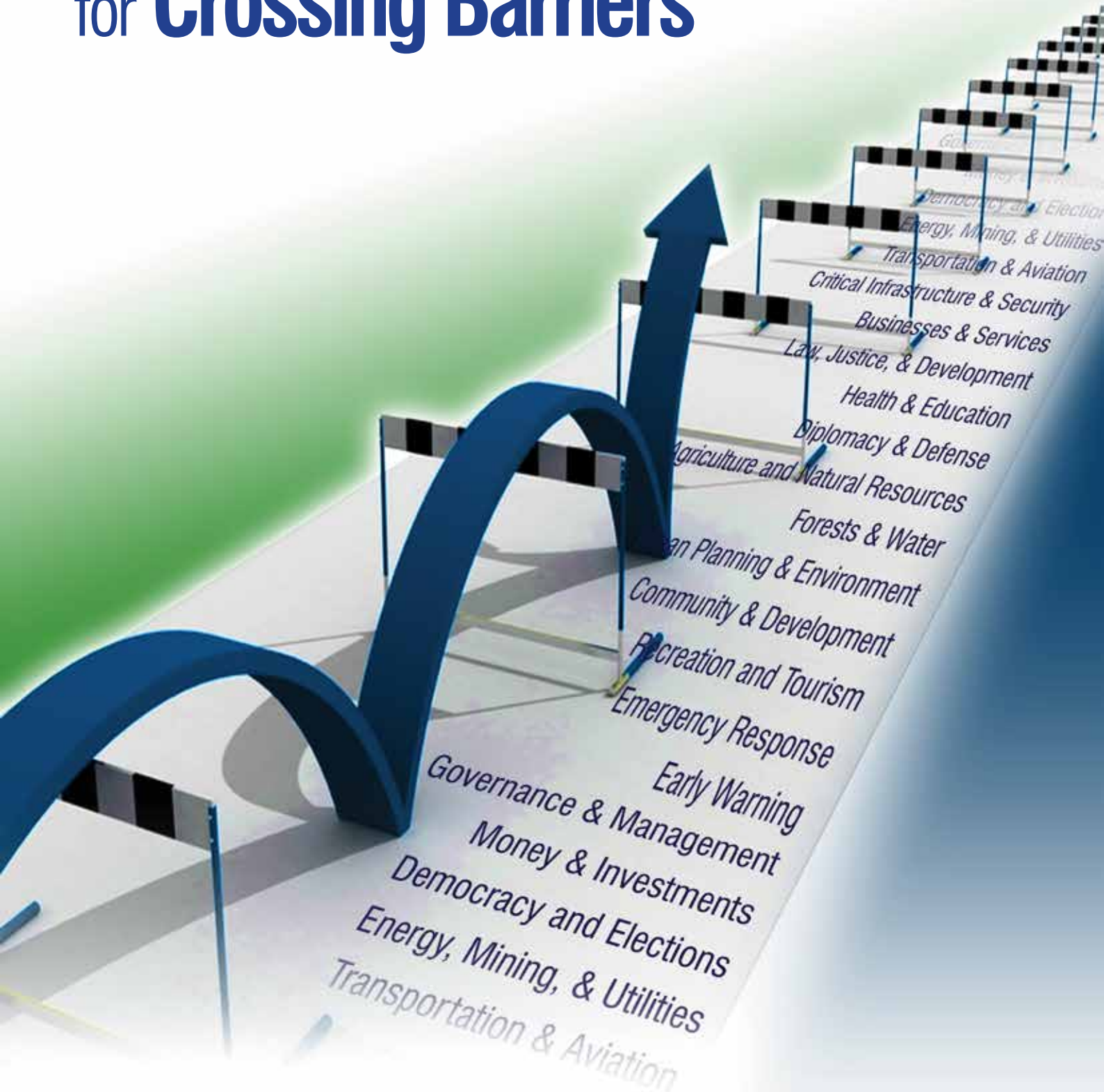
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